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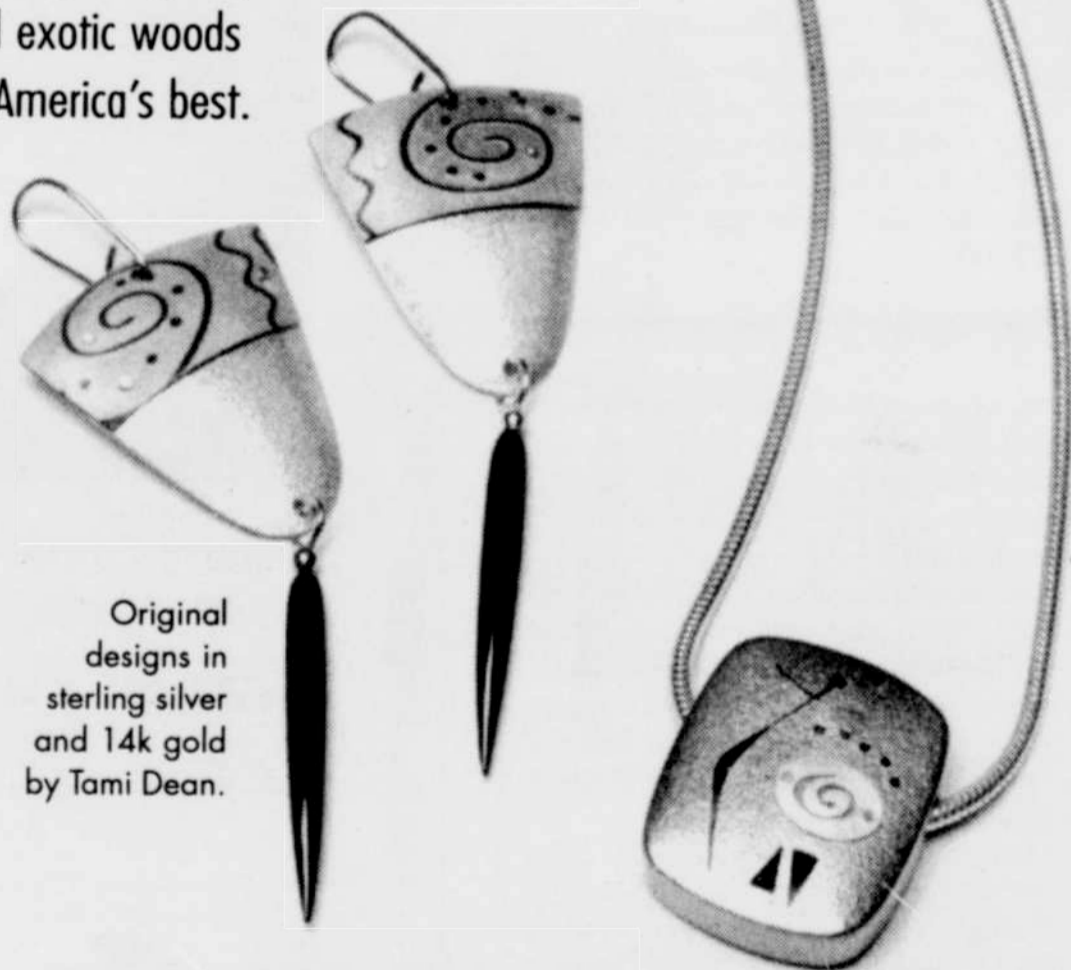


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NATIONAL news

ARIZONA

State Rep. Steve May's battle to remain in the Army Reserve continues.

May, who is gay, is being investigated under the military's "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy. The official inquiry into his case began in February 1999.

An April 28 story in *The Arizona Republic* reports that the Army sent May a letter in March asking him to resign. Attached was a letter of resignation for the lieutenant to sign and return to the Army, thus ending the investigation.

May refused to sign the letter. "This shows the lunacy of this policy," he said. "I have been serving in my unit openly for a year now. My unit is not suffering."

The whole process began when May, a freshman Republican state representative from east Phoenix, spoke out at a legislative hearing on an anti-gay bill.

His attorneys argue that, because May was on inactive status at the time, he did not violate "don't ask, don't tell."

"The Army apparently believes that a reserve officer is prohibited from discussing his or her sexual orientation, even if done in the course of fulfilling his or her responsibility as a legislator, and even if done as a private citizen,"



attorney Christopher Wolf wrote in November.

It is the Army's contention that May violated the policy by speaking publicly about his sexual orientation.

Although a hearing has not yet been scheduled, it is expected to be held sometime this summer. At the hearing, four lawyers will present the Army's case against May. Four attorneys will represent May. The Army will pay all expenses.

May serves as a chemical weapons defense officer. He has consistently been ranked as one of the Army's top young officers. His commander has written of his "unlimited potential to be an outstanding asset as a future officer and leader" and has praised his "outstanding performance."

NATIONAL

Reform party presidential candidate Pat Buchanan announced this month that he will not consider choosing a gay man or a lesbian for either his running mate or as a Cabinet

AIDS ATTACKS

In an unprecedented move, the Clinton administration has formally designated AIDS as a threat to U.S. national security that could topple foreign governments, cause ethnic wars to erupt and unravel decades of work in building free-market democracies abroad, reports an April 30 *Washington Post* story.

A rapid reassessment of the government's efforts is being directed by the National Security Council. The budget request to fight AIDS overseas has been doubled to \$254 million, and a White House interagency working group has been formed to "develop a series of expanded initiatives to drive international efforts" to combat the disease, the *Post* says.

This move was spurred by U.S. intelligence reports that examined the pandemic's broadest consequences for foreign governments and societies. Special attention was paid to Africa.

In January, a National Intelligence Estimate projected that a quarter of southern Africa's population is likely to die of AIDS-related complications. It also stated that the number of people dying of AIDS will rise for a decade before there is a chance of improvement.

According to the study, dramatic declines in life expectancy are the strongest risk factor for "revolutionary wars, ethnic wars, genocides and disruptive regime transitions" in the developing world.

Although they describe the stakes as high, Clinton administration officials do not anticipate dealing with this crisis on the same scale used to address traditional security priorities.

Leon Fuerth, national security advisor to Vice President Al Gore, admitted to *The Washington Post* that the 2001 budget request of \$254 million to fight AIDS abroad provides "resources that are inadequate for the task."

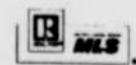
Senior administration officials, some of them apparently frustrated, said the government does not dispute estimates by the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS that it would take nearly \$2 billion to fund adequate prevention in Africa, and a like sum for treatment.

The intelligence estimate portrays the pandemic as the bad side of globalization: Accelerating trade and travel are pushing Asia, and India in particular, toward "a dramatic increase in infectious disease deaths, largely driven by the spread of HIV/AIDS.... By 2010, the region could surpass Africa in the number of HIV infections."

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