

**Woodstock Animal Hospital**  
 4835 SE Woodstock Blvd.  
 Portland, OR 97206  
 (503) 775-1519  
 www.vcaantech.com

**VCA Animal Hospitals**

**OPEN SATURDAYS 8AM-4PM!**

**WHITNEY S. KANG, DDS, PC**  
 3336 SE Harrison St.  
 Milwaukie, OR 97222  
 503-794-9393



**ZOOM EXTREME**  
 for your brightest, whitest smile!  
 \$500<sup>00</sup> value for only **\$299<sup>00</sup>**

**We love giving our patients more reasons to smile!**

## national

### NATIONAL 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Repeal Hearings Under Way

"Don't ask, don't tell" is under serious scrutiny for the first time since its initial enactment 15 years ago. Congressional hearings are under way to examine the impact of the military's ban on gays and lesbians openly serving in the armed forces.

The Military Personnel Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee's public hearing July 23 hearing came on the heels of a new poll showing that, for the first time, a majority of Americans believe the ban should be lifted.

According to 365Gay.com, among those who testified were retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Vance Coleman, retired U.S. Navy Capt. Joan E. Darrah and former Marine Staff Sgt. Eric F. Alva.

"This hearing begins a conversation about the national security impact of losing qualified, capable servicemembers," said Aubrey Sarvis, executive director of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. "We commend Congresswoman Susan Davis [D-Calif.], chair of the Military Personnel Subcommittee, for her leadership in reviewing this obsolete law."

been discharged as a result of the policy, including 800 with skills deemed "mission critical," such as pilots, combat engineers and linguists. A study conducted last year for Servicemembers Legal Defense Network concluded that the U.S. military could attract as many as 41,000 new recruits if gays and lesbians in the military were able to be open about their sexual orientation.

### Bush Leaves Legacy with AIDS Bill

The U.S. Senate voted July 9 to triple spending for a program that will treat millions of Africans and others with AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.

In an 80-16 vote, the chamber voted to spend up to \$48 billion during the next five years on the most comprehensive foreign public health program ever launched by the United States. The legislation replaces the current \$15 billion act that Congress passed in 2003, which expires in September.

President Bush said in a statement that when the program was launched in 2003, about 50,000 people in sub-Saharan Africa were receiving anti-retroviral treatment for HIV/AIDS. Today, the program supports lifesaving anti-retroviral treatment for more than 1.7 million people around the world. It also has supported treatment and prevention programs that have helped HIV-positive women give birth to nearly 200,000 infants who are HIV-free, Bush said.

The Democratic-led Senate gave Bush credit for initiating the program.

According to a July 17 Associated Press article, Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and a chief negotiator in crafting the bill, said the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief is "the single most significant thing the president has done." The global AIDS program could save hundreds of thousands of lives, Biden told the AP, "and the president deserves our recognition for that."

The vote came after months of negotiations with Senate conservatives wanting assurances that the new AIDS bill would continue to include programs promoting abstinence and fidelity and would not discriminate against religious groups in allotting funding.

### McCain Backpedals on Gay Adoption

U.S. Sen. John McCain's campaign was sent into a tailspin when the presidential candidate told *The New York Times* July 11 that he opposed allowing gay couples to adopt children. According to the article, the Arizona Republican said, "I think we've proven that both parents are important in the success of a family so, no, I don't believe in gay adoption."

The campaign "clarified" by issuing a statement July 15 that abandoned children are better off with caring parental figures of any sexual orientation than the alternative. According to *The*




**U.S. Rep. Susan Davis, D-Calif., is leading the effort to repeal "don't ask, don't tell."**

Davis introduced legislation to repeal the ban. An ABC News/*Washington Post* poll released last month shows that 75 percent of Americans believe gays and lesbian people should be allowed to serve openly. A similar poll taken shortly after President Bill Clinton signed the law in 1993 found that only 44 percent of Americans supported the idea.

A study published by a University of California think tank last month found that "allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly is unlikely to pose any significant risk to morale, good order, discipline or cohesion."

Former U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn, R-Ga., one of the principal lawmakers responsible for the passage of "don't ask, don't tell," said June 3 it is time for Congress to revisit the law.

In the 15 years that "don't ask, don't tell" has been in force, more than 10,000 personnel have



**Rasmussen BMW**  
 rasmussenbmw.com

**BMW**  
 The Ultimate Driving Machine


**Diane Young**  
 BMW Client Advisor

I look forward to providing you with a buying and ownership experience that can't be found anywhere else.

Contact me today to arrange a test drive.

*Diane*

**Rasmussen BMW**  
 SW Jefferson at 20th Portland, OR  
 (503) 226-0390 • Toll Free 1-800-ASK-4BMW  
 dianey@rasmussenbmw.com



**Enter the Draft**

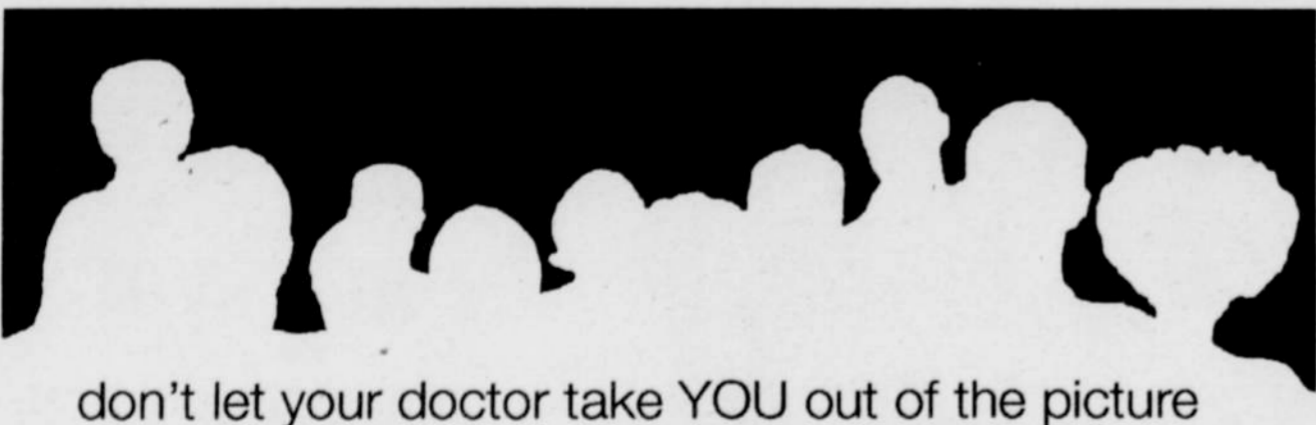
Set your printer to draft mode and help save the planet! At 3.4 liters of oil for each new laser cartridge, cartridge recycling could save nearly 50 million liters of oil in our country alone per year.

Save money too! The average ink cartridge costs at least seven times more by volume than vintage Dom Perignon champagne! Save even more by printing on both sides in draft mode!

*Safeguard your real estate. Save your planet.*

**ELISE CAMPBELL**  
 Principal Broker  
 ABR, Earth Advantage S.T.A.R.  
 503-307-1353  
 Elise@EliseCampbell.com  
 www.EliseCampbell.com  
 Compass Realty Solutions

**ELISE CAMPBELL**  
 Service is the key . . . it's that simple.



don't let your doctor take YOU out of the picture



**DON VALERIO, MD**  
 INTERNAL MEDICINE / PRIMARY CARE  
**FANNO CREEK CLINIC**  
 2400 SW VERMONT 503-452-0915