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Sally Ride, first American woman and first homosexual in space has died at 61

Reuters — Sally Ride, the first U.S. woman to travel into space and an advocate for science education, died on Monday after a 17-month battle with pancreatic cancer, according to her organization, Sally Ride Science. She was 61.

Ride broke new ground for American women in 1983 when at the age of 32 she and four male crewmates blasted off aboard space shuttle Challenger. “The fact that I was going to be the first American woman to go into space carried huge expectations along with



Sally Ride

it,” Ride recalled in a 2008 interview on the 25th anniversary of her flight.

“I didn’t really think about it that much at the time — but I came to

appreciate what an honor it was to be selected,” she said.

U.S. President Barack Obama called Ride “a national hero and a powerful role model.” In a statement, he said Ride “inspired generations of young girls to reach for the stars.”

Ride was not the first woman in space. That distinction fell to the Soviet Union’s Valentina Tereshkova, who blasted off aboard a Vostok 6 rocket on June 16, 1963.

“Sally Ride broke barriers with grace and professionalism - and

literally changed the face of America’s space program,” NASA administrator Charles Bolden, a former astronaut, said in a statement.

Ride grew up in Los Angeles and attended Stanford University. She joined NASA’s astronaut corps in 1978. She was assigned to a third shuttle flight, but training for the mission was cut off after the fatal 1986 Challenger accident that claimed the lives of six colleagues and a school-teacher.

Ride served as a member of the presi-

dential commission that investigated the accident, and then assisted the agency’s chief with long-range and strategic planning.

She left NASA in 1987 and joined a

Stanford University security research institute.

Ride is survived by her mother; her partner, Tam O’Shaughnessy; a sister; a niece and a nephew.

Chick-Fil-A is anti-LGBT

When Chick-Fil-A’s president Dan Cathy recently confirmed to the Baptist Press his company’s opposition to gay marriage, Jim Henson Company CEO Lisa Henson announced that her company would stop providing toys for Chick-Fil-A’s kids meals. Af-

ter all, if Chick Fil A wouldn’t support marriage between two men, what would they say about a frog marrying a pig while constantly getting fisted?

On Facebook, the company said that CEO Lisa Henson is a strong supporter of marriage
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equality and decided to end the relationship with the food-maker. The company behind the Muppets will donate the money it received from Chick-fil-A to the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD).

“The Jim Henson Company has celebrated and embraced diversity and inclusiveness for over fifty years and we have notified Chick-fil-A that we do not wish to partner with them on any future en-

deavors,” the statement reads.

The controversy over Chick-fil-A’s views on Gay Rights came to a head after the company’s president Dan Cathy told the Baptist Press that he was “guilty as charged” when it came to his support for the Biblical definition of marriage as being between a man and a woman.

“We are very much supportive of the family — the biblical definition of the family unit,” Cathy said.

Ohio School settles with Gay Student who was attacked

Chillicothe Gazette — The Union-Scioto Board of Education has reached an out-of-court settlement with the Unioto High School student who, after being attacked by another student at school October 17, alleged the district had not done enough to protect Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender students from being bullied.

The board approved the settlement agreement with the soon-to-be

sophomore Zach King -- formerly known as Zach Huston -- and the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio. The ACLU came to King's defense in November, with legal director James Hardiman threatening legal action against the district if it was not responsive to a written request to discuss the situation.

The settlement essentially states the two sides agree to disagree but want the case resolved.

As part of the agreement, Union-Scioto agrees to pay King and his mother \$20,000 in compensation; up to \$10,000 in reimbursement for any medical, dental and mental health expenses incurred by King in the 18-month period after the attack; and \$5,000 to the ACLU to cover legal fees.

The board also agreed to:

» Develop “acceptable policies to address the alleged intolerant behavior that exists in the school district against LGBT stu-

dents.”
» Develop and implement a mandatory training program for all administrators, faculty and staff on issues relating to cultural understanding with respect to LGBT persons, bullying and student harassment.

» Develop a “meaningful and effective” complaint policy for harassment and bullying of any student, including LGBT students.
» Maintain data and appropriate documentation for each instance or complaint of harassment based on “actual or perceived sexual orientation and/or gender identity,” including the details of corrective action taken by the district to resolve the complaint.

» Send out an open letter indicating that “harassment, taunting or bullying” and reprisals or retaliation against students who report or witness such actions are subject to school discipline.

Hardiman, who had been in talks with Union-

Scioto attorney Rick Ross for the last eight months, said he's glad the board “saw fit to execute the document.”

“We're concerned not just for Zach, but for all students,” Hardiman said. “We’re keeping our fingers crossed there will be progress toward creating an environment that’s healthy and productive for all students.”

Union-Scioto Superintendent Dwight Garrett said the new policies and training program will be implemented during the upcoming school year. Equality Ohio, the statewide Gay Rights Group that hosted a panel discussion on bullying in Chillicothe in November, will lead the cultural sensitivity training, he said.

Community Partners: GLBT Tennis Social

TopSpin Cincinnati, the local Gay/Lesbian tennis group, invites everyone to attend their first organized tennis social, Sunday July 29th at 6:30 p.m. at Queen City Raquet Club

They will be grilling burgers/dogs and also providing non-alco-

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Paul Delph

This publication is dedicated to those who have or have died from AIDS or Hate Crimes

It is our goal to record the positive contributions GLBT people make to their community and the local community at large. While AIDS and Hate CRIMES are certainly not positive things, we seek to draw the positive from the negative. We hold up Paul Delph and Matthew Shepard and their families as models of how human beings should or could react to each other and how families should support loved ones whose lives are not in the box right wing religious zealots want them in. Delph, a multi-talented Cincinnati, died of AIDS in 1996. His mother shut down her business to care for him. Shepard died in 1998, victim of a hate Crime and his mother worked for years to get passed a national Hate Crimes Bill, which is now law.



Matthew Shepard

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holic beverages! Come and meet other fellow tennis players and get some free tennis in. They are asking for a small donation to offset the cost of tennis balls, food, etc. but a donation is not required to play. All levels of players — from beginning to advanced — are encouraged to attend. They will pair you with players of similar skill level.

TopSpin Cincinnati hosts the CNKY Classic, which is open to men and women and draws players from as far away as California, Florida, Canada and even some European countries.

The tournament is scheduled yearly on Memorial Day weekend in tribute to founder Carl Dinsmore. Tournament proceeds from this year's tournament benefitted GLSEN, the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network. In

years past, they have also offered a tennis ladder for both men and women and also a year end tournament. They will be having more tennis socials to get everyone introduced to other local players and to formulate a list for everyone to use to find people to hit/play against. Please include your USTA rank as well so they can organize groups by skill level.

E.mail Keith at kwoodsc@gmail.com if you plan to attend!

Queen City Tennis and Racquet Club is located at 11275 Chester Road Cincinnati, OH 45246

Men beat girl

A 16-year-old girl was brutally beaten by a group of adult men in what her family says was an anti-Gay hate crime in Louisville, Kentucky on Tuesday, NBC's 9 News reports.

The girl was with two male friends, ages 13

and 15, walking to a store around the corner. The boys' mother, Andi Hornback, said she received a call around 1 a.m. Tuesday asking her to come meet them because there were "four grown-ups following us a little too close."

Before the boy could give his mother their exact location, the men started yelling anti-Gay slurs at the girl, who is a Lesbian, according to the news report. By the time Hornback arrived, a bystander had called 911 and EMS and police were on the scene.

The girl's jaw was broken in several places to where she'll need a plate put in her jaw, and she had several teeth knocked out. She is recovering at home. One of the boys suffered a concussion trying to help her.

"I think she was targeted for being a strong Lesbian young girl," said Brenda Hickerson,

a family friend. "This was a hate crime."

Louisville Metro Police are investigating the incident.

GLBT News changes

You may have noticed that the last issue of **GLBT News** on the Web and in our e.mailer said **GLBT News Print Edition**.

The previous week, UPDATE was removed and replaced with **GLBT News**.

We are now publishing **GLBT News** weekly and once a month it is also printed for distribution throughout Greater Cincinnati.

All editions go to three websites and our e.mailer and to other listserves of which we have not been informed. That is OK!

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Harriet Courter

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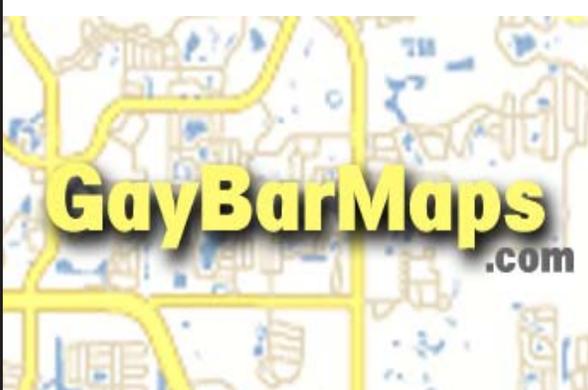
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