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Conversation: Update

GOOD GAY NEWS - "Israel Orders Gay Marriage Recognition"

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JERUSALEM -- In a landmark ruling, Israel's Supreme Court ordered the government Tuesday to recognize same-sex marriages performed abroad.

The lone dissenter on the seven-judge panel was an observant Jew, highlighting the controversy the decision immediately touched off among ultra-Orthodox Jews and other conservative groups in Israel.

Efforts by Israel's gay community to win approval for same-sex marriage, a key issue in the U.S. and Europe, face a major obstacle because Israel's religious authorities have a monopoly over marriage and divorce.

*To read the entire Article, please click the link from the **Gay Good News** page at <http://christiangays.com/news.shtml>*

JOB SEARCH – NASHVILLE

Scott has posted in the **Jobs Wanted** category of the **Message Boards** as follows:

I currently live in Michigan. I am looking to move to the Nashville area to be closer to my aging parents. Does anyone know of a Nashville company that is GLBT friendly that is looking for workers? I have sales, marketing, management, and customer service background.

Blessings,
Scott

If you can help Scott in any way, please contact him at ahmonkie@yahoo.com

NEW TRANSGENDER RESOURCE PAGE – “Transcending Gender”

by Jennifer Burke

Includes links to Legal Resources, Activism and History, Health Support and Other Issues, Businesses and much more.

This is an extensive website and definitely worth a visit. Go to <http://www.jenburke.com/resources/>

I have added this website to our **Trans/Intersex Info** page at <http://christiangays.com/trans.shtml>

Thanks Rev Jerry!

COMMUNITY WIDE INTERFAITH WORLDS AIDS DAY SERVICE - MCC ST Louis - Friday, Dec 1, 2006, 7:00 PM

A Service of Remembrance, Renewal, & Rebirth

Friday, December 1, 2006, 7:00 PM

Singleton Chapel at St. John's United Methodist Church
5000 Washington Place
St. Louis, MO 63108

Global Theme: STOP AIDS, KEEP THE PROMISE!

For further information contact Rev. Jeff Bert, MCCGSL at 314-621-3221

*This post is on the **Message Boards** at <http://christiangays.com/smf/index.php?topic=73.msg199#msg199> if you need to refer to it again.*

MESSAGE BOARDS – GREAT POSTS - “Walking On Top”

I have just finished reading Andrew's latest post in "**Getting To Know You**" -> "**I'd Like To Share With You**".

The post is called "Walking on Top" and it's a wonderful little message for all of us. I highly recommend that you spend some time on the Message Boards and be uplifted, support others in their Prayer Requests and find out what's new and interesting for GLBTIQ's.

The link for the **Message Boards** is near the bottom of the Navigation Links. <http://christiangays.com/smf/>

You will have to register the first time before you can enter.

NEW BOOK - "THE FALLEN" - A Novel – Looking for Christmas present?

I have just received six copies of a new novel by Joshua Dagon called "*The Fallen*".

The main characters in the story are gay men, and they become involved in the plight of a fallen angel who is being hunted because of his refusal to band with Lucifer.

The fallen angel, throughout the story, reinforces the point that the love these men share -- both romantic and platonic -- is true, beautiful, and important, and that the family they have created together is to be cherished and protected.

The author chastises the historical dogma and hypocrisy of the church, but the overarching theme of this story is love and the eventual redemption of the hunted fallen angel.

The cost of the book is \$14.95 US. Shipping within Canada or the U.S. is \$6.65 for a total of \$21.60. I'll sell these first six copies of the book including shipping for \$20 each if you respond within the next 48 hours, and will write a little review once you finish the book to give me an idea if I should continue to carry it.

Please email mary@christiangays.com with your address and I'll send you an invoice through PayPal.

ALSO FOR CHRISTMAS – CD'S \$15 (cassettes \$10)

I have just one copy left of **Jason & deMarco's "The Spirit of Christmas"**. CD only.

Go to http://www.christiangays.com/store/product_info.php?cPath=25_44&products_id=178 to hear some clips.

Also for Christmas is **Marsha Stevens' "The Gift Is On The Inside"**. CD & cassette available.

Go to http://www.christiangays.com/store/product_info.php?cPath=25_40&products_id=48 to hear some clips.

And finally, **Jeanine Noyes' "He's Here"**. CD only.

Go to http://www.christiangays.com/store/product_info.php?cPath=25_64&products_id=216 to hear some clips.

Shipping is \$5 no matter how many you order.

These folks are all my good friends. I know you'll love their music.

VIDEO RECOMMENDATION - "Defying Gravity"

This is an older film (1999) but Matthew just saw it and highly recommends it so I have put it on the Amazon page of Videos if you wish to buy it through Amazon.

"Friction in the frat-houses".

Griff is just one of the boys, lives in the frat house, shares a dorm with the guys, likes to hang and play sports. But he's got a big secret - Pete!

Pete is out and wants Griff to be honest about their relationship. However, Griff is happy with the 'straight route'.

Then Pete is savagely queer-bashed and Griff is the only witness to the crime. In order to reveal the identity of Pete's attackers, he must confront his own feelings and admit his love for Pete to the world.

It lists for \$21.99 new but they have new and used starting at \$13.99. Standard shipping within the U.S. is \$3 plus \$.99 per item.

If this interests you, click on the pic at http://christiangays.com/amazon/amazon_videos_title.shtml

Also, there is now a banner ad on all of the Amazon pages on ChristianGays.com for Amazon Gift Certificates. If you buy a Gift Certificate through CG.com, we get 6% for the ministry. Please consider doing some of your Christmas shopping through Amazon and start your search through CG.com. Just click the banner ad on the home page in the right column under the "Store" banner ad.

NEW PICS OF "THE FAMILY"

If you haven't visited the YahooGroups page for ChristianGays List Serve 1, I encourage you to check it out and get to know your fellow "family" members. We have 22 albums, and most of the albums have several photos.

Go to <http://ph.groups.yahoo.com/group/ChristianGays1/photos> to view them if you're a member of List 1.

If you're not a member of List 1, why don't you think about joining the fun? Go to the **Subscribe to CG.com** page at <http://christiangays.com/subscribe.shtml>

Now the rest of you who are members, dig out a pic and post it. Then let us know by writing to the group so that we can see your lovely face. ;-)

NEW ABORIGINAL DRUMMING CD AVAILABLE - "Voices - Women of Wabano"

In my very limited dating life as a lesbian, I was blessed to have made a wonderful connection with an Aboriginal woman, and gained a great appreciation of Aboriginal Spirituality. Bev Souliere is the Chair of the Board of Directors of Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health in Ottawa. She is a wonderful singer/songwriter/musician on many levels, and a compassionate born again Christian.

Bev was invited to play her prayer drum on the boat when the nine Roman Catholic women defied the church and were ordained on International Waters near my home. << http://magazine.carleton.ca/2005_Fall/1622.htm >> She has dined with Gloria Steinham, and played her prayer drum on Parliament Hill. Truly a remarkable woman!

Bev and two other women at the Wabano Centre have compiled a CD of singing and drumming music called "Voices – Women of Wabano". They were interviewed on TV last Wed and you can see a clip if you're interested – and patient. It's at << <http://www.aptn.ca/streaming/index.php?wmv=wednesday/six> >> It will take a while to load. Slide the slider to half way through the broadcast. Look for a woman in red on the right and a round "Women of Wabano" sign on the left. It's immediately after the weather. If you're on dial-up, forget it!

All the proceeds from this CD will go to the Children's Programs at Wabano. It will go for food on their table, toys at Christmas, etc.

If you like Aboriginal drumming and would like to support this project, please go to the Wabano website to purchase the CD at <http://www.wabano.com/>

PS: If you want to see Bev sing with her guitar, check out a home movie I took of her at a BBQ we went to. <http://christiangays.com/mary/favour.mov> - my friend Joanne gets a little vocal in the background ;-)

GLBT FACT SHEET – Office of Public Affairs, Washington, DC

Where Do Gay and Lesbian Couples Live?

Census 2000 counts same-sex couples in 99 percent of U.S. counties. Like the distribution of the U.S. population at large, the distribution of gay and lesbian families is far from uniform across the nation.

(From *The Gay and Lesbian Atlas*, by Gary J. Gates and Jason Ost, Urban Institute Press, May 2004.)

States with the most same-sex couple households

1. California
2. New York
3. Texas
4. Florida
5. Illinois
6. Pennsylvania
7. Georgia
8. Ohio
9. Massachusetts

10. New Jersey

Highest concentrations of same-sex couple households by state

1. Vermont
2. California
3. Washington
4. Massachusetts
5. Oregon
6. New Mexico
7. Nevada
8. New York
9. Maine
10. Arizona

by city/town (Cities or towns with at least 50 same-sex couples.)

1. Provincetown, MA
2. Guerneville, CA
3. Wilton Manors, FL
4. West Hollywood, CA
5. Palm Springs, CA
6. Miami Shores, FL
7. Decatur, GA
8. Key West, FL
9. Northampton, MA
10. North Druid Hills, GA

by large metro area

1. San Francisco, CA
2. Oakland, CA
3. Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA
4. Fort Lauderdale, FL
5. Austin-San Marcos, TX
6. New York, NY
7. Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA
8. Albuquerque, NM
9. Atlanta, GA
10. Jersey City, NJ

by neighborhood (ZIP code)

1. Provincetown, MA - 02657
 2. Castro, San Francisco, CA - 94114
 3. Guerneville, CA - 95446
 4. Twin Peaks, San Francisco, CA - 94131
 5. West Hollywood, CA - 90069
 6. Oakland Park/Ft. Lauderdale, FL - 33305
 7. Haight Ashbury, San Francisco, CA - 94117
 8. Chelsea, New York, NY - 10011
 9. Roxbury, Boston, MA - 02118
 10. Montrose, Houston, TX - 77006
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KIDS IN CHURCH

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3.

The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.

Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

"If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then said,

"Did God throw him back down?"

God bless,
Mary

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