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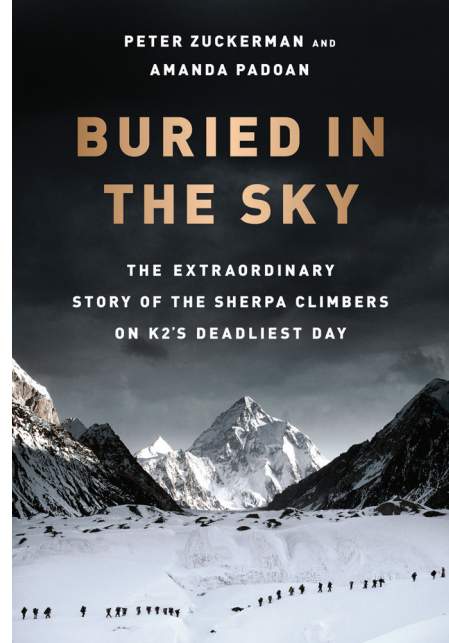
WINNER
PSU graduate student Alison Hawes was the lucky winner of *Just Out's* Pride give-away. She won a new high-resolution iPad. Alison, who is studying education and how to better help seeing-impaired children learn, was one of over 1,000 contest entrants.

The FDA recently approved the OraQuick In-Home HIV Test, the first over-the-counter, self-administered HIV test kit to detect the presence of antibodies to human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) and type 2 (HIV-2). The OraQuick In-Home HIV Test is designed to allow individuals to collect an oral fluid sample by swabbing the upper and lower gums inside of their mouths, then place that sample into a developer vial, and obtain test results within 20 to 40 minutes. A positive result with this test does not mean that an individual is definitely infected with HIV, but rather that additional testing should be done in a medical setting to confirm the test result. oraquickhivtestkit.com

(RELIGION)

EXODUS INTERNATIONAL

EXODUS INTERNATIONAL, THE ORLANDO-BASED WORLDWIDE MINISTRY INFAMOUS FOR BOASTING THEY CAN HELP GAYS REPRESS THEIR SAME-SEX ATTRACTION THROUGH COUNSELING AND PRAYER, MAY BE CHANGING THEIR TUNE. THE GROUP'S PRESIDENT, ALAN CHAMBERS, IS SAID TO BE SHIFTING THEIR MESSAGE AWAY FROM THE CLAIM THAT A CURE FOR HOMOSEXUALITY IS POSSIBLE. CHAMBERS TOLD THE AP THAT EXODUS INTERNATIONAL WOULD BE HIGHLIGHTING ITS EFFORTS TO DISSOCIATE FROM THE ISSUE OF REPARATIVE OR CONVERSION THERAPY, AT THEIR ANNUAL GATHERING IN MINNEAPOLIS. "I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT CURE IS A WORD THAT IS APPLICABLE TO REALLY ANY STRUGGLE, HOMOSEXUALITY INCLUDED," CHAMBERS SAID TO THE AP. CHAMBERS, WHO IS MARRIED TO A WOMAN AND HAS CHILDREN, SPEAKS OPENLY ABOUT HIS OWN SEXUAL ATTRACTION TO MEN, THE AP REPORTS.



(BOOKS)

BURIED IN THE SKY

Former *Just Out* intern turned award-winning journalist, Peter Zuckerman, is now the co-author of the regionally best-selling *BURIED IN THE SKY: The Extraordinary Story of the Sherpa Climbers on K2's Deadliest Day* [W. W. Norton & Company; June 11, 2012; \$26.95 hardcover]. Reviews from coast to coast may well boost the book to *The New York Times* best seller list before too long though.

Zuckerman and Amanda Padoan tell the gripping story of the tragic 2008 climb of K2 in which 11 climbers died. The Portlander spent two years researching and writing the book, traveling the world to unravel the complicated story. Spending time in Asian territories where death can be the consequence for homosexuality, Zuckerman not only has written a critically acclaimed book but has a backlog of personal stories that will make you rethink your next vacation plans. Read more about Zuckerman in next month's *Just Out*.

According to equalitymatters.org, though Chick-fil-A continues to deny supporting an anti-gay agenda, the company has donated over \$3 million to organizations like the Family Research Council and Exodus International between 2003 and 2009. And in 2010 alone, Chick-fil-A donated over \$1.9 million to anti-gay causes, more than any other year for which public records are available.

Facebook recently introduced new marriage icons that depict same-sex couples. This follows the announcement of new gay-inclusive emoticons due in the new version of Apple's iPhone operating system slated for release this fall. In March, Sunil Babu Pant, the first openly gay member of the Nepalese parliament, announced that he was petitioning Facebook to create options for users who don't identify as male or female.