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[ANGELES \(AP\) - George Takei, best known for his role as Mr. Sulu in=20
"Star
Trek," came out as homosexual in the current issue of a =
magazine=20
covering
the Los Angeles gay and lesbian community. Takei told The=20
Associated Press
on Thursday that his new onstage role as =
psychologist=20
Martin Dysart in "Equus,"
helped inspire him to publicly discuss =
his=20
sexuality.
Takei described the character as a "very contained but=20
turbulently frustrated
man." The play opened Wednesday at the David =
Henry=20
Hwang Theater in Los Angeles,
the same day that Frontiers magazine =
featured=20
a story on Takei's coming out.
The current social and political =
climate=20
also motivated Takei's disclosure,
he said.
"The world has =
changed from=20
when I was a young teen feeling ashamed for being
gay," he said. =
"The issue=20
of gay marriage is now a political issue. That
would have been =
unthinkable=20
when I was young."
The 68-year-old actor said he and his partner, =
Brad=20
Altman, have been together
for 18 years.
Takei, a =
Japanese-American who=20
lived in a U.S. internment camp from age 4
to 8, said he grew up =
feeling=20
ashamed of his ethnicity and sexuality. He
likened prejudice =
against gays=20
to racial segregation.
"It's against basic decency and what =
American values=20
stand for," he said.
Takei joined the "Star Trek" cast in 1973 as =
Hikaru=20
Sulu, a charac](3D)
