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## **GREY'S ANATOMY HIGHLIGHTS THE STRUGGLES**



In an episode with strong emotional content, Grey's Anatomy brought us a bittersweet show that takes a look at families, being gay, and the military's DADT. Last week we saw Darren Covington (*Friday Night Lights*), hospitalized with a brain tumor, when platoon buddy Todd Vernon comes to visit after having been called by Darren's Dad; recaps Dan McCallum of *AfterElton*<sup>(1)</sup>.

With Meredith in the room, Todd makes his way to the bed and reassures his secret lover with an intense stare that leads to one of the most "sensual, emotional

and damn near heart-breaking gay kisses I've ever seen on network television," says McCallum. Darren's Father then walks in on the men and throws Todd out.

"It was gut wrenching to watch Meredith try her hardest to get these boys to have a moment together before surgery only to have fear and disappointment get in the way, thanks to the Father's proximity at all times." Todd was able to take a strong stand toward Darren's Father and an "unspoken common ground" developed between Father and lover.

"Grey's Anatomy did a really nice job with handling the complications of forbidden love in a world where Don't Ask, Don't Tell is still enforced. The storyline wasn't really political nor was it preachy. It felt like an honest portrayal of unconditional love."

A clip can be found **HERE**<sup>(2)</sup>.

<sup>(1)</sup> <http://www.afterelton.com/blog/danmccallum/don-t-ask-don-t-kiss-greys-anatomy-goes-gay-with-military-smooch?&comment=40439>

<sup>(2)</sup> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ESwaSvCbKZU&feature=related>

## **ANG LEE AT EBERFEST**

At the 10th annual Robert Eber film festival, **Eberfest 2008**<sup>(3)</sup>, Jamie Newell of *smilepolitely*<sup>(4)</sup> reports on Ang Lee: "Apparently he almost retired after *Hulk's* flop, but was encouraged by his father to continue directing. And so, he directed something for himself, something he didn't think anyone would want to see: **Brokeback Mountain**."



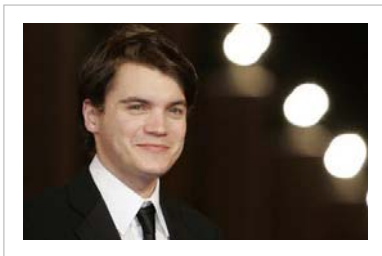
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"When asked what it was like to work with Heath Ledger, Lee reflects, 'Heath was the perfect cowboy. I wanted Heath to carry the movie and Jake Gyllenhaal to steal the show.'"

<sup>(3)</sup> <http://www.ebertfest.com/>

<sup>(4)</sup> <http://www.smilepolitely.com/arts/2008/04/day-four-ebertfest.php>

## NOTABLE QUOTES



"Actor Emile Hirsch (*The Girl Next Door*, *Lords of Dogtown*, and *Speed Racer*) recently wrapped up filming *Milk*, in which Hirsch portrays gay-rights activist Cleve Jones opposite Sean Penn's doomed San Francisco gay politician, Harvey Milk, explains Bob Thompson of the **nationalpost**<sup>(5)</sup>.

About playing a gay character in *Milk*, Hirsch says, "A couple of really high-profile movies, most notably *Brokeback Mountain*, changed things, it's just not the controversial thing it once was."

Dr. Wayne Wooden wrote an article titled, "Social-Cultural and Critical Responses to Brokeback Mountain," which was recently published in the *National Social Science Journal*. The article addresses the "essence of the story," marketing, the films popularity in small towns, as well as the "conservation backlash to the movie." The paper also explores how *BBM* was received by rodeo cowboys, its impact on pop culture and *BBM*'s loss of the Academy Award for Best Picture.

Click **HERE**<sup>(6)</sup> to read the article.

<sup>(5)</sup> <http://www.nationalpost.com/rss/story.html?id=488395>

<sup>(6)</sup> <http://www.nssa.us/journals/2007-29-1/2007-29-1-23.htm>

## LEDGER'S JOKER ACTION FIGURE A HOT ITEM By BayCityJohn

"While the *Batman Begins* sequel *The Dark Knight* isn't due in theaters for another couple of months, the action figure based on late actor Heath Ledger's character 'The Joker' is already a huge hit," reports **TheBostonChannel**<sup>(7)</sup>.





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"According to the New York Post, fans are lining up early at toy stores in New York to try to buy The Joker figure which runs for about \$10 -- if you can find one. A Toys R Us in New York, told the Post that there were no Joker figures in the warehouse and "You will be waiting a while if you want one."

<sup>(7)</sup> <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/entertainment/16186192/detail.html?rss=bos&psp=news>

## **A MESSAGE FROM BAYCITYJOHN ~ ESTABLISHING THE INDEPENDENT FOUNDATION**

From the *BBM* Foundation:



"Friends,

As there were a number of questions in PMs by those of you who wanted to know more precisely what we proposed to do with the **BBM Foundation - If You Can't Stand It You Gotta Fix It**<sup>(8)</sup>, we thought we would give you an update of our discussions so far and the ideas that have been put forward. We are thinking of launching a website.

"For the time being, more information can be found on the web site addressing the questions: Why does the foundation needs to exist? What is this foundation going to be about? Main ideas explored so far? Constituencies/target groups? How will the foundation reach its goals? Be run?"

Please click **HERE**<sup>(9)</sup> to read the full post on the New Venture thread.

<sup>(8)</sup> <http://bbmfoundation.org/forum/>

<sup>(9)</sup> <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=29811.msg1291285#msg1291285>

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## **DONNIE DARKO SEQUEL**

The "Cult classic Donnie Darko – the film that catapulted Jake Gyllenhaal to fame - is about to get the sequel treatment. According to Screen Daily, Chris Fischer (*Nightstalker*) will direct the sequel, to be called *S. Darko* and will revolve around Donnie's sister," reports Chris Tilly of **movies.ign**<sup>(10)</sup>.

"Picking up seven years after the original, the plot will follow Donnie's sister Samantha on a road trip to Los Angeles, during which she is plagued by a series of bizarre visions. *S. Darko* is set to start shooting on May 18 with a budget of around \$10m."

<sup>(10)</sup> <http://movies.ign.com/articles/872/872860p1.html>



**What's in a Username?**

**From Royandronnie**

## **Tonkatodd**

My user name origin in crushingly uninteresting! My name is Todd and I live in Minnetonka, MN...that's it! (Minnetonka is a lake community west of Minneapolis and is pronounced Mina-tonka, which for the dakotah Sioux and Ojibway Chippewa tribes that migrated through the area for hundreds of years, means big (tonka) water (minne).

When I first came to the sight and saw all the great names people were taking that had symbolism, meaning, clever alliterations and/or a personal-movie hybrid I thought about doing that as well, but nothing I could come up with was good enough so I decided to just be...me! (the one I came closest to using was TonkaTwist...yeah, I know...ugh, right?)



**Lone Lake Park  
~ Minnetonka, MN**

## **fofol**

fofol = "f" in fool = f\*\*\*in' fool... desire and ability, uncertainty and concern, wicked smarts and fear of being the fool are a terrible mix to live with...

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## Forum Footnotes



### FROM ARTIST RICK CHRIS:

"I went through my catalogue of *Brokeback Mountain* art and picked out the best images and the highest quality files I have and I'm now offering those images as prints on a new **Brokeback print page**<sup>(10)</sup>. Those of you who've been requesting that I make prints available should find this page to their liking.

I'm giving **my web site**<sup>(11)</sup> a 'theme' for the rest of the year. It's called 'Christmas A Million Time Over.' It's one of my favorite times of the year and that's when my web site gets the most visits. It's just my way of trying to spread a little good will and spirit during dismal times. The first feature of this theme is a monthly contest where I will be giving away a prize every month. The prizes offered will include artwork by yours truly or other items like CDs. Should be fun and entering the contest is extremely easy."

<sup>(10)</sup> <http://www.rickchris.com/BBPRINTS.htm>

<sup>(11)</sup> <http://www.rickchris.com/>



By Chris Rock

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

**We don't stop playing because we grow old; We grow old because we stop playing.**

~ George Bernard Shaw ~

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## FUN QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**This week's Question:** Who has hosted Saturday Night Live more times than anyone else?

Let us know the answer on the **response thread**<sup>(12)</sup>.



**Last Week:** What is the origin (if only in legend) of the term "peeping Tom"? And who was he peeping on?

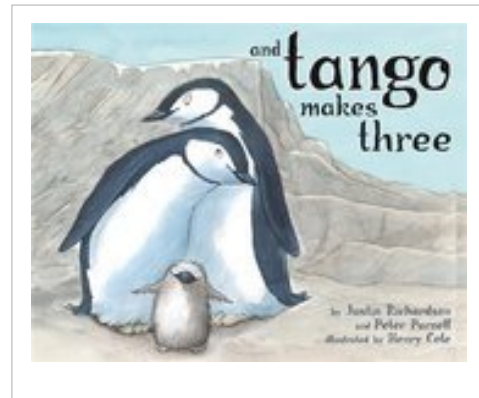
**The answer:** The name comes from the legend of Lady Godiva's naked ride through the streets of Coventry, in order to persuade her husband to alleviate the harsh taxes on the town's poor. The story goes that the townsfolk agreed not to observe Godiva as she passed by, but that Peeping Tom broke that trust and spied on her.

<sup>(12)</sup> <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=8377.1815>

## Post of the Day

In the **Media coverage: how are we seen?**<sup>(13)</sup> thread, **MichaelFlanaganSF** posted this information:

A children's story about a family of penguins with two fathers once again tops the list of library books the public objects to the most. "And Tango Makes Three," released in 2005 and co-written by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell, was the most "challenged" book in public schools and libraries for the second straight year, according to the American Library Association; this from AP reporter Hillel Italie in **YahooNews**<sup>(14)</sup>.



<sup>(13)</sup> <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=2660.msg1289405#msg1289405>

<sup>(14)</sup> [http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080506/ap\\_en\\_ot/challenged\\_books;\\_ylt=Ar5uN\\_yuW4Y0XoZ1JJfnmjcdW7oF](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080506/ap_en_ot/challenged_books;_ylt=Ar5uN_yuW4Y0XoZ1JJfnmjcdW7oF)

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**FROM PHOTO CAPTIONING FUN 3**

**By gnash**

***BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN FIRST DRAFTS***



"They were raised in extravagant architectural masterpieces directly across from each other on state lines, Jack Twist in Petticoat Junction in the state of California, Ennis del Mar from around Parsley, Nevada, both high school honor students with multiple scholarships, brought up on their Daddy's money and libations, both ill-mannered bilinguals, bisexual, and staunch advocates for gay rights."

well, okay... maybe not...

:::hits backspace key madly:::

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If you have ideas about initiating a gathering, go to [Start Your Own Threads](#) and get the ball rolling to plan a get-together near you.

### BBQ: WYOMING ROUNDUP

**June 1-7, 2008.**

- ▶ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=27951.0>

### BROKIES IN THE UK

**June 20 - 22nd - Oxford 08**

- ▶ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=20185.0>

### GATHERING IN ALBANY NY

**July 4-6, 2008**

- ▶ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=29514.0>

### PHILLY SLASH BASH

**July 11 - 13, 2008**

- ▶ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=29866.15>

### BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN SCREENING IN LA

**August 4, 2008 at 7:30 P.M.**

- ▶ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=27940.0>

**Let us know** of any events you'd like listed here.

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