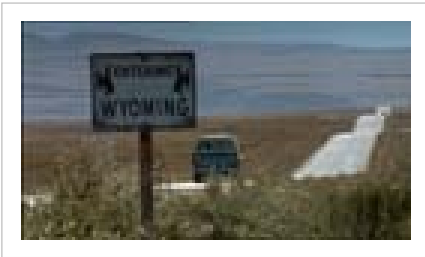




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FORUM FEATURED QUESTIONS

Tell us about something that has happened in your "real life" that made you think right away about *Brokeback Mountain*?



"One day my grown daughter used the word, 'fag' to describe someone and I corrected her by mentioning Ennis and *Brokeback Mountain* and the real idea that a simple ugly word can have tragic consequences. She'd seen the film and liked it very much and immediately understood my point so I'm hopeful that she'll think before using such a hurtful word again. Maybe next time she'll be reminded of the lessons of *Brokeback* and in that way, the film will have influenced her and maybe even her circle of friends. ~ Rosewood ~

"Many things have done that. But one was the very day I left Oxford, going to Totnes and feeling the Brokie Blues setting in. When I arrived in Totnes and went to the Tourist Information, the first thing I saw was a postcard of an old sign saying 'Fishing Trips'". ~ Sason ~

"I tend to think about *Brokeback* whenever someone I know tries to pretend that something that is happening is not happening, and that it will go away if they don't talk about it. Of course it never does! I have witnessed numerous incidents of this type of behaviour." ~ Janjo ~

"My first female love about 25 years ago, i haven't seen her since, but did speak to her briefly last year. She was my once in a life time soulmate." ~ Connie ~

Name one thing that you've learned from *Brokeback Mountain* that you've been able to carry into your everyday life?

"I try to tell the people I love, how much I love them, as often as possible. As Ennis found, we are all only alive, well, and walking around, by the grace of God. We need to know we are loved now. Later might be too late!" ~ Janjo ~

"Never let go, always keep on fighting and let it be....." ~ Connie ~



"That life can't be put off. Life is for living in the now. And what others think of you is not more important than what you think of yourself." ~ Rosewood ~

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TDS would greatly appreciate the input of others for our "New Feature Questions." If you would be willing to give us your thoughts to several questions, please PM Stilllearning. Thank you!

CAN YOU SOLVE THIS MYSTERY?



Almost a year ago **Dr. Christopher Pullen**⁽¹⁾ of Bournemouth University, England discovered our Forum's book, *Beyond Brokeback*, thought it was important, and is citing four of our stories in his new book *Gay Identity, New Storytelling and the Media* which will be published soon.

Dr. Pullen is also going to use this photo of some folks who worked on the book from the May, 2007 gathering at Estes Park, Colorado and wants to credit the photographer. Does anyone know for sure who took this particular picture? If you do, please **PM KittyHawk**.

Chris's previous book is **Documenting Gay Men: Identity and Performance in Reality Television and Documentary Film**⁽²⁾.

Click **HERE**⁽³⁾ to get a copy of *Beyond Brokeback*.

⁽¹⁾ http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/about/people_at_bu/our_academic_staff/BMS/profiles/cpullen.html

⁽²⁾ <http://astore.amazon.com/davecullencom-20/detail/0786428074/002-4886890-4396002>

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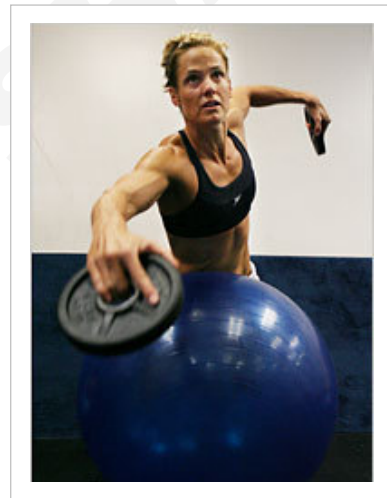
AT THE OLYMPICS



"Olympian, Dara Torres, age 41, the mother of one coming off of two major surgeries stunned the swimming world with some incredible performances at July's U.S. trials. In the 50-meter freestyle, she beat out previous gold medal favorite Natalie Coughlin, who is merely 16 years her junior. While Torres has won nine Olympic medals, including four golds, her post-birth success took many by surprise," reports sports.yahoo.com⁽⁴⁾

"Dara Torres won the first of her nine Olympic medals in 1984, and broke her first of three world records in 1982. She has retired from swimming and come back three times, her latest effort built on an obsessive attention to her aging body. Torres's retinue includes a head coach, a sprint coach, a strength coach, two stretchers, two masseuses, a chiropractor and a nanny, at the cost of at least \$100,000 per year." Qualifying for the Beijing Olympics makes this the fifth time she has been part of a US Olympic team, "the first American swimmer to compete in five Olympics (despite sitting out 1996 and 2004). She'll also be oldest female swimmer in the history of the Olympic games.

"Torres is known for being both competitive and compulsive. Her partner, David Hoffman, a reproductive endocrinologist, describes Torres's personality as "not type A. She's type A + +. Torres treats her body the way a motorhead treats his car: obsessively tuning it up, sparing no expense. If you study Torres's face and neck, you can see some faint signs of her 40-plus years. But barring the 13 small surgical incisions on her knees, elbows, shoulders, hands and fingers, her physique looks nearly flawless. Rowdy Gaines, who in 1996 was the oldest swimmer (at 35) to qualify for the American Olympic swimming trials, recently described Torres to me as having 'the perfect swimmer's body; really, it's the picture they'd draw in the dictionary.'"



Learn more about the Olympics:

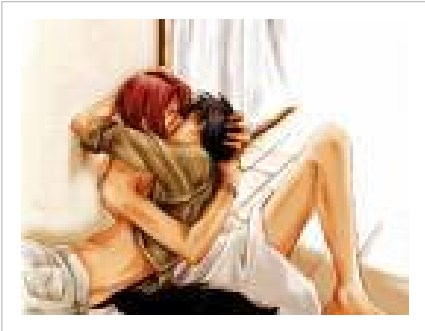
- **The fab five to watch in Beijing**
<http://sports.yahoo.com/olympics/news?slug=dw-fabfive080708&prov=yhoo&type=lgns>
- **interactive schedule/event tracker** (from the NY Times).
<http://tinyurl.com/653tp2>
- **Join the discussion Beijing Olympics thread (no spoilers) or Beijing Olympics thread (with spoilers)**
<http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=30835.105>

⁽⁴⁾ <http://sports.yahoo.com/olympics/news?slug=dw-fabfive080708&prov=yhoo&type=lgns>

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YAOI ~ MEN IN LOVE

By BayCityJohn



"Yaoi, the acronym for the Japanese phrase 'Yama nashi, ochi nashi, imi nashi' ('no peak, no plot, no meaning') is a genre of comic from Japan that has slowly captured the minds of women all over the United States. Commonly referred to as yaoi or 'boys love,' these comics feature romantic relationships between two beautiful men and are created 'for women by women,' meaning they are written, illustrated and read by women;" this from Kai-Ming Cha of [sfgate.com](http://www.sfgate.com)⁽⁵⁾.

"Those new to the genre are often confused by the concept of two men in a passionate relationship getting the attention of women. The best way to understand yaoi's appeal is to think of it as Brokeback comics - like the movie *Brokeback Mountain*. While viewers may have found the first sex scene between the cowboys played by Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal shocking, the emotional bond between the two draws the viewer into the story line and normalizes the sexual aspect of it. Similarly, yaoi comics focus as much on the relationship between two people as they do on the sex."

⁽⁵⁾ <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/08/08/RVR110R7D9.DTL&feed=rss.books>

GAY RUMPUS IN BELFAST

By Janjo

Gay activist Peter Tatchell has been stirring things up during the Belfast Pride Festival by his claims that King William of Orange, the Ulster Unionists favourite "King Billy" was probably gay, or at the very least bisexual.

These claims were made in reply to comments made by Iris Robinson MP, MLA, who is also the wife of Peter Robinson, the First Minister of Northern Ireland following the retirement of Dr. Ian Paisley. She claims to be "a born-again Christian" and her view of homosexuality was stated on 17 June 2008, when speaking in a Northern Ireland Grand Committee session on Risk Assessment and Management of Sex Offenders, she asserted "There can be no viler act, apart from homosexuality and sodomy, than sexually abusing innocent children."



Peter Tatchell

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Well that really riled Mr. Tatchell, as of course was only proper, so never one to miss a controversy or a chance to protest in favour of "gay rights" he made a speech proclaiming that the protestant hero King William of Orange was gay. Research has shown that this may indeed have been the case, even though at this distance in time we shall probably never know.

It seems that although William was married to Queen Mary Stuart the daughter of James Duke of York, he also during his reign had several male favourites including two Dutch courtiers, Hans Willem Bentinck, later created Duke of Portland, and Arnold Joost van Keppel, who became the Duke of Albermarle. The fact that William of Orange did not have mistresses, but preferred close male friendships led to "talk" during his lifetime, but may of course have just been scurrilous propaganda put about by his enemies. Either way he did use a rather telling phrase when asked about his fondness for van Keppel replying " *It*

seems to me very extraordinary that it should be impossible to have esteem and regard for a young man without it being criminal."

At the very least some of the religious bigots in Ulster have been given something to think about!

There are several links to further information on this subject:

- **wikipedia.WilliamIII**
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_III_of_England
- **organizedrage.com**
<http://www.organizedrage.com/2008/07/peter-tatchell-says-king-billy-was-as.html>
- **gltbq.com/social-sciences/william_III.**
http://www.gltbq.com/social-sciences/william_III.html
- **wikipedia.Iris_Robinson**
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iris_Robinson

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CHINGLISH ANYONE?

By BayCityJohn

"Whatever happened to the exploding shrimp? Do you know the way to Racist Park? The Beijing authorities worked long and hard in the run-up to the Olympics to stamp out Chinglish — but examples still abound all round town of this unique mix of Mandarin and English. It's fun checking out the slogans on T-shirts to find the finest example of strangulated language," explains blogs.reuters.com⁽⁶⁾

"Some Chinglish has even won the official stamp of approval. 'Brokeback' — popularized from the movie *Brokeback Mountain* about two gay cowboys — has passed the test with formal acceptance by Chinese scholars as Mandarin shorthand for gay."

⁽⁶⁾ <http://blogs.reuters.com/china/2008/08/02/adventures-in-chinglish/>

GLASSES AND YOUR FAVORITE FILM SOMETHING TO SEE

By BayCityJohn

[Citynews.ca](http://citynews.ca)⁽⁷⁾ tells us that there is a new trend in eye wear.

"There was a time when wearing glasses was considered almost disfiguring, instantly turning a kid into a target at school. Not any more. Eyewear has now become almost as much of a fashion statement as clothing and all it takes is a celebrity to wear a certain style in a movie to make sales of those frames soar. But now you can not only wear the glasses seen in the movie but don the actual flick itself.



"It's all thanks to a unique designer named Zakarias Tipton, who has created a process to embed scenes from popular films right into the frames of the spectacles themselves.

"'They (customers) tell us they'd like a film from Woody Allen or they want *Mission Impossible 3* in their frame or they want a picture of some famous actor, then we will make it here and ship it to them,' Tipton explains. How does the 29-year-old make his unique Cinematique eyewear?"

vinylize.com⁽⁸⁾ explains, "35mm and 16 mm film is shredded into very small pieces and laminated between layers of cellulose acetate to produce our unique film material: Crystal Film. Frame fronts are then milled from it."



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A list of titles cited on the **Cinematique website**⁽⁹⁾ reads like a movie marquee: Karate Kid III, Lethal Weapon III, Brokeback Mountain, Toy Story, The Lion King, What About Mary, Godfather III, Robocop III, and even Don't Tell Mom The Babysitter's Dead.

⁽⁷⁾ http://www.citynews.ca/news/news_25471.aspx

⁽⁸⁾ <http://www.vinylize.com/?site=laminate>

⁽⁹⁾ <http://www.vinylize.com/?site=film>

Forum Footnotes

FUN QUESTION OF THE WEEK



This week's Question: Who was the only Olympian ever to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize? In what event and which Olympics did he participate?

Let us know the answer on the **response thread**⁽¹⁰⁾.

Last Week: Celebrities can get more than one star on Hollywood's walk of fame. Who has the most stars? And how many?

The answer: Gene Autry, earned five different "stars," one in each of the categories.

⁽¹⁰⁾ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=8377.msg1347035#new>

POST OF THE DAY

By Lyle in the Election 2008

I found the Winning Team:





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QUOTE OF THE DAY

Love is a canvas furnished by Nature and embroidered by imagination.

~ Voltaire ~

FROM PHOTO CAPTIONING FUN 3

By Doodler



You shut up about Batman. This ain't his fault.

Contributors: KittyHawk, BayCityJohn, Janjo, Doodler, lyle, Killersmom



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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.

A WEEKEND IN SWEDEN

October 3-5, 2008

<http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=30527.0>

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

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