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## FORUM FLASHBACK

The third anniversary of the Ultimate Brokeback Forum is fast approaching. Let's take the Wayback Machine to January 2006, when afterelton.com published an article about Dave Cullen's Brokeback Maniacs.

"You know you're a fan of *Brokeback Mountain* when you've seen the movie, loved it, and talked about it with your friends.

"But if you've seen the movie multiple times, check the movie's box office take every day, and have read virtually every article about it you're something else altogether: you're a 'Brokeaholic.'

"Don't worry—you're not alone. In fact, there is a whole online community of obsessed *Brokeback Mountain* fans waiting for you over at Dave Cullen's Ultimate Brokeback website. They're the ones who coined the term Brokeaholic. And it is they who haunt the discussion boards at Dave's site where you can find [threads] devoted to every—and I mean every!—detail about the movie.

"Even I don't know every [thread],' says Dave. 'And some are discussing something about the movie I've already thought about and just can't obsess over anymore!'"



Statistics	Then...	And now...
Registered users	900	6,862
Ave. page views per day	70,000	61,914
Ave. posts per day	850	1,407

Read more about the forum's auspicious beginnings [here](#)<sup>(1)</sup>.

Source: afterelton.com

<sup>(1)</sup> <http://www.afterelton.com/archive/elton/movies/2006/1/cullen.html>

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## **SUIT AGAINST GAY MARRIAGE RECOGNITION IN NY TOSSED**



A New York judge has dismissed a case that challenged the governor's move to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states.

"A decision by gay couples to wed represents 'a personal expression of emotional devotion, support and interdependence and a public commitment,' state Supreme Court Judge Lucy Billings wrote in a decision issued Tuesday. 'With that validity, they expect equal treatment with other married couples.'

"Lambda Legal, a gay rights group that entered the case on behalf of two female state employees who married in Canada, said the judge's decision amplified 'a steady drumbeat of courts recognizing long-standing New York law as it applies to same-sex couples.'"

Read the complete article [here](#)<sup>(2)</sup>.

Source: Associated Press

<sup>(2)</sup> [http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080903/ap\\_on\\_re\\_us/gay\\_marriage\\_new\\_york;\\_ylt=AtAsGDzmCRmIpSOhCEGPGSBH2ocA](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080903/ap_on_re_us/gay_marriage_new_york;_ylt=AtAsGDzmCRmIpSOhCEGPGSBH2ocA)

## **LESBIAN & GAY ARCHIVE IN AUSTRALIA**

"[A] 'bond of steel' has welded Mac Ronan and Geoff Allingham to each other for the past 60 years and, even though he shudders at the cliché, it is the best way 82-year-old Mac can think to describe his lifelong relationship with Geoff, 81.

"It is a bond that emerged almost as soon as they met, outside Melbourne's Princess Theatre in 1948, but was properly forged in 1953 when they were two young lovers on a year-long global adventure.



"Last night the couple were honoured at a dinner celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives, a volunteer-run organisation that has painstakingly collected and maintained documents and memorabilia from Australia's queer community history over three decades.

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"Included in the archives are a book of handwritten 1920s love poems, photos from camp 1940s parties, protest banners from the 1970s, posters, books and rare editions of early 1970s gay and lesbian magazines.

"There are tens of thousands of items charting those social changes in the archive.

"The organisation receives no government or private funding and estimates it would need a space at least three times its present size to store all the archival material.

**Australian Lesbian and Gay  
Archives**

"It is hoping to find a benefactor this year."

Read the full article [here](#)<sup>(3)</sup>.

Source: The Age

Visit the Archive [here](#)<sup>(4)</sup>.

<sup>(3)</sup> <http://www.theage.com.au/national/lesbian-and-gay-archive-emerges-for-anniversary-20080822-40ee.html?page=-1>

<sup>(4)</sup> <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~alga/collection.htm>

## **WAS A WOULD-BE SAINT GAY?**

"The long-running battle between gay rights activists and the Vatican has moved into the realm of the dead. With 19th century Anglican convert Cardinal John Henry Newman, arguably the greatest Catholic thinker from the English-speaking world, moving ever closer to sainthood, trouble is brewing over where his final resting place should be. The London-born historian and theologian died in 1890 and, following the instructions in his will, was buried beside his lifelong friend and fellow convert Ambrose St. John, who had died 15 years earlier. Newman's deep expressions of grief after St. John's death, along with other writings, have led some historians to ask whether the two men, who lived together for many years, lived much like common-law spouses.



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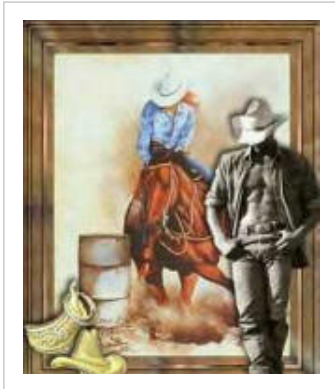
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"But British gay rights activist Peter Tatchell sees ulterior motives in exhuming the Cardinal: 'embarrassment' because of his relationship with St. John. 'They were inseparable, they lived together for half a century, effectively like husband and wife,' says Tatchell."

Read more about Newman **here**<sup>(5)</sup>.

Source: Time Magazine

<sup>(5)</sup> <http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1837124,00.html?xid=feed-cnn-topics&ioref=werecommend>



## **SAN DIEGO RODEO**

The ride to 2008 has begun! The San Diego Rodeo, sponsored by the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association (GSGRA), will be held September 12 through 14. Events include a fundraiser, dance competition, parties...and, oh yeah...plenty of ropin' and ridin'.

You can read all about it **here**<sup>(6)</sup>.

<sup>(6)</sup> <http://www.sandiegorodeo.com/rodeo.htm>

## **Forum Footnotes**

### **POST OF THE DAY**

**Join the discussion** in the **Gay and Christian in the World of Today II**<sup>(7)</sup> thread, where the discussions are flowing on topics relevant to our world today. Osprey posts:

"The best ways to eliminate abortion as I see it are first, better education, and second more sound, affordable options in terms of birth control. The birth control options are coming on fast and will make a huge difference when combined with the just basic bits of better education."

<sup>(7)</sup> <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=30072.900>

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**FROM PHOTO CAPTIONING FUN 3**

**By HR**



**Nah. Never saw many.  
Sage didn't have a movie house.  
You?**

**Saw a few.  
Momma liked the real romantic stuff.  
Dad just grumbled.  
I did see one, though.  
"Old Yeller"  
Tell you what,  
It ain't right for those movie folks t' make  
a guy cry like that.**



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**No. It ain't right.**

### **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

**"All good is hard. All evil is easy. Dying, losing, cheating, and mediocrity is easy. Stay away from easy."**

**~ Scott Alexander ~**

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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>

### **4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BROKIE REUNION -**

**ARIZONA SPRING FLING**

**April 17-19, 2009**

<http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=29613.0>

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

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