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HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR COPY OF ADAM'S BOOK?



Last April, Adam Sutton, Aussie's authentic gay cowboy and a friend of Heath's, completed the Great Walk in China to support the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Center. He and his writing partner agreed to give those donating \$50 or more an autographed copy of his book, *Say It Out Loud*. For \$100 or more, he offered to include a t-shirt, cap, and autographed print.

Forum members who made generous donations should go back and find your receipts for your donation. Adam and Neil have obviously been delayed in fulfilling their promise to Forum members, and having your receipt available will facilitate the resolution. When you find your receipt, please let **KittyHawk** know via PM.

THE REAL NUMBERS ON H.I.V.

"It has been difficult over the years to get a good statistical handle on the size of the AIDS problem in this country. But by the latest and most sophisticated measurements, the disease continues to frustrate federal and local efforts to rein it in.

"A recent report from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed that the number of people newly infected each year with H.I.V., the virus that causes AIDS, is 40 percent higher than previously estimated. The report, based on new technology that allows more precise estimates, found that 56,300 people around the country became newly infected in 2006, well above the 40,000 cited in recent years.



"Greater efforts to control the virus by all levels of government are obviously required. There is an urgent need to focus even more on black and Hispanic communities, which are disproportionately infected, and on gay and bisexual men, who are increasingly becoming less cautious."

Read more **here**⁽¹⁾.

Source: The New York Times.

⁽¹⁾<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/03/opinion/03wed3.html?ex=1378180800&en=9f0041defa832905&ei=5124&partner=permalink&exprod=permalink>

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GOP POLITICAL PUNDITS CAUGHT DISSING GOV. SARAH PALIN ON TAPE



"Today Wall Street Journal columnist and former Reagan speechwriter Peggy Noonan and former John McCain adviser and MSNBC contributor Mike Murphy were unwittingly caught on tape expressing their true feelings about Gov. Sarah Palin and they were anything but positive.

"Chuck Todd [political commentator]: 'Yeah, I mean is she really the most qualified woman they could have turned to?'

"Peggy Noonan: 'The most qualified? No! I think they went for this—excuse me—political bullshit about narratives.'"

Mike Murphy: "You know what's really the worst thing about it? The greatness of McCain is no cynicism, and this is cynical."

Response from Dave Cullen: *"It's outrageous that McCain picked her, and that the Rs then had the nerve to go on the air lying through their teeth, and the spineless media went right along. When you hear what they are really thinking, and saying, and the R operatives saying it too, and then the Chuck Todds of the world lie to their viewers about what they think in some perverse attempt to be 'fair.' It's fair to lie? When you know the team you're lying for is lying too—because they tell you the truth openly during the commercials?"*



Read the transcript [here](#)⁽²⁾. Watch the video [here](#)⁽³⁾.

Source: GayWired.com

⁽²⁾ <http://www.connexion.org/newsstory.cfm?id=13669&returnurl=index.cfm>

⁽³⁾ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jnn5vm6X6Y4>



CONCERNS BEYOND JUST WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

"Maurice Sendak's 80th year — which ended with his birthday earlier this summer and is being celebrated on Monday night with a benefit at the 92nd Street Y — was a tough one. He has been gripped by grief since the death of his longtime partner; a recent triple-bypass has temporarily left him too weak to work or take long walks with his dog; and he is



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plagued by Norman Rockwell.

"Or, to be more accurate, he is plagued by the question that has repeatedly been asked about Norman Rockwell: was he a great artist or a mere illustrator?"

"'Mere illustrator,' he said, repeating the phrase with contempt. It's not that Mr. Sendak, who has illustrated more than 100 books, including many he wrote, is angry that people question Rockwell's talent; rather, he fears he has not risen above the 'mere illustrator' label himself.

"Never mind that Mr. Sendak's originality and emotional honesty have changed the shape of children's literature; that his work is featured in museums; that he has designed costumes and sets for operas, ballets and theater; that he has won a chest full of awards and prizes including a National Medal of the Arts.

"He lived with Eugene Glynn, a psychoanalyst, for 50 years before Dr. Glynn's death in May 2007. He never told his parents: 'All I wanted was to be straight so my parents could be happy. They never, never, never knew.'

"A gay artist in New York is not exactly uncommon, but Mr. Sendak said that the idea of a gay man writing children books would have hurt his career when he was in his 20s and 30s."

Read the full article [here](#)⁽⁴⁾.

Source: The New York Times.

⁽⁴⁾<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/10/arts/design/10sendak.html?ex=1378785600&en=9ea1d2dd387750c0&ei=5124&part=ner=permalink&exprod=permalink>

FLORIDA PUBLIC LIBRARY MOVIE DISCUSSION GROUP

September at the **Temple Terrace Library**⁽⁵⁾ includes a Movie Discussion Group for Adults about *Brokeback Mountain*, September 13 at 3 p.m.

Read more [here](#)⁽⁶⁾.

Source: Temple Terrace/University Beacon

⁽⁵⁾ <http://www.templeterrace.com/library/adult.htm>

⁽⁶⁾ <http://cnewspubs.com/opinion/modules/news/article.php?storyid=612>

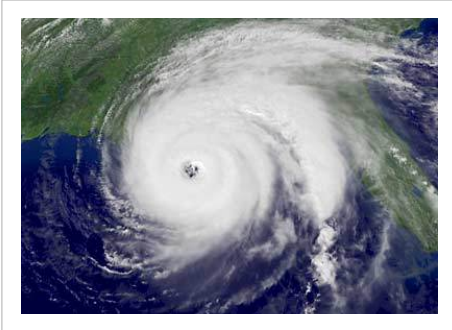


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FUN QUESTION OF THE WEEK



This week's Question: What is believed to be the cause of the sinking of the USS Thresher, the nuclear powered submarine—mentioned in *Brokeback Mountain* (short story)—on April 10th, 1963 off the coast of Massachusetts?

Let us know the answer on the **response thread**⁽⁷⁾.

Last week's Question: What are hurricanes called when they occur in the Northwest Pacific Ocean, west of an imaginary line called the International Date Line?

The answer: Kudos to Ministering angel for her correct answer, and our thanks to BrianR for coming out of retirement to help with our question - around the Indian Ocean and Southwestern Pacific Ocean (near Africa and Australia) these storms are referred to as cyclones and those storms that generate in the Northwestern Pacific Ocean (near Asia) are called typhoons, explains **wisegeek.com**⁽⁸⁾.

For more discussion join us in the forum's **Weather phenomena**⁽⁹⁾ thread.

⁽⁷⁾ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=8377.msg1401428#new>

⁽⁸⁾ <http://www.wisegeek.com/what-is-the-difference-between-a-typhoon-and-a-cyclone.htm>

⁽⁹⁾ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=30220.150>

Forum Footnotes



LATEST FORUM FINANCIAL REPORTS

The latest financial reports are available to registered members **here**⁽¹⁰⁾.

⁽¹⁰⁾ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=18736.msg1399629#msg1399629>



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POST OF THE DAY

In our new **Topic of the Week**⁽¹¹⁾ thread, Ministering angel posts:

"In the film, Ennis is clearly struggling with his feelings while on the mountain. His shame, while not articulated, is displayed convincingly by Heath, who described Ennis as a man who was "disgusted by the way he loved." When Jack ostensibly asks Aguirre for work and is turned down personally ("I got no work for **you**"), he then asks the real question, "Ennis del Mar ain't been around?" and gets Aguirre's full disgust. While his ego may be a little bruised by the reply to the first question, there's an element of uncertainty to it, but the last remarks of Aguirre leave him in no doubt.



"To me, Jack seems to be ashamed and maybe just a little scared too, so when he talks to Ennis in the motel he avoids the parts that caused him to feel ashamed, since Ennis's behaviour has already indicated that he is ashamed of what's going on. Also, the part about "maybe someone" seeing them at it is left out too, so there's no real lead-in to the rest of Jack's tale. Film Ennis would, I suspect, be utterly horrified to think they had been spotted having sex. His dawning awareness comes after the first night, and so the second night is his conflicted capitulation to the situation. He spends most of the film being paranoid and queasy - I suspect if Jack had given him the full story he might well have had a much harder time continuing."

Come join the discussion and tell us your thoughts, and look for the new *Topic of the Week* question to be posted Sunday!

⁽¹¹⁾ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=31188.0>



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

The sharing of joy, whether physical, emotional, psychic, or intellectual, forms a bridge between the sharers which can be the basis for understanding much of what is not shared between them, and lessens the threat of their difference.

~ Audre Lorde ~

FROM PHOTO CAPTIONING FUN 3

By TwistandShout

The boys enthusiastically cast their ballots . . .



unhesitatingly in favor of the proposition . . .

Contributors: Ministering angel, TwistandShout, KittyHawk, BayCityJohn

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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>

4TH 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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