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Members who donated to the Great Walk to Beijing several months ago will find directions **here**⁽¹⁾ on how to receive their autographed copy of *Say It Out Loud: Journey of a Real Cowboy*.

⁽¹⁾ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=29792.msg1428649#msg1428649>



Editor's note: Election Day in the U.S. is November 4. Due to the overwhelming number of articles about candidates and issues, TDS will try to include as many as possible over the next eight days. If you have news items you'd like to see published, send them to tds@davecullen.com.



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JOE BIDEN SAYS HE WOULD VOTE “NO ON 8”

“Democratic vice presidential hopeful Joe Biden sat down with Ellen DeGeneres this afternoon to campaign for Barack Obama. During his visit to the show, he made clear that if he were a resident of California, he would be voting no on Proposition 8.

“Biden’s appearance on the show had been widely publicized for much of the past week, and both he and Obama have said that they would not support a same-sex marriage ban, but Biden’s appearance on the show served as a visible reminder of his position.” ...

“‘First of all, congratulations,’ Biden said, shaking DeGeneres’s hand. ‘Number two, if I lived in California, I’d clearly vote against Proposition 8.’

“Biden reminded the audience that both he and Obama had both opposed Bush’s proposed Federal Marriage Amendment on a national level, which would have defined marriage as being between a man and a woman.

“‘I think it’s regressive, I think it’s unfair and so, I’d vote no,’ he said.”

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

Source: [advocate.com](#)

⁽²⁾ http://advocate.com/news_detail_ektid64100.asp

⁽³⁾ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PIGqX0E6QDo>

MICHIGAN JUDGE TARGETED BY ATTACK ADS

“Radio ads attacking an Allegan County judge running for re-election next month began airing on five West Michigan radio stations this week, painting 48th Circuit Court Judge William Baillargeon as someone ‘personally involved in promoting the homosexual agenda’ and saying he does not support the Michigan Sex Offenders Registry.

“‘It’s just something they are trying to make into red meat,’ Baillargeon said. ‘I think it’s wrong for a judge to partake in activism in any way, so nothing could be further from the truth.’

“The ads are sponsored by the political action committee Campaign for Michigan Families. The committee’s chairman is Gary Glenn, president of the American Family Association of Michigan.

“Baillargeon was appointed to his position in 2007 by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, to fill a vacancy left by Judge Harry Beach’s retirement. He will face challenger Kevin Cronin, an attorney from Hopkins, in the Nov. 4 election.

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"The 60-second message emphasizes Baillargeon's ties to the Triangle Foundation, an organization that supports rights for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

"The ad implies that Baillargeon agrees with the Triangle Foundation's stance that people listed on the registry have a constitutional right to privacy.

"Allegan County Undersheriff Jim Hull, who supports Baillargeon, said the claims are nothing more than a fear tactic the PAC is using to 'create an issue where there isn't one.'

"'He has overturned other judges' failures to put people on the sex offender registry, in his own court,' Hull said. 'He's an adamant supporter of it.'

"Baillargeon said he has no intention to 'go easy' on sex offenders or to scale back the number of people placed on it.

"'Nothing could be further from the truth,' he said earlier this week. 'I think it's a great tool, and I use it.'

"Baillargeon also told The Sentinel earlier this month that his role as a board member with the Triangle Foundation was limited to having his name placed on a 'resource list' so that the group could refer legal questions to him."

Read more [here](#)⁽⁴⁾.

Source: The Holland Sentinel

⁽⁴⁾ <http://www.hollandsentinel.com/news/x635409747/Allegan-County-judge-dismisses-attack-ads>



FLORIDA CITY COMMISSION PASSES RESOLUTION OPPOSING AMENDMENT

"The (Lake Worth) city commission unanimously passed a resolution ... opposing Amendment 2, the 'marriage protection' amendment to the state constitution that will be on the ballot Nov. 4.

"Because the amendment defines marriage as between one man and one woman and states that no other legal union shall be recognized, Commissioner David Vespo said city employees who have domestic partners could see health insurance or other benefits denied if the amendment receives the 60 percent voter approval needed to pass.

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"People have become wise to the fact that these types of amendments are getting on the ballot as a way of generating fear in the public,' Lake Worth Mayor Jeff Clemens said."

Read more **here**⁽⁵⁾.

Source: Palm Beach Post

⁽⁵⁾http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/content/local_news/epaper/2008/10/10/1010amend2.html?cxtype=rss&cxsvc=7&cxcat=76

ARIZONA NEWSPAPER OPPOSES ANTI-GAY AMENDMENT

"The Arizona Republic, the largest newspaper in the state, editorialized against Proposition 102, which would ban same-sex marriage in the State Constitution. The newspaper complained that the secretary of state 'blocked ballot language that would have told voters that state law already prohibits such marriages.'

"Arizona was the first state to defeat a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage in 2006, but that one also included language that would have barred recognition of domestic partnerships, which excited widespread opposition among older Arizonans opting for such partnerships in lieu of second marriages. The current version of Prop 102 bans (only) same-sex marriages."

Read more **here**⁽⁶⁾.

Source: Gay City News

⁽⁶⁾ http://www.gaycitynews.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=20175123&BRD=2729&PAG=461&dept_id=568857&rfi=6



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ARKANSAS PROPOSAL WILL LIMIT ADOPTIONS

"Supporters of Initiated Act 1 hope to add Arkansas to a small group of states with laws aimed at barring gays from adopting children in state custody.

"The measure, which will appear on the Nov. 4 general election ballot, would ban unmarried couples living together from adopting or serving as foster parents in the state." ...

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"The conservative group Family Council submitted the ballot question after studying the laws of Mississippi, Florida and Utah, according to Executive Director Jerry Cox.

"Mississippi has a law banning adoption by 'couples of the same gender.' Florida's law prohibits a person from adopting 'if that person is a homosexual.'

"The law in Utah prohibits adoption 'by a person who is cohabiting in a relationship that is not a legally valid and binding marriage under the laws of this state' and says a child cannot be placed in foster care with anyone who would not qualify as an adoptive parent.

"The best legal advice that we had was that Utah was the most constitutionally sound law that was on the books,' Cox said.

"Cox said the Family Council has made no secret of its intention to 'blunt a gay agenda at work in Arkansas,' but the group concluded the measure would better withstand legal challenges if it did not single out gays.

"To say that it would for certain have been struck down had we mentioned homosexuals in the proposal, that's not certain, but it would have opened the door for litigation and the possibility of it being struck down,' Cox said.

"Arkansas Families First, a coalition opposed to the measure, argues the wording is still discriminatory.

"Whether you're willing to discriminate against an entire class of gay and lesbian Americans or unmarried Americans, you're discriminating either way,' said Brett Kincaid, the coalition's campaign director.

"Federal courts upheld Florida's ban on adoption by gays in separate cases in 2001 and 2004. The U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal in the 2004 case."

Read more [here](#)⁽⁷⁾.

Source: Arkansas News Bureau

⁽⁷⁾ <http://www.swtimes.com/articles/2008/10/25/pol/z-pol09.txt>



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52% OPPOSE GAY-MARRIAGE BAN INITIATIVE

"A ballot measure that would ban gay marriage in California is trailing heading into the final days before the November election, but the gap has narrowed over the last month, according to a poll released Wednesday.

"The survey by the Public Policy Institute of California also found only lukewarm voter support for two other initiatives. Proposition 4 would require parental notification before most minors could get an abortion, while Proposition 11 would strip state legislators of the power to draw their own districts.

"Proposition 8, a constitutional amendment that would overturn a state Supreme Court ruling that authorized same-sex marriages, was supported by 44 percent of the 1,186 likely voters questioned by the Public Policy Institute in a telephone survey conducted Oct. 12-19. Fifty-two percent opposed it.

"The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

"The survey findings released Wednesday were only slightly changed from a poll conducted in mid-September by the institute. That poll found 41 percent in support of Proposition 8 and 55 percent opposed."

Read more [here](#)⁽⁸⁾.

Source: Associated Press (via Reno Gazette-Journal)

⁽⁸⁾ <http://www.rgj.com/article/20081023/NEWS19/810230341/1321/News>

Forum Footnotes

AROUND THE FORUM

Election 2008 is buzzing with activity with **one week until the election!**

» <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=30234.4560>

What good book have you read lately? discusses *The Given Day*, organizing your personal book library, and AfterElton's **50 Greatest Gay Books** Poll.

» <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=232.1365>

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Sports: Football, Baseball, Bball, Hockey, Etc. is where the **college football rankings**, bull riding, and the World Series are being batted around.

▶ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=852.msg1428267;boardseen#new>

Non believers who love Brokeback Mountain is where science - in light of **belief and knowledge** - is being explored.

▶ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=9771.3480>

Ennis's and Jack's Relationship, II is the place where posters discuss the mountain as possibly being a sort of **'Eden'**, as well as the **'touched fire'** reference.

▶ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=28390.msg1428967;topicseen#msg1428967>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MATILDA



Michelle and Matilda

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JUST BECAUSE



Staying fit and healthy ~ as posted in **Jake's Eyelashes**⁽⁹⁾

⁽⁹⁾ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=31476.225>

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"As long as the differences and diversities of mankind exist, democracy must allow for compromise, for accommodation, and for the recognition of differences."

~ Eugene McCarthy ~

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POST OF THE DAY



From **Topic of the Week**⁽¹⁰⁾: Which scenes in the film demonstrate the character's affection?
By Sandy

"However, I do think the scenes of Ennis carving in the tent, of Ennis looking up from the campsite while Jack tends the herd, of Jack looking down at the campsite fire at night do work into the theme developed here. They are setting up a sense of longing and expectation for the other, showing a sense of openness and vulnerability to each other, that they will not have again once they come down off the mountain. While they are on the mountain, and maximally vulnerable, they allow themselves to become affectionate and, what it takes them some time to discover, fall in love.

"The carved horses could serve as bookends: both appear before Ennis discovers something important and totally unexpected about Jack."

Be sure to check out the *Topic of the Week*, posted each Sunday in the News Box

⁽¹⁰⁾ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=31477.msg1427357#msg1427357>

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PHOTO CAP OF THE DAY: PHOTO CAPTIONING FUN 4
By Sason

meanwhile, down in the computer room...



Sister Mary Agnes Slasher discovers Brokeback Slash on LJ...

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