Ain't no reins on this one...
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"If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible; who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time; who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer."

"It's the answer told by lines that stretched around schools and churches in numbers this nation has never seen; by people who waited three hours and four hours, many for the very first time in their lives, because they believed that this time must be different; that their voice could be that difference.

"It's the answer spoken by young and old, rich and poor, Democrat and Republican, black, white, Latino, Asian, Native American, gay, straight, disabled and not disabled - Americans who sent a message to the world that we have never been a collection of Red States and Blue States: we are, and always will be, the United States of America."

"I just received a very gracious call from Senator McCain. He fought long and hard in this campaign, and he's fought even longer and harder for the country he loves. He has endured sacrifices for America that most of us cannot begin to imagine, and we are better off for the service rendered by this brave and selfless leader. I congratulate him and Governor Palin for all they have achieved, and I look forward to working with them to renew this nation's promise in the months ahead." ...

"...I will never forget who this victory truly belongs to - it belongs to you." ...

"I know you didn't do this just to win an election and I know you didn't do it for me. You did it because you understand the enormity of the task that lies ahead. For even as we celebrate tonight, we know the challenges that tomorrow will bring are the greatest of our lifetime - two wars, a planet in peril, the worst financial crisis in a century. Even as we stand here tonight, we know there are brave Americans waking up in the deserts of Iraq and the mountains of Afghanistan to risk their lives for us. There are mothers and fathers who will lie awake after their children fall asleep and wonder how they'll make the mortgage, or pay their doctor's bills, or save enough for college. There is new energy to harness and new jobs to be created; new schools to build and threats to meet and alliances to repair.

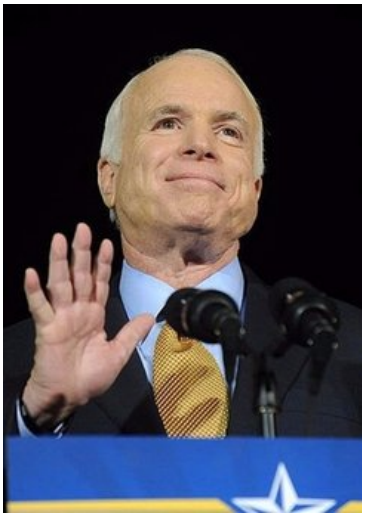
"The road ahead will be long. Our climb will be steep. We may not get there in one year or even one term, but America - I have never been more hopeful than I am tonight that we will get there. I promise you - we as a people will get there." ...

"This is our moment. This is our time - to put our people back to work and open doors of opportunity for our kids; to restore prosperity and promote the cause of peace; to reclaim the American Dream and reaffirm that fundamental truth - that out of many, we are one; that while we breathe, we hope, and where we are met with cynicism, and doubt, and those who tell us that we can't, we will respond with that timeless creed that sums up the spirit of a people:

"Yes we can."

Read more **here**[1].

[1] http://www.wgem.com/global/story.asp?s=9297204



"My friends, we have come to the end of a long journey. The American people have spoken, and they have spoken clearly. A little while ago, I had the honor of calling Senator Barack Obama to congratulate him...on being elected the next president of the country that we both love.

"In a contest as long and difficult as this campaign has been, his success alone commands my respect for his ability and perseverance. But that he managed to do so by inspiring the hopes of so many millions of Americans who had once wrongly believed that they had little at stake or little influence in the election of an American president is something I deeply admire and commend him for achieving.

"This is an historic election, and I recognize the special

significance it has for African-Americans and for the special pride that must be theirs tonight." ...

"A century ago, President Theodore Roosevelt's invitation of Booker T. Washington to dine at the White House was taken as an outrage in many quarters. America today is a world away from the cruel and frightful bigotry of that time. There is no better evidence of this than the election of an African-American to the presidency of the United States. Let there be no reason now...for any American to fail to cherish their citizenship in this, the greatest nation on Earth.

"Senator Obama has achieved a great thing for himself and for his country. I applaud him for it, and offer him my sincere sympathy that his beloved grandmother did not live to see this day. Though our faith assures us she is at rest in the presence of her creator and so very proud of the good man she helped raise."...

These are difficult times for our country. And I pledge to him tonight to do all in my power to help him lead us through the many challenges we face. I urge all Americans...who supported me to join me in not just congratulating him, but offering our next president our good will and earnest effort to find ways to come together to find the necessary compromises to bridge our differences and help restore our prosperity, defend our security in a dangerous world, and leave our children and grandchildren a stronger, better country than we inherited. Whatever our differences, we are fellow Americans. And please believe me when I say no association has ever meant more to me than that."

Read more **here**[(2)].

[(2)] http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20081105/ap_on_el_pr/mccain_text_1

'DARK KNIGHT' NETS LEDGER AN AUSTRALIAN FILM AWARDS NOMINATION

"Heath Ledger's thrilling performance as Batman's psychotic villain, Joker, in "The Dark Knight" has brought him recognition from Australian Film Institute. On Wednesday, October 29 as the Australian Film Institute announced the nominees for L'Oreal Paris 2008 AFI Awards in Sydney, it was revealed that the late actor has been listed among the nominees for the international AFI award.

"With the nod, Ledger is on the run for the title of AFI International Award for Best Actor. In the category, he will be contending with Eric Bana for *The Other Boleyn Girl*, Russell Crowe for

American Gangster and Jack Thompson for *Leatherheads*. The actor, who passed away late January 2008, has won the title in 2006 for his performance as a homosexual cowboy in *Brokeback Mountain*." ...

"The 50th Australian Film Institute Awards will be honoring the best in films for 2008 on Saturday, December 6. The gala will be held at Melbourne's Princess Theatre. The awards' nominations were dominated by low-budget drama "The Black Balloon" with 11 counts on its hands. The complete list of this year nominees can be read at AFI's official site."

Read more **here**[3].

[3] http://www.aceshowbiz.com/news/view/00019488.html

'THAT'S WHY I TOOK TO RODEO'

Says Forum member jim.grrr about his rodeo adventures: "It started with a weekend at the San Diego Rodeo with MichaelFlanaganSF, WLAJoe and Mary. It moved on to volunteering on the Rodeo Production Team, followed by joining the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association-Greater San Diego Chapter.

"Finally, after months of training, it was Bull Riding School in Fernley, NV. Here I am on Sunday morning, all geared up ready to get on my 4th bull. This was one of the two most awesome experiences of my entire 58-year life!

"When it came time to turn in my gear, I couldn't give back my bullrope - it felt like I'd be giving back my good luck - I bought it. Who knows? Maybe that means competition next season.

"This school travels the country and trains mainly people headed to professional rodeo. PM me if you'd like more info. If you've ever dreamed riding a bronc or a bull, YOU CAN DO IT! After riding a bull, nothing will ever intimidate you again."

Read more **here**[4].

[4] http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=23626.msg1425856#msg1425856

SANTAOLALLA NOMINATED FOR TWO LATIN GRAMMYS

"More than their English-language counterparts, the Latin Grammys have become a hallmark of musical diversity.

"Squealing rock guitars give way to thundering reggaetón beats. Scorching salsa percussion shimmies against elegant mariachi horns. Shuffling Tejano keyboards give way to the blaring oompah strains of banda. And pop sparkle is sprinkled everywhere in between.

"All those sounds and more are repped among nominees for the ninth annual Latin Grammys, Nov. 13 at Toyota Center in Houston. The Latin Recording Academy and the city worked for more than a year to bring the glitzy show to Houston." ...

Among the nominees is Gustavo Santaolalla, who composed the Oscar-winning scores for *Brokeback Mountain* and *Babel*.

"The Argentine composer is in a bit of a predicament this year. He's nominated against himself in two categories for his work on records from Juanes and Café Tacvba. Blame it on productivity. Santaolalla is the go-to guy for adventurous rock en español acts and has helmed projects for Fobia, Molotov, Calle 13 and Julieta Venegas. His previous pairings with Juanes and Tacvba have already earned him an armload of Latin Grammys."

Watch Santaolalla play the theme music for *Brokeback Mountain* theme and A Love that Will Never Grow Old.

Read more **here**[5].

[5] http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/6084637.html

SCHOOL TEACHES NEAR-LOST ARAPAHO LANGUAGE

Riverton, Wyo. – "Her soft eyes creased with age, Alvena Oldman remembers how the teachers at St. Stephens boarding school on the Wind River Reservation would strike students with rulers when they dared to talk in their native Arapaho.

"'We were afraid to speak it,' said Oldman, 69. 'We knew we would be punished.'

"More than...50 years later, only about 200 Arapaho speakers survive, and tribal leaders at Wind River, Wyoming's only Indian reservation, fear that their language won't survive.

"As part of an intensifying effort to save it, the Northern Arapaho -- a tribe of 8,791 -- recently opened a new school where students will be taught the language. Elders and educators hope the push will give rise to a new generation of native speakers.

"'This is a race against the clock, and we're in the 59th minute of the last hour,' said Ryan." ...

"About 22 children from pre-kindergarten through first grade have started classes at the school, which has the words Hinono' Eitiino' Oowu' ('Arapaho Language Lodge') written in black across the siding."

Read more **here**[(6)].
Source: The Columbus Dispatch

[(6)] http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/life/stories/2008/10/23/1A_ARAPAHO.ART_ART_10-23-08_D1_HSBLK4A.html?type=rss&cat=&sid=101

ENTERING WYOMING: RIVERTON

Riverton's Driftwood Laundry

Continuing a series of articles highlighting Wyoming places with important Brokeback connections...

"Life imitates art far more than art imitates life." – *Oscar Wilde*

The very real town of Riverton, Wyoming, is richly endowed with Brokeback connections. Many of these have been discussed; here are a few others.

Let's begin with the town's motto. Riverton is officially "The Rendezvous City," an allusion to an 1838 gathering of "mountain men." (We are not making this up!) An annual town Rendezvous Festival now commemorates this historic event. We can think of a far more recent, famous, and important Riverton rendezvous!

Plan to rendezvous here!

Then there is the town's prominent Methodist Church. Though Alma's first husband avoided the "fire and brimstone crowd," Monroe certainly must have felt right at home here in the social hall, aproned, ladle in hand, serving punch and wedding cake.

Riverton United Methodist Church

It is impossible to drive through Riverton and miss the Riverton Laundry. We were willing to chalk that one up to coincidence until we discovered it incorporated a walk-up apartment! Note, too, the convenient motel located next door.

Behind the Riverton Laundry – Apartment Access, Adjacent Motel

Down the street, an easy walk for Alma, is the town's main grocery store. We never learn Monroe's surname, perhaps it was "Smith."

Smith's Grocery Store, Riverton

Was Annie Proulx inspired by specific things she encountered in Riverton, Wyoming? Or is life again merely imitating art?

Prospective Brokeback visitors to Riverton, as well as "armchair travelers," will enjoy these features.

Riverton Laundry(7)

Riverton Methodist Church(8)

Riverton Grocery Store(9)

As always, for Brokeback travel and production information, visit **FindingBrokeback.com**(10).

London critic Stuart Price has written of Annie Proulx's work, "Her terse language … entwines the psychological life of tough male characters with the often unforgiving rural landscape the men battle against." Of course he is right. That is why we can be certain that Ennis's hometown must have been chosen with great care.

(7) http://www.findingbrokeback.com/Entering_Wyoming/Riverton_Laundry.html
(8) http://www.findingbrokeback.com/Entering_Wyoming/Riverton_Methodist_Church.html
(10) http://www.findingbrokeback.com/

Forum Footnotes

FROM THE PET CORNER

denim girl's Cocoa Puff

huntinbuddy's Gertie

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Veum's JJ

FUN QUESTION OF THE WEEK

This week's Question: Michelangelo signed only one of his sculptures, which one was it?

Let us know the answer on the **response thread**[11]**.**

Last week's Question: Where did Samuel Clemens get the idea for his pseudonym, Mark Twain?

The answer: Right again! Thanks for the great discussion, Ministering Angel, Tellyouwhat, fritzkep, Sason and Fofol. The pseudonym comes from "the old riverboats. A weighted line was thrown over to ascertain the amount of clear water. 'Mark twain' meant there was 12 feet (2 fathoms) of water thus a clear passage. ('Twain' meaning 'two,' 'Mark one' indicated one fathom)," explains Ministering Angel.

[11] http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=8377.msg1435328#new

POST OF THE DAY

In the Election 2008[12] thread, in regard to the ballot initiatives that would directly affect gay rights, **Alma posts**:

"The four anti-homosexual rights props passed and I mourned this morning after such a glorious night.

But all I can say:

They can knock us down, but they can't keep us there.

They can't shut up love, commitment and devotion into a tiny box and throw away the key.

These props are evidence that the status quo is about to be overturned, flung onto the ashheap of history.

The youth support gay rights in their fullness. They are baffled by the bigotry of their parents. Therefore, we too, shall overcome.

I'm not gay, but today, I want to be. I want to take the sting of these weak, ignorant, homophobic darts into my own heart, to take the pain that is hurled in your direction, so that you could rest and be happy and have a great day.

Obama acknowledged 'gay and straight' in his historic acceptance speech. That is a first. It's a down payment on the future.

And I hope that future is only a court case away from reversing this bad law in each of these states, but especially California.

I love you, love every one of you. Thank you for not giving up on America. Many of us are with you, all the way."

[12] http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=30234.5310

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
As posted by Trigger Hippie

"There is a spirit and a need and a man at the beginning of every great human advance. Every one of these must be right for that particular moment of history, or nothing happens."

~ Coretta Scott King ~

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

Sweet bliss, paradise and heaven all rolled into one.

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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.

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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