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## **MARROW TRANSPLANT IS POSSIBLE AIDS CURE**



**German hematologists Eckhard Thiel, left, and Gero Huetter of Berlin's Charite Medical University attend a news conference about a successful treatment of a HIV infected patient in Berlin, on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008.**

"An American man who suffered from AIDS appears to have been cured of the disease 20 months after receiving a transplant of genetically selected bone marrow normally used to fight leukemia, his doctors said Wednesday.

"While researchers — and the doctors themselves — caution that the case might be no more than a fluke, others say it may inspire a greater interest in gene therapy to fight the disease that claims 2 million lives each year. The virus has infected 33 million people worldwide.

"Dr. Gero Huetter said his 42- year-old patient, an American living in Berlin who was not identified, had been infected with the

AIDS virus for more than a decade. But 20 months after undergoing the transplant, he no longer shows signs of carrying the virus."

Read more [here](#)<sup>(1)</sup>.

Source: AP (via The Buffalo News)

<sup>(1)</sup> <http://www.buffalonews.com/lifearts/health/story/492070.html>

## **OBAMA TO REMOVE ABSTINENCE REQUIREMENT FOR HIV FUNDING**

"President-elect Barack Obama plans to overhaul the Bush Administration's international family planning and AIDS prevention funding, which excludes abortion and strictly supports abstinence-only education.

"The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, enacted by President George Bush, is a \$45 billion program that distributes drugs and offers prevention and relief to 3 million people in poor countries around the world. The program requires that abstinence and monogamy be stressed more than condom use, which many believe result in even higher rates of sexually transmitted diseases, Susan Wood, Obama's cochair for women's health advisement, told Bloomberg News.



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“We have been going in the wrong direction, and we need to turn it around and be promoting prevention and family-planning services and strengthening public health,” she said.”

Read more [here](#)<sup>(2)</sup>.  
Source: Advocate.com

<sup>(2)</sup> [http://advocate.com/news\\_detail\\_ektid65637.asp](http://advocate.com/news_detail_ektid65637.asp)

## FILM AWARDS SEASON APPROACHES



The season of seemingly endless film awards ceremonies is almost here. Which actors, actresses and films are you rooting for?

*Variety* reports: “(T)he score for *The Dark Knight* has been disqualified by the executive committee of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences music branch from being considered for an Oscar.” ...

“According to the trade, the big issue was the fact that five names were listed as composers on the music cue sheet, the official studio document that specifies every piece of music (along with its duration and copyright owner) in the film.”

Read more [here](#)<sup>(3)</sup> and [here](#)<sup>(4)</sup>.

<sup>(3)</sup> <http://www.comingsoon.net/news/movienews.php?id=50491>

<sup>(4)</sup> <http://warnerbros2008.warnerbros.com/#/movies/thedarkknight/foryourconsiderati>

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### **BROKEBACK ACTOR ACHIEVES QUANTUM OF SOLACE**

Tony Award-nominated actor David Harbour, better known to *Brokeback Mountain* fans as Randall Malone, plays Gregg Beam in the latest James Bond film *Quantum of Solace*, released earlier this month. IMDb describes Harbour as "a square-jawed, stark-countenanced actor whose features naturally projected more than a passing undercurrent of menace," and says that he "gravitated almost by default to edgy characterizations." He has performed in film, television and in the theater, and received a Tony Award nomination for his role in the 2005 production of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*

### **REMEMBERING MIRIAM MAKEBA, MAMA AFRIKA**

"Miriam Makeba, the South African recording artist known as 'Mama Afrika' (and) who was exiled from her own country during apartheid, died of a heart attack (November 9) after giving a concert in Italy. She was 76.

"The Grammy-winning Makeba 'collapsed as she was leaving the stage,' South African Minister of Foreign Affairs Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma said in an e-mailed statement. Makeba, who brought the music of her continent to a global audience in the 1960s, had been performing at the Vastel Volturmo in the province of Caserta, 35 kilometers (22 miles) northwest of the city of Naples.



"'One of the greatest songstresses of our time, Miriam Makeba, has ceased to sing,' Dlamini Zuma said. 'South Africa's goodwill ambassador died performing what she did best -- an ability to communicate a positive message through the art of singing.'"

Read more [here](#)<sup>(5)</sup>.

Source: Bloomberg.com

<sup>(5)</sup> <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601088&sid=agYOluvHOqag>

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## **FLORENCE HENDERSON'S NEW ONE-WOMAN SHOW**



"Florence Henderson is performing through Saturday at Feinstein's in *All the Lives of Me ... A Musical Journey*. The autobiographical one-woman show reminds cabaretgoers that the woman who played the perky, minxy blended-family matriarch spent decades as a big-throated Broadway star playing leads in golden-era musicals by Rodgers and Hammerstein and Noel Coward.

"Vulture spoke with soulful Flo, a satin-skinned 74, after her opening night, about her early days in New York, her friend Robert Reed — and things we never knew we wanted to know about *The Brady Bunch*.

"'You spoke and sang so lovingly about Robert Reed — Mr. Brady — who was gay and died of AIDS in 1992. Had Robert lived longer, do you think he'd be a part of the gay celebrity community that's so visible today?'

"I don't know. He was a very private man. Very dignified. He did everything he could to protect himself — mainly because he loved the kids so much. We were his family, and he had so much respect for us. But the kids knew he was gay, and it wasn't an issue for us. When I started my career, I was becoming aware of homosexuality. Like when I first did *Oklahoma!* ... all these gorgeous dancers. And I thought, 'Gee, no one asked me for a date!' I didn't know *Brokeback Mountain* existed then."

Read more [here](#)<sup>(6)</sup>.

Source: New York Entertainment

<sup>(6)</sup> [http://nymag.com/daily/entertainment/2008/11/florence\\_henderson2.html](http://nymag.com/daily/entertainment/2008/11/florence_henderson2.html)

## **WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE QUEER FILM?**

GaydarNation asks: "What's your top queer film of all time? It's the start of the London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival so we want to know which film has tickled your fancy or moved you to tears over the years."

Read more [here](#)<sup>(7)</sup>.

<sup>(7)</sup> [http://www.rainbownetwork.com/UserPortal/Forum/TopicDetail.aspx?TopicID=1926&BoardID=126&gnbox\\_cn=0&gnbox\\_ca=6](http://www.rainbownetwork.com/UserPortal/Forum/TopicDetail.aspx?TopicID=1926&BoardID=126&gnbox_cn=0&gnbox_ca=6)

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## **NEW YORK CITY OPERA PROJECTS SHELVED**

"Developing operas based on *Brokeback Mountain* and the life of Walt Disney are suddenly homeless with the departure from City Opera of artistic director and general manager Gérard Mortier.

"Mortier was appointed to the dual posts in early 2007, and his first season of programming was skedded for the 2009-10 season. That slate, ambitiously designed to shake things up for the company, has been scrapped."

Read more [here](#)<sup>(8)</sup>.

Source: Variety

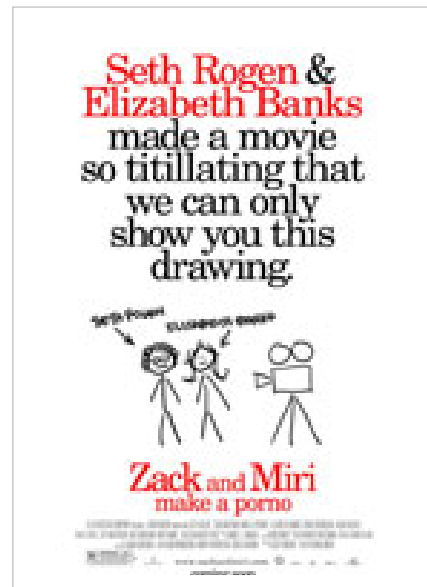
<sup>(8)</sup> <http://www.variety.com/article/VR1117995529.html?categoryId=15&cs=1>

## **ZACK & MIRI BANNED IN UTAH**

"If you're looking forward to seeing Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks in director Kevin Smith's new R-rated comedy *Zack & Miri Make a Porno*...and you live in Salt Lake City, you might be out of luck. Utah Jazz and Megaplex Theaters owner Larry Miller has refused to book the film. The chain's spokesman Cal Gunderson expressed concerns about the film with The New York Post, citing the film's 'graphic nudity and graphic sex' and that it was 'too close to an NC-17.'

"The company's standards seem a little odd considering that the chain had no problems screening ultra-violent fare like *Saw V*, which features beheadings and explicit self-mutilation. When asked why Megaplex Theaters did not object to the gory horror sequel, Gunderson had no comment."

"Furthermore, the company's decision might make sense if *Zack & Miri Make a Porno* were in fact pornographic. Instead, Kevin Smith's surprisingly tame and sentimental movie has a few flashes of nudity, a handful of love scenes played mostly for laughs, and a whole lot of foul language. In fact, the film's raunchiness level is comparable to that of *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*, *Knocked Up* and *Sex Drive*, all of which screened at Megaplex theaters."



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"This isn't the first time Miller's company caused controversy by banning a movie. In early 2006, Miller pulled Oscar-nominated movie *Brokeback Mountain* from the screens when he learned that the film was a gay love story between two cowboys. He later stated that he regretted that decision."

Read more **here**<sup>(9)</sup>.

<sup>(9)</sup> [http://movies.yahoo.com/feature/zackandmiri\\_blog.html](http://movies.yahoo.com/feature/zackandmiri_blog.html)

## **ENTERING WYOMING: A VISIT TO THE TETONS**



**Wyoming's Teton Country: Stunning Mount Moran**

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

"Years on years they worked their way through the high meadows and mountain drainages, horse-packing into the Big Horns, Medicine Bows, south end of the Gallatins, Absarokas, Granites, Owl Creeks, the Bridger-Teton Range, the Freezeouts and the Shirleys, Ferrises and the Rattlesnakes, Salt River Range, into the Wind Rivers over and again, the Sierra Madres, Gros Ventres, the Washakies, Laramies, but never returning to Brokeback."

Perhaps it is significant that Annie Proulx, in her beloved list of Wyoming mountain ranges visited



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by Ennis and Jack, skillfully obscures the world-famous Tetons, burying them between the little known "Owl Creeks" and the "Freezeouts." McMurtry and Ossana afford the Tetons similar low-profile treatment in the screenplay: "I think I'm supposed to be on a roundup down near the Tetons."

Using images in lieu of words, Ang Lee made similar choices. Visitors to the movie's Alberta filming locations consistently remark upon Lee's mountain selections. In more than a few instances, images of mountains used in the film, beautiful as they are, are far less dramatic, less imposing, than "world class" mountains located in the same area.



**Alberta's Ha Ling Peak; Lee's choice for the "Get Goin', Cowboy" Hillside**



**Alberta's Three Sisters; Awesome, a few miles away, passed over by Lee**

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Why is it that the Tetons, probably Wyoming's most famous icon, are treated in such an incidental manner? Most would agree that Proulx, McMurtry, Ossana, and Lee resisted the temptation to exploit familiar names and arresting imagery in order to draw attention away from geography and toward the essential human element of the Brokeback story.



**The Grand Tetons**

But the Tetons are undeniably Wyoming's most recognizable and celebrated jewel, and they are amazing. Over four million visitors come to see and enjoy them each year. Hiking, rafting, fishing, horseback riding, canoeing, skiing, biking, snowmobiling, and camping opportunities abound. Prospective Brokeback visitors to the Wyoming Tetons, as well as "armchair travelers," will enjoy this feature: The Tetons.

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

<sup>(10)</sup> <http://www.findingbrokeback.com/>

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## Forum Footnotes

### FUN QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**This week's Question:** Which is the only repealed amendment to the US Constitution and what did it deal with?

Let us know the answer on the **response thread**<sup>(11)</sup>.

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

**The answer:** The only one of his sculptures that Michelangelo signed was the *The Pieta*, completed in 1500; congratulations to Rosewood, who knew without googling!



<sup>(11)</sup> <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=8377.msg1438999#new>

### POST OF THE DAY By Ministering Angel



Photo posted by Aréthuse33

"I was watching *Tristram Shandy* last night....much of the film is taken up by the process of making the 'film within a film' and all the while I was thinking of Heath, imagining him talking scenes and motivation and camera angles and everything with his directors and scriptwriters and all. He always seemed to be in the thick of the process whereas many actors just say their lines and go home. I know it's no good to wish for such things but I still wish we could have seen him directing a film.

Who knows, *The Queen's Gambit* may have ended up a total dud but I doubt it somehow. He was too good for that. The marks of his work and his input are all over other films like *TDK* and *BBM*. Did people read on the 'Which is best: film or book' thread that

it was his decision not to have Ennis reach out to Jack in the 'I miss you so much' scene? He knew Ennis inside-out."

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## QUOTES OF THE DAY

"If you voted for California's Proposition 8 or support those who did or the sentiment they expressed, I have some questions, because, truly, I do not understand. Why does this matter to you? What is it to you? In a time of impermanence and fly-by-night relationships, these people over here want the same chance at permanence and happiness that is your option. They don't want to deny you yours. They don't want to take anything away from you. They want what you want—a chance to be a little less alone in the world."

~ Keith Olbermann ~

Read more [here](#)<sup>(12)</sup>. Watch the video [here](#)<sup>(13)</sup>.

Keith Olbermann (Countdown - MSNBC) editorial denouncing Prop. 8, aired 11-10-08

<sup>(12)</sup> <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/27650743>

<sup>(13)</sup> <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/27652443#27652443>



## PHOTO CAP OF THE DAY: PHOTO CAPTIONING FUN 4

By gnash



ennis: **so what's for dinner tonight?**



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jack: **what do you call a pig that knows karate?**



ennis: **oh goody. i love pork chops.**

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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.

### **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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