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NOW IS THE TIME

We call on the Federal Government to act immediately, decisively and unequivocally to ensure equal protection under the law throughout the United States of America for all LGBT citizens.

Now is the time.



"We have always been willing to serve our country: in our armed forces, even as we were threatened with courts-martial and dishonor; as teachers, even as we were slandered and libeled; as parents and foster parents struggling to support our children; as doctors and nurses caring for patients in a broken health care system; as artists, writers and musicians; as workers in factories and hotels, on farms and in office buildings; we have always served and loved our country."

"We can accept no compromise. We can wait no longer. Now is the time. We are equal."

"We call on all supporters of equality to sustain and intensify the nationwide campaign of mass protests and nonviolent civil disobedience, for seven weeks, starting on Nov. 27, the 30th anniversary of the assassination of Harvey Milk, and to then gather together en masse, in Washington, D.C., on the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 20, to honor the inauguration of our President Barack Obama."

"During the next seven weeks, we shall: Strive always to maintain a positive message of hope and change. Keep organizational structure to a minimum. Encourage participants to express their anger and determination in creative, thought-provoking and peaceful ways. Respect the media and law enforcement officers. Avoid attacking people's religions. Hate language is always inappropriate."

"Reach out immediately to racial and ethnic minorities, immigrant communities, labor unions, progressive religious denominations and other organizations working for social change."

"Study the history and traditions of nonviolent action. Angry marches and rhetoric can be cathartic, but do not necessarily help win hearts and minds to our cause. Effective forms of nonviolent civil disobedience often follow the peaceful, dignified and disciplined examples of Gandhi, the Quakers and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr."

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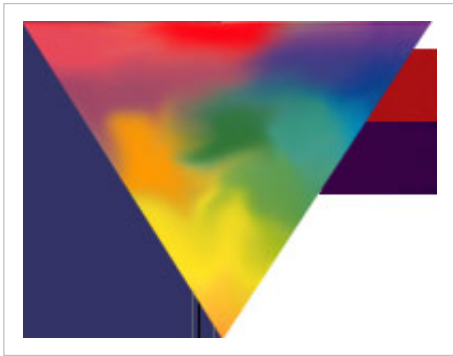
"Remember always, and reflect in all your actions, that we are not fighting against anyone, or anything. We are struggling *for equality*."

Read more **here** and **here**.

(1) <http://www.sevenweekstoequality.com/>

(2) <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/11/14/EDF1144D4P.DTL&hw=cleve+jones&sn=001&sc=1000>

NATIONAL 'COMING OUT' MONTH



"National Coming Out Month occurred during October and was a time for Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Transsexuals to come out to friends, family, and co-workers.

"According to Ben Vigil, an active member of both QASO and ASG, National Coming Out Month was a time for people to open themselves up and express who they are as an individual. 'It's more of a self-reflection month, a time to let straight people know how hard it is to come out. Coming out is not only for gay people, it's also a time for straight people to make the decision to tell others that they have gay friends, family members, co-workers, etc. It's a

two way process in finding that comfort zone.'

"Just recently Sen. Barack Obama was elected as president and Vigil feels that it's a great opportunity for gays. 'Obama is a big supporter for equal rights even though he has a strong religious background. He hasn't actually promised the country gay marriage rights. I don't think our country is quite ready. Gay marriage is still a big leap for our country. A lot of gay people are very excited for Obama since he's a big advocate for discrimination rights.'

"Vigil feels that the country has come a long way in the last decade and that the country is slowly moving in the right direction for the support of gays. 'Within the past decade we have come a long way. Gay people can't be fired for being gay. We are slowly moving in the right direction. Even in the entertainment world shows like 'Will and Grace' and the movie *Brokeback Mountain* show the acceptance of gays in a positive way. I'm thinking it will take another decade until we see big change and make it more widespread.'"

Read more **here**⁽³⁾.

Source: The Advocate, Mt. Hood Community College

(3) <http://www.advocate-online.net/111408/NationalComingOutMonth.php>

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AND THE WINNER IS...

"At (the Latin Grammy Awards) ceremony, Juanes, a singer-songwriter from Medellin who started a foundation to help land-mine victims, swept awards in all five categories for which he was nominated, including record of the year and album of the year. He also set a new record for total wins, bringing his total Latin Grammy trophies to 17 - breaking Alejandro Sanz's mark of 14." ...

"Gustavo Santaolalla, an Argentine musician-turned-composer whose scores for *Babel* and *Brokeback Mountain* earned him two Oscars and was nominated for five Latin Grammys Thursday, ... won two Latin Grammys as producer on Juanes' record of the year and album of the year."

At the 15th Annual Latin Music Awards in June of this year, Santaolalla received the BMI Icon award, which "is bestowed on creators who have had a 'unique and indelible influence on generations of music makers.' An all-star musical tribute paid homage to the achievements of Gustavo Santaolalla, who joins an elite list of past honorees that includes Latin music titans Los Tigres Del Norte, Juan Luis Guerra and Carlos Santana, along with legends Willie Nelson, Brian Wilson, Isaac Hayes, Paul Simon, Dolly Parton and the late James Brown."



Read more [here](#)⁽⁴⁾ and [here](#)⁽⁴⁾.
Sources: fox11az.com and bmi.com

⁽⁴⁾ <http://www.fox11az.com/entertainment/stories/kmsb20081114jc-juan-es-latin-grammy-sweep.1b0d70dfb.html>

⁽⁵⁾ <http://www.bmi.com/news/entry/536825>

AUSTRALIA GETS A HAPPY ENDING?

"*Australia* is a tough country, and its namesake Nicole Kidman movie has had a tough time. First, star Russell Crowe dropped out, requiring his replacement with Hugh Jackman. Then director Baz Luhrmann began to fall behind -- making its premiere date of Nov. 26 a nerve-wracking deadline.

"But now comes what may be worse news -- word that the studio insisted he give his epic love story a new, feel-good ending. And he agreed." ...

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"And if it's indeed true, and not just a clever disinformation campaign, the fact that Luhrmann is changing his film because he's worried about being depressing is -- well, depressing." ...

"Would audiences have left *West Side Story* or *Dr. Zhivago* happier if the endings of those movies had been? Would *Brokeback Mountain* have had half its power if its two cowboys had suddenly just decided to ride off together, and open a bed-and-breakfast in Portland?

"Great romances give us sensuality, melodrama, magic. Isn't it too much to require that they give us chipper, everything-works-out endings as well? Why ask for the moon, when the stars they give us are so satisfying -- and so beautifully, tragically sad?"

Read more [here](#)⁽⁶⁾.

Source: nj.com

⁽⁶⁾ http://www.nj.com/entertainment/tv/index.ssf/2008/11/australia_gets_a_happy_ending.html

PUN INTENDED

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married.
The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

"Doc, I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home.'"

"That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome."

"Is it common?"

"Well, 'It's Not Unusual.'"

DejaMoo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.

I went to a seafood disco last week...and pulled a mussel.





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What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.

Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says, "Dam!"

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse.

"But why," they asked.

"Because," he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."

Read more [here](#)⁽⁷⁾.

⁽⁷⁾ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=208.msg924594#msg924594>

ENTERING WYOMING: BARS

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



Lucky 5 Bar, Shoshone, Wyo.



Mint Bar, Sheridan, Wyo.

Brokeback visitors to Wyoming will find a trove of buildings which plainly fit within the Proulx story and Lee's film. What follows is a sampling.

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Ang Lee needed five different bars for the film (Signal, Electra, Childress, the “fight” bar, and Cassie’s bar). In early 2004, he and production designer Judy Becker toured Wyoming tavern locations in search of inspiration. Among the striking visual qualities they found in rural Wyoming bars were worn, often neglected exteriors, dramatic uses of incandescent and neon lighting; and highly prominent, dominant bar counters. The last of these proved a special challenge when shooting the film; Alberta bars tend to have small serving counters. Patrons there generally sit at tables. Some help from the carpentry crew, and a few tight shots, were required in order for the Canadian filming locations to “pass” as Wyoming bars.

Of course, bars are pivotal to the Brokeback story: We are “introduced” to Jack, Ennis, Lureen, and Cassie in bars. Aptly, it was in a bar that Brokeback inspiration first struck Annie Proulx. That was Sheridan’s century-old Mint Bar, a Wyoming landmark which had an exotic history long before she came along.

There, more than a decade ago, Proulx watched a ranch hand, “leaning against the wall by the pool tables. The bar was packed with good-looking women, and he wasn’t looking at them — he was watching the guys He was about sixty, and he watched them with a kind of subdued hunger that made me wonder if he was country gay.”



The Ten Sleep Saloon

Lee also took a careful look at the Ten Sleep Saloon, a watering hole that caters to both locals and tourists, as he explored Wyoming’s Big Horn Mountain region. Its earth-tone façade plainly influenced the set decoration for the film’s Signal Bar, which was originally painted a bright blue.

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Before: Carseland, Alberta's "Blue Bar"



After: Ang Lee's "Signal Bar"

Lee was particularly impressed with the scenic area near Dubois, home to the Rustic Pine Tavern. "The world's most unique bar," brags its (failing) neon sign.



Neon Sign, Rustic Pine Tavern, Dubois, Wyo.

Bar

http://www.findingbrokeback.com/Entering_Wyoming/Bar.html

Ten Sleep

http://www.findingbrokeback.com/Entering_Wyoming/Ten_Sleep.html



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Mint Bar

http://www.findingbrokeback.com/Entering_Wyoming/Mint_Bar.html

Lee's Brokeback Area

http://www.findingbrokeback.com/Entering_Wyoming/Lees_Brokeback_Area.html

As always, for Brokeback travel and production information, visit **FindingBrokeback.com**⁽⁸⁾.

⁽⁸⁾ <http://www.findingbrokeback.com/>

Forum Footnotes

FUN QUESTION OF THE WEEK

This week's Question: What does the ZIP in Zip-code stand for?

Let us know the answer on the **response thread**⁽⁹⁾.

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

The answer: The 18th amendment, which issued in Prohibition, was repealed by the 21st amendment - way to go Fritzkop and Jack who knew the right answer.



⁽⁹⁾ <http://www.davecullen.com/forum/index.php?topic=8377.msg1443478#new>

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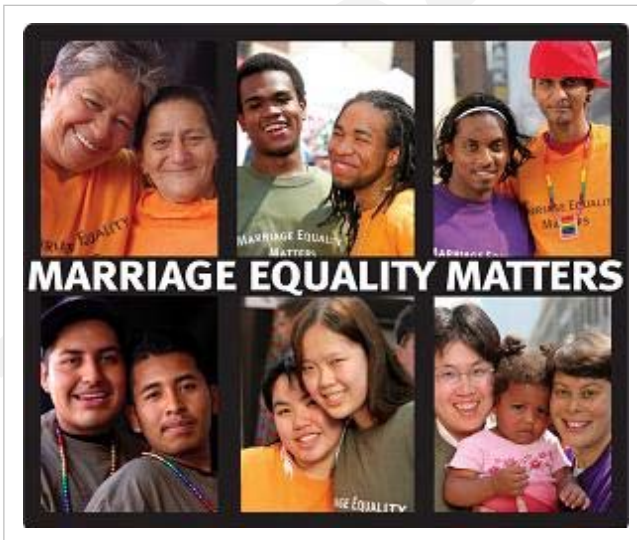
POST OF THE DAY

From the Gay Marriage thread

BayCityJohn and Lyle (Mooska) posted this for those opposing the legalization of same-sex marriage:



"STOP! In the name of love..."



QUOTES OF THE DAY

In the Gay and Christian in the World of Today II

"We learn this morning that the gay marriage issue is going back to the California Supreme Court. As it turns out, the court has agreed to hear the case based on the premise that civil rights cannot be left up to something as arbitrary as the popular vote..... I don't see how the California Supreme Court is going to contradict their initial ruling made last spring that opened the gates in the first place.... Boy, would I like to be there to watch that one. I have never seen a State



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Supreme Court contradict itself. It just doesn't happen folks. The Constitution is the Constitution and there is no place in that wonderful document where it says that you can discriminate against a minority under any circumstances. That is just what it is going to come down to at the end of the day."

~ Osprey ~

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

Brokeback Beatitudes



Blessed are the Style Deprived



For they shall be made Blonde'



Blessed are the Runny-Nosed



For they shall have the bestest wiper in Wyomin' ...you bet.

Ain't no reins on this one...
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Blessed are the Lonely



For they shall find a Friend.



Blessed are the Cold and Unappreciated



For they shall be Needed



Blessed are the Loving



For love shall last Forever

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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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