The GayZette



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Gang of 20 Attacks Gay Man in Cleveland, Ohio

By Daniel Reynolds.

A gay man was assaulted by a large group of men on Sunday, and police are calling it a hate crime.

Jared Fox was walking to Cocktails, a gay bar in Cleveland, near midnight on Saturday, when 20 men surrounded him and began to shout antigay epithets, accord-



ing to WKYC, a local NBC affiliate.

After asking if Fox had any money or valuables on his person, the group began to throw punches at the 26-year-old man before knocking him to the ground.

"They said, 'What's in your pockets?' and I said, 'I got no money, I'm broke,' and they said, 'Oh, so you're one of those broke faggots?' And then they just started swinging," Fox told WKYC.

The group stole his cell phone, forcing Fox to call for help at the bar. Fox, who was bruised and suffered hearing loss from a ruptured eardrum, said the men knew he was gay because they recognized his destination.

In addition to Fox's call, three additional calls were made that night to report disturbances around Cocktails, according to police. They are still searching for suspects.

Anyone with information about the attack is encouraged to call First District detectives at (216) 623-5118.

Obama Plans Meeting With Russian LGBT Activists

President Barack Obama will meet with several human rights and pro-LGBT organizations during the G-20 summit this week

By Daniel Reynolds.

The meeting will occur during the G-20 summit



in St. Petersburg, Russia, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel this Thursday. Confirmed attendees include leading human rights activists Lyudmila Alexeyeva and Lev Ponomarev; Pavel Chikov, the chair of Agora, a legal advocacy organization; and representatives of Coming Out, an LGBT nonprofit based in St. Petersburg.

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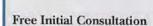
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Two high-strung couples decide to meet one evening for a civilized discussion about a playground altercation between their two young sons. What follows is a comically explosive downhill slide from polite, political correctness to full-on character assassination.

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BLUEBARN Theatre celebrates 25th Season

The BLUEBARN Theatre goes "OVER THE EDGE" for its 25th Anniversary Season as it announces the 2013-2014 lineup of shows. The season, which begins in September with the opening of the TONY Award-winning play, God of Carnage, marks a milestone as the theatre produces three regional premieres and the return of a holiday favorite.

The BLUEBARN also celebrates next season with the announcement that, in addition to local talent, professional Equity actors will be engaged for every production. In keeping with The BLUEBARN's core value of producing professional theatre in Omaha, Nebraska, the theatre pays all actors, directors, designers and technicians – local and professional – who work for the BLUEBARN, a practice which the BLUEBARN will continue into its next 25 years and beyond.

The full lineup of Season 25 shows...

business partner after that? Chained and shackled, Marley is condemned to a hellish eternity. He's even given his own private tormentor: a malicious little hell-sprite who thoroughly enjoys his work. Desperate, Marley accepts his one chance to free himself: To escape his own chains, he must first redeem Scrooge. So begins a journey of laughter and terror, redemption and renewal, during which Scrooge's heart, indeed, is opened; but not before Marley—in this irreverent, funny and deeply moving story—discovers his own.

Gnit by Will Eno *MIDWEST PREMIERE* (February 20 - March 15, 2014)

Is laziness the opposite of love? Is the search for the Self for total nobodies? Watch closely as Peter Gnit, a funny-enough but so-so specimen of humanity, makes a lifetime of bad decisions, on the search for his True Self, which is disintegrating while he searches.

33 Variations by Moises Kaufman FEATURING ACCLAIMED PIANIST HAL FRANCE (May 8 - June 8, 2014) A mother coming to terms with her daughter. A composer coming to terms with his genius. And, even though they're separated by 200 years, these two people share an obsession that might, even just for a moment, make time stand still.

MCC Food Pantry News

I would like to thank all the "Food Fairies" who have donated food and/or toiletries to our pantry this year. The angels who have dropped food items off at the church without leaving their names. You all do such wonderful work, Thank You so much for all your help! I would really love to thank each of you in person, but I do enjoy the surprise packages I find when I walk in to the pantry.

MCC Serves Lunch to 161 of our Neighbors

On Saturday, August 31st we not only served the Community Meal but we hosted it on our lawn. We managed to get sub sandwich "Lunchables" from the Food Bank which included a bottle of water. We also cut up some Honeydew Melons, had chips & popcorn, tomatoes, tea, coffee and lemonade. We served 161 meals under a cloudy sky that soon turned in to a sunny day. Some of the early arrivals helped set up tables and carried the food outside. Then we were blessed with a thunder storm that night to wash away all the spilled drinks!

MCC belongs to Neighbors United, a group of local churches and other organizations, which serve the Community Meal every Saturday at 1st Baptist Church on Harney and Park Avenue. We all take turns preparing the food and serving it 4 times each year. We hosted the meal because 1st Baptist is having some remodeling done and we couldn't use the building.

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that helped make the day go easier.





Friday Night at the Movies

Every Friday Night is Movie Night at the Center!

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The Hungry Homo

By Lisa Broadway-Savage

Taco Rice

With summer tomato canning season upon me, I'm up to my armpits in tomato pulp. I'm looking for a quick dinner fix, and Taco Rice fits my criteria. This is actually one of the very first things I learned how to cook so very many years ago. It's quick and easy and saves you a trip to Taco Bell.

Speaking of Taco Bell... My wife and I don't eat fast food very often, but when we do, Taco Bell seems to be our #1 pick. Omaha was a test market for the Taco Bell breakfast menu about 7 years ago, and I fell in love with the Bean and Egg Burrito. Much to my delight, they brought the breakfast menu back to a few test markets again, with Omaha and Council Bluffs being one of the chosen few. Last weekend we tried the Steak and Egg Burrito – it's yummy and loaded with steak. Even though it's not on the drive thru menu or nutritional menu online, you can still order my Bean and Egg Burrito! Whooooopie! Unfortunately, due to extreme popularity, they were out of the new Yogurt Parfait, so maybe I'll sneak off and try that this weekend...

Recipe Ingredients:

1 lb hamburger
1/2 cup onion (cubed)
1 pkg taco seasoning
1 serving minute rice
Cheddar cheese
Optional:
Sour Cream
Black Olives
Diced jalapeños

Directions:

- 1. Brown and drain hamburger.
- Make minute rice and add hamburger, onion and taco seasoning.
- 3. Top with cheddar cheese, sour cream and olives.



SNAP! Productions to mount Omaha Premiere of the Award Winning play Other Desert Cities

In the award winning play, Other Desert Cities, Jon Robin Baitz's creates a smart new work of high drama, serious laughter and repartee that dazzles and decimates. SNAP! Productions, again, is the first theater in the area to produce the witty show. This SNAP! Productions' show will be directed by Todd Brooks. Other Desert Cities runs August 22, 2013 - September 15, 2013.

In Jon Robin Baitz's Other Desert Cities, a daughter returns home to Palm Springs after a six year absence to celebrate Christmas with her parents, her brother and her aunt. She announces that she is about to publish a memoir dredging up a pivotal and tragic event in the family's history - a wound they don't want reopened.

Other Desert Cities calls upon five remarkable cast members. The cast includes Kevin Barratt, Matthew Hemingway, Connie Lee, Kim Jubenville and Daena Schweiger. Also lending a hand with this SNAP! show will be Brian Callaghan (Stage Manager), Echelle Childers (Costumer), and Rhonda Hall (Properties).

Buy your tickets now for this groundbreaking provocative play. Other Desert Cities will run from August 22– September 15, 2013 at 3225 California Street.?Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 pm on Sundays. The Sunday, September 22nd show will start at 2:00 pm. The Sunday, September 8th show will be sign language interpreted. The August 22nd performance will be a benefit show for the Theatre Arts Guild (TAG) Scholarship Program. The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations must be made online at the SNAP! Productions website: www.snapproductions.com. Tickets are \$15.00, \$12.00 for TAG, Seniors and Students. All Thursday night performances

Shelterskelter Auditions

The Shelterbelt Theatre is pleased to announce auditions for Shelterskelter 18. Audition dates will be Tuesday, August 27th and Wednesday, August 28th starting at 7 pm, at the First Christian Church, 6630 Dodge St. Use the Southeast entrance. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the scripts. Please bring a theatre resume and headshot if you have one. A form for conflicts and any other information will be provided. Shelterskelter is our annual collection of short plays dealing with horror, mystery, the macabre, and dark humor. The theme for Shelterskelter 18 is "haunted hospital/asylum". This year we are lucky enough to have a full slate of plays written by local playwrights!

Shelterskelter 18 will run from October 10 to November 2, 2013.

are \$10.00.

Directors: Kendall Gray, J.K. Rogers, Beth Thompson

Play list:

Fanboy by Jeremy Johnson--directed by JK Rogers
Meet Sally by Rhea Dowhower--directed by JK Rogers
Mirror, Mirror by Adam Sempek--directed by Beth Thompson
A Short Course on the Creation of Live Arts Actions by Timo
thy Siragusa--directed by Kendall Gray

The House of all Nations by Max Sparber--directed by Beth Thompson

Dark Mind by Julia Hinson--directed by Kendall Gray Chekov's Gun by Ben Beck--directed by Beth Thompson Scene Changes by Lorie Obradovich - directed by Beth, Kendall, JK

Any questions please contact either Craig Bond at executive@shelterbelt.org or Beth Thompson at artistic@shelterbelt.org

The Shelterbelt is all about producing new plays, and we want you to be involved. It's a great way to make new friends, get some great experience, and have a lot of fun. In addition to actors, we are also looking for anyone interested in tech positions and helping as stage crew.

Shelterbelt Theatre 3225 California, Omaha www.shelterbelt.org

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This will be the first time the president will speak with LGBT organizations in Russia, which has caused a storm of controversy with the passage of antigay legislation, a ban on so-called homosexual propaganda.

Under the law, both foreigners and Russian citizens can be arrested for disseminating or promoting homosexuality or LGBT rights. LGBT foreigners could also be deported, and that includes athletes of the upcoming Olympic games.

Last month Obama canceled a one-on-one meeting with Russian president Vladimir Putin scheduled during the G-20 summit due to the country's record on human rights, among other conflicts that have arisen, such as granting asylum to National Security Agency Teaker Edward Snowden.

The meeting was canceled due to a "lack of progress on issues like missile defense, arms control, trade and commercial relations, global security issues, and human rights and civil society," White House press secretary Jay Carney said, according to the Washington Blade.

Tensions between the nations have heightened even further with the recent debate over the international response to the developments in Syria, where there civilian casualties and injuries from a chemical attack August 21, allegedly perpetrated by the government.

Russia has dismissed evidence presented by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and a recent U.S. intelligence report, which was called "absolutely unconvincing" by the country's foreign minister, Sergey Lavrov, in a statement released Monday. Russia has threatened to block any resolution from the U.N. on the issue.

Earlier this summer, Obama lambasted Russia's treatment of its LGBT citizens on The Tonight Show With Jay Leno.

"I've been very clear that when it comes to universal rights, when it comes to people's basic freedoms, that whether you're discriminating on the basis of race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation, you are violating the basic morality that I think should transcend every country," Obama said. "I have no patience for countries that try to treat gays or lesbians or transgender persons in ways that intimidate them or are harmful to them."

Using your IRA Money for a Home Purchase Down Payment

A traditional IRA does in fact allow you to withdraw up to \$10,000 in order to finance a deposit for a first-time home purchase. Although it allows you to do this without paying an early withdrawal penalty (a standard 10% is usual) you may still have to pay income tax on the \$10,000 withdrawal.

There are a lot of things to consider when attempting using IRA money for a home purchase down payment.

If you wish to avoid paying income tax on an IRA early withdrawal on

a first-time home purchase you do have several options, there are certain qualifiers that allow you to withdraw \$10,000 from a traditional IRA:

The first qualifier is based on age, you must be below 59 years old, and if you are below this age you are required to qualify for the next part. The second qualifier that you must pass if you wish to avoid paying taxes on your withdrawal = you cannot have owned a house for at least 2 years, and that you are only withdrawing a maximum of \$10,000.

In order to qualify for a tax exempt withdrawal from your IRA you must pass the above qualifiers as well as passing the following requirements; you must ensure that the house you are buying is going to be your primary residence (no second homes or income properties). Another requirement is that the purchase of the home must be done within a set time limit. With this kind



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of withdrawal you have a maximum of 120 days to purchase the home, failure to do so will result in the money being returned to the IRA and that will be your life time limit used up until you hit the threshold again.

Careful consideration must be made when trying this because if the sale of the house falls through it leaves you vulnerable to legal issues.

With a traditional IRA you can only withdraw \$10,000 in the lifetime of the IRA. The \$10,000 limit means that once you have withdrawn this amount you cannot withdraw any more for other expenses that go along with purchasing a house until you have reached the IRA threshold. So it is important that before attempting to use IRA money for a down payment on a home you make sure that you are able to afford all of the other expenses that accumulate when purchasing property.

If you are withdrawing the IRA money for your child or your partner to buy their first home it is possible to do so without paying tax on the withdrawal as long as the above qualifiers and requirements are followed. When using your IRA money to help your loved one purchase their first home there is a time limit that you can take advantage of that often helps avoid the money being taxed. There is a 60 day payback clause that means that if you manage to get either a portion or all of the withdrawn money back into the account within 60 days the amount of cash put back in will not be considered a distribution and will not be taxable.

With a traditional IRA you should be aware that there are disadvantages to withdrawing money that goes beyond tax. The biggest disadvantage is that if you tap into your IRA money it is no longer there for you to use on other things such as other investments that could be more lucrative than a first time home. It could also cause you problems by pushing you into a higher tax bracket.

Using money from an IRA can be quite complicated, so we always recommend that above and beyond anything you may

have learned here, you seek the advice of a qualified CPA who can look at your own personal circumstances and can advise how best to proceed.

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Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

I HATE CONDOMS

In my private practice, it is amazing how many Gay/Bi/Trans men tell me that they hate condoms. People say how much better anal sex is without them, it feels better, is more spontaneous...you've heard this too, I'm sure. Given all this, how can we make peace with condoms?



I suggest that you consider NOT seeing them as your enemy. Aim for

neutrality. After all, they exist to help keep you HIV-negative. They perform a valuable function; they're not there to make your life miserable. A shift in your consciousness can make the whole condom thing a whole lot easier. You know how some older people freak out when they have to learn computers, and they just hate the computers and curse them? And how young people just don't get what the big deal is? Why do these elders resist the computers so much when the computers can make their lives so much easier once they learn how to use them? Well, condoms are like computers: you can resist using them or you can make peace with them and let them make your sex life so much healthier.

Try experimenting with condoms, especially when jacking off alone. Don't just use condoms when in intercourse, practice with them when you're masturbating. Get used to the feel of different ones. Once you jerk off with them a few times, it's a lot easier to use them during oral or anal sex. Become more familiar with them, know the ones you like and how to use them to best pleasure yourself. Try different lube/condom combinations. The object is to get very familiar with condoms and lube, letting them become part of your pleasure, not an obstacle to it.

At present, there appears to be no other way to avoid seroconversion but abstinence and sex with condoms. So if you want to stay HIV-negative, make peace with them. Or don't, and accept that your likelihood of sero-converting is high and that, over time, the odds are against you. Part of the problem with condoms is that people hate them and are attached to hating them. This, unfortunately, will get you nowhere. Rather than seeing them as the enemy, see them as saving your life rather than taking away your boner.

Many of my clients report it's harder to keep an erection with a condom. They see putting on a condom as an interruption of good sex, and then it becomes just that: a frustrating interruption. Men who successfully use condoms have made them a

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part of their sex routine. They make sure that they have their favorite condoms conveniently with them at all times; after all, you never know when and where good sex may present itself. These guys have also experimented with lube and found lubes they like.

I encourage you to work condoms into your sex life in a way that make it better, not worse. For example, ask your partner to put the condom on for you. Why not try different kinds of condoms? Experiment with different fits and sensations and textures.

You can continue to make condoms your energy or incorporate them into your sex life in playful and erotic ways: use your creativity. After all, are we not queer men?

Texas Military Forces Refuse to Process Same-Sex Couples' Benefits

By Daniel Reynolds

The Texas Military
Forces, which includes
the state's National
Guard and other troops,
are refusing to process
requests from gay and
lesbian couples for
spousal benefits, ignoring orders from the Department of Defense
that it should extend



health care, housing, and other benefits to married gay and lesbian members of the military by today.

Maj. Gen. John Nichols (pictured), who oversees the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, and Texas State Guard, directed state-run facilities to comply with the state constitution, which does not recognize same-sex marriage, in a letter issued last Friday.

However, Nichols stipulated that the forces remain "committed to ensuring its military personnel and their families receive the benefits to which they are entitled. As such, we encourage anyone affected by this issue to enroll for benefits at a federal installation."

The directive creates an additional hurdle for gay and lesbian members of the military, who now must apply for benefits at a federal facility. In Texas, one of the nation's largest states, applying at a federal installation could require traveling a considerable distance.

The office of Rick Perry, the governor of Texas, later corroborated Nichols's claims that the Pentagon's orders conflicted with state law.

According to the Texas Family Code 6.204, a "marriage between persons of the same sex or a civil union is contrary to the public policy of this state and is void in this state."

The Pentagon confirmed to the Associated Press that Texas is the only entire state that is currently refusing to process benefit requests for same-sex partners, though some state-run offices in Mississippi have also refused to issue applications.

"It's truly outrageous that the state of Texas has decided to play politics with our military families," said Stephen Peters, president of American Military Partner Association, which advocates for LGBT military families. "Gov. Rick Perry should be ashamed. Our military families are already dealing with enough problems and the last thing they need is more discrimination from the state of Texas."

Tuesday was the first day these benefits were available to members of the military, following the Supreme Court decision that struck down a key section of the Defense of Marriage Act.

Kevin Rudd, Australian Prime Minister, Tears Apart Anti-LGBT Pastor

The Huffington Post | By James Nichols

Days before the Australian elections, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd (pictured) publicly and passionately defended same-sex

marriage during a question and answer session.

A pastor of a local church who works for National Christian Radio Network attempted to pin Rudd down about



his stance on gay marriage. "They [citizens] won't be voting for you because they're disillusioned because you seem to be chopping and changing your beliefs just to get a popular vote with regards to things like marriage," said the man.

After announcing in May that he supported same-sex marriage, many speculated that Rudd would lose a significant percentage of Australia's Christian vote. Rudd, however, sees his support as faith-based.

"I concluded in my conscience, through an informed conscience, and a christian conscience, that it was the right thing to do," said Rudd in the above Q&A, "and let me tell you why. Number one, I do not believe people when they are born choose

GAYZETTE EVENTS

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FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST, info at; www.firstcentral.org

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Every Thursday
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appointment from 1:30pm to 3:30pm and
Walk-In from 5pm to 8pm

Every Friday LIVE & LET LIVE AA Meeting,

8:15pm to 9:15pm, Open to men and women, at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

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PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP 4-6pm, First United Methodist Church, 291-6781 proudhorizons@yahoo.com

Every Other Friday
CBCA SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER at
Barley's, 114 West Broadway in CB)
starting at 5:00-7:00pm every other Friday

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Wednesday

FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to 10pm at Flixx Show Bar, STD testing also available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit www.nap.org for more info

1st Thursday
GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at
5:30pm in various locations. Email at:
GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org
for info

1st Friday FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm. Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

1st Saturday RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE, at 7:00 pm . See www.rivercitygenderalliance.org

1st Sunday

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN

12-1pm Fellowship and 1p-2p worship Meets Lincoln at Bennett Martin Library info@inclusivelife.org and on Facebook

2nd Monday NAP HIV TESTING

Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm —50th & Ames Ave.

2nd Thursday

HEARTLAND PRIDE, Board Meeting- at D Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th St. 6:30pm-8pm, Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or find us on Facebook

PFLAG- OMAHA, 6;30pm to 9pm, Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

2nd Saturday

Ecumenical Catholics of Omaha, 5pm – 6:30pm, A progressive community in the Catholic tradition, Meets in the MCC sanctuary Phone: 402.953.7656

Email: ecuomaha@live.com Web: www.ecuomaha.org

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Governors meeting, 6:30pm, meeting at the MCC-Omaha, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

3rd Saturday

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3rd Sunday

CBCA MEETING 5 PM until about 6:30 PM is our monthly meeting with potluck. We meet at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Council Bluffs

4th Monday NAP HIV TESTING

Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm—50th & Ames Ave.

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church, 6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm 4th Friday

LEO - LEATHER ENGINEERS OF

OMAHA, Not currently meeting.

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Vacation in Rome

A woman was at her hairdresser's getting her hair styled for a trip to Rome with her husband. She mentioned the trip to the hairdresser, who responded:

"Rome? Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded and dirty. You're crazy to go to Rome. So, how are you getting there?"

"We're taking Continental," was the reply. "We got a great rate!"

"Continental?" exclaimed the hairdresser. "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are ugly, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?"

"We'll be at this exclusive little place over on Rome's Tiber River called Teste."

"Don't go any further. I know that place. Everybody thinks it's gomna be something special and exclusive, but it's really a dump."

"We're going to go to see the Vatican and maybe get to see the Pope."

"That's rich," laughed the hairdresser. You and a million other people trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant. Boy, good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You're going to need it."

A month later, the woman again came in for a hairdo. The hairdresser asked her about her trip to Rome.

"It was wonderful," explained the woman, "not only were we on time in one of Continental's brand new planes, but it was overbooked, and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and I had a handsome 28-year-old steward who waited on me hand and foot. And the hotel was great! They'd just finished a \$5 million remodeling job, and now it's a jewel, the finest hotel in the city. They, too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us their owner's suite at no extra charge!"

"Well," muttered the hairdresser, "that's all well and good, but I know you didn't get to see the Pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky, because as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder, and explained that the Pope likes to meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the Pope would personally greet me.

Sure enough, five mutes later, the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand! I knelt down and he spoke a few words to me."

"Oh, really! What'd he say?"

He said: "Who screwed up your hair?"

MY DADDY SLEEPS NAKED

"Late again!" the third-grade teacher sternly said to little Ranger.

"It ain't my fault this time, Miss Russell. You can blame this 'un on my Daddy. The reason I'm three hours late is my Daddy sleeps naked!"

Now, Miss Russell had taught grammar school for thirty-some-odd years. Despite her mounting fears, she asked little Ranger what he meant by that. Full of grins and mischief, and in the flower of his youth, little Ranger and trouble were old friends,..... but he always told her the truth.

"You see, Miss Russell, out at the farm we got this here low down fox. The last few nights, he done ate six hens. Last night, when Daddy heard a noise out in the chicken pen, he grabbed his double-barreled shotgun and said to my Ma, "That fox is back again... I'm a gonna git him!" "Stay back," Daddy whispered to all us kids!

"My Daddy was naked as a jaybird - no boots, no pants, no shirt! To the hen house he crawled, just like an Injun on the snoop. Then, he stuck that double-barreled 12-gauge shotgun through the window of the coop. As he stared into the darkness, with a fox on his mind, our old hound dog, Rip, had done gone and woke up and comes sneaking up behind Daddy.

Then, as we all looked on, plumb helpless, old Rip done went and stuck his cold nose in my Daddy's crack!"

"Miss Russell, we all been cleanin' chickens since three o'clock this mornin!"

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men http://groups.yahoo.com/ group/BiMenNebraska and http:// groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST

Camp Kindle, Nebraska based summer camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, 877.800.CAMP, www.CampKindle.org

Citizens for Equal Protection 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org

Family Foundations Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856

First Central Congregational Church UCC, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, www.firstcentral.org, GLBT-affirming

First Lutheran Church, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly www.firstlutheranomaha.org

First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039, www.firstuuomaha.org, GLBT Welcoming Congregation

First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, www.fumcomaha.org, GLBT-affirming

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)
Front Runners/Walkers, Wednesdays at
6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by
softball field, Omaha (402-804-8720)

Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network -Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712 -325-0117 http://www.glsenomaha.org GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources
GOglbt Professionals, meeting at 5:30PM.
Email at: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see
www.GOglbt.org for info

Greater Omaha LGBT Democrats

http://omahalgbtdemocrats.wordpress.com contact Ken @ 402-686-6389 See also http:// ProgressiveOasis.com

Heartland Pride

Www.heartlandpride.org, email: info@heartlandpride.org; meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT) P.O. Box 31838,Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103, Board Meets 3rd Monday, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Center at 6:30pm, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

Inclusive Life

402-575-7006 www.inclusivelife.org
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Learning to Exchange Power, no current info available

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) not

currently meeting

LinOma Bares, for more Info email linomabares@yahoo.com or mail to P.O. Box 24547, Omaha NE 68124

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am, Wed. Worship at 7pm

NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Friday thru Monday at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 So. 77th St., testing Wed from 1:30-4PM by appointment only, Thurs & Fri 5PM-9PM with 20 minute results Call 402-552-9255 for info

Nebraska Equality.org, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community

Nebraska Pride IDOL, PO Box 241733, Omaha NE 68124, 866-4-NE-IDOL, www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com

Nebraska Zen Center, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT inclusive

North Side Christian Church 5555 Larimore Ave., Sunday service at 9:30am, see www.NorthSideOmaha.org

The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Nontraditional Family group), email to: Theohanagroup@msn.com

Omaha NE Gay Pride Web Page http://ONGP.com; email to: omahanegaypride@cox.net or ongpl@cox.net

Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League, See www.oglbtsports.com for more information

Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68131-0026 Social/Support Organization for African American Males age 21 and over

Out and About in Nebraska, website: www.travel.to/outabout Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com

OUTLine, a nonprofit organization that engages in and fosters the well-being and advancement of the LGBT community, www.outline.org, Lincoln NE

OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org

Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter, For confidential information or support, call: 402-291-6781, meeting at Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, 3620 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330 Rainbow Pride/Rainbow Celebrations PO Box 8273 Omaha, NE 68108, See www.rainbowpride.org for info River City Gender Alliance, for info see www.rcga.org or call 402-291-6781 River City Mixed Bowling, Sundays, Maple

River City Mixed Bowling Sundays, Maplewood Lanes Omaha, at 3PM call 402-572-9393 for details

River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267. Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org

Second Unitarian Church, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, www.2uomaha.org, 402-334-0537, LGBTO Welcoming Congregation

SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com

Temple Israel Synagogue, 7023 Cass St., 402-556-6536, member of the Union for Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm; 571 -1344; www.unityomaha.org

Youth Emergency Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.) Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite. 205 Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, email to info@yesomaha.org

Y.E.S. Drop-in Center, 2057 Harney Street Omaha, NE 68102, 402-505-6922

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LGBTQ and Ally Programs and Services Resource Center, Pat Tetreault, LGBTQ Resource Center Director, http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa - 402.472.1752 or 402-472-1652

http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality

Queer Student Alliance, UNL, contact unlqsa@yahoo.com for info

402/472-2597.

GLBT and Allies coffee house, 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7:30 to 10:30pm Lincoln Women's Center, Lincoln

Nebraska AIDS Project, 1120 K Street Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 476-7000

Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise, 4949 N. 73rd, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737

Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, jbkiber@hotmail.com. Website: http:// pflagcornhusker.org/

Planned Parenthood, F2M and Questioning Support group & Partners of FTM Support Group, meet monthly at 10am Saturday, for info call Ryan Sallans at 441 -3321 or email sindu.s@gmail.com

SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6 – 9pm, Lesbian Videos

7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

Spiritual Friends of Lincoln

Offering fellowship and worship for those seeking radical hospitality, openess, and inclusiveness. Meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday in Lincoln info@inclusivelife.org and on FaceBook

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at http://www.tricity-glbt.com/

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu/www.unl.edu/cglbtc Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494, Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Health Department/Free STD Clinic

209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503, 712-328-4666 – ask for Rachel, Monday – Friday by appointment, call to inquire about extended hours, FREE testing for HIV, Syphilis, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia Council Bluffs Community Alliance

www.councilbluffscommunitvalliance.org

Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.org

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. GLBT friendly. 611 First Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, 712-322-5324 - http://www.cbfirstcongregational.org/

Iowa Equality, GLBT –allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, http://www.lowaEquality.org

Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

Nationally Based

Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or see web site at http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html

(Kevin Rudd, Australian Prime Minister, Tears Apart Anti-LGBT Pastor, continued from page 9)

their sexuality. They are gay if they are born gay -you don't decide at some later stage in life to be one thing or the other. It is how people are built. And therefore, the idea that this is somehow an abnormal condition is just wrong. I don't get that -- I think that is



just a completely ill-founded view."

Support for same-sex marriage in Australia has steadily gained traction this year with a July Parliamentary Inquiry finding that New South Wales could become the first state in the country with the political power to pass such legislation. Australian politicians not supporting the initiative have also come under fire lately, with Katy Perry publicly blasting Tony Abbot over the issue of same-sex marriage during a a radio interview in mid-August.

The Australian federal elections are slated to taken place on Sept. 7.

Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

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Dixie Quick's Restaurant. 157 West Broadway 402- 346-3549
Flixx, 1015 South 10th Street Omaha 402-408-1020
Lover Luxuries, 6065 Maple St. 402-932-3377
The Max, 1417 Jackson St. 402-346-4110
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St. 402-342-7343
Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St 402-552-9260
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth 402-449-8703
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center,
3620 Leavenworth St. (home of The Gayzette) 402-341-0330

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Same-Sex Couples Apply for One Third of Minnesota's Marriage Licenses

By Daniel Reynolds

Nearly one in three marriage licenses issued in Minnesota in August were obtained by same-sex couples, according to a survey conducted by the Associated Press.

The survey found that at least 1,640 gay and lesbian couples have applied to be wed since Minnesota began issuing certificates August 1.

Since counties are not obligated to report this information, the news agency conducted its own study and received figures from 83 of Minnesota's 87 counties.

In its research, the AP also found that most licenses were obtained in urban areas, with the highest concentration occurring in Hennepin and Ramsey counties, which include the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. In 29 counties, no same-sex couples applies for licenses.

Officials estimate that 5,000 gay and lesbian couples will marry within the first year after marriage equality's enactment in Minnesota.

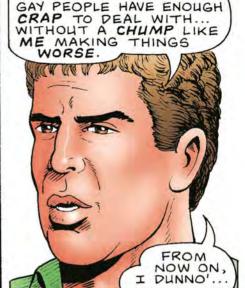
"This is the product of people who were living in the legal wilderness for so long, suddenly no longer being told their relationships are substandard," Scott Dibble, a state senator and a sponsor of the marriage equality bill, told the AP. "There's an excitement out there right now. I've been going to so many weddings lately, it's like I'm two years out of college again."

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

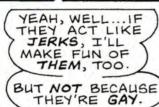




























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Fitness Corner

By Ron Blake

HEALTHY RESPECT FOR WORDS

(In my jobs as a teacher and a fitness trainer I have stressed the healthy importance of a strong mind and a strong body connection. The following encourages the importance of using words correctly to create that healthy you.)

The Associated Press changed their policy this past spring and will no longer use the term illegal immigrant. The AP stated that illegal should only be used to describe an action and not a person. This all but assures the profligacy of the term in a future Tarantino period piece movie.

Words are powerful and many journalists are happy to see this change and feel it reflects a more educated and proper approach to reporting. Too bad many more journalists are still struggling to realize the error of their ways with other words and their significance.

On her MSNBC show after the AP announcement in April, Melissa Harris-Perry applauded the change and said it came in the form of a tenth grade English lesson. She further stated that words and language matter and had various guests in her studio to explain that very importance.

I did find it quite ironic that one of Ms. Harris-Perry's colleagues, Toure, also expounded on the importance of words on the week of April 7th, but then used subject verb disagreement while proving his point. Indeed, he did prove his point...words do matter.

Subject verb agreement means that the subject and verb in a sentence must agree with each other. If a singular subject is used then a singular verb must be used. If a plural subject is used then a plural verb must be used. That sounds fairly basic... right?

The TV newsman Toure was to make this same subject verb agreement mistake again on a subsequent day when discussing a contentious Tennessee welfare bill. His Cycle co-host Krystal Ball also joined her wounded wordsmith by adding her version of subject verb disagreement on a segment about women in power in the military during the same week.

As a former teacher, I experienced the power of words and language every day. Subject verb disagreement was one of those areas that kept my red pen busy on numerous student term papers. College acceptance is based upon the importance of words and properly navigating grammar. SAT's and personal statements in the collegial application packets are proof of this.

As a current business owner, I am also aware of these disagree-

able errors that occur on job applications and interviews with prospective employees. My hiring decisions are not only based upon skill set but also the effective use of words.

My supposed schadenfreude is not just associated with Toure and Ms. Ball or any of the other professionals at MSNBC. I have listened to similar grammatical gaffes frequently since April from journalists on Good Morning America, Fox News Channel, ESPN, our local news channels, and many more shows.

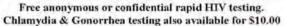
Some days it seems it is OK that we all surrender to the haphazard sentence structures that have become so prevalent on our airwaves. After all, we threw in the white flag with cactuses, octopuses, and hippopotamuses.

There's a lot of illegal immigrants in our country today seeking a better way of life. There are also a lot of undocumented workers in our country seeking a better way of life. Proper grammar is a good healthy start on the way to that better life.

The Associated Press believes our tired, our poor, and huddled masses should be allowed to yearn to breathe free from the restraints of inappropriate language. I hope all our journalists also are associated in unison and press forward with the correctness of our language as it relates to subject verb agreement.

Choose your words wisely and stay classy (and healthy) Omaha!

This article of word wielding wellness is brought to you by that guy with a sexy mind and a smart body. That guy of complete health is Ron Blake and he can be found diagramming sentences and doing pushups at myblakefitness.com.



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