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We meet because we have learned that someone very close to us is Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgendered.

We try to help one another deal with this information in a positive manner.

Although we do not agree at all times, we try to be understanding.

We offer help to those who seek it, but do not force ourselves on others.

We strive to maintain anonymity while sharing on a level that is comfortable for all of us.

We encourage all to attend meetings for their own benefit as well as that of the group.

It is our hope that when each of us reaches a point of understanding and acceptance, we realize that this is when others need us the most.

Buffalo Monthly Meeting

Sunday, December 21, 2008
2:30 – 5:00 PM

The December meeting will be a holiday party at a member's home. See page 2 for details.

Sunday, January 18, 2009
2:30 – 5:00 PM

The January meeting will include LGBT trivia along with a time for sharing. As always, newcomers will be offered the alternative of meeting privately with a PFLAG parent.

Heritage Room, Westminster Presbyterian Church
724 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14209

Use the driveway to left of the church to reach the church parking lot. Walk behind the church to other side of the building (through the nursery school) and enter through the kitchen entrance.

New Parents Meetings

These meetings are scheduled as needed. Please call the helpline.

Christ United Methodist Church Library
350 Saratoga (corner of Harlem Road), Snyder, NY
North of the Harlem Road exit of Route 33

Enter through door closest to the lighted parking lot.
This self-help one-on-one meeting deals with the concerns of parents and family members who have recently learned that a loved one is Lesbian or Gay.

For Niagara satellite meeting details, call 297-5785.

Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Buffalo/Niagara, is a non-profit, all volunteer, community-based organization not affiliated with any ethnic, religious, economic, or political group. Membership is open to all. PFLAG membership lists are kept confidential and mailings are sent in plain envelopes.



Local News

Queer Journeys Programs

Queer Journeys is a cable access program sponsored by PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara and coordinated by Camille Cox and Babs Conant. The programs are based on documentaries on GLBT issues. This program only airs in Buffalo, on Mondays at 6:30 pm and Tuesdays at 1:00 am on Adelphia Channel 20.

The schedule for the next two months is:

- Dec 1: Our Faces
- Dec 8: Silent Pictures
- Dec 15: Camp Lavender Hill
- Dec 22: Trevor / I Know Who I Am, - Do You?
- Dec 29: Maybe we're Talking About a Different God
- Jan 5: Coming out Coming Home
- Jan 12: Out for a Change
- Jan 19: The Trials of Jimmy Creech
- Jan 26: Queer Sons

A short description of the storylines and a full schedule can be found on our website at:
www.PFLAG-buffalo-niagara.org/video_project.shtml

PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara Holiday Party

Details removed for online edition. Please call the helpline for details.



Education

PFLAG Statement on California's Proposition 8 Vote

Jody M. Huckaby, executive director of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), released the following statement, following news that California voters have approved Proposition 8, a measure to roll back marriage equality in the nation's most populous state:

"While our families have encountered a heartbreaking obstacle on the road to full equality in California, the broad coalition of Americans who support fundamental rights for everyone will continue to work towards a day when the dignity of every American is respected. Families are defined by a love, and a commitment, that is beyond the barriers of a ballot. No struggle for equality is won easily, and great strides do not come without great strife. They also, however, require the great strength necessary to push forward in the wake of disappointment and persevere in the face of pain.

"On Tuesday, millions of Californians stood with our families and valiantly tried to beat back a mean-spirited, un-American attack on LGBT people. While we fell short of the majority we needed to prevail, each time the public has addressed this issue, those who stand with us grow in number. A decade ago, it would have been unthinkable that so many people would have endorsed marriage equality at the ballot box. If we continue the critical work we began this year, it will be unthinkable, a decade from now, that anyone would not.

"All of us at PFLAG remain committed to securing the rights our families and loved ones deserve. With a new Administration and new Congress in Washington, there are many reasons to believe that we will soon prevail. As Dr. King eloquently reminded us, '[T]he arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.' On Tuesday, millions of Californians tilted that arc a little bit closer to liberty, and we must now commit ourselves to finding the strength we need to finish the work they have begun."

State Supreme Court Will Review Ban on Same-Sex Marriage in 2009

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) applauded a decision by the California Supreme Court to review Proposition 8, a ban on same-sex marriage that was approved by voters on November 4. In an order issued on Wednesday, the court agreed to hear a challenge to the proposition as early as March 2009. In the interim, the court has declined to issue a stay. The court challenge was brought by a coalition of organizations working in California, including The American Civil Liberties Union, Lambda Legal and The National Center for Lesbian Rights. The City of San Francisco is also challenging the measure.

"The California Supreme Court has taken a second, bold stand for families in the state and we welcome its decision to review Proposition 8," said Jody M. Huckaby, executive director of PFLAG. "The proper checks and balances role of the judiciary is to ensure that majority rule doesn't undermine minority rights, and the court has an important role to play in that process. Loving couples and their families should be protected, not neglected, under the law. Proposition 8 singled out a specific community of Californians for discrimination and created a category of 'separate and unequal' for same-sex couples. That is wrong, and the measure should be struck down by the court."

In May, California became the second state, following Massachusetts, to grant same-sex couples the right to marry. According to the Williams Institute at the University of California-Los Angeles, more than 102,000 same-sex couples live in the state, and more than 50,000 planned to wed in the next three years. More than 18,000 couples have already been married in the state. Following California's decision, Connecticut has also recognized marriage equality for lesbian and gay couples.

"The California Supreme Court has blessed our family," PFLAG parents Ken and Molleen Matsumura of Oakland, California, wrote shortly after the May decision. "All loving parents hope to see their child secure in the love of their chosen partner in life, if the child chooses to marry. That means someone who can visit her in the

hospital, tell the doctors what to do if she can't speak for herself, share their earnings and insurance and support each other in building financial security [and] share a name if they so choose."

The court has invalidated three similar ballot measures in the past. California Attorney General Jerry Brown encouraged the court to review Proposition 8, and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger expressed strong support for the original ruling, recognizing full marriage rights for all couples.

"As the court considers the future of Proposition 8, all of us must continue to educate Americans from every state about the legal jeopardy our families face because of measures like these," said Huckaby. "Our opponents are already targeting other parts of the country for campaigns similar to the one in California. From Massachusetts to California, and right through America's heartland, there will be a coordinated effort to roll back equality. PFLAG families have a unique role to play in combating those efforts, alongside allies such as those who brought this challenge in California, and we will continue to do so."

California to investigate Mormon Prop 8 donations

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California officials have begun an investigation into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to see if it broke the law during the campaign for a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage. The California Fair Political Practices Commission said it wants to determine if the Church accurately described its role in the battle over Proposition 8.

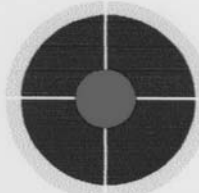
The Commission's executive director, Roman Porter, said the investigation follows a complaint by Californians Against Hate which accuses the Mormon Church of failing to report the value of work it did to support Proposition 8. Porter said that while the complaint merits further inquiry, it does not mean any wrongdoing by the Church has been determined.

The Salt Lake City-based Mormon Church was heavily involved in the campaign to pass Prop. 8. It encouraged its members to work to pass California's

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Proposition 8 by volunteering their time and money for the campaign. Thousands of Mormons from across the country worked as grassroots volunteers. The Church put an estimated \$25 million into the battle to end gay marriage in California. If the Commission finds the Church broke state election laws, it could be fined up to \$5,000 per violation. The Commission also could file an additional civil lawsuit. Porter said, seeking remedies up to three times the amount that was misrepresented or misreported.

Since the November election, the Mormon Church has become a prime target of LGBT civil rights groups. There have been protests at Mormon churches in California; in Utah, a number of churches were vandalized; and hoax mailings containing a white powder were sent to church leaders in Salt Lake City.

Meanwhile, the California Supreme Court accepted three lawsuits seeking to nullify Proposition 8, which overruled the court's decision in May legalizing gay marriage. All three cases claim the measure abridges the civil rights of a vulnerable minority group. They argue that voters alone did not have the authority to enact such a significant constitutional change. As is its custom when it takes up cases, the court elaborated little. However, the justices did say they want to address what effect, if any, a ruling upholding the amendment would have on the estimated 18,000 same-sex marriages that were sanctioned in California before Election Day.

The initiative's opponents had also asked the court to grant a stay of the measure, which would have allowed gay marriages to begin again while the justices considered the cases. The court denied that request.

The justices directed Attorney General Jerry Brown and lawyers for the Yes on 8 campaign to submit arguments by Dec. 19 on why the ballot initiative should not be nullified. It said lawyers for the plaintiffs, who include same-sex couples who did not wed before the election, must respond before Jan. 5. Oral arguments could be scheduled as early as March, but a ruling would not be likely for months after that.

Keith Olbermann: Special Comment on Proposition Eight in California

Keith Olbermann, Anchor, MSNBC *Countdown*

Finally tonight as promised, a Special Comment on the passage, last week, of Proposition Eight in California, which rescinded the right of same-sex couples to marry, and tilted the balance on this issue, from coast to coast.

Some parameters, as preface. This isn't about yelling, and this isn't about politics, and this isn't really just about Prop-8. And I don't have a personal investment in this: I'm not gay, I had to strain to think of one member of even my very extended family who is, I have no personal stories of close friends or colleagues fighting the prejudice that still pervades their lives.

And yet to me this vote is horrible. Horrible. Because this isn't about yelling, and this isn't about politics. This is about the human heart, and if that sounds corny, so be it.

If you voted for this Proposition 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.

Only now you are saying to them—no. You can't have it on these terms. Maybe something similar. If they behave. If they don't cause too much trouble. You'll even give them all the same legal rights—even as you're taking away the legal right, which they already had. A world around them, still anchored in love and marriage, and you are saying, no, you can't marry. What if somebody passed a law that said you couldn't marry?

I keep hearing this term "re-defining" marriage. If this country hadn't re-defined marriage, black people still couldn't marry white people. Sixteen states had laws on the books which made that illegal in 1967. 1967.

The parents of the President-Elect of the United States couldn't have married in nearly one third of the states of the country their son grew up to lead. But it's worse than that. If this country had not "re-defined" marriage, some black people still couldn't marry black people. It is one of the most overlooked and cruelest parts of our sad story of slavery. Marriages were not legally recognized, if the people were slaves. Since slaves were property, they could not legally be husband and wife, or mother and child. Their marriage vows were different: not "Until Death, Do You Part," but "Until Death or Distance, Do You Part." Marriages among slaves were not legally recognized.

You know, just like marriages today in California are not legally recognized, if the people are gay.

And uncountable in our history are the number of men and women, forced by society into marrying the opposite sex, in sham marriages, or marriages of convenience, or just marriages of not knowing, centuries of men and women who have lived their lives in shame and unhappiness, and who have, through a lie to themselves or others, broken countless other lives, of spouses and children, all because we said a man couldn't marry another man, or a woman couldn't marry another woman. The sanctity of marriage.

How many marriages like that have there been and how on earth do they increase the "sanctity" of marriage rather than render the term, meaningless?

What is this, to you? Nobody is asking you to embrace their expression of love. But don't you, as human beings, have to embrace... that love? The world is barren enough.

It is stacked against love, and against hope, and against those very few and precious emotions that enable us to go forward. Your marriage only stands a 50-50 chance of lasting, no matter how much you feel and how hard you work.

And here are people overjoyed at the prospect of just that chance, and that work, just for the hope of having that feeling. With so much hate in the world, with so much meaningless division, and people pitted against people for no good reason, this is what your religion tells you to do? With your experience of life and this world and all its sadnesses, this is what your conscience tells you to do?

With your knowledge that life, with endless vigor, seems to tilt the playing field on which we all live, in favor of unhappiness and hate... this is what your heart tells you to do? You want to sanctify marriage? You want to honor your God and the universal love you believe he represents? Then spread happiness—this tiny, symbolic, semantical grain of happiness—share it with all those who seek it. Quote me anything from your religious leader or book of choice telling you to stand against this. And then tell me how you can believe both that statement and another statement, another one which reads only "do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

You are asked now, by your country, and perhaps by your creator, to stand on one side or another. You are asked now to stand, not on a question of politics, not on a question of religion, not on a question of gay or straight. You are asked now to stand, on a question of love. All you need do is stand, and let the tiny ember of love meet its own fate.

You don't have to help it, you don't have it applaud it, you don't have to fight for it. Just don't put it out. Just don't extinguish it. Because while it may at first look like that love is between two people you don't know and you don't understand and maybe you don't even want to know. It is, in fact, the ember of your love, for your fellow person just because this is the only world we have. And the other guy counts, too.

This is the second time in ten days I find myself concluding by turning to, of all things, the closing plea for mercy by Clarence Darrow in a murder trial.

But what he said, fits what is really at the heart of this:

"I was reading last night of the aspiration of the old Persian poet, Omar-Khayyam," he told the judge. "It appealed to me as the highest that I can vision. I wish it was in my heart, and I wish it was in the hearts of all: So I be written in the Book of Love; I do not care about that Book above. Erase my name, or write it as you will, So I be written in the Book of Love."

(You can watch Keith deliver this special comment online at <http://tinyurl.com/5y5qqk> which is even more powerful than a reading can indicate.)

NYS insurers ordered to recognize same-sex marriages

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The New York State overseer of insurance companies has told companies they must treat legally married same-sex couples the same as they treat opposite-sex married pairs. Although state law does not permit gay marriage within New York State, a Rochester court ruled that valid out-of-state marriages of lesbian and gay couples must be recognized. The state's highest court upheld the ruling. In addition, Gov. David Paterson in June issued a directive instructing state agencies governing insurance and health care - to immediately change policies and regulations to recognize gay marriages performed in areas where they are legal.

Nevertheless, some private insurers have declined to recognize same-sex marriages.

In his directive to insurance companies operating in the state, Insurance Superintendent Eric Dinallo said legally married same-sex couples cannot be treated differently than other married couples. "Insurance is an essential part of our planning for daily life," Dinallo's directive said.

"We expect insurance companies to provide the same rights and benefits to all legally married couples, regardless of the sex of the spouses ... As Governor David Paterson has explained, this is consistent with the position the State historically has taken with respect to marriages conducted in jurisdictions outside of the State of New York."

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Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus

Hope for the Holidays

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695 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY

Saturday, Dec 13th (8 pm) - Trinity Episcopal Church,
371 Delaware, Buffalo, NY

Sunday Dec 14th (4 pm) - Hamburg United Methodist
Church, 116 Union, Hamburg, NY

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www.buffalogaymenschorus.org

Large numbers of New York gay and lesbian couples have gone to Canada, Massachusetts and Connecticut where same-sex marriage is legal to tie the knot. LGBT rights groups are hopeful the incoming legislature will pass marriage equality legislation in the Empire State. Gov. Paterson has said he would sign the bill if it is passed.

In 2006, the New York Court of Appeals, the state's highest court, ruled that same-sex couples do not have a constitutional right to marry. It said that the issue, however, could be taken up by the Legislature.

A bill that would allow same-sex couples to marry in New York passed the Democrat-controlled Assembly last year but Republicans who then controlled the Senate refused to consider the legislation. November's election saw 40 years of GOP rule in the Senate come to an end. The marriage equality legislation likely will be reintroduced in 2009.

Connecticut Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Marriage for Same-Sex Couples

Alan Van Capelle, ESPA Executive Director

"We are thrilled that Connecticut has done the right thing and ended discrimination against tens of thousands of same-sex couples and their families by allowing them access to the literally hundreds of protections that come with marriage. Connecticut has joined Massachusetts and California in declaring that nothing short of full marriage equality will put an end to the hardships that many loving, committed same-sex couples and their families experience on a daily basis.

We thank the eight couples in Connecticut who allowed their private lives to be examined under the public microscope while the court considered their claim and we congratulate Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders and Love Makes A Family for the tremendous job they did in winning this important decision.

Now New Yorkers can drive across the border to a second state, get a marriage license that will be recognized as legal and valid here at home and have access to the vast majority of the 1,324 rights and responsibilities New York provides with it. While we realize that some families will do this because they need the protections right now that come with a marriage license, we believe that our families should not have to leave our home state to get married.

We look forward to a day in the near future when New York stops discriminating against our families and issues marriage licenses to same-sex couples. The State Assembly, Governor Paterson and a majority of New Yorkers agree it is time to do this. The State Senate needs to get the message and act now."



Advocacy

Winning Marriage Equality in New York State

Alan Van Capelle, ESPA Executive Director

Despite the characterization by The New York Times that the Pride Agenda is in a "quiet period" when it comes to talking about winning marriage equality for our families in New York, I can assure New Yorkers that we are in no "quiet period" and that any such characterization is a misunderstanding of what it is we're doing.

On November 24th, I attended a town meeting in New York City on winning marriage equality where I said quite clearly that our community has work to do to get the votes we need to win marriage in the State Senate, that we are doing that work and that we welcome all the help we can get to do it. The Gay City News wrote about this meeting and reported on what the Pride Agenda had to say about the work that needs to be done. This is just one example of the several events across the state that I and other Pride Agenda staff have participated in during the past few weeks.

In 2007 we said passing a marriage bill in the Assembly would be possible if we all rolled up our shirt sleeves and did the work winning the votes. We started with 35 votes in the Assembly at the beginning of the year and passed the marriage bill a few months later with 85 votes and it happened because thousands of LGBT New Yorkers and our allies worked in their Assembly Districts to get the votes.

With this year's elections, The Pride Agenda had two goals for the NYS Assembly and State Senate and we accomplished both. The first was to make sure that no Assemblymember who voted for marriage equality legislation in 2007 lost. None did. The second was to replace two anti-LGBT State Senators with two pro-LGBT State Senators and, by doing so, help put in place a new Majority Leadership in the State Senate that is committed to working with us on our issues. We did that.

Now we have to go back to work, like we did in the Assembly in 2007, to win the votes we need to pass a marriage bill in the State Senate. Our marriage scorecard shows we're not there yet, but then we weren't there in the Assembly either at the beginning of 2007. We're going to need votes of both Democrats and Republicans and that's what we're working towards. No LGBT piece of legislation has ever passed without bipartisan support in New York State and neither will this one.

I am confident, though, that our community and our allies are dedicated to doing the work that lies ahead that will result in getting the votes we need from both Democrats and Republicans to pass marriage equality legislation in the State Senate.

We have never hesitated to talk to the press about the work that needs to be done to win marriage equality

for our families. Quite a few reporters, however, are focused almost solely on the inside game of politics and we have been declining to speculate about that with them. If someone wants to call this our "quiet period" then so be it. But as the Gay City News article demonstrates, we are always willing to talk to reporters who are interested in finding out about what it will take to actually win on our issues.

We believe it is old fashioned work--building a strong base of support for marriage equality, both LGBT and straight, in the districts of elected officials--that moves legislators to be with us. There are no shortcuts and there is no one waiting to give this bill to our community. That has never happened before and it's not going to happen now. It's going to take work and we're not afraid of doing it. That's what the Pride Agenda is about and we welcome everyone and anyone who wants to get involved with us or with others to do this.

Angry About Prop 8? Get Involved!

From the Empire State Pride Agenda website

If you're upset about the passage of Proposition 8 in California, which took away marriage equality for same-sex couples, it's clear you aren't alone—just take a look the passionate protests and calls for equality from LGBT people and our allies across the country. Now is the perfect time to channel your anger into productive energy here in New York—because marriage equality could be a reality here in just a matter of months! But it is up to us to make it happen.

The Pride Agenda has spent the past five years organizing support around marriage equality—and you should know that our community is winning. We've enlisted the support of key ally groups like communities of faith and organized labor, we've won the support of the New York State Assembly, and we have a Governor who actively advocates for marriage equality.

Part of this strategy is working with newspapers across New York to editorialize in support of marriage equality. We've done this with *The New York Times*, the *Buffalo News*, the *Albany Times-Union* and the *Journal News* in Hudson Valley. Yesterday the state's largest Spanish-language newspaper, *El Diario La Prensa*, wrote a moving editorial in favor of marriage equality. Their argument even criticized staunchly anti-gay State Senator Rubin Diaz for his opposition to marriage equality, saying that "discrimination, whether within or outside of our own communities, on the basis of color, immigration status, gender or sexuality is just not acceptable."

We want you to join us in this fight to make New York the next state to provide marriage equality for same-sex couples. Below are five things that you can do now to help us win:

- Tell your story—it matters. Talk to your family and friends during the Thanksgiving holiday about why

marriage equality is important to you. We can make the biggest impact simply by telling our stories and letting those around us know how this issue impacts our lives.

- Keep up the pressure. Write a letter to your local newspaper. In it, talk specifically about how being denied access to marriage affects you and your family. Your perspective matters, whether you are an LGBT person, a parent, a friend, a co-worker or a concerned ally.
- Fight religious bigotry. Active in your church or synagogue? Join *Pride in the Pulpit* and help build bridges between the LGBT community and religious groups. Already we've built deep and broad support for marriage equality within hundreds of faith communities in New York State.
- Make a call today. Contact your State Assemblymember and Senator and let them know that you support marriage equality. They need to hear it from you!



Support

Do's and Don'ts for Families and Friends

Although there are a wide variety of experiences that parents, families and friends of people who are GLBT have when they "find out," there are some common themes when it comes to their responses and behaviors. Below are just a few of the "do's" and "don'ts" that PFLAGers have found are useful to mention to people at the beginning of their journey.

Do

- Do say "I love you."
- Do listen to what your loved one's life is like, and what kind of experiences he or she has had in the world.
- Do take the time to seek information about the lives of GLBT people from parents of GLBT people, friends of your loved one, literature, and, most of all, directly from your loved one.
- Do get professional help for anyone in the family, including yourself, who becomes severely depressed over your loved one's sexuality or gender identity.
- Do accept that you are responsible for your negative reactions.
- Do respect your loved one's right to engage in loving relationships.
- Do try to develop trust and openness by allowing your loved one to be who she or he is without pressure.
- Do be proud of your loved one's capacity for having loving relationships.
- Do look for the injured feelings underneath the anger and respond to them.
- Do defend him or her against discrimination.

- Do support your loved one's individual goals, even though they may differ drastically from your own.

Don't

- Don't criticize your loved one for being different.
- Don't try to break up loving relationships.
- Don't blame your own feelings on your loved one.
- Don't rush the process of trying to understand your loved one's sexuality or gender identity.
- Don't try to force your loved one to conform to your ideas of proper sexual behavior.

- Don't assume that your loved one should see a professional counselor or encourage them to participate in "reparative therapy."
- Don't blame yourself because your loved one is gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.
- Don't demand that your loved one live up to what your idea of what a man or woman should be.
- Don't discriminate against your loved one.
- Don't force your own life goals on your loved one.
- Don't insist that your morality is the only right one.

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 - 2/15 PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara meeting: Families and Marriage Issues
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 - 5/17 PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara meeting: Pride Planning
 - 6/21 PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara meeting: Father's Day and Post-Pride discussions
 - 7/19 PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara Annual Picnic

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