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# GAYZETTE

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## N.Y. Court Strikes Down Ban on Same-Sex Marriage

By Samuel Maull  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK -- A judge declared Friday that a law banning same-sex marriage violates the state constitution, a first-of-its-kind ruling in New York that would clear the way for gay couples to wed if it survives on appeal.

Gay rights activists hailed the ruling as a historic victory that "delivers the state Constitution's promise of equality to all New Yorkers."

"The court recognized that unless gay people can marry, they are not being treated equally under the law," said Susan Sommer, a Lambda Legal Defense Fund lawyer who presented the case for five couples who brought the lawsuit. "Same-sex couples need the protections and security marriage provides, and this ruling says they're entitled to get them the same way straight couples do."

State Supreme Court Justice Doris Ling-Cohan ruled that the New York City clerk could not deny a license to any couple solely on the ground that the two are of the same sex.

The city Law Department issued a statement saying only, "We are reviewing the decision thoroughly and considering our options."

Mary Jo Kennedy and Jo-Ann Shain, one of the couples in the case, said they were thrilled by the ruling and believed it would offer their family increased legal protection. They have been together 23 years and have a 15-year-old daughter.

"We're just overjoyed," said Shain. "We didn't think it would ever happen."

Kennedy said she wants to marry Shain as soon as possible. "I can't wait," she said. "We went to buy a (marriage) license in March 2004 and couldn't get it. That's what started this whole thing."

## Daughter of Conservative Republican Calls Herself Liberal Queer

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland (AP) -- The daughter of conservative Republican Alan Keyes referred to herself Monday as a "liberal queer" and urged support for gay and lesbian young people who have been deserted by their families.

Maya Marcel-Keyes, 19, addressed a rally sponsored by the gay-rights group Equality Maryland, saying she was motivated to speak out because of her rocky relationship with her parents and the recent death of a friend who had fallen ill after being thrown out of the house by his family.



Marcel-Keyes told several hundred supporters that her sexuality had created a rift in her relationship with her parents.

"Things just came to a head. Liberal queer plus conservative Republican just doesn't mesh well," she said. "That was making my life a little bit turbulent."

Later, Marcel-Keyes told CNN her parents "were not too pleased" when they learned she was a lesbian, but she said she loves them "very much, and they love me. They can't support my activities."

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The judge noted that one plaintiff, Curtis Woolbright, is the son of an interracial couple who moved to California in 1966 to marry. She said California then was the only state whose courts had ruled that interracial marriage prohibitions were unconstitutional.

Daughter of Conservative Republican, continued...

Her father, the Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate in Illinois last year, created a stir in August when he said during an interview that homosexuality was "selfish hedonism" and that Vice President Dick Cheney's lesbian daughter was a sinner.

In a statement issued Monday night, Keyes said: "My daughter is an adult, and she is responsible for her own actions. What she chooses to do has nothing to do with my work or political activities."

Marcel-Keyes said she received an outpouring of support when disclosing her sexual orientation, but her friend did not.

"Like me, he grew up queer in a conservative household," she said. But where she got hundreds of e-mails, offers of a place to stay and a college scholarship, "he'd been out there two years and had gotten nothing."

"And the worst part is, he isn't the only one." Marcel-Keyes said.

# HGRA ROYALTY NEWS

Greetings All:

First, Ammie, Paco, Leo and I (your HGRA 2004 Royalty Team) would like to thank all of you for your support throughout the year. We were able to surpass our fundraising goals for our charities and hope that we put smiles on your faces while doing so. We were honored to have represented the organization and community. Mama Leona wants me to assure all of you that those home made Jell-O shots will still be available every month at DCs. I promise to keep you posted!

Our step-downs were emotional and bittersweet. Paco wore that gorgeous white fur outfit as only he can. Ammie proved once again why she's the beauty of our team and, as usual, I did what I could to keep up with those two! In the end, we were proud to turn it over to your new royalty team. The 2005 Team is:



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# Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

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ALL RIGHT.

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WOW, I... YOU TREAT ALL OF YOUR GUESTS AT THIS B&B WITH SUCH... ATTENTIVENESS?

VT.

HEY... THAT'S MY JOB.

HAVE B&B... WILL OBSESS.

HAHA. NOT BAD.

SO, HOW MUCH DOES MR. FULDECKER PAY FOR HIS ROOM, ANYWAY?

VT.

WHY DO YOU ASK?

I'M THINKING THIS MIGHT BE A NICE PLACE FOR ME TO CHECK INTO FOR A WHILE.

WELL... MR. FULDECKER'S ONLY HERE FOR THE WEEKEND, SO HE PAYS A HIGHER RATE.

BUT I HAVE SEVERAL GUESTS LIVING HERE WHO PAY A LOWER, LONG-TERM RENTAL RATE.

GOT ROOM FOR ONE MORE?

LOOK, UM... MATT.

MATT. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REALIZED IT, BUT THIS IS A GAY B&B.

OF COURSE, STRAIGHT PEOPLE ARE WELCOME, TOO, BUT... JUST THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW.

I'M GAY, KYLE. AND I DID REALIZE SO IT'S COOL. IT WAS A GAY B&B.

OH? HOW DID YOU KNOW?

I DON'T THINK TOO MANY HETEROSEXUALLY-OWNED B&B'S HAVE ALL OF THE MEN'S FIGURE SKATING AND MEN'S DIVING COMPETITIONS FROM EVERY OLYMPICS GOIN' BACK TO 1988 ON VHS.

OH, YOU NOTICED THAT, HUH?

IT KINDA' JUMPED OUT AT ME...

Greg Fox © 2005

Yes, you saw that correctly. Ammie has graciously stepped in to serve another year as our Miss. Ammie, we thank you for your commitment to the organization. The 2004 Royalty Committee would like to extend a very special thank you to our judges for the 2005 HGRA Royalty Competition. They were David Brady, Kim Dawson, Mackie, Tamara Marks, Miss Mae (Miss MGRA 2004), Mandy Barbarell (Miss IGRA 2004) and Chuck R (of DCs Saloon). Our surprise guest for the evening was our IGRA Vice President Mitch Gill. Thank you all for



your time and attention. A thank you to Wendell for his patience and expertise and DCs for once again making us welcome.

We have a busy year planned with lots of fundraising and taking the show on the road. Thankfully we have Ammie to keep us all in line. Fundraising shows are currently being planned for March and beyond. Please look for updated notices and check the community calendar and our own HGRA calendar at <http://hgra.net> for specific dates.

Again, thanks you so much to everyone. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Carmen  
HGRA Vice President

**Greg Fox, the creator of Kyle's B&B, has graciously allowed us to continue running his comic strip until we can find a sponsor. If you have a business and would like to sponsor one or more issues at \$25 per issue (plus you get ad space) please email: [news@rainbowoutreach.org](mailto:news@rainbowoutreach.org) and we will get you set up.**

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## 'Ex-gay' Billboards in Texas Stir Anger

Christopher Curtis, PlanetOut Network

The LGBT community in Houston and Galveston is reacting angrily after 15 billboards appeared with the message "I questioned homosexuality. Change is possible. Discover how."

The billboards feature either a man or a woman and promote Focus on the Family's "Love Won Out" conference set for Feb. 19 in Houston. The conference bills itself as "a dynamic one-day conference addressing, understanding and preventing homosexuality."

Galveston resident B. Joe Cline of Lighthouse Freedom Ministry raised money from various Christian organizations to put up the billboards. Cline says he was inspired by his son, who Cline claims was able to change his sexual orientation.

Community activist Ray Hill says the billboards are a sign of desperation. "Focus on the Family charges big bucks for this seminar. And Grace Community Church, which is hosting the thing, is worried it will take a bath. So the billboards have been put up so the church won't suffer."

The conference costs \$50 for advance registration. Walk-in registration costs \$60.

"I don't know if they're going to get enough suckers in to make it profitable, but they're trying," Hill added. "This is all about money."

Sue Null, an advocacy chair for the Houston chapter of the Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) told the Houston Chronicle that her organization is considering an appropriate response to the billboards.

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"For an organization to spend their time and money promoting untruth and lies against gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders is a deplorable situation," she said.

John Paulk, the author of the book "Love Won Out," which is the inspiration behind these conferences, made the cover of Newsweek for claiming people could change their sexual orientation. He would later leave Focus on the Family after being photographed by a Human Rights Campaign staffer at a gay bar in Washington, D.C.

According to the American Psychiatric Association's Web site, "There is no published scientific evidence supporting the efficacy of 'reparative therapy' as a treatment to change one's sexual orientation. It is not described in the scientific literature, nor is it mentioned in the APA's latest comprehensive Task Force Report, "Treatments of Psychiatric Disorders." (1989)

"There is no evidence that any treatment can change a homosexual person's deep-seated sexual feelings for others of the same sex," the APA says.

The Web site concludes, "Clinical experience suggests that any person who seeks conversion therapy may be doing so because of social bias that has resulted in internalized homophobia, and that gay men and lesbians who have accepted their sexual orientation positively are better adjusted than those who have not done so."

A male gynecologist is like an auto mechanic who never owned a car.

-Carrie Snow-

## Center Wish List

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Laminator (8.5" by 11" or larger)  
Laser Printer (600 dpi or greater resolution, PC compatible)  
Library Materials (Books, Magazines, etc.)  
Monetary Donations (fully tax deductible)  
Overhead Projector and/or Slide Projector  
Paper Shredder (commercial grade)  
Public Address System  
Tables (three collapsible, 6-8 ft. long)  
TDD/TTY (Teletypewriter Devices for the deaf)  
TeleBraille (TB) machines for the blind  
Toolbox  
Video Cassette Recorder (VCR)  
Cleaning Supplies  
Florescent Light Bulbs (T12, 40 watt, 48", cool light)  
Manila Envelopes (6"x9")  
Paper Towels/Toilet Paper/Copier-Printer Paper  
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Trash can liners (13 Gal.)

Wish List Contributors: Bob Gittins- DVD Player, Bob Ewing and Printing Plus- 2 cases of 6 by 9 envelopes, Flatwater Bears -Bookcase, James Lunbeck-Vacuum Cleaner, Judy Hancock-Broom & Dust Pan, Coat Hooks, Ceiling Light Lenses and Games, Marcus Fender-Floor Fan, Ceiling Tiles, Fluorescent Bulbs and Trash Bags, Sarah-Coffee Maker, Cleaning Supplies and Magazines, Sharon VanButsel & Carla Peterson-Books

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Maplewood Lanes		Week 19	
Place	Team Name	Won	Lost
1	Team 15	65	11
2	DC's Saloon	62	14
3	Lords and Ladies	49	27
4	Old Market Candy Shop	46.5	29.5
5	Chicken & Her Noodles	46.5	29.5
6	Omaha Hospitality	46	30
7	Bowling With Antlers	45	31
8	About That Dirt	43.5	32.5
9	Flixxtation	43	33
10	I Got 8	42	34

11	Kumoniwan2layya	40	36
12	Liksalotagilly's	38.5	37.5
13	Oh Flixx It!	38	38
14	Max-A-Millions	37.5	38.5
15	Here 4 Beer	35.5	40.5
16	Bowler Sisters	35	41
17	Frank and Beans	35	41
18	SPLASH	33	43
19	Sausage and Eggs	31	45
20	Myers Electric	30.5	45.5
21	4 The Beer 2	29	47
22	Omaha Ball Busters	28.5	47.5
23	Gilligans CCB	28	48
24	Gino's Bobbleheads	27	49
25	DBL Stuffed Oreoz	25	51
26	Team 26 0 72		

### High Average Women

193- R Richardson  
181- T Shellenberger  
177- H Kovanda

### High Series Women

668 - R Richardson  
667- T Shellenberger  
661 - N Rogers

### High Game Women

290- R Richardson  
259 - T Shellenberger  
252 - N Rogers

### High Average Men

220 - G Schoenfeld  
208 - D Cohen  
207- J Schomer

### High Series Men

825 - D Cohen  
796- G Schoenfeld  
770 - J Schomer

### High Game Men

299 - G Schoenfeld  
298 - D Cohen  
278 - J Schomer

### High Game Team

880-Lords & Ladies  
834-Team #15  
826-DC's Saloon  
826-Old Market Candy Shop  
**High Series Team**  
2421-Lord's & Ladies  
2405-Team 15  
2349-Old Market Candy Shop

## Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

### Omaha:

Ace's Only, 1263 South 16th Street (temporarily closed)  
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DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street  
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## GLAAD CONDEMNS EDUCATION SECRETARY'S ATTEMPT TO PROMOTE IGNORANCE OF SAME-SEX FAMILIES

NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26, 2004 -- The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) today condemned Bush Administration Education Secretary Margaret Spellings' attacks on PBS and an upcoming "Postcards from Buster" episode where the lead character, Buster, visits with children who have lesbian parents.

Although PBS has said that its decision (reported by the Associated Press) not to distribute the "Sugartime!" episode of "Postcards from Buster" had nothing to do with Spellings' objection to its representation of gay people, Spellings' letter to PBS contains language suggesting that she intends to use the Department of Education's Ready-to-Learn Television grants program as a means of preventing participating media projects from presenting inclusive images of same-sex families.

"For the Department of Education to try to prevent television programs from depicting gays and lesbians should raise serious concerns for all Americans," said GLAAD Executive Director Joan M. Garry. "Secretary Spellings' attempt to create and enforce a policy of invisibility for gay and lesbian families is a profoundly offensive display of intolerance, one that imposes on our children an agenda of ignorance under the guise of 'education.'"

WGBH, the Boston public television station that produces "Postcards from Buster," has said that it intends to air the "Sugartime!" episode and will make it available to other stations.

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is dedicated to promoting and ensuring fair, accurate and inclusive representation of people and events in the media as a means of eliminating homophobia and discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation.

## Gay 'Survivor' Winner Arraigned Over Taxes

Brooke Donald, Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. -- "Survivor" winner Richard Hatch was arraigned Tuesday in federal court on charges that he never paid taxes on the \$1 million he won on the hit CBS reality show.

Hatch did not enter a plea, but told U.S. Magistrate Judge Lincoln Almond that he understood the charges, and



waived his right to a grand jury. Almond released Hatch on a \$50,000 bond, which the reality TV star posted immediately following the hearing.

A plea hearing will be scheduled at a later date with U.S. District Judge Ernest Torres. Prosecutors said they expected Hatch to eventually plead guilty as part of an agreement in which they would recommend leniency when Hatch is sentenced.

Hatch, dressed in green khakis and a baggy plaid flannel shirt, would not comment outside the courtroom, and slipped past reporters as he exited the building.

Federal prosecutors charged that Hatch, 43, filed false 2000 and 2001 tax returns, omitting his income from the CBS show, as well as another \$321,000 he was paid by a Boston radio station.

Hatch, who lives in Newport, faces a maximum five years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine for each charge.

In deciding to release Hatch, Almond found that he was not a flight risk, given his strong ties to the state. Almond ordered Hatch, who has been traveling as a motivational speaker and has made numerous television appearances since his 2000 Survivor win, to surrender his passport. He prohibited Hatch from leaving Rhode Island without the court's permission.

Hatch was also ordered to submit to periodic drug and alcohol tests.

As part of the plea agreement, Hatch said he would pay the taxes he owes, which the government said are between \$200,000 and \$400,000. The agreement does not shield him from any penalties the Internal Revenue Service might impose.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Survivor Entertainment Group paid Hatch \$10,000 in August 2000 for appearing on the final episode of the reality show and \$1 million for being declared the show's winner. Prosecutors allege that in November 2002, Hatch filed a false personal income tax return for the 2000 tax year by failing to report the \$1.01 million.

Prosecutors also said that Hatch failed to report income he earned working as on-air co-host and on-air personality for "The Wilde Show" on WQSX-FM in Boston between January and December 2001.

On "Survivor," Hatch stood out because of his penchant for nudity and as the only openly gay contestant. Dave Letterman dubbed him the "fat naked guy."

Since the television show, Hatch has weathered a series of legal battles.

He was arrested in April 2000 on a charge of abusing his then 9-year-old son. That charge was later dropped.

In 2002, in a ruling that overturned a conviction from several months earlier, Hatch was found innocent of assaulting his ex-boyfriend.

# GAYZETTE EVENTS

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19TH**  
**ICY HOT PRIDE**, Hosted by Lady D'Vore, DC's Saloon at 8PM

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19TH**  
**CENTER OUTING TO THE JOSLYN ART MUSEUM**, 1PM. Visit the GLBT Center or rainbowoutreach.org for details

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20TH**  
**GLBT CENTER OPEN HOUSE**, from 2-7PM at 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27**  
**4TH ANNUAL HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD BENEFIT**, at The Max, hosted by Mr. Gay Pride Nebraska 2001 Troy Haasis

**FRIDAY MARCH 4TH**  
**PRIDE BENEFIT AT THE DIAMOND**, Hosted by Linoma Bares, 8PM

**FRIDAY MARCH 11TH**  
**NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 05**, Prelim #3, at DC's Saloon, 8PM

**SATURDAY MARCH 12TH**  
**SNO-BALL 2005**, opens 6PM and show at 7PM, Stosh's Saloon, at The Max

**NEBRASKA PRIDE 2005 RECEPTION**, at the Redick Plaza Hotel, 7PM

**SUNDAY MARCH 13TH**  
**NEBRASKA PRIDE 2005 RECEPTION**, at Lazlo's in the Haymarket Square, Lincoln, 2PM

**SATURDAY MARCH 19TH**  
**STRIPPER SHOWDOWN**, 8PM, at DC's Saloon

**NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 2005**, Prelim #4, at The Q, Lincoln, 8PM

**SUNDAY MARCH 20TH**  
**NOT-SO GAY STATES**, 9PM at The Max

**NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 04 MISTY**, hosts a Pride Benefit at The Q, Lincoln, 9PM

**THURS THRU SAT, MARCH 24-26TH**  
**ICONS**: the lesbian and gay history of the world, Vol. 1 & 2, the Millennium Theater, 601 S. 16th St. Omaha. Info: www.ICONSinNebraska.org

**FRIDAY MARCH 25**  
**LENT FISH FRY**, 6pm to 8pm, at The Max

**TUESDAY MARCH 29**  
**DINING OUT FOR LIFE 2005**, see www.nap.org for more information

**SUNDAY APRIL 3 (DATE MAY CHANGE)**  
**80'S SHOW**, 8PM, DC's Saloon

**SATURDAY APRIL 9**  
**ICON vs ICOI**, (Nebraska vs Iowa), 6pm, 7pm show, DC's Saloon

**OMAHA PEACE & JUSTICE EXPO**, 1PM to 6PM, Lewis and Clark Middle School, 6901 Burt St., Omaha NE

**SUNDAY APRIL 10**  
**CLOSET BALL 2005**, "Camp", 9PM at the Max

**NEBRASKA PRIDE BENEFIT**, at The Q, Lincoln, 9PM

**NEBRASKA PRIDE BENEFIT**, hosted by Miss Fanta Cee, DC's Saloon, 9PM

**FRIDAY APRIL 15TH**  
**NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 05**, Prelim #6, at FLIXX, 8PM

**SATURDAY APRIL 23RD**  
**NEBRASKA PRIDE BENEFIT**, hosted by Jazz, at the Panic, Lincoln, 9PM

**SATURDAY APRIL 26TH**  
**ADAP BENEFIT**, (AIDS Drug Assistance Program), 8PM, DC's Saloon

**SATURDAY APRIL 30**  
**TRIBUTE TO STEVE VON SEGGEN**, a benefit for ADAP, Club Joy

**SUNDAY MAY 1ST**  
**NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 05**, Prelim #5, at Club Joy, 9PM

**FRIDAY MAY 6TH**  
**NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 05**, Prelim #8, at the MCC Omaha, 8PM

**SATURDAY MAY 7**  
**PR BALL**, 6pm, 7pm show, at the Max

**SUNDAY MAY 8TH**  
**NEBRASKA PRIDE BENEFIT**, at DC's Saloon, 9PM

**FRIDAY MAY 13**  
**BBQ FOR ADAP**, (AIDS Drug Assistance Program), 6 to 8 pm, at the Max (on the patio)

**SATURDAY MAY 14TH**  
**NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 05**, Prelim #9, at the Panic, Lincoln, 9PM

**SATURDAY MAY 21**  
**MADLINE FIENSTEIN ONE WOMAN SHOW**, 7PM, 8PM SHOW, at DC's Saloon

**FRIDAY MAY 27TH**  
**NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 05**, Wild Card Prelim, at The Max, 8PM

**SUNDAY MAY 29TH**  
**NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL FINALS**, at Club Joy, 9PM

**SUNDAY JUNE 5TH**  
**2005 PRIDE PAGEANT**, Club Joy, 8PM

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**NEBRASKA PRIDE 2005**, 20th Anniversary Pride Celebration

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

**WORSHIP SERVICES:**  
**DIETZ METHODIST** 1423 S.10, Heartland Casual Coffeehouse 9:30am, Traditional Worship 11am

**EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP**, St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST** 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am services

**FIRST UNITARIAN** 3114 Harney, 11am services

**LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN**, 1023 N 40 10am service

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA** 819 S. 22, 345 -2563 Worship: 9am & 11am Sunday School: 11am

**SECOND UNITARIAN**, 10:30am Sunday service, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE  
**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**, 3424 N. 90, Omaha, 9am and 11am services

**HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA** 8PM  
FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

**LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK** Cheryl 474-1937 11:30am-4pm

**WIMMIN'S SHOW** KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

**RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING**, 3pm, Maplewood Lanes,

**GAMES DAY AT THE GLBT CENTER**, 1719 Leavenworth, Noon to 3PM

**GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** 4pm Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St Info call Mark 639-3055

Every Monday

**GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP**



**HIV+ MEN.** 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S. 15th St., Lincoln NE, contact Nick or Rick at 402-476-3144

**HIV TESTING**, 7- 9:30pm, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup>

**RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS RE-HEARSALS**, 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

**A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"**  
Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 p

**Every Tuesday**

**UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP**, 7-8:30PM, Women's Center, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

**Every Wednesday**

**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**MCC OMAHA**, Bible Study, 7pm

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**, 7pm

**HIV TESTS**, 1-4 pm NAP, 13 9 S. 40

**FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK**  
6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

**LGBT A A** 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctr 2116 W. Faidley, Grand Island. Peggy (308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

**KARAOKE W/ STACY** 8:30pm DC's

**Every Thursday**

**AA MEETING, NON SMOKING**, 7PM, MCC -Omaha, 819 So. 22nd St.

**GILLIGAN'S PUB OPEN MIC NIGHT**, sing to your hearts content, be a comedian for a night, it's an open mic night

**HIV TEST** 7- 9:30 pm, NAP, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup>

**KARAOKE** 9pm, Connections

**Every Friday**

**GLBT AA** 7PM to 8PM, Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, Call 556-8364, ask for Sanford

**GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT**, have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

**HIV TESTING, RESULTS IN 20 MINUTES**, 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth

**LAMBDA TV**, Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 9pm

**LGBT AA** 8pm, Boys & Girls Home Sioux City, IA (712) 252-4272,

**Every Saturday**

**GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT**, have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

**GLBT BICYCLING CLUB OMAHA**, For details call Jeri at 614-6145

**LAMBDA TV** Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 3 pm

**PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP** 4-

6pm, 291-6781 proudhorizons@yahoo.com

## MONTHLY EVENTS

**1st Friday**

**LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS** 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE** 8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

**1st Saturday**

**RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE** Room Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm, 991-8845 or email: rcga@tgforum.com

**1st Sunday**

**GAY GUYS SPAGHETTI NIGHT**, at a Lincoln restaurant, call 402-483-6183 to reserve a seat up until the day before

**CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE**, Come help plan Center activities, 7PM, GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth St.

**2nd Thursday**

**PFLAG- OMAHA**, 7pm, First United Methodist Church

**2nd Friday**

**FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV TEST**, UN-L 476-0355, 1-3:30pm

**2nd Saturday**

**LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA** Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

**HIV TESTING** UNL campus. Cornerstone, 16th & U, Lincoln, 476-0355 or 472-7447. 1:30-3:30pm

**LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER** L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

**2nd Sunday**

**INTEGRITY** 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln

**OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING**

(glbt film shown at 6:30pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

**3rd Monday**

**IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR** 6:30pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22 St., icon.impcourt.org

**3rd Thursday**

**LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

**3rd Friday**

**GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN** 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, 476-7000.

**LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS** 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

**COFFEE HOUSE** Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

**3rd Saturday**

**FLAT WATER BEARS** 7:30pm, at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center

**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 Saturday**

**HIV TESTING** Cornerstone, 16th & U, Lincoln, 476-0355 or 472-7447. 1:00-3:00pm

**LAST Sunday**

**REAL FAMILIES** Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPolo@aol.com

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**Citizens for Equal Protection** 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to: [Michael@cfep-ne.org](mailto:Michael@cfep-ne.org)

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

**Flat Water Bears**, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 [flatwaterbears@yahoo.com](mailto:flatwaterbears@yahoo.com) Hirsute men and admirers group

**Front Runners/Walkers**, 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

**GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO)** [www.angelfire.com/home/GALO](http://www.angelfire.com/home/GALO) contact: [unogalo@hotmail.com](mailto:unogalo@hotmail.com) or SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.

**Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha**, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 596-2549 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>

**GayLibrary.com**, World Wide Resources

**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association**

Box 3354, Omaha 68103 402-203-4680

**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 556-9907, Board Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 819 S. 22 [www.icon.impcourt.org](http://www.icon.impcourt.org)

**Learning to Exchange Power**, [L2EP@aol.com](mailto:L2EP@aol.com); Social, educational group novices in Leather, S/M, B/D Lifestyle

**Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO)** Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, Mt 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Gilligan's 7pm

**LinOma Bares**, Box 24547, Omaha 68124 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: [Linomabares@yahoo.com](mailto:Linomabares@yahoo.com) or call Eric at (402) 553-5944 or Tim S (712) 527-5887

**Mpower Program**, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: [mpower@nap.org](mailto:mpower@nap.org) website: [www.mpower-nap.org](http://www.mpower-nap.org) phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, [mccomaha@mccomaha.org](mailto:mccomaha@mccomaha.org) Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org) Sunday Worship 9 & 11am, Sunday School 11am, Wed Evening Bible Study at 7pm

**Nebraska AIDS Project**, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft

**NAP Outreach Center**, 1723 Leavenworth, Testing & Counseling: Fri Nights

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

**Nebraska Advocates for Justice & Equality**, 1102 Howard, Suite 2, Omaha 68102, 402.346-5960 [naje\\_now@hotmail.com](mailto:naje_now@hotmail.com)

**Nebraska Gay Dads** group list exchange emails posted to group list for discussion <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/nebraskagaydads/>

**Nebraska GLBT Events**, Community Events Calendar web site, see [www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com](http://www.NebraskaGLBTEvents.com)

**The 'Ohana Group**, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), [theohana-group@cs.com](mailto:theohana-group@cs.com)

**Omaha Bi Married Men** Yahoo Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OmahaBiMarriedMen>

**Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage** <http://ONGP.com>; email to: [omahanegaypride@cox.net](mailto:omahanegaypride@cox.net) or [ongp@cox.net](mailto:ongp@cox.net)

**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](http://www.travel.to/outabout) Email: [NeOutAbout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAbout@yahoo.com)

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, [www.ouut.org](http://www.ouut.org)

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter** Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: [www.pflag-omaha.org](http://www.pflag-omaha.org), email [info@pflag-omaha.org](mailto:info@pflag-omaha.org) Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass

**Proud Horizons Youth Group**, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

**Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr**, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330

**Rainbow Bible Study**, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.

**Rainbow Celebrations**, Box 8583, Omaha, 68108, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, see [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org)

**Real Families**, Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, meet last Sunday of every month. Info: Margaux at 561-6738 or email [MargauxPol@aol.com](mailto:MargauxPol@aol.com)

**River City Gender Alliance**, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, [www.genderalliance.com](http://www.genderalliance.com) Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters

**River City Mixed Bowling II** 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706

**River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)

**SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com)

**Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571-1344; [www.unityomaha.org](http://www.unityomaha.org)

**WomenSpace**, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

## LINCOLN BASED

**GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL**, D. Moritz, Assistant Director, 402-472-1752 email: [dmoritz2@unl.edu](mailto:dmoritz2@unl.edu) Located in Student Involvement Office of the Nebraska Union, Room 200.

**Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance** 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer

**Gay Men's Support Group**, UNL Health Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450

**Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Women's Discussion Group**, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.

**Nebraska AIDS Project**, 2147 S. 15th St. Lincoln, NE 68502. (402) 476-7000

**Mixed Chorus**, Rehearse 1st & 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, No auditions, Just a desire to sing, info contact Scott at [sdorchid@neb.rr.com](mailto:sdorchid@neb.rr.com)

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

**Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter**; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Barbara Kimberly [jbkimber@msn.com](mailto:jbkimber@msn.com), Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>

**Plainsmen**, Support FtM's (Female to Male) Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267

**SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

**Sexuality Education eXchange**, University Health Ctr, 15th & U, Rm. 12h, 472-7447 or email: [ptetreault1@unl.edu](mailto:ptetreault1@unl.edu) Comprehensive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.

**Straight Spouse Support Grp** 402-429-6094

**Women In Trades/YWCA**, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,

**UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns**, Contact Pat Tetreault, c/o University Health Center, 15th & U Streets, Rm. 12h Lincoln, NE 68588-0618, (402) 472-7447 or email: [ptetreault1@unl.edu](mailto:ptetreault1@unl.edu)

**Youth Support Group**, (402) 434-9880

**Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth** 1-800-850-8078 or email: <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

**TriCity GLBT**, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glbtc.com/>

**Iowa Based**

**Iowa Equality**, GLBT -allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>

**Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site**: [www.siouxlandpride.net](http://www.siouxlandpride.net)

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**Black Hills Pride Committee**, for information visit <http://blackhillspride.org>

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## HGRA is off to a Great Start for 2005

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association begins 2005 with many new and exciting changes. New officers were elected at the Awards Banquet in December. HGRA proudly presents the Executive Board Members and Committee Chair holders:

President	Phil Lister
Membership	Jim R.
Vice president	Carmen C.
Rodeo Events	Bryn Geerdes
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News Letter	Linda M.
Trustee	Kim D.

The new Officers are working tediously to insure that HGRA continues to grow and develop as we follow the trail of our predecessors. The hard work and commitment of our past officers and membership has inspired and renewed a sense of family and fellowship in the Association. A big thanks goes out for the excellent job you all did for HGRA. HGRA would also like to thank the 2004 Royalty team for their hard work during their reign. Thank you so much for your fine efforts. After hosting a tremendously successful Finals Rodeo, HGRA has elected not to host a Rodeo in 2005 because of the time and energy that was expended in preparing for Finals. The Association can catch its breath and let the new board settle into their duties and responsibilities. Plans are already being made for a Rodeo in 2006.

The 2005 HGRA Royalty were recently crowned and this is the new team: Mr. HGRA is Pete C.; this is the first title for this handsome cowboy. An active member of MCC, Pete has worked in many fund-raisers for the Church. Ms. HRGA is Terri Richards who is an active competitor and competes at IGRA Rodeos in several events. Last year, in limited competition, she qualified for finals in Calf roping on foot. Miss HGRA is Ammie Zahn, (Ron Bradstreet) who has represented HGRA as Miss HGRA in 2003 & 2004. Miss Zahn has worked with many charities throughout her career. This year we introduce a new royalty category, MsTer, which is a drag king or a female impersonating a male. HGRA MsTer is Willie Shafter (Susan Dixon). Susan is a Native American and participates in Native American events all across the country. She is also an accomplished artist as well. Susan's work is displayed in galleries throughout the nation. The spirit runs deep in Susan for she is also an ordained Minister. MsTer 1st runner up is Travis T (Diana K). Diana has been active as a competi-

tor for HGRA for many years. Diana was Ms HGRA 2002 and has been active in fund-raising events for the association.

For more information about HGRA's Royalty Team visit the HGRA web page at [www.hgra.net](http://www.hgra.net). Visit the HGRA web page for rodeos and dates. Come join us in the true spirit of rodeo.

## 'Ex-gay' Therapist Cited For Ethics Breeches

Tom Musbach, PlanetOut Network

Richard Cohen, an influential figure in the "ex-gay" movement, has been permanently expelled from the American Counseling Association (ACA) because of ethics violations, according to an ACA document.

Cohen, billed as an "expert in sexual reorientation therapy," is the board president of Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays (PFOX) and author of "Coming Out Straight: Understanding and Healing Homosexuality." He claims that he was not gay; he had "same-sex attraction disorder" and has since been healed.

The ACA announcement was obtained by Wayne Besen, author of "Anything But Straight: Unmasking the Scandals and Lies Behind the Ex-Gay Myth," and posted on his Web site on Tuesday.

The ACA said Cohen was expelled for violations of six ethical codes and that he "has not elected to appeal the decision taken by the ACA Ethics Committee." Details about the violations were not specified, but they corresponded to ACA codes of conduct toward clients, such as avoiding dual relationships or fostering dependent counseling ties.

The case was closed on May 28, 2002, according to Larry Freeman, the ACA's manager of ethics and professional standards.

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Ex-Gay Therapist Cited, Continues.....

"It is no surprise that Richard Cohen violated the ACA ethics,

because reparative therapy itself lacks integrity and attempts to meet their agenda's need, not the needs of clients," said Joe Kort, psychotherapist and author of "10 Smart Things Gay Men Can Do to Improve Their Lives."

"Of particular note is that Cohen's violations are self-serving, as he is accused of violating standard ethics of protecting his client from dual relationships, marketing purposes and testimonials," Kort added.

Considered a success story for the "ex-gay" movement, Cohen is an adviser to conservative radio host Dr. Laura Schlessinger, and he has advocated his therapeutic theories on "The O'Reilly Factor," "20/20" and other shows.

One man who considered himself "ex-gay" for 17 years said Cohen's book, "Coming Out Straight," ultimately discouraged him from keeping up the struggle to change his orientation. Rick from Fredonia, N.Y., (who asked that his last name be withheld), said Cohen relies on a common reparative therapy theory: A child who doesn't form a healthy bond with his or her same-sex parent develops an "unhealthy" sexuality.

"Cohen's approach is to utilize 'holding therapy' as a way of repairing the bond and help a person transition from homosexuality to their 'inherent' heterosexuality," Rick told the PlanetOut Network.

"I found this basic concept to be very damaging to me," he said. "I was always 'sick' or 'broken' or in some other way inadequate as a human being. Because therapy always focused on my father and his supposed absence and bad parenting, my relationship with him suffered."

Rick added, "I decided to stop being 'ex-gay' after a long process in which I determined being gay was not a sickness to be healed or a sin to be repented of."

The American Psychiatric Association has repudiated "reparative therapy" for homosexuality. "There is no evidence that any treatment can change a homosexual person's deep-seated sexual feelings for others of the same sex," the group claims on its Web site.

## San Francisco Mayor Urges Gays to Use Clout

**Politicians who want to ban same-sex marriage shouldn't expect money from gays and lesbians, says Mayor Gavin Newsom.**

**BY LISA LEFF**  
*The Associated Press*

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Marking the anniversary of his decision to sanction same-sex marriages, Mayor Gavin Newsom on

Saturday urged gay couples to back politicians who support gay marriage, saying it is time "to hold our elected officials accountable"

"It is no longer acceptable for politicians to come to you every election cycle and ask for money and then say, 'It's too much, too soon,'" Newsom told about 3,000 gay and lesbian supporters during a ceremony to remember last year's "Winter of Love," the four-week period when his administration granted marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

The licenses were later voided by the California Supreme Court, which ruled that Newsom had overstepped his authority.

A ruling is expected any day on a pair of lawsuits filed by the city and same-sex couples that seek to overturn California's marriage laws.

"He is a hero, especially to be a straight man and to stand up for our rights when he doesn't have to," said Beth McLaughlin, 40, who married her partner last year.

The couple was about to leave on an anniversary cruise to Mexico, but McLaughlin said they didn't hesitate to drive nearly 100 miles to hear the mayor speak at City Hall.

"For him to back us has been awesome, and he has stuck his head out on the chopping block quite a few times," she said.

The 37-year-old Democrat is blamed for feeding a rush to the polls in November, when 11 states passed amendments banning gay marriage. Gay marriage opponents have taken steps to do the same in another 17 states, according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Newsom's "too much, too soon" remarks appeared aimed at Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), who has said Newsom's decision to let gay couples marry played a role in President Bush's reelection.

## New Backer of Gay Marriage

The Associated Press

**BOSTON**—The Massachusetts attorney general, who played a key role in state efforts to fight the legalization of gay marriage a year ago, now says he favors same-sex marriage and will oppose any efforts to ban it.

Thomas Reilly, an unannounced Democratic candidate for governor, said he would vote against a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage if it reaches the 2006 state ballot.

"Once rights are given, they should not be taken away," Reilly told *The Boston Globe* for Saturday's editions.

Reilly fought gay marriage supporters in the case that led the Supreme Judicial Court to rule that it was unconstitutional to bar same-sex couples from marrying.

On May 17 2004, Massachusetts became the first state to recognize same-sex weddings.

Reilly said he concluded "no one has been hurt" by the same-sex marriages that have taken place.

Tim O'Brien, leader of the state GOP, said Reilly has "completely flip-flopped" because he needs to answer to a special-interest group.



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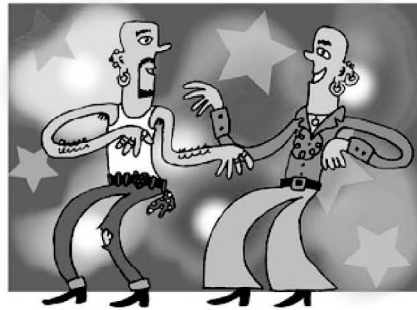
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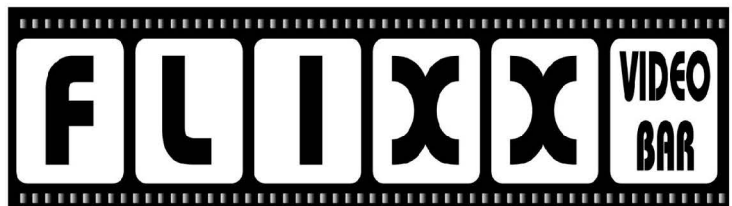
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