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## THE FABULOUS WIZARD OF POZ

by Mark S King [www.marksking.com](http://www.marksking.com) Poz Magazine June 2013

Every month or so, a group of people in my area host "poz socials," a house party for people living with HIV. I found myself at one recently, because I thought it was important to make an appearance since becoming a literary superstar.

I was settled into the living room sofa and liked the spot very much. Sharing a couch with regular folk has an air of humility about it, while its angle allowed me to be viewed by a large number of the guests milling about.

The man next to me leaned in closely to be heard over the hubbub of the party. "Are you on the cover of that magazine...?" he asked, of course.

I should proceed with caution, I thought. If he is a stalker and I engage him haphazardly, he'll steal my social security number and soon claim we're Minnesota's latest newlyweds.

"Well now, what magazine do you *mean*...?" I said, and then I smiled demurely. It's best to display warmth when you are recognized in public. But carry mace.

"The magazine you're holding in your lap..." he said, "with the cover facing me? I saw some copies on a table at the front door, I think. That's you, right?"

"Oh, *this* magazine!" I said, waving it in my hand as if I'd just discovered it, "yes, well, they're sending me so many you know, boxes of them, I just thought people might appreciate me bringing a few of them to -"

"...and there's a stack of them in the bathroom, too," he continued, "which I thought was odd, and outside on the back lawn. Someone laid them across the grass to spell out OZ. Is this magazine about *The Wizard of*-?"

"No! *POZ*." I fingered the cover's masthead like I was teaching the alphabet on Sesame Street. "P-O-Z? *POZ*. *POZ Magazine*."

"Well, it just says 'OZ' in the back yard now. I think they had to make room for the lawn chairs."

This man was irritating me. He hadn't even begun to ask about my thoughts on fame or on balancing family with my public persona or about Having It All. I became concerned with his comprehension skills.

"I wouldn't worry about it," he went on, "its sprinkling now so I don't think anybody is out there anyway."

"It's *what*?" I asked. I scrambled up and dashed outside to retrieve what were now slightly soggy copies of the magazine off the lawn.



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# THE FABULOUS WIZARD OF POZ

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I settled for a while on the back patio, carefully dabbing the magazine covers and giving the crowd inside some relief from the excitement of my presence. I wondered if the Kardashians ever had to dry their own magazines. I suddenly realized how very alike we are, those girls and I. Well, maybe not Kim. Unlike her, my sex video was a crystal meth-induced camera phone escapade that I have refused to commercialize. No, Khloe is my true soul mate. The sassy one.

The party's host, Sebastian, stepped outside.

"Hello, Sebastian. You have a lovely home," I offered. Graciousness. So important. "I wonder if I might trouble you for some ballpoint pens. The Sharpies I brought are going to bleed if I have to autograph these wet magazines..."

"I was just going to ask you about that," he said. "The buffet table seems to have been set up for... some sort of signing?" I had arrived early to hang the poster-sized blowup of the cover in just the right spot, scotch taped over Sebastian's original Keith Haring lithograph. The Haring seemed a tad pretentious anyway.

"Yes, that's right," I answered. He had an expression that I clearly mistook for annoyance.

"There are magazines stacked all over the buffet table," he said.

I raised an eyebrow. "I brought plenty to accommodate the crowd so -"

"There are only *fifteen people here...*"

"...so they might be able to share with their friends and loved ones," I finished.

Sebastian breathed a little too strongly through his nostrils for a moment. "If it's all the same to you," he said, rather slowly, "I really need the buffet table."

"You need the buffet table?" This was the first I had heard of this. I bet Khloe has people for this sort of thing.



"Yes," he said. "I need the buffet table. *For the buffet.*"

Jealousy is a common response to intense fame. You see it all the time. Well, maybe not you. But I do.

My road to sizzling celebrity began a few months ago, when I was invited to appear on the cover of POZ Magazine because of an essay I had contributed about HIV stigma among gay men. I give full

credit to the staff of the publication, for instinctively knowing exactly what the world needs right now.



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And if you're thinking the answer is me, well, that's lovely and understandable but not really true. What the world needs now is a message of tolerance toward people living with HIV.

Delivered by me.

Negotiations between myself and the publication were heated, I will admit. First they claimed Leibovitz was busy and Scavullo was dead, and then they rejected my request for body painting at the studio to sculpt my abs. Oh, and I had to wear a shirt.

I don't mean to embarrass anyone, but allow me to share with you portions of the email I received from the POZ editorial team. They responded together, they said, to put a stop to my "playing staff members against one another and telling us each that you liked us best or that a fellow staff person wanted us fired." Like I would be caught doing that.

They then went on to say that "while we appreciate your enthusiasm for this cover shoot, we don't believe that having you pictured in the throes of actual stigmata would serve the story or our readership." My concept was meant to be ironic, although I can't really explain why and it's my response to most situations in which I don't get my way.

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## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

TEN wants to thank all the volunteers who helped pour beer at the Wrangler Charity Beer Bust on PrideFest Sunday June 16.  
We made \$2402.00!

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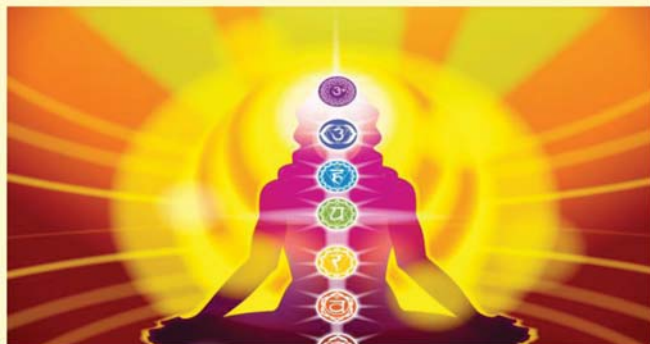
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# HOW TO SURVIVE THANKSGIVING

by Randy Potts—[www.boxturtlebulletin.com](http://www.boxturtlebulletin.com) 11-20-12

*How To Survive Thanksgiving:*

*The Romance of AIDS Activist Peter Staley*

*"Go hang your dreams on the hangin' tree*

*Your dreams of love that could never be*

*Hang your faded dreams on the hangin' tree"*

*Marty Robbins, "The Hanging Tree"*

Peter Staley, August, 1991, at Fire Island



In the summer of 1985, Rock Hudson and Peter Staley both happened to be in Europe. Rock was lying, and dying, in a hospital in France, receiving an experimental treatment for AIDS, at the tail end of his closeted gay life. Peter, 24 years old and already a successful bond trader on Wall Street was also closeted, back in his real life, back in New York, but that summer he was walking along the canals of Amsterdam, holding hands and falling in love for the first time with a beautiful Dutch boy also named Peter. In late July, the story of Rock's declining health due to AIDS would break as Doris Day aired Rock's last television appearance with her, showing a stumbling, confused, very ill actor; in August, People magazine ran a story about Rock, quoting sympathetic friends who talked openly, for the first time, about Rock being gay. It's safe to say that before Rock Hudson died the words "gay" and "AIDS" were not often on the national radar; it's safe to say that no shadow hung over Peter's romance that summer in Amsterdam. Arriving back in New York, however, everything was about to change.

That October, two months after Rock's story broke in the U.S., he was dead, and a couple weeks later, in early November of 1985, Peter was at the airport to pick up his very own Danny Zuko, his summer boyfriend from Amsterdam who still remembers it as if it were yesterday: "he was at the airport, and he was in a suit . . . and there was a guy next to him who was also in a uniform, he was a chauffeur, he was picking me up in a stretch limo, and with champagne in our hands we were driving over the Brooklyn Bridge – that was my first impression of New York." For a few weeks their romance on 11 Maiden Lane, a quiet, narrow street a few blocks north of Wall Street had a storybook quality to it; the two Peters explored New York, went out to restaurants, and even bought tickets for Orlando, Florida and Disney World.

One Monday night, the two settled in on the couch to watch a much-hyped NBC movie called "An Early Frost;" the show was so controversial its ratings were second to none that night, beating the Broncos-49ers game on ABC and Cagney and Lacey on CBS. In the movie the young, handsome main character played by Aidan Quinn goes to the doctor for a rattling, painful cough and night sweats and is diagnosed with AIDS; he is later seen coming out to his parents as both gay and HIV positive. Even while airing the most watched show of the evening, eclipsing Monday night football, NBC lost half a million dollars; advertisers refused to have their products associated with gay characters and the spectre of AIDS.

If Rock Hudson's death had been foreshadowing, "An Early Frost" played the role of Cassandra in Peter Staley's life as his boyfriend leaned his head on his shoulder that Monday night, watching the program with increasing fear. "AIDS was, like, maybe on page 8 of the paper in Holland, only occasionally, it was to me, you know, like science fiction . . . I saw that person [in the movie] coughing, and I said to Peter, because, you know, he kept coughing, and I had been saying something to him those few days, and he said 'oh you know, maybe it's the air conditioning, it'll go away' but it didn't go away, and so watching that program that night, I was like, 'you are coughing, you have night sweats too!'" They went to the doctor, a few tests were run, and they were told they would have to call for results the following week while in Florida. Standing on Main Street in Disney World, Peter used a payphone to call the doctor and learned he had AIDS.

Very little, in the fall and winter of 1985, was conclusive about AIDS; so little research had been done at that point that rumors flew constantly, especially outside of the gay community. Where I lived, people believed you could get AIDS from a kiss or a shared drink or a toilet seat. I was 11 years old that winter and remember my father, a smirk on his face, saying he talked to a guy on an airplane who "really got it," who bragged that he didn't touch anything in public anymore, that he walked around with a tissue and used it as a barrier when he opened doors, flushed public toilets, touched hand rails. "AIDS! It's everywhere! Those fags are spreading it everywhere. You just never know." My mother, ten years later, when I told her I was considering moving to San Francisco after college jumped off the couch and began pacing the living room, wringing her hands, her brows furrowed. "It's in the water! It's in the water!" I didn't know what she meant – did she think the occasional earthquake would send the city into the bay? "No, AIDS, it's in the water. You can't go to San Francisco!" In the Orlando airport for his return flight to New York, Peter happened to walk by a magazine with a cover story about AIDS. "It detailed how the virus integrated itself into your cells and that knowledge was what I found the most frightening, that the virus that I had coursing through me was genetically integrating itself into my immune system. It was very obvious from the article that a cure was something that was decades away." Two weeks later, at Thanksgiving, Peter and his boyfriend went to his parents' home in rural Pennsylvania and Peter came out, as both gay and HIV positive.

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The very next night, Peter's father insisted that Peter and his boyfriend sleep in their bedroom while he and his wife moved to the guest room which only had two single beds. There were tears that night but, somehow, there wasn't despair, not yet. Peter was still in love. His parents still loved him. Life back on Wall Street was good, even if he was closeted, even if he still treated his boyfriend like a friend when his work buddies would come over on a Friday night to sit on the floor and laugh and smoke pot.

*To really live you must almost die  
And it happened just that way with me  
They took the gold and set me free  
And I walked away from the hangin' tree  
I walked away from the hangin' tree  
And my own true love, she walked with me*

Time went by, slowly. There were days when Peter could barely get out of bed; there were days when he felt fine. Over the next year both Peters were trying to find a way to be together — there was a chance JP Morgan could relocate him to Amsterdam; there was a chance his boyfriend could come over as a student. Nothing panned out. Months went by; finally, it was summer. Peter Launy, living in Amsterdam, still terrified of AIDS, not seeing a way to be together, eventually felt he had to break things off. "Everything changed with AIDS. I got really scared. I was 25. Breaking up with someone who you love is so, you know, so very hard . . . I broke up in September, of '86, and then in October he came to visit me, and I was so mean, I made him stay in separate beds. It was so painful for me, everything in me wanted to tell him 'stay here, I love you!' but, well . . . [beginning to cry] well . . . I had to let him go . . . I loved him very much, but I couldn't deal with it . . . the whole thing. We were so far apart." Peter Staley was suddenly single, closeted, and living with AIDS, with few people to talk to. At the office it was a commonly expressed sentiment that "those who take it up the butt deserve to die."

Six months later, in March of 1987, around 7:30 a.m. on his way in to work, Peter saw flyers for a group called ACT UP, the "AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power." "I saw the demonstration on the news that night, and I saw the FDA commissioner responding directly with some stated new policies to speed up the approval process, and so it seemed like an immediate and effective demonstration that got a quick reply from the government and I thought, that was real power being displayed, so I was there for the next meeting." A year later, Peter's CD4 count plummeted to 100, well below the point where opportunistic disease often sets in. Peter went on permanent disability, telling his boss that same day that he was gay and dying of AIDS. AZT, the only drug available at the time, seemed to be killing him, along with thousands of others. In March of 1987, there was no national organized effort by the government to do anything about it.

From then on, and for the rest of his life, Peter has been a full time activist; the next 5 years were recently portrayed in David France's documentary, "How To Survive A Plague." Watching the film several times this fall I was struck by two particular moments, the first when Larry Kramer, in the middle of a contentious, angry ACT UP meeting so heated that there was complete disarray, screams out

"Plague!  
Plague!"

We are in the middle of a fucking plague!"

The whole room falls silent and suddenly, at Larry's goading, there is again a momentary consensus, a common drive, a genuine sense of purpose. Larry, the author of *Faggots*, of *The Normal Heart*, the founder of the Gay Men's Health Crisis and then the founder of ACT UP, is the penultimate leader of the first era of gay activism, the era when we were literally dying in the streets, the era when society looked away, the era defined more by our absence than our presence. In the middle of our very own private, very gay holocaust, Larry was there, screaming to be heard. His screams, sometime

in the late 80s / early 90s were finally heard.



According to Peter, however, once their voices had been heard it was time to stop screaming. When ACT UP noisily entered St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York and interrupted

Sunday mass in December of 1989, Peter told me that "the whole media coverage for an entire week was about our tactics and not about the issues... Larry Kramer thinks it was our greatest moment, he thinks we're more powerful if everybody fears us, and my feeling was, we were at our most powerful when we had the country on our side." A fissure had been slowly working its way through the members of ACT UP, both in New York and nationally, a tension that had usually been resolved in favor of Kramer's approach — stand up and scream, always, as loudly as possible.

Reflecting on that approach in 2009, Kramer said that today "we're not angry enough. Anger is what makes activism work and I don't see any anger now, or fear. The triumphs that we had with ACT UP getting all the drugs has been dissipated because ACT UP self-destructed and everybody went out and acted as if AIDS had never happened." Shortly after the St. Patrick's protest, the "Treatment and Data" group that Staley and Mark Harrington led within ACT UP began to plan an exit strategy, a way to work with, not against, the opposition. "We were doing some very intense inside work negotiating with all these big power players and frequently getting our way."

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That insider work was an anathema to the traditional social activists within ACT UP who really only believed in civil disobedience and demonstrating against the powers that be and didn't buy into the idea of sitting down and negotiating with your adversaries in that way."

The second bone chilling, stirring call to action in France's documentary wasn't angry and it wasn't directed at AIDS activists; it wasn't directed at gay people at all. Instead it was Peter Staley, standing before the 1990 International AIDS Conference in San Francisco, police officers in riot gear partially hidden behind him to prevent other ACT UP members from noisily disrupting the conference as they had done the year before. Watching that moment in 1990 when Peter stood behind the podium at the AIDS conference, an invited insider instead of a disruptive outsider, speaking carefully, eloquently making an appeal to the conference member's better angels, you begin to feel that Larry's screams have been superseded. When the entire conference stands up at his request and joins him in an ACT UP protest chant, the feeling is overwhelming—finally, not only is the opposition listening, they are joining in. As Staley tells the audience that "someday there will be a people alive on this earth who will hear the story, that once there was a terrible disease and that a brave group of people stood up and fought, and in some cases died, so that others might live and be free" he is already looking to a future when the fight will be won.

A few weeks ago I spoke with Chris Staley, Peter's oldest brother, and he left me with this story: "Peter had recently come out of the closet, he had quit his job on Wall Street, and we were outside Philadelphia with our parents at a party, I think it was just after Thanksgiving, you know, at one of our parents' friend's houses. Everyone was in coat and tie or a dress and there was this moment, Peter and I were talking to a group of people, maybe 6 or 7 people, all friends of our parents. We were standing there, holding drinks in a little circle and someone asked Peter what he was doing, if he was still on Wall Street, and again, these were our parents' friends, Peter was in his 20s, these were conservative Republicans in Pennsylvania we were talking to. Peter had just quit his job so he could have easily just nodded yes but he didn't. He said 'No, I'm not on Wall Street anymore, I'm working with ACT UP.' Someone asked what ACT UP was and he told them, 'well, it means AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, I'm working to try and change government policy for people like myself afflicted with HIV.' At this point, Chris had to stop talking, overcome with tears. Finally,

"I was floored. Two of the people standing there literally turned around and walked away. This was back in the 1980s, when people didn't want to be in the same room as someone with AIDS, and Peter had the guts to say 'I'm working with ACT UP.' It's so easy to lose sight of what people went through then. Peter came out swinging, but it was always tempered with a calm focus."



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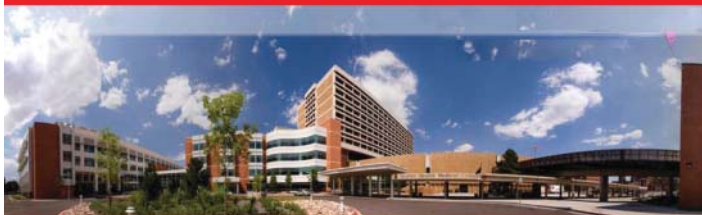
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Peter Staley eagerly joined and helped lead the fiercest battle the gay community has ever fought, fighting for access to more and better drugs, fighting for society to pay attention to the thousands, and eventually millions, dying of AIDS. Yet, even at the height of that battle he was focused on what would happen after the war. Peter was a romantic; his approach to activism, once he was strong enough to leave ACT UP, was to take the opposition on a date, to win them over with his earnest smile, to speak in poetry and bring his audience to its feet. Bob Rafsky, another prominent activist in ACT UP who followed Peter to form TAG, the "Treatment and Action Group," wrote a piece for the New York Times, in 1992 — "A Better Life for Having Acted Up" — wistfully and painfully remembering the "false hopes" of the previous five years he spent with the AIDS activist group ACT UP. "It's always possible we'll win. The drug, or drugs, that will turn AIDS into a chronic illness like diabetes will finally be discovered. We'll have years to study the lessons of the fight against the epidemic. As in the old country-western song, the hanging tree will become our tree of life. But it's not likely, at least not in time for me. My T4 cells have started to drop again, as I feared, and now I have to begin chemotherapy for Kaposi's sarcoma, an AIDS-related cancer." Bob died one year later, his battle with AIDS eloquently portrayed in France's documentary. What sustained the Greek folk hero Odysseus through 10 years of war and 10 years lost at sea was the prospect of someday rekindling his romance with his wife Penelope; of that, he never lost sight. For that promise alone, he never stopped giving thanks.



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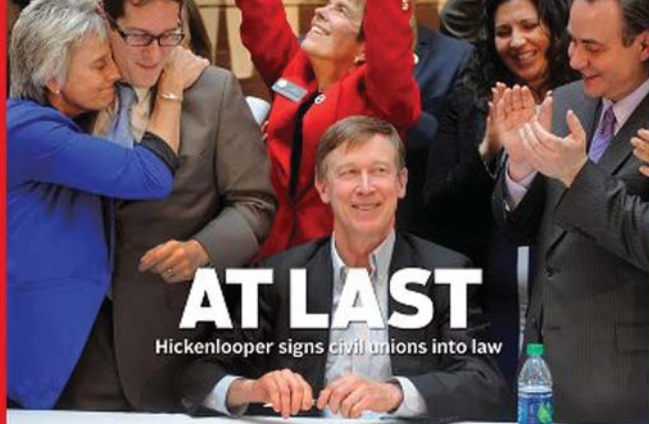
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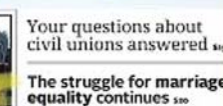
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Hickenlooper signs civil unions into law





# "THE RECTAL REVOLUTION IS HERE": GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF RECTAL MICROBICIDES

by Mathew Rodriguez

from TheBody.com—February 11, 2013

If condoms are over 90 percent effective, when used constantly and consistently, in preventing the spread of HIV, then why do we need more options in our prevention toolbox? Why aren't condoms working? This very blunt question was posed by Jim Pickett, chair of the International Rectal Microbicide Advocates (IRMA), to audience members at a discussion and video presentation entitled "The Bottom Line on Rectal Microbicide Research." Hosted by Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) on Jan. 23, 2013, the presentation dealt with what will someday be another tool for prevention, though it is currently only in trial phases—rectal microbicides.

A microbicide is a product applied topically in the vagina or rectum that can offer protection against HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and can potentially be used for contraception. It would be available as a gel, lubricant, douche, or an enema and would provide protection in the absence of condoms or used together with a condom. This presentation focused almost exclusively on rectal microbicides and how they can be used as a prevention method among gay men to stop the spread of HIV and other STIs—and when it comes to advocacy in this growing field, Pickett is one of the world's top minds.

IRMA was founded in 2005 by four people from four agencies in the U.S. and Canada. It is currently comprised of around 1,200 advocates, scientists, funders, and policymakers. Their mission is to support the development and research of safe, effective rectal microbicides for all who need them. They work primarily to increase and diversify funding (currently, 97 percent of funding comes from the federal government), increase research activities, make lubricants safer (Pickett noted that, currently, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approves lube without human trials, instead it is often tested in rabbit and guinea pig genitalia only), increase access to lubricants, and increase knowledge around lubricants and their uses.

So anyway, why do we need more prevention tools? Pickett, who is also director of prevention advocacy and gay men's health at the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, asked his provocative question about condoms quite early in the presentation. The audience responses were varied, but extremely illuminating. One person said that sex is based on pleasure, and condoms come with an inherent diminished pleasure. Some people said that condoms mean only one person (usually the insertive partner) is responsible for prevention. Someone mentioned lack of access and cost prohibitions. Others mentioned stigma against condoms. For all these reasons and more, there must be more options in the prevention toolbox. Pickett noted that many future options will supplement, not replace, condoms—as it should be.

Though there are plenty of ways to implement microbicides, including a dissolving, "breath strip" —type application,

microbicides will most likely be delivered through behaviors that people already use during sex, such as a douche, an enema, or a lubricant. Pickett noted that, with advances in prevention, scientists often try to find ways to insert prevention into what people are already doing around sex.

First and foremost, Pickett spoke about breaking down the stigma around anal sex as the only true way to make any progress toward conversations around anal health. He emphasized that anal intercourse is a human behavior shared by many communities, regardless of race, gender, or orientation. (On that topic, check out an interesting interview with Jim Pickett from TheBody.com's archives, about studying rectal microbicide use in women.) When unprotected anal intercourse is 10 to 20 times more likely to result in HIV infection than unprotected vaginal sex, there have to be many ways to address anal HIV transmission.

Pickett went on to illustrate that the anus is a peculiar cavity for the transmission of HIV. While a vagina has 40 cell layers, the anus only has one, and right behind the rectal tissue is a good portion of the body's CD4 cells, waiting to be infected. As such, anal sex is a higher risk activity. Also, so far, only about 100 human beings in the U.S. have been in clinical trials as part of rectal microbicide research, while thousands have been in vaginal microbicide trials.

The next trial on the horizon, about which Pickett was especially excited, is a global study of 186 gay men and transwomen from Peru, Puerto Rico, the U.S., Thailand, and South Africa. Dubbed MTN-017, the study will be cut into three eight-week periods: One eight-week period will have the participants try applying the gel daily, the second portion will have participants insert the gel before and after sexual intercourse, and the third eight-week period will have them use the once-daily pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) pill, Truvada (tenofovir/FTC). The order in which each trial volunteer follows each eight-week period will be randomized; so, for example, some will start with daily gel use, while others may start by taking Truvada. The study is designed to examine whether the gel is safe and acceptable to use, how it compares to Truvada in terms of adherence, and which method participants prefer. Pickett also showed a video produced by IRMA that talks about microbicides and microbicide research. The video is embedded near the beginning of this article.

Finishing off the presentation, Pickett said, "HIV is a swamp. Condoms drain it only part of the way." He also commented on how paradigms are shifting in HIV prevention. Using an apt analogy, he noted that music used to be listened to on big boomboxes. They were cool. They still have some retro, vintage nostalgia cred today, but music can now be listened to on tiny devices that can also pay for your meals and call your parents, among many other uses. Such will be the way of HIV prevention, according to Pickett – "We're in the boombox phase of HIV prevention," he said—and 10 years from now, what we use as prevention will look very different. He acknowledged that there will be hesitation among people who can't think of anything else besides the almighty condom. "The safer sex paradigm has shifted. We're used to saying 'Always use a condom, 100 percent of the time.' It is very hard for us to think about these new options."



## SIN Coffee Get-together

First Sunday of Every Month

11am - 1pm



**\* \* \* New Location! \* \* \***

**Panera \* 640 S Colo Blvd Glendale**

-SW corner South Colo Blvd & Cherry Creek Dr South-

(attached to Hilton Garden Inn)

coffees and light brunch fare  
are available (but not required)

... casual conversation with other gay poz guys ...

*(this is not a support group or heavy discussion group)*



## GRAPEFRUIT & MEDICATION INTERACTIONS:

### FORBIDDEN FRUIT OR AVOIDABLE CONSEQUENCES?

**Grapefruit has interactions with  
89 medications as follows:**

- 13 anti-cancer agents
- 2 anti-diabetic agents
- 3 anti-inflammatory agents
- 3 anti-lipemic agents (statins)
- 25 cardiovascular agents
- 19 CNS agents
- 2 estrogens
- 2 gastro-intestinal agents
- 4 immuno-suppressant agents
- 5 urinary tract agents
- 11 anti-infective agents including HIV drugs:
  - etravirine (Intelence)
  - rilpivirine (Complera, Edurant)
  - maraviroc (Selzentry)
  - saquinavir (Invirase)

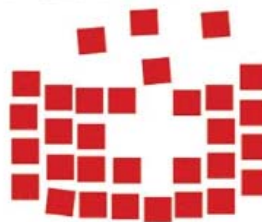


Complete list at:

<http://www.cmaj.ca/content/suppl/2012/11/26/cmaj.120951.DC1/grape-bailey-1-at.pdf>

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**NET**



**the NET—A Peer Support Series** reaches out to individuals who are impacted by HIV. Fall into the NET with Rick Smith, the creator and founder, who facilitates this independent grass roots program that is not affiliated with any medical organization. We invite you and those you think could benefit from the NET's services to join him for **the NET**, date and location

to be announced. We look forward to offering you a safe supportive place to grow and learn!

- Learn about HIV.
- Reach out to others, creating a strong support network.
- Dismantle the stigma of HIV.
- Deal with specific issues surrounding being HIV+ or supporting a HIV+ person.
- Teach HIV+ people to be stronger advocates for their own health care.
- Create a loving safe space to grow as a person.

What types of services does The NET offer you?

- A "closed" group for HIV+ people that meets weekly. This is a nine week series that has a structured educational plan in addition to offering emotional support.
- Periodic social get-togethers for all past and present NET participants.
- Self- Management Training seminars focused on making you a stronger advocate for your medical care.
- A "closed" group for HIV- people who are supporting a HIV+ loved one. (Coming Soon)

**Rick Smith 303.883.8043** or email him at [rcsmith00@msn.com](mailto:rcsmith00@msn.com) Rick Smith is the founder, creator, and facilitator of the **NET—a Peer Support Series** and has impacted hundreds of individuals living with HIV to take their power back & be all they dreamed of being for more than 10 years.



## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Poz Cruise

**\* November 2–9, 2013 \***

**A 7–night sailing from Miami  
aboard the "Carnival"  
calling at Cozumel, Belize,  
Honduras, & Cayman Islands**

**Rates start at \$578**

**More info: [www.HIVcruise.com](http://www.HIVcruise.com)**



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# Mountain SIN

w e e k e n d

*\* a social weekend for gay poz men \**

**September 19-22 2013**

**\* Shadowcliff Lodge \* Grand Lake Colorado \***

- ❖ Half-day hike in Rocky Mountain National Park
  - ❖ Road excursion on Trail Ridge Road in RMNP
  - ❖ Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre *"Ring of Fire"*
  - ❖ Putt-Putt Golf
  - ❖ Fishing
  - ❖ Bowling
  - ❖ Bicycling
  - ❖ Boating
  - ❖ Horseback Riding
  - ❖ Elk Bugling in RMNP
  - ❖ Campfires
  - ❖ Group games & activities
  - ❖ Hot Sulphur Springs
- (all activities are optional)

**The weekend is \$125-175 (includes lodging & all meals)**

Arrive Thursday afternoon or early evening, depart Sunday late morning

**More info & sign-up link:**

**[www.OnTheTen.org/mountainSIN](http://www.OnTheTen.org/mountainSIN)**

Mountain SIN Autumn weekend is organized by Treatment Educat**10**n Network (TEN) for Strength In Numbers (SIN)



# Medicaid Enrollment Community Resource Fair

**Sept. 13, 2013**

**10am – 3pm**

**McNichols Civic Center**

**144 West Colfax**

**Denver, CO 80204**

- Free for all participants.
- Lunch is provided.
- Free working lunch presentation by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Colorado Department of Healthcare Policy and Finance.

**“Obamacare” is coming in January 2014 – and it will affect almost everyone\*. Find out how!**

If you are currently on CICA, ADAP, or make less than \$16,000 a year, the way you receive your medical care and prescription drugs **will look very different next year**. This free event will cover some of the following topics:

- Medicaid Expansion
- Access to private insurance without a pre-existing condition
- Working While Disabled
- Possible new options for health care outside of Ryan White
- Lunch provided – **come from noon to 1:30pm**

This resource fair will also feature booths of community providers that work with people aging with HIV and other service to people living with HIV.

\*If you are on Medicare / Bridging the Gap, or on HIAP for insurance assistance, you will likely not experience any change in your coverage.

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Please RSVP to Carrie Webber at [carriew@dhrpc.org](mailto:carriew@dhrpc.org) or 720-865-5501.  
For more information please visit [www.dhrpc.org](http://www.dhrpc.org).



## SUPPORT GROUPS

Every Monday 7pm: "Brothas4Ever" group for African-American gay/bi men (drop-in)  
It Takes a Village \* 1475 Lima St \* Aurora 80010 \* More info: Calvin 303.367.5021

Every Tuesday 4:30-6pm: "Let's Chat" (closed group, sign-up required)  
CAP \* 2490 W 26th Ave 3rd floor \* Denver 80211 \* More info: Brian 303.837.1501 x490

Every Tuesday 11am-12:30pm: "Healing Ourselves: Addressing HIV, Trauma & Addiction" (drop-in)  
It Takes a Village \* 1475 Lima St \* Aurora 80010 \* More info: Hassan 303.367.4747

10 week group on Wednesdays several times per year 6-8:30pm: "4 to Thrive" (closed group, sign-up req'd)  
Rocky Mountain CARES \* 4545 E 9th Ave Suite 110 \* Denver 80220 \* More info: Rica 303.951.3694

Every Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm: "Going Strong" (closed group, sign-up required)  
9th & Sherman \* Denver 80203 \* More info: Paul or Ryan 303.399.9988

Every Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday 11am-noon: Substance Abuse Treatment Groups for HIV+ (drop-in)  
It Takes a Village \* 1475 Lima St \* Aurora 80010 \* More info: 303.367.4747

Every Thursday 7-9pm: "Compass" group for Spanish-speaking men (drop-in)  
Denver Health \* 6th Ave & Bannock St \* Denver 80204 \* More info: Marshall 303.602.3619

Every Thursday 1-2:30pm: "HIV+ Women's Group" (closed group, sign-up required)  
DCAP \* 2490 W 26th Ave 3rd floor \* Denver 80211 \* More info: Brian 303-837-1501 ext 490

Every Thursday 3-5pm: "Vision!" substance abuse treatment group for women  
Empowerment \* 1600 York St \* Denver 80206 \* More info & sign-up: Aleesa 303.320.1989 x226

Every Friday 2-3pm: Women's Support Group (drop-in)  
Empowerment \* 1600 York St \* Denver 80206 \* More info: Liza 303.320.1989 x220

First Wednesday of the month 6-8pm: Group for Poz & their partners (drop-in with potluck dinner)  
SCAP \* 1301 S 8th St Ste 200 \* Colorado Springs 80905 \* More info: 719.578.9092 / 800.241.5468

Third Wednesday of the month 6-8pm: Poz only Group (drop-in with dinner provided)  
SCAP \* 1301 S 8th St Ste 200 \* Colorado Springs 80905 \* More info: 719.578.9092 / 800.241.5468

Second & Fourth Friday 2:30-3:30pm: "Stay Out of Jail Free" for formerly incarcerated (drop-in)  
It Takes a Village \* 1475 Lima St \* Aurora 80010 \* More info: 303.367.4747

New group for women in 2013 at Rocky Mountain CARES \* More info: Rica: 303.951.3694

**If you would like to list your group, please leave a message for Michael at 303.7777.208**

## Clinical Trials Now Enrolling

UC = University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz Medical Campus, E 17<sup>th</sup> Ave & Quentin St, Aurora

Contact: Graham Ray : 303.724.0712 : graham.ray@ucdenver.edu

DH = Denver Health ID Clinic, 6<sup>th</sup> & Bannock St, Denver

Contact: Julia Weise : 303.602.8742 : julia.weise@dhha.org

ACTG= AIDS Clinical Trials Group network; INSIGHT= INSIGHT network

AMC= AIDS Malignancy Consortium

> = greater than < = less than; CD4 = T-cells; VL = viral load

ART = HIV medications (i.e. antiretroviral treatment/therapy)

Naïve = never taken any HIV medications

Experienced = have taken HIV medications



ART Naïve (Elite Suppressors): A5308: Evaluate effect of Complera (emtricitabine + rilpivirine + tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) on CD4 count & T-cell activation, markers of inflammation, and viral reservoirs in "Elite Controllers" (ACTG)

- Conducted at UC only (study length 14 months - 2 years)
- CD4 = any; VL < 500 for the past 2 years
- Complera provided; participants given the option to: stop medication and leave study at 14 months, stop medication and be followed up for 1 year, continue medication and be followed up for 1 year
- all patients will receive study drug from week 12 to week 60 and then an option to receive another 48 weeks of treatment

ART Naïve: Gilead-0111: Cobisistat + elvitegravir + emtricitabine + tenofovir (current TDF version) aka Stribild vs cobisistat + elvitegravir + emtricitabine + tenofovir (new TAF pro-drug version); i.e. comparing Stribild using TAF instead of TDF

- Conducted at UC only
- CD4 = >200
- VL = >1000

ART Naïve: START: "Strategic Timing of Anti-Retroviral Treatment" (INSIGHT)

A study to determine whether immediate initiation of ART is superior to waiting until the CD4 falls below 350

- Conducted at DH only
- CD4 = > 500; 35 years old and over
- Receiving medical care in the Denver Metro area (Denver Health, University, or any other provider)
- HIV medications provided for course of study (about 5 years)

Randomly assigned to either Early or Deferred Group:

- Early Group begins ART immediately
- Deferred Group waits and starts ART when CD4 declines to < 350

Kidney Problems: Gilead-0112: Open label study of elvitegravir + cobisistat + emtricitabine + TAF single tablet regimen in people with mild to moderate kidney disease

- Conducted UC only
- ART experienced or naïve
- Creatinine clearance 30-69
- All participants get study drugs for at least 96 weeks

Tuberculosis: A5279: Ultra short-course rifapentine / isoniazid for prevention of active TB in HIV+ persons with latent TB (ACTG)

- Conducted at UC and DH
- 3-4 year study (10 visits in 1st year, 4 visits each year after that); \$10 gift card per visit
- ART naïve (never taken HIV meds)
- Includes DEXA scans

HEP C: A5294: Trial of Boceprevir, Interferon Alfa 2b and Ribavirin in HCV/HIV Coinfected Persons (ACTG)

- Conducted at UC and DH
- Must have HCV genotype 1 – can be treatment naïve or experienced
- Must be on stable ART
- Must have CD4 > 200, VL < 50,000

HPV Prevention: A5298: HPV vaccine to prevent anal HPV infection in HIV-infected women (placebo controlled & blinded) 

- Conducted DH only (followed for 3-4 years)
- Age = >27 yrs
- Women only (with HGAIN)

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- \* [www.aidsmeds.org](http://www.aidsmeds.org) \* [www.treatmentactiongroup.org](http://www.treatmentactiongroup.org) \* [www.projectinform.org](http://www.projectinform.org) \*
- \* [www.beonecity.com](http://www.beonecity.com) \* [www.wix.com/poziam/poziam](http://www.wix.com/poziam/poziam) \* [www.lifelube.blogspot.com](http://www.lifelube.blogspot.com) \*

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING CHANGES IN HIV TESTING AND CD4 REPORTING RULES

The Colorado Board of Health will conduct a public rule-making hearing on **August 21, 2013** at 10am in the **Sabin-Cleere Conference Room of the CDPHE, Bldg. A, 1st floor, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South** to consider amendments to rules pertaining to reporting, prevention, and control of AIDS/HIV Illness & Infection. A copy of the meeting agenda will be posted at: <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPHE-Main/CBON/1251622332257> at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments on proposed changes to the verbiage to update counseling and testing language, an update of the reporting requirements for CD4 laboratory test reporting, and updated verbiage and clarification to information sharing language. More detailed discussion of these proposed changes is as follows:

- 1-Update rule language pertaining to HIV testing requirements. Currently, it addresses only CDPHE funded counseling and testing sites. This language has been updated to include publicly funding HIV testing and counseling projects throughout Colorado. In addition, it has been modified to reflect the new standards and requirements for publicly funding HIV testing and counseling sites.
- 2-The rule has been modified to include an updated requirement for the reporting of all CD4 related laboratory reports, regardless of result. Currently, the rule requires the reporting of CD4 test results of less than 500 or 29%. This does not allow for the sufficient evaluation of unmet need, evaluation related to the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, or vital linkage to and retention in care activities throughout Colorado.
- 3-The rule has been modified to update and clarify language related to the appropriate information sharing between contracted agencies and health care providers administering direct HIV related services to persons living with HIV and CDPHE.

The Board of Health encourages all interested persons to participate in the hearing by providing written data, views, or comments, or by making oral comments at the hearing. At the discretion of the Chair, oral testimony at the hearing may be limited to five minutes or less depending on the number of persons wishing to comment.

### Would you like to contribute to this newsletter?

The *TEN* Newsletter is published quarterly and welcomes submissions on anything HIV-related. All submissions are subject to editing (for length & clarity) and should be 500-600 words or less. Please send articles to [rebuilt-denver@yahoo.com](mailto:rebuilt-denver@yahoo.com) (put "newsletter" in subject line).

## THE FABULOUS WIZARD OF POZ

(continued from page 3)

"And although we do acknowledge that *Carrie* is an iconic film about stigma," the irksome memo continued, "our readers might respond unfavorably to a cover model with a bucket of pig's blood dumped on their head. People with HIV are sensitive about blood. Even pig's blood. Your being outfitted in a prom dress does little to minimize the impact."

They said nothing about the remake of *Carrie* to be released this fall, and the obvious promotional tie-ins I had outlined in my proposal. Which is all to say that we must stand tall against those who wish to blunt our artistic vision.

Now that the June issue has been released, available everywhere fine periodicals about HIV are available, I'm mulling over the idea of a multi-city tour or better yet, an AIDS benefit in which famous artists recreate my POZ Magazine cover, people like Peter Max or Warhol, and then auction them off. The powers that be at POZ, as you might guess, say this idea is quite impossible for reasons they refuse to enumerate.

I considered all this as the *poz* social was drawing to a close and I was slipping copies of the issue under the windshield wipers of the cars on the street. Face down, of course, so my face might greet the driver as he settles in his seat. I continued up the neighboring blocks, because good literature appeals to everyone and Sebastian was giving me attitude for the boxes of magazines he claimed were blocking his driveway.

Should you care for a personal appearance at your next gala, by all means contact me. I require the usual fees, Perrier water, and Intelence and Norvir and Isentress and Flomax. And please find me a sizable entourage, to do entouragey things with me.

If it's good enough for Khloe, it's good enough for me.

Mark  
My friends,

All kidding aside, I could not be more humbled and heartened by the response to my POZ Magazine essay on HIV stigma and gay male community. Even if you have read the piece, I would encourage you to visit the comments section on the POZ site—now with over 100 comments that will inspire you, anger you, and break your heart.

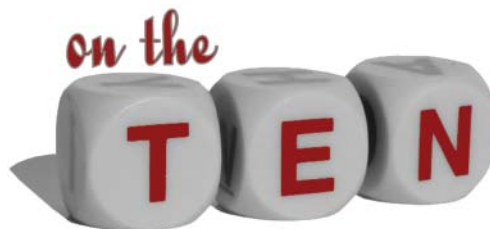
### "UB2" SIN Happy Hour



**Second Friday  
of every month  
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Meet **upstairs** at  
**The Skylark Lounge**  
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**SE corner of S Broadway & Maple Ave**



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Be a stronger advocate for your own health care HOW RSVP 303.436.4981

## AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Everything changes again in January 2014. "ObamaCare," a term that the President rightly embraces now, finally becomes effective. This has enormous implications for all Americans, not just those with HIV. No longer will people have to rely on a disability status to qualify for Medicaid. If you make less than 138% of federal poverty level (about \$15,000 for an individual), you qualify for the program. Medicaid is insurance, unlike CACP. It covers things like specialty care, a much larger medication formulary than ADAP, and can be used at many more service providers.

Working individuals who don't get affordable insurance through their employer that are making above 138% of FPL will be eligible to apply for private insurance through the Colorado benefits exchange. They can't be charged a higher premium based on anything other than age, location, and smoking status—there will be NO MORE pre-existing conditions clause. The government will provide assistance with premiums and co-pays for everyone under roughly \$46,000 (individual) – and Colorado ADAP intends to help with the remaining costs. Over the next 6 months, you will be hearing a lot of information about these changes from ADAP and your other medical and case management providers.

Learn more by visiting these government sites:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/healthreform>

<http://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/rights/index.html>

<http://www.medicaid.gov/affordablecareact/affordable-care-act.html>

## Thank You !

The Denver Cycle Sluts raised  
\$1627 for TEN (HIV Retreats)  
at the May Bingo.

You sluts are sooo appreciated!



## HELP NEEDED

TEN is looking for an accountant who could donate a bit of pro bono time for our organization.

If you qualify or know an accountant who would consider this, please contact Michael at 303-7777-208





# COMMUNITY EDUCAT1ONAL FORUMS

*"BY THE COMMUNITY ... FOR THE COMMUNITY"*

Tuesday, July 9: "HIV & Heart Disease"

Carol Williams RN FNP, McDowell Healthcare Center, Phoenix Arizona

(usual location, see below)

Tuesday, August 13: Annual Potluck BBQ *(tentative)*

location to be announced

Tuesday, September 10: "HIV & Cognitive Impairment"

Dr Ken Cunningham

(usual location, see below)

\* FREE DINNER 6 PM \*

\* FORUM 6:30 PM (NO RSVP REQUIRED) \*

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# CALENDAR of EVENTS

## July

- 1 (Mon) free day: Museum of Nature and Science (17th & Colorado Blvd)
- 3 (Wed) 6-8pm: Issue of Blood Outreach "Voices of Women" Educational Forum (d)
- 6 (Sat) free day: Denver Art Museum (13th & Broadway)
- 7 (Sun) 11am: SIN Brunch at Panera (640 S Colorado Blvd)
- 9 (Tue) 6pm: Community Educational Forum (a)
- 9 (Tue) free day: Denver Botanic Gardens
- 10 (Wed) 6-8pm: Free movie: "Beautiful Thing" at Denver Element (720.382.5900)
- 11-14 (Thu-Sun): HIV Retreat at Shadowcliff (in the mountains) (see pg 2)
- 12-13 (Fri/Sat): Positive Impact Retreat, Denver Element (call Grant 720.382.5900)
- 12 (Fri) 6pm: SIN Happy Hour upstairs at the Skylark (S Broadway & Maple)
- 18 (Thu) 11am: DHRPC Rebuilt+ (PLWH) Committee: 200 W 14th Ave 3rd fl conf room
- 20 (Sat) 12-2pm: Denver PIQUE in the Park Volleyball (720.382.5900)
- 21 (Sun) free day: Museum of Nature and Science (17th & Colorado Blvd)
- 24 (Wed) 5:30pm: Denver Health CAB (b)
- 26 (Fri) 11:30am: University of Colorado CAB (c)



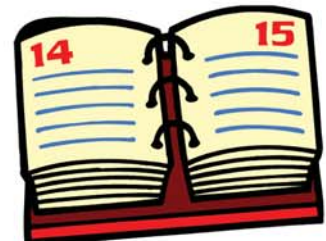
## August

- 1 (Thu) 5pm: DHRPC Meeting: 1437 Bannock St Rm 389
- 2 (Fri) free day: Chatfield Botanic Gardens
- 3 (Sat) free day: Denver Art Museum (13th & Broadway)
- 4 (Sun) 11am: SIN Brunch at Panera (640 S Colorado Blvd)
- 4 (Sun) 11am-3pm: CAP Dog Wash Fundraiser (see pg 6)
- 7-11 (Wed-Sun): Rendezvous Camping (Medicine Bow National Forest, Wyoming)
- 9 (Fri) 6pm: SIN Happy Hour at Skylark (S Broadway & Maple)
- 10 (Sat) AIDS Walk Colorado (Cheesman Park) (see pg 3)
- 11 (Sun) free day: Museum of Nature and Science (17th & Colorado Blvd)
- 13 (Tue) 6pm: Community Educational Forum (annual potluck BBQ)
- 15 (Thu) 11am: DHRPC Rebuilt+ (PLWH) Committee: 200 W 14th Ave 3rd fl conf room
- 19 (Mon) free day: Museum of Nature and Science (17th & Colorado Blvd)
- 20 (Tue) 6-8pm: Issue of Blood Outreach "Voices of Women" Educational Forum (d)
- 21 (Wed) 10am: CDPHE Public Hearing on HIV Testing & CD4 Reporting (see pg 13)
- 27 (Tue) 6pm: Newly Diagnosed Dinner (see pg 14)
- 27 (Tue) free day: Denver Botanic Gardens
- 28 (Wed) 5:30pm: Denver Health CAB (b)
- 30 (Fri) 11:30am: University of Colorado CAB (c)



## September

- 1 (Sun) 11am: SIN Brunch at Panera (640 S Colorado Blvd)
- 3 (Tue) 6-8pm: Issue of Blood Outreach "Voices of Women" Educational Forum (d)
- 5 (Thu) 5pm: DHRPC Meeting: 1437 Bannock St Rm 389
- 7 (Sat) free day: Denver Art Museum (13th & Broadway)
- 8 (Sun) free day: Museum of Nature and Science (17th & Colorado Blvd)
- 10 (Tue) 6pm: Community Educational Forum (a)
- 13 (Fri) 10am-3pm: Medicaid Enrollment Community Resource Fair (see pg 11)
- 13 (Fri) 6pm: SIN Happy Hour at Skylark (S Broadway & Maple)
- 19 (Thu) 11am: DHRPC Rebuilt+ (PLWH) Committee: 200 W 14th Ave 3rd fl conf room
- 19-22 (Thu-Sun): Mountain SIN Weekend (see pg 10)
- 25 (Wed) 5:30pm: Denver Health CAB (b)
- 27 (Fri) 11:30am: University of Colorado CAB (c)



CAB = Community Advisory Board      SIN = Strength In Numbers Colorado  
 DHRPC = Denver HIV Resources Planning Council (Ryan White funded services) [www.dhrpc.org](http://www.dhrpc.org)  
 (a) Our Saviors Community Room 9th & Emerson (enter on the side from Emerson)  
 (b) Denver Health 6th & Bannock Rm 245 (Julia 303.602.8742)  
 (c) U of C 12401 E 17th Rm 360 (nr Colfax & Peoria) (303.724.0797)  
 (d) The Council 655 Broadway Suite 200 (more info & RSVP: Penny 303.523.1500)

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