

# AFAN'S FOURTH ANNUAL AIDS WALK-LAS VEGAS

AFAN's Fourth Annual AIDS Walk Las Vegas will be held Sunday April 17, 1994. Sponsored by United Service Association for Health Care (USA+), the walk will begin in the back (Southeast) parking lot of the Sahara Hotel. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the Walk itself begins at 11 a.m. Walkers will proceed from the parking lot on Sahara to Las Vegas Boulevard - "The Strip," proceeding down the Strip to the Fashion Show Mall and return to the Sahara parking lot for closing ceremonies. For information regarding sponsorship and team walkers (team-any group of two or more) call 382-AFAN.

The schedule for the day is as follows:  
 9:30 a.m. Registration  
 10:00 a.m. Stretching and Aerobics  
 10:30 a.m. Opening Ceremonies  
 11:00 a.m. Walk begins  
 1:00 p.m. Closing Ceremonies  
 Join AFAN and all it's supporters this year and

spend a great Sunday afternoon walking to raise consciousness and funds to help the agency provide social services to persons diagnosed with HIV disease.

One hundred percent of the proceeds raised from the walk benefit AFAN's wide range of client

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service and educational programs. This includes food, clothing, HIV testing/counseling, and emergency financial assistance to hundreds of Southern Nevadans with HIV/AIDS.

AFAN also provides various training programs for volunteers to the organization, and related education, information and referral services to the community.

"As Southern Nevada's largest community-

based AIDS Service Organization, AFAN is dedicated to help those impacted by HIV disease. Board of Health statistics indicate that one out of every 200 Nevadans is infected with HIV. As the numbers of those infected continue to grow, so do the demands on AFAN's services.

This year, more than ever, we need your support. Contribute generously when walkers approach you. Better yet, walk yourself!" remarked Tim Kain, Co-chair of the 1994 AFAN AIDS Walk.

A host of local dignitaries and celebrities will be participating and awards, prizes, and a raffle will take place at 1:00 p.m. during the closing ceremonies. Luminaries scheduled to appear at the walk include Governor Bob Miller, Mayor Jan

Jones, and entertainer Kenny Kerr, among others. United Services Association For Health Care (USA+) is the major underwriter for the Walk for the second consecutive year.

Thanks also goes to the Sahara Hotel and Casino and Sprint/Central Telephone-Nevada for their most generous contributions. It's not too late to become a sponsor simply contact Alan Lipsky, Director of Development at 382-2326, if your company wants to show Las Vegas you care about helping to fight this epidemic.

The previous three walks have been a great success, and as awareness and sensitivity to HIV grows ... so does our support in the community. Everyone that is working so hard to plan this event would like to see this year's walk be the largest show of community support, involvement, and dedication to fight the spread of this disease. So please join us to demonstrate that LAS VEGAS IS A CITY THAT CARES!!

### NEW HELP AVAILABLE FOR DISABLED ADULTS AND CHILDREN

Adults and children with disabilities now have the opportunity to see, use and learn assistive devices before they buy them to determine which are the most appropriate and effective. Whether it's an augmentative communication device, an environmental control switch, an

adaptive computer software program or some other life enhancing product, The Assistive Technology Center at Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP) provides the information, demonstration and training necessary to help empower individuals with disabilities at

home, at work, at school and at play. The Center also maintains a product information database on the he latest in rehabilitation and assistive technology.

Rehabilitation engineering services are available and pre-service financial and resource planning, diagnosis and assessment, technology matching, self-advocacy training, family support services and an adaptive toy lending library are also offered.

The Assistive Technology Center at NCEP is a non-profit organization. For more information, please contact the Center at 259-0789.

### BLACKS AT PARTICULAR RISK FOR PROSTATE CANCER

Prostate Cancer is the most common male cancer in North America, and Blacks have the highest rate of the disease.

Cancer of the prostate can usually be cured in it's early stages with radiation, surgery or hormone therapy.

"Regular exams can detect the cancer early," said Dr. Peter Scardino, director of the Matsu-naga-Conte Prostate Cancer Research Center at Baylor College

of Medicine in Houston, "If it spreads beyond the prostate, it could be fatal."

It is particularly important for Black men to be checked regularly, Scardino said.

### ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION OFFERS SUPPORT GROUP

A support Group for people who have Arthritis, sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation, Nevada Chapter, has been established in Southern Nevada.

The first meeting of the group will be held at the New A.G.E. Building, located in Lorenzi Park, 3333 West Washington Blvd. on April 5 at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will be held once a month.

The Support Group meeting will include group discussions, exercise programs and leisure activities. Guest speakers, such as doctors, will discuss research and information about arthritis.

Contact the Arthritis Foundation at 367-1626 for further information, or to RSVP for the Support Group meeting.

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# Think You're Smart? Test Your AIDS IQ

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(NU) - If you think you know everything there is to know about AIDS, think again — and try this quiz:

1. Alcohol can impair normal immune responses that protect the body from disease. TRUE or FALSE.

2. The only way to get HIV through drug use is by sharing needles. TRUE or FALSE.

3. HIV infection and AIDS are the 6th leading cause of death among 15-to 24-year-olds in the United States. TRUE or FALSE.

4. If two individuals are of the same height and weight, their alcohol tolerance is the same. TRUE or FALSE.

5. It's much easier for a man to get AIDS from a woman than the other way around. TRUE or FALSE.

6. Other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) play a part in the spread of AIDS. TRUE or FALSE.

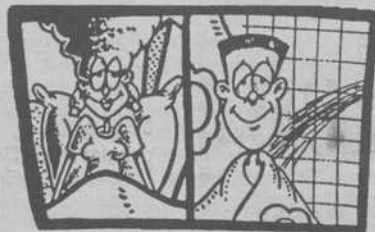
### Answers

1. TRUE. Recent studies have shown that even moderate alcohol use can lower one's immune system.

2. FALSE. All forms of drug abuse will impair judgment and can lead to high-risk behavior.

3. TRUE.

4. FALSE. Other factors besides height and weight,



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like food consumption and genetic and cultural factors, can contribute to an individual's alcohol tolerance level.

5. FALSE. Current research shows that women appear to be at least 10 times more susceptible to HIV during intercourse than men. More bodily fluids are passed from men to women during intercourse than vice versa.

6. TRUE. The genital sores that accompany some STDs increase accessibility of the virus to the bloodstream. Some STDs may also compromise the body's immune system, making people more vulnerable to the virus.

Surprised by some of the answers? Now you know why the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the Ad Council have launched a campaign to alert young people to the risks involved with alcohol abuse, drug use and unprotected sex.

Called "Get High, Get Stupid, Get AIDS," the campaign offers free information if you call 1-800-662-HELP.

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