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Aries • March 21 - April 19

Dan Aykroyd is writing a third Ghostbusters script which takes place in a hellish version of New York. He and Harold Ramis have Ben Stiller on their "wish list" as a potential cast member. No word yet on whether Bill Murray and Sigourney Weaver would return for the third film. Although a new Ghostbusters movie would be cool, somehow, you don't think it's in the cards. A Mercury square is making it hard to get good ideas off the ground. Damn! There go your plans for a macaroni and cheese Drive-In.

Taurus • April 20 - May 20

Whatever will you do, now that your honey is acting all lovey-dovey instead of threatening to break up with you every five minutes? Venus has you puzzled about recent romantic improvements. Is Halle Berry really pregnant with Michael Ealy's child? More importantly, will the collision of those gorgeous genes provoke God's wrath and envy, bringing on a premature Apocalypse? You're not sure that the Almighty can allow the creation of a child that pretty.

Gemini • May 21 - June 20

Jessica Alba is worried that she's being typecast. She only gets offers to play "the whore, the motorcycle chick in leather or the horny maid." Your response to this is, "Of course! We mustn't waste Jessica's babeliciousness on roles like the prim schoolmarm or the dour prison guard." Communicator Mercury has you speaking out. Offer opinions wherever you can, whenever you can. "Personally, I think Sharon Stone's career took a dive with Catwoman. Does anybody really expect her to bounce back?"

Cancer • June 21 - July 22

Kirstie Alley has been working to shed her reputation as a Fat Actress. She's lost over 55 pounds. And George Clooney dropped the 30 pounds he put on for his role in Syria. Jupiter is helping you to overcome your own personal challenges. You're going to beat that Red Bull addiction this time, you swear. You promise to put an end to those midnight runs to Dunkin' Donuts. And, as God is your witness, you will never, ever watch an episode of Wife Swap again.

Leo • July 23 - August 22

E-Ring star Benjamin Bratt and his wife have been finding creative ways to lull their new baby boy to sleep. They play him soothing nature sounds like chirping crickets, singing birds, and croaking frogs. The sound that works best is rushing water, which puts little Mateo Bravery Bratt right out. He'll have daily panic attacks as soon as he's old enough to realize what his parents named him, but he's calm for now. Saturn is encouraging you to find your own solution to a problem. If water doesn't do it, try vodka.

Virgo • August 23 - September 22

You can't believe you weren't invited to Tara Reid's 30th birthday party. And Jake Gyllenhaal didn't want to accompany you to the Jarhead premiere, either, even though you think his naked scenes were tastefully done and the nudity was necessary to pre-

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Libra • September 23 - October 22

Robert Oxniam is an international scholar and China expert. He also suffers from multiple personality disorder. He chronicles what it's like living with eleven personalities in his memoir, *A Fractured Mind: My Life with Multiple Personality Disorder*. His personalities included a rollerblader guy named Bobby and a nasty being called "The Witch." As a Libra, you were born with multiple personality disorder. Yours include "Love 'em" and "Leave 'em" and "I love you" and "I hate you." As Pluto stirs up drama, aim for a truce between these extremes.

Scorpio • October 23 - November 21

A survey by the Family Foundation found that the amount of sex has doubled compared to seven years ago. Unfortunately, it's all happening on TV, not in your bed. The sun says don't get too discouraged. This dry spell can't last forever. Look at it this way, Kenny Chesney claims he and Renee Zellweger fell in love "like a couple of schoolkids," but things didn't work out. Would you rather have burning hot love that lasts five minutes or a romance with a slow, steady, flame? Aim for something longer term and be patient.

Sagittarius • November 22 - December 21

George Takei, "Sulu" of Star Trek fame, has come out of the closet in an L.A. magazine. And Tom Cruise has - no, not declared that he's gay and that his "romance" with Katie is a sham - Tom Cruise has fired his publicist sister, Lee Ann DeVette. An assertive moon could inspire you to make a definitive action of your own. You'll decide that Vinnie, your bookie boyfriend, has got to go. You're tired of him charging lap dances from the local strippers on your credit card. You're mad as hell and you're not going to take it anymore.

Capricorn • December 22 - January 19

CBS has renewed *Survivor* for two more installments. And Scarlett Johansson has signed on to play a gladiatrix who takes revenge on an army who ravaged her homeland in Amazon. Sometimes, hope can blind you to the realities of a situation. Does CBS think TV viewers are clamoring for more bug eating and campside bitching? Probably not. And does Scarlett believe that teaming up with the writers from *The Island* on another movie is a good idea? Venus is blinding you with optimism, too.

Aquarius • January 20 - February 18

Elmer Dresslar Jr., the voice of the Jolly Green Giant, passed away at the age of 80. And Nicole Richie squashed rumors of a reunion with Paris Hilton when she told reporters that their friendship is over because the two of them "just grew apart." The moon has you bummed out about some things, but ask yourself: "Does any of it really matter?" Chances are that it doesn't. So your boyfriend ran off with your best friend. The two of them are perfectly matched psychotics, so congratulations are in order.

Pisces • February 19 - March 20

Pierce Brosnan told *Playboy* that he had to break ties with his adopted son Christopher due to his years of drug abuse. Brosnan said that "He has my prayers" despite Christopher's many problems and his inability to overcome his addictions. Venus is reminding you that even a former James Bond can't always heal his loved one's issues. If you need to back away from a mom who's driving you nuts, a clueless brother, or an uncle who is convinced he's the reincarnation of Elvis, just do it.



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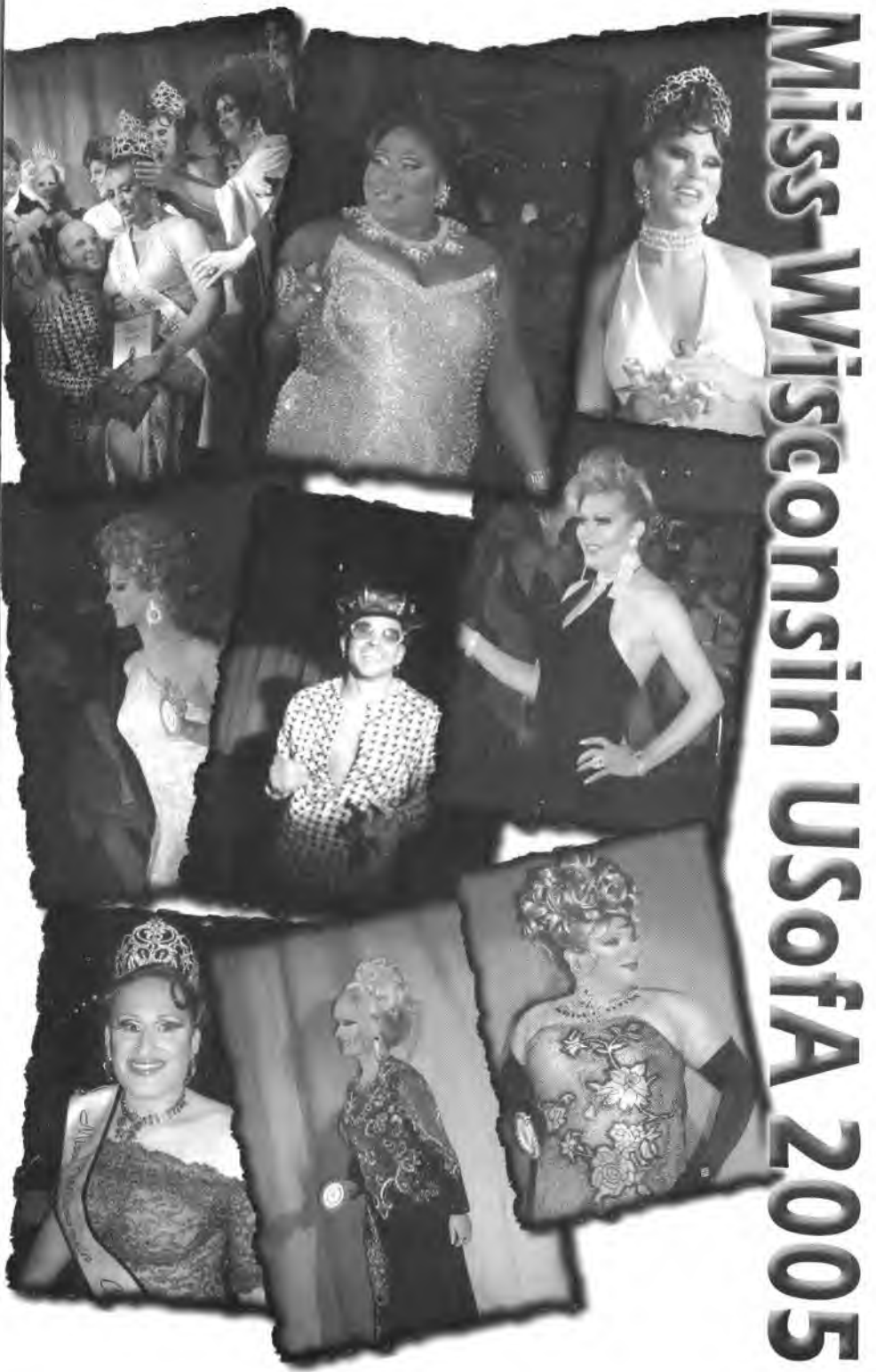
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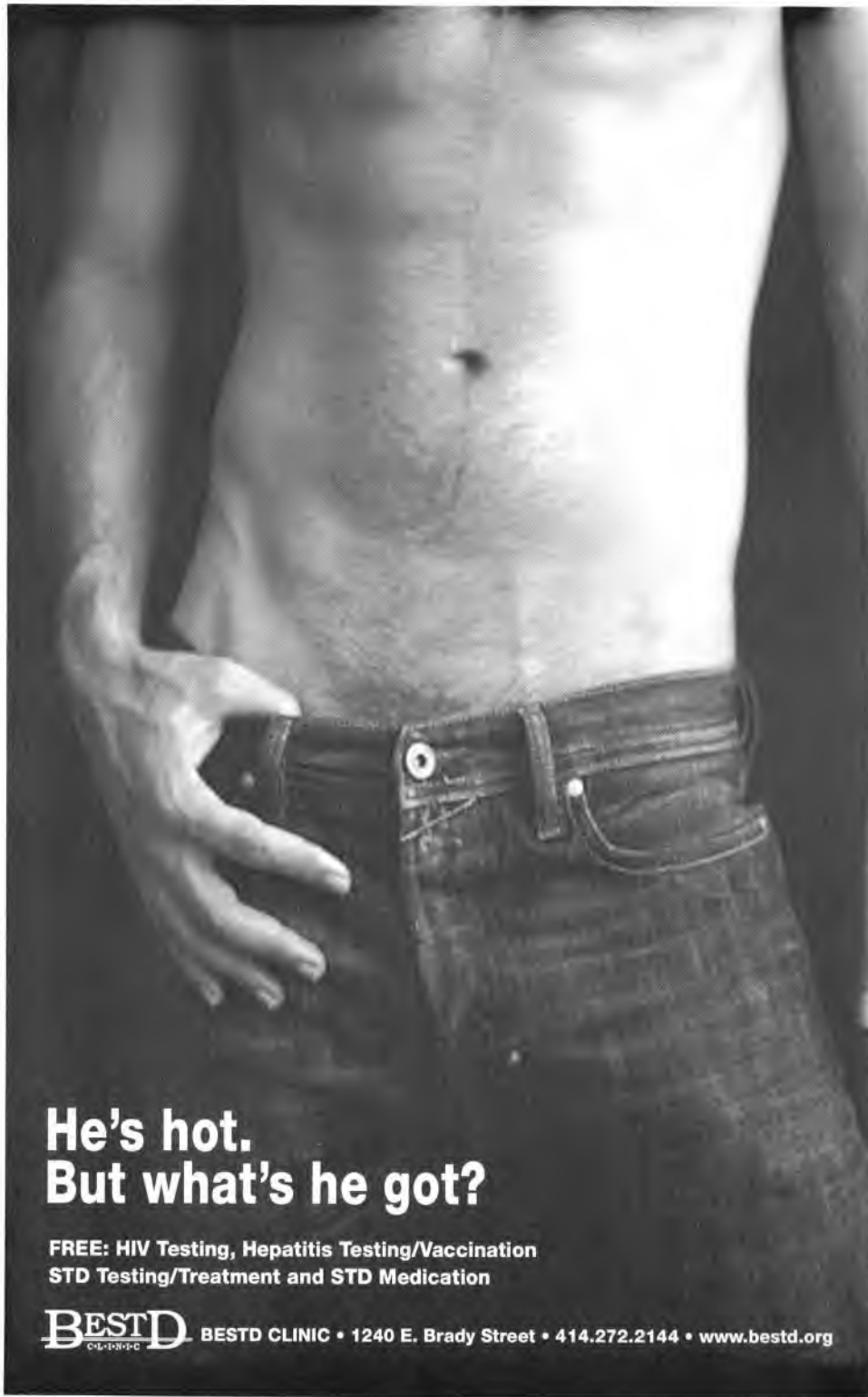
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Ever since "**The SantaLand Diaries**" rocketed David Sedaris to celebrity status, he has become virtually synonymous with the notion of a "gay Christmas." "**The SantaLand Diaries**" chronicles the time Sedaris spent as Crumpet the Elf at Macy's Department store one holiday season. In the bestselling "**Holidays on Ice**," Sedaris has collected all of his hilarious Christmas stories, including "**The SantaLand Diaries**" plus the wonderful, "**Dinah, the Christmas Whore**."

One of the bestselling gay fiction titles of 2005, Kevin Scott's "**The Boys in the Brownstone**," is set on the night before Christmas Eve. There's a late night December blizzard and a group of gay men whose lives intersect each other's in unexpected ways, find themselves at "The Brownstone," an Upper East-Side "gentlemen's" club. Mix one part Christmas spirit and a good measure of romance and you have the makings of a wonderfully comic yet poignant novel.

Christmas romance is also on the menu in "**All I Want For Christmas**." Put another log on this fire and snuggle up under the mistletoe with four heart-warming novellas from some of the most popular gay novelists including William J Mann and Ben Tyler. This collection of holiday-themed fiction will be a perfect stocking-stuffer for every gay man this holiday season.

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Or maybe you are looking for a more traditional holiday book? Well, there's nothing more traditional than Truman Capote's classic heart-warming short story, "**Christmas Memory.**"

In "**Christmas Memory,**" Capote plays tribute to an eccentric old-maid cousin, Miss Sook Faulk who became his best friend. It is "fruitcake season" and Miss Sook, Buddy (the narrator), and their dog, Queenie, celebrate the yuletide in a hilariously tipsy state.

Much less tradition is David Laurents' aptly titled, "**Stocking Stuffers.**" A delightful little gift book, Laurents has collected some sizzling holiday stories by such noted gay novelists as Jameson Currier, Matthew Rettenmund, Leigh Rutledge, and many others. Readers are sure to find that these holiday stories that will heat up even the coldest December night!

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What do you do if you have Syphilis you may ask? Syphilis can be treated with antibiotics. Usually the treatment is a single shot. Longer treatment is needed if the syphilis is advanced.

How do you protect yourself from Syphilis you ask? Use latex condoms (rubbers) with a water-based lubricant every time you have anal-vaginal sex. Use flavored condoms for oral sex. If you have more than one sex partner, get an STD check, even if you don't have symptoms. Do not have sex with a person who you think may have an STD. Do not use drugs and alcohol when you might have sex. If you are high you might forget to protect yourself.

Syphilis may be ancient, but it is still out there, so play safe and protect yourself from it and other STD's and HIV.

Thanks for reading this and if you have any other questions or comments you may email me at health@edgemonline.com.

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In this month's Health Column we will look at an oldie but goodie-Syphilis.

Syphilis has been around for a long time from ancient times to taking down Al Capone to reaching outbreak status in Chicago many years running.

What is Syphilis you ask? Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection that is spread from person to person during anal and oral sex (as well as vaginal sex).

First symptoms show up 1 to 12 weeks after having sex. Most men will notice symptoms (many women do not have symptoms) which may include:

A skin sore called a chancre (shank-er). There maybe more than one sore. Sores maybe small or large (1/8" to 1 1/2"). They usually do not hurt.

Sores maybe on the penis, scrotum or on other parts of the body, such as mouth, throat, breasts, anus or fingers.

Lymph glands near the sores maybe swollen.

Why is Syphilis dangerous you ask? Even if it's not treated, the syphilis sore will go away after 1 to 8 weeks. But even though the sore goes away, it does NOT mean that you're cured. The syphilis is still in your body and can show up again in other ways. After about 6 to 8 weeks, you may feel sick all over, like you have the flu. You may have fever, aches, poor appetite, sore throat, headache or swollen glands. You may have a skin rash all over the body, in the mouth, on the palms of the hands, or on the sex organs.

Less often, syphilis may cause hair loss, cough, or eye, brain, nerve, bowel, stomach, liver or kidney problems. The rash and flu-like symptoms will go away after 2 to 6 weeks. But you still aren't cured.

People who have syphilis and don't get treated get syphilis later in the brain, spinal cord, heart or other parts of the body.

Syphilis that is not treated can make a person blind, crippled or insane, even many years after the original infection.

Syphilis may move quickly to neuro-syphilis stage with persons whose immune system is compromised due to HIV/AIDS.

How do you find out if you have syphilis you may ask? The only way to know for sure if you have syphilis is to go to a doctor or clinic. If you have a sore, there is a test to check whether it is syphilis. If you have any genital sores, ask for a syphilis test.

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Montage

by Bailey D

Happy Holidays from Montage! Here we all are again another fun fill cold ass holiday season. The holiday season has many different things to it from shopping (my favorite thing) to eating, going out, seeing friends you may not always see, and starting new friendships. The holidays mean a lot to me, and always will for many reasons. In this article I am going to let you in on some holiday tips to make it wonderful for not only you, but your family and friends as well. I will cover gift ideas, food ideas, and decorating tips. I don't call this Montage for nothing ya know! So come on Ho Ho's and let's get to it!

I think I will start with some decorating ideas. Now whether you have a lot of money or really no money at all your house can look great either way, it is all in how gay and fabulous you really are. So put those thinking caps on and let's decorate and make Martha proud. So in my house I have a new puppy that eats everything, but still wanted to have a tree so I got a 4 1/2 ft tree and put it on top of a little table with a red table cloth. It is now the height of a regular tree and it looks fabulous. It only cost me \$19.99 at Menard's. The lights I had already from my parents, and got some blue and silver ornaments for \$10 at Target. So we made the tree blue and silver. I accented the base of the tree with a \$10 candle set of peppermint candles. We put garland up the staircase rail and that costs \$1.99 for 50 feet at Menard's as well. With everything we bought and put up I spent about \$79.00 on decorations and a tree and it looks awesome. The idea to decorating great and keeping costs down is to look at places like Tar-

get, Menard's, and TJ Maxx. You don't have to go to a high end store to have a great looking house for the holidays. My suggestion is to pick a color you want for your house and stick with variations of that color for the holidays, not only will it look awesome but organized as well. A simple way to decorate a plain table is to get a table cloth, and put some candles on it along with some pine cones, or pine tree branches. It will look festive, as well as make your house smell like the holidays.

We all know that the holidays are a season for gift giving. Some people go all out with huge gifts like my parents, and some people scale it down like me. Presents are expensive Damn. But if you look in the right places you are able to get some great gifts that mean a lot and will not cost a lot. This year I bought for my family and a few friends and only spent about \$450.00. I found that Target and Kohl's make a perfect place to buy some gifts. They are inexpensive, and have some really nice things that people want and need. For example let's say you want to get someone a setting for their table. You can get that all at both stores and still only spend around \$50.00 for that. Now that is not a lot for what you get. The idea to great gift giving is to remember who you are buying for. Keep them in mind when you are shopping and what they like and the gifts will be really easy to find. Buy small gifts that have special meaning or memories and it will be appreciated more than some huge gift. And remember that you don't have to wait until November or December to buy those gifts. Try buying through out the year and then you are not going to be spending so much these few months, cause sometimes money is tight, and this way you can still give to people you want to give too.

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have parties for the holidays for friends and family. But what to serve and how to decorate? It is very simple and easy to do, just follow these steps. You should get food that is easy to make, and inexpensive. Use food you already have in the house and spice it up a little. Use finger foods, you are able to make a lot, and save money this way. You don't need to have a huge dinner to throw a party. Try making little pizza puffs, or quiches. Of course you could also have cheese and crackers, but you real cheese, please do not use the cheese from a can. That is really tacky and does not taste good. If you are looking for decorations for your house, you are already done. If your house is decorated for the holidays it is done for the party. Use the lights, candles, tinsel, trees, garland you have to decorate. But keep it tasteful, we are not trash now. We are gay!

These are just some ideas about the holiday that you can use. They are easy, fast, and best of all do not cost a lot of money. Keep in mind the holidays are for giving and thinking of others. It is a time to reflect on the past year, and make new friends, and grow with the old ones. I have the best group of friends anyone could have and I am very thankful they are in my life. Friends and family make the holidays what they are and never forget that. I can suck being alone on the holidays and I wish that for NO ONE. So I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday, and I will see you all next year!

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