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congratulations on a good plan--let us know if there is any way we can
help--can you send me a copy of it--certainly the right approach

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> some good clips from our plan:

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> >-----Original Message-----

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> >To: AIDS Action ALLSTAFF

> >Subject:

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> > 'VIRTUAL VACCINE': AIDS Groups Push For Prevention Initiatives

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> >AIDS advocacy groups urged federal officials to pour more government
> funding

> >into HIV education and prevention efforts, initiatives they say have
> been

> >overlooked. At a news conference yesterday, AIDS Action unveiled a
> 10-point

> >plan to jumpstart prevention projects in the face of rising infection
> rates

> >and flat federal funding. The plan, which hails prevention as a
> "virtual

> >vaccine," calls for a 25% increase in government funding of HIV
> prevention
> >programs, which now get about \$600 million annually, USA Today
> reports.
> >"Imagine if we had a medical vaccine for HIV/AIDS, and the forces
> that would
> >be deployed to get it out there," said AIDS Action Executive Director
> Daniel
> >Zingale. He added, "The closest thing we have today is a virtual
> vaccine --
> >prevention and education -- but those efforts are paralyzed." White
> House
> >AIDS policy adviser Sandra Thurman agreed: "Until we have a vaccine,
> until we
> >have a cure, our first line of defense is prevention" (Sternberg, USA
> Today,
> >7/21).
> >
> >Monday July 20 4:56 PM EDT
> Activists Urge More AIDS Prevention
> LAURAN NEERGAARD AP Medical Writer
> WASHINGTON (AP) - Demanding millions more for HIV prevention and
> televised condom ads, AIDS activists said Monday the nation has
> slacked
> off vital efforts to keep Americans - especially young people - from
> catching the AIDS virus.
> Saving lives isn't the only issue. At least 40,000 Americans every

> year

> catch the deadly virus, half of whom the government estimates are

> under

> age 25. They add \$6.2 billion in lifetime treatment costs to the

> nation's health care bill, the Centers for Disease Control and

> Prevention announced Monday.

> The CDC hasn't won a budget increase to fight new infections in three

> years, and research suggests some people most at risk of HIV have

> become

> complacent, activists said. Two-thirds of gay men say they've had

> unsafe

> sex at least once in the last 18 months, concluded one study presented

> at last month's World AIDS Conference.

> "AIDS drugs cost \$40 a day" and do not cure the disease, said Daniel

> Zingale of AIDS Action. "This condom costs 40 cents. Our plan today

> will not only save lives, it would save dollars."

> Secret Service agents arrested 10 other AIDS activists who briefly

> chained themselves to desks in the office of President Clinton's top

> AIDS adviser to protest the administration's refusal to allow federal

> funding of needle exchange programs.

> Experts say 33 people every day catch HIV from dirty drug needles or

> sex

> with addicts. Scientific studies show letting addicts swap used

> needles

> for clean ones lowers the risk of HIV's spread. Some 110 U.S. needle

> exchanges operate with local or private funding, but communities say

> they need federal tax dollars to reach more addicts. But Clinton

> sidestepped a political fight by refusing in April to provide such
> federal aid.

> ``To have the United States government play politics with people's
> lives

> - it's just not OK anymore," said Kenneth Vail, who runs a needle
> exchange program in Cleveland and was among those arrested. ``I see on
> a

> daily basis people being turned away, and they go out and use dirty
> needles and contract the virus."

> AIDS Action brought together public health officials and AIDS workers
> Monday to call for new HIV prevention programs that could act as a
> ``virtual AIDS vaccine." The main demand was a 25 percent increase in
> the CDC's \$634 million budget for AIDS education and other HIV
> prevention programs.

> Congress has added millions to government programs that pay for drugs
> for AIDS patients, but increasing AIDS education and prevention money
> significantly is considered a tougher fight. AIDS activists
> particularly

> worry that a new conservative campaign against homosexuality will hurt
> their efforts.

> HIV infects across-the-board, Dr. Helene Gayle, CDC's AIDS chief, said
> Monday. Some 26 percent of HIV-infected young people caught the virus
> through heterosexual intercourse, Gayle said. ``If people in
> leadership

> positions care about the future of this nation, you've got to care
> about

> HIV prevention," she said.

> Activists also called for:

- > -TV networks that air programs rated ``S" for sexual content to also
- > allow condom ads to air during those programs.
- > -Doctors, clinics and hospitals to begin using a new 10-minute HIV
- > test
- > immediately. An older test takes about a week to get results, and
- > thousands of Americans who get tested each year never return to learn
- > if
- > they're infected. People who don't know they are infected can
- > unknowingly spread HIV to others.
- > -AIDS education to reach more teen-agers by creating an AIDS
- > prevention
- > web site that links to popular teen Internet sites.
- > -CDC to launch a new campaign to persuade more people at risk to get
- > tested. An estimated 50,000 people in New York State have HIV and
- > don't
- > know it, says a computer model by Gay Men's Health Crisis.
- > > Doing More Among the other initiatives AIDS Action recommended
- > were
- > >televised condom ads during shows rated "S" for sexual content,
- > increased use
- > >of a new, 10-minute HIV test at hospitals and clinics and the
- > creation of an
- > >HIV prevention website that would be linked to sites popular with
- > teens
- > >(AP/Baltimore Sun
- > ><<http://www.sunspot.net/cgi-bin/editorial/story.cgi?storyid=900000159>

> 079>,
> >7/21). More than 40,000 Americans become infected with HIV each year
> -- half
> >of them under age 25 -- at a cost of about \$6.2 billion in lifetime
> >treatment, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced
> at
> >yesterday's meeting. And with the price of AIDS drugs at \$40 a day,
> Zingale
> >said the AIDS Action plan "will not only save lives, it would save
> dollars"
> >(AP/Austin American-Statesman
> ><<http://www.Austin360.com/news/003world/07july/21/21short.htm>>,
> 7/21). The
> >leaps in AIDS treatment have jeopardized prevention efforts, leaving
> "a false
> >impression that a cure is at hand," Zingale said. "In 1996, we got
> hope. In
> >1997, we got complacent. In 1998, we get reality," he said. The AIDS
> Action
> >plan specifically targets African Americans in several of its
> >recommendations, in an attempt to quell the spread of the AIDS virus
> among
> >blacks, who now account for 57% of those with HIV (Kane, State
> >News/Philadelphia Daily News
> ><http://www.phillynews.com/daily_news/98/Jul/21/local/AIDS21.htm>,
> 7/21).
> >Testing 1-2-3 The more than 30 AIDS advocacy groups assembled for

> yesterday's

> >meeting stressed "anonymous, confidential and private" HIV testing as

> central

> >to the battle against the disease. The call for testing was a

> reversal of

> >their stance at the beginning of the epidemic -- that people should

> avoid

> >AIDS testing because the results might be misused. "Today, in 1998,

> there has

> >never been a better time to get tested for HIV," said Ronald Johnson,

> of the

> >New York-based Gay Men's Health Crisis. "The HIV testing gap is the

> engine

> >that drives this epidemic," he added. However, the Washington Times

> reports

> >that the groups continue to oppose mandatory HIV testing as well as

> >names-based HIV reporting (Larson, Washington Times, 7/21). Click

> here

> ><<http://www.aidsaction.org/virtual.html>> to see AIDS Action's

> 10-point plan,

> >"The Virtual Vaccine." (Back to Contents)

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<http://report.kff.org/aidshiv/>

Wednesday, July 22, 1998

SCIENCE & MEDICINE

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#1 LATENT INFECTION: Virus Goes Into Hiding Shortly After
Entering Body

ACROSS THE NATION

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#2 MASSACHUSETTS: Springfield Approves Needle-Exchange Program
#3 NEW YORK: Group Provides Needle Cleaning Kits In Lieu Of
Exchange Program

MEDIA & SOCIETY

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#4 SEX EDUCATION: U.N. To Offer Website For Teens

GLOBAL CHALLENGES

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#5 ZIMBABWE: Top Political Leader Pledges To Speak Out About
AIDS

#6 MOSCOW: HIV Cases In Military Soar

SCIENCE & MEDICINE

#1 LATENT INFECTION: VIRUS GOES INTO HIDING SHORTLY AFTER
ENTERING BODY

New research shows that HIV nestles in "resting" CD4+ T cells as soon as 10 days after it enters the body. There, within the safe haven of resting CD4+ T cells, the virus may persist for years, according to a new National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases study. Even early treatment with powerful drug cocktails cannot wipe out "a latently infected pool of immune cells," leaving it to blossom into disease at any time, researchers found. "Latent reservoirs of HIV, including resting CD4+ cells, present a formidable obstacle to the ultimate control and possible eradication of HIV from an infected person's body," said Dr. Tae-Wook Chun, one of the NIAID researchers. The study focused on 10 HIV-infected patients who had started antiretroviral drugs 10 days to four months after the initial onset of HIV-related symptoms. In all 10 patients, the researchers found infected resting CD4+ T cells -- even in the

patient who had gone on antiretroviral therapy 10 days after symptoms began. Researchers found that the duration of the therapy and the speed with which treatment was initiated did not correlate with the number of infected cells in the patient's blood. However, they did note that the longest course of therapy was 17 months, and that longer courses of treatment may decrease the number of latently infected cells. NIAID Director Dr. Anthony Fauci said, "a smaller pool of latently infected cells would be more likely to ultimately be controlled." The research will appear in the July 21 issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science (NIAID release, 7/20).

ACROSS THE NATION

#2 MASSACHUSETTS: SPRINGFIELD APPROVES NEEDLE-EXCHANGE PROGRAM

In what Springfield, MA, Mayor Michael Albano called "a major victory for health care in this community," the city council yesterday approved a needle-exchange program "by the narrowest possible margin," the Boston Globe reports. The council voted 5-4 last night to institute the program in order to lower the city's HIV-infection rate, which is the 25th highest in the country. The Globe reports that 56% of Springfield's new HIV cases stem from needle sharing. The vote ends a contentious debate over morals and medicine, with Health and Human Services Director Helen Caulton supporting the measure, and Hampden District Attorney William Bennet and state Rep. Dennis Murphy (D) opposing it. Opponents requested that the program be delayed

until October, and the measure will undergo review every three months. Needle-exchange programs are already up and running in Boston, Cambridge, Northampton and Provincetown (Dowdy, Boston Globe, 7/21).

#3 NEW YORK: GROUP PROVIDES NEEDLE CLEANING KITS IN LIEU OF EXCHANGE PROGRAM

After "angry residents" rejected a needle-exchange proposal in 1996, the AIDS Community Resources of Syracuse, NY, began the Injecting Drug Users Program. In an attempt to prevent the spread of HIV, the program offers "free bleach-cleaning kits for dirty needles," onsite HIV testing, counseling from state health department workers and free condoms. No needles are distributed. ACR Education and Prevention Director Christine Fix said the program "give[s] addicts the means to clean their needles and to educate them or their loved ones about ways of preventing the spread of AIDS." The Syracuse Post-Standard reports that the \$70,000 program "also uses peer outreach workers who walk the neighborhood, telling people about the program." Tammy Washington, a program coordinator, "said 10 peer counselors rotate at the different sites. The counselors are from the community and talk to people who might otherwise feel uncomfortable approaching the tables." Washington added, "The special part of the program is when we can make referrals. You are not pushing anything on them, but you are there for them."

PUBLIC HEALTH & EDUCATION

The Post-Standard reports that in 1997, health workers

tested 62 people at the two operating sites. Daniel Casler, the state health department HIV program coordinator for Syracuse said, "though the number of people tested may seem low, it would be a mistake to think the program is not working. ... In its limited way, it is successful." In addition to those tested, the program counseled 1,644 people in the first half of the year. Casler said the program's success lies in the fact that the outreach program serves people who would not normally have access to clinics. "The intent of our program is to increase the accessibility to targeted communities, and the numbers kind of reflect the profile of the neighborhood," Casler said. The Injecting Drug Users program successfully operates in two locations. ACR recently opened a third location, and hopes to open a fourth site in the near future (Ortiz, Post-Standard, 7/20).

MEDIA & SOCIETY

#4 SEX EDUCATION: U.N. TO OFFER WEBSITE FOR TEENS

"The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is planning to offer sex education on the Internet in its latest drive against population growth and AIDS," UNFPA Executive Director Nafis Sadik announced Monday. Sadik said the U.N. hopes that "sex education would lead to the reduction of maternal and infant mortality cases all over the world by 2000." Sadik said the forum also is considering offering help lines "where people could call up and get information without revealing their identity." The U.N. is

currently negotiating with Microsoft regarding the project.

Speaking at a conference in New Delhi on adolescents, Sadik also urged India to "promote sex education among teenagers" to stem population growth and curb the spread of AIDS. A UNFPA study found that adolescents in India were largely "unaware of sex-related issues." Sadik said, "Despite increasing incidence of pre-marital pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases among teenagers, sex education does not form a part of adolescent education." She added, "It is wrong to argue that sex education would promote promiscuity among young people" (Agence France Presse, 7/20)

GLOBAL CHALLENGES

#5 ZIMBABWE: TOP POLITICAL LEADER PLEDGES TO SPEAK OUT ABOUT AIDS

Admitting that "putting a cover around AIDS has been our biggest weakness," Zimbabwe Vice President Simon Muzenda Monday "pledged ... that he was ready to be among the senior politicians who will openly speak about AIDS," Xinhua News Agency reports (7/21). As a result, "five more voluntary HIV counseling and testing centers will be" opened throughout the country this year. Evidence suggests that infection levels decrease when voluntary counseling and testing is offered, Xinhua reports (7/22). Voicing his support for new AIDS prevention programs, Muzenda said, "There is no way we can run away from this problem. We cannot just brush it aside especially after realizing what the

pandemic is doing to our productive young men and women."

Muzenda made the pledge during a meeting with a 12-member political delegation recently returned from Uganda to learn how that country successfully reduced its HIV rate. Delegation leader Oppah Muchinguri said that while in Uganda, the group learned there is "an urgent need for the country to adopt an open minded attitude about AIDS," and that Uganda's top government officials are committed to AIDS prevention programs. Zimbabwe and Botswana have the largest number of HIV-positive people in the world, Xinhua reports, with 1.5 million Zimbabweans -- or one in every four people -- infected (Xinhua News Agency, 7/21).

#6 MOSCOW: HIV CASES IN MILITARY SOAR

The number of HIV cases reported in the Moscow military district has quadrupled in the last 18 months, military sources said Monday. The Moscow district covers 18 regions in Central Russia. Since the beginning of 1997, 128 cases of HIV infection have been reported -- up from just 32 between 1993 and 1996, Moscow military district prosecutor Mikhail Kislitsyn told reporters. Officers or noncommissioned officers make up 18% of the 160 cases. "Even more worrying," 12% of the men contracted the virus while in the service, the Moscow Times reports, and other sources say the actual figure is "probably two or three times higher."

NUMBERS ILLUSTRATE DETERIORATING HEALTH OF SOLDIERS

"The disturbing statistics are part of a broader picture of ill health in Russia's chaotic and under-resourced armed forces

where drug abuse is increasingly common," Moscow Times reports. Kislitsyn said, "This means that drugs are being supplied to servicemen within the army, which they then inject using infected needle," adding that the Russian military has suffered a "noticeable decline in general health" in the last five years. He attributes the trend to lax standards of doctors who examine draftees. "I am convinced that the number of HIV infections in the army will grow unless we take fundamental measures at the draft stage," he said. Galina Shaldikova, president of the Society of Servicemen's Parents, counters that current army conditions are to blame. She said soldiers "are overworked and underfed, too cold in winter and bitten to death by mosquitoes in the summer. The burden on their shoulders is so heavy, it's no wonder some of them turn to drugs to avoid the stress and depression of it all" (Arnold, Moscow Times, 7/21).

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Dear Todd,

I hope you have been well since the May 4th Unidos Para la Vida meeting.

I was just speaking with Daniel Montoya the other day and he suggested that I get in touch with you.

The Harvard AIDS Institute has been in the process of developing a report to reexamine the 1992 National Commission on AIDS ? report The Challenge of HIV/AIDS in Communities of Color. This new report, Update: The Challenge of HIV/AIDS in Communities of Color, is a comprehensive look at what has been done about the Commission ?s 1992 recommendations and to see what new issues face people of color. I have attached the outline of the report for you to look over.

Daniel is contributing a section on the steps the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS has taken to address AIDS in communities of color. He mentioned that you were very knowledgeable about HOPWA and housing issues that face socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals with

HIV/AIDS. I am writing in the hopes that you might be interested and able to write a brief 2-3 page piece on housing issues for people with HIV/AIDS, especially any challenges specific to people of color.

All contributors to Update: The Challenge of HIV/AIDS in Communities of Color will be named in the final report and we will, of course, send the final text to you for approval. Other contributors to and reviewers of the report include, among others: Mario Cooper; Dennis de Leon, of the Latino Commission on AIDS; Christine Lubinski, of the AIDS Action Council; Keith Rawlings, of the National Medical Association; Jane Silver, of AmFAR; and faculty from the Harvard Schools of Medicine and Public Health.

If you are able to write a piece on HOPWA and housing issues, please submit the piece (complete with any parenthetical notation and full references) to my attention by Friday, August 7, 1998. The piece should be 2-3 pages, double spaced. You can send it by mail, fax, or e-mail. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the report or about your contribution. I can be reached at (617) 432-4119 or hkao@hsph.harvard.edu.

I hope you will be able to contribute to this report and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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GLOBAL CHALLENGES

#1 SOUTH AFRICA: NEW YORK TIMES CHRONICLES 'HAVOC' AND 'AGONY' OF AIDS EPIDEMIC

Today's New York Times reports that South Africa, isolated by Apartheid and with a relatively good health system, "had a unique opportunity to prevent the kind of explosion of AIDS cases that has ravaged the rest of the continent." But with the threat of imminent civil war in the difficult post-Apartheid transition period, "no one paid much attention to halting unprotected sex," and today nearly 3 million South Africans -- 12% of the adult population -- are infected with HIV. The Times reports that women in their 20s, as well as poor workers who travel to cities looking for work and who may have numerous sexual partners, are particularly hard-hit. The social stigma of AIDS causes many to keep their diagnosis secret, and even those whose families are aware of the disease are frequently at a loss for how to prevent the virus' spread. Health workers describe entering houses where "the sick person's plate and utensils are in the corner away from

everyone else. ... People are ignorant about the disease."

Already 20% of young women are HIV-positive, and experts predict

"it may be only a few years" before one-quarter of South Africans

are infected, as in neighboring Zimbabwe and Botswana.

HEALTH MINISTRY SCANDALS

The Times outlines two recent public health "fiascoes" by the office of Health Minister Nkozana Zuma as examples of the government's ineffectiveness in fighting AIDS. First, it was discovered that Zuma had bypassed legal bidding processes in commissioning a friend to write a state-funded, \$3.3 million traveling musical production, "Sarafina II," intended to warn the illiterate of AIDS. "As soon as it opened," experts denounced the play's message as "unclear" and its dialogue "dangerously inaccurate." Second, Zuma announced last year that researchers had made "a major breakthrough in the search for an AIDS cure," a skin-patch drug called Virodene. She encouraged scientists to "bypass the Medicines Control Council, the equivalent of the [U.S.] Food and Drug Administration, and take some of their cured patients before the Cabinet to plead for funding." It turned out that Virodene "contained a poisonous solvent," and worse, that human trials for the new drug had been performed in secret.

EARLY EFFORTS

Peter Bassey of the National Association of People Living With HIV/AIDS estimates that fewer than 1% of HIV-positive South Africans have access to "life-prolonging drugs like AZT." There are no national programs attempting to block maternal-fetal transmission. However, the Times reports, the government has

made some progress. Last year it distributed 140 million condoms and began "offering treatment for other sexually transmitted diseases, which helps reduce the spread of AIDS." Also, about 10% of the nation's secondary school teachers "have been trained to teach youngsters about the disease and how to stop it" (Daley, New York Times, 7/23).

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SCIENCE & MEDICINE

#3 TREATMENT: FDA ADVISORY PANEL RECOMMENDS GENETIC DRUG FOR CYTOMEGALOVIRUS

A Food and Drug Administration advisory panel has recommended approval for Vitravene, a drug developed to treat cytomegalovirus (CMV), a viral infection that causes blindness in people with AIDS, the New York Times reports. Injected into the eye, Vitravene "interferes with the replication of cytomegalovirus," which "destroys the retina of the eyes."

Developed by Isis Pharmaceuticals Inc., and marketed by Novartis A.G., the drug is the first of its kind that uses "a new technology that blocks genes from performing their functions."

The technology, antisense, "holds great promise for harnessing genetic information to make potent drugs with few side effects."

According to the Times, "[a]ntisense drugs are essentially short sequences of genetic code that work by preventing formation of specific proteins that cause or contribute to disease." The drug is considered a breakthrough because researchers have had difficulty making the technology work. The FDA usually follows the recommendations of its advisory panel and is likely to quickly approve the drug (Pollack, New York Times, 7/23).

#4 HIV TESTING: CMV INFECTION MAY RESULT IN FALSE POSITIVE RESULT

Individuals infected with the cytomegalovirus (CMV) may test false-positive on HIV enzyme immunoassay tests, researchers at the University of Tennessee found. Lead researcher Dr. Michael Bronze attributed the false positives to "shared epitopes among a variety of antigens, including smooth muscle cells and mitochondrial, nuclear, and T cell antigens." The enzyme test for HIV "normally has a sensitivity of 97% to 100% and a specificity of 99.6% to 100%," although the rate varies depending upon "the population screened."

ONE CASE STUDY

The University of Tennessee case study, published in the July issue of Clinical Infectious Diseases, describes the case of a medical student stuck by a needle while performing an obstetric procedure. "The student denied HIV risk factors, such as injection drug use, blood transfusion, or sexual promiscuity," and tested negative for HIV and hepatitis B immediately thereafter. Within two weeks, however, the student suffered "night sweats, fever, fatigue and headache." Further tests indicated "elevated liver enzymes and high levels of IgM antibody to CMV." Using the HIV enzyme test, the student tested positive for the next 17 months, even though he consistently tested negative on the HIV Western blot and p24 antigen tests. Researchers concluded "the patient's false-positive HIV EIA was due to a CMV infection that was temporarily related to the needle-stick injury" (Reuters/JAMA, 7/20).

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#5 STDS: STIGMA IS OBSTACLE TO TREATMENT

Americans' reluctance to discuss sexually transmitted diseases is an obstacle to treatment and can lead to an increased risk of HIV infection and to a greater chance of premature, low birth-weight babies, the Boston Globe reports. New research shows that a pregnant woman with gonorrhea has a 50% chance of giving birth to a low birth-weight baby -- a significant jump from a 7% chance for the general population. STD-infected people also are at a greater risk for HIV, because STDs increase "the shedding of HIV cells" and "cause a breakdown of the skin cell membranes, creating a portal of entry for HIV," said Dr. Michael St. Louis of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A 1996 Institutes of Medicine report showed that a person with an STD is three to five times more likely to become infected with HIV when exposed to the virus compared to someone without an STD. A complex reproductive system puts women at even greater risk for STDs, and they are more difficult to diagnose than men because they oftentimes remain asymptomatic. STD-infected women are at a greater risk of becoming infected with the AIDS virus than their male counterparts.

SILENCE ON STDS

"It amazes me that people don't want to talk about it," said Dr. Laura Riley, who heads the OB/GYN infectious disease department at Massachusetts General Hospital. Common STDs can be treated with simple drug therapies, but the ease of treating the conditions receives little attention in the media and medical

communities, St. Louis said. "It's striking that it hasn't gotten tremendous interest. People think of STDs as a problem where people get what they deserve," he said (Sanchez, Boston Globe, 7/22).

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Researchers in Los Angeles are developing a "provocative" theory that driving the "fastest-growing sorority in Los Angeles County -- black women infected with the AIDS virus" is the "revolving-door" of California prisons. "For the first time," the Los Angeles Times reports, researchers are starting to ask whether the endless stream of black men "through the penal system -- where homosexual sex is widespread and AIDS infection is generally six times higher than on the streets -- is contributing" to the AIDS epidemic among black women. As a group, African American women are eight times more likely than white women and three times more likely than Hispanic women to contract HIV. Across the nation, almost half of all HIV-positive women are black, and the ranks are swelling.

SOCIAL CRISIS BECOMES HEALTH CRISIS

Recent California studies by the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice and the state Judicial Council highlight the disproportionate number of black men in the California penal system. Some 33% of all state prisoners are black, and a "staggering" 39% of all Californian black men in their 20s are either in jail, on probation or on parole. The "relationship of AIDS to prison" prompted the L.A. County Department of Health Services to conduct a two-year survey on risk behavior of black men in the area, slated for completion in December. Preliminary indications are not good: Dr. William Hunt, research psychologist at the University of California-Los Angeles, notes, "Some of the research we've seen seems to indicate that 20% of [prisoners] say they've engaged in sex with other inmates. Of those guys who said they had sex, all were HIV-positive." Hunt added, "Do these prisoners come out and have sex with women? Of course they do." Safe sex is not promoted in prison "because sex is prohibited." Compounding the problem, some experts think the danger of unprotected sex with men who "keep their intravenous drug use or bisexual encounters hidden" may be "more pronounced in the black community, where the stigma of bisexuality is thought to be particularly intense."

NO PROOF?

Chuck Henry, Office of AIDS Programs and Policy director for the L.A. County Department of Health Services, counters, "It's hard to prove men are being infected in prison because there's too little research." What is clear is "with so many black men

in custody, and with AIDS so widespread behind bars ... the potential for crossover between the social crisis and the health crisis is profound" (Fears, Los Angeles Times, 7/24).

#2 MINORITY COMMUNITIES: 19 GROUPS NATIONWIDE TO RECEIVE FUNDS FOR AIDS EDUCATION, TRAINING

The National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) this week announced a new initiative intended to strengthen AIDS education and treatment in minority communities. The "On-Site Treatment Education Adherence Technical Assistance Program" has selected 19 organizations in 10 cities across the nation as recipients of funds to develop education and treatment adherence support systems. The 19 organizations:

- o Hispanos Unidos Contal El SIDA, New Haven, CT
- o CT Positive Action Coalition/The Living Center, Hartford, CT
- o Bien Estar, Los Angeles, CA
- o Minority AIDS Project, Los Angeles, CA
- o Del Norte Neighborhood Development Corporation, Denver, CO
- o Valley AIDS Council, McAllen, TX
- o Planned Parenthood of Hidalgo County, McAllen, TX
- o Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center, Brooklyn, NY
- o Morris Heights Health Center, Bronx, NY
- o Community Health Awareness Group, Detroit, MI
- o AIDS Partnership Michigan, Detroit, MI
- o Life Foundation, Honolulu, HI
- o MALANA PONO The HIV Service Agency of Kauai, Kapaa, HI
- o Saint Louis Effort for AIDS, St. Louis, MO

- o Blacks Assisting Blacks Against AIDS, St. Louis, MO
 - o Project Connect, Jackson, MI
 - o Fundacion SIDA, San Juan, Puerto Rico
 - o Iniciativa Comunitaria, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- To complement the initiative, the NMAC will hold regional training programs on treatment education and adherence in the 10 targeted areas. The NMAC received financial assistance from Roche Laboratories, the Kaiser Family Foundation, the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Office of AIDS Research (NMAC release, 7/22).

ACROSS THE NATION

#3 NEW YORK: UNTESTED HIV CARRIERS THE 'ENGINE THAT DRIVES THE EPIDEMIC'

The New York-based advocacy group Gay Men's Health Crisis has released the first-ever estimate of undiagnosed HIV cases in New York State. The estimate -- 27,000 to 69,000 -- represents the number of people carrying the virus who have not yet been tested, bringing the current estimate of people with HIV in New York state, diagnosed and undiagnosed, to 200,000. The estimate is based on county-by-county analysis of HIV-positive Medicaid recipients in NY (65-85% of HIV-positive patients rely on Medicaid for care), as well as on national and regional studies of populations aware and unaware of their HIV status. Ronald Johnson, GMHC's managing director for public policy, said, "The people who are infected with HIV but don't know it are the engine

that drives the AIDS epidemic. Government needs to begin paying serious attention to this population by encouraging counseling, voluntary testing and treatment. This is ... crucial to controlling the spread of HIV in New York State and elsewhere."

The announcement came Monday at the annual State of AIDS Forum in Washington, DC, coordinated by the AIDS Action Council. The Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that up to one-third of the country's HIV population is untested (GMHC release, 7/22).

#4 NORTH CAROLINA: ELEVENTH-HOUR DONATION SAVES CLINIC

The Positive Wellness Alliance of Lexington, NC, on the verge of closing its doors Friday, has been rescued by a last-minute gift from a "prominent Lexington family" after reports of its closure ran in local papers and on television.

The \$50,000 donation will enable the four-year-old center, which provides transportation, counseling and referrals for HIV/AIDS patients, to remain open "at least until the end of the year."

Clinic director Lynn Cochran noted the surprise gift is "just the shot in the arm we need" at a time when other funding sources have been drying up. Donor Peggy Hinkle said, "Maybe more people can contribute in Davidson County now. It's ridiculous that we can't have an organization like this here" (Kady, Winston-Salem Journal 7/23).

GLOBAL CHALLENGES

#5 UGANDA: AIDS COMMISSION APPROVES VACCINE TRIAL ETHICS

The Uganda AIDS Commission said Tuesday that it "is satisfied with preparations for the impending HIV vaccine trials." Research coordinator Dr. John Rwomushana, "speaking at the launching of the guidelines for medical research involving human subjects," said that "various sectors of the society were consulted on the ethics of the trials." He added, "We are satisfied with the ethics. The scientific committee has answered a lot of questions raised by the ethics committee." Rwomushana added that Uganda would adapt the global ethical guidelines currently being developed to suit "the Ugandan situation" (Africa News Service, 7/22).

#6 PHILIPPINES: BAR HOSTESSES THREATEN PROTEST OF MANDATORY AIDS TEST

A group representing 2,000 Philippine bar hostesses on Thursday warned that its members would "take to the streets" in protest if a southern Philippine mayor requires hostesses to take an AIDS test before receiving a license to work, the Associated Press reports. Forced AIDS tests are a "human rights violation," said Michelle Valera, spokesperson for Lawig Bubai, the association representing the hostesses. Davao Mayor Benjamin de Guzman said Monday he is "considering" requiring the testing after the discovery two weeks ago that a Davao prostitute had tested positive for HIV. Seven other Davao prostitutes previously tested positive for the virus. Authorities say that four of the seven have developed AIDS, three have died and two

"have gone into hiding." Valera said the mayor's plan would "violate" an AIDS prevention law enacted this year. Official reports say that nationwide, 1,086 people are known to be infected with HIV and 340 of them have AIDS. However, Philippine health officials estimate that "about 33,000 people in the country are afflicted with the disease without knowing it" (AP, 7/23).

SCIENCE & MEDICINE

#7 VACCINE TRIALS: SCIENCE DRAGGING FEET ON HUMAN TRIALS

"Sixteen years into the [AIDS] epidemic -- with 30 million HIV-positive people worldwide and 11.7 million dead -- not one of 20 experimental vaccines shown to be safe in small studies has completed testing for effectiveness in full-scale human trials," yesterday's USA Today reported. In a cover story, the paper notes that with a death toll of "11 people a minute," some scientists and activists are beginning to say a vaccine is "the only hope of halting a pandemic that has already begun to change history."

THE WRONG TARGET

Vaccine advocates are beginning to "complain that the intensive search for ways to treat people that are already sick has eclipsed the vaccine research effort," USA Today reports. Jonathan Mann, founding director of UNAIDS and dean of public health at Allegheny University of the Health Sciences in Philadelphia, "notes that cultural factors may have played an

important role in shifting priorities" from vaccine development to anti-viral medication research. First, he says, activists over the years have been more adamant in demanding treatment than in pushing for prevention. Second, populations most affected by the disease "often don't know how to demand what they need." Mann said, "If the 40,000 new HIV infections we expect this year were occurring among middle-class college students, we would have been in [vaccine] field trials. The whole process would have been accelerated." Peter Piot, UNAIDS executive director, said, "Let's stop waiting for the perfect candidate vaccine [and] push ahead with ... the best candidates we have today."

WHAT'S TAKING SO LONG?

USA Today notes that only one vaccine, manufactured by San Francisco-based VaxGen, is currently undergoing human trials. That test, involving 5,000 subjects in the U.S. and Thailand, began last month (see the Daily Report, 6/24). The paper goes on to outline several reasons for the delay:

- o All but two candidates were designed to fight HIV strains in the U.S. and Europe, where it "may be difficult to find enough high-risk subjects for full-scale human trials." No current vaccine formulas are designed to fight viral strains in Africa.
- o To test a vaccine a company must first obtain adequate manufacturing capacity to produce enough serum to meet demand should it be approved. It might take four or five

years, \$15 million to design and another \$150 million to build such production plants, according to USA Today.

- o "Preliminary human trials of existing vaccine candidates have failed to convince many scientists that the vaccines will work," USA Today reports. Nobel prize winner Dr. David Baltimore, president of the California Institute of Technology and chairman of the NIH AIDS vaccine advisory committee contends the present vaccine candidates "are not likely to be sufficient to provide the necessary immunity" and is therefore calling for more "basic research" into the biology of the human immune response to HIV.

INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE

The International AIDS Vaccine Initiative is pressing forward with plans to meet the 10-year development target set by President Clinton in 1997. USA Today reports it would take between \$350 and \$500 million to establish and fund three to six development teams around the world. IAVI has already raised \$15 million, and Microsoft's Bill Gates donated \$1.5 million. The agency also is negotiating with the World Bank and other organizations to establish a \$1 billion vaccine purchase fund, to be used as a development incentive for biotech companies (Sternberg, USA Today, 7/23).

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GLOBAL CHALLENGES

#1 MOTHER-TO-INFANT TRANSMISSION: UN ISSUES BREAST-FEEDING
WARNING

In a controversial move, the United Nations is urging HIV-
infected mothers not to breast-feed, an effort intended to curb
the spread of HIV worldwide, the New York Times reports. With
recent research showing that administering anti-HIV drugs to
pregnant women can curtail mother-to-infant transmission in

utero, health officials hope to prevent "babies spared HIV infection during pregnancy and delivery" from being infected later via breast milk. UNAIDS chief epidemiologist Dr. Bernhard Schwartlander said as many as one-third of the 600,000 children who were infected last year were infected through breast-feeding. But some officials worry that the plan is a bad move because alternatives to breast milk are often expensive or unsafe in developing nations. "Those who have seen babies die needlessly because they were fed with formula made from dirty water are worried that it might happen again," said World Health Organization breast-feeding expert Dr. Susan Holck. "Others say it is unethical to deliberately, consciously breast-feed an infant milk that you know has HIV in it," she added.

DEMANDING EDUCATION

In high-risk Third World nations, some women "are beginning to demand that their governments provide information about HIV and breast-feeding, and to offer alternatives," the Times reports. The new UN plan will direct nations to inform HIV-infected mothers about the risks of breast-feeding before they decide whether to give their babies breast milk or an alternative. Health groups are split on the issue, which is part of a debate in the health community "that has sometimes been as emotional as scientific." UNAIDS Executive Director Peter Piot stressed the urgent need to thwart the AIDS epidemic, but said "he was deeply concerned about sending to third world countries a 'double message' that tells some women breast-feeding is best for their babies but tells others that breast-feeding could kill

their" children. The Times reports that some experts "also worry that not breast-feeding could cause psychological harm to mothers and infants." WHO's Dr. Felicity Savage said "the risk of contamination of breast milk alternatives ... [could] 'endanger a lot of lives that would otherwise not have been at risk at all.'"

THE PROGRAM

In its campaign to inform women of the dangers of infection through breast milk, the UN has developed two books of guidelines that "spell out the need for training in the nitty-gritty of providing alternatives to breast milk." But the guidelines also point out the UN's "unwavering" policy on breast-feeding -- that it is "the easiest and best source of nutrition for an infant, promotes bonding between the mother and infant, allows for a newborn's reflex to suckle, provides longer spacing between births, and protects against many life-threatening infections."

The program outlines alternatives including the use of commercial infant formula, processed cow's or goat's milk, HIV-negative wet nurses or breast milk banks. "As a start, the United Nations intends to conduct pilot projects in 11 countries in Africa and Asia where women have high infection rates," the Times reports. But cost is a significant factor in administering the program.

"The cost of providing breast milk substitutes to all women needing them in Tanzania, for example, dwarfs the present health budget in Tanzania and dwarfs all of Unicef's funds in Tanzania for the next two years," said Unicef's David Alnwick (Altman, New York Times, 7/26).

#2 ZIMBABWE: VACCINE LINKED TO DEATH OF HIV-POSITIVE GIRL

An HIV-positive Zimbabwean girl who developed a deadly form of measles last month shortly after receiving a measles vaccination offers "the first evidence that the AIDS virus can turn a vaccine injection into a fatal version of the disease it is meant to suppress." The girl, 8, developed the symptoms of measles encephalitis shortly after being vaccinated early last month. The World Health Organization's (WHO) Harare office in Zimbabwe said the case has "potential international significance." John Clements, director of the World Health Organization's immunization program in Zimbabwe, said Wendy Maphosa is "probably the first-known case of a vaccine ... triggering a lethal form of the disease in a person infected with HIV." But Zimbabwe Minister of Health Dr. Timothy Stamps argued that the girl had "a record of chronic illness" over the last two years including tuberculosis, "one of the most common illnesses associated with AIDS here." Stamps said, "This child's immune system was severely compromised and the prospects of her survival were very slim." WHO is investigating if the death of another HIV-infected child is linked to the vaccine. The organization is urging officials to continue the nation's vaccination program, which covers 4.7 million children (Raath, The Sunday Times, 7/23).

IN THE COURTS

#3 NEW JERSEY: APPEALS COURT REJECTS NEEDLE EXCHANGE

In a decision AIDS activists say has "profound ramifications in the battle to slow the spread of" HIV, a New Jersey appeals court Thursday "upheld the disorderly persons" convictions of two volunteers, who were conducting an "underground needle exchange program." The Asbury Park Press reports that according to the appeals court, there was no medical necessity for a needle exchange programs, and a state law which "is oblivious to good intentions" clearly and comprehensively prohibits the distribution, possession and sale of needles. The court wrote, "The Legislature has the power to impose criminal liability regardless of a defendant's motive or state of mind and has done so here in the effort to combat the scourge of ... dangerous substances." The Asbury Park Press reports "the court did not lend much credence to the testimony of defense experts who argued that needle exchange programs are effective in reducing the spread of infection." Expert witness Frederick Rotgers, director of the Program for Addictions Consultation and Treatment at St. Peter's Medical Center in New Brunswick, testified that needle-exchange programs not only reduce transmission, but also "are a proven way to get drug abusers into treatment." However, "Rotgers said he was not surprised" by the trial's outcome. "I think the courts are very conservative about making law, and in this case the law itself is grossly outdated and certainly was not passed with consideration of the health risks associated with injected drug use," he said. Diana McCague, founder of the Chai needle-exchange program and one of the two defendants, plans to

appeal to the state Supreme Court. She said, "They keep missing the point that there are people who are getting sick, and there are lives that are getting destroyed who are not drug injectors" (Becker, Asbury Park Press, 7/24).

TOO HIGH TOO SEE?

An editorial in today's Asbury Park Press says the appeals court which ruled against the program "must sit awfully high above the heads of New Jersey residents. Otherwise, the court might notice how the sharing of dirty needles among drug addicts is accelerating the spread of the AIDS virus." The editorial states the court "discounted testimony" that needle exchange programs are effective HIV/AIDS prevention tools. The court, the Asbury Park Press says, "narrowly focused" on an "indifferent" Legislature's desire to make distribution of needles a crime, regardless of a person's good intentions." Asserting that New Jersey has "one of the highest number of AIDS cases in the country" which can be attributed to sharing dirty needles, the editorial concludes, "If the Chai Project volunteers choose to appeal their disorderly persons convictions to the state Supreme Court, the result may be no different. But at some point, state officials have to recognize that AIDS continues to spread and lives continue to be, needlessly, [jeopardized] because [of] official intractability" (Asbury Park Press, 7/27).

POLITICS & POLICY

#4 SURGEON GENERAL: WILL EMPHASIZE AIDS EDUCATION

Thwarting the AIDS epidemic will be a major focus of U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher's agenda, which he will announce Thursday when he speaks to the National Association of Local Boards of Health. In addition to AIDS, the other public health areas Satcher plans to tackle are infant mortality, diabetes, immunizations, cardiovascular disease and cancer -- areas where there are "racial and ethnic disparities in health care."

In an interview with the Chicago Tribune, Satcher said, "HIV/AIDS is becoming a disease of color; in 1985, about 25% of the cases were in African Americans and Hispanics. Today, it's almost 60%, though those groups still constitute only about 25% of the population. We have to implement strong programs to close the gaps." Regarding the best messages to deliver to teens about sexual behavior, Satcher said "the abstinence message is really appropriate as a source of primary prevention." But, he added, "many teens are already sexually active," so "we also have a responsibility to talk about responsible sexual behavior."

Satcher also said he was "disappointed" that the Clinton Administration decided to prohibit federal funding of needle exchange programs. But he added that the exchange programs are not enough -- "you have to have AIDS education and substance-abuse education" as well. Standing by his support of a controversial study that provided AZT to some pregnant women in developing countries but not to others, Satcher said "there are times when science is and has to be ahead of public opinion." He added that the study ultimately proved "pivotal" and "saved thousands of lives" (Christian, Chicago Tribune, 7/26).

ACROSS THE NATION

#5 CALIFORNIA: SAN FRANCISCO POST-EXPOSURE STUDY CRITICIZED BY MEDIA

A controversial study being run by San Francisco health officials "that provides antiretroviral drugs to people who think they may have been exposed to HIV" is being criticized for undermining safe-sex efforts and encouraging risky behavior, AIDS WEEKLY Plus reports. "Although the program ... is intended as a risk reduction program and not as a medical intervention," media in San Francisco are calling it a "morning-after treatment." J.D. Bamberger of the San Francisco Department of Public Health said of the trial program, known as post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), "It's not a morning-after pill, it's 28 days of toxic medication." He said, "If we get people in who are very scared after a high-risk exposure, this is a very good opportunity for counseling interventions." Bamberger "suggested that it would be unethical to refuse medication ... but that the ethical obligation extended to providing behavioral intervention as well." PEP was created by HIV behavioral researcher Thomas Coates and others at the University-California at San Francisco. In order for study participants to receive the anti-HIV drugs, they "must attend intensive counseling sessions on safe sex." At the 12th World AIDS Conference, Bamberger "showed advertisements that the health department plans to put on city buses. The ad prototypes feature a partially nude same-sex couple" with copy

that reads: "Oh shit. The condom broke. There's a treatment that might protect against HIV, but you have to call right away. You only have 72 hours to start" (DeNoon, AIDSWEEKLY Plus, 7/27-8/3).

#6 SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL: RECEIVES \$1.2 MILLION FOR AIDS PROGRAMS

San Francisco General Hospital's AIDS programs got a \$1.2 million windfall yesterday, in the form of a "bequest from one of San Francisco's leading philanthropists." The San Francisco Chronicle reports that Kathleen Mason, who died April 9 at the age of 83, gave the hospital 20,000 shares of Central Newspapers, Inc. after "[s]he had several close friends who died of AIDS," according to Vera Haile, former executive director of a senior center where Mason served on the board. Haile said, "She was very concerned for people who fell through the cracks." The money will "go exclusively for the benefit of AIDS patients." Mason's niece Carole Schatt said the money was donated to San Francisco General because it has the best reputation for treating AIDS patients. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors' Health, Family and Environment Committee formally accepted the gift yesterday (Gledhill, 7/24).

OPINIONMAKERS

#7 MEDICAID: NEW YORK TIMES OP-ED CALLS FOR HHS ACTION

A piece by columnist Bob Herbert in yesterday's New York

Times details the problem posed to people with AIDS and other serious conditions by a recent Appeals Court ruling that allows states "to deny medical equipment and some treatments" under Medicaid. Whether or not "the equipment or treatments are deemed essential by physicians," the Second Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals ruled in a suit against the state of Connecticut that "we reject as baseless and unworkable the view (adopted by some circuits) that a state must cover all medically necessary services." At issue was a lawsuit against Connecticut that challenged the state's "refusal to pay for medical equipment that was not on a list pre-approved by the state." Herbert wrote, even though the court recognized "that curtailment of Medicaid coverage can be a 'death sentence' for some patients ... if someone needed an item that wasn't on the list ... that person was out of luck."

'WRONGHEADED AND DANGEROUS'

The ruling, according to Sheldon Toubman of the New Haven Legal Assistance Association, which brought the suit, means that "states are free to ration health care services within Medicaid benefit categories." That "unprecedented" stance spurred Herbert to call for the Clinton administration to "moot [the ruling] by issuing a policy directive from the Department of Health and Human Services saying that states are prohibited under existing Federal law from excluding services that are deemed medically necessary." There is a clear and recent precedent for this action: In May, "the administration let state officials know it planned to require their Medicaid programs to pay for medically approved uses of the impotence drug Viagra." According to

Herbert, "Advocates for the disabled want to know why it is taking the Clinton administration so long to right a wrongheaded and potentially very dangerous ruling" (Herbert, New York Times, 7/26).

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CREATION DATE/TIME:27-JUL-1998 21:40:40.00

SUBJECT: WAVES Confirmation

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

ADDRESSEES: TODD_A._SUMMERS

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION: APPT. REQUEST FOR SUMMERS, TODD

FROM: WAVES OPERATIONS CENTER - ACO: (b)(6); (b)(7)c; (b)(7)f

[003]

Date: 07-27-1998

Time: 17:39:10

This message serves as confirmation of an appointment for the
visitors listed below.

Appointment With: SUMMERS, TODD

Appointment Date: 7/27/98

Appointment Time: 8:00:00 PM

Appointment Room: WW

Appointment Building: WH

Appointment Requested by: SUMMERS TODD

Phone Number of Requestor: 62437

WAVES APPOINTMENT NUMBER: U85338

If you have any questions regarding this appointment,
please call the WAVES Center at 456-6742 and have the
appointment number listed above available to the
Access Control Officer answering your call.

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BUTTS, JEFFREY

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CREATION DATE/TIME:28-JUL-1998 10:41:29.00

SUBJECT: Katherine L. Meredith/OMB/EOP is out of the office.

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I will be out of the office from 07/27/98 until 08/03/98.

I will respond to your message when I return. If you need immediate help,
please call Joslyn Mack at 395-1483 or Jim Jordan at 395-5823.

Thanks,

KM

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CREATION DATE/TIME:28-JUL-1998 13:38:54.00

SUBJECT: India trip

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Hi Todd,

I haven't had a chance to talk with you since returning from the Geneva
chaos. I'm sure your work is as consuming as ever.

I was wondering whether you are interested in going on this India trip in
November. I'm going to be putting together some arrangements for the trip
next week and need to know if anyone else is going to be trotting around
with us. I think I sent you information on the trip last week. Let me
know if you are still considering it!

Talk to you soon!

Ron

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CREATION DATE/TIME:28-JUL-1998 13:58:53.00

SUBJECT: Kaiser Daily HIV/AIDS Report

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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A news service of The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation

<http://report.kff.org/aidshiv/>

Tuesday, July 28, 1998

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SCIENCE & MEDICINE

#1 PROTEASE INHIBITORS: ABBOTT FINDS FLAW IN NORVIR CAPSULES

Chicago-based Abbott Laboratories has stopped production of the capsule form of its protease inhibitor Norvir -- part of anti-HIV drug "cocktails" -- because of unexplained manufacturing

problems. As a result, Abbott will run out of the capsule before the end of next month, the Chicago Tribune reports. "It did not become clear until just recently that we would not be able to fix it in time to prevent a capsule shortage," said Dr. Eugene Sun, head of Abbott's anti-viral venture group. Company officials said they are "unsure" when the problem, which is preventing the pills from dissolving properly, will be fixed (Japsen, Chicago Tribune, 7/28). "Although maximum efforts are underway, to date we do not have a solution to the capsule problem," said Abbott Senior Vice President Arthur Higgins (Abbott release, 7/27). The Norvir capsules already on the market are "safe and effective," Abbott officials say (Wall Street Journal, 7/28). Abbott will continue to produce Norvir in liquid form, which doctors say is only inconvenient because of its "awful" taste. "I think it would be an interim nuisance, but most patients ought to do just fine," said Dr. Renslow Sherer, head of the AIDS unit at Chicago's Cook County Hospital. "It's a problem, but it certainly would have been worse had there not been a liquid to substitute." Physicians routinely recommend that patients take the liquid form of Norvir with "chocolate products or protein drinks" to disguise the bad taste. Sun said the company is upping production of the liquid form of the drug to ensure that it "will cover the market."

ACTION ALERT

Abbott said it has notified the Food and Drug Administration and AIDS service organizations of the problem, and that it will send a mailing to "patients, physicians and government agencies,

notifying them of the problem." The company has established a toll-free number (800/637-2400) and a web site (www.norvir.com) to answer patient and provider questions (Japsen, Chicago Tribune, 7/28).

POLITICS & POLICY

#2 AIDS RESEARCH: NEW AIDS RESEARCH DIRECTOR OUTLINES STRATEGY AND VISION

According to Neal Nathanson, the newly appointed director of the U.S. Office of AIDS Research, developing "[a] safe and effective AIDS vaccine is now 'the most important gap' in the effort to control HIV," and "one of the most urgent needs in all of biomedical research," the Philadelphia Inquirer reports. The world-class virologist and former University of Pennsylvania Department of Microbiology chairman left retirement to pursue "an opportunity to do something that is both challenging and greatly needed," Nathanson said in a recent interview. He indicated that while many of the newly developed AIDS drugs are effective, they are inadequate "in the developing world, where 90 percent of the estimated 30 million people with HIV live," so a vaccine is the only real hope for halting the spread of the disease.

VACCINE 'BOTTLENECK'

Nathanson said he blames the "bottleneck" in AIDS vaccine research on a lack of "vision, leadership and creativity," and said he plans to re-evaluate the traditional approach to the AIDS epidemic. What is needed, he said, "is a much more coordinated

approach that would systematically screen potential AIDS vaccines in monkeys and advance to human testing only those vaccine candidates that show the most scientific promise." The epidemic, he asserts, is actually "many different epidemics with different characteristics, depending on the particular group that is infected," thus his strategy will be based on the demographics of HIV. The Inquirer notes that one "mini-epidemic" targets women who have unprotected sex with men. For this group, Nathanson emphasizes that microbicide research -- "chemicals that could be put in the vagina before sex -- that would kill HIV" is a critical area where "little progress has been made." He also said that many AIDS vaccines currently in development may be partially effective and could go a long way toward halting the spread of the disease (Collins, Philadelphia Inquirer, 7/27). [Click here to read past Daily Report coverage of Neal Nathanson.](#)

ACROSS THE NATION

#3 VIRGINIA: RICHMOND SEES 'EXCELLENT' TURNOUT FOR NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

Richmond's National HIV Testing Day saw a dramatic increase in turnout compared to last year, the Richmond Times-Dispatch reports. Health educators met with 407 people, of which 237 were tested -- compared to last year's 75 people -- on the designated testing day, June 27th, and throughout National HIV Testing week. "It was excellent. We didn't have half that many the last time," said Eleanor Harrison, human services administrator of the

Minority AIDS Program and spokesperson for the seven agency coalition that sponsored the event. Health officials credited the increase to better promotion efforts. "Promoting testing in different sites helped us a great deal. We really carried the sites into the community and this may have helped us," Harrison said. The Times-Dispatch notes that "[a] coalition of HIV prevention outreach specialists coordinated free testing at six sites" in Richmond, along with additional sites in Petersburg, Hanover, Chesterfield and Henrico counties. The coalition consisted of "specialists from the Richmond Department of Public Health, Human Resources Inc., Virginia Commonwealth University HIV/AIDS Center and Anonymous Test Site, Crossover Health Center, Fan Free Clinic, South Richmond Health Center and Richmond Behavioral Health Authority (Bethea, Richmond Times-Dispatch, 7/25).

PUBLIC HEALTH & EDUCATION

#4 NORTH CAROLINA: RED CROSS, BLACK COLLEGES FIGHT HIV

The American Red Cross and a group of black colleges are teaming up to get the word out about HIV among minorities. The Raleigh News-Observer reports that recently "the Red Cross made reaching out to African-Americans its top HIV prevention priority," and is working in conjunction with the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, the nation's largest group of historically black schools. Blacks account for 36% of AIDS cases, despite comprising only 13% of the

population at large. Student volunteers will be trained this week at Shaw College in Raleigh on how to "sidestep debates over the validity of conspiracy theories," as well as address mistrust of doctors and other factors that have kept blacks from learning important facts about the disease. Darlene Sparks Washington of the Red Cross' national headquarters said, "Students from all over the country are asked to tackle some entrenched ideas that have put African-Americans at greater risk for contracting HIV" (Clabby, Raleigh News-Observer, 7/27).

MEDIA & SOCIETY

#5 'PHILADELPHIA:' PRIME TIME PREMIERE SLATED FOR AUG. 9TH

"Philadelphia," the poignant, Oscar-winning drama about AIDS will "finally" air on prime time television Aug. 9, the Boston Herald reports. The movie "has been sitting on the shelf at CBS for a few years, available to the network for airing anytime it wanted." However, "[b]ecause of the film's sensitive subject matter and many harrowing scenes, programmers weren't sure how viewers would respond to the movie." But with the film's stars - Tom Hanks and Antonio Banderas -- in hot summer films, CBS decided to release the movie, the Herald reports (Adalian, 7/25).

#6 CONDOMS: AIDS ACTION URGES TV NETWORKS TO RUN ADS

In letters sent to the presidents of the six major television networks -- ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX, WB Network and UPN Entertainment -- AIDS Action yesterday called for condom ads on

television programs rated "S" for sexual content. Presently, only some cable networks, including MTV, allow such ads. "Let's put the V-chip to use in fighting AIDS as well as violence," said Daniel Zingale, AIDS Action's executive director. "Networks that sensationalize sex on TV have a responsibility to portray the reality of sex, not just the fantasy," he said, adding, "AIDS drugs cost \$40 a day. Condoms cost 40 cents and stop HIV." AIDS Action advocated for the move as part of "The Virtual Vaccine Campaign," a ten-point policy initiative designed to reinvigorate the national commitment to HIV prevention. [Click here to read past Daily Report coverage of AIDS Action's "Virtual Vaccine."](#)

GLOBAL CHALLENGES

#7 HAITI: HIV INFECTION RATE 'DISASTROUS'

A surge of HIV infection in Haiti has propelled the disease to become one of the "main cause[s] of death in adults," said Jean-William Pape, director of the Haitian research group GHESKIO and medical professor at Cornell University. Pape addressed the annual convention of the Association of Haitian Physicians on July 23, and announced that approximately "26,000 Haitians were infected with the HIV virus in 1997," a statistic that compares unfavorably with the 40,000 people who contracted HIV in the U.S. and the 30,000 Western Europeans who became infected during the same period. Pape blamed the high incidence of sexually transmitted diseases, which he said are "preparing the bed for HIV," and noted that "57% of pregnant women seeking prenatal care

had a sexually transmitted disease, including HIV." Illinois Department of Employment Security research economist Harry Fouche noted that under the current Haitian economic situation, patients cannot afford AIDS treatments that cost "\$12,000 to \$18,000." As a result, Pape said that the disease "has killed many mothers leaving behind orphans in Haiti," and that the AIDS epidemic has taken "10 years off the life expectancy of Haitians, which is 54 years." Fouche noted that "a heavy condom promotional campaign" was initiated in 1991, and as a result the number of condoms sold in the country has increased from a "few thousand" to 7 million (Agence France Press, 7/24). [Click here to read Daily Report coverage of the AIDS epidemic in Haiti.](#)

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CREATION DATE/TIME:28-JUL-1998 20:40:40.00

SUBJECT: RE: Help - continued.

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Todd - sorry, I didn't finish before I sent this. I can try to do that

but I do not yet have a strong relationship with the Veterans Service

Organizations - in fact, my first meeting with the leadership of the big

ones is this thursday. What's the timeline? BOPPER

Lawrence Deyton, MSPH, MD 202 273-8457

Director, AIDS Service 202 273-9078 fax

Department of Veterans Affairs email:

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Washington, DC 20420

-----Original Message-----

From: Todd_A._Summers@opd.eop.gov

[SMTP:Todd_A._Summers@opd.eop.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 1998 12:53 PM

To: Deyton, Lawrence R. MD

Subject: Help!

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CREATION DATE/TIME:28-JUL-1998 20:04:03.00

SUBJECT: RE: Help!

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I know nothing about it - but I would likely not. Do you want me to
check with our legislative folks? Bopper

Lawrence Deyton, MSPH, MD 202 273-8457
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810 Vermont Avenue, NW dr.bopper.deyton@mail.va.gov
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CREATOR: Ann Borlo (Ann Borlo <acb@s-3.com> [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:28-JUL-1998 16:17:00.00

SUBJECT: International Subcommittee Call

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TO: Sarah T. Holewinski (CN=Sarah T. Holewinski/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])
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TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: NavDocSF (NavDocSF <NavDocSF@aol.com> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Stacy McAdoo (Stacy McAdoo <SMCADOO@wpgate.glo.state.tx.us> [UNKNOWN])
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TEXT:
International Subcommittee Conference Call

A conference call for the International Subcommittee has been scheduled for
Wednesday, July 29, at 10:30 a.m. eastern time. The number to dial at
10:30
a.m. eastern time is 888-476-3752, and the participant code is 895494.

If you are not a member of this subcommittee, but would like to be on the
call, please let me know so a line can be added for you, I can be reached
by
phone at (301) 986-4870, by fax at (301) 913-0351 and by e-mail at
acb@s-3.com.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (TRP NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Aragon, Regina ("Aragon, Regina" <raragon@sfaf.org> [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:28-JUL-1998 18:47:43.00

SUBJECT: RE: FW: Threat to FY 99 HOPWA Appropriations Increase

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Allgaier, Randy ("Allgaier, Randy" <rallgaie@sfaf.org> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Hopkins, Ernest ("Hopkins, Ernest" <ehopkins@sfaf.org> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

We're on it. SFAF is presently sending out an alert to the Northern

California delegation and we're asking APLA to do the same in the South.

I've alerted the City's legislative folks and DPH, and Laura Thomas

(formerly of our staff now at the SF AIDS Office) is going to try to get

a letter from the local Veterans group -- we have an HIV+ woman who sits

on the Commission, FYI. The National AIDS Housing Coalition is also

activating its network. Deb Runions responded to my email from

yesterday -- we've given her our talking points/action alert and she's

going to call Hilleary's office with her best Tennessean accent.

We've also been in contact with Carolyn Bartholomew in Pelosi's office.

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Todd_A._Summers@oa.eop.gov [SMTP:Todd_A._Summers@oa.eop.gov]

> Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 1998 9:42 AM

> To: raragon@sfaf.org

> Subject: Re: FW: Threat to FY 99 HOPWA Appropriations Increase

>

> Message Creation Date was at 28-JUL-1998 12:42:00

>

> The HUD legislative folks think this is going to be offered, and to

> pass.

> We're working on calls. I talked to Jeff Jacobs and suggested that he

> contact

> veteran's groups to see if they would offer a letter opposing the

> amendment.

> He seems overwhelmed so you might want to help if you can. Thanks,

>

> Todd

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (TRP NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Scotthitt (ScottHitt@aol.com [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:29-JUL-1998 18:38:56.00

SUBJECT: Re: clear the air

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

You go girl...hang in there!

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (TRP NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Tsummers (Tsummers@aol.com [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:29-JUL-1998 02:55:21.00

SUBJECT: Fwd: Quick Spread of AIDS Alarms China

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

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Quick Spread of AIDS Alarms China

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BEIJING (AP) - Chinese authorities urged greater efforts to slow the spread

of AIDS as the official tally of people infected with the virus that causes the disease topped 10,000, an official newspaper said Tuesday.

The newspaper said the actual number of people infected with HIV may be as high as 300,000 - 100,000 more than previous estimates.

That figure could pass 1 million by 2000 if more is not done to check the spread of HIV, Xiao Yan, an official with the Department of Disease

Control,
told state television.

Local health authorities have been ordered to speed up education and prevention campaigns, the newspaper said.

The disparity between official numbers and estimates is likely due to underreporting, the lack of government resources to perform tests and the stigma attached to acknowledging HIV-infection.

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U.S. Calls on Blacks in AIDS Fight

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By LAURA MECKLER

WASHINGTON (AP) - With blacks now accounting for more than half of new HIV infections, Surgeon General David Satcher urged black leaders to mobilize against the epidemic.

Recalling his childhood in the segregated South, Satcher compared the fight against AIDS to the struggle for civil rights.

``We need to educate as we've never educated before," Satcher, who is

black,
told the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in a speech Tuesday.

“I’m
talking to you about you.”

While blacks make up 13 percent of the U.S. population, they account for 57
percent of the new infections. Among some groups, the statistics are even
more
striking: Blacks and Hispanics make up 82 percent of HIV-positive women
ages
13 to 24.

And life-prolonging AIDS drugs are helping whites more than blacks. In
1996,
deaths among whites with AIDS were down 28 percent; for blacks, it was
just 10
percent.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference’s new president, Martin Luther
King III, underscored the difficulty of AIDS education, saying he is not
comfortable promoting use of condoms.

“The only way is abstinence,” he said in an interview after Satcher’s
speech. “Sex should not be something that we just casually engage in and
take
lightly.”

The solution, King said, is restoring fundamental values to society. He said

AIDS is an important issue, although it is not among his top priorities.

Satcher did not recommend any particular prevention strategy on Tuesday.

But

he and other public health experts agree that use of condoms is essential to halt the spread of HIV among people who are not likely to abstain from sex.

The surgeon general will hammer the AIDS message in upcoming speeches to black

journalists and doctors, and he plans to reach out to other groups such as black fraternities, sororities and newspapers.

But his speech to church leaders was particularly important. Churches play

a

central role in many black communities, and ministers are often among the most

prominent community leaders. But church leaders have been reluctant to talk about AIDS because it relates so closely to sex and homosexuality, Satcher says.

The issue is also thorny because of its relationship to drug use, a major problem inside the black community with its own set of taboos.

“We need your help,” Satcher told the organization formed by ministers in

1957. ``We need the church to help us to deal with the prejudice and the bias that we face as we're trying to fight this epidemic."

Ministers are uneasy talking about AIDS, said the group's chairman, Dr. Claud Young, a family doctor in Detroit.

``They speak about sex in any form as if it's a form of cancer," he said, recalling preachers asking him not to use the word ``condom" inside the church. ``I said, `Not only is the word condom being used in the church. I can assure you condoms are being used in the church.'"

Young added that in Michigan, black organizations have received little of the grant money available for prevention.

Today's fight presents challenges that did not exist during the 1960s, Satcher said. During the civil rights movement, he said, people had hope that they could effect change. Today, too many young people are hopeless about their futures so they do not try as hard to avoid risky sex and other health threats, he said. But that can change, he said.

``Leadership is critical," he said. ``I don't think we've found any substitutes for good leadership."

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POLITICS & POLICY

#1 SURGEON GENERAL: SAYS AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY MUST
COMBAT SPREAD OF HIV

U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher yesterday challenged the
Southern Christian Leadership Conference to educate the African-
American community about HIV and to promote safer sex. The
Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports that at a prayer breakfast
in Atlanta during the SCLC's 41st annual convention, Satcher said
"it is critical for churches, organizations like the SCLC,

schools, parents and community leaders to join health officials" in attacking the AIDS epidemic in the black community (Byrd, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 7/29). Satcher said, "Church leaders have been reluctant to talk about AIDS because it relates so closely to sex," homosexuality and drug use (AP/Chicago Tribune, 7/29). As previously noted in the Daily Report, the HIV infection rate is growing rapidly within the minority population: In addition to accounting for 57% of new HIV infections, "blacks and hispanics make up 82% of HIV-positive women ages 13-24" (Byrd, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 7/29). The AP/Chicago Tribune reports that white AIDS deaths fell 28% in 1996, while black deaths fell only 10% and concludes that "life-prolonging AIDS drugs are helping whites more than blacks." See 4/24, 7/17 and 7/24 for previous coverage of HIV-positive minority populations.

UNCOMFORTABLE TALK

However, SCLC's new president, Martin Luther King III, later said he "is not comfortable promoting use of condoms," which pinpoints one of the difficulties in dealing with the disease in the black community. He added, "The only way is abstinence. Sex should not be something that we just casually engage in and take lightly" (AP/Chicago Tribune, 7/29). Reuters/Detroit Free Press reports that in Detroit -- which contains more than 60% of Michigan's AIDS cases -- AIDS Partnership Michigan has enlisted more than 40 churches to serve AIDS patients with "counseling, transportation, support groups, education and financial aid." Rev. James Michael Curenton of the group's AIDS Interfaith

Network said the program has been a "difficult sell," because "the disease's stigma has slowed the response of the church" (Fox/Gerritt, Reuters/Detroit Free Press, 7/29).

#2 NAMES-BASED REPORTING: NEW YORK AIDS ACTIVISTS PROTEST NEW LAW

AIDS activists held a demonstration in front of the New York State Office building yesterday to demand the repeal of the state's recently passed HIV notification law. Dimitri Alexander, a client of the Gay Men's Health Crisis, said, "Partner notification laws will do nothing to slow down the HIV/AIDS epidemic and should be repealed. ... We know what works. Needle-exchange, condom distribution, [and] targeted HIV prevention." Housing Works' Terri Smith-Caronia said, "Despite the expertise of AIDS organizations from all across the state, who spent months in Albany fighting this dangerous legislation, lawmakers chose a simplistic response to a complicated epidemic." AIDS activists are concerned that "the law runs the risk of driving thousands of New Yorkers away from HIV testing and programs that have been proven successful at preventing the spread of HIV," according to Dennis DeLeon, executive director of The Latino Commission on AIDS. Organizations sponsoring the protest are: AIDS and Adolescents Network of New York, ACT UP/New York, Exponents, Inc., FACT, Gay Men's Health Crisis, Housing Works, Latino Commission on AIDS, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Long Island Association for AIDS Care, and New York AIDS Coalition (Release, 7/28).

ACROSS THE NATION

#3 SOUTH CAROLINA: TO TEST ENTIRE PRISON POPULATION FOR HIV

South Carolina is conducting mandatory AIDS testing of its roughly 21,000 state prisoners, the AP/Columbia State reports. Corrections Department spokeswoman Linda Davis said the \$126,000 testing program will be complete by Aug. 31. "It's a public safety issue. Considering the nature of our population and the lifestyle, there's a potential for health-related problems," she said. Davis said that "correctional officers can use minimal force to ensure all inmates comply, including holding them down while blood is drawn," but so far there have been no compliance problems.

SEGREGATION OR BETTER CARE?

Steve Bates, executive director of the South Carolina ACLU, "worries" that HIV-infected inmates will be "segregated and denied educational" opportunities. Prison officials say they need to know who is HIV-positive, but, Bates said, "it's unclear how the Department of Corrections would function differently" with the information. Jackie Walker, AIDS expert for the National Prison Project, said, "They're using the rationale they're identifying people early and providing treatment. That doesn't necessarily equate in terms of looking at health care in prisons and health care for prisoners living with HIV and AIDS. I've never seen them say, 'OK, we'll test you and you'll be provided with [the] correct level of care, medications and access

to outside specialists when it's needed and appropriate," Walker said. State Sen. Kay Patterson (D) said she favors testing but also wanted to know what the department would do with the results. State Sen. David Thomas (R), who chairs the corrections committee, said prison officials could determine the incidence of HIV and AIDS by conducting a random sampling of 250 inmates. The federal Bureau of Prisons and 17 other states conduct mandatory testing, according to the National Prison Project operated by the American Civil Liberties Union. All 50 states and the District of Columbia provide voluntary AIDS testing for prisoners. The 17 other states are: Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming (AP/Columbia State, 7/28). [Click here for previous coverage of this issue.](#)

#4 LOUISIANA: FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC DROPS HIV TEST REQUIREMENT

For the past year, a New Orleans family planning clinic "near two public housing complexes" has required patients to take an HIV test before receiving free birth control pills and has referred women who refused the test to other clinics. "Under pressure from the state Office of Public Health," the six-year-old Desire/Florida Neighborhood Pregnancy Care Clinic "will no longer require" the test, the New Orleans Times-Picayune reports. Clinic director Dr. Joseph Miller, who "is grudgingly complying with the health department's request," said the move

"puts public policy before common sense" because "not checking for all sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV, puts a wider population at risk and keeps people from getting the treatment they might need." He said, "'This is not a suburban, bedroom community. This is a community that is at high risk' of contracting AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases."

Miller said about "99% of patients agreed to be screened before the mandatory testing policy was implemented, but it is that 1% he is worried about, especially women who might not know they have HIV."

PUBLIC POLICY

Louis Trachtman, chief medical director for the state Office of Public Health, said of the clinic's policy of referring those who refused the test elsewhere, "I think that would be perfectly allowable in a private clinic, but in a public clinic that would be highly unusual. People are only supposed to be referred for a medical service or a medical specialty service that is not available in the clinic." Dr. Brobson Lutz, former city health director, "said he was surprised to learn" of the clinic's requirement and said that "[a]lthough testing in high-risk populations is important, 'to mandate HIV testing as a prerequisite for family planning services is wrong. ... It shows a complete lack of understanding of basic public health principles.'" He called the clinic's policy "a case of 'picking on the poor people'" and said, "They shouldn't have to spend two hours on a bus to go someplace else." Miller said the HIV testing policy had so far caused "no problem" and "apparently

passed muster when the Office of Public Health audited the clinic in March" (Swerczek, New Orleans Times, 7/27).

#5 OHIO: FOSTER FATHER CLAIMS HIV DISCRIMINATION IN LOSS OF CUSTODY

An Ohio man has filed complaints with state and federal civil rights offices claiming that the Summit County's Children Services Board's decision to remove his four foster children was based on his HIV-positive status and is in violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act. The Akron Beacon Journal reports that Mor Rondo Roberts, who is HIV-positive but asymptomatic and taking a drug cocktail, claims that when he disclosed to the CSB his seropositive status, they asked him "primitive, 1980-type questions that showed they were real misinformed and had a real bias." The questions allegedly included whether Roberts "would wear gloves around the children, how he would prepare food and what he would do if the children began bleeding." The Beacon Journal reports that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has never documented a case of HIV transmission through casual household contact.

BRINGING ADA INTO PLAY?

While CSB officials admit that they were concerned about Roberts' "reduced life expectancy and the danger he may pose to the children," they claim the primary cause for the loss of custody was that Roberts violated CSB guidelines by permitting a 17-year-old to live in the house. Roberts' physician, Dr. William Ruby of Akron City Hospital, said new HIV drugs mean that

Roberts will likely "be around in 5 to 10 years. My gut tells me he'll be here longer than that." The Beacon Journal reports that the Ohio Department of Human Services and the federal Department of Health and Human Services "are jointly investigating the case" -- which could be impacted by the recent Supreme Court ruling that HIV-positive patients fall under the protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act (Curry/Umrigar, Akron Beacon Journal, 7/26).

GLOBAL CHALLENGES

#6 VIETNAM: PREDICT DRAMATIC RISE IN HIV/AIDS INFECTION RATE

Vietnamese researchers predict the number of new HIV infections will increase dramatically by the year 2000. At the World AIDS Conference in Geneva earlier this month, Dr. Tran Hein Nguyen of the Department of Epidemiology at Hanoi Medical College estimated that in 1996 there were between 22,000 and 30,000 HIV cases in Vietnam, with 1,700 to 2,300 cases of full-blown AIDS. Dr. Nguyen expects these numbers to increase sharply, and predicts that by the year 2000, "the cumulative number of HIV infections will reach about 130,000 to 180,000." Dr. Nguyen notes that new HIV/AIDS cases are severely "underreported," and "the clinicians believe that about 20% of HIV infections and 33% of AIDS cases have not been included in official estimates."

HIV 'EPICENTER'

Ho Chi Minh City is the "epicenter of the HIV epidemic in Vietnam," according to a University of California-San Francisco

research team led by Dr. Think Tran. The city is the location of "41% of the country's cumulative number of HIV cases" last year. The research team also noted an increase in new infections in young adults under 30, and "a slight trend toward greater sexual transmission." There was a decrease in HIV infection among intravenous drug users in Ho Chi Minh City, but an increase among "sex workers and injection drug users in other provinces" (Reuters/JAMA, 7/27).

SCIENCE & MEDICINE

#7 THALIDOMIDE: INCREASES BODY WEIGHT IN PATIENTS WITH WASTING SYNDROME

Treating patients who have AIDS-associated weight loss with thalidomide for up to six months results in statistically significant increases in body weight, according to a study released Monday by Celgene Corp. The data, presented at the 12th Annual World AIDS Conference, show that people treated with the drug for 28 weeks gained about 10% of their body weight (13.6 lbs.), and about half of the patients returned to their "pre-morbid" weight. Significant weight gain continued through the 68th week of therapy, but the number of patients participating in the study declined after 28 weeks of treatment. According to David Stirling, Ph.D., head of research and development at Celgene, "The data affirms results from an earlier analysis of a pivotal study, and supports our plan to submit a new drug application for the use of thalidomide in AIDS wasting." Celgene

recently received approval from the Food and Drug Administration
to market thalidomide for the treatment of a debilitating
condition associated with leprosy (Celgene release, 7/27).

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Helen

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POLITICS & POLICY

#1 CONGRESS: VOTES TO MOVE AIDS HOUSING FUNDS TO VETERANS

At the same time it passed a measure "that would deny federal housing money to San Francisco because of that city's policies supporting live-in homosexual partners," the House yesterday passed a measure that "would take away \$21 million from housing programs for people with AIDS and give it to veterans." The measure, which was sponsored by Rep. Van Hilleary (R-TN), was passed 231-200 as part of a larger bill "that would finance veterans affairs and housing matters" for FY '99. The New York Times reports that "the fate" of the measure "is uncertain." The Senate has not passed "corresponding legislation," and the measure "could easily be dropped when the House and Senate

negotiate the final spending bill they send to" President Clinton, who "is certain to oppose" the measure (Seelye, New York Times, 7/30).

#2 NIH: AIDS VACCINE EXPERT TO FILL TWO POSTS

AIDS expert Margaret Johnston -- a vocal critic of the government's efforts to develop an AIDS vaccine -- will fill two posts at the National Institutes of Health this fall, "a signal that the government's strategy may soon change," the Boston Globe reports. Johnston was formerly "one of the government's leading AIDS vaccine administrators, but she left two years ago in frustration to join the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, a group pushing for a more aggressive effort."

Johnson has spoken out against the "government's focus on laboratory research" in developing an AIDS vaccine and was the primary author of a report critical of efforts to develop a vaccine by 2007. "We need more basic research, but that's not the only way we will learn things," she said, adding, "It's time for the federal government to invest in more product development." At NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Johnston will have two roles: to "coordinate AIDS vaccine efforts inside and outside government" labs and to "oversee government funding of nongovernment scientists working on AIDS vaccines, topical microbicides, and other biomedical means to prevent" HIV transmission (Knox, 7/29). "Dr. Johnston's experience in promoting the involvement of the international community, particularly developing countries, in

HIV/AIDS vaccine development will be a tremendous benefit to NIAID," said Dr. Jack Killen, director of NIAID's Division of AIDS (NIAID release, 7/28).

PUBLIC HEALTH & EDUCATION

#3 EDUCATION: TIME TO RETHINK MESSAGE FOR HOMOSEXUALS?

In a Washington Blade opinion piece, Mark King, an Atlanta-based AIDS educator and writer, says that "AIDS prevention groups should be ready to cut a deal with people at risk -- and here I speak to gay men -- and throw away some principles that are more politically correct than truly effective." One such principle is the teaching that gay men must "stop high risk behavior and use condoms 'every time.'" Considering recent data that showed "less than half" of those "having anal sex with more than one partner ... have been 100% safe in the last six months," he says that more realistic advice for all gay men is to "[b]e safe a little more" and "raise the bar on our risk behavior." Another principle that he says "has failed us miserably," is the idea "that we should rely less on disclosing our HIV status to sexual partners and behave as if 'everyone is positive.'" This rule "has had the exact opposite effect," he says, and is "based on distrust -- why bother asking when they'll probably lie to you." He says whatever our status, we should "say it. ... [B]ehavior will probably change (for the better) when partners know." A third principle that "has only complicated prevention efforts" is the "emphasis on understanding self-esteem issues among gay men,

and what leads them to engage in anonymous encounters." He says, "I don't care to waste time moralizing about it or trying to understand why, I just want them to lower their risk while they're there." Finally, King stresses that sexually active gay men who are HIV negative should be "proud." He says, "Chances are you are more than merely lucky; you have had sex carefully and have lowered risks." Friends, lovers and service providers should take "every opportunity" to "lift up negative men who have struggled to remain that way" (Washington Blade, 7/24).

#4 PREVENTION: FLORIDA LAUNCHES OVER-50 EDUCATION PROGRAM

Recent surveys in Florida have revealed alarming trends in HIV infection rates among those over 50, "prompting state officials to target the older population with an AIDS education campaign," the St. Petersburg Times reports. At a news conference yesterday, Department of Health Secretary James Howell cited statistics that one in eight people with HIV in Florida is over 50, making that group the fastest growing HIV population in the state. E. Bentley Lipscomb, secretary of the Department of Elder Affairs, said the lack of testing in this group could mean the actual numbers are much higher. "I'm afraid all these numbers could be the tip of the iceberg. Physicians don't check the elderly for HIV," he said.

WHO ME?

Coupled with the rising infection rate, many are concerned about the attitudes of seniors toward HIV. Recently single seniors may be new to the AIDS-era dating scene and unaware of

risks or prevention strategies. According to Tom Liberti, chief of the state's Bureau on HIV/AIDS, educating the elderly on HIV prevention is difficult. "[P]eople in their 50s, 60s and 70s let the message go over their heads," he said. In response, a "pilot HIV awareness program will target older residents in Hillsborough County," and a "similar program is already operating in Broward County." Howell said, "What we are trying to do is alert seniors that they are at risk for this disease." The program relies on peer education led by seniors who are HIV-positive, and more traditional outreach strategies such as posters. One poster shows an elderly couple in bed and reads: "Sex is not only for the young. Neither is HIV." The state has allocated \$35,000 this year for the Hillsborough program, but Howell is asking the state legislature for \$275,000 next year to expand the program to other counties. "We're trying to put a wall around the older population," said Liberti (Wilborn, St. Petersburg Times, 7/30).

ACROSS THE NATION

#5 FLORIDA: STUDENT CLAIMS SCHOOL COERCED HER INTO DISCLOSING HIV STATUS

A 15-year-old girl and her legal guardian this month filed suit against a Catholic high school in Miami, FL, alleging that school officials forced her to announce to classmates that she is HIV-positive, the Miami Herald reports. School officials at St. Francis Xavier School turned a "delicate situation" into an "outrageous, atrocious and intolerable" one, the girl's lawyers

charge. Robert Buschel, the family's lawyer, said, "All they did was damage the child, not protect anyone else" (Colon, 7/28).

The Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel reports that according to the plaintiff's version of the lawsuit, the girl "wrote a suicide note to a friend in early May" saying that "she was going to die, as her mother did, from AIDS-related complications. The letter eventually reached her teacher." The girl "said she never gave school officials permission to disclose her HIV-positive status after they had become aware of it." The Archdiocese of Miami, however, says "school officials counseled the girl and discussed with her how she should handle her HIV status." Spokesperson Mary Ross Agosta said the girl "volunteered [her status] after receiving counseling" at the school. The girl's attorneys are seeking \$15,000 plus in damages, and the archdiocese will not settle out of court, the Sun-Sentinel reports. "The church has until August 5 to respond to the suit" (Ramirez, Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel, 7/28).

STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY LAW

"Florida law leaves scant room for doubt on the issue of HIV and AIDS confidentiality," the Miami Herald reports. The statute forbids anyone, not just health care professionals, from disclosing or being forced to disclose the results of an HIV test. The standard for AIDS is even more stringent than those "covering just about any other medical condition." A social worker may provide the most "damaging evidence" in the case, reports the Herald. The social worker said Principal Michelle Dolyk discussed the girl's HIV-

status with teachers "despite several warnings" that she was violating the student's privacy. Archdiocese lawyer Jim Gilbride said their "version of events will be considerably different."

Rev. Jack Lau, pastor of St. Francis Church, the church that runs the school, said he has worked with AIDS victims for 12 years and is well-versed in the "ethical considerations associated with the virus." There would be "no reason to coerce" a student to give such a confession, he said. Lau added: "This is a girl the archdiocese has helped tremendously. I don't understand any of this" (Rogers, Miami Herald, 7/28).

GLOBAL CHALLENGES

#6 CHINA: HIV INFECTION RATE OVER 10,000

The official HIV infection rate in China "has surpassed 10,000," with 301 cases of full-blown AIDS, the Chinese Ministry of Health reports. The number is up 22% since last October. Health Ministry official Xiao Yan said "the true number" of HIV cases "may have reached some 300,000." According to Xinhua News Agency, every one of China's 31 provinces has now reported cases of HIV. The rapid rise in the infection rate is blamed on prostitution, "illegal blood sellers" and shared contaminated needles among intravenous drug users. Experts warn by the year 2000 the figure could rise to over 1 million cases of HIV (Xinhua News Agency, 7/28). The government has ordered "local health authorities ... to speed up education and prevention campaigns, AP/Worldstream reports (7/28).

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House Votes To Nix Gay Rights Money

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By H. JOSEF HEBERT

WASHINGTON (AP) - Despite charges of bigotry and interference in local government, the House on Wednesday voted to prohibit the spending of federal

money on programs implementing a gay-rights ordinance in San Francisco.

The measure, offered by Rep. Frank Riggs, R-Calif., was approved 214-212 as an

amendment to a spending bill for housing, veterans programs, environmental

protection, space and funding for the arts.

Supporters said they hoped to get the provision removed during negotiations to reconcile the House bill with a yet-to-be approved Senate version.

The Riggs amendment prohibits any money in the \$94 billion spending bill to be used to implement a San Francisco ordinance that requires employers doing business with the city to provide health and other benefits to same-sex partners.

“We should not force or coerce (private business) to adopt policies they find morally objectionable,” Riggs argued in a heated debate.

Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., called it a “mean-spirited, bigoted amendment” and other opponents said it was an assault on local autonomy. “It attacks home rule in every city in America,” declared Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, a former mayor of Cleveland.

“It’s a move back to the days of witch hunting, back to the days of telling people what they should and should not do,” complained Rep. Danny Davis, D-

III. He said the amendment threatens programs in San Francisco that help the homeless and the treatment of AIDS patients as well as scores of other programs that rely in part on federal support.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said the city negotiated with Catholic Charities, which had balked at the ordinance, and reached an accommodation, and compromises were expected to be worked out with other businesses.

“I don't know why Mr. Riggs wants to create a war,” she said in strong opposition to the measure. Pelosi, who represents San Francisco, called the amendment an affront to home rule and said “the city of San Francisco is not forcing anyone to act against their principles.”

More than a dozen lawmakers spoke emotionally against the amendment, characterizing it as an attack on gay rights and a federal imposition on local rule. Only Riggs vigorously supported it during the debate.

“It's a message amendment. ... It will unquestionably encourage intolerance,” said Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif.

The San Francisco ordinance has been criticized by some businesses as well as nonprofit organizations including Catholic Charities and the Salvation

Army.

“The Salvation Army, which refused to buckle to city policy, forfeited \$3.5 million of its \$18 million budget,” said Riggs, because it didn’t want to comply with the city ordinance on domestic partner benefits.

The Human Rights Campaign, the largest national lesbian and gay political organization, called the amendment “the latest salvo in right-wing attacks against gay people.”

“The amendment is a thinly veiled attempt to attack San Francisco and micromanage the city,” said Winnie Stachelberg, the political director for the Human Rights Campaign.

In another action of interest to the gay community, the House decided to reduce money it had allocated for housing programs earmarked for people with AIDS. The \$21 million was shifted to help finance state extended care programs for veterans.

Rep. Van Hilleary, R-Tenn., said the reduction was justified because of a 6 percent decline in the annual number of AIDS cases.

Opponents of the amendment argued that the decline is attributed to the wider

use of new drugs and the success of such drug treatments often depends on patients having decent housing.

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Thank you so much. I know she will appreciate attending. I will ask her

to

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#1 STDS: DETECTION AND TREATMENT MUST BE PART OF NATIONWIDE HIV PREVENTION STRATEGY

Due to "strong evidence" that STDs play a "cofactor role in HIV transmission," the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee for HIV and STD Prevention is recommending that "early detection and treatment of curable STDs should be implemented more widely as an HIV prevention strategy in the United States." In findings published in the current Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, researchers said STD detection and treatment programs should be "one component of a comprehensive HIV prevention program, which also must include" a wide range of "social, behavioral, and biomedical interventions." While scientists have long believed that STDs increase the

likelihood of contracting HIV, CDC researchers conclude that incidences of these "intersecting epidemics" are "substantially underestimate[d]." Researchers concluded that "[b]ecause the United States has the highest rates of curable STDs among industrialized nations and a high prevalence of HIV infection, the potential impact of enhanced STD control on the prevention of sexually transmitted HIV infections in the United States is likely to be substantial."

FOCUS AND SCOPE

CDC researchers focused on the "major treatable STDs" such as chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and chancroid, "because of strong evidence of their cofactor role in HIV transmission," and because there are already nationwide prevention programs and "routine public health surveillance" in place for these STDs. They also found that "treating other STDs" such as herpes, trichomoniasis and "genital tract syndromes related to sex" will prove beneficial. A national program for STD prevention must "go beyond early STD detection and treatment," they noted.

Researchers recommended that state and local HIV and STD prevention programs should implement the following strategies "as part of a comprehensive HIV prevention effort:"

- o Screen people with STDs for HIV and vice versa, in nonmedical settings if necessary, and improve access to and the quality of STD clinical services, as well as counseling for those with HIV/STDs.
- o Develop community-level prevention and treatment programs for the highest risk STDs, including presumptive antibiotic

treatment for high-risk and symptomatic individuals.

- o Improve and use STD surveillance for HIV prevention.
- o Cross-train HIV and STD prevention staff.
- o Enhance scrutiny and surveillance of all STDs, including routine STD screening for sexually active teens and young adults (MMWR, 7/31).

Click MMWR to read the full report. You must have Adobe Acrobat to download this document.

SCIENCE & MEDICINE

#2 AIDS VACCINE: VAXGEN'S INOCULATION GIVEN TO DC VOLUNTEERS

Three hundred HIV-negative volunteers from Washington, DC, began receiving an AIDS vaccine yesterday as part of VaxGen's "first large-scale human test of a drug to prevent the disease."

The Washington Times reports that if successful, San Francisco-based VaxGen Inc. could take the lead in the race to develop an AIDS vaccine, and "reap a bonanza worth more than \$1 billion a year." Dr. Clayton Harro, the principal investigator for the VaxGen trial and the medical director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Immunization Research, said, "There is no virus in the vaccine, so there is no chance of contracting HIV from the vaccine," which will be tested nationwide on 5,000 HIV-negative patients. Once a successful vaccine is developed, researchers are hoping to initiate universal inoculation for AIDS, "much like public schools require all students to receive measles and chickenpox shots." VaxGen President Dr. Donald Francis said,

"The logical approach from a public health standpoint is to vaccinate everybody," noting that "[m]others will want to inoculate their children." Others note a vaccine would offer protection to "people exposed to blood -- police and hospital and rescue workers" (Goldreich, Washington Times, 7/31).

ACROSS THE NATION

#3 CALIFORNIA: COUNTY SEARCHES FOR WAYS TO REACH LATINOS

Contra Costa County health officials have opened their "ears and minds" to devise an effective Spanish-language AIDS education campaign to reach the Latino community, the San Francisco Chronicle reports. "Despite an intensive education campaign in English, the rate of HIV infection is rising among minorities" in the county, including Latinos. Nancy Puttkammer of the county's AIDS project said, "Part of it is language issues, part of it is cultural issues in terms of what is taboo to talk about. And part of it is economic issues." In one high school class, most of the 16 students present did not know where to obtain information about AIDS or where to be tested for HIV. "Only four of the students said their parents had talked with them about the disease," the Chronicle reports. One student said "parents who 'live in another time'" do not discuss issues such as sex and AIDS. To reverse the trend, health officials are "tapping" ideas from local Latinos in a month of meetings at various locations within the community. The information will then be brought "to a Latino focus group, which will choose a motto and logo for the"

campaign (Schevitz, San Francisco Chronicle, 7/30).

#4 HIV TRANSMISSION: WOMAN SAYS SHE INFECTED MEN FOR 'REVENGE'

A Tennessee woman who told police she slept with about 50 men to get "revenge" for contracting HIV from her boyfriend three years ago has been charged with "two counts of criminal exposure to HIV," USA Today reports. "I was just getting revenge for what he did to me," said Pamela Wiser. Wiser told police she had a series of one-night stands with up to 50 men she met at bars in two rural Tennessee counties, but a day later she told police the number was only five. Police Chief Michael Hunter said officials are "suspect the larger number is true and are investigating" (USA Today, 7/31). The AP/Baltimore Sun reports that Wiser yesterday "insisted she had told all her lovers that she had the virus." In an interview at the Marshall County Jail, she said, "The guys wanted to come home with me and I told them I had it, but they didn't understand, they didn't care if they got it or not" (Sun, 7/31). Wiser faces up to six years in jail for each of the two criminal counts. She is being held on a \$50,000 bond and Tennessee health officials are urging Wiser's sex partners to get tested for the virus (AP/HIV Update, 7/30).

GLOBAL CHALLENGES

#5 SOUTH AFRICA: WORKING TO REDUCE MOTHER-TO-CHILD HIV TRANSMISSION

In what "signif[ies] South Africa's most direct intervention

in the [AIDS] epidemic to date," three provinces are scheduled to begin an initiative in the next few months that "aim[s] to reduce the mother-to-child transmission of HIV through the use of" AZT, the Africa News Service reports. Authorities estimate that "in South Africa, at least 200 babies [are] born with the fatal virus each day, and as many as three million children could be infected or orphaned within 10 years." Participating women will be given "'short-course' therapy at a reduced price" and will be required "to take the drug only after the 36th week of pregnancy, until immediately after delivery." According to Dr. Liz Floyd, Gauteng's director of AIDS and communicable diseases, the purpose of the project is "to test its 'sustainability in the developing world.'" Floyd said, "'Part of it is the costs involved. AZT has come down substantially, but other support costs like counselling' would also be considered." The project will likely last a year, according to Floyd (Ballenger, Africa News Service, 7/30).

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SUBJECT: FW: negative amendments...

TO: Deborah VonZinkernagel ("Deborah VonZinkernagel (E-mail)" <dvonzinkernagel@osophs.dhhs.gov> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Michael Iskowitz ("Michael Iskowitz (E-mail)" <MEIskowitz@aol.com> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Daniel C. Montoya (CN=Daniel C. Montoya/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Abreu, Julio ("Abreu, Julio" <JAbreu@AIDSAction.org> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
in anticipation of some of these ugly, hostile amendments, will we have
any luck in getting the admin to oppose these?? get paper to the hill??

need help BIG-TIME jca

>-----Original Message-----

>From: Abreu, Julio

>Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 1998 10:25 AM

>To: Abreu, Julio; Jacobs, Jeff; Andersen, Amy

>Cc: Zingale, Daniel; Fisher, Steven

>Subject: RE: negative amendments...

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>given what is happened on the hill and internally the last few days, i

>thought it would be good to outline what is being thrown at us and open

it

>up to a strategy (ies) to defeat them...

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>House VA, HUD FY99 (HR4194)

>Hilleary Amendment on the floor

>takes \$21M (fy99 increase) and puts in veteran's housing for state

extended

>care facilities

>wed, july 29

>prognosis: hilleary is probably going to ask for a recorded vote; lewis

is

>leaning our way

>[Abreu, Julio] passed 231-200

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>House DC FY 99

>Tiahrt Amendment in full cmtee

>would ban dc funds from being used for neps (local funds)

>Thrs, july 30

>prognosis: should be able to get porter to weigh-in that his bill takes

care

>of this

>[Abreu, Julio] defeated by inserting house l,hhs language

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>House L,HHS FY99

>Coburn-Ackerman Amendment on the floor

>mandatory newborn testing [Abreu, Julio] , appropriating what is

authorized

>in ryan white

>Wed/Thrs of next week (not very clear)

>prognosis: iom rept (sch. for release in sept) should document success of

>drop in perinatal transmission, but this is about BABIES! might take \$
from

>cdc admin line which is also problematic b/c cdc will probably in turn
take

>it out of programs

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>Other likely amendments:

>1. a mandatory partner notification

>2. hr3717 to replace current neps language

>3. adap funding increase from other good programs

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>we should meet tomorrow to discuss various strategies:

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>1. aids action paper to the hill on the various attacks

>2. initiate dear colleagues to oppose said initiatives

>3. identify key reps

>4. engage coalition partners

>

>gracias jca

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>Julio C Abreu

>Legislative Representative

>Government Affairs

>202-986-1300 x3021

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>jabreu@aidsaction.org

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (TRP NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Ann Borlo (Ann Borlo <acb@s-3.com> [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:31-JUL-1998 20:27:00.00

SUBJECT: Prevention Subcommittee Call

TO: bgw2 ("bgw2@cdc.gov" <bgw2@cdc.gov> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Bhatto ("Bhatto@ios.doi.gov" <Bhatto@ios.doi.gov> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: bigbob411 ("bigbob411@aol.com" <bigbob411@aol.com> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: ctroupe ("ctroupe@services.state.mo.us" <ctroupe@services.state.mo.us> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: debaids ("debaids@isdn.net" <debaids@isdn.net> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: fatema ("fatema@womens-health.org" <fatema@womens-health.org> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: harndc ("harndc@aol.com" <harndc@aol.com> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: helenmm ("helenmm@itsa.ucsf.edu" <helenmm@itsa.ucsf.edu> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: hornor ("hornor@hsc.usc.edu" <hornor@hsc.usc.edu> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: isbell ("isbell@hugheshubbard.com" <isbell@hugheshubbard.com> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: jedelheit ("jedelheit@templeisrael.com" <jedelheit@templeisrael.com> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: jerryc ("jerryc@wizard.com" <jerryc@wizard.com> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: judtaral ("judtaral@aol.com" <judtaral@aol.com> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: katgerus ("katgerus@mail.oonline.com" <katgerus@mail.oonline.com> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: kinseyvi ("kinseyvi@aol.com" <kinseyvi@aol.com> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: lynnemc ("lynnemc@aol.com" <lynnemc@aol.com> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: miami2000 ("miami2000@earthlink.net" <miami2000@earthlink.net> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Mojo1025 ("mojo1025@aol.com" <mojo1025@aol.com> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: montoya_dc ("montoya_dc@al.eop.gov" <montoya_dc@al.eop.gov> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: mra1019 ("mra1019@aol.com" <mra1019@aol.com> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: NBOLLMAN ("NBOLLMAN@irvine.org" <NBOLLMAN@irvine.org> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: nsg999 ("nsg999@msn.com" <nsg999@msn.com> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: rapanuijer ("rapanuijer@aol.com" <rapanuijer@aol.com> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: raragon ("raragon@sfaf.org" <raragon@sfaf.org> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: rev_alta ("rev_alta@juno.com" <rev_alta@juno.com> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: ronaldj ("ronaldj@gmhc.org" <ronaldj@gmhc.org> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: rwstaff ("rwstaff@uswest.net" <rwstaff@uswest.net> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Scotthitt ("Scotthitt@aol.com" <Scotthitt@aol.com> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: SHENOVICE ("SHENOVICE@aol.com" <SHENOVICE@aol.com> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: snabel ("snabel@mem.po.com" <snabel@mem.po.com> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: SteveLew2 ("stevelew2@aol.com" <stevelew2@aol.com> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: terje ("terje@worldnet.att.net" <terje@worldnet.att.net> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: thenders ("thenders@glo.state.tx.us" <thenders@glo.state.tx.us> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Sarah T. Holewinski (CN=Sarah T. Holewinski/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: NavDocSF (NavDocSF <NavDocSF@aol.com> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Stacy McAdoo (Stacy McAdoo <SMCADOO@wpgate.glo.state.tx.us> [UNKNOWN])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
Prevention Subcommittee Conference Call

A conference call for the Prevention Subcommittee has been scheduled for
Tuesday, August 4, at 12:30 p.m. eastern time. The number to dial at 12:30
p.m. eastern time is 888-232-0365, and the participant code is 429903.

If you are not a member of this subcommittee, but would like to be on the
call, please let me know so a line can be added for you, I can be reached
by
phone at (301) 986-4870, by fax at (301) 913-0351 and by e-mail at
acb@s-3.com.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (TRP NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Paul Kawata (Paul Kawata <pkawata@nmac.org> [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME:31-JUL-1998 19:31:53.00

SUBJECT: Re: Race and Health Meeting

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Miguelina Maldonado (Miguelina Maldonado <mmaldona@nmac.org> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thank you for the invitation. I am forwarding your message to Miguelina, I would like her to attend for me. I hope that is OK.

THANKS!

Paul Akio Kawata

pkawata@nmac.org

National Minority AIDS Council

> From: Todd_A._Summers@opd.eop.gov

> To: PkAwata@nmac.org

> Subject: Race and Health Meeting

> Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 16:45:47 -0400

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>There's a race and health initiative briefing at the White House Tuesday

>afternoon at 12:00 - I think they're going to present the situation with

>respect to related appropriations. Do you want to attend?

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>If so, please get me your date of birth and ss# for clearance.

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>Thanks,

>

>Todd

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (TRP NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Mail Delivery Subsystem (Mail Delivery Subsystem <MAILER-DAEMON@mergelane.i95.net> [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-AUG-1998 02:44:40.00

SUBJECT: Warning: could not send message for past 4 hours

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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<saleh@nmb.gov>

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<saleh@nmb.gov>... Deferred: Operation timed out with mail.nmb.gov.

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mergelane.i95.net (8.8.3/8.8.3) with SMTP id SAA16880 for <saleh@nmb.gov>;

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85256652.007C06B3 ; Fri, 31 Jul 1998 18:34:41 -0400

Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 18:34:27 -0400

From: Todd_A._Summers@opd.eop.gov

Subject: Blade Article on Takeover

To: egoosby@osophs.dhhs.gov, echndc@aol.com, meiskowitz@aol.com,
saleh@nmb.gov, Ursula_J._Sanville@ondcp.eop.gov, stierney@HiFy.com,
Jeff.Trandahl@clerk.house.gov, dvonzinkernagel@osophs.dhhs.gov,
rov1@cdc.gov, Wendyw@nih.gov, Paul_Yandura@hud.gov

Message-id: <85256652.007B1886.00@lngate3.eop.gov>

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Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

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ATT CREATION TIME/DATE: 0 00:00:00.00

TEXT:
Reporting-MTA: dns; mergelane.i95.net
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Action: delayed

Status: 4.4.1

Remote-MTA: DNS; mail.nmb.gov

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===== END ATTACHMENT 1 =====

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CREATOR: smtp-ccmail_administrator (smtp-ccmail_administrator@hud.gov [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-AUG-1998 16:01:18.00

SUBJECT: cc:Mail Link to SMTP Undeliverable Message

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Message is undeliverable.

Reason: User "mailer-daemon@hudsmtphq.hud.gov" is not found in the cc:Mail

Directory.

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id AAA26375; Sat, 1 Aug 1998 00:51:43 -0400 (EDT)

From: Todd_A._Summers@opd.eop.gov

Received: from lngate2.eop.gov by gatekeeper.eop.gov;

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Received: by LNGATE2.EOP.GOV(Lotus SMTP MTA SMTP v4.6 (462.2 9-3-1997))

id 85256653.0019B571 ; Sat, 1 Aug 1998 00:40:48 -0400

X-Lotus-Fromdomain: EOP

To: Mailer-Daemon@hud.gov (Mail Delivery Subsystem)

Message-Id: <85256653.0019B71E.00@LNGATE2.EOP.GOV>

Date: Sat, 1 Aug 1998 00:40:52 -0400

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CREATOR: DvonZinkernagel (DvonZinkernagel@osophs.dhhs.gov (Deborah Von Zinkernagel) [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-AUG-1998 12:48:57.00

SUBJECT: Re: Blade Article on Takeover

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Wow, if only it could be true.

This article describes it as quite a colorful scene. Here's how our
brave White House duo have lived through yet another circus.

The fact that you guys continue to weather it, and mostly gracefully
with favorable press, is really a tribute.

Deb -

Reply Separator

Subject: Blade Article on Takeover

Author: Todd_A._Summers@opd.eop.gov at INTERNET

Date: 7/31/98 6:34 PM

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CREATOR: Mailer-Daemon (Mailer-Daemon@hud.gov (Mail Delivery Subsystem) [UNKNOWN])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-AUG-1998 09:00:50.00

SUBJECT: Warning: could not send message for past 4 hours

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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from gatekeeper.eop.gov [198.137.241.3]

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hudsmtpgate.hud.gov.

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Will keep trying until message is 5 days old

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-AUG-1998 03:06:24.00

SUBJECT: Warning: could not send message for past 4 hours

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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id SAA19404; Fri, 31 Jul 1998 18:45:17 -0400 (EDT)

From: Todd_A._Summers@opd.eop.gov

Received: from lngate2.eop.gov by gatekeeper.eop.gov;

(5.65v3.2/1.1.8.2/17Oct95-0424PM)

id AA02295; Fri, 31 Jul 1998 18:34:45 -0400

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id 85256652.007BFEB4 ; Fri, 31 Jul 1998 18:34:21 -0400

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To: egoosby@osophs.dhhs.gov, echndc@aol.com, meiskowitz@aol.com,

saleh@nmb.gov,

Ursula_J._Sanville@ondcp.eop.gov, stierney@HiFy.com,

Jeff.Trandahl@clerk.house.gov, dvonzinkernagel@osophs.dhhs.gov,

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Thought you might get a kick out of this. (For the record, it's not that accurate an article, but it's fun. Comments attributed to me are generally inaccurate--gee, I thought I was so articulate?! Also, their questions were a tad more loaded with loaded adjectives and nouns.)

And how was your week?

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10 arrested at protest in federal AIDS office

by Kai Wright

A group of AIDS activists from around the country held a sit-in protest at the National AIDS Policy Office in Washington, D.C., on July 21 to protest the Clinton administration's refusal to lift the ban on federal funding for needle exchange programs. Ten of the approximately 15 protesters were arrested after a number of them chained themselves to desks and others hung banners from the windows.

The National Coalition to Save Lives Now!, a group formed to fight the ban on federal funding for needle exchange programs, staged the demonstration. Representatives from the group were attending a scheduled meeting with National AIDS Policy Office Director Sandra Thurman to discuss needle exchange funding.

During the meeting, according to the group's coordinator Chris Lanier, the

activists posed three questions for Thurman. Thurman said she was late for the meeting, and the questions were presented to Deputy Director Todd Summers. They were:

Would Thurman publicly denounce the administration's April 20 announcement that it supports using needle exchange programs to reduce HIV infection rates in principle but will not use its Congressionally granted power to lift the ban on federal funding for such programs;

Would she demand that Clinton veto any legislation that makes the ban permanent; and,

Would she demand Clinton dismiss National Drug Control Policy Office Director General Barry McCaffrey, who has been a leading opponent of efforts to lift the funding ban due to his concerns that needle exchange programs may contribute to illegal drug use.

Thurman said Summers correctly told the group that she would not denounce the administration's April decision and that she would not call for McCaffrey's dismissal. But Summers told them that Clinton does plan to veto any independent legislation making the ban permanent, but has not specified how he would deal with such legislation if it were attached to another bill as an amendment. An independent bill permanently banning federal funds for

needle exchange passed the House in late April and is currently awaiting a floor vote in the Senate.

In reaction to Summer's answers to the questions, four protestors chained themselves to chairs in Thurman's office as the others announced that they were "occupying the office." The group covered the windows and walls with posters denouncing the administration's handling of the needle exchange saga and hung a banner out of Thurman's office window reading, "Clinton: Clean Needles Save Lives."

Thurman said she arrived at the meeting just before the protest began.

"I thought, 'Uh-oh, this looks familiar,'" joked Thurman, who led an AIDS advocacy organization in Atlanta before joining the administration.

The protest lasted around 20 minutes until uniformed U.S. Secret Service officers arrived and removed the protestors. Lanier said ten of them were arrested, charged with disorderly conduct, and given a \$50 fine. All ten people paid the fine and were released within a couple of hours, Lanier said.

Lanier said the administration's trumpeting as victories increases in

federal dollars for AIDS treatment is ridiculous when coupled with its refusal to push programs proven to reduce infection rates, such as needle exchange programs.

"It's sort of like saying, 'Well, we'll allow people to get sick and then we'll pay for their care,'" mocked Lanier. "It's like abandoning hope that we can stop AIDS. ... The administration has thrown up its hands."

Thurman said she understands the activists' frustration, but insisted that it will take time to educate both members of Congress and people within the administration, such as McCaffrey, who oppose funding needle exchange programs.

"We have to build a context for people to hang this on. It's not the same thing as just asking for money to buy [AIDS medications]," she explained. "Nobody understands better than I do ... that people's lives are at stake. ... But what we don't want to do is push our enemies even farther away."

Thurman explained she will not denounce the administration because she feels there's still room for dialogue on the issue and because her role is to advocate from inside the White House not to "throw in the towel."

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SUBJECT: RE: FW: negative amendments...

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

sir, you know i would never think that!! i simply wanted to give you

guys that heads up. i would like to know what you guys are doing, so we

can coordinate our efforts. hope to talk to you soon...

chao jca

>-----Original Message-----

>From: Todd_A._Summers@opd.eop.gov

[SMTP:Todd_A._Summers@opd.eop.gov]

>Sent: Friday, July 31, 1998 6:45 PM

>To: Abreu, Julio

>Subject: Re: FW: negative amendments...

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>Is your assumption that we're not doing anything?

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In October, AIDS Action sent a letter to the House Judiciary Committee opposing this bill's mandatory testing of inmates. Having gained some unlikely co-sponsors (Barney Frank) and an amendment by Maxine Waters requiring access to appropriate health care for inmates and correctional officers testing positive, HR2070 passed full committee on voice vote and appears headed for approval today. If you need another copy of our letter or other information to contact your representatives today, please let us know.

Daniel Zingale

Executive Director

AIDS Action

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 3-AUG-1998 14:56:22.00

SUBJECT: Re: Race and Health Briefing

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Paul Kawata (Paul Kawata <pkawata@nmac.org> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Miguelina Maldonado (Miguelina Maldonado <mmaldona@nmac.org> [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Todd:

The following is my clearance information:

Miguelina Maldonado

Director of Government Relations & Policy

National Minority AIDS Council

DOB (b)(6)

SS# (b)(6)

[006]

Thanks

Miguelina

> From: Paul Kawata <pkawata@nmac.org>

> To: Todd_A._Summers@opd.eop.gov

> CC: Miguelina Maldonado <mmaldona@nmac.org>

> Subject: Re: Race and Health Briefing

> Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 17:10:07 -0500

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>Thank you so much. I know she will appreciate attending. I will ask her

to

>get you the information.

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>THANKS!

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>Paul Akio Kawata

>pkawata@nmac.org

>National Minority AIDS Council

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>> From: Todd_A._Summers@opd.eop.gov

>> To: Paul Kawata <pkawata@nmac.org>

>> Subject: Re: Race and Health Briefing

>> Date: Fri, 31 Jul 1998 16:14:51 -0400

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>>Sure - if she's available, have her send clearance info to me.

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>>Todd

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SUBJECT: Re: Blade Article on Takeover

TO: Todd A. Summers (CN=Todd A. Summers/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Good Morning--

Sounds like a lot of fun. My suggestion:

send them a thank you note for the \$500.00 contribution

thanking them for paying promptly and assuring them that

Gen McA will spend their money wisely.

Let me know how I can help with the "strategy meeting"
on youth and HIV.

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Monday, August 3, 1998

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POLITICS & POLICY

#1 NIH STUDIES: ENROLLMENT OF PREGNANT WOMEN IN PROTEASE INHIBITOR TRIALS HALTED

The National Institutes of Health have "temporarily" stopped recruiting pregnant women into studies of protease inhibitors, "citing 'an unexpected number' of premature births" among women who took the "potent anti-AIDS" drugs while pregnant. The Washington Post reports that "[o]f 10 U.S. babies studied so far, three were premature and one died in utero." A similar Swiss study found that nine out of 30 babies were premature. The Swiss study also found "an equal risk between mothers who took a protease combination and mothers who just took two older AIDS drugs. That means that taking more drugs in total might be the explanation for the premature births," the Post reports. It has become standard procedure for HIV-infected pregnant women to take combination drug "cocktails;" however, "their use in pregnancy is

only now being studied."

'CAUTIOUSLY' CONTINUING

NIH officials "stressed ... that the safety concerns are very preliminary, and there is no reason for pregnant women taking drug 'cocktails' containing protease inhibitors to stop." They stated, however, that "doctors should carefully monitor HIV-infected women who have higher risks of premature birth." NIH's Betsy Smith, "who monitors the safety findings," said, "Our view is the great majority of women on these drugs do very well ... [but] with increased risk factors that might lead to prematurity, we should be cautious" (Neergaard, Washington Post, 8/1).

PUBLIC HEALTH & EDUCATION

#2 COCAINE USE: MAJOR FACTOR FOR HIV INFECTION AMONG ER PATIENTS

The biggest predictor of HIV infection among emergency room patients is cocaine use, according to a study in this month's Annals of Emergency Medicine. The study, led by Dr. Kenneth Tardiff at Cornell University Medical College, studied emergency room fatalities in five boroughs of New York City. Of the 1,242 cases studied, the researchers found that 16.3% of patients with positive results for cocaine use were HIV positive, compared to 5.8% of those who hadn't used cocaine. They found that HIV rates were also high -- 20.8% -- among the 35-44 age group. Researchers found that "only age and positive cocaine results,

not sex and race, were related to increased risk of HIV infection," and said that "drug use probably overshadowed sex and race as factors in affecting the risk of HIV infection among trauma victims." Overall, the researchers found that 7% of the trauma patients brought to the New York City emergency rooms who died in the three-year study period were HIV positive. They also found that 67% of the patients "were victims of lethal intentional violence," victims who were "probably more likely than the general population to abuse substances, such as cocaine and heroin." But unlike previous studies, they found no differences in HIV infection rates due to gender or race. The researchers conclude that "the risk of HIV infection among trauma patients who use cocaine is substantial," and that this "reinforces the need for education and use of universal precautions" by health care workers in emergency situations, especially when treating patients who abuse cocaine (Tardiff et al, Annals of Emergency Medicine, August 1998).

#3 INMATE CARE: ADVOCATES CRITICIZE LACK OF CARE FOR AIDS PRISONERS

At an open forum in San Francisco last week, former inmate and HIV-positive patient Ezra Davis "recounted stories about HIV-infected inmates suffering in prison because of incomplete and inconsistent administration of drugs, a shortage of trained staff and ... a general disregard for seriously ill inmates."

The San Francisco Examiner reports that the "Eyewitness Report: HIV Behind Bars" forum "coincided" with California state hearings

last week regarding "alleged widespread brutality at Corcoran state prison." Davis accused the California Department of Corrections of being indifferent to HIV-positive prisoners and of having "no idea how to treat" them. Judy Greenspan, spokesperson for California Prison Focus, said, "We have just learned of another death of an HIV-positive prisoner and we are appalled at the continuing medical neglect of more than 200 HIV-positive men incarcerated at Corcoran prison." Greenspan said her group found evidence of "poor treatment" of HIV prisoners "ranging from delays in drug treatments to insufficient pain management to lack of trained staff."

WOMEN TOO

The Examiner reports that other prison health advocates spoke of similar conditions at the state women's prison in Chowchilla. Pauletta Santos-Martinez, an AIDS patient and former Chowchilla inmate, said that "there was not enough trained medical staff at the facility to handle the number of HIV cases." But Lance Corcoran, vice president of the California Corrections Peace Officer's Association, disagreed with the criticism voiced at the forum. "As far as I know, we have one of the best hospice programs in any prison system," he said, noting that "it is difficult to attract medical professionals to the underpaid and less-than-glamorous prison system." The Examiner reports that out of the nearly 160,000 prisoners in California, 1,500 have been diagnosed by the Department of Corrections as HIV-positive. A 1996 department study, however, "estimated the HIV-positive populations to be closer to 4,500," while prison advocates

believe that number is closer to 10,000 (Selna, Examiner, 8/1).

UK FEARS

British officials are also worried about HIV-infections among prisoners. BBC News reports that "the Terence Higgins Trust is warning that a new drug-resistant strain of HIV ... may develop in the UK if infected prisoners do not get the right medication at the right time." The trust is worried that "strict prison regimes often prevent effective treatment" of HIV and AIDS. A National AIDS and Prisons Forum study "found that some infected prisoners were receiving no treatment at all, while others were being given their medication at haphazard intervals," the BBC reports (BBC News, 8/1).

ACROSS THE NATION

#4 CALIFORNIA: SUPPORT FOR AIDS RESEARCH ON STATE'S PLATE

If approved by Gov. Pete Wilson (R) and the Department of Motor Vehicles, licence plates bearing "a red ribbon on the left side ... and 'Be here for the cure' in small script along the bottom" will be available to Californians who wish to support HIV/AIDS research at the University of California. The San Francisco Examiner reports that the fee for the license plates -- "\$50 apiece and \$40 a year to renew" -- could generate "hundreds of thousands of dollars." San Francisco AIDS Foundation spokesperson Derek Gordon said, "This is an effort that is long overdue. This is going to funnel a whole new pot of really critical resources into HIV and AIDS research." The DMV

requires that organizers present 5,000 orders for the special plate in order for the program to be launched. State Senate President Pro Tem John Burton (D-CA) wrote the legislation to create the plate, a measure he calls "a modest but important effort to make more money available to cure AIDS," in commemoration of the 65,000 Californians who have died of AIDS. The license plate program passed the state Legislature with "near-unanimous" support last Thursday, and Wilson's signature is expected (Salladay, San Francisco Examiner, 7/31).

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