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What if they gave a **World AIDS Day** and nobody came? December 1 is getting older, just like the rest of us, evidenced by the fact that the main surviving New York City event, the **American Run for the End of AIDS** (AREA), is wheelchair accessible for the first time ever. The 2001 theme -- "I Care, Do You?" -- comes off like a dare, but with attention and attendance plummeting in recent years, it's a fair question. Still, there looks to be some good events lined up. **AREA's 10th-annual "Out of the Darkness"** rally and candlelight march will commence with a reading of names at the gay community center. **The NAMES Project**, from its new Atlanta digs, will display sections at each of its 34 chapters worldwide. But if that's not enough to get you out, the **Elton John Foundation** has thrown a rhinestone-studded hat into the ring. On December 5, for a modest \$250, you can watch **Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras, Billie Jean King** and **Elton John** in a tennis four-way, while on December 12, the Foundation throws an L.A. concert starring **Sting** and **Matchbox 20**. For more World AIDS Day info, go to: www.avert.org/worldaid.htm

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