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Controversy rocked Roman Catholic **Brazil** June 15 when top AIDS official Pedro Chequer proposed implementing sex-education (including condom instruction) in preschools.

Hospital mortuaries in **Zimbabwe** began operating around the clock in June to meet the country's 240-deaths-a-day AIDS toll.

Seven in 10 teachers in **Swaziland** have HIV, the South African Press Agency reported on May 13.

AIDS will not be curbed unless global condom use triples—to **24 billion** a year, predicted a Johns Hopkins University report this spring.

Seven industrialized democracies agreed at a June 11 summit meeting to wipe out **$127 billion** in loans owed by the 33 poorest nations if they earmark funds for HIV prevention.

This spring scientists in **Tokyo** engineered the first HIV-infected mouse**.**

On June 15 the city health com-mission nixed gay activists' hopes of lifting a 15-year standing ban on **San Francisco's bathhouses.**

A federal investigation in June found drug-store chain **Rite Aid** guilty of shelving expired products, including four-year-old condoms, in 50 of its California stores**.**

A judge ordered a York, **South Carolina** man on May 12 to pay his ex $5 million for infecting her with HIV.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services sent **Crisis Response Teams** to 11 U.S. cities in June in a $156 million effort to combat HIV in minority communities.

ADAP, the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, announced in June a $113 million deficit for 1999 and an additional $90.2 million anticipated for 2000.

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