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Around the world in AIDS-Y Days

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**NORTH AMERICA**

Conservatives in Mexico vow to fight the nation's new proposal to  put condom machines in public high schools to halt HIV and teen pregnancy.

**THE CARIBBEAN**

In May, Trinidad and Tobago opened the nation's first public HIV-testing center. Previous clinics served only pregnant women.

**AFRICA**

Millions in excused international debt dollars will be spent to rush free HIVmeds to 100,000 PWAs, Zambia officials  announced in June.

**EUROPE**

France's prez, Jacques Chirac, proposed a global airfare tax—adding $1 to all international tickets to raise AIDS funds—for debate at July's G8summit.

**ASIA**

India trumpeted a May 25 study that showed HIV cases dropping 95% from 2003 to 2004. Facing an international howl, an expert came forth to confess that the drop was due to "changes" in how the data were collected.

**PACIFIC**

In June, Malaysia's health minister unveiled a plan to give free condoms nationwide, sparking a backlash by Muslim clerics and politicians, who insist that Allah wants only married HIVers to have them.

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