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U.S. hip-hop fans who volunteer to take HIV tests can win a chance to see Mary J. Blige or Beyoncé in concert. Tickets-for-Testing aims to halt AIDS in the black community, especially among young women.

In **Ecuador**, the rock sensation Cacería de Lagartos (Lizard Hunters) has teamed with the Red Cross to sing HIV's dangers to young people.

Radio stations in **Sierra Leone, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burundi, Angola** and **Liberia** have begun airing soap operas about everyday HIVers' lives to educate and inspire listeners.

Israeli security forces foiled Palestinian extremists' plans to explode a bomb laced with HIV-infected blood during a Passover suicide attack.

Brit experts warn that the May expansion of the European Union to include HIV hot spots **Ukraine, Belarus** and **Russia** will push sex workers westward—and that they'll bring the virus and healthcare crises with them.

Cambodian sex workers refused to participate in a Gates Foundation–funded study of the HIV drug tenofovir after insurance coverage for possible side effects was denied.

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