# Milestones

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Longtime Merck vaccine research VP **Emilio Emini** will head the non-profit International AIDS Vaccine Initiative... Health and Human Services AIDS policy director **Christopher Bates** has been appointed deputy director of the White House Office of National AIDS policy...South African treatment dynamo **Zackie Achmat**, one of Time Europe's 36 "heroes of 2003" and a 2004 Nobel Peace Prize nominee, has become the South African Press Club's Newsmaker of the Year...Publisher **Bob Ross**, 69, whose Bay Area Reporter covered AIDS in taboo times, died December 10 of diabetes complications...NYC AIDS Housing Network cofounder **José "Joe" Capestany**, 48, an unflagging advocate for low-income HIVers, died of AIDS December 9.

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