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Cumulative AIDS cases in the United States: 612,078

Cumulative AIDS cases in sub-Saharan Africa: 14,000,000

Documented cases of female-to-female transmission of HIV: 5

Number of Spice Girls: 5

Retail cost of one year's worth of syringes for average IV drug injection: \$95

Wholesale cost of one year's worth of Combivir (AZT/3TC) before retail mark-up: \$5,320

Cost of a new toilet on the space shuttle: \$23,000,000

Cost of James Cameron's film Titanic: \$200,000,000

Number of Starbucks coffee shops in San Francisco: 30

Number of needle exchanges in San Francisco: 10

Number of syringes dispensed each week by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation: 40,000

Total AIDS deaths in the United States through June 1997: 379,258

Total casualties due to the atom bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki: 170,000

Total U.S. casualties in the Persian Gulf War: 265

Total U.S. casualties due to Legionnaire's Disease: 29

Total number of films made by Audrey Hepburn: 25

Number of weeks And the Band Played On was on The New York Times bestseller list: 5

Number of weeks The Bridges of Madison County was on The New York Times bestseller list: 164

Title of the George Orwell novel in which the totalitarian government outlawed orgasms: 1984

The year HIV was identified and condoms promoted to prevent transmission of HIV in semen: 1984

Percentage of the U.S. population that is African American: 12

Percentage of new U.S. AIDS cases that are African American: 42

Chance that an American will die in an automobile accident: 1 in 125

Chance that an American will test positive for HIV: 1 in 333

Chance of winning the jackpot in the average state lottery: 1 in 4,000,000

Amount raised by Carol Burnett in 1998's Jeopardy Celebrity Invitational for the Hereditary Disease Foundation: \$15,000

Amount raised by Gay Men's Health Crisis' 1997 AIDS Walk: \$4,800,000

Number of walkers at 1997's AIDS Walk: 36,000

Number of pills popped in the movie Valley of the Dolls (excluding two overdoses): 12

Number of pills taken by this writer each day: 38.5

Total U.S. box-office gross of Philadelphia: \$77,324,000

Total U.S. box-office gross of Dumb and Dumber: \$127,175,000

Number of ACT UP chapters in the United States as of March 1997: 12

Number of panels on the AIDS Memorial Quilt as of September 1997: 43,077

Number of panels dedicated to Mike, Mikey or Michael as of October 1996: 291

Number of panels dedicated to Deb, Debbie, Deborah or Debra as of October 1996: 37

Total National Institutes of Health budget allocated to AIDS in 1996: \$1,400,000,000

Total amount that pet owners spent on health care for dogs, cats and birds in 1996:
\$11,100,000,000

Number of women incarcerated in New York state prisons as of January 1998: 3,700

Percentage of women in New York state prisons who are HIV positive as of January 1998: 18

Number of CD4 cells that POZ founder Sean Strub had in spring 1995: 1

Number of CD4s Sean had in spring 1998: 357

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