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www.atac-usa.org = AIDS Treatment Activist Coalition, “a national coalition of AIDS activists, many living with HIV/AIDS, working together to end the AIDS epidemic by advancing research on HIV/AIDS.”

www.atacusa.com = Airborne Tactical Advantage Company, “providing a growing fleet of tactical aircraft and services to the U.S. military” for “war fighting and the protection of U.S. peace interests at home and abroad.”

$20.57: Winning ebay.com bid for HIV-positive.com domain name:

“Ice-Babies” (a.k.a. “meth babies”)–slang for babies born to methamphetamine addicts. More than 90 leading docs and researchers recently signed a letter asking the media to stop using the term because it “lacks scientific validity.”

18% of Americans believe that an HIV vaccine already exists but is being kept secret.

“[He] needs to catch this and die along with me.”

—HIV positive Virginia woman to police after she allegedly bit a drugstore employee who’d caught her shoplifting. Though biting has never been proved as a mode of transmission, the woman was charged with a felony for intentionally exposing the clerk to HIV.

“You would be amazed how little the groupies care about using condoms during sex, even today. Things still always get pretty hot backstage and in the tour bus…but over the years even free sex gets boring.”

—Rock star Tommy Lee in Spiegel, on whether fear of AIDS banished sex from rock ’n’ roll in the ’80s

18% Decrease in public funding for U.S. needle exchanges between 2000 and 2002
10% Increase in regulated U.S. syringes exchanged between 2000 and 2002

Malaysian Misconceptions:

- 40 Percentage of Malaysians who believe that beautiful women cannot get infected with HIV
- 56 Percentage who believe HIV could be spread by sharing meals

- 60 Percentage who are unsure if a mosquito bite could give them HIV

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