Say What

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“[New York’s Department of Correctional Services’ James] Flateau noted that ‘condoms are a security threat because inmates and visitors can hide drugs and other contraband inside them and in their body cavities.’ He said he did not anticipate a change in condom prohibition, but acknowledged that inmates do engage in sex. ‘We’ve never said they weren’t, and those inmates risk giving themselves a death sentence, and we have told them that.’”

—“Two Reports Criticize Prisons on HIV Policy,” *The New York Times*, February 18

Naked City

“I called every studio and didn’t even get return phone calls. If I said I wanted a plane to go to New York to run naked down Park Avenue, they’d send a fleet.”

—Sharon Stone on how Hollywood stonewalled her when she asked for help to send a girl with AIDS to Paul Newman’s camp for youth with terminal diseases, *Daily News*, February 9

The Milky Way

“Breast-feeding is simply better. It enhances the immune system, even if the mom is HIV positive.”

—HIV naysayer Kathleen Tyson, Eugene, *Oregon’s Register-Guard*, February 1

And ‘Clinton Infection’

“Heroin dealers stamp brand names on the little wax-paper envelopes in which the drug is packaged.... There is a suicidal candor to ‘Lethal Injection’ and ‘Virus.’”

—“Inside Dope,” *New Yorker*, February 1

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