Say What

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The AIDS Ride
“You won’t prevent resistance in the long term unless you suppress viral load to 0.1 copies/ml. The debate about 400 vs. 50 copies is rather like debating whether you’re going to buy a Ford Fiesta or a Mercedes, when your ultimate aim is to buy a Rolls Royce. The Fiesta may not last as long, but it may enable you to save up enough to buy a Rolls later. However, if you live beyond your means and get a Merc now, the cost could prevent you from ever being able to get a Rolls.”
—Dr. Mike Youle, *AIDS Treatment Update*, January/February 1998

Gimme an H-I-V
“Scott Helman, 22, recalled that when he was in high school near Columbus, Ohio, students were taught to chant the ways that HIV could be transmitted: ‘Blood, semen, vaginal secretions, breast milk. Blood, semen, vaginal secretions, breast milk…’"
—Nation Through a Looking Glass,” *The New York Times*, February 3, 1998

Math Anxiety
“If 10,000 die of AIDS, there are a million people with respiratory or digestive health problems. It is far more important to help the one million than the 10,000.”
—Mexican Red Cross President José Barroso Chavez, Mexico’s *La Jornada*, February 9, 1998

Lilith Unfair
“PWAs are as welcome in managed care as Jesse Helms at a women’s music festival.”
—The White House’s former oral sex expert Bob Hattoy, *Bay Area Reporter*, February 12, 1998

Long Dong Silvi
“I won’t use a condom because at my age, I could have some problems with it.… [My costars] are all young, healthy girls. Anyway, AIDS takes 10 years to develop. I’ll die first.”
—Nilo Silvi, 83, on his upcoming porn career, *Southern Voice*, February 26, 1998

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