



# What will they think of next?

Kooky but kick-ass treatment and prevention plots are storming the globe!

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## **Where? South Africa**

**What?** To disconnect med-resistant HIV, house-call counselors for Cell-Life, a Cape Town treatment project, began arriving with specialized cell phones to report patients' pill-popping patterns back to home base.

## **Where? Russia**

**What?** Last October, three cosmonauts blasted into the stratosphere with HIV samples, hoping to craft a computer-calculated HIV-vaccine protein that is achievable only in weightless conditions.

## **Where? Western Samoa**

**What?** Researchers from the University of California, Berkeley, climbing toward an HIV-bashing gene in the bark of the mamala tree, agreed last fall to split all profits with the Samoans, who claim national rights to the plant.

## **Where? Zimbabwe**

**What?** Since country women spend ample hours in hair salons, female-condom manufacturer PSI-Zimbabwe now primps local stylists to educate female patrons about the product's benefits.

## **Where? United States**

**What?** The National Institutes of Health coughed up \$7.4 million to fund Arizona State University research into genetically altering tobacco-plant proteins to produce an HIV microbicide gel.

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