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The Oregon men and women play at the Portland Rose Garden in the Papé Jam Saturday. **PAGE 9**

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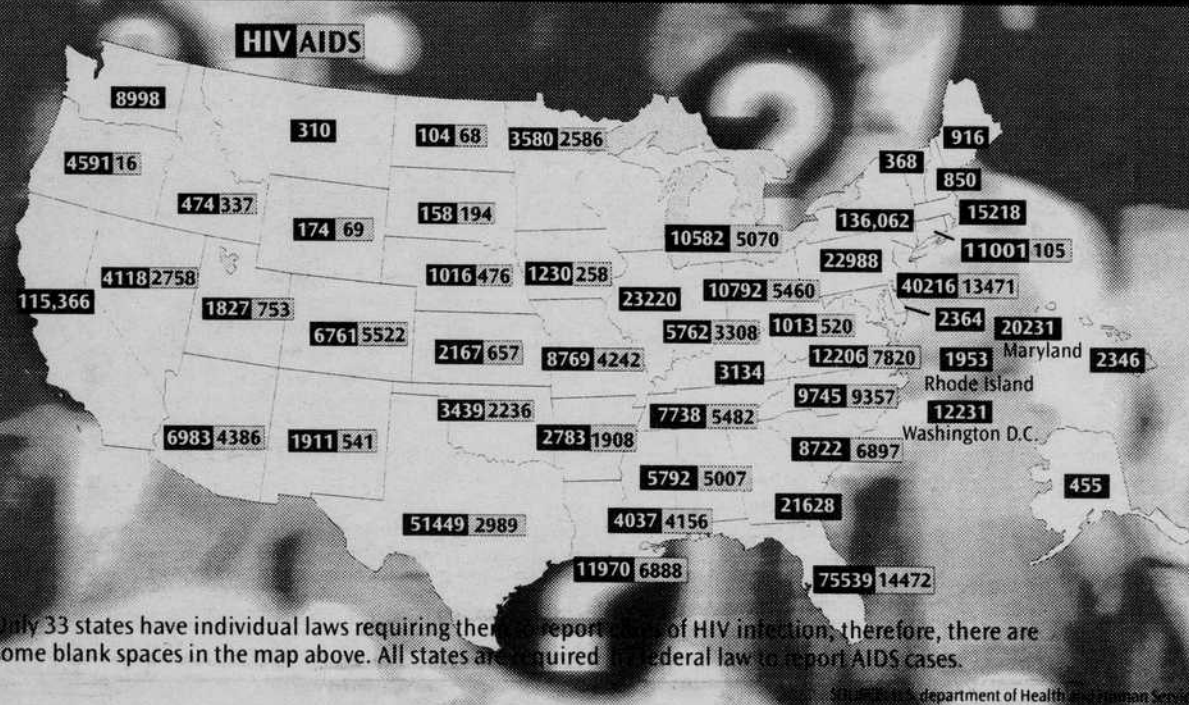


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HIV and AIDS statistics in the United States by state

AIDS and HIV cases by state, reported through December 1999.



Ballots speed to Tallahassee

■ Gore makes a last-ditch effort for ballot re-counts as Bush prepares for the presidency

By Ron Fournier
The Associated Press

Al Gore's lawyers battled for his political survival in the Florida and U.S. supreme courts Thursday, pleading against delaying fresh vote re-counts "even one day" as a half-million ballots sped by rental truck to Tallahassee. GOP lawmakers jockeyed in the state capital to award the presidency to George W. Bush in case the judges wouldn't.

"When the counting stops, we want to be prepared to lead this nation," Bush said in Texas between transition meetings with retired Gen. Colin Powell — the star of his Cabinet-in-the-making. Officials said the meeting cemented Powell's position as secretary of state in a presumptive Bush administration.

In Florida, the GOP-dominated state Legislature drew a step closer to appointing its own slate of presidential electors as a committee urged leaders to call a special session. Democrats called that "a brazen power play," while they worked elsewhere to keep Gore in the game.

Bush, whose brother is governor of the state, raised no objection to the Legislature's actions, and his lawyers defended the lawmakers' right to name a GOP slate. "It's time to get some finality," Bush said in an appearance with Powell at his Crawford, Texas, ranch.

Hundreds of miles away in Florida, Lt. Jim Kersey's squad car headed the ballot brigade as it passed a handmade sign reading "No chad zone." Then they passed Disney World. "Oh my God," he said. "The whole world is watching."

And what sights to see: Lawmakers cussed and fumed in a legislative committee room; the two could-be presidents plotted their transitions to power; legal briefs ricocheted between the nation's courts; and the banana-yellow rental truck — swarmed by police and media vehicles on Ronald Reagan Turnpike — carried contested ballots to Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls' court.

The re-count convoy was captured by television cameras in helicopters, giving Americans a birds-eye view all the way from Palm Beach to Tallahassee.

Sauls could need the ballots if he sides with Gore after a hearing Saturday on the merits of re-counts in three counties. The vice president is trying to overturn the official results of Florida's election, which give Bush a 537-vote lead

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AIDS misconceptions still abound

This is the third of a three-part series highlighting World AIDS Day, which is today.
Wednesday: University raises money for the cause
Thursday: Lack of local concern worries HIV Alliance
Today: Student copes with loss of family member

■ Despite widespread AIDS education, many still don't recognize the danger of the disease

By Beata Mostafavi
Oregon Daily Emerald

When junior Eric Zentmyer found out his uncle was HIV-positive a couple of years ago, he and his family were in disbelief.

His uncle had kept his disease a secret and passed away only nine months after he finally told his family and friends.

"It was very quick," Zentmyer said. "And it sent shock waves through the entire family."

But his uncle had another secret that came out at the

same time as the news of his disease: He was gay. Because of his uncle's strong religious background, Zentmyer's family was especially surprised.

And because his uncle's age and lifestyle differed

from his, Zentmyer found it harder to make a personal connection between himself and

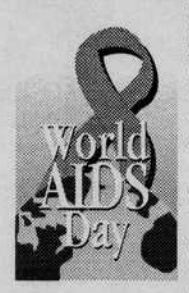
the disease.

"I think I'd have been more affected if someone my age with my sexual preference had acquired AIDS," he said.

Today is the 13th annual "World AIDS Day," established to raise awareness about the disease and support the more than 34 million people in the world who live with HIV and AIDS.

Despite continuous efforts to educate the public about the risks of transmitting AIDS in the last two decades, misconceptions about the disease still exist. According to the HIV Alliance, many people — especially college students — still

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Holidays spent with family needn't be overly stressful

■ Eugene families and individuals feeling holiday tension can seek help in the community

By Rebecca Newell
Oregon Daily Emerald

'Tis the season — but not just for brightly wrapped presents, Christmas lights and a break from school.

For many people, the holidays present a time of frenzied shopping, trips to visit relatives and stress, stress, stress.

For some families, the stress of financial strain, extended periods of time indoors and hyper children home from school can bring the holiday season to the boiling point, where love and festivities are the last things

on a person's mind.

"During the holidays, the number of family problems go up," said Christel Thomas, volunteer coordinator at Eugene's White Bird Clinic. "People feel stressed out and we tend to take things out on the people we care about."

However, help is near, and it's not clad in a furry red suit.

The White Bird Clinic is just one of several places families can seek help if the holiday season becomes too much to bear. White Bird offers a 24-hour crisis line and crisis intervention. These services are not only for families experiencing tough times, but also for individuals who are lonely or depressed

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Students questioned by DPS during diversity recruitment

■ Campus leaders believe the high-school students were identified because of racial stereotypes

By Jeremy Lang
Oregon Daily Emerald

Department of Public Safety officers investigating a suspected drug deal stopped and questioned three black high-school students as they walked through campus Thursday morning, an incident that has left administrators and students questioning the level of racial tolerance on campus.

Students and faculty who work with diversity issues said they don't accuse the department of racial profiling, but many said what happened Thursday was an act of dis-

crimination that must be addressed immediately.

According to DPS Director Tom Fitzpatrick, a campus employee in Carson Hall called DPS at 10:15 a.m. Thursday to report three students wearing "urban clothes" who had made a drug deal.

Three DPS officers found the three students, who matched the physical and clothing descriptions, five minutes later in the EMU, questioned them outside the EMU Fishbowl and released them without giving a citation.

"We contacted them based on their clothing," Fitzpatrick said.

The students were among about 600 minority high-school seniors who were on

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