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Officials recommend AIDS tests for people in high-risk groups

ATLANTA (AP) — Federal health officials Thursday recommended routine AIDS testing for the sex partners of AIDS virus carriers, people with other sexually transmitted diseases and users of injectible narcotics, among other groups.

The U.S. Public Health Service's official AIDS testing recommendations, issued after months of public debate, stressed that individuals in these categories had the right to refuse the tests.

The recommendations came on the same day federal health officials acknowledged the number of reported cases will be increased with a new clinical definition for AIDS.

The PHS recommended that while "individuals have the right to decline," health professionals should begin "routine (AIDS) counseling and testing" for:

- Drug users who injected their narcotics.
- Women of childbearing-age at risk of AIDS infection, chiefly through drug abuse or sexual contact.
- Patients infected with tuberculosis, which can be compounded by an AIDS infection.
- Sex partners of infected people.
- Those sharing drug needles with infected people.

The national Centers for Disease Control said the goal of the testing is "to reduce further spread of infection," with priority on "persons who are most likely to be infected or who practice high-risk behaviors."

AIDS, reported most often among homosexual men and abusers of injectible drugs, is most frequently transmitted through sex or contaminated drug needles. It also can be transmitted from mother to fetus.

The PHS also recommended the

availability of AIDS testing for anyone who believes himself at risk for AIDS, and testing of male and female prostitutes by local and state jurisdictions.

Further, the agency called for prison systems to study means of testing their inmates — federal inmates are already under a testing program — and for state and local officials to decide about routine, or even mandatory, AIDS tests for engaged couples, taking into account "the prevalence of HIV (AIDS virus) infection in the area."

The federal government's recommendations do not include several controversial proposals floated at a public meeting in February — mandatory testing for hospital patients, engaged couples and other groups.

Those ideas were met with harsh criticism from AIDS activists and civil rights groups.

In the recommendations released Thursday by the CDC, federal health officials called for "every rea-

sonable effort . . . to improve confidentiality of test results."

While confidentiality is crucial in increasing the number of people tested for AIDS, "it is of greater importance that persons found positive will not be subjected to appropriate discrimination," the said.

Federal health officials said that between 1 million and 1.5 million Americans are infected with virus which causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome; most are aware they have the virus.

Government scientists believe 20 percent to 30 percent of those infected with the AIDS virus will develop the deadly disease within years.

The number of AIDS cases reported in the United States has passed 40,000. As of Monday, 40,051 cases had been reported, 23,165 patients, or 59 percent, already died.

Officials: Anchorage safe by Persian Gulf, but crews still search for mines

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Officials closed part of a busy anchorage just south of the Persian Gulf where six mines were found, but declared it safe again after nightfall Thursday. Crews of four nations searched for more mines.

Saudi police said in a delayed report that a Saudi Arabian coast guard vessel hit a mine at the northern end of the gulf Wednesday and two crewmen were slightly injured.

The anchorage off Fujairah was a safe haven from the 7-year-old war between Iran and Iraq until the U.S.-operated supertanker Texaco Caribbean struck a mine three days ago in the 35-square-mile area that was closed to traffic earlier Thursday.

Six more have been found since the tanker was damaged Monday. They are the "spiked-globe" type that explode on contact, and several ship-

ping executives said they believe the mines were free-floating rather than tethered.

Col. Saeed Samsoun, the Fujairah police chief, said Thursday night that a search of the coastal area found it free of mines, and "full safety" for international navigation had been ensured.

Maritime executives in Fujairah said the radio had stopped broadcasting hourly warnings that began after the prohibition was announced.

Iran has been accused of laying the mines but claims the United States is to blame and has offered to help in the search.

A dispatch from Iran's official news agency quoted a naval commander as saying his ships would start minesweeping operations Friday, in international waters not specified, but would not work in the Fujairah area without permission.

The Saudi coast guard ship hit a mine 10 miles off the village of Khafji, more than 100 miles northwest of the Fujairah anchorage.

The officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, declined to give further details.

The mine was about 50 miles southeast of Kuwait's Al-Ahmadi oil terminal, loading point for U.S.-escorted Kuwaiti tankers.

Shipping sources said the United Arab Emirates declared a "danger zone" in the area, part of its anchorage 30 miles south of the where tankers transship oil and ships take supplies. It also has been used to assemble convoys for trips up the gulf by Kuwaiti tankers flying American flags and escorted by warships.

Researcher: Cat heart disease caused by lack of critical nutrient

NEW YORK (AP) — Some commercial cat foods caused a severe heart ailment in cats by failing to provide enough of a critical nutrient, a study says.

Cats suffering from the ailment were found to have inadequate amounts of the essential nutrient taurine in their bloodstreams. When the cats were given more taurine, the ailment was corrected, said Paul Pion, a veterinarian at the University of California in Davis.

The ailment is called dilated cardiomyopathy. It probably kills tens of thousands of cats a year in the United States, he said. There are 56.2 million family-owned cats in the country, according to the Pet Food Institute.

It is similar to a human ailment that can be treated only with a heart transplant or an artificial heart.

The cat research might one day

lead to discovery of the cause and a treatment for the human disease, called congestive heart failure, Pion said Thursday.

"What we have found applies directly only to cats," he said. "Whether there's a human component, we don't know yet. We have people who are looking at that." A report of the findings will appear Friday in Science magazine.

Pion, the lead author of the study, said most products found to cause low taurine in cats have been now been supplemented with taurine.

"There's no blame here, and there's no way anybody could have known taurine deficiency caused this disease," Pion said. Taurine is found in fish and meat, he said.

The research began six months ago, Pion said, and by March pet food makers had already heard of the findings and had begun supple-

menting their products.

Roy Martin, director of science and technology at the Pet Food Institute, said, "We're confident today that the amount of taurine in most foods is adequate to meet the requirements for the pets we are feeding." The Pet Food Institute in Washington, D.C. represents makers of pet foods.

The foods that had been found to produce low taurine levels in Pion's study were Hill's C-D, Hill's Science Diet Maintenance, Hill's H-D, Purina Cat Chow, 9 Lives Beef and Liver, Blue Mountain Kitty O's and Carnation Fancy Feast Beef and Liver, according to the Science magazine report.

Pion said that he believes the formula for Blue Mountain Kitty O's has been changed and all the other products have been supplemented with taurine.

Strongbox from Titanic to be opened

PARIS (AP) — Treasure hunters have found one of the Titanic strongboxes, researchers Thursday, and they'll open it in television in October to see if any of the diamonds rumored to have been aboard the ship's luxury liner.

The strongbox was discovered Wednesday on the ocean floor, 10 miles below the surface at the tatic site, 350 miles southeast of Newfoundland, said spokesman Daniel Puget.

Legend has surrounded the sure that may have gone down with the 1,513 passengers and crew drowned when the Titanic hit iceberg and sank April 15, 1912.

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