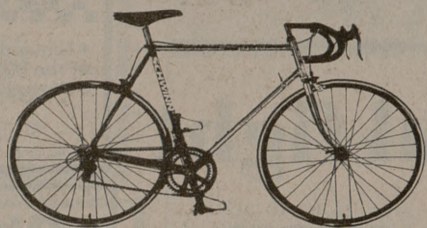


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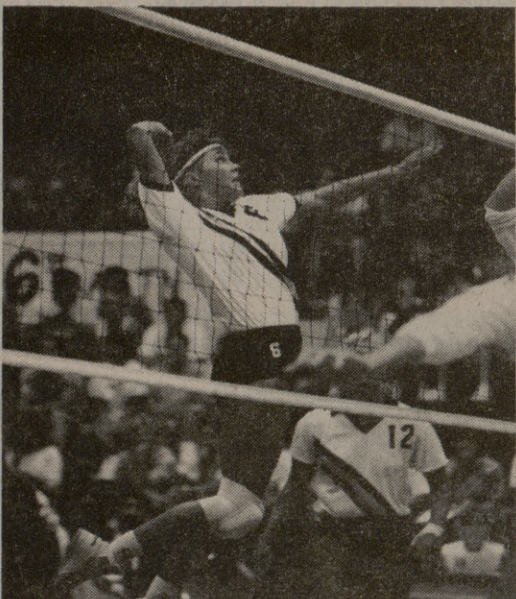
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AIDS guide suggests schools adopt policy of confidentiality for diseased teachers, students

WASHINGTON (AP) — Students and teachers infected with the AIDS virus should be free to attend class without fear that their disease will be made public, a new guide for the nation's schools said Wednesday.

"Someone At School Has AIDS," released by the National Association of State Boards of Education, said the deadly virus "is not transmitted by casual, everyday contact" so confidentiality should be school policy.

Parents shouldn't have to reveal their child's infection if the decision is sanctioned by a physician, who finds the child does not have secondary infections, such as tuberculosis, said the guidelines.

The report suggests that school superintendents be notified, but even those "decisions should be approved by the infected person and a student's parents or guardians."

The report, developed by a panel of 20 organizations representing law, medicine, public health and education groups, is an update of guidelines issued by the Centers of Disease Control in 1985.

"Until now, many people have been fearful that (AIDS) could be transmitted at school," said the booklet. "We have enough information to stop worrying about this. What we do need to worry about — and the place to put our energy and concern — is into education."

AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is a fatal disease that destroys the body's ability to fight infection. The disease is spread through the exchange of body fluids infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, popularly called HIV.

The guide said about 1.5 million people in the United States are infected with the HIV virus. More than 102,000 cases of AIDS have been diagnosed in the country since 1981, and more than 59,000 of those victims have died.

Lloyd Kolbe, director of CDC's division of adolescent and school health, said about 1,276 children from birth up to 19-years-old have been diagnosed with AIDS.

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Japanese minister ends 'positive' Mexican visit promising more help

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu capped a visit of "support and sympathy" to Mexico on Wednesday with a resounding send-off by the capital's Mexican-Japanese high school.

Members of the Japanese community and the student body of about 600, which includes children of many prominent Mexican politicians and government officials, cheered when Kaifu paid a 45-minute visit to the school.

Kaifu then left for Ottawa, the Canadian capital, on the last leg of a tour of North America. Earlier, he met with President Bush in Washington.

Mexican Foreign Minister Fernando Solana described as "positive" the two days of talks between Kaifu and President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

"His stay in our country put relations between Mexico and Japan on the highest level," Solana said at the airport.

Japanese sources, who insisted on anonymity for reasons of protocol, called Kaifu's visit "very opportune" and "one which lays the bases for even better relations between our two countries."

Except for World War II, when Mexico sided with the Allies against

the Axis, Mexico has had warm diplomatic relations with Japan for the past 101 years.

At a news conference Tuesday Kaifu called his visit here "one of support and sympathy."

Kaifu's trip, his first abroad since he became prime minister a month ago, came at a time when Mexico is striving to overcome burdensome economic problems.

Salinas has been seeking new export markets and better relations with the Far East.

Salinas launched his "Pacific Basin initiative" soon after he was sworn in as president for a 6-year term Dec. 1, saying it was a top priority for Mexico.

At the news conference, Kaifu said Mexico and Japan are "good partners" and praised Salinas as "a futurist, a man who is going to be a pioneer in reforming today's world."

"Both countries have to expand not only economic, but social and cultural ties," Kaifu said.

He said they included Japanese help in controlling Mexico City's air pollution, among the world's worst.

"We are studying 15 projects the Mexican government presented to us. I don't know, concretely, in what form we're going to collaborate," he said.

Officials force Mexican cabbies to install meters

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Hagglng with Mexican cab drivers over fares may be on its way out now that Chihuahua state officials are requiring drivers to install meters in their vehicles before 1990.

The government believes too many Ciudad Juarez cab drivers routinely overcharge tourists.

"We find this measure necessary to enforce government set rates and to prevent anarchy and abuse of the passengers' interests," Ruben Luna Caldera, director of public transportation in Juarez, said.

Luna Caldera said he is disturbed by accounts of people being charged up to \$20 for a taxi ride for short rides.

"The maximum rate right now for most of Juarez is about \$8. A taxi ride from one of the international bridges to the Juarez Airport should be no more than \$12," Luna Caldera told the El Paso Herald-Post Tuesday.

Government officials are providing a phone number to passengers to call if they believe they have been cheated by a Juarez cab driver recently.

Juarez has 85 taxicab companies, which operate an estimated 700 cabs.

Juarez tourism delegate Lupita de la Vega praised the plan as a way to protect tourists.

Teens, police pessimistic that Bush can win drug war 'block by block'

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President Bush's pledge to fight drugs "block by block, child by child" was a popular sound bite on news-casts Wednesday, but when young people on one block were asked if the war on drugs could be won, most were pessimistic.

"It's going to take a lot, because it's not just the students, it's like everybody, you know, policemen, people like that, the big people," said Yolanda Brown, 17, among students interviewed Wednesday outside T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Va., about Bush's speech the night before.

The students' skepticism was echoed by many of the rank-and-file soldiers in the daily battle against drugs — narcotics officers, drug counselors and others who said Bush's \$7.9 billion drug program was simply not enough.

Shane Berry, 17, another Williams student, was asked if he agreed with Bush that people who look the other way when drugs are being used are also responsible for the problem.

"You couldn't really say that, because you can't go telling on your friends, especially if it's just something like pot or something," he said. "But crack, and cocaine, or heroin, I would tell on my friend, because I know that could kill you the first time."

In Philadelphia, Allen Dobson, 21, an admitted former drug dealer, watched the Bush speech with his parents, Vera and William, both recovering drug addicts.

"I know a lot of people don't want to hear this, but it's too late for a whole generation of us," he said. "The bottom line is that we have wasted lives, people from 17 to 25. Get the babies and start talking to them now."

His mother disagreed, noting that she was 35 when she got help and has remained drug-free for 22 years.

Dobson said he quit selling drugs three years ago and sometimes regrets the money and power he lost.

"It's hard for me to face the fact that I'm broke."

The chairman of the Chicago Housing Authority, Vince Lane, said on "CBS This Morning" that the president had taken an important step by throwing down the gauntlet.

"I was surprised to hear that we did get \$50 million allocated to public housing," Lane said. "... With about \$30 million here in Chicago we can clean up every troubled high-rise in the city. So the money will be very much appreciated."

Capt. Mike Smith, head of the narcotics division in the Harris County Sheriff's Department, said of the president's speech, "The whole court system is already swamped. It would take more money than he's talking about."

Tickets

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end of each day, she said, the machines will be plugged into a terminal to add information to the data base.

Around 100,000 tickets are processed each year, she said, so the machines will save a great amount of time and prevent errors. She said she doesn't expect the number of tickets written to increase.

The department can trace stolen hang-tag permits more easily with the machines, too, she said. Machines will show immediately if a number entered is the number of a stolen permit, and the vehicle will automatically be towed. The owner will be fined \$100, referred to Student Services and may have campus parking privileges revoked.

All parking control officers will begin using the new machines in mid-September, Horner said. Total cost for the 15 machines, software and installation was \$39,000.

The department should bring in more money with the system, though, because people will be more responsible about paying their fines, said a representative at Cardinal Tracking Technics Inc., the Lewisville company that makes the ticket writers.

Cardinal's computerized ticket writers have been in use for several years at universities around the nation and in Canada, and many of them reported that fine collection went way up when the machines were in use, the representative said.

Southern Methodist University was the first to use Cardinal's system, she said, and several other universities now have the system. Cardinal's list of customers includes Baylor University, Southwest Texas State University, University of Texas at Arlington, Notre Dame University and Vanderbilt University.

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