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## AIDS-related cancer may result from kissing

BOSTON (AP) — A form of the herpes virus that causes an AIDS-re-Tated skin cancer appears to spread through kissing.

Herpes virus 8 was discovered six years ago and causes a skin cancer ealled Kaposi's sarcoma. In the United States, the cancer occurs almost exclusively in people with AIDS.

Some had suspected that the virus was transmitted through sexual intercourse, but the new research from the University of Washington, reported in today's New England Journal of Medicine, contradicts that idea.

Dr. John Pauk and others tested 39 gay men who were infected with the virus but did not have Kaposi's

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sarcoma. They found the virus in 30 skin blotches and can also attack percent of their saliva samples and the internal organs. Like many othmouth swabs, compared with 1 percent of anal and genital samples. When present, the virus levels were also much higher in saliva than in

semen.
"The important thing is it suggests that oral-oral contact plays some role in transmission, although more study is needed to confirm that," said Pauk.

The study also found that homosexual men who engaged in "deep kissing"—kissing that involves a lot of contact with saliva — appeared to be at substantially higher risk of catching the virus.

er diseases that kill people with AIDS, it usually affects those with weakened immune systems. The virus alone rarely causes sickness among people with normal disease defenses.

The research "definitely has public health implications for people infected with HIV" said Dr. Ronald O. Valdiserri of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. However, he said there was not enough data to recommend that people with HIV avoid deep kissing

Thirty percent to 50 percent of Kaposi's sarcoma causes purple HIV-infected people who catch her-

pes virus 8 will eventually get Kaposi's sarcoma. Kaposi's sarcoma has been present for centuries in Southern Europe, the Middle East and Africa. It was rare in the United States until the start of the AIDS epidemic in the early 1980s.

Experts say the virus is still largely confined to homosexuals in the United States, and that is why kissing has not yet spread herpes virus 8 among heterosexuals.

Dr. Anna Wald, another University of Washington researcher, noted that herpes virus 8 is closely related to the common Epstein Barr virus, which causes mononucleosis, long known as the kissing disease.

VOTING

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their hometowns and regis in the Bryan-College S making it a busy time for

tax collector/voter regi Winn said he wanted dents and encourage votert allowing A&M students to volunteer deputy registrars

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voter registration applicato/ent out Sophomore business may The A Jones, who registered to vole league College Republicans, saidle 15-0 co the county tax collector's irst place find out what happened to hor third cation and was told the office Nebra received his application.

"I have requested from Ja an explanation of what h Jones said. "Also I want to location of my original re form, which contains very personal information."

In response to Jones'q Long pointed a finger in a rection by saying he turne 1,500 voter registration ap and watched an employee er registrar's office hande application to make sure the information was correct.

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Winn said that even thou some people in the B-CS com ty would not like to see studen he has continually pushed for said the secretary of state sai people with only a receipt of out a voter registration appli should not be allowed to cause their application had n processed. However, Winn told all of the Brazos County judges to allow people with ceipts to vote anyway because said that he understands that fall through the cracks.

"I go out to the [Memorials Center] once a month to regis dents," Winn said.

Winn said he believes w right and that he would do in his power to make sure either Democrat or Republi the chance to vote.

Long said that after a filled out a voter registration cation, the application was the College Republicans slo John J. Koldus Student & Building. Long said he put the applications from the

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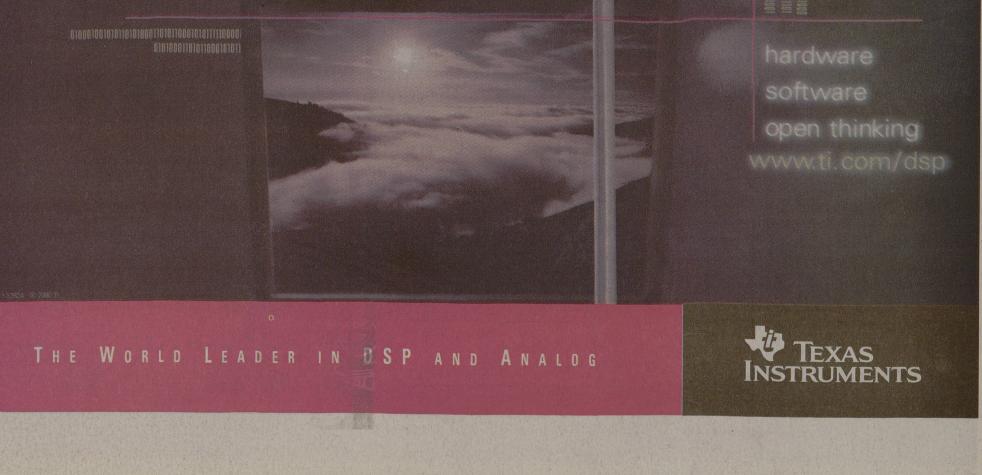
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