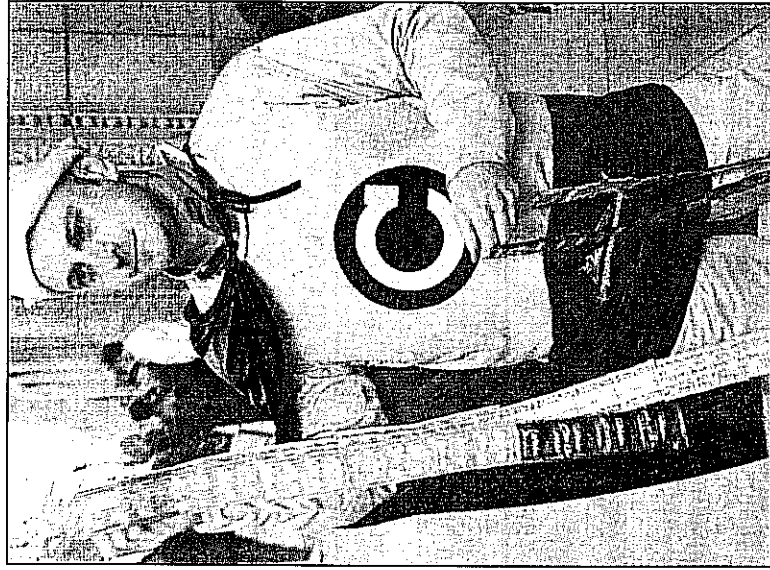


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BATTLING HIV



AIDS activist John Peeler hands out condoms Tuesday as others surrounded City Hall with a chain of condoms. They are turning up the heat on Mayor Daley, seeking a \$1.7 million increase in funding for AIDS prevention and education, in part to replace federal and state cuts. Activists plan to pack a Nov. 5 City Council meeting to push for the funds. —BRIAN JACKSON/SUN-TIMES