

gcam_ah_19930403_t2_01_edit

Tue, Nov 29, 2022 9:17AM 24:16

SUMMARY KEYWORDS

aids, condom, people, hiv, lubricants, agenda, houston, teenagers, walgreens, area, lesbian, money, drag queen, president, community organizing, deal, festival, federal aid, funding, included



00:01

Well, to put on the condom properly, one thing you got to make sure it's a latex condom. There are two kinds of condoms on the market, you have latex. And you have lambskin, the lambskin are what they call natural condoms, and they're made from intestines of sheep. And they're very good at preventing pregnancy but not for preventing STD transmission or HIV. So a latex condom, it'll say that clearly on the package. There are all kinds of the market records are Walgreens or stop and go now and get condoms. When a person, a lot of people will sometimes put a lubricant inside the condom eyedropper to to make it easier to put on. The main thing is that the condom has got a reservoir tip at the end, you want to leave that space, it's like about a half inch at the end of the condom. So at the time of orgasm, the sperm has a place to go. If it doesn't have any place to go during orgasm, it can bust the condom, because of the pressure, you leave a reservoir tip. At the same time, you've got to squeeze the air out of that reservoir tip so that the air doesn't get trapped. So during intercourse, it doesn't, you know, doesn't break. Then roll the condom all the way down to the base of the penis. And there are some condoms that are designed to go halfway down. And I don't recommend those. Because again, you never know. This is my own personal experiences that I want to make sure that the economy is on. So you'll make sure it goes all the way down. As far as lubricants are concerned, the only thing I can think of that would be around the house would probably probably be KY jelly, because it's a water based lubricant. So many people have KY for various other things that they use, you know, for medical purposes. But K y is probably the only thing I can think of that you would have around the house. But you can again go to Walgreens, and records and things like that and find different kinds of lubricants here in the Montrose area. They're going to be different brands of lubricants. If you go out to other parts of the city, you're probably just going to find ky. Right? But that's water base and it'll do the job.



01:57

So they want to stay away from Vaseline. Lotion, no



02:01

Vaseline, Vaseline intensive care, baby lotion, baby oil.



02:06

What is that? What are those things do to a condom? Well, they're



02:09

oil based, and the oil literally deteriorates the condom. And in our condom demonstrations, for instance, when I've got the condom over my fist, if I take some Johnson's baby oil, or any baby oil, I just don't want to say Johnson's with any baby and put it on the condom and just rub it with my hand, the friction will deteriorate and the condom will bust in probably like under two minutes. And that's just with my hand if it was actual intercourse. And you had that oil based lubricant on there, it probably bust in about 30 seconds. So it's very, very best on me. And the other thing about for young people in particular, because again, I realize you said no, we're not advocating advocating that teenagers go out and, you know, have all this wild sex, but a lot of teenagers are under the false impression that since they are young, that they are not at risk. But I would recommend that they use condoms, if not for the prevention of HIV, but definitely for the prevention of STD. Because Syphilis and Gonorrhea are right now at epidemic proportions in Houston between the ages of 15 and 20.



03:14

Well, now you might know better than I the more recent statistics. But the last statistics I heard on AIDS in Harris County, or that 49% of all people that have died from AIDS in in Houston, were between the ages of 14 and 29, when they died with the latency period of aids such as it is an overwhelming percentage of those would have been in their teenage years when they acquired the disease. So for for the people, the teenagers to think that they're not at risk is is not smart,



03:48

right? It's false security right? around that. And you know, we know many teenagers are having sex with older men. Now an older man to a 16 or 17 year old might be a 21 year old, you know, and or it might be a 35 year old and at the same time, you know, teenagers need to be aware of where they can get condoms, how to use condoms, and be willing to talk about safer sex practices among themselves and with their sex partners



04:12

are condoms easily and readily available out in the suburbs to teenagers.



04:18

If they've got a Walgreens, they've got an Eckerd zero right there on the shelf. You know, when I was a kid, they were behind the counter at the pharmacy, you had to ask for them. But if they've got a Walgreens or records nearby or whatever pharmacy they should be able to get

condoms without any problems right off the shelf.



04:34

Our main focus tonight is going to be the federal aids agenda. What does that phrase mean?



04:41

Okay. The Federal aids agenda is it's a process that's happening right now that started the weekend after the national elections. So November 8, and ninth of 1990 to a group of about 70 people from around the country that represent all facets of humanity, and they're all dealing with HIV got together in Washington DC, to start what we're calling the federal aids agenda. And what we're doing with that, we've outlined five key areas that we feel the administration needs to address in order to be effective with AIDS policy. So right now, it's sponsored by the AIDS Action Council, Gay Men's Health Crisis, which is a New York AIDS Project, Los Angeles, National Minority AIDS Council in DC, and National Association of people with AIDS, those are like the umbrella organizations that are sponsoring this and that are paying for this whole process. How its implemented is getting together people from around the country to talk about, and design actually a policy that we as HIV service providers feel is necessary to provide the leadership and the wherewithal to end the epidemic. And really, the whole bottom line mission is to create the political will to end the AIDS epidemic. What we do locally is we've had so far, two meetings we met in November, and once in just last month in February, in DC, the delegates, in the in the time between November and February, there were 25 regional meetings around the country, where grassroots, people got together to talk about how the federal aids agenda would impact them locally. So here in Houston, we met on February 6, we had about 100 people at the George Brown Convention Center. And we did just that. We looked at education and prevention. We looked at research, care and services, issues and discrimination issues, and saw what we wanted for Houston, incorporated into the federal aids agenda.



06:47

Now, so basically, this is grassroots level organizations coming together and saying, This is what the agenda needs to be right. And so obviously, you're going to present this agenda to the government. When it's complete,



07:02

we'll present it to President Clinton and his staff, as well as to Donna Shalala, who's the Secretary of Health and Human Services. And they know that we're working on this, this was not requested by the administration. However, they do know that we're working on this they do know, the reach that we have, to the public. One of the things that we're working on that's in tandem with this is community organizing and mobilization, about getting people at the grassroots level to communicate with their legislators at every level, to impact federal aid policy.



07:39

What can John Key citizen that's listening right now, what can they do to impact this?



07:45

Well, one thing they can do is write to their congressman at US Senate, US House of Representatives, and, you know, request that they put more money into AIDS programs, whether it's research, whether it's education, or services, things they can write to the President, and requests the president, keep some of his campaign promises like lifting the ban on travel for HIV positive immigrants. There are various things that they can do, and they can get informed here locally about what's happening here in the Houston area that can impact AIDS policy and AIDS treatment.



08:21

You brought up a point about putting pressure on the President to keep some of his promise some of his campaign promises, is one of the is the potential for one of these recommendations in this agenda gonna be a federal aid czar, like we heard during the campaign,



08:39

we are asking for that type of position. And we're not calling it a federal aid SAR, we actually have an outline so far of what we're asking for in the agenda, and the final document should be ready by the end of April. We're asking for what we're calling right now a Special Assistant to the President, we would like that person to be a cabinet level official who does have the ear of the President and the confidence of the President. We'd like that person to be very, very knowledgeable about HIV issues across the board. That means gay and lesbian issues and HIV, that means women that means people of color, got all kinds of issues with HIV, so they need to be very, very knowledgeable. We also would like that office to be staffed properly. So staff and the budget to develop what we'd like it office to do is to develop a national plan to combat HIV, so they could incorporate a lot of the work that's been done by the National Commission on AIDS. Now that was started by President Bush. The National Commission on AIDS, in my view, has done some very, very good work. The recommendations have been excellent. They've done studies on women, people of color, HIV in prisons, they've done some very, very good studies and held very good hearings, but their recommendations have never been implemented. And I think it's time for that. Those recommendations to be put into practice. I think an office that was a special assistant to the President just on HIV AIDS, could be very, very effective in that area. A lot of people aren't don't know that about, I think it was about a week before the election, then Governor Clinton gave a speech in New Jersey that was totally dedicated to HIV. And it's a very, very good speech. And he talked about his commitment to putting more money into AIDS research, prevention, education, anti discrimination measures, things like that. But it wasn't a very well publicized speech. And, you know, copies of it had been circulated. So we need to make people aware that he did say those things, he has made promises around HIV AIDS. And now we need to put pressure on him to keep those promises.



10:46

What are some other things that these people can do to become involved and be active in this? Can they come to your meetings? Can they can someone listening help set the federal aids agenda,



10:56

they can, you know, the meeting we had in February, we did a very big press release all over the area, not just Houston, we're going to start some other community organizing meetings, we'll have probably three between now and the end of June, with the AIDS Action Council about this whole piece that you're talking about how people can get involved, what we'll do with the community mobilizing and organizing, is teach people. And it may sound simple, but a lot of people just don't know how to communicate with Congress, or there's national or state level or even city council, we want to teach people how to do that, how to access the government, how to communicate what to say, and how they can get involved in that area. And they can, they could call any of the social service agencies here in town, and they could direct them to some source of participation, whether it's volunteering in that agency, if they want to call me they can call me in my office, which is like, give me the number at 7949092 and ask for Anthony Rios. That's the Bureau of HIV prevention. And I can make sure that they're included when we do the next step, which is the community organizing and mobilization efforts. And one of the things I think scares a lot of people off, it just sounds so big, is dealing with federal AIDS policy. But whatever gets established in Washington, and gets passed by Congress will affect us here in Houston. So funding for services funding for education research efforts, you know, we've got one of the probably one of the best medical facilities in the world, right here, and not enough HIV research. So that's just an example.



12:33

When When do you anticipate this is going to be completed and presented,



12:38

the federal aid agenda document should be ready by the end of April, and it should be ready to be presented. By the time Mrs. Clinton makes her report with a national health care reform. So we're looking at a whole bunch of different areas with that. So I'd say within the next 30 to 45 days, we'll have completed our work as far as setting up the agenda. And then our task is to go about implementing that agenda. And that's where it takes the the political communication from the grassroots. And, you know, John Q citizen to be in communication with our elected officials. And let me just say what the what the five areas are, because we think we deal with these five areas, and we can make an impact in the way we deal with HIV. So Leadership, Research, discrimination, care, and services, and education and prevention. All these are gonna take a lot of money. And we're also very cognizant of the fact that, you know, the President is dealing with a whole budget deficit and that whole economic mess that I'm not familiar with, how they're going to work all that out. But we are aware that this is going to cost a lot of

money. And I think the American people realize that this is going to cost a lot of money. But we have to put the money into it if we're going to really impact and affect how we take care of people with HIV.



13:55

Have you seen that? The President has kept his promises in His new budget proposal? Are you aware?



14:02

Well, the new budget proposal does allow increases in funding particular interest to services as the Ryan White funding. The new budget proposal has an increase of almost \$200 million for Ryan White increases in education and research. Now, to a lot of people, they'll say, Well, that's a whole lot of money. And I used Ryan White as an example, when that started in 1990. There were 16 cities eligible for that money. Now we're up to 25 cities, so the funding may have increased, but it's now divided, you know, among more cities, so that increases in the budget. We've seen that,



14:38

but what is his wasn't his promise a \$400 million increase almost. He's actually



14:43

he's promised full funding of it, which is, I think, \$800 million a year, for five years. It's a five year piece of legislation. And we've never reached that. I think the \$200 million increase will bring it up to about 400. So half of the funding that was originally authorized by Congress,



15:00

I think here, once again, the message is, get involved and do something, you have the ability to do something, you have the ability to make a change or make a difference. And I appreciate you coming down and letting everybody know about it. Because I don't think people realize sometimes how easy it is for them to get involved and make a change and make a difference because everybody else is doing the same thing they're doing, sitting at home and watching it on the news and not getting involved. Exactly.



15:29

And your congressman will they will respond to your letters. It might take them a while but they will respond. They've got staff that deal with health issues, HIV issues. And that's their job. That's what we've got them there for.



15:42

Great. I'm going to play a song Elton John's the last song It's a song about a father and a son coming to terms with the sons HIV and AIDS as he's lying on his deathbed. We've lost far too many people. We're continuing every day to lose people. And it's time that it's time more people get involved and make a change and make a difference. So this is this is for everybody that we've lost you're listening to after hours a continuing tradition on 90.1 FM Kpf T love you whether



16:37

you don't believe me just watch I'll be back. Although do God will be hidden Yeah, boy, Nell Carter, wow, back in the highlife again, and I really have a tear. I know. I always get goosebumps when when I hear that one. Girl. I really think Scott oughta talk about this because there's a reason we played the songs because now is he's doing something special.



17:32

Well, she makes it pretty obvious in the song Why AIDS has touched her life and brother. Yeah, she's been pretty courageous and out in the forefront in fighting and she's coming here to Texas. She's going to be in San Antonio in the next couple of weeks doing a benefit concert and all the money is being donated to local aids charities.



17:53

Cool. Thank you Now



17:55

let me know. Yes, yes. Yes, an a one day.



18:01

There's lots of Awan babes out there.



18:04

Lots and lots of them. So I'm gonna call in. Please dial jam. KPFK Mk. Jam KPFT. And that's d i n e. W i l l i Okay. I see. Yeah, you can write us and would be Give me the address later because we want you to even if you're in a two bay, just



18:08



18:28

a two. Is that like a 200?



18:32

They just have to have a pulse.



18:35

Wrong. I think not.



18:39

They have to have boots. I see.



18:44

Jenna. Okay, wait a minute. There's something really cool here that I want you to read.



18:48

Oh, okay. All right. I want to talk about okay, you want to talk about that first. Okay, just briefly, okay. You want me to read it? Read



18:56

your headline, Book of the Month Club,



18:59

the White Book of the Month Club, the book like The Avenue of the Americas. The month class the one launches gay and lesbian classics. Excuse me. Openly gay and lesbian books now in the Book of the Month Club. Oh my god. So yeah, for the Book of the Month. Allah Oh, and what are they doing?



19:23

They're wanting our money. That's what they're



19:25

doing. Well, they've been they've gotten it all along. But now we're getting a little something. Now we get to tell them Yeah. Other titles to be offered in the ongoing series includes Thomas Mann's classic Death in Venice. Oh, that was a beautiful movie to Gertrude Stein's the Oliver Autobiography of Alice B Toklas. And a three in one volume of authoraid Lord's work including Sister Outsider and under song Raji Lord,



19:58

by the way, that Texas loves me and conference is dedicated to the memory of the passing of our sister Audrey Lorde.



20:03

And what a sister What a sister What



20:07

a sister. The theme this year for the Texas lesbian conference is many kinds of power taken from an Audrey Lorde essay. And it's, it's hot inside. Well. So, the Month Club is really doing some cool things. Yeah, there's a one 800 number on there some way



20:26

Andrew Howard runs dancer from the dance that's like,



20:29

women who run with the wolves, which is new



20:32

women who were David Feinberg, who did 86



20:37

way impressed. I am just way off good. Yeah. Can you find that one? 800 number on their swing? 1-800-323-3106



20:44

Six. If you remember your history, that's 1-800-233-1066



20:59

you just remember that because you were there.



21:03

100 years for



21:05

sure. To Colin Powell. Jimmy was very good for morale.



21:08

Oh, yeah. So it was fun. I'm imagining not well, there weren't there weren't too many. There weren't too many of me there at the time. That's why it had to be Hastings. I mean, there's so many of the others. Yeah. We were busy. Now. Oh, speaking of busy,



21:28

busy. Yeah, read that for me darling. What



21:29

a Segway, huh?



21:31

When I say anything about the drag queens lately.



21:34

Speaking of drag queens. Which one? How about the favorite the drag queen? Killers? I mean, yeah, Renee Shar doll. What about your mate? Yeah, I know it I know it I opened a turn a short and I still have that day and by the way, yes. Of he and his group when they sang live here in the studio. So he's got you know, he's working during the festival he's going to be working cuties they're going to be doing special shows. The festival. Yeah, three shows daily. The Westheimer colony College. No, not not, not that one. Not the one downtown that Westheimer this. This is the street festival that they're going to have. He's going to be working at cuties. And they're going to have lots of shows and all of that. But he and his group, a new group, or

they're getting ready to put out a new record and cool. Yeah, he's really fast. Yeah, yeah. He is like the drag queen who Slyke sings uses his own voice. I mean, I almost said You mean the drag queen metallic. Okay, low low, low socket. That is not bad letters.



22:46

Naomi was here should be scratching my eyes outright to say nothing of the court. I know. Well, we will be talking about them later. Just kidding. Quarter. Okay, so



22:57

if you're gonna be around and who isn't during the street fair. You know, you might want to make



23:03

sure you keep saying street fair. I haven't heard street fair happening. I mean, I'm like way behind here. What is it? Yeah, street fair. Like the art festival is just what we're talking about.



23:13

Well, the art festival is going to be downtown. I'm talking about the festival that's gonna be in the Montreux You mean



23:20

the non what are they calling it? The non inside the gate stuff? That's good. The non actual they're



23:28

gonna have all the art downtown. All the people are going to be here in Montreux, right. The way



23:33

it's always been for years. Me Exactly. And if they want to leave, they can leave. That's right. And we like the Montrose really, and we save two bucks and I don't ever go inside anyway. Never pay the two bucks to go inside. Unless I'm looking for a particular piece of art, which I'd like to frankly find on the outside. I've seen art I told you.





23:55

I like going again, not a lot of talent.



24:00

Yeah, you liked those street festival to read?



24:05

I do. Yes, I do. Yes.



24:08

I said festival but I met hustler. Okay,