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The US National Institutes for Health top aids researcher Anthony Fauci warned to the congress this past week that President Bush's proposed aids budget will only prolong the epidemic. The administration's plan to cut AIDS research by 25%. Well, according to Fauci, add another two to three years to finding a medical cure and an AIDS vaccine, Susan Carter reports from Capitol Hill,



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President Bush's 1993 proposed budget for AIDS research is \$873 million. That's significantly lower than the request of nearly \$1.2 billion from the National Institutes of Health. Researchers say this means that there won't be adequate funding for new initiatives or ongoing research. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, explains that the cuts would be quite damaging



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the construction and the renovation of the facilities to conduct HIV research at the extramural level is essentially put on hold. A considerable amount of investigator initiated research would not be able to fund up to a level that we think is scientifically justifiable. Also, the training initiatives and career awards would be decreased. The collaborative non primate animal model development for a vaccine would be cut.



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Scientists say that a decrease in AIDS research funding will also affect the rate at which remedies or cures or even an AIDS vaccine can be found. Again, Anthony Fauci of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases,



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something that is disturbing to me as as the person who's responsible for trying to coordinate

the research effort is that there is this perception and it's real. And we've seen it at several levels, unfortunately, including the level of the Congress, that AIDS has essentially done very well which in many respects they have, and therefore, there's not going to be the kinds of increases at the congressional level. David

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Barr, Assistant Director of Policy at the Gay Men's Health Crisis of New York City, is gay and is infected with the HIV virus by argues that the problem is not the cost of research, but the priorities.

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We still have no comprehensive plan for basic research. no progress at all has been made in the quest to restore damaged immune systems, we still have very little understanding of the pathogenesis of HIV disease, which severely limits the capability to explore new avenues for cure or a vaccine. The ability to treat and prevent many age related opportunistic infections remains far out of reach further, while the number of deaths from cancer and heart disease have remained stable or have declined over the last 10 years deaths for me it's continued to rise at alarming rates, but the comparisons are unnecessary and insulting to people with cancer and AIDS alike. Give us one day of the Pentagon's budget, and we can adequately fund the entire biomedical research effort.

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Barr says that research is the only weapon for fighting the AIDS epidemic. I'm Susan Carter in Washington. Tabular

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you've tuned into this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine with Lucia Chapelle. I'm Greg Gordon. Writing workshops conducted by Terry Wolverton at the gay and lesbian community services center in Los Angeles produced violet ink, a series of readings by those who attended the workshops. Catherine Stifter produced violet ink through the auspices of the California Arts Council's artists in residence program, the city of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Program and the funding exchange. We'll be hearing selections from violet ink from time to time on this way out. First up Starbursts by Crespin rose us.

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Crimson fire grew outside our kitchen window. A 13 foot showering poinsettia sprouted from what my father called a mustard seed. I don't think he ever fully realized the beauty of this tree, with its tall, thin stalks, reaching up to forever, and leaves as big as hands. The red flowers which grew from his tree, were never brought into the house, as are the other flowers from the garden. They couldn't live from within a few hours away from the roots. But instead,

their fury remain dormant On the other side of the kitchen window, shaking their heads in the heat and scratching the glass begging to come in. By late afternoon, tinted window panes would be shot to keep the sun's Blaze from intensifying the heat with burning stoves. spiteful colors of orange and red would filter from their peddled heads into the kitchen air, which scurried in furious flame while my mother made dinner from four hot stoves, and two burning ovens. As the sun set lower into the evening sky, the pace slowed, and dinner was set. From inside, red explosions of poinsettia seem calm, deceptively shadowing themselves soft onto the evening dinner table. The kitchen was my mother's domain, and from her labors and burning pain, can the nourishment and love from which we grew congregating around her table, hot steaming bowls would call to us, begging for us to come waiting to explode their aromatic arms around us her children while outside the kitchen window, roots grew deeper into the soil, and crimson Starbursts raged in fury, yearning to free themselves into the oncoming night sky.



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As we reported a couple of weeks ago, Massachusetts Republican Governor William Weld has created a statewide commission on gay and lesbian youth, the first of its kind in the US. David LaFontaine of the Massachusetts Coalition for lesbian and gay rights send us a copy of Governor Weld's official announcement establishing the commission followed by supporting remarks from Concord Massachusetts High School senior Sharon Bergman.



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devonne Your dream don't you. The unfortunate reality is that nearly 30% of youth suicides are committed by gay and lesbian youth. And more than 25% of young gays and lesbians are forced to leave home because of conflicts over their sexual identity. Incidents of harassment and violence and discrimination against young people because of their sexual orientation are all too common. I am happy that we are able to create this commission by executive order. And here's the executive order. I'm now signing it to create the commission



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My name is Shan Bergen afternoon because I think the government endorsed measure like this. That will save lives. Something worth celebrating. I think that the lives of gay lesbian, bisexual teenagers, like me, are worth celebrating. I don't have a school that has support it's gay, lesbian bisexual suits, a school where it is a disciplinary offence to call someone a faggot or a day of school with openly gay teacher who sat down and talk with me for hours. Because I was coming to terms with my own sexuality in a culture that condemns what I know I am. And that made all the difference. I'm not exaggerating in the slightest when I say that if I stayed in my public school without any support for gay lesbian or bisexual teenagers, I would very likely not be able to address you today because I would be in a plain pine box six feet under. You see, one of the things many people don't realize is that gay and bisexual teens have significant lack of support. Homophobia is at its highest incidence among teenagers. And even though mine are wonderful. Often parents are no healthy as many gay teens have nowhere to turn. And so, rather than face to feelings that their friends, teachers had no religion, they are evil and sick. They take their own lives. And everybody wonders why. Now at the beginning of this board and

through its recommendations, it is my sincerest hope that even one left pupils come to this awful mess of aloneness, and death and fear about their sexuality. Threatened he said in Jewish law, He who says one way, it is a dependency of the entire world.

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Thanks for choosing this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week, Cindy Friedman, Mark Sokka mono, Matt binder, Terry Wolverton and Catherine Stifter. Keith Clark and Susan Carter contributed program material. Thanks also to Mike alkali, David LaFontaine and Christopher David Trenton,

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Jackson Browne, Crosby, Stills Nash and Young anvil flirtations performed some of the music you heard, and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music.

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We would also love to hear from you with just any comments, suggestions or questions you might have it just to let us know you're listening right to this way out post office box 38327 Los Angeles, California 90038. This way I'll just produce by the Chappelle and Greg Gordon, and we thank you for listening on W HBK, Chicago, K DHX, St. Louis and to yb Wellington, among others, and for supporting this local community radio station.

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Everybody do stay tuned.

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Yes, we do. Thank you for listening to your local community radio station. And this is Kay Harper and Jeff Mackay, with after hours a continuing tradition



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on KPFT FM 90.1.



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Hey. We're gonna get all this down, right? Yes. More political stuff, right. More political stuff.



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We have another candidate and other candidates now. Proceeding in alphabetical order. We want to look at Bill Clinton, another former governor. Our current governor, I guess, actually,



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he's the current governor. He has been governor of Arkansas since 1982. But he's also a former governor of Arkansas from 1978 to 1980. Okay, I guess I only have two year terms there or something.



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So I guess, I guess is Governor is his term as governor terms as governor? However you want to define this? He hasn't. He doesn't have a strong eight, a trail to follow, for instance, as Governor Brown as far as a gay and lesbian issues. No, he



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hasn't done too well on that housing.



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No, no, most of most of what we know has have been picked up on the campaign trail during during the presidential campaign pain. He's been talking talking that talk is or where he has been making a number of prograis remarks during the campaign. He said that he supports the repeal of, of the exclusion of gay and lesbian people for military service, which is an issue that's been in the news repeatedly lately. Yes. But activists have called on him to do so he hasn't taken a position on the passage of a National Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill. So that's, that's still a question mark. He failed to answer and return a list of questions sent to him by Arkansas gay activists.





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There are gay activists in Arkansas.



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Yes, even in Arkansas. It's amazing.



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Actually. Wait a second little rocks in Arkansas, isn't it? Yes. I have a former roommate who's a gay activist in Arkansas.



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Maybe. Maybe the roommate is one of the people who were was involved in this.



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It Steve came out and came out with a vengeance. So probably



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just just fingers and everything. Yes, although bills have been introduced to repeal their console anti gay conduct statute. Clinton has never taken a position on repeal of the law either. And he also refused to sign a proclamation for National Coming Out Day so



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this doesn't sound good



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according to ms magazine, he says that his domestic policy is more or the domestic policy is more important than foreign policy. He increased funding for Headstart and education and created a Child Care Commission. However, Arkansas has no funding for battered women shelters, zip, none, and they rank 48 and environmental quality. In other words, Arkansas is not a nice place to live. No. He's quieter. He's rated as being progressive on civil rights for people

of color. But like you said he didn't take any position on the proposal to repeal the state sodomy law. You didn't use the S word. But yes, yes. That's pretty much what what you were talking about this? And surprise, surprise, he was against the Vietnam War.

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Yes. Fancy that.

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But he supported Bush going and being forceful in the Gulf. He says he's pro choice. But he signed a parental notification act in 1990, which is, you know, one of those not so happy pro choice things. Yes. And, oh, and I'm getting a note, Buddy Johnson is a gay activist from Arkansas.

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That's true.

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I completely forgot that. He was from Arkansas. He seems so settled in Houston. He's

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not an activist in Arkansas at the moment.

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True from Arkansas. Let's see. Clinton says he wouldn't have nominated Thomas, but he's a friend of John daggits and believed his testimony against the Anita Hill. So I mean, he's appointed African Americans to high levels in his administration. And he says that 4457 staffers are women. And 18 Hold senior positions. That's good. So that's, that's a very high percentage of women. Yes. And the additional little item about Mr. Clinton, Governor Clinton, is that his feminist wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton can only help his campaign. That's right. It takes a good woman to run something like that, I guess. Yes. But

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she's not a Tammy Wynette. Stand by your man kind of candidate, as you said,



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no, no, not at all of its wife, candidates, wife, whatever, maybe

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she should be the candidate.

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I'd be in favor that I can see this

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Hillary Clinton against Barbara Bush. Hey, that there's a campaign. Oh, excited about that. That would be fun.

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So do we have more things upcoming, or?

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Yes, we do. Good.

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So what's upcoming?

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What's upcoming? Actually, I

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know what's upcoming, what 215 We're going to be hearing aids in focus, which is a twice a month thing that's put together in Los Angeles about what's going on in the AIDS and HIV movements right now. So we're going to be hearing that in, what 27 minutes,

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something like that. And upcoming and a little further in the future. There are several events

something like that. And upcoming and a little further in the future. There are several events that are sort of linked together. That will be happening over the next few months. Starting with heartstrings, which is a performance this is I think the second time it's happened in Houston. There was a heartstrings a few years ago.

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Yeah, with some really neat buttons and T shirts. Yes,

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yes, I wanted to go I've heard I heard very good things about that one. So I'm looking forward to this one I didn't get to go last time. That's on April 29. They will be in Jones Hall. And you can call 621 7989 For more info on that. Something you can like put your tux on for maybe soon maybe so I'm always looking for an excuse to wear my tax

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does this mean you have to drag a date out? Mascara data?

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Well, I have almost have more than a month and a half now to to work on that. So hey, we'll see what can happen. Also, as as part of the overall thing is our theme about coming up with the word. The names project quilt will be in town at the University of St. Thomas this will be on May 1 to May 4. And if you've never seen the quilt then you know this is a wonderful opportunity and even if you have it's a wonderful opportunity to see it again.

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Yeah, this is obviously not going to be the entire quilt because I think it would like cover the entire campus of St. Thomas yes

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it probably at least it's it's it's unfortunately very large now. But this will be a section of it probably mostly featuring area names. Yeah. And for more information on on that you can call the names project five, two names is the phone number for that. And then the third part of it is that's what friends are for three. And they've announced it when the special guests is going to be Liza Minnelli? Yeah, yes. Oh Glitz involved here. And also featured is Dr. Aidan Rios. I hoping I'm pronouncing that correctly. Well, yes.

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Yes. You said Rios. Right. I think his name is Aiden Aiden, who's an AIDS researcher.



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Yes. And that will be Saturday, June 13. And that's at the Western Galleria. For more information six to 197 17.



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I forget his first name, but Stritch formerly of Montgomery plantain stretch,



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really stretch.



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I think it's Billy. That sounds right. is gonna be one of the performers there too.



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Yes, yes. A buddy of lasers.



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That's what the twit said. It's like, we run an interesting circles.



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Another event upcoming. Not locally, but on a national level. Since we're talking about women's issues, on April 5, the march for women's lives in Washington, DC.



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That's sponsored by Neral, which is the National abortion rights action league. And Tyrell, which is the Texas abortion rights action league is very involved in that. And I don't have their phone number. But I'm sure you can call and find out what it is. I know they're based in Austin, but they do have chapters here in Houston.



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Yes. And with a number of critical issues coming up before the Supreme Court and in Congress dealing with abortion rights. This is this is going to be an important demonstration. It's a march for women's lives. That's April 5. In Washington, DC.

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Yeah. Last month, the Supreme Court said that they are going to be hearing Pennsylvania versus Casey, which is a one of the cases which challenges a post Webster decision that puts a whole lot of restrictions on on a woman's right to choose includes provisions that prohibit a married woman from getting an abortion without first notifying her husband. And requiring that a woman delay her abortion for 24 hours after she's received the the lovely state mandated anti choice lecture, which is going to include pictures and descriptions of fetal development, which is always a really scary, nasty, awful thing to go through. Legal experts pro choice legal experts are divided on whether the Supreme Court is going to use the KC case to completely overturn Roe v. Wade, or if it's just going to simply weaken the case more. But whether it turns it over or not. With Casey, it's going to be gone by spring of 93. Especially with the growing conservative trend of the court. Yes. And in 93, the courts going to hear challenges to the anti choice laws passed in Utah, Guam and Louisiana. And that basically just means that we in Texas only have one election before everything under all of our protections under road disappear. And once the row goes away, there's a 96 year old law still on the books in Texas that criminalizes abortion and contains penalties for abortion providers. And they fully expect that once Roe v Wade is overturned, and Roe v Wade is the case that overturned or repealed those those things, right, but they're still on the books. And a lot of people don't realize that they're still on the books. So they

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become instantly criminal overnight if it's a return. So this is like a really major important decisions coming up here today.

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Yes, and I have a phone number for you for the Houston chapter of Terryl. Tyrol. I don't know how they say that, but it's 9608830 and that's the chapter chairs name is Carol Riggs.

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So you can find out more about getting involved there if that's something that that you might want to get involved with. And also more about the the March on Washington.

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Yes. And Not as a good segue, but just as a segue. How about some music? About bluesy music? I'm in the mood for some blues.



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That's good. That's good. It's good time for blues.



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Yes. Now I've got to figure out which one I'm supposed to punch. And that was the Washington sisters with. Yeah, yeah. And that wonderful. It's great. Yeah, it's off their album. Take two and it's called just ain't right. Yes. And they are family. Yes. They got a lot of play last week or last month because they were. They are, they probably haven't taken. They still are black, but wonderful, bluesy stuff. And before that we heard Bonnie Raitt with love letter, which was written by a woman named Bonnie Hayes who, I don't know for sure, not having slept with a woman whether or not she's lesbian, but she did tour with Chris Williamson and Teresa trial a couple of years ago. And she's just the cutest little thing. Blonde blonde hair, and the first song of that set was Heather Bishop and seduced.



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Yes, nice, bluesy, bluesy, bluesy set.



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Hey, I like the blues. Yes. And since we don't have a blue show, I don't think the new show is. Now the new show after us is blues, isn't it? I should have saved it. I could have done that. Right before we went off the air.



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I might have people like, Oh, dang blues, we would want that. So give me a little a little preview here. So just make one make you want to stay tuned for the next show. Yeah, in case you just haven't gotten enough blues here. Yeah, there are reasons why a lot of women might have the blues. Here's some extra sort of facts lying about here again, talking about International Women's Day and women's month.



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Women Women's History Month Women's History



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Month. Sorry, is History Month. I get all the titles confused. In the early 80s, the federal government stole funding for the battered women's programs, defeated bills to fund shelters and shut down his office of domestic violence only two years after opening in 1979. Yeah. The

and shut down his office of domestic violence only two years after opening in 1979. Yeah. The number of women seeking out battered women's shelters soared, but federal funding shrank. And the office of domestic violence was shut down. A third of the 1 million battered women who seek emergency shelter each year can't find it.

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Isn't that just an awful? You know, Houston has a new program. That's just real, real new. There was an article in the paper that somebody from the Houston area Women's Center was quoted about, you know, how there is such limited shelter space. And the manager of the Adams Mark hotel, I called her up and said, Hey, that's stupid. There are hotel rooms in this city going empty all the time. So now there's, there's a new program that the center Women's Center has set up through their wires program, and it it's called Safe Harbor. And if all the women's shelters are filled victim of domestic violence, and her kids or a rape survivor, and her kids if need be, can stay a night in a hotel in Houston, how wonderful. And it ranges from, I mean, just the very bottom budget, you know, cut right kinds of places to some of the very nicest places in Houston. That's terrific in that grade. Some of the education community education director of the Houston area Women's Center was telling me about that the other day.

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That's great. That's just again, just goes to show that when people just put their minds to it, the things that can be come up with maybe this will sort of catch on and become a model for for other places as well. I think a lot of people think that there's plenty of, of shelter for any woman who who seeks it.

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That's not true at all. There's very, very few spaces. I mean, there are shelters, there's a shelter in the Montrose area, that Houston area women's centered sponsors. There's one in Pasadena, there's one in Baytown. There's one up in The Woodlands, but probably all told between those those four shelters, they can't hold 200 women and and their kids. Yeah. And that's just yeah, in a city the size of Houston. Not including Pasadena and Baytown and the woodlands who are separate cities. And there's more than 200 people needing shelter because of domestic violence.

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Goodness, goodness and Hmm. Some other interesting things 1987 The American women in radio and TV couldn't award its annual prize for ads featuring women positively because it couldn't find any ads that qualified. Oh, 1987 87 Yes. Just five years ago. That's yeah. And

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and I mean, feminism had been around for a long time.



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Yes. It was hardly a novelty. Yes. That's that's saying some really bad things about the way society views women.



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The average woman earns 71 cents for every dollar that a man earns.



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Oh, that's gone up. It used to be like 61 cents or 57 cents. It's it's gone up. But that's still not very much



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equality. Women are two thirds of all poor adults. And nearly 75% of full time working women make less than \$20,000. nearly double the men's right. Oh, goodness. So yeah, they this struggle has made some progress, but there's still a long way to go.



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Yeah, I was reading the other day were actually not the other day just very recently that the Today's show has decided that feminism is the reason that there are lots of bag ladies on the street.



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Feminism is the reason for bag ladies. Yeah, I'm



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not exactly sure how they follow that. I think maybe it's it's, we have an opportunity to go out and be poor. I say, you know, if we're not going to stay home and let some man take care of us, we can go out and be poor. But a little bit further reading on that is that. You goodness, now I forget the exact number. But 50% of the homeless women in this country. And and homeless women are the women are the biggest growing segment of the homeless population. Yes. But

50% of the homeless women in this country are refugees because of domestic violence. Really? Yeah. Yeah, there's people who couldn't get into shelters, or who've been in shelters and don't have any other place to go. And I mean, shelter can't keep you forever. So that's just a scary scary statistic. And not that domestic violence and HIV and AIDS have anything to do with each other. But well, you said we were going to play aids and focus at 215 and that's what it is now. So let's go ahead with that. Hello, and welcome to AIDS in focus.