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Subject: MailBag regarding Sharon Stone and "Scoop" Interview
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RE: Feb 27 PEOPLE issue and "Scoop" interview with Sharon Stone
 (Note: Underlined blue text entries are footnotes to the corroborating facts)

In regards to HIV/AIDS, Sharon Stone stated that "It's a harder battle now" and "it's much worse." Nothing could be further from the truth. Deaths in the USA from HIV/AIDS have plummeted, including a 98.5 percent decrease in California's newly infected patients to 144 as of 12/31/05 (Editor-see [CA AIDS Surveillance Report, page two](#)). While Stone donates her time encouraging every citizen regularly on radio ads to send money to the organization she represents, amfAR (American Federation for AIDS Research), its CEO, Jerome Radwin, had a total compensation package of \$320,134 (Editor—see latest amfAR Form 990, page 45 [here](#)). Clearly, the AIDS situation has improved dramatically and perhaps Ms. Stone will now consider focusing her efforts on the sixteen diseases that kill a million more American than HIV/AIDS annually, including the one that almost killed her—cardiovascular disease, which kills [930,000](#) Americans annually compared to an estimated 18,017 for AIDS (Editor—see CDC HIV Surveillance Report, page 16 [here](#)).

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Disease	2005 NIH Research \$	Deaths Per Disease	\$ Per Patient Death	\$ Per Patient
AIDS	2.93 Billion	18,017	\$ 162,790	\$ 3,084
Cardiovascular Dis.	2.4 Billion	930,000	\$ 2,589	\$ 40
Diabetes	1.02 Billion	73,965	\$ 13,722	\$ 48
Alzheimer's Dis.	649 Million	63,343	\$ 10,245	\$ 144
Prostate Cancer	381 Million	29,578	\$ 12,881	\$ 136
Parkinson's Dis.	232 Million	17,898	\$ 12,962	\$ 154
Hepatitis C	122 Million	12,000	\$ 10,166	\$ 25
Hepatitis B	33 Million	5,000	\$ 6,600	\$ 32

COPD**	57 Million	126,128	\$ 452	\$ 5
West Nile Virus	54 Million	102	\$ 529,411	\$19,292

** COPD = Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Statistics based on information from the CDC & NIH See: <http://www.fairfoundation.org/update.htm> for verifying links

[NIH Orphan \(rare disease\) Drug Allocation of \\$1.2 Billion](#) for 6000 diseases equals only \$200,000, on average, for research on each disease.