AIDS Is Everyday / January

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JANUARY 1

1983: Ward 86, the world’s first dedicated outpatient AIDS clinic, opens at San Francisco General Hospital.

1996: Established to advocate for global action to combat the epidemic and to coordinate HIV/AIDS efforts across the U.N. system, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) commences operations.

2018: It is no longer a felony in California to knowingly expose or transmit HIV to a sexual partner. The new law signed by Governor Jerry Brown lowers the offense to a misdemeanor with a maximum of six months in jail. Previously, a person could face up to eight years in prison if found guilty. The law also changes the penalty for knowingly donating HIV-positive blood from a felony to a misdemeanor.

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1990: ACT UP stages action in Albany to protest New York State’s lack of attention to the AIDS epidemic.

JANUARY 4

1982: Gay Men’s Health Crisis, now known as GMHC, becomes the first community-based AIDS service provider.

2010: The United States officially ends its 22-year ban on travel into the country by foreigners living with HIV.

JANUARY 5

1993: DIVA TV inaugurates AIDS Community Television, a weekly television series and media network for AIDS activism.

JANUARY 6

Rudolf NureyevWikiMedia

1993: World-renowned ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev dies of AIDS-related complications.

2005: Nelson Mandela announces that his son, Makgatho, has died of AIDS-related causes.

2017: HIV/AIDS activist Jeff Sheehy is named to San Francisco's Board of Supervisors representing District 8, making him the first person living with HIV to serve as a supervisor.

2017: AIDS Is Everyday launches on POZ.com.

JANUARY 7

1983: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports the first two cases of AIDS among females whose male partners had the disease, suggesting HIV could be transmitted via heterosexual sex.

JANUARY 8

1990: First of two days of ACT UP demonstrations demanding the immediate repeal of Georgia's sodomy laws.

JANUARY 9

1996: Felix Gonzales-Torres dies of AIDS-related complications.

JANUARY 10

JANUARY 11

1985: The CDC revises AIDS definition to note newly identified virus and issues provisional guidelines for blood screening.

JANUARY 12

President Barack ObamaDreamstime.com

2016: President Barack Obama addresses HIV in his final State of the Union Address. “Right now, we’re on track to end the scourge of HIV/AIDS.”

JANUARY 13

1995: Artist Joyce McDonald diagnosed HIV positive.

JANUARY 14

2014: Artist darkroom danny diagnosed HIV positive.

JANUARY 15

The Women’s Caucus of ACT UP New York stages its first protest.Vimeo/“Doctors, Liars and Women: AIDS Activists Say No to Cosmo”

1988: The Women’s Caucus of ACT UP New York stages its first protest. It targets a Cosmopolitan magazine article by Robert E. Gould, MD, that claims women are not at risk for HIV.

1991: ACT UP Philly interrupts Pennsylvania Governor Bob Casey’s inauguration demanding more attention to AIDS issues.

2004: United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan announces the launch of the Global Media AIDS Initiative, which aims to get media organizations to expand public knowledge and understanding about HIV and AIDS.

2010: Director Ira Sachs’s FILM Last Address premieres at Sundance. It uses images of the

exteriors of the houses, apartment buildings and lofts where artists such as Keith Haring, Robert Mapplethorpe, Peter Hujar, Cookie Mueller and Klaus Nomi were living at the time of their death to mark the disappearance of a generation.

JANUARY 16

Ryan White

1989: The Ryan White Story airs on television.

JANUARY 17

The Arches of Hope at OUT NYCErnest Estimé

2013: Lifebeat: Music Fights HIV/AIDS and the MTV Staying Alive Foundation join forces to create the interactive art installation The Arches of Hope, in the lobby of the OUT Hotel in New York City. Designed by architect Antonio Pio Saracino, the installation consists of three 10-foot-tall arches representing three decades of HIV/AIDS.

2018: Health insurer Aetna agrees to pay $17 million to plaintiffs in a federal class-action lawsuit after one of its mailers revealed the HIV-positive status of approximately 12,000 customers in at least 23 states.

JANUARY 18

1990: The CDC reports the possible transmission of HIV to a patient through a dental procedure performed by a dentist who is HIV positive.

2000: The U.S. Supreme Court refuses to hear an appeal that challenges a lower court's ruling permitting Alabama prisons to segregate inmates living with HIV.

2008: The FDA approves Intelence (etravirine).

JANUARY 19

1989: ACT UP/NY Housing Committee meets with Mayor Koch's housing advisor to discuss lack of AIDS housing in NY.

JANUARY 20

2010: HIV activist and UNAIDS staffer Eric Sawyer carries the Olympic flame in Calgary, Canada, as part of the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay.

JANUARY 21

2005: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) for people exposed to HIV, saying treatment should start no more than 72 hours after a person has been exposed to the virus.

2018: Quiet Heroes, the story of a lesbian couple’s fight against stigma and ignorance in Salt Lake City in the early days of the AIDS crisis, premieres at the Sundance Film Festival.

JANUARY 22

1991: ACT UP/New York activists enter the CBS Evening News studio and shout “AIDS is news—Fight AIDS, not Arabs” during the opening broadcast.

2002: The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is established as a partnership between governments, civil society organizations, the private sector and affected communities designed to accelerate the end of AIDS.

JANUARY 23

1991: During rush hour, ACT UP members unfurl banners in Grand Central Station in New York City that read: “Money for AIDS, Not for War” and “One AIDS Death Every 8 Minutes,” as part of citywide protests known as a Day of Desperation.

Martin Delaney

2009: Project Inform founder and longtime AIDS activist Martin Delaney dies of liver cancer at age 63.

2013: The documentary film Fire in the Blood, which shows how pharmaceutical companies block access to low-cost HIV drugs in developing countries, premieres at the Sundance Film Festival. It is released in theaters later that year, on September 7.

HBO

2015: The documentary Larry Kramer in Love & Anger premieres at the Sundance Film Festival. In

June, it airs on HBO.

JANUARY 24

1991: Felix Gonzales Torres’ lover, Ross Laycock, dies of AIDS-related complications.

John Hanning, “I Survived AIDS”, 2012, Digital Collage-C-PrintCourtesy of John Hanning

1992: Model and jewelry designer Tina Chow dies of AIDS-related complications at age 41. Chow spoke publicly about living with HIV and worked with many AIDS organizations, including Project Angel Food in Los Angeles.

1995: Artist John Hanning is diagnosed HIV positive.

2014: Avram Finkelstein forms The Fuck Laws Flash Collective at Concordia University in Montreal to create a billboard about HIV criminalization.

JANUARY 25

1991: The New York Times reports that more than 100,000 Americans have died of AIDS-related causes.

1996: The musical Rent opens at the New York Theatre Workshop, the same day Jonathan Larson, its author and composer, dies.

JANUARY 27

1995: A doctor informs artist John Hanning that he has six months to live. He’s still living.

JANUARY 28

George W. BushNorthfoto/Shutterstock.com

2003: President George W. Bush announces the establishment of PEPFAR to address AIDS, across the globe, specifically in Africa, in his State of the Union address.

JANUARY 29

2015: The FDA approves Evotaz, a combination of atazanavir and cobicistat.

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JANUARY 31

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1989: AIDS protesters from the group Stop AIDS Now or Else shut down the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco during the morning rush hour to demand that the government take faster action to stop HIV/AIDS.

1998: Angelina Jolie stars in the television film Gia, about the life of supermodel Gia Carangi, who died of AIDS-related causes at age 26.

“The Government Has Blood on Its Hands. One AIDS Death Every Half Hour,” Gran Fury Courtesy of the AIDS Education Collection, University of Rochester

2012: The exhibition Gran Fury: Read My Lips opens at 80 Washington Square East and features the work of the AIDS activist art collective.

AIDS is an everyday experience. The dates on this calendar all relate to the AIDS crisis. Some are globally known; others are drawn from personal experiences.

AIDS Is Everyday was originally produced in partnership with Visual AIDS as an extension of the exhibition “EVERYDAY,” which was curated by Jean Carlomusto, Alexandra Juhasz and Hugh Ryan in 2016. New submissions will be continually added to the calendar because AIDS is not over. Click here to submit an entry for the AIDS IS Everyday calendar.

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