Everyday — October/November 2019

Here are some important dates in AIDS history.

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AIDS is an everyday experience. These dates represent milestones in the AIDS epidemic. Some dates are known globally; others commemorate individual experiences. AIDS Is Everyday is an ongoing art project produced in conjunction with Visual AIDS to help break down the silence, shame and stigma surrounding HIV.

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October

Rock HudsonWikimedia

2 – Actor Rock Hudson dies. In his will, he leaves $250,000 to help set up amfAR, the American Foundation for AIDS Research. (1985)

11 – ACT UP organizes its first political funeral, known as the Ashes Action, and scatters the ashes of loved ones on the White House lawn. (1992)

15 – National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day

“The Origins of AIDS”

17 – The Origins of AIDS by Jacques Pepin is published. His account of how the virus likely crossed from chimpanzees to humans in Central Africa overturns earlier theories of the epidemic’s history. (2011)

18 – SisterLove holds its 10th annual 2020 Leading Women’s Society Awards, which honors 20 exceptional HIV-positive women across the United States who have served as vocal leaders and advocates in their communities. (2019)

22 – The Surgeon General’s Report on AIDS is released and makes clear that HIV cannot be spread casually. The report calls for a nationwide education campaign, increased use of condoms and voluntary HIV testing. (1986)

November

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5 – Visual AIDS launches the Artists+ Registry online. It is the largest database of works by artists

with HIV/AIDS. (2012)

7 – The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approves the first rapid HIV diagnostic test kit for use in the United States that provides results in as little as 20 minutes. (2002)

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12 – The National AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, is designated as a national memorial. (1996)

13 – The American Medical Association declares that doctors have an ethical obligation to care for people living with AIDS. (1987)

17 – Actor Charlie Sheen announces he is HIV positive in a live interview with Matt Lauer on NBC's Today show. (2015)

Gia Carangi on the cover of Cosmopolitan

18 – Model Gia Carangi dies of AIDS-related complications. (1986)

25 – In the Trump Tower Thanksgiving Action, ACT UP protests a lack of housing for people living with AIDS while New York City gives tax breaks to wealthy developers. (1988)

28 – Congress enacts the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act to provide resources and incentives to devise long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of people with AIDS. (1990)

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