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Summary

Main entry	Estate Project for Artists with AIDS
Title:	AIDS Activist Videotape Collection, 1983-2000
Size:	630 VHS cassettes
Source:	Various donors.
Sponsor	Video preservation made possible by the Estate Project for Artists With AIDS, with support from the New York Community Trust/Royal S. Marks Foundation Fund and grants from the New York State Council on the Arts and the Snowdon Foundation
Abstract:	Videotape collection documenting AIDS activism.
Access:	Apply in the Special Collections Office for admission to the Manuscripts and Archives Division.
Use restrictions	No reproduction of videotapes without permission of videographer.
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Special formats	Video recordings

Historical Note

A Short History of AIDS Activist Video

AIDS activist video is a direct descendant of a rich and varied tradition of alternative cinema. Its antecedents include the work of Dziga Vertov, the New American Cinema, the portapak tapes made by such groups as TVTV and Videofreex, feminist documentaries of the sixties and seventies and the political filmmaking collective Newsreel. Like their predecessors, AIDS activists continued the practice of using whatever tools were available to convey their message. In general, they shot on Hi-8 and edited their tapes for little or no money at public access media arts centers, AIDS organizations, schools and, late at night, at commercial facilities.

From 1981, when the syndrome was first recognized, until 1985, when Rock Hudson died, AIDS received scant attention from the mainstream media. The reports that did appear relied on scientific experts to explain the disease, blamed gay men and their promiscuous sexual habits for the disease, and sought out innocent victims to ghoulishly pity. These shows were aimed at a presumed "general" public that did not include gay men, lesbians, IV-drug users or people of color.

A handful of AIDS films and videotapes depicting the epidemic from the inside began appearing in 1984. These included Stuart Marshall's "Bright Eyes" (1984, made for Britain's Channel 4), Tina De Feliciano's "Living with AIDS" (1986), Mark Huestis and Wendy Dallas's "Chuck Solomon: Coming of Age" (1986), Arthur Bressan's "Buddies" (1985), Barbara Hammer's "Snow Job: The Media Hysteria of AIDS" (1986) and Larry Brose's "An Individual Desires Solution" (1986).

AIDS activist video began in earnest in 1987, at the same time as a sharp increase in political activism. ACT UP formed in early March and held its first demonstration on Wall Street on March 24th. GMHC hired Jean Carlomusto to staff its Audio-Visual Department and the "Living with AIDS" show began regular cable access broadcasts (although a few shows can be dated as early as December 1984.) Also in 1987, Testing the Limits began to document the burgeoning AIDS movement. By 1989, ACT UP/New York spawned a videomaking affinity group, Damned Interfering Video Activist Television (DIVA TV) that, within a year, collectively produced three tapes.

From 1988 to 1993, an explosion of AIDS activist video occurred. Hundreds of videotapes were produced. The vast majority of work was made in New York City, although a significant number of videotapes were also produced in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Chicago. In addition, there were videomakers in Boston, Philadelphia, Seattle, Washington, D.C. and even Ann Arbor, Michigan and Austin, Texas. More tapes were produced in New York not only because it was epicenter of the disease and the dominant center of activism, but also because there was an infrastructure of support for alternative video. There were art schools and media access centers offering classes and inexpensive access to equipment (NYU, Film/Video Arts, Downtown Community Television), a well-established community of makers, occasional grants and even a

graduate program forging a theoretical underpinning for the endeavor (the Whitney Independent Studies Program).

Beginning in 1994-1995, a perceptible decline in production occurred, corresponding with the waning of street activism. One notable exception to this was James Wentzy's "AIDS Community Television." Wentzy produced over 150 half-hour programs from 1993-1996 and, significantly, maintained his ties to ACT UP throughout.

Characteristics of AIDS Activist Video

The immediate impetus for AIDS activist video was the deadly, inadequate government response and the meager and antagonistic reporting of the mainstream media. These videomakers felt compelled to tell the real story of AIDS from the point of view of people with AIDS. The tapes portrayed People With AIDS (PWAs) as neither victims nor pariahs, but as empowered activists taking charge of their health in both the political and medical arenas. This was not the whole story, but it served as a necessary counterpoint to the relentlessly negative depictions by the mainstream media.

While AIDS activist video always maintained its critical stance toward the mainstream representation of AIDS, many activist tapes appropriated mass media techniques to convey their message. Numerous tapes employed the language of music videos—quick cutting and the use of dance and rap music to accompany demonstrations. The "talking head" interview imparts authority to the speaker, and thus, substituting PWAs and activists for scientists and doctors asserted the expertise of people actually living with the disease as well as subverting the conventions of the mass media.

The tapes often scrutinized the mainstream media's representation of AIDS and PWAs and offered an alternative view. Nearly all mainstream media employed three characters: the white gay man wasting away from AIDS, the innocent victim and the drug abuser of color. From the viewpoint of various communities affected by AIDS, activist video revealed the social, political, economic and medical complexities of the disease. The eight shows and more than forty pieces in this series indicate the broad range of AIDS activist video. What unifies these tapes is their urgency, passion and strongly-held belief. Made by members of a particular community affected by AIDS, each tape speaks directly to a community in its own language.

--Jim Hubbard

Biographical Note

Jim Hubbard served as Project Director of the AIDS Activist Video Project of the Estate Project for Artists With AIDS.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of original videotapes and masters of completed works documenting the grassroots response of artists and activists to the AIDS epidemic, 1985-2000. Much of the collection focuses on the protest actions of ACT UP and other activist organizations, including demonstrations and at the White House, Centers for Disease Control, the Food and Drug Administration, National Institutes of Health, City Hall and St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, President Bush's home in Maine, and at hospitals and pharmaceutical companies. There is also footage of political funerals and memorials, and planning and training sessions for activists. Also covered are International AIDS Conferences, government hearings, public forums, press conferences, and courtrooms.

The collection also includes oral history interviews with the founders and leaders of the Gay Men's Health Crisis, and portraits and self-portraits documenting the struggles of people living with AIDS. In the latter category are over 50 camera original tapes made for the film *Silverlake Life: The View From Here* by Peter Friedman. Finally, the collection includes AIDS education and safe-sex videos, the New York City local access cable television series *AIDS Community Television* (1993-1994), *ACT UP Live* (1994-1996), GMHC's *Living With AIDS* (1985-1996), and the video compilations shown at the Guggenheim Museum's "Fever In the Archive" exhibition (2000).

Videographers represented in the collection include Gregg Bordowitz, Jean Carlomusto, Jay Corcoran, Peter Friedman, Stuart Gaffney, Carl Michael George, Scott Heron, Robert Hilferty, Jim Hubbard, Tom Joslin, Alexandra Juhasz, John R. Killacky, Patrick Moore, Catherine Gund, Ellen Spiro, Phil Tarley, James Wentzy, Phil Zwickler and others.

Organization Note

For presentation in this guide, the videotapes are organized by the name of the donor. In most, but not all cases, the videotapes were donated by the videographer.

Container List

Jay Corcoran

01308

Life and Death on the A-List, 1996 00:45:00

Documentary on the actor and Winston cigarette model, Tom McBride, charting his fall from the "A-List" due to his physical decline as he becomes ill and dies from the effects of an AIDS opportunistic brain infection.

01280

Undetectable: Matilde Garcia, 2000 00:17:00

Mathilde Garcia is one of six people on multi-drug therapies for HIV profiled in Jay Corcoran's video, *Undetectable*. She must cope not only with her own unsteady health and the difficulties of taking the drug cocktail, but with her 8-year-old HIV-positive son, her HIV-positive husband (whose immigration problems may send him back to Cuba) and her two HIV-negative daughters.

Peter Friedman

Fighting in Southwest Louisiana

Portrait of an AIDS activist Danny Cooper, a mailman living in a small town in Southwest Louisiana.

01214

Fighting in Southwest Louisiana, 1991 00:27:30

01283A-1285B

Fighting in Southwest Louisiana, 1990 June Camera-original source tapes.
6 VHS cassettes (see edited version #01214)

Silverlake Life: The View From Here, 1989-1992

013410-01413

Silverlake Life: The View From Here, 1989-1992.

Camera-original source tapes copied to 77 VHS cassettes.

When filmmaker Tom Joslin and his longtime lover, Mark Massi, were both diagnosed with AIDS, Joslin decided to shoot a video diary using a small Super-VHS camcorder. Joslin's close friend and protégé Peter Friedman finished the documentary after Joslin's death and transferred it to film. Together they created a powerful first-hand chronicle of what it's really like to live with the disease. The film won the Sundance Festival Grand Jury Prize.

Descriptive list of videotapes available in repository. The edited final version of the film is available in the General Research Division, classmark *UGS-705.

Stuart Gaffney

01281

Three Videos 00:09:00 Dear AI (1:42)Leaving the Way It Came (2:18)Bareback (3:55)

01159

Gestures, 1994 00:04:32

01158

Look Harder, 1996 00:03:49

A short video about Rock Hudson and media coverage of AIDS issues.

01160

Re Generation, 1995 00:05:17

01161

Virus, 1994 00:03:25

Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC)

Living With AIDS, 1984-1996

GMHC- sponsored New York City public access cable television series produced by Gregg Bordowitz and Jean Carlomusto.

00980

Show #1, 1985 Dec 16 00:29:00

Jerry Johnson Interview. Resource Spot with Tom Miller. Bill Messina Interview. Lori Behrman. Request for Donations. Credits.

00981

Show #2, 1985 Dec 23 00:29:00

Tom Miller Producer. Phil Zwickler. John Martich (part 1 of 2).

00982

Show #11, 1986 Feb 24 00:29:00

Bob Cecchi, GMHC Ombudsman. Brent Nicholson Earle, founder of A.R.E.A.

00983

Show #14, 1986 Mar 17 00:29:00

Raymond Jacobs (part 1) Re: AIDS Prevention Program. GMHC Raymond Jacobs (Producer). John Lewis (Director). Fred Gormley (Actor). Re: "Chance of a Lifetime" - GMHC Safer Sex Porn Film (Part 2).

00984

Show #15, 1986 Aug 25 00:29:00

"The Hospice Show." Paul Zakrzewski interviews: Sister Patrice Murphy, Carole Donovan, R.N., and Kathleen Perry, M.S.W., of the St. Vincent's Hospital Hospice Program.

00985

Show #16, 1986 Mar 31 00:29:00

Paul Zakrzewski interviews Charles McKinney, director of the GMHC Education Department.

00986

Show #17, 1986 Apr 14 00:29:00

Lori Behrman interviews: Joseph Foulon re: AIDS Walk NY and Paul Kawata of the National AIDS Network. Behrman and Paul Zakrzewski give an AIDS News Update.

00987

Show # "17," 1986 Sep 1 00:29:00

Interviews with:

- 1) David Summers, PWA;
- 2) Peter Avitabile, David Wayne and Beth Broderick of St. Peter's Tuesday Yoga/Massage recreation workshop.

00988

Show # 18, 1986 Apr 21 00:29:00

Paul Zakrzewski interviews Chuck McKinney. Resources Tom Miller.

00989

Steve Mumby interviews Barry Gringel, Bernard Bihari, Lawrence Higgins. Resources Tom Miller.

00990

Show # 21, 1986 Sep 15 00:29:00

"Alternative Therapies." Paul Zakrzewski interviews Max Navarre. Resource Spot Tom Miller. Lori Behrman interviews Lee Pleva.

00991

Show # 24, 1986 Oct 20 00:29:00

"ARC." Jeannetta Bushey . News Update. Rev Bernard Healy .

00992

Show # 26, 1986 Jul 28 00:29:00

Kris Gannon. John Glines.

00993

Show # 31, 1986 Oct 13 00:29:00

Richard Dunne. Patrick Hacker.

01163

Alive with Arrive 00:24:00

01037

Bleach Teach Outreach 00:24:00

Videotape by Ray Navarro and Catherine Saalfield [Gund].

00994

Bohdan Zachary Special Report, 1984 Sep 17 00:15:00

01043

Caring--Two Men and a Baby, 1992 Sep 00:07:00

Directed by Juanita Mohammed.

01041

Dating and Disclosure, 1996 Jun 27 00:29:00

01058

Dental Dams to Latex Gloves, 1994 00:03:00
Videotape by Lisa Fisher

01035

Doctors, Liars and Women, undated 00:29:00

01054

Fight the Fear. undated 00:09:44

Interview with David Barr (Testing video)

01316

Healthcare Not Warfare, 1991 00:29:00 VHS
Speakout by AIDS activists against the Gulf War (1991) and for better health care.
Concludes with footage documentation from ACT UP's "Day of Desperation"
demonstration on January 23, 1991.

01042

Immigration and HIV, undated 00:29:00

01060

Interview with Jim Holmes, undated 00:20:00
Interview analyzing "Sex, Drugs and AIDS." Risk behaviors vs. risk "groups."

01047

March on Washington, 1987 Oct 11 00:29:00

01044

Prostitutes, Risk and AIDS, 1988 00:28:00
Produced by Jean Carlomusto and Alexandra Juhasz.

01036

PWA Power -- Life After Diagnosis, 1988 00:29:00
First person accounts about the birth of the PWA self-empowerment movement. People
with AIDS/ARC talk about their experiences as people recently diagnosed.

01061

Reunion, 1994 00:06:12

Interview with filmmaker Jamal Joseph and scenes from his film *Reunion* concerning
Black heterosexual men at risk (produced by AIDS FILMS). Segment produced by GMHC.

01040

Seize Control of the FDA, 1988 00:25:00

01034

Survival in the '90s, undated 00:29:00

01055

Surviving the Holidays, undated 00:06:45

With Michael Shernoff

01046

A Test for the Nation-- Facing Many Challenges, 1989 00:29:00
Women with HIV. Directed by Alexandra Juhasz.

01045

Thinking About Death, undated 00:29:00

01038

Up In Arms Over Needle Exchange, 1988 May 13 00:28:00
By Hilery Joy Kipnis and Jean Carlomusto.

01121-01125

Video portraits made by Gregg Bordowitz for the GMHC cable television program. Living With AIDS

01121

Boat Trip, 1993 00:14:30
Group portrait of Gregg Bordowitz, Peter Staley, Mark Harrington, David Barr, and Spencer Cox on a boat trip

01122

Video Portraits: Link / Barr / Bordowitz (self), 1992 00:11:30
Portrait of Derek Link; Portrait of David Barr; Self-Portrait (Gregg Bordowitz).

01123

Video Portraits: Simpson / Vazquez, 1992 00:07:30
Portrait of Mark Simpson 00:04:05; and Portrait of Robert Vazquez.

01124

Video Portraits: Frank Moore, 1993 00:07:00
Portrait of the painter, Frank Moore.

01125

Video Portraits: Stephen De Francesco, 1993 00:06:35

01039

Whatever Gets Me Through The Night, undated 00:28:00

01057

Women and AIDS, 1988 00:28:00
Jean Carlomusto and Alexandra Juhasz.

01025

Women with AIDS, 1988 00:29:00
Jean Carlomusto and Alexandra Juhasz.

01026

Work Your Body, undated 00:29:00
Options for HIV-positive people.

01059

Young Lesbian Safer Sex Forum, 1993 00:07:30
Videotape by Alisa S. Lebow.

Oral History Interviews, 1988-1997

00951

Oral History Sample Interview, undated 00:10:00

00964

David Barr, 3/30/88 00:20:00

Interview with David Barr, Associate Director of Policy, then Director, late 1980s - 1996. (labeled as Tape 2 with no tape #1 found) [last 2 minutes "street images"]

00967-A, B

Dixie Beckham, n.d. 00:39:00

Interview with Dixie Beckham, longtime volunteer therapist.

00978

Bruce Beckwith, undated 00:20:00

Interview with Bruce Beckwith, longtime volunteer buddy and team leader beginning in the early 1980s.

00971

Lori Behrman 00:08:00

Interview with Lori Behrman, Assistant, then Director of Communications, 1985-[1990?]

00950-A, B

Michael Callen, 6/30/88 00:32:00

Interview with Michael Callen, HIV Antibody Positive Project

00965, 00965-A

Tony Casserta, undated 00:09:00

Interview with Tony Casserta, volunteer early 1980s.

00947-A, B, C

Bob Cecchi, undated 00:60:00

Ombudsman, 1985-[1990?]

00973

Mimi Craig and Martin Telfer, 10/14/97 00:20:00

Interview with Mimi Craig and Martin Telfer: Mimi worked in Development in the late 1980s; Martin worked in Facilities in the early 1990s.

00963-A, B

Mitchell Cutler 00:40:00

Interview with Mitchell Cutler, volunteer early 1980s.

00966-A, B

Barry Davidson 00:33:00

Interview with Barry Davidson, Director of Hotline, then Director of Administration, early 1980s - 1990.

00975

Stephen de Francesco and Krishna Stone, 1997 Oct 14 00:20:00

Interview with Stephen de Francesco (continues from 00974) and Krishna Stone. De Francesco was Director of Publications, 1986-2000.

00952-A, B, C, D

Richard Dunne 00:80:00

Interview with Richard Dunne, Executive Director, 1985-1989.

00946-A, B

Dick Failla 00:40:00

Interview with Dick Failla, Board Member, 1982-[1990?]. Failla was the first openly gay judge on the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

00949-A, B

Sandy Feinbloom 00:40:00

Interview with Sandy Feinbloom, Deputy for Programs 1985-[1988?]

00972

Amber Hollibaugh, undated 00:20:00

Interview with Amber Hollibaugh, Education, Lesbian AIDS Project early 1990s.

00958-A, B, C

Raymond Jacobs 00:49:00

Interview with Raymond Jacobs: Education Department. Prevention. Early 1980s-[1990?].

00979

Helen Kendler, undated 00:15:00

Interview with Helen Kendler, Client services, case manager, late 1980s-2000.

00961-A, B, C

Nathan Kolodner, 6/1/89 00:43:00

Interview with Nathan Kolodner, Board President, 1986-1990.

00955-A, B, C, D, E

Larry Kramer, 7/25/90 00:89:00

Interview with Larry Kramer, Founding Board Member

00969-A, B

Jay Lipner, 3/31/88 00:40:00

Interview with Jay Lipner, longtime volunteer lawyer.

00943-A, B

Rodger McFarlane 00:40:00

Interview with Rodger McFarlane, Executive Director, 1982-1983

00968-A, B, C

Jed Mattes, 3/19/90 00:50:00

Interview with Jed Mattes, longtime volunteer lawyer, early 1980s-[1990s?]

00944-A, B, C

Larry Mass 00:60:00

Interview with Larry Mass, Founding Board member.

01070

Luis Palachios, undated 00:40:00

Interview with Luis Palachios in the hospital. Volunteer therapist, 1980s

00962

Joe Paschek, undated 00:20:00

Interview with Joe Paschek, Board member 1982-Bruce and Amini Patterson

Bruce Patterson was Hotline Director from the late 1980s through the late 1990s. Amini was assistant to the Deputy for Programs beginning in the early 1990s.

00976

Bruce Patterson, undated 00:20:00

00977

Bruce and Amini Patterson, undated 00:20:00

00959-A, B

Enno Poersch, undated 00:34:00

Interview with Enno Poersch, Board member, 1982-

00960-A, B, C

Michael Quadland, 1990 Mar 23 00:48:00

Interview with Michael Quadland, volunteer therapist early 1980s-

00957-A, B, C

Mel Rosen, 1989 Nov 00:60:00

Interview with Mel Rosen, Executive Director, 1984-1985.

00948-A, B

Mark Senack, 1988 Apr 21 00:40:00

Interview with Mark Senack, Director, Legal Services, 1985-1990

00954

Jeff Soref, 1994 Jul 13 00:32:00

Interview with Jeff Soref, Board President, 1990-1993.

00956

Tim Sweeney, 1993 Jul 21 00:33:00

Interview with Tim Sweeney, Deputy for Policy, 1986-1989; Executive Director, 1990-1993.

00970

Doris Tausig, 1990 Mar 19 00:17:00

Interview with Doris Tausig, Hotline volunteer, early 1980s--.

00974

Silvia Witts Vitale and Stephen de Francesco, 1997 Oct 14 00:20:00

Interview with Silvia Witts Vitale and Stephen de Francesco. (Francesco interview continues 00975). Vitale was a client advocate during the early 1990s. De Francesco was Director of Publications, 1986-2000.

00945-A, B, C

Ken Wein, 1988 May 11 00:60:00

Interview with Ken Wein, Client Services, early 1980s.

Safe Sex Shorts Series

Produced by GMHC: Gregg Bordowitz and Jean Carlomusto.

From video box text: A series of erotic and explicit shorts combine the driving rhythms of music videos with slick, rapidly edited images. Scenarios include how-tos on using a condom, supplementing fun with food, and making it in the back seat. Each short is approximately 5 minutes. For Adults Only

01089

Car Service, 1989 00:04:00
Condom use message

01092

Current Flow, 1989 00:04:30

01053

Gotstabeadrag, 1990 00:06:30

Video directed by David Bronstein, ["realized by Junior Vasquez"]

01091

Law and Order, 1989 00:05:30

Gay male safer-sex dildo and fisting play.

01090

Midnight Snack, undated 00:03:30

Condom application play.

01088

Something Fierce, 1989 00:03:30

Condom application demonstration with Blane C. Mosley.

01096

Steam Clean, undated 00:04:00

Needle Exchange Trial, 1991

Trial court footage of AIDS activists arrested for distributing clean needles to IV drug addicts. Documentation of the complete trial was organized by activists in the Needle Exchange Committee of ACT UP/NY.¹

01337-A, B

Needle Exchange Trial [tape 5], 1991 April 01:20:00

Zoe Leonard (who was at the time videotaping the proceedings) was called to the stand (22:00) to testify for the defense. The judge delivered a diatribe on the use of cameras in the courtroom and refused to allow her to testify. Other people, particularly John Schabel, took over the subsequent camera work in the courtroom. Continues with prosecution of Jon Parker.

01335-A, B

Needle Exchange Trial [tape 7], 1991 April 01:10:00

01327-A, B

Needle Exchange Trial, [tape 8] 1991 April 01:20:00

First testimony on the witness stand is by one of the defendants, Gregg Bordowitz.

01336

Needle Exchange Trial, [tape 9] 00:22:00

Final session of the court trial with the prosecution's summation.

GMHC Other

01050

ACT UP at the FDA, 1988 00:13:00

By Ellen Spiro

01322

ACT UP Demonstration at Wall Street, 1988 Mar 24 00:20:00

The second ACT UP action at Wall Street on the first anniversary of the original Wall Street action. There is some indication at the beginning that it was videotaped by Alexandra Juhasz and perhaps, at different times, several other videographers.²

01326

ACT UP Pre-Action Meetings (Target City Hall), 1989 Mar 27 00:60:00

Contains ACT UP poster-making party (with Larry Kramer) on 3/25/89 (first 4 minutes); civil disobedience training session; and (beginning at 18-minutes) ACT UP pre-action meeting (3/27/89) for Target City Hall Demonstration.³

01331

ACT UP Stonewall 1989 March, 6/25/89 00:40:00 VHS

ACT UP/New York marches from Sheridan Square (West Village) up 6th Avenue to Central Park for the 1989 Stonewall (Gay Pride) Anniversary. This was an illegal (non-permitted) take-over of the street, marching behind the banner: "In the Tradition: Lesbians and Gay Men Fighting Back." Chants such as: "Remember Stonewall was a riot; arrest us, just try it" are heard.

01323-01324

ADAPT and ACT UP Demonstration and Press Conference, 1988 May 1 00:40:00

The first 17 minutes document an ACT UP demonstration at City Hall (NYC). It is followed by a public press conference by ACT UP for ADAPT (Association for Drug Abuse and Treatment) on April 2, 1988. Gregg Bordowitz introduced speakers at this rally and press conference.

The original videotape cover is labeled with the date of 4/2/88 but there is indication that it was part of the "Nine Days of Rage" of ACT UP actions beginning on May 1st, 1988. Also, the voice-over at the beginning of the tape states: "May 1st."⁴

01097

Chance of a Lifetime, 1985 00:42:00

GMHC's AIDS prevention feature. Dramatic scenarios of various explicit safer-sex practices.

01033

Charles Barber Interview, 1992 [Jan?] 00:15:00

Produced by GMHC.

01139

Clean Needles Save Lives, 1991 00:27:00

Video on needle exchange and harm reduction. Directed by Richard Elovich. Edited by Gregg Bordowitz. Produced by GMHC.

End credits: "The needle exchange represented in this tape is illegal. It was organized and is still almost entirely funded by the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP). Operated entirely by volunteers, it was established in February 1990 and currently serves about 800 injectors a week all over New York City. In 1991, eight AIDS activists from ACT UP and National AIDS Brigade were acquitted of needle possession charges."

01027

Craig Harris Memorial, undated 00:42:00

Craig Harris memorial reflections by numerous people including Robert Penn and Tim Sweeney, with footage of Harris. Produced by GMHC.

01029

Craig Harris Reading, undated 00:09:00

Craig Harris reading from *The Road Before Us* at Tower Books.

01052

Deadlier than the Virus, 1991 00:05:30

Condom over Jessie Helms's house by TAG (Treatment Action Group). "You mess with us and someday you're going to wake up with a condom on your house." Video by Robert Hilferty and Robert Huff.

01301

Fast Trip, Long Drop, 1993 Oct 8 00:54:00

A personal 54-minute feature film by Gregg Bordowitz juxtaposing the filmmaker's Jewish family heritage and values with his diagnosis as a person living with AIDS.

01319

From Within, undated 00:28:00

Activist interviews and demonstration footage from ACT UP/Los Angeles.

01098

Grey Hideaway, 1986 00:05:00

A music video from *Chance of a Lifetime*, the safer sex AIDS prevention feature by The Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc. Music by Richard Bone.

01340-A, B

Interviews / Needle Exchange, 1990 Oct 00:78:00

Lower East Side residents are interviewed about needle exchange.

01032 - A, B

Iris De La Cruz interview, undated 00:40:00

Iris De La Cruz, AIDS activist, former sex worker and is interviewed on women and needle exchange. Produced by GMHC.

01056

It Is What It Is..., 1992 00:59:30

Sexuality and AIDS prevention discussions. Produced and directed by Gregg Bordowitz, GMHC

01049

Mildred Person Memorial, undated 00:43:00
Mildred Person memorial at Mother's Love meeting.

01332-A, B

Webster Civil Disobedience and Montreal Conference #1, 1989 00:90:00

1. ACT UP demonstration against the U. S. Supreme Court's Webster decision and its ruling against abortion rights in Washington D.C. 4/28/89. Post-civil disobedience interviews by activists (18:00). Also contains "Lainey after school" home-footage segment (4:00);

2. ACT UP participates for the first time at the Fifth International Conference on AIDS in Montreal in June 1989. The segment begins with issues against United States AIDS/HIV immigration policies with "action" shot at the USA/Canadian border. Includes footage in front of the Montreal Conference; demonstrations; and the entrance by AIDS activists to take over the opening ceremonies of the Fifth International Conference on AIDS.
[continues on 01332-B]

This tape came from Gregg Bordowitz's collection (GMHC) but shot by Catherine Saalfield [Gund] and others.]

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See also document on ACTUP/NY website: "When PWAs First Sat at the High Table" by Ron Goldberg. (<http://www.actupny.org/documents/montreal.html>.)

01321

Montreal AIDS Conference Take-Over, 1989 00:39:00 VHS
ACT UP take-over of the opening ceremony at the Fifth International Conference on AIDS in Montreal in 1989. This was the first demonstration and unauthorized attendance by ACT UP and its Canadian counterparts, AIDS Action Now! and Reaction-SIDA at an international AIDS conference. They proclaimed PWAs deserved an active role in such scientific gatherings.

01030

Nathan Kolodner's Memorial, undated 01:00:00

01095

OJOS QUE NO VEN..., 1987 00:55:25
Lucas y Gay Men's Health Crisis "OJOS QUE NO VEN..." 1.) Lead in. 2.) Ojos Que No Ven. 3.) PSA: John Robles and Jose Serrano.

AIDS education video in Spanish. Produced by Instituto Familiar De La Raza, Inc. Adinfinitum Films. Latino AIDS Project 2401 24th Street, San Francisco, CA 94110 [address as of 1987]

01048-A, B

Paul Popham Memorial Service, [1987] 01:25:00

00953-A

GMHC Press Conference: Richard Dunne, undated 00:40:00

"Think About It" press conference with Richard Dunne with question and answer session.

01031

Rafael Tavares Memorial, 1989 Mar 21 00:16:00

Rafael Tavares, M.D. memorial videotape. A presentation of the HIV Center For Clinical and Behavioral Studies.

01317

Ray Navarro Memorial Tape, 11/14/90 00:12:00

Videotape obituary made for Ray Navarro's memorial service. Ray Navarro was an early member of ACT UP and DIVA TV.

see also #01164 (could be the same) and #01291.

01094

Rollerena's ACTUP AIDS Speech at the Saint, 1988 00:05:00 VHS

Rollerena's acceptance speech upon receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award by Heritage of Pride (HOP) at the Saint in 1988.

01330

TAG's Astra Pre-Action Meeting, [1992?] Jan 26 00:54:00

Pre-action strategy meeting the day before TAG's (Treatment Action Group) action of civil disobedience at Astra Pharmaceuticals.

01329

TAG's Astra Action, [1992?] Jan 27 00:50:00

TAG (Treatment Action Group) of civil disobedience action at Astra Pharmaceuticals protesting the high price of an anti-CMV drug, Foscavir, to prevent blindness in PWAs. TAG and some ACT UP/New York and Boston activists utilized Greenpeace tactics, chaining themselves under parked trucks to block the entrances to Astra. Early portions of this tape contains alot of black (with sound continuing) because it was shot inside the back of a cargo truck smuggling activists to the site.

This action was also filmed by a CBS News crew for the show 60 Minutes. The CBS footage featured long-time ACT UP activist Bob Rafsky.

01051

Take Over Daiichi, 1992 00:09:20

AIDS activists take over Daiichi Pharmaceuticals. Video by Gregg Bordowitz (GMHC).

01320

Take Over Daiichi, [1992] Oct 29 00:10:00

ACT UP activists demonstrate at Daiichi Pharmaceuticals. Video by Gregg Bordowitz (GMHC).

01325

Take-Over Action Against Daiichi, [1992] Oct 29 00:40:00

Office take-over at Daiichi Pharmaceuticals by members of WHAM (Women's Health Action Mobilization), ACT UP and TAG (Treatment Action Group). Activists used the Greenpeace tactic of handcuffing themselves together inside PVC tubing .

Tape ends abruptly at 40 min.

Carl Michael George

01062

DHPG Mon Amour, 1989 00:12:30

DHPG Mon Amour, originally a Super-8 film, is one of the first films to deal with the drugs being used to fight AIDS. It shows the ritual that David Conover must perform in order to inject DHPG (gancyclovir). David and his lover, Joe Walsh, talk openly about what the drug and David's illness mean in their lives.

Catherine Gund

At the time many of the videotapes in this collection were shot, Catherine Gund was known as Catherine Saalfield. Fifth International Conference on AIDS, Montreal, 1989 June 4-9

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01107-A

Montreal AIDS Conference #2 , 1989 June 00:60:00

Prime Minister of Canada opening presentation and activist demonstration at opening ceremony of Montreal AIDS Conference. Speech by President of Zambia. China pro-democracy demonstration. AIDS Conference on-the-streets interviews with sex worker activists and Carol Leigh. Conference forum and Q&As with NYC Health Commissioner Stephen Joseph.

01107-B

Montreal AIDS Conference #2 , 1989 June 00:60:00

Conference forum with NYC Health Commissioner Stephen Joseph. Q&As on names reporting, beginning with Peter Staley of ACT UP/NY. Interview with Mike Shriver on the media and PWA involvement at the Conference.

01103-A

Montreal AIDS Conference #3, June 1989 00:60:00

Tape begins (for the first 16 minutes) in the middle of a scientific presentation on condom distribution in prisons, followed by Q&As; continues with ACT UP workspace in Montreal, news clips, on-the-street interviews; demonstration on anonymous testing; interviews.

01103-B

Montreal AIDS Conference #3, 1989 June 00:30:00

Tape #3 continues. ACT UP forum/press conference on AIDS treatment with Mark Harrington, Vito Russo, Larry Kramer, Peter Staley, James Eigo, Dr. Joseph Sonnabend, etc.

01104-A

Montreal AIDS Conference #4, 1989 June 00:60:00

ACT UP forum/press conference continues for 10:00 on AIDS treatment with Iris Long; Q&As with Mark Harrington and James Eigo. Interviews at conference site. Chinese pro-democracy demonstration/rally.

01104-B

Montreal AIDS Conference #4, 1989 June 00:30:00

Interviews at conference site beginning with official Gay and Lesbian AIDS Conference liaison..
Lesbian visibility and sex workers' demonstration.

01105-A

Montreal AIDS Conference #5, 1989 June 00:60:00

Sex-worker demonstration and protest (also advocating lesbian visibility). Conference presentations and Q&As. Interviews at conference site. Press conference on prostitutes/sex workers. Performance and rally for sex workers.

01105-B

Montreal AIDS Conference #5, 1989 June 00:30:00

Sex workers' demonstration; Carol Leigh performance; soliciting sex at the AIDS Conference trade show. Michael Callen in symposia (and playing his recorded music). Performance presentation from Trinidad on safer sex and AIDS.

01106

Montreal AIDS Conference #6, 1989 June 00:11:00

Performance presentation from Trinidad on safer sex and AIDS concludes. Carol Leigh's performance and talk at symposia. Catherine Saalfeld [Gund] stand-up report on Montreal Conference. Sixth International Conference on AIDS, San Francisco

[From ACT UP Capsule History:]

June 16-23, 1990 AIDS activists from around the world convene at the Sixth International Conference on AIDS in San Francisco. Demonstrations throughout the conference highlight issues of importance for women and immigration policies. ACT UP/NY's Treatment and Data Committee issues its 1990 Treatment Agenda which outlines the direction the AIDS research community should be taking in the coming year which becomes one of the most talked about documents at the conference. The PISD (People with Immune System Disorders) caucus introduces the San Francisco Plan, which outlines the civil and medical rights of people with immune system disorders.

01108

San Francisco International AIDS Conference Tape #2: Women's demonstration, 1990 June 00:60:00

International AIDS Conference in San Francisco, 1990. Women's demonstration: march, interviews, rally speeches, civil disobedience and arrests.

01109

San Francisco International AIDS Conference, Tape #3, 1990 June 00:21:00

ACT UP demonstration at the opening of the conference against Lewis Sullivan, Secretary of Health and Human Services. Chicago Demonstrations, 1990 Apr⁵

01110-A

ACT UP Chicago American Medical Association Demonstration, 1990 April 00:60:00

Demonstration in Chicago against the AMA and Cook County Hospital. Preliminary meeting, banners and sign preparation, and interviews. Pre-action meeting. Direct action demonstration.

01110-B

ACT UP Chicago AMA Demonstration, 1990 Apr 00:60:00

01110-A

continued

00931

Chicago CS0015, 1990 Apr 01:30:00

Barbara and Tony's wedding. SIDA Cuba workshop and discussion. Chicago / Cook County demonstration.

00932

Chicago Demonstration CS0016, 1990 April 02:00:00

00930

Who Has The Power, undated 00:14:00

Footage documenting the ACT UP protests against Cook County Hospital in Chicago, April 23, 1990. Credited photography by Gerry Albarelli and Suzanne Wright.

Videotext appearing at beginning of tape:

On April 23, 1990, ACT UP/ New York participated in a national demonstration in Chicago calling for National Health Care and denouncing the discriminatory policies of major insurance companies. The state of AIDS care at Cook County Hospital -- a hospital low income families, men and women rely on -- was also a target of the demonstration. The response of the police was to try to "contain" the demonstration -- to keep demonstrators from taking the streets. When they were unable to do that, the police reacted with brutality and violence. Target City Hall

[From ACT UP Capsule History:]

ACT UP's second anniversary protest draws 3,000 to New York's City Hall, making "Target City Hall" the largest AIDS activist demonstration to date. ACT UP protests the inadequacy of New York's AIDS policy under Mayor Edward Koch. About 200 activists are arrested.

01064

Target City Hall, 1989 00:27:00

DIVA TV collective video of "Target City Hall" action by ACT UP/NY. DIVA TV (Damned Interfering Video Activist Television) is an affinity group in ACT UP/NY

01116-A

ACT UP Demonstration at City Hall, 1989 Mar 28 00:60:00

Begins with four minutes from "pre-pre-action" meeting. Continues with large ACT UP/New York "pre-action" meeting.

01116-B

ACT UP Demonstration at City Hall, 3/28/89 00:30:00

March and demonstration at City Hall. Albany and New York City Hall Demonstrations, 1990

[From ACT UP Capsule History:]

ACT UP returned to Albany in the second of a three-part New York State Capitol action. Thirteen ACT UP members seize the Division of Budget offices, chaining themselves to desks (all are arrested). Hundreds of others protest in the Capitol Concourse and the Legislative Office Building, disseminating information on the State's negligent response to all aspects of the AIDS crisis, and demanding increased AIDS funding in the new fiscal year state budget. ACT UP spearheads an investigation into newly-appointed New York City Mayor David Dinkins's selection of Dr. Woodrow Myers for Commissioner of Health. It finds that as Indiana State Health Commissioner, Myers endorsed and attempted to implement mandatory HIV testing, partner tracing and quarantine. After ACT UP protests at City Hall, Dinkins states that these policies will not be tolerated in NYC.

01112

ACT UP Demonstrations: Albany and NYC, 1990 February 00:38:00
ACT UP demonstration in Albany and NY City Hall

Civil disobedience and office takeover; interviews at NY State Capitol in Albany against Governor Mario Cuomo's state budget.

Protest and interviews at NY City Hall against Mayor Dinkins's selection of Dr. Woodrow Myers for Commissioner of Health.

00926

ACT UP: Albany. CS0022, undated 00:38:10

ACT UP demonstration in Albany. Demonstration against Woodrow Meyers, New York City Commissioner of Health.

01113

NYC Mayor David Dinkins at the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 1990 Feb 13 00:34:00

NYC Mayor Dinkins' speech and Q&As at the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, NYC. Dinkins promises no names reporting and no mandatory HIV testing and explains his appointment of Health Commissioner Woodrow Myers.

01065

Like A Prayer: Stop the Church, 1990 00:28:22

DIVA TV collective video of Stop the Church action by ACT UP/NY and WHAM (Women's Health Action Mobilization) at St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC.

01117

ACT UP Housing March and Demonstration, 1988 [Sep 19] 00:29:00
Housing march and rally in NYC.

Tape labeled both Sept 19, 1988 and 12-19-88. Some camera sound distortion.

01120

ACT UP Kiss-In Action at St. Vincent's Hospital, 1989 Jan 30 00:50:00

ACT UP suspends regular meeting agenda for Kiss-In action against discrimination at St. Vincent's Hospital, NYC. Civil disobedience action and negotiating with police and hospital administration. National Institutes of Health⁶

01101-A

NIH Pre-Action Meeting and Action, 1990 May 21 00:60:00

01101-B

NIH Pre-Action Meeting and Action, 1990 May 21 00:30:00
Continuation of 01101-A

01102

NIH Action (part 2), 1990 May 21 00:21:00 Centers for Disease Control⁷

01111

CDC Demonstration '90, 1990 Jan 9 00:22:00

Morning pre-action demonstrations on the campus of Emory University, where the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is located. The major demonstration took place at noon.

00929

CDC Demonstration. CS0018, 1990 00:23:40 Target Bush/National Healthcare Demonstrations⁸

01118

Target Bush and National Healthcare (tape 1), [1991 Sep 30] 00:60:00

Tape labeled as 1/31/91 but the ACT UP Target Bush Demonstration in Washington D.C. was September 30, 1991 and the National Healthcare Demonstration was October 1, 1991.

01119

Target Bush and National Healthcare Demonstrations (tape 2), 1991 Oct 1 00:06:00

01135

ACT UPward Bound ACT UP tiempo!, 1988 00:33:00

Members of ACT UP held AIDS awareness video workshops with teen and pre-teen kids in Spanish Harlem. Workshop participants were members of "Upward Bound" -- an after-school enrichment program. This videotape documents the workshops and was designed for use in an educational installation shown at El Museo del Barrio as part of the "UP tiempo" exhibition. October 1988. AIDS Video Compilations - Helsinki

01063-A

AIDS Videos - Helsinki, Reel 1, 1992 00:60:00

AIDS Videos - Compilation, Reel #1

This is a Condom -- Direct Effect 30 sec. Bolo! Bolo! -- Gita Saxena and Ian Rashid (5 min. excerpt); DHPG Mon Amour -- Carl Michael George 12 min.; Current Flow -- GMHC (Jean Carlomusto) 4 min.; Untitled -- John Sanborn and Mary Perillo 10 min.; Fighting Chance -- Richard Fung (4 min. excerpt); They Are Lost to Vision Altogether -- Tom Kalin 10 min.; GANG PSA (All People with AIDS are Innocent) -- 10 sec.; Her Giveaway -- Native Americans and AIDS

01063-B

AIDS Videos - Helsinki, Reel 2, 1992 00:26:00

This is Not an AIDS Advertisement -- Isaac Julien 10 min.; Safe Sex Slut -- Carol Leigh 3 min.; Identities -- Nino Rodriguez 7 min.; Target City Hall -- DIVA TV (6 min. excerpt)

01063-C

AIDS Videos - Helsinki, Reel 3 1992 00:60:00

GotstoBeaDrag -- GMHC 5 min.; We Interrupt This Program -- Karen Finley (6 min. excerpt); This is a Dental Dam -- Suzanne Wright 1 min.; Fear of Disclosure -- Phil Zwickler and David Wojnarowicz 5 min.; Steam Clean -- GMHC (Richard Fung) 2 min.; Keep Your Laws Off My Body -- Catherine [Saalfeld] Gund and Zoe Leonard 14 min.; Gran Fury PSAs; Tongues Untied -- Marlon Riggs (excerpt?); The ADS Epidemic -- John Greyson; (In)visible Women -- Marina Alvarez and Ellen Spiro.

01133

Be a Diva [ACT UP], 1990 March 01:00:00

Two Deep Dish Television (national satellite network) series episodes featuring DIVA-TV. Douglas Crimp

01128-A

Douglas Crimp at ICP, 1989 Apr 8 00:60:00

Douglas Crimp speaking on the representation of People with AIDS at the International Center for Photography.

01128-B

Douglas Crimp at ICP, 1989 Apr 8 00:30:00
Continues from 01128-A

01129

Douglas Crimp at WISP (tape 1 of 2), 1989 May 8 00:60:00
Douglas Crimp speaking on AIDS representation at the Whitney Independent Studies Program,
May 8, 1989. Repeat of prior month's speech at the International Center for Photography (ICP).

01130

Douglas Crimp at WISP (tape 2 of 2), 1989 May 8 00:60:00
Continues from 01129

01153

Fighting For Our Lives, 1990 00:29:00

01154

Her Giveaway, 1988 00:21:00
Native American women and AIDS.

01068

I'm You...You're Me, 1992 Jan 31 00:26:00
HIV+ women making the transition from prison to independent living.

01155

(In)Visible Women, 1991 Ellen Spiro and Marina Alvarez 00:25:00
Description by Video Data Bank: (In)Visible Women shows the heroic responses of three women with AIDS in the context of their respective communities. In the face of adversity, these women confront all aspects of the AIDS crisis in their lives. Through poetry, art, activism, and dance, they explode notions of female invisibility and complacency in the face of AIDS. We hear each woman describe how she came to terms with being HIV+ and joined others in speaking out about the neglected needs of women. (In)Visible Women is the second video in the Fear of Disclosure Project, initiated by the late Phil Zwickler and produced by Phil Zwickler and Jonathan Lee.

01134

Katrina Haslip Memorial, undated 00:11:00
Memorial tape for Katrina Haslip, an AIDS activist for prison issues who died of AIDS.

01067

Keep Your Laws Off My Body, 1989 00:14:00 March for Gay Rights, Washington, D.C., 1987
October

01099-A

March for Gay Rights, 1987 Oct 01:00:00
March on Washington, D.C. for lesbian and gay rights. ACT UP demonstration just begins to appear at end of part 1 of this tape, continues on part 2.

01099-B

March for Gay Rights, 1987 Oct 01:00:00
Part 2 of march on Washington, D.C. for lesbian and gay rights. ACT UP begins its demonstration at the beginning of this tape. Names Project Quilt.

00927

March for Gay Rights. CS0001, 1987 Oct 01:54:25

00928

March for Gay Rights. CS0002, 1987 Oct 01:30:00

01066

Pride 69 - 89, 1989 00:26:30

DIVA TV collective video of Gay Pride on the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. DIVA TV (Damned Interfering Video Activist Television) is an affinity group in ACT UP/NY

01164

Ray's Tape, undated 00:11:20

Tape made for Ray Navarro's memorial service containing footage of demonstrations and interview clips. Ray Navarro was a member of the early DIVA-TV (Damned Interfering Video Activist) affinity group of ACT UP/NY.

01162

Simon Watney Speaks About Clause 28, 1989 Feb 17 00:28:00

Simon Watney speaks about Clause 28 and homophobia in the U.K. Women and AIDS Teach-In, 1989 Mar. 5. Sponsored by ACT UP.

01100-A

Women and AIDS Teach-In , 1989 Mar 5 01:00:00

01100-B

Women and AIDS Teach-In, 1989 Mar 5 00:30:00

01114-A

Women and AIDS Teach-In, 1989 Mar 5 00:60:00

01114-B

Women and AIDS Teach-In, 1989 Mar 5 00:30:00

01328

ACT UP Graphics / Ephemera, undated 00:20:00

Images without sound. Includes:

- Stop the Church
- WHAM! (Women's Health Action Mobilization)
- Teen News
- We protest
- 2 Reasons
- Welcome
- ACT UP/WHAM!
- Eyes
- Mouth
- Face
- Gina
- ACT UP
- Target
- Silence = Death
- HIV
- Hand
- Blood on Stephen Joseph
- Blood E.K.
- NYC AIDS Care
- 1988 9 Days
- ACT UP/NOW

- Massive/Wall
- No More Men
- Read My Lips
- Kiss
- Stop Racism
- Let the Record Show
- Keith Haring
- Target City Hall
- Be there
- Chicago
- Montreal
- Stephen Joseph
- Men Who...
- National Agenda
- Stock Exchange
- Storm the NIH
- AZT - New York Times
- Larry Kramer
- John Cardinal O'Connor cartoon
- ACT UP LA
- FDA

Heron, Scott

01126

Laff at the Fags, 1985 00:31:00

Jim Hubbard

Speak For Yourself, 1988-1990

Interviews with seven activists about ACT UP. Interviews took place December 1988 - February 1989

01132

Speak for Yourself, 1990 Feb 3 00:55:00

Interviews with David Franc, Karl Soehnlein, Allen Kleine, Maxine Wolfe, Sarah Schulman, Robert Garcia, Gregg Bordowitz. Edited January/February 1990.

01146-A, B Gregg Bordowitz Interview, 1988 Feb 12 00:90:00

01145-A, B David France Interview, 1988 Feb 3 00:90:00

01143-A, B, C Robert Garcia Interview, 1989 Jan 18 01:30:00

01144-A, B Allen Klein and Karl Soehnlein Interview, 1989 Jan 3 00:90:00

01142-A, B Maxine Wolfe and Sarah Schulman Interview, 1989 Jan 10 00:90:00

Guggenheim Museum series Fever In the Archive

Screenings of AIDS activist videos, December 1-9, 2000 in New York City. Curated by Jim Hubbard.

01165-A

Guggenheim: Collective Action, pt. 1 00:60:00

"Testing the Limits" (28:00) "All People with AIDS are Innocent" (:10) "We Care" (32:00)

01165-B

Guggenheim: Collective Action, pt. 2 00:30:00

"Kissing Doesn't Kill (PSAs)" (2:00) "Target City Hall" (28:00)

01167-A

Guggenheim: Desperate Measures, pt. 1 00:53:00

"Seize Control of the FDA" (25:00) "Like A Prayer" (28:00)

01167-B

Guggenheim: Desperate Measures, pt. 2 00:53:00

"Stop the Church" (24:00) "Ashes Action" (29:00)

01168-A

Guggenheim: Drugs Into Bodies, pt. 1 00:55:00

"DHPG Mon Amour" (12:00) "Needle Nightmare" (6:30) "Acting Up for Prisoners" (27:00)

01168-B

Guggenheim: Drugs Into Bodies, pt. 2 00:42:00

"Clean Needles Save Lives" (27:00) "Undetectable (excerpt)" (15:00)

01169-A

Guggenheim: First Person Singular, pt. 1 00:60:00

"Danny" (20:00) "Identities" (7:00) "They are Lost to Vision Altogether" (13:00) "Virus" (4:00) "Portraits (excerpts)" (15:00)

01169-B

Guggenheim: First Person Singular, pt. 2 00:60:00

"Stolen Shadows" (10:00) "Rubber Queen (episode 3)" (29:00) "By Any Means Necessary" (6:00)

01172-A

Guggenheim: Reclaiming Desire: How to Have Sex in an Epidemic, pt. 1

"Grey Hideaway" (5:00) "Safe Sex Slut" (3:00) "GMHC Safe Sex Shorts" (28:00) "Fear of Disclosure" (5:00) "SaferSister" (2:00) "Bareback" (4:00)

01172-B

Guggenheim: Reclaiming Desire, pt. 2 00:32:00

"Laff at the Fags" (32:00)

01171-A

Guggenheim: Speak for Yourself, pt. 1 00:51:00

"GMHC Oral Histories (excerpts)" (51:00)

01171-B

Guggenheim: Speak for Yourself, pt. 2 00:28:00

"Interview with Paul Monette (excerpt)" (4:00) "Voices from the Front (excerpt)" (4:00)

"ACT UP Storytellings (excerpt)" (20:00)

01170-A

Guggenheim: A Voice in the Hood, pt. 1 00:41:00

"Se Met Ko" (29:00) "Native American Two Spirit & HIV" (12:00)

01170-B

Guggenheim: A Voice in the Hood, pt. 2 00:58:00

"AIDS in the Barrio" (30:00) "Fighting in Southwest Louisiana" (27:30)

01170-C

Guggenheim: A Voice in the Hood, pt. 3 00:30:00

"DiAna's Hair Ego" (30:00)

01166-A

Guggenheim: From Witness to Subject: Women in the AIDS Crisis, 00:60:00

"Doctors, Liars and Women" (23:00) "My Body's My Business" (16:00) "Keep Your Laws Off My Body" (13:00)

01166-B

Guggenheim: From Witness to Subject: Women in the AIDS Crisis, 00:42:00

"He Left Me His Strength" (13:00) "I'm You, You're Me: Women Surviving Prisons" (28:00)

Others

01148

ACT UP Target City Hall Demonstration, 1989 Mar 18 00:38:00

Recorded by Jim Hubbard.

01309

AIDS in the Barrio, 1989 00:30:00

(English Version)

AIDS in the Barrio / Eso No Me Pasa a Mi, in both English and Spanish, examines the intertwined problems of drugs, poverty and the complex construction of sexuality among Latinos in Philadelphia.

Directed by Peter Biella and Frances Negron and AIDS Film Initiative. Edited by Peter Biella and Ivan Drufovka-Restrepo. Produced by Alba Martinez and Frances Negron.

01141

David B. Feinberg Memorial Tape, undated 00:18:00

Videotape produced for David B. Feinberg's memorial service. Contains speech by David Feinberg at the Gay Pride rally in NYC on June 26, 1993.

01137

Elegy in the Streets, 1989 00:30:00

While attempting to define a filmic equivalent of the elegiac form, this film explores the AIDS crisis from both a personal and a political perspective. The film intertwines two main motifs: memories of Roger Jacoby and the development of a mass response to AIDS. The collective response begins with mourning at a candlelight vigil and the deep sadness of the AIDS Quilt and then progresses toward a much more determined reaction by ACT-UP: first, in the Gay Pride March in New York, then in separate demonstrations that build in militancy -- with a corresponding increasingly heavy-handed response by the police -- culminating in a demonstration during a baseball game and the thumbs-up sign of a teenager sporting a Silence = Death button.

01147-A, B James Wentzy Interview, 2000 Mar 29 02:00:00

Interview about ACT UP and AIDS video activism.

01302

Stop The Church, 1990 00:24:00

Robert Hilferty's edited video of ACT UP's first "Stop the Church" action, December 10, 1989.

See also original documentation footage by Ellen Spiro (01292) and DIVA TV's edited version: "Like a Prayer" (01065).⁹

Alexandra Juhasz

Juhasz was the initiator of the WAVE Project (Women's AIDS Video Enterprise). The project encouraged a group of diverse women to using video production for self-empowerment while living with AIDS. Participants included Marcia Edwards, Alexandra Juhasz, Aida Matta, Juanita Mohammed, Sharon Penceal, Glenda Smith, Carmen Velasquez. WAVE was sponsored by the Brooklyn AIDS Task Force (BATF) and funded by the New York Council for the Humanities, Art Matters, The Astraea Fund for Women, and Women Make Movies.

01156

A WAVE Taster, 1990 Aug 16 00:33:30

01157

H.I.V. T.V., 1990 Dec 16 00:35:00

By the V.I.P. Support Group for WAVE: the Women's AIDS Video Enterprise.

01069

We Care, 1990 Aug 15 00:32:30

A video for care providers of people affected by AIDS. Produced, directed and edited by WAVE. Project Director: Alexandra Juhasz. Additional Footage by Juanita Mohammed. Online edit by Kaye Hines.

We Care was WAVE's final project.

01093

Safer and Sexier, 1993 00:30:00

A safe sex primer for college students by Lay-Techs Entertainment Group, a collaboration of students at Swarthmore College.

John R. Killacky

01085
Stolen Shadows, 1995 00:10:25
Video by John R. Killacky and Steven Grandell.
Original master in the possession of John R. Killacky.

01087
Unforgiven Fire, 1993 00:13:30
Video by John R. Killacky and Darren Clark.
Original master in the possession of John R. Killacky

01086
Walking With The Dead, 1996 00:05:33
Video by John R. Killacky and Darren Clark.
Original master in the possession of John R. Killacky

Patrick Moore

01306
ACT UP Kiss-In and 2nd Wall Street Demo, 1988 Spring 00:30:00
1. ACT UP's Kiss-In Action, march and speakout. [April 29, 1988?]. 2. ACT UP/NY's second Wall Street demonstration. [March 24, 1988].

Notes on tape: "out takes from original ~ Spring 1988 ~ Wall Street." Although donated by Patrick Moore, there is no indication of the tape's videographer or ownership.¹⁰

01150
Blueblack 1, May 1988 00:46:00
Written and directed by Patrick Moore. Recorded at Franklin Furnace, May 1988

01151
Blueblack 2, undated 00:20:00
By Patrick Moore

01149
Dykes and Fags and Fags and Dykes, undated 00:37:00
This is the video project, not a documentation of a live performance. By the Blueblack Collective.
Text by Patrick Moore. Directed by Leslie Kriskern.

01152
Introduction to the Estate Project for Artists with AIDS, undated 00:10:30
Hosted by Charlie Rose. Produced for the Alliance for the Arts by Leonard Majzlin Productions

Phil Tarley Collection

00995
March on Washington. 1993 Tape #1A, 1993 01:00:00
Includes queer interviews, right-wing Christian radicals, John Waters, San Francisco Gay Chorus, Empress of San Francisco, AIDS quilt.

00996

March on Washington 1993. Tape #2A, 1993 01:00:00
AIDS quilt, concert, the March's lesbian organizer, Phil Wilson (PWA), Rep. Barney Frank, Rev. Jesse Jackson, openly gay member of the Canadian parliament.

00997

March on Washington 1993. Tape #3A, undated 01:00:00
Faeries, Fruits and Leather Folk; march in front of the White House, intense radical Christian AIDS hatred.

00998

March on Washington 1993. Tape #4A, undated 01:00:00
Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association demonstration; AZT Grim Reaper guerilla theatre; ACT UP AIDS activists; Steve Corbin (Black writer - DOA).

00999

March on Washington 1993 and Radical Faery Dances. Tape #5A, 1993 01:00:00
Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association demonstration aftermath; Steve Corbin (Black writer - DOA); Leather Transgender; Connie Norman (Transgender Director of Public Policy AIDS Healthcare Foundation; ACT UP/LA; Radical Faeries - DOA); Corey Roberts (ACT UP/LA - DOA);

01000

Tape #6A, undated 01:00:00
Wayne Karr (leading activist, ACT UP/LA, Queer Nation, Radical Faerie - DOA); Corey Roberts (ACT UP/LA - DOA); Rev. Troy Perry; Rev. Nancy Wilson.

01001

West Hollywood. Queer Monument Dedication Ceremony for Hunger Strike for AIDS. Tape #7A, undated 01:00:00
Wayne Karr at home with queer family (D.O.A.); Rev. Nancy Wilson; Queer Nation activist Rob Roberts (D.O.A.); Robin Podolsky (lesbian author).

01002

Wayne Karr and Connie Norman. Los Angeles. Tape #8A, undated 01:00:00
Wayne Karr in bathtub (D.O.A.); Connie Norman (D.O.A.); Wayne Karr and friend Daniel discuss the Academy Awards demonstration.

01003

Tape #9A, undated 01:00:00
Sister X (Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Queer Nation, ACT UP - D.O.A.) in Los Angeles and San Francisco talking about AIDS and homophobia. Ruby Begonia Bidet (San Francisco drag performer).

01004

Sister X in San Francisco. Tape #10A, 1993 01:00:00

01005

Sister X in San Francisco. Tape #11A, 1993 01:00:00

01006

Sister X in San Francisco. 6-28-93. Tape #12A, 1993 01:00:00

01007

Tape #13A, 1993 01:00:00
Sister X in San Francisco. N.G.L.T.F. - Los Angeles. Paul Monette (D.O.A.). Tori Osborne and Urvashi Vaid.

01008

Sister X in San Francisco. 6-28-93. Tape #14A, 1993 01:00:00

01009

Sister X in San Francisco. 6-28-93. Tape #15A, 1993 01:00:00

01010

Election Eve. Los Angeles 1992. Tape #16A, 1992 01:00:00
David Mixner Party. Sheila Kuel and Jean O'Leary.

01011

Election Eve. Los Angeles 1992. Tape #17A, undated 01:00:00
Election Eve parties; wild celebration in the streets of West Hollywood.

01012

A.I.D.S. Project Los Angeles. Tribute to Calvin Klein at the Hollywood Bowl. Tape #18A, undated 01:00:00

01013

Tape #19A, undated 01:00:00
A.I.D.S. Project Los Angeles. Tribute to Calvin Klein at the Hollywood Bowl, pt.2. Paul Monette, pt 2

01014

Queerisms ; Tape #20A, undated 01:00:00
Documentary work-in-progress featuring AIDS and queer political activists.

01015

Tape #21A, undated 01:00:00
Paul Monette, pt. 3; Wayne Karr; Radical Faery camp. AIDS performance art; Corey Roberts.

01016

Tape #22A, 1992 01:00:00
Jehan Megran, GLAAD LA; Queer Nation. L.A.; AIDS demonstration. AIDS the Musical, part I

01017

Tape #23A, undated 01:00:00
AIDS the Musical, part II; David Mixner's election eve party, part II; Maria Shriver; Wayne Karr.

01018

Tape #24, undated 01:00:00
A Hollywood actor talks about AIDS and gay politics; Corey Roberts; Queer Love-In; Radical Faerie camp. Tape # 1B.

01019

Tape #25, undated 01:00:00
Radical Faerie camp; Harry Hay with his longtime lover John; Phil Tarley buys a faerie hat. Tape # 2B.

01020

Tape #26, undated 01:00:00
Radical Faery camp. Wayne Karr; Ferd Eggan (P.W.A., L.A. Task Force on AIDS); Sister X; Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence "Condom Savior Mass," Los Angeles. Tape # 3B

01021

Tape #27, undated 01:00:00

"Condom Mass," part 2; The Sisters' Halloween Show, San Francisco, 1992; Halloween Show's Condom Savior Mass, San Francisco. Tape # 4B.

01022

Tape #28, undated 01:00:00

Los Angeles demonstration against Christian hate. Connie Norman arrested. Tape # 5B

01023

Tape #29, undated 01:00:00

Santa Monica Blvd. demonstration; Jackie Goldberg (L.A. lesbian City Councilwoman); Clinton burned in effigy. Connie Norman. Tape # 6B

01024

Michelangelo Signorile. Tape #30, undated 01:00:00

Los Angeles. Michelangelo Signorile talks about outing, AIDS, and homophobia. Tape # 7B

Video Data Bank

Gregg Bordowitz

01318

Some Aspects of a Shared Lifestyle, 1986 00:22:00

An autobiographical tape about coming out during the AIDS crisis.

DIVA TV

01298

Compilation, 1990 00:33:00

A compilation of some ACT UP actions. Begins with titled segment: "Who Has the Power" (approximately 8 minutes) containing footage documenting the ACT UP protests against Cook County Hospital in Chicago, April 23, 1990. Photography credited by Gerry Albarelli and Suzanne Wright. Also contains DIVA TV's edited tape: "Pride 69-89;" "Come All Ye Faithful" (short 2-minute Christmas carol sung in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral related to ACT UP's Stop the Church protest).

Videotext appearing at beginning of tape:

On April 23, 1990, ACT UP/ New York participated in a national demonstration in Chicago calling for National Health Care and denouncing the discriminatory policies of major insurance companies. The state of AIDS care at Cook County Hospital -- a hospital low income families, men and women rely on -- was also a target of the demonstration. The response of the police was to try to "contain" the demonstration -- to keep demonstrators from taking the streets. When they were unable to do that, the police reacted with brutality and violence.

01300

ACT UP Demonstration in Albany, 1990 Mar 28 00:38:00

ACT UP demonstration in Albany, NY. Also contains protestors inside the Capitol building chanting: "17,000 dead of AIDS; New York healthcare is a bloody mess."

[tape labeled only as:] Gerry Albarelli's footage. Albany first¹¹

Bob Huff and Adam Hassuk

01307

We Are Not Republicans, 1988 00:13:00

Contains ACT UP protests at the Republican National Convention (nominating George Bush) in New Orleans in 1988.

Vivian Kleinman

01305

My Body's My Business, 1992 00:16:00

The difficulties of being a sex-worker in the midst of the AIDS crisis.

Ellen Spiro

01226

Diana's Hair Ego: AIDS Info Up Front, 1989 00:28:00

Diana operates a hair salon in South Carolina and dispenses AIDS prevention information and resources.

01297

Party Safe! with DiAna and Bambi, 1992 00:25:00

DiAna (of Diana's Hair Ego fame) and Bambi conduct safe-sex training seminars.

01289

Party Safe [part 2] , 1990 00:44:00

Safe Sex Party [performance] with DiAna and Bambi, Los Angeles, July 1990, Part 2 [continues from 01288]

01303

Pro-Choice Demonstration in D.C., undated 00:15:00

Massive pro-choice demonstration in Washington, D.C. with ACT UP members and community activists. Also contains kiss-in and chants for safe sex education.

01291

Ray Navarro from his hospital room, 1990 May 4 00:13:00

Interview with ACT UP and DIVA TV member Ray Navarro from his hospital room and going through an eye examination, 5/4/90. Ray is almost blind and in gravely ill.
13:00

01299

ACT UP Action at the FDA and HHS Rally, 1988 00:33:00

ACT UP's Action at the FDA (Food and Drug Administration).

Contains the Department of Health and Human Services rally (speech excerpts and song performance by the Flirtations) and protest footage at the FDA.

See also edited version "ACT UP at the FDA" by Ellen Spiro #01050.¹²

01304

ACT UP Protests Against Quarantine Laws, 1989 Apr 21 00:60:00

ACT UP protests in South Carolina against laws permitting quarantine of people with AIDS. With travel footage, "camping," in-transit interviews with Rollerina and others; list of demands to repeal laws; pre-action meeting (more 'camping') and action preparation; and protest demonstrations (with spectator interviews).¹³

01286

Montreal AIDS Conference, 1989 June 00:60:00 8 mm (1-hour tape)

The 1989 International AIDS Conference in Montreal, June 5 - 8, 1989. Begins with footage of women AIDS activists working and preparing for AIDS demonstrations. Contains street protests. This footage seems to relate mainly to women's non-treatment issues. Also contains conference symposium excerpts on prevention messages in European media. See also Catherine Saalfield [Gund] footage on Montreal.¹⁴

01292

Stop the Church Pre-Action Meeting and Action, 1989 Dec 10 00:34:00 8 mm (2-hour tape) ACT UP's "Stop the Church" (12/10/89) Pre-Action meeting. Also contains footage of demonstration from predominately outside (some inside St. Patrick's Cathedral with Cardinal O'Connor before civil disobedience actions) and arrests of demonstrators. [Ellen Spiro's camera footage.]¹⁵

01287

San Francisco AIDS Conference [Spiro #1], 6/90 00:60:00
The 1990 International AIDS Conference in San Francisco, June 16-23, 1990.

Hoffman LaRoche Symposium zap; PISD Demonstration; Opening Ceremonies (with ACT UP member Peter Staley, among others); Women's disruption at conference; Pharmaceutical booths at conference; Women's March, part 1 (temporary sound dropout) [continues on 01288]¹⁶

01288

San Francisco AIDS Conference [Spiro #2] also Party Safe, part 1, 6/90 00:60:00
The 1990 International AIDS Conference in San Francisco, June 16-23, 1990. ACT UP and AIDS activists' Women's March part 2, civil disobedience and arrests [continuation from 01287] with newscast (first 22:00).

Also contains "Party Safe" with interviews of DiAna (from "DiAna's Hair Ego" fame) and Bambi, and performance, part 1, Los Angeles, 7/90.

01290

San Francisco AIDS Conference [TV News], 6/90 00:09:00
The 1990 International AIDS Conference in San Francisco, June 16-23, 1990.

Re-photographed television off-air AIDS Conference news clips; ACT UP's take-over at the conference; the protest and shouting-down of HHS Secretary Louis Sullivan at the opening ceremony; and miscellaneous non-AIDS clips.

01295-A

Sodomy Laws and CDC Protests in Atlanta, 1990 Jan 8-9 00:60:00
ACT UP joins in protesting the anti-sodomy laws in Atlanta. [Ellen Spiro camera footage.] Begins with footage of airplane travel and arrival in Atlanta; continues with protests, speeches, demonstrations and arrests. Also contains TV newscasts of sodomy laws protests. Continues with the first ACT UP demonstration and protest at the CDC (the federal Centers for Disease Control).¹⁷

01295-B

CDC (and Sodomy) Protests in Atlanta (continued), January 9, 1990 00:15:00
Continuing footage of ACT UP's first protest and demonstration at the CDC in Atlanta. Continuing sodomy laws protests with conversations with 'right-wing bigot'. Also contains local TV newscasts of CDC protests.

01293

CDC Pre-Action Meeting [second CDC action], 1990 Dec

Pre-action meeting for ACT UP's return to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) for continuing direct actions in Atlanta [second national ACT UP action against the CDC. [Costas Pappas camera footage?]¹⁸

01294

CDC Actions [second CDC action], 1990 Dec 00:54:00

ACT UP returns to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) for continuing direct actions in Atlanta [second national ACT UP action against the CDC. The CDC is located on the campus of Emory University.] [Costas Pappas and/or Ellen Spiro camera footage.]

Begins with footage of early morning demonstrations in front of student classrooms on the campus of Emory campus before the noon-time CDC Action. Continues with speeches; demonstrations; office takeovers; civil disobedience against the CDC and arrests by police. [note: camera images stop while sound continues.]¹⁹

Video Against AIDS

Video Against AIDS is a series of three two-hour compilations comprising 22 titles. The first program group includes sections: PWA Power; Discrimination; and AIDS and Women. The second program group contains: Resistance; Mourning; and Community Education. The third program group includes: Loss; Analysis; and Activism. This series is curated by John Greyson and Bill Horrigan. It was produced by Kate Horsfield of Video Data Bank. [1989]

01216

Video Against AIDS: PWA Power, 1989 00:43:00

PWA Power: *In Survival of the Delirious* (14 minutes), Canadian producers Michael Balsler and Andy Fabo invoke metaphors from Native American mythology and weave them into a narrative concerned with the often-hallucinatory effect the epidemic has on persons living with AIDS. *Work Your Body* (29 minutes), produced by New York City's GMHC, Gay Men's Health Crisis [by Gregg Bordowitz and Jean Carlomusto], as a part of its weekly LIVING WITH AIDS television show, offers a variety of life-affirming testimonies from HIV antibody positive people and PWAs, ranging from specific health and diet strategies to the overriding importance of maintaining a positive outlook. [from "Video Against AIDS" brochure]

01217

Video Against AIDS: Discrimination, 1989 00:27:00

Discrimination: This section consists of Amber Hollibaugh and Alisa Lebow's *The Second Epidemic* (27 minutes), an informative documentary on discrimination cases negotiated by New York City's Human Rights Commission. Examined in detail are two stories of people living with AIDS: Margie Rivera, a young woman living in Manhattan; and, a community in Massachusetts which first expressed and then overcame its prejudices by providing support to a young AIDS patient and his family. [From "Video Against AIDS" brochure]

01218

Video Against AIDS: AIDS and Women, 1989 00:44:00

AIDS and Women: *Safe Sex Slut* (3 minutes), is a pro-safe sex education reminder from Carol Leigh (aka Scarlot Harlot), a member of the activist prostitutes group COYOTE. *Cori: A Struggle for Life* (18 minutes) recounts the heroic battle of one woman to care for her baby daughter who had been infected with AIDS from a blood transfusion. Jean Carlomusto and Maria Maggenti's *Doctors, Liars and Women: AIDS Activists Say No To Cosmo* (23 minutes) documents the angry protest made against Cosmopolitan magazine

by women from the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP) --a protest against the magazine for publishing dangerously misleading information concerning the risk of AIDS to women. [From "Video Against AIDS" brochure]

01219

Video Against AIDS: Resistance, 1989 00:45:00

Resistance: A variety of forms of resistance to the mainstream media's construction of AIDS is offered in this section. Canadian producer John Greyson's *The AIDS Epidemic* (5 minutes) adapts a music-video format to preach against "AIDS"--acquired dread of sex. Barbara Hammer's *Snow Job: The Media Hysteria of AIDS* (8 minutes) critiques the representation of AIDS in the popular press; where the distortions amount to a 'snow job' that justifies the continuation of society's practices of homophobia and sexual discrimination. In *We are NOT Republicans* (13 minutes), Adam Hassuk and Robert Huff document the disruption made by AIDS activists at the 1988 Republican presidential convention--a disruption focusing public attention on the federal government's ongoing failure to help stop the epidemic. Stiff Sheets (19 minutes), produced by John Goss, similarly indicts public health officials and politicians for the lack of adequate and humane care for persons with AIDS in Los Angeles, this time by documenting a mock fashion show staged by ACT UP activists. [From "Video Against AIDS" brochure]

01220

Video Against AIDS: Mourning, 1989 00:45:00

Mourning: This section opens with Yannich Durand's *Mildred Pearson: When You Love A Person* (9 minutes), which recounts a mother's dedication to her son as she learns he is gay and gravely ill from AIDS. David Thompson's *The Inaugural Display of the Names Project Quilt* (16 minutes) commemorates the unparalleled public memorial created when the Quilt's first 1,920 panels--each one for a person dead from AIDS--were unfolded in Washington, D.C. Stashu Kybartas' *Danny* (20 minutes) is a heartfelt and complex commemoration of a young man: the stages of Danny's illness are visualized as he discusses his life, his family, the disease, and as Kybartas articulates his own feelings for him. [from "'Video Against AIDS" brochure]

01221

Video Against AIDS: Community Education, 1989 00:29:00

Community Education: Patricia Benoit's *Se Met Ko* (29 minutes), produced by the Haitian Women's Program, is a model fictional analysis of attitudes and misconceptions about AIDS within a Haitian-American neighborhood. The tape uses indigenous cultural references and socially-specific occasions to demonstrate how communities with individuals acting in enlightened co-operation, can responsibly respond to the AIDS crisis. [written from "'Video Against AIDS" brochure]

01222

Video Against AIDS: Loss, 1989 00:30:00 1-inch video original (2 hours)

Loss: Emjay Wilson's *A Plague Has Swept My City* (2 minutes), is an associative evocation of the fear and confusion the epidemic has generated. Ann Akiko Moriyasu's *Gab* (11 minutes) focuses on "a dear friend who died of AIDS: not an extraordinary man...but a quite human one with failings who is remembered with fondness by some, bitterness by others." Andre Burke's *A* (8 minutes) intricately weaves layers of sound and image to question the threat to sexual desire and identity posed by AIDS. British producer Isaac Julien's *This Is Not An AIDS Advertisement* (10 minutes) offers a lyrical and meditative celebration of life and sexuality urging viewers to "Feel no guilt in your desire." [From "Video Against AIDS" brochure]

01215

Video Against AIDS: Analysis, 1989 00:52:00

Analysis includes Tom Kalin's *They are lost to vision altogether* (13 minutes), a poetic retaliation to right-wing homophobia and anti-AIDS hysteria which reclaims eroticism "in the face of a monolithic and culturally compulsory heterosexuality." British producer Pratibha Parmar's *Reframing AIDS* (38 minutes) offers a wide-ranging global analysis of the AIDS epidemic, focusing specifically on the construction of black sexuality in relation to AIDS, and places it within a historical context of the constructs of 'other' sexualities. [From "Video Against AIDS" brochure]

01223

Video Against AIDS: Activism, 1989 00:33:00 1-inch video original (2 hours)

Activism: Youth Against Monsterz' *Another Man* (3 minutes), is a short and sassy retort to all the Jerry Falwells of the world. *Testing the Limits* (part 1) (30 minutes), produced by the collective of the same name, addresses the politics of AIDS by documenting the range of activist responses (including the Minority Task Force on AIDS, the Institute for the Protection of Gay and Lesbian Youth, and ACT UP) to the chronic inadequacies in government health care, the legal system, education and scientific research. [From "Video Against AIDS" brochure]

James Wentzy

AIDS Community Television, 1991-1996

The weekly television series AIDS Community Television was first broadcast on Tuesday, January 5, 1993 at 11:00 pm on Channel 69. It was rebroadcast on Friday, January 8, 1993 at 9:00 am on Channel 69. AIDS Community Television continued to broadcast every Tuesday at 11:00 pm with a rebroadcast every Friday at 9:00 am on channel 69 (Manhattan Neighborhood Network) of Time-Warner Cable Television until end of December 1995. Beginning in January of 1996 it was seen every other Monday at 7:30 pm (during the actual ACT-UP meetings), although very few new programs were made after that date. The programs were numbered consecutively, with one number for each week.. Numbers not associated with unique shows indicate a rebroadcast of an earlier show. Show titles are followed by the broadcast date.

01238

CDC Action, 1991 May 21 00:29:00

Centers for Disease Control demonstration and office take-over in New York City. Co-Produced/Edited by John Schabel (DIVA TV).

This program was broadcast as a one-time "special" produced BEFORE the weekly AIDS Community Television series was established.

01237

Presidential Campaign '92 (part 1), 1991 July 00:29:00

ACT UP and the Presidential Campaign of 1992

This program was programmed as a one-time "special" produced BEFORE the weekly series was established.

[Text of flyer attached to tape box:]

The In-Your-Face Politics of AIDS. Vote as if your life depended on it! ACT UP is a diverse, non-partisan group united in anger and committed to direct action to end the AIDS crisis. We

protest and demonstrate; we are not silent. Everyone is welcome to join our meetings and our actions. Meetings are every Monday evening 7:30. 212-564-AIDS.

01296

Day of Desperation, 1991 Jan 23 00:29:00

First edited program on ACT UP's Day of Desperation Action. (1/23/91) for public access cable television. Contains the morning march footage; the day's various zaps; Grand Central Station action; a time-lapse background sequence of an ACT UP meeting (at Cooper Union's Great Hall) and a "Faceless Bureaucrats" prevue.

This program was programmed as a one-time "special" produced BEFORE the weekly series was established. See also the later program #

00901

"Day of Desperation Retrospective" re-edited for the weekly series.²⁰

01253

Target Bush: Kennebunkport and White House, 1991 Dec 1 00:29:00

Target Bush demonstrations against President George Bush at his summer home in Kennebunkport, Maine on 9/1/91 (Labor Day) and continuing one month later at the White House (9/30/91). Tape contains protest documentation and Bush's response to the AIDS demonstration: "I'm more moved by the demonstration for the unemployed [in Kennebunkport the week before] because they have families."

This program was broadcast as a one-time "special" produced before the weekly AIDS Community Television series was established.²¹

00899

United States HIV Concentration Camp, 1992 00:26:30

ACT UP protests against the United States HIV concentration camp in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. First broadcast on 11/14/92 and later re-broadcast on AIDS Community Television weekly series, show #120

01313

Amsterdam Treatment Report, 1992 Nov 15 00:23:00

Treatment Reports (excerpt) from the Eighth International Conference on AIDS, Amsterdam, 1992 .

This program was broadcast as a one-time "special" produced BEFORE the weekly AIDS Community Television series was established.

01236

Time to be an AIDS Activist, 1992 00:28:00

[This program was programmed as a one-time "special" and the last single show produced BEFORE the weekly series was established.]

00898

AIDS Community Television Episode 1, 1993 Jan 5 00:29:00

Show #1 in the AIDS Community Television weekly series. It was first broadcast on Tuesday, 1/5/93 at 11:00 pm on Channel 69. It was re-broadcast on Friday, 1/08/93 at 9:00 am on Channel 69.

01274

Insurance / Health Care Activism, 1993 Jan 12 00:29:00

Show #2. Health Insurance and National Health Care actions by ACT UP.

00886

Target Bush Farewells, 1993 Jan 17 00:30:00

Show # 3. Clips of ACT UP demonstrations and members speaking out against George Bush and his AIDS policy. Concludes with ACT UP party celebrating election night returns and his defeat in the election. Telecast on his last night in office.

01333

Parallel Track and Roche Pre-Action, 1993 Feb 9 00:29:00

Show #6. Video prelude to ACT UP's action against Hoffmann-La Roche Pharmaceuticals. See excerpts from text appearing on video.²²

01334

Hoffmann-La Roche Action, etc., 1993 Feb 16 00:29:00

Show #7. ACT UP civil disobedience action at Hoffmann-La Roche Pharmaceuticals at Nutley, New Jersey. This program also contains photographs and announcement of hunger strikes by HIV-positive Haitian political refugees quarantined at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as well as Arthur Ashe's speech at the United Nations shortly before his death from AIDS.²³ See also 01333.

01235

Guantanamo (Senate HIV Ban), 02/23/93 00:29:00

United States Senate HIV immigration ban, the reversal of the Clinton pledge to lift the "ban," and the quarantine of HIV-positive Haitian political refugees at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Four programs were produced for the AIDS Community Television series on this topic.

00919

Bob Rafsky Obituary, 1993 Mar 2 00:29:02

Show # 9. Video obituary homage to famed ACT UP activist Bob Rafsky. Contains his presidential candidate "zap" with Governor Bill Clinton ("I feel your pain").

00916

Donge John Haber Interview, 1993 Apr 6 00:28:35

Show #14. Interview with Zen Buddhist Monk Donge John Haber. [Died of AIDS: January, 1992]

01224

History of Medical Research, 1993 Apr 13 00:29:00

Show #15. History of Medical Research, a presentation by Avram Finkelstein for an ACT UP Teach-In Forum on the AIDS Cure Project (Barbara McClintock Project).

01315

Berlin AIDS Conference Part 1, 1993 June 22 00:29:00

Show #25. Ninth International AIDS Conference in Berlin, Germany, Part 1. Begins with reading of letter written by HIV-positive Haitian refugees quarantined at U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Followed by media news of Supreme Court-ordered release of refugees and their arrival in New York City. Continues with ACT UP actions in Berlin at beginning of Berlin AIDS Conference, and presentation by Jonathan Mann.

00890

Berlin Conference Part 2 (Astra), 1993 June 00:29:15

Demonstration against pharmaceutical company, Astra, at the Ninth International AIDS Conference in Berlin. Activists discuss issues of cost, funding, and access to different medications with staff.

00891

Berlin Conference Part 3, 1993 June 00:29:09

Ninth International AIDS Conference in Berlin. Speakers discuss the cost of different medications, in particular those produced by Astra Pharmaceuticals.

00921

Tim Bailey Political Funeral, 1993 July 6 00:29:20

Show # 27. Documentation of the public "political funeral" of ACT UP activist Tim Bailey (1957-1993) at the Capitol in Washington, DC. Additional footage by Ira Manhoff. [see also # 01227A/B]

00920

Jon Greenberg Funeral, 1993 July 12 00:29:00

Originally broadcast 07/20/93

Show # 29. A video obituary for AIDS activist and ACT UP member Jon Greenberg (1956-1993) including funeral procession in the streets of the Lower East Side of Manhattan and the public open-coffin funeral service in Tomkins Square Park

01262

Activist on Vacation, 1993 Aug 31 00:29:00

Show #35. Amidst backpacking footage in the Black Hills of South Dakota, James Wentzy talks about his life as a person with AIDS and an AIDS activist.

00888

Epidemiology, 1993 Sep 7 00:29:00

Show #36. Public lecture on epidemiology by Ernest Drucker at Cooper Union's Great Hall.

01270

Berlin AIDS Conference / Aldyn McKean, 1993 Sep 14 00:29:00

Show #37. Aldyn McKean speaking at the opening ceremony of the Ninth International AIDS Conference in Berlin, June 1993. Includes a brief session on long-term survivors conducted by Aldyn McKean.

Aldyn McKean died the following year. Added to this video at a later date is a brief video excerpt of McKean's ashes being thrown into Yokohama Bay for the following year's International AIDS Conference in Yokohama, Japan.

01272

MicroGeneSys Action, 1993 Oct 5 00:29:00

Show #40. ACT UP action and civil disobedience against pharmaceutical company MicroGeneSys on 9/30/93. Contains interview/explanation of action by ACT UP treatment activist Kevin Frost.

01256

Gebbie Speaks, part 1, 1993 Oct 19 00:29:00

Christine Gebbie (first Clinton-appointed AIDS Policy "Tzar") speaks in a Gay Advertising Forum at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, New York, NY, October 13, 1993.

01257

Gebbie Speaks, part 2: Q & As, 1993 Oct 26 00:29:00

Show #43. A raucous "Question and Answer" period following Christine Gebbie's speech at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, NYC, October 13, 1993.

00889

Larry Kramer Speech, 1993 Nov. 30 00:29:00

Show #48. Vitriolic speech by Larry Kramer on Nov. 14, 1993 at the [New York State] AIDS Institute, Albany, NY.

00902

United Nations World AIDS Day, 1993 Dec 17 00:29:35

Show #49. Ilka Tanya Payan was the main speaker at the United Nations Panel for World AIDS Day on 12/01/93.

01312

AIDS Treatment Activism, 1993 Dec 21 00:29:00

Show #51. A compilation of ACT UP treatment activism footage and interviews with treatment activists [compiled in late 1993].

01234

Guantanamo (Quarantined by the U.S.A.), 1993 00:45:00

One of a series of the programs focusing on HIV-positive Haitian political refugees quarantined at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and the imposition of a ban on HIV-positive immigrants. Contains interviews, ACT UP demonstrations and celebrity protests, news-clips from television, and footage from the Guantanamo Refugee Camp. The credits contain a complete listing of ACT UP chapters from the USA and around the world.

00892

Role of AIDS Activists, 1993 00:28:49

Various clips and interviews with different activists discussing the important role that activism plays in the fight against AIDS. A complete transcript of this program can be found on ACT UP website at: <http://www.actupny.org/divatv>.

00894

Day One City Hall (First Giuliani Action), 1994 Jan 00:29:00

Show #53. ACT UP demonstration against New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani on his first day in office, January 3, 1994.

00893

Parental Opt-Out, 1994 00:29:00

Show #54. The NY City Board of Education's "Opt-Out" policy gives parents the right to exclude their children from AIDS and sex education. Tom Beer discusses this policy. Clips of various newscasts reporting on AIDS awareness programs in city schools and the reaction of parents.

01239

Board of Education Opt-Out Hearing, 1994 Jan 18 00:29:00

Show #55. Testimony before the New York City Board of Education, January 13, 1994, concerning "Opt-Out," parents right to exclude their children from AIDS and sex education.

00901

Day of Desperation Retrospective, 1994 Jan. 25 00:29:30

A retrospective on the "Day of Desperation" ACT UP action which occurred on 1/23/91 in New York City, to protest the AIDS crisis and the Persian Gulf War. Contains the ACT UP action in Grand Central Station; the CBS News and MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour zaps; and Jon Greenberg's account of the latter.

00895

Safe Sex Censorship, 1994 Feb 8 00:29:01

Show #58. Hearing before the New York City Council Transportation Committee on GMHC's "Young Hot Safe" subway safe-sex advertising campaign. Part 2.

00896

Oral Sex and Possible HIV Transmission, pt 1, 1994 Feb 15 00:29:17

Show #59. Discussion of oral sex and possible HIV transmission, Part 1: Scientific Presentations. A public forum held on February 6, 1994 at Columbia University with scientists and the community in attendance.

00897

Oral Sex and Possible HIV Transmission, pt 2, 1994 Feb 22 00:29:01

Show #60. Discussion of oral sex and possible HIV transmission, Part 2: Community Responses. A public forum held on February 6, 1994 at Columbia University with scientists and the community in attendance.

01242

Conference of Peer Educators, 1994 Mar 1 00:29:00

Show #61. C.O.P.E. Conference held in NYC by and for Peer Educators on February 12, 1994. This documents a few personal stories by young people living with and affected by AIDS.

00917

Aldyn McKean Obituary, 1994 Mar 8 00:29:00

Show #62. Compilation of video footage of the memorial service and the political funeral procession through the streets of NYC for the late AIDS activist Aldyn McKean.

01249

Demand AIDS Action March, 1994 Mar 29 00:29:00

Show #65. Demand AIDS Action march across the Brooklyn Bridge to City Hall. This program begins with a huge banner that was covertly hung from the roof of City Hall reading: "AIDS Hall of Shame" on 3/21/94 protesting Mayor Giuliani's proposed budget cut-backs in healthcare and AIDS services funding. It is followed by civil disobedience protests by ACT UP activists chaining themselves in front of City Hall on the morning of 3/22/94 (with arrests). Later that same day, a large coalition demonstrated by walking across the Brooklyn Bridge to City Hall.

01245

The AIDS Cure Project, part 1, 4/5/94 00:29:00

Show #66. Community Forum discussing the "AIDS Cure Project," ACT UP's plan for a national AIDS research agenda. Held at the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, NYC on March 12, 1994. The program ends with a Clinton zap at Brooklyn College, March 10, 1994, challenging Clinton's abandoned promise for an national AIDS cure research agenda.

01269

Cracking Open Clinical Research, 1994 May 10 00:29:00

Show #71. Presentation by Jane Shull on clinical research delivered at an AIDS activist conference held in Philadelphia, April 30, 1994.

01273

Introduction of the AIDS Cure Act Legislation, 1994 May 24 00:29:00

Show #73. Introduction by Rep. Jerome Nadler of congressional legislation to find a cure for AIDS (aka: ACT UP's "The AIDS Cure Act"). Also contains the Bob Rafsky zap of presidential candidate Bill Clinton ("I feel your pain") and two other Clinton zaps. The development of the AIDS Cure Project by ACT UP and how activists forced this legislation. With Maxine Wolfe. Ends with music video segment sung by Casselberry and Dupree from the March on Washington in 1993.

01233

Memorial Service for Jeffrey Schmalz, 1995 June 7 00:29:00

Show #74. Memorial Service for New York Times reporter (and person with AIDS) Jeffrey Schmatz who had recently written the New York Times Magazine cover story "Whatever Happened to AIDS?" Contains Schmalz in conversation with Bill Dobbs regarding AIDS reporting in the New York Times; ABC's network broadcast documentary on Schmalz projected in background, and Larry Kramer's speech.

01244

Youth Speak-Out on AIDS, 1994 June 14 00:29:00

Show #76. This program documents a demonstration and speak-out by youth in NYC against AIDS.

00887

David Wojnarowicz Reading, 1994 June 21 00:29:00

Show #77. David Wojnarowicz reading from his writings at a benefit for needle exchange.

00900

In the Tradition of Stonewall, Queers Fighting AIDS, 1994 July 25 00:29:30

Stonewall 25 "alternative" march organized by ACT UP and AIDS activists who "unofficially" marched UP 5th Ave to Central Park (joining the "official" Lesbian and Gay Pride March and Rally). Contains documentary footage of the march, newscasts, and a reading of the video essay "Welcome to New York" by Avram Finkelstein (one of the original co-creators of the "Silence=Death" logo).

Transcription of Finkelstein's essay available on the ACT UP/NY website.

01271

Yokohama AIDS Conference, Pt. 1, 1994 Sep 6 00:29:00

Show #88. Tenth International AIDS Conference in Yokohama, Japan in 1994.

01314

Yokohama AIDS Conference, Part 2, 1994 Sep 13 00:29:00

Show #89. Tenth International Conference on AIDS in Yokohama, Japan. Speech by Dennis Altman "Partnerships Between Communities and Governments."

01246

Battle Over AIDS Drug Review, 1994 Sep 20 00:29:00

Show #90. Community discussion and debate between TAG (Treatment Action Group) and ACT UP activists over TAG's proposal for large-scale clinical end-point trials. This resulted from a Barron's newspaper article pointing to Accelerated Drug Approval as a factor in poor AIDS treatment.

01250

Women Demand Access (at the FDA), 1994 Sep 27 00:29:00

Show #91. ACT UP returned to the FDA on 9/20/94 to demonstrate for women's inclusion in clinical trials and access to gender-specific healthcare and research.

01311

Yokohama Conference, Part 3, 1994 Oct 4 00:29:00

Show #92. Jonathan Mann's speech at the Tenth International Conference on AIDS in Yokohama, Japan entitled: "AIDS in 1994, Personal and Global Challenge."

Jonathan Mann, director of the World Health Organization's Global Programme on AIDS, died on September 2, 1998 in the crash of SwissAir Flight 111 bound from New York to Geneva where he was to attend a World Health Organization conference. Mann was Chair of the VIII International Conference on AIDS scheduled to take place at Harvard University in the summer of 1992. In a courageous stand against discrimination, he and the International AIDS Society cancelled the conference in Boston after the U.S. Congress erected travel restrictions against persons living with HIV/AIDS and moved the Conference to Amsterdam.

00903

David Feinberg , 1994 Oct 11 00:29:00

Show #93. Footage of ACT UP protest at the FDA 10/11/88; Target Bush march on 09/30/91; Ashes action rally on 10/11/92; Marke Lowe Fisher political funeral on 11/02/92; Rinzai Zen Buddhist Monk Donge John Haber reading; and a video-photo of David Wojnarowicz. Also features David B. Feinberg's last vitriolic speech at the general meeting of ACT UP in New York on 10/03/94.

01252

Governor Mario Cuomo Speech and Satire, 1994 Oct 18 00:29:00

Show #94. Governor Mario Cuomo's AIDS speech at the NY State AIDS Institute ("...if not this year, then the year after, or the year after that....") followed by a satirical DIVA TV musical number spoofing Cuomo's speech with liberties (and apologies) to Liza Minelli. The original title for this program: "We Don't All Have Another Day."

01255

MIX 94 AIDS Program Preview, 1994 Nov 8 00:29:00

A preview of AIDS videos for "AIDS: EXPRESSION AND STATES OF MIND;" MIX 1994 (8th New York Lesbian & Gay Experimental Film/Video Festival) New York City, 11/11/94

Concludes with video obituary for David B. Feinberg (his speech at the Lesbian and Gay Pride Rally, NYC, June 26, 1996)

Contains excerpts from:

- VIRUS. Stuart Gaffney 3:25 1994. The thoughts of a man considering making a film about being HIV+.
- FIRST AID FOR SOLDIERS. John Kramer 14:00 1993. "Coming back from the March on Washington and Gays in the Military, my mind turned morbid with thoughts of AIDS."
- CONDOMNATION. Anne Chamberlain 8:00 1992. Condoms in safe sex education function as an assault on homosexual women, leaving them more susceptible to the disease.
- IS THERE A CURE FOR MY FRIEND. Liza Lauber 10:30 1994. Made by an HIV positive woman and her best friend (appearing as themselves in the film), they search for a way to heal one another using the imaginative play of their childhood.
- HALLOWED. Ylonda Stevens 8:00 1994 A cine-quilt for this lesbian filmmaker's best friend Scott (1960-1986) and how the negative social climate towards AIDS in the early years affected them both.
- UNFORGIVEN FIRE. John R. Killacky 13:25 1993 Video lamentation on grappling with the ever-accumulating loss of lives.
- BETWEEN YOU AND ME (Tangled Garden Act III Sc. I) Ken Anderlini 10:00 1994. Looks at the internalization of homophobia and fatalism present in mainstream

representations of the AIDS crisis, as it reflects on the conflict between grief and desire in a gay man's psyche.

- BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY DIVA TV [James Wentzy] 6:00 1994 "A wealthy, well-connected hetero friend recently said to me: I'm amazed that you guys haven't turned to terrorism yet--everybody's afraid of you anyway." (document written by Kiki Mason)

See statement by program curator James Wentzy²⁴

01241

Peer Education, Not Fear Education, 1994 Dec 6 00:29:00

Show #101. Advocacy for peer education and against the "right-wing" fear of sex and AIDS education. Program produced by Ioannis Mookas and Tom Beer.

00918

Robert Rygor Obituary, 1994 Dec 20 00:29:00

Show #103. Program homage to the life of AIDS activist Robert Rygor. Footage and his testimony of the 1991 Democratic Platform Committee hearing. Robert Rygor was the ACT UP workspace manager for many years.

00904

Joycelyn Elders Fired by Clinton, 1994 Dec 13 00:29:03

Show #106. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders was fired by President Clinton one week after her appearance at the 1994 United Nations World AIDS Day Forum for her response to a question on masturbation and safe-sex in education against AIDS.

01243

What Schools Don't Want Students to Know, 1995 Jan 10 00:29:00

Show #106. This program is about what the NYC Board of Education doesn't want students to know about HIV/AIDS prevention. Contains news clips and footage from the Board of Education (NYC) and student conversations outside of schools regarding YELL's (ACT UP's Youth Education Life Line) condom distribution.

00905

Political Funerals, 1995 Jan 31 00:29:05

Show #109. Compilation of six political funerals conducted by ACT UP: Funeral procession of David Wojnarowicz; The Ashes Action, 1992; and political funerals of Mark Lowe Fisher, Tim Bailey, Jon Greenberg, and Aldyn McKean.

01254

Should Sexclubs and Back-Rooms be Closed? 1995 Feb 28 00:29:00

Show #113. Community forum (held on 2/15/95) on whether sex clubs and back-room bars should be closed.

01259

Smacking Against Boundaries, 1995 Apr 4 00:29:00

Show #118. Documents select examples of discrimination and bigotry, justifying the reasons for social activism.

00906

ACT UP Civil Disobedience Training, 1995 Apr 18 00:29:15

Show # 120. A 29-minute edited excerpt from the five-hour civil disobedience training session regularly conducted by ACT UP.

01247

Protests Against Budget Cuts, 1995 May 2 00:29:00

Show #122. ACT UP and health care activists demonstrate and protest Mayor Giuliani's budget cuts in health services. Civil disobedience and arrests for blocking the Queens Midtown Tunnel, April 25, 1995. See also #02148.

01248

Police Treat Protesters Like "Roadkill," 1995 May 12 00:29:00

Show #123. Press conference at City Hall on the police retribution against the ACT UP and healthcare activists arrested during the Queens Midtown Tunnel demonstration. See also #01247.

00907

FBI Targets ACT UP, 1995 May 23 00:29:01

Show #125. Though the Freedom of Information Act, it was revealed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation maintains a file on ACT UP. This program also contains numerous video clips documenting actions against President George Bush.

01267

Virginia Apuzzo, History and Denver Principles, 1995 May 30 00:29:00

Show #126. Virginia Apuzzo interviewed on the early history of the community responses to AIDS. Apuzzo was present at the 1983 presentation of the Denver Principles. The Denver Principles were established at a Conference of People with AIDS in Denver, Colorado in 1983 in defiance of the way in which people with AIDS were treated.²⁵

See also the first-hand account of the Denver Principles in GMHC Oral History: Raymond Jacobs #00958.

00908

Squatter Evictions, 1995 June 6 00:29:00

Show #127. The forceful evictions of squatters and homesteaders from buildings on East 13th Street by New York City police, 5/30/95.

01260

Holding Steady Without Screaming, 1995 Sep 12 00:29:00

Show #141. This program is a personal compilation of images and documentation of James Wentzy as a PWA and video activist reflecting AIDS as a political crisis. It contains the Denver Principles (1983) of PWA empowerment; Wentzy's first AIDS video documentation excerpts (1990); implied critiques of the media; historical news media clips of Reagan, Bush, Clinton and other politicians; activist protest footage, clips, and interviews; and a personal cynical non-verbal ending.

Holding Steady Without Screaming was first made in a 12-minute version for MIX 95 - The Eighth New York Lesbian & Gay Experimental Film/Video Festival held in November 1995. This is an expanded version for the twenty-nine minute public access broadcast.

01225

Zoning Adult Establishments, pt 2, 1995 Oct 3 00:29:00

Show #144. Excerpts of public testimony before the NYC Planning Commission on proposed zoning legislation against adult, i.e., sexual, establishments. Public hearings were held July 26-27, 1995.

01264

Harlem Town Meeting for DAS Clients, 1995 Nov 7 00:29:00

Show #149. Division of AIDS Services client testimonies in NYC; Training and Town Meeting in Harlem, Oct 28, 1995. Organized and facilitated by City AIDS Actions and others [credited at beginning of tape].

01265

Latino AIDS Conference, NYC, 1995 Nov 14 00:29:00

Show #150. Conference on AIDS in the Latino community of New York City (11/9/95). Hosted by the AIDS Institute and the Latino Commission on AIDS. Contains presentation by Marlene Diaz (PWA) and Nilsa Gutierrez of the New York State AIDS Institute.

01258

Eligibility Verification Review, part 1, 1995 Nov 21 00:29:00

Show #151. Mayor Giuliani's Eligibility Verification Review (EVR), a program to eliminate people from public assistance support. Contains news clips and ACT UP (City AIDS Actions) zaps and NYC Council hearings.

01261

Show Cancelled / Rick X, 1995 Dec 5 00:29:00

The announcement of the AIDS Community Television weekly series cancellation by Manhattan Neighborhood Network (public access in NYC) with a telephone conversation with Rick X (producer of the cancelled "Closet Case Show") talking about the public access cable policies ruining programming.

01263

Eligibility Verification Review, part 2, 1995 Dec. 12 00:29:00

#154. Mayor Giuliani's Eligibility Verification Review (EVR) is a city program to enable eliminating people from public assistance support. Contains NYC Council Hearings on EVR and DAS (Division of AIDS Services). Also contains Giuliani Press Conference and ACT UP Protest. The first ~4 minutes explain the pending change of the AIDS Community Television weekly series to a bi-weekly broadcast by Manhattan Neighborhood Network (public access cable).

01266

NY State AIDS Advisory Council, 1995 Dec 19 00:29:00

#155. New York State AIDS Advisory Council meeting, Dec. 12, 1995 and actions (sing-in and civil disobedience) by ACT UP and Housing Works against NY State Health Commissioner Barbara DeBono's policies. Program begins with Nilsa Gutierrez reading her letter of resignation as Director of the NY State AIDS Institute.

01240

Board of Ed Limits Condom Demonstrations, 1996 Jan 8 00:29:00

#157. This is the first AIDS Community Television show of the bi-weekly series.

Board of Education testimony, December 20, 1995 concerning the the elimination of condom demonstrations in the classrooms as part of the AIDS Curriculum.

01251

Vancouver AIDS Conference, 1996 Aug 5 00:29:00

News clips and activist demonstrations protesting the high cost of protease inhibitors and other new therapies, and the effect on developing-world countries.

00909

Ashes Action, 1996 Sep 16 00:29:00

Show # 174. The 1992 Ashes Action . The throwing of cremated remains of people with AIDS onto George Bush's White House lawn.

00910

ACT UP 10 Year Anniversary: Wall Street Demonstration, 1997 Mar 24 00:29:00

00911

ACT UP 10 Year Anniversary: AIDS Activist Conference, 1997 00:29:30

ACT UP's 10th Year Anniversary AIDS Activist Conference. Opening Plenary Speech by Donald Grove entitled: "Fucked-Up Models of AIDS Prevention." His speech focuses on society using AIDS as social blackmail regarding the one-for-one needle exchange model in the U.S.A. Also includes footage of ACT UP's 10th anniversary demonstration on 03/24/97.

00912

ACT UP 10 Year Anniversary Storytellings, part 1, 1997 Mar 21 00:29:18

Numerous members of ACT UP tell their favorite stories and reminisce to celebrate ACT UP's 10th Anniversary. The Storytellings took place at the Judson Memorial Church in New York City on March 21, 1997. Some of the speakers included Virg Parks, Maxine Wolfe, Michael Petrelis, and Ron Goldberg.

00913

ACT UP 10 Year Anniversary Storytellings, part 2, 1997 Mar 21 00:29:00

Continuation of tape #00912. Speakers on this tape include Michael Laurel, Mark Milano, David Robinson and Ann Northrop.

01275

Matthew Shepard Political Funeral, 1998 Oct 19 00:29:00

A massive "political funeral" took place in New York City on Oct. 19, 1998 in memory of the murdered young gay man Matthew Shepard. Documents police mismanagement and violence against demonstrators as they "took the streets."

The last edited public access video (to date) produced by James Wentzy.

ACT UP Live, 1994-1996

A live call-in weekly public access television series sponsored by ACT UP/New York.
Producer/Director: David Buckingham. Videographer: James Wentzy and DIVA TV Crew.

01173

Treatment Activism, 1994 Jan 6 00:29:00

This is the first show of the two-year series. Episode #1 is hosted by Scott Sawyer. ACT UP members Kevin Frost and Rick Loftus talk about treatment activism and respond to call-in questions.

01174

Condom Opt-Out, 1994 Jan 13 00:29:00

Episode #2 is hosted by Tom Beer. Kate Barnhart (from YELL: Youth Education LifeLine from ACT UP) and Board of Education student representative Andrea Schlessinger (via phone), talk about the Condom Opt-Out Program of the New York City public schools and respond to call-in questions.

01175

Condoms, 1994 Jan 20 00:29:00

Episode #3 is hosted by Ann Northrop. Condoms; critiques of the government's public service announcements promoting condoms; condom and latex demonstrations; and responses to call-in questions.

01176

City Issues, 1994 Jan 27 00:29:00

Episode #4 is hosted by B.C. Craig and Ron Goldberg.

01180

Lesbian AIDS Issues, 1994 Feb 3 00:29:00

Episode #5 hosted by Jane Auerbach, Linda Meredith, and Emily Doler.

01201

Chromascreen Background, 1994 Feb 3 00:29:00

Chromascreen background segment of ACT UP documentation footage edited for a live studio program.

01179

Glass House Eviction, 1994 Feb 9 00:29:00

Episode #6 is hosted by Margret Morton, Rich Jackman, Moses and Kim [sic].

01193

Chris Hennelly, 1994 Feb 17 00:29:00

Episode #7 is hosted by Scott Sawyer, with Betty Williams and Chris Hennelly. Discussion of award to Chris Hennelly of \$350,000 as a result of his lawsuit against the New York City Police for use of excessive force during an ACT UP demonstration on February 11, 1991.

01190

Needle Exchange, 1994 Feb 24 00:29:00

Episode #8 is hosted by Allan Clear with Mark Gilliam and Arlene (from the Lower East Side Harm Reduction).

01192

AIDS Cure Project, 1994 Mar 10 00:29:00

Episode #10 concerns the AIDS Cure Project (Congressional legislation); hosted by Bob Lederer with Mark Milano and David Robinson [via phone]. Episode begins with the interruption of a speech by President Clinton in Brooklyn.

01177

City Issues (Giuliani Day 60), 1994 Mar 17 00:29:00

Episode #11 is hosted by Drew Kramer, with Andrea Daley and Linwood Collins.

01178

Demand AIDS Action March, 1994 Mar 24 00:29:00

Episode #12 contains footage of the march/demonstration across the Brooklyn Bridge to City Hall with voice-overs by Andrea Daley and James Wentzy discussing Mayor Giuliani's first 60 days in office and responding to call-in questions.

01196

Alternative Treatments, 1994 Mar 31 00:29:00

Episode #13 is hosted by Bob Lederer with Fred Bingham and Mark Kuebel.

01188

COPE / Peer Education, 1994 Apr 7 00:29:00

Episode #14 concerns COPE (Conference on Peer Education) and is hosted by Tom Beer with Adrienne Sacatos and Jon Won.

01206

Treatment and Data, 1994 Apr 28 00:29:00

Episode #17 is hosted by two of ACT UP's Treatment and Data committee members, Kevin Frost and Andrew Velez discussing a range of topics.

01210

Cardinal O'Connor, 1994 May 26 00:29:00

Episode #21 is hosted by Kevin Frost with Andrew Velez, two of ACT UP's Treatment and Data committee members discussing a wide range of topics including the Catholic Church, the FDA, and clinical trials. Show is "dedicated" to Cardinal O'Connor.

01198

Yokohama AIDS Conference, pt. 1, 1994 Jun 9 00:29:00

Episode #23 concerns the upcoming Yokohama AIDS Conference. Hosted by Kevin Frost and Andy Velez with telephone link to Japan by Ms. Chizuko Ikegami.

01187

New York City Board of Education AIDS Council, 1994 Jun 16 00:29:00

Episode #24 is hosted by Tom Beer with Erica Zurer and Ed McCabe.

01189

Stonewall 25 March, 1994 Jun 23 00:29:00

Episode #25 concerns the upcoming Gay Pride Stonewall 25 Anniversary so-called "alternative" ACT UP March (up Fifth Avenue without a permit). Hosted by Eric Sawyer with Barry Paddock, Drew Kramer and Eileen Honan.

01183

Direct Action and Civil Disobedience, 1994 July 7 00:29:00

Episode #27 is hosted by Maxine Wolfe and Tony Arena.

01208

Large-Scale Clinical Trials, 1994 Aug 11 00:29:00

Episode #32 concerns and the controversy between TAG and ACT UP over large-scale clinical trials. Hosted by Tony Arena with Theo Smart.

01197

Yokohama AIDS Conference, pt. 2, 1994 Aug 24 00:29:00

Episode #34 is a follow-up report about the Yokohama AIDS Conference, hosted by James Wentzy with Kevin Frost and Andy Velez.

01195

Women's Issues, 1994 Sep 1 00:29:00

Episode #35 concerns women's issues and a pending demonstration at the FDA. Hosted by Ann Northrop with Terry McGovern, Esther Kaplan and Karyn Penta.

01194

Women at the FDA, 1994 Sep 15 00:29:00

Episode #37 concerns women's issues and the demonstration at the FDA. Hosted by Laura Sheets, with Karyn Pena and Michelle Lopez.

01191

Needle Exchange, 1994 Oct 13 00:29:00

Episode #41 is hosted by Donald Grove with Dirk Calloway and Laura and Peter (from Lower East Side Harm Reduction).

01200

ACT UP Americas, 1994 Oct 29 00:29:00

Episode #43 concerns the affinity group ACT UP Americas for Latin American issues. Hosted by Alfredo Gonzalez, Jairo Pedraza, Sam Larson, and Carlos Jauregui.

01181

Politics, 1994 Nov 3 00:29:00

Episode #44 is hosted by Ann Northrop with Tom Duane, Tony Davis, and B.C. Craig.

01211

World AIDS Day, part 1, 1994 Dec 1 00:29:00

Special World AIDS Day broadcast on public access cable in Manhattan 8:30 pm - 9:00 pm on Channel 34, with background footage of Giuliani Wake-Up Action. Hosted by Donald Grove with Mark Hannay and George Carter.

01212

World AIDS Day, part 2, 1994 Dec 1 00:29:00

01213

World AIDS Day, part 3, 1994 Dec 1 00:29:00

[not re-mastered on original 3/4 tape: beginning ~25:00 footage for part 1 #

01211

background Chroma-Key of ACT UP's Wake-Up Civil Disobedience Action at Giuliani's Gracie Mansion at 7 a.m..]

01182

City AIDS Actions, 1994 Dec 22 00:29:00

Episode #51 concerns New York City AIDS actions with B.C. Craig, Joy Episalla, Barbara Hughes and Ann Northrop. First anniversary of Rudolph Giuliani's mayoralty. [Taped show, not live call-in]

01186

Board of Education AIDS Curriculum, 1995 Jan 19 00:29:00

Episode #55 concerns the New York City Board of Education's 9th grade AIDS curriculum and condom availability in the schools. Hosted by Ann Northrop with Kate Barnhart and Gary Riotto and Marni Task.

01207

Needle Exchange (II), 1994 Feb 23 00:29:00

Episode #60 concerns the Lower East Side needle exchange program and the health issues facing injection-drug users. Hosted by Donald Grove with Arlen "AB" Burns.

01202

ACT UP Activism, 1995 Apr 5 00:29:00

Episode #66 concerns the ACT UP organization and activism in general. Hosted by Mark Hannay with Tim Santamore, Tony Perry and Bob Lederer.

01203

Protests Against Budget Cuts, 1995 Apr 25 00:29:00

Episode #69 is about the NYC protests against budget cuts (the Queens Midtown Tunnel demonstration) and the resulting police violence. Hosted by Mark Hannay with Andrea Dailey, Harry Weider and Pedro Roman.

01209

Eligibility Verification Review and Division of AIDS Services, 1995 Sep 21 00:29:00

Episode #90. Mayor Giuliani's Eligibility Verification Review and Division of AIDS Services. Hosted by Scott Sawyer with Drew Kramer and Tom Duane.

01185

Pope Demonstration, 1995 Oct 5 00:29:00

Episode #92 concerns the pending demonstration occasioned by Pope John Paul II's visit to New York City. Hosted by Scott Sawyer with Ann Northrop and Tom Beer.

01204

Zoning Adult Establishments, 1995 Oct 19 00:29:00

Episode #94 concerns zoning legislation for adult establishments in New York City. Hosted by James Wentzy with Jim Eigo and Bill Dobbs.

01205

Housing Works and Advocacy, 1995 Nov 11 00:29:00

Episode #98 is about Housing Works and AIDS Advocacy with the Division of AIDS Services, State Health Commissioner Barbara DeBono, Giuliani's Eligibility Review Board, the "Community" AIDS Service Organizations, and more. Hosted by Tom Anderson with Jeanne Bergman.

01184

AIDS in NYC [DAS], 1995 Dec 14 00:29:00

Episode #102 concerns AIDS in New York City and the Division of AIDS Services, with Drew Kramer and Ann Northrop.

01199

Protease Inhibitors, 1996 Feb 15 00:29:00

Episode #111 concerns protease inhibitors (months before the Vancouver AIDS Conference). Hosted by Tony Arena with Theo Smart (GMHC) and Michael Ravitch (TAG).

ACT UP Demonstrations, Political Funerals, Etc.

01276-A

ACT UP Quack-Busters Demonstration, 1990 Sep 16-18 00:60:00

ACT UP chapters converged on Kansas City to demonstrate against a conference of so-called "Quack-Busters" who were opposed the use of "alternative" treatments.

Includes ACT UP protests in front of the conference; civil disobedience (with police responses); conference excerpts and interviews with conference organizers; interviews with AIDS activists; response to questions by visiting Surgeon General Antonia Novella; and beginning of ACT UP's post-action meeting. This is the first AIDS video documentation by James Wentzy, originally screened at an ACT UP / DIVA TV screening benefit.²⁶

01276-B

ACT UP Quack-Busters Demonstration, 1990 Sep 16-18 00:47:00

Continues and concludes with ACT UP's post-action meeting.

01276-C

ACT UP Quack-Busters Demonstration, 1990 Sep 16-18 00:60:00

Day one of the ACT UP march and protests at the Quack-Busters Conference; activist street theater (the performance-protest is quiet because it is held in front of a hospital endorsing the Quack-Busters Conference); interviews (confrontations) with Victor Herbert and other Quack-Buster Conference organizers; interviews and speeches with spokesman Jon Greenberg and other AIDS activists.

01277

ACT UP Quack-Busters Demonstration, 1990 October 00:52:00

ACT UP National Action for AIDS Treatment Choice in Kansas City. Also contains "video footnote" response to questions by Surgeon General Antonia Novella.

01279

A Hard Reign's Gonna Fall (music video), 1990 00:07:00

Dean Lance's activist music video homage to ACT UP (with apologies to Bob Dylan).

01338

Needle Exchange Trial Verdict Interviews, 1991 May 00:18:00

Interviews outside the courtroom immediately after the trial court verdict acquitting AIDS activists arrested for distributing clean needles to IV drug addicts.

Documentation of the complete trial was organized by activists on the Needle Exchange Committee of ACT UP/NY.²⁷

00881

ACT UP CDC Civil Disobedience, 1991 May 22 00:28:00

ACT UP civil disobedience at the Centers for Disease Control. Several ACT UP members give interviews concerning their views on women and AIDS. There is also a demonstration in Washington. The demonstrators are holding pictures and ashes of people who have died from AIDS.

01136

Native Americans: Two Spirits and HIV, 1991 July 00:12:00

A conference held July 1-3, 1991 in New York City, hosted by We Wah and Bar Chee Ampe, a Native American Gay and Lesbian organization. Produced by the American Indian Community House and DIVA TV.

00884

Target Bush: Kennebunkport and White House, 1991 Sep 1 and 30 02:15:00
Demonstration of AIDS activists near President George Bush's summer home in Kennebunkport, Maine (9/1/91 Labor Day). AIDS activists protest outside of the White House one month later (9/30/91) as the conclusion of ACT UP's Target Bush campaign.

00885

White House (continued), Universal Healthcare, and Bush Press Conference, 1991 Sep 1-2; 31; Oct 1 01:55:31 Continuation of tape 00884, demonstration by AIDS activists near President George Bush's home in Kennebunkport, Maine (9/1/91). 14:45

Also contains ACT UP's demonstration for universal healthcare at the Capitol in Washington, DC, 10/1/91 (01:35:00); George Bush Press conference. 9/31/91 (00:04:46).

01339

ACT UP New Hampshire Presidential Demonstration, 1992 Feb 15 00:45:00
ACT UP "Campaign 1992" demonstrations against presidential candidates in Manchester, New Hampshire.²⁸

01278

Memorial Service for Ken Dawson, 1992 June 4 00:60:00
Dawson was instrumental in the founding of the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center in New York City and served as executive director of SAGE.
Extensive intermittent tape degradation.

00876

David Wojnarowicz Political Funeral, 1992 July 29 01:01:13
David Wojnarowicz public funeral procession in the streets of Greenwich Village.

01268

Clinton AIDS Speech, 1992 Oct 29 00:27:00
AIDS Speech by presidential candidate Bill Clinton in Newark, NJ on October 29, 1992.

01230-A

Haitian INS Demonstration (#2), 1992 Oct 30 00:27:00
ACT UP demonstrated for the second time at the Immigration and Naturalization Service in NYC against the quarantine of HIV-positive Haitian political refugees who were being held at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

01230-B

Mark Lowe Fisher Political Funeral, 1992 Nov 2 00:60:00
Following a memorial service at Judson Memorial Church in NYC on the eve of the 1992 Presidential election, more than 300 AIDS activists carry the open coffin of ACT UP member Mark Lowe Fisher (a member of the affinity group, the Marys) from Washington Square up Sixth Avenue to the New York City Republican Headquarters on West 43rd Street.
Included at 45:00 is footage by Shraga Lev.

Text of "Bury Me Furiously" by Mark Lowe Fisher.²⁹

01231-A

History of the Religious Right-Wing, pt. 1, 1993 Jan 23 00:60:00
Community forum at the NYC Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center on the history of the religious right-wing. Organized by ACT UP's affinity group, "Apocalypse Now" Working Group. Moderated by Anne-Christine d'Adesky.

Presentations by Chip Berlet (author); Suzanne Pharr (author); Robert Bray (sp?).
Presentations continue on part 2.

01231-B

History of the Religious Right-Wing, pt. 2, 1993 Jan 23 00:50:00
Continuing presentations by Colorado Springs "Ground Zero" activist Bruce Loeffler and
Suzanne Goldberg (Lambda Legal Defense). Question and answer session, interviews.

01229

"Donuts with Donna ," 1993 Apr 23 00:56:00
Lesbian activists and lesbians with AIDS meet in Washington, DC on the morning of April 23,
1993 with Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala to talk about problems of
lesbians with AIDS. Several hundred protesters gather outside the meeting. Permission to
videotape the meeting was denied until the lesbian activists demanded that their comments
be documented.[~25 minute meeting with Shalala]³⁰

Documented by Helene Schpak for DIVA TV [image tape quality problems noted].

01227-A

Tim Bailey Political Funeral, pt. 1, 1993 July 1 00:60:00
ACT UP's political funeral for Tim Bailey at the Capitol Building, Washington, DC

At the beginning of the tape, before the van/coffin arrives at the Capitol, Steve Michael (from
ACT UP/DC) critiques Clinton's first AIDS "Czar" Kristine Gebbie. Bill Dobbs speaks with
New York Times reporter Jeffrey Schmalz. Van with coffin arrives. Police appear and stop
funeral procession by refusing to let the coffin out of the van. Police/activist stand-off ensues.

See text of flyer passed out at Tim Bailey's Political Funeral.³¹

01227-B

Tim Bailey Political Funeral, part 2, 1993 July 1 00:55:00
Continuation of 01227-A
Coffin is moved out of the van. Struggle ensues with coffin jostled up in the air as police
force it back into the vehicle. Speeches and procession as vehicle containing Tim Bailey's
corpse is escorted out of town by police.

00877

Jon Greenburg Political Funeral, 1993 Jul 16 01:02:34A 00:18:15B
Jon Greenburg funeral procession through Greenwich Village to Tompkins Square Park.
Contains speeches by ACT UP and AIDS activists, relatives and friends beside Greenburg's
open casket.

00922

Artist Readings, 1993 Dec 1 01:00:00
The complete sixty minute program of "Artist Readings." (Later broken up into two parts for
public access broadcasts). With readings by Jaime Manrique, Anne-Christine d'Adesky,
Sarah Schulman, Bea Gates, Mariana Romo-Carmona and David B. Feinberg. Originally
broadcast for the World AIDS Day 24-hour telecast on CUNY-TV.

01232-A

Memorial Service for Jeffrey Schmalz, pt. 1, 1993 Dec 4 00:60:00
Short video technical problems during Larry Kramer's speech and at end of part 1. See also
re-mastered edited program of Jeffrey Schmalz Memorial Service on tape #01233.

01232-B

Memorial Service for Jeffrey Schmalz, pt. 2, 1993 Dec 4 00:40:00

Continuation of Memorial Service for Jeffrey Schmalz.

Short video technical problems at beginning of part 2. See also re-mastered edited program on tape #01233.

01310

Berlin Conference: Personal Documentary, 1993 00:20:00

A personal documentary on the Ninth International Conference on AIDS in Berlin Germany, by Norman Baxley. Tape labeled "Baxley Media Group (Urbana, Illinois): A personal documentary, NOT for commercial distribution." Tape donated to James Wentzy, DIVA TV.

00883

Aldyn McKean ACT UP Meeting Obituary, 1994 Feb 01:37:00

Aldyn McKean obituary at an ACT UP meeting, February 28, 1994, shortly after his death.

Preceded by a Chris Hannelley press conference, February 16 1994. Hannelley was beaten by the police as he marshaled an ACT UP demonstration. He later received a large settlement for the injuries he sustained.

01138

Aldyn McKean Memorial Video Obituary, 1994 00:10:00

A ten minute video produced for Aldyn McKean's funeral service.

00882

Aldyn McKean Political Funeral, 1994 Mar 4 01:02:51A 00:16:56B

Aldyn McKean memorial service and funeral procession through the streets of New York City to Union Square.

00875

David Feinberg's Last Speech, 1994 Oct 3 00:31:03

David Feinberg's last vitriolic speech at an ACT UP meeting.

00924

By Any Means Necessary, 1994 Nov 00:06:00

A 6-minute film produced by James Wentzy for MIX 1994 -- 8th New York Experimental Lesbian & Gay Film/Video Festival. Originally screened only with credit to DIVA TV. Later credited: text by Kiki Mason, video by James Wentzy, with David Buckingham and Joseph Charles. A transcript is available on the ACT UP website (<http://www.actupny.org>). Use the links under DIVA TV or Documents.

00915

Holding Steady Without Screaming, 1995 00:11:00

An AIDS video activist's personal reflections on his virus, his community, the euthanasia of his 16 year old cat, and his own anticipated demise. "I can't because I have to hold the camera steady." Produced by James Wentzy for MIX 1995 -- 9th New York Experimental Lesbian & Gay Film/Video Festival.

00914

Political Decadence, 1996 00:12:30

Examples of political neglect fueling the AIDS crisis. Contains graphic (but creative) demonstration of a condom being put on. Made for MIX 1996 -- 10th New York Experimental Lesbian & Gay Film/Video Festival.

00923

Negotiating Sex in an Age of Panic, 1997 November 00:12:00

Personal sex panic in society and the problems of negotiating sex . Contains graphic content throughout the tape. Produced by James Wentzy for MIX 1997 -- 11th New York Experimental Lesbian & Gay Film/Video Festival.

01228-A

Kiyoshi Kuromiya Memorial Service, pt. 1, 2000 May 23 00:60:00

Memorial service at the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany (Philadelphia) for noted long-time AIDS activist Kiyoshi Kuromiya, founding member of ACT UP/Philadelphia and the Critical Path AIDS Project (www.critpath.org). Kuromiya died on May 9th, 2000.

01228-B

Kiyoshi Kuromiya Memorial Service, pt. 2, 2000 May 23 00:60:00

Continuation of 01228-A

01282-A

Day Without Art: Activism-Art Symposium, pt. 1, 2000 Dec 4 00:60:00

A symposium held at The New School in NYC, hosted by Robert Atkins, with panelists Sarah Schulman, Gregg Bordowitz, Richard Elovich, and Pamela Sneed. See also tapes #01131-A,-B]

The panelists' remarks are posted on the Artery website (a part of the Artists with AIDS website) at http://www.artistswithaids.org/artery/symposium/symposium_index.html .

01282-B

Day Without Art: Activism-Art Symposium, pt. 2, 2000 Dec 4 00:60:00

Conclusion of the symposium.

01131-A

Fever in the Archive Panel Discussion, pt. 1, 2000 Dec 6 00:60:00

Panel discussion held at New York University in conjunction with the Guggenheim Museum's screening of AIDS activist videotapes. Moderated by Jim Hubbard. Panelists in part 1 are Jean Carlomusto and Douglas Crimp

01131-B

Fever in the Archive Panel Discussion, pt. 2, 2000 Dec 6 00:60:00

Panel discussion continued from 01131-A. Moderated by Jim Hubbard.

Panelists in part 2 are Ann Cvetkovich, Gerard Ferguson, and Alexandra Juhasz.

Tape containing the last 10 minutes of the question and answer session has not been re-mastered.

Phil Zwickler

Service copies of Zwickler's videotapes were made from the original 3/4" U-matic source tapes in the Phil Zwickler Papers, Rare and Manuscript Collections, Cornell University Library, Ithaca, NY. Guide to the Zwickler Papers available at <http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/EAD/htmldocs/RMM07564.html>.

See also: Phil Zwickler Charitable and Memorial Foundation website (<http://pzfoundation.org/>) devoted to Zwickler's life and work.

01078

AIDS Tape #1: Blood Bank, 1983 July 8 00:20:00
Scenes and interview at a Red Cross New York Blood Center in 1983.

01080

Phil Zwickler Interview and Speech, undated 00:22:00
Phil Zwickler interviewed on the GMHC public access television series Living With AIDS. See #00981 ~12:00.
Phil Zwickler speech / panel presentation -- Remembrance on his lover's death. Incomplete -- tape ends prematurely ~10:00.

01081

A Christmas Wish, 1989 Nov 26 00:06:00
Bayard Rustin : A Christmas Wish. Interview with Bayard Rustin at a demonstration in front of the New York State Supreme Court in NYC (1986).

01127

Rights and Reactions: Lesbian and Gay Rights on Trial, 1987 Oct 28 00:56:00
Documentary by Phil Zwickler and Jane Lippman about the New York City Council's passing of gay rights legislation in 1987. Sloan-Kettering Demonstration

ACT UP demonstration at Sloan-Kettering Hospital in New York City , NYC, on July 24, 1987 from 5 pm to 7 pm. (Four Days of Action against the NIH Clinical Trials). Documented for GCN (Gay Cable Network).

01079-A

Phil Zwickler: "Sloan Kettering Demo (1)," 7/24/87 00:20:00

01079-B

Phil Zwickler: "Sloan Kettering Demo (2)," 7/24/87 00:05:00

01079-C

Phil Zwickler: "Sloan Kettering Demo (3)," 7/24/87 00:02:32 Mayor Ed Koch Press Conference

01082-A

Koch #1 / Jena, 1989 00:20:00
Reporter: Phil Zwickler. AIDS activists strip search lawsuit charges against police; AIDS advocates' exaggerations; defense of AIDS policy in NYC; Larry Kramer's anger; risks for lesbians and AIDS; NYC Health Commissioner Steve Joseph responds.

01082-B

Koch #2 / Jena, 1989 00:20:00
Reporter: Phil Zwickler. Sexual orientation as category for police; gay rights bill political consequences; Health Commissioner Steven Joseph; ACT UP demonstration response; homelessness; speaking at AIDS rallies.

01082-

Koch #3 / John Cannali, 1989 00:06:00

Reporter: Phil Zwickler. Second camera: John Cannali. Conclusion of press conference (~4:00).

Voice over of reporting (segments) over used tape stock.

01082-D

Koch #4 / John Cannali, 1989 00:20:00

Reporter: Phil Zwickler. Second camera: John Cannali.

01082-E

Koch #5 / Cutaways, 1989 00:10:00

Reporter: Phil Zwickler. Video cutaways. No sound. ACT UP Demonstration: Target City Hall

ACT UP's second anniversary. ACT UP protests the inadequacy of New York City's AIDS policy under Mayor Ed Koch. Protest footage and interviews conducted by Phil Zwickler and Andy Humm for GCN (Gay Cable Network), a television news public access series.

01083-A

Phil Zwickler: ACT UP Demonstration #1, 1989 Mar 28 00:20:00

ACT UP "Target City Hall" demonstration.

01083-B

ACT UP Demonstration #2, 1989 Mar 28 00:20:00

ACT UP "Target City Hall" demonstration. With Andy Humm and Mark Fotop.

01083-C

ACT UP Demonstration #3, 1989 Mar 28 00:20:00

ACT UP "Target City Hall" demonstration. With "John and Doug."

01083-D

ACT UP Demonstration #4, 1989 Mar 28 00:17:00

01083-E

Demonstration #5, 1989 Mar 28 00:20:00

With Andy Humm. No sound for first 7 minutes.

01083-F

ACT UP Demonstration #7, 1989 Mar 28 00:20:00. (no tape #6 found).

01083-G ACT UP Demonstration #8, 1989 Mar 28 00:07:30

3/4 Inch U-matic DAMAGED

01083-H ACT UP Demonstration #9, 1989 Mar 28 00:07:00

With John Cannali. Keith Haring interviewed by Phil Zwickler.

01084

ACT UP Demo, Final Edit 1989 Mar 28 00:14:00 Fear of Disclosure

Subtitled The Psychosocial Implications of HIV Revelation, this film by Phil Zwickler and David Wojnarowicz examines the problems experienced by gay men who reveal their HIV status to potential sex partners.

01115

Fear of Disclosure, 1989 00:04:30

Edited video program by Phil Zwickler and David Wojnarowicz

01071

David Wojnarowicz Images, 1989 Nov 00:13:00

Source materials. David Wojnarowicz images. (Ant sequences begin without sound followed by driving and touring sequences).

01074

David Wojnarowicz Text Voice-Over, [1989] 00:03:00

David Wojnarowicz reading text (voice-over).

01075

Dancer source material, 1989 Aug 00:10:20

Solo dancer (Chris) source material, without sound.

01076

Dancers source material, 1989 Aug 00:15:20

Dancers and Paul solo source material, without sound.

01072

Phil Zwickler and David Wojnarowicz Text, [1989] 00:26:00

Phil Zwickler and David Wojnarowicz voice-overs. Sound recorded over pictures of telecast network news AIDS special.

01073

Text (source material), 1989 Aug 00:4:30

Text voice-over.

01140

Needle Nightmare, 1991 00:07:00

A personal self-portrait by Phil Zwickler as a person with AIDS. Phil Zwickler Memorial Service at the Public Theater, New York City, 1991 June 1

01077-A

Phil Zwickler Memorial Service, pt. 1, 1991 June 1 00:57:00

Memorial speeches and screening of clips from Phil Zwickler's videos: Rights and Reactions (efforts to pass the NY City Council 'Gay Rights' Bill, 1986); and Silence=Death (with David Wojnarowicz reading on video and speaking at the service); Rosa von Praunheim video excerpt; and other [unidentified] video clips screened at the service.

01077-B

Phil Zwickler Memorial Service, pt. 2, 1991 June 1 00:17:00

Last three memorial speeches. Phil Zwickler's mother speaks last.

01077-C

Phil Zwickler Memorial Service, pt. 3, 1991 June 1 00:08:00

Edited 8-minute video review.

Endnotes:

¹ [from the ACT UP/NY Capsule History:]

February 1991 -- Ten people, who had been charged with possession of needles with the intent to distribute them to IV drug users on the Lower East Side (NYC), are brought to trial and later acquitted by a judge who agreed that the "necessity defense" applied to their case. The judge ruled that the activists' actions were justified by the need to try to save the lives of people vulnerable to HIV infection.

The "necessity defense" applies to the following circumstances, all must be true: 1) the conduct was necessary to avoid eminent harm to a person or the public, 2) there was no adequate alternative for avoiding the harm, 3) the harm caused by the act was not disproportionate to the harm avoided, 4) the defendant had a good-faith belief that the act was necessary to prevent harm, and 5) the defendant believed his or her behavior to be reasonable.

² [From the ACT UP Capsule History:]

March 24, 1988 -- To celebrate our first anniversary, ACT UP returns to Wall Street. More than 100 activists are arrested; ACT UP receives major media coverage and issues central to the AIDS crisis are reported. The concept of "AIDS activism" gains credibility.

³ [from the ACT UP/NY Capsule History:]

March 28, 1989 -- ACT UP's second anniversary protest draws 3,000 to New York's City Hall, making "Target City Hall" the largest AIDS activist demonstration to date. ACT UP protests the inadequacy of New York's AIDS policy under Mayor Edward Koch. About 200 activists are arrested.

⁴ [From the ACT UP Capsule History:]

May 1 - 9, 1988 -- ACT UP branches around the country mount nine days of protests focusing on specific, unattended aspects of the epidemic such as IV-drug use, homophobia, people of color, women, testing programs, prison programs and children with AIDS. More than 50 cities participate.

⁵ [From ACT UP Capsule History:]

April 20-23, 1990 ACT UP activists from all over the country converge on Chicago to target the national headquarters of the American Medical Association (AMA) and health insurance companies also headquartered there. Women activists take over the intersection in front of Cook County Hospital with mattresses, declaring it the "Cook County Women's AIDS Unit" since no women with AIDS are allowed treatment in the hospital. The Cook County Hospital AIDS Unit admits its first women two days later. A People of Color Conference also convenes to discuss and coordinate AIDS activism in diverse communities.

⁶ [From the ACT UP Capsule History:]

May 21, 1990 ACT UP organizes a national action to "Storm the NIH" (National Institutes of Health). One thousand protesters demand more AIDS treatments, especially for the opportunistic infections that kill PWAs, an end to the severe underrepresentation of women and people of color in clinical trials, and the formation of a Women's Health Committee in the AIDS Clinical Trial System at the NIH.

⁷ [From the ACT UP Capsule History:]

Hundreds besiege the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) headquarters with signs, banners and costumes protesting the CDC's narrow definition of AIDS (which excludes gynecological illnesses and illnesses more common to people of color and children). Forty-nine are arrested.

⁸ [From the ACT UP Capsule History:]

ACT UP targets George Bush at the White House, declaring that, with over 120,000 American dead from AIDS, the president is getting away with murder. In a loud and angry march to the White House, activists demanded that the president stop his deliberate policy of neglect. Eighty-four people are arrested in acts of civil disobedience that include chaining themselves to the gates of the White House and to each other. Bush spent the day in Disney World.

⁹ [From the ACT UP Capsule History:]

December 10, 1989 - ACT UP and WHAM! (Women's Health Action and Mobilization) co-sponsored the first "Stop the Church" demonstration. 4,500 protesters gather outside St. Patrick's Cathedral to decry the Church's opposition to safer sex education, its violent homophobia, and attempts to block access to safe and legal abortions. 111 people are arrested. The news media chose to focus on, and distort, a single Catholic demonstrator's personal protest involving a communion wafer.

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¹¹ [from the ACT UP Capsule History:] .

March 28, 1990 -- For the third Albany action, more than 2,500 people descend on the New York State Capitol to inform Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature that State AIDS funding is murderously inadequate. A banner dropped over the front of the Capitol Building reads, "The Death of People With AIDS is a Capitol Crime." The Governor's mansion is literally wrapped in red tape

¹² [from the ACT UP Capsule History:]

October 11, 1988 -- ACT UP, joined by the national ACT NOW coalition, closes down the FDA outside of Washington, D.C. More than 1,000 activists stage a series of demonstrations which result in almost 180 arrests. The event receives international press coverage. A historical event, shutting down the FDA represents to a vast audience the lethargy of this dysfunctional bureaucracy, which is in charge of testing and approving possible AIDS treatments.

¹³ [From the ACT UP Capsule History:]

April 21, 1989 - ACT UP/NY joins ACT UP/Atlanta to protest a South Carolina provision that would allow PWAs to be quarantined. NOTE: the same day, using steel plates and rivets, four ACT UP members barricade themselves inside a Burroughs Wellcome office in North Carolina. They demand a cut in the price of AZT, still the most expensive medicine in history at \$8,000 for a year's dosage.

¹⁴ [From the ACT UP Capsule History:]

ACT UP demonstrates at the Fifth International Conference on AIDS in Montreal calling for a significant change in AIDS treatment research. ACT UP presents the revolutionary concept of parallel track drug testing, in which drugs already found to be non-toxic are placed in both clinical trials and released simultaneously to patients who do not qualify for the trials.

The next week, ACT UP members are invited to discuss parallel track with Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the AIDS program at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Days later, Fauci announces parallel track publicly, and the government appoints a panel (including an ACT UP member) to write procedural standards.

That same week, ACT UP meets with Bristol Myers, the manufacturer of the anti-retroviral ddI, to demand ddI's release to patients who can no longer tolerate AZT. DdI is soon released to 5,000 patients.

See also document on ACTUP NY website: "When PWAs First Sat At The High Table."

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¹⁶ [From the ACT UP Capsule History:]

Members of ACT UP join AIDS activists from around the world at the Sixth International Conference on AIDS in San Francisco. Demonstrations throughout the conference highlight issues of importance to the AIDS community. ACT UP/NY's Treatment and Data Committee issues its 1990 Treatment Agenda which outlines the direction the AIDS research community should be taking in the coming year which becomes one of the most talked about documents at the conference. The PISD (People with Immune System Disorders) caucus introduces the San Francisco Plan, which outlines the civil and medical rights of people with immune system disorders.

¹⁷ [From the ACT UP Capsule History:]

January 8-9, 1990 - ACT UP/NY joins ACT UP/Atlanta in two days of demonstrations in Georgia. Sixty-three people are arrested lying down in the street at the State Capitol demanding the immediate repeal of Georgia's sodomy laws. The next day hundreds besiege the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) headquarters with signs, banners and costumes protesting the CDC's narrow definition of AIDS (which excludes gynecological illnesses and illnesses more common to women, people of color and children). Forty-nine are arrested. In the week following the demos, ACT UP/Atlanta's membership triples.]

¹⁸ [From the ACT UP Capsule History:]

December, 1990 - ACT UP/NY and AIDS activists from all over the country return to the CDC in Atlanta and again demand the immediate expansion and revision of its narrow definition of AIDS as well as a future policy of updating the list [of AIDS-defining opportunistic infections] every six months.

¹⁹ [From the ACT UP Capsule History:]

December, 1990 - ACT UP/NY and AIDS activists from all over the country return to the CDC in Atlanta and again demand the immediate expansion and revision of its narrow definition of AIDS as well as a future policy of updating the list [of AIDS-defining opportunistic infections] every six months.

²⁰ Day of Desperation [from the ACT UP Capsule History:]

January 23, 1991 - ACT UP declares a "Day of Desperation" in New York City. This action, designed to target every aspect of city life, demands that everyone realize that every day is a day of desperation for those in the AIDS community. The Day of Desperation action begins when activists invade PBS and CBS Evening News broadcasts on the night of the 22nd. On the 23rd a morning demonstration begins on Wall Street and more than 2,000 protesters march with coffins that are delivered to city, state and federal officials responsible for perpetuating the AIDS epidemic. An action at the State Office Building in Harlem demands an end to the city homeless shelter system. The Housing Committee joins Stand Up Harlem, Emmaus House and various Harlem religious leaders in protesting the lack of housing and services for people with HIV. The march goes down Martin Luther King Blvd. to the State Office Bldg, carrying coffins with a demonstration at the plaza. Several people are arrested. The Latino/a Caucus invade the Bronx Borough President's office; the Alternative and Holistic Committee videotapes Dr. Emilio Carrillo as he promises to add immuno-enhancing nutritional programs and acupuncture to city hospitals. At 5:07 pm, Grand Central Station is the setting for a spectacular and massive act of civil disobedience as ACT UP takes over the station. A banner announcing "One AIDS Death Every Eight Minutes" is hung over the arrivals-time board. 263 people are later arrested as they march on 42nd Street.

Text of flyer hand-out:

The AIDS Crisis is Just Beginning. 1,175 people died of AIDS last week and you murdered them.

President Bush and Congress murdered them. Within a matter of months the U.S. Government is able to house, feed and provide health care for half a million people in the middle of the desert. But here at home, the Federal Government continues to routinely deny these same basic necessities to people living with AIDS. We wonder--as we fight a war for oil in the Persian Gulf--whether President Bush and Congress are conscious of the desperate state of the AIDS crisis in this country. We are. Through 10 years of this plague and 10 years of Republican administrations, there remains no leadership. After overwhelmingly (and with much fanfare) passing the C.A.R.E. Act (aka the Ryan White Act), Congress and President Bush failed to appropriate the funds necessary to implement this disaster relief. Why is it that when a hurricane or earthquake hits--and causes mostly property damage and relatively few deaths---federal dollars pour in? When a disease devastates whole communities and kills more than 110,000 men, women and children--more than twice the number of Americans killed in the Vietnam War--our leaders remain silent. And you remain silent. Silence = Death.

Governor Cuomo murdered them. In order to cope with New York State's fiscal problems, Governor Cuomo is attempting to balance his budget with people's lives. What happened to his five-year AIDS plan? New York's AIDS budget received few cuts, but it is simply not keeping pace with the epidemic. Budgets must be balanced, but not at the cost of thousands of New Yorkers lives. Cuomo has never declared New York State a disaster area. He has never personally gone to Washington to lobby for federal AIDS-relief funding. Mario Cuomo is governor of the AIDS capital of the world. His "family of New York" is dying. Where is the leadership New York needs to weather this storm? President Cuomo???

Mayor Dinkins murdered them. During his successful campaign for mayor, David Dinkins made many promises concerning people living with AIDS. Dinkins has broken all of these promises,

except one: Against the advice of every major authority on I.V. drug use and its connection to AIDS, Dinkins and his inept health commissioner, Woody Myers, scrapped the city's needle-exchange program. They ignore the evidence that needle exchange not only stops the spread of AIDS in the I.V. drug-using communities, but also acts as a bridge into treatment programs. I.V. drug users, their sexual partners and their children have the highest rate of new HIV infection. The cause is clear. The fix is cheap: Clean needles save lives. Dinkins' policy is genocidal.

Did you murder them too? As 1 in 25 New Yorkers is infected with HIV...As more than 10,000 people with AIDS are homeless...As our children become infected...As the Catholic Church continues to interfere in public health policy...As promising new treatments remain unavailable...As we continue to die... Will you continue to do nothing? ACT UP

²¹ Target Bush [from the ACT UP Capsule History:]

September 1, 1991 (Labor Day). 2500 AIDS activists march on President Bush's vacation home in Kennebunkport, Maine to demand leadership and to declare that "The AIDS Crisis CAN End." After a die-in on the road to Bush's house, activists unroll a fifty foot banner which outlines a 32-point plan to end the AIDS Crisis.

September 30, 1991 ACT UP targets George Bush at the White House, declaring that, with over 120,000 Americans dead from AIDS, the President is getting away with murder. In a loud and angry march to the White House, activists demanded that the President stop his deliberate policy of neglect. Eighty-four people are arrested in acts of civil disobedience that include chaining themselves to the gates of the White House and to each other. Bush spent the day in Disney World.

²² [Resulting from pressures by ACT UP and AIDS activists...] "the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services announced in April 1992 a program to provide earlier access to important new drugs for AIDS. This program, called Parallel Track, provides experimental drugs to people with AIDS before the drugs are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

"Tragically, the FDA cannot require drug companies to use the Parallel Track. Drug companies alone decide whether or not to make their drugs available and most companies choose not to. In fact, only one of the many promising new drugs currently being studied is available through Parallel Track."

²³ [from the ACT UP Capsule History:]

February 9, 1993 -- One hundred and fifty ACT UP members along with TAG, Target Hoffman-La Roche in Nutley, NJ. The demonstrators chain themselves to gates and trucks to block access to the office complex, resulting in 23 arrests.

²⁴ Statement This is an unsettling period in the history of our confrontation with AIDS. Something vital is slipping out of focus in our community: the coherence and cohesion in the fight against AIDS.

The lesbian and gay community were the heroes in fighting AIDS, refusing to accept the status quo when it was unacceptable. However, backs have been turned for too long as AIDS is treated as one of the many unchanging facts of life, a subject that no one can do anything about.

The lesbian and gay community has forgotten that any good accomplished had to be fought for and won by the courageous and radical. They have forgotten that anything that can change for the better can easily be changed back.

Those of us affected by HIV and AIDS have taken the lead in mobilizing the political will and energies necessary to deal with our own destinies. We are a community of people sharing a common sense of urgency and, all too often, a common oppression: ignorance, persecution and neglect.

You will seldom see us represented in the mainstream media or the queer press. Yet, we are talented and queer and express our needs, our anger, and our states of mind. Curated by James Wentzy.

²⁵ THE DENVER PRINCIPLES (1983)

Statement from the advisory committee of the People with AIDS:

We condemn attempts to label us as "victims," a term which implies defeat, and we are only occasionally "patients," a term which implies passivity, helplessness, and dependence upon the care of others. We are "People With AIDS."

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALL PEOPLE

1. Support us in our struggle against those who would fire us from our jobs, evict us from our homes, refuse to touch us or separate us from our loved ones, our community or our peers, since available evidence does not support the view that AIDS can be spread by casual, social contact.
2. Not scapegoat people with AIDS, blame us for the epidemic or generalize about our lifestyles.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS

1. Form caucuses to choose their own representatives, to deal with the media, to choose their own agenda and to plan their own strategies.
2. Be involved at every level of decision-making and specifically serve on the boards of directors of provider organizations.
3. Be included in all AIDS forums with equal credibility as other participants, to share their own experiences and knowledge.
4. Substitute low-risk sexual behaviors for those which could endanger themselves or their partners; we feel people with AIDS have an ethical responsibility to inform their potential sexual partners of their health status.

RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH AIDS

1. To as full and satisfying sexual and emotional lives as anyone else.
2. To quality medical treatment and quality social service provision without discrimination of any form including sexual orientation, gender, diagnosis, economic status or race.
3. To full explanations of all medical procedures and risks, to choose or refuse their treatment modalities, to refuse to participate in research without jeopardizing their treatment and to make informed decisions about their lives.

4. To privacy, to confidentiality of medical records, to human respect and to choose who their significant others are.

5. To die--and to LIVE--in dignity.

²⁶ [from the ACT UP Capsule History:]

September 16-18, 1990 ACT UP/NY's Alternative and Holistic Treatment Committee coordinates the National Action for Freedom of Treatment Choice, along with 11 other ACT UP chapters, to protest in Kansas City, MO. Demonstrations and civil disobedience actions target the annual conference of the National Council Against Health Fraud, a front group for insurance companies and the AMA which publishes distorted information attacking alternative medicine and organizes legal harassment against alternative health practitioners. Twenty-three activists are arrested, the conference is disrupted, and a counter-conference is held with holistic health advocates.

²⁷ [from the ACT UP/NY Capsule History:]

February 1991 -- Ten people, who had been charged with possession of needles with the intent to distribute them to IV drug users on the Lower East Side (NYC), are brought to Trial and later acquitted by a judge who agreed that the "Necessity Defense" applied to their case. The judge ruled that the activists' actions were justified by the need to try to save the lives of people vulnerable to HIV infection.

²⁸ [from the ACT UP/NY Capsule History:]

February 1992 -- Beginning on 2/5/92 in a weekend of actions kicking off Campaign '92, ACT UP marches through the streets of Manchester, to George Bush's campaign headquarters days before the New Hampshire Primary. ACT UP members disrupt speeches by President Bush, Bill Clinton and other candidates demanding leadership on AIDS issues.

²⁹ "I am a person with AIDS. I think about what's happened to my life since I was diagnosed over two years ago. I think about all the passion and precious time I've spent fighting this government's indifference toward me and all people with AIDS. And I realize that a lot of people out there -- gay, lesbian and straight -- still do not believe that the AIDS crisis is a political crisis.

"My friends and I have decided we don't want discreet memorial services. We understand our friends and families need to mourn. But we also understand that we are dying because of a government and a health care system that couldn't care less.

I think of the late David Wojnarowicz, who wrote: 'I imagine what it would be like if friends had a demonstration each time a lover or a friend or a stranger died of AIDS. I imagine what it would be like if, each time a lover, friend or stranger died of this disease, their friends, lovers or neighbors would take the dead body and drive with it in a car a hundred miles an hour to Washington D.C. and blast through the gates of the White House and come to a screeching halt before the entrance and dump their lifeless form on the front steps.'

"These words sharpen my thoughts and plan. I have decided that when I die I want my fellow AIDS activists to execute my wishes for my political funeral. I suspect -- I know -- my funeral will shock people when it happens. We Americans are terrified of death. Death takes place behind closed doors and is removed from reality, from the living. I want to show the reality of my death, to display my body in public; I want the public to bear witness. We are not just spiraling statistics; we are people who have lives, who have purpose, who have lovers, fiends and families. And we are dying of a disease maintained by a degree of criminal neglect so enormous that it amounts to genocide.

"I want my death to be as strong a statement as my life continues to be. I want my own funeral to be fierce and defiant, to make the public statement that my death from AIDS is a form of political assassination. "

"We are taking this action out of love and rage."

Mark Lowe Fisher November 17, 1953 -- October 29, 1992

³⁰ Excerpts from the ACT UP/NY Capsule History:

This meeting was an early lesbian splinter-demonstration of ACT UP for the March on Washington (April 24 - 25, 1993). ACT UP staged a demonstration with more than 1,000 activists from across the country at the headquarters of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Association, accusing the pharmaceutical industry of adhering to profit-driven research, price gouging, corporate secrecy and inaction while allowing people with AIDS to die. During the demonstration, activists scaled the building and hung bodies representing people with AIDS killed by drug company policies. ACT UP organized the Hands Around the Capitol event to draw attention to AIDS, and marched with other AIDS groups to the Mall, stopping for a "die-in" at the White House.

³¹ "This is the body of Tim Bailey. He was a friend, a lover, a brother, and a son. He was also an AIDS activist -- a hero in the fight against the epidemic. We're giving him a hero's funeral. When he was alive, Tim told us he wanted his body thrown over the White House gates. Because he was enraged by the government's lethargy -- outright inhumanity -- in confronting the AIDS crisis. Because he wanted his death to help more Americans understand that while the government drags its heels, real people are dying. We told him we couldn't throw his body over the gates. Not because we didn't share his fury. But because we loved him too much to treat his mortal remains that way. During his last days he said, 'All right. Do something formal and aesthetic in front of the White House. I won't be there anyway. It'll be for you.' This procession, then, is for us. Not just those of us who knew and cared for Tim. For all of us; for everybody. Because we're all living with AIDS. Every man, woman, and child. Because when President Clinton fails to keep his promises, he murders all of us. He murders us when he delays appointing an AIDS czar for six months, and then settles on a candidate who's unlikely to be much more than a bureaucratic functionary. He murders us when he refuses to consider programs like the McClintock [AIDS Cure] Project, an all out assault on AIDS modeled on the Manhattan Project that won World War II. He murders us when he declines to speak out against the United States' Internment camp for Haitian political refugees at Guantanamo Bay, which incarcerated hundreds of people whose only crime was being infected with HIV. In our outrage and our despair, we're carrying the body of Tim Bailey along the same route traveled by the bodies of other slain heroes. After you've read this, we ask that you observe a moment of silence for Tim. A funny, smart, impassioned 35-year-old man who could have been your friend. Your son. Your brother. Your lover. Then, after you've observed a moment of silence, do whatever you can to tell this country's leaders that their indifference and inefficiency cannot and will not be tolerated. We are all dying of it. There's no more time."