Officials from the State Department of Health and the office of state Senator David Roberti were in San Jose on October 18 to announce the awarding of funds to Santa Clara County for public education about acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

A grant of $354 being available November 1 will be shared by the county health department and the local AIDS/KS Foundation, according to David P. Steward, executive director of the Foundation.

"It is gratifying to note that our proposal, which was one of 15 which were funded statewide," Steward said, following the announcement.

"At this time, the state has not released the number and names of agencies who participated in the proposal process; however, it was mentioned that 26 other proposals were rejected."

Dr. Bernice Giansiracusa, county director of public health, and the board of the AIDS/KS Foundation, said they have put the funds to a joint proposal for a program of public education to counter a probable AIDS epidemic in Santa Clara County.

"It made sense to all of us," said Steward, "to pool our resources, each agency lending its particular expertise to meet this challenge which particularly threatens the gay male community." In California, over 94% of those stricken with AIDS have been gay males, Steward noted.

Following the guidelines outlined by Sen. Roberti's SB-910 grant committee, the two agencies have designed a cooperative program of community outreach disseminating information widely within the county.

South county, East San Jose, the Peninsula, and those who are at risk for AIDS from intravenous drug abuse will not be ignored in planning the education-outreach program, Steward said.

Included in the proposal is a salary for a part-time Public Health Nurse II, who will be assigned the task of dealing with the epidemiology of AIDS in Santa Clara County.

He or she will talk to contacts of diagnosed AIDS persons to teach them the signs and symptoms to watch for and will help local AIDS Task Force in the Santa Clara Valley.

The county health department has produced a Community Resource List for information,hauntings, diagnosis, treatment and counseling services. For more information, contact the AIDS KS Foundation at (408) 298-AIDS.

AFL-CIO backs Gay Rights

San Francisco - The national AFL-CIO put the enormous weight of its 13.8 million member organization behind the enactment of federal, state and local gay rights legislation last week.

Their convention also called upon the federal government to provide a comprehensive plan and more money for the treatment, research and prevention of AIDS.

Both measures were introduced by the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). The federation's statement declared its position "consistent with the principles of trade unionism and a person's right to privacy."

The AFL-CIO urged Congress to refocus the passage of legislation banning discrimination against gays in jobs, housing, credit, public accommodations and government services. Passed by voice vote at the national AFL-CIO convention, it opposes "any personnel actions taken against any worker merely on the basis of sexual orientation."

Howard Wallace, founder of the Lesbian/Gay Labor Alliance, hailed the convention's action as a "great historic milestone - our movement's greatest advance since the defeat of the Briggs Initiative."

The American Labor Movement is the largest and most powerful social movement in history to place itself firmly behind the lesbian and gay community," he said. Wallace suggested the AFL-CIO could "serve as an example to unions around the world, especially in Canada where AFL-CIO-affiliated unions are the main force in that country's New Democratic Party (NDP)."

Wallace stressed that the AFL-CIO action is "no overnight achievement. It is the product of continual coalition building over the past eight years. Our support to the United Farm Workers, Coors Boycott, San Francisco Theatre Unions and countless other labor/community causes has made a deep impression on the labor movement," he said.

L/GLA Co-chair Barbara Bane urged lesbian and gay union members to "come-out, get involved."

Gay task force reports rash of anti-Gay violence

New York -- The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) reported last week that in the first eight months of this year, 1,662 incidents of harassment, threats, and attacks against lesbian, gay and transgender women and men were documented by its Violence Project.

Recorded by the NGTF Crisis line and twelve local violence projects across the country, these incidents will be included in NGTF's first annual audit of anti-gay/lesbian violence, scheduled for publication early next year.

During this same period, the gay community was hit by the first wave of violence attributed to "AIDS backlash."

According to San Francisco's Community United Against Violence (CUAV), fear and hatred associated with AIDS was a motivating factor in nearly 20% of all incidents reported this year.

The Dorian Group in Seattle also reports that gangs of youths seeking to beat up "plague-carrying faggots" were responsible for 22 brutal attacks this summer.

In Northampton, in central Massachusetts, homophobic assailants have laced siege to the town's sizable lesbian community. According to Northampton's Gay and Lesbian Activities (GALA), over the past year lesbians were singled out for sexual assaults and other physical attacks; lesbian-identified establishments were vandalized, and hundreds of phone threats and other verbal harassment against lesbians were reported.

At our communities have become more visible, so have the numbers of those who want to bludgeon us back into the closet," commented Virginia Apuzzo, executive director of the National Gay Task Force.

"NGTF's Violence Project and other local efforts are working to make being openly gay or lesbian safe - by documenting homophobic crimes, by demanding that the criminal justice system hold perpetrators accountable, and by responding to the needs of survivors," she said.

Of the incidents reported to NGTF thus far, 57% (965) are verbal harassment/intimidation, 28% (478) are physical assaults (including sexual assaults and attacks with weapons), and 1% (17) are homicides. 4% (59) are incidents of arson or vandalism against the property of lesbian/gay people, and 10%
AIDS and Grief: A Personal Experience

By Michael Holquist

"Michael, I think we need a minute or two here." I'm sitting next to him in our favorite restaurant, and I'm staring at his face. He looks pale, and his hands are shaking. I can see the pain in his eyes.

"Mark, what if we got it? What if you were out of the hospital and cured?" I ask, trying to keep the conversation light.

"First, I'd take you to the Greek islands because I've always wanted to go there. Then you could take me to your favorite beach in Hawaii." He smiles, but it's a sad smile.

"Where?" I ask, curious.

"Who knows? Maybe someplace I've never been before." He shrugs, and I can see the tears in his eyes.

I want to say something, but I can't find the words. I just hold his hand and let him pour out his pain.

"I have little time perspective on my time with you. I know it will be gone in the blink of an eye, but I wish I could do more. I wish I could make everything better." He's crying now, and I'm holding him tight, trying to be the strength he needs.

"I know," I say, "but there's nothing we can do now. We have to focus on what we can control." He nods, and I see the relief in his eyes.

"You know, Michael, you can all go to those places, I don't know where I'm going from here, but I just might be there waiting for you." He smiles, and I see the hope in his eyes.

"Me, you," I say, "I'll see you there."

We kiss, and he wipes away the tears, but I can see the pain still in his eyes. I know he's going to miss me, but I also know he's going to be okay. I know he's going to be strong.

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By Ray O'LoagbHa

As the result of a murder trial in San Francisco, killers who beat and stabbed to death a gay man were convicted of involuntary manslaughter. By Ray O'LoagbHa

The jury, however, didn't buy the defense's argument that the older man attempted to molest the victim. Holley was convicted of involuntary manslaughter. He is currently serving time in prison.

Holley was then sentenced to 25 years to life, which was a move against the victim, but he did admit that "gay male offenders can commit crimes that are more victims than their victims." He justified the actions of his clients, saying that "it is my duty to deliver the client to the full extent of the law." He is currently serving time in prison.

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GAY JUDGE TO SPEAK

Dear Editors:

The Gay Law Students' Association at the University of Santa Clara invites you and your Association at the University of Santa Clara on November 3, 1983 at 3:30 p.m. in the Room of Beauty Hall.

Judge Morgan has been invited to address the law school community and in friends on various topics, including but not limited to her role in a woman's and lesbian community. Judge Morgan has spoken before many groups, including the Berkeley Women's Law Group and the Law School. She is currently a Professor at Santa Clara University.

This event is sponsored by the Gay Law Students' Association at the University of Santa Clara and endorsed by the Santa Clara Public Interest Law Foundation.

Sincerely,

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Houston Mayor Worships at Gay Church

Houston, Texas (Montrose Mirror) - Montrose Mayor Kathy Kinney attended a Sunday night service at Houston's most prominent gay church, the First Unitarian Church.

She was happy to see the support from the local community. "This is a great moment for our city," she said. "We are all united in our support for equality and justice for all." Kinney's presence at the service was a significant moment for the local community, who have been fighting for equal rights and recognition for years.

The Church was once again packed with people from all walks of life, who came together to celebrate their values and beliefs. "I am so happy to be able to join in," Kinney said. "We are all one, and we should all be treated with respect and dignity." Kinney's visit to the Church was a powerful moment, and it showed the growing influence of the gay community in the city.

San Jose Rep Awarded Grants

San Jose Repertory Company has received $11,000 in corporate grants for the current fiscal year. The funds will be used for ongoing support of the company's operations.

The grants include $5,000 from the San Jose Business Improvement District, $3,000 from the San Jose Cultural Council, and $2,000 from the San Jose Foundation.

"We are grateful for the continued support of our corporate partners," said San Jose Repertory Company's Artistic Director, David Mamet. "This funding is crucial to our ability to continue producing high-quality theatre for the community." San Jose Repertory Company is known for its innovative and thought-provoking productions that challenge and inspire.
**Bisham Saves Symphony Concert**

Joseph Jesus: Symphony Conductor for Organ and Orchestra. Director for Lincolns, San Francisco.

Joe has been a conductor for the San Jose Symphony for many years. He has done numerous concerts throughout the United States and Europe. He is known for his charismatic leadership and engaging performances.

**Reps Grant**

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**Restaurant Review**

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Christmas in France

A guest column by Ron Harper

**Crossover Number 21 by Joan Gold**

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to be physically close to someone. I felt a greater challenge ahead of me that might be passing through. I've never been a stranger to our gay community and, as I had so often before, I was trying to learn as much as possible about AIDS and the realities of death.

During Mark's last six months the AIDS office/conducted by: David P. Steward, LCSW Don Mariacher, LCSW

"Living with AIDS"

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AIDS/KS Foundation of Santa Clara County

HOTLINE HOURS: 12 noon to 9 p.m.
Monday through Friday

"Worried Well" Group

7:30 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday
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All donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

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"Choosing a Stockbroker"

The market is up, the market is down, the market is choppy. But the high, or low, or wide, or narrow, or just about anything that can be said of the market can be said of the market. And the same is true of investments. They can be alluring, promising, and full of potential, or they can be risky, volatile, and subject to sudden changes in value.

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Ask questions. Your stockbroker is there to help you, so don't be afraid to ask questions. Ask about the broker's qualifications, experience, and investment strategy. Ask about the fees and commissions they charge. And ask for references from other clients.

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