THE NEW BRIGGS INITIATIVE

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure. This will appear on petitions now being circulated by the 'California Defend Our Children' organization.

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES - HOMOSEXUALITY INITIATIVE STATUTE

Provides for filing charges against school teachers, teacher's aises, school administrators or counselors who advocate, solicit, impose, encourage or promote private or public sexual acts defined in section 286(a) and 288(a) of the penal code between persons of the same sex in a manner likely to come to the attention of other employees or students; or publicly and indiscreetly engages in said acts. Prohibits hiring and requires dismissal of such persons if School Board determines unfitness of service after considering enumerated guidelines. In dismissal cases only, provides for two stage hearings, written findings, judicial review. Financial impact: UNKNOW.

Deadline for our March issue for new sources from each issue. We welcome news out of Sonoma County's lesbian and gay communities; your letters, thoughts, suggestions and criticisms. Also, we'd like to point out that we are not charging any money for this publication in order to simplify distribution and guarantee a wide dissemination of gay news. However, no one here is rich. We expect that the straight media will be ignoring most of these items altogether. We hope that our selections will still serve as useful and important for you and your friends.

Finally, we invite your direct participation in the work of the Gay Alliance and in the publication of this digest. We especially welcome news out of Sonoma County's lesbian and gay communities; your letters, thoughts, suggestions and criticisms. Also, we'd like to point out that we are not charging any money for this publication in order to simplify distribution and guarantee a wide dissemination of gay news. However, no one here is rich. We're all cheery volunteers. We are financing this digest through ads and donations - both of which are cordially and urgently solicited.

Send all correspondence, ads or donations to:
Sonoma County Gay Alliance
P.O. Box 4801
Santa Rosa, CA 95402
Deadline for our March issue is February 17.
**Statewide Lesbian Feminist Federation Forming**

California lesbians are organizing.

A statewide federation of lesbian and lesbian-feminist organizations is forming. The idea and energy for the federation came out of the Lesbian Caucus of the California State Gay Alliance's Briggs Initiative, held last month in Los Angeles. The federation is to link up lesbian groups across the state for coordination and support.

A planning meeting for the federation will be held February 18, 19, and 20, 1978 in San Jose, California. The federation will be formed of ALL LESBIAN organizations and ALL LESBIAN feminist organizations (gay/male or lesbian/feminist). All interested in linking or joining are asked to send two representatives to the February planning meeting. Unaffiliated lesbians are also invited to attend the meeting as geographic areas. The planning meeting will deal with "bottomline" politics for the federation and will potentially set up a conference for June, 1978.

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**Statewide Gay Organize to Defeat Briggs**

There will be 72 members on the statewide committee, 18 were elected by the minority caucus, and 30 were elected by the conference, body as a whole. Half the representatives came from the northern part of the state; half women and half men. 16 representatives will be appointed by the elected committee in accordance with our decision on whether we have to work for the defeat of the Briggs Initiative.

It was decided that a statewide public education campaign should be conducted the week of March 14, to include teach-ins, speak-outs, and other public events. It was also decided that a drive should be launched to get Californians to vote for the Briggs Initiative. The resolutions dealing with the words "the statewide organization passed including a declaration that all meetings will be open.

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**Bryant Contract Renewed**

The Florida Citrus Commission has voted unanimously to extend the contract of anti-gay crusader Anita Bryant for three years ending in 1983. The Commission also voted to stop Bryant's contract during a February executive session. The decision was pushed up to November because Bryant had threatened that she might not be on her way out as an advertising personality for Florida oranges, "a speaker for the Commission," she said. Our decision is based on whether she is still effective as a crusader and she was. According to a report in the New York Times, the Commission also addressed the right of Bryant to express her views on the Briggs Initiative.

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**News Item**

Research team finds 14 percent of female schoolgirls on California coast are sexually active.
Wave of Anti-Gay Oppression In Canada

Montreal Protest

In what has been described as the largest demonstration by gay people in Canada's history, more than 1,000 people took to the streets of Montreal on Saturday to protest the latest police action against gay people. At least 145 people were arrested, including two officers armed with submachine guns and batons. The arrest of the first officer involved in the case, who made the provocative statement, "I didn't arrest gay people, I arrested women," is expected to take several weeks. The proposed legislation would make it illegal to arrest anyone for being gay, and would allow for a wide representative basis for arrest. The legislation will be reviewed by a group of experts from the province and the federal government. The legislation will be reviewed by the Quebec government and the federal government. The legislation will be reviewed by the federal government.

Wichita Could Be Next ... Or Eugene

WICHITA, KANSAS—The Sedgwick County Board of Elections is in the process of reviewing a petition to repeal gay rights ordinances. The ordinance, which bans discrimination based on sexual orientation, is intended to protect and advance the rights of gay people in the city. The ordinance was enacted by the city council in July 1977, and was approved by a referendum in March 1978. The ordinance was enacted by a 3-2 vote. After the ordinance was enacted, the city council was faced with the task of deciding whether to repeal it or to keep it. In the end, the city council voted to keep the ordinance, but it was subsequently overturned by a court. The ordinance was enacted by the city council in July 1977, and was approved by a referendum in March 1978. The ordinance was enacted by a 3-2 vote. After the ordinance was enacted, the city council was faced with the task of deciding whether to repeal it or to keep it. In the end, the city council voted to keep the ordinance, but it was subsequently overturned by a court.

JOURNAL SHUT DOWN

As we go to press, we learned that Canada's leading gay and lesbian newspaper, The Georgia Straight, was shut down and forced to discontinue publication. The paper was the first to publish an article on a gay rights issue, and it has been a leader in the fight for gay rights in Canada. The paper was shut down because of a lack of financial support. The paper was shut down because of a lack of financial support. The paper was shut down because of a lack of financial support.

EUGENE, OR—The Eugene City Council has given tentative approval to a gay rights ordinance. The ordinance, which is intended to protect and advance the rights of gay people in the city, was approved by the council in May 1978. The ordinance was enacted by the city council in July 1977, and was approved by a referendum in March 1978. The ordinance was enacted by a 3-2 vote. After the ordinance was enacted, the city council was faced with the task of deciding whether to repeal it or to keep it. In the end, the city council voted to keep the ordinance, but it was subsequently overturned by a court.
Lesbian Mother Wins Custody

Winning legal good; winning is a good case. Even better, and winning when almost a one ever has it, feels wonderful. Gay people have an opportunity to rejoice with the triumph of the plaintiff, Rima Ramon of Oakland, California who, last week, was granted custody of her children, Damon, David, and Vanessa, by the Alameda County Superior Court. After three days of testimony, Lynn and the children's lawyer showed that they share with her, loving, support. No one can argue with the wisdom of Lynn Rancsom as a mother, even if the judge, Gordon Minder, refused to allow the report to be introduced as evidence. The judge talked with the children behind closed doors and refused to allow a continuance, but in a brief hearing, removed the children from their mother's charge.

The November trial was presided over by Judge Robert Farris. The testimony, over three days, had 30 days to put together a case. The Court was, on all the evidence, seem to have found, limited as it is by the lack of substantial evidence (in this case, a woman called "expert witnesses") Rima Rancsom, a woman who has done a study of lesbian families, said that, after finding that their children are unremarkable; a local Judge, was the only person who could sign the report to show that Lynn, and Charlotte, are not her only children. The one contrary fact was a personal one, a report to the court of the victim's usage of a lie detector test. There are still the price of the value of the delinquent, which he acknowledged his own gay-rights, and sought to inform the public of the value of the potential threat to the gay and women's rights movement, its support of the political Right which is openly opposed to gay and women's rights movements. The company has a high his-toner for a speech that has engaged in very little hiring of black, Asian, and Hispanic women. No one knows for sure what the facts are, but when it was over Lynn was seen to be a group of Sonoma County women that have been abruptly informed of the Children's film about lesbians. The court held that a teacher's right to contribute to the debate on a question of public interest must be protected by the First Amendment, and that it is essential on the job had diminished, and that the Right which is openly opposed to gay and women's rights movements. The company has a high his-toner for a speech that has engaged in very little hiring of black, Asian, and Hispanic women. No one knows for sure what the facts are, but when it was over Lynn was seen to be a group of Sonoma County women that have been abruptly informed of the Children's film about lesbians. The court held that a teacher's right to contribute to the debate on a question of public interest must be protected by the First Amendment, and that it is essential on the job had diminished, and that the Right which is openly opposed to gay and women's rights movements. The company has a high his-toner for a speech that has engaged in very little hiring of black, Asian, and Hispanic women.

Men Against Rape

Women Against Rape began in the fall of 1974 responding to an ex­ pression of the group's feeling that better care was needed for rape victims within our community. We are a group of men and women who, with the support of our children, feel that the community must take action to make rape victims feel safe, supported and accepted in this community. The group has engaged in very little hiring of black, Asian, and Hispanic women.

Rape: The Back Network

Rape: The Back Network is a group of Bay Area, Sacramento and Central California who have organized to form a Women's Fight Back Network. Women's Fight Back Network will llink withлиng diverse women's and gay organizations. The network originated from a coalition of the Lesbian, Jewish and Tribal Defense Committees. Those in the lesbian community, the gay community, the women's movement, and the gay and lesbian movement. People are calling attention to President Joseph Coors' continuing support of Phyllis Schlafly and the John Birch Society (both anti-gay anti-women's rights) by the Coors family of Congressman Leon Panetta. The group has engaged in very little hiring of black, Asian, and Hispanic women.

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Women's Music Concert

An evening of music for women featuring local musicians, will be presented by the Women's Music Collective. Women's Music Collective is a group of women who have organized to form a Women's Fight Back Network. We are women who have organized to form a Women's Fight Back Network. We are women who have organized to form a Women's Fight Back Network.

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Churches Warned

SACRAMENTO—The California Assembly's General Assembly has warned the state's 1,000 churches that their involvement in the gay rights movement may jeopardize their tax exempt status. The warning came in a written letter to churches from the state attorney general, telling them that their involvement in the gay rights movement may jeopardize their tax exempt status.

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