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PALM SPRINGS WAS ONE OF CASCWA'S BEST
★ IN NOVEMBER SARB JOINS CASCWA FOR ★
ANOTHER GREAT CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT BURTON ENCOURAGES EACH MEMBER TO RECRUIT ANOTHER



JOHN BURTON
State President
CASCWA

I hope each of you had a restful and productive summer but I must share with you that by 2:15 on my first day back, summer vacation seemed like something in the distant past.

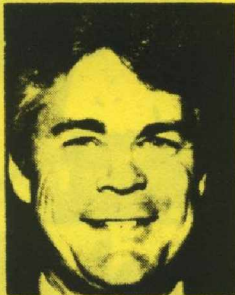
When reviewing the accomplishments of CASWA during the 1988-89 school year and its goals for this year I feel that CASWA is not only building a solid foundation but will become an important contributor in the development of effective CWA programs in the future. With this in mind, I hope to see each of you at the Fall SARB Conference to be held in Sacramento at the Red Lion Inn on November 1, 2, and 3.

Steve Gocke, our State Vice President, has been working with each section vice president to develop a comprehensive membership drive. Please lend him your support by confirming your membership as soon as possible. If each of us would simply recruit one new member we could double the size of CASWA in just one year. Having been a member of CASWA for twenty years, I feel it is the ONE organization that relates to our responsibilities and provides a format for professional growth.

I hope that you and I will have a chance to update one another on our prospective careers and "success stories" at the conference. Until then.....



STEVE GOCKE HEADS CASCWA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



STEVE GOCKE
Vice President
Membership

CASCWA section vice-presidents are busy implementing a statewide membership drive. They include Bob Brazil of Milpitas, Bay Section, Suzie Hogan of Pomona, Southern Section, Ruben Rodriguez of Fresno, San Joaquin Section, and Chris Mizani of Elk Grove, Delta Sierra Section. These folks, along with their section county representatives will be actively recruiting for 1989-90 CASCWA membership.

The State Executive Board headed by John Burton, State President, has endorsed the following membership drive calendar proposed by State Vice-President and Membership Chairperson, Steve Gocke.

- August 1989 -Section Membership Drive, mailing to past members and new recruits.
- October 1989 -First State Report on Membership Drive.
- November 1989 -Second Section Membership Drive mailer.
- January 1990 -Sections direct call former members not current.
- March 1990 -End of Drive - Determination of section winner based on highest percentage of new members.
- May 1990 -Presentation of Section Membership Award at State Spring Conference.

We are all looking forward to a great membership drive this year. Remember that all membership applications are to be sent directly to Steve Gocke, Lancaster School District, 44711 N. Cedar Avenue, Lancaster, CA 93534, (805)948-4661.

For registration information and materials contact your section vice-presidents:

Bay	Bob Brazil, 408-263-4802
Delta Sierra	Chris Mizani, 916-422-5604
San Joaquin	Ruben Rodriguez, 209-441-3310
Southern	Suzie Hogan, 714-397-4846

New for this year, recently approved by the State Executive Board will be CASCWA lapel pins which will be presented along with membership certificates to all 1989-90 members. These are in production and will be mailed to members in early fall. Additional lapel pins will also be available for purchase at a price of \$2.50 from the CASCWA State Treasury. More information will come on this at a later date.

Have a great year and make a commitment to "Bring a Friend to CASCWA!"

CASCWA BOARD APPROVES MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURE CHANGE

Those of you who read the Intercom closely may have noticed that CASCWA members are no longer to pay their dues to their local section officers as in eons past. All membership applications, dues renewals, etc. are to be forwarded to Steve Gocke at the address on the enclosed membership brochure or the application on the back of this newsletter.

The reason for this is simple and solid, to wit: memberships processed through section officers pass through several hands and arrive on the state officers' desks at various times and in various forms. The result is a confusing hodge-podge in maintaining membership rosters, keeping track of section strength, and particularly in the distribution of the Intercom. Your editor is constantly besieged with the interrogatory---"Where is my Intercom?" The problem is almost always traceable to the inadequacies of our membership roster---despite a great deal of time and effort in attempting to insure accuracy.

Your executive board, consequently, has decreed that memberships should be channeled to one office (person) to allow us to provide the service, promptness and accuracy you so richly deserve. CASCWA's solvency, in addition, depends on your promptness in sending in your membership. Please use either of the forms included in this epistle and DO IT NOW!

P.S. Rich Davis is concerned about retirees and their addresses, and their membership status. All life and honorary life members should send in their membership renewals each year. Mark it life or honorary life, but send it in so that we can keep track.

P.P.S. Anyone who has an address change should also let us know. We get a batch of Intercoms back each issue as a result of changed addresses.



The Executive Board is consumed in profound thought, during its weighty deliberative sessions at Palm Springs

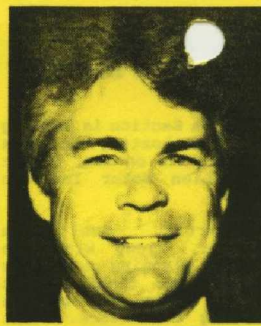




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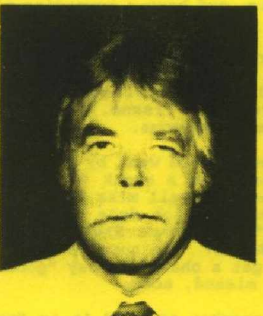
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YOUR 1989-90 CASCWA EXECUTIVE BOARD

DELTA SIERRA JOINS FORCES WITH SARB FOR SACRAMENTO CONFERENCE



ALICIA MORAN
President
Delta-Sierra Section

Delta Sierra Section is looking forward to co-hosting the State SARB Conference on Nov. 1-3 at the Red Lion Motor Inn, in Sacramento.

Jesse Ortiz, Conference Coordinator, along with the conference planning committee are putting the final touches on what looks to be an outstanding conference. The conference is intended to aid those persons interested in improving the functions of SARB at the state, county, and local level. There will be over 20 different workshops from which to choose. Registrations are already coming in, so plan ahead to attend "Design For a New Time".

Congratulations to Dale Turner on being named principal of Madison School in Rio Linda.

As you gather your tools to mold and shape the new year, don't forget those special tools to take care of yourself. Hope to see you all in November.

SOUTHERN SECTION LOOKS FORWARD TO BUSY YEAR



KAREN SAUNDERS
President
Southern Section

CASCWA Southern Section is looking forward to a very productive and active year. Our first project will be a luncheon meeting with guest speaker to promote new membership in the Pomona area. Susie Hogan will be hosting the luncheon and presenting Pomona's exciting new Parent Project. This project is a cooperative effort of the Pomona Unified School District and the local police department. Parenting classes are offered to families of "high risk youth", who have been identified through curfew violation. Parents receive a personal note from the Pomona Police Chief inviting them to join in classes and informing them that their child has been associating with known drug

users and sellers. Classes are held at the City Council Chambers and at the Board of Education.

In the Los Angeles Unified School District, Helen McEwen is working hard to promote new membership and will host a dinner on October 19 for CASCWA LAUSD members. Guest speaker will be Ron Prescott, LAUSD Office of Legislation and Government Relations. Joann Zgonc is participating in a project with the State Department of Education, locating and identifying "homeless youth" in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Alternatives and options such as Independent Study are currently being discussed as a means to educationally serve young adults staying in youth shelters. Shelly Berman, one of LAUSD's SARB Chairpersons reported that SARB is getting a boost from the District Attorney's Truancy Mediation Program. "More people are beginning to believe in the effectiveness of SARB and the cases are increasing."

In the Los Angeles County Office of Education, Shirley Abrams has created a brightly colored SARB sticker which will be placed on records in order to identify students who have been involved in the SARB process. These stickers are a red flag for students transferring to other districts and schools. [redacted] is elected to finance and promote the [redacted] Ybarra recently organized a [redacted] Symposium attended by over six hundred community, school, probation, police and district attorney personnel.

Strategy, identification and intervention was presented by several speakers. The workshop was very helpful and Southern Section will be using Bill's expertise to promote new membership in the Los Angeles County area.

Many of Southern Sections CASCWA members are working to develop a new publication on Alternatives in Education. The publication will present every aspect of alternative education from the Education Code sections to a description of the roles for Board of Education and School Site Council members. Los Angeles County Office of Education's Phil Kauble, Lillie Wilson, Bill Stelzner, and Milt Dooley are working to make this publication a success. Also assisting on this project are Don Bolton (LAUSD), Rich Morrison (Ventura County Office of Education), Ron Garrison (National School Safety Center) and Cathy Yeates (State Department of Education).

In Ventura County CASCWA member Rich Morrison is developing a format to be used by school districts and individual sites for Crisis Team Management. Tom Black recently assisted the Dessert Sands Unified School District in Indio by presenting a workshop/training session teaching employees how to organize school site Crisis Teams.

Chuck Sanacore reports that Bellflower is implementing the SANE Program again this year. This program is targeted for elementary students and promotes Substance Abuse and Narcotics Education. It is a partnership program with the local police department. Chuck is also very involved with SARB #20 (Bellflower, Downey, Paramount) and is very actively involved in the District Attorney's Truancy Mediation Program. There appears to be a direct correlation between the district's decrease in drop out rate and the involvement with SARB/Truancy Mediation.

Many of members will be attending the November SARB Conference in Sacramento. We are looking forward to seeing all CASCWA members there.

SAN JOAQUIN SECTION TO STRESS MEMBERSHIP



DON HARRIS
President

San Joaquin Section

Hi Gang, welcome back to all of those happy student faces you have been thinking of with anticipation this summer. But, with so many schools volunteering to go the "all of year" way, possibly many of you were right there with the ol' "nose to the grindstone?"

If the most recent count of current members is used as the criteria of what constitutes a "gang", the San Joaquin Section qualifies, barely.

This past July the membership count was 31, and growing, I hope. Many of us are waiting until the annual fall workshop to pay our dues? A great opportunity to combine membership renewal with some information, mountain climate, and have a rewarding time with other CASCWA members.

Remember, the fall state conference is in Sacramento, hosted by Delta Section, the 1st through 3rd of November, at the Red Lion Inn, and that the San Joaquin Section will host the spring conference in Fresno. Suggestions and/or help from anyone is most welcome.

Had to be in Fresno the other day and went by Bill Booth and Ruben Rodriguez's office, what a shock to find out that Joan Goodall had retired. I shall miss the tremendous ability she had "to get the job done in a class way." Thought of Joan as "Mrs. Fresno SARB", and she helped many others in CASCWA too. I'm sure we all wish the best for Joan. Hope to get a chance to say "goodbye" to her, and how much she is missed, soon.

Renew your membership and remember to send it to Steve Gocke, Lancaster School District, 44711 N. Cedar Ave., Lancaster, CA 93534.



BAY SECTION PRESIDENT URGES JOINT EFFORTS THROUGH CASCWA



JOHN McKEOWN
President
Bay Section

The Bay Section of CASCWA is off and running this year with hopes of accomplishing an increase in membership and active participation. We'll be getting together three or four times a year for lunch, discussion/dialogue, and hopefully to come to know each other better and network ways to help and support our individual efforts and professional objectives as a group.

Because we are a group whose range of communities is often quite different from that of our colleagues it sometimes seems easier on meeting days to just stay home and try to get a little ahead of the volume of incoming flak that we receive daily, rather than to spend a few hours together talking shop. Professionally, we need to resist this temptation as it tends to isolate us from the experience and support we can be to each other and is consequently detrimental to the CASCWA worker and the organization. Our luncheon meetings this year, as well as the state conferences, will go a long way in getting all the CASCWA and other student service personnel together toward this end.

Bay Section CASCWA is definitely hoping to have all its past members, and many new members this year and next, so that as we go into the 90's we will have a large and effective professional organization to assist us individually and collectively with solving the apparently catastrophic problems in education that lay just ahead.

RICH DAVIS REPORTS ON CASCWA RETIREES



RICH DAVIS
Special Assignments

Since the last issue of the Intercom, I received a warm letter from Roger Harlow, Southern Section and former Mayor of Indio. Roger retired from the Desert Sands Unified School District in 1984 and has been very busy since, traveling to Israel, Greece, New England, Washington, D.C. New York City, Boston, and the Eastern Seaboard.

Roger retired from the Indio City Council after 17 years, 5 years as Mayor. He remains on the City's Economic Development Committee and the Indio Personnel Board. In his spare time he is working in his Home Workshop earning enough money to expand and improve the workshop.

Roger shared with me that it's hard to believe that it has been over twenty years since he was president of CASCWA, and that it has been almost thirty years since he attended his first CASCWA Conference, in Sacramento. Roger also stated, "I have many great moments of some outstanding people who have been consistently the most dedicated group of people I have ever been associated with". Roger always considered himself to be the most expensive member of the CASCWA State Executive Board, because of the higher cost of travel from Palm Springs Airport. For two years he averaged one trip per month to Northern California. Two trips a year would now eat up more expense money than he collected in all the years on the executive board. Roger has always enjoyed the contacts with CASCWA members. If any of you "ole" timers are ever in the Indio or Palm Springs area - (619) 347-5214 - look him up. He always buys a good lunch. Incidentally, I paid for the last one in Sacramento. I am

terribly sorry I missed Roger in Palm Springs last May. It is nice to hear from Roger and all the rest of you CASCWA Retirees.

The State Executive Board has again this year expressed their desire to have the retirees contacted and to coordinate some activity to let you know that we still cherish your friendship and would like to hear from you.

Many on the board have also expressed a desire to get retirees involved in the local and state activities.

Some of the things that I will attempt to do this year are:

1. Develop a current mailing list for contacts with retirees.
2. Prepare articles for the Intercom on what's going on out there with Retirees.
3. To encourage your participation and attendance at Association functions.
4. To encourage appointment of retired persons (if you like) to serve on appropriate committees.

Therefore, sometime in the near future you will again receive from me a memorandum and request for information of what's been going on in your life. Please take a few minutes and complete the form and return to me.

P.S. All is well once again on the Davis home front. Dolores is doing well, no damage. We are also enjoying our grandson, the 2010 Heisman Trophy Winner. He can't miss with me training him.

Let me know what is happening with you.

PETER KNEEDLER DISCUSSES MODIFIED STATE SCHOOL CRIME REPORT

County Crime Reporting

For the first time, counties are required to submit crime reports to Sacramento twice a year. The new crime report forms for counties, which were distributed last July, have the same general format and crime descriptors as the school and district forms but request information on incidents occurring at county operated facilities, such as special education facilities, camps, day schools, etc.

Increase in Assaults, Weapons Possession, Vandalism

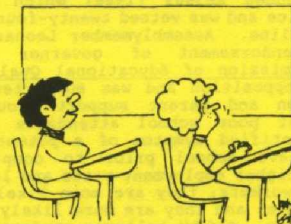
While the most recent crime report the California Legislature indicates that school site incidences of substance abuse, theft, burglary, robbery and assault with a weapon have dropped, there has been an increase in assault, weapon possession, and vandalism, especially at the middle school level.

New State Department Assignment for Crime Reporting

The responsibility for statewide crime reporting has been assigned to Dr. Peter E. Kneedler of the State Department of Education who is now with the School Climate and Student Support Services Unit. Dr. Kneedler is a 17 year veteran of the State Department and began his new assignment on July 2.

Statewide Workshops on Crime Reporting

A series of statewide workshops on school crime reporting was conducted during August and September. A cadre of district and county specialists received special training on workshop content and format and participated in the presentations during the statewide swing. District or county personnel who did not attend the workshops may have an opportunity to participate in other workshops to be held later this year. The workshop agenda includes information on new programs and legislation related to crime reporting and prevention, the revised forms and reporting requirements, and criteria for sound crime reporting and prevention systems.



"Two examples of famous military men who later went into other lines of work? General Eisenhower and Colonel Sanders."

LEE LUNDBERG OUTLINES CASCWA'S SUPPORT FOR ACTUAL ATTENDANCE BILL



LEE LUNDBERG
Chairman

Legislation Committee

Recently, a State Department of Education Auditor found a California School district using the following telephone message being used by hired telephone solicitors. The script the solicitors used was as follows:

"I am John Joe from the Ajax School district. We are reviewing our ROP attendance for the Spring semester in order to verify the unexcused absences that have not been cleared on our records. Clearing these absences will mean that we can recapture funds that will flow to Ajax in order to help support our vocational training. If you can say that your son or daughter was ill, had a doctor appointment or a family bereavement on these dates, we will be paid."

As long as the driving force is getting paper for dollars, we will continue to have school districts employing this "legal" alternative to recapture ADA. The requirement for all districts and school sites in the State of California to maintain records of actual pupil attendance in their classes was enacted in 1980 in the form of AB3269. This legislation, by then Assemblyman Gary Hart, authorized thirty two school sites to participate in a pilot project to test a system of funding schools through actual attendance plus excused absences. The schools were allowed to use their historical excused absence percentage. During the school year, that school was to add that factor to the actual attendance of students. It quickly became evident to all the schools involved in the pilot study that if they increased actual attendance, they would increase their income without necessarily having more students enrolled in school. For instance, if you had 1,000 students enrolled at your junior high school and seven percent was the factor used for excused absences, it became evident that if you were able to get ninety-three percent of the students actually in school, you were able to capture one hundred percent of your ADA by having more students in school. This pilot project proved very successful by changing the focus from collecting paper for empty seats to focus on students actual participation in school.

This resulted in less students dropping out, and improved test scores and academic performance because the students were more often in class. A publication was issued in 1983 by the School Climate Department of the State Department of Education which outlines all the low cost or no cost strategies used by these schools to improve attendance.

Several legislative attempts have been made to enact this accounting reform statewide. Senators Hart and Bergeson have both introduced legislation that was vetoed by the Governor or failed to implement the system. Assemblyman Leonard introduced AB3809 (1988) which went to the Governor's Office and was vetoed twenty-four hours before the final deadline. Assemblymember Leonard's idea had the strong endorsement of governor Deukmejian's California Commission of Educational Quality. AB3809 had no known opposition and was supported by all the major education and parent support groups. CASCWA recognizes that poor school attendance is the most frequently identified symptom of a potential dropout. Pupils who leave school prior to completion, face statistically higher employment rates and lower earnings than do other workers; they are more likely to require public assistance; and they are more likely to engage in criminal activity. CASCWA believes students must attend school regularly and willingly to receive a quality education.

On any typical day through California, it is not uncommon to find that one out of every four high school students are missing from their assigned class. More than one out of four high school students are voting with their feet by dropping out of school according to several statewide studies. The issue of students actual attendance in school is a very complex issue. The California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance (CASCWA) have long advocated that the best way to address this problem is to focus on the number one motivator for schools to have students in school--MONEY!

CASCWA recognizes the link between attendance and the amount of apportionment revenue earned by the schools. The current funding system, as explained above, encourages schools to classify questionable absences as apportionment absences because of the otherwise potential loss of ADA. CASCWA believes all absences, excused and unexcused, adversely affect a pupil's academic achievement, although CASCWA does recognize there are legitimate reasons for absences and schools should not be penalized for these reasons.

CASCWA believes the reformed attendance accounting system would motivate schools and districts to develop and implement programs and strategies that would increase actual student attendance for apportionment and academic achievement.

CASCWA believes that the recommended system would simplify attendance accounting bookkeeping procedures and, thus, would make time available for attendance personnel to implement a set of strategies for improving attendance.

The Sacramento Bee, in a June 11, 1989 feature article, said "The problem is reaching crisis proportions at some schools, where nearly half the students skip class each day. The Bee learned by examining attendance records." "It's easy enough - you just walk out," said a fifteen year old sophomore at a local high school in Sacramento. "Soaring truancy rates throughout the country reflect breakdowns in families and schools, leading to more school dropouts and more neighborhood crime, experts said." "A local high school notes that their methodology was simple: Any student who didn't show up for a class was counted. No allowance was made for an excused absence because students routinely forged notes." "At school after school, teachers said chronic truants have fallen far behind in learning and that large class sizes make it nearly impossible to give them the personalized attention needed to catch up." "State Schools Chief Bill Honig said he is not surprised by the high rates of absenteeism, a problem that cuts across racial, ethnic, income and geographic boundaries." "We are all at fault, Honig said."

There is a need to simplify the current complicated reporting system which involves costly clerical procedure that is designed to provide a basis for calculating funding levels. Annually, schools receive money for the number of students that attend school in addition to excused absences. The required system of sorting and documenting excuses takes thousands of hours of both teaching and administrative time and diverts resources from the education of students. This system is cumbersome, paper intensive, time consuming and costly, it is often difficult to tell whether absences should be excused or unexcused, resulting in frequently invalid attendance data. The California Commission on Education Quality stated in their report, "California's attendance reporting system should be based on accurate attendance information. Emphasis should be placed on getting students into school and not on collecting excuses for absences. Finally, the attendance system should be sufficiently streamlined so it requires a minimum of administrative effort and training.

"Therefore, the Commission recommended that a positive attendance system model be implemented on a statewide basis after the Department of Education reviews the historical excused absence rate data." "A positive attendance system which emphasizes student attendance rather than excused absences can provide accurate accounting for apportionment purposes while reducing errors in administrative efforts statewide. It would also help districts make better attendance projections for funding purposes by eliminating the uncertainty of excused absences. Finally, a positive attendance system can encourage student attendance for performance improvement if actual attendance is required to be reported to the local governing board and community as well as to the State Department of Education."

This is why CASCWA continues to work with legislators to implement this program that would reduce clerical time and place the proper emphasis on getting kids and keeping them in school. Senator Cecil Green, Los Angeles, has introduced SB611. This bill passed the Senate Education Committee and is currently before the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill will be heard in January, 1990. SB611 represents the latest refinements in the actual attendance accounting proposal.

DESIGNS FOR A NEW TIME: STATE SARB CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

The theme for this conference is consistent with the established role for the State School Attendance and Review Board, i.e., cause better cooperation at the state level among those agencies with an interest in improving the education for at-risk children and youth. This role is a mirror image of the ideal role similar agencies play at the local or county level as support for their SARB.

This conference is intended to aid those persons interested in improving the function of SARB at the state, county, or local level. The following workshop sessions are planned:

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1989

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Registration
9:00 A.M. - Noon	Pre-Conference Mini-Institute Introduction to SARB A to Z
1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.	General Session, Keynote Senator Bill Leonard
2:45 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.	Workshop Sessions I
A. Legislative Update	Lee Lundberg, Phil Kauble, Bill Chavez
B. Cross Cultural Issues in Working with Hispanics	Oralla Bermendez
C. Dysfunctional Families	Lupe Green
D. Cities in Schools	Robert Arias
E. Sacramento County SARB	Meeting in Progress (Policy Making)
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.	Dinner, Keynote Shirley Thornton, SDE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1989

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Registration
8:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M.	Mini-Institute "Creating a Safe School" Rich Morrison and Mike Furlong
8:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.	Workshop Session II
A. Status of Status Offenders	Tad Kitada
B. Cities in Schools, Repeat	Robert Arias
C. State Plan to Educate Homeless Children and Youth	Jim Spano
D. Promotion of SARB	Renee Famenella
E. Research on Self-Esteem, Table Talks	Robert Ball
F. AIDS in the Classroom	AIDS Foundation Representative
G. Role and Intent of a County SARB	Tad Kitada
9:45 A.M. - 11:15 A.M.	Workshop Session III
A. Legalities of Home Instruction	Larry Litke
B. SARB and Multi-Disciplinary Agencies	Shirley Abrams
C. Asian Influence (Part 1)	Larry Munks
D. Model SARBS K Through 12	Lorraine Kobett
E. Child Abuse and Abusers, Table Talks	Fran Mathies
F. Defining an Effective School	J. W. Rollings
G. Child Abuse Reporting	Child Abuse Council Representative
11:45 A.M.	Lunch, Keynote Linda McMahon, Director State Dept. of Social Services

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE, Continued

1:45 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.	Workshop Session IV
A. Current Student Dropout Research	Rene Galanty-Koel
B. Student Assistance Program: Prevention/Discipline/Intervention	Shirley Swank
C. Asian Influences (Part 2)	Larry Munks
D. Model Elementary SARBs	Carolynn Salter, Terry Wittshire
E. School for Homeless Students	Mustard Seed River Representative
F. Perinatal Substance Abuse, Table Talk	Joanne Tremelling
G. Effective SARBs in Small Districts	Sharl Lawson
3:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Workshop Sessions V
A. Multi-Cultural: Black Family Issues	Doug Barker
B. Learning Styles of At-Risk Students	Fran Martine, Deanne Quinn
C. Responsibilities for School-Less/Home-Less/Home-School Youth	Lee Lundberg
D. Early Dropout Prevention	Renee Femenella
E. Ventura County SARB, Table Talks	Rich Morrison
F. Northern California SARB Conference	Clark Lane
G. Citizenship and Law-Related Education	Joe Maloney

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1989

9:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.	General Session Report from State SARB
9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	Distinguished Panel "Contribution to Success of SARB"
11:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M.	Closing

This bill allows each district to set their historical base of excused absence and actual attendance. This means there will be no winners or losers in the current bill. The apportionment given for excused absences would be folded into a new base revenue for each revenue for each district. This higher base revenue dollar amount would then be multiplied times the actual attendance rate in future years. This means there would be only one factor to determine ADA rather than two factors. For example, we currently include excused absences plus actual attendance to equal ADA. Under the new system, we would multiply the actual attendance times the higher based revenue which would give the same amount of money as in past years if the enrollment stayed the same. However, we do recognize that if schools could save money in the clerical responsibilities and place those resources in getting kids into school and monitoring student attendance, we would expect these schools to improve their attendance just as the pilot schools did in the 1989 pilot study. John Gilroy, State Department of Education Fiscal Consultant, reports this system has the best of all worlds: "simplicity, integrity and incentive to increase funding for student attendance." As you read this article, we need your support in helping move SB611 out of the Senate Appropriations Committee in January, 1990. If you have questions about this proposal please contact Lee Lundberg at (415) 667-3503 or John Gilroy (916) 323-8478. If you already are familiar with this proposal, a letter to the members of the Senate Appropriation Committee would help move this bill out of Committee. The key person that controls the destiny of this legislation is Senator Presley. Senator Presley has always been a good friend of the at risk and status offender student and a call or letter to his office would greatly encourage him to move this from the Senate Appropriations Committee to the Senate floor. "Act now for the students in your district, to demonstrate your commitment to show that attendance pays in many ways."

CRIMINAL JUSTICE LEGAL FOUNDATION GETS SUPPORT FOR JUVENILE LAW CHANGES

The juvenile crime situation in California is not a pretty picture.

Young hoodlums wielding UZIs roam urban neighborhoods enforcing their dirty drug dealings with assassinations... Juvenile felony arrest rates for burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, arson and robbery are higher than adult felony arrest rates.... California Youth Authority institutions are jammed with more than 8,800 wards, 151 percent over their designed capacity.

What's Wrong?

The Criminal Justice Legal Foundation, a Sacramento-based think tank, traces the problem to fundamental conflict between the need to protect the public and the core philosophy of a court that was created to protect and rehabilitate children. Too often the former overshadows the latter.

After an intensive study involving interviews with scores of experts, the foundation has drawn up any array of legislative proposals aimed at reorganizing the way we deal with delinquency.

Without writing off rehabilitation, the thrust of the recommendations is to head off the need to incarcerate young people. The foundation takes aim at the growing lack of parental control along with reforms that decriminalized such status offense as truancy, running away and defiance of parental authority.

"When you look back on hard-core juvenile delinquents, the one thing they have in common is status offenses," says Donna Clontz, director of the foundation's Juvenile Justice Project.

By decriminalizing status offenses, society has sent a message to minors that all they face is a slap on the wrist, leaving them free to do more illegal acts. Since parents are not required to take responsibility for their children's misbehavior, there is no accountability.

To build accountability, the foundation would give juvenile judges misdemeanor contempt power for disobedience of their orders or for refusal to cooperate in the rehabilitative process. Offenders and parents would undergo joint counseling. Felony offenses would go immediately to the district attorney for review. And

probation caseloads would be limited to 50 minors, with other offenders to be supervised by schools and law enforcement agencies. And status offenders who defied court orders could be detained with non-violent minors. The foundation's proposal for dealing with serious offenders makes sense. Juveniles of any age who commit homicides and chronic serious offenders aged 16 or over could be prosecuted as adults. And in the tradition of giving defendants "one bite of the apple," courts would be able to sentence older persons to the California Youth Authority only once, after which they should face state prison.

California's juvenile justice system has been hampered by a patchwork system of laws that has grown up over the years. The Criminal Justice Legal Foundation package merits serious consideration by the Legislature as a means of helping to bring order to the system and, consequently, greater safety to our streets.

---Peter J. Hayes, The Sacramento Union, 2/3/89

THE MODEL LEGISLATION PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING REFORMS:

Accountability and Consistency

Judges will have the power to hold juveniles and parents accountable when they disobey court orders. Sanctions can include fines, custody and work details. Offenders and parents will attend educational programs aimed at preventing re-offense. The number of juveniles a probation officer must supervise will be reduced from current caseloads of up to 200 to a maximum of 50. The behavior of less serious offenders on probation will be monitored by schools and local police who will have information on the child's offense record and conditions of probation.

Funding

Juvenile offenders and their parents will help pay for improved juvenile halls, better supervision of juvenile offenders and expanded local and state juvenile programs with consistently applied fines, assessments and cost collections. Ninety percent of these funds will remain in the county where they are collected.

Delinquency Prevention

The state and each county will develop an annual delinquency prevention master plan. Failure to comply makes counties ineligible for state funds.

Status Offenders

All habitual truants, runaways, curfew violators and incorrigible minors will be referred to the local committees made up of school administrators and law enforcement representatives for decisions on counseling, services, supervision and referral to court.

Increasing Professionalism

Judges will be assigned to juvenile court for five years instead of the current average term of one year. Probation officers, law enforcement officers and prosecutors assigned to juvenile justice posts will serve two years.

Schools as a Full Partner

Information on a juvenile offender's school attendance and behavior will be furnished to juvenile court judges for all dispositions. School staff will be required to report serious crimes to local law enforcement. School trespass laws will be easier to enforce.

Interagency Coordination

The leaders of local juvenile justice agencies will meet regularly to deal with problems and develop interagency policies and procedures.

Serious Offenders

Juveniles of any age who commit homicides and chronic serious offenders aged 16 or older may be prosecuted as adults. Courts will only be able to sentence persons to the California Youth Authority (CYA) once. Subsequent sentences will be to state prison. Judges may commit non-violent wards to CYA for six months.

Juvenile Court Procedures

Juvenile court will be open to the public. Legal procedures in the juvenile court will be streamlined to minimize delay and improve consistency and cost effectiveness.

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California's juvenile justice system has been hampered by a patchwork system of laws that has grown up over the years. The Criminal Justice Legal Foundation program will work with various commissions by the Legislature as a means of getting to the bottom of the system and, consequently, present reports to our state.

The House Legislation proposes the following reforms:

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Statewide Juvenile Court
 All juvenile courts, county, circuit, district and superior courts will be converted to the local level. All juvenile courts, county, circuit, district and superior courts will be converted to the local level.

COVER PICTURES: (Left to right; top to bottom)

New officers are installed at P.S.; The scenery was magnificent; Judge Patrick Morris spoke on "Diversion and the At Risk Youth"; President John Burton opens the conference.

The Executive Board worked into the wee hours; And the registration began early in the morning; Clyde Powell impressed all with a great voice; Don Holton, Conference chair and his lovely wife.

Donna Klontz speaks for the CJLF; Jane Mills receives award from Karen Saunders; Glenn Dabbs receives CASCWA Outstanding Service Award; Dr. Beverly Bradley speaks on health issues.

Vendors provided information and "goodies" for the attendees; Alicia Moran receives the coveted attendance award for Delta Sierra Section; "Chapter Four" entertains; Verna Crowdon (One of the official CASCWA photographers) enjoys the festivities with John Bryan.

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