

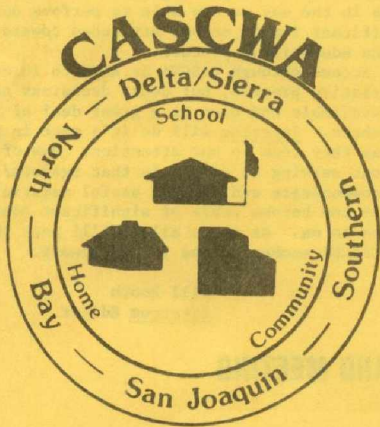


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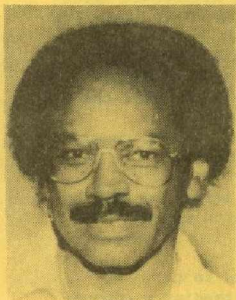
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Rich Davis installs CASCWA's newly elected state officers
John Burton, Glenn Dabbs, Mary Weaver, Francis Tucker

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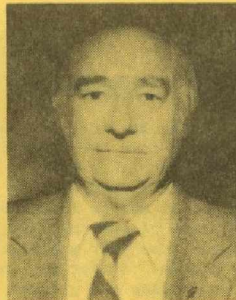
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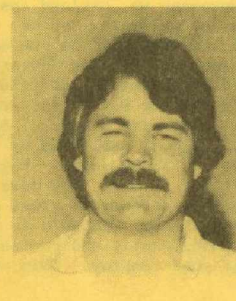
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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE NOTES FROM FRANCIS



FRANCIS TUCKER
CASCWA President

Another new school year has begun and as your new State President I want to personally welcome back all of the old members of CASCWA and all potential new members to the organization for the 1986-87 school year.

The 1985-86 school year was excellent for CASCWA in the areas of increased membership and new legislation pertaining to child welfare and attendance. I, along with the state board, will try to make 1986-87 even better through association and affiliation with other organizations.

In the past, CASCWA has been diligent in lobbying for legislation that promotes a safe school environment for students and school personnel; protection from physical, sexual and psychological abuse; a reduction in crime, violence, dropouts, truancy, and disciplinary problems and legislation that is consistent with the goals and objectives of SARB.

I want to encourage each section to continue the effort of increased membership and the dissemination of information pertaining to child welfare and attendance through your luncheons and mini conferences/workshops. We at the state level will continue to give you support as needed and I pledge to aid and assist you in any way that I possibly can.

I wish each and everyone of you a very successful and productive year and look forward to meeting you personally at the fall conference in Newark, California.

Sincerely,

Francis H. Tucker
State President CASCWA

FALL CONFERENCE TO BE "DYNAMITE"

Wanda Payton, President of the Bay Section, and Chairperson for the fall conference has told the Executive Board that one of her main goals this year is to provide CASCWA a Dynamite conference. If you take a good look at the attached brochure you will see that she is indeed preparing a superior session. IN FACT, some of the conference's features had best be kept secret from your superintendent lest he attend...and leave you home. Better yet, have him come with you to see what a conference can produce in terms of significant information.

The highlight of the conference is bound to be the presence of and the presentation by Judge Richard Bartalini, whose recent ruling in the Hosemann vs. Oakland case has set the educational world into minor collective shock. A "Rainbow of Alternatives" is the theme of the convention which will, in addition, present Dr. Shirley Thornton, George Nichol森 and a packed three days of additional speakers and programs of note. Wanda Payton declares that the first 129 paid registrants will receive a copy of School Crime and Violence: Victims' Rights, published by the National School Safety Center, a \$16.00 value. Registration deadline October 13th. Don't put it off, (Ed. note: My personal experience, after having attended a great number of conferences and conventions is that CASCWA's is far and away the most useful in providing usable and current information, direction, advice...and good company. This one promises to be one of the best yet.)

EDITORIAL

Some weeks ago I had the mixed blessing of hearing John Burton make one of his excellent presentations on the subject of current area proposed laws influencing all of us, with emphasis on CWA functions. It was mixed because John's presentations are always packed with valuable information, but disturbing in that what he relates often is not what we'd prefer to hear.

One particularly insightful comment has brought about a change in Intercom format.

John made the point that we can no longer watch just the process and passage of legislation; what is happening in the courts is often equally or more significant. The Michael G. case, Hosemann vs. Oakland Schools and Reilly vs. San Francisco are three that are pending and all sure to bring about changes in the way we are able to perform our tasks and have significant impact on our attitudes toward our functions in the educational process.

Most of us have access through CASCWA or ACSA to information on the legislative process, but court decisions are considerably less available and open to a great deal of interpretation and debate. Intercom will do its part in providing highlights as they come to our attention. One of the pleasant things about serving as editor is that readers/CASCWA members do communicate and do send useful materials for publication. As you become aware of significant court decisions, send them to me. As space allows I'll pass them on to your fellow CASCWA members. See you in Newark.

Bill Booth
Intercom Editor

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

In June, our newly elected President, Francis Tucker, rapped the gavel for his likewise newly elected Executive Board at the Sheep Herder's Inn in Sacramento.

Correspondence: The following items of communication were distributed and discussed:

AB 3092, pertaining to Interdistrict Attendance Agreements; suggestions presented by Lee Lundberg regarding proposed amendments were discussed.

AB 1649, pertaining to school discipline, requires each individual school to establish its own discipline rules and regulations; Lee Lundberg feels that this is not a good bill.

AB 2780, creates Safe House Programs; letters should be written by CASCWA members and officers to the governor in support of the bill.

Undocumented Aliens, according to a letter by Bill Honig must be admitted to school regardless of documentation or legal status or lack of it, if they are of school age.

PPS Credential Revision was discussed in terms of effect upon CWA. Francis will be attending a commission hearing the following day. Mary Weaver indicated that controversy appeared to be in the area of a required Masters' Degree.

Chairpersons for 1986-1987, as announced by President Tucker:

Bill Booth - Intercom/Public Relations
Ted Kitada - SARB Chairperson
Clyde Powell - CWA Handbook
Roy Brassesco - Professional Standards
Rich Davis - Legislative Liaison
Tom Tryon - Retired Membership
Lee Lundberg - Legislation

CWA Handbooks are still available (some 400 of them) and a new procedure should be created for updating them. This item will be on the August agenda; reports are needed from each section as to status of sales and the person responsible in each section.

Vice President's Report

John Burton indicated a willingness to help anyone in the area of membership; his thrust for the year would be to develop new ideas for a membership campaign. Ideas discussed by the Board:

- Use of computer labels for mailouts
- Need for a state level thrust for membership
- Distribute membership applications in August, John will do this from his VP budget.

Francis will write a cover letter; sections may then distribute follow up letters in September to those who have not responded.

- Something special to members at membership time, e.g., a datebook with a CASCWA logo.

Treasurer's Report by Mary Weaver.

The books are ready for audit. The beginning balance of \$2,879 is a healthy gain over last year's \$1,050. We anticipate a 5 percent increase in membership this coming year; the budget reflects it.

An interest bearing account has also helped us \$100.00 worth.

Added expenditures are anticipated in SARB and in CWA Handbook needs, and executive board expenses will be influenced by Northern Section conferences.

Jim Fenelon presented Mary with a check for \$1,793.76 from the State Conference.

Use of, and possible investment of this added windfall were discussed.

Mary was commended for her excellent organization of the budgets.

President's Goals by Francis Tucker

1. Increase membership;
 - a. Reduce cost of membership for non-certificated CWA workers.
 - b. Increase school site administrators.
 - c. Reduce rates for non-certificated members to conferences and workshops.
 2. Streamline the Executive Board
 3. Continue Networking with related organizations
 4. Promote membership among alternative education, special education, law enforcement and other pupil services.
 5. Continue support of Intercom and CWA Handbook
 6. Continue legislative lobbying
 7. Continue alliance with consultive services of the Department of Education and the Attorney General's Office.
- Francis expressed a concern that non certificated personnel in CWA work are being required pay full conference and membership rates; he feels a fee reduction would increase our membership. A motion was made and approved that the Executive Committee make a presentation to the Executive Board that a new classification of membership for paraprofessionals be established. The annual membership fee should be \$10,00, but that such members would have no voting rights.
- The issue of Paraprofessionals shall be an agenda item on the August Executive Board agenda.

Officer Reports were made by the Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President outlining their proposed activities for the coming year.

Delta Sierra Section

Jim Fenelon, President and his executive board have established the following goals for his section:

- Work to change Ed. Code 48923 to make failure to comply with attendance laws a misdemeanor rather than an infraction.
- Review CASCWA stand on corporal punishment.
- Increase membership.
- Help school districts to improve their CWA programs.

Bay Section

Wanda Payton, President reported the following goals for the year:

- Increase Section membership.
- Have a DYNAMITE conference in the fall.

San Joaquin

Sharon Rohrke reports her goals as:

- One additional conference this year and more materials to be provided to the members.
- Improved communications.
- Increase membership by ten members.

Status of Northern Section

The Executive Board has been concerned for some time with the low membership and consequent lack of activity in the Northern Section and has indicated its desire to help in any way possible. Mary Weaver reported that plans are being made to utilize the School Law Enforcement Partnership CADRE to bring two or perhaps three regional conferences to the area. It is the hope of the Board that such programs will help in enticing new members. Rich Davis will be handling and developing their programs for the Northern Section. President Francis expressed a desire that each of the CASCWA sections have a representative at each of the conferences...at the sections expense. Rich has already set the first date as September 24, 1986 and the Attorney General's Office has been contacted. A report will be provided at the August meeting.

Contribution by Delta Sierra Section

Jim Fenelon announced that the Delta Sierra Section is contributing \$600 to the Rich Davis Scholarship Fund. Guidelines are being formulated as to how the money will be awarded.



A NOTE FROM RICH DAVIS

Often times during my career, I have encountered a driving force and a source of energy that kept me in action. I was inspired by those around me who shared the same frustrations and joy. Each of you and the association has been that driving force and inspiration for me.

My experience as an attendance worker and this association, for the past 18 years, has been the most rewarding part of my professional career. I have always accepted the challenge by experimenting with practical alternatives towards reaching my goals.

Therefore, I would admonish each of you to continue making good use of the diversity of our system and its capacity for evaluating the results. To continue towards achieving our ultimate goals, means coming to grips with the problems, by substituting some realistic strategies and programs for competing ideologies.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you, the association and our many friends for allowing me the platform to grow and achieve some relative degree of success. The night of Wednesday, April 30, 1986, at the State Conference Banquet, will remain in my memories for years to come. The expressions by Dale Turner and your applause, so overwhelmed me that I was unable to speak. I had sensed a "well" of emotion within me, the likes I had never felt before. A very warm and wonderful feeling! Thank you so much and may each of you be as blessed as I am.

Rich Davis





LEGISLATION

AB 2860

Chapter 111. This bill changes the Health and Safety Code references to controlled substances and drug paraphernalia as they relate to Ed. Code 48900 (suspension expulsion). Controlled substances are now defined in H&S Code, Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10. Paraphernalia is now defined in Section 11014.5 of the Health and Safety Code. Reference to Sections 11007 and 11364, respectfully, should be deleted from your district regulations and notices.

AB 2785

Chapter 112. Adds attendance at religious retreats as a justifiable reason for absence from school, but limits such absence to four hours per semester. School boards shall make uniform standards which shall require written request by the parent. Student shall be allowed to make up applicable work. Districts may not claim A.D.A. for the period excused.

AB 2824

Chapter 332. District and county superintendents of schools will now be required to enforce the withholding of grades and transcripts and diplomas of a pupil transferred to their districts until the district that initiated the decision has rescinded the order. We should be reminded that the Attorney General has made the withholding of grades from a school district illegal, and that the due process involved in legally withholding records from a student is extremely stringent.

AB 1541

Chapter 196. An urgency bill that requires districts to notify parents and guardians of all pupils that school authorities may excuse any pupil from school for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services without the consent of the pupil's parent or guardian.

AB 1649

Chapter 87. Deletes the requirement that all parents or guardians of a district's students be notified of the availability of rules of the district pertaining to discipline, and that transfer students likewise be notified. The bill requires that each four years beginning with December 1, 1987, each school shall adopt rules and regulations on

school discipline. The rules shall be developed jointly by teachers, administrators, parents, and school security officers, if any. The final version of the rules must be adopted by a panel composed of the principal, and a representative selected by the teachers of the school. The Board shall then prescribe means of informing all present and newly enrolled students of the rules in each school and to their parents. All rules are to be filed with the district Board of Education, and authorizes the Board to review the rules in open session.

AB 2944

Chapter 107. Authorizes districts to establish a SARB in counties in which the county has not established a county SARB. Also requires county SARBs and local SARBs to include representatives of child welfare and attendance personnel. This bill was sponsored by CASCWA, by the way.

AB 2071

Chapter 172. Requires districts to give consideration to child care needs of pupils by authorizing districts to consider employment of parent in a district as compliance with residency requirements. Does not require districts to allow the interdistrict transfer, but requires that reasons for denial not be based on discriminatory or other arbitrary considerations. Transfer may be prohibited if it can be shown that costs would exceed any additional income derived by the district as a result of the transfer. Allows districts to limit transfers of this type to 1 percent of their total A.D.A., and requires yearly reports to the state.

SB 2365

Still in process; not yet approved or signed. Strongly supported by CASCWA, bill which would establish and expand the actual attendance pilot program to obtain a larger sampling of the effect of the state wide implementation of actual attendance accounting in lieu of current ADA practices. It would require county offices to disclose actual ADA rates just as local districts do. Special funding would be provided similar to AB 3269 (1980).

NEW LAW SUMMARY

Lee Lundberg and his most active committee have promised CASCWA members that a complete review of new and pertinent laws will be forthcoming in September. The above is just a preview of a significant number of bills which will impact us all.





THE COURTS

JUDGE BARTALINI PRESENTS LANDMARK DECISION

In a far-reaching decision with national implications, an Alameda County (California) Superior Court has declared that school children and staff have a right to attend and work in schools that are safe, secure, and peaceful.

The May 12 ruling by Judge Richard Bartalini relied on Article I, Section 28 (c), added to the California constitution as part of the 1982 Victims' Bill of rights initiative. His ruling came in *Hosemann v. Oakland Unified School District*.

Among other things, Judge Bartalini declared that Article I, Section 28 (c):

- . Is constitutional.
- . Is inalienable, mandatory, and self-executing.
- . Establishes a civil cause for action for damages against schools for failure to enforce it.
- . Provides a civil cause of action against private parties for its violation.
- . Compels schools to provide safe, secure, and peaceful campuses.
- . Requires schools to develop and follow a comprehensive and strategic school safety plan.

Mr. Bartalini concluded by ordering the Oakland Unified School District to prepare, submit and be ready to act on such a plan September 1.

While much has been written about safe schools in recent years, Bartalini has taken the most definitive legal step thus far. His decision will likely stand as the cornerstone of an important change in the law which has been evolving throughout the nation.

United States Chief Justice Warren Burger noted that change earlier this year when he wrote, "The serious challenge of restoring a safe school environment has begun to reshape the law." Chief Justice Burger concluded, "Days in school with dedicated teachers and eager students struggling to master their lessons have given way, all too often, to disorder and a gripping fear of violence by teachers and students alike."

In a recent case before the US Supreme Court, *New Jersey v. T.L.O.*, Justices Lewis Powell and Sandra Day O'Connor outlined why it is imperative for everyone to learn about and deal with this issue. The two jurists warned, "Without first establishing discipline and maintaining order, teachers cannot begin to educate their students. And apart from education, the school has the obligation to protect pupils from mistreatment from other children."

The past four years have seen substantial movement by the nation's voters, courts, and legislatures to foster the reshaping process recognized by the chief justice. Even the courts in those states without a specific constitutional right to safe schools have acted decisively.

There are several court cases pending which are likely to have considerable future impact on school safety. *Bethel School District v. Fraser* involves a student's speech rights on campus and discipline procedures. It is pending before the California Supreme Court.

In *re Michael G.* involves the authority of juvenile court judges to enforce the compulsory attendance law. It, too, is pending before the California Supreme Court. Still another case, *Rodriguez v. Inglewood Unified School District*, involves potential school district liability for injuries to students caused by the criminal misconduct of third parties. It is pending before the California Court of Appeal, Second District.

The foregoing cases should also be evaluated in the context of the broad general concept of "malpractice." Lawyers, doctors, even architects, may be civilly liable for malpractice for virtually any unreasonable professional act that causes loss or damage to a "client."

LAWSUIT AGAINST SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL BULLIES

A San Francisco fifth-grader who claims he was tormented by classroom bullies has fought back with a \$351,000 suit against them and their school.

Jason Reilley, 10, and his mother, Jane Austin, 34, filed the 18-page lawsuit in San Francisco Superior Court this week, alleging that the school district, his teacher and principal failed to protect the child's constitutional right to a safe school.

The mother and son said five toughs ganged up to punch and intimidate the boy every day last fall at Cobb Elementary School in the Richmond District.

"Things went berserk," Jason said. "The bullies got more bullyish. They weren't just fighting with me. They were fighting with a whole bunch of kids."

On October 17, Jason could stand no more and refused to go back to school.

For the next couple of months, he studies at home. Then he spent two months living with relatives in Los Angeles and attending Arrow Vista School in La Brea. Finally, he came back to San Francisco and transferred to a new school.

"It's been a stressful year for us," said Austin, 34. "It's not good to be a single parent and have to fight the school system."

Corrine Lee, attorney for the San Francisco Unified School District, declined to comment until she could review the lawsuit.

Jason said he is a Club Scout who has no trouble getting along with people outside Cobb School.

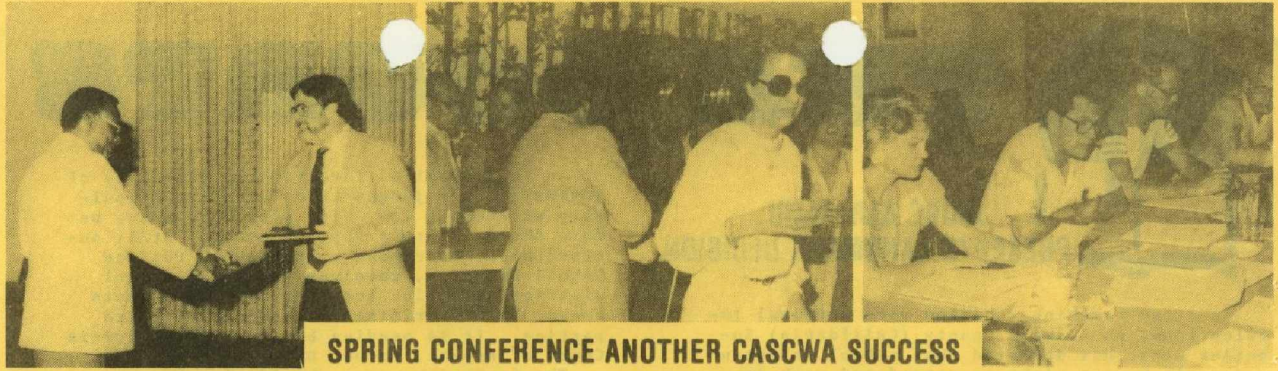
In the suit, he is portrayed as an asthmatic, intellectually gifted lad who was let down by school officials.

Jason's teacher and principal failed to act when the five bullies "repeatedly assaulted, battered, bullied and taunted him in the classrooms, playground and restrooms," the suit maintains.

At one point, Jason's teacher "reprimanded and embarrassed" the boy, subjecting him to further scorn.

The school principal wrote Austin last October, saying the school was not to blame for Jason's problems and denying the boy's request for a transfer to another school, the suit says.

By Rick DelVecchio



SPRING CONFERENCE ANOTHER CASCWA SUCCESS



(Left to right; top to bottom) Rich Davis presents a momento to outgoing president Jake Colburn. "Social Hour" caps off first day. The Executive Board concentrates. (Row 2) Lee Lundberg talks legislation. Cathy Minicucci discusses dropouts. Senator Art Torres highlights banquet. Esteban Dastaneda updates "gangs"(Row 3) An impressive committee backs Lee Lundberg on legislation. Jake and the Mrs. enjoy CASCWA's thanks. Rio Americano's Jazzin Juniors entertain for lunch.(Row 4) Dr. David Meaney talks Effective Schools. Bobbi Albanese tells latest on Special Ed Discipline. Dave Neves rests up from guitar playing to tell us about high risk youth. Last, but certainly not least,the ladies at the registration table made the whole thing work..... our thanks.

ALAMEDA COUNTY COUNSEL OPINIONS ON HOME INSTRUCTION

Home instruction (home tutoring or home schools) has been the subject of a great deal of controversy recently--and a great deal of confusion. Clear cut definitions and answers are few in coming. Your editor, when he saw this letter, felt that you might be encouraged to see how the matter is being handled in Alameda County.

I'm sure the Tulare and Ventura County memos referred to are available if you write.

I realize County Counsel opinions do not have the force of the law outside their own county, but I feel this letter was well done and concise; if might be useful.

March 6, 1986

Mr. William Berck
County Superintendent of Schools
313 West Winton Avenue
Hayward, CA 94544-1198

Re: HOME INSTRUCTION

Dear Mr. Berck:

In response to your request regarding the legality of home instruction, please be advised that private home instruction by a parent of his or her child is not legal in California unless the parent holds a valid State teacher's credential for the grades and subjects taught (Education Code sections 48200, 48222, 48224). Two California appellate decisions have issued against home instruction, to wit: People v. Turner (1953) 121 CA 2d Supp. 861 and People v. Shinn (1961) 195 CA 2d 683. Nor may parents, under the guise of terming themselves a private school and simply filing an affidavit pursuant to Education Code section 33190, exempt their children from compulsory school attendance.

You have forwarded copies of a Tulare County Counsel opinion, dated Oct 2, 1985, addressed to their District Attorney's Office and an internal Memorandum, dated April 18, 1983, of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, which discuss in detail this issue. We think both are well reasoned and excellent opinions which you may rely upon.

If any parent persists in unlawful home instruction and all reasonable efforts have failed to persuade the parent to comply with the Compulsory Education Law, the matter may be referred to the District Attorney for prosecution pursuant to Education Code section 48291. Upon a first conviction, a fine of \$100.00 may be imposed (Education Code section 48293).

Very truly yours,

Richard J. Moore,
County Counsel

SUSPENSION OVERTURNED

A high school student should not have been suspended for writing a crude remark on a teacher evaluation form because the instructor said comments would not be used against pupils, an appeals court said.

Officials at Cooper City High School suspended Rachel Stivler, 16, for 10 days in January 1984 for violating rules against obscenity. The 4th District Court of Appeal ruled Tuesday that she should not have been suspended because of the teacher's promise and it ordered school officials to change Stivler's records to show the 10 days as an excused absence.

The court, however, avoided ruling on the constitutionality of the school's obscenity code, which forbids students to use "profane, obscene, indecent or immoral language or gestures."

NO REQUIREMENT TO REPORT UNDER 14 SEX ACTIVITY

The state Supreme Court refused to require doctors and other professionals to report abortions and other evidence of voluntary sexual activity by children under 14.

Only Justice Edward Panelli voted to grant a hearing on Attorney General John Van de Kamp's appeal of a lower-court ruling, rejecting his claim that the reports were required by state child abuse laws. Four votes are needed for a hearing by the seven-member court.

The dispute involved a 1981 state law requiring doctors, teachers and other professionals who work with children to tell local child protective agencies about suspected incidents of child abuse.

Van de Kamp issued a formal opinion in June 1984 saying the law required reporting pregnancies, abortions and venereal disease treatment of children under 14, because these were indications that someone had violated the law against lewd conduct.

Failure to make the required reports to authorities is a crime. Though attorney general's opinions have no force of law, they are generally followed by state and local agencies until a court rules on the issue.

Planned Parenthood and several doctors challenged Van de Kamp's interpretation, saying the threat of being reported was discouraging children from seeking health care and violated their right of privacy.

CHILDREN IN CLASS - FINE AVOIDED

A woman who had trouble getting her children to school had no problem seeing them off after a judge threatened to fine her \$750.

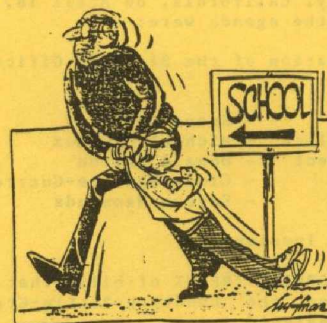
Gloria Belmontez, 39, of 1663 Knickerbocker Court, was taken to court April 22 on a charge of failing to comply with California's compulsory school attendance laws, an infraction. It involved her 7, 9, and 10 year olds at Lodi Unified School District's Clairmont School in north Stockton.

Stockton Municipal Court Judge Thomas B. Teaford, Jr., warned Belmontez she could be fined up to \$250 for each child, and he delayed the case to give her a chance to comply.

On Thursday, Belmontez got an excellent report from Lodi school officials: Her children had not missed a day.

With that, she pleaded no contest to the charges and Teaford suspended the fines and placed her on three years' probation on condition her children continue attending school regularly. He also directed her to return to court September 22 for a progress report at the start of the fall term.

An identical charge was filed against Belmontez in 1984 involving her son who is now 17, and Teaford ordered her on Thursday to get to continuation school. She pleaded no contest in the 1984 case and was ordered to attend a parenting class.



A SOUTHERN HELLO

A hearty welcome back to all CASCWA members across the state. Good luck to all sections on the upcoming membership drive. Southern Section will be taking a county by county approach at recruiting new members. County representatives on the southern section executive board will be working hand in hand with our section Vice-President, Don Holton, Director of Child Welfare and Attendance for Oceanside Unified School District. By the way, Don directs an outstanding menu of alternative ed programs if you're looking for good models to copy. (Not a bad beach area to visit either.)

Our President-Elect, Mike Jimenez, Director of Child Welfare and Attendance for Desert Sands Unified School District is gearing up his state conference committee for May in San Diego. Don't forget to tell your new members of the outstanding conferences hosted by CASCWA each year.

I'd like to introduce you to two other officers of our executive board. Cindy Wallace-Guerrero, SARB Chairperson for Brawley Union High School District, has the big duty of secretary for southern section. This will be a busy year for her as our meetings will have dual agendas with our state conference charge. Eugene Hammonds, Coordinator of Child Welfare and Attendance for Ventura Unified School District, our southern section treasurer will also have extra duties with the upcoming conference registration. We're hoping for a whopper of a conference account as the state treasury is a direct beneficiary of our conference profits.

Along with the guidance of my good friend and southern section Past-President, Ruth Battle, Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance for Oxnard School District, I'm looking forward to an exciting productive year. Have a great 1986087 and hope to see you all at the October State Conference in Newark.

Steve Gocke
President
CASCWA Southern Section

SOUTHERN SECTION CURRENT EVENTS

Members of the Southern Section Executive Board have completed their third year of a successful trek throughout Southern Section territory. Each calendar stop was hosted by an Executive Board member with Red Carpet treatment.

The board has had the opportunity before the order of business, of enjoying lunch with invited district or county personnel of the host county where important issues, exchanges of viewpoints and expressions of job-related concerns were discussed. In return the board has been commended for its leadership, staunch commitment for the concerns of youth and upholding the governing policies of our state organization.

Our last monthly meeting was held in Brawley, Imperial County, California, on April 18, 1986. Highlights of the agenda were:

*The Presentation of the Slate of Officers for 1986-87:

President	- Steve Gocke
President Elect	- Michael Jimenez
Vice President	- Donald Holton
Secretary	- Cindy Wallace-Guerrero
Treasurer	- Eugene Hammonds

*Legislative Involvement

Due to the SPRING INFLUX of bills that need our attention, the "Lundberg-Battle-Greene network" was designed.

Plans for the installation of officers for the 1986-87 year will be held in Pomona on June 20, 1986.

FREMONT CASE FINALLY SETTLED

SACRAMENTO, California., A school superintendent has agreed to perform community services in return for dismissal of charges by a state agency that he broke the law by failing to report a child sex abuse case promptly.

It is believed to be the first time in the state that a school superintendent has been charged with the offense and disciplined by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing which administers both teacher and administrator credentials.

The state Committee of Credentials, an arm of the commission, had recommended revocation of the administrative credential of Wayne Furguson, 59, superintendent of the Fremont School District near San Francisco for 11 years.

Furguson was found guilty by the committee of professional misconduct for failing to comply with a state law requiring school officials to inform authorities of suspected child abuse.

The case involved five junior high school girls who said they were molested by a 14 year old male student in 1983. Parents protested that the 25,000 student Fremont district failed to take action in the case, and their protests were referred to the state committee.

The settlement between Furguson and the state commission calls for him to perform "education for the general public and professionals on issues of early child abuse detection and prevention." Under terms of the agreement, no other details can be disclosed, a state official said.

Three other district administrators who were charged in the case also agreed to terms of the settlement.

SICK

I cannot go to school today,
Said little Peggy Ann McKay.
I have the measles and the mumps,
A gash, a rash and purple bumps.
My mouth is wet, my throat is dry,
I'm going blind in my right eye.
My tonsils are as big as rocks,
I've counted sixteen chicken pox
And there's one more--that's seventeen,
And don't you think my face looks green?
My leg is cut, my eyes are blue
It might be instamatic flu.
I cough and sneeze and gasp and choke,
I'm sure that my left leg is broke
My lip hurts when I move my chin,
My belly button's caving in,
My back is wrenched, my ankle's sprained,
My 'pendix pains each time it rains
My nose is cold, my toes are numb,
I have a sliver in my thumb.
My neck is stiff, my spine is weak,
I hardly whisper when I speak.
My tongue is filling up my mouth.
I think my hair is falling out.
My elbow's bent, my spine ain't straight,
My temperature is one-o-eight.
My brain is shrunk, I cannot hear,
There is a hole inside my ear.
I have a hangnail, and my heart is-what?
What's that? What's that you say?
You say today is...Saturday?
G'bye, I'm going out to play!"
From: "Where The Sidewalk Ends" by Shel Silverstein

VAN DE KAMP BACKS SCHOOL TRANSFER LAW

California's attorney general has reaffirmed what school districts have been telling parents for decades; children can't live with a friend in order to go to school in a different district.

An opinion issued by John Van de Kamp's office concluded that "a minor whose parents reside in one school district may not attend elementary or high school in another school district by living in that district with 'friends.'"

There are exceptions for children living with a legal guardian or in a licensed care home. The law, however, clearly is against allowing inter-district transfers when it's for reasons of philosophy, differences in education programs or convenience. Van de Kamp researchers concluded.

The opinion was requested by Richard Denhalter, counsel for Placer County.

Over the years, many parents have attempted to put children in different districts for racial reasons. Sports or specialized programs are other popular reasons for wanting a change.

COMPUTER POPULARITY MAY BE OVERSTATED

Researchers from the University of California at Berkeley interviewed 140 students from grades 3 through 7, who were neither advanced nor slow learners, from two public schools that have intensive computer curricula.

The researchers found:

Even at the 7th grade level, after four years experience with computers, nearly half of the students misunderstood how the computers work with respect to programming and programs.

Forty-three percent of the 4th graders and only 14% of the 7th graders said they had ever used computers during their free time, even though computers were available to them during recess, lunch hours and after school.

Sixty-one percent of the students said that typical students do not like computers and that those who like them are usually bright or unpopular (i.e., nerds).

Twenty-nine percent of the students said they would use computers when they grew up.

Students whose mothers used a computer at home had a better understanding of the machines than others. Students' attitudes were not affected by whether their fathers or sisters and brothers used computers.

The accuracy of students' understanding of computers decreased as the amount of time they spent playing videogames on the computer increased.

Students who like school and academics like computers and those who feel so-so about school, as most of the students did, feel so-so about computers. This is counter to comments seen in the popular and professional media about how kids are unnervingly good at computers and how they're attracted to computers by intrinsic motivation.

JAMES CALBERT TAKES OVER FOR BEN BENNETT

We were all sorry to see Bob Bennett retire; his contributions to CWA and to CASCWA have been many. As of May 1st James Calbert will be filling Bob's shoes. Jim has been invited and has accepted an invitation to serve on CASCWA'S State Executive Board as an ex officio member. We are sure the close relationship between the Department of Education and CASCWA will continue. Jim may be reached at the School Management Services Unit at 916-323-8478.

PLAN AHEAD SAN DIEGO TO HOST SPRING CONFERENCE

I know we haven't had our fall conference yet, but planning ahead is always appropriate. Put April 29,30, and May 1st on your calendar. The Bahia Hotel will be conference headquarters. The Southern Section, of course, will host. (Ed. Note...As I write this in Fresno in August, 108° outside, the thought of cool spring San Diego breezes prompts me to reach for my datebook!)

INCREASING SCHOOL TIME AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

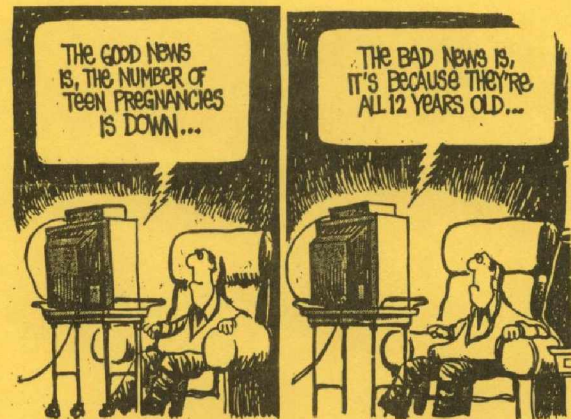
A researcher from John Hopkins University concluded, after reviewing the research literature, that increasing school time (e.g., length of day or year) does not necessarily increase student achievement. However, collectively, these studies do suggest that time spent on learning is positively and moderately related to student achievement. Other ideas in the article include:

Before increasing school time, try to increase the use of available time (e.g., better management of available time) and increase the appropriateness of instructional time (e.g., meeting individual student needs).

It is not clear how much of time-on-task is actually open to manipulation (e.g., students differ in their willingness and tendencies to stay on task, and teachers differ in their use or misuse of time).

When time is increased, the resources for instruction are not always increased accordingly; hence, decisions to act in one direction often foreclose other courses of action.

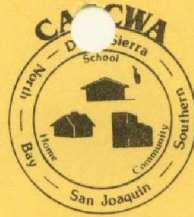
Those nations that allocate more time to schooling probably do not have longer school terms by accident - school terms are longer because their societies attach greater importance to education.



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FALL CONFERENCE



HOSTED BY : BAY SECTION
Chairperson: Wanda Payton

Dates: October 28, 1986 - Executive Board Meeting
October 29,30,31, 1986 - Conference

Place: Hilton Hotel, Newark, California
- Location : Between Hayward and San Jose
- Fly into Oakland Airport or San Jose Airport
- Shuttle Service available from both airports

"A RAINBOW OF ALTERNATIVES"

Toughlove	PACT - Parent Response to Substance Abuse
Fingerprinting... the new law	Vision and Learning Disabilities
School Age Mothers	Home-School - Private School
SART- The Key to Attendance	Spikes and Studs - A Biblical Response
CAP - AB 2443	Judge Sweeney - Oakland

Legislative Update

AND

Judge Richard Bartalini, Alameda Superior Court
Presiding Judge in Hosemann Vs. Oakland Schools, landmark ruling
on school responsibility in maintaining safety.

Dr. Shirley Thornton
Associate Superintendent, Director Special Education
State Department of Education

George Nicholson, Director and Chief Counselor
National School Safety Center
Co-author, School Crime and Violence: Victims' Rights

Conference Chairperson : Wanda Payton
1734 - 102nd Ave.
Oakland, CA 94603

Registration Packets are in process of preparation; They should be reaching you in a separate mailing early in September... or even earlier!

** REGISTRATION FEES : \$70.00 CASCWA Members; \$75.00 Non-Members;
\$5.00 Late fee added

** First 120 paid registrations will receive a free copy of School Crime and Violence : Victims' Rights (A \$16.00 Value!!)



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Ms.

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