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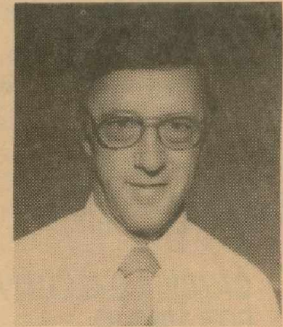
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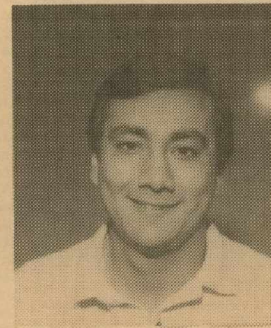
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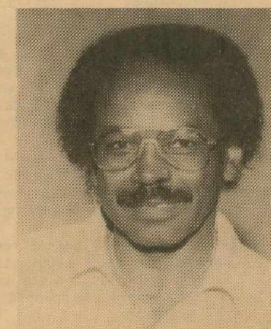
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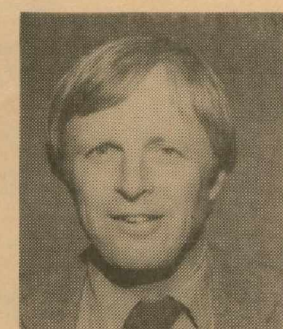
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**1988-1989 CASCWA EXECUTIVE BOARD
INVITES YOU TO SAN FRANCISCO**

BURTON SPEAKS TO CASCWA



John Burton
CASCWA State President

I hope that you have had a productive and restful summer and are looking forward to a great year in 1989.

As I review the membership of the State Executive board of CASCWA, I am truly impressed with the caliber and expertise of the individuals that will represent us on a state level. Moreover, when I think of the problems of high risk youth, drugs, gangs, nonattendance dropouts, and school apportionment I realize that each of us is in a position to make some real changes in California. CASCWA can offer legislators and school district personnel an invaluable resource. I hope that

each of you will extend an opportunity for CASCWA membership to your colleagues who also seek solutions to these problems. So that I may be of assistance to you during this forthcoming year I would like to share my new title, address, and phone number. Beginning September 30th I became Coordinator of Child Welfare and Attendance for San Bernadino County Superintendent of Schools, a new position for that county. My street address is 601 North "E" Street, San Bernadino, 92410, and you may reach me at (714)387-3121.

CASCWA EXECUTIVE BOARD CRANKS IT UP FOR 1988-89



The CASCWA Executive Board met for the first time this year in Sacramento, appropriately in the State Superintendent's office. Members were introduced and new officers; LeMoyné Frank and Rich Morrison were welcomed.

Minutes of 4-26, 4-27 and 6-29 were approved.

In Mary Weaver's absence her report as Membership Chair was presented and accepted. CASCWA's new address is P.O. Box 2373, Sacramento, CA, 9581-2373.

Carolyn Scott, Bay Section; Mary Weaver, Vice-President; and Don Holton, Southern Section were unable to attend.

Francis Tucker presented suggested changes in CASCWA Bylaws as requested by the Board at a previous meeting.

The new Bylaws involve two major items:

1. Provision for a new position - President Elect. and
2. Change in succession of officers.

A discussion was held regarding means of informing the membership of proposed changes in Bylaws.

It was M.S.P. that the Bylaws he presented in the Intercom, that they be voted upon in March and that on the same ballot the 5 officers be voted upon so that if the Bylaws pass the election will have been accomplished.

Francis Tucker presented changes proposed to the Pupil Personnel Services credential. Sid Inglis has communicated with Francis and is keeping him up to date. Francis also reported on the State SARB's first meeting.

Nancy Lyons(Pompei) reported on the School Safety Handbook which should be available in January.

Section President, present, reported on status of local activities. Bay section and Southern section were not represented in person, but presented information through other members present.

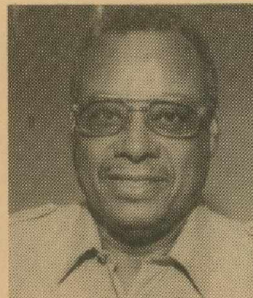
The Fall conference registrations are slow thus far, but the conference plans are proceeding otherwise. It should be noted that the Amfac Hotel in Burlingame will be the site rather than the previously announced.

Lee Lundberg reported in legislation - Infoo will be provided to Intercom editor.

John Gilroy is now the replacement for Ben Bennett. John spoke to the group about his function and approach. He stated that work permits are being revised and will be available in a few months and a new attendance accounting manual is on the horizon. This will take a year or so, hopefully.

The meeting was approved to be reconvened in November at the Fall conference.

COMMITTEE FOR CASCWA RETIREES IS ACTIVE



Rich Davis
Special Projects

Since retirement I have been traveling, relaxing, and catching up on some of that required reading that I have been neglecting for so long.

Dolores and I just returned from Alaska. We acted as Navigator and trail boss of a Caravan. Sara(Ray)Wiley and Roscoe also shared the experience. We drove the Alaska Highway (how to you like that Del Royer?) to Fairbanks, down to Anchorage and returned via the Marine Highway. From Haines Alaska we sailed down the Inside Passage to Prince Rupert Canada. After a few days in Prince the Campbell River and caught lots of Salmon. Eat your hearts out Art Suddjian, Tom Tyron, and Ted Harrison!! We continued on to Victoria BC and took the Ferry to Port Angeles Washington. We returned down the Coast Highway to Sacramento. Lots of good fish-all along the West Coast. We had a great time and an exciting adventure. It's really great when you have a good Motor Home.

Enough of that!! I have been appointed by the President, John Burton, to serve as chairperson of a Retirement Committee to keep all retirees informed of what's happening and to keep them involved. Remember, we have developed some close relationships over the years. Lets stay in touch.

Sometime in the near future all retirees will receive a letter from me with a request for information form, "Tales of Retirement". Please take a few minutes and complete the form and let us know how you are doing.

My goals as a member of the retirement committee are to:

1. Develop a current list(mailing) of CASCWA retired people,
2. Prepare articles for the Intercom,
3. Encourage retired people to serve on various committees and statewide,
4. Encourage attendance and participation at all Association functions.

I hope all you retirees will keep Busy, Healthy, and Happy. You have earned the right to an Extended Holiday. So enjoy it!!!

BAY SECTION READY FOR FALL CONFERENCE



Carolyn Scott
Bay Section President

The Bay section is moving forward in Preparing for our Fall 1988 State Conference in November. The Conference will be held at the Amfac Hotel in Millbrae, minutes away from the San Francisco Airport. We are extremely excited to be hosting the State Conference minutes away from Beautiful San Francisco, and over looking the San Francisco Bay.

The Bay Section has planned our first luncheon to take place at the fabulous Amfac Hotel on September 29, 1988. Our membership drive is in full force and we are anticipating a rewarding year for increased membership.

Has the new president for the Bay Section I look forward to meeting the challenge of Child Welfare and Attendance with team work and open communication to provide support, so that we can perform our duties with success and satisfaction. I wish all sections a successful year; see ya in November.



Burlingame Amfac Hotel. Site of CASCWA Conference beginning November 2. Check out brochure attached and don't be left out

DELTA SIERRA UPDATE



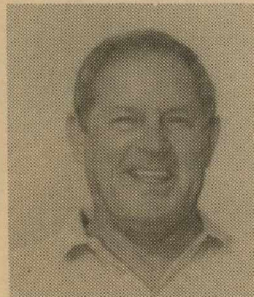
Jesse Ortiz
Delta Sierra
Section President

After a very successful Spring Conference in Sacramento the Delta-Sierra Section is ready for the start of another year. One of the major priorities for the year will be the recruiting of members. The section has tentatively planned three luncheons and one dinner for members along with some fun drawings at these functions. Also in the planning stages is an annual recognition award for the Active and Associate section member of the year.

Section officers for the 1988-89 year are Jesse Ortiz-President, Roy Brassesco-Vice President, Chris Mizani-Secretary, and May Powell-Treasurer.

Any section members wanting updated information or have any questions or comments can call the Sacramento County Office of Education (916)366-4426 of Stockton Unified School District (209)944-4676.

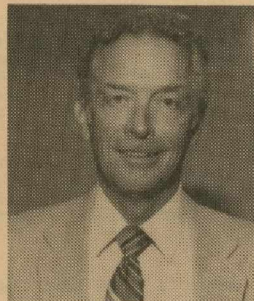
SOUTHERN SECTION ANTICIPATING A GREAT YEAR



Don Holton
Southern Section
President

We have an exciting year ahead with many challenges and many accomplishments; among these are a real lively membership drive, a fall conference, and a monthly membership meeting to be held in a location near you. Then, of course, a finale which will be the Southern Section sponsored State Conference in Palm Springs at the Gene Autry Hotel on May 3, 4, 5, 1988. Hopefully we will be able to run off with the membership trophy but more than that we should be able to meet the challenge of supplying you with information, the know-how, and the tools to enable you to do the job which needs to be done to keep children in school in California.

PRESIDENT HARRIS CHALLENGES SAN JOAQUIN SECTION



Don Harris
San Joaquin
Section President

I'm sure all of us glad for the school year to start?? In any event, a warm welcome to all of the new CASCWA S.J. Members. You are important to the success of CASCWA, and since one of the strengths of this organization is our ready, and willing desire to share knowledge with each other, I am certain that you will benefit immeasurably, as indeed, we all have.

Old members? Welcome to another year of solving the myriad CASCWA problems in our respective schools.

There are numerous problems that need to be solved, but attendance is surely one of the most important.

This past June the Commission on Education Quality, completed the report to Gov. Deukmejian. (Obtain one, good info. on all aspects of education.) A couple of the commissions comments in regards attendance.

"This states current attendance reporting system is a complicated costly clerical procedure--ironically, the current system, instead of focusing on getting students into school, focuses on collecting excuses for absences." Emphasis should be placed on getting students into school and not collecting excused absences."

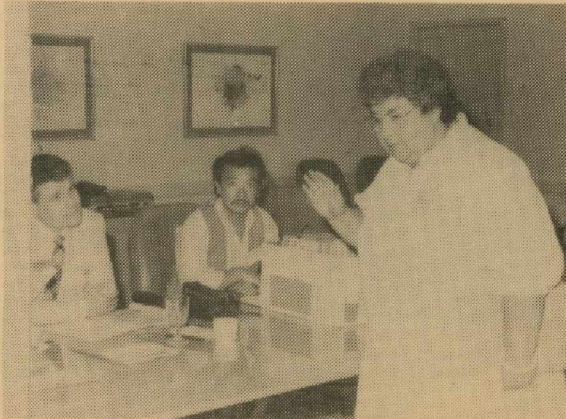
Many of us might say, "So, what's new?" For me it is new that persons outside of education are now aware of this, and that their voices are being heard in Sacramento. As a result, AB 3809, by Leonard, was passed by the Senate Education Committee by a 7 to 0 Vote. The bill would base funding on actual attendance and allow school to spend more time working with families to keep children in school. Checked with Leonard Saff 8-15, "Still expected to be sent to the Gov." Let us send some letters of support!!

This legislation has had input from CASCWA, so don't despair, constructive action is being taken.

This is a good example of the work CASCWA members can do, therefore, each one of us are ready, willing and more capable of accepting the many challenges of our jobs.

I hope to meet with each of you at the Sierra Sky Ranch Workshop, or at the fall conf. Nov. 1 & 2 and listen to your concerns and/or suggestions concerning CASCWA.

SCHOLARSHIP CREATED IN HONOR OF ALICE SPENDLOVE



Alice waves a symbolic "goodbye" to CASCWA as she registers for the Sacramento conference, but we all know Alice will be active in her retirement and we'll be seeing her a great deal.

Alice Spendlove, our San Joaquin section retiree of the year, writes to Lee Lundberg:

I feel so honored. Sharon (Rohrke) read your letter and presented the plaque at my retirement dinner. I still haven't come down to earth after all the lovely tributes. Those coming from CASCWA and especially people such as you (when I have held in such high esteem and awe) are particularly meaningful to me. Thank You.

The San Joaquin Section of CASCWA set up a scholarship fund in my name at Livingston High School that reached over \$1,500.00 last June. What a thrill and an honor! Whatever I did or was able to accomplish for the students I owe all to "education" I recieved from CASCWA.

(Ed. Note):

It's very kind of Alice to say such nice things about CASCWA - since CASCWA has truly been the recipient of the honor - to have worked with Alice!

BRIEF REPORT ON FIRST STATE SARB MEETING

The first State SARB meeting was held in Sacramento on June 21, 1988 with 21 people from various organizations in attendance. The meeting was facilitated by Kathy Yates, consultant from the School Climate Unit. Five major areas were discussed with recommendations made. State Superintendent Honig briefly addressed the Board and gave his speech, but made no definite commitment to SARB. Assemblyman Leonard also addressed the Board and made a commitment to give his full support to the State SARB Board and it's endeavor.

Our second meeting was held on September 21, 1988 with 45% of the members absent. Paul Peters, acting manager of the School Climate Unit welcomed the members present.

Kathy Yates, consultant and facilitator, gave a review of the agenda. Lee Lundberg gave an excellent analysis of the California Commission on Education Quality (a report to the Governor compiled by the Governor's Committee on Education Quality.) Through Lee's in-depth analysis and condensation of the report, the Board was able to correlate areas of mutual similarity to address.

At the next Board meeting on November 16, 1988 a list of recommendations and State SARB guide lines will be developed from the five major areas for recommendation to State Superintendent Honig. CASCWA is well represented in State SARB with Lee Lundberg, Francis Tucker and Shari Lawson; all rock solid CASCWA SARB supports.

CASCWA MEMBERS REVIVE SARB IN MONTEREY

Hooky players from Salinas Union High School District schools no longer face the likelihood of suspension or expulsion for their truant ways. But they could face a student attendance review board.

Facing a review board is something that also might happen to elementary school students, if they fail to get to school on a regular basis.

Parents and siblings of such errant students can expect the same treatment, if it goes according to plan of high school district officials.

"When you start to (review) a case, you often end up (reviewing) the whole family," consultant Shari Lawson of Vacaville said about 25 people from Monterey County law enforcement and social service agencies and school districts.

The local officials met Wednesday with Lawson and two consultants to hear the in's and out's of the Student Attendance Review Board.

Student attendance review boards take over for school districts in cases of habitual truancy.

Law enforcement and social service agency officials were on hand for the three-hour presentation because the boards are required by state law to include, but are not limited to, representatives from the probation department, the district attorney's office, the welfare department, the school district and a parent.

The boards do their work by hammering out a contract with the student and his or her parents in a hearing. The goal of the hearing is to put the student back on track.

Truant students who have been before the review board know that if they violate their contract they might face charges for breaking the state's mandatory attendance law, which requires youngsters to stay in school until they are 18.

"It's a payoff for everybody," said consultant Lee Lundberg of the San Leandro Unified School District and a member of the review board.

The payoffs he cited are: an education for the student; more money for the districts because districts are funded by student attendance; and a possible reduction in a town's petty thefts because the perpetrators may have been truant students who would be in school.

"The real message is don't give up on kids," said Larry LeKander, superintendent of the high school district, and the inspiration behind a local version of the student attendance review board.

Saying he was pleased with Wednesday's turnout, LeKander said the next step will be school board action to set up a local board.

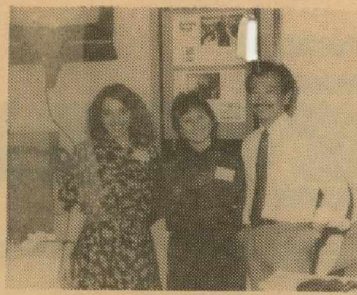
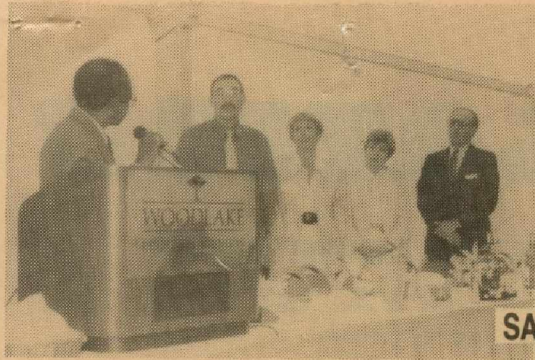
He said his preference will be a board that handles cases not only from the high school district but also from the seven elementary districts whose students attend the high school district's schools.

District officials abandoned their practice of suspending or expelling habitual absentees last March after two lawyers advised that the practice appeared to break state law which forbids suspension or expulsion for truancy. The district had tried to get around that law by suspending or expelling for "willful defiance of school authority," not for truancy.

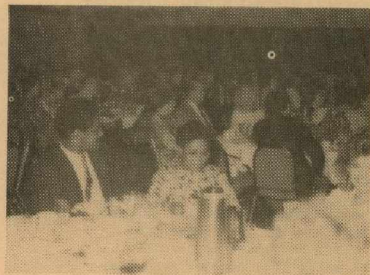
Monterey County had another version of a student attendance review board from 1975 to 1981 that was operated by the Monterey County Office of Education. It wasn't active or "strong," said Colleen Neary, a Washington Junior High School teacher and coordinator for the local effort. The earlier review board was abandoned when the state no longer required them.

(Ed. Note):

This article is notable for the players involved. Shari, Lee and Bob Brazil (not mentioned but involved) are CASCWA stalwarts.



SACRAMENTO CONFERENCE SCENES



(Left to right; top to bottom) New officers sworn in by Francis ;Tad Kitada and registration crew;Cruz Reynoso;Libation Specialists; The Honorees;Sacramento High School "Starmakers"; Bill Walker relaxes; Francis gets his just desserts; Conference Chair Ortiz; Dr. Meaney, Sacramento County Superintendent;Lee and Shari Lawson are honored (2); Relax time; The dinner crowd; The "kids" of "School, a positive place for kids";Central court of Woodlake Inn, where a pleasant and profitable time was had by all!



LEGISLATION

CASCWA ENDS LEGISLATIVE YEAR WITH SUCCESSES AND ONE "BUMMER"

This year CASCWA and Lee Lundberg's Legislative Committee have been more active than ever. Both AB2800 and SB15 are now law as a direct result of their efforts. The heartbreaker however, was the veto of AB3809 on actual attendance accounting. This one we have worked on for a long time and were sooo close. The veto was a shocker, a real "bummer". Here are the results with the sad news edged in black! All of the bills except AB3809 have been chaptered into law.

office who does not submit the required reports.
(adds E.C. 14044 and amends Section 628.2 of the Penal Code)

AB 2800 506 Eaves Sponsor

Prohibition of Electronic Sending and Receiving Devices:
This bill would prohibit a school from permitting the possession or use of any electronic signaling device by pupils of the school while the pupils are on campus, attending school sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of school district employees, without the prior consent of the principal or designee. A student could possess a pager when it is determined by a licensed physician to be essential to the health of the pupil and would be limited to the purposes related to the health of the pupil. (adds E.C. 48901.5)

SENATE BILLS

BILL #	CHAPTER #	AUTHOR	CASCWA POSITION
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SB 15	641	Robbins	Sponsor
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Pupil Expulsions: This bill specifies that the written notice for an expulsion be sent by the district superintendent of schools or his or her designee. In addition, it places the timeliness for an expulsion all in Section A of 48918. This means that you have thirty school days for the determination that an expulsion offense has occurred under 48900. You have an additional ten school days if the district governing board does not meet on a weekly basis. (E.C. 48918)

SB 2449	762	Hart	Support
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Disruption of Public School Activities: This bill corrects the provisions of code that were recently held to be unconstitutionally vague and overbroad by an appellate court of this state. This makes it a misdemeanor for a parent, guardian, or other person, whose conduct in a place where a school employee is required to be in the course of his or her duties, materially disrupts class work or extra activities; or involves substantial disorder except as specified. (add E.C. 48811, repeal E.C. 48812)

ASSEMBLY BILLS

AB 1218	21	Polanco	Support
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Continuation Classes: This bill would permit a child between the ages of 16 and 18 to have a leave of absence from compulsory continuation education classes pursuant to specified provisions and board policies. The leave of absence would be for the purpose of supervised travel, study training or work otherwise unavailable to the student. The leave of absence is for a period up to two semesters. Certain conditions must be met. This law brings the continuation schools into line with regular schools. (E.C. 48416)

AB 2496	1102	Friedman	Watch
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School Searches: This bill codifies the California Supreme Court search and seizure under reasonable suspicion. Searches must be conducted only if they are supported by articulable facts. This bill specifies that no school employee should conduct a search of a pupil's body cavity or a search that requires the removal or arrangement of a pupil's clothing. The bill also specifies that nothing is to be construed in the section to effect the admissibility of evidence in a subsequent juvenile or criminal proceeding. (E.C. 49050)

AB 2583	78	Stirling	Support
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Education Crime Reports: This bill specifies the principal of each school must implement the school crime reporting procedures. This bill also extends the crime reporting responsibilities to programs operated by the county superintendent of schools. The bill further permits the superintendent to direct the school district police department to perform the preparation and reporting requirements described in this law. It also authorizes the SPI to withhold an amount not to exceed one half the annual salary of the superintendent of the district or county

AB 3184	1030	Hughes	Support
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Saturday School Act of 1988: This bill establishes the SATURDAY SCHOOL ACT OF 1988. The bill would make the ADA generated by elementary and secondary school pupils in voluntary Saturday school programs eligible for summer school apportionments calculated pursuant to the provisions of existing law. The bill would require the SPI to develop and distribute a program advisory to school districts on how to implement this program option to help at risk students. Further, it would require any pupil whose parent or guardian informs the school district that the pupil is unable to attend Saturday school program pursuant to religious reasons, or any pupil eighteen years of age or older be given priority over pupils who have attended the Saturday school program for enrollment in the regular summer school program if he or she chooses to enroll in the regular summer school program. (adds E.C. 42239.5)

AB 3451	1248	O'Connell	Support
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Controlled Substances: This bill enacts the JUVENILE DRUG TRAFFICKING AND SCHOOL YARD ACT OF 1988. It provides for additional terms of three, four, or five years for any person eighteen years of age or older who is convicted of specified controlled substance offenses while they are on school grounds or within 1,000 feet of a public, private, vocational, junior high school or high school. It also provides that any person eighteen years of age or older who is convicted of one of these offenses, when it involves a minor who is at least four years younger than the person, shall be punished by an additional full and separately served sentence enhancement of three, four or five years at the courts discretion. (adds H&S 11353.6)

AB 3535	1284	Waters	Support
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Teachers: authority to provide for attendance of parent or guardian at school: This bill requires the Board of each school district to adopt a policy authorizing teachers to provide that a parent/guardian of a pupil who has been suspended for committing an obscene act, engaging in habitual profanity or vulgarity, disrupt school activities, or willfully defying authority, attend a portion of a school day in his or her child's classroom, as specified. The bill would further require parents or guardians to attend classrooms according to the policy and would prohibit certain employer action against parents or guardian who are absent from work to attend class pursuant to this law. The bill authorizes any employee who believes that they were discharged or threatened to be discharged, demoted or suspended to file a complaint under procedures set forth in the Labor Code. The Labor commissioner could order an employer to pay triple the amount of lost wages if a violation occurs. The compensation for an employee missing the time would be governed by the contract of employment or practice of the employer, as applicable. Further, the parent may not apply this section more than four times per school year. (adds E.C. 48900.1)

AB 3723 1250 Katz Support

Gang Violence Intervention Program: This bill declares the intent to develop a program to provide positive interventions to help schools fight gang violence. The bill requires the Los Angeles County Office of Education to make an inventory of state and local programs designed to mitigate gang violence within Los Angeles County through curriculum and related activities. This inventory is to be reported to the State Department of Education for the purposes of developing a county wide community based gang violence intervention program as a pilot project. (adds Section E.C. 33355)

AB 3998 854 Stirling Support

Safe Schools, School Resource Officers: This bill changes existing law to make it a felony, not just a misdemeanor or felony, for anyone bringing or possessing a firearm on a public school campus. Imprisonment would be in prison for one, two or three years. Additionally, the bill would make the possession of specified weapons by any persons on the public school grounds either a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail or a felony punishable by a state prison term of one, two or three years. (amends Penal Code 626.9 and 626.10)

AB 3809 Leonard Sponsor

Actual Attendance Accounting: This bill was the most recent effort by our Association to sponsor actual attendance legislation. This bill enjoyed the support of the Governor's Commission on Educational Quality, the Governor's Educational Advisor, the Department of Finance and every major organization and district in the State of California. This bill would have changed the 1987-88 excused absence rates for each district and would have resulted in the existing base revenue on a one time basis. Starting in 1991, all districts would be funded on the actual attendance of students based on the higher dollar amount of the base revenue. Therefore, the bill would be revenue neutral and there would be no "losers or gainers". It also provided for further legislation to take care of the impact of the Gann limit and other distributions of funds based on ADA or enrollment that might be effected such as lottery, textbooks, etc... "Soon to be Senator Leonard" has indicated an interest to re-introduce this legislation during the 1989 legislative session. The CASWA Executive Board has voted to sponsor this legislation again.

REVOKED

SAN DIMAS REQUIRES PARENTS TO PAY

Sheriff's Department and school officials have proposed a plan to reduce truancy by charging San Dimas parents for the costly "taxi service" that deputies provide for children caught skipping class.

Under the proposal, which must be approved by the City Council, parents would be required to pay for the time it takes a deputy to return their truant children to school, said Sgt. Terry Gingerich, crime prevention officer at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department San Dimas station.

Levis would be based on an estimated \$60 per hour cost of keeping a fully equipped deputy in the field. Returning a child to school and completing the accompanying paper work normally take about one hour, Gingerich said.

"This is not really considered as a way to make money, but [as] a way to say to parents and kids that this is a serious offense," he said. "When you go to a person's pocketbook and you're costing them money, maybe that will do something."

The payment would be one more incentive for parents to ensure that their children make it to classes in the Bonita Unified School District, said Ron Lackey, director of educational services. The district, serving about 10,000 student in San Dimas and La Verne, also prosecutes parents of chronically truant student.

If truancy fees are approved and are successful in San Dimas, the district will try to implement them in La Verne, Lackey said.

"If one kid's out there and one kid gets in trouble and hurts someone, then that's one too many," he said.

Officials say the truancy fee plan, which has been approved by the school board, will have to pass legal and public scrutiny before it can be put into effect. But if it is enacted, according to the California Assn. of Child Welfare and Attendance Workers, it would be the first program of its kind in the state.

Gingerich said deputies and district officials came up with the proposal while considering ways to make parents more accountable for their children's school attendance. If homeowners can be charged when police repeatedly respond to false burglar alarms, they reasoned, parents could be charged when officers take children back to school.

The district does not have a significant truancy problem, Lackey said. The truancy rate is less than 2%, compared to the statewide average of 4%.

But school officials are concerned with losing about \$20 in state funds provided each day a student is in attendance. Through May 11, Lackey said, the district had lost about 60,000 from 3,024 days when students were considered truant because they had no excuse from parents to explain their absence.

"It doesn't take a whole lot of kids a whole lot of days before we're losing a lot of money," he said. "And crime protection is at stake too. If deputies are going to run a taxi service, someone's going to have to pay for it."

Gingerich said the district envisions the costs charge to parents as more like a traffic citation. No criminal charges would be filed. First offenses might be waived if students had no more trancies during the rest of the term or if they performed community service, but parents of students who continued to be truant would be assessed the fees. Parents who could not pay the fees might be allowed to perform community service instead.

Any money collected would probably go to help pay for a deputy who acts as a school resource officer, Lackey said, a position now financed mostly by the city of San Dimas. That officer is charged with discouraging truancy and delinquency, thereby reducing juvenile crime rates.

"Truancy is a problem that must be dealt with, Mayor Terry Dibble said this week. "Initially, it sounds like something we could and should work out."

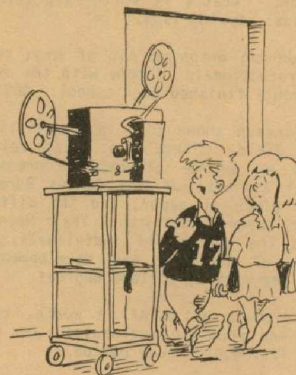
Councilman Curt Morris said "Anything within reason the city can do to keep kids in school, the city should do."

But while other council members agreed that truancy should not be tolerated, they were more tentative about the idea.

"Some of the families that it would affect-I'm not sure they would have the ability to pay," council member Maria Tortorelli said. "It's not all just kids playing hooky, and to put it like that is not exactly right."

Deputies and teachers who deal with children who have truancy problems think the fee could apply important leverage to unconcerned parents. But they are not depending on it as a cure-all.

If we don't get it, that's fine," Gingerich said. "If you're not going to send your kids to school, and you don't care, then \$60 over your head is nothing. But it is a way for us to warn parents that we want their kids in school whether they like it or not."



M. Man

"I think it's an old VCR."

BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT GETS GOOD PRESS

Continuing their aggressive stand against chronic truancy, Bonita Unified School District officials again have sought court action against parents who fail to send their children to school.

In three recent cases - including one in which a 16-year-old student was found to have attended only one day of school last year the parents of the youngsters were arrested and ordered to appear before Pomona Municipal Court Commissioner Marc Lauper.

Under the state Education Code, parents are legally responsible for ensuring that their children attend school, said Veronika Tracy, child welfare and attendance officer for the Bonita district.

However, taking legal action against parents of students who habitually miss school "is pretty rare," she said. Bonita is one of only a few school districts in the state that have gone to such lengths to fight chronic truancy, she added.

On Tuesday, Matilda Garcia, a widowed mother of four from San Dimas, was fined \$562 and ordered to undergo an eight-week parenting class, according to Tracy.

Garcia's second appearance in court for the same offense. Last year, Garcia was fined \$100 and ordered to perform 36 hours of community service.

On Wednesday, parents Linda and Glen George were found guilty by Lauper of failing to ensure that their 12-year-old daughter attended classes at Lone Hill, Tracy said.

The San Dimas couple will return to court on Sept. 15, when they are expected to be ordered to attend parenting classes.

In a third recent case, Tracy said, Lauper dropped the charges against Martha Martinez - whose 16-year-old son was found to have attended only one day of school during the year - after his attendance record improved.

Tracy declined to provide any additional information about the parents.

SCHOOL PAYS OFF ... IN CASH!

School pays off handsomely, a new government report shows. Professionals earn more than five times as much money as people who didn't finish high school and double the income of those who settled for a bachelor's degree.

Only about one American in five has a college degree, but those people earn far and away more money than the others, the Census Bureau reported Thursday.

Professionals, such as doctors and lawyers, are the nations leading money earners, averaging \$3,871 a month, the bureau said in its study: "What's It Worth? Educational Background and Economic Status: Spring 1984."

Youngsters considering dropping out of high school may want to compare the professionals' income with the average received by people who haven't finished high school: \$693 a month.

"There's a hard lesson shown just in the listing of degrees, irrespective of field. There's a clear relationship, the economic rewards do accrue at each progressive level" of education, Robert Kominski of the Census Bureau said in an interview. "The piece of paper, and the different kinds of pieces of paper, mean something. They mean something to employers and to the success of individuals, they represent different levels of learning and development of skills," Kominski said of the various college degrees.

Following professionals at \$3,871 a month, the study said, were people who had received doctorates, who averaged \$3,265 a month over the four-month study period.

Holders of doctorates, while having extensive professional training, are scattered over a wide variety of fields, and thus on average earn less than the professionals, who are concentrated in the high-paying areas of law and medicine, Kominski pointed out.

At the next step down, people who have achieved a master's degree averaged \$2,288 a month, the study found. Holders of a bachelor's degree averaged \$1,841, followed by those with an associates degree at \$1,346.

Close behind were people who received vocational training who had average monthly earnings of \$1,219. People who attended college but left without a degree averaged \$1,169 and high school graduates managed \$1,045 a month.

Well back at \$693 were those who dropped out without finishing high school.

AMERICANS MORE EDUCATED THAN EVER

Americans are more educated than ever, setting records for the share of people with high school diplomas and college degrees last year, the Census Bureau reported Wednesday.

More than three-quarters of people aged 25 and over have completed high school and nearly one in five has finished at least four years of college - both records - the bureau said in a new study on education attainment.

The percentage of educated Americans has been increasing gradually over the years, as society places stronger emphasis on education, said census demographer Robert Kominski.

People in their teens, with 80 percent to 90 percent completing high school, are replacing older folks who were raised at a time when completion of six to eight years of schooling was a major accomplishment, he said.

Does this mean that Americans today are smarter than in the past? "Not necessarily," said Kominski. "We all like to think that we were raised in the generation which produced the best and the brightest."

Overall, 75.6 percent of Americans were found to have completed high school and 19.9 percent had finished four years of college, as of March 1987.

Those figures compare to 74.7 percent and 19.4 percent a year earlier and are up significantly from 68.6 percent and 17.0 percent in 1980.

By comparison, in 1940 only 24.5 percent of Americans aged 25 and older had completed high school and 4.6 percent were college graduates.

The new report for 1987 also noted that males were slightly more likely to have finished high school than women: 76.0 percent to 75.3 percent, a change from the early 1970s when women led in this category.

The change is largely attributed to an increasing share of black men pursuing their education, he said.

In 1971, he pointed out, the last time women led men in overall share of high school graduates, young black women aged 25 to 29 led men 60.7 percent to 54.1 percent in high school graduates. Last year among young blacks 84.8 percent of males and 82.1 percent of women had finished high school.

Other findings for the population aged 25 and over included:

°Whites were 77 percent high school graduates and 20.5 percent who finish four years of college. The figures for blacks are 63.4 percent and 10.7 percent. Other races, mostly Asians, had 78.4 percent high school graduates and 33.4 percent who finished college.

°Hispanics recorded 50.9 percent who finished high school and 8.6 percent with college degrees.

°The West has the highest educational levels at 80.6 percent high school and 22.8 percent with college degrees. Figures for other regions were 76.5 percent and 22.2 percent in the East, 77.4 percent and 17.6 percent in the Midwest, and 70.8 percent and 18.3 percent in the South.

°In metropolitan areas 77.6 percent college, compared to 68.7 percent had finished high school and 22.1 percent college, compared to 68.7 percent and 12.6 percent in rural regions.

°The highest rate of high school graduates was for people aged 25 to 34 with 86.5 percent. That slipped to 85.9 percent in the 35 to 44 group, 77.6 percent for those aged 45 to 54, and 67.8 percent for people aged 55 to 64. Americans aged 65 to 74 included 56.9 percent high school graduates, and over age 74 the rate was 42.0 percent.

PROGRAM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1988

- Executive Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1988

- 12:00 - 5:00 Registration
- 2:30 - 4:00 General Session
- Keynote Speaker:
RAMON CORTINES
- 5:00 - 6:30 President's Reception
- 7:00 Banquet
- Keynote Speaker:
DELAINE EASTIN

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1988

- ∞ WORKSHOPS:
 - Gaining on A.F.D.C.
 - Tagging Your Gangs
 - The Homeless Plight of School-Age Children
 - Chapter 2: The School Safety Plan
 - Training to Use the New State Attendance Accounting Manual
 - Children of Drug-Dependent Parents
 - Super Learning
 - Peer Pressure and the Non-Drug Abuser
 - PROS for KIDS

LUNCHEON:

Keynote Speaker: **GUY EMANUELE**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1988

- Continental Breakfast
- Keynote Speaker: **ROBERT WILLIAMS**
- National Dropout Prevention Network
- Legislative Update

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