

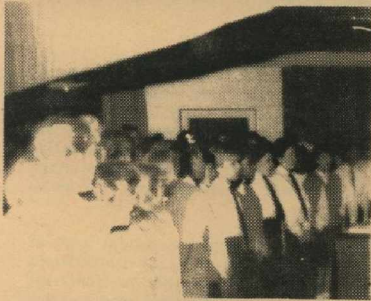


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MONTEREY WELCOMES CASCWA

## PRESIDENT TUCKER ON THE MEND



FRANCIS TUCKER  
CASCWA State President

This space is usually reserved for President Francis Tucker's directions and comments, but the column in this issue is devoted to CASCWA's collective wishes for Francis' speedy recovery from major heart surgery. A recent call to Fairfield reveals that he is back at work part time even though his doctor gave him a free pass to be truant until March. To those who know him this is no surprise.

Indications are that Francis will be back at it near full strength by the time the CASCWA Board meets at the end of February for a major two day planning session. (See Board report below). CASCWA in the month's to come may be facing the

opportunity to grow by leaps. The trend is strongly in the direction of attendance improvement; at last California is realizing that it is most difficult to educate children who are not in school. CASCWA's role must be one of leadership.....that's how Francis would have said it and will say it when he gets back in the saddle. Make your recovery speedy, Francis; you are needed.

..... From all of Us

## RICH DAVIS TELLS TALES OF RETIREMENT



RICH DAVIS  
Special Projects  
Chairperson

### ATTENTION RETIREES AND LIFE MEMBERS!

Out "N" About Retirees  
Living The Good Life  
By Rich Davis

Sorry bout that!.....  
Breaker, Breaker one nine.....

Adrian Ciblich - June 87 from Cambell Union School District is finally getting used to the luxury of retirement - playing tennis and getting things done that he wants to do. I ran into Cib at the USC Stanford Football game. At which time he told me "I now have time to attend all the games". Cib sends his best wishes to all the fine people in CASCWA.

Alban Eavenson - February '85 Tulare High School District is staying home taking care of his family with a little time for recreation Al is like me, being the perfect househusband we wish you well and hope to stay in touch.

Steve Elish - June '84 Orange Unified School District is recovering well from an illness. Dorothy says they are doing everything possible with the best medical assistance available. (Hang in there Steve; we love you and miss you.) Dorothy also said she sure misses the good ole' days and all the fun at the conference. "Good things can go on forever".

Anthony (Tony) Fedanzo - June '81 Santa Rosa city schools, has been fishing! fishing! fishing! And traveling. Tony wishes everyone could enjoy the fruits of retirement!

Fred Eklund - June '83 Los Angeles Unified, has been very busy with church work, hobbies and a fair amount of travel. They are certainly enjoying their 5th wheeler.

Bob George - June '77 Fresno Unified School District played lots of golf until a year ago. Woodworking and doing all those things that seem natural in retirement. Had minor surgery 1980, broke left ankle playing golf and still traveling. Bob and Mildred get their daily exercise, Ball Room dancing and enjoy the Charter Dance Club at Fresno. George has always been a special person for all his help and encouragement during my early years in CASCWA. Best wishes, Good Health and Love to you and Mildred.

Edna Lockhart - August '74 Riverside Unified School District is having lots of fun traveling. Asia, Europe, Orient and U.S.A. Shopping, visiting fancy restaurants, and sightseeing. Edna sends greetings to all of her CASCWA friends and misses seeing you. Edna also indicated she is looking forward to her 60th High School Reunion in Riverside.

Jim Milner - June '87 Los Angeles County Office of Education is doing real fine and is recovering nicely from surgery. Jim really thanks everyone for all the cards and telephone calls. Bev has also very emotionally expressed her appreciation to CASCWA for their expression of love and concern for Jim. "He's out of the woods." Hang in there, champ!

Ed Nachtigall - June '87 Fresno City Schools has been traveling England, Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia and Turkey. Ed is now an auto broker. All new cars, used cars and trucks. If you need help with your "Ride", call Ed and tell him you saw it in the Intercom.

Bill Smith - June '85 Martinez Unified School District has been staying home part time and traveling in his trailer the rest of the time. Bill said if you are exhausted you have his condolences for not retiring. Bill also has strong feelings for the Editor. Remember, Bill served as Editor for the Intercom for a few years. He knows the frustrations. We really appreciate all of Bills work with CASCWA and wish him a long and healthy retirement.

Sara Ray Wiley - June '85 Compton Unified married — can you imagine? Attends church in Placerville Calif., going to Lake Tahoe on senior citizens bus weekly and camping. Sara said, I miss all of you. And especially the children. Don't see many children in the retirement community. We sold our home and taking to the 5th wheeler full time." Sara said, "She hopes to see many of you during her travels and she misses all of us very much. She reads the Intercom eagerly and enjoys it very much. "Best wishes and lots of love to you all"...

Bob Wolbert - June '86 Santa Rosa is now doing consultant work at Tuolumne County Office. I ran into Bob at a recent Delta/Sierra function and again at the CASCWA State Conference in Monterey. He is doing well and looks good for semi-retired CWA worker. Bob is really excited about his new experience. We wish him well.

Rich Davis - June '86 Sacramento County office of Education is working up a luncheon or dinner special for the State conference April 27 29, 1988 at the Woodlake Inn. This may be a good time to see "ole friends again".

Roger — over and out —

P.S. If you know of any CASCWA Retirees out there or if you have any information about your goings or doings please send it to me at 6835 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento CA 95831.

HELP!! I need southern section up-dated list of honorary retirees.

**COVER PICTURES:** **ROW 1:** A gorgeous location; Chief Lee Drummond, John Herring, Jean Stovall; Conference banner. **ROW 2:** Fitch Middle School Chorus, Ft. Ord; Cadre Workshop; Bernie Hanlon; The Fresno gang at the President's reception. **ROW 3:** Dr. Pete Mehas speaks for the Governor; Lee Lundberg tells the latest on legislation; Don Harris brings greetings from Merced; Dayne Smith D.A.R.E.'s us. **ROW 4:** Carl Drow and alternative education; Sam Vaughn and Helen Perry did a lot of the dirty work for the conference; another shot of the CASCWA Board; Arnold Hedlund welcomes CASCWA.



## SAN JOAQUIN SECTION DOESN'T REST AFTER HOSTING MONTEREY CONFERENCE



AL BAUM  
San Joaquin  
Section President

Greetings from San Joaquin section - "Raisin capitol of the world" also FOG!!! Our fall State Conference in Monterey seems to have been a big success, though we didn't get quite the number of people we'd liked. Because we had to schedule the conference on Tues. thru Thurs., some folks, as I was told, weren't able to get away for the first part of the week. But, that's the breaks, I guess. However, for your future reference and planning, we've already "booked" the Monterey Beach Hotel for the next Section hosted State Conference - I believe fall '89; and get this, folks - same rates as '87; and it will be Wed. thru Fri.

We've planned our "Nitty-Gritty III" Section workshop/mini-conference for Feb. 5 in Hollister. The theme will be "Alternative Ed Innovations" and "Building Self-Esteem" for secondary students, an area underemphasized and key area of involvement for CWA people. We've lined up Roger Crawford for keynote speaker; he's going to present, "Follow Your Dream".

We currently have 58 members, the highest we've ever had, plus seven retired and/or honorary life members - grand total of 65. If the membership plaque were awarded on a per-cent/proportional basis (I don't think it is - it should be!!!), our Section would blow everyone else out of the water. Then again, we don't need to compete; we already know the San Joaquin Section is "#1".

Well, hope everyone had a delightful time at Monterey, and, that you all had a most joyous holiday season. Looking forward to "Nitty-Gritty III" in February. Last, but not least: Thanks, Jake (Colburn) for your hard work on the Fall Conference; and a special thanks to Arnold (Hedlund), Sam (Vaughn) and Helen (Perry) - you guys were super. Until next time, my thought for the day: "We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark. The real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light."

## DELTA SIERRA PLANS SEVERAL CONFERENCES



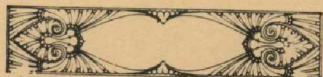
JESSE ORTIZ  
Delta Sierra  
Section President

The Delta-Sierra section is busy preparing to host the spring conference April 27-29 in Sacramento. The theme for the conference to be held at the Woodlake Inn is "California 2000 - Preparing for the Future." The section is pleased to have tentative agreements with the Reverend Cecil Williams of San Francisco and Honorable Cruz Reynoso, former state Supreme Court Justice as keynote speakers.

On September 30, the section had its fall workshop with a turnout of 70 people. Workshop topics included student immigrant issues, effective schools, creating positive school climate, along with a lunch keynote speaker on leadership. All

seem to enjoy the workshop.

A general session meeting with a luncheon speaker has been scheduled for Thursday, March 24th. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Golden Acorn in Galt.



## SOUTHERN SECTION STRESSES MEMBERSHIP



MICHAEL JIMENEZ  
Southern Section  
President

Well, Well, Well!! Did I say something that touched a raw nerve in the other sections about membership? You know, at the Fall Conference, (by the way, an excellent conference and one the San Joaquin Section can be proud of), I just did not have the heart to let the other sections know of our membership drive. The Southern Section just wanted to let the other sections know what it feels like to be #1 - even if it is just for a little while. Had we jumped out in the lead from the beginning we would have discouraged the other sections from even trying. To tell you the truth the real reason southern section did not show well was because of all the paperwork involved with processing all the memberships we have received. Southern section will seriously have to think of creating a Treasurer-elect position just to handle the membership - enough of our problems. Now for some good news, our conference is all set for January 29. All interested in coming down to partake in the nice sunshine and good weather, the conference will be held at the Holiday Inn (Gateway Plaza) in La Mirada.

The Conference will feature Ron Stephens, Director of National School Safety Center, Ken Johnson, Author of "Crisis on Campus" Jack Dugan, Director, Crime Prevention Center, Fern Williams, Director, Attendance, Health and Safety Education "Aids", and Dr. Bettie B. Youngs, Author of "Helping your Teenager Deal with Stress".

In closing the Southern Section would like to wish all the sections a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and maybe, just maybe, "Congratulations" at the Spring Conference.....

## BAY SECTION IS ACTIVE



WILLIAM WALKER  
Bay Section President

Hope you all had Happy Holidays! The Bay Section had a luncheon meeting at the Fremont Hilton Hotel on December 4, 1987 to celebrate the Holiday season and to begin work on the Fall Conference Selection for 1988. The Executive Board will be visiting the San Francisco Hilton and Westin Hotels next week and will select a site after those visits. Bay Section has voted to provide a \$500.00 scholarship to a graduating alternative education student who wishes to further his/her education. Fred Dillemeuth from Fremont Unified is the chair of the committee and will be sending out applications to all Bay members for dissemination. Our next working meeting is scheduled for February 26, 1988 in Hayward. Membership is up to 82! Come on Bay Section only 18 more members and we will reach our goal of 100 members for this year! Thanks for all the hard work and those who have recruited new members. I saw many of our CASCWA members at the School/Law Cadre meeting at Asilomar last week including our state President, Francis, Lee, Al, Mike ( who says he is above us in membership now) so we are well represented in the CADRE.

**THE UNSUNG HEROES.** That should read "heroines" for that's what they are. This scandal sheet was put together through efforts of Verna Growdon who took almost all the pictures; Diana Baisa who did do all the typing and "Helen" of the Fresno County Schools office and her staff who did the printing in their very excellent graphics shop. Mary Torosian of the Fresno Students Services office interpreted and made necessary calls and the Student Services office staff who were patient while your editor hid in his office and worked on the thing. Thanks to all from CASCWA.

## CASCWA BOARD PLANS PRESENT AND FUTURE

Those new to CASCWA may not be aware that their elected and appointed State Executive Board meets several times during the year to plan, organize, and administer your organization. The Board meets in conjunction with their yearly CASCWA Conference on the evening before and on the morning that the conference begins. Such a two-part meeting was held on November 2nd and 3rd as the waves gently lapped against the shore at the Monterey Beach Hotel.

Members present were: Francis Tucker, President; John Burton, Vice President; Pam Erickson, Secretary; Mary Weaver, Treasurer; Al Baum, Bill Walker, and Mike Jimenez, Presidents of the San Joaquin, Bay, and Southern sections respectively; Bill Booth, Intercom Editor; Rich Davis, Special Projects, and Jake Colburn, Past President. The absence of Lee Lundberg, a rarity, was noted; Lee's mother had recently passed away.

President Tucker reported on the state and status of CASCWA and discussed correspondence.

President, Francis Tucker emphasized: (1) Particular thanks to Rich Davis and to Mary Weaver for their most excellent reports presented to the Board in their respective areas of responsibility. (2) Discussion of a new attempt at Actual Attendance Reform strategies. Lee Lundberg and John Burton were commissioned to become vocal at public hearings in February on behalf of CASCWA's position. (3) Jim Saum has expressed a concern that support personnel are not adequately represented on the California Commission on Educational Equality; Pete Mehas responded that such is not the case. A CASCWA letter is to be drafted asking for public hearing dates to enable CASCWA input.

Vice President John Burton reported that membership applications had been mailed out and Intercom included them, distribution to all Attendance Improvement Project Personnel. We are getting some returns.

CASCWA Goals and Objectives will be addressed at a THINK TANK to be conducted on February 29 including all Board members just prior to the regular Board meeting on March 1st in Sacramento. Priorities will be discussed for consideration at the Spring Conference. A facilitator will be utilized.

Secretary Pam Erickson discussed bonding for CASCWA and requested and received an OK to purchase a voice-activated tape recorder.

Treasurer Mary Weaver presented her usual excellent financial report and audit; budget was discussed. There is need to pull together information on retirees so that they can be included in the computer membership listing.

Jake Colburn, Past President, discussed CASCWA election procedures with particular emphasis on "office rotation" vs "Section rotation." Jake will present a viable proposal to resolve the issue at the next Board meeting.

### Section Reports:

Bay Section -Bill Walker. Membership 77; \$3,308 in treasury; section meetings and conferences at Palo Alto, Fremont, and Hayward discussed.

San Joaquin Section -Al Baum. Membership 51; \$1,173 in treasury. Recent conference at Ducey's Lodge drew 40-45 people, but no shows put session in the "red." "Nitty Gritty" Conference #3 to be held in January/February. Section meeting to be held in May. Report on (this) conference presented. Section is having trouble getting response on objectives.

Southern Section -Mike Jimenez. Membership 31 (membership campaign has truly been effective). No change in treasury; earthquake cancelled all recent meetings. Luncheon-Mini-Workshop planned for January 29 at Gateway Plaza.

Delta Sierra Section -Rich Davis reported for Jess Ortiz who is running for School Board in Woodland. Treasury has \$3,735.56; Spring conference is in gear (more is included in Intercom); Rich guarantees success with a great conference.

Special Projects -Rich Davis. Rich has sent out letters to known retirees and is receiving a great response. (Results in Intercom; see page 1).

Legislation. Lee Lundberg's absence put a real gap in the proceedings; all Board members expressed sympathy at his loss in the recent passing of his mother.

CASCWA Handbook was not discussed since Ruth Battle, Chairman, was absent. A report is anticipated and hoped for.

New Business -Concerns for CASCWA Committee Format might be necessary to conduct CASCWA business.

Future of CASCWA Handbook.

Composition of new SARB State Board.

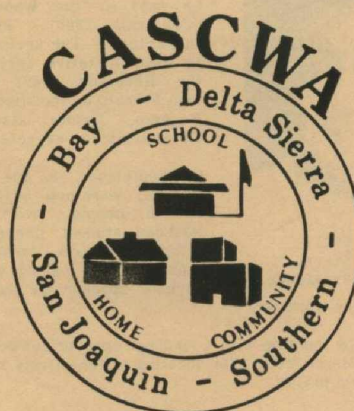
CASCWA link with ACSA.

Does CASCWA have a marketing problem?

Next Executive Board Meeting; 2-29-88; 3-1-88; Sacramento; Superintendents Conference Room, State Department.

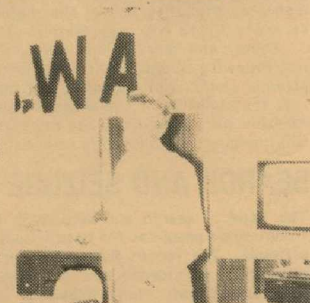
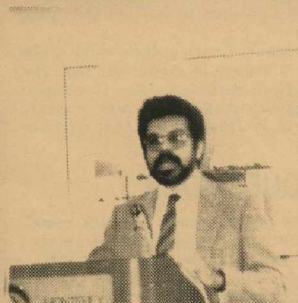


"Gee, Dad, he followed me home.  
Can I keep him?"





**MORE MONTEREY**



**ROW 1:** Lucky Baltierra talks of Positive Behavior Systems; Paula Key, Financial Planning; Tom DeLaTorre, "Here's Looking at You, 2000"; Cocktail Hour. **ROW 2:** Al Baum and Arnold Hedlund at registration table; Monterey's Mayor welcomes us; Hedlund speaks on the D.A. Mediation Project; Merrie Vargo. **ROW 3:** CASCWA's Board in action; Monterey's County School superintendent; Dr. Mile Wilson; CASCWA Board again. **ROW 4:** Francis and Rich, Shayla Lever, C.A.R.E.; Del Royer; Colburn, Hedlund and Vaughn, organizers. **ROW 5:** CASCWA's natural habitat for November; Sharon Williams; Bill Steitzner; Don Harris.



# THE COURTS

## STATE SUPREME COURT RULES TRUANTS MAY BE JAILED

Judges can use the power of contempt to jail school truants, the state Supreme Court ruled Monday on a case appealed from Fresno.

In a 5-2 decision, the court held that although California law prohibits the incarceration of truants, there is no express legal prohibition against a judge using the power of contempt when a habitual truant violates a judge's orders.

Part of the precedent-setting ruling, however, demands that judges reach four specific conclusions before finding a truant in contempt. The attorney's who argued the case see that requirement as an attempt to guard against the widespread use of jail as an enforcement tool for school officials.

The case began in 1984 with Michael G., who was 15 and enrolled in a Sequoia Freshman School program for truants.

After being made a ward of the Fresno County Juvenile Court as a habitual truant, the boy still refused to go to school. Judge William H. Sanderson ordered the boy to perform community service work and to attend school regularly.

Michael continued to miss school.

Ultimately, the judge ordered that he be placed in Juvenile Hall over the weekend, but be kept separate from criminal juvenile offenders.

Sanderson stayed the sentence, however, to give the boy's attorney time to appeal. Sanderson said then that he hoped a higher court would decide whether judges had the teeth to enforce rulings on truancy cases. "... if it is determined that contempt proceedings or sanctions cannot be imposed and that the court cannot enforce its orders, then I certainly think that it's high time that the court got out of the truancy business..." he stated. "Certainly nothing is to be gained by the courts sitting here and pronouncing meaningless orders."

The 5th District Court of Appeal in Fresno upheld the judge's decision in June 1985, and the Supreme Court later agreed to review the case.

Ken Hahus, the Fresno County deputy district attorney who argued in opposition to Villareal, said Monday that the court system can now take a stronger hand in dealing with truants.

"Judges were reluctant to even get involved in truancy cases and now they don't have to be," he said. "Before if the kid called the judge's bluff, he would find out the judge was made of clay."

Writing for the majority, Justice John Arguelles said the court was able to decide the case without getting into a tough constitutional issue: the Legislature's power to limit the judicial branch's right to cite for contempt.

The high court found that legislative limitations on jailing truants did not specifically address contempt citations. Without such a mandate, Arguelles wrote, the majority decided to pattern its ruling after one by the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

There, and now in this state, Juvenile Court judges must make the following findings before holding a truant in contempt: that the juvenile understand the order and be given sufficient time to comply; that the violation of the order is egregious; that alternatives to incarceration were considered and rejected as ineffective, and that confinement be apart from juvenile criminals.

## SEARCH AND SEIZURE QUESTIONS

The issue of search and seizure in the public schools presents some troublesome problems for both school authorities and law enforcement officials. The recent Supreme Court case of *New Jersey v. T.L.O.*, although it provided a new standard for use in public school search and seizure, left many questions unanswered. *Search and Seizure in the Public Schools*, by Lawrence Rossow, is designed to provide an understanding of this case and its implications, and to suggest

practical ways of applying search and seizure law to situations in the school setting.

The fourth amendment to the Constitution states that "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated..." The main problem for courts, writes Rossow, has been determining the definition of "reasonable." The Supreme Court has ruled that warrantless searches are per se violative of the fourth amendment, unless: 1) the person to be searched consents; 2) an emergency situation exists where taking time to get a search warrant would eliminate the chances of obtaining evidence; 3) a valid arrest has been made and the search is part of the arrest; 4) the search or seizure is necessary for the safety of the searcher.

The author points out that, until recently, the courts were split on the question of whether the fourth amendment applied to students at all. This question was clarified in the case of *New Jersey v. T.L.O.* The state had argued that the fourth amendment did not apply to students because of the doctrine of *in loco parentis*; that is, the schools act "in place of parents" and have the same authority. The Supreme Court rejected this argument and maintained that school authorities are state officials, not stand-ins for parents; therefore, students enjoy the protection of the fourth amendment and related rights to privacy. However, in an attempt to strike a balance between the student's privacy rights and the school's interest in maintaining order, the Court proposed the reasonableness standard. This states that school officials are not held to the same standard as police officers; they do not need to obtain a warrant. The reasonableness of their search is determined through a two-part analytical device: First, was the search justified at its inception — was it based on a reasonable suspicion? Second, was the search reasonable in scope — in other words, was the search more intrusive than it had to be?

The author proposes a formula called TIPS to help school officials keep all the variables in mind when assessing whether a search is reasonable:

- \*The Thing after which the searcher is seeking;
- \*The sufficiency of the Information or Informant which lead the searcher to believe a search was necessary;
- \*The Place or Persons of the search (i.e., locker, car, or person);
- \*The measures used in the actual Search.

## HERE'S A SUPPORTIVE SEARCH AND SEIZURE RULING

Frederick M.B. was arrested by a school police officer who observed Frederick making an apparent exchange of money with another student in a high crime area of the campus where drug transactions had previously been consummated. The school security officer questioned Frederick about his activities. Frederick refused to accompany him to the Principal's Office and attempted to walk away from the Officer on two occasions. Ultimately, the Officer wrestled Frederick to the ground and then discovered marijuana, cocaine and a pistol. Even though the other student testified that Frederick had given him 50 cents for bus fare, the trial court upheld Frederick's conviction and determined the search to be reasonable.

In attacking his conviction, Frederick argued that the school security guard was a Police Officer and that his actions were therefore subject to the probable cause standard of the Fourth Amendment. The Court went out of its way to render no opinion regarding whether searches by school Police Officers requires probable cause and instead upheld the school security guard's actions by construing them as a detention, requiring only reasonable suspicion.

The Court also held that the "high crime area" factor is important in establishing the reasonableness of an Officers actions, especially in light of California's recently adopted Constitutional Safe School Guaranty. (Cal. Const. Art. I, Section 28).

In essence, the Court upheld the search as consistent with the recent United States Supreme Court's ruling in *New Jersey vs. TLO* that school searches need only be justified based on a reasonableness standard. See: *In Re Matter of Frederick M.B. (1987) 87 DAR 2658 (6/2/87)*.

## OAKLAND LAUNCHES DROPOUT PROGRAM

The sight of youths hanging out on street corners bothers Oakland school official Fred Turner.

Without schooling or jobs, most hit a dead end long before they turn 20, Turner said.

The prospect of luring these kids back to school would be a challenge in the best of times. During a severe federal budget crunch, mounting a new effort seems like attempting the impossible.

But with the help of state and federal aid, Oakland Unified officials plan to turn a faltering anti-truancy campaign into a full-fledged battle against cutting classes and dropping out of school. Estimates of Oakland's dropout rate range from 20 percent to 34 percent of 52,000 students.

"We either pay attention to dropouts now or we will pay the price later," said Turner, who heads up a new Oakland schools division aimed at preventing youths from leaving school because of drug, family or personal problems.

Until earlier this month, Oakland schools operated three centers where police dropped off truant students found in shopping centers and street corners during class hours. After contacting parents, the centers would return kids to school.

Called Operation Stay In School, this 6-year-old program was similar to others in roughly 10 percent of the state's school districts.

With a districtwide funding pinch, Oakland school officials decided to close two Operation Stay In School centers earlier this month. Only the center at the East Oakland Development Center remains open.

Instead of letting the project disappear, Turner and his colleagues resolved to overhaul the services.

Two new centers aimed at serving dropouts aged 16 to 21 will replace the three Operation Stay In School sites.

Funded by a special \$38,000 state grant, the new centers will evaluate students who are brought in by police and other agencies, said program Manager Merle Bell. They are slated to open in December.

Youths will be referred to school, county, city and private agencies that can provide needed help. And they will receive job counseling.

Younger students will get help at 12 satellite centers on Oakland campuses. With \$420,000 in state funds, the Oakland district has hired 35 consultants to work closely with youngsters having trouble in school and with their parents, said Bell.

And on Monday a new independent study center will open at East Side High School serving students 16 years and older who fall behind in regular programs or are awaiting disciplinary hearings, said program Manager Doris Combs, who is overseeing this project. A \$50,000 federal grant is underwriting this center that will help 100 students.

## "LET KIDS BE KIDS"

Parents trying to rear "superbabies" may instead cause early burnout, a panel of experts said Friday, warning that force-feeding academics to pre-schoolers may retard their intellectual, social and physical development.

"Twenty years ago, people thought that precocity was bad... The feeling was, 'Early ripe, early rot,'" said psychologist David Elkind, president of the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

"Now the motto is 'early ripe, early rich,'" and it's backfiring, he said at a news conference during the annual convention of the nation's largest professional association of early childhood educators.

The trend is most noticeable among upwardly mobile young professionals who use such devices as books, flashcards and piano lessons "to try to get them (children) on the fast track," said panelist Dr. George Sterne.

"Increasingly, we see children whose schedules at age 3 and 4 would boggle the mind of adults... They have 60-hour weeks," said Sterne, chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Committee on Early Childhood, Adoption and Dependent Care.

"They're tired, they're irritable, they have bellyaches... It's obvious they're on overload," he said.

In an estimated 26 states, programs are pending that would have children enter public school at age 4 said panelist Samuel Sava, executive director of the National Association for Elementary School Principals.

But Elkind noted that in Scandinavian countries, "where children don't begin forced education until age 7," illiteracy is virtually nonexistent.

"If you try too hard to force them to learn things... you do run the risk of, first, burnout, and second, suppressing creativity," Sterne said.

Parents who push their children may only want the best for them. "But what they don't realize is that children are going to learn if they are exposed" to normal life, Sterne said. "They don't need hightech curricula to do this.

The market is filled with an increasing number of books and early educational programs like those that urge pregnant women to talk or sing to their unborn children, said Elkind. "Entrepreneurs play on a lot of parental guilt and this whole psychology that you can create superbabies," he said.

Children need "constant, unconditional loving... They don't need flashcards... They need to be free to express creativity," Sterne said.

Added Sava: "We will do a great disservice to the children of this nation if we do not permit them to be children."

## CODE REFERENCE LIST

Here is a handy list of Code references provided in John Burton's talks on liability, reproduced for your convenience. Best we all have these in mind, and, perhaps, under the glass on our desks?

| <u>LIABILITY</u>  | <u>CODE SECTION THAT SHOULD BE REVIEWED</u>     |
|---|---|
| Knowledge of Rules of Discipline  | EC 35291  |
| Grounds for Suspension  | EC 48900  |
| Suspension by a teacher only for 48900  | EC 48910  |
| Suspension as a last resort   | EC 48900.5                                      |
| Suspension Due Process Report to Board or Superintendent on each suspension (48911(e) principal's designee in writing, on file in principal's office (48911(h)) | EC 48911  |
| Recommending expulsion (shall recommend or make statement to Board)   | EC 48915(a)                                     |
| Confidential Court reports to School District Superintendent  | WIC 827(b)                                      |
| Re Drugs - and WIC 707(b) Act by Students   |   |
| Custodian of Records  | AC 431  |
| Right to Safe Schools   | California Constitution Article 1 - Section 28C |
| Shall Report to law enforcement Violation of P.C. 245 (assault with deadly weapon prior to suspension or expulsion)   | EC 48902  |
| Standard School Crime Reporting form  | PC 628  |
| Child Abuse Reporting   | PC 1166-74                                      |
| Supervisor of Attendance Appointment and duties of  | EC 48240  |
| Report of Assault by a pupil against school employee  | EC 44014  |
| Detention after school  | AC 353  |
| Summary of State Laws for schools (requires Notice to Parents)  | PC 626.1  |
| Access to School Premises   | PC 627 et seq.                                  |
| Child Abuse sign statement re requirement to report   | PC 11166.5 - PC 11172                           |
| School District Police/Security Department  | EC 39670 - EC 39671<br>PC 241.4 PC 830.4        |



## ENFORCEMENT OF "SCHOOL YARD LAW"

A tough new program to crack down on adults who sell drugs near schools and use minors as their distributors was announced Monday, December 14, 1987, by officials from Los Angeles County and the U.S. attorney's office.

The program takes advantage of the federal "School Yard Law," enacted last year, which provides a minimum penalty of one year in prison -- without the possibility of probation -- for anyone convicted of distributing drugs within 1,000 feet of a school. Maximum penalties for those with prior convictions could be as much as 80 years in prison.

"We're going into the schoolyard after these dealers and make a federal case out of it," District Attorney Ira Reiner told a news conference held jointly by him, County Supervisor Mike Antonovich and U.S. Attorney Robert C. Bonner.

Operating with \$80,000 approved by the Board of Supervisors earlier this year, Reiner's office has assigned Deputy District Attorney Susan Bryant-Deason to duty as a special prosecutor in Bonner's office.

While Bryant-Deason will handle the prosecutions in federal court, field investigations and arrests will be handled by narcotics officers from local law enforcement agencies.

Adult leaders of the Los Angeles street gangs that peddle drugs to schoolchildren will be a prime target of the county-federal effort, Reiner said.

"Law enforcement has so often focused on the big picture, but that's only part of the picture," Reiner said. "We will focus on the problem of small-scale drug sales--small individually, but massive overall."

Prosecution in federal court will mean "we can get much stiffer sentences and . . . we can bring cases to trial much faster by avoiding the delays in local courts," the district attorney said.

Two young San Fernando Valley adults were charged last May in what federal authorities said was the first action locally under the new law.

That federal grand jury indictment accused Laina Eileen Cormack, 18, and Michael Jon Enders Jr., 19, of selling cocaine from a residence across the street from the Diane S. Leichman High School for the disabled in Reseda.

The indictment did not allege that cocaine was sold to students but did allege that the pair sold cocaine to an undercover officer who posed as a student from another high school.

Cormack was sentenced on October 16 to 60 days in prison after pleading guilty to lesser counts that did not carry a minimum sentence. Court proceedings are still pending against Enders.

## U.S. NOT SO ILLITERATE AFTER ALL

The 1985 National Assessment of Educational Progress (published in 1986) was based on interviewing and testing 3,600 representative adults, aged 21-25. The results of the study showed that 95% of the adults tested reached or exceeded the average reading proficiency level of 4th-grade students, 80% the proficiency of 8th-grade students and 62% the proficiency of 11th-grade students. The study concluded that "illiteracy is not a major problem for the young adult population." In fact, a literacy expert who wrote the forward for the study stated that the United States has the world's highest rate of basic literacy. He reported that other countries that claim nearly total literacy have much lower standards than ours. In addition, the report concluded that sizable numbers of people perform in the middle ranges of each scale, including document literacy and quantitative literacy, besides prose literacy (as reported above). However, while many people may not be illiterate, they may not be literate enough to be fully functional in a technologically advanced society.

## SPRING CONFERENCE PLANS IN GEAR

California 2000 - Preparing for the Future is the theme for the CASCWA spring conference in Sacramento at the Woodlake Inn, April 27-29.

The theme is consistent with where today's kindergarten's class will be as graduates in the year 2000. The California public school system will be averaging approximately 150,000 new students per year for the next ten years; the impact in terms of diversity and challenge in providing equity and quality education for all students has to be addressed now. With the enormous growth and diversity of these students we will see larger numbers in the numbers of limited English proficient students, emotional and physical handicap, and continued school age children and their families living at or below the poverty level.

Will classroom teachers be prepared to teach students that have not traditionally been successful in schools? Because of the factors indicated will there be a continued increase in the already high numbers of dropouts and at-risk students, what role will Child Welfare and Attendance staff play in the future in addressing these needs?

These questions and many more will be addressed at the spring conference. The tentative agenda is as follows:

Wednesday - April 27: Opening - "Nature of California by Year 2000"  
Dinner Banquet: "Future of Tomorrows' Children"  
Speaker - Reverend Cecil Williams - Glide Memorial Church, San Francisco

### Thursday Workshops:

- Aids in the Ethnic Minority Community
- Hispanic Substance Abuse Issues and Concerns
- Immigrant Youth in California Public Schools
- Hispanic Students Issues in Education - Enough is Known for Action
- School A Positive Place for Kids
- Community Involvement in the School
- Special Education Issues Today and Tomorrow
- Media in the School
- Dealing with At-Risk Youth
- Complete Secondary District Approach and At-Risk
- Training of Child Welfare and Outreach Consultants
- Effective Schools, where are we headed

The keynote luncheon invited speaker for Thursday is the Honorable Cruz Reynoso.

The Woodlake Inn will be offering special motel rates of \$49.00 single and \$59.00 double. The designated conference airline will be PSA and will offer a discount rate.

### Conference fees are:

- \$25.00 - Wednesday only
- \$35.00 - Retired - All 3 days
- \$50.00 - Thursday only
- \$50.00 - Fulltime Students - All 3 days
- \$75.00 - CASCWA Members - 3 days
- \$85.00 - Non-CASCWA Members
- \$95.00 - Non-CASCWA-On site registration

The full registration fee will include a lunch and dinner banquet, hosted reception honoring retirees, hosted presidents reception, and materials.

Registration material will be available and mailed out on February 5th. If you have not received any information by February 10th, do not hesitate to call (916) 366-4426.

We hope you can join the Delt-Sierra section for this exciting conference in beautiful Sacramento.





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