



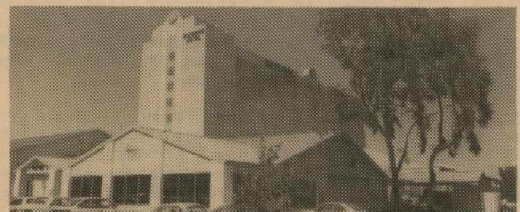
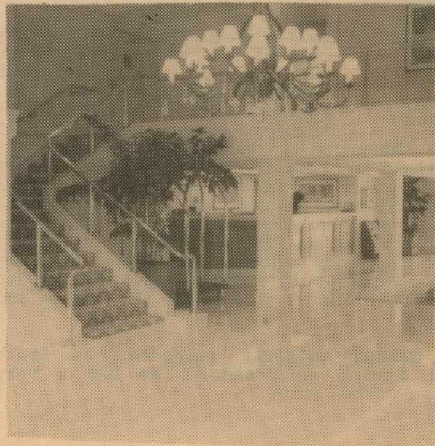
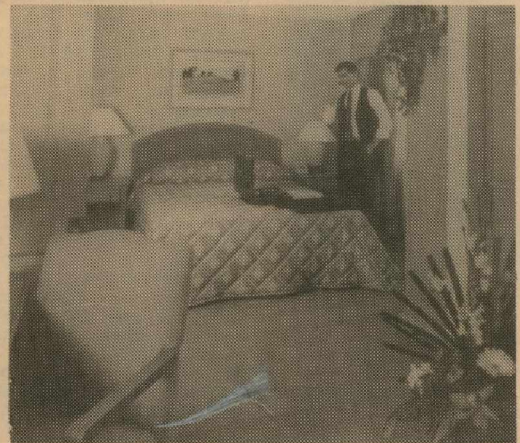
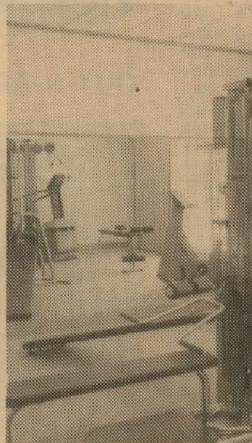
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William Booth, Editor--2937 E. San Gabriel, Fresno, CA 93726

Bay Section Hosts Fall C.A.S. C.W.A. Conference



*Santa Clara
October 31- to November 2, 1990*

PRESIDENT TURNER WANTS CASCWA TO BE KNOWN



DALE TURNER
State President
CASCWA

Your Executive Board and I would like to invite you to join us in a year of fun and frivolity. It is hoped that all of you had a peaceful, fun and productive vacation. At this point it probably seems like "what vacation?" As we begin the first official school year of the nineties, we all face many challenges both personally and professionally. As usual one of our goals as CASCWA members will be to improve our membership and to continue to provide those quality services to students. Let's not be the best kept secret in our respective districts!!!

This year's Executive Board is committed to providing you with the same excellent leadership that you, as a CASCWA member, have had in the past. Our goals are in place and we hope to offer you the opportunity to continue to feel proud that you are a CASCWA member. I hope all of you will be able to attend the fall conference in Santa Clara. This will be our first opportunity to be together and re-establish our networking by taking advantage of this exciting and informative conference.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in October and will continue to be the proud State President of CASCWA.

EXECUTIVE BOARD DOINGS



KATE KIRKENDALL
CASCWA
State Secretary

The CASCWA Executive Committee met in Sacramento on June 18, 1990, to plan for the new school year. We focused on the goals for 1990-91 and the upcoming Fall Conference. President Dale Turner has expressed the desire that CASCWA no longer be a well kept secret and many of the goals will address that need. Dale plans to attend at least one activity in each section this year and will personally visit county superintendents following the mailing of the CASCWA brochure. Rich Morrison has done an outstanding job with the new CASCWA flipchart and he also has membership packets available. CASCWA would like to increase the

involvement of paraprofessionals and a suggestion was made to consider a voting membership at a lower fee.

All systems are GO for the Fall Conference in Santa Clara. We have an outstanding list of workshops, presenters, and activities and we are looking forward to the brand new Biltmore Suites Hotel. State SARB will be holding their conference and we are hoping to have some carryover from their attendees.

CASCWA membership statewide stays right around 300 members. We would like to have at least 350 members this year and if everyone puts out an extra effort we could possibly reach 400. Please be looking out for new people in your districts who could benefit from membership in CASCWA and encourage former members to return to the fold.

The full Executive Board will be meeting again in Sacramento on September 14, 1990. We look forward to seeing you in Santa Clara!

CASCWA 1990-91 CALENDAR

June	1	Membership Drive/Year Starts
	18	CASCWA Executive Committee - Sacramento
September	14	CASCWA Executive Board Meeting - Sacramento
	14	President-Elect - Meet with Section Presidents to distribute materials for Outstanding Service Award.
October	30,31	CASCWA Executive Board Meeting - Santa Clara
	31	CASCWA State Conference - Santa Clara
January, 1991	1	Nomination for Section Outstanding Service Award to be received by Section Presidents.
	10	Nomination for Officers for the 1991-92 year should be submitted by Past-President to State Secretary.
February	1	Nomination form for State Outstanding Service Award to be sent to President-Elect.
	15	CASCWA Executive Board Meeting - Sacramento
	15	President-Elect - Meet with Section Presidents to select State Outstanding Service Award.
March	1	Section Presidents shall ensure that a slate of Section Officers is completed by March 1. Election of officers shall be held no later than March 30.
	1	End of Membership Drive for awarding of Membership Plaque.
	15	Deadline for ballots for 1991-92 state election to be mailed.
April	30	CASCWA Executive Board Meeting - Palm Springs
	30	CASCWA Spring Conference - Palm Springs
May	3	Installation of New Officers for 1991-92

'OUT-N-ABOUT' RETIREES



RICH DAVIS
Chairman
Special Assignments

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JIM MILNER, L.A. COUNTY OFFICE, and his beautiful wife Bev are doing just great. I had a nice talk with Bev the other day about their recent extended trip to Europe. Paris, Venice, Munich, Vienna, Brussels, Amsterdam, and London. Jim especially enjoyed Munich for its Beer and Wurst. Bev especially enjoyed the bargains in Paris and the dancing in Austria. The Rhine Cruise and stops along the way were the highlights of the trip. Jim almost got left in Paris. He left the holding area to take care of the "urgent needs". He was delayed going through Immigration and Customs again. In the meantime, Bev was about to panic because the last call to board was announced (in French) and no Jim. Bev had to be restrained in order to get Jim on board before the doors were closed. Jim finally was cleared before take-off and all ended well. Just in the nick of time. Other than that one harrowing experience they were really impressed with Paris. They both had an enjoyable trip and are now back home enjoying retirement and each other and the good life. It's always nice talking to the lovely Beverly Milner. She keeps Jim alive and well.

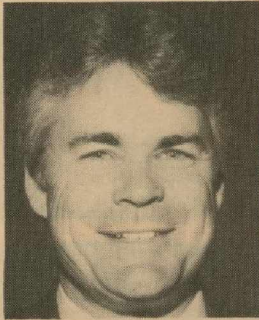
STEVE ELLISH, ORANGE UNIFIED, attended the State Conference last Spring in Fresno. We had a very

pleasant and enjoyable visit. Dorothy and Steve attended my workshop for retirees. We had a great time reminiscing about our experiences in Orange Unified and Compton. We also talked about putting on a workshop session at one of the conferences on "How to Enjoy Retirement". Maybe some of you other retirees out there might have something to contribute. Both Steve and his lovely child bride are looking great.

SARA (WILEY) RAY, COMPTON UNIFIED, is finally settling down to full time RVing. I met the Wileys on the road in Mt. Shasta. We continued on to Medford and Diamond Lake, Oregon. We visited Crater Lake and then continued on to Canada. We crossed over at Horseshoe Bay to Vancouver Island (Nainamo) and then north to the Campbell River. Salmon fishing was great. Mr. Wiley gave instructions and assistance in canning Coho Salmon. It came out real good. I left the Wileys on Vancouver Island. We joined up again in one week at West Port, Washington. Caught more salmon and did more canning. I gave Mr. Wiley a lesson catching salmon and he topped me bottom fishing. He caught a ton of cod, bass, halibut and salmon. You can guess what Sara has for dinner every day. They will be in West Port to the end of August then down to Brookings, Oregon, until winter sets in. At that time they will head south to sunny California for the winter. Sara sends her best regards to all her friends in CASCWA and "I miss you". I hope to see more retirees at the fall conference in Santa Clara. If not drop me a line and let us know how you are enjoying retirement and share some of your experiences.

OVER "N" OUT-----

CASCWA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SHOWS SUCCESS IN EARLY STAGES



STEVE GOCKE
Vice President
Membership

The 1990 CASCWA State Membership Drive is well on its way to a record year. Phase one of the campaign has been initiated with mailings to all members of the past two years, each superintendent in the state, and personal member referrals. Highlighting this year's campaign is the exciting new CASCWA multi-fold handbook packed with important CWA information. This exemplary product is the result of the creative efforts of Rich Morrison, Ventura County, CASCWA's State Director of Public Relations.

Congratulations to all sections for a great start on a powerful 1990 membership drive. Special

welcome to our 49 new members; it's an honor to have you on board.

New Membership:

	Active	Assoc.	Instit.
Bay Sect.	5	2	2
Delta-Sierra Sect.	7		
San Joaquin Sect.	8		1
Southern Sect.	16	1	7
State Total:	36	3	10

Bay Section

- Active-
Janet Baker, Oak Grove S.D.
Janice Kyne, Mt. Pleasant U.S.D.
Brian Lee, San Francisco U.S.D.
Albert Mendizabal, Morgan Hill U.S.D.
Pete Tuana, Fremont H.S.D.

- Assoc -
Bernice Jordan, Oakland U.S.D.
Donna Russell-Snyder, San Leandro U.S.D.

- Institutional-
Christine Fox, Alum Rock U.S.D.

Delta Sierra

- Active-
Juanita Armijo, Elk Grove U.S.D.
Lou Barber, El Dorado Union H.S.D.
Linda Booth, Elk Grove U.S.D.
Phyllis Clark, Pleasanton U.S.D.
Frank Oliver, Mt. Diablo U.S.D.
Valletta Parkhill, Siskiyou Co. Ed.
Sydney Renwick, Stockton U.S.D.

San Joaquin

- Active-
Marilyn Thornton, Hanford Elementary S.D.
James Brooks, Riverdale Jt. U.S.D.
Deborah Daniels, Stanislaus Co. Ed.
Bernice Hanlon, West Park S.D.
Joe Lee, Fresno U.S.D.
Timothy Shellito, San Benito H.S.D.
Charles Taylor, Stanislaus Co. Ed.
Lucile Uzunovic, Selma U.S.D.

- Institutional-
Richard McAteer, Mammoth U.S.D.

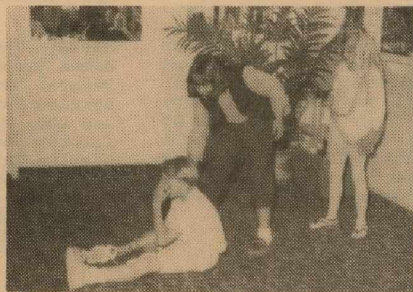
Southern

- Active-
Frank Boehler, Orange U.S.D.
John Casey, Chino U.S.D.
Philip Catalano, Fillmore U.S.D.
Barbara Colwell, L.A.U.S.D.
Nancy Izumi-Guillory, Long Beach U.S.D.
Rita Menzel, Paramount U.S.D.
Jerry Piper, Bakersfield City S.D.
Pamela Sanders, Maricopa U.S.D.
Seren Schaich, San Bernardino
Jane Schippers, San Luis Obispo City Schools
Ed Schlossman, Simi Valley U.S.D.
Stefan Sisman, Ocean View Jr. H.S.
Connie Van Luit, Garden Grove U.S.D.
Phyllis Vogel, Poway U.S.D.
Hershal Washington, Long Beach U.S.D.
Ramona Whitney, L.A.U.S.D.

- Associate-
Lewis Trine, Etiwanda S.D.

- Institutional-
Panama-Buena Vista S.D.
Santa Maria Jt. U.H.S.D.
Lakeside U.S.D.
Mary Guzman, Imperial Co. Ed.
Howard Lawrence, Palos Verdes U.S.D.
Terry Pearson, Santa Monica-Malibu S.D.
Bill Williams, Panama-Buena Vista S.D.





Scenes from Fresno C.A.P.C.W.A Conference, May, 1990

DELTA SIERRA TO PRINT ITS OWN NEWSLETTER AS MEMBER SERVICE



RENEE FEMENELLA
President
Delta Sierra Section

Delta Sierra CASCWA is starting the new school year 1990-91 with the following mission statement and goals:

Mission: To promote services to high risk youth and families that facilitate positive changes and collaborative efforts through interdistrict and agency cooperation among professionals and paraprofessionals within the field of child welfare and attendance and related disciplines. One of our goals is to continue to build bridges between districts and agencies through our district in-focus workshops. Our workshops feature district or agencies with innovative programs related to high risk youth. We

also plan to develop a clearing house of resources with the latest information on topics that are critical to all of us, such as homelessness, laws, child care, etc.

In the spirit of "None of us is as smart as all of us together", we will continue to share our expertise with one another. This year we will start a quarterly newsletter. Delta Sierra section covers a large amount of territory. We hope to reach out to our Northern California colleagues who may be too far to travel to workshops.

CASCWA is a great organization because of the network of people who make it great. We look forward to seeing you at this year's conference!

Delta Sierra 1990-91 Executive Board

President	Renee Femenella, MSW North Sacramento School District
Vice President	Christine Mizani Elk Grove Unified School District
Treasurer	May Powell, MSW Stockton Unified School District
Secretary	Carolyn Strong Folsom Cordova School District
Legislation	Tracey Wiltshire, MSW North Sacramento School District
Past President	Alicia Moran Rio Linda Union School District

SOUTHERN SECTION GATHERS MOMENTUM FOR THE YEAR

This coming year promises to be an exciting and challenging year for CASCWA-Southern Section. The Executive Board has already embarked on a number of projects which should be of interest to the entire section. The following activities are just a few which have been planned or co-sponsored by the Board.

On October 11, 1990, the section, along with the Attendance and Administrative Services Unit, Los Angeles County Office of Education, will be

sponsoring a two-hour broadcast over the Educational Telecommunications Network (ETN). This broadcast will feature the 1990 edition of the Pupil Services Digest.

As an incentive to draw additional members into the association, a luncheon speaker will be featured at each of the monthly executive board meetings. An attempt will be made to select speakers who are involved with programs which will be made to select speakers who are involved with programs which are of interest to our profession.

This year, Southern Section will be responsible for planning and presenting the Spring State Conference to be held at the Gene Autry Hotel in Palm Springs. The conference committee is hard at work to ensure that sessions and presenters address timely issues and provide valuable information such as current legislation and innovative programs. The chairperson for this year's conference will be Jane Mills.

The executive Board has launched a membership drive which we fully expect to exceed last year's section total of 184 members.

As president of Southern Section, I am fortunate to have an Executive Board that is creative and committed to the general welfare of students. This year's Board is comprised of the following individuals:

President Elect, Christine Smith, Oxnard UHSD
Vice President, Bill Stelzner, Los Angeles County Office of Education
Secretary, Agnes Moss, Los Angeles USD
Treasurer and Conference Chairperson, Jane Mills, Palm Springs USD
Past President, Karen Saunders, Los Angeles USD

As we enter the nineties, our section members will be confronted with a variety of troublesome issues which will require an association that can provide information, assistance, and a strong collaboration with other individuals who are willing and able to provide technical assistance to our meetings to gain insight into the benefits of being part of our organization.

SAN JOAQUIN SECTION PLANS SECTION CONFERENCE AT BASS LAKE



GREG BASS
President
San Joaquin Section

Summer was great, but I'm already looking forward to Labor Day to get a one day breather. My district, and most districts in the San Joaquin Section (as in all of California) are growing so rapidly, it's truly a chore to keep head above water - but we will, won't we?

Communication, networking, and staying abreast of laws are pertinent strategies for responding to our students in making the best decisions.

Our first San Joaquin Section Meeting for the 1990-91 school year will be highlighted by a September 28-29 conference. Alejandro Correa, Deputy Labor



SPRING CONFERENCE SCENES, FRESNO: (Left to right; top to bottom) Conference Chairman Greg Bass sets the stage. Keynote Speaker, Dr. Bernice Bass DeMartinez. Dr. Marlin Foxworth got everyone's attention. Gil Awalt, always present with raffle tickets. (Row 2) Roosevelt H.S., Fresno, Performing Arts students wowed 'em. Clovis' Valley Oak Drama Club did likewise. Karen and John beam as Helen McEwen receives outstanding Service Award. (Row 3) The Executive Board struggles with weighty problems. The Banquet group seems to be enjoying itself. Lee swears in the new CASCWA State officers. (Row 4) More happy diners. Steve Gocke exhorts the membership to work on membership. Dallan Ragland, Al Baum enjoy the hotel's watering hole (Row 5) President elect Jean Stovall practices up for the years to come. Lee and Rich in an unusual relaxed pose. John Taylor Fresno County Superintendent welcomes CASCWA.

Commissioner (State of California) has committed to presenting us with "Child Labor Laws". Our very own Kirpal Grewal (Merced Co. Education Office) will enlighten our knowledge with a special presentation on "Southeast Asian Students, as Americans". Dr. Jean Stovall will also update our section on "Notification", just to mention a portion of a spectacular program. Everyone is really looking forward to this conference and fellowship.

Then it's on to Santa Clara in October, where Bob Brazil and his gang have a wonderful reception and State Conference planned for our edification. Looking forward to seeing and sharing with every member and new members at the State Conference. All of our section plans on attending.

I'm excited about the growth, changes, and expected tasks that lie ahead of us in the coming year. Let's all join together and resolve any and all challenges possible.

BAY SECTION LOOKS TO CONFERENCE



BOB BRAZIL
President
Bay Section

Bay Section has started this year as it ended last year---- putting all available energy into planning the Fall Conference, "New Dimensions for a New Decade".

We started our membership drive simultaneously with the conference registration. Our first section meeting will be held at the Biltmore Hotel at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1. At this time we will present to our members our professional activity program for the year. We plan on meeting every 2 months with a program of professional interest and benefit. We will also be reviving our student scholarship program.

CASCWA OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

The CASCWA Executive Board has initiated Outstanding Service Awards to formally recognize CASCWA members who have made continuing contributions in the field of Child Welfare and Attendance.

The criteria for nomination for the award includes years of CWA involvement and participation in CASCWA, past leadership responsibilities and specific outstanding contributions in the field of Child Welfare and Attendance, as well as, involvement in state and community organizations that promote the welfare of children.

Nominations for consideration of the Outstanding Service awards are to be made by individual CASCWA members to the Section President. Each Section has established a committee to review applications and to select a nominee. It is important that the nominations be submitted in a timely manner. The Section President will be the advocate for the nominee from their section.

The State President-Elect will meet with the Section Presidents at the February Executive Board Meeting to select the recipient of the State award. The Section Selection Committee will choose the recipient of the Section Outstanding Award.

All Outstanding Service Awards will be presented at the Spring CASCWA Conference. The Outstanding Service Award is our opportunity to recognize those who represent the best of the best.

BAY SECTION PROVIDES ALL THE BEST FOR SANTA CLARA FALL CONFERENCE

It's easy to say that this conference is going to be the best ever, since we say it often. It's true too, because each one does seem to be more pertinent, interesting and professionally profitable. This one, however, promises to be unique. Bob Brazil has turned to project into a full time crusade. We have a brand new hotel, marvelous location, food catered to make a real impression, meeting and presentation subjects that will draw a crowd and some great legislation handouts to mention a few highlights. Fresno, last spring, was enjoyed by all, the product of a lot of effort, and it's really unfair to make comparisons, but what's upcoming should compare well with what has gone before. If you can't come, I hope you have an overpowering reason, because you will feel terrible when you find out what you missed. On top of all, this the conference will tie in with the State SARB Conference! Such a deal!

Bob has sent out two registration mailings with this information, but here it is again, just in case you weren't paying attention.

Conference topics:

- Safe Schools
- AIDS Instructional Programs
- Personal Planning
- Gang Suppression
- Alternate Learning Styles
- Guest speakers
- Children of Chemically Dependent Families
- Inter-Agency Cooperation
- Adolescents in Cults
- Language Interpreters for Schools
- Drug Dependent Youth
- Legislative Committees Update
- Entertainment, and more

NEW DIMENSIONS FOR A NEW DECADE

CASCWA FALL CONFERENCE

Biltmore Hotel and Suites, Silicon Valley, at the intersection of 101 and Montague Expressway, Santa Clara.
(Five minutes from San Jose Airport - Free Hotel Shuttle.)

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ TITLE _____ DIST/AGENCY _____
ADDRESS _____ PHONE: () _____ COUNTY _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ CASCWA MEMBER: YES NO

CASCWA SECTION: (Check One) BAY _____ DELTA SIERRA _____ SAN JOAQUIN _____ SOUTH _____

REGISTRATION FEES: By 10 Oct After 10 Oct No Cost

Conference Registration: \$110.00 \$120.00 \$ _____
(Includes all meetings, Regatta Banquet, Business Luncheon, Tax Contingent Breakfast, and Entertainment)

RETIREE MEMBERS: \$ 60.00 \$ 70.00 \$ _____

Thursday Registration: \$ 80.00 \$ 90.00 \$ _____
(Includes Thursday & Friday Meetings, Business Luncheon, and Contingent Breakfast)

RETIREE MEMBERS: \$ 20.00 \$ 25.00 \$ _____

Friday Registration: \$ 30.00 \$ 30.00 \$ _____
(Includes Friday meetings, and Contingent Breakfast)

RETIREE MEMBERS: \$ 5.00 \$ 5.00 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

1990-91 CASCWA DUES:

(All members who pay 1990-91 dues must sign and have their names placed in a special drawing for a "bonus prize")

- DUES: (Check One)
- Active \$30.00 per membership year
 - Associate \$20.00 per membership year
 - Institutional \$30.00 per membership year
 - Retired \$10.00 per membership year

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make check payable to: BAY SECTION, CASCWA
no refunds after October 15, 1990

MAIL TO: Robert Brazil
Conference Chairman
P.O. Box 14163
Fremont, CA 94539



LEGISLATION

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE PROVIDES UPDATE



LEE LUNDBERG
Chairman
Legislation Committee

As we go to press, the timing is poor to provide an accurate legislative analysis. Lee Lundberg has been doing his usual thorough job of "bird dogging" the Sacramento scene, but since a number of bills of concern to CASCWA are on the Governor's desk awaiting decision, our report is incomplete at best. Lee does report that four bills have been passed, signed and chaptered; they are as follows:



BILL #	CHAPTER	AUTHOR
SB2227	363	Robbins
Requires school districts to report on a twice yearly basis the number of suspensions and expulsions on forms to be created by the State Department of Education and supplied to the districts for this purpose.		
SB2706	315	Watson
Requires that the absence of a student who is a custodial parent be considered excused and that the student shall be allowed to make up work missed. The absence, however, shall not be considered excused for ADA apportionment purposes.		
AB43	391	Elder
Charges the allowable fine for 3rd or subsequent correction to \$500 for an infraction involving failing to comply with compulsory education laws.		
AB149	315	Allen
Extends existing provisions of law which allow residence designation based on parents' place of employment.		
These are law, but others of equal or more significance are now awaiting final decision:		
AB2645		Epple
Increases allowable penalty for possession of narcotics within designated distance from school.		
AB2716		Moore
Modifies process for child abuse reporting.		
AB3130		Waters
Establishes Interagency Coordination Commission.		
AB3392		Wright
Reinstates mandate for SARB; changes SARB composition.		

AB3430		Clute
Dropout Recovery Act provides recognition to schools for improvement.		
AB3518		Hughes
Allows local school districts to determine means for certification of school admission age.		
AB3744		Elder
Overseas penalties for narcotics possession/sale.		
AB3747		Eaves
Modifies process for exchange of information on expelled students.		
AB3880		Barth
Special education expulsion law; clarifies and codifies process and timelines.		
SB1429		Gwen
Liberalizes exchange of student information.		
SB2029		McCorquodale
Provides equalization of funding for pregnant minor programs.		
SB2112		Boatwright
Enhances penalties for narcotics offenses.		

Lee is confident that his legislative update, a wrap up of the year's legislation, passes and fails, will be ready for presentation at the Santa Clara conference. Lee's Friday session alone is sufficient reason to join CASCWA next month at our fall conference.

CASCWA TO PROVIDE LEGAL ADVISORIES

Your legislative committee has provided to all of us still another service. The good news is that listed below, for your reference, are all the legal advisories of the State Department for 1989 to 1990. Free copies are available; call (916)445-4694. Even better news is that CASCWA has obtained copies of all these advisories and has collated them into a single document. The best news is that all who register for the upcoming Santa Clara conference will receive a copy of it-----How about that!

LEGAL ADVISORIES	DATE/AUTHOR
Political Activities of School Districts and Governing Boards	6/19/87
Attorney General Opinion on Bilingual Teacher Competency	3/3/88 A. Keown
Limitations on Student Expression in School-Sponsored Publications	3/4/88 M. Hersher
Duties and Liabilities of School Counselors	4/21/88 M. Hersher
Application of the Residency Requirements for Homeless Children and Youth	11/15/88 J. Eckrem



Requests for Student Data by
Purported Educational Groups --
Directory Information

4/28/88
Symkowick

Salazar v. Honig 10/14/88
T. Carey

Salazar v. Honig W/Order of the
Superior Court of Ventura County 11/25/88

Teresa P. et. al v. Berkeley Unified
School district et al 5/15/89
A. Keown

Requiring Students to View "Channel
One" and Other Similar Television
Programs Sponsored by Commercial
Advertisers 5/24/89
Symkowick

Suspension and Expulsion of
Handicapped Pupils in Light of Honig
v. Doe 6/23/89
B. Zolotar

School District Liability and "Hold
Harmless" Agreements 11/1/89
M. Hersher

Procedures for requesting guidance
from the U.S. Department of Education 1/25/90
M. Hersher

PETE KNEEDLER CLARIFIES CRIME REPORT CATEGORIES

New crime categories that first appeared on the 1988-89 crime reporting forms need further clarification. A review of incoming crime reports shows that most of the confusion appears related to the categories of Assault, Battery, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, and Unlawful Fighting. To help make the distinctions clearer, here are definitions and reporting criteria for these categories:

Assault. An assault is an attempt to do serious harm to another person, but there is no physical contact. In other words, there is a serious potential for a physical attack that could result in injury, but again, no contact. The principal or designee felt the situation serious enough to warrant a report to the police. (One would expect very few crimes in this category). Read on.

Battery. With battery, there is physical contact. The principal or designee deems the situation serious enough to warrant a police report. (If there is no physical contact and the police are contacted, it is an assault.)

Assault with a Deadly Weapon. There is physical contact, a weapon was used, and the police were notified.

Let's look at how these definitions might apply in a realistic scenario.

1. Suppose two children are on the school grounds during recess and one throws a rock at the other. It misses, but the principal or designee felt that the situation was serious enough to call the police. This is a case of assault. There was a serious possibility of harm but no contact, and the police were called.

2. Now suppose the first child threw the rock and it hit the other child. The police were notified. This is battery. There was physical contact, and the police were called.

3. Now suppose the rock that was thrown hit the second child and caused serious injury. The injuries were serious enough to require attention by a health practitioner. The police were called. In light of the injuries suffered, the rock was considered a deadly weapon. This is assault with a deadly weapon.

Unlawfully Fighting. Unlawful fighting is reported only if it results in a suspension or expulsion and there is

no notification to the police. So, if a school yard fight is broken up by the principal, for example, that is not a violation of school discipline policy, and there is no recommendation for suspension or expulsion, it is not reportable. On the other hand, if the police are involved, it would fall into one of the above categories.

Crime reporters at some school are placing almost everything into assault, a much more serious offense that requires a police report. Please call us if you need help categorizing any crimes.

Crime Reporting Workshops Cancelled

Almost 500 educators and law enforcement representatives pre-registered for the statewide crime reporting workshops that were to be held in August and September. Unfortunately, the budget shortfall for education in Sacramento resulted in the curtailing of many services, and workshops were one of the areas hardest hit. We are hoping to reschedule the workshops at a later date.

A number of handouts were prepared for the workshops that define the crime categories and a list reporting criteria, as well as provide helpful resources. Anyone who would like a set of the workshop handouts can obtain them by calling or writing the Crime Reporting Program. Contact Rose Casselman, Office Technician, or myself at the following address and phone numbers.

Peter Kneedler
School Crime Reporting Program
School Climate and Student Support Services Unit
California Department of Education
721 Capitol Mall
P.O. Box 944272
Sacramento, CA 94344-2720
(916)323-0557 or (916)323-0565

PARENTS ARE FINED FOR SON'S CHRONIC TRUANCY

In the Valley's first prosecution under a new school attendance enforcement program, parents of a habitually truant student have been fined.

The action was taken against parents of a student in the Keppel Union School District, according to a news release Monday from Keppel attendance officer Deborah Swihart.

"The goal of this program is not to punish the child but to impress on everyone the importance of school attendance," said Swihart in announcing the successful prosecution.

The parents and student were not identified, nor was the amount of the fine indicated. Swihart could not be reached for further information, nor could Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Jeannie Fuller.

The California Supreme Court has ruled that a student can be incarcerated for contempt for not following a court order to stay in school. Parents may also be prosecuted for failing to keep the child in school. Prosecution of the Keppel parents occurred through the use of a truancy mediation program drawn up by Los Angeles County District Attorney Ira Reiner.

Only students who are habitually truant are to be targeted by the program. A student with three unexcused absences who is notified to attend school, then is absent two to three more days, could be on his way to prosecution. Under the plan, a school identifies the habitual truant and must do all it can to get the student to go to school. The school could investigate and provide counseling. Continued problems would lead to the involvement of the School Attendance Review Team and later, the School Attendance Review Board.

If those steps fail, the district attorney can look at the case to determine whether there is a need to take the child or his or her parents to court. "The real success of this program will be to stop the program before using the district attorney's office in the future," Swihart said.

STUDENT SERVING FIVE DAYS FOR IGNORING ORDER TO ATTEND SCHOOL

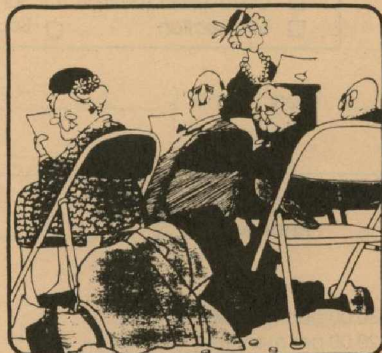
Imperial Valley kids thinking about not going to school may want to think twice. A Brawley Union High School student is serving five days in Juvenile Hall for not obeying a court order to go to school as school officials, truant officers, probation officers and court officials crack down on truancy.

While the Brawley junior is the first in Imperial County to do time for skipping school, local officials say they won't hesitate to take similar action again. Chief Probation Officer Alejandro Armenta said, "We plan to take more of these cases to court." The Brawley student missed in excess of 60 days of school this year, according to Norma Sierra, School Attendance Review Board officer for Brawley High. He was sent to Juvenile Hall after a series of hearings after which Juvenile Court Judge Fielding Kimball issued a court order requiring the youth to go to school. When the youth did not comply, he was picked up.

Sierra said local officials are taking a hardline because they are beginning to see a direct link between truancy and delinquency. "What's happening is creating a snowball effect. We're taking preventative measures like this one to keep them out of trouble." Incarcerating truants started with a 1988 case in Fresno County, said Mary Weaver, manager of the School Climate Division of the state Education Department. The state Supreme Court upheld a Fresno judge's sentence that put a student in Juvenile Hall for violating a court order to attend school, said Weaver. According to Bruce Marcuson, supervisor of the juvenile division of the Probation Department, Brawley was the first Valley school district to send kids to the court for truancy.

"I'm glad we've gotten the cooperation from official agencies to help with this," said Superintendent Richard Fragle. "We're sending a message not only to Brawley but to other schools to take this seriously." Central Union High School is also following the same procedures for getting truants back in school. "We have a student now that has a 601 (has become a ward of the court), and is ordered to attend Central Union High School," said Linda Ronco, assistant principal at Central. "We will go to one more hearing and it could lead to Juvenile Hall assignment." Most kids respond to the court order to attend school, Ronco said, "(But) she is not responding."

The BUHS boy now in custody has been in the School Attendance Review Board process for the last two academic years, Sierra said. "Most students who live a comfortable life do not take well to Juvenile Hall," she said. "This is the boy's first time (in Juvenile Hall) and has not taken well to it." But Sierra said the sentence isn't intended to make a kid suffer. "Every day a kid is in a classroom we have another chance to open a door for him!"



Sid Baldwin continues to be nagged by a short attention span.

LEARNING THE HARD WAY

The Sacramento Union, December 17, 1988

Editors note: The following letter was written by a 25-year-old Sacramento man who recently served a jail term and is now on probation for auto burglary and attempted auto theft. The letter is one of the terms of probation imposed by Municipal Court Judge George Nicholson - that he write a letter to the editor for possible publication by Sacramento's two daily newspapers. The subject: "What I did, why I did it, what it costs me, and why I won't do it again."

In addition, the writer must pay restitution and court costs and lecture between six and ten groups of Sacramento students on the same subject as his letter during 1989.

It all started when I was going around looking for car radios. I was about 18 years old and I didn't have a job. When I was employed it wasn't for long; I was getting laid off. That's when I started taking car stereos from cars. I became friends with the wrong crowd I guess.

One certain guy that I met knew how to steal decks. He was real fast and everyone would try to do it that much faster. What I mean by fast is he could get in the car and out with the tape deck in less than a few minutes. So, all guys would try to see who could do it the fastest.

I learned to do it very fast and so it got to be like a big game, plus we made money on the side. We made about \$100 for every tape deck we got.

After some time had passed we started to get bored with just getting tapes. We wanted other challenges. Something bigger, so we started taking the entire car. That way we got everything in the car and made more money.

So over the years we had gone from decks to cars. It had then gotten to the point that people were coming to me asking to get this or that for them. It then became like a job. We would go out to get what people had asked for.

One thing led to another. Then I met a guy that said he would give me \$3,000 to get certain cars and drop them at designated spots. This had gone on for several years. The money was always there, even when I didn't need it. People always calling and waiting, so I was off again.

It came to the point that I didn't think I would get caught. People would tell me, "You had better stop. You're going to get caught." I always thought I would stop before I was caught. That's when I had been caught for the last time, not to get out of it again. That's when I went to trial, was found guilty and sentenced to serve time in jail.

I had gone too far and I was caught. Believe me it was the worst feeling of my life. I was in jail away from my family and from my girlfriend. I have never felt so alone. I hated myself for what I had done. I had to deal with it and I did. I am glad that it had happened. It has made me into a new person and a new person I'm going to stay.

So for the cocky young and older guys who think, "I won't get caught," don't believe it. Take it from someone who knows. Jail is not the place for anybody who cares anything for themselves.

When I went to jail I was treated like an animal. The cops were always yelling at you and talking about you. The way I looked at it, that place is hell. The inmates were always looking for a fight. It was so hard not to fight with someone in your face saying whatever he could to get you to fight. It's just something you do not want to know firsthand or even to hear about.

I know if I was honest from the beginning of my trial or preliminary hearing, that I would not have received such a long sentence. So to all of those who are reading this, I'm now saying that I am very, very sorry for what all has taken place in the past years. I'm hoping that my apology will be accepted. I am sorry and plan to stay an honest person.

--Michael Earl McGinnis

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