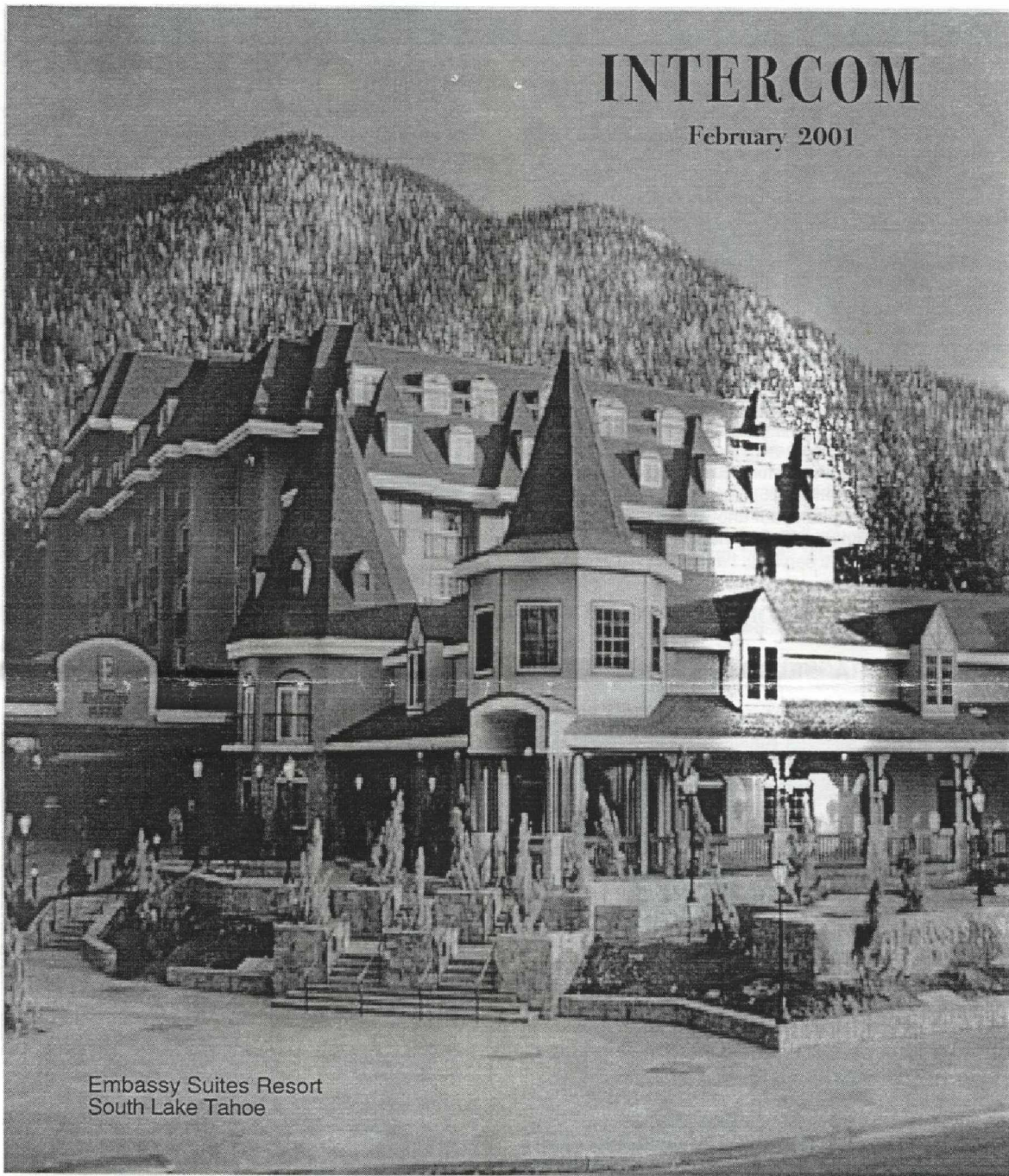


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STATE PRESIDENT ROB GERIG PREPARES TO TURN OVER THE GAVEL



Rob Gerig
CASCWA President

As my year as State President heads for the home stretch I look back at very enjoyable and productive year. It has truly helped me realize what a great organization CASCWA is. The members of the State Executive Board have volunteered their time tirelessly to meet the year's objectives for the organization and for the children in our schools. In my travels to each section I have found enthusiasm, especially with new members who want to get involved. The thirst for learning everything they can in the field is evident. At our upcoming State Conference in South Lake Tahoe April 25, 26, and 27 you will have a great opportunity to strengthen your knowledge and skills and also to network with the people who speak our language in all the areas of student services. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there.

DELTA-SIERRA WELCOMES YOU TO LAKE TAHOE



Debbie Morris
President
Delta-Sierra Section

We are fast approaching our Annual State CASCWA Conference and I wanted to encourage each of you to look closely at the conference brochure.

Conference Highlights include: An FBI presentation on "Threat Assessment", An overview of the SARB process, and everything a person would want to know about how to run an effective SARB. Participants will be given ample opportunities to talk with attorneys and experts in the field in regards to SARB, discipline, custody issues, and 504 issues.

The theme for this year's conference is "Getting Connected". Workshops are geared for the seasoned professional as well as those just getting started. It will be of interest to law enforcement, administrators, and front line workers. I promise that you will receive valuable information and be given a wonderful opportunity to network with colleagues from around the state. On behalf of the entire CASCWA Delta-Sierra Section Executive Board, I am looking forward to seeing you in South Lake Tahoe, April 24-27, 2001.

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SAN JOAQUIN SECTION INITIATES "SUCCESS" SCHOLARSHIP

San Joaquin Section this year inaugurates a scholarship to be awarded to a senior student who has shown great improvement rather than high achievement only, in school and in his personal life. Students in central valley counties will be eligible. The scholarship is named in honor of Anthony Brucia, the late son of our incoming president, Joe Brucia. The award application must carry the signature of a CASCWA member and the application must be received no later than April 18th. Applications are available at <http://www.muhsd.k12.ca.us/cwa/award>. CASCWA is proud of the fact that Similar scholarships are available in Delta-Sierra, Bay and in Southern sections.



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BAY SECTION HAS ACTIVE YEAR



Sue Chambers-Johnson
President Bay Section

The Bay Section Fall Conference, "Giving Kids the Right Stuff," was held on October 27, 2000, at the PG&E Learning Center in San Ramon with over 100 participants from CASCWA, Probation, and Juvenile Justice attending the conference. Through detective work and the persistence of Past Bay Section President Alan DelSimone, Alan was able to contact Michael Pritchard, nationally recognized speaker, humorist, winner of

the San Francisco Comedy Award, ex-probation officer, and author of "Peace Talks," to be our keynote speaker. Michael gave a heartfelt and inspirational presentation to the group, which emphasized the importance of supporting youth, and also supporting and honoring ourselves and each other. Michael stayed through the morning after his presentation to chat with the conference participants and to walk the talk of his message.

Following Michael's presentation, Lionel Chatman, from the Contra Costa Probation Department and Director of the Challenge Grant II Project, "Circleof Care," presented information about the Challenge Grant program for at-risk girls. The Circle of Care program consists of three Day Treatment Centers, located in East, West and Central Contra County. Each program provides a full education and counseling component to serve at-risk girl's special needs. This is an experimental program, which is in the second year of a three-year program. Data on the program is being collected.

The final presentation of the morning was given by Joe Taylor, Legislative Chair for CASCWA. Joe gave a legislation update and also requested input from the members regarding future emphasis for CASCWA's legislation support.

After lunch, FBI agents, Jeffery Reneke and Christopher Hopkins, presented information on a monograph that was published this year by the Department of Justice, called, "The School Shooter, a Threat Assessment Perspective." The monograph was developed from the concepts and principles developed by the FBI's National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crimes (NCAVC). NCAVC developed this document, using 25 years of experience in threat assessment, ideas generated at a 1999 NCAVC symposium on school shootings, and an in-depth review of 18 school shooting cases. Reneke and Hopkins emphasized that the monograph is not a "profile" of a school shooter or a checklist of danger signs pointing to the next student who will bring a weapon to school.

However, the monograph presents a systematic procedure for threat assessment and intervention. Copies of the monograph are available on the web.

The final session of the afternoon was a presentation by Larisa Casillas from "Children Now" a non-profit group

committed to improving conditions for all children. She presented information from the California Report Card 2000, which gives a picture profile of young people today in California. Copies of this report may be obtained from the main office: 1212 Broadway, Oakland, CA, 94612, or e-mail children@childrenow.org.

This year, Bay Section has also reactivated the Student Scholarship Award. Thanks to the hard work of Bay Section Vice President Audrey Keebler who prepared and auctioned off gift baskets at the conference, over \$120 was earned for the \$500 scholarship that will be given in the spring.

Upcoming events for Bay Section include a luncheon on February 9, 2001, at the Pleasanton Hotel in Pleasanton, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Joe Brucia, state CASCWA president elect, will be the luncheon speaker and will talk about "Doing CWA and All That Other Stuff." The final Bay Section meeting will be the Scholarship Awards Luncheon at Stony Ridge Winery in Livermore, on May 18, 2001. This year we will present at least one award to the senior student who has benefited from the CWA intervention. All are welcome to join us in this wonderful end-of-the-year activity. For information regarding these events, or if you need a scholarship application, or if you would like to serve on the Bay Section Board, please refer to the CASCWA Bay Section Web site.

SAN JOAQUIN SECTION PLANS END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES



Bob Pankratz
President
San Joaquin Section

My, how quickly a school year passes. Already we have completed the first semester and are well on our way into the second. We have finished the holiday season, and after catching our breath from the busy Fall, have now plunged into the heart of the school year. Our executive board members have been busy planning and have a great lineup of events for the rest of this year. In January (26th, 11 am, Los Banos) we want to start the real "new century" together over lunch

with an excellent update on Community "Day" Schools: If you are not planning on opening one soon come anyway, as we will be updating the "State of the Union" for Central California.

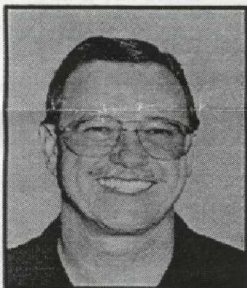
On March 2nd we will have a day long workshop focused on Partnerships in Clovis. Last year's Spring meeting was excellent, and we expect to repeat with a great lineup of sessions built around the extended interagency relationships that are necessary to make education viable these days. Sessions will include information on programs that are and up and running that feature probation, Superior Courts, District Attorney's offices Police and Sheriff's departments, Social Services, HUD, and local CBOs. You cannot afford to miss this opportunity. By the way, bring other members of these agencies with you to show them what is working in our valley. At the end of April (24th

through 27th)we will have our annual state conferencehis year at the Embassy Suites in South Lake Tahoe. This is always the best chance of the year to improve your legislative and program knowledge, pick up your spirits, and meet up with old friends (and make new ones) The theme will be "Getting Connected" to our profession, to the children and families we work with, and with the other professionals we work with. Save the dates now.

Finally, we will end the year with our annual end of the year luncheon in Merced on May 18th. At this luncheon we will bring the year to a quick close, and begin the plans all over again for the next one.

I want to highlight a new activity for our section the year: the "Anthony Brucia Scholarship Fund." This year for the first time the San Joaquin Section of CASCWA will award scholarships for needy students graduating in the class of 2001. What a great way to begin the Century! A committee has been established, and forms, criteria, and deadlines are now available. We are all excited about this new possibility! Be sure to check the CASCWA Web site for additional updates on all our activities.

SOUTHERN SECTION HAS BUSY SCHEDULE AND PREPARES FOR L.A.U.S.D. RESTRUCTURING



Frank Boehler
President Southern
Section

It is hard to believe that the 2000-2001 school year has reached its midpoint. The phones are ringing and the e-mails keep coming. How can we even begin to think about the impact of the exit exam. The work of Child Welfare and Attendance just never slows down as our organization is so very important to our profession.

CASCWA Southern Section held an excellent one-day conference in Ontario, California on Thursday, November 16, 2000. This conference turned

out to be one of the best conferences that Southern Section has ever sponsored. The event began with a message from Dr. Herbert Fischer, Superintendent of Schools, San Bernardino County. We then received a visit from our State President, Rob Gerig.

The main event for the conference was Dr. Kris Mohandie, Psychologist, Los Angeles Police Department. Dr. Mohandie's presentation described the history of school violence and he then shared with the attendees a model school violence prevention and intervention training program that can easily be implemented in all school districts.

Mona Ruiz was the keynote speaker. Mona is a recognized author throughout the United States for her book, "Two Badges." Mona was followed by Dr. Ken Lorge, Child Welfare & Attendance, Placentia-Yorba Linda School District, brought his colleague, John Ramirez, to assist with the presentation on their program, S.E.R.V.E. John was fantastic. The conference concluded with a presentation by Eric Ewell, David Dutcher and Patricia Levinson on Foster Youth Services. Please take the time to review and to look

at the Pictures that have been posted by our web master, Tom Mangione at www.cascwa.org.

Southern Section scheduled a second event for February of 2001. The topic was to address the areas involved in home schooling and private school affidavits. At the last minute the speaker was unavailable and we are busy rescheduling a legal forum for March of 2001. Information will be sent out to all Southern Section members and will be placed on the web site.

Executive Board Members Mark Michels, Karen Saunders and Dale Parent are busy preparing for this year's scholarship awarding. If you are a member of CASCWA Southern Section and you know of a deserving senior student who has done 180 degrees with his/her life, please submit an application on the student's behalf. Information is available on the web site and will be mailed home to members.

Wow! What an incredible restructuring in the Los Angeles Unified School District. The once massive singular district has been subdivided into approximately eleven smaller sections. This restructuring will take time to fully understand. Many of our members who once specialized in specific areas are now assuming a more diverse role. In the long run this will strengthen our members and their position. Right now there appears to be a transition period. Our L.A.U.S.D. membership has traditionally been one of CASCWA's strengths. We hope that this will continue in the future. We are busy planning a special reception in Los Angeles to touch base with our LAUSD CASCWA friends in late February or Early March. Hope to see you there.

As we go down the home stretch of this presidency, I have a tremendous smile on my face knowing that two of the finest professionals in our field, Betty Folsom, Riverside County Office of Education, and Jerry Rime, Los Angeles County Office of Education, will be continuing the work of past presidents whom I have attempted to emulate. This is a great organization and if you are in any field dealing with "at-risk" youth, you need to be a CASCWA A Member. Hope to see you at the State Conference in Lake Tahoe!

SACRAMENTO ZOO PROGRAM IMPROVES PUPIL ATTENDANCE

Who would have thought that spending a night at the zoo with hyenas, monkeys and tigers would increase student attendance, but officials from California's Sacramento school district have discovered that is exactly the case with their Overnight at the Zoo Program. The program rewards fifth grade students who have shown improvement in their attendance with an overnight sleepover at the Sacramento Zoo.

Children participating in the program have to agree to honor a six-week contract by improving their attendance and showing good behavior. The district chose fifth graders because the event would give them something to anticipate. The sleepover began as a pilot program in June 1999 at Fruit Ridge Elementary School and proved so successful that it was expanded to four more schools with approximately 250 students.

The children and their chaperones played educational games, listened to professional storytellers at a campfire in the zoo's amphitheater, had a pancake breakfast, and participated in animal feedings.

ATTORNEY GENERAL LOCKYER RELEASES "LAW IN THE SCHOOL"

*Special to CASCWA Intercom by California
Attorney General Bill Lockyer*

Recent school tragedies throughout the nation have underscored the need for school officials to act swiftly before trouble turns to tragedy. To do this, school staff must have confidence in their knowledge of the law.

Recently, my office released the sixth edition of *Law in the School*, a guide and reference handbook on California's school safety laws. It is designed to provide school administrators, teachers, school safety personnel and law enforcement with information about the most recent California laws and court decisions that will help them deal effectively with behavioral problems and criminal activities on campus. For example, school officials need to know: Under what conditions can they conduct a student search, and how should the search be handled? If a student misbehaves or commits a crime, what disciplinary action should be taken? When should law enforcement become involved and what is their authority on campus? What are the liabilities of students and parents in cases of student misconduct, or a crime?

Answers to these and other questions, as well as examples from court cases, are contained in *Law in the School*. Understanding these issues will help promote a safer school environment for everyone, and enhance the cooperation between various agencies.

For example, failure to comply with the reasonable suspicion and reasonable scope standards when conducting a student search may result in the inability to use evidence in court. It may also create a liability for the individual, school or district that conducted the search for violating student civil rights.

Schools also have a duty to supervise students on campus and to enforce the school's rules and regulations. In one court case, a child who was injured while throwing dirt clods during recess was allowed to sue the school district. The Court of Appeal held that the district had a duty to supervise the child and his classmates, even though the student was wrong and purposely engaged in the activities. In addition, school personnel have a duty to act - to recognize and respond quickly and effectively to dangerous situations. In one court case, a school district was held liable for injuries to children when a car accelerated and jumped a nearby parking lot curb. The court ruled against the school district, even though the district did not own the parking lot, because its administrators knew, or should have known, that the parking lot was a busy and dangerous place.

Law in the School also includes the most current information about laws on criminal background checks required for school employees; the duty to report child abuse, sex crimes against children and criminal acts of students; laws governing free speech on school grounds and the limits on free expression; issues related to drug testing; and confidentiality laws.

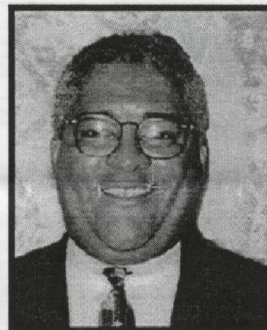
This publication has been updated and reprinted at the request of school administrators, safe schools trainers and members of the School/Law Enforcement Partnership Cadre, a group of experts who assist schools in a variety of

school safety issues. The Partnership, formed between the California Department of Education and the Department of Justice, pursues effective ways for schools and law enforcement to work together to strengthen school safety.

Complimentary copies of *Law in the School* were sent to public schools, school superintendents and law enforcement leaders statewide. The document can be purchased from the California Department of Education's Publication Unit by calling 1-800-995-4099, or by writing CDE Press, California Department of Education, P.O. Box 944272, Sacramento, CA 94244-2720. It is also available from <http://caag.state.ca.us/cvpc/lawinschool.htm>. For further information, please contact my Crime and Violence Prevention Center at 1300 I Street, Sacramento CA 95814(916) 324-7863.

LEGISLATION

THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE IS BACK



Joe Taylor
CASCWA Legislative
Chairman

They're back! The 2001 State Legislature has reconvened and both the Senate and Assembly are back in session. My congratulations to Senator Betty Karnette and Assemblywoman Charlene Zettel who both were reelected and are very supportive of CASCWA issues. I have already began preliminary discussions with staff from both offices about ideals for possible legislation in the

2001 legislative session. Our plan is to focus on current Education Code language in areas relating to Child Welfare and Attendance which need revision or updating. Revising these "Flaws in the Laws" would make the Education Code more clear, effective and make all of our jobs easier.

One area of the Education Code we are focusing on is Section 48260-48292 having to do with attendance, truancy and the school attendance review board procedures. We are revising the language in key areas of these sections to: update and clarify procedures, define terminology, eliminate ambiguous statements, and standardize the school attendance review board process. Changes in these sections will also make the language for school attendance review boards mandatory as opposed to permissive, provide the State school attendance review board with resources to operate and provide monetary resources and training to local school attendance review boards.

The changes to these Sections of the Education Code are going to be put into the format of a proposed Bill. This

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This proposed Bill is currently being worked on with staff from Senator Kamette's office, Assembly woman Zettel's office and the Legislative Analyst's office. The idea is to have a Bill with bipartisan support that makes it through the entire legislature to the Governor's desk for signature.

This same procedure will be used for other "Flaws in the Laws" identified in the Education Code. Some other "Flaws" recently identified by CASCWA members include the following discrepancies: the length of a knife blade; the punishment for possession of marijuana and the amount; the language regarding expulsion over "semesters" when the school is on a trimester; the forty day rule in dealing with expulsions and summer

vacation has begun; defining "going-coming from" perimeter of campus; notifying parents of suspendable behavior at school activities i.e., fourth quarter of a football game; 48900d (mandatory selling of drugs) does not include "attempted" sale. If no clear transaction has occurred it is only possession; and confidentiality for student is different between counselor and nurse. These "Flaws" and others will be the focus of our legislation efforts. As always your input as CASCWA members is welcome. We at CASCWA look forward to the upcoming Legislative session and are glad they're back!

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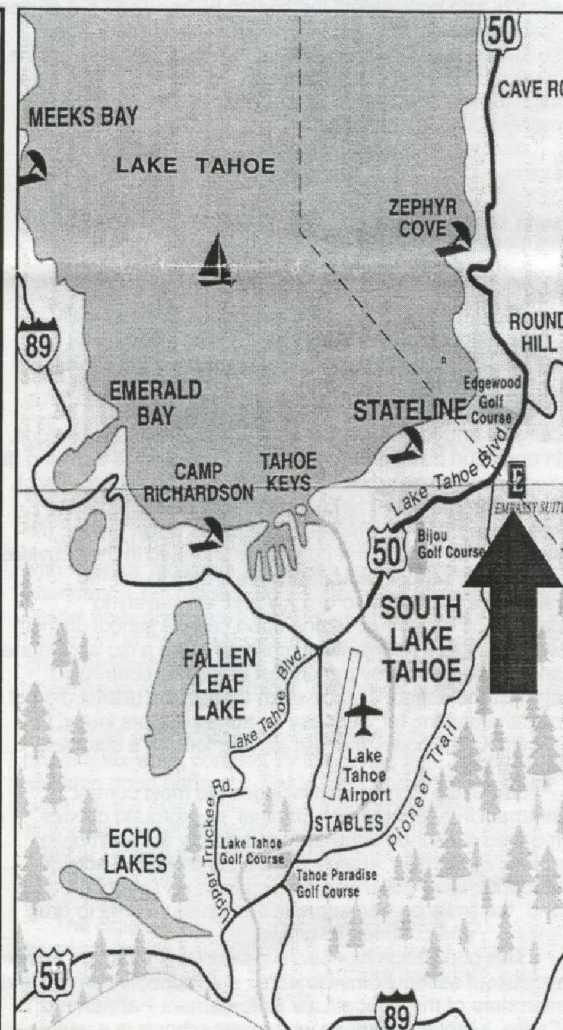
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- Quality Community Day Schools
- Experience the Magic - Presentation Skills
- Overnight Zoo Safari
- The Art of Verbal Control
- Practical Tips on Expulsion Hearings
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 3:30-5:00 Pupil Services ☐

Thursday, April 26, 2001:

Session B: Understanding 504 ☐
 9:30-10:45 Community Day School ☐
 Experience the Magic ☐
 Session C: What You Need to Know ... ☐
 11:00-12:15 Zoo Safari ☐
 Verbal Control Part I ☐
 Tips for Expulsions ☐
 Session D: Stipulated Expulsions ☐
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Friday, April 27, 2001:

Legislative Update ☐
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