

**WEEKLY UPDATE  
March 18, 2005**

**Parity Court Case:**

We will have the information on the parity court case next week.

**CIM Warden and Two Top Deputies are Suspended:**

The Inspector General's Office review of Officer Gonzalez' death at CIM by an inmate has been completed. I have attached an article from the L.A. Times, which summarizes the report. The entire report can be viewed on line at <http://www.oig.ca.gov>. The report finds fault with managers for conditions surrounding the fatal stabbing at CIM. Warden DiCarlo and two top deputies have been suspended.

**Inspector General's Meet & Greet:**

Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> State President Tatum and Administrative Field Representative Braden attended a meet and greet at the Office of the Inspector General. CCSO was invited to meet the new Inspector General and to become educated on the new policies this office envisions.

**Washington Ridge Youth Camp Conversion:**

Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> State President Tatum and Chief Operations & Financial Officer Le Sage were on hand at Washington Ridge Youth Camp to assist supervisors during their interview. Washington Ridge is being closed and converted to a CDC camp. The conversion is targeted for this May.

**Coalition Meeting:**

CCSO Lobbyist Paul Curry and CCSO Representative Braden attended a Coalition Meeting Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Coalition of Excluded Employee Organizations is focusing on supporting Assembly Bill 1186 (Horton). Existing law generally requires the Department of Personnel Administration to establish and adjust salary ranges for each class of position in the state civil service subject of any constitutional merit limits.

This bill would provide that notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department shall not establish, adjust, or recommend a salary range for any excluded or exempt employees that is less than the recommendation established by procedures of the Excluded and Exempt Compensation Advisory Commission, which would be created by this bill, as specified. (AB 1186 can be downloaded on line at [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov)).

**Informational Notice: Tobacco Ban:**

Effective July 1, 2005, the California Department of Corrections (CDC) will implement a statewide tobacco ban. The possession of tobacco products and smoking will be prohibited in all institutions/facilities under the jurisdiction of the CDC.

**Officer Wins \$10 Million Judgment:**

Officer Blunt from CSP Lancaster won a \$10 million judgment against two inmates who attacked him and left Blunt partially paralyzed and on disability. Although he realizes that he may not recoup very much money, as

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the inmates do not have anything to take, Officer Blunt is determined to take everything they have and will have in the future. CCSO applauds Officer Blunt on his big win.

The case was filed with assistance from the California Staff Assault Task Force, a group that is not part of CCPOA or CDC.

**Welcome New Members**

On behalf of the CCSO State Board and staff, I want to welcome the new members who have joined CCSO this week.

**Thought for the Week**

“We shall show mercy, but we shall not ask for it.” Sir Winston Churchill