



# THE NEWSLETTER

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**JOIN US FOR LUNCH**  
**Thursday March 2**  
**at Phoenix Club**  
**1340 S. Sanderson Ave Anaheim**

**Speaker**  
**Ron Wildermuth**  
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**GROUNDWATER REPLACEMENT**



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

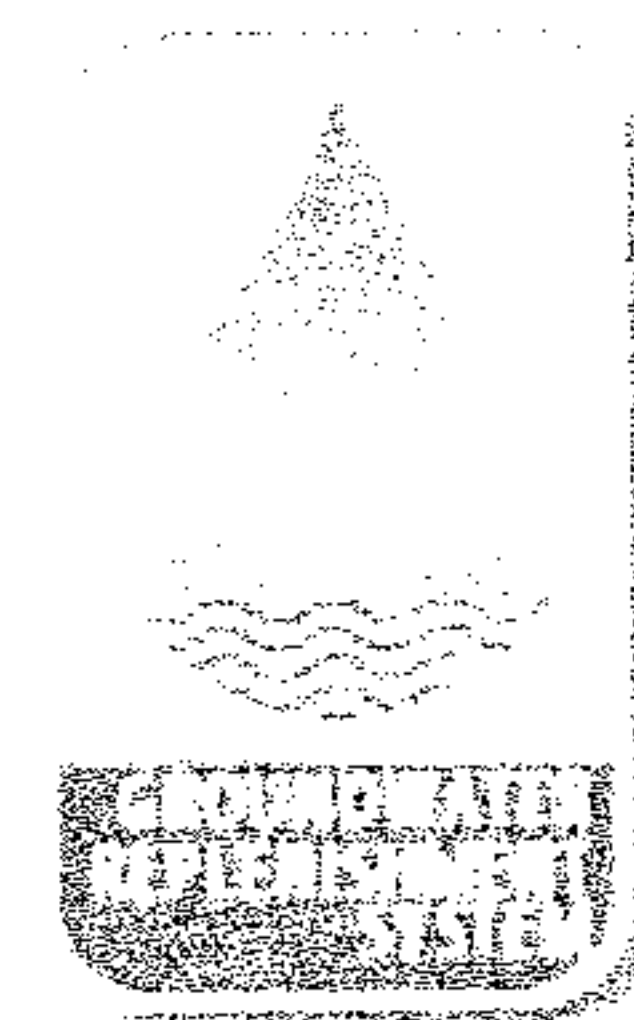
The opportunity to accomplish one of the primary objectives and missions of the GJAOC occurs at the beginning of the year. Educating the public regarding the role and function of the California grand jury system, how it relates to governmental activities within Orange County and the task of promoting future grand jury applicants began with the 2006/2007 Prospective Grand Juror Orientation on January 26 at 6:00 p.m., Dept. C-1.

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### ON THE WATER FRONT

You may not be aware that two years ago, Orange County Water District together with OC Sanitation District began building the world's largest water purification project, due to go into operation next year. The \$486.9 million Groundwater Replenishment System program involves an Advanced Purification Facility in Fountain Valley, thirteen miles of pipeline along the Santa Ana River, pumping plants, percolation pits, and an overhaul of the existing seawater intrusion barrier. When completed, the county will convert 100 million gallons of wastewater per day and infuse it into the groundwater storage system, keeping our county well supplied and accommodating growth in demand.

The 2003/04 Grand Jury made a report on this project commending it for foresight and innovation. Make your plans to hear about how it's going at our March 2 Luncheon/ Meeting.







*Son Eric, husband Lee, Cheryl, and daughter Penny Brothers at Cheryl's installation as Mayor of Fountain Valley.*

### **GJAOOC MEMBERS IN THE NEWS - Her Honor the Mayor**

On December 6, last year, the City of Fountain Valley had its annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony and the installation of its new mayor. And who is that new mayor? Why, it's our own Cheryl Brothers, the indefatigable alumna of the 1992-93 panel and the busiest lady in the world.

Cheryl heads up the Centennial Heritage Museum – a treasure of a turn-of-the-century home in Santa Ana. She has been on the staff of a county supervisor. She is a diligent wife and mother. She was elected to the Fountain Valley City Council in 2004, and now is Mayor. Oh, and she finds time to be the editor of this *Newsletter*.

So, if you happen to see her shake her hand, give her a pat on the back, but be quick about it because Cheryl is probably on her way to something important.

#### **NEW LUNCHEON PRICING**

As you may know, for the past several years the Association has continued to charge only fifteen dollars for luncheon although we have been charged up to eighteen dollars a plate. In view of the Phoenix Club increasing the price to nineteen dollars, at our last meeting the Board of Directors voted to charge the full price of the luncheon. This price will apply to those who make reservations. We are charged a premium for additional luncheons, so the price for "walk-ins" is now twenty five dollars.

### *President's Message (contd. from p.1)*

The Honorable Nancy Wieben Stock—Superior Court presiding judge and chair of the Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee—welcomed the 172 applicants and overviewed the selection process.

Bette Flick, foreperson for the 2005/2006 Grand Jury, introduced the current Grand Jury: the administrator, secretary, committee chairs and members. As president, I was asked to speak regarding the role and function of the Grand Jurors' Association. Alan Slater: Chief Executive Officer—Jury Commissioner, fielded questions from the group and informed the new applicants of their duties, if elected. Within the GJAOOC, we have a remarkable and vibrant membership. As a group of citizens involved within the community, we are solicitous in our cooperative duties. We take pleasure in renewing friendships with the grand jurors with whom we have served, and we enjoy socializing with the new acquaintances that we have made.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the March luncheon.

*Joe M. Quiros, president*



# NOTES MISCELLANY

## TREASURERS REPORT

as of January 31, 2006

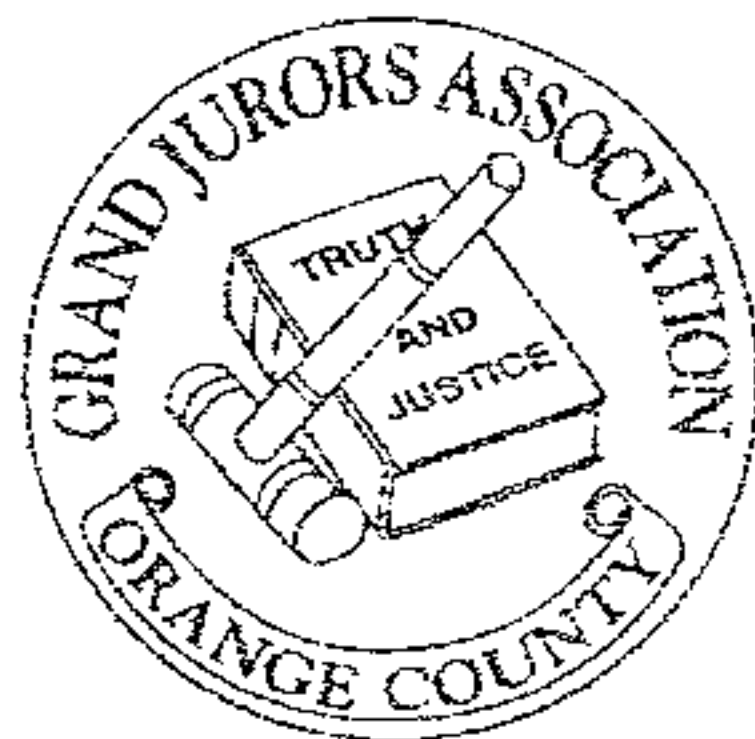
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Hiroko Kranz, treasurer

## NOMINATIONS FOR 2007

Per our by-laws, President Quiros appointed Carlos Olvera to chair the nominating committee. Carlos will now solicit nominees for the 2007 Board of Directors.

If you have any interest in serving on the committee, or as a candidate for the board, please contact Carlos at (949) 240-2490 or [olveracn@speakeasy.net](mailto:olveracn@speakeasy.net).



## CGJA AWARDS

The California Grand Jurors' Association (CGJA) is seeking candidates for its "Grand Jury Award". This award is based on citizen impact, duration of the problem, and actual change implemented. The selection tends toward investigations one to three years old because actual change requires time for verification.

The "News Media Award" is judged on either of two elements - increased public awareness of the grand jury institution or increased awareness, in the community, of a grand jury investigation so that the community benefited by the investigation.

Submissions may be independent of grand jury participation or in conjunction with specific grand jury investigative reports.

## Success Stories

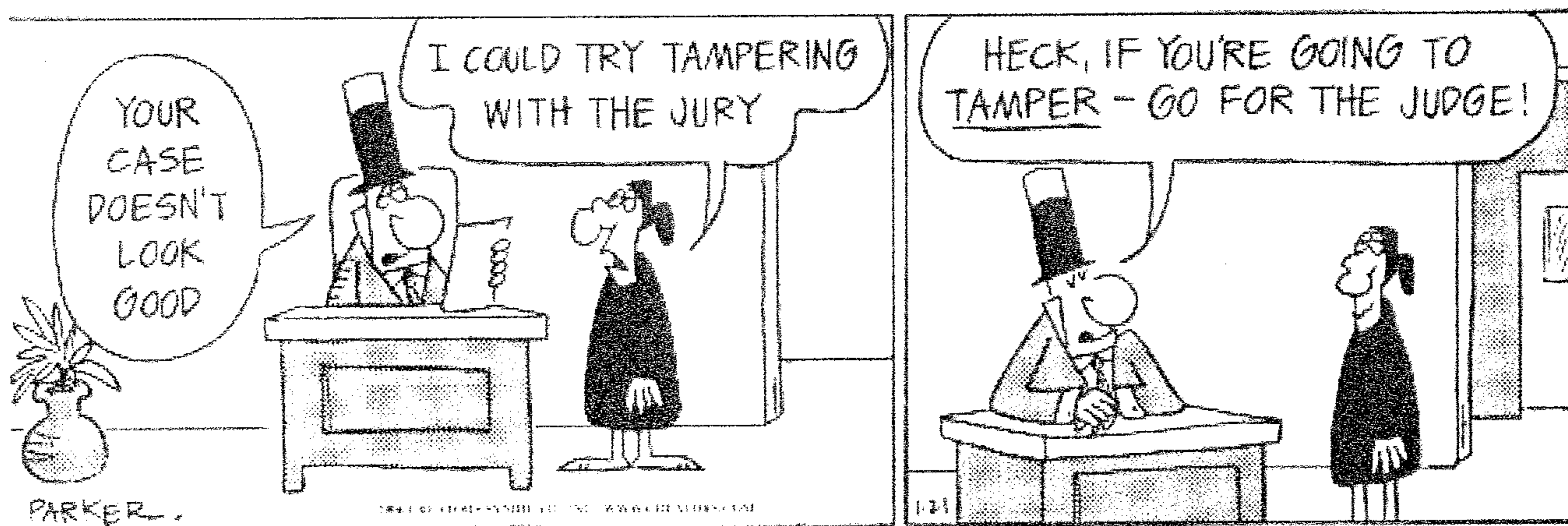
Along with the above awards CGJA also promotes a "Success Story" program. All submissions for awards will be evaluated for recognition as a Success Story. The goal of this program is to develop a reliable flow of input to identify and publicize successes.

For further details, contact GJAOC Secretary, Rose Moreno.

## IN MEMORIAM

Collier McDermion  
1987/88 panel

George Hender  
1991/82 panel





## PICKING THE PANEL

*the process of selecting the 2006 - 07 Jury has begun*

The deadline for applications for the 2006-07 O.C. Grand Jury was January 13, 2006. At the close of the recruiting drive, 171 candidates applied as a result of 4,000 solicitations sent by mail, and flyers distributed to 1,000 companies and 80 minority organizations. In addition, Superior Court released press announcements in October and December last year to spread the word.

Responding to the recruitment effort were 133 Caucasians, 15 Latinos, 10 Asians, 6 African Americans, 3 Filipinos, 2 Native Americans, and 2 others who claimed to be "other than Caucasian." The number of females in the pool grew from 29% last year to 34% this year.

After screening by the Sheriff's Department and the Superior Court, 30 of the remaining candidates will be picked for the drawing of names of the new 19-juror panel and 11 alternates. The new jury will begin service on July 3, 2006.

## MEDICARE QUESTIONS?

Are you or someone you know experiencing problems navigating the current Medicare maze involving Prescription Drug Benefits—Part D? Help is available by phone at HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling/Advocacy Program) at 714-560-2404.

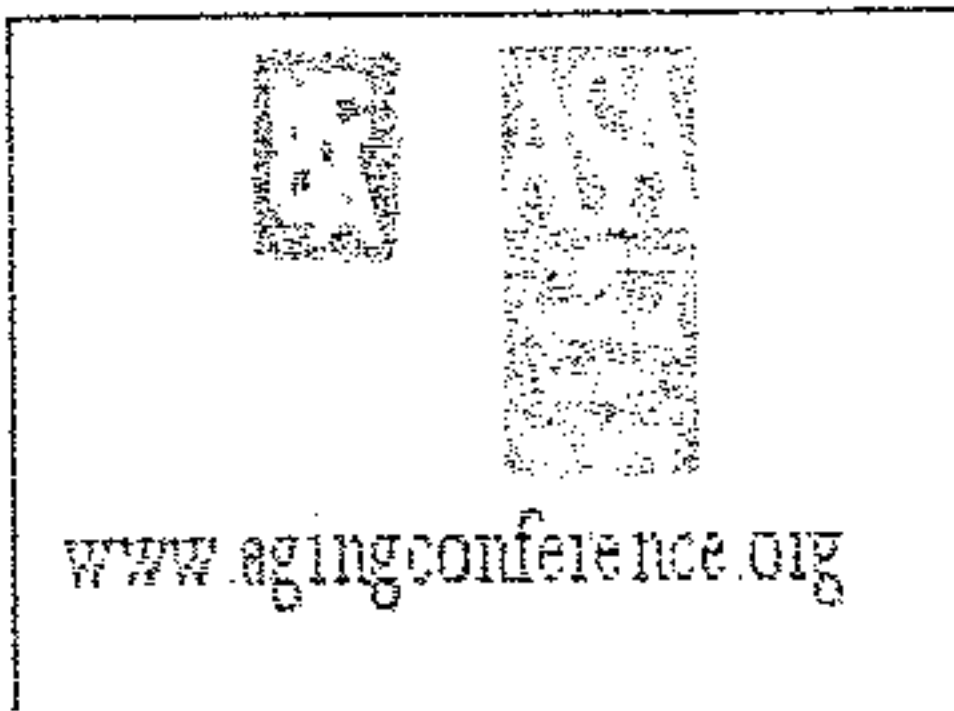
If you prefer meeting a counselor in person, call your closest senior center and ask for an appointment with a HICAP counselor. For those of you in the Fountain Valley, Westminster, Huntington Beach area Rose Moreno does counseling at the Coastline College Center on the corner of Warner and Newhope. Leave her a message at 714-241-6298. Don't hang up when the message says "Coastline Legal Clinic". It's the same number.

HICAP can provide you with charts that compare the various drug plans, HMO, PPO, and Medicare Supplement plans. All counseling and information are provided free.

# 2006


**National Joint Conference on Aging**

- All Older Adult Volunteers
- March 14-19th 2006, 3 \_ hour shifts at the Hilton Anaheim, CA
- Greeters, guides, registration, information & more



www.agingconference.org

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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