

# THE NEWSLETTER

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**JOIN US FOR LUNCH**  
**Thursday, June 4**  
**at Phoenix Club**  
**1340 S. Sanderson Ave Anaheim**

**Speaker**

**Thomas Mauk**  
**O.C. Chief Executive Officer**



## JUNE LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Thomas Mauk was appointed to the position of Orange County Chief Executive Officer in September 2004. He succeeded James D. Ruth who had held the position for a year and a half.

Mauk has an impressive history of more than 30 years of public administrative and management positions

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our last luncheon in March, we were honored to have Sheriff Sandra Hutchens. The event was very well attended and a lengthy Q&A followed. However, Sheriff Hutchens remained afterwards to answer all the personal questions one-on-one.

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has renewed our contract to recruit, advertise, interview and recommend candidates for seats on the Measure M oversight Committee.

Our membership period begins in January. Letters have been sent out as reminders to renew. So if you have not renewed your membership, now is the time to do so. You will know when it has expired when your newsletter stops coming.

Our quarterly luncheons are our way to keep in touch with our fellow members of past grand juries. We also get to hear from elected and appointed officials in Orange County about the state of the County. So join us at the important meetings

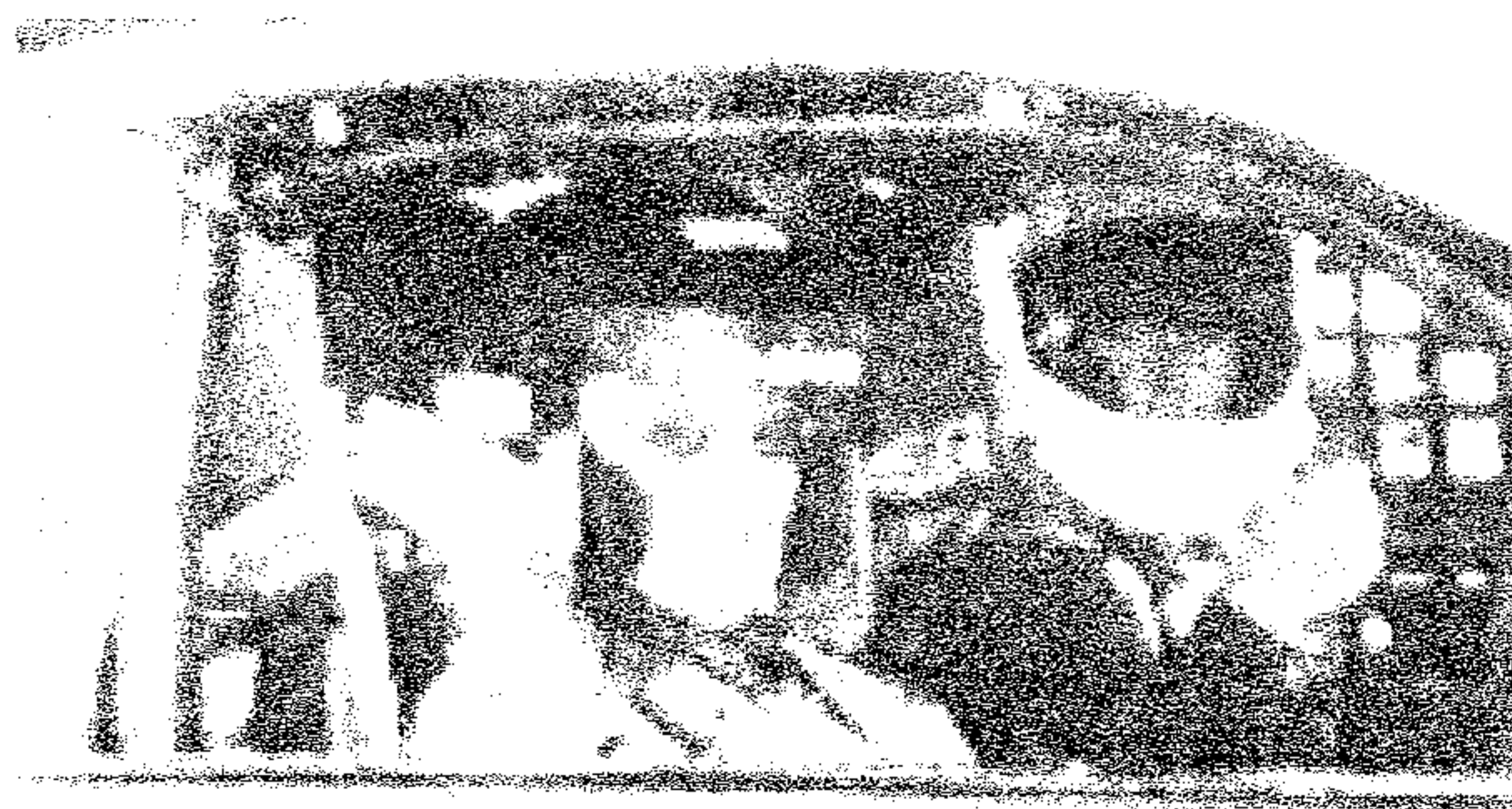
Our nominating committee is gearing up for the election this fall. If you have an interest to serve, please let us know.

*-Carlos N. Olvera, president*

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including City Manager for La Habra, Whittier and Norco. In addition, he played a leadership role as a Budget and Financial Analyst for the city of Los Angeles.

Mauk led the efforts for Whittier's recovery from the 1987 earthquake. He also has experience in labor relations, budgeting, and as a civic affairs advisor and consultant for Southern California communities. His experience and education will serve our county well as we navigate through the current economic storm. Come hear how Mr. Mauk will handle the helm.



### **YOUR BOARD MEMBER AT PLAY**

#### *Charlene Clark's NASCAR Ride*

Charlene writes: I just returned from the East Coast. While there, I visited my granddaughter who works for a marketing firm for NASCAR. She arranged for me to ride in a race car with a bonafide driver through the "Richard Petty Driving Experience." This was at the Lowe's track in Charlotte, North Carolina.

We went three times around the track at a maximum speed of 170+ mph. Quite a ride! I decided that I didn't want to be a race car driver when I grow up!



March speaker Sheriff Sandra Hutchens poses with Joe Moreland

### **CA LIFORNIA LEGISLATION**

Our member, Bob Geiss continues to monitor proposed legislation that would impact grand juries. Seems that our representatives are otherwise occupied at the moment.

### **NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2010/11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Six members will be elected to fill the 2010/11 Board of Directors. All six of the seated directors have requested to be nominated for another two-year term. They are, Joe Quiros, Joe Moreland, Carol Duensing, Bob Fateux, Charlotte Fox, and Bill Nelson.

The by-laws call for nominations to be submitted to the Nominating Chair, in writing, no later than July 15th with the written consent of the candidate.

The list of nominees will be presented to the membership at the September meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at that meeting with the approval of the candidates.

Rose Moreno has agreed to be Nominating Chair for this year. Send your nominations to her no later than July 15th at:

4821 Los Patos Dr., Huntington Beach CA 92649 or e-mail to [rsmoreno@peoplepc.com](mailto:rsmoreno@peoplepc.com)

# NOTES & MISCELLANY

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As of Apr. 28, 2009  
Orange County Credit Union  
Business Checking Balance  
\$4,144.52  
Certificate of Deposit  
\$7,130.93  
Total  
\$11,275.45  
Joe Quiros, Treasurer

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Members, Bob Fauteux and Viola Sadler have completed the review of the 2008 financial reports and filed a 990N tax statement. Records are in good order.

## IN MEMORIAM

Jack Zepp  
Calif. GJA member

Art Weaver  
2000 /01 Panel

Keith Blunt  
1993/94 Panel

Harold "Hal" Jackson  
1989/90 Panel

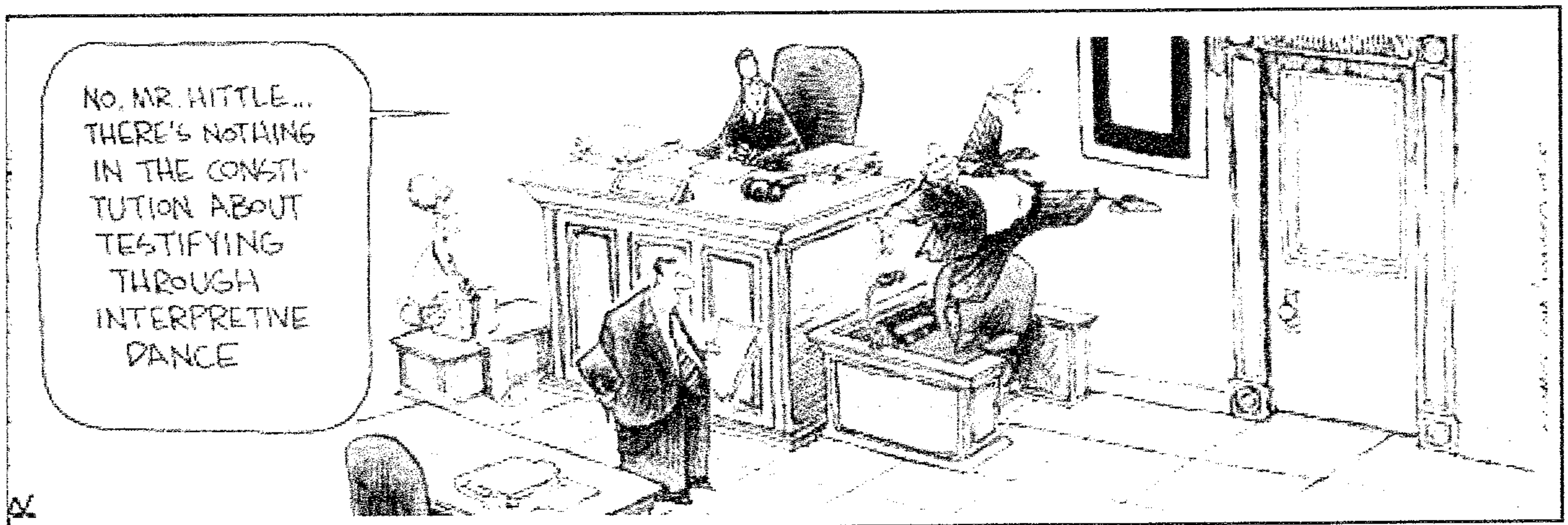
## MEMBERSHIP

Our organization has 155 paid members plus 19 members of the 2008/09 panel who will be complimentary members for the remainder of 2009.

## FURTHER REVIEW

The Board of Directors of the Grand Jurors Association of Orange County has reached an agreement with the County CEO to selected past grand jury reports for further review. Reports to be reviewed should have been issued within the last two years. A call for member volunteers to help in the reviews has been very successful. What is needed now is for a grand jury panel to recommend a review of a specific report through their foreperson. A member of the board will chair the review. If the answers to the report were found to be non responsive, we will informally take that to the County CEO for further review.

-Carlos N. Olvera, president



## GRAND JURY REPORT

### *Support for Sheriff Hutchens' Concealed Weapons Policy*

It's the season for the 2008-09 Orange County Grand Jury to start publishing its reports. One, "Let the Sheriff Do Her Job," was released in February and caught the attention of the press. Here is its summary:

"The newly appointed Sheriff has come under criticism for revoking Concealed Weapons Permits issued by the previous administration, believed in many cases to be political favors, to non-law-enforcement persons. The protest has come from certain elected officials, a number of permit holders, and the media as a violation of Second Amendment rights. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Grand Jury feels strongly that this criticism is unfounded and not warranted. Although policy matters are outside the purview of the Grand Jury, the fact must be acknowledged that, in this instance, no written Carry Concealed Weapons Policy (CCW) existed and it is high time one is adopted. The thorough review of the actions of the prior administration is necessary for public safety. There should be a fresh review of all non-law-enforcement permits in order to start anew in a legally proper manner.

Actions by the new Sheriff's administration are part of a comprehensive effort to adopt a policy for the issuance of permits and the establishment of a proper legal process to be followed by applicants. Those who are deserving and qualified will get their permits. Those who are not will be denied."

The rest of the report, and others, as they are released, can be found at the website -<http://www.ocgrandjury.org>.

### **STATE OF CALIFORNIA GRAND JURORS ASSOCIATION**

The mission of the CGJA is to promote government accountability by improving the training and resources available to California's 58 regular grand juries and to educate the public about the local government oversight and reporting powers of these grand juries. The association holds an annual meeting. This year it will be in Sacramento, at the Doubletree Inn, on October 29th and 30th. Two O.C. board members will attend this meeting. Additional information can be found at this website: [www.cgja.org](http://www.cgja.org)



## MEASURE M OVERSIGHT

OCTA Board of Directors has renewed a 4 year contract with the GJAOC for services rendered in the selection of members to the Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee.

Our GJAOC panel has reviewed about 100 applications for the Measure M oversight committee representing O.C. districts 1,2,4 and 5. They will forward 3-5 candidates per district for final selection by the OCTA Board.

## PARTING SHOTS

It is hard to understand how a cemetery raised its burial cost and blamed it on the cost of living.

Just remember...if the world didn't suck, we'd all fall off.

We are born naked, wet, and hungry. Then things get worse.

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try and pass them.

Laughing stock - cattle with a sense of humor.