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A Letter from Judge Quentin L. Kopp

Dear Editor:

I write to thank the California Grand Jurors' Association for its kindness to me throughout the years and for its acutely earnest and tenacious maintenance of grand jury principles, experiences and information. The Journal serves multi-faceted and worthy purposes. I have been an inveterate reader during particularly my last two and a half years as the San Mateo County grand jury judge.

I want to reiterate President Jack Zepp's implicit point about grand jury reports: it is vital to media attention that grand juries release three to six of their reports at a time as early as possible in their term, and not defer all releases until the Final Report.

Including all reports in but one publication at the end of the grand jury term reduces media attention and lessens publicity. While typically no report on a given subject is usually practical until at least six months of grand jury service, a wise foreperson prods, reminds and encourages committees to complete their investigation and report and recommendations for approval by the entire grand jury as speedily possible.

Lacking any enforcement power and with canons of judicial conduct proscribing any grand jury judge's public advocacy of content of grand jury reports, the grand jury must rely on a free press to arouse an often-moribund public into clamoring for action on grand jury recommendations and findings.

Few but frequent reports attract media and public attention throughout the year.

May the Association continue to flourish and enthuse new grand jurors.

Sincerely Yours,

Quentin L. Kopp
Judge of the Superior Court
San Mateo County



The 2002 training seminars for new grand jurors will be held in:

- Sacramento, July 29-30, - Double Tree Hotel
- Concord, August 14-15, - Hilton Hotel
- San Luis Obispo, August 26-27, - Sands Suites

Additional information can be obtained from Sherry Chesny, Tel/Fax 530.878.8248. e-mail < sherry@jps.net > Information is also available on the CGJA web site < www.cgja.org > where a registration form can be downloaded. (Thanks to Jerry Lewi, our Web Master).

President's Message



First, I want to welcome all new CGJA members and all new seated grand jurors who receive the Journal. New members receive it directly via mail. As mentioned last issue, we send it free as well to all forepersons in the hope that they will make it available to the other members of the jury.

Either way, if you are a first time reader, welcome aboard. Any suggestions or contributions you may have will be welcome and appreciated. If you are a former or present juror but not a CGJA member, reading the Journal for the first time, please consider filling out the membership application at the back and joining. Our history, goals, programs and other informative material can be found at < www.cgja.org >.

Second, I'm sorry I missed those of you who attended the statewide Bar-B-Que hosted on June 30 by the Solano Chapter of the CGJA. When I wrote in my last message that I hoped to see you all there I forgot that I would be at a wedding in Michigan on that day. My thoughts were with you though, and I hope you had a good time.

Many Final Reports have been coming out over the last few months and it looks like this year we will see another good crop of thoughtful recommendations. I was especially pleased to see what seems to be a material increase in the number of single-topic Final Reports being issued during the spring so as to give the jury time to receive, evaluate and, if deemed appropriate by them, comment upon the Responses at the time of publication of the compiled Final Reports. (For those who may be new to this semantic confusion, a grand jury can issue a Final Report anytime during its term that it wants to. Usually at the end of the jury's term those previously issued Final Reports are compiled in a single publication which is frequently printed and bound and often reproduced as a newspaper supplement as well, and which is also called a Final Report.) I also see more Responses being posted on the grand juries' web sites along with the Final Reports to which they pertain. Yet another encouraging sign is the increased publication of Final Reports by the current grand jury making findings and recommendations about the adequacy of the Responses provided to a prior grand jury's Final Report(s). Both of these practices—early release and action on Responses by one grand jury, and follow up by a successor grand jury—are the best ways to insure that Penal Code Sections 933 and

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933.05 are being properly complied with by the officials and agencies who are obligated to make Responses. We will continue to encourage these practices in our Training programs later this summer.

Another trend I believe I see developing is the use of committees with names like "Implementation Committee" to review and report on those instances where an official or agency has made a Response agreeing to implement a jury's recommendation. Often when such agreement is received no one follows up later to see if it was implemented. The use of these committees to do that follow-up is another favorable trend.

While on the subject of Final Reports let me again ask you to send in news reports about your county's grand jury and its Final Reports. Only the major papers in the more populous counties are easily searchable electronically. For all other press reports we rely on you to clip and forward. These reports help the CGJA board stay current with practices and issues around the state. Many of the press reports are also summarized in the Journal, as you can see elsewhere in this issue. Also, we give an award each year to the best media report on grand juries. Of course, we

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would like those of you who are, or just were, sitting jurors to send us your jury's Final Reports also. We learn a lot from them and, as you probably know, give an award each year to the best Final Report.

Some noticed in last month's report on board action that in April the board had approved CGJA membership in eScrip and asked what that was. eScrip is a program in which schools, and charities like CGJA, can enroll so that consumers can direct that a small portion of the purchase price on items they buy be donated to the enrolled member. Using this program all CGJA members can make contributions, free to them, to CGJA every time the member buys from a participating vendor (e.g., Safeway, Chevron, Spiegel, etc.). For more information on eScrip see < www.escrip.com >; for more information on CGJA's membership in eScrip contact CGJA Treasurer Janet Praria.

Speaking of board action, here is a summary of actions taken in April:

Approved and adopted Interim Edition of Policies and Procedures.

Approved Nominating Committee (Chair Jeanne Forbes, director, south, Tulare; Rose Moreno, south, Orange; Jane Naify, director, central, Sacramento; Bud Alne, central, Santa Clara; Dotty Coplen, director, north, Mendocino; and Tally Wade, north, Placer).

Accepted Sherry Chesny's resignation from, and approved her reappointment to, the board for a term ending November 2002 (this was to cure an imbalance in our staggered board and insure a 12-12 composition going forward).

Jack Zepp
June 30, 2002

A celebration of life was held at the Los Angeles Tennis Club on June 30, 2002, to honor the life of Edgar Dawson Yeomans July 1, 1910 - May 31, 2002.

**Committee Reports
Financial Development**

CGJA Contributions for the fiscal year 2001-2002

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To all of our many contributors, we extend our heartfelt gratitude!

Janet Praria, Chair



Government Relations

The CGJA Government Relations Committee met on June 3rd. The Loyola Law Review article

reflecting our Association response to Grand Jury reform will be published in the near future.

Now, more scholarship about the civil Grand Jury process is in our midst. The Superior Court plan (strategic Phase III) has yielded a research paper entitled, "Should Civil Investigations Be Performed By The Grand Jury In California".

The May 16, 2002 release, supported by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), surveyed CAO, County Counsel and Court Executives Officers.

With about one-half responding throughout California, the paper generally concludes that, "Statutory revision and stable, adequate funding are paramount in lending efficiency and credibility to the process. Without either, serious consideration should be given to transferring the civil investigatory functions to a state agency or commission if those functions are to be performed on an annual basis."

Lindsay High School, in Tulare County, held their first class on the historic role of the Grand Jury in California. Next semester, they will explore the role of a local Grand Jury and its report findings and recommendations. Initial feedback is extremely positive.

Legislative monitoring has been hectic as the Assembly missed its June 30th deadline to adopt a state budget. SCA7 made it to the Assembly and floor action is likely in July. New sources of support and opposition surfaced in the final Senate Floor analysis completed on June 27th. Now supporting is the Los Angeles Press Club. Opposing the bill are: American Electronics Association, Calif. Assn. of Sanitation Agencies, Calif. Law Enforcement Assn. of Records Supervisors, Calif. Municipal Utilities Assn., Calif. Redevelopment Assn., City of Moreno Valley and the L.A. District Attorney's Office.

Les Daye, Chair

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Membership and Chapter Relations

Time for another Grand Jurors' Journal and time to update all regarding our chapters and members. First, our Chapters: We have formal requests to recognize two new chapters. Contra Costa and Santa Clara Counties have asked for recognition as chapters of the CGJA. Thanks to all that have worked so hard to make this come about. We have also had inquiries from three other counties who are trying to gather support to form chapters. Best of luck to them.

Now, on to membership: It's that time of year again. **Dues for 2002/03 are now due.** We just sent all of you a letter with a return envelope enclosed reminding you to renew your membership. We also sent the same letter to all of our friends and past Grand Jurors asking them to join our ranks in trying to protect one of the last vestiges of the public ability to monitor our county government's actions.

Since the advent of formal training for new Grand Jurors, I believe our grand jury system has been improving dramatically. With this improvement comes better recognition by the public and public officials. It also brings more efforts by some groups or individuals to either diminish the purposes of the Grand Jury or do away with it completely.

It is now more important than ever for those who believe in the grand jury system as we know it to stand up and be counted either through your own association or by joining and supporting the CGJA, or both.

Please join the CGJA now and help us become an even bigger voice in State government to protect our grand jury system. Remember, our strength is in our numbers and dedication to protect the right of the people.

Clif Poole, Chair

Worried about confidentiality?

By Mickey Strang

Sending a message via e-mail is just as secure as writing a letter, right? Well, no, it isn't. The administrators of the ISP, for instance, have access to mail. And so do some of the folks who work on the various intermediate stops that your message might make on its way to the eventual destination. And, for that matter, any relatively sophisticated snoops. Or even teen-agers out to see how they can wander through a system. (Of course, now, in the wake of 9/11, government is also interested in reading e-mail, civil rights groups notwithstanding.)

E-mail that is sent from a company computer is open to be read by the company. Or even, in some instances, by anyone working for that company. Since the company owns the computer, this can be justified by saying they do have the right to know what sort of mail flows out on a company machine. Courts would probably – if they haven't already done so – agree that the company does, indeed, have that right.

For most mail, this really doesn't make all that much difference. What's bothered me is that some grand jury members send e-mail messages about investigations they are working on using names/identifications, etc., despite strictures of secrecy. Sending press releases or copies of an approved final report to the media is fine, but would a whistle blower want his or her name bouncing through cyberspace? If anyone wants to send confidential or secret material, it should either be encrypted or password-protected Stuff it for which you do need software. Or it should use PGP (Pretty Good Privacy), a free program available for all computer platforms. Apparently this is not hard to use, but you must get set up for it. Everyone involved must also be willing and able to use it. Even encrypted materials often are cracked by hackers or snoops. Web sites dealing with computer privacy comment that the most common of all businesses to suffer from having

someone crack into supposedly secure mail are law firms. And, of all companies, they would have the most to lose by having their information released to unauthorized eyes.

How about telephones? Aren't they secure unless bugged? Well, again, not necessarily. Your cell phone is a radio device. And so, for that matter, is your cordless phone. In how wide a range your words can be picked up depends a lot on the device, where you live, and how you use either. But be careful if you really want to pass on secure information. Use only a hard line phone. Maybe I am exceptionally suspicious of the privacy of messages sent either by e-mail or by phone after having worked in a secrecy-ridden R&D lab for years.

Even the computers used for transmitting any secure information had to be specially electronically protected. For most grand jury investigations, such paranoia is probably not warranted, but when you are dealing with whistleblowers names, however, you need to be extra concerned. These people are risking their jobs by coming forward to testify.

Side note regarding phone security: Some years back three city councilmen in one of Humboldt cities held a serial meeting on their cell phones, in violation of the Brown Act. Their avid opponents overheard this via a scanner, and taped the conversations. Both groups descended upon the DA's office, wanting him to prosecute the other: one for Brown Act violation, and the other for illegal taping since none of those taped had given prior consent to having a phone conversation taped. The DA threw up his hands and said what he would do is publicize the incident and let the voters at the upcoming municipal election solve the problem.

The voters did.

**Annual Membership Dues
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should be sent to
Janet Praria,
Treasurer ... now.**

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**Chapter News
Solano County Chapter**

The Solano Chapter sponsored the first annual summer picnic at the Pippo Ranch facility in Vacaville. Approximately 30 people attended. CGJA members from Contra Costa, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, San Mateo, Placer, Solano, and Yolo County attended. The food was great, the camaraderie was special. Several businesses and members donated prizes for

the auction. Auctioneer Clif Poole managed to auction a jar of blueberry jam made by Mickey Strang for \$23.00. Businesses who donated prizes for our auction included Cecil's Hi- Tech Auto Care, Vacaville, two (2) Certificates for Lube, Oil and filter, Big O Tires, Dixon One oil change, Tim Garcia Manager of Cecil's Hi- Tech Auto care, a Topps Collectable Baseball card personally autographed by Bob Gibson, St. Louis Cardinals, and four (4) Water World tickets were donated by Scholl Graphics. We would like to thank everyone participating and a special thanks to Clif Poole and Ourania Riddle for their help.

The Chapter is working with the Court Administrator in developing ways that we can be of assistance to the court with the sitting grand jury on various issues and grand juror selection. We met with the Administrator on 6/21/02 to explain how we may be of assistance.

The chapter is sponsoring the 2002/2003 training seminar at the Concord Hilton Hotel in Contra Costa County. We are currently involved in preparation of the training manuals, registration documents, nametags, etc. Our members will be present to staff the registration table, coordinate classrooms, etc., during the seminar.

Congratulation to Wanda Kiger-Tucker who is the new Solano County Chapter President, effective July 1, 2002. She is fresh from 2001/2002 grand jury service and offers an energetic and positive leadership for the Chapter. We wish her much success.

Don Enneking,

Tulare County Chapter

"Well, we finally made it into the school system (Lindsay High School) with the blessing of the County Superintendent, Jim Vidak. It was with the help of his outstanding support staff at the "SEE Vocational Training Center". They helped design the cover, obtained the velum and printed our "Grand Jury, Best of the Nation" brochure

at no expense to us.

The Lindsay government teacher, Rom Pirrmann, took a chance on May 16, 2002 and allowed three little old ladies, to make presentations to U.S. Gov. classes. His senior class students were most attentive and asked appropriate questions. They were very cooperative in answering our questionnaire, evaluating the presentations that will help us format future classes. He plans to invite us back for seven classes next fall.

Hopefully, this will open the door for expansion into the other twelve county high school districts. Our motto is "If we can do it, you can do it!"

The Chapter's goal was to educate young people, our new voters, on the history of and the benefits derived from a strong Grand Jury system in California. We had lots of ideas and hundreds of suggestions, and a few who really "felt the call" as it were. Fortunately or unfortunately depending on ones point of view, I seemed to have had a lot of time on my hands and a lifelong love of history and those who came before...What did they do? How did they do that?... and of course why? I was, and still am, deeply enamored of these our forbearers: These people who for the most part were uneducated, unwanted and not easily intimidated.

These people lived and breathed their love of liberty and they did not brook interference easily. They were used to the Grand Jury system, and had in fact brought it with them from England. It was the ideal tool with which they could protect themselves and theirs from the minions of the Crown. They used it frequently and in most instances with great relish. It had great input into the firebrands who would rather die then continue being subjected to the inequities that led to the Revolutionary War.

And so our Grand Jury moved west with the people and found a place in all the States and Territories, sometimes they were the only government available to the people. Just when the first Grand Jury was called in California is something I

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need to research but we know it was here long enough to be included in our State Constitution of 1850.

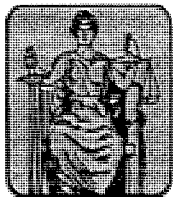
Those of us here in Tulare County feel these are profound things our children need to know about our beginnings as a country that is not currently being taught in our school system. It is certainly disheartening to mention the Grand Jury and have most people say ... what? We are trying to instill the message that service on the Grand Jury gives a tremendous sense of not only self worth but also deep involvement with your community.

Those who know and appreciate where we have been are always better able to steer the good course for where we are going.

As every one knows, we here in Tulare County are on the bottom of the totem pole in education, teen births, the underprivileged and the disadvantaged. It is our hope that by going into the schools we will impart two things to these young people; a love of country and a sense of entitlement by the introduction to the Grand Jury System.

If only one in fifty remembers in the years to come and eventually volunteers to serve on some future jury...then we will have done "our good deed." I guess there's no need to tell you this has been and continues to be a real labor of love.

Jeanne Forbes



Grand juries in the news

Many hang up on abuse hot line

Excerpt from *The Orange County Register*

By Peter Larsen

Callers to the county child-abuse hot line often are left on hold for one or two minutes, prompting more than one in seven to hang up without speaking to anyone, according to a grand jury report.

To ensure that all callers have a chance to speak to someone at the Child Abuse Registry, the grand jury recommended improvements to the hot line such as new phones that can take voice-mail messages, an automated answering program that offers a choice of languages and more staff to handle non abuse calls.

A spokeswoman for the county Social Services Agency said the department wants to upgrade the abuse hot line and will try to implement the grand jury recommendations. "We do want to make our system more user-friendly," spokeswoman Debbie Kroner said. "We're taking their recommendations to heart, and we're going to do a study of the options available to us for a phone system."

Kroner said the current phone system was last upgraded in 1998. The hot line is staffed daily around the clock with 16 senior social workers on the day shift, four for afternoons and evenings, and two overnight.

The grand jury examined calls to the hot line from March through November last year. Of 32,095 calls received, 4,989 -- slightly more than 15 percent -- were lost when callers hung up while on hold.

The report found that the average time it took to answer calls was slightly more than one minute. The average time at which callers hung up while on hold was just over two minutes.

Barbara Oliver, executive director of Prevent Child Abuse-Orange County, said she hopes the county will spend what it takes to improve the phone system. "Our concern would be for people in the general public who might say, 'Hey, I think a child is being hurt, I want to report it,'" Oliver said. "And if they have to wait, or if there is no one who takes their call, they may not call back -- which means that a child is still at risk."

San Mateo Grand Jury releases County officials' pay, benefits

The San Mateo Grand Jury released a report Monday telling

the public exactly how much taxpayer money has been used to pay for government officials' salaries, benefits and reimbursements. The grand jury compiled the results of a year-long survey on the compensation packages of governing officials of all 70 cities, towns, school districts and special districts in the County. The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), which previously listed some of this information in its Cities and Special Districts Handbook, hasn't updated it since 1996. "We had a reduction in staffing and because of that, the seeming lack of public interest and other obstacles in getting replies from public agencies, we were unable to put out the handbook," said Martha Poyatos, LAFCO's executive officer. "Our handbook also includes other information, like budget reports, facts about agencies' personnel and development projects, so it takes a lot of effort to publish it."

Yet the grand jury, appointed by a panel of local judges and dedicated to the objective investigation of local government issues in San Mateo County, was able to collect extensive compensation and benefits data, including facts regarding direct pay, medical, dental and life insurance, retirement benefits and expense reimbursements. "We believe that this information is important for the citizenry to have, especially in an election year," said Bruce Hasenkamp, the grand jury's foreperson.

The data was categorized into three groups: cities and towns, school districts, and special districts. Large discrepancies were found in annual pay within each category. Council members in towns like Atherton, Hillsborough, Portola Valley and Woodside receive no annual pay. No pay is given to the governing board members of a handful of school districts and special districts in the County either. "It is not really an issue in Atherton, because people serve on a voluntary basis out of a commitment to their community and a philosophy of public service," said Atherton City Manager Jim Robin-

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son. On the other hand, many elected officials in the County are compensated. Daly City pays its City Council members about \$13,008 annually, the highest number in the County. Some school districts and special districts also pay considerable amounts. The San Mateo Community College District pays its board members \$5,040 yearly and the San Mateo County Harbor District pays \$7,200 yearly.

Wide variances also exist in the benefits and reimbursement policies of different agencies throughout the County. Most cities, towns and school districts offer medical and dental insurance coverage to their officials, with the richest benefit packages provided by Redwood City at a total cost of \$46,433 annually and the San Mateo Community College District at a cost of \$32,481 annually.

A majority of agencies also reimburse board members for expenses such as mileage, conference registration fees and business meetings. As a result of these findings, the grand jury called upon LAFCO to resume gathering and publishing compensation and benefits data for San Mateo County public officials.

The grand jury recommended that the information be distributed to taxpayers biennially, either in the Cities and Special Districts Handbook or in a separate document published within 90 days of the end of every other fiscal year. It also proposed that succeeding jury panels review the data and evaluate the appropriateness of each category of compensation.

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Grand juries do good work

By Theresa Keegan, Contra Costa Times

The Contra Costa Grand Jury completed its year of probing, analyzing, observing and learning with the release of its report "Face-To-Face Visits of Children in Group Homes."

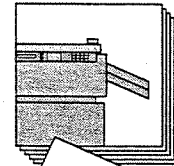
This informative, distressing document reveals how children in the foster care system may not receive the attention they need, and in fact legally deserve, from their social worker. State-mandated monthly meetings between the children and their social workers don't always happen. In fact, over the past six months, there was a 20 percent failure rate in monthly meetings.

The report reveals the situation is virtually inevitable because supervisors use the "honor" system regarding visitation practices, and don't check with group homes to ensure the visits happened. At the same time, group home operators are hesitant to complain about a lack of the monthly visits because they believe too many complaints will mean the department won't place children in their facilities.

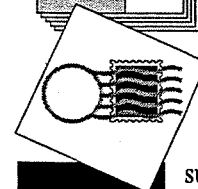
This concise report illustrates, proactively, an answer to the "how could this possibly happen?" question that's always asked after a tragedy in the system. In fact, this document reveals some of the county's 217 social workers are unable to even verify their workload or where all their children are placed.

Like many grand jury reports, the findings are distressing. Yet, like many grand jury reports, solutions are attainable. The computer system needs to be upgraded so supervisors can review visitation compliance and each group home needs a log of the visits. Supervisors need to know if social workers let case-worker assistants conduct the monthly visit and everyone should know the law as it pertains to visitations. An issue is revealed, a solution unveiled; that's the beauty of the grand jury.

From the Mailbox



Dear Editor



"The role of the Foreperson," by Dan Taranto, (April issue of the CGJA Journal) is, in my view, solid, experienced advice, and I

suggest that the article be replicated and be made readily available to every new grand jury for reading aloud as they begin their

year in office. One easy way to accomplish this would be for the Court to give each new juror a copy after they are sworn in and head for their first meeting. Each GJ is empowered to determine their own internal rules of operation/procedure and, (again in my view), the role of the foreperson is the first among the many things that need to be determined and understood by all at the jury's initial meeting. The article should also be discussed and given as a handout to participants at every training session conducted by the Association.

My comments are based on experiences as a former foreperson (El Dorado County 1991-92), as a founding (and continuing) member of El Dorado's local GJ association, as an officer and board member of the State Association for several years, and as Legislative Committee Chair of the State Association for four years. However, this is my personal opinion; CGJA has not adopted an official position on this subject.

As an addendum to my remarks, I must say that I have been most favorably impressed with the leadership and progress of the State Association. Jack Zepp, his officers and board members have done, and continue to do, a truly commendable job. The Grand Jurors' "Journal," under Editor Ourania Riddle, with design & layout by Bob DeQuattro is simply outstanding.

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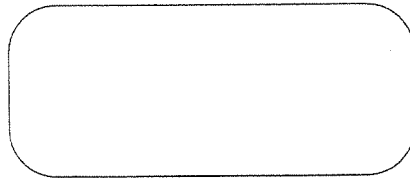
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