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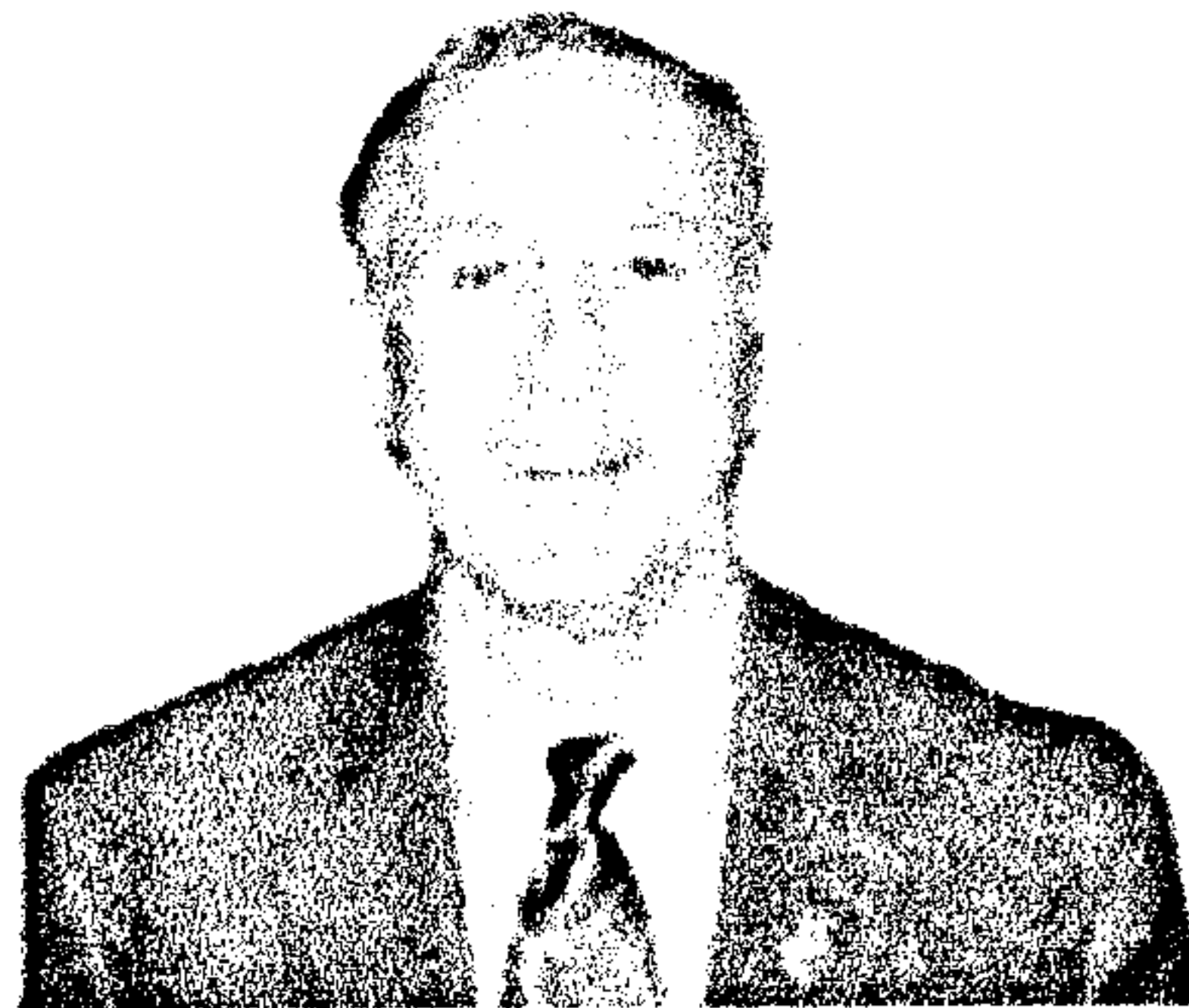
February, 2003

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**JOIN US FOR LUNCH
Thursday, March 6
at Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson Ave. Anaheim**

**Speaker:
Gary Burton
O.C. Chief Financial Officer**



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our December luncheon, by all reports was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed the festive atmosphere of the holiday event. We plan to repeat it this year. Please tell your fellow Grand Jury panel members what a good time was had, and ask them to join us for future luncheons. The food is always good at the Phoenix Club. Thanks to Sheldon Singer, we have excellent speakers to keep us informed on current topics. We are fortunate to have one of the largest grand jury Associations in the state and also, I think the best.

The State Grand Jurors Association held its convention in San Rafael in November of last year. Two common problems seem to confront the grand juries in all fifty-eight counties. One is the ability to

have Grand Jury Reports and Recommendations acted upon in their respective counties. Again, Orange County is one of the leaders in this area. About five years ago our Board of Supervisors was convinced to pass a resolution to authorize the forming of the Tracking and Implementation Committee of this Association. This gives us the ability to follow up on reports, which have items of concurrence by the agency affected. However, the past few years the sitting grand juries have formed a Special Issues/Continuity Committee to follow up on previous grand juries' reports. Both of these efforts have enabled Orange County Grand Juries to have more actual impact on county government.

The second area of great concern is grand jury recruitment and training. Again, Orange County is in the forefront of this effort. Orange County has been conducting training for incoming grand jurors for a number of years. The State Grand Jurors Association is now conducting training sessions for new grand jurors in the smaller counties of the state to better equip them to do their job. We applaud them in this effort. Hopefully, having more consistent and effective grand juries in the state will reward their efforts.

I hope to see you all at the March luncheon.



L to R: Karen Evarts, Carol Morales, Sheldon Singer, Mike Harris, Bob Geiss, Dave Carter, Rose Moreno, Bob Fauteux, Joe Quiros, Cheryl Brothers, Jim Nolan, Royal Lord. (missing: Peter Carter)

MARCH PROGRAM

Our speaker will be Gary Burton, Chief Financial Officer for the County of Orange. He earned his BA in Business Administration at Cal State Long Beach and is a Certified Public Accountant.

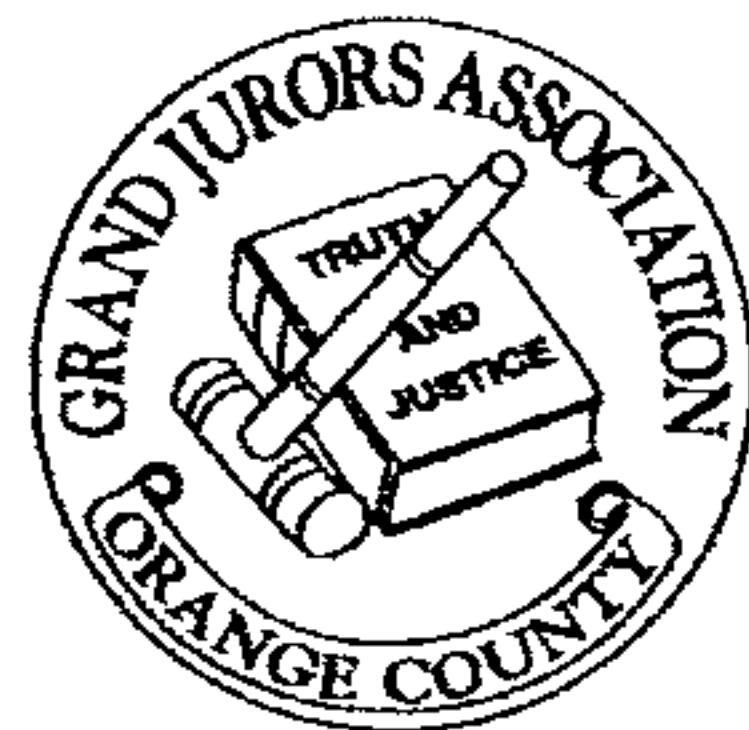
Gary is on the Board of Directors of the Orange County Credit Union and serves on the oversight committee of the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the Huntington Beach City School District's Independent Citizens' Committee.

Previously, he was Deputy director of Finance Administration for the OCTA, and for 13 years, CFO of the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

In his present position, he directs the overall financial planning and policy development, and provides oversight for all financial activities for the county.

He will be speaking on the impact of the State budget crunch on Orange County.

In addition, we will discuss and vote on the proposed by-laws amendment.



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

What a special treat to have Jim Nolan's wife, Holly, at the piano for us during this festive gathering. Thank you, Holly.

And, once again, the Honorable David Carter took time out of his busy schedule to swear in our Board of Directors. Thank you, Dave.

Carol Morales' daughter, Vanessa, belongs to a talented choral group, which gave a fabulous performance of Christmas carols.

We hope to have a repeat performance next year. They were terrific! Thank you, Carol for making the arrangements.

We took a moment to remember Jodie Harrod, Seth Oberg, Edgar Pankey, Leonor Hammond and Nicolas Trapnell, Jr.

NOTES MISCELLANY

TREASURERS REPORT

As of February 5, 2003
Checking account balance:
\$5,366.67
Custom Time Deposit:
\$3,360.66
Total Reserves:
\$8,727.33
Joe Quiros, Treasurer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We welcome two new members on our Board of Directors, Peter Carter, who served on the 2001/02 Grand Jury, and Karen Evarts, who served on the 1999/2000 panel. We thank them for volunteering their time to help lead our organization. We also want to thank John Baird, past president, and Bill Guthrie, legislative chairman, who retired in accordance with the by-laws, after serving on the Board for six years.

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas Kehoe
Grand Jury 1964/65
Foreman, 1984/85

Bob Flewelling
Grand Jury 1991/92

SPEAKERS AND HANDOUTS

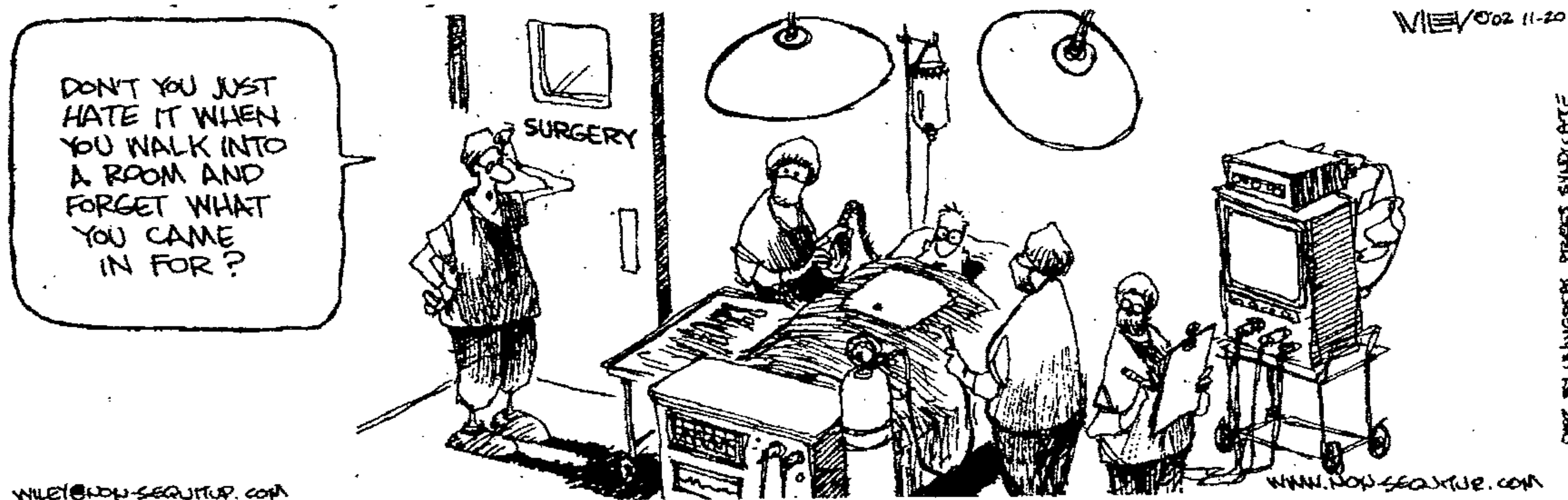
It is time to remind you, once again, that the policy of the Grand Jurors Association of Orange County is:

Persons who want to make a presentation or provide handouts at the luncheons **MUST** have prior approval from the Board. The proposal or material must be submitted to the Board to consider at their monthly meeting at least one month prior to the lunch meeting. You may attend the Board meeting or contact any Board member.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS AMENDMENT

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a proposed amendment to the Grand Jurors Association of Orange County By-Laws.

This change is intended to allow individuals who have served on a grand jury in another California county, and who have moved to Orange County, to be eligible to be a Regular Member of the GJAOC. We will vote on this amendment at the March General Meeting. Please read this proposed amendment and be prepared to discuss it, pro or con, at our meeting on March 6, 2003.



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4 Words shown as ~~Bold Italic Redline~~ are added.

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6 ARTICLE II

7 MEMBERSHIP

8 SECTION 1 > Any person shall be eligible for Regular Membership in the
9 Association who has served as a member of ~~any/Regular~~ an Orange County
10 ~~California~~ Grand Jury. ~~Additionally, any full time resident of Orange~~
11 ~~County who has served honorably on a California County Grand Jury in a~~
12 ~~county other than Orange county shall be eligible for Regular Membership~~
13 ~~in accordance with Section 5 of Article II.~~

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15 SECTION 2 > Any person shall be eligible for Associate Membership in the
16 Association who has served as an alternate for the Orange County Grand
17 Jury or as a member of any county grand jury in any state. Associate
18 Members shall have all the privileges of Regular Members except that
19 Associate Members shall have no voting rights and shall not be eligible
20 to serve on the Board of Directors or any committee established by the
21 Board of Directors.

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23 ~~Section 3 > For the purposes of Article II: "County Grand Jury" excludes a~~
24 ~~Special Grand Jury per California Code PC 904.6 or equivalent.~~

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26 SECTION 4 > The Board of Directors shall have the power to admit by
27 invitation an Honorary Life Member. Honorary Life Members shall have no
28 voting rights and shall not be eligible to serve on the Board of
29 Directors or any committee established by the Board of Directors.

30 SECTION 5 > All applications for membership shall be referred to the Board
31 of Directors for determination of eligibility for membership and for
32 approval. The determination of eligibility by the Board of Directors
33 shall be final and not subject to any review.

34 SECTION 6 > The Board of Directors may from time to time establish and fix
35 membership fees or dues and determine the amount thereof, which shall be
36 due on January 1 of each year.

37 Any Regular or Associate Member who is more than three (3) months
38 delinquent in the payment of the membership fees or dues shall be
39 notified in writing by the Second Vice President prior to May 1. If the
40 member is still delinquent in the payment of the membership fees or dues
41 on June 1, his or her name shall be removed from the roll of members,
42 and all rights or benefits of membership shall thereupon terminate.
43 Upon payment of dues, the member shall be reinstated.

44 SECTION 7 > The membership of any member of the Association may be
45 terminated for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of
46 Directors. Cause for termination shall exist if a member (i) has been
47 declared of unsound mind by a final court order; et cetera.