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JOIN US FOR LUNCH Thursday December 1

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

YOUTH CHOIR SINGS

Installation of new Board members and officers

24TH CALIFORNIA GRAND JURY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Although there was a sign pointing to Downtown Burbank, I resisted the temptation to see how beautiful it was and headed straight for Hilton Burbank Airport. It was not that easy because I made a wrong One of the best features of the yearly conference is turn and found myself driving along the airport with no place to make a right turn. When I reversed my direction I found myself on streets that began or ended at 45 degree angles.

Everything went smoothly after I made it into the hotel parking lot. The sleeping room was fine, the meeting rooms convenient and the staff was very attentive. The rather low number of 50 participants was disappointing. Orange County was well represented by Directors Bob Geiss, Jack Zepp, and Rose Moreno; GJAOC President Sheldon Singer, and members Bill Nelson, Tom Staple and Lew Avera. Rose contributed by producing the printed program for the conference.

The speakers were the Honorable David Wesley, West Covina's Police Chief Frank Wills, Thomas A. Mesereau Jr. Esq., and LA County Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman. The judge has his own particular view of the grand jury. Although he is very supportive, he will not meet with any member of the panel

other than the foreperson. Attorney Mesereau who is a celebrity because of his celebrity clients such as Michael Jackson and Robert Blake is not at all flamboyant, but actually quite low-key. One of the key points in his talk was about his very strong negative view of the media.

the chance to become acquainted and reacquainted with former grand jurors from all over the state. They all truly believe in the grand jury system and are doing their part to see that the system endures.

- Rose Moreno, GJAOC secretary

LUNCH PROGRAM

Thanks to Carol Morales, our December lunch program will include an encore performance by the youth choir that has entertained us for several years. We will be recognizing 6 years of service from President Sheldon Singer, Directors Bob Geiss and Carol Morales. Thank you all. At the same time, we will welcome the new Board members, Bill Nelson and Joe Moreland. Incoming President Joe Quiros will be returning after one year off.

2005 INFLUENZA VACCINATION PROGRAM

The Orange County Health Care Agency's annual Flu Shot Program is now underway. During the months of October and November, flu shots will be given to eligible individuals at a number of community locations. For more information about Orange County's Public Health flu shot program, call the Health Referral Line at (800) 564-8448.

Free flu shots are available (while supplies last) through the County of Orange program for County residents who are in the highest priority groups because of their age or health condition. The highest priority groups include:

- People 60 years of age and older
- People with chronic diseases like heart disease, asthma, other lung disease or diabetes
- People with a health condition that suppresses their immune system
- Pregnant women
- Children 6-23 months of age
- Health care personnel who provide direct patient care
- Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children less than 6 months of age

Individuals who are not in the one of highest priority groups should seek a flu shot from their physician or other community health care sources.

Flu shots are available from a number of sources, including:

- 1. Your Physician or healthcare provider
- 2. Pharmacies and other retail businesses (www.findaflushot.com)
- 3. Through the County's Flu Shot Program at Senior Centers, Hospital-sponsored flu shot clinics and Public Health Clinics.

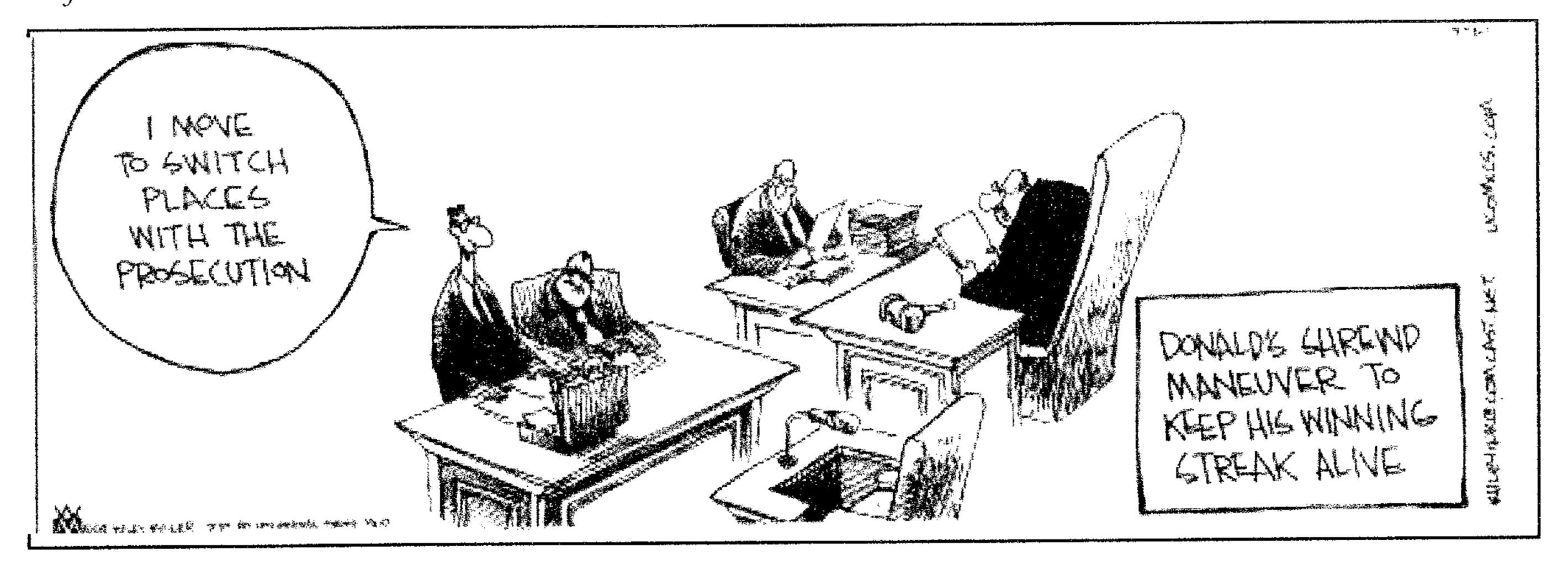
For information about influenza and to see list of dates and locations, visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov, and www.ochealthinfo.com/pub-lic/flu/index.html.

TELL US IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM!!!

The Banquet Director of the Phoenix Club has complained to the Board of Directors that at the past several meetings, members of the Association have been going into the kitchen to voice complaints about service or food. This behavior is totally unacceptable.

If, for any reason, you have a complaint please tell a member of the Board of Directors. Be assured that they will promptly take your information to the proper individual at the Phoenix Club to have the problem resolved.

Complaining directly to the kitchen staff, in general, serves little purpose since they are most often unaware of the problems. The Board of Directors has taken steps to eliminate the source of many of the problems. Taking your complaints directly to one of them will help to pinpoint problem areas so that further steps can be taken to correct them.





TREASURERS REPORT as of end October

\$9,946.70 Balance on Hand -Robert H. Fauteux

MEMBERSHIP

Chairman Jim Nolan will soon be sending renewal notices for 2006 dues. We presently have 196 members which makes us one of the largest Grand Jury Associations in the state.



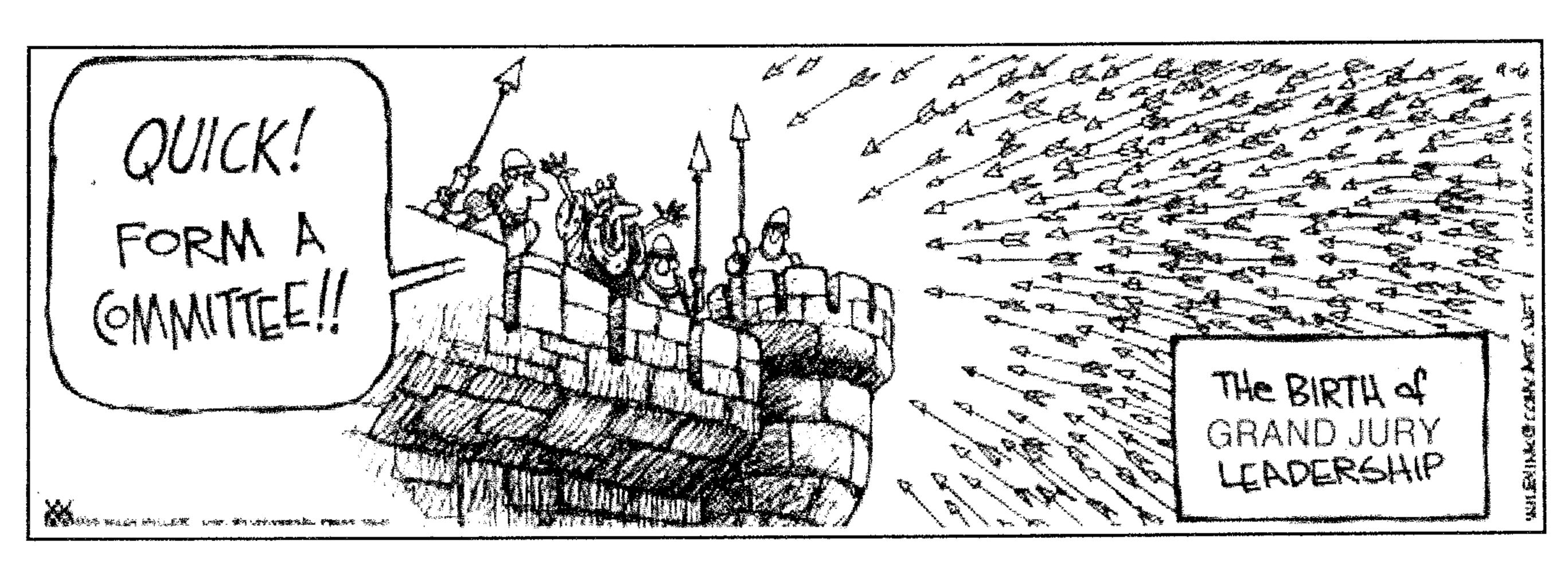
INFORMATION UPDATE

Assemblyman Bob Huff, 60th District, will address the City Council Members and the Public at the Orange City Council meeting at 4:30 PM, November 22, 2005, at the Orange City Council chambers, 300 East Chapman Avenue.

The topic of his presentation is an update, to the public, on legislative and budget matters. He is committed to being accessible to the residents of the 60th Assembly District which includes portions of Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino counties.

WORDS TO REMEMBER

- Duct tape is like The Force it holds the universe together.
- Don't squat with your spurs on.
- If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
- A journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a leaky tire.
- No one is listening until you make a mistake.
- It's always darkest before dawn. So, if you're going to steal your neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it.
- Always remember: You're unique just like everybody else.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFFICERS

At the November Board meeting, the Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers for 2006. There were not enough members of the 2006 Board of Directors present to vote on the proposed officers in November.

The names submitted by the Nominating Committee were:

President Joe Quiros 1st Vice President Bob Fauteux 2nd Vice President Jim Nolan Rose Moreno Secretary Hiroko Kranz Treasurer Peter Carter Parliamentarian Karen Evarts Sgt-at-arms Cheryl Brothers Newsletter Carlos N. Olvera Director Bill Nelson Director Joe Moreland Director Mike Harris Director

A meeting of the "new" Board will be held prior to the December General Meeting so that next year's officers can be installed.

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YET ANOTHER LOOK AT THE JAILS

The following is an excerpt from the Final Report of the last grand jury:

"The 2004-2005 Orange County Grand Jury reached the following conclusions regarding the state of the county's adult jails and juvenile detention facilities:

Jail populations continue to increase and, in the eyes of the state Board of Corrections (BOC), over-crowding continues in Orange County jails. (The BOC is responsible for continual reevaluation of minimum standards for local juvenile and adult detention facilities.)

The need for a permanent sheriff's holding facility in south Orange County remains an open question. The facility is needed so the sheriff's department can more efficiently serve communities in that part of the county, many of which contract with the department for police protection.

As to juvenile detention facilities, the grand jury concluded that several are showing their age and need upgrading as soon as money for these projects can be found."

