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Random List of 1996 City Managers Still Serving in the Same City in 2011

Serving as a City Manager is a demanding task. Longevity statistics vary, but the average length of tenure in one City is generally about 5-years. A run of 15-years in one place is a rare accomplishment. We pawed through the old ICMA Who's Who to see if we could find some 1996 City Managers still trucking along in the same place, and we found some good ones.

This means, of course, that those who are not ICMA members and are not included in the directory might be overlooked. For instance, <u>Bellflower</u>



City Manager **Mike Egan**, who is in his 14th year, appointed in 1997, might have been missed if we relied completely on the directory. Here's hoping Mike's 15th year is one of his best.



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1996 is when the late Patricia Chamberlaine was the Adelanto City Manager, and James Ruth served in Anaheim. The Alhambra City Manager was Julio J. Fuentes where he still serves. Julio began his career as an Administrative Intern in Cypress in 1981. He then became an Administrative Assistant in Monrovia in 1983. He was appointed Assistant to the City Administrator in Azusa in October, 1984, and became Assistant City Administrator in 1986. Julio was appointed Azusa City Administrator in June, 1987, and he served there until he was selected to be the Pomona City Administrator in December, 1989. Julio was selected for his current Alhambra City Manager assignment in August, 1992. He has an MPA from USC.

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Back in 1996 Tim Kerr was the City Manager in Livingston, and the late Walker Ritter served as the Lomita City Administrator. City Managers Jim Hankla and Kevin Murphy served Long Beach and Newport Beach respectively. Though recently retired, this list would not be "right" without mentioning Bishop Citv Administrator Richard F. Pucci. Rick got his start in Temple City in 1970. In 1976 he was hired as an Administrative Assistant in La Mirada. In 1978 he returned to Temple City as the Assistant City Manager. A little more than two years later in June, 1980 Rick was appointed to the post he retired from: City Administrator in <u>Bishop</u>. He earned a J.D. from Southwestern University. He currently serves on the Inyo County Board of Supervisors. Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the continental U.S. is on the Inyo/Tulare County border, and the lowest place in North America is in eastern Invo County in Death Valley National Park. As a member of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, Rick Pucci serves on the six-member Inyo County Local Transportation Commission (ICLTC).

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Fifteen years ago in 1996, **Ray Diaz** was the City Manager in Palm Desert and Mike O'Connor was in Ontario. Joe Tanner was the Pleasant Hill City Manager and Brock Arner was in Sausalito. In Cerritos, the former Dairy Valley, Art Gallucci was the City Manager in 1996. Local pundit Randy Economy has written about Art: "He is sophisticated, yet unassuming. He is sharp on his feet, and is someone every local city manager aspires to become. He is a Diplomat amongst sometime shaken egos, and speaks with pride and knowledge." Well written Randy!. Art has earned his stellar reputation over a good many years. In March, 1991 Cerritos City Manager, the late Gaylord Knapp, was replaced by former Assistant City Manager Art Gallucci. Gaylord had served for some 18-years before he moved on to be City Manager in Lake Forest. Art came 1971 to Cerritos in as а Recreation Superintendent from the now-defunct Southeast Parks & Recreation District. He headed the Cerritos Human Affairs Department from 1973 until 1981 when he was named Assistant City Manager.



Michelle Penhollow, Jason Inclan, Casey Simpson and Samantha Simpson, all of <u>Cerritos</u>, at the Staples Center where Casey sang the National Anthem prior to a 2011 Los Angeles Clippers game.

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Stephen J. Kimbrough was appointed City Manager in Corning in 1993 and still serves there today. Steve began his career as a Planning Intern in La Habra in 1969, and took an Administrative Assistant post in the Palm Springs Planning & Development Department in 1970. Later that year Steve was selected to serve as an Administrative Analyst with the Montclair Police Department. In 1973 he moved to Coving as an Administrative Assistant to the Personnel Director. He was recruited to be the Arcadia Personnel Director in 1977. Steve's next move was to Temple City as the Assistant City Manager in 1980 and he served there until 1984 when he went to work in the private sector. In 1988 Steve was select to work with the County of San Bernardino as the Chino Hills Manager. In 1991 he was selected to be the initial or "start-up" Interim City Manager in the "at-thetime" newly incorporated City of American Canyon. He settled in as the Corning City Manager in 1993. He has a BA from California State University, and he has earned a 35-year ICMA Service Award.

In 1996 **Guy Huffaker** was the City Manager in <u>Porterville</u>, the late **Craig Nealis** was the <u>Rolling</u> <u>Hills</u> City Manager, and **Harry Peacock** was <u>Saratoga</u> City Manager. **Alan L. Roeder**, who



just recently retired, was the <u>Costa</u> <u>Mesa</u> City Manager. Allan had a 36-year career with the City of Costa Mesa, the last 25-years as City Manager. Assistant City Manager **Tom Hatch** has been

named to replace Allan. The Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce sponsored a special retirement program for Allan at the Westin Hotel in Costa Mesa. <u>http://www.ci.costa-</u> <u>mesa.ca.us/departments/CMCityManager.htm</u> O'CONNOR COMPANY SECURITIES

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Gerald M. Caton was the Downey City Manager in 1996. Jerry started his municipal government career as an Administrative Assistant in Garden Grove in 1976. In October, 1977 he accepted the Signal Hill appointment as Assistant City Manager. In 1982 he became the Cudahy City Manager, serving from 1982 until 1985, and then again from 1986 until his appointment as the Downey City Manager in 1989 when he replaced the retiring Downey City Manager Don Davis. Jerry was 38-years old at the time. He has an MPA from USC, and a BA from California State University, Long Beach. His successor has already been selected: Assistant City Manager Gilbert Livas. Gilbert previously worked in the Cities of Bell Gardens and Anaheim. He holds a BA from UCLA and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. Jerry Caton will retire in December, 2011. He will have the longest tenure of any City Manager serving Downey since its incorporation in 1956.



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In 1996 Dave Mora was the City Manager in Salinas, and Paul Brotzman was West Hollywood City Manager. Larry Pennell was the Wasco City Manager, and Art Simonian was City Manager in Yorba Linda. Timothy J. Casey was the Laguna Niguel City Manager. Tim began his municipal government career as an Administrative Intern in 1972 in the City of Manhattan Beach. In 1974 he took an Administrative Assistant assignment in Ventura (San Buenaventura), and in 1975 he move to Redondo Beach as an Administrative Analyst. Then in 1976 he became an Administrative Assistant, and later that year (1976) Assistant to the City Manager, a post he held until 1980 when he was promoted to Assistant City Manager. In 1981 Tim was appointed to the Redondo Beach City Manager position. He served as the Redondo Beach City Manager for some 9-years, before his selection to be the Laguna Niguel City Manager, a position he has held since. Tim has a BA from USC and an MPA from UCLA. In 2007 he earned a 35-year ICMA Service Award.



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Laguna Niguel's neighbor Laguna Hills has also found the benefits of having a City Manager with longevity. Bruce E. Channing, the Vice President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities, has served as the Laguna Hills City Manager since 1991. Bruce began his municipal government career in 1976 as an Administrative Intern in Santa Barbara. Later that same year he moved to a similar internship with the City of Santa Monica. In 1977 Bruce was appointed to an Administrative Analyst position in Pasadena. He worked in Pasadena until 1981 when he was selected to be the Assistant to the City Manager in Yorba Linda. In 1982 he became the Yorba Linda Assistant City Manager, and he served in that post for some 9-years until in 1991 he was appointed Laguna Hills City Manager. Bruce has a BA from the University of California and an MPA from USC. In 2007 he was awarded a 30-year ICMA Service Award. Bruce is the 2001 recipient of the ICMA Carolyn Keane Award for Programs for the Disadvantaged, and the 2006 ICMA Program Excellence Award for Community Health & Safety. He is a member of the CCMF Board.



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Raymond H. Kromer was the Fountain Valley City Manager in 1996. Ray served as a Borough Manager in Penbrook, Pennsylvania in 1976 to get his public management career moving. In 1978 he was appointed Township Manager in Ridley, Township, Pennsylvania where he served for about a year before being selected as the Township Administrator in West Deptford Township, New Jersey. Ray's first venture to California municipal management came in 1985 when he was appointed Assistant City Manager in Fountain Valley. In 1991 Ray became the Fountain Valley City Manager and has been there since. He has a BA from Villanova University and an MPA from Pennsylvania State University. In 2006 he was awarded a 30-year ICMA Service Award. Fountain Valley is home to Mile Square Regional Park.



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In 1996 Debra Kurita was an Assistant City Manager in Santa Ana, and David M. Childs, the current ICMA President, was the City Manager in Minnetonka, Minnesota. That year James Armstrong was the City Manager in Fullerton, and George Tindall was serving in that capacity in Garden Grove. And, in January, 1996 Robert C. Dunek was appointed City Manager in Lake Forest. In 1973 Bob began his public service career as a Police Officer in Buena Park. He was appointed to a Senior Administrative Assistant's post in Garden Grove in 1979. After serving Garden Grove for some five-years, Bob was selected to be the Executive Director of the Orange County Division of the League of California Cities in 1984. In 1989 he was recruited to be the City Manager in the City of Los Alamitos, where he served until his 1996 Lake Forest appointment. Bob has a BA and MPA from California State University and a PhD from USC. In 2008 he was awarded a 35-year ICMA Service Award. Bob was recognized in 2004 as the recipient of the ICMA Public-Private Partnership Award.



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We have included veteran <u>Lakewood</u> City Manager **Howard L. Chambers** in a number of previous lists. He was appointed to the top spot in Lakewood in 1976. He changed his mind about retiring this year, and says he plans to serve, at least, another 18 months. Howard's rise from Recreation Leader to City Manager is an amazing story. He was not quite 32-years old at his appointment. He has been an outstanding mentor to many, and will be sorely missed if he ever retires.

Retiring Mountain View City Manager Kevin C. earned the has Duggan respect and admiration of his peers as a true leader in the City Manager craft. Kevin has served as President of CAL-ICMA and the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities. Kevin began his municipal management career in 1971 in a Mountain View Administrative Intern post. In 1972 he took a similar position in Campbell, and in 1973 he was hired as a Staff Assistant in Campbell. He rose through the organization as an Administrative Assistant in 1974; Assistant to the City Manager in 1976; and Assistant City Manager in 1982. Kevin was appointed Campbell's City Manager in 1984. He served there for half-a-dozen years until he was selected to be the Mountain View City Manager in 1990 where he has served since. Kevin earned a BA and MPA from San Jose State University. In 2008 ICMA presented him with a 35-year Service Award.

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Monterey City Manager Fred E. Meurer was the



Director of Engineering & Housing at Fort Ord in 1981. He retired from the Army as a Colonel in 1986 and joined the Monterey staff as a Special Project Manager in the City

Manager's Office. He then served as the Public Works Director, and in 1991 he was appointed Monterey City Manager. Fred has a BS from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and an MS from Stanford University. In 2006 he earned a 25-year ICMA Service Award. He was the 2004 recipient of the ICMA Innovations in Local Government Award. While still in the service Fred served overseas on assignments in Germany, Viet Nam and Korea. His final active duty tour was the Fort Ord, California post. http://www.monterey.org/citymanager/background.html

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Charles Rough Jr. was appointed Town Manager in the Town of Paradise in 1996 and he still serves there today. Prior to joining the Paradise staff Chuck was the City Manager in Ukiah. He had previous staff experience in Norwalk.



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Douglas R. Prichard began his municipal government career in 1982 as an Administrative Assistant in Bellflower. After being elevated in 1983 to Assistant to the City Administrator, he was selected in 1985 to serve as the

Assistant City Manager in Rolling Hills Estates. He was appointed City Manager in April, 1990. Doug has a BA from the University of California. Doug was a hit with his ukulele ditty urging the State to budget without taking local revenues. He is known as the "swimming city manager," completing the "from the shore-out and around Alcatraz Island and return" swim without a wetsuit. Listen to his song:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6uM8_5MP-uQ

San Ramon veteran City Manager Herb Moniz served as the San Ramon Director of Parks and Recreation for four years starting in 1985. He was appointed City Manager in May, 1989, and served in that post until September, 2002. After nearly a two year respite, he resumed the City Manager position in August, 2004. Herb has BA and Master's degrees from San Francisco State University. Herb retires this month (March, 2011). His successor has yet to be named.



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In 1996 Toby A. Ross, the currently West Sacramento City Manager, was the City Manager in Park City, Utah. Edward G. Wohlenberg was the General Manager for the Ventura Port District, and Russell Carlsen was the Big Bear Lake City Manager. David N. Ream was the Santa Ana City Manager for about 10years by then. Dave began his career in 1971 as a Community Development Analyst in Long In 1974 he was appointed to an Beach. Administrative Analyst post in Lakewood. He joined the Santa Ana staff in 1978 as a Management Analyst, and then progressed in 1979 to Assistant Executive Director; Community Development Director in 1980, Economic Development Director in 1984, and City Manager in 1986. Dave has a BS from Arizona State University and an MBA from California State University, Long Beach. He has also participated in special educational programs for senior State and local government executives at Harvard University. In 2006 he was awarded a 35-year ICMA Service Award. Dave has retired effective this month, but will remain in office during the recruitment for his successor until the end of May. http://www.ci.santaana.ca.us/cm/citymanager.asp



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Though we have presented this picture in a previous issue, it is well worth re-running. Getting these highly professional veteran City Managers to pose for a picture is really good fortune, and nearly an impossible task. (L to R): **Howard Chambers** of <u>Lakewood</u>, **Jerry Caton** of <u>Downey</u> and **Art Gallucci** of <u>Cerritos</u>. We salute you all!

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<u>Simi Valley</u> City Manager **Michael J. Sedell** began is government service career in 1972 as an Administrative Intern in Simi Valley, out of California State University, Northridge. He has worked in a variety of

assignments including: Personnel since. Administrator and Community Services Coordinator. He was promoted in 1975 to Assistant to the City Manager and again in 1979 to Deputy City Manager. Mike left the city in 1986 to serve as the Chief of Staff for Congressman Elton Gallegly, a former Simi Valley Mayor. He returned to Simi Valley in 1990 as the Assistant City Manager and was appointed to his current City Manager post in 1995 when City Manager Lin Koester was appointed to the Ventura County Chief Administrative Officer position. Mike has a BA from California State University, Northridge and an MPA from USC. In 2006 he was awarded a 30-year ICMA Service Award. Mike has worked closely with the legislative process and is looked to from time-to-time to develop legislative strategies at both the Federal and State levels. He has taught an Intergovernmental Relations Seminar in the Public Administration Master's Degree program at CSUN. http://www.ci.simivalley.ca.us/index.aspx?page=74

City of Lakewood Honored by CPRS

California Parks and Recreation Society recognized the City of <u>Lakewood</u> at its Annual Conference naming City Manager **Howard Chambers** "Champion of the Community," for his "significant effort to influence and improve the quality of the community through parks, recreation and community service." Lakewood also received an "Award of Excellence" for its 2010 Fall/Winter Recreation Program catalog.

We have certainly missed a few City Managers who have served since 1996 in the same jurisdiction, and we apologize for the oversight and lack of space. Ray Taylor of Westlake Village comes to mind, and perhaps Leroy Jackson in Torrance. Ray started in Simi Valley as an Administrative Assistant in 1977. He left Simi Valley in 1982 to be the Assistant City Manager in Rolling Hills Estates. He served part of 1985 as the Ojai City Manager, and returned to Rolling Hills Estates as City Manager that year. In 1990 he worked for a recruitment consultant firm, and in 1991 was appointed Malibu City Manager. He was selected for the Westlake Village post in 1993. Ray has a 30-year ICMA Service Award. LeRoy J. Jackson was an Administrative Intern in Pasadena in 1965. In 1966 he began his career ladder climb in Torrance as a Personnel Analyst; 1968, Senior Administrative Assistant: 1971, Assistant to the City Manager; 1979, Chief Assistant to the City Manager; 1981, Assistant City Manager; and finally, he was appointed City Manager in 1983.

Again, we apologize to those we missed and we promise to devise new ways of including a broader listing of city managers. Thank you all for your readership and support. Please drop us a line. We truly enjoy hearing from you. Your suggestions are always welcome, though, as we've said before, we cannot promise to use them all, we only promise full consideration.

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Retired <u>Milpitas</u> City Manager **James Patrick Connolly** passed away in February due to complications from Parkinson's disease. He was 79. Jim went to work in Milpitas in October, 1959, and began a succession of positions of Planning Technician, Zoning Administrator, Planning Director, Community Development Director, and Deputy City Manager. He was appointed to the Milpitas City Manager post in 1986 and retired seven years later. Milpitas had a population of 6,000 when he went to work there, and about 50,000 at his retirement.

Newport Beach City Council has voted 5-2 to direct City Manager Dave Kiff to have a statue of former California Governor and President of the United States Ronald Reagan erected at Castaways Park, near West Coast Highway and Dover Drive. Councilman Keith Curry, supporting the tribute said, "Our children are losing our touchstones to our past." Tip of the hat to retired Lakeport City Manager Randy Johnsen! Randy has done an "interim gig" or two since retirement, but these days he enjoys his four grandchildren, and plays guitar and sings lead in a bluegrass/gospel band. Randy has an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. New Costa Mesa City Manager Tom Hatch, the former Assistant City Manager, previously worked as a Deputy City Administrator in El Monte. Veteran City Manager Larry Pennell has been appointed Interim City Manager in McFarland, and will assist to recruit a permanent replacement. "The 'welcome mat' is extended to all aspiring candidates." Veteran Cerritos City Clerk Josephine "Josie" Triggs quietly retired recently. She had served as the <u>Bellflower</u> City Clerk prior to her many years of service in <u>Cerritos</u>. **Vida P. Barone**, MPA, CMC, is the new Cerritos Interim City Clerk.



Finance Director **Stephen Dunn** has doubled as Acting City Manager while <u>Upland</u> City Manager **Robb Quincey** is on administrative leave. It has been about a year since **Tom Weiner**, 38, joined City Manager **Rob Wishner**'s staff as the <u>Walnut</u> Community Development Director after leaving a similar position in <u>Lake Elsinore</u>.

Though AB 3034 calls for a high speed rail system to follow existing transportation corridors, and minimize impacts to the natural environment, it appears that at least one of the proposed routes will slice through highly productive farmland. Central Valley farmer **Keith Gardiner** says he generally supports the rail project because of its transportation and job creation benefits, but if the system steers away from the existing railroad routes and runs through agricultural land it will cause hundreds of thousands of dollars of additional costs and make some land abutting the tracks unproductive. The high-speed rail system's objective is to improve communities, not degrade them.

Sacramento Interim City Manager Gus Vina has been trying to work through the issues of a performance review and a controversial fire cost recovery program known as the "crash tax." Menifee's new City Manager Bill Rawlings, 48, is the former Redevelopment Director in Vista. Pittsburg City Manager Marc Grisham has been addressing claims by the State Auditor that his city's Community Redevelopment Agency took questionable actions. The report was issued without a meeting with Finance Director Tina Olson in an attempt to discredit RDAs, according to Marc. John Shirey has repeatedly pointed out that RDAs have been California's most successful Economic Development strategy bringing millions in development and thousands of jobs to the State. Governor Jerry Brown is trying to eliminate RDAs to use the money to bail out the failing State budget. Redondo Beach City Manager Bill Workman said that the deaths of millions of sardines that clogged King Harbor goes unexplained. It was reported that in some places the dead fish were so dense, boats could not exit the harbor through them. Salt Lake County, Utah Chief Administrative Officer Doug Willmore has resigned to accept the El Segundo City Manager post where he will report on April 18.



More Pieces Picked Up: Jeannine Galatioto k was appointed Interim City Manager in Crescent City in January, as City Manager Rod Butler left to become the City Manager in Patterson. Jeannine was the County Administrative Officer in Del Norte County for some 10-years before retiring in 2009. City Attorney **Bob Black** served as Acting City Manager for the two-and-a-half-week gap between Rod's departure and Jeannine assuming office. Former Rosemead City Manager Oliver Chi is the new Assistant City Manager in the City of Barstow. Veteran City Manager Raul Romero is the newest Interim City Manager in La Puente. He is the former top executive in Commerce, South El Monte and Coachella. Raul has an MPA from USC. City Manager Gene Albaugh, along with Nevada City Police Chief Lou Trovato and City Engineer Bill Falconi, with a combined local government experience of 130-years, have retired but continue to serve the city part-time. This has saved the Nevada City budget during the recession, allowing them to defer recruitment for new full-time replacements. Gene became Nevada City's City Manager in 2008 following a career where he served in the Counties of Calaveras and Contra Costa, Sierra College, and the cities of Colfax, Wheatland, Citrus Heights and Plymouth. With a significant budget deficit forecast for Martinez, City Manager Phil Vince seeks cost saving methods, including looking at "contracting out" to save on salaries, pensions and other benefits. Oiai City Manager Robert Clark, as City Managers are doing throughout the state, is working with the City Council and legal counsel to protect the local Ojai redevelopment funds. Auburn City Manager Mark Palesh is retiring. He is scheduled for surgery in late March. Mark has served as Auburn City Manager since February, 2007. Highland City Manager Joe Hughes, 44, has spent his entire municipal government career in Highland. Joe was appointed City Manager when the city's first and only City Manager Sam Racadio retired in 2006. Sam, a past President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities, is currently serving on the Highland City Council. Prior to joining the Fairfield staff as the Director of Community Development in 1995 Sean Quinn owned his own company providing real estate, economic development and redevelopment consulting to public agencies and private businesses. Sean was appointed City Manager in 2007 following the retirement of City Manager Kevin O'Rourke. Veteran Santa Ana City Manager David Ream, 66, has retired and will leave office at the end of May. Dave previously wored for

Lakewood and Long Beach, but has been with Santa Ana since 1978. He has been City Manager since 1986. Former Bell Chief Administrative Officer Robert Rizzo and Assistant Angela Spaccia have been ordered by Judge Henry Hall to stand trial. Rizzo is ordered to trial on more than 50 counts of misappropriation of public funds, falsification of public records and conflict of interest. Arraignment is scheduled for March 24. Delano City Manager Abdel Salem has announced his retirement at the end of June, 2011. He became Delano City Manager in 2003 after serving as the El Centro City Manager for some 23-years. Delano plans to retain a recruiter to find candidates to fill the City Manager post. From 1968 until July, 1983 Allan R. Shell served as the City Manager in Merced. Previous to that he was City Manager in La Verne and Roseville. Newly incorporated Jurupa Valley has a new City Council and is in the process of organizing, though the official incorporation date will be July 1, 2011. One of the first tasks is to find a City Manager and Interim City Attorney. Tustin has appointed former City Manager William Huston to serve as Interim City Manager during the recruitment to replace him. His original successor David Biggs was dismissed after five months on the job. Malibu City Manager Jim Thorsen is recruiting for a Media Information Officer. The position will also replace the private public relations firm the city has retained for water quality issues. El Monte City Manager Rene Bobadilla has been awarded a 26.5% salary raise.

Japan's 8.9 earthquake-caused tsunami has resulted in more than \$40 million in damages along the California coast. In <u>Crescent City</u>, where **Jeannine Galatioto** is the Interim City Manager, the tsunami ocean surge destroyed nearly all the docks, leaving only piling. About \$500,000 in damage is reported in <u>Morro Bay</u> Harbor, where **Andrea K. Lueker** is City Manager. In Brookings, Oregon, where former <u>South Gate</u> City Manager **Gary Milliman** serves, the waves destroyed a seawall and sunk several vessels causing an estimated \$10 million in damage, not including damage to the boats.

