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## "April's" Second Letter is "P" ("P" is for Professionals)

Yes! Some of our groupings are silly. We keep concocting new ways of looking at our City Manager community. The theory: "the more we know about each other, the closer together we become." The "city manager form of government" was devised to remove local government from political parties and partisan actions, and place management into the hands of a professional who will remain neutral to city politics. By-and-large, California City Managers are professionals.

This April, 2011 Special Issue focuses on City Managers who serve in Cities that have names that begin with the letter "P". We salute California's professional city managers. Our list is derived from a review of the ICMA Who's Who Directory to develop a list of City Managers serving in "P" cities. We hope you enjoy this presentation.



**Nelson Oliva, Jack Simpson** of Trackdown and **Michael Sakamoto** met in Cerritos on March 30, 2011. All three are former colleagues at Bellflower in the 1980s and early '90s. Nelson is a former City Manager in Hawaiian Gardens and Hercules, and Mike is a former City Manager in Adelanto and Hercules.



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### Congratulations Kevin



**Kevin Duggan**, 60, closed out 4-decades in local government with his last day in the Mountain View City Manager's office on Friday, April 1, 2011. Kevin earned a reputation for his highly professional service as he served 18-years in the City of Campbell, 6-years as City Manager before spending nearly the next 21-years as the Mountain View City Manager. Kevin is a past President of Cal-ICMA and past President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities. We join all of Kevin's other "well-wishers" to wish for him a long and enjoyable retirement.

### "P" is for Professionals

As usual, we recognize that we make mistakes and omissions. We apologize in advance. The "P" Cities that we identified include: Pacific Grove, Pacifica, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Palmdale, Palo Alto, Palos Verdes Estates, Pasadena, Petaluma, Pico Rivera, Pinole, Placentia, Pleasant Hill, Pleasanton, Pomona, Port Hueneme, Portola and Poway.

**Thomas Frutchey** was appointed Pacific Grove City Manager in September, 2009. He was the Oxnard City Manager (1993-1997) prior to coming to Pacific Grove. He also previously served as the General Manager for the Hollister Ranch Owners Association. He followed retiring Interim City Manager **Charlene Wiseman**, who filled in for former City Manager **Jim Colangelo**. Tom came to Pacific Grove when, like most cities, it was facing the challenges of providing appropriate levels of service during the continuing economic downturn. His task has essentially been finding ways of doing more with less.

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**Stephen A. Rhodes** is the City Manager of Pacifica. He followed Interim City Manager **William Norton**. Prior to joining the Pacifica staff in 2007 Stephen was City Manager in Tualatin, Oregon, and Demascus, Oregon. He also did some county service. [http://www.cityofpacifica.org/government/city\\_manager/default.asp](http://www.cityofpacifica.org/government/city_manager/default.asp)



Grand Terrace was the first municipal jurisdiction **John M. Wohlmuth** served when he went to work for them in 1983 as an Administrative Intern. In 1986 John was hired on as the Administrative Assistant to the Public Works Director in Palm Desert, which began his climb up his career ladder: 1987, Senior Administrative Assistant, Public Works; 1989, Environmental Consulting Manager; 1993, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager; and in 1995, Assistant City Manager/Director of Administrative Services. John left Palm Desert in 1999 when he was appointed County Administrative Officer in Mono County. In 2003 John became an Executive Assistant for the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, where he served a half-dozen years until his appointment to the Palm Desert City Manager post in 2009 to succeed the late-**Carlos L. Ortega**. John has a BS from the University of California, Riverside, and an MPA from California State University, San Bernardino. In 2006 he was presented with a 20-year ICMA service Award. <http://www.cityofpalmdesert.org/Index.aspx?page=284>

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**Dr. David H. Ready, Esq.** is the Palm Springs City Manager. David began his public service career in 1984 as a Special Assistant to the Mayor in Canton, Ohio. In 1988 he was selected to serve Canton as a Deputy in the Office of Management & Budget. He moved to Flint, Michigan in 1992 when he was selected to serve as the Chief Administrative Officer. David migrated west to California in 2000 to be the Palm Springs City Manager. David has a BA from Kent State University, an MA and JD from the University of Akron, and a PhD from Kent State University. In 2008 he earned a 25-year ICMA Service Award. <http://www.ci.palm-springs.ca.us/index.aspx?page=36>

In 1984 **Stephen H. Williams** was the Director of Public Works in Cochise County, Arizona. In 1986 Steve move to the Pima County, Arizona Deputy Director of Transportation post. He moved west to California in 1987 to take the Director of Public Works position in Palmdale. After some 16-years in that post in 2003 he was selected to be the Assistant City Manager for Community Development, and when City Manager **Bob Toone** retired Steve was appointed City Manager in 2006. Steve has a BS from the University of Arizona and an MPA from California State University, Northridge. He also participated at a special executive leadership program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 2006. In 2009 he was presented with a 25-year ICMA Service Award. Steve is a Past President of the High Desert Branch of the American Public Works Association (APWA) and was named the 2001 Public Sector Leader of the Year by the Southern California Chapter of APWA.

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In 1980 **James Keene Jr.** began his amazing public management career as an Intern in Montgomery County, Maryland. In 1981 Jim took a Budget Analyst job in Rockville, Maryland, and two-years later he was promoted to the Office of Management & Budget. In 1985 Jim was selected to serve as the Assistant County Administrator in Loudon County, Virginia. He was promoted in 1987 to Deputy County Administrator where he served for about 4-years. In 1991 Jim moved west to Coconino County, Arizona when he was chosen to serve as the County Manager. After 5-years he came further west to serve as the City Manager in Berkeley. After about 4-years there, Jim returned to Arizona to serve as the City Manager in the Pima County Seat City of Tucson. The 2010 census puts the Tucson population at more than a half-million people. It is the home to the University of Arizona. When Jim left Tucson in 2005 he was appointed to the Executive Director position for the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). He moved from that post in 2007 to take on the Director of Strategic Issues & ICMA West for ICMA. He worked closely with Cal-ICMA and made a smooth transition when **Dave Childs**, the current President of ICMA, left the post. Jim was appointed to his current position of Palo Alto City Manager in 2008. He has a BA and an MA from the University of Maryland. In 2006 he was presented with a 25-year ICMA Service Award. Jim continues to be active with ICMA as a Legacy Leader and as a member of the Board for the Alliance for Innovation.



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**Russell A. Carlsen** is a veteran public administrator. In 1987 he went to work as a Public Housing Manager in Los Angeles County. In 1988 he was appointed to a Special Projects Director post in Fontana. In 1990 Russ was elevated to Deputy City Manager and he served as Interim City Manager in Fontana, which began a string of "interim" posts: 1992, Interim City Manager in Hidden Hills; 1992, Interim City Manager in San Juan Bautista; 1993, Interim City Manager in Avenal; 1993-1994, Interim City Manager in Soledad, and in 1994 he served as the Interim Chief of Police in Soledad; and in 1995, Interim City Manager and Police Chief in Coalinga. In 1995 Russ was appointed City Manager in Big Bear Lake, where he served for about a half-dozen years. In 2002 he took a Budget Analyst position in King County, Washington, and later that year he joined the King County Legislative Staff. In 2005 Russ was selected to move back to California to serve in his current post as the Palo Alto Director of Human Resources. Russ has a BA from the University of Washington, an AS from the Monterey Police Academy, and an MA from the University of Redlands. In 2001 he received a 10-year ICMA Service Award.

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**Pamela Antil** is the current Assistant City Manager in Palo Alto starting last year (2010). She began her impressive career in 1987 as a Staff Assistant to the Michigan Legislature with the Senate Majority Leaders. In 1989 Pam came west to California to take a Community Services Coordinator position in Rancho Palos Verdes, where she was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager in 1990. In 1992 Pam was appointed Assistant City Manager in Rancho Palos Verdes. Between 1995 and 1997, she tried her hand with the Norman Roberts & Associates executive recruitment firm. In 1997, that effort became Manager/Director/Vice President of Grant Thornton, LLP/Norman Roberts & Associates. Pam re-entered the public sector in 2004 as the Assistant to the City Administrator in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She was promoted to Ann Arbor Assistant City Administrator in 2006, and later that year Pam was selected for the Assistant City Manager post in Novi, Michigan, where she served until coming back to California for her current assignment as the Assistant City Manager in Palo Alto with City Manager **Jim Keene**. She has a BS from Central Michigan University and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. Pam has a 10-year ICMA Service Award.



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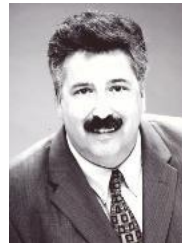


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Palos Verdes Estates City Manager **Joseph M. Hoefgen** was an Administrative Aide in University Park, Texas in 1988. He move to an Analyst I slot in the Office of Management & Budget in San Antonio, Texas in 1989. Joe "headed west" in 1990 to take a Management Analyst job in Encinitas, and in 1992 he became the Assistant to the City Manager in Del Mar. Joe was promoted to Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Safety in Del Mar in 1996, and he served there for about 11-years. In 2007 Joe was selected to be the Palos Verdes Estates City Manager. He has a BS from Emporia University and an MPA from the University of Kansas. Joe has a 20-year ICMA Service Award.  
<http://www.pvestates.org/index.aspx?page=68>

In 1980 Palos Verdes Estates Assistant City Manager **Judith J. Smith** was a Performance Auditor in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Judith came west to California after serving as the Finance Officer in Forest Hill, Pennsylvania between 1984 and 1986. She joined the Beverly Hills staff in 1986 as a Management Analyst. Judith was appointed Director of Finance in Rolling Hills Estates in 1989, and after 6-years there moved to the Palos Verdes Estates Director of Finance post. She was appointed Assistant City Manager in 1996. Judith has a BA from Pennsylvania State University and an MPA from the University of Pittsburgh.



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**Michael J. Beck**, currently the Pasadena City Manager, began his public management career in 1994 as the Director of Economic Development and New Initiatives for the University of California, Riverside. In 2000 he was appointed to the Director of Economic Development and Real Estate for UC Riverside. He began his city service in 2001 when he was appointed Deputy City Manager in Riverside. He was elevated to Assistant City Manager in 2004, and in 2008 he was selected for his current assignment as City Manager in Pasadena. Michael has a BA and an MBA from the University of California, Riverside.

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In 1983 **John C. Brown** started his public management career as a Finance Analyst in Oxnard, and in 1986 he was promoted to Management Analyst on the Oxnard staff. In 1987 John moved to Yuba County as an Administrative Analyst, and was elevated to Assistant County Administrative Officer in 1988. John was appointed Yuba County Administrator in 1994. In 1995 John came back to city service as the City Manager in Jackson, and in 1998 he moved to Woodburn, Oregon as City Administrator. John returned to California in 2008 when he was appointed Petaluma City Manager. He has earned a BA from the University of California and an MPA from California State University. John has been presented with a 25-year ICMA Service Award.

**Dr. Ronald R. Bates** is the new City Manager in Pico Rivera after serving most recently as South Gate City Manager. Ron began his public sector career in 1969 as a Los Angeles Administrative Assistant, and was promoted to Administrative Analyst in 1972. He went to work for the County of Orange in August, 1973 as a Budget Director, and in 1975 he became the Assistant Director of General Services. He left county service in 1981 when he was appointed Buena Park City Manager. In November, 1984 Ron took the Assistant City Manager position in Anaheim. After several years as a successful consultant, a time during which Ron served on the Los Alamitos City Council, and was selected President of the League of California Cities, Ron returned to public management. Prior to his service in South Gate he served as City Manager in La Habra Heights. Ron has an impressive academic history. He has earned a BA from California State University, Los Angeles; and an MPA and PhD from **USC**.

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**Belinda B. Espinosa** is the City Manager in Pinole. She started her career in 1981 as an analyst in San Antonio, Texas. In 1985 she was appointed Assistant to the City Manager in Grand Prairie, Texas, where she became Assistant City Manager in 1989. In 1994 Belinda left Texas when she was selected to be the City Manager in Soledad. After a half-dozen years in Soledad, Belinda moved north as the Assistant City Manager in Pinole, and she was elevated to City Manager in 2004. She left Pinole and served as the Interim City Manager in Dixon in 2007-2008. Belinda returned to the Pinole City Manager post in 2008. She has a BA from California State University and an MS from St. Mary's University. She received a 25-year ICMA Service Award in 2006.



A 2006 ICMA Exchange Program Participant to New Zealand, Placentia City Administrator **Troy L. Butzlaff** began climbing his career ladder in 1989 as a Management Aide in Chino. In 1990 Troy joined the Diamond Bar staff as an Administrative Analyst, and was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager in 1991. Troy moved to the desert in 1996 to be the Assistant to the City Manager in Indian Wells, and in 2002 he was appointed to the Assistant City Manager position in Palm Springs. Troy left Palm Springs in 2008 and was appointed to his current assignment as Placentia City Administrator. Troy has a BA and MPA from the University of La Verne. He is also a graduate of the Berkeley Executive Seminar at the University of California, Berkeley, and the Gettysburg Leadership Institute. Troy is an avid Star Trek fan and has collected some impressive television and movie memorabilia, including a four-foot-long model of the original Star Ship Enterprise.

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Pleasant Hill City Manager **June W. Catalano** was included in our last issue regarding California's City Manager Leaders as she is the CRA Treasurer. June has served Pleasant Hill since September, 2006 as City Manager. Prior to that she worked as City Manager in Martinez from 2001 until 2006, and Assistant City Manager in Milpitas from 1998 until 2001. Her prior service was as the Director of Development Services in San Leandro, Director of Planning and Building in Santa Ana, and Community Development Director in Laguna Beach. June has earned a BS from the University of Tulsa, and an MS from Syracuse University. She was awarded a 25-year ICMA Service Award in 2009. She is a past-Board Member for CCMF.

Pleasanton City Manager **Nelson A. Fialho** began his public service in 1989 as a Management Intern in Hayward. In 1991 Nelson moved to Southern California for an Administrative Aide position in San Dimas. In 1993 he bounced back north to take a Management Analyst job in Campbell. He started his Pleasanton tenure in 1997 as the Assistant to the City Manager. He was elevated to Deputy City Manager in 1999, and appointed City Manager in 2004. Nelson has a BA and MPA from California State University, Hayward. In 1997 he served as the Vice President of MMANC.



Pomona City Manager **Linda C. Lowry** was introduced to public service in Josephine County, Oregon. After a time in the private sector between 1983 and 1987, Linda went to work in Bellflower as the Assistant Finance

Director. In 1990 she was made Assistant City Administrator and in 1993 she was tagged to serve first as Acting City Administrator and then as Chief Administrative Officer that year. Linda left Bellflower in 1997 and then served for a short time as the Deputy City Manager in South Gate. In 2001 Linda was selected to serve as Diamond Bar City Manager, and after about five-years she moved to the Assistant City Manager post in Pomona. Following the retirement of City Manager **Douglas Dunlap**, Linda was appointed Pomona City Manager in 2008. Linda has a BS from California State University, Long Beach, and a BA from the University of California, Irvine. She earned her CPA and was enrolled in graduate studies at Claremont Graduate School. In 2007 she was presented with a 20-year ICMA Service Award. [http://www.ci.pomona.ca.us/city\\_departments/city\\_manager/](http://www.ci.pomona.ca.us/city_departments/city_manager/)



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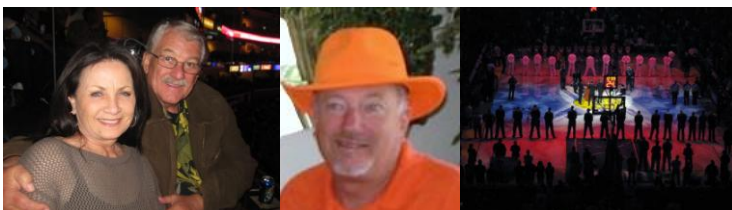
**David J. Norman** was an Administrative Assistant in Lubbock, Texas in 1989. He moved to California in 1990 as a Property Manager with the City of Eureka. In 1991 he took a Project Manager position in Morgan Hill, and in 1992 he moved to a Development Specialist post in San Bernardino. Dave moved to Lompoc in 1995 as an Administrative Assistant, and was promoted to Assistant to the City Administrator in 1998. He became the Assistant City Administrator in 2001. In 2002 Dave was appointed Assistant City Manager in Aliso Viejo and then elevated to City Manager later that year. Dave left Aliso Viejo in 2005 when he was appointed Cypress City Manager. After doing some consultant work in 2006 Dave was appointed to his current assignment as Port Hueneme's fifth City Manager. He has earned a BA from California State University, Long Beach and an MPA from California State University, Hayward. He is a 2005 recipient of the ICMA Program Excellence Award for Outstanding Partnerships: Intergovernmental Cooperation. He received a 20-year ICMA Service Award in 2009.

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Portola City Manager **James T. Murphy** was a Police Officer in Sebastopol in 1972. After being promoted to Sergeant, he took a Detective/Sergeant position in Tuolumne County. After a year or so of the private sector in Washington between 1985 and 1986, he was appointed Police Chief in Chewelah, Washington. In 1990 he was appointed Police Chief in Normandy Park, Washington, and later that year he was selected to serve as the Normandy Park City Manager where he served until 1995. In 1995 he took the Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Safety position in Federal Way, Washington. In 1997 he returned to California when he was appointed Portola City Manager. He has an AS from Santa Rosa Junior College, a BA from Eastern Washington University, and an MPA from City University. In 2009 he received a 35-year ICMA Service Award. <http://www.ci.portola.ca.us/>

Poway City Manager **Penny Riley** has worked with the City since March, 1988 when then-City Manager **James L. Bowersox** started her as a college intern. She worked in several service areas, and spent some 16-years in the City Manager's office. In January, 2010 Penny was appointed Poway City Manager. Penny served 6-years in the United States Navy as a hospital corpsman before completing her Urban Geography degree at San Diego State University. She is the 1997-1998 recipient of the Ernie Mariner Award for excellence presented by the Municipal Management Assistants of Southern California.



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action to approve the incorporation of Jurupa Valley in July, subject to the approval of the voters. The Board of Supervisors set an election for March 8, 2011, and the incorporation was approved effective July 1, 2011. **Gary Thompson** of the Santa Ana based Consulting Engineers Winzler & Kelly did much of the base work for the incorporation, including the Comprehensive Fiscal Analysis. A panel appointed by the Jurupa Valley City Council-elect is recruiting a city manager. West Hollywood City Manager **Paul Arevalo** runs about three marathons each year. He estimates that he has completed in some 30 marathons, including the 2011 Honda Los Angeles Marathon. Veteran Riverbank City Manager **Rich Holmer**, 64, has been placed on administrative leave. Rich has been the Riverbank City Manager for more than 15-years. St. Helena City Manager **Mary Neilan** has ended her employment with the City. Finance Director **Karen Scalabrini** has been named St. Helena's Interim City Manager.



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**More Pieces Picked Up:** While Greenfield City Manager **Roger Wong** contemplates a long and enjoyable retirement officially commencing in July, the Greenfield Community Development Director **Brent Slama** has been appointed Interim City Manager to fill in behind Roger. Roger has actually left on a two to three week vacation and does not plan to return prior to his retirement date, except to help with some ongoing projects. Huntington Beach Principal Human Resources Analyst **Brigitte Charles** serves as President of the *Southern California Public Management Association* – Human Resources organization. She is a former Human Resources Director for Rialto. Brigitte has also worked with the Orange Unified School District and the Cities of La Palma and Santa Ana. She has a Master degree in Education from Arizona State University and an MBA from California State University, Long Beach. New Martinez Assistant City Manager **Alan Shear** filled the office vacated when former ACM **Karen Majors** retired. Alan's prior post was Assistant City Manager in Huntington Park where he worked with then-City Manager **Greg Korduner**. He and City Manager **Phil Vince** previously worked together as staff members in Novato. Alan earned a BA and MPA at California State University, Long Beach. Alan began his career as a member of the League of California Cities staff. San Leandro City Manager **Steve Hollister** submitted his resignation effective June 30. He was hired in San Leandro in 2004 as the Assistant City Manager. He became City Manager (first as "interim") following the 2008 retirement of City Manager **John Jermanis**. City Manager **Gene Albaugh** of Nevada City announced last year that he would retire when his employment agreement expires June 30. Police Chief **George Troxcil** is serving as the Interim City Manager in South Gate since City Manager **Ron Bates** took the helm in Pico Rivera. Veteran Alameda County Counsel and a former Oakland City Attorney **Richard Winnie**, 63, passed away on Sunday, March 27, in Sebastopol after a long illness. He also worked for the Cities of Berkeley, Palo Alto and Santa Rosa. Vallejo Interim City Manager **Phil Batchelor** has announced the appointment of **Deborah Lauchner** to succeed the City's retiring Finance Director **Rob Stout**. Deborah has worked with Novato, Rohnert Park and Santa Cruz County. According to a Los Angeles Times report, the City of Montebello is so cash strapped that it may have trouble making payroll, or pay vendors in the near future. Interim City Manager **Peter Cosentini** is doing his best to appropriately deal with the emergency. **Jon B. Roberts**, Steamboat Springs, Colorado City Manager, who is a former Victorville City Manager, recently surprised members of the Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs by appearing at a luncheon



meeting. Jon has been rehabilitating from a January 2 skiing accident that left him unconscious for eight days with a traumatic brain injury, three broken ribs, a broken bone below his left eye and a separation of his left shoulder at the collarbone. He does not remember the circumstances of his accident. He has returned to work at city hall. Chief Administrative Officer **Douglas G. Willmore** of the County of Salt Lake, Salt Lake City, Utah, is the new El Segundo City Manager starting this month. Doug takes over for retiring Interim City Manager **Jack Wayt**, a former Police Chief. Doug is originally from Washington, D.C., and grew up in northern Virginia. He has a BA from George Mason University and an MPA from the University of Utah. In an analysis of the advantages of a Charter City over a General Law City, Buellton City Manager **Jim Kunkel** said, among other things, that the city could potentially save from 20 to 30 percent on some public works projects if the Charter does not require the use of the prevailing wage rates as general law cities do. Retired Dinuba Deputy City Manager **Dan Meinert** will serve as the new Tulare Interim City Manager during the recruitment to replace former City Manager **Darrel Pyle**. Dinuba City Manager **Ed Todd** applauds Dan's appointment. Dan worked in Dinuba for nearly 20-years before his retirement. Yucaipa City Manager **Ray Casey** has announced that there will be a professional fireworks display this Fourth of July at the Yucaipa High School sponsored by the local Lion's Club. Sunnyvale City Manager **Gary Luebbers** reminded us to underscore the appointment of **Rick Horst** as the Rocklin City Manager. Rick was previously the City Manager in Ocala, Florida. Redwood City Interim City Manager **Robert Bell**, who has served in that capacity since City Manager **Peter Ingram** resigned in November, 2010, has been appointed to be the newest City Manager in Redwood City. He has been with the City for more than 5-years, and has served as Human Resources Director and Assistant City Manager. His prior public service includes being the Human Resources Director in Burlingame. Retired City Manager **Doug La Belle** reminds everyone that the 2011 Gaylord Knapp Golf Classic, a fundraiser to help fight the ravages of Huntington's Disease, is planned for Monday, June 13 at Western Hills Golf and Country Club in Chino Hills. Save the date and plan to join in the fun for a wonderful cause.

**Even More Pieces Picked Up:** Former League of California Cities staff member **Teresa Acosta** is currently working with *California Forward*. She says that she is looking for input from local governments as they are major stakeholders in the public policy proposals *California Forward* will finalize this June. NASCAR race driver **Robby Gordon** lists his hometown as Orange, California on some web sites, and as Cerritos, California on others. Paradise Town Manager **Chuck Rough** (pronounced "row"), a former Ukiah City Manager and member of the Norwalk city staff, has recommended a contract with the Cal-Fire Butte County for a "Fire Chief" for three to four months, while the town recruits to fill in behind the resignation of Chief **Chris Jensen**. Ukiah City Manager **Jane Chambers** is closing out three years in office as she was appointed in May, 2008. Jane was the Interim Public Works Director in San Bruno prior to joining the Ukiah staff to replace Acting City Manager **Pat Thompson**. Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) General Manager **Dorothy Dugger** was fired on a 5-4 vote of the BART directors. Aliso Viejo City Manager **Mark A. Pulone** is a California State University, Long Beach alumnus. Oakland's elected City Attorney, and former City Council Member, **John Russo**, a past President of the League of California Cities, has been selected as the new Alameda City Manager. Deputy City Manager **Lisa Goldman** has served as Interim City Manager since **Ann Marie Gallant** was put on paid leave at the end of December. Ann Marie was "interim" following former City Manager **Debra Kurita's** resignation in February, 2009. Debbie recently announced her retirement from her current Assistant City Manager position in San Bernardino. Veteran Pomona City Manager **Linda Lowry** and her husband Chris celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary with a relaxing trip to Kauai. We were honored to attend their Arcadia wedding 20-years ago. Great Lakes Aviation will initiate daily service from Merced Regional Airport to LAX beginning May 15. Merced City Manager **John Bramble** said the flights will help Merced's economic development efforts as assets for the UC Merced students and faculty, and will position Merced as a transportation hub between Yosemite National Park and Los Angeles. West Des Moines, Iowa has culled their City Manager candidates to a final two: **Frank Robinson**, currently the Apple Valley Town Manager and **Greg Sparks** of Mountain Village, Colorado. The two finalist met with the West Des Moines public on March 28. After serving as Cudahy City Manager for some 10 and a half years, **George Perez** has been asked to step down by the City Council. George leaves the City with a reserve of nearly one year's budget, according to the Los Angeles



Times...reserves of \$7.5 million with an annual budget of \$8 million. About 160 folks attended the 2011 Joe A. Gonsalves & Son Legislative Appreciation Dinner in Sacramento on March 29, including more than 40 members of the Legislature. **Anthony Gonsalves, Jason Gonsalves** and **Paul Gonsalves** and their staff represent about 50 municipal and redevelopment agency clients. Orland Director of Finance **Daryl Brock** and City Manager **Paul Poczobut Jr.** received good marks for the financial reporting in the City's annual independent audit report. Governor **Jerry Brown** has officially rescinded drought proclamations made in 2008 and 2009 following reports by Department of Water Resources officials indicating that California's drought is officially over. Retired veteran City Manager **Douglas La Belle**, 67, of Costa Mesa, was appointed to the Orange County Fair Board (32nd Agricultural District) in December, 2010 by then-Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger**. **Jorge A. Cisneros** is the Acting City Manager in Huntington Park where veteran City Manager **Gregory Korduner** retired at the end of last year. Jorge came to the city last year as the Chief of Police replacing retired Chief **Paul Wadley**. Jorge was with the Long Beach Police Department for 20-years. Former Rialto City Manager **Henry T. Garcia** is the new Moreno Valley City Manager. Henry has worked for the cities of: Colton, Azusa, San Jacinto, Fontana and Riverside. He has 30-year local government career. He has an MPA from UCLA. Clearlake City Administrator **Dale Neiman** left his post last November and former Trinidad City Manager **Steve Albright** has been serving as Interim City Administrator since. The City hopes to make a permanent appointment by this summer. Retired San Ramon City Manager **Herb Moniz** is being replaced by his Director of Administrative Services **Greg Rogers**, who has been with the city since 2003. Windham, Connecticut Town Manager **Neal Beets** authored an article in the April, 2011 issue of *PM Magazine* entitled: "Why Being a Manager is Tough."

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