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A Second Look at “Oldies but Goodies”



Back in October 2007 we presented our first “Oldies but Goodies” list, and received an inordinate number of comments of interest. Well, because of the interest in our first attempt, we are going at it again with an entirely new list of “Oldies.”

Consider these “Oldies” efforts our attempt to preserve some names of hard-working professional city managers that have moved on, retired or expired. As we have said before, “once a city manager...always a city manager.” They should not be forgotten.

Of course, we again ran into the problem of former managers fading into the woodwork and not maintaining a relationship with ICMA. The ICMA Who's Who Directory remains our main research source. Though the list of former city managers goes on and on, we can only do our best to preserve the public service records of some.

Those who have worked in city management have an understanding of the public manager pursuit, and it should not be forgotten that they remain an important component to the fabric of the craft!

Once again, please set us straight regarding any of our errors. We hope you enjoy this presentation of our “Oldies but Goodies.”



<http://www.styo.com/>

Each year for the past several Chino Hills City Manager **Doug LaBelle** and some of his friends have organized a fundraising golf tournament to help the research efforts into Huntington's disease on behalf of retired City Manager **Gaylord Knapp**. Huntington's disease (HD) results from the genetically programmed degeneration of brain cells. HD is a familial disease, passed from parent to child. At this time, there is no way to stop or reverse the course of HD. Those who know **Gaylord Knapp** know that he had a brilliant mind and a quick wit prior to the effects of HD. Gaylord got his public service career started in 1967 as a Planner in San Diego County. He next moved to a similar position with the city of La Mesa in 1968, and became the Assistant Planning Director in La Mesa in July 1970. In 1972 he was appointed Director of Environmental Affairs in Cerritos. Gaylord was selected to serve as Cerritos City Manager in 1973. He managed the city for 18-years during its rapid development years. In 1991 Gaylord moved on to the City Manager position in Lake Forest. He served there until HD prevented him from continuing. Those interested in participating in the Gaylord Knapp Golf Tournaments, please contact **Doug LaBelle** for information.



<http://www.ecivis.com>

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Jack R. Smith, born in August, 1933, began his public management career in 1963 as an Administrative Assistant in the City of Los Angeles. In 1966 Jack became the Assistant City Manager in Azusa, and in 1969 he was appointed County Manager in Coconino County, Arizona. Jack returned to California in 1982 as the City Manager in Cathedral City where he served until 1988 when he became the Carson City Manager. In 1991 He was appointed Murrieta City Manager in April 1991. After some consulting starting in 1994, Jack went on to serve as Desert Hot Springs City Manager. Jack has a BA from Long Beach State and an MA from the University of Redlands. He earned a 30-year ICMA Service Award and continues to live in Desert Hot Springs.

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On a pre-ICMA conference salmon fishing trip after sleeping at the "Ship Wreck Motel," former Lt. JG **Harry R. Peacock** was first in his group to get seasick. Harry retired from Malibu in 2000, and settled into a comfortable home in Carlsbad. Harry got his start in 1966 in West Covina as an Administrative Assistant. In 1969 he became an Assistant Administrative Officer in Gardena, and in 1970 he was appointed Gardena City Manager. In April 1973 Harry became the Rolling Hills Estates City Manager, a position he held for 12-years. In 1985 Harry was appointed City Manager in Saratoga, where again he served for about 12-years. In April 1997 Harry became the Malibu City Manager. He has a BA from the University of California, and an MPA & DPA from USC. Harry was a participant in the 1994 ICMA Exchange Program to Australia. He has a 30-year ICMA Service Award.

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John D. Goss is one of those rare 40-year ICMA Service Award folks. John started as an intern in Phoenix, Arizona in 1962. In April 1963 he took an Assistant Administrative Analyst position with San Diego. In 1964 John became Assistant to the City Manager in Fremont, and he moved to the Assistant City Manager position in Alameda at the end of 1967, and became City Manager there in 1973. In 1980 John took the Director of General Services position in Oakland. In 1983 he was appointed City Manager in Chula Vista where he served for a little more than 15-years. Since retiring from Chula Vista, John served nearly 5 years as the interim Director of Planning and Assistant County Manager in San Bernardino County. John resides in San Diego and does consulting work with Ralph Andersen & Associates these days. He is a past President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities, and the 1991 recipient of the ICMA Mark E. Keane Award.

Born in June 1918, **Keith A. Murdoch** served as a City Manager for 29-years, and earned a 25-year ICMA Service Award. Keith's first City Manager assignment was in Claremont starting in 1947. He was appointed Anaheim City Manager in 1950 and served there until his retirement in July, 1976. Keith graduated with a BS from Michigan State University in 1939. He served Anaheim when the community initially transitioned from orange groves to the modern urban city it is today. You will see Keith's name on most of the dedication plaques gracing Anaheim's outstanding public facilities, including Angel Stadium.

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In August 1954, armed with a BS from Emporia Kansas State University, **Robert R. Mitchell** began his public management career as the Assistant to the City Manager in Ferguson, Missouri. Bob later earned his MPA from the University of Kansas. His next two positions were with Hollidaysburg, and then Sharpville, Pennsylvania. In May, 1963 Bob was appointed to his first City Manager position in Webster City, Iowa. He left there later that year and moved to California to be a Municipal Finance Analyst in Beverly Hills. In September, 1965 Bob was appointed to the Coachella City Manager position. In November, 1968 he became the City Manager in Duarte, where he served until June, 1975 when he was appointed City Manager in Baldwin Park. His next assignment was as the Acting City Manager in Norco in May 1976. After serving as a Public Policy and Administration Instructor for a time, Bob was appointed City Manager in Loma Linda in 1977, a position he held for 14-years. He served as the Executive Director for the Inland Valley Redevelopment Agency for a year starting in March, 1991. Bob has a 35-year ICMA Service Award. Bob was born in July, 1928. ICMA records indicate that he currently lives in Temecula.



Grandson Tyler and daughter/Tyler's mother Samantha Simpson enjoying the Esmeralda Hotel pool at the 2007 California Contract Cities Association Annual Seminar.



<http://www.wolfhousing.com/>

Retired City Manager **George E. Morgan** was born in September 1923. He has a BA from Dartmouth College and an MA from Stanford University. He began his municipal service career in 1951 as an Administrative Assistant to the City Manager in Palo Alto. In 1956 he was elevated to Assistant City Manager and in February 1966 he was appointed Palo Alto City Manager. He left there in November 1971 to take the City Manager position in Beverly Hills, where he served for nearly seven years. Following about a year of private business after leaving Beverly Hills in 1978, George turned up as General Administrator of Lane County, Oregon in 1979. He served there until being appointed City Manager in Gainesville, Florida in 1984. According to ICMA records George is currently retired and living in Tigard, Oregon.

Linda L. Holmes began her municipal career as an Administrative Aide in the City of West Covina in 1978. In 1981 she was promoted to Administrative Analyst, and later that year she joined the Buena Park staff in a similar position. In April, 1985 Linda was appointed Assistant City Manager in Walnut and in September of that year she was appointed City Manager, where she served until July 1995 when she retired. Linda has a BS from California Polytechnic University, and she earned a 10-year ICMA Service Award. She currently lives in Palm Springs.



www.muni.com



Kevin B. Northcraft left the Tulare City Manager position after more than 10-years in the saddle...so to speak. Kevin got his start in 1970 as an Intern in Independence, Missouri. In 1971 he became a Staff Associate with the Missouri Municipal League, and in March 1973 he came to California as a temporary Administrative Assistant in Beverly Hill. In 1974 Kevin took an Administrative Assistant position in West Covina, and in 1978 he became the Assistant City Manager in El Segundo. Suisun City welcomed Kevin as their City Manager in June 1985, and in 1988 he assumed the Hermosa Beach City Manager job. In 1991 Kevin became City Manager in Upland and in 1995 he move to the Central Valley in Tulare. Kevin has a BA from the University of Missouri, and an MPA from USC. He has earned a 30-year ICMA Service Award. ICMA records indicate that Kevin is currently living in San Diego.



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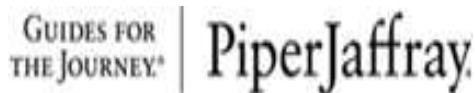
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Described by his City Attorney son David as a "...World War II banjo-pickin' poet, birdman and public servant..." City Manager **Frank D. Aleshire** passed away once he "...saw the sunrise of the new millennium..." in 2000. Following experience as a test pilot and Coro trainer, Frank's varied and impressive background allowed him to start his municipal management career as the Assistant City Manager in Ontario in 1951. In 1956 Frank became the first City Manager in La Puente, and in 1958 he moved on to start the new City of Pico Rivera. He left there in November 1964 to accept the appointment as City Manager in Palm Springs where he served for nearly nine years, leaving in 1973 for the Chief Administrative Officer position in San Diego County. In 1975 Frank became the Scottsdale, Arizona City Manager. In 1980 he returned to California to be the City Manager in Carlsbad. He retired in June 1987, but return to serve as the first City Manger in Temecula in an Interim capacity. Frank earned a BA from Stanford University, an MA from Occidental College and a Certificate from the Coro Foundation. He devoted 30-years to public service. Born in Pasadena in 1924, Frank was living in Carlsbad at the time of his passing.

Not so old, but still a goodie, **Craig R. Nealis** was the City Manager in Rolling Hills for 16-years before he was tragically lost. Craig started his career as an Administrative Intern in Manhattan Beach in 1982. He went to Bellflower in 1984 as an Administrative Assistant and became the Assistant to the City Administrator in 1986, and Deputy City Administrator in 1988. He was appointed in Rolling Hills in 1990. Craig earned a BA from the University of Nevada, Reno and an MPA from **USC**. Craig was generally a happy person, fun to be with and the life of the party. He left us in October 2006 and we are still trying to understand the tragic circumstances.

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Retired City Manager and professional blues singer and guitarist **George Watts** got his municipal government start in 1966 as an Intern in Long Beach. In 1968 George took a similar position with Commerce, and then in 1970 he was appointed to an Administrative Assistant job in the City of Arcadia. George was in Arcadia for some 22-years serving as the Assistant City Manager for about six years, and City Manager for a little more than 11 years starting in 1981. In 1993 George was appointed City Manager in Indian Wells where he stayed until his retirement in 2001. George earned a BA from California State University, Long Beach. He is a natural showman and continues to perform with his blues band in Southern California venues.



<http://www.piperjaffray.com>

Lauren M. Wasserman graduated from California State University, Long Beach with BA and MS degrees. His first municipal position was as an Administrative Intern in Long Beach in 1963. Lauren went to Lakewood in 1965 as an Administrative Assistant and then to San Dimas in 1968 as the Assistant City Manager. In April 1970 Lauren was appointed City Administrator in Montclair, where he served for nearly 8-years. In 1978 he was appointed City Manager in Rancho Cucamonga, and served there for one month shy of 11-years. Following a short stint as a Project Coordination in San Bernardino County, Lauren became the Director of Planning and Land Use in San Diego County in May, 1989. In 1994 Lauren was appointed City Manager in Encinitas. He retired in 1999 and currently lives in Carlsbad. Lauren earned a 35-year ICMA Service Award.



<http://www.bobmurrayassoc.com/>

Richard E. Watson got his start in city government in 1959 as a Senior Administrative Assistant for Los Angeles County. In 1961 he was appointed Assistant City Manager in Monterey, and took a similar position in Alameda in 1964. In 1967 Rich was appointed City Administrator in Millbrae. In 1973 Rich shifted gears and became the Executive Director for CSAC. After a brief time in private business starting in 1980, Rich was appointed County Administrator in Solano County. After leaving there in 1988, Rich has served in a number of “Interim” capacities, including: Interim General Manager of the Monterey Sewer Agency, Interim City Manager in Ukiah, Interim General Manager for the Marina Water District, and Interim City Manager in Sausalito. Rich is a past Board Member for the National Association of County Administrators. He earned a 25-year ICMA Service Award.



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Country Singer Casey Simpson sang the National Anthem at a UCLA Women's NCAA Soccer game this past season on the UCLA Campus.

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Retired City Manager **Mary L. Strenn** finished up an Interim City Manager assignment in South Gate in November. Mary got her career started in 1977 as a Community Development Planner in Peoria, Illinois. In 1980 she became the Administrative Assistant to the City Manager in Peoria and then in 1981 the Assistant to the City Manager, and in 1983 the Peoria Assistant City Manager. Mary moved to California in 1985 and became the Deputy City Manager in Bakersfield. In July 1987 Mary was appointed Bakersfield Assistant City Manager. In 1990 Mary was appointed City Administrator in San Fernando where she served until 1997. In 1998 Mary served as the Interim City Manager in Ceres prior to her appointment as the City Manager in El Segundo that year. Mary retired from El Segundo in 2005, and she accepted the South Gate Interim assignment in June 2007 when **Gary Milliman** left for Brookings, Oregon. Mary has a BS and an MPA from the University of Wisconsin. She earned a 25-year ICMA Service Award and she is a 2001 recipient of the ICMA Program Excellence Award for Outstanding Partnerships: Intergovernmental Cooperation.

Sam J. Racadio began his municipal government career in 1970 as an Administrative Intern in Riverside. In 1972 he was an Intern in Corona and became an Administrative Analyst in Fontana in December 1972. From March 1973 to November 1974 Sam was a Municipal Advisor in Maracy, Venezuela in the Peace Corps. Sam returned to take an Administrative Aide position in Corona, and moved to an Administrative Assistant slot in Tulare in 1975. He was appointed Assistant to the City Manager in 1976 and Tulare Assistant City Manager in 1980. In April 1985 Sam was appointed City Manager in Banning where he served until March 1988 when he was appointed City Manager in Highland. Sam retired from Highland in July 2006. Since then he served as Interim City Manager in Redlands from October 2006 until April 2007. Sam earned an AA from Mt. San Jacinto College, and AB from the University of Redlands, and an MPA from the University of California. He is a Past-President of the League of California Cities City Managers' Department, and has a 30-year ICMA Service Award.



Retired Lake Elsinore City Manager **Ronald Molendyk** has a BA and MS from California State University, Long Beach. Ron started as the Director of Parks & Recreation in Bell in 1967, and was the Community Services Director in Brea from 1972 until 1981. He served as City Manager in Rolling Hills in 1984 prior to his appointment as the City Manager in Lake Elsinore in October of that year. According to the ICMA Who's Who Directory, Ron currently lives in Placentia. He earned a 25-year ICMA Service Award.



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James E. Neal earned a 35-year ICMA Service Award for his city government career that he began in 1940 as an Administrative Intern in Berkeley. In 1946 Jim took an Administrative Assistant to the City Manager job in Salinas, and in July of that year was appointed City Manager in Redding. In July 1947 he moved to the Oceanside City Manger position, and in 1952 he was appointed City Manager in Vancouver, Washington. Jim moved back to California in 1958 as the City Manager in Redwood City. He served there until 1966 when he took the Fountain Valley City Manager position for the next 13-years. Prior to retirement, Jim served as the Stanton City Manager for about two years leaving in December 1981. In 1993 he became the Principal Partner in James E. Neal & Associates. Jim earned a BA from the University of California and an MPA and DPA from USC. According to the ICMA Who's Who Directory Jim currently lives in Newport Beach.

Sanford M. Groves had a long and distinguished career. Sandy began his odyssey as an Administrative Assistant in La Mirada in 1967. In 1968 he joined the Garden Grove staff as an Administrative Assistant. He later served as the Fiscal Services Manager and then Assistant to the City Manager until in 1978 he joined the ICMA staff in Washington, D.C. as the Director of Public Finance. He returned to California as the Assistant City Manager in Paramount in 1981. He left there in 1986 for the Assistant City Manager job in Richmond, Virginia, returning again to the Golden State in 1988 as the Norwalk Assistant City Manager. Since leaving Norwalk in 1994 Sandy has served as Deputy City Manager in Laguna Beach and Assistant City Manager in Hayward. He currently lives with his wife **Jan Perkins**, former Fremont City Manger, in Laguna Beach.



<http://caltrust.org/>

Retired City Manager **Christopher Rope** got his start in an assistant position with the City of Dairy Valley (Cerritos) in September 1963. The next September found him in the Assistant City Manager post in Paramount. In 1968 Chris was appointed City Manager in the City of Palmdale where he served until 1981. In March of 1981 Chris joined the Lomita staff as the City Manager, and the next year he left to take the Assistant City Manager position in the City of Industry where his father had previously served as City Manager. He was appointed to the Industry City Manager post in 1985 where he served until his retirement. Chris earned a BA from California State University, Long Beach. He was known to love deep sea fishing and he acquired a place in Mexico for such excursions.

Escondido City Manager History:

<http://www.ci.escondido.ca.us/glance/history/citymgr.html>

Garland Gray – 1955 to April 1956

Lloyd M. Mitchell – May 5, 1956 to January 10, 1968

David M. Brown – January 24, 1968 to Jan. 1, 1970

George Patterson – May 5, 1970 to July 14, 1976

Kenneth Lounsberry – August 1976 to Dec. 31, 1979

Ray Windsor – January 2, 1980 to April 1, 1982

Vern Hazen – August 30, 1982 to January 4, 1989

Douglas K. Clark – July 17, 1989 to June 19, 1997

Rolf S. Gunnarson – October 8, 1997 to July 3, 2003

Clay Phillips – July 4, 2003 to present

Acting City Managers

Jim Johnson – December 29, 1969 to May 4, 1970

Ray Windsor – July 14, 1976 to August 1976

Rod Wood – March 17, 1982 to August 29, 1982

Ray Blair – January 16, 1989 to July 14, 1989

Rolf S. Gunnarson – June 20, 1997 to Oct. 8, 1997

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Former Escondido City Manager **Rolf S. Gunnarson** was born in July 1942. He began his city service career as an Assistant Planner in National City in 1970. In April 1980 Rolf joined the Escondido city staff as the Community Development Director. He became the Deputy City Manager in 1991 and was appointed City Manager in October 1997 after serving as Interim City Manager for a few months. Rolf was Escondido City Manager until July 2003. He has a BA from Rutgers University, New Jersey.



Raymond D. Schweitzer earned an AB degree from Fort Hays Kansas State College in 1963 following his AA from Dodge City Junior College. Between January 1963 and November 1965, the former Fort Hays State Tiger worked various positions in Hays, Kansas; with the University of Kansas; Dayton, Ohio; Gladstone, Missouri; and Oshkosh, Wisconsin. In 1965 he became Assistant City Manager in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and in 1968 Ray became the City Manager in Alcoa, Tennessee. In January 1972 he was appointed City Manager in Prescott, Arizona, and in September moved back to Tennessee as the City Administrator in Morristown. In 1976 Ray was appointed City Manager in North Las Vegas. He left there in 1982 and landed in San Bernardino as the Deputy City Administrator. He became City Administrator in 1987. Ray was appointed Banning City Manager in 1989, where he served until March 1995. He is currently a "Writer" living in Clinton, Tennessee. Ray earned a 25-year ICMA Service Award.

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Found in a 1998-1999 printed edition of Who's Who in Local Government Management by ICMA is Life Member **Gayle T. Martin**, born in October, 1918. Gayle began his career in 1950 as an Administrative Intern in Phoenix, Arizona. In 1952 he took an Administrative Analyst position with Denver, Colorado, and in November of that year he was appointed Village Manager in Deerfield, Illinois. He moved to the Village Manager job in Maywood, Illinois in 1954, and came west to California in November 1956 as the City Manager in Manhattan Beach. Gayle was in that position for nearly 18-years, and when he left in April 1974 he spent a year in private business. In June 1975 Gayle was appointed City Manager in La Mesa. After leaving La Mesa in 1980 he did a number of City Manager or City Administrator "Interim" stints, including: Lomita (twice), Hermosa Beach and La Mesa. He was the Interim General Manager of the Ramona Municipal Water District for a few months in 1984. He listed his "Retired" date as 1988, but he was an ICMA Range Rider from 1988-96. The last listing shows Gayle living in San Diego.



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Past ICMA Executive Board President **John E. Dever** started his career in 1951 of the Eau Claire, Wisconsin staff. In 1951 he became City Manager in Two Rivers, Wisconsin. He went to the Decatur, Illinois City Manager job in 1959, and in 1967 he took the Sunnyvale City Manager job in California. In 1977 John was appointed Long Beach City Manager where he served until 1987. Since then John has worked in private industry, including an assignment in Europe. John has a BS from Lawrence University, Wisconsin and an MPA from Syracuse University. He is the recipient of the ICMA Distinguished Service Award, the Management Innovation Award, the Clarence E. Ridley Award, and he is a multiple Management Innovation Award winner. John has a 35-year ICMA Service Award.

Former Beverly Hills City Manager **Edward S. Kreins** has an AA from Diablo Valley College and a BA from Golden Gate University. In 1985 he earned a Special Certificate from the University of Virginia. Ed got started in the Police Department in Hayward in 1956 where he rose to Sergeant. In 1966 he was appointed Police Chief in Sausalito, and moved to a similar position in Pleasant Hill in 1969. In 1974 Ed became the Assistant City Manager in Pleasant Hill, but left there in 1975 to become the Chief of Police in Beverly Hills. In October 1979 he was appointed Beverly Hills City Manager, a position he held for nearly 11 years. For about a year after leaving Beverly Hills in 1990, Ed did a stint on the private side, and then did a string of "Interim" City Manager assignments, including: Calabasas, Seaside, Pismo Beach and Solvang. He participated in the 1986 ICMA Exchange Program to the United Kingdom, and earned a 35-year ICMA Service Award. He is currently listed as retired and living in Nipomo.

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Picking up the Pieces: At the National League of Cities Conference in New Orleans last November, Gardena City Manager **Mitch Lansdell** was named the **2007 Municipal Leader of the Year** by *American City & County* magazine for engineering the city's significant turnaround between 1998 and 2007. New Los Gatos Town Manager 52-year old **Greg Larson** is a former Deputy City Manager in San Jose, a former Milpitas City Manager and a former Chief Executive of United Way Silicon Valley. **Penny Culbreth-Graff** characterized her move to the Colorado Springs City Manager position from Huntington Beach as moving from paradise to paradise; from surf boards to snow boards. Former Rosemead City Manager **Bill Crowe** is currently the Assistant City Manager in El Segundo. San Jose Assistant City Manager **Christine F. Shippey**, who made history as the first female Long Beach Deputy City Manager, has a BA and MPA from **USC**, and she received the prestigious **Emery E. Olson Award** as the Outstanding Graduating Senior in the **USC** School of Public Administration. Former Tiburon Town Manager **Alex McIntyre**, the second-in-command in the Marin County administration, will start March 3 as the new City Manager in Lake Oswego, Oregon. **Dave Mora**, a past-ICMA President, announced his retirement. He served in Santa Barbara, Oxnard, Los Gatos and more than 17-years as Salinas City Manager. Sioux City, Iowa City Manager **Paul A. Eckert** got his start in California in Foster City, Santa Paula, Paradise and Morgan Hill, where he was the Finance Director. Jackson City Manager **Michael S. Daly**, who has an MPA from **USC**, got his start in Manhattan Beach and served as City Manager of Rio Dell, while earning a 20-year ICMA Service Award. Retired Arcadia City Manager **Bill Kelly** has joined the professional community development local government consulting firm Urban Futures, Inc. Veteran Merced City Manager **Jim Marshal** plans to retire March 28. He has been the Central Valley city's top executive since 1992, and prior to coming to Merced he served as Ceres City Manager for 14-years. **Piper Jaffray** has been evolving as a leading financial services company for more than a century. Fortuna City Manager **Duane Rigge** is a former City Manager of Blue Lake. **Urban Futures, Inc.** President **Marshall Linn** has more than 41 years of municipal and private consulting experience combined with professorships at the University of California, Irvine and California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Turlock City Manager **Tim Kerr** has an AA from Modesto Junior College and an MPA from Syracuse University, and is a former City Manager in Livingston and Ceres. Former ICMA President **Roy Pederson** is a former City Manager in

Porterville; Montebello; Scottsdale, Arizona; Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Interim Town Manager in Fountain Hills, Arizona; not to mention his county management career. Long Island University accounting graduate **Phil Kamlarz** reached the Berkeley City Manager position through accounting and financial analyst positions. Lakeport City Manager **Jerry Gillham** is a former City Manager of Baker. Highly respected veteran Martinez City Manager **Don Blubaugh**, who previously was City Manager in Walnut Creek, Hayward and Palm Springs, has submitted his resignation. Don is a past President of the City Managers' Department of the League, and has a 35-year ICMA Service Award. **Jack Gonsalves**, 89, passed away on Friday, January 4. He was to be 90 on January 14, 2008. He was a brother to former Assemblyman **Joe A. Gonsalves**. A FRIEND always! He will be missed. God Bless Jack and his family. **Les Nelson**, who has served as Blythe City Manager for 16-years, has given notice that he intends to retire effective April 30, 2008. **Thomas "Tip" O'Neil** said, "All politics is local."



Four year old grandson Tyler and his mother Samantha Simpson waiting for the start of his under 6 years old AYSO soccer game. Tyler scored his first goal at age four!

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