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2009 Meeting of the City Managers' Department, League of California Cities

As if some higher power took control of the car radio, Eric Carmen sang "All By Myself" as the road sloped up and over the Pacheco Pass heading easterly towards Interstate 5 and our way to Southern California. It was time to head home following the 2009 League of California Cities City Managers' Department Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Monterey...odd song for a radio that usually blasts country, AC DC, the Eagles or oldies.

Considering the serious economic circumstances in California and Nationwide, the annual meeting was a success with an appropriately evocative program and a good turnout. Highly relevant, useful, entertaining sessions, and we cannot overlook the excellent buffets for breakfasts, snacks and desserts, attracted excellent attendances. Kevin Dugan and the Planning Committee did good work.

This Special Issue of the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown gives our "annual meeting experience." Please keep in mind that I cannot possibly know or recognize everyone, and my eyes are not as sharp as they once were and certainly not sharp enough to read everyone's name tags. I apologize to those missed. Please understand that there is no intention here to slight anyone.



Historical picture: The late Rolling Hills City Manager Craig R. Nealis and our Grandson Tyler's mother, our daughter Samantha Simpson at a very early age, pose together in Cerritos, California. Craig was an important member of the Bellflower city staff team at the time. The picture was taken about 1984-plus or minus.

--Jack A. Simpson

**"The best mirror is an old friend."
- George Herbert**

Some we saw periodically throughout the three days of the department meeting, and others only occasionally or once. We have tried to piece this account together without repeating the same names over-and-over again. So, just because someone is mentioned at the outset and not mentioned again, it does not mean that they were not seen again. Yes! One of our missions is to be complete as possible, but we also want to stay interesting and entertaining within the available space.

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Tuesday, February 3, 2009

After arriving Tuesday afternoon and checking into the hotel, I took a walk to scout the hotel grounds. Over the years I have stayed at the Hyatt repeatedly, but they have made some changes and some improvements. The refurbished room was done quite nicely. I got a room on the ground floor of Building No. 8 with a sliding door that looked out on the golf course.

While reconnoitering, I greeted **Kevin Duggan** and his wife Robin as they departed their vehicle. Kevin is the City Manager in Mountain View and currently serves as President of the City Managers' Department of the League. Further exploring found that there are still some ongoing improvement projects on the hotel and golf course grounds.

I stopped to write a few notes...admittedly my memory "ain't what it used to be. I meandered into the hotel lounge area and chatted with Range Rider **Joe Goeden's** wife Nola, who was reading at one of the table while Joe was off at a Range Rider meeting. It wasn't so long ago that Joe and I would meet at conferences and department meetings as fellow city managers. Time marches on.

While heading back to my room, I discovered that I had misplaced my room keycards. They were in a small envelope given to me by the front desk and I had placed them in a back pocket where I had my notebook. It occurred to me that the keys dropped out of my pocket when I removed the notebook to make some notes.



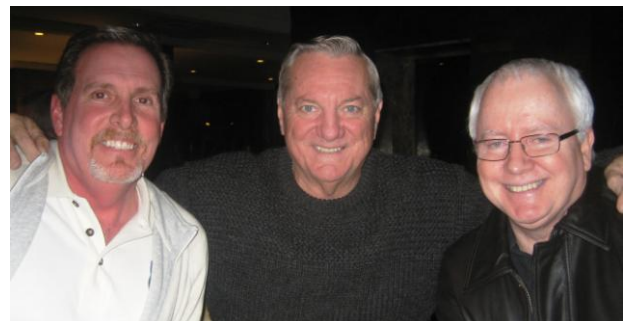
View from my Hyatt Regency Monterey room.

While retracing my scouting route I happened upon Azusa City Manager **Fran Delach** while he was unloading his car to take his things to his room. I mentioned to him that I was looking for my room keycards and he asked my room number. I replied "806" and he pulled my keycards out of his pocket and handed them to me. What are the odds? He had found the lost cards and was going to turn them in to the front desk. Thank you again Fran!



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Azusa City Manager Fran Delach; Dale Geldert, retired Fire Chief, government executive and spouse of Vista City Manager Rita Geldert; and retired Fairfield, Buena Park and Stanton City Manager Kevin O'Rourke, who has joined Urban Futures as a Managing Principal pose at the Hyatt Regency Monterey. Kevin will specialize in organizational management, intergovernmental relations, legislative analysis and community revitalization.

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After hanging up my shirts and slacks and unloading my other belongings, I walked up to the hotel lobby. As I exited by building (No. 8) I saw **Dale Geldert** walking towards his car. He was unloading his car and would be visiting the lounge in about 20 minutes. **Fran Delach** must have had a similar idea because we met again on the walkway.

In the lounge area we sat and talked. Retired City Manager **Kevin O'Rourke**, who recently hooked up with **Marshall Linn** and his Urban Futures staff, joined us, as did Gateway Cities City Managers' group Chair **Steve Helvey**, Whittier City Manager.

While we relaxed we watched folks enter the lobby and check in, while others gathered for evening events. La Puente Interim City Manager **Frank G. Tripepi**, Assistant City Manager **Greg Yamachika** and Willdan Financial Services' Senior Vice President **Paul Whitelaw** were among those checking in.

Members of the ICMA California Range Rider group began to assemble for an evening event. **Joe Goeden**, **Jim Marshall**, **Vern Hazen** and others gathered for a dinner meeting.

Monitoring my cell phone I discovered that **Ed Ahrens** was dismissed from Maywood after some 30-plus years with the city, and that veteran City Manager **Paul Philips** has been retained as the Maywood Interim City Manager. I also got a message that Frank, Greg and Paul were having dinner at Dominico's on the Monterey Wharf. **Fran Delach** drove **Steve Helvey**, **Kevin O'Rourke** and I to Dominico's to join them.

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Wednesday, February 4, 2009

In dinner conversation we learned that **Tim Kerr** (former City Manager in Turlock, Ceres and Livingston) once worked with **Steve Helvey** in Burbank. Some of the La Puente and City of Industry talk brought the complimentary mentions of former State Senator **Frank Hill**, **Art Simonian**, **Phil Iriarte**, and Industry City Manager **Kevin Radecki**. There was some chat about the proposal to bring an NFL football stadium to Industry. There were many compliments thrown at Laguna Hills City Manager **Bruce Channing** for the excellent job he has done to make the annual CCMF Golf Tournament a class event. Retired City Manager **Gene Rogers** was mentioned as an outstanding golfer. Dominico's served some very good sand dabs, and the company was excellent too.

As we were leaving Vista City Manager **Rita Geldert**, President of the California City Management Foundation, and her husband Dale stopped by to say "Hello." They were on their way to dinner at Café Fina across the pier from Dominico's. On our way to bed a short look in the Hyatt's Sports bar "Knuckles" found League of California Cities Deputy Executive Director **Dwight Stenbakken** watching the big screen television while eating.

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Upon receiving a thoughtful and generous invitation, I had breakfast Wednesday morning with **Frank G. Tripepi**, President & CEO for Willdan Financial Services and currently the Interim City Manager in La Puente. Also at the table were La Puente Assistant City Manager **Greg Yamachika** and WFS Senior Vice President **Paul Whitelaw**. The company was excellent and the breakfast was surprisingly good too. Breakfast conversation had Greg remembering car pooling with **Bruce Leach** when Bruce did some interim Planning Department work in La Puente. Bruce recently retired from the Santa Monica Planning Department.

An after-breakfast-walk helped get the blood pumping for the day. I noticed a Toyota Prius Hybrid "high-mileage" vehicle in the parking lot with a Lawndale city seal on the door panel. I passed Pleasant Hill City Manager **June Catalano** in the parking lot. She gave us a friendly greeting. June was a CCMF Board member during her tenure as Martinez City Manager.

A.M. cell phone traffic Wednesday included a conversation with my 5-year old grandson **Tyler Pouncéy**, who wondered where I was. He said that I was supposed to walk him to school and "where are you Grandpa?"



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While waiting outside the Executive Committee meeting, we had the opportunity to talk to a good number of folks we haven't seen for awhile. Livermore Assistant City Manager **Troy Brown**, who recently moved there from Elk Grove, was there. Veteran Lakewood City Manager **Howard Chambers** and Whittier City Manager **Steve Helvey** chatted over the coffee service table. **Natasha Karl** of the League was there, as was recently appointed Manteca City Manager **Steve Pinkerton**, who took over for the retired **Bob Adams**.

CCMF Executive Director **Bill Garrett** came up with a "member ribbon" when **Howard Chambers'** registration packet came up short.

I wandered into the Executive Committee meeting to hear CRA Executive Director **John Shirey's** presentation. The CRA has sued the State, and Madera and Moreno Valley have joined the suit. John has also joined the suit as a "taxpayer." The merits of the case will be ruled on in March. The Legislature is immune to CRA and local government pressure, but not pressure that their supports can bring. The lack of the redevelopment process in California will eventually have grave impacts on city general funds. Redevelopment is the only successful long term economic development stimulus strategy in California.



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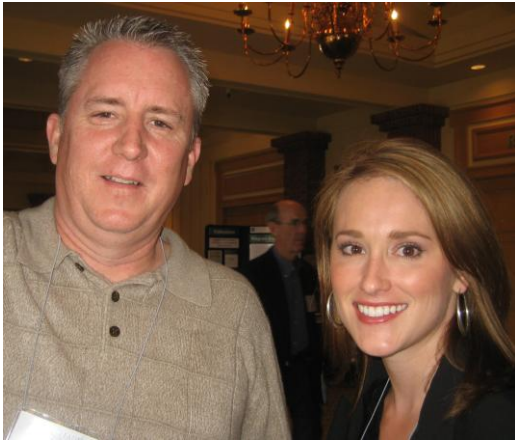
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In answer to an inquiry by Rancho Cordova City Manager **Ted Gaebler**, John urged "personal involvement," action to enable city staffs to be involved, and as city manager "take the lead" to defend the redevelopment process on its merits. He noted that this is not a one-time effort, and needs to be an ongoing campaign.

Vern Hazen gave a report on the Range Riders program, noting that **Tom Peterson** has retired from the program and **Jim Marshall** is taking his place in the Central Valley area.

Kevin O'Rourke reported on the Senior Manager Initiative. He **Frank Benest**, **Mike Garvey** and others are making progress. **Ken Pulskamp** urged participation in the Australian Exchange Program.

During the break, Ventura City Manager **Rick Cole** stopped by to compliment the City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown, saying he enjoys reading them. Bishop City Manager **Rick Pucci** noted that his son Dean Pucci is associated with Jones & Mayer. Others noted or chatted with in the hallway that morning include: Yucca Valley City Manager **Andy Takata**, Poway City Manager **Rod Gould**, Range Rider **A.J. Wilson**, Willdan's **Francesca Fuentes**, Placentia City Manager **Troy Butzlaff**, Hanford Assistant City Manager and CCMF Board Member **Hilary Straus**, Signal Hill City **Ken Farfing**, Del Mar City Manager **Karen Brust**, **Jan Perkins**, and **JoAnne Speers**.



Bellflower City Manager Mike Egan and Jennifer Hill of eCivis stopped in the hallway to chat on Wednesday.



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Atascadero City Manager and CCMF Vice President **Wade McKinney** and I walked up to the hotel's restaurant for lunch. We ended up joining HdL Companies' **Lloyd De Llamas** and Azusa City Manager **Fran Delach**. The poor State economy, sales tax declines and the prospective closings of many car dealerships were topics of discussion.

After lunch it was a short walk back to the conference center for the Opening Session. The room was packed to hear the rapid fire and powerful presentation by **Carole Rodoni** of Bamboo Consulting. She addressed all things relevant to the economy and money markets.



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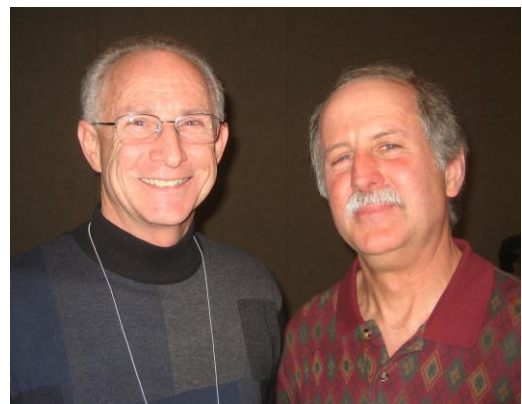
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Those sharing a table with me during the Opening Session include: Arvin City Manager **Alan Christensen**, Lancaster ACM **Jason Caudle**, Thousand Oaks ACM **Linda Pappas-Diaz**, Lawndale City Manager **Keith Breskin**, and San Joaquin City Manager **Cruz Ramos**.

Faces in the crowd at the Opening Session and following the program include (but are not limited to): **Kevin Duggan**, **Ken Pulskamp**, **Linda Barton**, **Jeff Kolin**, **John Shirey**, **Frank Benest**, **Andy Takata**, **Greg Yamachika**, **Steve Helvey**, **June Catalano**, **Howard Chambers**, **Mike Johnson**, **Jim Schutz** (San Rafael ACM), **Mark Alexander**, **Ernie Garcia**, **Troy Butzlaff**, **Debbie Kurita**, **Troy Brown**, **Rod Wood**, **Carlos Urrutia**, **Kevin O'Rourke**, **Marshall Linn**, **Paul Whitelaw**, **Francesca Fuentes**, **Don Penman**, **George Rodericks**, **Tim O'Donnell**, **Tim Casey**, **Bruce Channing**, **Frank G. Tripepi**, **Debbie Stutsman**, **Tim Casey**, **Fred Latham**, **Lloyd de Llamas** and many more.

In the hallway we saw **Richard Rowe**, Barstow City Manager; West Covina City Manager **Andy Pasmant**; & **Homer Croy** of Palm Desert.



Retired Manteca City Manager Bob Adams and Interim Blue Lake City Manager Jeff Butzlaff at the 2009 City Managers' Department Annual Meeting in Monterey.

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On the way to the 3:30 p.m. session, "To Do or Not to Do—Those First 100 Days as a City Manager" we saw Norwalk City Manager **Ernie Garcia** and Arcadia City Manager **Don Penman**. Santa Paula's **Wally Bobkiewicz** was also in the hallway. Atascadero City Manager **Wade McKinney** moderated presentations by **Nelson Fialho**, Pleasanton City Manager; Rosemead City Manager **Oliver Chi**; and Vista City Manager **Rita Geldert**. Those in the audience included: **Mike Flad** of Burbank, Whittier's **Steve Helvey**, new Merced City Manager **John Bramble**, Atascadero ACM **Jim Lewis**, **Ernesto Marquez** of Hawaiian Gardens, Livermore's **Troy Brown**, Lynwood City Manager **Roger Haley**, **George Rodericks** of Belvedere, **Frank Tripepi** and **Jim Marshall**.



Atascadero City Manager Wade McKinney poses with Janice and Dr. Bill Mathis at the City Managers' Department Meeting in Monterey.



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Others seen here and there include: **Jeff Stewart**, Westminster City Manager **Ray Silver**, Westlake Village City Manager **Ray Taylor**, Diamond Bar City Manager **Jim De Stefano**, and **Teresa Acosta** and **Jennifer Quan** of the League Staff.

That evening the "annual reception" was held at 5:15 – 7 p.m. The room was packed. Those enjoying appetizers and beverages included: **Bill & Chris Kelly**; **Kristine Guerrero** of the League staff; Long Beach City Manager **Patrick West** and ACM **Suzanne Frick**, veteran city manager **Raul Romero**, Wheatland City Manager **Steve Wright**, the "former city manager couple" **Bud Ovrom** and **Denise Ovrom** currently with HdL Companies, Simi Valley City Manager **Mike Sedell**, El Monte City Manager **Jim Mussenden**, retired city manager **John Goss**, Santee City Manager **Keith Till**, Sierra Madre City Manager **Elaine Aguilar**, Moreno Valley City Manager **Robert Gutierrez** & Assistant to **Michelle Dawson**, Irwindale City Manager **Robert Griego**, Lincoln City Manager **Jim Estep**, American Canyon City Manager **Rich Ramirez**, Vallejo City Manager **Joe Tanner**, Winters City Manager **John Donlevy**, Rocklin City Manager **Carlos Urrutia**, Laguna Niguel City Manager **Tim Casey**, McFarland City Manager **Jerry Forde**, San Gabriel City Manager **Mike Paules**, Grand Terrace City Manager **Steve Berry**, Santa Clarita City Manager **Ken Pulskamp** and ACM **Ken Striplin**, and many others.

American Canyon,
City Manager
Rich Ramirez



Thanks to the thoughtful invitation by **Frank Tripepi** and **Paul Whitelaw** of Willdan Financial Services, I am grateful to have had the opportunity to join a group of 30+ for an outstanding dinner at Café Fina at the Monterey Wharf. **Francesca Fuentes** of the Willdan parent company was there, as was **Jennifer Hill** of eCivis.

On the way to bed, I stopped by the Knuckles Sports Bar. **Ernesto Marquez** introduced me to Mendota City Manager **Gabriel Gonzalez**. Also, **Eric Scriven** of De La Rosa & Co., a long-time Trackdown Sponsor, introduced me to **Pam Newcomb**, President of Kinsell, Newcomb and De Dios, one of our newest Sponsors, and Vice President **Janees Williams**.



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Thursday, February 5, 2009

Cal-ICMA's Board meeting was bright and early Wednesday morning. Beverly Hills City Manager **Rod Wood** presided, and ICMA Executive Director **Bob O'Neil** attended. **Dave Mora** was introduced as the new ICMA West Coast Manager. Committee efforts with ethics issues were reported on by Subcommittee Chair **Tony Dahlerbruch**, Rolling Hills City Manager. The value of professional and ethical public management was addressed, including handling non-member unethical actions. **Ed Shilling** suggested that such acts provide opportunities to let the public know the advantages of the Council/Manager plan. Those on the committee with Tony include: **Fran Delach**, **Joe Goeden**, **Sean Joyce**, **Jim Lewis**, **Ben Montgomery**, **Paul Philips** and **David Ready**.

Thank you for the warm hospitality
Frank Tripepi, Kevin O'Rourke and Lloyd de Llamas!



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USC's Chet Newland, long active in city manager circles, reported on the Sacramento Council/Manager government challenge. He noted that the group supporting the efforts of new Mayor **Kevin Johnson**, a former NBA professional basketball player, includes developers and the police union. Chet said that the proposed charter amendment reads like a "Boss Mayor System." He describes the Mayor as a highly talented misinformed young man. Proponents have collected 37,000 signatures and the initiative is proceeding. A Special Election will cost \$1.2 million.

Sacramento columnist **Dan Walters** was the General Session speaker introduced by CCMF President **Rita Geldert**. Faces in the crowd included: **Don White**, Laguna Hills ACM; **Greg Wellman**, Atwater City Manager; **Clovis** City Manager **Kathy Millison**, **Toby Ross**, West Sacramento City Manager; Orange County CEO **Tom Mauk**; Yorba Linda Interim City Manager **Bill Kelly**; **Bob Perrault**, Grover Beach City Manager; Pismo Beach City Manager **Kevin Rice**; Long Beach City Manager **Pat West**; **Steve Adams**, Arroyo Grande City Manager; Bellflower City Manager **Mike Egan**; **Yvonne Hunter** of the Institute for Local Government; and many, many others.



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Laguna Hills City Manager Bruce Channing and Lake Forest City Manager Dr. Bob Dunek pose in the conference center hallway. Bruce is responsible for the CCMF Golf Tournament success.



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Following the luncheon, I walked with **Joe Tanner** to the "Extreme Challenges In City Management" session. San Carlos ACM **Brian Moura** introduced East Palo Alto City Manager **Alvin James** and **Joe Tanner** of Vallejo. Both had interesting presentations, and the room was packed to capacity. Looking around the room we spotted: **Ed Tewes** of Morgan Hill; **Mike Paules**; **Rick Pucci**; Upland City Manager **Robb Quincy**; City Manager **Jim Hardy** of Foster City; **Sean Joyce**; Napa City Manager **Mike Parness**; **Vern Hazen**; **Wade McKinney**; **Dave Morgan**; **Bob Griego**; Berkeley City Manager **Phil Kamlarz**; **Ken Farfsing**, Signal Hill City Manager; **John Goss**; Rancho Mirage City Manager **Pat Pratt**; **Tim Casey**; **Bob Gutierrez**; **Michelle Dawson**; **Elaine Aguilar**; Rancho Cucamonga ACM **Pam Easter**; **Bruce Channing**; **Terry Matz**; **John Bramble**; **Kathy Millison** and more.

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The General Luncheon on Thursday was held in the Regency Grand ballroom. I shared a table with Norwalk City Manager **Ernie Garcia**; Signal Hill City Manager **Ken Farfsing**; Bellflower City Manager **Mike Egan**; HdL's **Denise Ovrum**; Hanford ACM **Hilary Straus**; new San Mateo City Manager **Susan Loftus**; **Jan Perkins** of Management Partners, Inc.; Foster City ACM **Kristi Chappelle**; new Dublin City Manager **Joni Paffillo**; and Atherton City Manager **Jerry Gruber**.

Retired City Managers who were recognized at the luncheon were: **Bob Adams**, Manteca; **Rich Ambrose**, Dublin; **Frank Benest**, Palo Alto; **Amy Chan**, Sunnyvale; **John Jermanis**, San Leandro; **Jerry Johnson**, Lincoln; **Jim Marshall**, Merced; **Dave Mora**, Salinas; **Kelly Morgan**, Sand City; **Joe Riker**, Orland; and **Chet Wystépek**, Healdsburg.

Stockton Deputy City Manager **Christine Tien** presented the annual Diversity Award to Irvine City Manager **Sean Joyce**. **Bruce Channing** presented the John Nail Award to the top assistant of the year, **Rob Braulick** for his work in Rocklin. Rocklin City Manager **Carlos Urrutia** assisted with the presentation. Rob is currently the ACM in Fairfield.

Thursday evening was the Annual CCMF Member Appreciation Dinner at the Club Del Monte at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey. The dinner was a huge success. Faces in the crowd: **Larry Kosmont** of Kosmont Companies; **Steve Heaney** & **Scott Sollers** of Stone & Youngberg; City Manager **Geoff Dolan** of Manhattan Beach, and more.....



**La Palma
City Manager
Dominic Lazzaretto**

...Indio City Manager **Glenn Southard** was at the CCMF dinner, as was **Mike Bush** and **Marshall Linn** of Urban Futures, Inc.; **Keith Curry** of The PFM Group; and **Roy Stephenson** and a couple Bureau Veritas executives. CCMF Vice President **Wade McKinney** introduced the Board as President **Rita Geldert** contracted a sore hoarse throat. It was my honor to share a table with Wade, Norwalk City Manager **Ernie Garcia** and his wife Diane; Brea ACM **Terry Matz** and his wife Caroline; La Palma City Manager **Dominic Lazzaretto**; Simi Valley City Manager **Mike Sedell**; and **Jason & Tracy Gonsalves** of Joe A. Gonsalves & Son, Professional Legislative Representatives. The event was very successful largely due to the efforts of **Mark Curran** and **Melanie Arner Corona** of Piper Jaffray.



**Jason Gonsalves
of Joe A. Gonsalves & Son,
and Norwalk City Manager
Ernie Garcia**

Friday, February 6, 2009

Hit the floor running on Friday. Finished packing and carted my gear to the car. I dropped by the Senior Manager Session at the Conference Center. **Kevin O'Rourke**, Palo Alto City Manager **Jim Keene**, **Mike Garvey** and **Frank Benest** presided. I then picked up some breakfast and chatted with **Jan Perkins** and ICMA Executive Director **Bob O'Neil**. On the way out the door I stopped to say "Good-bye" to **Wade McKinney**, **Jim Marshall** and Range Rider **Nick Pavlovich**. I was then "On the Road Again" "All By Myself."

Picking Up The Pieces: Moorpark Assistant City Manager **Hugh Riley**, a former City Manager in Tucumcari, New Mexico; Hollister and Temple City, has a BS from Pennsylvania State University. He and Huntington Park City Manager **Gregory Korduner** attended the 2009 Rose Bowl game together. Central Basin Municipal Water District Director **Phillip D. Hawkins** has been appointed Chair of Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) Real Estate and Asset Management Special Committee. Former Glendora City Manager **Craig McMicken** appeared at a meeting of the Glendora Historical Society in January. He was Glendora's first full-time City Manager from 1954 to 1958; since him there have been ten other Glendora City Managers. Pictured here are Range



Rider **Joe Goeden**, Winters City Manager **John Donlevy** and Rocklin's veteran City Manager **Carlos Urrutia**. Danville, California resident airline pilot Captain **Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger III**, who successfully emergency landed US Airways Flight 1549 on the Hudson River and saved all 155 passengers and crew on the airliner has appeared at the Super Bowl, "60 Minutes," and "Good Morning America" among other shows to be thanked for his expert flying and decision-making. Cousin **Ashley Simons** is at Florida Atlantic University, not Florida Pacific University as we stated in our last newsletter. Canyon Lake City Manager **Lori Moss** has launched a new "4 Your Information Blog." El Monte City Manager **Jim Mussenden** and City Council are considering layoffs and a fire station closure to help address the revenue shortfall in the city's budget. San Marcos City Manager **Paul Malone** reported that his city's fund for art in public places has about \$350,000; contributed by developers in lieu of providing required public art. The San Bernardino Mayor asked Interim City Manager **Mark Weinberg** and Police Chief **Mike Billdt** to stay on until the city gets through its budget crisis. Fremont City Manager **Fred Diaz** continues to work with Major League Baseball's Oakland "A's" on developing a new stadium ball park. St. Helena City Manager **Bert Johansson** will retire at the end of June and former St. Helena Public Works Director **Jonathon Goldman** left the city in October to take the Public Works Director post in Sausalito. Cannot believe that we left **Jim Hankla** off our City/County Manager "Switch Hitters" list! Jim served as CAO in Los Angeles County and City Manager in Long Beach. Thank you to **John Shirey** and **John Hammargren** for bringing our lapse to our attention.

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Successfully defending cities in litigation involving the use of force by police officers, allegations of civil rights violations, dangerous conditions, negligence, condemnation, employment matters, land use, CEQA, public contracting and administrative & traditional petitions for Writ of Mandate., California Public Records Act (CPRA), conflicts of interest, internal investigations and *Pitchess* motions.



La Mirada Elephant Bar Restaurant General Manager Teresa McKenna with our Grandson Tyler Pouncéy while he dined on his favorite corndog and sweet potato fries that he washes down with a mango/raspberry swirl.

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