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The Holiday Season is upon us!
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Santa Claus is coming to town! Our downtowns, shopping centers and malls are all sporting holiday decorations. Even though the economy has been in the doldrums, the holiday season is upon us nevertheless. The advertisers get the word out and the children won't let the grown-ups forget. Christmas is widely celebrated by people of all religions. Greeting cards, church celebrations, decorated Christmas trees, houses sparkling with lights and garlands, mistletoe, nativity scenes, holly and special family gatherings are all signs of the holidays. The economic impact of the holidays cannot go unnoticed. The 8-day celebration of Hanukkah began on December 1st this year. We at Trackdown wish everyone Happy Holidays.



Happy Holidays!



Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year to one and all from the Jack Simpson Family. In this picture from left to right are: **Kellee Simpson Hearther, Jamie Hearther, Santa Claus, Katie Hearther, Jessie Hearther and Bill "Heater" Hearther.** Kellee is a **USC** graduate and Bill is a US Navy pilot and Naval Academy grad. They are currently in Corpus Christi, Texas but soon may return to California. We are using their picture here as a wish to everyone for a wonderful **Holiday Season.** And, may the New Year bring happiness and joy and memorable good times. Season's Greetings from Trackdown.

A Random List of City Management Professionals Who Are Alumni of California State University, Fullerton

As with the California State University, Long Beach alumni we listed in the last issue, we cannot find a comprehensive listing of municipal government professional who are CSUF graduates. Many graduates are listed in the ICMA Who's Who Directory as having a degree from "California State University." Since there are many, many Cal State University campuses throughout California, this is not particularly helpful. When trying to double check by visiting city web sites for the information, we find that many cities do not include any biographical information on their managers. The "transparency" has not yet extended to a manager's background and qualifications in many case. As we noted in the last issue, we have found municipal web sites that do not even list the City Manager by name...though they will list the duties and responsibilities of the office.

As we did with the CSULB list, we do not contend in any stretch of the imagination that this random list is comprehensive. So, as retired City Manager **Doug La Belle** suggested here is a try to pay appropriate tribute to the alumni of CSUF. At best, it is a good representative list of California municipal government management professionals who have graduated from California State University, Fullerton. We are starting the list with retired Anaheim City Manager **Dave Morgan**.

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7-year old **Tyler Simpson Pouncéy** visited with **Santa Claus** at the Annual In-N-Out Burger 2010 Children's Christmas Party at the company warehouse in Baldwin Park.

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Retired City Manager **David M. Morgan** worked his entire career in Anaheim starting in 1974 as an Administrative Intern. Following a progression of positions of increasing responsibility Dave was appointed Resource Development Manager in 1985. In 1988 he took the Human Resources Director job and served in that position until 1993 when he was appointed Assistant City Manager. While he was Assistant City Manager he served on the Board of the California City Management Foundation. Dave was appointed City Manager in 2001 and served there for 8-years prior to his retirement. He has a BA and MPA from California State University, Fullerton. Dave was a member of the "Leadership for the 21st Century" program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. In 2009 he was awarded a 35-year ICMA Service Award.



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Retired Rosemead City Manager **Frank G. Tripepi** began his public service career in 1971 in Hawaiian Gardens, after returning home from being deployed in Vietnam with the US Army. Frank started as an Administrative Aide and was quickly promoted to Administrative Assistant in 1972. It was that year that he was recruited by Rosemead City Manager **Leland Gunn** to be the Rosemead Assistant City Manager. Frank was appointed City Manager in Rosemead in 1974 after serving a short time as "interim." He served the City of Rosemead as City Manager for some 28-years before his retirement in 2002. He then went to work for **Dan W. Heil** of Willdan and was appointed President & CEO of MuniFinancial in 2002. Frank continues to serve in that capacity, though the company name has been changed to *Willdan Financial Services*. He served as Interim City Manager in La Puente for about a year starting in 2008. Frank earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton. In 2001 he was presented with a 30-year ICMA Service Award. Frank is active with the ICMA Corporate Partner Program.

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Sue Tsuda began her career as a Staff Aid in Orange County in 1975. In 1977 she took an Administrative Assistant position in Fountain Valley, and, while working in Fountain Valley at the age of 42, and after serving on the Board of the Fullerton Elementary School District and the Fullerton Planning Commission, Sue was elected to a term on the Fullerton City Council (1978-82). In 1978 she became an Administrative Assistant in Irvine. Sue left Irvine in 1983 to become the Assistant City Manager in La Grande, Oregon. She returned to California in 1988 when she was appointed City Manager in Sanger. Sue's next move was in 1992 when she became the Yucca Valley Town Manager. Yucca Valley experienced a 7.6 earthquake on the day she was hired. She served there until 1996. Sue earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton and she has an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. Sue also earned a Certificate in Urban Planning from the University of California Extension at Irvine, and she has done post-graduate work toward another Masters degree in Urban Planning at Cal-Poly, Pomona.



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Rancho Cucamonga Assistant City Manager
John R. Gillison is a California State University, Fullerton alumnus. John began his public management career in 1992 as an Administrative Intern in Walnut. In 1993 he was promoted to Administrative Assistant and in 1994 he took a Management Analyst post in Cerritos. After half-a-dozen years in Cerritos, John took a Principal Management Analyst position in Pomona. There he was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager in 2001 and to Deputy City Manager in 2002. In 2005 John left Pomona when he was appointed City Manager in Sierra Madre. He came to Rancho Cucamonga as a Deputy City Manager in 2007 and began his current assignment as Assistant City Manager in 2009. John earned his BA and MPA at CSUF. He later graduated from Western State University College of Law with a Juris Doctorate...so now he is **John R. Gillison, Esq.** John earned a 10-year ICMA Service Award in 2006.



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Sean J. Joyce began his public service career in 1987 as an Administrative Assistant in Walnut. After a promotion to Senior Administrative Assistant, Sean left Walnut to take the Assistant City Administrator post in Sierra Madre. He was appointed Sierra Madre City Administrator in 1994 following a stint as "acting" City Administrator. In 1996 Sean was selected to serve as City Manager in South Pasadena, and eight years later he moved to Irvine as Assistant City Manager. In 2006 Sean was appointed City Manager after serving as Acting City Manager in Irvine. He has earned both a BA and MPA at California State University, Fullerton. Sean was presented with a 20-year ICMA Service Award in 2007.

Lancaster Management Analyst II **Christopher J. Ludlum** has a BA from California State University, Fullerton and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. Chris started his career as an Administrative Aide in Buena Park in 1997. After being promoted to Administrative Assistant in 1998, he moved on to Arcadia in 2000 for a Senior Management Analyst post. In 2005 he accepted his current assignment in Lancaster.



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Eleven Chino Hills retirees, including a former Council Member, gather every 2 to 3 months to touch base and stay current with each other. This "Six Saturdays and a Sunday Every Week" (that's Maui Doug's name for the group) group met recently at the Lew Webb's Event Center and Classic Car Museum in Aliso Viejo. In the picture from left to right are: retired City Manager **Doug La Belle**, **Lew Webb**, **Gary Larson**, **Linda Ruth**, **Wanda Beatrice**, **Rick Carr**, **Linda LaPorte**, **Dee Nadeau**, **Mike Rittel** (whose mother served as the Artesia City Clerk), **Stan McCartney** and **Roland Richards**. The 2011 Knapp Golf Tournament Committee is Planning a "Kickoff Reception" at Lew Webb's Event Center and Classic Car Museum on Saturday March 19, from 4 to 7 p.m. Next year's Knapp Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, June 13 at Western Hills Golf and Country Club in Chino Hills.

Waterford City Administrator **Charles E. Deschenes** began his public service career in Shasta County in 1978 with the Auditor & Controller/Mental Health Administration. In 1986 Chuck was appointed County Administrator in Garfield County, Colorado. After a dozen years in Colorado, Chuck returned to California to serve in his current post in Waterford beginning in 1998. Chuck has a BA from California State University, Fullerton; an AA from Shasta College and an MBA from the University of Southern Colorado. In 2008 he was awarded a 30-year ICMA Service Award.

"It's the friends you can call up at 4 a.m. that matter."



--**Marlene Dietrich** (1901-1992)

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Melissa Au-Yeung was an Administrative Intern in the Stanton City Manager's Office in 2004. In 2005 she took a Planning Intern post in Pico Rivera, and then moved to the Burbank Redevelopment Agency as an Administrative Analyst I. After being promoted in Administrative Analyst II in Burbank, Melissa was hired in Laguna Hills to be a Management Analyst in 2008. She was promoted to Senior Management Analyst earlier this year (2010). Melissa has a two BA degrees from Vanguard University and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton.

David C. Biggs began his public management career as an Administrative Intern in Santa Ana in 1980. In 1981 Dave became a Santa Ana Assistant Planner, and in 1982 he was promoted to Economic Development Specialist. In 1984 he took a Development Project Manager post in the City of Long Beach and served there until 1988 when he ventured to Australia, as he was appointed to a Development Manager post in South Australia. In 1990 Dave returned to the States as the Economic Development Director in Morgan Hill, and in 1992 he was tapped for the Morgan Hill City Manager position. Dave moved back to Southern California in 1995, taking the Director of Economic Development post in Huntington Beach for the next 10-years. In 2005 Dave was selected to serve as the Assistant City Manager in Redondo Beach where he stayed until his 2010 appointment to his current assignment as Tustin City Manager to replace the retiring City Manager **William Huston**. Dave has a BA from California State University, Fullerton and an MBA from the University of California, Irvine. In 2006 he was awarded a 25-year ICMA Service Award.



Brad McKinney of the Anaheim staff and his wife Janay welcomed **Drew Steven McKinney** in November. Here is baby Drew with Dad Brad, Sister Kody and Mom Janay.



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Fremont City Manager **Frederick M. Diaz** began his public management career in 1983 as an Administrative Assistant in Pico Rivera when **Bob Williams** was City Manager and **Dennis Courtemarche** was the Assistant City Manager. Dennis was appointed City Manager in October, 1984, and Fred became the Pico Rivera Assistant to the City Manager in 1986. In 1988 Fred was selected to be the Assistant City Administrator in Azusa, and he served there until 1990 when he was recruited to be the Indio City Manager. In 1990 Fred moved north to become the Tracy City Manager, where he served for some 10-years. In 2004 he accepted his current assignment as the Fremont City Manager. Fred has a BA and MPA from California State University, Fullerton. IN 2008 he was awarded a 25-year ICMA Service Award. Fred was the 1987 recipient of the John H. Nail Award presented to the Outstanding Municipal Assistant by the League of California Cities. Years ago during a League of California Cities Conference in San Francisco, we ran into Fred at an Ethiopian restaurant where we were with a La Mirada group.



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Francis M. Delach Jr. started his public service career in 1978 when he joined the city staff in Covina. He left Covina in 2000, after serving 6-years as City Manager. Fran went to work for the **HdL Companies** in 2000 and was serving as the Chief Administrative Officer when he left to accept his current assignment as Azusa City Manager in 2005. Fran has a BA from Azusa Pacific University and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton. He has taught public administration courses at the University of La Verne, and Cal Poly Pomona, and he has guest lectured at Cal State Fullerton, and California State University, Los Angeles. Fran is a past President of the South Hills Kiwanis Club.

Chino Hills City Manager **Michael S. Fleager** began his public service career as a Probation Officer in Orange County in 1984. In 1990 he joined the City of Cerritos staff as the Community Safety Manager, and he served there until he accepted the Community Services Director post in Chino Hills in 1999. In 2009 Mike was selected to serve as City Manager following the retirement of veteran City Manager **Doug Labelle** (also a CSUF alumnus). Mike has an AA from Cypress College and he earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton.

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Carol A. Jacobs earned both a BA and MPA at California State University, Fullerton. She began her public management career in 1987 as a Budget & Management Analyst in Costa Mesa under City Manager **Allan L. Roeder**. In 1996 Carol was appointed to the Costa Mesa Budget & Research Officer post. She left Costa Mesa in 2000 and spent the next half-dozen years with CBIZ, Tax and Advisory in California. In 2006 Carol returned to the public sector as the Administrative Services Director in Stanton. She was appointed Stanton City Manager in 2009.



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Fullerton City Manager **Chris Meyer** began his municipal management career when he was hired as an Administrative Intern in Fullerton in 1976. The following year he was promoted to Administrative Assistant, and in 1981 Chris became a Senior Administrative Assistant. He was made Assistant to the City Manager in 1983. In 1995 Chris was appointed to the Fullerton Administrative Services Director post. He served as Acting City Manager from October, 2001 until March, 2002 when he was appointed to the City Manager position. Chris as a BA from San Diego State University and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton. He is the Vice President of the Orange County City Managers' Association.
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Municipal Management Association of Northern California (MMANC) past President **Mark Prestwich**, the candle maker, earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton and an MPA from California State University, Long Beach. Mark began his working career as a Management Analyst in Napa in 1999. He was appointed Assistant to the City Manager in Napa in 2005. In 2006 Mark took a Special Projects Manager, his current assignment, in the City of Sacramento.



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Irvine Assistant City Manager **Walter D. Kreutzen Jr.** began his public management career in 1972 as an Administrative Assistant in Costa Mesa. In 1975 Wally was appointed Director of Administrative Services/City Treasure in Irvine. In 1987 Wally tried the private sector for a couple of years working with Evensen Dodge. In 1989 he was selected to be the Chief Executive Officer of the Transportation Corridor Agencies in Orange County. Wally joined the Irvine staff as Assistant City Manager in 2005. He earned a BA and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton.





Former City Manager and new father (again) **Larry Kosmont** of the Kosmont Companies poses with retired City Manager **Michael Sakamoto** and **Hercules** City Manager **Nelson Oliva**, who is back to work following some time off on medical leave. The picture was taken at last year's CCCA Annual Conference in Indian Wells.

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Of course, the listing in this newsletter is not all inclusive, and there are many, many, many more California State University, Fullerton City Managers and city government professionals currently practicing and/or retired. Huntington Park City Manager **Gregory Korduner**, who once worked for the late-City Manager **M.D. "Mac" McKeown** in Norwalk and Artesia, was listed in the CSULB listing, but he is also a California State University, Fullerton alumnus. As we previously noted, retired City Manager **Doug La Belle** graduated with a BA in 1965 from CSUF. Former Yreka, Cotati, Hollister and Brookings, Phoenix, and Eagle Point, Oregon City Manager **Dale Shaddox** has a BA from CSUF. He is also a past General Serviced Director in Chico. Dale retired in 2004 but has registered as an Interim City Manager with the League of Oregon Cities.

We are hopeful this listing of California State University, Fullerton graduates who are or have served in professional municipal management capacities has been of interested, and that it is a good representative listing of the many CSUF graduates who have gone on to be valuable public management leaders. Happy Holidays.



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Jessie "Grandpa" Hearther and her awesome sister Jamie Hearther did a Naval Base fire equipment inspection in Corpus Christi.

Picking Up the Pieces: La Puente City Manager **Josi Kenline** resigned last week. Assistant City Manager **Al Holliman** will serve as Interim City Manager until a replacement is named. Pleasant Hill City Manager **June Catalano** participated on a special select panel of residents and city officials to interview newly appointed Benicia City Manager **Brad Kilger**. Irvine City Manager **Sean Joyce** and City Clerk **Sharie Apodaca** have met with representatives of CalAware and have agreed to work on a local policy that will treat email messages in a manner to satisfy State law regarding public records retention. They are working toward producing a policy that they can share with other agencies. **James M. Southworth** is the new Bishop City Administrator succeeding veteran City Administrator **Rick Pucci**, who has retired. James has served in City Administrator positions in Minnesota, Michigan and Washington. Rick has been elected to the Inyo County Board of Supervisors. Alameda Economic Development Director **Leslie Little**, 54, is the new Assistant City Manager for Community Development in Morgan Hill where **Ed Tewes** is City Manager. Leslie has held positions in San Jose, Long Beach, South Gate and Monterey Park, as well as, Leesburg, Florida. Temecula officials have cut the ribbon on a brand-new \$31.5 million City Hall. According to Press-Enterprise writer **Jeff Horseman**, "Hundreds filled the high-ceiling City Council chambers to hear City Manager **Shawn Nelson** and others praise the people and efforts it took to make the three-story, Mission-style building a reality." Veteran City Manager **Kevin Duggan**, 60, has announced his retirement from his Mountain View post effective in April, 2011. Kevin served as the Campbell City Manager prior to his appointment in Mountain View in 1990. Kevin is a past-Chair of Cal-ICMA. Pasadena Director of Public Works **Martin Pastucha** is resigning to take the same post in Santa Monica where **Rod Gould** is City Manager. Prior to his service in Pasadena Martin was the Public Works Director in La Habra. West Jordan, Utah City Manager **Tom Steele** earned an MPA at California State University,

Long Beach. Banning City Manager **Andy Takata** served as a water polo referee at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia. Former Hawaiian Gardens City Administrator **Ray Harris**, who recently retired as the Transportation Deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor **Don Knabe**, has had successful open heart by-pass surgery and is currently in the healing and convalescing stage. Hercules City Manager **Nelson Oliva** has returned to his post and Interim City Manager **Charlie Long**'s services have ended. Nelson has been on medical leave but has now reported that he is fit and ready to resume work full-time. Veteran City Manager **David Carmany**, a USC graduate, is leaving the Seal Beach City Manager post he has held since 2007 to become the Manhattan Beach City Manager. Dave has served as City Manager in Agoura Hills, Malibu, and Pacificca in addition to Seal Beach. Community Development Director **Richard Thompson** has served as Interim City Manager in Manhattan Beach for the past year. Santa Clarita Assistant City Manager **Ken Striplin** was the only California recipient of the 2008 ICMA Buford M. Watson Jr. Award for Assistant Excellence in Leadership. Rialto Chief Financial Officer **June Overholt** has been selected to serve as the Administrative Services Director/Deputy City Manager in Banning where **Andy Takata** is City Manager. June has been with Rialto for more than 10-years, and served as Acting City Administrator there on multiple occasions. Prior to her service there she was a Revenue Manager for the City of Upland. Vallejo Assistant City Manager-Community Development Director **Craig Whitton** reports that a motion picture and media production company will spend the next six months exploring the feasibility of developing a studio on Mare Island. Mare Island Studio CEO **Carissa Carpenter** was accompanied by former Vallejo City Manager **Joe Tanner** at a recent Council meeting where she introduced herself to the community. With an eye to expediting public projects and the public's business, Mountain View has approved increased staff contract approval thresholds from \$10,000 to \$20,000, and City Manager **Kevin Duggan** will have the authority to approve contracts up to \$100,000. Assistant City Manager **Kevin Woodhouse** was quoted as saying that the changes will mean "...fewer city council staff reports having to be prepared, allowing staff and the city council time to be focused on other priorities while not compromising important values."



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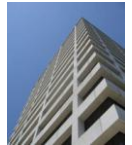
"This is a very gratifying time for the firm," said **Craig Carlson**, a co-founder of the firm. "As we look back we see so many great people and so many terrific accomplishments the firm has been honored to play a role in the growth of California." Carlson, who together with his partners cleaned the carpets after hours in their small offices after hours 35 years ago, has seen the firm blossom to regularly handle transactions ranging up to a billion or more dollars.

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Picking Up More Pieces: *Tripepi Smith*, an Irvine based technology and accounting services firm recently examined and rated the Internet strategies employed by Orange County's 34 cities. The firm singles out 8 of the cities for such criteria as best embracing social media, offering greater transparency and increasing citizen access. Tustin and Newport Beach tie for No. 1 and the remaining top 6 include: Dana Point, Brea, Buena Park, Fullerton, Irvine, and Placentia. According to OC Weekly Media writer **Matt Coker**, former Bell Chief Administrative Officer **Robert Rizzo** is working off a 10-day community service sentence he received for pleading guilty to DUI in Huntington Beach. Matt refers to Bob as "Rizzo the Hut" and reports that he is working in the Huntington Beach Goodwill Store for his community service. San Bruno City Manager **Connie Jackson** reports that 38 homes were destroyed in the Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) gas pipeline explosion. The idea of a victims' memorial has been discussed. A plan to spend the \$380,000 privately contributed funds has not been agreed on as yet. Three new members have been seated on the San Juan Capistrano City Council and the Council has extended City Manager **Joe Tait's** contract for three months as they begin a search for a new City Manager and a Utilities Director, the combined jobs Joe has been filling. Joe is a principal with the Municipal Management Group and has served the city for about two years. Del Mar Assistant to the City Manager **Gretchen Crowson** was recently quoted as confirming that Cincinnati Bengals quarterback **Carson Palmer**, the 2002 Heisman Trophy winner when playing for **USC**, has purchased a half-acre bare lot from the City for \$4.4 million. He sold a beach house in Laguna Beach last year. **Thomas Flavin**, recently the President and CEO of Enterprise Seattle, an economic development public-private partnership program, has been appointed President and Chief Executive of the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership. He is a former Burbank Mayor and Council Member. He also previously served as Assistant City Manager in Oceanside and as the Burbank Redevelopment Manager. Santa Monica City Manager **Rod Gould** met with six different neighborhood groups throughout Santa Monica to discuss the economic outlook, local problems and potential solutions. **J. Kenneth Brown** of McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP, the San Dimas City Attorney since 1977, has served many other communities as City Attorney through the years, including: Cerritos, La Cañada Flintridge, Lawndale, Signal Hill, and Norwalk. In addition to San Dimas, and among other assignment, Ken

currently serves as Special Counsel to the Los Angeles County Housing Authority. Gilroy, where **Tom Haglund** in City Administrator, has budgeted \$150,000 for the California High-Speed Rail Project consultants, experts and grant applications for the \$45-billion, 800-mile bullet-train system that will have a major station in Gilroy. California High-Speed Rail Authority CEO **Roelof van Ark** announced a December 16 visit to the area. Pasadena City Manager **Michael Beck** has been tasked with exploring a 30-year pact to acquire electricity from the La Paz Solar Tower, a solar tower that will be constructed in Arizona. The tower is anticipated to be functional in 2014. The goal is to have 40 percent of local electrical power sales provided by renewable sources by 2020. City Manager **Peter Ingram** has resigned his post in Redwood City. He has been City Manager since June, 2008 and prior to that served 14-years as the Public Works Director. He and the City have mutually accepted a severance agreement. Ocala, Florida City Manager **Ricky A. Horst** has been selected to serve behind the retirement of Rocklin City Manager **Carlos Urrutia**. Ricky went to Ocala in 2008 from South Jordan, Utah where he served for nine years as City Manager. He has no previous work experience in California. Laguna Beach will prohibit portable fire pits effective June 1, but continue to allow permanent gas-fed installations provided they are safely away from combustible buildings and vegetation. Economics expert **Jack Kyser** passed away at the age of 76 on December 6. Jack was the Chief Economist of the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation. He was born in Huntington Park and raised in Downey and Vernon. He earned his bachelor's degree and MBA at **USC**. He was found dead at his Downey home. Suisun City Finance Director **Mark Joseph**, a former American Canyon City Manager, has been elected to the American Canyon City Council. New La Verne City Manager **Bob Russi**, 44, got his municipal government start in the Walnut Parks and Recreation Department before he joined the La Verne staff with recently retired City Manager **Marty Lomeli**.

