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California Contract Cities Association Celebrates 50th Annual Conference

Members of the California Contract Cities Association gathered in Indian Wells May 14-17, 2009 at their 50th Annual Municipal Seminar. **Frank V. Zerunyan** of the Rolling Hills Estates City Council passed the President's gavel to Duarte Mayor **Lois Gaston** as cities throughout California awaited their State "budget revise" fate on Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger's** watch, a Governor who has claimed to be an advocate and believer in "home rule" and local governments. Times of grave distress are when it is most important for cities to pull together and work in concert to stave off the State Leaders who seem to manage their spending programs by appropriating local government revenues. Though the economic downturn has hurt many cities, local government leaders have acted to manage needed local services and programs within their new budget constraints.

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90-year old Larry Chimbole & City Manager Doug Prichard. **Larry Chimbole** a long-time Palmdale Mayor and former State Assembly Member was serenaded when the CCCA gathering broke out in song in celebration of his 90th birthday, and Rolling Hills Estates City Manager **Doug Prichard** is a recipient of the organization's most prestigious award, the El Matador Grande Award. Previous recipients include: **Ronald Reagan**, when he served as California's Governor; **Jesse Unruh**; **Robert Finch**; **Frank Bonelli**; **Bill Campbell**; **Joe A. Gonsalves**; **Pete Schabarum**; **Frank G. Tripepi**; and Governor **Pete Wilson** among others. Doug's served as RHE City Manager for 19+ years.

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Former City Manager **Robert Dickey** and his wife **Nadean Dickey**. Bob worked for the Southern California Edison Co. and is currently the Public Works Director in South Gate.



CCCA long-time Executive Director **Sam Olivito** and his wife **Sharon Olivito** are largely responsible for the organization's continued success.

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Wednesday, May 13: After a thankfully uneventful drive (no accidents, flat tires or heavy traffic) to Indian Wells from Cerritos, we self-parked in the parking structure at the Esmeralda Resort and Spa (everyone is conscience of budget cutting these days) and walked to the hotel registration desk. Paramount Mayor **Gene Daniels** and his wife **Lucie Daniels** had just finished registering. It is always nice to see and chat with old friends.

After checking in I was assigned to room 6004, which is quietly just around the corner in the corridor surrounding the central atrium, which is sometimes known as the "central hospitality room noise-way." Then I huffed and struggled my luggage to the room (another budget measure) and went in search of some lunch. The pool bar was peaceful and "scenic," and had some NASCAR news on their overhead televisions so it was there I had a delicious cheeseburger in the cool-comfort of full-throated misters. Shortly after finishing the food, Mayor Gene and Lucie joined me with their wonderful hospitality. We reminisced about Paramount events and characters, and old friends like City Manager **Linda Benedetti-Leal**, Community Services Director **Vince Torres**, Long Beach City Manager **Pat West**, and others.



Cerritos Council Member **Jim Edwards** poses with **Vince Torres**, Paramount Director of Community Services at the 2009 "Contract Cities" golf tourney.



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On the way to the car and dinner that evening, I stopped in the lower lobby lounge area to say hello to a Bellflower group: Mayor **Ray T. Smith**, and Council Members **Randy Bomgaars**, and **Ray Dunton** and his wife **Dawn Dunton**. Randy is a Past-President of the California Contract Cities Association.

Dinner was at Ruth's Chris Steak House in Palm Desert at the gracious invitation of **Frank Tripepi**. I am honored to have shared a table with **Bill Pagett** of Willdan Engineering and his wife **Donna Pagett**, **Greg Yamachika** of La Puente, **Bob Dickey** of South Gate and his wife **Nadean Dickey**, and **Jennifer Hill** of eCivis. It was a very nice group and the usual awesome Ruth's Chris cuisine. Some of the others at the dinner included: **Nelson Oliva** of Hercules; **Walter McKinney**; **Vic Thies** of Willdan Homeland Solutions; **Sam Olivito** and **Sharon Olivito** of CCCA; **Lew Gluesing** of Willdan Engineering; **Eric Scriven** of De La Rosa & Co.; **Mark Risco** of Willdan Financial Services; and the "Gonsalvi" including: **Anthony Gonsalves**, **Evelyn Gonsalves**, **Jason Gonsalves**, **Tracy Gonsalves** and **Jerry Gonsalves**.

Back at the Esmeralda, I noticed **Curt Pederson** and **Matt Knabe** enjoying cigars in the cooling evening air by the pool. Sam & Sharon and **Tony Olivito** enjoyed family in the lounge. I shared an elevator with Supervisor **Don Knabe** and his wife **Julie Knabe** on my way to bed.

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Thursday, May 14: Bright and early Thursday morning I walked across the Esmeralda's front parking area to the Indian Wells Golf Resort where the conference golfers were gathering for "Gaston's Desert Classic," (named for incoming President **Lois Gaston**, Mayor of Duarte) the 42nd Annual California Contract Cities Association Golf Tournament. Perhaps attendance was down, but to the naked eye it looked like the tournament was as successful as ever. I arrived at the golf course prior to 7 a.m. and watched the tournament players arrive, check-in and meander to their assigned golf carts.

Many folks who participated took personal time off work to join the group paying the fees out of their own pockets. Building and maintaining relationships is what makes organizations strong. Admittedly, there was no exhaustive review of the entry list, but the city managers I noted include: **Darrell George**, Duarte (Tournament Chair); **Howard Chambers**, Lakewood; **Mike Egan**, Bellflower; **Ken Pulskamp**, Santa Clarita; **Ernesto Marquez**, Hawaiian Gardens; **Tony Ybarra**, South El Monte; and **Greg Korduner**, Huntington Park. Also among the many tournament participants were: Los Angeles County Supervisor **Don Knabe**, CCCA's **Sam Olivito**, **John Moreno** & **Vince Torres** of Paramount, South Gate's **Bob Dickey**, **Dr. Bill Mathis** of the Mathis Group, **John Kelly** of TNT fireworks, **Richard Fierro** of CDS, attorney **Mark Steres**, President **Frank Zerunyan**, **Kevin Chun** of La Cañada Flintridge, Past President **Tom Jackson**, LASD Chief **Roberta Abner**, retired Huntington Park City Manager **Don Jeffers**, and many others.

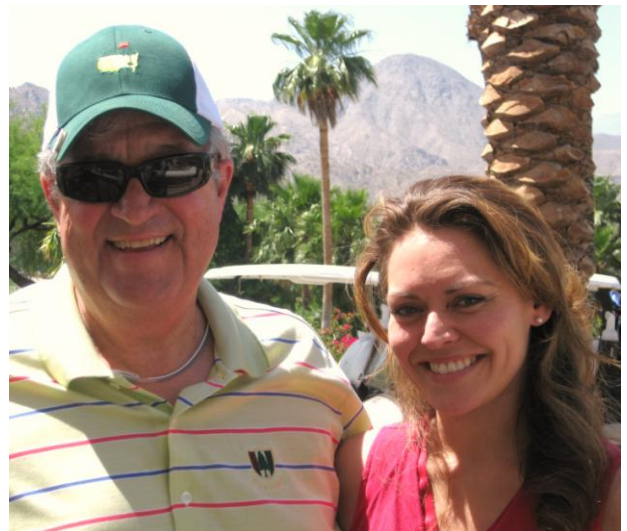


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Los Angeles County Supervisor **Don Knabe** took time out from the large tasty burgers they were serving for lunch during the 42nd Annual CCCA Golf Tournament to say "Hello" to **Teresa Acosta** of the League of California Cities.

We joined Hawaiian Gardens Council Member **Betty J. Schultze** and her daughter Mary in the luncheon area. Betty split her burger with me. Thank you again Betty. We watched as **Teresa Acosta** video recorded a statement by **Frank Zerunyan**, a Rolling Hills Estate Council Member, and we enjoyed the well-informed discussions of the current State Government vs. Local Government revenue combat. Later, along with Pico Rivera City Manager **Chuck Fuentes**, we enjoyed the award/raffle buffet as the players escaped the heat into the soothing air-conditioned clubhouse.



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After returning to the hotel from the golf club, I picked up my conference registration. **Sharon Olivito** has it down to a science. She and her crew had everyone expeditiously and courteously provided with appropriate conference name badges, tickets and program information. I then joined **Frank Tripepi** in the hotel restaurant for a large and refreshing bottomless glass of iced tea. We were later joined by former Bradbury City Manager **Katie Wilson**, who is currently working with Willdan Financial Services. Also, **Jennifer Hill** of eCivis joined our table.

That evening was the Welcome Poolside "Safari" Contract Cities Style Buffet. Entertainment was provided by Dylan's Steel Band. It was a good group of folks and there was pretty good food too. The chile was awesome! In fact I passed up dessert for another bowl of chile. Duarte City Manager **Darrell George** presided over the golf tournament awards portion of the program.

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Former City Manager and Redevelopment Executive Director **Larry Kosmont** of the Kosmont Companies poses at the reception with **Eric Scriven** of De La Rosa & Co.



Italian Stallions: La Puente Interim City Manager **Frank G. Tripepi**, a past recipient of the El Matador Grande Award, and CCCA Past-President 90-year old **Larry Chimbole**



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Among those we talked with at the poolside reception were: Walnut City Attorney **Mike Montgomery**, long-time friend and Bureau Veritas executive **Roy Stephenson**, Independent Cities Executive Director **Debbie Smith**, former City Manager **Wesley Wolf** of Wolf & Company, Rosemead Mayor **Margaret Clark**, **Fran Mancina**, **Matt Knabe** and **Erin Stibal**. After eating and the program was completed we watched the end of the Laker's game with **Mike Busch** of Urban Futures, Inc., Wes, **Frank Tripepi** and President **Frank Zerunyan**. We watched the frustrated **Kobe Bryant**, **Lamar Odom**, **Pau Gasol** and the rest of the Los Angeles Lakers as they lost game six of the second round of the NBA play-offs to the Houston Rockets.

Before retiring for the evening, we visited the CDS hospitality suite and chatted with CDS executives **Russell Dix**, **Richard Fierro**, **Sam Peña**, and **Bill Stansberry**, while enjoying the singing performances of the vocal group **KULAYD**.



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June 15, 2009

Though we lost our veteran City Manager friend **Gaylord Knapp** on March 8, 2008 to Huntington's Disease, the Knapp Golf Classic continues to support the research efforts of the Huntington's Disease Society of America. Tournament Chair **Doug La Belle**, recently retired from Chino Hills, notes that during the past nine years, the Knapp Golf Classic has raised more than \$250,000 contributed to find a cure for this devastating disease.

The 2009 Knapp Golf Classic will tee off on Monday, **June 15, 2009** at the **Western Hills Golf and Country Club**, 1800 Carbon Canyon Road, Chino Hills 91709.

Entry fee is \$175 per golfer and \$35 for dinner only participants. Everyone is invited.

City Managers and former City Managers on the Knapp Golf Classic Committee include: **Doug La Belle**, **Mike Fleager**, **Terry Belanger**, **Bruce Channing**, **Art Gallucci**, **Dan Joseph**, **Tom Mauk**, **Don Powell**, **Dave Ream**, **Gene Rogers** and **Jim Ruth**. Gaylord's son **Scott Knapp** is also on the Committee.

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Friday, May 15: The exhibitors area opened at 8 o'clock, and the Official Opening Session was at 9 a.m. I bumped into **Val Oliva** on my way to the exhibitors area. Val is Mrs. Nelson Oliva, wife of Hercules' Nelson, and she has an impressive resume of her own. She has had work assignments in the Cities of Bellflower, Hawaiian Gardens and she was the first La Puente Senior Center Director. She currently teaches in Northern California.

Pico Rivera Council Member **Ron Beilke** was the Friday Chair of the Day. Bellflower Council Member **Randy Bomgaars** delivered the Invocation and **Larry Chimbole** lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Opening Session.

During his Opening Session presentation President **Frank Zerunyan** acknowledged and thanked **Tony Olivito** for his excellent work on the CCCA web site. His refresher and updates were made with the objective of more use by members and would-be members.

The Friday Sessions were entitled: "Reversing the Tide of the Recession;" "Budget Reform that Moves California Forward;" "Public Safety - Regional Partnerships;" and "LA-RICS - A Regional Partnership Priority." Among the Moderators were City Manager **Darrell George, Duarte**; City Manager **Douglas Prichard, Rolling Hills Estates**; and City Manager **Mark Alexander, La Cañada Flintridge**. Among the many excellent presenters were: **Ed De La Rosa** of De La Rosa and Co., **Mike Busch** of Urban Futures and Santa Fe Springs City Manager **Fred Latham**.

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The Vocal Group **KULAYD** invited Country Music Singer/Song Writer **Casey Simpson** to perform with them in the CDS Hospitality Suite on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Some of the many people we greeted and/or chatted with in the exhibitors area were: Urban Futures' **Bill Kelly**; **Lyle Defenbaugh** of CAL TRUST; Past-CCCA President **Fred Guido**; former Executive Board Member and former Temple City Council Member **Cathé Wilson**; **Mike Moreland** of Moreland Personnel Services; **Dickie Simons** of Supervisor Don Knabe's office; **Paul Gonsalves**; Los Alamitos City Manager **Jeff Stewart**; CJPIA Executive Director **Jon Shull**; El Segundo Assistant City Manager **Bill Crowe**; City Attorney **Bob Kress**; **Brad Johnson** of the Pomona staff; retired Rosemead Assistant City Manager **Don Wagner**; **Dominic Milano** of RKA engineering; **Al Warot** of Willdan Engineering; **Kristine Guerrero** of the League, and many others.



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--Ronald Reagan

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Saturday, May 16: Saturday's program stepped off with an 8 o'clock breakfast session, "When Crisis Strikes - A City's Response." There were two excellent presentations. The Downey water pollution scare, and the devastating Christmas Eve killing of nine people in Covina were explained from the incidents themselves to the psychological impacts on the community. I shared a breakfast table with La Mirada City Manager **Tom Robinson**; **Eli Naffah**, a former City Manager turned consultant; **Vic Thies**, President and CEO of Willdan Homeland Solutions; Artesia Council Members **Tony Lima** and **Sally Flowers**, who is a Past CCCA President; **Erin Stibal** and **Mike Gin** of Supervisor **Don Knabe's** office; and Council Member **Jim Edwards** and his wife **Connie Edwards** of Cerritos.



Following the Annual Business Session where State League of California Cities President **Judith Mitchell** of the Rolling Hills Estates City Council made an excellent presentation and urged cities to pull together to convince the State to leave local government revenues alone. Then Past President **Sally Flowers** of Artesia introduced **Joseph Rohde**, Executive Designer and Vice President of Disney Imagineering. He talked about Disney's designing and building an animal theme park in Florida. His passion for his work was easily seen as he spoke about setting a "narrative theme" and developing an understanding on the "intrinsic value of nature." Though he spoke beyond the scheduled time, he held the audience's interest. He contends that a conscience talking out of goals and values is invaluable so that everyone involved has a clear understand of everyone's views and understandings. He noted that Disney's Animal Theme Park is six times larger than any other park they have created.



A Pair of Tylers: Our Grandson **Tyler Pouncéy** and **Tyler Stibal**, son of **Matt** and **Erin Stibal**, had a great time together in the hotel pool.

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After the Saturday session on "Using Public Private Partnerships..." the scheduled 11:30 a.m. session "Working Across the Aisle" attracted a good audience as five Legislators faced the organization. Senators **Carol Lu** and **Bob Huff**, and Assembly Members **Chuck Calderon**, **Hector De La Torre** and **Curt C. Hagman** participated. **Chuck Calderon** weighed in and described some of the many causes of why the State government is broken: Union threats; Legislator loyalty oaths; political shock jocks stirring the pot; political party dogma; ballot box legislation through the initiative process; terms limits and threats of political retribution by the rich like **Darrell E. Issa**.



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CRA Executive Director **John Shirey** was the Saturday luncheon speaker. He described how the CRA and he as an individual sued the State for taking RDA funds, and won on the grounds that the taking is unconstitutional. He further said that in his review and analysis the Judge found that none of ERAF (Education Revenue Augmentation Funds) goes to education. Following John's discussion three El Matador Grande awards were presented. This is the most prestigious award presented by the California Contract Cities Association. They went to: the Southern California Edison Company; out-going President **Frank Zerunyan**; and Rolling Hills Estates' veteran City Manager **Doug Prichard**.

Congratulations to **Paul Gonsalves** and his wife **Jamie Gonsalves**. They are expecting their 1st child.

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Bill Fujioka, the Chief Executive Officer of the County of Los Angeles presided as Master of Ceremony at the Saturday evening installation banquet. Los Angeles County Supervisor **Michael Antonovich** served as the Installing Officer. Fifth District Supervisor Antonovich installed President-elect **Lois Gaston** of Duarte; new Vice President **Ron Beilke** of Pico Rivera and new Secretary/Treasurer **John R. Noquez** of Huntington Park.

My wife Susan and I shared a table with **Frank Tripepi**, La Puente Council Member **Dan Holloway** and a few others. Susan enjoyed a small reunion of sorts with Artesia City Manager **Maria Dadian**. They worked together in Hawaiian Gardens in the early 1980s. She (we) also enjoyed chatting with **Greg** and **Karen Korduner**. We met up with daughters Casey and Samantha & grandson Tyler after the banquet to watch the marvelous fireworks display together. Casey and I walked over to talk to TNT executive **John Kelly**, and he recalled when he invited Casey to sing at **Mark Gaston's** memorial service. Mark was always in attendance at "contract cities" events, and pitched in to help whenever he was needed.

Sunday, May 17: Sunday was "get-away day" but not until we packed, hiked our luggage to the car and attended the CCCA Getaway Brunch. Each year CDS hosts a raffle for the children attending the brunch. This year our 6-year old grandson Tyler had a winning ticket and selected a laundry basket full of water toys. Thank you CDS, especially to you "El Jefe."

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We recognize that we missed some very good folks, but hopefully everyone will understand that we are constrained by available space and the limitations of our memory and poor note taking. We do not wish to slight any one and hope that we have not done so. Please accept our apology if we have inadvertently missed including you. Please let us know if we have offended you, and we will do our best to make amends. Many thanks to Sam, Sharon, Tony, Maria and Ashley. You folks make one heckuva championship team. Nice work. We hope you like our effort to revisit the conference.



Sincere congratulations to Immediate Past-President **Frank Zerunyan** of Rolling Hills Estates. You have demonstrated excellent leadership during very trying times. Also, we think it most appropriate that City Manager excellence be recognized by the association. Congratulations to Rolling Hills Estates City Manager **Doug Prichard** for deservedly receiving the El Matador Grande Award.



Here is **Susanne Passantino**, a Government Affairs Manager for Allied Waste Services, and our Grandson Tyler after he selected the basket full of water toys when he had a winning ticket at the annual CCCA Sunday Getaway Brunch.

Picking Up The Pieces: Chula Vista Deputy City Manager **Leah Browder**, the 12th executive to leave the city in the past 15 months, has been appointed Director of Public Works in her hometown of Poway starting in June. Modesto Chief of Police **Roy Wasden** is the new City Manager in Turlock. Turlock Assistant City Manager **John French**, 55, has resigned. Colton City Manager **Daryl Parrish** has been appointed Covina City Manager starting June 1. He takes over from Interim City Manager **Cynthia Kurtz**, who filled in after **Paul Phillips** was released. Daryl has been Colton's City Manager for 8-years. In an agreement with San Jose City Manager **Debra Figone**, San Jose's Director of Emergency Services **Kimberly Shunk** will leave her post as a budget cutting measure. Kimberly came to San Jose in 2006 after serving in Oakland as Assistant Emergency Services Manager. Long-time California State University, Long Beach political science professor Dr. **Leroy C. Hardy**, who worked as a consultant to the State for past reapportionments, died last November at the age of 81. He joined the CSULB campus in 1953 and retired in 1986 and became political science professor emeritus. In March, 2007 **Robert L. Kleinert**, Tiburon Town Manager for 26-years, died as a result of a heart attack at his home in Rocklin. He was 73 and had retired from Tiburon in 2000. Former Finance Director **Carol Jacobs** is the new Stanton City Manager following the retirement of **Jake Wager**, Orange County Register writer **Adam Maxwell Townsend** tells us. Carol has long been an active member of the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers' (CSMFO). **Shelley Ovrorn**, daughter to former city managers **Bud Ovrorn** and **Denise Ovrorn**, is a member of City Manager **Fran Delach**'s staff team working Azusa Human Resources. Shelley is the proud Mom, and Bud and Denise are the proud Grandparents of 19 month old Zackary. Loma Linda City Manager since February, 2001 **Dennis Holloway**, 63, is retiring at the end of June. Dennis previously was City Manager in San Jacinto, Calimesa and Holtville. He is also a former South Pasadena Finance Director. Brookings, Oregon City Manager **Gary Milliman**, a former California City Manager in Cotati, Fort Bragg and South Gate, is recovering from successful triple-bypass heart surgery on Friday afternoon, May 1. Gary came through the surgical procedure quite well. He expected to be out of the office for six weeks. Rosemead Interim City Manager **Jeff Stewart** has reported for duty as the Los Alamitos City Manager. Jeff is the fourth Los Alamitos City Manager since 2006. Costa Mesa Development Services Director **Donald D. Lamm**, 56, is the new Westminster City Manager following **Ray Silver**'s retirement.



Rosemead alumni, L to R: **Bill Crowe**, **Brad Johnson**, **Jeff Stewart**, **Bob Kress**, **Frank G. Tripepi**, and **Don Wagner**.

La Mirada City Manager **Tom Robinson** coined the word "*Splashacular*" while discussing the success of the \$38 million La Mirada swimming complex that includes a family fun area called "Buccaneer Bay," a 25-yard instructional pool and a 50 meter competitive pool and spa. New Covina City Manager **Daryl Parrish** coins the term: "Performance magic." Daryl says that it is "magic that occurs when you take institutional knowledge and combine it with fresh ideas." Parks and Recreation Director **Cathy Burroughs** has been appointed Interim City Manager to take over for 85-year old **Charles Martin** in Temple City. He has held both the City Manager and City Attorney positions since 2005. Charlie has had a 50-plus year city government career starting in 1954 when he became San Marino's City Prosecutor. Norco City Manager **Jeff Allred** has been appointed Rosemead City Manager. Prior to Norco he worked in staff positions in La Verne, Downey, El Monte and West Covina. Assistant City Manager **Matt Hawkesworth** will service as Acting City Manager until Jeff reports June 15. **Bert Johansson** spent 33 of his 36 years in local government working for the City of St. Helena. He began his St. Helena career as a police officer in 1975 and worked his way up to Chief of Police. In 2003 he was appointed City Manager. Bert retired at the end of April, 2009. Newport Beach City Manager **Homer Bludau**, 63, has announced that he will retire in September. Homer will close out a 32-year public service career. Starting on the staff in Yuma, Arizona, he was appointed City Manager in Avenal, Arizona in 1980. He went on to serve as City Manager in Rialto and Coronado before coming to Newport Beach for the past 10-years. Colton Assistant City Manager **Mark Nuaimi** is the Mayor of Fontana.

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