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ost people think of him as the buttoned-up suit who lectures on the state of the local economy. That's because John Husing has spent 45 years making himself the authority on all matters economic as they relate to the Inland Empire, and his prolific pronouncements and appearances reinforce that impression. But that image belies the adventurer in Husing who has traveled to 56 different countries, including the unexplored jungles of New Guinea. He has trekked over most of Africa and hiked over the Himalayas from Nepal into Tibet. And that's just for fun. His prior work experience is equally interesting: he has managed a Nevada casino, run for Congress, taught college, and managed a white water rafting company. Husing would be the first to admit that prognostication is a fine art, but who could've predicted that this Indiana Jones character would ultimately make his mark at a podium in a suit? **BY**

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