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Former El Monte Assistant City Administrator

Matt Weintraub with retired City Manager

Greg Korduner, who most recently completed an Interim City Manager assignment in Los Alamitos, and retired as the Huntington Park City Manager.

They participated in the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council Ride the COLT Chatsworth Orange Line Tour on Sunday, June 8, 2014. Matt is a member of the Neighborhood Council.

City Managers with a Gilroy Connection

In 1794, **John Cameron** was born in Scotland. At the age of 19 John traveled from the British Isles, using his mother's maiden name of Gilroy, and arrived in <u>Monterey</u> in 1814. He was baptized at the Spanish mission at Carmel in 1817, and took the name of **Juan Bautista Gilroy**. In Rancho San Ysidro he was hired by **Ygnacio Ortega** as a barrel maker. He married **Clara Ortega** in 1821, and then the Gilroys had 17 children, of which only nine survived.

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History shows that the first wagon train to successfully cross the continental divide and survive to get to California left Council Bluffs, lowa in 1843. In the winter of 1843-1844 the settlers made their way over Donner Summit in the North Tahoe area, five years before the Donner party met disaster in the same area. Among the 1843 group was the Martin family who were the first Americans to settle in the Gilroy area.



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Lyle Defenbaugh, CalTrust

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Dave Carmany, La Puente

Ken Bayless, Retired, Greater L.A. Vector Control District Kevin O'Rourke, KOLGS/PARS

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Judie & Mike Sedell, Retired Simi Valley City Manager

In 1850, Gilroy was a stage stop along the <u>San Jose</u> to <u>Monterey</u> stage rout. By the time <u>Gilroy</u> incorporated in 1867, it was the third largest community in Santa Clara County with a brewery, a flouring mill, and a distillery. The railroad arrived in <u>Gilroy</u> in 1869 and the community became the hub of the south Santa Clara Valley. In the 1860s and 1870s, the folks in Gilroy became known for raising horses.

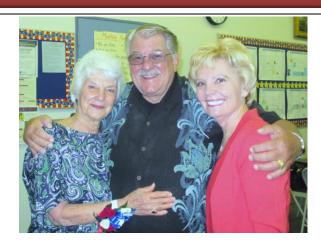
Gilroy Hot Springs was discovered in 1865, and was developed into one of the leading West Coast resorts for that time, offering swimming, mineral baths, mud baths, massage, and health drinks along with hiking, fishing, and hunting.

"Cattle King" Henry Miller, began buying land in and around Gilroy in 1863. Henry eventually owned about 1.5 million acres of cattle land in California, Oregon, and Nevada. The 26,000 acres he owned in the Gilroy area included the Bloomfield Farm and the Miller summer home on Mt. Madonna, which is now a county park.

The City of <u>Gilroy</u> was incorporated on March 12, 1870. In the 1870s <u>Gilroy</u> earned the reputation of being the tobacco capitol of the United States. The world's largest cigar factory which produced over 1 million cigars each month, was developed in <u>Gilroy</u>. Dairying and cheese making became the industry of the 1880s when the Swiss and other middle-Europeans came to town, and <u>Gilroy</u>'s title changed to the Dairy and Cheese Capitol of California.



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Jerry Gonsalves, Trackdown's Jack Simpson and Michelle Gonsalves at the 2014 "Gonsalves Day" celebration at Joe A. Gonsalves Elementary School. Jerry is the widow of Joe A. Gonsalves, a former Mayor, Assembly Member and founder of the Joe A. Gonsalves & Son professional representation firm in Sacramento. Michelle is the widow of Joe's brother Jack Gonsalves, who was a dairyman and developer, and was a former member of the Cerritos Planning Commission. Jack and former Artesia Mayor David Seldeen were partners in the Jada Square development in Hawaiian Gardens.

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Gilroy continued to modify its identity with the arrival of the French prune in the 1890s. This led to acres of hay and grain being turned into orchards. Apples, apricots, cherries, peaches, pears, plums, and all kinds of nut crops were grown along with the prunes. During the 1920s and 1930s Gilroy became known as the *Prune Capitol of California*. At about the turn-of-thecentury, Italians and other southern-Europeans settled in Gilroy and brought row crop farming. Tomatoes, peppers, onions, and garlic were grown, canned or dehydrated in Gilroy.

With the arrival of Japanese farmers about World War I, garlic was grown for the commercial market in large quantities. The Gilroy Garlic Festival was started in 1979 and has an annual attendance of more than 130,000. The festival has earned more than \$2 million for the community and has earned Gilroy the title of Garlic Capitol of the World.



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A blast from the past!

Debti Chase Manley and Debra Van Zant Henderson, members of the <u>Bellflower</u> staff in the 1980s. Debbi has retired & Debra works for <u>Santa Clarita!</u> Picture taken in November, 1988

Marshall Warren Julian (1922 - 2014)

By **Howard L. Chambers**, <u>Lakewood</u> City Manager



Marshall Julian was my first City Administrator boss, He plucked me from relative obscurity in Lakewood's recreation department to be his aide. He was bright, introspective, hard-working, committed to making life better at the city level. I learned

a lot from him, and owe him much. Rest in peace!

Marshall Warren Julian of Long Beach, California passed away on May 23, 2014 with his wife by his side. He was born April 8, 1922 in Long Beach, California. He was raised in Long Beach, graduating in 1940 from LB Poly High School where he ran track and cross country and was a member of Comus Men's Club. He attended Long Beach City College and the University of California, Berkeley earning a BA in Public Administration. Marshall continued his studies at USC earning an MPA, while working for Los Angeles as an aide to Mayor Fletcher Bowron. Marshall later worked as City Manager for the Cities of Lakewood and San Bernardino.

Marshall served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in World War II, and retired as a Colonel. Marshall was a humorist who enjoyed reading, big band music and spending time with his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Janice, 6 children, 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He is missed by all who knew him!



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<u>Gilroy</u> is in Santa Clara County. One of <u>Gilroy</u>'s famous athletes in **Jeff Garcia**, who is a former NFL quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers, Cleveland Browns, Detroit Lions, Philadelphia Eagles, and Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Jeff is a <u>Gilroy</u> notable.

Current Gilroy City Manager Thomas J. Haglund began his public management career as a District Executive for the Boy Scouts of America in Oregon between 1984 and 1989. In 1989 he took a Grocery Manager position in Alaska. In 1991 Tom took a Legislative Assistant position with the League of Oregon Cities. In 1992 he became the Development Director of Food Lifeline in Washington for a short time, and later that year (1992) he came to California when he was appointed Special Project Manager in Galt. In 1994 Tom was hired to serve as an Administrative Analyst in Hanford, and he was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager in 1996. Tom served in Hanford until 2002 when he was appointed Assistant City Manager in Brentwood. In 2003 he returned to Hanford as Deputy City Manager where he worked for 5year before his appointment to the Gilroy City Administrator post in 2008. Tom earned a BS and MPA from Portland State University. In 2012 he was the recipient of a 20-year ICMA Service Award.





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Jay M. Baksa began his local government career in 1973 as an Administrative Intern in Williamsburg, Virginia. In 1974 Jay was hired as Administrative Assistant in Montrose, Colorado and he worked in that position until 1975. In 1975 he was appointed Assistant City Manager in Delaware, Ohio where he worked until 1978 when he was selected to serve as the Cortez, Colorado City Manager. In 1983 Jay was recruited to serve as the City Administrator of the City of Gilroy. Jay served as the Gilroy City Administrator for the next 25-years (1983-2008). He retired in 2008. His public service career spanning some 33 and a half years. Jay earned a BA from Ohio Wesleyan University, and an MPA from the University of Kansas. In 2004 Jay was the recipient of a 30-year ICMA Service Award. He has served as an ICMA Range Rider since 2007. Jay is an ICMA Life Member. At the time of his retirement in 2008, Jay planned to continue living in Gilroy and continue coaching the Gilroy High School Junior Varsity basketball team. He also looked forward to spending some time traveling and doing extensive study on his long-term interest: the American Civil War. Upon his retirement, then-Mountain View City Manager Kevin Duggan, who currently serves as a Regional Manager for ICMA, said: "Jay is one of the most respected city managers in the Bay Area. He is highly regarded not only for his long and outstanding service to Gilroy, but his leadership on many area wide initiatives. He is respected by his city manager colleagues for his professional knowledge and skill as well as the positive and constructive manner in which he works with others to find solutions to benefit Gilroy and the region. His professional commitment and contributions to the Gilroy community is a great example for all of us in the city management profession."

"Stop and smell the garlic! That's all you have to do." --Canadian Actor **William Shatner**



Members of the Governing Board of the Pivot Charter Schools, retired <u>Indio</u> City Manager **Glenn Southard**; **Cory Black**, a public affairs consultant; and **James Lewis**, <u>Pismo Beach</u> City Manager at a recent Pivot Charter Schools graduation ceremony.

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"No one is indifferent to garlic. People either love it or hate it, and most good cooks seem to belong in the first group." - Cookbook Author **Faye Levy**



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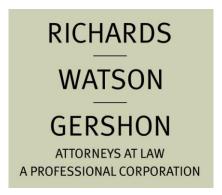
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Anna Jatczak began her public service career in 2001 when she joined the San Jose city staff. After working in a variety of position over a 16-year period, Anna was appointed Assistant City Administrator in Gilroy in 2006, and she served in that post for about 3-years. After working as an open space consultant for less than an year in 2009, Anna took the Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer position in Lincoln. She lived and worked in Lincoln until she was recently appointed Administrative Services Manager for the Menlo Park Fire Protection District.



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Shawna Serna, former City Clerk for <u>San Juan Bautista</u> was appointed Gilroy City Clerk in 2007 when **Rhonda Pellin** retired. When Shawna became the new City Clerk for the City of <u>Gilroy</u> it

was not the only change in Shawna's life at the time. Shawna married **Scott Freels** in Yosemite, and spent her honeymoon in Ireland. **Shawna Freels** began a new job as <u>Gilroy</u>'s new City Clerk and her marriage nearly at the same time. She served as the Conference Exhibitor Coordinator for the 41st Annual Conference of the City Clerks Association of California (CCAC) in <u>Pasadena</u>. Shawna serves as a member of the CCAC Board, as the Northern Division Professional Development Representative. She achieved an MMC designation in 2012.



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In 1994, former <u>Artesia</u> City Manager **Jim Barisic** founded Brandywine with a business plan to help revitalize established neighborhoods and to convert existing underutilized space into needed housing.

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Christina Turner, the Gilroy Finance Director, served on a panel with Gilroy Human Resources Director/Risk Manager **LeeAnn McPhillips** at the

2011 California Public Employers Labor Relations Association (CALPELRA) Conference entitled Fact-Based Bargaining In A Concession Bargaining Environment. <u>Gilroy</u> has successfully negotiated several rounds of concessions, tackling both short-term cash flow and long-term structural issues, including implementing second-tier retirement benefits and shifting substantial retirement costs from the city to employees.

Other names that jumped out when we were looking at Gilroy include:

LeeAnn McPhillips, Human Resources Director/Risk Manager, current President of the League of California Cities Personnel and Employee Relations Department

Rhonda Pellin, former City Clerk (2010): served on the Board of the Northern California City Clerks Association (2005-06, & 2007); retired in 2007.

Kristi Abrams, PE, Community Development Director;

Rick Smelser, Engineering Director; went to the University of California, Davis, Gilroy City Engineer;

Cindy Murphy, former Finance Director;



And, we would feel remise if we did not acknowledge semiretired <u>San Pablo</u> City Manager **Brock Arner**'s little girl, **Melanie Arner Corona**, who is among

the Gilroy Leadership Education Foundation Alumni Class of 2012. Melonie was a big help to the California City Management Foundation with the group's first few annual CCMF dinners during the League of California Cities City Managers' Department Meetings. Melonie worked as an Associate with Piper Jaffray in San Francisco during that time. Currently, Melanie has been a Marketing Manager for Management Partners starting in January, 2013, and she has been a Coordinator with the Gilroy Downtown Business Association since 2011. She earned a BA and MA from Sonoma State University, and attended California State University, Bakersfield. Melanie played on the Sonoma State Women's Basketball Team. She is a graduate of Sonoma Valley High School in Sonoma. Her Dad Brock served as the Sonoma City Manager for about 15-years, between 1979 and 1994. Melanie married Matt Corona in 2004. Melanie was 3-vears old when her father Brock was appointed to the Sonoma City Manager post in 1979. He had been the Director of Administrative Services in Los Alamitos, joining that staff after concluding his deployment in Vietnam. Melanie's contributions to California City Managers is appreciated.

We hope you enjoyed this issue with the <u>Gilroy</u> focus. We apologize to those we missed who should have been acknowledged too. Please let us know if we goofed and we will try to make amends. Cheers!



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Picking Up the Pieces: Recently retired Navy Captain **Clifford M. Maurer**, 51, has been appointed to serve as the

Public Services Director for the City of Coronado. He has a nearly 30-years Naval career as a Civil Engineer Corps officer. Coronado City Manager Blair King said the Cliff has extensive experience in public works management, maintenance, construction and service contracting, environmental engineering and strategic planning. He is a U.S. Naval Academy graduate and earned a MS in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. Arcata City Manager Randy Mendosa announced in February that he plans to retire in July. Randy has also served as the Arcata Police Chief for more than 20-years. He was appointed City Manager in 2008. Arcata is in the process of recruiting a new City Manager. Long Beach Airport Director Mario Rodriguez has taken the Executive Director position for the Indianapolis Airport Authority in Indiana. Long Beach Deputy City Manager Reginald "Reggie" Harrison is filling in behind Mario's leaving to serve as the Interim Airport Director at the Long Beach Airport (LGB). Pat West is the Long Beach City Manager. Since the May dismissal of Twentynine Palms City Manager Joe Guzzetta, Finance Officer Ron Peck has served as Acting City Manager. The appointment of an Interim City Manager is being considered. Lodi City Attorney **Steve Schwabauer**, a native of <u>Ventura</u>, is the new Lodi City Manager. Steve has served as the Lodi City Attorney since 2004, and he was the Deputy City Attorney for five-years previous to his appointment. He earned a BA from the University of California, Davis and earned his law degree from the University of California, Berkeley. <u>Upland</u> City Manager Stephen Dunn has announced his retirement effective June 30. Stephen has served as the <u>Upland</u> City Manager since 2011 after serving in an interim capacity. He is a former Finance Director, coming to <u>Upland</u> in that post in 2001. He previously worked for Fontana and Buena Park. Pico Rivera has hired Huntington Park City Manager Rene Bobadilla to serve as its' new City Manager. He will report to <u>Pico Rivera</u> June 27. Rene replaces City Manager Ron Bates, who has retired and has been working without compensation since November, 2012. Rene has served in Huntington Park since September, 2012. Prior to that he was the El Monte City Manager. Jay Panzica is the new City Treasurer and Chief Financial Executive in Roseville. Jay will started his new job June 2. He has been serving as the Chief Financial Officer in the City of Ventura for the past 9-years. He earned a BA from Michigan

State University and an MBA in finance from Wayne State University. The Roseville City Manager is Ray Kerridge. Retired Fairfield City Manager Kevin O'Rourke of PARS is a member of the California Conservation Corps Foundation Board. He has been associated with the CCC for more than 30-years. Kevin reminds everyone that the CCC Foundation Chili & Barbecue fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, June 14 at 22222 Hwy 1, Marshall, California 94940. Bill Garrett, retired El Cajon City Manager and former Executive Director of the California City Management Foundation, currently serves as the President of the Governing Board for the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District. The District operates two colleges: Grossmont College and Cuyamaca College. They serve about 30,000 students each year. Grossmont began classes in 1961, and Cuyamaca was built in 1978. Urban Futures President Michael Busch joined the firm in 2007 after a impressive career in city government working as a Chief Financial Officer, City Treasurer and Deputy City Manager. In March, 2014 he was appointed the Chief Executive Officer of the firm. He has served as an Adjunct Faculty member for the School of Policy, Planning and Development at the University of Southern California (USC). He worked for the Cities of Claremont, India and Lancaster. Colton Chief of Police Steve Ward has been appointed Acting City Manager during the time City Manager Stephen J. Compton, 60, is on paid administrative leave. Steve joined the Colton staff in March, 2013. He is a former Assistant City Manager in Ridgecrest and worked as Interim Accounting Manager in Fountain Valley, Retired La Verne City Manager Martin Lomeli met with the Upland City Council while considering the appointment of an Interim City Manager. In 2011 Marty completed an Interim City Manager assignment in <u>Irwindale</u>. He served as the City Manager in La Verne between 1987 and 2010 when he retired. Upland City Manager Stephen Dunn has announced that he will retired effective June 30. Former Carson City Administrator David Biggs has been selected to serve as the next Hercules City Manager. David has held staff positions in the Cities of Santa Ana, Long Beach, Morgan Hill, Huntington Beach, Redondo Beach, and he served as City Manager in **Tustin** and as interim in **Montebello**.







<u>Coronado</u> resident **Kellee Simpson Hearther** is shown saying, "Look at me! I am at Vidal Junction!



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Location: Tree Dedication: Ruth R. Caruthers Park

10500 E. Flora Vista Street Bellflower, California, 90706. Followed immediately by:

Celebration of Life: Simms Park Recreation Center

16614 Clark Avenue

Bellflower, California, 90706



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League of California Cities Opposes the Efforts of Assembly Member Jimmy Gomez to Ban "Contracting Out"

Though the League of California Cities opposed HR Resolution 29, authored by Los Angeles Assembly Member **Jimmy Gomez** of the 51st District, who was elected to the Assembly in November, 2012, it has won approval of the California State Assembly. HR Resolution 29 denouncing the practice of outsourcing government services, a employee union objective. This outsourcing ban may apply to refuse disposal, traffic signal maintenance, street tree trimming, professional services like engineering, architecture, building & safety, and legal representation. This may threaten the ability of many communities to survive as incorporated cities. As a resident of Los Angeles, a metropolis with a population larger than many States, does not understand "local government." Assembly Member Gomez has previously worked for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), the National League of Cities, and the Democratic National Committee. The League points out that the Resolution undermines the democratic process and representative government, because legislators lose the opportunity to make an informed decision about the impacts of specific legislation. Local governments have a long history of addressing service delivery challenges with creativity, selfreliance and innovation. Local elected officials are held accountable for these carefully thought out financial decisions. Making "contracting out" illegal will endanger the ability of local elected officials to apply the principles of "home rule" & "local control. The State has taken a number of actions to reduce local government revenues, and now the State threatens to make local services decisions from Sacramento.

