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Retired City Manager **Frank G. Tripepi** and California Contract Cities Association Executive Director **Sam Olivito**. Frank is a Senior Vice President with Willdan, the parent company **Willdan Financial Services**, a City Manager Newsletter by Trackdown Sponsor. This picture was taken at the May, 2012 Bi-Monthly Fish Luncheon of the Dalmatian-American Club of San Pedro. **Wesley Wolf** of **Wolf & Company** and Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney **Eric Harmon** also attended the luncheon program. Eric is a candidate for Judge, Seat 114.

## **Another "Thread" From Rialto to Loomis; Pudinski to Angelocci**

Following the distribution of our first "follow the thread" piece of "Wade to Darrell" we received some encouraging notes from some of our readers. This approach allows the mixing of current and future managers with the managers of the past. Certainly, it is a haphazard technique: you never know what is coming next, but there might be some reading enjoyment in that fact alone. This is our second "follow the thread" piece, and we hope it receives positive comment like our first one. We start this "thread" with former Rialto City Manager **Walter Pudinski** and meander along until we reach Loomis Town Manager **Richard A. Angelocci**. We hope that you enjoy the journey.


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## From Rialto to Loomis; Pudinski to Angelocci

We try to include as many of those who have served as city managers as possible. Due to no fault of the organization, sometimes there is a lack of information in the ICMA Who's Who Directory, especially about non-members. We do our best to include non-members and former members. We hope that you enjoy following the "thread" in this presentation.

**Walter Pudinski** served with the California Highway Patrol starting in 1951 as a motorcycle patrolman. He was the first person to rise through the CHP ranks to reach the top position. He was appointed to the California Highway Patrol Commissioner post by then-Governor **Ronald Reagan** in 1972, succeeding Commissioner **Harold W. Sullivan**. Walter was 46-years old at the time; the youngest Commissioner ever. **Dante Lanza** was appointed by Governor Reagan to fill the post when Walter resigned in November, 1974. While Commissioner, Walter was the first chief of a statewide traffic enforcement organization to accept women into the patrol as traffic officers. Walter was appointed City Administrator in the City of Rialto in 1977 and served there until November, 1985. He authored an article included in the March, 1982 issue of *Western City* entitled: "Rialto: A Better Way to Finance Growth." He served as President of the Footprinters, Chapter 67 in 1990-1991. **Homer Bludau** took the Rialto City Administrator position after Walter left. Walter earned an AA at San Francisco City College and a BA and MA from California State University, Sacramento.



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Currently the City Administrator in Rialto is **Mike Story**, 55, who joined the city staff in 1985, and has been a Rialto resident since 1981. He has worked for the city 27-years. When Mike was appointed City Administrator he replaced Chief of Police **Mark Kling**, who served as Interim City Administrator from the time **Henry Garcia** left the post to accept the City Manager position in Moreno Valley in February, 2011. Mike joined the Rialto staff as an Associate Planner (1985) and moved up to Senior Planner in 1990, and then Director of Development Services in 2002. Before joining the Rialto staff, Mike started his career as a City Planner in Duarte and then working in planning in the City of Fontana. Mike has coached youth softball and soccer.



**USC** alumni **Kristine Guerrero** of the League of California Cities and City Manager **Mark Alexander** of La Cañada Flintridge helped staff the **USC** Price, Sol Price School of Public Policy, information booth in the "contract cities" display area. Rolling Hills Estates Council Member and Past President of the California Contract Cities Association **Frank V. Zerunyan**, J.D., is the **USC** Price Director of Executive Education.

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**Henry T. Garcia**, 53, replaced Moreno Valley Interim City Manager **William Bopf** in February, 2011. He served as the Rialto City Administrator from 2001. Henry began his public management career in

1981 as an Administrative Assistant in Fontana during the time **Jack Ratelle** served as the Fontana City Manager. He also held positions in Riverside and San Jacinto. Henry served as Azusa City Administrator from 1990 to December, 1997 when he left to accept the Colton City Administrator position. He took over the Colton assignment from Interim City Administrator **Len Wood**. Henry received his BA from the University of California, Riverside in Political Science in 1979 and his MA from the University of California, Los Angeles in Political Science in 1981. In 2001 he attended University of California, Berkeley where he studied "Strategic Management of Public Organizations." In 2004 the he attended the Weldon Cooper School of Public Administration Leadership Program at the University of Virginia. In his spare time, Henry is an adjunct professor of Public Administration for California State University, San Bernardino and also serves as a management consultant for cities and counties where he specializes in team building, executive recruitments, and evaluations of City Managers and City Attorneys. Henry is also an A/Fuel Dragster driver in drag racing competitions.

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San Diego resident, **Jack Ratelle II** began his public service career in 1964 as an Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer in San Diego County. Jack moved to the City of San Diego in 1967 to be an Associate Administrative Analyst in the City Manager's office, and served there until 1970 when he was selected to serve as Assistant City Manager in Chula Vista. Jack moved northerly to become the Fontana City Manager in 1973; a position he held for 14-some years. After leaving Fontana in 1987, Jack served as a Management Consultant for the next 7-years, until 1994. That year Jack was appointed City Manager in Barstow. He served there until 1996 and has been doing Management Consulting since. Jack earned an MPA at California State University, San Diego, and a JD at the University of San Diego. In 2006 he received a 35-year ICMA Service Award.



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**Charles C. "Curt" Mitchell** is the current Barstow City Manager, being appointed in 2011, and **Oliver Chi** is the Assistant City Manager. Curt has an engineering background and began his working career in 1978 as a Senior Field Engineer for Bendix Field Engineering. In 1983 he took a position with National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration as a VLBI Systems Manager. In 1993 Curt served as a Deep Space Network Support Services Manager/Barstow Area Manager for Jet Propulsion Laboratory. In 1998 Curt went to work for the Barstow Community College District as Assistant Superintendent, and Vice President of Administrative Services. In 2004-2005, Curt served as Interim President of the Barstow Community College District. He was appointed Vice President, Business Services for the Riverside Community College District in 2009, and left that post in 2011 when he was selected for the Barstow City Manager post. Curt earned an AA at Barstow College, a BA at Azusa-Pacific University, a BS in Electronic Technology at Chapman University, a MBA from City University, and a special Engineering Management Certificate from California Institute of Technology.



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Barstow Assistant City Manager **Oliver Chi** began his working career as a private sector Field Representative in 1999, and moved up to District Representative in 2000. In 2003 Oliver was hired as a Communications & Marketing Specialist II in the City of Arcadia. He left there in 2004 when he was recruited for a Management Analyst position in Claremont where **Glenn Southard** served as City Manager. In 2005 Oliver was moved to the Assistant to the City Manager post, and in 2006 he joined the Rosemead city staff as the Deputy City Manager/Director of Administrative Services. Oliver served as Interim City Manager in 2007, and was appointed Rosemead City Manager that year. He served in that position until 2009. After doing some interim and consulting work, Oliver was selected to serve as the Barstow Assistant City Manager in 2011. He earned a BA from the University of California, Los Angeles (**UCLA**), and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). Oliver served as the President of MMASC for the 2004-2005 term. He is a former CCMF Board Member.

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**Adel Perriman** and **Samantha Simpson** help out at a AA Pirates Frontier Youth League baseball game at Cerritos Park East. Adel is the Team Mom.

In 1974 **Glenn D. Southard** began his public management career as an Administrative Services Officer in Riverside. Glenn moved to the Assistant to the City Manager position in West Covina in 1981. In 1985 he joined the San Juan Capistrano staff where **Stephen B. Julian** was City Manager as the Assistant City Manager. Glenn was selected to serve as the Claremont City Manager in 1988, a position he held for about the next 17-years. Glenn became the Indio City Manager in 2005 and served there until his retirement in 2010. He earned a BA at San Diego State University and an MPA from California State University, Fullerton. In 2009 Glenn received a 35-year ICMA Service Award. Glenn received an ICMA Program Excellence Award for Collaborative Children and Youth Initiatives in 2001, and he was the recipient of ICMA's In Serving Training Award in Memory of Clarence E. Ridley. He served on the Cal-ICMA Board from 2003 to 2005. Glenn was a long-time member of the CCMF Board.



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Like **Glenn Southard**, **Steve Julian** is another California State University, Fullerton alumnus. In July retired City Manager **Stephen B. Julian** will turn 71-years old. Steve began public management career in 1967 as an Administrative Intern in Garden Grove. In 1968 he joined the La Mirada city staff as an Administrative Assistant, and worked there until 1970. In July, 1971 Steve started in Ontario as an Administrative Assistant, and in December, 1972 he was promoted to Senior Administrative Assistant. In July, 1975 Steve stepped up again in the Ontario staff when he was appointed Assistant City Manager. He left Ontario in 1978 when he was selected to serve as the City Manager in Banning. In 1981 he was recruited to be the City Manager in San Juan Capistrano, where he served for a little more than 11-years. After leaving San Juan Capistrano in 1992, Steve was appointed Interim City Manager in Stanton in 1993. That same year (1993) he took the Dana Point City Manager post, first as "interim." Steve retired from Dana Point in 1996, but came out of retirement in 1999 to serve as Town Manager in Mammoth Lakes, where he served until 2003. In 2005 Steve was appointed City Manager in Coalinga, and he served there until 2008. In 2008 he was selected to be the City Manager in San Juan Bautista (making him, perhaps, the only city manager in modern California history to serve as city manager in two different cities with names that start with "San Juan.") As we previously noted, Steve earned a BA from California State University, Fullerton.

**Forrest W. Henderson** served as the City Manager in Coalinga from September, 1995 until October, 1996, ten years prior to **Steve Julian**. He began his working public management career in December, 1978 as an Intern in Orem, Utah, where he started a climb in that organization: Management Analyst, April, 1979; Senior Management Analyst, June, 1979; and then Assistant City Manager in January, 1981. Forrest moved to California in 1984 to become the Assistant City Administrator in Morro Bay. In 1992, he was appointed Morro Bay City Manager, where he served until June, 1994. In 1995, Forrest was selected to serve as the Coalinga City Manager. After leaving Coalinga one of his work assignments was as Human Resources Director for Inland Star Distribution Centers, Inc. In 2005 Forrest was a speaker at the International Warehouse Logistics Association's Safety & Risk Conference. He earned an AA degree at Pierce College in Los Angeles, and a BS and MPA from Brigham Young University. It appears that Forrest currently lives in Clovis.

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**Alan Christensen**, 50, started as a Management Intern in May, 1988 in the City of Rohnert Park. In 1989 he took another Management Intern post in Orem, Oregon. He was appointed to a Financial Analyst position in Visalia in 1990 and in 1994 he was appointed City Administrator in Woodlake. In 1996 he was selected to serve as Assistant City Manager in Bakersfield where he worked for some 10-years. In 2006 he was appointed City Manager in Hanford and left that post after about 10 months. In July, 2007 he became the Arvin City Manager and left that assignment in April, 2011. He was selected to serve as the Wasco City Manager in March, 2011 and resigned from that job in April, 2012 in good standing with the City Council. Alan has a BS and an MPA from Brigham Young University like **Forrest W. Henderson**.

**Dan J. Allen** is currently list in the ICMA Who's Who as the Wasco City Manager, but with no background information.



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Starting his public management and service career in 1969 as an Administrative Assistant in Fairfield was retired Wasco City Manager **Larry F. Pennell**. Larry served as the Fairfield Assistant City Manager starting in 1971, but left the city in 1973 when he was appointed City Manager in Benicia where he served until 1979. Larry tried the private sector between 1979 and 1982, the year he was appointed General Manager for the South Placer Municipal Utility District. After about 5-years in that post, Larry was selected to serve as the City Manager in Galt where he served until 1988. After another 3-year walk on the private sector side, Larry was recruited to serve as the Chief Administrative Officer on Modoc County, the most northeasterly of California's counties. Modoc is bounded by the State of Oregon on its north and the State of Nevada on the east. In 1994 Larry was appointed to the Wasco City Manager post, where he served for some-13-years, retiring in 2007. Since you cannot keep a good man down, Larry is currently the Interim General Manager for the Lamont Public Utility District. Larry earned a BA and MA from San Jose State. In 2006 he received a 30-year ICMA Service Award.



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Ten-years after **Larry F. Pennell** left the Galt City Manager post, **Jerry L. Glenn** was appointed to the job. Jerry began his public service career in 1961 as a Chief Technician in Los Angeles. In 1969 he took a Research & Budget Officer position in Glendale and worked there until 1973. That year Jerry was appointed Assistant City Manager in Lodi, and he served in that post for the next 23-years. He was appointed City Manager in Galt in 1998 and served there for about a year. Jerry earned a BA from the University of Redlands and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). Jerry received a 35-year ICMA Service Award in 1997.



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After **Larry F. Pennell** left Galt in 1988 and prior to **Jerry L. Glenn** being appointed Galt City Manager in 1998, **Thomas J. Haglund** served Galt as a Special Project Manager from 1992 until 1994. Tom began his public service career as a District Executive for the Boy Scouts of America in Oregon from 1984 until 1989. He worked as a grocery manager in Arkansas in 1989 and in 1991 he took a Legislative Assistant position with the League of Oregon Cities. He was a Development Director of Food Lifeline in Washington in 1992, and later that year (1992) he was hired to the Special Project Manager position in Galt. Tom joined the Hanford city staff in 1994 as an Administrative Analyst and was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager in 1996. In 2002 Tom was appointed Assistant City Manager in Brentwood and returned to Hanford in 2003 to take the Deputy City Manager position. Tom was appointed to the Gilroy City Administration position in 2008. He has earned a BS and MPA from Portland State University. In 2002 he received a 10-year ICMA Service Award.



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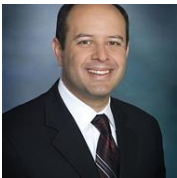


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When **Tom Haglund** was selected for the Gilroy City Administrator post and he left the Hanford staff in 2008, **Hilary M. Straus** was recruited for the Hanford Deputy City Manager position. Hilary began his public service career in 1995 as an Administrative Assistant in Loomis. He was promoted to Administrative Analyst in 1997, and in 1998 he moved to Citrus Heights as a Management Analyst. Hilary was named Senior Management Analyst in 2002, and in 2004 he added the duties of City Administrator for the City of Plymouth, and this dual assignment lasted through 2005. In 2007 Hilary was elevated to Assistant to the City Manager in Citrus Heights. He moved to the Deputy City Manager position in Hanford in 2008. In 2009 they added the duties of Community Development Director to his plate, and in 2010 he was appointed to the Hanford City Manager post. He served in that capacity until 2012. He is a Past President of MMANC (2000-2001), and he is also a Past Chair of Cal-ICMA (2007-2008). Hilary earned a BA from the University of California and an MPA from the University of Southern California (**USC**). In 2006 he received a 10-year ICMA Service Award.

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**Richard A. Angelocci** is the current Town Manager in the town where **Hilary Straus** got his start; the Town of Loomis. Rick spent 23-years with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency starting in 1981. He was the Chief of Operations when he left the agency to work as a consultant between 2004 and 2006. In 2008 Rick was appointed Assistant City Manager in South Lake Tahoe, where he worked until 2011 when he was selected for the Loomis post when Town Manager **Perry Beck** retired. His planning background allows Rick to serve as the town's Planning Director, as well as, in the Town Manager post. Rick earned a BS from Chico State University.

For now, that completes this presentation. Of course we could jump to **Perry Beck** and his La Verne service that would jump, perhaps, to **Marty Lomeli**, but this seems like a good place to conclude for now. Please let us know what you think of this listing format. It is so random!



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**Picking Up The Pieces:** Hanford named former interim City Clerk **Pam McCarthy** to the Interim City Manager post in April. She replaces Interim City Manager **Ron Hoggard**, who resigned to campaign for a Kings County Board of Supervisor's post. **Melanie Arner Corona**, retired City Manager **Brock Arner's** little girl, formerly with Piper Jaffray, is now the Gilroy Downtown Business Association Coordinator. Wasco ACM **Dan J. Allen** is now the Wasco City Manager. Clearlake City Manager **Joan Phillippe** credits Public Works Director **Doug Herren** for the California Boating and Waterways grant the city will use to upgrading boating facilities at Redbud Park. She also credits staff member **Adeline Brown**. City of Anaheim Administrative Analyst **Brad McKinney** is now working as a Senior Administrative Analyst for Claremont City Manager **Tony Ramos**. Fairfax Town Manager **Michael Rock**, 47, is the new Lomita City Manager. His last day in Fairfax is June 22. **Kimberly Hall Barlow** Chairs WTLC, a domestic violence shelter and provider of transitional housing services. The Fullerton Chamber of Commerce presented WTLC with their 2012 Quality of Life Award. Kimberly is the City Attorney for Costa Mesa. Hercules City Manager **Steve Duran** began his career in real estate in 1975. In 1998 he went to work for the San Jose RDA, and in 2002 he became the Richmond Community & Economic Development Director and Executive Director of the Richmond RDA. Steve was appointed Hercules City Manager in October, 2011. A jury has ruled in favor of the City of Colton and against its former Chief of Police **Ken Rulon**, in a wrongful termination lawsuit Ken brought against the city in 2007. Attorney **John Higginbotham**, who defended Colton and its former City Manager **Daryl Parrish**, now the City Manager of Covina, was not surprised by the verdict. Since the dismissal of City Manager **Steve Hallam** in April, 2011 Oakdale has developed a team of interim executives. Interim City Manager **Greg Wellman** and **Stan Feathers** and **Dee Tatum** currently serve the city. **Greg Wellman** retired as the Atwater City Manager in November, 2010, and his ACM **Stan Feathers** was appointed Interim City Manager in Atwater, where he served until April, 2011. **Dee Tatum** is a former Merced County CEO. In February, Forbes released a list of the worst places to live in the country. Six California cities made the list: Sacramento at No. 5; Stockton at No. 11; Merced at No. 15; Bakersfield at No. 17; Vallejo at No. 18; and Modesto at No. 19. Forbes devises their list by looking at the 200 largest metropolitan areas in the country and ranks factors that include: crime, unemployment, foreclosures, taxes, commute times and the success of sports teams. **Englander Knabe & Allen** (EKA) has been ranked by the Los Angeles Business Journal as the largest Los Angeles Based Independent Public Relations Agency. EKA is a strategic communications firms specializing in lobbying, public affairs, issues and crisis

communications and litigation support. Whittier City Manager **Jeff Collier** addressed the Friendly Hills Property Owners Association in Whittier, noting that there are reasons for optimism that the local economy is turning around for the better. Santa Cruz Fire Department Battalion Chief **Mike Venezia** earned a total salary last year of \$229,692, of which \$48,656 was for overtime. Santa Cruz City Manager **Martin Bernal** earned \$187,305. Of course, as in most places, the city manager works long hours, but does not get compensated for overtime. Ridgecrest City Manager **Kurt O. Wilson** is a former member of the Rialto City Council. He is an alumnus of the University of La Verne. Kurt was among the rescue workers providing medical assistance at Ground Zero of the 9-11 terrorist attack. Artesia City Manager **Maria Dadian** has a degree in Sociology from California State University, Los Angeles. She worked in South El Monte and Hawaiian Gardens before joining the Artesia staff in 1994. Maria was appointed Artesia City Manager in 2000. Weed City Administrator **Ronald Stock** previously served as City Manager in Leesburg, Florida and then City Administrator of Lamar, Colorado. He started in Weed in March, 2012.



Boat slip improvement project underway in Long Beach.

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Atascadero Assistant City Manager **Jim Lewis** and his wife **Debi Lewis** at the 79th Annual **USC** Alumni Awards program in April, 2012. Jim is a Past President of MMASC. He currently Chairs a Committee for CCMF on improving communications and utilizing the social media to full potential.



Retired veteran Downey City Manager **Jerry Caton**, former Pasadena City Manager **Cynthia Kurtz**, retired Paramount City Manager and CJPIA Executive Director **Bill Holt**, and Cerritos City Council Member **Jim Edwards** after a memorable session on city managers at the 53rd Annual Municipal Seminar of the *California Contract Cities Association*. Cynthia is a past President of the City Managers' Department of the League of California Cities.

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Millbrae City Manager **Marcia Raines** and **Dr. Bill Mathis** deliberating at a CCMF Board meeting.



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