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Glendale's Watchdog



BUDGET

The four stages of Vanguardians **"First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win."**
Mahatma Gandhi describing the stages of establishment resistance to a winning strategy of nonviolent advocacy



Back to the drawing board for the cuts in the police department budget. The GPD has the handle on overtime and was willing to move two people out of Vice. The two that scour Craigslist looking for prostitutes and react to calls about Poker clubs. Chief DePompa said those really are victimless crimes. If the GPD is willing to admit that then the Council should accept their decision the same way they accepted the Fire Department's decision to reduce one ambulance to Basic Life Support which affects Quality of Life much more than reducing position coverage overtime and staffing with 3 instead of 4. Had the Council followed Chief Philpott's suggestion there would be a \$10,000,000 saving with no degradation in service. However, no one in management or the Council is willing to say, "No," to the fire union.

Here are the questions that the Council should have asked: "Chief, in the last year how many complaints, arrests and convictions have there been for prostitution and gambling?"

A long discussion on the police firing range where all sworn officers – those that carry guns – go to qualify every 2 months or bi-monthly. They go while on duty to reduce overtime. Leaving the City to go to another range would require costly OT and the fact that officers were out of the City. Council should have asked DePompa, "Chief, could you make the range a revenue producer by having civilians with carry permits qualify?"

The budget study session started 25 minutes late costing the City about \$20,000 in staff time and an unknown amount of airtime. Council shows no respect for their constituents or the staff by not starting on time. The cameras should roll so the public can see who is tardy.

City Manager Starbird acknowledged many of the issues mentioned in Vanguard about the state of the economy requiring a broad sweep in terms of cutting revenue. There was no mention of cutting the scads of middle managers or doing away with outside consultants when we, as the PREMIER CITY, have the best staff money can buy. There was no mention of the parceling out the duties of Community Development and Housing to Parks, Planning and Redevelopment. The study session will continue Tuesday morning.

[Despite objections by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger](#), the CalPERS board will limit contribution increases for the next three years that public schools and local public agencies — which include cities, counties and special districts — must pay as a percentage of their payrolls as part of their CalPERS contributions.

The Cities Glendale uses for Comparison are: Anaheim, Burbank, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Inglewood, Long Beach, Pasadena, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Ana, Santa Monica, and Torrance. Here is how some of them are managing their budget issues:

- ✓ Anaheim did great. No deficit. Give credit to Disney, the Angels and the Ducks, the Convention Center, a travel destination and good management.
- ✓ **[Long Beach](#)** will be tackling an estimated \$43.3 million deficit in the city's general fund.
- ✓ **[Pasadena](#)**, the general fund deficit would have increased to \$28 million by Fiscal Year 2014 had it been left unchecked
- ✓ **[San Bernardino](#)**'s woes include a new deficit of nearly \$5 million
- ✓ **[Santa Ana](#)** Budget Deficit \$25M
- ✓ **[Santa Monica](#)** balanced their budget and added police resources
- ✓ **[Torrance](#)** proposes to close a \$4.5million deficit raising fees, imposing modest cuts to programs and redeploying personnel.

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Laurel is finishing a behind the scenes movie and will be back next week. She says Glendale is lucky that they don't have a championship basketball team like the Lakers as the partying would be very expensive.

Council Reporter Laurel Miller

All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good women & men to do nothing

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From the Publisher.... PECKING ORDER OF PRIORITIES



"We get the government we deserve," is what I would have said. But my colleagues said, "We don't deserve this." "But," I said, "We voted for these people. They told us good things. Shoud it be up to us to validate their statements?"

The reader can see where this is going. Several years ago there was a movement to recall Council members because of the American Flag. Governor Davis was recalled because of the state of the State's finances and we replaced him with a celebrity who is in the midst of an even worse scenario than was Gray Davis.

Let's try to put aside who is/was responsible because there is sufficient blame to go all around. It could be the fault of the elected officials, the management they hired, the unions that are pervasive, the

press for their failure to investigate, report and educate, the voters who selfishly wanted what they wanted and then didn't fund it or maybe even the advocates for fiscal responsibility who weren't forceful enough.

Here is an analogy: You paid off the mortgage on your home and after 30 years the house needs repairs on the inside and the out; it needs new furnishings and your income has not kept pace with the cost of living. You refinance and have once again a mortgage like payment that is larger than the original. You borrow to continue to make the monthly payments. The recession hits. You are out of a job. The payments continue. Unemployment doesn't cover it. You could retire but the 401K has lost 40% of its value. Utility rates climb. Gasoline costs more. Health insurance cranks up. You are on your own. Your revenue has dropped. The value of your assets has taken a dump. You are at your wit's end.

Contrast that with a Glendale fireman. Minimal education – no need to repay education loans; guarantee of \$100,000 a year with unlimited overtime; top of the line health insurance; paid holidays; paying in a minimum for a pension while City pays \$18,000 a year; average wages about \$150,000 per year and retirement in 25 years at 90% of the highest year. Each year his pay check increases with a cost of living adjustment and as we just saw the full payment of medical insurance.

Who do you want to be? The fireman works a 24-hour shift 9 days a month with a day off for each 5 he works or 17% paid time off. Or the guy who refied and is waiting for the bank to foreclose?

The City got caught even earlier than the recession of 2008. The deficits began in 2002 according to the CAFR. The City's plight was of their own making.

What are reasonable wages and benefits for any government worker? The FBI gets \$60,000 a year with a degree in Law or Accounting.

Specialty	Average	Lowest	Highest
Primary Care	\$	\$	\$
Family Practice	147,516	111,894	197,025
Internal Medicine	160,318	117,984	205,096

Doctors that save lives make an average of \$147,516 (as shown in the chart) after going into debt while going to school for about 12 years.

Glendale used to have a private ambulance service with EMTs for \$320,000 a year. Why did the City say goodbye to them? Chief Scoggins would do well to look at the number of runs that require medical vs those that require fire suppression. Medical outweighs the former by 10 to 1. He should be looking at ways to support the aging population by working with a hybrid system of shift management and private services.

Distractions keep the public from being aware of what is happening while keeping them from getting involved. What are those distractions that keep the public from asking the meaningful questions? How about the amount of money illegal aliens cost the US? Actually the US makes money on the uncollected Social Security and Medicare payments. No one squawks about the \$50B a year that goes to Mexico for drugs or the \$400B a year that goes back to India from the H1B Visa foreign national employees, the ones that take the real 'money' jobs.

The City borrows money to maintain the infrastructure because the revenues from the well-run GWP are taken for the General Fund. That is why the rates rise.

But Glendale is a City with wealthy taxpayers who recently voted to reduce the rate and pay more money for the Utility Users Tax. Because they want to brag about living in the 'PREMIER CITY' with the finest employees and managers, they will vote Yes on the Fire Department Paramedic Assessment District ballot measure that will be placed by the City Council that is controlled by the City Fire union, and vote Yes on the parcel taxes.

I have watched as the infrastructure decays [see the picture below from Lexington St.], the demise of the database accessible for non-profits to locate grants for the benefit of the City, the demise of the school resource officers and more.

Wake up and look about you...a more realistic salary and benefit program would allow for the purchase of the Verdugo Hills Golf Course, an aquatic center instead of a wading pool, a city wide WiFi, and an award winning Adult Recreation Center.

Then again the image is being kept up by giving developers of affordable housing \$500,000 subsidies for each unit to build them when for \$400,000 the City could buy into the Americana or call any number of Realtors that could find condo's at \$250,000. When you are a 'wealthy' City you can spend more than market.

Instead, you can demand fiscal accountability. You can have a renewed Quality of Life.

BARRY ALLEN

"The American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers that it can bribe the public with the public's money" - [Alexis de Tocqueville](#)

Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. [Albert Einstein](#)

Commentary: [SHAKESPEARE AND THE GLENDALE BUDGET](#)

Commentary II: GNP NEWS STORY ON LEGAL FEES THREATENED BY CITY COUNCIL

For many years residents who lived south of the 134 freeway and wanted to move up the residential ladder voted with their feet. They moved north where the parks are plentiful and the traffic congestions rare.



For decades, the increased density of southern Glendale, with tens of thousands of new residents has been encouraged despite the lack of capital investments for corresponding parkland. Despite my years of advocacy to have the city council address these problems head on, they, and city management have been resistant to making sufficient investments toward addressing that shortage. The answer they've come up with was to provide tiny 1/3 acre lots that fail to address the need for the open space of all residents of the area.

This issue is at the heart of my lawsuit challenging the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that the city approved for downtown. That report granted zoning changes that would result in thousands of new residents without a corresponding increase or preservation of parkland.

Unfortunately for California residents, CEQA law does not demand nor expect that mitigation measures be fulfilled. It only requires that they be acknowledged. The city had acknowledged just such a shortage in the downtown core in the 1996 EIR for the Greater Downtown Strategic Plan and that they would mitigate the shortage with acres of parkland. Yet it failed to meet those objectives. Many other documents highlighted that need but the city council and management have ignored them - even one from a [Blue-Ribbon](#) commission.



I think I know why. For years the city has raised the salaries and benefits of its employee associations so high that they far outstrip all the property tax and sales tax increases from new construction. As such, any parkland that takes up any potential revenue source is anathema to them – less money for pay raises.

My main concern was the preservation and enhancement of at least two acres of green open space that the city already owns – Central Park. The goals and objectives of the 1996 strategic plan were lost in at least three other separate opportunities. Now the last green space located in central park needed to be preserved.

But the city manager insisted in a model for the Adult Recreation Center that took up most of the green space and paves large areas with more parking and concrete driveways. Several options that would have maximized the open space were ignored, even after years of discussions about its future and even after firm commitments during the election of 2005 by four of the sitting councilmen to preserve them.

So the city, instead of fulfilling its own written objectives, to which I was holding them accountable, decided instead to fight me in court. Never mind the loss property tax revenue, never mind the lost hotel occupancy tax, never mind the lost sales tax revenue.

In 2007 between March and June the city racked up around \$500,000 in legal expenses. That's well before they acknowledged the coming recession and well before their decisions to cut libraries and raise utility fees.

Clearly my intention was a moral one. My actions were not intended to do harm. The legal expenses the city incurred were not intended outcomes on my part. They were not even foreseen. But the city's huge legal expenses was foreseen by the city manager and readily approved by the city council. A good case can be made that management was motivated by it.

By racking up huge attorney fees, then intimidating me in public, through the words of David Weaver, they would go after me to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars, The city council and the city manager were, in effect, giving a forewarning to all residents not to attempt another challenge to the city's approved EIRs no matter how unjust they may seem.

By what reasoning would the city attempt to go after me for their legal bills? There is no causal relationship between my actions and the city's huge legal bills. It can't possibly stand scrutiny as doing harm or of having an expectation of harm. But the city's own actions are circumspect – Intimidation to those who would use laws granted to them by the state of California – CEQA - to challenge their failed mitigation assurances.

In the mean time, the city council and management are planning a challenge of their own to the EIR of the Verdugo Hills golf course development in the name of preserving green open spaces.

I wonder how a wise judge would hold the city in regard to this double standard. Would a sufficient number of Glendale residents appreciate these distinctions? It's a moral exercise that those who moved north and silently left behind those problems should ponder.

Herbert Molano

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Total Number of Current and Active Glendale Foreclosures as of June 19, 2009 are: **818**

National Real Estate Trends

1,916,736 Foreclosed Homes
\$172,289 Average Foreclosed Sales Price

California Real Estate Trends

469,218 Foreclosed Homes
\$215,112 Average Foreclosed Sales Price

Foreclosure Moratorium Explained

Recent news headlines have caused confusion by mischaracterizing the new California Foreclosure Prevention Act as a "90-day moratorium" and incorrectly stating that the lender must modify delinquent loans before it begins foreclosure. In reality, the foreclosure process for certain owner-occupied residential first trust deeds has been extended by 90 days, effective June 15, but an exemption is available for lenders with comprehensive loan modification programs as defined by the Act. Under pre-existing law, a lender must wait three months after filing a notice of default before it can file a notice of sale. The new California Foreclosure Prevention Act extending that time frame by another 90 days may not have much practical impact. **CHRISTIAN ARBID**

The writer is a Real Estate Broker and Loss Mitigator. 818.232.7899 Questions Relating to Foreclosures, Short Sales, Saving Your Home, Loan Modifications check out his blog at www.LenderLies.infoEmail Christian at christianarbid@gmail.com and your question will be answered in the next issue of Vanguard.

The only way to make sure people you agree with can speak is to support the rights of people you don't agree with. [ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON](#)

TAKE ACTION – GET INVOLVED – BE INFORMED – SHARE VANGUARD – VOLUNTEER

Moral cowardice that keeps us from speaking our minds is as dangerous to this country as irresponsible talk. The right way is not always the popular and easy way. Standing for right when it is unpopular is a true test of moral character. [Margaret Chase Smith](#)

2 Shout Box

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We get mail: Great editorial in the GNP about Molano, Espiritu and Allen. One of the things I like about you three is that when you come to the lectern you are speaking out about issues that affect the entire community. It isn't about being a NIMBY [Not in my backyard] speaking out about banquet halls, personal quality of life or getting stopped for speeding. You speak to the process on issues that really affect the quality of life. From the broken sidewalks to the

salaries and benefits being the over-riding factor that all of Glendale works to support. Keep up your efforts. Ben Gold

- I am concerned by all of the fuss and fear over cellular towers. Almost everyone has a cell phone and their use is becoming a replacement for the land line phone. This to me is progress. The convenience of these phones is obvious, however, in some areas, particularly the hillside areas, the reception is not good. There is a need to place more towers in areas where this is a problem.

Another subject is: while I watched the design review board the other day; I was appalled at the scrutiny given to one home. The discussion was about whether the owner of the project should have double hung windows (which is not very popular) to match other windows or whether the owner could have a sliding window which he desired in one area of the front of the house.

Seems there is no freedom or respect for individuality and much resistance to progress in this community of Glendale. Everything from color matching garages to cellular phone towers. No one wants to give up their cell phone but heaven forbid there is tower in the area or someone wants to build a bigger house for a growing family or just to have more room (personally I think the latter is just plain envy). Scrutiny and fear seems to be the norm here in Glendale.

Seems everyone wants to control their neighbor and what their neighbor does fearing that change from the status quo is a bad thing.

Instead of being pleased at the progress of more cellular reception in areas where it is needed, the few fear-mongers complain loudly -- using health as the primary reason which, I believe doesn't hold true. I have previously written about the presence of telephone poles all over Glendale and no one complains, so it is my belief that wherever a cell tower is needed it should be allowed. Marlene Walker

- Sunday I noticed that there was a table set up on the City sidewalk near the frog fountain and along Brand in front of the theaters and 4 people handing out (in an aggressive way) flyers for a "free stress test." Do you know if one needs a permit from the City to set up a table on a City Sidewalk and do this? MP

- What was going on at the Alex on Saturday? I saw men that wore long black leather coats, wide belts and jeweled belt buckles. They looked like television portrayals of pimps. And scantily clad women that looked like the TV hookers. What is going on? GJ [ED- Miss Asia USA]



- Article in the GNP makes it seem that Molano is a troublemaker and moreover a loser Sure makes it sound like the city mopped the floor with him? [ED – The City is taking this opportunity to intimidate others that would take a stand. For instance the City is being encouraged to do what Molano did and that is to challenge the EIR for Verdugo Golf Course.]

- Here we go again. I sit and watch the city budget process and it makes me ill. All we heard all through the election process was how safety services would be preserved. Now I see just the opposite occurring. I know it should not surprise me, but I really did think the slate of candidates we elected were sincere. I guess not.

I have written before about the injustice done our community when the council cut police officers from the budget in 2008. Now, in the wake of rising crime and deteriorating economic conditions that will only contribute to further city blight, we see our new council is about to cut our police department yet again.

To expect to share budgetary shortfalls equally amongst all city departments is absurd. How on earth can you compare safety services with those of a planning function? How can you take cops off the street and firemen out of a fire station and leave some artist sitting at a drafting table? To think the way to solve this problem is to have all departments share equally is the most unsophisticated approach to budget balancing I have ever heard of. This is downright irresponsible.

Whether the police union gave up their raises or not is nothing that should factor into the city's responsibility to provide safety services. After all, it is this council that gave them this contract in the first place and from what I hear they are far from the highest paid cops in the county. It is also clearly not the fault of these officers and their families that the city is facing these budget shortfalls. It's just flat out wrong to try to ride out these shortfalls on the backs of our hard working policemen and firemen and to then punish the public at large by cutting our safety services when there are other viable alternatives.

I am a working mom and I appreciate the fact that the libraries and parks are there for my kids. But I also have schools where they can recreate and study and I would much rather see library and park closures than an erosion of our police services. The parks and libraries and proposed swimming pools will not be used if they are not safe! But I am sure there are a lot of other city offices that can be shuttered before even considering the parks and libraries. I sure see a lot of city employees wandering about the civic center. What do they all do? How many cops and firemen do these people represent? How many pot holes can you fill if you cut just one public relations bureaucrat from the government payroll? Lots I bet.

You can't tell me that these new cuts to our police force will not have a direct impact on the safety of this community. Just like you can not so much as insinuate that last year's cuts had no effect. The affects were in fact devastating.

I don't care how you package it. You can say the police department is reinventing itself or maybe working smarter, but the bottom line is you cannot mask the fact this city is reducing police services. We already have one of the smallest forces in the area. What are these people thinking?

I for one do not like it one bit. And I know I speak for a lot of people when I say I am sadly disappointed in our council for throwing their election promises aside so readily. It is inexcusable. DM

Besides the elected officials on the dais, how much money do the others make? [See chart.]

Name/Year	2008 \$	2007 \$	2006 \$
City Mgr Starbird	251,196	242,642	231,770
City Atty Howard	229,348	214,959	204,830
Police Chief Adams	231,926	223,781	212,492
Fire Chief Scoggins	205,342	183,708	182,931
Planning Haghani	176,308	155,755	135,575
GRA Lanzafame	168,529	155,273	141,282
Public Works Zurn	192,204	187,708	172,866
Ass't CM McFall	209,148	205,618	199,518
Ass't CA Garcia	185,028	174,603	158,190



I am not much of a photographer but I took this picture as a quality of life indicator. For many months these traffic cones have been planted where there should be trees on Lexington between Brand and Maryland. This looks ugly. Each of the planter locations is filled with trash. The City Council speaks about a vibrant City. I hope this isn't what they are talking about. I wonder how long it will take to clean this up. Carl R



We get calls: A sad state of affairs is when the front page of the newspapers is taken over by the Lakers. Maybe it is designed to keep our minds off the serious stuff like, "who shot JR?"

- Had the City Council been more circumspect about salaries and benefits maybe the City wouldn't have to be making the cuts that affect our quality of life. Maybe they should have listened to Bruce Philpott about the fire department. Can you imagine a public negotiating session? I believe that there would have been less given away if the public was aware of the deals. I agree with you that Starbird should come clean as to whom he paid performance bonuses.
- You got to just love that Dave Weaver. No one shows up for the budget session and he concludes that every one must agree with the Council. When two or three speakers speak on an issue he concludes that it is not an issue with the public. If a group of homeowners speaks he looks at them as future voters.
- I would like to ride the Beeline but I can't find any routing information. I tried to look at the front destination signs but they aren't always on. I don't have a computer. [ED that is a problem. There are hundreds of thousands of dollars for consultants but not a penny for the routes.]
- Seems strange that the City spends \$25,000 a month for T-Mobile services and wants to prevent them from having good communications in the residential areas.
- A well managed City does not stop programs when people retire. I was amazed that the City is hiring an outside firm to do utility pavement markings because the employee that did it before retired and no one else was cross trained. I read that the senior housing person left several years ago and that program ended when no one was cross trained to take it over. When will the Council realize that Mr. Starbird is not working in the best interests of the people that pay his salary?



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Meetings at the Perkins Bldg (PB) are in the Conference Room at 141 N Glendale Ave.
 Phone numbers are in the 818 area code unless noted otherwise

Monday, June 22

Historical Preservation Commission – 2:00 pm, MSB 548-2140
 Glendale Transportation and Parking Commission – 6:00 pm, CH 548-3960

Tuesday, June 23 All these meetings are at City Hall

9:30 am, City Council RE: Budget Study Session – 548-4844
 2:30 pm, Housing Authority -- 548-2060; Redevelopment Agency 548-2005 **Joint Meeting:** Master Plan for East Side of Brand Blvd; **Joint Meeting** RE: Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA); **Joint Meeting** RE: Variable Rate Demand Certificates of Participation
 6:00 pm, City Council

Wednesday, June 24

Zoning Administrator's Hearing -- 9:30 am, MSB 548-2140
 Civil Service Commission – 5:00 pm, CH 548-2110.

Thursday, June 25

Design Review Board #1 – 5:00 pm, MSB 548-2140



Public Information Requests:

1. Provide the documents and writings demonstrating the number of complaints, arrests and convictions for prostitution by the GPD between July 1, 2008 and June 1, 2009

2. Provide the documents and writings demonstrating the number of complaints, arrests and convictions for gambling by the GPD between July 1, 2008 and June 1, 2009
3. Provide documents and writings evidencing the names of the recipients, the number of recipients and the amount of performance bonuses paid and the total amount since and including 2005 through April 30. As an alternative provide the CM29 forms filed with the finance department in order to request the bonuses. The point of authority is CA Attorney General Opinion 84-1204; 68 Ops Cal Atty Gen 73
4. Documents showing the number of applicants for the fire department for the last request for firefighters or the number of applicants from September 2007 to March 2009. It is our understanding that the GFD hired 13 and only one was released. Documents demonstrating the number of applicants for those positions.
5. Under resolution 08-130 the GFD can charge for certain services performed by the fire suppression companies – Engine and Truck Companies. Provide documents and writings indicating charges and collections for such fees under that resolution for services performed by said Engine and Truck companies.

Sam Engel replied to the following questions:

Q. Windows—this requires a long answer.

On the building code side: All window change outs require a permit, vinyl, wood, and aluminum whatever. Same for method of installation: tear-out, slide in, whatever. This is an industry standard throughout the state.

Contractors that fail to get the permits subject their clients to substantial problems.

On the Zoning side: Window change-outs now require design review. In past years there have been a number of different policies in this matter. Design review standards determine what type of window might be permitted.

Tying the two together: Persons doing window change outs would find out about the design review requirements when they applied for a permit and would be able to negotiate this process as a part of the permitting process. If they try to circumvent the State's permitting requirements and install without getting a permit, they subject themselves to after-the-fact design review requirements. It's best to get the approval first.

With regard to whether or not vinyl windows should be allowed – that's a policy question for Planning staff. They are probably appropriate for some installations and not appropriate for others.



Q. Encroachment of space between curb and sidewalk -- I need more information on the parkway paving question. I know from Vanguard that the guy's name is Hooker. I don't have an address to check on what he did. In some cases, the parkway can be paved, but it requires approval from the City Engineer and an encroachment permit. The City will not pick up the refuse cans unless they are in the street, so I don't know what problem the paving of the parkway is proposing to solve.

Q. Sidewalk Solicitation

If on the public right-of-way, a permit is required, but would likely be denied for any commercial (as opposed to a free-speech i.e. those Abolish the Trilateral Commission guys) venture.

If this was occurring in the private part of the development, or the plaza area, this would require Zoning approval, but would likely NOT be approved, since all commercial activities must be conducted indoors. There is an exception for those kiosks that sell the chotchkes

Police would have to pick this up because we don't have CE staff out on Sundays. They do check for this on the other days of the week, in addition to their other duties.[Mr. Engle – does that mean when the GFD stops traffic and solicits on public streets that they need a permit?]

CalPers Payments by the City of Glendale

Information provided by CalPers

	Safety	Miscellaneous	Total
2007 – 2008	\$11,212,638	\$ 10,691,309	\$21,903,947.
2006 – 2007	\$10,384,547	\$ 9,753,915	\$20,138,462
2005 – 2006	\$10,341,559	\$ 7,454,944	\$17,796,503
2004 – 2005	\$ 9,832,076	\$ -	\$ 9,832,076
2003 – 2004	\$ 2,168,469	\$ -	\$ 2,168,469
2002 – 2003	\$ 586,857	\$ -	\$ 586,867
2001 – 2002	\$ -	\$ -	\$ --
2000 – 2001	\$ -	\$ -	\$ --
1999 – 2000	\$ 658,951	\$ 362,639	\$ 1,021,590
1998 – 1999	\$ 3,165,863	\$ 5,339,750	\$ 8,505,613
1997 – 1998	\$ 2,990,967	\$ 4,617,791	\$ 7,608,758

Amounts in 2007 - 2008 are preliminary.

Employer Contributions for the City of Glendale (ER #0071)

2009-2010 Present Budget Discussion
2008-2009 not available

Medical Insurance	Employee	Family
Blue Cross	\$377.33	\$1,363.23
California Care	\$296.96	\$ 886.90
CIGNA	\$381.05	\$1,001.33
Kaiser	\$333.67	\$ 944.29

This is how much the City pays for Executive Medical Insurance each month. Vision and Dental are separate. Why does the City need 4 plans to administer?

wider effort to update existing policies and ordinances. The one vote in opposition came from Mayor Joe Bernadini. He said the underwear edict "takes away freedom of choice."

7 News Briefs from the neighborhood – Public Safety and More

Aramazd Stepanian is working on a new play for the Luna Theater toward the end of July. The play is, "Sexual Neuroses of our Parents." If your group needs a meeting location contact the Luna Theater on San Fernando Road east of Central. **(818) 545-4005**

[North County Times](#): The only way to resolve the state's \$24 billion shortfall is to reduce state spending, now and for the foreseeable future, say Schwarzenegger and local legislators.

[LA Times](#): The manufacturing sector still has not rebounded from the downturn in the '90s, and the road to recovery is not built on real estate.

[Modesto Bee](#): Cities, counties and other government entities feel the pinch now but expect serious pain for 2010-11 because of pension funds' huge investment losses. Stanislaus County will pay more than \$36 million in pension costs in 2009-10 and the amount could double the following year. The city of Modesto is bracing for a multimillion-dollar increase in its obligations to the California Public Employees' Retirement System next year.

[Daily News](#): Overtime pay for the Los Angeles Fire Department soared 60 percent over the last decade while its ranks grew just 17 percent, but there is no real effort to rein in the expense despite the city's budget crisis, a Daily News analysis found that Los Angeles firefighters now average six times more overtime than their counterparts in Chicago, five times more than in Houston and two times more than in San Diego - a city that has roughly the same ratio of firefighters-to-residents as Los Angeles.

It further found:

- ✓ 56 firefighters earned at least \$100,000 in overtime on top of their annual salaries last year, up from three in 1999 and 10 in 2005.
- ✓ The average Los Angeles firefighter earned about \$36,500 in overtime in 2008, **[Glendale averaged \$40,000.]** compared with \$29,000 in 1999. Their average salary and overtime compensation totaled \$117,000.
- ✓ The department's top earner racked up a total of \$570,276 in overtime in the last three years, including \$206,685 in 2006. His three-year overtime total was nearly double his base salary for that period.
- ✓ Recruits earn overtime for after-hours remedial training "if they feel the need for more time to grasp the skills," a department spokeswoman said.

[California League of Cities](#) on the budget crises: "Long Beach, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Modesto, and Stockton are seeing many layoffs."

The Vallejo City Council did not make any finalized budget cuts this past week but did schedule to do so at their next meeting.

Further projected 2009-2010 cuts in Vallejo include the following:

- 16 sworn police officers laid off
- Development Services director position remains vacant
- Reduce debt service interest payments to two percent
- Elimination of firefighters education incentive
- Put fire inspector into firefighting duties
- Reduce fire vehicle maintenance
- Limited staff leave payouts
- Two non-sworn police staff laid off

This just in: Miss Asia USA 2009 is Geramie Dizon from the Philippines. Dave Weaver, former executive committee member of the producer, will be in Hawaii in July. Miss N Korea didn't win the title. N. Korea plans on testing missiles aimed at Hawaii in July. Coincidence?

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