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## COUNCIL IN DENIAL

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**BREAKING NEWS: VANGUARDIANS AND VANGUARD-USA WEBSITES ARE UP AFTER BEING ATTACKED BY UNKNOWN PARTIES.** The webmaster was successful in re-establishing the web site and is in the process of adding many new features.

**IN AUSTERE TIMES CITY PAYROLL WILL ONLY INCREASE AN 'ESTIMATED' \$1,197,873 FOR SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS ACCORDING TO EMERGENCY ORDINANCES ON THE COUNCIL AGENDA TUESDAY.** From the staff report:  
"...the City and respective employee associations each share the burden of the costs and potential increases in the medical premiums, in accordance with the provisions of the respective Memoranda of Understanding. For the GCEA and GFFA, the City and associations will each pay 50% of the June 1, 2010 increase. For the GPOA, the City pays 75%. For Management (GMA) and Executives, the City pays 90% of the increase. The new rates are reflected in Section 9.3 of the respective Benefits Ordinances."

**DON'T BELIEVE ME WHEN MY LIPS ARE MOVING:** Council candidate Quintero told his voters that the City had \$500,000,000 in reserves so there were no financial difficulties. Quintero sitting as a Council member refused to acknowledge that only \$55,000,000 were in unrestricted funds. Following a warning by the outside auditors the city is faced with complying with GASB (Government Accounting Standards Board) and funding the unfunded liabilities to the tune of \$35,000,000 leaving \$20M left in reserves that fall far short of the Charter requirements. The City booked the \$10,000,000 cost of the Gladys suit to buying land and buildings to make them look good. Presently more money is being spent on attorney fees suing AIG to recover from the City's negligence in constructing a fire road.

**Can you believe a UC Berkeley Athletic coach being paid [\\$2.3M](#)? Money that should go for education!**

**VANGUARDIANS BOARD MEMBER JOHN KRAFT CATCHES THE EAR OF LARRY WILSON OF THE [PASADENA STAR NEWS](#):** "Mr. Kraft had my interest now. He also passed me a list of the 58 current Alhambra employees, from the city manager on down to a fire engineer, who make over \$100,000 annually at their jobs. That's a very long list of police sergeants and fire captains and deputy directors of this and that who fairly soon are still going to be pulling down six figures while pulling their giant motor homes around our wonderful national parks.."

Barry Allen was heard on KPCC giving feedback on Prop 16 requiring a 2/3 vote of the taxpayers before a City spends money on expanding the municipal utility.

**COURT DOCUMENTS** from the following lawsuits can be found on [www.vanguardians.org](http://www.vanguardians.org) home page: Hunter, Ovasapyan, Scholars Academic Foundation, Webber and Topadzhikyan.

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**WONDER WHERE THAT MISSING CHECK IS?** The State Controller may have property that belongs to you. In a recent check online, the Controller has money that a city council member is owed. The City of Glendale, and other names that would be easily recognized, have money just waiting to be claimed.



City will be embarrassed by several events including actions by US Dept. of Justice, an ongoing drain on City financial resources to assuage the ego of an elected official and more employee generated lawsuits... even more issues that will drain the treasury. Simple things like parks that are not ADA compliant and City owned properties that are loaded with friable and non-friable asbestos, lead paint and mold will cost an amount that will further drain the reserves.

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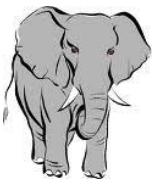
# 1 COMMENTARY

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## From the Publisher...THE ELEPHANTS IN THE ROOM

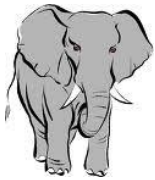


**WHO ARE THE ELEPHANTS? THE ELEPHANTS ARE THE MAJOR ISSUES** that the people seated on the dais choose to ignore while they pontificate on the issues they can understand...fences, gates, compatible views, de novo appeal hearings, distribution of awards, plaques and certificates.

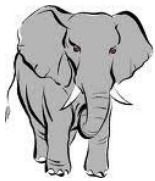


The first elephant is wages. Wages have been and are out-of-control. Council grants them knowing that, in the past, they could expect huge campaign contributions. Today those contributions come in the way of independent expenditures of which there is no limit and which are protected under the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment.

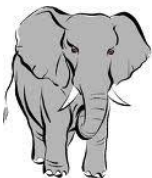
Take some time and read the MOUs (Memorandums of Understanding and you will cringe at what your elected officials have given away. Supervisors getting overtime. Employees who work standard weeks are paid more because they don't get OT.



Pensions are just one benefit. Some City workers pay about 9% of their salary into the pension program while the City pays in 25%. Last year the City's portion was about \$23,000,000. Today you can't pick up a newspaper or watch TV or listen to the radio about what has happened to make the government employee pension systems unsustainable. It used to be that government workers were paid less and received a better pension to make up for the pay. Today pensions are exceeding \$150,000 for government workers.

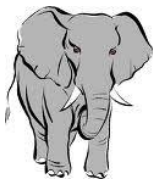


On Tuesday City Council will agree to pay another additional estimated \$1.2M for employee Healthcare From the staff report: "Accordingly the City and respective employee associations each share the burden of the costs and potential increases in the medical premiums, in accordance with the provisions of the respective Memoranda of Understanding. For the GCEA and GFFA, the City and associations will each pay 50% of the June 1, 2010 increase. For the GPOA, the City pays 75%. For Management (GMA) and Executives, the City pays 90% of the increase. The new rates are reflected in Section 9.3 of the respective Benefits Ordinances." This is only to cover the raise in premiums and amount that includes generous taxpayer contributions for families.

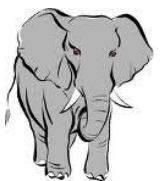


The City is self-insured for Workers Comp injuries. The claims are horrendous and some employees have worked very hard to game the system. One employee has been paid for several years. The City has even refused to provide the nature and locations of injuries lest the public demand accountability and more training or a

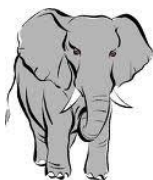
change in supervisors. Recently two firemen were injured because their supervisors didn't follow the OSHA requirement for two firemen outside while two go in. Fire management claimed the fire was insipid while their own reports showed flames coming out of the second floor windows. Then Fire Management lied to the State Fire Marshall claiming, 'no injuries'



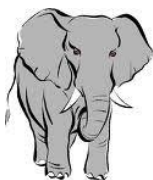
The City has only two employees out of 2450 that are not covered by Civil Service. Civil Service protects the incompetents in the workforce (not many city employees fall in that category). Every employee is entitled to have the Civil Service Commission review discipline an arduous task that usually involves an internal investigation and few or no sanctions that can be applied. An instance, that came out in the lawsuit against the police department by women police officers, was a police officer who was 'backdoor' his porn site to see how much money he was making. He was disciplined because he was putting in OT while working his own business on City computers. We know the expensive outcome of that lawsuit, at least \$6,000,000.



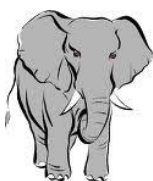
Credit cards have been given to 400 city employees many of whom approve their own charges. Taxpayers pay for breakfast, lunches and dinners; education and certifications; one credit card was used for a personalized boat ring another for a \$300 self congratulatory plaque. This \$6,000,000 a year boondoggle circumvents the purchasing department and does not take advantage of large purchase discounts. Even the Vons and Ralph's points go to individuals. The Council created this dilemma and taxpayers pay for it.



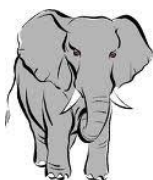
The City Manager said he would borrow all the money he could to live high on the hog today and let the progeny pay for. City Council said, "We approve that message. The taxpayers are on the hook for almost \$500,000,000 (Five Hundred Million Dollars) that has been borrowed. The sad part is that the taxpayers have to pay it all back with about the same amount in interest. That is a billion dollars. Prop 13 didn't cause this dilemma, the people sitting on the dais did. The four-letter word is, 'Bond'. This money paid for a few sewers but basically was used to back-fill the General Fund to pay for 'people' expenses.



Most people don't understand what are unfunded liabilities are. Basically a very simple explanation is when you buy something on time you need to know where the resources are to pay for it. The City does that for such things as lawsuit judgements, pension payments, claims against the city, workers comp payments and more. Even the fire engines are unfunded liabilities as they were obtained using a line of credit or as the poor people know it, on credit. The City has a new ploy, that is to hire outside attorneys to appeal lawsuits the City lost and can't pay for. An appeal could be cheaper than paying a judgement. Win the appeal and just pay the attorneys. Lose the appeal and pay the judgement, additional fees and interest and the hired guns and blame it on a stupid judge. Vanguardians and others have been pointing out this issue for years basing our knowledge on the outside auditors letter.



The City has lawsuits that are generated because they have failed to implement policies that not only discourage discrimination and harassment and retaliation but eliminate it. I have lost count of the police officer lawsuits. Then there are the code enforcement suits, claims that have morphed into lawsuits. It isn't only the court costs and judgements and settlements, it is the cost of outside counsel. I have also lost count of all the city attorneys and staff as that number grows along with the lawsuits. The Risk Management office needs to be more proactive in preventing some of these claims from being blown into costs that require the sale of assets. The Gladys lawsuit could have been settled at the claim level for a third of the judgement and without the attorney fees. Council approves all this in closed session. They are not ignorant of each situation.



Government Employee Unions are killing the taxpayer, not Prop 13 as taxpayers are being led to believe. Private employee Unions had their place in America in improving sweat shop working conditions. Towit Samuel Gompers of the ILGWU (International Ladies Garment Workers Union). Today the number of private sector labor groups is dwindling while Government Labor unions, whose only interests are pay, benefits and pensions, are growing. Government employee labor groups are

covered by the [Meyers-Milias-Brown Act](#) not the National Labor Relations Act as are private sector employees including the post office workers. For union background, [click here](#). The City Unions have done well for their members and the City has done well for it's employees. The only group that doesn't have an advocate is...YOU, the taxpayer that foots the bill.

Is it denial or just plain ignorance? It is a tough decision to balance the books by using up the reserves of which there are only \$55,000,000. Time has been taken up with street signs and bicycle events. Certainly they're wanted but could that time have been better spent by analyzing the financial debacle?

So far those on the dais have decided to raise fees and utility rates; reduce services; put less into capital improvement and to borrow more money. Just look at those sitting on the dais...they represent you and are busy squandering taxpayer dollars to transfer wealth to the workers. This is an issue that many people rise up in arms railing against social services to non-government workers while heaping that same largesse on government workers. But then we all know someone who works for the government and we support them. The Stockholm theory.

Numerous people have been inquiring as to my whereabouts. It is no secret that Vanguardians has taken on the gigantic task of collecting data from 87 cities in LA County to compile the real cost of local government. When complete, the data will be available to all those communities.

I have also been meeting with and training groups in other cities to begin Vanguardians chapters or affiliate with us and to become active in their communities.

I haven't forgotten our template City as it appears the Officials have forgotten their 207,000 constituents.

**BARRY ALLEN**

**PS: Join our team as we review city expenditures**

*Most people want the benefits of an accountable government but are afraid to work for accountability or to support those that do often because they fear retaliation or are the beneficiaries of the largesse or corruption of government*

## **COMMENTARY: IT'S TAPS FOR THE CITY BUDGET**



Ignore a problem long enough and it simply won't go away. That is the underlying story (Council may tap reserve - GNP June 3) behind the suggested transfers from the city's reserves into the General Fund.

Who will stand up with sufficient leadership acumen to face the huge financial problems head-on? For years the city has used the reserves for on-going operating shortfalls or short-term political posturing. These are troubling times where the usual platitudes must now be tested with the reality that, eventually, the over-spending and over-commitments require significant and immediate cost reductions.

For years the city has pretended that the General Fund was under control. This is the fund from which most governmental services, like police, fire, parks and libraries, are distributed. But any good accountant can make the case that this fund has been under-reported. Take the Police Augmentation Fund as an example. All of their activities, payroll, maintenance and operations belong in the General Fund. But since 2004-2005 when the city pulled the money from the reserves, these regular operations have been accounted as if they were separate functions that should be reported elsewhere. The implication on the reserves can't be ignored. An understated General Fund means that the minimum reserve required by the city Charter as a percentage of that General Fund is also understated.

For many years the city's Paramedic operations has been hemorrhaging money. When it was a privately contracted operation, the city's cost was minuscule. As a government-run entity its costs have grown from \$3 million in 2001 to nearly \$13 million by 2009. The difference between what insurance companies are willing to pay and what the GFD considers its costs is drawn from the General Fund.

The city's Workers Compensation Insurance Fund had claims of \$11.2 million in 2009 up more than 30% from 2001 levels. Other employee benefits that commit the taxpayers with real and expanding obligations are now

accounted for separately under the internal service funds. To me, the whole rationale behind a rainy-day reserve has been whittled down continually in the last decade as payroll expenditures continue to climb relentlessly.

The city's workforce demographic reports shows a large increase in the number of employees (up by more than 30%) that make up the city's management staff. Can anyone claim that adding bureaucratic layers would make the city more financially sound?

A true leader would demand a public recognition of the root of the problem - The city's failure at transparency and its inability to face up to its run-away payroll, compensation and benefit costs.

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<http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/admin-svcs/20002001/fire.pdf>

**Workforce Demographics:** Increase in mid-management from 167 employees in 1999 to 233 employees in 2009. See link:

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**COMMENTARY II: WE AIN'T GOT NO MONEY**

According to Councilman Weaver, the city simply doesn't have the money. He was replying to the comments made by Councilmen Drayman and Quintero as they put forth their vision of Foothill Blvd that would meet the design and quality challenge evident by the beautiful capital improvement completed by the Los Angeles County in La Crescenta and the gorgeous green boulevard at La Cañada/Flintridge.

Weaver should have composed a medley of Ain'ts:

"Ain't got the taxes, Ain't got reserves, Ain't got the good times, Ain't got no clue."

The public could then sing the background chorus as Weaver sings his tune.

"You ain't got no candor, ain't got no truth, ain't got no moral consideration.  
Wooooo. Cause your momma has taken all the dough and left us in consternation."

Weaver left the council chambers early, after what he might have thought as the sale of the frugal city concept, too poor to invest a nickel in capital improvements. Let's see how he gets to remember that frugal theme when it comes to the city employee union's benefit-enhancement initiatives this Tuesday. They raked in hundreds of additional millions in pay this past decade in what may be one of the largest wealth transfers in the city's history. But they can't get enough. It's that time of the year when the police and fire departments get into action pursuing their life-long pursuit: More money! More Benefits! Less work!

Tuesday evening just like all the other Tuesdays at city hall. A poorly informed audience getting panoply of confuse-ication from the city staff. We had the quarterly financial status presentation posing as dignified visual reports, but, in essence, just meaningless gibberish posing as information.

Had there been any candor, and had City Manager Starbird permitted the finance department to inform the public, Weaver's comments and the financial report could have been presented thus:

Weaver: On the Foothill Blvd infrastructure improvements: "There just isn't enough money."

**Finance: "Yes, Mr. Weaver, there isn't enough money. In 2001 you approved a pension to police and fire employees that allows them to retire with up to 90% of their highest annual pay. In fact they can now get paid for five extra years without work. Today the city must add 25% to their pay and send it to CalPERS."**

Weaver: On why we can't put power-lines underground "That's an extremely expensive undertaking."

**Finance. "The pension benefits given to the rest of the city employees in 2005 increased the city's unfunded pension obligations by hundreds of millions of dollars. In fact, if I retire at 55, I'll probably get an additional one million dollars in retirement pay. By the way, thank you so much. But it**

does mean that we can't move those power-poles and overhead transformers underground without going into more debt. By the way, did I say thank you?"

Weaver: On why people come to city council: "It's all about money."

Finance: "Yes, Mr. Weaver. If we had shown you the ten-year trends on payroll, you'd have seen how the city's payroll expenses have grown steadily each year and now stands at 50% greater than in 2000. Pension expenses are now over 300% and other benefits over 500% I agree with you, Mr. Weaver, It's all about the money and the choices we make. Instead of improving the city's infrastructure with tax revenues, what we did was make every fireman, every policeman, and every city manager a millionaire, some, several times over. All they need to do now is wait for retirement."

Weaver: In reference to the Northwest Homeowners request for urban improvements: "Now you are really hitting us."

Finance: "Councilman Weaver, wait until CalPERS really starts hitting us. New estimates are that we've only started to feel the increases in the pension payments the city will have to make. Those payments may double. Pretty soon all the city's tax revenues will go to salary, pension obligations, other employee benefits and interest payments on the debt. Come to think of it, I believe it already has. Any ideas on how you'd fix this?"

Weaver: Sorry, gotta go. Got friends waiting - Messrs Daniels, Beam and Walker, and I ain't got that kind of time.

**HERBERT MOLANO**

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

### 2 Shout Box

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#### YES ON PROPOSITION 16



There is a comic book element to the debate for and against proposition 16. But this is not the kind of comic book where there is a villain and a superhero; this is more like Mad Magazine and their episodes of Spy Vs Spy

For those unfamiliar with the antics of these counter spies, each tries to concoct elaborate plans to cause the demise of the other. Yet, somehow, both spies prevail to fight another day.

For the electricity consumer, until he starts generating his own power, he will be at the mercy of one monopoly or the other. Both the Investor Owned Utility and the Public Utility behave toward the consumers like the monopolies that they are. In some parts of California, the claims are that PG&E is not trustworthy or that the less consumption by the public, the more profitable they are. That's why some communities add up-to a 10% utility tax so that cities can pay for general purpose projects and services.

On the other hand Public utilities are to be held as the good guys. These are after all, public entities, owned by you and me, and directed by public officials towards the public good. In Glendale, the city charges its customers a 7% utility tax to direct money toward public services.

The second option is the great fallacy. The biggest increases in the city's budget have been toward salaries and pensions. Today's tax revenues have fallen short due to the economic woes. Resident's have seen a huge drop in the value of their homes and other investments. Large numbers are out of work and that shortage of money is reflected in lower sales and lower sales tax revenues. But the rates for electricity city residents and stakeholders pay are among the highest in California. Who is representing our interests? According to GWP records over 20,000 families have an unsustainable burden paying their utility bills while the city council dithers.

The GWP is an Enterprise type entity. In fund accounting terms it is treated as a business-like organization. But unlike real business where the price drops when the demand drops, the GWP increases the utility rates to make sure that they don't have to cut their expenses - Payroll and benefits that is. As such, in Glendale, the city jacks up the rates so much so it can draw an additional 11% of total

**revenues and transfers it to keep their payroll intact. Add the UUT to the transfers and we have an 18% tax for which the tax-payer has no effective say.**

**PG&E and Southern California Edison, as monopolies can't simply do as they please. They have to contend with government as oversight - the Public Utilities Commission. GWP has no equivalent oversight. The GWP commission members can be dismissed by the city council on any whim, as they've done in the past. The Council members themselves can be "dismissed" by the Police and Fire Unions if they don't kowtow to their pay or benefit demands. Without the money taken from the GWP profits, police and fire unions could not have demanded the huge pay and benefit increases they got this past decade.**

**When having a choice between Investor-Owned Utility vs a Public Union-controlled utility, I'd choose the investor-owned option. At least with this utility I can own shares as a member of the public. That is more than I can say for the fallacy of publicly-owned utilities. With the GWP the profits go directly into member pockets of politically connected public employee organizations. The GWP profit is a tax in disguise and should follow the constitutional provisions for property taxation - 2/3 votes of the electorate.**

**YES ON PROPOSITION 16**

**Herbert Molano**

As one who sees both sides of the coin, I respectfully submit this for consideration:

The advent of the industrial revolution allowed company profits to soar in a way they had never done before. Company bosses found that they could pocket these increasing profits and enrich themselves greatly. Eventually the workers became tired of watching their employers grow obscenely rich while they stayed stuck with slave labor wages. This led them to group together and demand their fair share of these increasing profits. This was the start of the labor union movement, and brought the workers increased pay, health care, and pensions. It is also what created the growing 'middle class'. But it only worked as long as the common people were willing to pull together for the common good.

With the advent of the 'me generation', and it's progeny the 'me-me-me generations', people stopped pulling together for the common good and began their selfish pursuits of 'screw the group what can I get for me? This breakdown in the pursuit of the common good allowed corporate bosses to once again pocket all company profits at the expense of the working class. That money that used to go to health care, pensions, and better wages was once again taken to line the pockets of already rich CEOs. And the willingness of individuals to step in and work for less than the group weakened all of them, to the point where the people now have none of those benefits they used to enjoy.

This has helped lead to the downfall of society. Well paid workers pay taxes, whereas mega-rich CEOs hide their incomes in shelters and off shore accounts and pay very little. Think of the McCourts, owners of the Dodgers, a multi-billion dollar company that pays less in taxes than the poverty stricken stadium workers they employ. Think of Ralphs Grocery Company, whose multi-million dollar executives send notices along with their workers W-2's pointing out that they are so underpaid that they qualify for 'Earned Income Credits.' Without working class tax revenues coming in, governments now find themselves unable to afford providing the basic services they are entrusted to fund, with ever larger percentages of what they have being committed to employee contracts, tipping the scales out of balance.

Now we have an angry population which is once again starting to pull together. But instead of working towards the common good and regaining those things they have allowed to be taken from them, they instead insist that those who have held together now give up their benefits too. They find that it is easier to complain and pull others down into their pit of despair than to fight and pull themselves up to where they once stood. And they will succeed, accelerating the elimination of the middle class and further limiting tax revenues and the government's ability to provide services.

With the advent of the global economy, it is sad to see that both employers and workers have decided that the best way to compete with third world nations is to become one. Rick M

Responses: The issues we speak to are not the industrial revolution that brought the onset of unions to change the plight of workers that worked in sweatshops, worked long hours for very little money that had no benefits but of unions or associations of government workers that are a more recent phenomenon and which organizations do not fall within the jurisdiction of the National Labor Relations Board, whose purpose is not to address working conditions but to transfer wealth from the taxpayers to themselves. Barry Allen

**It's not the industrial age any more. Worker and employee associations helped bring a middle class to fruition and often, such labor organizations helps those with the least voice and those at the financial periphery of society with an opportunity to improve their quality of life such as SEIU and Unite Here!**

**But public employee organizations do not have a selfish, oppressive and narcissistic employer - they have the taxpayer as employer and their jobs are protected by civil service rules.**

**But, when a public employee with one year of employment and barely a year out of high school can earn as much as a first-year general practitioner at Kaiser Hospital, we have evidence of unjust enrichment and an unjust burden on society. When that pay and the corresponding pension force us to postpone infrastructure investments, when it forces us to put higher utility fees on our schools, when it leads to severe budget deficits, we need confront the reality that the pendulum has gone too far. The abuse has turned to corruption.**



**All the evidence points to it. When in doubt, we must look at the evidence with a clear mind, even if what we see goes contrary to what we wish it would be.**

**Oppressive organizations whether public or private requires our oversight. Justice demands it.  
Herbert Molano**

A city election is coming in April. There are three people I would like to see on the dais; three people that have worked selflessly for all the people; three people that have been targeted by Council and Management because they, Council and Management have their special interests they pander too. How can we get Bruce Philpott, Herbert Molano and Barry Allen on the dais? KG

**I am a WWII Veteran and I get the weekly print edition of Vanguard. As a Vet I want you to know that I truly enjoyed the Memorial Day issue. The Articles by Dr. Stahl and Herbert Molano were excellent. Please share my remarks with them. MP [ED – This Vanguardian called to share his thoughts with me and I with the Vanguard readers.]**

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**3**  **Public**  **Information** 

**"Just the facts"**

"All truths are easy to understand once they have been discovered; the point is to discover them." - Galileo Galilei.

From public records.

At 2009 fiscal year-end, the City had \$430,330,000 in long-term debt outstanding, of which \$246,730,000 is a liability of governmental activities and \$183,596,000 is a liability of business-type activities like the GWP. The net increase in long-term debt from fiscal year 2008 was \$12,476,000 (3.0 percent). It was primarily due to a new bank loan of \$14,000,000 obtained by the Glendale Housing Authority from Union Bank to support the development of a 72 unit affordable family rental housing project (Vassar City Lights Project) located at Vassar Street. This loan is secured by the 20% Set-Aside funds of property tax increment received by the Housing Authority from the Glendale Redevelopment Project Areas for the next five fiscal years. In governmental activities, an estimated \$25,175,000 will mature in fiscal year 2010 and in business-type activities an estimated \$2,690,000 will mature in fiscal year 2010 as well.

The City's long-term debt is comprised of revenue bonds, tax allocation bonds, certificates of participation, loan and capital leases payable, landfill closure and post-closure care liability, compensated absences, arbitrage rebate liabilities, claims payable and post employment benefits payable. The tax allocation bonds are secured by a pledge of 80% of all incremental property taxes allocated to and received by the Glendale Redevelopment Agency for the Central Project Area. The revenue bonds are payable from the revenue derived by the Glendale Water and Power.

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**Meetings at City Hall (CH) are in the Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at 613 E Broadway.**  
**Meetings at the Municipal Services Bldg. (MSB) are in room 105 at 633 E Broadway.**  
**Meetings at the Perkins Bldg (PB) are in the Conference Room at 141 N Glendale Ave.**  
**Phone numbers are in area code 818 unless noted otherwise**

**Please note: City Council Chambers will be closed through ????. All meetings that are normally held in Chambers will be moved to Room 105 of the Municipal Services Building, 633 E. Broadway.**

**Tuesday, June 8**

2:30 pm Housing Authority –548-2060  
2:30 pm Redevelopment Agency –548-2005  
6:00 pm City Council -- 548-4844

Planning Hearing Officer – 9:30 am, MSB 548-2140  
Civil Service Commission – 5:00 pm MSB 548-2110

**Thursday, June 10**

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

**Wednesday, June 9**

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## 4 *Vanguardians*

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Vanguardians is establishing a City Wide Financial Oversight Committee to review public documents and report on them. If you have an interest, contact Barry Allen for details and a meeting.

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Vanguard is following the 5 GPD officers; Ovasapyan; Scholars, AIG (Gladys); they can be found at [www.vanguardians.org](http://www.vanguardians.org)

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- The **Ralph M Brown Act** that mandates legislative bodies to provide each of us an opportunity to speak and requires that agendas are posted and meetings open.
- The **California Public Records Act** (PRA) is the tool we use to get information about the operations of government.
- The **Political Reform Act of 1974** allows public access to the financial reports of public officials.

To become more involved in your community, to learn how to use these important tools, you can go online to [www.vanguardians.org](http://www.vanguardians.org) or call 818 243 1502

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**5**  **the Insider** is written by city employees that care about the way the City is run. As they are concerned about retaliation, their identities are secret. Vanguard provides them the opportunity to have this forum. The comments are their own.



Once again we truly appreciate the opportunity to share our thoughts and issues with your audience.

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## 6 THE DENIZENS ON THE DAIS

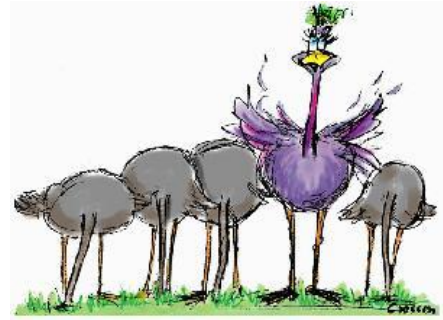
The ability to see and create the future is the essence of leadership. It is the secret of outstanding success in any field. wfs

Some men are born mediocre, some men achieve mediocrity, and some men have mediocrity thrust upon them. – Joseph Heller, Catch 22.

When did it begin?

Weaver*	Quintero	Najarian	Drayman*	Friedman
1997	2001	2005	2007	2009

\* Drayman and Weaver terms end in April 2011



## 7 NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

**Modesto Councilman Garrad Marsh:** Publicize council expenses Wants the city to routinely shed light on the expense claims City Council members charge for everything from mileage to business lunches

## 8 Jump Page

For information about the following employment opportunity contact [pfield@fieldworks.net](mailto:pfield@fieldworks.net)

Research Assistants needed at Pasadena medical research facility. Must have medical research experience. Research Associate II - Supervises day-to-day activities for several small scale project(s) or a complete phase of medium project, e.g., multi-year, budget under 200k annually. Recommends solutions to project design problems. Works under general supervision. Final review required for each phase of project.

Basic Qualifications: Bachelor' Degree or equivalent experience in public health, health care administration, epidemiology or other related field required.

- Two (2) to four (4) years of experience in one or more of the technical areas required. • Professional certification (e.g., RN, RHIT, RD, etc.) may substitute for two (2) years of experience.
- Working knowledge of research methodology / research study design, hypothesis testing and qualitative data interpretation.
- Strong knowledge of computer applications, such as word processing, spreadsheet design, and database applications.
- Able to generate flow charts, charts review instruments, design questionnaires, and interpret data.
- Strong project coordination skills required
- Knowledge of Medical Terminology.
- Must be able to work in a Labor Management Partnership environment.
- Consistently demonstrates the knowledge, skills, abilities, and behaviors necessary to provide superior and culturally sensitive service to each other, to our members, and to customers, contracted providers, and vendors.

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