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OPEN LETTER TO GLENDALE CITY COUNCILMAN JOHN DRAYMAN:

If you have given, donated or contributed any money, service or thing of value to a candidate for public office or a City Official on behalf of or for any other person or entity with the expectation of being reimbursed or paid back, now is the time to step forward. You could be charged with money laundering.

Contact Barry Allen at 818 243 1502 for information on what to do and who to talk with.

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them." – Thomas Jefferson.

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Bell -- Six current and former Bell city officials have been ordered to stand trial on charges of misappropriating public funds. A judge ruled that there was sufficient evidence after a seven-day preliminary hearing. Mayor Oscar Hernandez, City Council members Teresa Jacobo and George Mirabal, and former council members Luis Artiga, George Cole and Victor Bello are scheduled to be arraigned on March 2.

Glendale – First pre-election statements of receipts and expenditures are due February 24th. City Clerk will get them up quickly on the Clerks website.

Los Angeles -- Former Glendale and Bell Police Chief Randy Adams and Assistant Bell City Manager Angela Spaccia exchanged emails saying they would become pigs and not hogs when it came to slaughtering the Bell treasury according to documents. An anonymous source alluded to Adams' loan sharking business where he took a hit losing \$1,000,000 of his sources money. The same source indicated that Adams may have opted to give up his sources in order to avoid his own prosecution.

Glendale – A reliable source claimed that some sub-contractors working on Glendale City Councilmember Drayman's residence have been paid for their work over a year later. Several of those involved in that part of the scandal have 'lawyered up' while Mr. K's skim fund of \$5,000,000 has allegedly been seized by the Internal Revenue Service.

San Jose – City looks at laying off 600 public safety workers to balance the budget.

Glendale – An earlier proposal by retired Police Chief Bruce Philpott could save the City \$15M in Fire Department costs.

SAMUEL ADAMS: It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds.

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1 COMMENTARY

You may agree or disagree with the views below. Feel free to comment on them. The commentaries do not necessarily reflect the position of Vanguardians

From the Publisher... SITTING IN THE CAT BIRD SEAT



This was my week to be available for jury duty at the downtown Criminal Court building and it gave me an opportunity to reflect on the contrast between the editorials of two newspapers where you will see a world of difference. Saturday's editorial in the GNP praised the Glendale City Council for doing the right thing on the GWP water transfer while the Pasadena Star-News spoke to the actions of one community in grappling with the problems pay and pensions caused.

Why do I say contrast? To me it is pretty simple. The GNP refused to publish retired law professor Harry Zavos' letter regarding the reasons why the Council had to take the action they did. As I recall the GNP gave its reasoning for the non-publication as the matter was too complex.

Their jumping on the after-the-fact bandwagon reminds me of the guy that asks every candidate for Council for his lawn sign and waits until the Wednesday following the election to stick a winner's sign in front of his house proclaiming that he voted for the right person.

Last week we published a letter asking about the column of Michael Teahan in the GNP. Teahan wrote, "Every week I receive an e-newsletter from a local open-government advocacy group purporting to work for my interest with special powers granted by the Internal Revenue Service to ferret out corruption in any quarter."

Normally I wouldn't spend the time on a column by a writer that works for the Glendale News-Press but I thought it relevant that the GNP continues to support one of CCM Drayman's attack dogs, Michael Teahan. This is the same paper that their writer asked me for help on the Drayman-ADI issue as Vanguard had amassed all the relevant information. So, a word of caution when they endorse certain candidates that will assure them of the city advertising budget.

I contacted GNP editor Dan Evans "Dan, I was quite surprised to read that Vanguardians and I purported to work ... "with special powers granted by the IRS." I would assume that the GNP has a disclaimer somewhere that says the comments of your columnists are their own and not those of the LA Times. I would like to learn where your columnist came up with the idea that we have special powers granted by the IRS? Because of certain implications inquiring the



invocation of Constitutional guarantees, none of those affiliated with Vanguardians makes the claim that we work for, with or under the direction of any federal investigative agency. For that reason alone, I request that you provide a retraction of that statement and an apology for the misstatement.”

Dan replied: “Thanks for writing. Columnists are allowed to have their own voice. As far I know, there has never been a disclaimer on that regard. Our readers are **sophisticated enough**, I feel, to understand the difference between a news report, a signed column, and unsigned editorials. Also, none of our reporters or editors (myself included) are LA Times employees. Our paper is owned by the LA Times, but we are a distinct entity. For many people, that’s a distinction without a difference, but it is important to me.

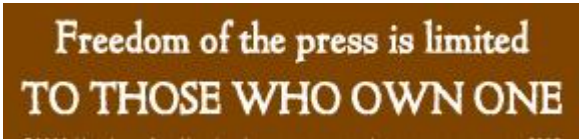
As for your request for a correction, I will need additional information. Please send me a link and I can investigate this further.

Evans further replied, “I have emailed with Michael about this issue, and he points to the following as why he wrote what he did. You may disagree with his reading of the below paragraph, but it falls under fair comment, and so I cannot issue a correction. Also, it is clear to me Michael is not implying you work under the direction of the IRS. Instead, he is saying you claim empowerment to investigate due to your 501(c)(3) status.

“Then, along the same line, the Council has no jurisdiction over an entity that is **empowered by the Internal Revenue Service** to operate as a 501(c)(3). Vanguardians has not been an applicant for or has not received any funding from the City of Glendale and thus does not fall within the jurisdiction of the City Council.

My reply to Evans: “He [Teahan] was very specific as to the IRS. That is what his column stated and your paper published. His statement is false on its face and is untrue as we and I have never purported what he wrote about. Our investigative authority is not involved nor in question. His writing is and your publication of it.”

A continued reply “That isn’t even splitting hairs. That phrase says nothing about Vanguardians ‘purporting to work ... with special powers granted by the Internal Revenue Service to ferret out corruption in any quarter. Though the IRS really doesn’t grant powers, Vanguardians and Barry Allen have spun it that way.”



The reader may draw your own conclusions as to the veracity of this particular writer that has joined with other lemmings in following their favorite Council member.

The credibility or lack thereof the GNP comes into play here. A free press does not mean that there is no charge for the paper but that the press is free from the dictates of the government.

"Politics is entertainment. It's a sport. It's for the well groomed and well heeled. The impeccably dressed. Party animals. Politicians are interchangeable." - Bob Dylan

The penalty good men and women pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men. PLATO

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

THE DOWNFALL OF AMERICA – IT’S GUARANTEED



Decades from now, when historians write about the causes of the most rapid downfall of a country that virtually ruled world commerce and [exerted military might](#) for one hundred years, they’ll find near the center of its collapse – the Government Guarantee.

The real meaning of a government guarantee is “Taxpayer-on-the-hook.” From the city level, to the national level, the idea that government will guarantee anything is at the epicenter of the tremors that are shaking up the ground beneath us.

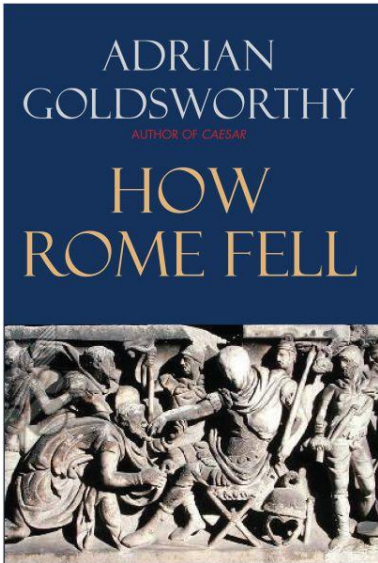
Want to buy a house? Let the FHA, the VA, [Fannie May, or Freddie Mac](#), guarantee your loan. Financial institutions will be a little more lax knowing that if the borrower should default, they won’t be out any money. At the heart of the housing bubble was the policy of reckless lending made possible by government loan guarantees and the lax regulations that

allowed banks to pass on their risk to institutions willing to [bundle those risky loans into securities](#) they sold to unwary investors and outside governments.

Student loans guarantees by the government are another major structural fault line. Financial institutions loved that risk-reducing assurance. The executives and top brass at colleges and universities were thrilled. [Administrative costs have risen faster](#) than the rate of inflation. The escape valve is the government-backed student loans taken by cash-strapped students ever hopeful that their career choice will bear sufficient income to allow them to pay back their tuition. As borrowed money became more accessible, public [funding for colleges and universities](#) and colleges has dropped. Behind this drop in public funding is another government guarantee.

In California, the financial support that the state provided to colleges and universities has been squeezed out by [the huge pension obligations](#) it has given to millions of workers. CalPERS whose investments returns are guaranteed by the taxpayers is already [in the hole by over 400 billion](#) dollars in unfunded obligations according to a governor's report last year.

At the county and city level the pension and health benefits guarantees have allowed public elected officials to hand out greater and greater benefits while lowering the retirement age at which employees become fully vested. The dream of the public employee is now to match his last highest salary for the rest of his retirement life. In the case of 50% or more of police and fire retirees, [the goal is to retire at 50](#) and get the bulk of those pensions tax-free by claiming a questionable disability (remember Police Chief [Randy Adams](#).) then land another cushy government job for another ten years or longer.



What most taxpayers never imagined is that we are on the hook to guarantee the investment returns of CalPERS investments. If those investments don't return 7.75% annually, taxpayers are on the hook for the shortfall. What a nice cushy job it must be to be a CalPERS investment [Guru](#). If he screws up, neither he nor the public employees need to worry.

In Glendale, the nearly 1.3 billion in pension obligation (2011 CAFR p. 74) is already underfunded by 200 million, and there is another 104 million in unfunded Post-Employment healthcare plan benefits the city has accumulated (2011 CAFR p. 51) mostly in just the past three years.

Add to this kitty another 300 million the city has borrowed in the last ten years (CAFR Schedule 12,) and you begin to realize the gaping financial hole the city council has dug for the rest of us. In the next three years, that gaping chasm may swallow another ten million per year of city revenues if not more. The bag of tricks the city council members and their handlers have used to keep the appearance of a balanced budget will be running empty fast.

But don't expect any reasonable concessions coming from the city's entrenched unions. The most reasonable answer is to [roll back the pension agreements](#) to those under which most of the city employees were hired – back to year 2000 levels. But all members of the city council, especially those who signed the pension changes blindly, Quintero and Weaver, will continue to blame the economy as the reason for the city's woes rather than their astonishing ignorance and recklessness.

Bankruptcy for Glendale and [many other California local governments](#) could be averted with that simple pension rollback change. But who in government employment should care? The rank and file should. Their jobs will go first. As for the untouchable administrators, managers, and brass, heck, who cares if their numbers increase so long as job security, benefits, and pensions will always be guaranteed by the taxpayer. Conditions are ripe for another major earthquake. We either start another taxpayer revolt or we kiss the America we know, goodbye.

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A PAINFUL WELCOME MESSAGE FOR POLITICAL DUMMIES

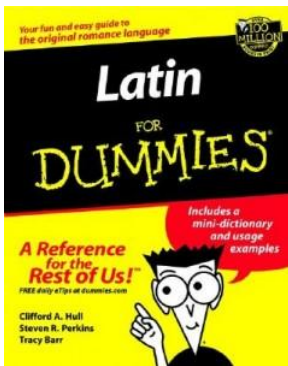
Delorem Ipsum – Pain itself, is what Glendale candidates for office will find in the city of Glendale Annual Report 2011/12. The opening remarks by Jim Starbird to the candidates for office for the 2011 election year start in Latin. Never

underestimate the city manager's penchant for keeping city councilmen in the dark, but this latest salvo, may be his way of assessing who is really paying attention.

"Lorem Ipsum" The dummy text used by graphic artists in proposing a layout structure of printed text fills this draft report. But a draft it is not. At least not to standards I've found in the real world. There are passages in English on the city's accomplishments with a whole lot of Latin in the section on an Informed and Engaged Community. The irony doesn't escape me.

The Latin dummy filler may just be the appropriate boilerplate text that candidates for office deserve. After watching city councilmen approve pages and pages of boilerplate not knowing what the heck they are voting on, those weekly council packets may just as well be in Latin or in Greek even.

Last Tuesday, the council packet included a warning by the Director of Finance with paragraph after paragraph addressing the shortfall of expected budgeted revenues. It was then followed by another page where the city is going about its expenditures as proposed in the budget. It seems that few departments take heed that the city's revenue shortfall is real. Item 8C on the agenda was just the starting point. There is less and less *pecunia* for the city, but city departments go about their business in their merry way as if money were of no consequence.



To highlight the contempt that the staff holds the sitting council members, on the very next agenda item they include salary "adjustments" and new job titles for management positions urgently needed to accommodate the merger of two city departments and other favors. That was a merger, we were told, which would result in cost savings to the city. Funny thing that the staff report did not include the real dollar impact that all the changes would bring to the city's W-3 payroll totals reported to the IRS at the end of the year. But what supported the "adjustments" (a cityspeak euphemism for salary increases) for a handful of positions were dozens of pages of pay schedules for hundreds of positions not relevant to the issue before the council. Rows upon rows of pay schedules and pay steps salaries filled the pages.

It seems to me that the staff must feel that the bigger these bloated reports become, the less inclined a council member will be at challenging the staff's justifications. The council members, after all these years, never knew what hit them. Boilerplate and numbing rows of numbers that failed to indicate the real impact of those new titles, and positions, and adjustments on an ever shrinking revenue stream.

Ipsa facto. The very fact that the signature of the city manager is prominently displayed at the bottom of his introduction, is proof enough that many people, including those who are getting fat performance checks, rarely check their work before they sign off on it. In budget bust we trust, *in secula seculorum*. Amen.

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DUMBER THAN A DOORKNOB – DEADER THAN A DOORNAIL

WHAT YOUR ADORABLE COUNCILMEN THINK OF TAXPAYERS. WHAT THESE ADORABLE CHEATS HAVE PERPETRATED.

The world thrives on information. The smarter the information the more competitive you become. The more competitive you are, the greater the opportunities for wealth, health, and happiness. So why is it that in a world where Business Intelligence or BI is the operative word, does government seem to go in the opposite direction?

The other side of the coin is that keeping us dumb and ignorant is also a pathway to riches and the good life - for them. Companies know it. Government insiders know it. The more ignorant, clueless, and less educated about things financial we are, the greater the chances that they'll separate us from our money. But this is America. This is not the land of pickpockets. This is the place where we pay dearly for our ignorance. Just hurry up and sign the contract.



Think that zero percent teaser rate from the credit card company is a favor to us? That credit card has sharp jaws that will bite us the minute you suffer a lapse in memory or happen to get laid off. Credit card companies know the probability that given large numbers of people a good percentage will trip up on the way to meeting the payment date. Then the fine print will get us. Slam! We've got a 30% interest. Our ignorance is bliss for the card sharks at our friendly banking institution.

Ignorance about what goes on with our tax dollars is also very lucrative for government insiders. Our ignorance allows them to keep plugging away at separating us from our money. But unlike credit card companies where we can choose not to pay and suffer the credit consequences, with government, ignorance about their practices will have a much higher penalty in our quality of life that we, our families and our communities will experience. Leave them without oversight, and they'll open the door wide open to corruption.

Take for example the simple indicators about the value of multi-family housing. According to recent studies of market trends, there's been a year-over-year decline of about 4% in the price of apartment buildings. Today the average cost per square foot of an apartment building with all the land, subterranean parking, and buildings is just over \$200 per square foot in south Glendale. That means that a typical 1,000 square foot apartment with two bedrooms has a market value of \$200,000 dollars. But what does the city of Glendale pay when it uses Federal HUD money to pay land developers like ADI to build the low-income housing? \$300,000? \$400,000? \$500,000, \$700,000 per unit!

Depending on which development project we look to investigate, all those high costs have been paid, courtesy of our City Council. They are approving costs that they, if they were using their own money, would never agree to. When challenged, the city staff will come back with justifications, about how it is that because the revenues from tenants is lower, the builder must have a proper return. They'll tell us that there are services included, like a recreation room with supervision, or maybe an exercise class for seniors or a nutrition program by hired experts. The bundled building and services now become muddled such that any of those costs may seem justified to the clueless taxpayer.

If you are a Democrat, you should be outraged. If you feel that the role of government is to help provide a roof over a low-income family's head, then the government could have provided that service to at least twice the number of families in need of shelter.

If you are a Republican, you will be doubly outraged at taxpayer money handed out recklessly and provides such relatively little social benefit and at such a burden to those who had to earn money the hard way. They've squeezed the taxpayer for purposes you'd never have agreed to in the first place.

If you are concerned about our country's financial future, then you'd know that all those millions and other untold millions of dollars that went into that high-cost, low-income housing development came from funds the Treasury of the United States had to borrow, very likely, from the Chinese.

When we take a look at the inside deals between a developer who is under investigation for fraudulent practices and sitting councilmen, then we may have found the reason why they've looked the other way at the horrendous misuse and misappropriation of taxpayer money.

But these councilmen and senior city management staff did more than look the other way. In the case of ADI, they were told by city analysts that they should not be dealing with ADI or pay anywhere close to what these creeps wanted. The creeps won.

The senior city management continues to get their hefty pay and bonuses. The councilmen get special favors. It's an arrangement that works quite well for them.

If authorities find that councilman John Drayman's condo makeover by ADI subcontractors was a fraudulent quid-pro-quo, then we may find at least one of them heading to the slammer. The question should then follow the other council members who voted for such overblown costs. In this raunchy business it takes three to tango. If Drayman's condo remodeling cost, say, \$200,000 and ADI's overpriced housing resulting in a conservative \$15,000,000 in extra cost to the government, that means that for every corruption dollar there would be \$75 dollars in benefit to the developer, a whopping 7500% return on a crooked investment.

Now we know why on July 8, 2008 local residents near the Vassar project came to complain about the size, parking and traffic problems, their concerns were summarily dismissed by Weaver and other councilmen. The problem never got around to the local paper nor did it get much public exposure.

Ignorance is costly, and the lack of transparency in Glendale's government is another nail in the coffin of a government that is going six-feet under fast.

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

2 Shout Box

ED – Letters published do not necessarily express the opinion of Vanguardians, Vanguard News Service, the organization or Barry Allen. Names are used only when requested. Initials are used as there are people, believe it or not, who are concerned with retaliation or have issues before a legislative body. Letters may be published that are signed and are not hate oriented.

Barry Allen and Vanguard...you came through for us, the subs that worked on Council member Drayman's condo. Mr. K hadn't paid us because he didn't want to dip into his \$5,000,000 of 'skim' from the ADI projects. Drayman is worried about re-election with all this hanging over him and he created the loan and the business to provide answers to the questions of the three letter men. He figures they are pretty stupid and will never figure this out. Meanwhile you should let the IRS know about the Mr. K skim. Your friend Mr. NN.

Reading Vanguard for several years has helped me put the dots together. The City Manager praises Randy Adams for his great work on getting the ABC ballot issue passed to help Mr. Caruso. Then Adams refused to investigate your complaints regarding Maria Rochart. Then Adams was in the loan sharking business until he got eaten by his prey to the tune of a couple mil. Off he goes to Bell where his dear friend Angie told him he could get some money from the Bell Bank to bail out his sorry ass. It was quite amusing regarding offering a waitress a job as a jailer and then she couldn't pass the test 3 times. If Jim Starbird praised Adams as the best money could buy, I wonder about Starbird's wisdom.

The city spent \$15M, \$6M in cash for Gangi and Greggs' interest in Flint Canyon quite a bit more than the \$475K they bought it for. Of course Weaver was a big beneficiary.

Drayman is another one that has taken a bite of the forbidden fruit and it will just be a short time before he needs a lawyer other than Scott Howard. His problem is that he won't be able to afford one,

You have quite a lot of 'institutional knowledge, thanks for sharing it. KGB [BA – Thanks and this gives me an opportunity to share a bit about my grandmother:

My little Jewish grandmother got on a crowded bus and discovered that she didn't have correct change for the fare.

The driver was firm with her, but she placed her hand delicately over her chest and murmurs, "If you knew what I had, you'd be nicer to me." He caved in and let her ride for free.

She tried to push her way down the crowded aisle, but people wouldn't move over for her. She finally placed her hand delicately over her chest and murmured, "If you knew what I had, you'd be nicer to me." The crowd parted like the Red Sea and let her down the aisle.

She got to the back of the bus where there were no seats and looked significantly at several people, none of whom took the hint to get up to offer her their seat. Once again she placed her hand delicately over her chest and murmured, "If you knew what I had, you'd be nicer to me." Several people jumped up and insisted that she sit down and ride in comfort.

A woman who had been watching all this leaned over and said to her, "I know this is none of my business, but what is it that you've got, anyway?"

My little Jewish grandmother smiled and said, "Chutzpah!"

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Public Information



"Just the facts"

I am writing in response to your February 7, 2011 Public Records Act request re:

"Willman [sic] Financial Advisors provided input on the GWP-Water Prop 218 issue. Please provide the contract along with any amendments and exhibits for their services and all writings, reports, memos and emails in reference to their contract."

The Public Records that are responsive to your request have been compiled and are available for your review in the City Clerk's office, where they will be held for a period of two weeks. Please note that attorney-client privileged documents (other than the contract) have not been produced.

Regards, Christine A. Godinez Senior Assistant City Attorney

Vanguard response: [The contractor is not a client of the City Attorney and thus there should be no privileged documents.](#)

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

Agendas for the City of Glendale CA



Click to view the agenda [City Council](#) [Housing Authority](#) [Redevelopment Agency](#)
Meetings at City Hall (CH) are in the Council Chambers, 2nd 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

Monday, February 21 Federal Holiday – Presidents' Day;
all City offices and Library branches closed.

Tuesday, February 22
Housing Authority – Redevelopment Agency 2:30 pm, CH
Joint Meeting –RE: Required Financial Statements for Non-Profit Organizations Receiving CDBG Funds; and New proposed Guidelines –
City Council -- 6:00 pm, CH 548-4844

Wednesday, February 23
Planning Hearing Officer – 9:30 am, MSB 548-2140
Civil Service Commission – 5:00 pm, CH 548-2110.

Thursday, February 24 No Meetings Scheduled.

Friday, February 25
Community Development Block Grant Fund Committee –
7:30 am to 6:00 pm, CH 548-2060

4 *Vanguardians*

Vanguard archives are available by clicking – [Home Page of Open Government \(???\) in Glendale California](#)

People from all over LA County are asking for Vanguard and for Vanguardians training. We are expanding our coverage of LA County activities to accommodate the needs of the community.

Vanguard is following these lawsuits and others: the 5 GPD officers; Rodriguez; Gillespie; Hayn; Hunter; Mendoza. The cases cited are from the Randy Adams regime and continue under Chief DePompa.


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- The [California Public Records Act](#) (PRA) is the tool to get information about the operations of government.
- The [Political Reform Act of 1974](#) allows public access to the financial reports of public officials.
- www.maplight.org to follow the money trail from special interests to the policy maker

To become more involved in your community, to learn how to use these important tools, call 818 243 1502

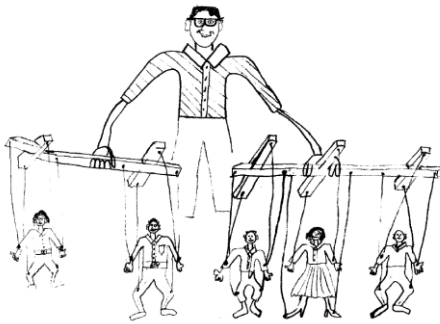
5  **the Insider** is written by city employees that care about the way the City is run. As they are concerned about retaliation, their identities are secret. Vanguard provides them the opportunity to have this forum. The comments are their own.



Question: In response to a rumor that there is a movement to correct the lack of building permits re drayman. What does he have on management?

Answer: Hassan got where he is by "smoothing" over things. Since he controls everything overseeing private property, he will win big by helping Drayman. Look how easy the new Community Development positions went through.

6 THE DENIZENS ON THE DAIS



Jim Starbird, the City Manager controlling his decision makers.

There is so much going on at City Hall with two incumbents running for re-election that the Council is avoiding putting on the agenda such things as the BUDGET while Drayman and Weaver are making their unsupported claims via their ballot statements. Meanwhile Drayman is stonewalling on the issue with his renovated condo behest ADI. He has acknowledged that he started a new business and that he has a loan from one of the principals of National Fire, a loan that was to have been paid off and is still outstanding.

The corruption in Bell started the same way...a compromised electorate.



I found this sketch in a plain #10 envelope on the front gate one morning last week,

Fortunately it was signed. It represents the Glendale City Council in jail house garb.

The speech balloons carry the following messages, left to right:

Can we telecommute?; How can I help myself?; I thought it was a detention resort.; But I just got cabinets; Can I get a drink or?

"You can't win an argument with a Moron, an Idiot, or a Political Bigot" Kraft

When it began?

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

* Drayman and Weaver terms expire April 2011

7 For Current and Future Politicians

Questions we ask of all candidates:

- What is your agenda?
- If you are elected what do you want to achieve?
- Why did you choose to run for public office?
- What are the three major issues facing City Hall?

OPEN LETTER TO GLENDALE CITY COUNCILMAN JOHN DRAYMAN:

As an elected member of the Glendale City Council running for reelection on April 5, 2011, you have come under suspicion involving unethical and possibly criminal conduct. You have decided to have your loyal followers speak on your behalf claiming the charges to be false.

You have an obligation to be straight forward and provide the information needed to clear the air your supporters claim. If you have nothing to hide, you should be forthright to validate your supporters' assertions.

You have a duty to the Glendale voters to reveal the facts surrounding the charges. It is your ethical responsibility as an elected official who claims adherence to government transparency.

However, there is a caveat; if you are under criminal investigation it is entirely understandable for you to continue your present position of keeping completely quiet on the subject.

You can alleviate the situation by:

1. Producing all contractual agreements between you and your contractor showing the scope of the work and payment arrangement.
2. Producing the minutes of your HOA board meetings where the flood damage issue was discussed, including insurance issues. State whether you filed a claim with the HOA or a private insurance company that covers interior damage and property loss.
3. Produce building permits or give an explanation of why you were not required to obtain such permits under city codes.
4. State who referred you to the contractor who performed the work on your renovation. Tell us why you selected National Fire, a company that has not done an interior renovation before. Your statement in the paper claimed you chose them because the owner was willing to work out a schedule of payments.

You could pull this information together in an hour or so and present it to the voters of Glendale. It is the responsible thing to do. Anything less will continue to erode your standing as an elected official going into the reelection campaign.

S// Glendale Registered Voters and Stakeholders

RE: 3481 Stancrest
January 13, 2011
Hi Mr. Allen

Regarding your complaint re: the above address filed last week, I have prepared this statement:

We took the information for the service request. There are a number of issues at play here. The city's research and investigation are ongoing at this time and the service request will remain open until such time as those issues and the assertions in the service request are resolved.

Sam Engel
Neighborhood Services

Note to the reader:
The names of all the sub-contractors were provided to Engle's office.

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