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Yousefian and Weaver Play at the LUNA Playhouse

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



Glendale Police Chief Randy Adams heads out to pasture with a video announcement that didn’t come as a surprise to many City watchers. More at Vanguardians Breaking News.

Luna Playhouse offers up some political humor starting April 17. The ‘TRAVEL DIARIES’ of Bob Yousefian and Dave Weaver should be an absolute sell out. Get your tickets early. Call Luna Playhouse at 818-500-7200 for tickets. Luna Playhouse is located at 3706 San Fernando Rd between Central and Brand.

Mayor Villaraigosa calls on the 36,000 LA city employees to:

1. take off one unpaid hour each week;
2. defer automatic pay raises;
3. contribute 2% more to their generous pension benefits

This is something we won’t see in Glendale even though the Police Union (GPOA) is waiting to sit down and negotiate with the City. In the public safety arena these are the guys and gals who put their lives on the line every day and their compensation is no match for the well organized firefighters union.

Many Brown Act violations are being found by the LA District Attorney when they are reported by knowledgeable members of the public according to the [LA Times](http://www.latimes.com). Dozens of local government agencies across Los Angeles County have silenced critics at public meetings, held secret conferences to hash out important business or taken other actions that violated the state’s open meetings law, according to a Times review of the district attorney’s records.

Responding to complaints from the public, prosecutors have sent more than 50 letters since 2001 warning government officials that they acted illegally. District attorney’s officials frequently threatened civil court action or criminal charges if the violations continued.

If you have knowledge of Brown Act violations contact Vanguard. You will be provided with the DA’s contact information. Experience dictates that you should not contact the City Attorney’s office. The City Attorney represents the very people you may complain about.

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

City Council report card

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Weaver		dweaver@ci.glendale.ca.us ;
Yousefian		byousefian@ci.glendale.ca.us ;

Meeting was too short to report on other than Weaver making his endorsement from the dais

Politics as Usual or a Brand New Game?



Tuesday night's election was a highly organized operation, though the votes for the three open city council spots and the position of city treasurer still had not been awarded by midnight. Ultimately, it came down to a race between three incumbents and one newcomer, Laura Friedman, who not only edged out incumbent Bob Yousefian but ended up getting the most votes of anyone running. Laura Friedman was joined in this year's election race by only one other woman, Lenore Solis, a fiscal conservative who has sat on the Glendale Water and Power Commission, the Atwater Griffith Park Chamber of Commerce and the Glendale Human Relations Coalition, just to name a few. Lenore was the only candidate who dared hang around as the votes were counted in the Perkins building late into the night. Though Lenore maintained a steady eighth place out of twelve total candidates running, it didn't seem to dampen her spirits. I had a chance to talk with Lenore about this election season, specifically the last two weeks of the election and the difference between her running in 2007 and 2009.

"In 2007 the race was cordial; no mudslinging." Ms. Solis categorized this year as, "Vicious and much uglier. People are desperate to win." She also commented on being misrepresented in the media, specifically addressing blogs like the Glendale Family Jewels (Glendalefamilyjewels.blogspot.com), which prides itself on digging up the dirt more formal publications like the Glendale News Press will not touch. Both Vanguardians and Glendale Family Jewels publish anonymous comments as a way to further discussion or let city insiders/whistle blowers remain unknown. This feature left her feeling attacked without a way to fight back. "People can write whatever they want anonymously; you can say anything!" This sentiment had been shared in city council chambers. Mayor Drayman looped in Herbert Molano with a group of anonymous commentators he felt had unfairly attacked him and Laura Friedman. Ms. Solis' complaint brings focus to the power of newer technology in local and (as we've witnessed already) national elections.

Ms. Solis commented further on her favorite low points of the election, bringing up what she felt to be a violation of the democratic process in regards to illegal voting instigated by the ANC. She felt compelled to be present Tuesday night as the votes were tallied because of what she had witnessed in the two weeks leading up to the election.

Though the claims regarding the voting have been yet to be proved, the fact that it's just one of many rumors written about on blogs and whispered in the halls, supports Solis' idea that perhaps 2009 is different than 2007. Either way, this year's race will not have dissuaded Solis from running in 2011, as the only way she would stay out of local politics, is to have "come in dead last". Lenore Solis came in eighth.

Council Reporter Laurel Miller is a Vanguard volunteer

Thought for the week: Sound moral character does not grow out of avoiding those ideas and concepts with which we do not agree, but rather out of learning to choose from the open market place of human thought those concepts which are creative and worthwhile. Rabbi Morris N. Kertzer

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1 You may agree or disagree with the views below. Feel free to comment on them.

From the Publisher....



I turned down a payraise from my employer, just like the GFFA did. Of course we really don't know what the City offered for the NEW contract as those negotiations that should have, could have been public, weren't. The City employees haven't made any financial sacrifices. No jobs have been lost, just a reshuffling of people so that only the public felt the pain. The Daily News has had the audacity to print editorials commending Mayor Villaraigosa for suggesting the City employees give a free hour of service, stop taking

their pay increases and reduce the amount of contributions to their pension programs made by the City. We know those suggestions would never fly in Glendale where every tax, fee, rate hike or assessment is met with resounding voter approval. It is our method of showing that, even though there is a recession, we can afford the increase.

I would really support a worthwhile and meaningful pay increase for the Council with the next election. Council members need to be paid more so we can attract better Council members. City Manager Starbird has made that comparison between money and quality of employee many times. Many people have acknowledged and accepted Starbird's position. It is time we did that for our elected officials. We need Council members who understand the budget and finances; elected officials that don't have to rely on special interest groups for their livelihood, don't you agree?

Maybe our webmaster, Diana Ringer, could put up a poll that would ask the voters how much they would increase the Council salary. Presently they are paid about \$38,000 a year. They are paid for Housing Authority and Redevelopment Agency meetings even if there is nothing on the agenda.

Coupling a payraise with open and transparent government would be an appropriate trade off. I would propose they are paid \$125,000 per year with a term limit of 2 terms or not to exceed 10 years; that closed sessions should be reduced to only those that are required or mandated by the Brown Act and that the raises start with the election of 2011, less than two years away. BARRY ALLEN

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

Today, grab that check book and send a check so Vanguardians can continue to represent you and your fellow Glendalians.

Commentary: CAMPAIGNING 101 AS EASY AS 1-2-3



Winning election lessons as easy as 1-2-3. We've got ourselves first, second and third term council race winners and we also received some election basics for all future candidates.

- Lesson One. Don't mess with the Fire Fighter's Association. That lesson wasn't lost to Arnold Schwarzenegger a few years ago after he tried to curb the pension and benefits demands of well-organized and well-funded public employee unions.
- Lesson Two. Get the local ANC chapter to work the absentee voter. I mean really work them. Ara Najarian's magical image of a man of the people could not have been made possible without the determined support of the Armenian National Committee. A baffling choice for the ANC given that Ara's policies and support for the high utility rates and taxes hurt more low income Armenian families than possibly any other ethnic group. His election followed the April 1st increase of the sales tax in California, a regressive tax that hurts the poor disproportionately.
- Lesson Three. Don't mess with the Fire-Fighters Association. You can't beat the handsome young men with their hero-reputations and well-polished machine.

The welcomed news of this election is that good 'ole fashioned, shoe-leather, door-to-door canvassing can still out-perform a big campaign kitty. Laura Friedman out-worked and out-prepared all her competitors. You've got to admire her discipline and tenacity. She earned every vote. Tuesday afternoon, as I drove by Ralph's supermarket on Stocker, I saw her relentless pursuit of more voters with her message.

The two incumbents who returned to the dais after gaming their own campaign contribution limits ordinance (They accepted large amounts in excess of the limitation just before the law was to take effect) may want us to believe that their election was truly legitimate. Not in my eyes. With these two, the losers are the taxpayers, irrespective of these councilmen's claims of fiscal responsibility on their campaign mailers.

There you have it: Politics 101 in Glendale. You either work a hole on your shoe soles, or you get by with some good help from your friends, ample helping of prevarication, fibs and lies notwithstanding.

ANALYZE THIS! VOTERS WANT FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

To the victors go the spoils, and in that vein, truth is spoiled right along any claims on how victory was achieved. Even if we ignore the huge absentee voter coaching effort by Najarian's official sponsor - The ANC, the "Hug my K9" doggy picture ads from the police association, and the armada of fire equipment at city hall on Tuesday plus the anti-Philpott effort by the GNP and the GFFA, Glendale government's official city paper (GNP "Messages are revealed" Tuesday) cannot reasonably deduce what the true voter message was from those efforts.

Any analysis of the campaign must include the voter turnout, the voting patterns and the level of awareness of the voter if we can determine it from the precinct results.

Here is an alternative take on the election results. Philpott's votes came from the non-Armenian population. They were approached with the message that Glendale should be fiscally prudent and that Glendale government has been reckless with the taxpayers' money in handing out excessive pay and compensation to elite city employees and managers.

Kazazian's vote came primarily from Armenians in south Glendale. They were sold on the message that the high utility rates were a direct consequence of Glendale Government being reckless with the taxpayer's money in handing out exorbitant pay and benefits to city employees.

Together both Philpott and Kazazian proposed essentially the same message concept to voters. Take Philpott's non-Armenian vote and add Kazazian's Armenian vote and you have 8,800 voters who are convinced of the need for fiscal prudence and lower utility rates.

But Philpott and Kazazian were not the only candidates who promoted themselves as fiscally prudent and responsible. Frank Quintero certainly did (<http://www.frankquintero.org/issues-accomplishments/>). Ara Najarian did the same. For these candidates to whom truth is just a minor inconvenience; anything that promotes their candidacy is fair game. But if voters, unaware of the record of both of these tax and spend candidates, believed from brochures that they were fiscally responsible, then we need to add a few more thousand votes to the "fiscally prudent" message the voters have sent.

But they were not the only ones. Solis and Gharpetian also chimed in on the waste of taxpayer's money and inefficiencies of city management. Yousefian kept his distance from public employee union money during the campaign. Stepanian also chimed in on the wasteful assignment of staff for emergency practices as we know it.

Add the fiscal responsible message from the voters to our fiscally prudent candidates and together fiscal prudence won by a landslide.

One thing is clear from this election. The city council and city management's squeaky clean image they tried to maintain for years and their fictitious "Glendale with the premier city government" is no more.

The tide is turning and the winds of change are upon us. It's enough to cause a department head or two to set sail for calmer waters. **Herbert Molano**

620 last week 651 this week
Glendale Foreclosures



Christian is on Holiday Break

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 ED – Letters published do not necessarily express the opinion of Vanguardians, this publication, 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 will be published that are signed and are not hate oriented.

We get mail: I am so disgusted with Glendale and its newspaper. This outrageous UUT bill shenanigans and the Glendale News Press not printing fairly the various rebuttals nor printing letters with a conservative viewpoint -- what to do -- nothing!!! What can a person do to counter what is done in the city (with our tax dollars) and what the media chooses to print?



Unless another newspaper is started with another point of view, the city will win (not withstanding Vanguard). In Southern California -- LA County, San Fernando Valley, most of the beach cities, San Gabriel Valley and now much of Orange County all are liberal even the last bastion of republicans in Simi valley is diminishing -- all are socialist leaning (that means votes are going to the democrats) -- sorry Allen).

I am sick of the phone calls from the fire and police unions promoting Najarian and the calls that I get in Armenian supporting who knows what and the calls from the unions. Seems my phone number 7- 8 years ago was a union employee number and probably a democrat Armenian number before that -- who knows! These calls come from outside of Glendale and even California. I am sorry that I moved to Glendale from Burbank -- at least Burbank, though mostly Democrat has better city management -- who knows, that may change!

I keep writing letters to Adam Schiff about various issues and the ones that his office does not want to address, I get no response -- which is most of them. I write letters to the News Press and the ones that are showing a conservative view (politically) are not printed.

We in this city, state and nation are becoming like the Europeans -- not good! Marlene Walker

FYI, the Neighborhood Services guy [Sam Engel] didn't give you the right information re: the LA Community Garden Group's contribution. They don't provide any management services to any of the community gardens - that is generally done on a volunteer basis. (You can call any of the 50+ community gardens around LA County and they will tell you this.) All management is done on an unpaid volunteer basis, such as what Alek and Guillaume are doing. What the LA Group has done, with great appreciation, is to provide the necessary insurance at a much reduced price through its own insurance setup and it is there to serve as a resource. Al Renner has headed the group for years - he's a great guy and is also the contact for the Solano Canyon garden which you can

see from the 110 freeway heading east. It's a terrific garden, as is the one in Altadena. I know this is hardly important in the scheme of things, but like you, it bothers me when things are not accurate in any media. Plus, I'm a Master Gardener and have put in quite a few volunteer hours at various community gardens around the county. S

Dear Chief Scoggins: I just experienced a very uncomfortable situation with one of your firefighters and I am quite upset. So be it for my having a restful Sunday.

A very tall, nice gentleman rang my doorbell. When I arrived at the door he identified himself and in so doing pointed to what appeared to be a GFD logo on his burgundy colored, short sleeved shirt stating that he was with the GFD. He was holding campaign material supporting candidate Ara Najarian. There might have been others but I only noticed the top one.

I asked this gentleman if he was familiar with The Hatch Act of which he replied, "No". I explained that it was my understanding and belief that it is unlawful for a fireman or policeman of any city to campaign on behalf of any local candidates. I further explained that I believe there is an exemption for actual residents of any particular city but that the resident campaigner may not announce himself as either a local fireman or policeman.

I was quite upset about this as whether it is lawful or not, it reeks of impropriety and a built in conflict of interest. The young man very politely asked me if he might leave the fliers and I requested that he not. He then departed.

Sir, what has Glendale come to? After 40 years of being a Glendale resident and a staunch supporter of our firefighters, I am now truly ashamed of our fire department. This was a first for me and quite depressing since my brother is a member of the NYFD and a 9-11-01 surviving first responder. Sincerely yours, Sue Sarkis

There are several differences between Vanguard and the Glendale News Press one important difference is that your editorial commentaries are signed, theirs are not.

A major difference between the GNP and the Los Angeles Daily News is that the Daily News informs their readers about financial issues facing Los Angeles. The GNP does not do that type of reporting for Glendale. Reading the GNP I get the impression that everything is well. I drive the streets and I see potholes; I walk the sidewalks and see cones sticking out of wells where there should be trees planted; I walk by the fancy parking meters and see the receipts blowing in the wind and cigarette butts in the tree wells. There are so many things I see but when I read the GNP I know my eyes are deceiving me. I went for an eye exam. The Doctor said my eyes were just fine. However, he gave me a prescription for the Daily News and said I should subscribe to Vanguard, the source for the real news in Glendale. Bertram Freedman



We get calls: Was Mike Mohill right about the annex ceding from the City? Now they have their own flag and Rockhaven for their City Hall complex.

Looks like Jim Starbird, the Unions and Roobik Ovanessian have a clear shot at getting all their issues passed quickly by the new Council. No one is around to confound their agenda.

Apparently there are some pretty short sighted people in Glendale that voted for a tax increase. I wonder if they will do the same thing in May or when the Glendale Fire Department asks us to create a special Fire Assessment District.

How come it took four weeks to have the GNP realize Bob's Big Boy was history? You reported it ages ago.



Look for a ballot measure that would give the GFD autonomy in getting more money. It will be in a form of a special assessment for property owners.



Answers to Questions: This email is in response to your telephone message inquiring about the School Resource Officers (SROs) in the Glendale Middle Schools. Unfortunately it is true that the School Resource Officers assigned to the middle schools in south Glendale were reassigned to other divisions within the Glendale Police Department. A mandatory cut in the operating budget of the Police Department is the primary reason these officers were removed from the schools. We currently have 4 school resource officers assigned to the high schools (2 at Hoover, 2 at GHS). The SRO's at Rosemont M.S. and CV High School are Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputies. At this point the Glendale Police Department has suffered the loss of 7 police officer positions and no plans are in place to replace the SRO's in the middle schools. Oscar Rodriguez, Sergeant, Glendale Police Department, School Based Policing Unit, (818) 548-4038.

What is happening with the DPW fueling facility and the fuel tanks, parking and EIR? [ED The discussion will be during a Joint Meeting on Tuesday at 2:30. See the Calendar section.]



Imponderables: With the tax on the UUT-Telecommunications, why doesn't the City spend some of our money for a City wide wifi system for Internet access? The City considered this several years ago. I guess it became a victim of high salaries and benefits. This is something that will help public safety. Each of us that spends \$50+ each month for Internet access could get it free or for a small annual fee. The savings we would have would go back into the economy and the City would get sales tax revenue. [ED – Great idea. Come to Council on Tuesday and speak to it. The City spends \$250,000 on Blackberry use, some of which could go for a WiFi system.]



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Monday, April 13

Commission on the Status of Women – 6:30 pm, City Council Chambers, City Hall, 613 E. Broadway, 548-4844

Tuesday, April 14

2:30 pm Housing Authority –Redevelopment Agency -- **Joint Meeting** RE: Clean Energy Compressed Natural Gas Facility & Financing Authority's Resolution to open an investment Account

6:00 pm Glendale City Council

Wednesday, April 15

Building & Fire Board of Appeals – 2:00 pm, Room 105, Municipal Services Building, 633 E. Broadway, Glendale. 548-3200

Planning Commission – 5:00 pm, Room 105, Municipal Services Building, 633 E. Broadway, Glendale. 548-2140

Man's Inhumanity to Man Event – 7:00 pm, Brand Library & Art Center, 1601 W. Mountain St., Glendale. 548-2050

Thursday, April 16

Arts & Cultural Commission – 2:00 pm, City Council Chambers, City Hall, 613 E. Broadway, Glendale. 548-2000

Design Review Board #1 -- 5:00 pm, Municipal Services Building, Room 105, 633 E. Broadway, Glendale. 548-2140

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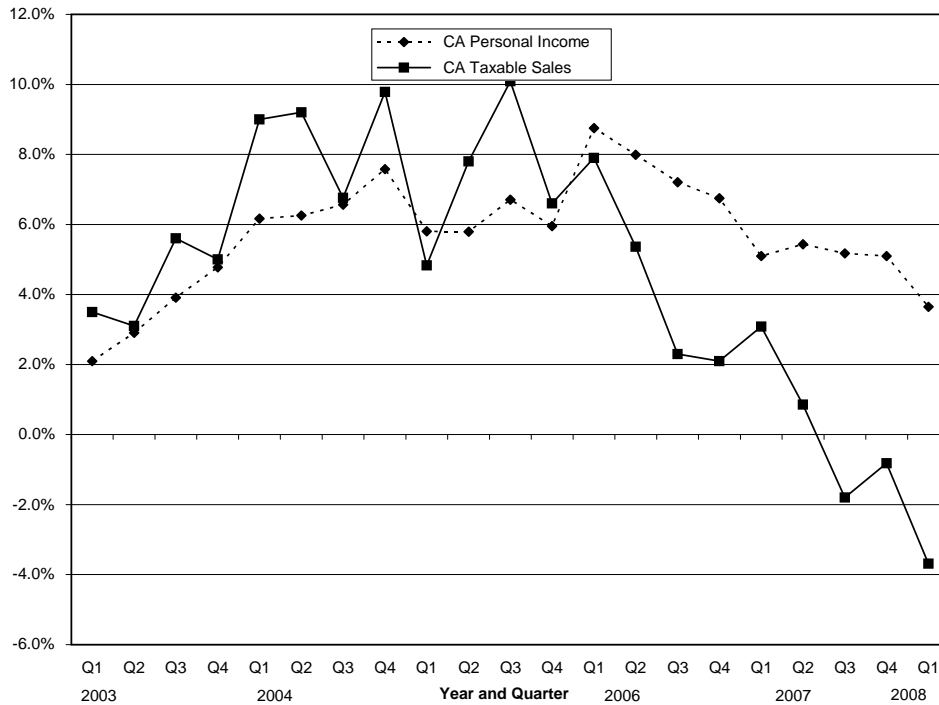


Public Information

PRA Requests:

- The City Management speaks frequently about the 12 City survey of comparison data that is used to compile data that is used in negotiations. Please provide that 12-City Survey.
- Please provide the Official Statement for each of the bonds issued by the Glendale Water and Power/City of Glendale in 2008.

Growth in California Taxable Sales and Personal Income (1Q03 to 1Q08)



TAXABLE SALES Glendale, 2001

http://www.boe.ca.gov/news/pdf/city_a01.pdf
 (Taxable transactions in thousands of dollars)
 Retail stores \$1,976,102
 Total All Outlets \$2,468,747

TAXABLE SALES Glendale, 2005

http://www.boe.ca.gov/news/pdf/city_a05.pdf
 (Taxable transactions in thousands of dollars)
 Retail stores \$2,251,666
 Total All Outlets: \$ 2,753,735

TAXABLE SALES Glendale 1st ¼ 2008

(Taxable transactions in thousands of dollars)
 Retail Stores \$504,574,000
 Total all outlets \$642,431,000

Hanley Wood Market Indicators

Employment Growth	(4,872,000)	F
Unemployment Rate	8.5%	F
Real GDP Growth	(6.3%)	F
Consumer Confidence	26.0	F
Purchase Mortgage Applications	268.0	F
Mortgage Rates	4.78%	A+
Median Price Existing Home	\$165,400	F
Existing Home Sales	4,720,000	C-
Existing Home Inventory	3,798,000	F
Existing Home Affordability	66.8%	A+
Median Price New Home	\$200,900	F
New Home Sales	337,000	F
New Home Inventory	325,000	F
New Home Affordability Ratio	59.1%	A+

4 Vanguardians

- Vanguard Friday Breakfast Club had a powerful, energetic group at Foxy's. Aramazd Stepanian spoke to us about adding a section on campaign financing to his new play. Vrej Agajanian spoke about his television network and the on-air opportunities. Richard Dickinson spoke about the factual materials on his www.sustainableglendale.com website. There was an excellent opportunity to share opinions while networking. We are looking forward to seeing you at FOXY'S, 206 W Colorado, every Friday.

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Looks like Chief Adams has finally announced his retirement via video. Starbird has had a sudden rash of lunch meeting with City Managers from around Southern California. Could it be he is screening replacements? [ED - Other sources say the meetings have to do with Redevelopment Agency lawsuits.] We'll have to see how the new Council shakes out.

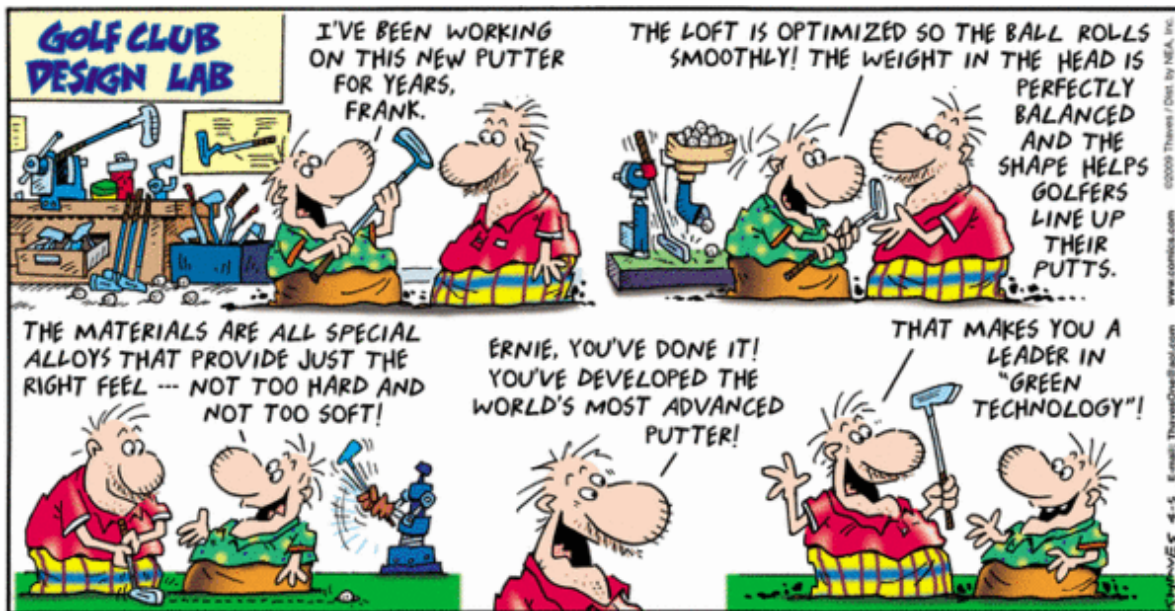
Look for the council to consider increases in Hazmat, sewer and refuse collection fees in the near future now that the election is over.

It's hard to explain dysfunction in government, but if you have a chance to watch "Parks and Rec" on NBC on Thursday nights you will have a good idea about the inner workings of the City of Glendale.

6 Humor



Woulda, coulda, shoulda bought the bakery building on San Fernando...went for a song.



Glendale goes Green and buys another golf course for their putters

7 Public Safety

Davis [Fire Chief Defends Current Staffing](#)

In a recent Davis Enterprise article, Davis Fire Chief Rose Conroy defended the four person fire crew. The article cites the 1998 OSHA "two in, two out" rule as a safety regulation for firefighters and it cites economic considerations but does not do the broader comparative study that the Vanguard did with regards to staffing levels.

The Enterprise article cites Woodland phasing out their four men engine unit, but the [Vanguard found that only two other comparable](#) cities among the 12 cities examined still had exclusively four men teams--Folsom and West Sacramento. The others including Berkeley, Fairfield, Napa, Palo Alto, Roseville, San Luis Obispo, Vacaville, Woodland, and Chico now all primarily rely on three person teams.

It would have been interesting to hear how these cities have managed with three person teams.
[FULL STORY](#)

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