



"Accountability" Glendale's Watchdog

Preliminary [City budget](#) is available now so you can be prepared to testify at the budget hearing on June 10.

Vanguard will host a public study session to help prepare you. Call Barry to RSVP 11AM June 7 at my home.

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## City Attorney Reports on Weaver

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 activism

**When WE are complacent THEY win!**

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### NEWS

**Vanguard has been asked to provide information about land use issues. Here are two projects coming on line:**

**Project Information:** The proposed project is located at 401-419 W. Colorado Street. The proposed project involves the development of an approximately 96,670 SF, 5-story building containing a banquet facility, a full-service restaurant, and office uses. The banquet facility and restaurant would occupy the first floor of the building. Additional banquet uses would be located on the second floor; while the banquet hall administrative offices and technical services rooms would be located on the third floor. Office uses would occupy the fourth and fifth floors. Project also includes a four-level subterranean parking facility containing approximately 440 spaces (114 tandem). The proposed project would require the demolition of all existing on-site structures. [Click here](#) for a copy of the Notice of Preparation Any comments on the potential environmental effects of this project should be directed to Elena Bolbolian at (818) 548-2005 or [ebolbolian@ci.glendale.ca.us](mailto:ebolbolian@ci.glendale.ca.us). A copy of the Initial Study can be obtained by contacting Elena Bolbolian.

### Second Project

**Project Description** (brief): The proposed Glendale Triangle Project ("Project") is located within the San Fernando Road Corridor Redevelopment Project Area at 3900 San Fernando. The 2.18 acre triangular site borders three major streets: Los Feliz Road to the north, Central Avenue to the east, and San Fernando Road to the west. The Project includes the development of transit-oriented, high-density multi-family, mixed-used project consisting of: 218 residential units; 54,000 square feet of commercial space; recreation and open space amenities; and a 3 1/2 level subterranean parking garage.

**Making a contribution for the reimbursement of the City of Glendale Parks and Recreation Department for the \$90,000 construction of the Rose Bowl Float? Here are the addresses and the caveats:**

City of Glendale Parks & Rec 613 E Broadway Glendale 91206	Glendale Rose Float Assoc POB 564 Glendale 91209	Dreaming of Roses Inc POB 2703 Glendale 91209	Vanguardians POB 11202 Glendale 91226
Note on the check Rose Bowl Float	Note on the check Rose Bowl Float	Contribution is tax deductible however the Articles and Bylaws indicate there is no relationship with the Rose Bowl Float. CM Weaver can use the money for whatever purpose he chooses	Note on the check Rose Bowl Float As a fiscal agent we will forward to the City
Not tax deductible per se but as a business expense	Not tax deductible per se but as a business expense		The Contribution is tax deductible

He that is of the opinion money will do everything may well be suspected of doing everything for money. --Benjamin Franklin

### WEAVER WATCH

**LETTERS:** I am sickened and outraged that Mayor Drayman doesn't want to investigate Weaver. Somehow we should look at Weaver's tax returns to see how much money he is sucking out of the public. Weaver is a morally corrupt person and I think that this City Council should do something about it. My company gave him money...lots of it for the Rose Bowl

Float, for Miss Asia and whatever. I didn't give him money to spend on scholarships. I liked what I saw with Quintero and Yousefian. Najarian was hanging back and I am not so sure of his motives. I think he is worried that he will somehow get caught in the anti-Weaver movement. Thank you for getting this issue in front of the public. CC

The GWP needs to raise rates so it can give money to Weaver? How stupid! I understand that Parks and Recreation Department pays for the Rose Bowl Float out of their budget. The GWP now has added to the City's expense. This needs to be investigated. GF

I accidentally turned the channel and saw the discussion about Weaver. Wow! It's so disgusting the way the council shifts their loyalty. Although I think it's a good thing for W to come clean about his activities, but the way the council members now are ganging up on Weaver is like the way they ganged

up on Bob. It is amusing and sad to watch this council. No wonder nothing gets done in this city by the council and the city manager takes power to make all the decisions. LS [ED The difference is Yousefian was standing up for property owner rights while Weaver is doing his own thing.]

**CALLS:** Four phone calls and Dave raises \$30,000 for his business. I understand that he is calling for Miss Asia and some of his friends are not stepping up to the plate. Then Virgelia [owner of Miss Asia] calls back and even says she is with the hotel banquet service to make it past the gate-keepers so she can solicit more money. JC

A note from Barry Allen: "I have no problem with the Glendale Rose Float Association. The members and Board are well intentioned and I support that. My only issue with them from my first involvement in

2004 was the reluctance to make Dave Weaver accountable then by getting a court order to review the checking account that was opened at Bank of America using the Federal ID number of the GRFA."

In answer to those that have sent Vanguard messages about Weaver's indiscretion involving City employees, a Miss Asia guest at the Royal Palace and others, they will not be reported on until they are verified and confirmed.

ELIE WIESEL It may well be that our means are fairly limited and our possibilities restricted when it comes to applying pressure on our government. But is this a reason to do nothing? Despair is not an answer. Neither is resignation. Resignation only leads to indifference, which is not merely a sin but a punishment

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

**If you have issues** with the City and you fear retaliation, bring them to Vanguardians and we'll share them with the appropriate department assuring your anonymity.

### City Council

Council	5-27 2008	Overall	Contact info
Drayman	A	B	<a href="mailto:jdrayman@ci.glendale.ca.us">jdrayman@ci.glendale.ca.us;</a>
Najarian	C	C	<a href="mailto:anajarian@ci.glendale.ca.us">anajarian@ci.glendale.ca.us;</a>
Quintero	C	B	<a href="mailto:fquintero@ci.glendale.ca.us">fquintero@ci.glendale.ca.us;</a>
Weaver	D	D	<a href="mailto:dweaver@ci.glendale.ca.us">dweaver@ci.glendale.ca.us;</a>
Yousefian	A	B	<a href="mailto:byousefian@ci.glendale.ca.us">byousefian@ci.glendale.ca.us;</a>

#### DRAMA ON THE DAIS

Philpott did facts and data – Chief Scoggins did anecdotes. Najarian, Quintero and Weaver love anecdotes as they don't understand data.

FLORYNCE KENNEDY You've got to rattle your cage door. You've got to let them know that you're in there, and that you want out. Make noise. Cause trouble. You may not win right away, but you'll sure have a lot more fun.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT



**LETTERS:** Entry-level Glendale firefighters today can earn as much as deputy chiefs. To do this, a firefighter only has to work another three shifts per month – from ten to thirteen. They are able to do this at will. Given this reality, there is no real financial incentive to seek promotion. If there is no financial incentive to reach for higher ranks, the possible outcome is that promotions may only identify mediocre performing managers. By removing much of the overtime, compensation equality would no longer exist and the interest in seeking higher rank would become desirable again. In theory and practice, this could lead to more competent middle and top managers in the fire department.

DB

**Five** Battalion Chiefs got paid over \$1,000,000 which included \$350,000 in overtime. As managers, they are considered to be supervisors thus are not entitled to overtime as they are exempt. City Council, we are watching. If you vote to maintain the status quo, we will vote you out of office. The firefighters may have the money but we have the votes. Can you imagine that Chief Scoggins, according to his comments, wants to reduce two of the Paramedic Ambulances to transport!

**That is a step backward. HA**

The engines and trucks roll at lunchtime



"It must be a fire... for dinner he's more of a blur."

## Has the GFD decided to maintain 'Geographic Integrity' by taking the numbers off the Fire Engines so the public doesn't know if they are out of their district? BW

**MORE:** The fire union folks have been gloating for over a week since they secured the three votes -- Weaver, Quintero & Najarian. Scoggins knew this going into yesterday's meeting, so he was very confident of the outcome. It appears as though his one or two anecdotal stories trumped the evidence presented that would lead any critical thinking person to the conclusion that it is safe and cost-effective to staff the nine neighborhood fire stations with three on each engine and truck. A lot of stock was given by the three council members to the value of staffing with four because of the residential interface with wild lands that could erupt into a large brush fire. Analyzing this argument as a reason to staff regularly with four doesn't make much sense because these kinds of events don't occur very often. The last large brush fire we had locally was actually in Burbank and no homes were lost. Prior to that we had a brush fire above Brand Park about five years ago and no homes were lost.

To use these kinds of rare incidents to justify daily staffing with four is beyond reason and falls into the categories of absurd and ridiculous. Had we had time to analyze Scoggins scenario of attacking a large working structure fire by putting a small hose line on the fire with just the 500 gals. aboard the first arriving engine, knowing full well that the second engine was less than one minute away, is kind of silly. What the fire department's Practices and Procedural Manual says is

that the first engine in that kind of fire should be advancing the hose from the hydrant and conducting other preparations before the second engine arrives (on average in less than one minute) so that the entry team will be ready as soon as the second engine arrives, giving them sufficient personnel to staff the entry team with four. But when you have three members of the city council who are looking for straws to justify their predetermined position to back up the fire union, the results are predictable. Once again the public loses to the tune of \$10 million per year in savings while the Glendale firefighters are trying to decide to buy either that second vacation home (they already have their first vacation home that they use as a partial rental) or the 40 foot coach for the month long cross country tour.

What needs to be done, but at this point will not happen is an honest assessment of the value of three versus four by conducting a thorough examination of the performance of cities that staff with three, like Alhambra and other local cities and then compare that data to Glendale. You will find that fire suppression rates and the criteria for effectiveness are imperceptible between those cities staffed with four and those staffed with three. Once again, politics wins over reasonable and sound policy. You may be right, come April, 2009, there may be one or two new faces on the dais. If that happens, this issue may be resurrected.

**JOHN F. KENNEDY** Without debate, without criticism, no administration and no country can succeed -- and no republic can survive

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

Commentary is available in Spanish

**A** City Councilman takes his desk in City Hall, carrying a list of businesses with business investment and proposals in the City, people that will have to stand before a decision making body to be able to spend their money to bring revenue to the City coffers to pay the inordinate amount of salaries, benefits and pensions.

As a hypothetical example:

"I am Councilman Dave Weaver and I can help you, here in Glendale, cut through the red tape and get your project moving quickly for the best interest of Glendale. You know I lived here all my life. By the way I wanted to mention [pick one]

- my daughter is getting married,
- my daughter just had my first grandchild,
- it's Dreaming of Roses time,
- Miss Asia helps lots of young girls,
- We have this scholarship thing,
- My 70<sup>th</sup> birthday is coming...



Oh, that's ok you can just send your check to my non-profit at POB 2703. Don't forget...it's tax deductible! Call me for anything you need. Whatever."

I asked a former elected official to introduce me to a developer. "Barry, I would like to but he won't even take my calls. I no longer have the juice."

A developer would say to me..."Mr. Allen, what can you do for me after I have invested with those officials that say they will help?"

I say, "I can help bring accountability, integrity and honesty back to government. As an investor in Glendale you should not have to pander or pay for votes to be able to spend your money here. I know that when it comes time to 'sell' the community on your project you will do that by contributing DIRECTLY to causes you believe in. Our officials and government should embrace you for your investment and the revenue it brings to pay our exorbitant bills for salaries, benefits and pensions. I can stop the perceived extortion by exposing the corruption."

"Barry, I really would like to feel that I don't have to write a check every time I get a phone call from City Hall, whether it is for a campaign or for their favorite cause. I understand the need for good, open government where I don't have to tread softly for fear that I will have to keep paying...like blackmail...it never stops."

Your continued and ongoing support for Vanguardians and other civic watchdog groups is money well spent to bring accountability back to local government. But we can't do it alone.

## I NEED YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE FINANCIAL [HELP](#) TODAY for all of us to have a better quality of life.

I am certainly glad I didn't listen to CM Weaver's advice about not going to the Americana for two months. It was delightful. The sky reminded me of Caesar's Palace with the ever changing artificial sky. Watching the people picnicking on the lawn of the park, walking, gawking and having a great time was certainly worth the visit. The lines OUTSIDE the restaurants – expensive and not so...even at the old fashioned Good Humor truck, were snakelike and long. It wasn't even the dinner hour! I wish people would put some of the kids on leashes so they wouldn't run helter-skelter with all their youthful excitement into others like us old folks wandering about. I was surprised that the parking lot shuttle buses were not running (if they were, they were invisible) on a busy Memorial Day. Parking is free if your purchases add up to \$250. There were many shoppers going back and forth between the Americana and the Galleria. Maybe if those two mercantile giants would get together they could sponsor shopping trips from 150 miles around. Even if you voted NO on A B & C...bury your feelings about the 'loss' and check it out. Unlike Dave Weaver I didn't get any money from the Americana. BA

**Next week:** Elected officials that pander for money for 'causes' create the perception they will grant favors. Others will claim campaign funds have their own purpose. Politicians that sell out for the greed of a few hundred employees forgetting the interests of 207,000

residents, workers, visitors, students, shoppers and others. Jesse Unruh: "If you can't drink a lobbyist's whiskey, take his money, sleep with his women and still vote against him in the morning, you don't belong in politics."

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 Potpourri

[WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS](#) Restriction of free thought and free speech is the most dangerous of all subversions. It is the one un-American act that could most easily defeat us.

### Letters & Email

ED – Letters published do not necessarily express the opinion of Vanguardians, this publication, the organization or Barry Allen. Names are used only when requested. Letters will not be published that aren't signed and/or are hate oriented.

For years, now, Barry, you have been uncovering and publishing the self-serving actions of those who would

dare to call themselves public servants against the citizens of Glendale. You have made and continue to make headway against misdeeds and toward achieving

real accountability. Well done. Still it seems astonishing that, even when exposed, the foolishness continues. It is absolutely remarkable that those who perpetrate it remain in office. Clearly, when Jefferson talked about "eternal vigilance" he wasn't exaggerating -- the

vigilance goes on for more than a season. Regardless of one's religious identification, there is wisdom and encouragement in the words of St. Paul the Apostle, "... grow not weary in doing good ...." And keep it up. JS

**Thanks** again. Barry, it just so happens I got a couple of grateful responses from friends who have family buried at Grandview. Having read your notice in Vanguard about the special opening of the cemetery I called them and both were very surprised and excited to get the chance to clean up around the monuments of their family. I am very happy to take the credit but think I have to share it with you. Thanks Barry. Carl, the HubCap Kid

**Rick** Caruso of Americana gave Dave Weaver [\\$17,500](#) for his election campaign then another \$10,000 for Dreaming of Roses, Inc. A table at the Grand Gala opening of Americana worth about \$4,000 for the gifts and the Wolfgang Puck dinner not counting appetizers and open bar. Do you know how much more Weaver got from Caruso...like wedding gifts for Weaver's daughter and baby gifts? Do you know how much Americana kicked in for Miss Asia? From what you have reported,

this was a small investment for Caruso as he got the \$40,000 shuttle service and an untold amount of police and traffic services plus the permission to charge for parking. Was Dave the only one to get this kind of money? MM [ED Vanguard has reported based on public records. You will have to call Weaver and ask him for the information and then verify with Caruso and Miss Asia].

**After** reading what you have in Vanguard and watching the Council meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>, if Weaver doesn't resign he should be kicked off the Council but those ninnyes don't have the cojones to stand up for what is right. Weaver creates the specter, the perception of corruption. Mr. Weaver, stop spending my money on your whims. GS

**True Colors is what I think Weaver, Quintero and Najarian showed yesterday regarding the fire department. Najarian wants the Rolls Royce just because he drives one. Let's see if he and Quintero refuse the money that the fire union will give them. I could expect no less from Weaver as he is 'da man' when he can get what he wants from the GFD. At least Yousefian and Drayman stood up. Najarian slapped at the homeowners association for wanting fiscal responsibility. Apparently when you are wealthy you don't care about how you spend other people's money. Molano was right. Why did Najarian want to get elected? Just to get land deals for his family?**  
KG

[More](#)

**CALLS:** Why didn't the NewsPress pick up on the Weaver Dreaming of Roses story? [ED You will have to call their Editor or Publisher at 818 637 3200 and ask. I understand they are working on a story for the coverage of the agenda item on June 3.]

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## GLENDALE HOMEOWNERS COORDINATING COUNCIL

### Agenda

June 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church of Glendale - Sanctuary  
2001 Cañada Blvd., Glendale, CA

The featured speaker is GRA Director Philip Lanzafame. He will speak on downtown, development and the impact on the infrastructure.

**CALENDAR** -- Click to view the agenda [City Council](#) [Housing Authority](#) [Redevelopment Agency](#)

### Monday, June 2

**Special Meeting** -- Historic Preservation Commission -- 2:00 pm, Room 105, Municipal Services Building, 633 E. Broadway, Glendale. 548-2140  
Glendale Water & Power Commission -- 4:00 pm, City Council Chambers, City Hall, 613 E. Broadway, Glendale. 548-2107  
"Behind the Badge" -- 7:00 pm, GTV6 -- Live Call-in show featuring "Recent Burglary/ Theft Trends". 548-3344

### Tuesday, June 3

8:30 am, **Special Meeting** - Budget Study Session --City Council Chambers, City Hall, 613 E. Broadway, Glendale. 548-4844  
2:30 pm, Glendale Housing Authority - Glendale Redevelopment Agency  
6:00 pm Glendale City Council --City Council Chambers, City Hall, 613 E. Broadway, Glendale. 548-4844

### Wednesday, June 4

Glendale Zoning Administrator's Hearing -- 9:30 am, Municipal Services Building, Room 105, 633 E. Broadway, Glendale. 548-2140

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission – 3:00 pm, City Council Chambers, City Hall, 548-2000  
Planning Commission – 5:00 pm, Room 105, Municipal Services Building, 633 E. Broadway, Glendale. 548-2140

#### Thursday, June 5

Glendale Design Review Board #2 - 5:00 pm, Municipal Services Building, Room 105, 633 E. Broadway, Glendale. 548-2140

### ARTICLES

LA Daily News--[Fee waivers must be halted](#). Glendale Housing Authority is going to be asked to drop in lieu fees for a project.

[Aram Sahakian](#), TPC Chair, makes the LA Daily News

[VACLAV HAVEL](#) You do not become a "dissident" just because you decide one day to take up this most unusual career. You are thrown into it by your personal sense of responsibility, combined with a complex set of external circumstances. You are cast out of the existing structures and placed in a position of conflict with them. It begins as an attempt to do your work well, and ends with being branded an enemy of society.

## 3 Open Government



**The Mayor** asked that Barry Allen provide documents to the City Attorney that Allen used in his remarks about CM Weaver and his business, Dreaming of Roses, Inc. Within two days of that request, the documents were made available to the City Attorney and the public by being posted on the web. These documents were obtained through the Internal Revenue Service as a result of Weaver not providing those documents as required under law. The City Attorney sits next to Weaver at City Council meetings and could have asked for those documents but didn't. Mr. Weaver could have volunteered to provide them but chose not to.

City refuses to provide Weavers calendar and phone call activity...Is there something to hide?

## 4 Vanguardians

**Vanguardians Speakers Bureau provides speakers that are not restricted, restrained or prohibited from speaking candidly on their topics -- there is no approval required from the City Officials.**

1. **Bruce Philpott on answers to the Glendale Fire Department lack of accountability.**
2. **Dr. Richard Espiritu on ADA compliance. 90% of our population is affected by disability**
3. **Barry Allen – How accountability through advocacy helps bridge the gap between the public and government; the California Sunshine Laws – Open Meetings, Public Records and Public Officials' Financial and Conflict of Interest reporting requirements -- Financial Red Flags --- Weaver lawsuit**

**These knowledgeable people are available for your organization, service club, homeowners or neighborhood associations. Call Vanguardians 818 243 1502 or email us at [info@vanguardians.org](mailto:info@vanguardians.org) to book them**

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Rides needed for seniors to attend City Council Meetings**

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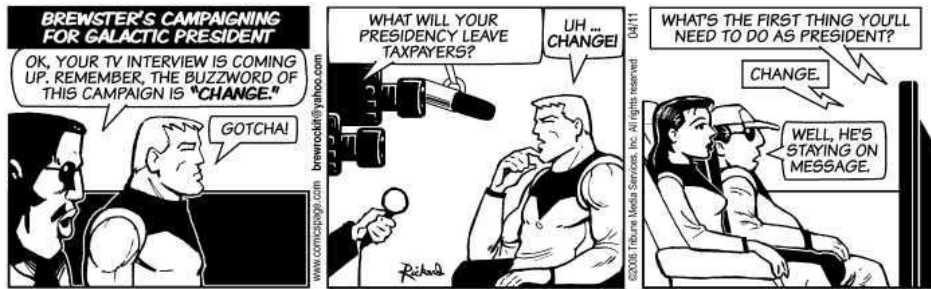
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**5 the Insider** The insider is a digest of information from several city employees that care about the way the City is run. They are concerned about retaliation. Vanguard provides them the opportunity to have this forum. Their identities are kept confidential. The comments are their own.  
We are really p-----d that the Council stands up for the GFD...the people that get paid the most, get paid for sleeping, have the best conditions and the least work and will not suffer as the rest do..

**HARRY S TRUMAN** Once a government is committed to the principle of silencing the voice of opposition, it has only one way to go, and that is down the path of increasingly repressive measures, until it becomes a source of terror to all its citizens and creates a country where everyone lives in fear.

## 6 Humor



Change between the campaign and taking office



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Your choice on Tuesday night Laugh In

## 7 JUMP

Letters: Frank Quintero shot down someone asking about the budget deficit. Quintero said we have \$500,000,000 so we are not broke. He didn't say those funds are drawing interest, they are reserves and are restricted so he can't get his hands on them Be happy...he could have gone to Sacramento and done even more damage. Time to say 'goodbye' and 'go to work for Yucaipa'. GS

### Schedule A Monetary Contributions Received

Statement covers period		CALIFORNIA FORM 460				
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### DRAMA ON THE DAIS

The City Council meeting held on May 27<sup>th</sup> was a lesson in how some of the city council members conduct themselves to play to a selected group:

JOHN DRAYMAN ----- The mayor is a credit to this city and the meeting was conducted in a very professional manner. This city is fortunate to have John Drayman serving as our Mayor.

FRANK QUINTERO ---- Frank Quintero willfully and intentionally attempted to deceive the public when he stated that the city had \$500 million or more to pay for the bloated salaries and overtime of the fire department. He knew that the money he referred to is for emergency purposes only. He was playing to the fire department at the expense of the residents speaking on behalf of fiscal responsible government. His attempt to dupe the public backfired. Frank's deception to the public will be remembered.

BOB YOUSEFIAN ---- Bob Yousefian knew that the statements made by Quintero were a total fabrication and he made it clear to the public the real use of the monies. Bob is to be congratulated for his honesty and willingness to educate the public not, as Frank did, try and dupe the public. Bob's honesty will be remembered.

SCOTT HOWARD --- Scott Howard is an extremely knowledgeable city attorney that knows the City Charter and City Codes inside and out. However, when Frank's deception was taking place, he remained silent.

JAMES STARBIRD --- City Manager Starbird heard the same misstatement of information. Mr. Starbird never misses an opportunity to correct, expand or interrupt a councilman at any time for any purpose. Yet, when Frank Quintero engaged in his misinformation, Mr. Starbird remained silent.

CHIEF SCOGGINS --- We now have a fire chief than can recite stores that occurred ten years ago, but when asked questions for statistics regarding his Department, had no answers other than to say "I don't know, I will get back to you with that information." He holds a rigid position on his bloated staff, salaries and overtime abuses. He clearly stated that fiscal responsibility is not his concern. There were about eight, give or take a couple of firemen, with the chief, all "on the clock" being paid to present their position for more monies and staff.

Union President CAPT. STAVROS -- He is the little guy from San Pedro that leaves his assigned station, Station 26, whenever the issue of bloated salaries and overtime arises before city government. On the 27<sup>th</sup> he once again took his engine and the personnel assigned to it down to city hall for about an hour to make sure that his position on salaries and staffing was more than clear. This conduct is extremely unsettling since Chief Scoggins in his comments had stated that Fire Station 26 is one of the busiest in the city. Stavros was out of his district with his engine placing in jeopardy any emergency call response time. We residents are thankful that they are no longer allowed to jog at Brand Park and spend too much time down at the Honey Baked Ham location, so some progress has been made.

BRUCE PHILPOTT --- A courageous and extremely knowledge resident who has devoted much time to the issue of fiscal responsibility at the fire department and how to achieve that goal through limits on overtime and staffing of fire engines with three instead of four. This is not a unique concept many cities are doing it without any adverse results. Of course the fire department is digging in and sending out the little guy to respond to any suggestion that their \$250,000 salaries are bloated.

THE PUBLIC ---- All the speakers from the public spoke for fiscal responsibility and the need to address the issue now before there is a serious problem such as has taken place in other cities that have filed for bankruptcy. Not one resident spoke in defense of the bloated salaries, positions and overtime abuse. Only the fire department takes the position that there is no problem and nothing needs to be done and business should, and must be, conducted as usual.

CITY COUNCIL ----- It was clear that three councilmen, Weaver (What is it about the ceiling that keeps him so occupied? Anger management?), Ara Najarian and Frank Quintero are totally intimidated and basically frightened by the little guy from San Pedro. So frightened that they are willing to jeopardize the fiscal position of the city to gain those precious TEN VOTES. You know them; the precious ten from the fire department that actually live in Glendale and can vote here and pay their taxes here. Who cares about the fire department's endorsement? It is an illusion. Ara Najarian position of support for the fire department was weakened with every questioned he asked. This was a good thing.

EL TOVAR ---- This city had a serious problem years back that brought out the need for responsible government. Residents voted out those not willing to listen to their concerns. The exact same thing is now happening. There was a cry at voting time ---- REMEMBER EL TOVAR. It worked and we had new faces. This time the cry is----- THREE NOT FOUR---FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. ONCE AGAIN THE RESIDENTS ARE FACED WITH COUNCILMEN THAT ARE NOT LISTENING. CHANGE IS NEEDED

A statement by Carole Weling

## **8** Coming attractions

Saving money for the City -- a vision, who to vote for and why; Weaver Expose' and Dreaming of Roses, Inc continues; Learn about the Loan from candidate to himself scam. Or how to keep the \$\$\$

BARBARA EHRENREICH: No matter that patriotism is too often the refuge of scoundrels. Dissent, rebellion, and all-around hell-raising remain the true duty of patriots.