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## GWP Commission Violated Brown Act

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!**

**NEWS**

[On July 1 the GWP water and electric rates went up 6.8%](#)

[FYE 2006 the GWP had expenses exceed revenue even before transferring \\$17M](#)

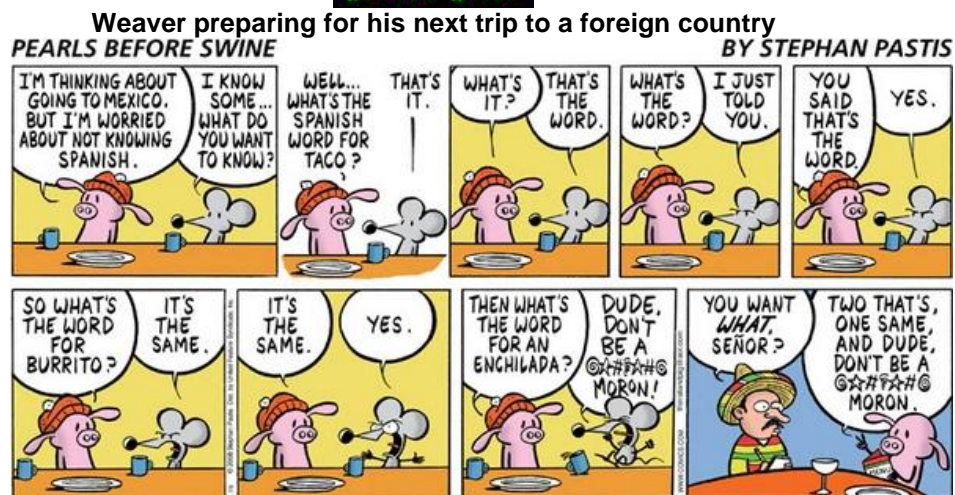
The GWP Commission 'ran out of time' so there were no Oral Communications at the meeting on Wednesday. Certainly a Brown Act violation. Mayor Drayman has set the template and others are following their leader.

The Parks and Recreation Commission took it upon themselves to set charges for the use of Parks and Recreation Facilities. Allegations include that the staff report indicated there had been acquiescence with administrators of leagues. Those administrators claim that wasn't true. Will Council take on the broader issue of salaries increasing faster than revenues permit?

Vanguardians has been studying other cities' \$100K Clubs. The results soon to be reported show that other cities have bestowed great largesse on their employees. However, it appears at this time that Glendale is the leader in overpaying the employees.

Weaver appointed to [Orangeline Maglev Board by Mayor Drayman Other Council members questioning why they were not told about this](#)

### WEAVER WATCH



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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

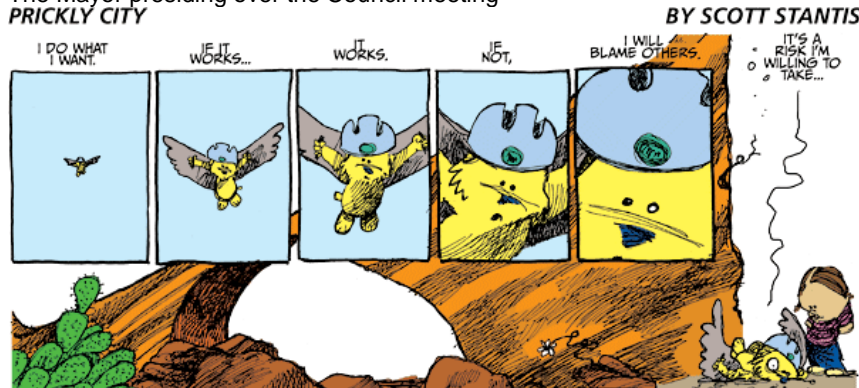
**All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good women & men to do nothing**

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### City Council

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The Mayor presiding over the Council meeting  
**PRICKLY CITY**



B for Boring, Bland. Even Mayor Drayman couldn't make the meeting interesting with his quips and anecdotes. Although the AYSO representative did hit on a sore spot that the Parks & Rec Commission has approved charging for the use of the soccer fields which is something they can do without Council permission but that could be in error due to [Prop 218](#). Somewhere we can look for a little spice.

Council member Quintero was MIA

Some Council members are miffed that the Mayor didn't consult them when he appointed Weaver to the Maglev Train Joint Authority. You would have thought that our MTA representative Ara Najarian would have been the best choice for the Maglev Board.

This week: Soccer Field Charges, GWP rate increase for going Green, Mayoral Appointment Process.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

14 people in the GFD got take home cars or necessary when there are at least 60 people on discernible effort made to hire firefighters within GFD has, according to their roster, two people Doctor and a Nurse...shouldn't they be assigned necessary to have their own Human Resource Department could handle everything including time I am at City Hall there are fire department Matt Doyle is handling that while there are Chiefs are supervisors. In Glendale they get there should be ZERO overtime.



mileage in 2006 and 2007. Why is that duty at any given time? There is no Glendale or even 10 miles around. The assigned to public information. There is a to the Employee Health Service? Why is it Department when the City HR their investigations? In fact, almost every employees at the HR Department. Maybe firefighters being featherbedded. Battalion overtime pay. With 5 Battalion Chiefs

Glendale Firefighters and Glendale Managers Association get lots of money from the City Council but they do give back some in the form of Campaign contributions and to Independent Expenditures Committees.

**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.

**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.*

The present City Budget is a harbinger of the future. Expenditures continue to exceed revenues, a phenomenon that is supported by the present City Council. When it comes time to write bigger checks, Council member Weaver is the first to

jump in with an acknowledgement that, "We just don't have the money." Although Weaver did not support cutting back in the Fire Department nor renegotiating the Urgency Ordinance Wage increases. We heard how each Department cut back by 5% yet the GFD has so much fat that the cut wasn't even felt. According to their own records they have not one but two public information officers (PIO). Those Captains could easily be worked into the fire suppression teams that are so understaffed that the GFD can only staff with full position coverage overtime. The HR function would be better placed in the hands of the professionals in the City Human Resources Department. I could go on and on but needless to say...there is more fat that could be trimmed giving back a library for the kids and their folks. A library when we talk about the kids and the general trend that downgrades literacy.

We maintain Bus Route 13 at a cost of almost \$50,000 a year with an income of, tops, \$1200. We support a transportation department that didn't operate the Americana Shuttle service on a shopping holiday because, "We are on a City schedule." This same group applauded the Beeline contractor saying they did excellent maintenance yet bus #36 still does not have working AC. The expensive toy, the Nextbus System that Dr. Espiritu claimed for almost two years didn't work, was finally acknowledged not to work to the extent that the vendor was not being paid.

The Fire Department is preparing to submit its requirements for new engines and trucks. Last time they ordered the equipment was, according to public records, ordered from a catalog. Meanwhile the drive trains needed to be replaced as they were inadequate for the terrain. The GFD shared with the public that they make a profit when they send 'strike teams' to fight brush fires. In reality the City loses money. Every firefighter that is away must be replaced at full overtime by another firefighter. This is known as 'position coverage overtime'.

The City needs to re-evaluate the use of take home cars by City employees. City vehicles should be identifiable with a City emblem so the car is used only for City business and not just as a perk.

The City combined tree permits and foresters. Good idea. I have already suggested combing the GFD HR Department with the existing one; combining the Public Information offices with Ritch Wells; the taxi-cab licensing involves three City Departments. It should involve one. The Employee Health Services (EHS) seems rather redundant especially as the City pays a lot of money for healthcare coverage. The EHS should be contracted out to the Urgent Care and Emergency Services provided by local facilities. As the City has declined to share the patient census, we only know the \$1.1M cost of the EHS. In the same mode, the GFD could very well contract the administration of its EMS program to Adventist or Memorial Hospital for savings of a Doctor and a Nurse. Economy of scale.

**The Budget issue could have been avoided by changing Fire Department policy to have 3 Firefighters on an apparatus and no driver for the BC. This would have cut overtime out without reducing the personnel. No degradation of service and no increase in fees or new charges for parks and soccer fields, no library closings and money to make Rockhaven a functional part of the City!**

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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](#)

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## **2Potpourri**

**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.



**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.**

An open letter to local bigots who send mail to Vanguardians often speaking against people based on how their surname is spelled: "Thank you for your periodic cards and notes. I appreciate that you are no longer targeting only the Armenians on the Council. The Council is made up of individuals, some of whom may vote for something you want or against something you want...and these are not always the same people. It takes 3 or 4 'YES' votes to pass an item. First before you attack someone, you must make a determination as to your own values, would you, for instance,

- Support someone who is corrupt just because you had voted for him?
- Or because you go to the same church?
- Or are of the same ethnicity?
- Or he is the kind of guy you could have a beer with?

That is your call. Vanguardians looks at a number of issues involving elected officials. In order to do that with a clear conscience we have set aside our personal biases.

Who are our Council members?

- A 70 year old that until June was never outside the United States
- An Armenian who was born outside the US
- An Armenian who was born in the US
- A Hispanic
- A father
- A grandfather
- A small businessman
- A builder
- An attorney
- Retirees
- A Consummate politician
- Someone who has used City resources as if they were his own
- Someone that stands up for the little guy
- Someone that wants to put hurdles in front of residents before they can enjoy their Quality of life
- Someone that just wants to drain the treasury for more high salaries

I would suggest you select your values before you tear down an individual due to his ethnicity." **Barry Allen**

I notice that Mayor Drayman seems to be very supportive of Frank Quintero. It seems as if they are in lockstep on Montrose, spending taxpayer money and not understanding today's economics. Initially I thought Drayman was going to support Michael Teahan who would be the champion of South Glendale except he really lives in Adams Square and that is not the area covering the San Fernando Road corridor. Do you know who else is running? **GP** [ED – Several items. One, it really is too soon to count viable candidates. Two, the strategies have not been defined. Three, the PACs and IEs have yet to make known how they are going to play. Let's wait until January when candidates have to file. The landscape will change by then and when people see the fiscal problems (that are denied today), they may not want to run.]

I read the LA Times correspondent Peter Gosselin's article ["Working without a Net"](#) in which he states the following: "Essentially, the numbers have flipped. The fraction of private-sector workers relying on traditional pensions has dropped from 62% a generation ago to a mere 10% today. While the fraction depending solely on the 401K has jumped to 63%." Wow, what does that really mean if one was to read between the lines? The number of government employees at all levels i.e. federal, state, county and city are the primary employees today who will receive a PENSION when they retire. And the lucky stiffs who pay these workers pensions will get solely the 401K program, which is primarily the workers money and SOME MONEY from their employers. Many of us just get \$1000 per month Social Security.

Let us not forget that the Parks and Recreation Commission voted on July 1 to raise the user fees at all city park facilities effective Sept 1, 2008 thru 2012.

If I were a soccer dad or mom or an adult in a sports league living in the City of Glendale, I would be very upset and want to fire each councilman who voted for the pay increase for our city employees.

Our base water rates will be raised 33% over the next 3 years to cover city wages which will include pensions, which most private sector employees do not have.

Something is wrong here! All the city councilmen but one, Bob Yousefian, voted for these pay raises. I understand that Council members Quintero, Najarian and Yousefian are up for re-election in April.

On June 17, 2008 the city council voted an additional \$6.5M for city workers adopting 7 urgency ordinances.



I praise Bob Yousefian for standing up to his council colleagues. If you recall several months ago Bob and I had some words regarding the front yard setbacks along Glenoaks Blvd. We agreed to disagree, but not before the other councilmen voted to strip Mr. Yousefian of his position at the Bob Hope Airport. I am sure this made Mr. Yousefian very upset and wonder why he should continue

representing the people at City Hall. Well, today, Mr. Yousefian, the independent councilman, is my hero and I will do all that I can to re-elect him. He is not beholden to the city employee unions as are the other 4 councilmen.

We need to change the make-up of the next city council to stop this endless cycle. **Mike Mohill**

During the summer the City could have Beeline buses take children from South Glendale where there are few parks and bus them to Brand or Deukmejian Parks. I bet the City could even get a grant for that. So little is done for those children. I also think it was wonderful for the Americana to put in the play sand element for the kids. I watched so many children play there on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Such a treat! **FP**

I saw Council member Quintero standing outside fire station 26. Probably pandering for more money. Last time when he couldn't give them a new fire station, he opted for a new kitchen. Why don't they brown bag it the way I do? They can store their things in the refrigerator? **GF**

Good job on explaining the Council's "vision." Someone, like, say, the City Manager, had better start quickly on figuring out a balanced budget. The investment fund won't last forever. **JS**

The following item contained in your recent issue of Vanguard caught my attention:

*"The fees for a film shoot at the Alex generated only \$265. The City does not charge for the use of the Alex according to the City Clerk, even though it is GRA property."*

While it may be true that the City of Glendale received \$265 in permit fees for a film shoot that took place at the Alex Theatre, let me assure you that the production company involved would have paid the Alex Regional Theatre Board (now Glendale Arts), which manages the Alex Theatre, additional fees for use of the venue. Per our published rate card, these charges would have included a rental fee, labor costs, and other reimbursable expenses. These fees, together with similar fees charged to promoters for public performances, help to underwrite the costs of operating the Alex Theatre and also help to reduce our reliance upon funding from the Glendale Redevelopment Agency.

I hope that I have been able to clear up any confusion that might exist regarding fees charged for the use of the Alex Theatre as a location for film and commercial shoots. **Barry McComb**, Executive Director / CEO, Glendale Arts, Inc. (Alex Theater)

**Question from a reader:** Did the production company involved actually pay the Alex Regional Theatre Board (or Glendale Arts) the amounts intimated by Barry McComb, and if so, how much did this amount to?

**I was so disappointed when I read that the Edison Pacific free/low cost clinic operator could not fulfill its contract with the City and is pulling out. It looks to me like the City will need to subsidize whatever nonprofit provider comes in to take over the clinic. [Council member Frank] Quintero was being really hypocritical in the GNP when he said that the area 'needs accessibility to low cost healthcare.' He could have voted to change fire department staffing that would have freed up millions of dollars to help the community. CD**

If the AYSO region 88 has not come up with a theme song, I'd like to recommend: "I get a kick out of you." It seems as if teams will be charged extra fees to defray the upkeep costs of the parks. The Parks and Recreation commission voted to recommend increased fees to the city council. Though the city would be justified in charging extra to teams living outside of Glendale, it would be questionable precedent to start charging Glendale residents more for services that they are already paying in ever increasing taxes and fees.

Have these commissioners ever taken a look at the luxurious pay and benefits the city already pays its members of the Glendale Management Association? For many of them, the city council has approved increases that doubled their pay in the last seven years. But it appears that that's not enough. The city adds automobiles, and related transportation expenses to this elite group. These councilmen would have you believe that the tens of thousands of dollars city unions kicked in to their respective campaign has nothing to do with the reciprocal gifts they

bestowed on those employees. By my calculations, for every \$1000 dollars in contributions councilmen received, they've given \$1,000,000 in pay and benefit increases. Even David Beckham could not get a better return on his investments.

Instead of kicking the soccer players and their families, the city council should kick out any senior management employee who feels that he is entitled to a taxpayer funded automobile. We can easily compensate for the \$94,000 dollars the increased field fees would bring in and would give this privileged group a dose of reality to boot.

Whose interests does the city council really serve? We will know soon enough. Are they more accountable to the residents or to the city unions? Will the tail continue to wag the dog? Will soccer families get a swift kick from council members? Find out at the next council meeting and don't forget your shin guards. **Herbert Molano** AYSO Coach 1999



**Why doesn't the GNP cover the items you do? [ED You will have to ask them.]**

**Everyone is saying that you are working for Bob Yousefian, Is that true? [ED Council member Yousefian is one of five City Council members. Sometimes I agree with his vote and his discussion as to the reason he voted that way but I disagreed with him in the manner he spoke out against the reappointment of Pauline Field to the Woman's Commission. I frequently agree with Council member Weaver even though I have no respect for him because of his self-serving dealings with the City. When Mayor Drayman changed Oral Communications to the end of the agenda I said nothing because that is within his purview as Mayor. I do acknowledge that Mayor Drayman has encouraged more dialogue on the dais and has discouraged the use of Blackberries and cell phones on the dais. Council member Quintero and I have less dialogue than others but I acknowledge him as the consummate politician. I have to like Council member Najarian because he is putting in a request for a Proclamation for Vanguardians. He has a delightful family and treats Margaret Hammond with respect. Being the Director of a Charity requires that I can't support or oppose candidates for public office. However, we can educate the public on the issues and the positions each candidate takes on those issues as we did in the last election we will do the same with an exhaustive questionnaire. Vanguardians works for the people to bring fiscal accountability to our government. By the way, the short answer is, 'No.']**

**Developers vs. Employees....[numerous calls have come in on this topic] Why is the Council pandering to the developers? [ED Answer isn't very complex. The developers invest in the City. That investment pays the salaries and pensions. The investors are an easy 'mark' for elected officials to 'hit-up' for money. The pandering is to give more money to the \$100K Club members.]**

**Oxnard: Barry was on Oxnard Public Access Cable as a guest of Marty Jones. The questions were based on advocacy for fiscal responsibility, the need for public involvement in their local government and continued advocacy for accountability.**

**The ad in the GNP was too supportive of Yousefian. The public doesn't need to know how much the City spends on employees. [ED – Most callers were very supportive of Vanguardians educational efforts.]**

**Vanguard of Davis: [Word To The Wise: Speak Up or Nothing Changes](#)**

Recently I had the opportunity to attend the Open House given at Atria Covell Gardens, an assisted living facility for seniors. Its purpose was to showcase the new double occupancy suites, which were created as a result of resident complaints. Rent increases for this residential care facility for the elderly (RCFE) jumped as much as 16% over a two year period, a drastic spike in price. What ensued is a prime example of democracy in action. Oddly enough, the Davis Senior Citizens Commission just so happened to have one of their regular off-site meetings at Atria Covell Gardens last winter. Without knowing what was coming, commissioners convening the session were greeted with a firestorm of protest. Atria Covell Garden residents had just received word of an extreme rate hike in rent and services the evening before. This feisty group of seniors was infuriated, and let the commission know just how they felt. Our advice as a commission was for them to complain long and loudly, with Letters to the Editor of the Davis Enterprise, or to the Davis Vanguard, as a way of obtaining publicity for their cause. [For the full story, please click here](#) [ED Vanguard of Davis demonstrates that we who seek accountability are not alone.]

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

**Monday, July 14**

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

**Tuesday, July 15**

2:30 pm Glendale Housing Authority - GRA -**Special Meeting** – Glendale City Council re: DRB Case

6:00 pm Glendale City Council -- City Council Chambers, City Hall, 613 E. Broadway, Glendale. 548-4844

**Wednesday, July 16**

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

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

**Thursday, July 17**

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

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

**Saturday, July 19**

Glendale's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual "Cruise Night" – 5:30 pm, Brand Boulevard – in the heart of downtown Glendale. 548-6464

#### **ARTICLES**

**[I tried, but failed, to bring ethics to City Hall.](#) After five years on L.A.'s Ethics Commission, he leaves humbled, frustrated and angry.** By Bill Boyarsky July 6, 2008. Five years ago, when I joined the Los Angeles City Ethics

Commission, I was new to government, a bit wide-eyed about what I'd be able to get done and eager to begin shepherding big changes through the system. In particular, I hoped to help clean up a political system that I had come to see as dominated by money.

[Property tax funds rise as housing market falls.](#) Proposition 13 is credited with stabilizing California counties' tax bases even though valuations are lowered on thousands of homes.

[Vallejo, a Northern California](#) city with a population of about 117,000, was once a thriving shipbuilding center on San Pablo Bay, about 30 miles north of San Francisco, along the Interstate 80 corridor. Some say the city has never recovered from the closing of Mare Island Naval Shipyard a dozen years ago. Others contend the city has done little to attract local investment and develop choice properties. Plus, the real estate slowdown throughout California and beyond has not helped matters.<sup>1</sup> However, the central issue driving Vallejo toward insolvency is the unaffordable contracts the city signed with its police and fire unions. According to one recent report, "some 74 percent of Vallejo's general fund budget is devoted to police and fire unions, and that's 25 percent higher than the state average."<sup>2</sup>

### 3 Open Government



The City's refusal to provide the zip codes of the sworn GFD personnel and the new recruits can be interpreted as the GFD has not changed its policy of hiring people that don't live in Glendale based on the cost of living here. Couple that with the price of fuel, it will be cheaper to live in Glendale as the price of housing keeps dropping. As a municipal employee, firefighters are good mortgage risks especially when they are in the top 6% of wage earners. When we provide take home cars, fuel, insurance and maintenance, who could refuse that?

City has also provided information about the 4 resource specialists that were paid \$191K, \$166K, \$152K and \$194K they are all hourly workers at \$35 per hour according to documents provided by the City Attorney. Department heads explained that the \$35 is for starting rate not for the tenure that these employees earned at about \$90 per hour. The CA has done its best to mislead and misdirect. It is certainly a shame that we can't trust the CA for accurate information.

In 2007 GFD BC Doyle was paid \$250,000. The City refused to provide information on exactly how much this firefighter cost the taxpayers. Even though we paid a gross amount of \$250,000 as shown on his W2, we paid a tremendous amount of money for his benefits. At an estimated burden of 45%, the cost to the taxpayer would be \$350,000!

The cost of the City Wellness program is about \$1.1M per year. The City has refused to provide the patient census unless Vanguard pays for the computer program. Can we justify the cost of the Employee Health Service (EHS)? Why not have the GFD Doctor and Nurse work at the EHS to save the cost of contract workers? Better yet, close the program and save \$1.1M.

City Attorney claims there were no GFD retirements for the last 10 years for either disability or full service, while the Union claims that firefighters are constantly leaving. The question would be, "What about Chief Gray, didn't he retire? Or Mike Haney or Chief Biggs or Bill Bailey?"

### 4 Vanguardians

**Welcome to volunteer Marie Tagayun who will be assisting at the Tuesday evening City Council meetings**


Introducing the Vanguardians Board: Martin (Marty) Jones is a retired real estate broker and is the Chair of the Accountability Group in the City of Oxnard. Among the many things Marty brings to Vanguardians are his successful achievements with the LA County Grand Jury

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**5**  **the Insider** is a digest of information from city employees that care about the way the City is run. As they are concerned about retaliation, Vanguard provides them the opportunity to have this forum. Their identities are kept confidential. The comments are their own.

A prime example of the anti-employee management of the City is #7 on Wednesday Civil service commission agenda. Although it is clear in the Charter that actions resulting in a loss of pay are appealable to the Commission, the City refused an appeal by the employee and made the employee go to court to get a hearing. Now, they have an item before the Commission admitting they were wrong and that the Commission may get these appeals in the future. Where was Matt Doyle when this came up the first time? Another costly error that has no one accountable for it except the tax payer's!

## 6 Humor



Oops!



I want more money and a promotion like they get in Glendale CA

## 7 JUMP

GWP	2006	2005
Total Revenues	179,238,000	157,647,000
Total Expense	186,575,000	144,133,000
Transfer to GF	17,684,000	17,008,000
Total Expenses and transfers	204,258,000	161,141,000
Changes in net assets	<b>(25,020,000)</b>	<b>(3,494,000)</b>
Total net assets, end of year	\$ 327,779,000	\$ 352,799,000

Figures from the GWP Financial Reports

The information is only for the power section of the utility, not the water. Every time there is a raise in the rates the 7% utility user tax increases the amount you are actually paying. In 2006 the GWP transferred \$17M even though it lost money...the loss was made up through the reserves.

## 8 Coming attractions

A message to developers – things you should know. GWP charges top rates for power