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Kill the Messenger

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!



Glendale Family Jewels Blog has taken CCM Quintero on with an issue that is pretty old. Back to the days when Quintero had a workforce development contract. Several unaddressed issues by the California Attorney General involved Quintero sitting on the Governor’s Workforce Investment Board. That was the Board that made the rules for contractors to follow. The question that was asked by Assemblymember Frommer had to do with the appointment of the Verdugo Workforce Investment Board that gave the contracts. Quintero was clean. The other issue that was not explored involved Quintero’s Statement of

Economic Interest that showed he had closed his business and yet he received a check from the City for \$126,000. According to documents on the blog site, CCM Weaver requested the contract from Madalyn Blake’s office.

The Glendale News Press under the guise of good reporting attacked an advocate for American’s with Disabilities Act compliance based on “CITY HALL — As the City Council prepares to hold a public study session today on the merits of establishing a police commission, City Hall is rife with questions about the credibility of the effort’s main instigator, Richard Espiritu, after revelations that he has a ‘criminal’ history in Glendale and that his explanation of how he obtained controversial court documents was likely bogus. An activist who has long pushed for better access for disabled people in the city, Espiritu last month alleged that the Glendale Police Department had racial and ethnic biases based on a flyer he publicly displayed that showed patrol cars painted with state Armenian colors and graphics. A police officer created the flyer several years ago, apparently as political satire, and was “severely disciplined” for showing ethnic insensitivity under the city’s zero-tolerance policy, city officials said.”

Reporter Jason Wells by innuendo, lack of in-depth reporting, no reporting as to the attribution of “revelations’ and the failure to confirm statements with Espiritu, is doing the City’s dirty work of ‘killing the messenger’. The News Press was asked to provide their reporter to Vanguard for an interview on this topic. Editor Ben Demers has yet to respond to our request. Wells claimed he did a records search. According to sources at DMV, the records he obtained came from a law enforcement agency. Sources at GPD said, “not us.” Other police sources said, confidentially, to check GPOA (Police union) and police department GMA (Managers union) officials.

Espiritu was subpoenaed by City of Glendale on a two year old case involving an unhappy City Police employee who is suing the City on a job related issue. The case is scheduled for trial in September. Espiritu amazed the Council when he displayed a flyer depicting an Armenian police car that is a document in the lawsuit. In order to hide this ‘ongoing’ investigation from public eyes, the document was given to Council during a secret session and the copies were picked up and again secreted in the bowels of the City Attorney’s office. Now, two years later, the City expects Espiritu to be able to shed light on this matter. Basically their concern is not the law but a witch hunt. Glendale government is still back in the [Joe McCarthy days](#).

WE need your advice and support ----Vanguardians has a very ambitious program for the coming City election. Including voter education process with a weekly radio broadcast and supportive newspaper advertising. As a charity we are expanding our Board and the community is asking us to tackle more issues but we need financial support if we are to continue our success. Will you be a leader in this effort? Barry would like to meet and listen to your ideas.

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

They came first for the agitators, And I didn't speak up because I wasn't an agitator;
 And then they came for the activists, And I didn't speak up because I wasn't an activist;
 And then they came for the advocates, And I didn't speak up because I wasn't an advocate;
 And then they came for the journalists, And I didn't speak up because I wasn't a journalist;
 And then . . . they came for me . . . And by that time there was no one left to speak up.

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.

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Quintero



Mayor Drayman talking down to his constituents

Bob Yousefian in the morning and evening sessions showed his wisdom in dealing with the issues before him. Mayor Drayman kept beating the same issues ad nauseum. Weaver was the same old Weaver.

Quintero was , "I'll follow the Mayor. I can hang onto his coattails for re-election." Najarian said, "I am a criminal lawyer and I am a match for this pre-law student."

MORE: City Council joint meeting - picks and chooses whom to give a pass to on the in lieu fees.

Because it is not a policy decision means that every developer must come begging to each councilman for a favor.

Redevelopment agency (councilmen with different hats) gives away city's parking spaces at the orange street garage and ignores city parking code requirements to give favorite land developer - Dorn Platz (closely aligned with Weaver) a way to by-pass city zoning ordinances.

City council approved two weeks ago the plans for a new Adult Recreation Center (ARC) without full vetting from the TPC, the Arts commission, or the Parks and Recreation commission. Why not just fold the commissions and be done with the charade. Protests now expected on Tuesday.

City's goal to measure quality of life measures proposed in June is dying of neglect.



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Firefighters arrived too late to save a life. Too hot and smoky for Police on the scene to be effective. Just a few blocks from the apartment unit fire the firefighters had been tucked into their beds. Why pay them to sleep? Work similar shifts to the PD. Train, clean equipment, patrol in smaller vehicles, be our eyes and ears. The time is here to just say, 'No!' to paying these people to sleep.

- 911 call received 02:00:31, someone yelled Fire and hung up, attempt recontact
- 41 seconds later another 911 call, immediately transferred to Verdugo Dispatch as a Fire Call
- Police Dispatch listens to Verdugo Dispatch and reporting party.
- Police Dispatch overhears that persons may still be inside
- Officer is dispatched and arrives in 1 minute 10 seconds, second officer arrives 1 minute 46 seconds later

Vanguard is published independently by Vanguardians; Advocating for Accountability– Our vision is to live in a community where all people, regardless of geography, background or economic status, can enjoy accountability, integrity, effectiveness and responsiveness from our elected officials and each of the city's departments, through grass roots involvement, engagement and advocacy.

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

[A 'News' story](#) in the Glendale News Press had this to say. "CITY HALL — As the City Council prepares to hold a public study session today on the merits of establishing a police commission, City Hall is rife with questions about the credibility of the effort's main instigator, Richard Espiritu, after revelations that he has a 'criminal' history in Glendale and that his explanation of how he obtained controversial court documents was likely bogus.' What did the Mayor say about bad journalism? This article covers everything. There was no identification of who made the 'revelations' at City Hall; no corroboration from the subject of the story other than he would make no comment on the subpoena from the City about how he got the flyer that is in the Court Case file. Is Espiritu tainted because of bogus charges of traffic violations that are 20 years old? Has this compromised Dr. Espiritu? Actually no more than it does the Mayor who votes on the City Budget even though he has a bankruptcy in his past.

This action is very consistent with the attitude of this Administration, "KILL THE MESSENGER." For much too long City Hall operates on the principal that everything should be kept a secret. Council member Yousefian stepped up when he talked about a letter from a resident regarding a \$347,000 fine for damaging a tree. The City stonewalled. Shock Jocks John and Ken brought it up on their radio show. Mayor Najarian went after them. Then he went after Steve Lopez at the LA Times instead of demanding that this type of management needed to cease. I brought up a 5 week old article in the Pasadena Weekly and got chastised as the messenger for bringing it forward with the ilk of the Mayor screaming that I caused ethnic problems. Dr. Espiritu brought up the infamous flyer that, according to the News Press, is a two year old article. CCM Quintero demands to know how it leaked from a SECRET SESSION on July 8 instead of demanding that there be accountability at the Glendale Police Department. But he gets money from the police and managers union. Two people come to Council and complain of racial profiling, one a Hispanic the other a Black.

The News Press stated that Espiritu was the instigator of a demand for a police commission. If memory serves, the demand came from hizzoner the Mayor.

During World War II when we had censored news and most of it was on Movietone News in the movie theaters preventing the public from hearing about the millions of Jews being murdered we stood by and said nothing claiming we had no knowledge. This City Council is doing the same thing today claiming ignorance. Maybe they are ignorant.

WHO IS BARRY ALLEN – what makes him tick – To bring you up to date, I covered the name changing focus group; Orange County radio; a stand against bigotry and the bureaucracy.

As my children were growing up we shared the enjoyment of the diversity of our friendships. Jeffrey, the MBA who is the VP-Marketing for a document security firm had God-Parents who were immigrants. Lydia came from Rumania and Emmet from Chaldea (Iraq – between the Tigris and the Euphrates). The older children, Scott and Kelly, enjoyed the ride to the inner city where the few Mexicans had restaurants. My clients included the Armenian Cultural Center, a Catholic Monastery and Convent and the major Jewish Temples and Synagogues. Truly, pluralism. Moving to conservative Orange County from the cap capitol of the world and then to Glendale, memories came flooding back. Memories of my aunts and uncles from 'the old country' and the bigotry and discrimination of the past. Not towards me but towards others whom I feel protective of because of my nature.

When I hear someone say, "I Jewed him down, I ask what does that mean. When I hear the new Pledge of Allegiance I wonder about substituting Allah or Adonai for the word God and what others would say if they heard those substitutions.

When I drive by the park at Wilson and Adams and see the old gents wearing jackets, white shirts and ties and even hats, I get reminded of my uncles who dressed the same way and were accused of changing the culture. I hear the same thing in Glendale. It is time to enjoy the cultural diversity. I know many Philipinos but I really don't like the food served at Philippine restaurants. The food at the Mediterranean restaurant makes me feel that I am back in Israel enjoying not only the Israeli food but that of many other cultures. I encourage each and every one who reads Vanguard to go to a restaurant that serves something other than 'American' food. Max of Manila, Carousel, Moonmart Café, Katsuya, Sabor,

Elenas, to name just a few. Do it and engage the people. Ask questions. Become an integral part of making Glendale a flourishing, multi-cultural community.

Our obligations as a member of the electronic journalists: According to *Bill Kovach and Tom Rosenstiel from The Elements of Journalism*, the purpose of journalism is to provide people with the information they need to be free and self-governing. To fulfill this task Vanguard Weekly News:

1. Supports the 1st Amendment.
2. Acknowledges that journalism's first obligation is to the truth.
3. Has its first loyalty to the public.
4. Acknowledges its essence is a discipline of verification of our stories and acceptance of those from other fact generating media.
5. Recognizes that its practitioners must maintain an independence from those they cover.
6. Understands it must serve as an independent monitor of power.
7. Provides a forum for public criticism and compromise.
8. Strives to make the significant interesting and relevant.
9. Keeps the news comprehensive and proportional.
10. Allows its practitioners to exercise their personal conscience.
11. Separates facts from opinions and articles written by others.
12. Agrees to provide clarification when questions arise about the veracity of an article.
13. Provides full disclosure on conflicts where and when appropriate.

As you have read what we support, I implore you to take these same values and apply them to our elected officials.

Patriotism is more than wearing or flying the replica of an American flag. It means supporting the values of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, not just certain rights but all of them. The right to be free from warrantless search; the right to [Habeas Corpus](#); the right to Bear Arms and the right to Free Speech and the Press. There are people that would like to pick and choose what rights they would give others. Some of them would even complain about some people that use more than their share of rights. To them I say, "How priggish!" Vanguardians battles each and every erosion and incursion of our rights to be able secure the comfort and protection we all see. We are accused of asking for too many public documents – a right guaranteed by the State Constitution; of pushing for fewer closed sessions of our legislative bodies as support by the Brown Act; and of supporting the Political Reform Act by bringing to the attention of the authorities egregious violations. We even defend YOUR 1st Amendment rights to complain of our activities even though they support you.

The economy: The United States of America is in an economic doldrum, one that by adding more restaurants and services industries will not pull us through. Glendale could bring about the next 'dot com' boom just as a little country the size of New Jersey with 5M residents has done. See ['Jump'](#)

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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](#)



Potpourri



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 not be published that aren't signed and/or are hate oriented.

Clarification: Please note the Downtown Merchants Association is NOT a BID ... It is a business association not a Business Improvement District like Adams Square and MSPA are ...EG

I have been following the Rockhaven saga. Let's see, the City buys Rockhaven from Ararat Homes, an Armenian Nursing Home operator for \$8.25M. The City got the property for a steal. Ararat wanted to make changes and remodel to upgrade the facility. They needed to cut and trim protected trees in order to do that. City said, "No way." Once the City owns the property they do all the trimming, cutting and pruning that Ararat would not have been permitted to do because the City claims they are exempt from the tree ordinance. What if the City now sells the property back to Ararat for \$9.25M? Or what if the City, rather than using eminent domain to get the property, just told the seller they wouldn't be

able to get permits to make the necessary changes, thus they should take this great offer from the City. Everyone, including Mike Mohill would be happy.GG

SOMEONE CARES: Hi Barry, the last two weeks I watched most parts of the meeting but got side tracked with other things that I missed the beginning of the open discussions. I didn't see you or hear you speak and wondered if you were there and if all is alright with you. GL

Quite a hit piece on Dr. Espiritu. I didn't know that a State licensing board grants Doctorate degrees, only properly accredited schools. The City scandalmongers apparently have the News Press in their pocket. How was the GNP writer given the information that Espiritu was such a criminal...with traffic tickets back in the 20th Century and a Nolo Contendre call. It seems as if the News Press wants to attack those few people that stand up for good government. Then you read the letters from people whose rights Espiritu, Molano, Mohill and others like Barry speak up for. Then to get attacked for no reason at all. Espiritu didn't cause the trouble in the police department; he brought it to the attention of the public whereas people like the gutless Council wanted to hide it like the \$500,000 tree fines. Today apparently you can cut trees without fear of fines. So far the only one that is willing to stand up for the rights of the people is Bob Yousefian. Like you guys, he must be doing something that the administration doesn't like and then they bust him by taking away his position on the Airport Commission. Weaver steals from the City and, according to the Glendale Family Jewels, Quintero had a contract with the City. It really is a time for a change. BK

The outrageous smear of public commentarian 'Dr. Richard Espiritu' in a front-page lead GNP story was a sickening, head in the toilet low point for friends of free speech and open government in Glendale.

It's not about the man, but about the public's right to publicly address city government officials without fear of being labeled a bad guy by local pol's and loudly trashed in one of the local Times Community News outlets.

The idea is that citizens will only speak freely when they don't fear retaliation from those in positions of power. It is the difference between a Star Chamber inquisition and a real democratic forum where public input is always encouraged--even from those who differ on policy, haven't gone through the proper channels or lack what some would deem the proper credentials.

What can the public expect next from the masters of dysfunction in Glendale's political establishment? Instead of just publicly trashing a local cc regular, how about a good old-fashioned tar and feathering or running someone out of town on a rail. Maybe a banishment, shunning or other punishment from the dark ages with the inquisitors in dark hoods to carry out their retribution in secret.

This kind of character assassination needs to be rebuked. It's o.k. to speak to those in power even if you're not a perfect person. Even in the extreme, in California all convicted felons have their full voting rights restored when the sentence has been completed.

It's a no-brainer, all that is needed in order to speak at the cc meetings is to give one's name--and that's the way it should be. No special qualifications either of character or other prerequisites are required and no loss of privacy should result from exercising a basic constitutional right.

In this case, 'Dr. Richard Espiritu' has been pilloried and hung upon a cross of shame in newspaper headlines for following his conscience--and whether we agree or disagree with his positions, we must defend his right to publicly proclaim them without fear of intrusions into his personal privacy. The chilling effect of the shameful 'get Espiritu' article harkens back to times when witches were burned and critics labeled heretics. WG

I am very pleased when I see your name mentioned quite often in the NEWS. Looks like someone is listening and your constant persistence is getting the message across. Keep up the GOOD WORK. DF



We get calls: I really liked the claims section by La Shannon Lewis

The first section of Vanguard I go to is the Insider and then the comics.

I have a problem with a City Council that has so many closed sessions. Why are so many things secret? I find my trust is waning. What can I do? [ED – Familiarize yourself with the [Brown Act](#), watch the topics of closed sessions on the Council agendas and then how they are reported out. Once you are comfortable with your knowledge of the system, go to Council during Oral Communications and present your argument for change.]

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["Glendale Mayor Drayman and his acolytes" by vanmguardians](#) Where is the Mayor in this flick?



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Monday, September 1 Labor Day – All City Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 2

2:30 pm Glendale Housing Authority Glendale Redevelopment Agency **Joint Meeting** Adult Recreation Center

6:00 pm – Glendale City Council City Council Chambers, City Hall, 613 E. Broadway, Glendale. 548-2060

Wednesday, September 3

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, Municipal Services Building, Room 105,633 E. Broadway, Glendale. 548-2140

Thursday, September 4

Committee for a Clean and Beautiful Glendale -- 8:15 am, Perkins Community Room, 141 N. Glendale Ave., Glendale. 548-2060

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

REPORT on the Transportation and Parking Commission --- Connie Law Reporting

Glendale Transportation & Parking Commission Meeting Notes Mon. Aug 25, 2008, 6pm

Director of Public Works, Stephen M. Zurn, recommended that the City Council deny the installation of three speed humps on Alameda Ave between Glenwood Rd. & Kenneth Rd despite having met all but one criteria – it is a transit route for Metro Bus 183.

Requested by a resident, there have been complaints of excessive travel speeds by non-local traffic since 2006 (current posted speed limit is 25 mph). A resident presented video evidence to demonstrate speeding and unsafe driving along Alameda by cars and the Metro Bus 183. Commission explored the possibility of re-routing the bus and expressed concerns regarding ridership and transit service in northwest Glendale and Burbank. Issue will likely be re-examined pending further boarding data from Metro, but Commission unanimously moved to approve, with consent from Metro Transit Authority – written or verbal.

Director of Public Works recommended that the City Council approve the installation of three speed humps on Patterson Ave. between Concord St. & Kenilworth Ave. having met all criteria. Residents of Patterson Ave. have endured the excessive speeding by visitors to Fremont Park, double parking, and concerns for pedestrian safety walking along the street (as Fremont Park has no paved sidewalk). One resident also proposed adding a stop sign to Greyscale Ave & Patterson Ave. Commission unanimously moved to approve.

Director of Public Works recommended that the City Council approve the installation of three speed humps on Harvard St. between Harvard St. & Kenilworth Ave. & Pacific Ave. having met all criteria. Commission unanimously moved to approve.

Commission member Sulayan brought attention to the high volume of traffic at Glendale Ave. /Monterey Rd. from the 134 Ventura Freeway Glendale Ave. off-ramp. A major upgrade is planned with CalTrans within a year to synchronize the traffic signals, including the Brand Blvd. exit for the Americana. All freeway ramp intersections are currently operating at maximum capacity.

Glendale currently has no striped bicycle lanes because of street width issues. Pacific Ave to west city limits will have painted bike lanes after resurfacing.

A special meeting for September is proposed to establish rates for parking pay stations and time restrictions along Brand Blvd, off-streets and city-owned lots. Parking meter and restrictions to Glendale Ave. from Colorado Blvd. to the 134 Freeway were also brought up.

A bit of humor: At one point a board member asked "How soon can we install [the speed bumps]?" and the Director of Public Works replied, "How late does Home Depot close?" which was met with a healthy laugh. The Commission seems reasonable and responsive to the public.

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Public Information

~RECENT CLAIMS FILED AGAINST THE CITY OF GLENDALE~

08/14/2008 **Another City Employee Rear-Ends:** Belmonte v. City of Glendale

At or about the intersection of Chevy Chase Dr. and San Fernando Rd. the claimant's vehicle was rear-ended by a city employee while the claimant's vehicle idled behind another vehicle at the stoplight.

\$\$\$- Claimant is seeking \$1,103.41USD for property damage

08/18/2008 **Bursting Out at the Seams:** Matevosian v. City of Glendale

Claimant claims that a city owned pine tree, located at or near the claimant's property, was grossly neglected to the point that the roots of the tree began bursting through the cement sidewalk in front of the claimant's home. This growth activity also caused the roots of the tree to burst from the decorative retaining wall the claimant had constructed around the tree.

\$\$\$- Claimant is seeking \$3,810.00USD, the costs to cut the tree down to ground level, replace the retaining wall and have the sidewalk repaired.

08/19/2008 **Just Scrappin By:** Keeling v. City of Glendale

Claimant's vehicle was parked at or about Doran Street, 91203 when a city landscaper began working nearby with a "weed eater." According to the claimant, the landscaper was reckless in that in doing his work, he was seemingly unaware that the "weed eater" was kicking up dirt and debris, dirt and debris which was later found to have caused small dents and scratches on the claimant's vehicle.

\$\$\$- Claimant is seeking \$1,409.85USD in property damage and rental car fees

08/19/2008 **Skip to My Lou....:** Gold v. Glendale Sanitation Department

Claimant was traveling southbound, behind a Glendale City garbage truck, on Lexington Blvd., at or approaching the intersection of Brand Blvd., when the driver of the garbage truck pulled over and swung open his door to exit the vehicle as the claimant was passing. As a result of the driver's negligence, the door collided with the claimant's vehicle causing it to dislodge the claimant's exterior mirror from its base.

\$\$\$- Claimant is seeking \$576.78USD in property damage

08/19/2008 **Dude, You've got the Wrong Dude...:** Gallagher v. City of Glendale

Claimant claims that his privacy was invaded, his civil rights violated and that the City of Glendale negligently inflicted emotional distress upon him as a result of the City's ongoing investigation surrounding a workers comp claim, which the city believes is fraudulent, which was filed by an individual who reportedly has the same name as the claimant. Unfortunately, due to gross inefficiencies, on the part of the city, they were investigating and harassing the wrong person!

\$\$\$- Claimant is seeking damages for emotional distress and other financial damages of \$1M

08/19/2008 **"I'm a Good Citizen of this City":** Martin v. Glendale Police Department

Claimant was arrested at his place of residence essentially for having too much to drink- official records show that the claimant was arrested for disorderly conduct. Claimant contends that he was not Mirandized, given a phone call, or treated humanely while in custody; according to the claimant, this surmounted to "cruel and unnecessary punishment." When filing his claim against the city, the claimant stated "I hate to do this, I'm a good citizen of this city."

\$\$\$- Claimant is seeking unspecified damages for, presumably, emotional distress



08/25/2008 **A Pothole so Deep, You Can See the Earth's Core! :** Yaghob v. City of Glendale

Claimant was traveling across Irving Street, 91201 in a wheelchair, at night, and was ejected from the chair when it hit a gaping pothole. Claimant contends that it was so dark on the street that she was unable to spot the large hole.

\$\$\$- Claimant is seeking unspecified damages for a fractured toe which resulted from the incident

08/25/2008 **Clogged with Bureaucratic Debris:** Garavaryan v. Glendale Water & Power

Claimant claims that work being done by GWP, on temporary water lines at or about his place of residence on Mountain Street, caused debris to flow through the water lines at the claimant's residence. This free flow of debris eventually exited through the claimant's dishwasher, washer machine, kitchen faucets and bath facilities. Further, the work being done on the temporary water lines (which have been in place for more than six months) also limits the claimant to only HOT water during the hours of 12pm-5pm "on hot days."

\$\$\$- Claimant is seeking \$718.10USD for replacement dishwasher, kitchen faucet and toilet tanks

08/25/2008 **Growing Pains:** Reddish v. City of Glendale

At or about the intersection of Louise Street and Brand Blvd. the claimant parked her vehicle and proceeded to her destination. As the claimant was walking towards her destination she tripped and fell over the sidewalk. Apparently, here's another case of the city failing to keep up its trees- there was a tree nearby which was left unmanaged and unkempt, which eventually perpetuated the extreme growth beneath the cement which was lifted and distorted from its original position as a result of tree roots gone mad.

\$\$\$- Claimant is seeking \$1,376.00 for medical bill(s), lost wages and pain and suffering

08/25/2008 **Stuck in a Rut:** Katsaros v. Glendale Department of Engineering

Claimant was pulling out of her driveway, headed east towards Glenoaks Blvd., when the vehicle was suddenly slowed- the claimant had driven into, what city construction workers call, "slurry seal" (a mundane way to say wet tar and asphalt). According to the claimant, the vehicle became engulfed, with respect to the underbelly and tires on the car, by this "slurry seal," causing significant damage to the vehicle. According to the complaint, there were temporary "No Parking" signs posted throughout the claimant's

neighborhood; the problem- those signs simply advised that there would be no parking due to "slurry seal"- not exactly a laymen friendly term. Furthermore, as the claimant points out, the signs did not say "No Driving," they said "No Parking"- BIG difference!
\$\$\$- Claimant seeking \$1,539.30USD, the cost to repair the vehicle and rental car fees



08/25/2008 **Vehicle v. Vehicle:** Private Citizen v. City of Glendale
Claimant was traveling on Verdugo Road when the claimant was rear-ended by a city employee. The incident caused damage to the claimant's vehicle, and according to the claimant, bodily injury as well- a staple for rear-end accidents ("neck and back pain").
\$\$\$- Claimant is seeking \$5,186.52USD for property damage to the vehicle. About that "neck and back pain," there is no mention of it as far as compensation (perhaps the claimant is seeking out a chiropractor later?).

08/25/2008 **Why I Refuse to Give up My Car for Public Transportation:** Naugle v. City of Glendale
Claimant was a passenger on an Access Transport van, which transports disabled persons to and from their homes, headed to Burbank. As the van was traveling south on South Griffith Park Drive the driver suddenly swerved and hit a PARKED car causing significant bodily damage to those on board. The claimant claims to have suffered from whiplash, sharp head pains, neck pain, dizziness, slurred speech, a concussion, memory loss, shoulder blade pain and emotional distress, among a number of other pains.
\$\$\$- Claimant seeks \$10,395.00USD, the cost of current medical bills. The cost of future medical bills is yet to be determined and medical treatment is ongoing.

Comments: In the past two weeks I have noticed a surge in the number of complaints the city is receiving about unmanaged city trees which are left to "up-root" themselves - what's with that? Doesn't the city have enough resources to send a couple of guys/gals out to manage the city's trees? I'm, as one of my favorite authors would put it, OUTRAGED! Also, another OUTRAGE is the number of city employee involved traffic accidents which are seemingly on the rise. I'd like to volunteer to teach these driving city employees how to safely arrive at their destinations without rear-ending someone or damaging their cars- REALLY, I'm serious!
La Shannon Lewis Reporter

Definitions:

1. An **activist** is a person that works energetically to achieve political or social goals often by demonstrations
2. An **advocate** is a person that speaks on behalf of others and publicly may recommend a course of action
3. An **agitator** is a person that agitates, especially one who engages in political agitation
4. A **critic** is a person that censures or finds fault
5. A **gadfly** is a person that upsets the status quo by posing upsetting or novel questions, or attempts to stimulate innovation by proving an irritant.
6. An **observer** is a person sent to observe and report on the proceedings but not vote or otherwise participate.
7. A **politician** is a person primarily interested in political office for selfish or other narrow usually short-sighted reasons
8. A **reporter or journalist** is a person who gathers news for a newspaper

4 Vanguardians

There is a Vanguardians because: **We, the people have spoken...**

- We want to be connected to the City Government
- We want to be an integral part of the government process – not just a deep pocket
- We want to be aware of the crucial developments facing the City that directly impact on our 'quality of life'
- We want to know that our money is being spent wisely
- We want to leave a prospering community for our children and grandchildren




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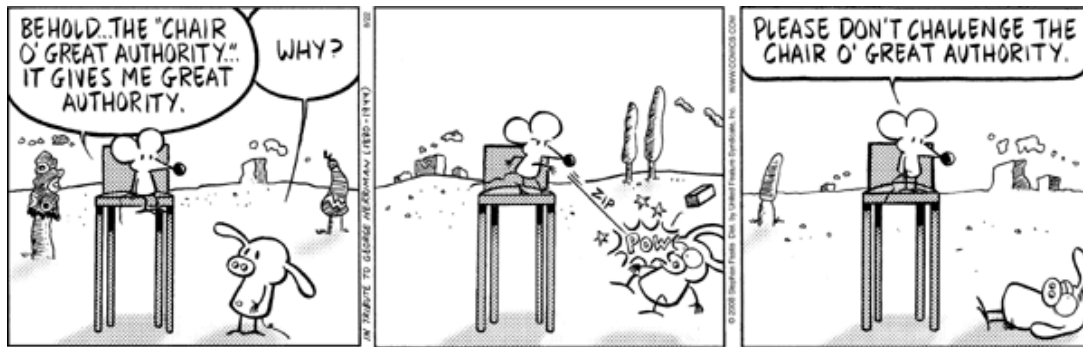
5  **the Insider** is a digest of information from city employees that care about the way the City is run. As they are concerned about retaliation, Vanguard provides them the opportunity to have this forum. Their identities are kept confidential. The comments are their own.

How is Espiritu doing? He must be close to something for the City to start personal attacks.

6  **Humor**



Creative Financing Could Buy a Golf Course



No one vill Challenge this Chair!! Says the Mayor

7 **The Jump Page**

Here is a model Glendale can follow in order to help correct the economy by developing new, marketable technologies ---

IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2008 ISRAEL HAS ACCOMPLISHED THE FOLLOWING:

1. Scientists in Israel, found that the brackish water, drilled from underground desert aquifers, hundreds of feet deep, could be used to raise warm-water fish. The geothermal water, less than one-tenth as saline as sea water, free of pollutants, and a toasty 98 degrees on average, proves an ideal environment.
2. Israeli-developed designer-eyeglasses, promise mobile phone and iPod users, a personalized, high-tech video display. Available to US consumers next year, Lumus-Optical's lightweight and fashionable video eyeglasses, feature a large transparent screen, floating in front of the viewer's face that projects their choice of movie, TV show, or video Game.

3. When Stephen Hawkins visited Israel recently, he shared his wisdom with scientists, students, and even the Prime Minister. But the world's most renowned victim of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or Lou Gehrig's disease, also learned something, due to the Israeli Association for ALS' advanced work in both embryonic and adult stem cell research, as well as its proven track record with neurodegenerative diseases. The Israeli research community is well on its way, to finding a treatment for this fatal disease, which affects 30,000 Americans.

4. Israeli start-up, Veterix, has developed an innovative new electronic capsule that sits in the stomach of a cow, sheep, or goat, sending out real-time information on the health of the herd, to the farmer via Email or cell phone. The e-capsule, which also sends out alerts if animals are distressed, injured, or lost, is now being tested on a herd of cows, in the hopes that the device will lead to tastier and healthier meat and milk supplies.

5. The millions of Skype users worldwide will soon have access to the newly developed KishKish lie-detector. This free internet service, based on voice stress analysis (a technique, commonly used in criminal investigations), will be able to measure just how truthful that person on the other end of the line, really is.

6. Beating cardiac tissue has been created in a lab from human embryonic stem cells by researchers at the Rappaport Medical Faculty and the Technion Israel Institute of Technology's biomedical Engineering faculty. The work of Dr. Shulamit Levenberg and Prof. Lior Gepstein, has also led to the creation of tiny blood vessels within the tissue, making possible its implantation in a human heart.

7. Israel's Magal Security Systems, is a worldwide leader in computerized security systems, with products used in more than 70 countries around the world, protecting anything from national borders, to nuclear facilities, refineries, and airports. The company's latest Product, DreamBox, a state-of-the-art security system that includes Intelligent video, audio and sensor management, is now being used by a major water authority on the US east coast to safeguard the utility's sites.

8. It is common knowledge that dogs have better night vision than humans and a vastly superior sense of smell and hearing. Israel's Bio-Sense Technologies, recently delved further, and electronically analyzed 350 different barks. Finding that dogs of all breeds and sizes, bark the same alarm when they sense a threat, the firm has designed the dog bark-reader, a sensor that can pick up a dog's alarm bark, and alert the human operators. This is just one of a batch of innovative security systems to emerge from Israel, which Forbes calls 'the go-to country for anti-terrorism technologies.'

9. Israeli company, BioControl Medical, sold its first electrical stimulator to treat urinary incontinence to a US company for \$50 Million. Now, it is working on CardioFit, which uses electrical nerve stimulation to treat congestive heart failure. With nearly five million Americans presently affected by heart failure, and more than 400,000 new cases diagnosed yearly, the CardioFit is already generating a great deal of excitement as the first device with the potential to halt this deadly disease. Thanks to correspondent Arie Zukerman

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Ignorance is bliss-Dangerous. The 12 props on Nov Ballot; who will win in April; The Sunshine laws