



"Accountability"
Glendale's Watchdog

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HEADLINES

Every Vote Counts --- Vote Wisely and Knowledgeably

Vanguard staff voted...did YOU!

The four stages of Vanguard "First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win."
Mahatma Gandhi

ABOVE THE FOLD

This just in: Latest appointment by Ara Najarian to CDBG Advisory Committee, Zareh Amirian of 1700 Gladys Dr., was a salaried campaign advisor to Najarian. Amirian registered to vote in Glendale 5-18-2006. Does the name 'Frederick Towers' resonate with you? Towers is the contractor for the Isabel St parking lot that just received a change order for two additional projects. Frederick Towers was the contractor for the Chess Park. Towers was a contributor to the Najarian campaign. It is a dba of Fredrick Danelian and Putros Muradian.

This Just In: [LA Times weighs in on smoked kebobs](#)

Breaking News: Or, more appropriately, BROKE news. A broke, tired merchant is disenchanted with the City Government, as it doesn't seem to care about the merchants on Brand Blvd. It appears that the City doesn't care if the merchants fail. The 'pittance' the City receives on sales tax isn't much in the grand scheme of things. Whether the property is rented or not doesn't matter as the property has an assessed value and the landlord pays the taxes regardless if the property is rented. The Chamber of Commerce has yet to address the City Council on the lack of support for the businesses. Last action from the Council was their support for the Brand Business District assessment for holiday lights. Maybe the City should give the merchants a break and pay for the lights out of the General Fund. **See #9 – Brand Blvd.**

Attorney Aram Barsoumian attacked Margaret Hammond in the GNP mailbag for her representation of thousands of Glendalians that are affected by secondhand smoke emanating from 6 Banquet Halls. Thirty others haven't found it necessary to grill outside and yet they cater to the same demographic. Council members Weaver and Quintero did support the law regarding commercial grilling. The public will be better served because of their 'No' votes. For Barsoumian to suggest that the public boycotts groups that Margaret belongs to does more to foster 'racism' as he calls it. Barsoumian had taken papers out to run for City Council in 2005. Now the public is aware of his opinion on freedom of speech. **See #9 Hammond**

Election 2007: School board member Greg Krikorian kicks off his campaign again with another fundraiser at Oakmont. 'Krikorian's goals include getting the city to stick to its Hillside Ordinance more closely,' according to the GNP.

Candidate's Comments: John Drayman -- In the days of the old Verdugo family, men on horseback would escort travelers journeying north from Glendale to the frontier areas we now call La Crescenta and Montrose up the Verdugo Pass through the Verdugo Woodlands. According to written accounts of those days, these vaqueros would waive their serapes and fire their long-rifles in the air to ward off bears, wild cats and other predatory animals.

Today, the Verdugo Woodlands is a serenely beautiful residential neighborhood of long-standing. Yet even now, a new predator prowls the woodlands and, once again, no safe passage is assured for the residents who call the Verdugo Woodlands home.

Some might find this analogy a bit exaggerated. Perhaps it is, but then again, those who think so probably don't live in the Verdugo Woodlands. The predator today is residential over development in the form of snowballing mansionization within some of our most attractive and well-established neighborhoods.

The battle in the Verdugo Woodlands plays out like a melodrama at sessions of the Design Review Board and goes something like this. An applicant who wants only the simple basics of life, namely a 4,000 square foot Modern Swiss Revival Castle with a moat, glass block bay windows, a pink marble facade and Neo-Roman columns insists that such a design conforms to numerous other homes in the area. **See #9 Drayman**

REMINDER To Candidates: Vanguard will publish your issue statements provided they are in electronic format.

KUDOS: To the Glendale News Press for publishing the rebuttal to Maro Yacoubian's letter disparaging those that speak out at City Council meetings.

Boards & Commissions: [Members of Boards & Commissions](#)

Hot Tip: Check the contributions made to officials and their expenditures

City of Glendale Election - April 2005 [Campaign Disclosure Statements](#) [Election Results](#)

City of Glendale Election - April 2007 [Campaign Disclosure Statements](#)

Accountability: Mayor Weaver watches taxpayer dollars carefully except when he is traveling on 'City Business'. Trips to Santa Barbara (2 days twice) cost over \$1000 for lodgings and \$160 for meals. Two trips to Monterrey – Airfare \$252, Rental Car \$814 (4-5 days), Lodgings almost \$1500 and Meals \$330. The over \$4000 expense does not include program and registration fees. The taxpayers also paid \$143 in Chamber of Commerce attendance fee, which generally includes a glass of wine.

Question to the People: When you vote, do you try to project the winner of an election and vote for that person or proposition? Do you read the ads or watch/listen to the commercials and make your decision based on the hype? A new 18 year old voter was so excited about his first vote (the Gray Davis recall) that I was compelled to ask him about that first vote, "Who did you vote for?" He said, "Arnold." I asked why. The response, "He makes great movies!" When you vote be an informed voter, know the candidates and the propositions before you go to the polls or send in your absentee ballot. If you have not researched the best qualified candidate for the office or are not knowledgeable on the propositions, DON'T VOTE! And don't let someone take your ballot and vote for you.

Instant Replay: If you ever miss the hi-jinks at a Council meeting, go to the City website and check the archives. Keep a handkerchief or Kleenex to wipe away the tears of laughter.

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1 **Council – November 7, 2006 See Calendar -- #4 Below**

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2 **Commentary**

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

Herbert Molano questioned the wisdom of choosing a vision without quantification. Council member Yousefian indicated that it requires qualification as it takes 3 or more votes to pass or approve a vision. Council member Najarian chimed in that Martin Luther King had a vision in his "I have a dream" speech but that the result wasn't measurable. Mr. Najarian was wrong. Dr. King's vision was measurable and we see the results every day.

What neither Council member responded to was Mr. Molano's call for transparency and openness. Council members could share their vision with others on the dais by open, passionate debate. They must become salespeople, using the same techniques they each used to sell themselves to the public for their election campaign to communicate the need to join together to pass an ordinance. They should pretend they are pleading for the life of a hostage.

All the public hears from the Council members is a short discourse on the decision they each reached and then the vote. Why not discuss, deliberate and debate the issue in public? Maybe their argument could persuade or sway the opinion of a colleague in order to achieve their vision.

CM Najarian is an attorney. What do attorney's do? They argue, they plead they present facts all with the idea of convincing the Judge or Jury to support their client. Mr. Najarian has been on the dais for almost two years and yet the public has not heard his pleas to get two or three votes to support his aquatic center. There is no fire in the belly.

After a motion is made and seconded, the chair calls for a discussion. This is the time when the Council members show their passion. The Chair or in the case of the Council, the Mayor must encourage the discussion. What does the public hear? "I am gonna vote this way or that way." Be transparent, give your colleagues and the public a reason to support your decision or a reason not to.

ACCOUNTABILITY is the issue!

The Glendale Municipal Code, 2.83.070 on the improper use of city position or prospective position.

"No official of the city...shall use his/her position, or the power or authority of his/her office or position, in any manner intended to induce or coerce any person to provide, directly or indirectly, anything of value which shall accrue to the private advantage, benefit or economic gain of the official, or of any other person. (Ord. 5219 (part), 1999)"

**When WE are complacent THEY win!
When WE are vigilant THEY are accountable!**

Story Behind Headlines

Voting Time

While walking down the street one day, a U.S. senator is tragically hit by a truck and dies. His soul arrives in Heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance.

"Welcome to Heaven," says St. Peter. "Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you."

"No problem, just let me in."

"Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in Hell and one in Heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity."

"Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in Heaven," says the senator.

"I'm sorry, but we have our rules."

And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down.

The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him. Everyone is very happy and in evening dress. They run to greet him, shake his hand and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the people. They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne. Also present is the devil, who really is a very friendly guy. He has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it is time to go. Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves while the elevator rises.

The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on Heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him.

"Now it's time to visit Heaven."

So, 24 hours pass with the senator joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and before he realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns.

"Well, then, you've spent a day in Hell and another in Heaven. Now, choose your eternity."

The senator reflects for a minute, and then he answers. "Well, I would never have said it before. I mean Heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in Hell."

So, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to Hell.

The doors of the elevator open and he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage. He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags, as more trash falls from above. The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder.

"I don't understand," stammers the senator. "Yesterday, I was here and there was a golf course and a clubhouse and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, danced and had a great time. Now, it's just a wasteland full of garbage and my friends look miserable. What happened?"

The devil looks at him, smiles and says, "Yesterday, we were campaigning. Today, you voted."

Integrity starts with the individual

Send Vanguard to your own list. TAKE ACTION – GET INVOLVED – BE INFORMED

3 *Quotes, Comments, Reports, Calls and Letters:*

Most people running for office assume that if a person donates 99 dollars then their name will not appear on the reporting/filing forms. But here's the catch. If a person donates 99 dollars twice, then they surpass that cap and it now has to be reported. So it is meant to be a self imposed or sanctioned limitation on campaign contributions but there are candidates who think it is a loophole, which it is not. If I were to write a \$99 check, then my name wouldn't appear. But if I were to write another one, then it would. **CC**

Glendale is # 77 safest City in the USA, lower than Burbank as a safe city. Quite different from what we've been told by our local officials. [Top News- List of Cities, From Safest to Most Dangerous - AOL News](#)

"Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country."

-- **Mayor Marion Barry, Washington, DC**

I am a downtown merchant and my business is dieing. Having a business in downtown Glendale is like being a real life 'Survivor'. Who will be the next to go? It is not the Caruso development [Americana] that is killing our businesses, it is the City. For over two years Brand has been torn up and we are waiting for the sidewalks to be open and unobstructed and the barricades to be removed. Power outages, traffic, bomb threats [bomb threat on an MTA bus closed down Brand for hours] and a lack of consideration on the part of the Chamber where I am a member. No one speaks for us. Is the City waiting for this area to close all the commercial/retail and then tear it down and build mixed use or maybe just a huge park? I have invested my life savings.

A broke, tired merchant

LA spends \$93,000,000 to renovate and enlarge the Griffith Observatory that millions of people can enjoy. Glendale will spend \$25,000,000 to rebuild two fire stations for the benefit of 60 firemen. LA Mayor says he will find \$1,500,000 to promote the Valley. The merchants in Glendale feel that City Hall should give them some consideration as well. The City is willing to spend \$100,000 to get an award from a trade journal. Glendale has a mixed up set of priorities, **FP**

RE: DSP

As you are most likely know, two hearings were held this past week regarding the Downtown Specific Plan, with the final meetings scheduled for this coming Tuesday, Nov 7 starting at 2:30pm.

On Monday, the Planning Commission voted 4-0 to recommend the DSP and EIR to Council for their consideration. They additionally asked Council to direct staff to return with reports on the creation of an Arts District, the feasibility of allowing transfer of incentives and bonuses, and an implementation strategy for police, fire and library services for residents anticipated by the Plan.

On Tuesday, City Council voted 3-2 (with Mr. Manoukian and Mr. Yousefian in opposition) to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Plan. Council also introduced the ordinances necessary to consider adoption of the Plan on Nov 7. Additional language was included to allow the Council to consider the “mid-rise” and “low-rise” alternatives of the Plan as well.

Alan Loomis Principal Urban Designer

4 Announcements -- Calendar -- Links

For information call Vanguard at 818 243 1502

City Calendar

Monday, November 6

Glendale Water & Power Commission – 4:00 pm, City Council Chambers, City Hall, 548-2107

Tuesday, November 7

Glendale Housing Authority – 2:30 pm, City Council Chambers, City Hall, 548-2060 [Housing Authority](#)

Glendale Redevelopment Agency – 2:30 pm, City Council Chambers, City Hall, 548-2005 [Redevelopment Agency](#)

Special Meeting – Glendale City Council re: Downtown Specific Plan – 2:30 pm, City Council Chambers 548-4844

Topic: Consideration of the Certification of the Final EIR and the Adoption of General Plan Amendments, Zone Changes (Map & Text), South Brand Boulevard Specific Plan Map Amendments, and the Downtown Specific Plan. Adoption to be considered at the Regular Meeting of City Council beginning at 6:00 p.m. Additional information, including the “strike-through” version of the draft Plan, incorporating corrections and comments received since Aug 18 can be found at: http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/planning/downtown_specific_plan.asp. Council will consider the final Plan, including amended language introduced this past week, starting in the afternoon at 2:30. Council will vote on adoption of the Plan during their regularly scheduled meeting starting at 6:00pm. **Council will take additional public comment regarding the Plan at both hearings.**

Glendale City Council – 6:00 pm, City Council Chambers, City Hall, [City Council Agenda](#) 548-4844

Wednesday, November 8

Zoning Administrator’s Hearing – 9:30 am, Municipal Services Building, Room 105, 548-2140

Civil Service Commission – 5:00 pm, City Council Chambers, City Hall, 548-2110

Thursday, November 9

Design Review Board #2 –1:00 pm, Municipal Services Building, Room 105, 548-2140

Friday, November 10

City Offices Closed – Federal Holiday (Veteran’s Day)

LINKS

[Downtown Specific Plan](#) -- [FPPC Agenda](#) — [Will Rogers Content](#) -- [Everything you want to know about municipal finance](#) --[Read about Statement of Economic Interest](#) --[Free Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) --[Free PowerPoint Reader](#) -- [Brown Act](#)—

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5 [Glendale 360 initiative](#)

Join Herbert Molano on his 360-mile run. O.K. Here is the Plan. You live in your new one million dollar condo and you decide to take your three-year old for a stroll, fun and games in the open green spaces. Where do you go? If you are one of the ten thousand new residents scheduled for our Downtown in the next couple of years, you have a choice of open space. Take a look at the pictures.

According to the downtown specific plan, the new zoning will allow high-rise condominiums. But, the spirit of the Open Space element is now codified as follows. 10% of the new area must be allocated to public open space. 5% can be designated as the tables and chairs on the sidewalk in front of a restaurant. The other 5% can be somewhere on the top floors and dedicated solely for the tenants.

According to testimony given to the public at last Tuesday's city council meeting, 38 advisory committee members who attended either concurred or no one got what they wanted. Staff didn't bother telling the public that only one member of this committee lives in Glendale south of the 134 (Ventura Freeway) That nearly all the developers, architects, consultants and Real Estate agents who made the preponderance of the attendees don't live in Glendale at all.

So, instead of mitigating the shortage of parkland documented in every major EIR (Environmental Impact Report), General Plan, Open Space Element, Recreation element, and umpteen official documents. We get to take our family to the front setback of high-rise buildings.

Follow the money trail from campaign contributor to Councilman's coffers, or from developer to consultants who used to work for our planning department. If you think you know the reason why we have a Character and Ethics program, think again. Image instead of substance. Appearance instead of true ethical behavior.

Is greed, callousness or arrogance a prerequisite to run for city council? The Glendale giveaway continues. Candidates for office can be totally clueless about our community needs. They just cannot be clueless as to the origination of campaign money. I don't know if to cry or run away.

Running and hurting in Glendale Herbert Molano



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You receive reports on the activities of elected officials and management as they affect you.

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Your opinions are shared with your representative at City Hall

SPEAKING ON THE ISSUES: Barry Allen, spokesperson for Vanguard, is available to speak to your group or organization about the issues of accountability in Glendale and to hear your issues and insights. No holds barred, no pulled punches, the truth supported by the facts obtained through the California Public Records Act, legislation that is so important that it is included in the California Constitution.

Glendale Businesses distribute hardcopy of Vanguard Weekly News. Each week numerous people call Vanguard asking where they can get a copy of Vanguard News now that it is banned from City Hall. The Public can come to your business and pick up a copy. Call Vanguard for information about this program at 818 243 1502. Soon Vanguard will be available at the City Clerk's office.

Vanguard Available by Mail: Although Vanguard Weekly is designed to be transmitted by email, we have made provisions to First Class mail Vanguard News for the annual cost of printing and mailing a copy each week for \$75 a year. The Glendale Edition goes to thousands of people in Glendale including City Officials. Tuesday evening it is available in hardcopy to those attending Council.

April City Election: Vanguard will be an active participant in the City election. A questionnaire will be sent to all candidates and the responses will be included in the Vanguard Weekly News. As soon as the candidate financial disclosures are available they will be posted. Vanguard will host a community candidate forum.

Vanguard wants your input and support!

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7 Glendale Fire Department

Our condolences to the families of the Fire Fighters who died in action in the Riverside fires. Making the ultimate sacrifice minimizes the workers comp claims for the Glendale firemen for shin splints.

If you live on Adams Hill and need a Fire Department Rescue you may be better off calling for a private ambulance because the fire department apparatus won't fit on your street when cars are parked on both sides. There are several solutions:

- A private ambulance
- Require off street parking
- Have the Fire Department buy utility vehicles that fit

Knowing the terrain the fire apparatus must negotiate calls to question why the GFD failed to take into consideration the narrow winding roads in the foothills and canyons. Just ask Elaine Wilkerson whose car was sideswiped by a fire apparatus.

AOR (Available on radio) instead of a location. Vanguard has seen fire apparatus at super markets, flea markets and sporting goods stores buying equipment for their next fishing trip. The records for October 13 indicate that 3 apparatus were at the Awards luncheon. Yet a visual inspection showed 5. Records for the day also indicated that one company was OOS (out of service) from 9 AM to 6 PM, arguably the busiest time according to GFD management. Another company worked with only 3 firemen and never had to leave the station except to go shopping. Engine Company 23 had no runs! Meanwhile the Paramedics handled about 40 calls!

The time has come to reevaluate the emphasis of the fire department on the needs of the public.

Next Week: The data, does it support \$25 Million for new fire stations?

8 Public Records Requests

Requests & Responses:

Please provide documents that contain Beeline ridership information (number of riders) per month for July 2004 through and including June 2006.

Your request requires that the City search for and collect data from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request. Accordingly, the City exercises its right pursuant to the Government Code Section 6253(c) to extend the time within which to respond by an additional 14 days.

Staff report and other documents supporting the planned realignment of Beeline Rte 3 eliminating Honolulu in Montrose.

Please be advised that the records you seek are in draft form and exempt from production pursuant to Government Code section 6254(a). We invite you to submit your request again in late October when we expect to have the report completed.

ED. Note: This will have a serious impact on the seniors and disabled in the Montrose area. The request was resubmitted

Please provide documents that indicate members of boards and commission that have failed to file their statements of economic interest.

Waiting ZZZZZZZZ

The 5" of application submitted to receive award for Public Works, submitted by April Fitzpatrick and the documents indicating the cost of preparation of the application.

Available for review + City failed to provide documents as to cost of preparation.

The City has failed to provide the cost of the labor and professional talent on Ms Fitzpatrick's team. The Vanguard estimate based on city salary documents is that the 'award' **cost the taxpayers more than \$100,000** for salary, benefits and burden

9 JUMP PAGE

Drayman: Never mind that this architectural behemoth also sports an Antebellum "Gone With the Wind" four-car carriage house and squash stadium on the terraced side-yard because the architect has already figured out how to build upward in order to avoid building from property line to property line. By placing the maid's quarters and the home theatre in the penthouse, the neighbors will surely appreciate the spacious ten-foot setback from the street. Did I forget to mention the copulas and minarets on the roof?

The applicant, who is paying for this dream home, and the consultants and attorneys he has hired insists that the neighborhood is changing and that the residents, who have lived in their neighborhood for generations, simply missed the fact that numerous other Modern Swiss Revival Castles exist just down the block and that the house in question is the same as those only more so. Besides, who are the neighbors to tell the owner of the subject property what he can and can't do with his property? After all, a property owner has rights, right?

Next comes the ruling from the Design Review Board. Five feet of the squash stadium must be removed and relocated to the gourmet

kitchen where anyone knows squash belongs in the first place. And finally, the owner and developer are asked to speak with the neighbors about their expectations that, naturally, will be summarily ignored.

Eventually, the entire mess will end up before the Glendale City Council (the court of last resort). Here, all parties will be heard after the council argues for twenty minutes about whether each side will lead off with a ten minute opening statement or an interpretive dance performance. In addition to the property owner and his consultants and attorneys, various neighbors will also be heard on the subject, and in the end, the entire matter will be determined by a vote based upon which council members are friendly with the owner of the local fried chicken franchise who knows the applicant personally and contributes large quantities of cash to local election coffers.

Exaggeration? Of course it is. But it serves to make the point that development is out of control in our Glendale neighborhoods. The residents of the Verdugo Woodlands, like those in La Crescenta, Montrose, Chevy Chase Canyon, Adams Hill and Pelanconi Estates are not complaining about reasonable, modest, conforming development within their immediate communities.

It is unthinkable to me, as a life-long resident of Glendale, that homeowners in the Verdugo Woodlands, or for that matter any section of our city, should feel compelled to place signs in their front yards pleading with their elected officials to honor their property rights and the very character of their neighborhood. The mansionization of the Verdugo Woodlands is further evidence (as if we needed further evidence) that residential over development is out of control in Glendale. It illuminates the fact that local government has a new constituency that does not seem to include ordinary citizens.

I urge all Glendale residents to be heard on this topic. I urge them to stand up for their neighbors and their neighborhoods. Make sure to ask candidates seeking your support for the municipal election in April just what concrete steps they plan to take to protect your neighborhood. Ask them what experience they have in persuading public opinion to create a mandate for positive solutions to issues such as residential over development. And, lastly, we must ask ourselves whether, at long last, the direct cost to each of us for being "missing in action" regarding local politics has become uncomfortable enough that we become motivated to stand up and take responsibility for our futures by engaging in the local election process.

As residents of Glendale we share a common stake in our city, its future and how we are to be represented. Together, we can ensure that local government gets back to the basics of providing responsible, thoughtful and reasonable leadership for all of our Glendale neighborhoods.

Hammond: [ED This letter was published in the GNP October 30] **Angry at council's decision on grilling**

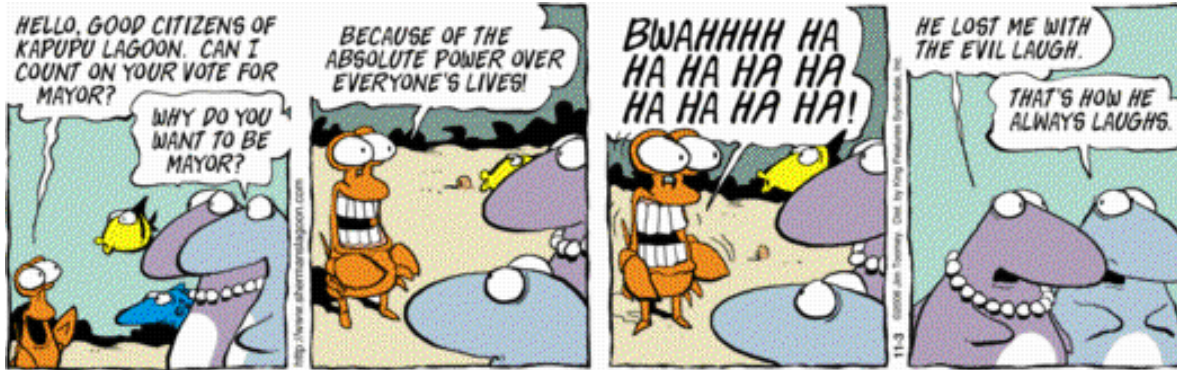
The recent City Council decision to prevent wedding halls from grilling outdoors shocked my sense of fundamental fairness ("Council turns down grilling law," Oct. 18). If, as Councilman Bob Yousefian has said, the county has deemed the thousands of private barbecue grills to have an insignificant impact on our air quality, I can't imagine how 10 barbecue grills operated by wedding halls would have any impact on our air quality.

The environmental argument set forth by the two dissenting councilmen, Mayor Dave Weaver and Frank Quintero, were completely unpersuasive. These wedding halls are used predominantly by our city's Armenian-Americans for family gatherings. Thus, the decision was racist at worst and insensitive at best to a large segment of Glendale's population. It was definitely not in the best interest of our city. I urge my fellow Glendaleans to call councilmen Weaver and Quintero and express their anger at this decision. Remind Weaver that he is up for election in April and that this decision will affect their voting decision.

Furthermore, I urge my fellow Glendaleans to boycott any Glendale organization that has Margaret Hammond, who spoke out against this ordinance, on its roster of members. Do not provide any moral or financial support to any of these organizations. Also, do not attend their functions or volunteer for these organizations. The message needs to be clear. Glendaleans will not support such decisions by our councilmen.

ARAM BARSOUMIAN Glendale

Brand Blvd: Dave Ahern is the Business Development Specialist for the City. Possibly a call to him or to Phil Lanzafame of the Redevelopment Agency could steer the merchants in the right direction with helpful suggestions. If the merchants are members of the Chamber, Vanguard encourages them to set up a committee that could brainstorm activities that could generate more business. The Downtown Merchants Association encourages participation at the 3rd Wednesday 3PM meeting. Attend, give your input. Lobby the Council by speaking CONSISTENTLY on the topic during Oral Communications EVERY Tuesday. Provide solutions such as advertising that Brand is open with free parking for the rest of the year. Conduct outreach. There are resources available. Use them while you are still viable.



Sherman's Lagoon

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