

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proud of Glendale for Dealing With Past

I've never been prouder to live in Glendale than I am after reading about the City Council's response to research into this city's racist foundation. Ironically, my favorite thing about Glendale

is its diversity: I can hear Armenian, Spanish and Tagalog in one short walk. But we still could use more color!

Renee Leask
Glendale

Fearing Effects of Prop. 15 Passage

I am urging a NO vote on Proposition 15.

If Proposition 15 is passed, all Californians will pay more for whatever product or service we purchase. This is "trickle-down economics" for sure. Any increase in property tax would simply be passed along the supply chain from top to bottom. Simply put, our cost of living in California would increase. Commercial and manufacturing firms could and would relocate out of California to avoid the higher property taxes. This would result in job losses and vacant distressed properties, which in turn mean reduced property tax revenue resulting in diminished government services to us citizens.

Do not believe the slick ads that are now being televised. It is not

the "wealthy corporations" that will be paying higher taxes. It is us everyday ordinary citizens who will be paying.

We in California pay among the most if not the most in state taxes. What really is needed is a tough look at how our tax revenue, which is substantial, is spent. The most egregious example of this is the incompetent mismanagement of the high-speed rail project. Just think of the millions or perhaps billions spent on this boondoggle and what those funds might have meant to other worthwhile state programs.

I am voting NO on Proposition 15 and urge other voters to also vote NO on Proposition 15.

Joe Kroening
La Crescenta

Crucial Process of Hiring City Manager

We call on the Glendale City Council to hold an open, national search in the hiring process for Glendale's next city manager. This new city manager should prioritize environmental and climate sustainability. We also echo the Coalition for an Anti-Racist Glendale's call for a city manager who holds experience implementing equitable, anti-racist policies, because racial justice and environmental justice are intertwined and interdependent.

It is more important to thoroughly consider who would be the best city manager of Glendale than to make a decision quickly. It is equally important to include community engagement and input in the process. The decision should not be made entirely in closed sessions of the City Council. An interim city manager can be appointed while the City Council undertakes a careful, thorough and

transparent hiring process.

This manager's leadership will shape the direction of city actions, operations and policies for many years. At a time when we are facing environmental and racial crises — including extreme heat events, raging wildfires and a public health crisis that disproportionately affects the most marginalized members of our community — our city must use this moment as an opportunity to embrace a deliberative, innovative and inclusive approach by hiring a city manager who prioritizes sustainability and equity.

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Montrose Christmas Parade Canceled

Because of concerns arising from the coronavirus pandemic, the Montrose Christmas Parade Association recently canceled what would have been its 44th annual parade.

The organization announced on its website that it made the decision in coordination with the city, the Montrose Shopping Park, the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce and local health authorities. This year's event would have been on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Instead, the parade group said,

the next event is slated for Dec. 4, 2021.

"In order to protect the incredible members of our community, we have decided that it is better to focus our energy on the 2021 event," it said on its website. "We appreciate your support of, participation in and attendance at this annual tradition and we promise we will return with the bands, community entries, kids and of course Santa flying by in his helicopter that make this parade so special."

For more information, visit montrosecristmasparade.com.

OBITUARIES

Norman Perry Mandel

March 27, 1930 - September 10, 2020

Norman Perry Mandel was born in Los Angeles, California, and lost his battle with cancer September 10, 2020. A first-generation American who attended UCLA but left to proudly serve in the Korean War. On returning to California, he settled in Glendale, and made the decision not to return to college but grow his family liquor store business.

He was a proud member of the Shriners and a 33-degree Mason who was committed to serving those less fortunate than himself. He continually volunteered for the Red Cross. Norman loved to golf and spent time relaxing in Palm Springs and Rosarito Beach, Mexico. He spent his retirement years traveling the world; six continents in total. Norman was a mentor to all he met in business and in



Norman Perry Mandel

friendship.

Although married and divorced twice, Norman never had his own children; but his nieces, their families and those he called his friends will truly miss him.

Anna Patricia Farrar

Anna Patricia (Austin) Farrar, known to everyone as Pat, was born on April 24, 1939, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to John (Jack) and Mildred (Rasmussen) Austin. The family moved first to Phoenix, Arizona, then to Las Vegas, Nevada, in Pat's formative years before settling permanently in California when Pat was 12 years old. She attended Santa Ana high school and held her very first job at Disneyland when it first opened in the mid-1950s. It was here she met her first husband, Richard Lee Williams. Pat and Richard had three children together, Kevin Richard, Annalee Ida, and Linda Marie in the span of five years, living primarily in Glendale. After divorcing from Richard in the early 1960s, Pat took to working as a bookkeeper in her father's Pharmacy & Drug businesses in Glendale and Montrose over the next several years while raising her three children. While working in the Glendale drug business, she met Vernon Dewees Farrar, who was a drug salesman calling on the Austin family business. They were married in 1967 and Verne adopted the three children from Pat's first marriage. Pat and Verne had a son together, Michael Vernon, born in 1969.

Pat lived most of her life and raised her children in Glendale on St. Elizabeth Road. She loved her home there and took pride in constantly updating the interior, doing yardwork and making the house a home. She had a wonderful and vast network of lifelong friends, met over the years through her schooling and supporting her children's activities. She eventually retired and sold the home in Glendale and moved to Reno, Nevada, in 2006 to be closer to her daughters and grandkids who had moved there years earlier. She found a lovely house with views of downtown Reno; Pat always loved her view homes and spent hours tending the garden. Being in northern Nevada allowed Pat access to the Lake Tahoe area and she spent much of her later life enjoying this recreation area, often accompanied by her children and grandchildren. Although her final years were affected by her battle with Alzheimer's, she was always very optimistic and happy in life and was well known for her smile and upbeat personality. She was a beautiful soul, always caring about others more than herself and was a fabulous friend to those who knew her. She was a wonderful mother, constantly putting her children first and was always the life of



Anna Patricia Farrar

the party with her outgoing and bubbly personality. She could talk sports and athletics with anyone, often impressing even the most ardent sportsman with her knowledge of any game. Pat will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her dearly.

Pat's passions in life included sewing and knitting in a variety of different styles, home decorating and furniture repurposing, gardening, her work and, of course, her children and grandchildren. She held a variety of jobs, mostly relating to accounting and bookkeeping. She once worked for Chuck Barris, the famous Hollywood producer of game shows and received a gag gift Emmy statue for her efforts which she prominently displayed in her home. She was extremely proud of her ability to provide for her family, and while she never finished college herself, witnessed all four of her children attain college degrees. She was the consummate mom, always there for her children, whether it was a sport they participated in, cheerleading, dance, beauty contests and any other activity they were involved in. Pat loved the outdoors; camping, hiking, fishing, and spending time at the beach. She liked to travel and meet new people who often became fast friends. She liked lighthouses and sunsets. She loved the ocean most of all, and frequently took the kids for week-long beach house vacations. She was also a sports nut and loved to attend LA Dodger baseball games in person, watch on TV or listen on the radio.

In addition to three of her four children, Pat is survived by her sister Elaine Deming and brother Victor Austin along with six grandchildren, seven nieces and nephews, and more than twenty great nieces and nephews. Pat is reunited with her oldest daughter Annalee, whose death preceded her in late 2019.

No services are planned at this time.

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