

# THE ZINE LINE

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## P.O.S.S.E. patrolling their own streets

Betty Green has seen more than her share of grimy furniture dumped in alleys and vacant lots in her neighborhood – blight that she will no longer tolerate.

Standing in one of the many alleys running through the west San Fernando Valley, the 55-year-old schoolteacher points her disposable camera at a dumped blue-striped mattress. Nearby is a yard sale's worth of other abandoned junk.

"Mattresses are a big thing here, I don't understand it," Green says. "I just want to know how these people can throw out so much furniture, where are they getting it from?"

Green is one of about 100 volunteers in the city's 3rd District vowing to have the streets cleaned of junk, illegal signs, abandoned cars, potholes and graffiti. They have come together under an initiative launched by the district's Councilman, Dennis Zine, that he calls his **P.O.S.S.E., or People Organizing Safe Secure Environments.**

Zine created the P.O.S.S.E. as a way for citizens to identify quality-of-life issues affecting his district. Once discovered, problems such as potholes

and graffiti can often be fixed quickly.

"What I'm trying to do is take government to a grass-roots effort," Zine said.

"If you want your community to look nice, be safe, we're going to give you the tools to do that."

Green's neighbor and fellow POSSE member Marilyn Robinson, who occasionally patrols with Green, is disgusted at the illegal dump site.

"This is just terrible," Robinson says. "I bet after dark you would hear the scurrying of little rats."

Green often returns to the sites to take more pictures, which she can contrast with those taken before the cleanup. They are reminders of what a little bit of initiative can accomplish.

The P.O.S.S.E. was formed last year during an initial training class at Zine's field office. Officials from several city departments told residents what problems to look for, then provided a list of government phone numbers to call to make reports.

"Now they're aware of the negatives in their community and how to correct them," Zine

said. "Everyone talks about empowering people; this actually puts that into action."

Zine ultimately wants to see 500 residents in the P.O.S.S.E., a number he feels would be large enough to put a dent in the local urban blight.

At the most recent training class held earlier this month, about 15 residents showed up to add their names to the effort.

"I'd like to cut down on some of the graffiti in my neighborhood," said West Hills retiree Bob Lauer when asked why he wanted to join. "We'd like to beautify the neighborhood."

Beth Nelson, 46, of Tarzana, who enlisted with her daughter, said she expects city departments will be particularly responsive to P.O.S.S.E. complaints because of its direct affiliation with Zine.

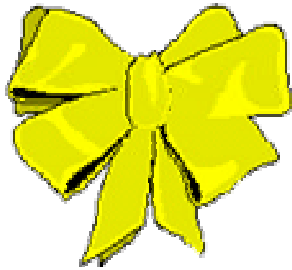
"I think this will put everything one jump ahead from what I was getting from the city," Nelson said. "It's just a shame the percentage of the population out there, though, that's totally unaware of the services the city provides already."

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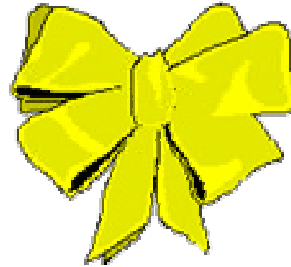
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# Support U.S. Troops for a Safe Return Home

FROM: Michael besem, district director  
Serving the Communities of Canoga park & reseda

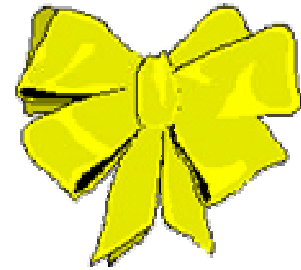


As the signs of patriotism pop up nationwide, countless volunteers in the Third Council District sprung into action to show support for our U.S. Troops overseas. Along the major corridors throughout Reseda and Canoga Park, yellow ribbons have been placed on many trees along the center medians. This display was created by volunteers from the Kiwanis, Reseda Chamber of Commerce and the



Reseda Neighborhood Council. Donations to purchase the yellow ribbon came from special contributors. Jon Lorenzen of Lorenzen Mortuary in Reseda gave no thought as he donated money at a recent Reseda Neighborhood Council meeting.

The ribbons are proudly displayed on some of the San Fernando Valley's busiest streets to remind us of the



brave men and women overseas serving our Country.

Councilman Dennis P. Zine and Staff wish them a safe and quick return home to their families! Councilman Zine sincerely thanks all who have contributed time and money to this and countless other meaningful displays of patriotism throughout the Third Council District.

## 311

### Make One Call To City Hall

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# TO PROTECT, TO PRESERVE AND TO PROVIDE

## MARCH TO MARCH UPDATE

By Tom Henry, Planning Deputy & Marianne King, Planning Associate

Periodically, Councilman Zine will ask for a year-to-date review and tally of all the land use and zoning application requests that have been filed in his district. In doing so, the Councilman can ascertain what improvements are being made, and focus on what improvements are still needed. Or, he can see where there is over-development and where action needs to be taken to protect the community.

Some of the land use and zoning applications have been extremely desirable for the community, others not so much and subsequently have not or will not be approved. "The most important thing," Councilman Zine said, "is that there is always a dialogue with neighborhood councils, the community, the City Planning Department, and the developer on all critical land use issues. My office is here to make sure that dialogue always continues."

The latest March to March 2003 update reveals that 25 projects were for over 1,000 new housing units. Ten of the projects were for apartments and condos for a total of 979 units, of which 197 are designated for much needed senior housing. The other fifteen projects were for new single family housing. It should be noted that the majority of development proposals were "in-fill" projects, replacing blighted buildings and vacant lots, which is exactly what the Councilman likes to see take place. "It is much better to build in areas to complete and revitalize neighborhoods than to add more urban sprawl as the Ahmanson Ranch project would," Councilman Zine emphasized.

It is also noted that there have been 17 applications for wireless telecommunication facilities, eight of which were in the Woodland Hills area. This has already raised the concern of the Woodland Hills/Warner

Center Neighborhood Council, the South Valley Area Planning Commission, and Councilman Zine. While it is true that such facilities are needed to meet the demand of people who use wireless phones, areas need to be protected from an over proliferation of such communication facilities. More information needs to be provided by the industry on the current infrastructure. The industry needs to be more cooperative with community groups and city agencies to address this matter and reduce the proliferation of facilities in any one area. If such action is not taken, Councilman Zine will consider asking the City Council for a moratorium on new wireless telecommunication facilities in Woodland Hills and other parts of his district.

# Emergency Preparedness Fair a Great Success!

By Marisol Espinoza, Field Deputy  
Serving the Communities of Tarzana & Winnetka

Hundreds flocked to Topanga Canyon Shoppingtown on Saturday, April 19, 2003 for some shopping, fun and emergency preparedness. Yes, that is correct, last month, Los Angeles residents went to the mall to prepare for all types of emergencies in their neighborhood. During the month of April, the Emergency Preparedness Department, in conjunction with the Emergency Operations Organization held fairs at many locations throughout the City of Los Angeles. During these trying times, the best preparation is education. City Departments were present at Westfield Topanga Shoppingtown on the

19<sup>th</sup> to meet with constituents from the West Valley. Families came together and visited the many booths that were available to them. City Departments such as the Los Angeles Police Department, Fire Department, the Emergency Preparedness Department, DWP, Public Works, Building and Safety, Housing, Disability, Animal Services, and the American Red Cross were available to disperse information and materials. Members of Councilman Dennis P. Zine's staff were present at the event, handing out information to their constituents. A scavenger hunt led attendees to every table at the fair in order to obtain

different components of a complete emergency kit, including wet naps, food bars, water, first aid kits and much more. Demonstrations of emergency equipment and emergency response vehicles were on display to participants outside of Westfield Topanga Shoppingtown. Lastly, the highlight of the event was a raffle in which many participated, and many prizes were won. The grand prize winner took home a ride for two on the Goodyear blimp. It was a great and informative event. For more information on Emergency Preparedness, please contact the Emergency Preparedness Department at 888-356-4661.

By Sherree Adams, Field Deputy  
Serving the Communities of West Hills & Woodland Hills

On Saturday, March 22nd, Councilman Dennis P. Zine sponsored the 25th Annual ONEgeneration Intergenerational Walk around Lake Balboa.

There were more than 1,200 friends, families and supporters of ONEgeneration, the nationally recognized Intergenerational Senior Citizen Center in Reseda.

This year's Walk featured a special theme "A Mile of Smiles".

Councilman Zine and Dennis McCarthy from the Daily News greeted our community before the Walk began. There was entertainment, great food, games and family fun.

An all time record was set for dollars donated for the senior's, children

and families of ONEgeneration!

We were able to meet several new constituents as well as assist with immediate concerns. If you have any matters of concern to your community, please call our office. We look forward to serving you!

# "America The Beautiful"

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade & Street Festival

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2003 AT 11:00 AM

Canoga Park, CA – "America The Beautiful" is the theme of this year's Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade & Street Festival presented by the Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce, Valley of the Stars, Canoga Park Community Center and Los Angeles City Councilman Dennis P. Zine – Honorary Parade Chair. The 15<sup>th</sup> annual parade event and newly added street festival will take place on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, with the two-mile parade set to begin at 11am. The Street Festival will be held from 10am – 5pm on Vanowen Street between Owensmouth and Topanga Canyon Blvd, in conjunction with the Canoga Park High School weekend carnival.

This year's Parade Grand Marshal is award-winning actor, Kristoff St. John, star of the CBS daytime series "The Young & The Restless." A six-time Emmy nominee for his role as Neil Winters on the show, St. John won the Emmy for *Outstanding Younger Lead Actor* in 1992, after joining the cast the previous year. He was also honored with five NAACP Image Awards for *Outstanding Lead Actor in a Daytime Series*. He has starred in the NBC daytime series *Generations* and earned two Emmy nominations. St. John and his wife run the new restaurant, The Tangerine Café in Woodland Hills.

**Kristoff St. John** will be joined by Kids Grand Marshal **Ronald McDonald**, Honorary Grand Marshals **Mario Machado** and **Glenda Wina**, co-hosts of "The PM Show" on CRN, Spanish Television Grand Marshal **Judge Manuel Aguirre**, Media Grand Marshal veteran radio/TV personality **Geoff Edwards** of sponsoring station K-SURF 1260/540, and Celebrity Grand Marshal **Erik "Chico" Manqueros**, host of "The Latin Style of Jazz. Other VIP parade participants include **Tammy Trujillo** of KFWB Radio, **Chef Cleo Valente**, popular host of the radio show "Dinner and No Movie," **Laurie Ng**, Ms Continental US Galaxy 2003, **Angelica Alderete**, Mrs. California American International 2003 and



Zine

St. John

Wina

Machado

The parade dates back to the 1940s, but became an annual Memorial Day event in 1989 drawing 20,000 spectators and showcasing 95 parade units. With the help of a local businessman, military fly-overs were arranged, which added prestige and patriotic flavor to the parade. His company also sponsored cash awards for equestrians and bands reviewed by certified parade judges, forever changing the scope of the parade.

Every year the parade has grown in size, with the largest to date being the 1997 parade boasting 130 entries and 60,000 spectators. In 1991, Canoga Park High School rescheduled its "Western Days" event to coincide with the parade, which now consists of Floats, Marching Units (Bands, Color Guards, Drill Teams), Dignitaries, Antique/Classic Automobiles and Equestrian entries. This year, for the first time, parade day will include a fun-filled street festival that will feature close to 100 local food vendors, arts, crafts and business booth displays. Prizes and awards for judged parade units will be presented on the Main Stage. Past parade participants Monty Montana, The Wells Fargo Stage Coach, the new Buffalo Soldiers, Las Mujeres, the LAPD Motorcycle Drill Team and the USMC Mounted Color Guard from Barstow have also appeared in the Pasadena Rose Parade.

For information about sponsorship, business banner purchase, booth opportunities and school participation, contact the Chamber office at 818-884-4222. For Press & Media contact **Jahna Houston (818) 320-6435** or **Florine Goodman (818) 615-2204**.

# **Proposed "Verified Response" to Burglar Alarms by the Los Angeles Police Commission**

**By Brian Perry, Legislative Deputy—City Hall Office**

In response to the proposal by the Los Angeles Police Commission, the City Council created a Burglar Alarm Task Force including representatives from citizen groups, Neighborhood Councils, alarm companies, LAPD, LAFD and city staff.

The President of the Police Commission sent a letter indicating his willingness to delay implementation of the "verified response" policy and to seriously take consideration of the recommendation of the Task Force and Council.

On April 14, the Task Force made its recommendations to the City Council. Unanimously, the Task Force approved to maintain the pre-existing policy that provides for LAPD response to burglar alarms. The Task Force also recommended an accelerated fine for False Alarms. The proposal ALSO includes imposing the "verified" response

only on addresses that reach a certain number of False Alarms (3) in a 12 month revolving period (this is similar to the method used by the State and County for speeding tickets and how they are counted for Traffic School and License Suspension).

On April 15, a joint meeting was held by the Public Safety Committee and the Education and Neighborhoods Committees. The Task Force recommendations were approved unanimously.

On April 22, the full City Council approved the Task Force recommendations and they have been forwarded to the Police Commission. It is anticipated that the Police Commission will adopt the policy - their representative indicated support for the proposal at the Committee hearing.

## **TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY VOTING IS HERE!**

### **VOTE EARLY USING TOUCHSCREEN**

Los Angeles City Clerk, J. Michael Carey announced today that Registered Voters can vote early for the scheduled May 20, 2003 General Municipal Election, using state-of-the-art Touchscreen technology. Through partnership with the Los Angeles City Library Department and this Office, voters will be able to vote early at any one of fifteen designated branch libraries as well as at City Hall starting May 5, through May 16, 2003.

Early Touchscreen voting is an alternative to voting by mail (absentee voting) and voting on Election Day. A Touchscreen voter merely has to show up at any of the locations during the voting period. Voter registrations will be confirmed electronically at the polling place. Voters are issued individually programmed "Smart Cards" which tell the Touchscreen voting devices which race voters are eligible to vote on. Voters will then be able to vote by touching the screen on the indicated space for the candidates of their choice. There is also an audio option for visually impaired voters. Voting is private and secure. The results of Early Voting by Touchscreen will not be released until the close of polls on Election Day, May 20, 2003.

A list of locations and hours of operation are available on the Election Division website at [www.lacity.org/clk/election](http://www.lacity.org/clk/election). Click on "Touchscreen Flyer." For more information, please call the City Clerk' Election division toll free at (888) 873-1000.

# ZINE IN MOTION

## ALARM FALSE ADS MOTION

Following the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners decision to alter Los Angeles Police Department Police alarm response policy, a healthy and spirited dialogue has been conducted between representatives of the City government, alarm industry and the general public. The recently concluded effort of the "Burglar Alarm Task Force," made up of representatives of the City, Industry and Public, has recommended a policy that maintains LAPD response to alarm calls. The Council has unanimously voted to approve the Task Force report. And it is important to note that throughout this process, the LAPD has continued to respond to alarm calls as quickly as possible.

Thus it is disturbing when private alarm companies, such as Lone Star Security and Video Inc., advertise on our public streets that "LAPD will no longer respond to your alarm!"

This kind of false and misleading advertisement goes to the worse fears of home owners with security alarms. It is an insult to the brave men and women of the LAPD who give their all to "Protect and Serve" all members of our community. It is clearly a violation of false advertising laws and it must be stopped NOW.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council, with the concurrence of the Mayor, request the City Attorney to investigate Lone Star Security & Video Inc. and any other alarm company which is advertising that "LAPD will no longer respond to your alarm."

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council, with the concurrence of the Mayor, request the City Attorney to take all necessary steps including litigation action against Lone Star Security & Video Inc. for false advertising if such statement is not removed from their advertising.

**Presented by Councilman Dennis P. Zine on April 22, 2003.**

# ZINE IN MOTION

## DUMPSTERS ON CITY STREETS

Construction, excavation and remodeling of structures within Los Angeles is at a near high.

As these projects move forward, the appearance of dumpsters of many sizes are becoming a familiar sight parked on our public streets.

However, these large steel dumpsters, which are permitted under the authority of the Department of Public Works - Street Services Division, can be a traffic hazard at night when drivers come upon them parked in the dark on the public right of ways.

To help eliminate this potential hazard, the placement of reflective materials on all sides of these dumpsters should be required for their continued use on our public streets.

**THEREFORE, I MOVE** that the Council request the City Attorney to draft language which would amend the appropriate sections of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to require that any dumpsters permitted for placement on any street within the City of Los Angeles be required to display reflective materials on all sides of the unit.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that any reflective material used on permitted dumpsters must be kept in good condition for the units to be parked on the streets of the City of Los Angeles.

Presented by Councilman Dennis P. Zine on April 11, 2003.



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## **ZINE HAS COUNCIL ASSERT JURISDICTION ON POLICE COMMISSION TO CHANGE CONSTRUCTION HOURS FOR WEST VALLEY STATION**

**Says Previous Agreement with Neighborhood Promised No Early Construction Hours**

**LOS ANGELES (APRIL 29)** — Los Angeles City Councilman Dennis P. Zine led his colleagues in asserting jurisdiction over an LAPD Board of Police Commissioners decision to expand construction hours to start at 6 a.m., contrary to pre-arranged agreements with the affected community.

In two separate motions, Zine and his colleagues voted unanimously to assert jurisdiction and then to veto the Police Commission decision. Zine promised to work closely with the Police Commission to re-establish the previously arranged construction hours beginning at 7 a.m., rather than an hour earlier.

“We promised the community that the construction of this much-needed West Valley police station would not be too disruptive,” said Zine, a 33-year veteran of the LAPD, “and starting construction at 6 a.m. is not only too early, it violated our public agreement and it was done without informing the council office or the neighborhood.”

According to the motion authored by Zine and seconded by Council members Cindy Miscikowski and Bernard Parks, when this project was being discussed with the affected community both Council District 3 and the Prop Q Steering Committee had given assurances to the neighboring residents at several community meetings in the area that the construction would be done in accordance with the City Standard and would not begin prior to 7 a.m. as established under the municipal code (Sec. 41.40(a) LAMC).

The Zoning Administrator went even further, limiting construction to weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

At their meeting of April 15, 2003, the Board of Police Commissioners acted to approve a request for variance to have construction begin an hour earlier, at 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

“We will live up to our agreements with the public” said Zine, “and all city departments have to learn how to cooperate so that we are not fighting each other over what the public deserves. It deserves our best when we give our word.”

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To access upcoming workshop dates and locations call our Workshop Hotline at 213-580-7582. This line is accessible 24 hours.

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Monday-Friday  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Graffiti

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Please leave your Constituent Survey Form with the Deputy staffing the booth or

Email to: [zine@council.lacity.org](mailto:zine@council.lacity.org)

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# **ZINE & 600+ FRIENDS HONOR CITY/STATE WORKERS WITH 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL Z-AWARDS for ExZellence**

## **Valley Businesses & Residents Applaud Six Honorees**

**LOS ANGELES (May 1) --- The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Z-Awards for ExZellence Luncheon** garnered an outstanding show of support from 3<sup>rd</sup> District business owners and residents today at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills.

Host Dennis P. Zine, the first-term City Councilman for the area greeted over 600 people crowded into the grand ballroom to honor six Los Angeles city and state public safety employees for their work on the job and in the community.

"The Z-Award is a personal honor, not just from me as a City Councilman, but from the entire community who chose six individuals from personal knowledge of their accomplishments," stated Zine. "We know that this honor is merely a benchmark for further accomplishments in the future," he continued, "we merely pause today to take note of these accomplishments along the journey of life we all travel."

The celebrated honorees are: **Dennis Archie** (LAFD Paramedic); **Officer Sharon Biggs** (LAPD); **Frank Bush** (LA city Building & Safety); **Ken Firoozmand** (LA city Department of Transportation); **Capt. Jesus Pasos** (LAFD); and **Officer Robert "Bob" Stegemann** (CHP). Their department's executive also joined each honoree in accepting their Z-Award.

CHP Officer Stegemann, a part-time dog trainer for the blind, emotionally defined the moment for everyone present. He held his newest student, a Labrador puppy, as he spoke from the dais when he said "My colleagues and I often wonder as we work the streets and highways whether our work is truly appreciated by the citizens," commented the Brooklyn native, "and now we know that we most certainly are appreciated as this Z-Award attests."

The entertainment featured the three-man Gospelaire's offering a patriotic repertoire of "God Bless America", "the National Anthem" and an instrumental rendering of "The Lord's Prayer". Funrise Toy Corporation graciously donated an array of Tonka rescue vehicles (helicopters, police cars, fire engines) which were awarded in a raffle to each table.

The proceeds from the event will benefit the ongoing programs of the chambers of commerce from Encino, Reseda, West Hills, Canoga Park, Woodland Hills and Winnetka.

# 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL Z-AWARDS for ExZ-ellence



Z-Award winners join Councilman Zine.



LAFD Chief Bammatre joins Archie and Pasos.



Zine table-hops to thank supporters and friends.



Zine stands with LAPD Honor Guard.



Zine staffer Janice Freeman, Zine and sponsor Ricky Gelb congratulate the organizing committee on the outstanding turnout of over 600 people at the Z-Awards



LAPD Assistant Chief James McDonnell, Capt. James Cansler, Zine and fire-fighters union president Patrick McCosker await honorees at the sold-out event.

## AND THE Z-AWARDS GO TO ...

(see picture at top left)

Z-Awards winners pictured above are: **KEN FIROOSMAND** (Dept. of Transportation); LAFD Capt. **JESUS PASOS**; LAPD Officer **SHARON BIGGS**; Councilman Zine; Deputy Sheriff **BOB STEGEMANN**; Co-host & sponsor **RICKY GELB**; LAFD Paramedic **DENNIS ARCHIE**; and **FRANK BUSH** (Building & Safety. **CONGRATULATION S TO ALL OF YOU!!**

COUNCILMAN DENNIS P. ZINE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

# ALL AROUND TOWN



Councilman Zine honors the Z-Kids of Welby Way Elementary School who then toured City Hall and enjoyed pizza with the Councilman.



Councilman Zine honors Arnold Rubin of Funrise Toys in Council for his contributions to the City and supporting the Z-Awards as a sponsor.



Councilman Zine honors Carol Schott, Senior Police Service Representative (PSR) for LAPD.



Councilman Zine with LAPD Service Representatives honoring their invaluable work for all of us in the city.

## LAPD POLICE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (PSR)

Police Service Representatives (PSR) are civilian employees of the Los Angeles Police Department. A PSR will respond to police unit broadcasts and must process officer requests, including urgent field situations, emergencies and pursuits. A PSR also maintains unit status information for each unit and assigns radio calls for service within specified time constraints. An Emergency Board Operator (EBO) is essentially a 911 Operator. EBOs receive and process incoming telephonic calls from citizens, outside police agencies and a myriad of other entities. These calls range from life-threatening emergencies to referral and information calls about city departments.

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