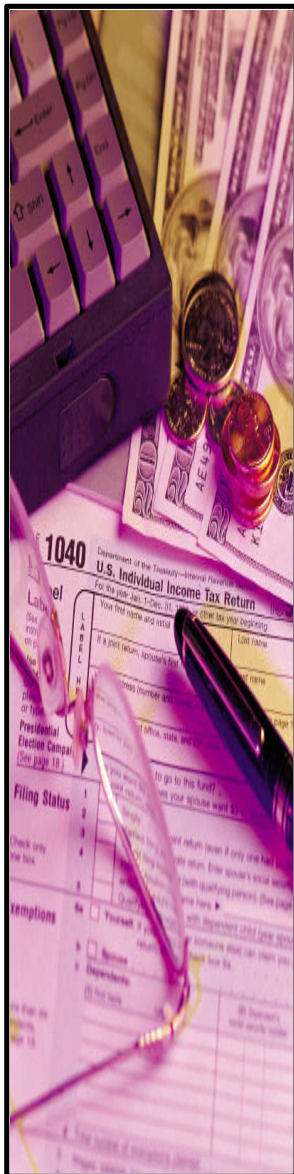


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# Free Income Tax Counseling!



## SENIORS

Councilman Dennis P. Zine has once again offered the use of the West Valley Municipal Building to AARP Tax Counseling to prepare income taxes for the Elderly. In the Mayor's Small Business Advisory Office, Room 129 located at 19040 Vanowen Street in Reseda. **FREE** tax assistance for the Elderly every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon, February 4<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, call (818) 756-8217.

## LOW INCOME

Councilman Dennis P. Zine has once again offered the use of the West Valley Municipal Building to California State University, Northridge (CSUN) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program to prepare income taxes for Low-income families and individuals. *In Councilman Zine's Conference Room located at 19040 Vanowen Street in Reseda. **FREE** tax assistance every Tuesday from 6:00-9:00 PM, February 18<sup>th</sup> through April 8<sup>th</sup>.*

For more information, call (818) 677-4519.

City Hall Office:  
 200 N. Spring Street  
 Room 405  
 Los Angeles, CA 90012  
 213-485-3486 (T)  
 213-485-8988 (F)  
 8:30am-5:00pm

District Office:  
 19040 Vanowen Street  
 Reseda, CA 91335  
 818-756-8848 (t)  
 818 756-9179 (F)  
 8:00am-6:00pm

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

## Zine At Nine

Join Councilman Zine  
 At Nine on Live  
 Call In Program



Watch  
**COUNCILMAN DENNIS P. ZINE**  
**LIVE** on Parallax Forum with  
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Let your voice be heard:

# CONSTITUENT SURVEY

Let us know your opinion

With “1” representing the **highest priority** and “12” the **least important**, how would you rate the following issues, as they relate to your neighborhood and the city of Los Angeles?

Although most of our neighbors are concerned about health care, education and public safety and issues that effect children and seniors in our communities, please also offer you opinion on the issues listed below.

There are **12 categories** for you to prioritize from “1” (most important) to “12” (least important) and a blank space for any other issue you deem applicable.

Thank you for your interest.

\_\_\_\_\_ Abandoned Vehicles

\_\_\_\_\_ Alley Dumping

\_\_\_\_\_ Building & Safety Violations

\_\_\_\_\_ Burglar alarms and response policy

\_\_\_\_\_ Cable rates and service

\_\_\_\_\_ Graffiti

\_\_\_\_\_ New Business Development

\_\_\_\_\_ Senior Housing

\_\_\_\_\_ Speeding Enforcement

\_\_\_\_\_ Street Lighting

\_\_\_\_\_ Street Resurfacing

\_\_\_\_\_ Tree Trimming

\_\_\_\_\_ (Please add your choice here)

Please mail this page to:

**COUNCILMAN DENNIS P. ZINE**

Survey

Third District - City Hall

200 North Spring Street, 405

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Thank you.

# KUDOS TO LAFD!

## HIGH HAZARD FIRE RATING PREDEPLOYMENT

A high-pressure ridge forecasted to build over Southern California would develop Santa Ana conditions. High wind with low humidity produces extreme fire conditions with high potential for a large-scale disaster.

As a precautionary measure, the **Los Angeles City Fire Department** will strategically boost the number of firefighters in the Very High Hazard Severity Zones of the City by detailing administrative personnel to the field. The additional resources and personnel will distribute brush fire hazard information to residents as well as patrol high hazard areas. In addition, five Brush Patrol Units could be activated to patrol the brush areas.

Thanks to this Predeployment an **LAFD Brush Patrol Unit** deployed in the neighborhood was first to arrive on the scene of a Greater Alarm Brush Fire in the Hollywood Hills on Thursday, January 16, 2003 at 12:06 PM. The local presence of this quick-attack unit and its ability to navigate narrow streets in an expeditious manner allowed Firefighters to quickly anchor the flames while additional vehicles and firefighting personnel made their way onto the scene.

A pair of **LAFD** Helicopters served as Aerial Command Support and Reconnaissance as well as two Engine Companies all under the direction of **Battalion Chief John Miller of Fire Station District 41**. An aggressive and well coordinated efforts of the tellurian crews had the flames under control in less than 17 minutes.

Thanks to Firefighters efforts, the flames were confined to one-eighth of an acre of vegetation. There were no injuries or structural damage from the blaze. The fire was caused by careless arc welding during renovation of a nearby home.

# Creation Station Arrives in Canoga Park

On January 6 the Main Street Performing Arts Studio, located at 21616 Sherman Way in Canoga Park, will begin to offer dance classes taught by Creation Station, a wildly successful children's dance program serving hundreds of youngsters, ranging in age from two years to eighteen years. Creation Station is currently located in North Hollywood and New York City. The dance instruction offered by Creation Station is not like any other in that the teachers use hundreds of props and costumes as well as music from all over the world. They teach the fundamentals of movement without sacrificing the joy of dance or the fun of being a child.

Classes in ballet and tap (2 years—14 years), jazz (5 years—18 years) and hip-hop (5 years—18 years) will be offered at the studio.

For class and price information, contact Bridget Meek, Studio Manager at 818-598-0135. The Studio will also continue to offer adult dance classes based on demand.

The Main Street Performing Arts Studio is owned by Main Street Canoga Park, a non-profit corporation. Funding for developing the Studio and covering its first year of operations has come from the Community Redevelopment Agency thanks to the strong support of Councilman Dennis P. Zine.

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## Reseda Neighborhood Council Update

Written by Michael Besem

At the December meeting of the Reseda Neighborhood Council held on December 16, 2002 at the West Valley Library, the Board elected its Officers. Councilman Zine attended and congratulated the newly elected Officers of the RNC and looks forward to a continued successful relationship with the common goal of improving the quality of life for all stakeholders in Reseda.

Chairman/CEO: John Fitzpatrick  
Vice-Chairman: Garth Carlson  
Treasurer: Sherry Nygren  
Parliamentarian: Anna Measles  
Sergeant-at-arms: Peter Daly

# Chamber Embarked On "Three-Hour Cruise"

## Celebrating their Annual Installation Dinner & Dance

Written by Sheree Adams

The Woodland Hills Chamber of Commerce held its 2003 Installation Dinner, on Friday, January 17th, honoring Terry Alder, Marriott General Manager and the Warner Center Marriott Hotel as the recipient of the "Joseph Staller Award" for Excellence in Service. Councilman Dennis Zine was on hand to present Alder and Susan Harris, Chair of the Chamber Board with proclamations.

The evening began with a wonderful Reception provided by the Warner Center Marriott where guests had an opportunity to browse and bid on more than one hundred wonderful auction items provided by Chamber members and other businesses in the community. Everyone then got on "board" the S.S. Woodland Hills Chamber, led by Captain Buzz Noe of Capers Productions. The event sponsor for the black tie affair was Parker, Milliken, Clark, O'Hara & Samuelian.

Music for enjoyment and dancing was provided by Don Sweeney's SRO Band. The cruise began with a delicious dinner prepared by the Marriott followed by the evening program, Live Auction and "The Live Holland American Cruise Show".

Councilman Zine's donation to the Chamber's Silent Auction was "Spend the Day with the Councilman including lunch". George Enfield was the winning bidder at a mere cost of \$95.00. This will help the Chamber with their business and community activities.

The Installation ceremony honored Chair of the Board Susan Harris, SBC, for her successful leadership during 2002, while also celebrating her incoming term as Chair for the year 2003. The ceremony also discharged the outgoing Officers and Directors who served in 2002 as well as installing the 2003 Officers and Directors.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
EXEMPT FROM CIVIL SERVICE**

**Los Angeles City Councilman Dennis P. Zine**

is looking for a **PAID** intern to work in his District Office located in Reseda. You can get hands-on experience by working in a Council Office and school credit.

**Qualifications:**

- ◆ General Office Experience & Clerical Skills **Mandatory**
- ◆ Strong Verbal & Written Communication Skills
- ◆ Interaction with Constituents, City Departments & Community Leaders
- ◆ Knowledge of Microsoft Word & Word Perfect Computer Programs
- ◆ Assembling Materials for Bulk Mailing
- ◆ Ability to use Independent Judgement
- ◆ Customer Service skills are a **MUST**

Political Science background is helpful but not mandatory.

**For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact:  
Rayna Gabin, District Director: (818) 756-8848**

## **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DIRECTORY**

Your guide to Neighborhood Services Directory for the City of Los Angeles is available through your Council Office. This directory was put together to assist you in contacting various City representatives and accessing a variety of services quickly and easily. This directory will provide you with information on City Departments and Programs that can help make your daily lives a little easier!

Some of the most frequently sought City services include, tree trimming, building inspections, sewage treatment, trash collection, traffic management, planning assistance and police and fire protection.

Of course, there still may be times when you need to speak with a City Official. For quick assistance in solving any problems, or to get answers to questions, continue to feel free to contact the Office of the Third Council District at **(818) 756-8848** or my **City Hall Office at (213) 485-3486**, visit **[www.lacity.org/council.cd3](http://www.lacity.org/council.cd3)** or try the new **City toll free call system 311**.



# Reseda Recreation Center

The Reseda Recreation Center is remodeling their public restroom at a cost of \$250,000 from Proposition A-11. The construction is 90% complete and is expected to open sometime in February.



**LOCATION:** Griffith Park, intersection of Ventura 134  
and  
Golden State 5 Freeways

**HOURS:** 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily

For more information, please call (323) 644-6400 for visit us on our  
WILD Web site at [www.lazoo.com](http://www.lazoo.com)

**HBO**  
**Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich**  
**Councilman Dennis P. Zine**  
**County of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission**  
**San Fernando Valley Branch, NAACP**

*Invite you to a free screening of*

**Unchained Memories**  
*Readings from the Slave Narratives*

An HBO Original Documentary Film  
In association with  
The Library of Congress

**Sunday, February 9, 2003 at 3:00 PM**  
Screening followed by Panel Discussion  
Led by Reverend Zedar E. Broadous

**Madrid Theatre**  
21622 Sherman Way  
Canoga Park, CA 91303

**Please RSVP to Katie Himes by February 5**  
**(818) 407-3141**

**UNCHAINED MEMORIES** brings the words of former slaves to vivid life through on-camera readings by celebrated African-American actors, as well as archival photographs, music, film and period images. Produced in association with the Library of Congress - home of the Slave Narrative Collection and other Works Project Administration collections.

The film is narrated by Whoopi Goldberg and features readings by Angela Bassett, Don Cheadle, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, Robert Guillaume, Samuel L. Jackson, Courtney B. Vance, Vanessa L. Williams, Oprah Winfrey, Alfre Woodard and others.



# NEWS FROM

## COUNCILMAN DENNIS P. ZINE

Third District, City Hall Room 405, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Contact: Kim Friedman (213) 485-3486, Director of Communications

For immediate release

January 22, 2003

### L.A. COUNCILMAN ZINE DERIDES CABLE FRANCHISE \$41 MILLION EXECUTIVE PAY

Says Troubled Adelphia Cable Owes City \$3.1 million

All Cable Franchises to Report to Committee in 3 Weeks

**LOS ANGELES (January 22)** --- City Councilman Dennis P. Zine took the city's cable franchises to task today for their rate hikes while paying executive compensation in the millions of dollars.

As chairman of the committee overseeing the Information Technology Agency, Zine questioned ITA staffers on the bankruptcy status of Adelphia Communications and the recent approval of a compensation package for two new executives for a total of \$41 million.

"How can any customer rate increase be justified when Adelphia is in bankruptcy, owes the city \$3.1 million and can manage to pay two people \$41 million over three years," asked Zine before a packed hearing room, "our citizens are dissatisfied with the level of service provided by this company and want their money back in quality service."

Representatives from Adelphia did not attend the hearing.

## L.A. COUNCILMAN ZINE DERIDES CABLE FRANCHISE \$41 MILLION EXECUTIVE PAY

Committee Chairman Zine and vice-chairman Alex Padilla were joined by Councilman Jack Weiss. Last week Weiss and Zine submitted a motion to the full Council to study rate increases, high-speed Internet access build-out and investments in improving customer service. The motion also included issues regarding corporate compensation.

"All 250,000 Adelphia subscribers citywide must now pay \$13.45 daily for the next year to pay for this outlandish \$41 million executive pay," said Weiss, "that is an outrage and this committee will be looking very closely at every franchise contract as a result."

ITA staff representatives testified that Adelphia also owes the City \$3.1 million in taxes, however, the company is under bankruptcy protection and does not have to pay until proceedings are finalized.

Declared Zine, "Where is the city in the line of creditors, are we going to get the money due to us or just pennies on the dollar after other creditors and executives get their debts satisfied."

Zine continued "Worldcom, Enron, Adelphia, a rogue's gallery of corporate greed has now visited itself upon this city," said the former LAPD sergeant, "we will protect our citizens and provide affordable cable-choice with an intensive inquiry into these matters."

The committee voted to have all five cable franchise-holders report back to the committee on February 12, 2003 to present their plans for broadband installation citywide and to discuss the relationship between rate increases and executive compensation.

The cable companies provide service in 14 franchise areas throughout Los Angeles. The other companies are AT&T Broadband, Charter, Cox, and Time-Warner.



# Reseda Neighborhood Council



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## Greg Nelson awards certificate to Reseda Neighborhood Council

Greg Nelson from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment presented the Reseda Neighborhood Council with their Certification as the 50<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Council to be certified by the City of Los Angeles at the January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2003 meeting of the RNC. Additionally, RNC Board Members pledged to **"Represent Reseda with dignity, integrity and pride"** as part of the newly created civic ceremony.

## Caprice Young, President of the L.A. Unified School District speaks at RNC meeting.

Caprice Young spoke to the RNC assembly about her goals to improve the L.A.U.S.D. and to foster a close relationship with the district neighborhood councils. She revealed the need to improve the traffic situation around the schools and the building of new schools to relieve those areas that have too many students for the current facilities. She also said that local schools are available for public meetings for groups such as the RNC.

## RNC approves telephone answering service.

The RNC unanimously approved a telephone answering service that will allow concerned stakeholders the opportunity to leave messages for the Board as a whole or receive information about the council's activities. Service will start as soon as funds are available.

## RNC Standing Committees look for members.

The bylaws of the Reseda Neighborhood Council have set forth 14 Standing Committees to promote the Quality of Life improvements that are stated in our mission. Four of these committees are to keep a tight rein on your elected representatives to ensure honest and forthright use of your tax dollars. The remainder of the committees are to deal with the different aspects of Quality of Life issues. If you have talent, abilities or the desire to work on any of the following committees: Audit, Community Safety, Constitution and Bylaws, Council Liaison, Disaster & Emergency, Economic Development, Finance, Grant Proposal, Grievance, Outreach, Planning & Zoning, Public Relations, Senior

Advocacy, and Youth Advocacy, please contact us or come to our next meeting. We need you!

## The Reseda Neighborhood Council Mission

- To provide an inclusive open forum for public discussion of issues concerning City government, the needs of this Neighborhood Council Board, the delivery of City services to this Neighborhood Council Board, and on matters of a Citywide nature, to advise the City of Los Angeles on issues concerning City government.
- To promote public participation in City Governance and decision making processes so that government is more responsive to local needs and requests.
- To foster a sense of community for *all* people to express ideas and opinions about their neighborhoods and their government.
- To protect and improve the quality of life in our neighborhood, promote empowerment and community-pride, encourage youth participation, and to provide a forum to effectively address the issues which affect our community.

## This Month's Meetings

Executive Board Meeting, Public Welcomed  
February 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 PM at W.V. Library.  
RNC General Meeting, Public Welcomed  
February 18, 7:00 PM at W.V. Library.

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Reseda, Calif.  
91335  
(818) 756-7330

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# ZINE IN MOTION



## CYBER CAFÉ MOTION

The recent shooting at a "cyber café" in the San Fernando Valley should serve as a wake-up call for the City. That gunfight left two teenagers injured outside the café. In July of last year, another teenager was killed in a drive-by shooting after he left the same cyber café.

These incidents cause us to consider whether to impose regulations on these businesses that tend to specialize in realistic and often violent online video games via the internet. The games featured at these cyber cafes are so focused on violence that it is time for the City to prevent the real-world violence that some of the cyber cafes have been attracting.

We have restrictions on alcohol and cigarettes sales to young people, and it is appropriate that we should consider imposing restrictions on venues where we have young people gathering, playing violent on-line video games, with no provisions for their security.

The growing popularity of these cafes throughout Southern California has raised legitimate concerns about policing or otherwise regulating these "teenage hangouts." Garden Grove, Santa Ana, and Diamond Bar have already approved special security rules for such businesses. Los Angeles could also consider imposing reasonable regulations such as mandatory security guards, limits on hours for teenagers and stricter enforcement of loitering laws. The goal would be to create a safe environment, which ultimately would be in the best interest of the cyber café businesses.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department and other appropriate agencies be requested to report to the Public Safety Committee within 30 days regarding the number of incidents/calls that have been associated with or at "cyber cafes" including the time of day, type of incident, age of the individuals involved and any other relevant data.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Police Department recommend appropriate action that can be taken by the Council to prevent violent incidents that are occurring at cyber café businesses.

Contact Us! We love the emails we have received from constituents and would like to hear from you more.

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*Zine's Committee Assignments:*

**Chair, Personnel Committee**  
**Vice-Chair, Information Technology & General Services Committee**  
**Member, Transportation Committee**  
**Member, Public Safety Committee**

***THE ZINE LINE***