

DENNIS P. ZINE  
COUNCILMAN, THIRD DISTRICT

# THE ZINE LINE

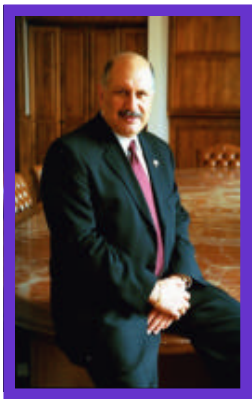
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## RESERVE OFFICERS ZINE & SMITH AID IN CAPTURE OF CAR THIEF



When super heroes don their famous costumes, their secret identities are cleverly disguised, leaving their civilian lives behind them as they battle evil doers.

Not so for our fearless LA City Councilmembers Dennis P. Zine and Greig Smith, who as LAPD Reserve officers tackle crime in the dark blue uniform of the LAPD, their identities known to all the world.

Accompanied by newly minted LA Police Commissioner, Alan Skobin,

himself a LA Sheriff Reserve Officer, the trio found themselves in familiar territory, one block from Galpin Ford where Skobin is general counsel.

"What was supposed to be a regular night patrol and tour for the new police commissioner, turned out to be a pretty eventful fight to arrest a very violent suspect," said Zine, no stranger to the rough and tumble of patrol and pursuit as a 35 year veteran of the police force.

It was a Wednesday night in the West San Fernando Valley area when the three took out on patrol in a marked police car.

Just after midnight, a call came over the radio. Security guards at Galpin Ford in North Hills were fighting an intruder and needed help.

Only a block away was the trio, who, with Zine at the wheel, ignited the red light atop the black and white police car and raced to the scene.

There they encountered a fierce fight behind the locked glass doors of the car dealership, two security guards locked in combat with a suspect who just would not give up.

A guard opened the door for Zine, Smith and the LAPD sergeant, they joined the fray. Additional LAPD officers arrived soon thereafter.

"The suspect was very, very strong and violent," said Smith, a 11 year reserve officer. "It took the combined efforts of six LAPD, two security guards and two reserve officers to finally subdue him after a 30 minute struggle." The suspect was eventually subdued and contained with a hobble-restraint, a thick nylon cord. He was later booked on charges of suspicion of grand theft auto and resisting arrest.

Smith sustained a bruised forehead while Zine was unscathed.



Dennis P. Zine, (L) and Greig Smith serve as Councilmen and Reserve LAPD Officers.. A recent tussle with a suspect drew comparisons with 1970's TV cops "Starsky & Hutch" (top).

Zine said that their proximity to the incident was coincidental but lucky for the security guards locked in battle. "Our response time was key since this guy was going after their guns and could have done a lot more damage than he did."

Well-known for his "Superman"-styled "Z" logo that adorns pins and publications, Zine was asked if he really keeps a logo emblazoned t-shirt under his suits as he sits around the horse-shoe in City Council. His answer, "That's mv secret".



# **STILL WANTED**

## **\$25,000 REWARD**



*The Los Angeles City Council has approved a reward for anyone who provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of this dangerous sexual assault predator.*

*The suspect is described as a male Latino, 5'6" to 5'9", 190-210 pounds, and 20-29 years of age. He has a chubby build and has been described as having a moustache and goatee. He is bilingual and speaks English without an accent. The suspect was seen in one incident driving a red, older model Chevrolet S-10 Blazer with a tire mounted on the rear with a black cover.*

*The suspect has been targeting lone females in the western Valley area since January 2001. The suspect has forced some of his victims into a vehicle and driven them to a secondary location; others were kidnapped off of the sidewalk and walked to a secluded area. In one incident the suspect entered a residence.*

***Anyone with information is urged to contact:***

**Day: Det. Antenucci or Det. Alviani**

**Robbery-Homicide Division, Rape Special Section, 818-756-8309**

**Night: Detective Information Desk, 877-LAWFULL (877-529-3855)**

# QUALITY-OF-LIFE REPORT

By Frank Bush, Senior Inspector– Code Enforcement Bureau

Los Angeles Department of Building & Safety

## Update on Recent Violations Reported to Councilman Zine's Office

1. **Home Depot** case #3PN02805 - 7/9/03 in Court Division 101  
Deputy City Attorney, Don Cocek explained the violations of unlocked display cases containing spray paint and possible resolutions to the Attorney representing Home Depot. The Attorney stated that he would explain the information to the Corporation and return to court.
2. **John Parker (illegal sign installer)**, case #3PN02851  
Mr. Parker pled Guilty to the misdemeanor charge of illegal sign installation, he was ordered to pay \$100.00 to the State Victims Fund, was placed on 12 months summary probation and ordered to obey all laws.
3. **Jorge Serranoaguas (illegal vendor in Ralphs Parking Lot)**, case # 3PN02852  
Mr. Serranoaguas Parker pled Guilty to the misdemeanor charge of illegal vending, he was ordered to pay \$100.00 to the State Victims Fund, was placed on 12 months summary probation and ordered to obey all laws.



### P.O.S.S.E. UPDATE

Spanish POSSE Training—August 14th, at 6:00 p.m.

POSSE Round-up—September 13th, 9:00 am—1:00 pm

POSSE Training—To be scheduled in September

You **MUST** schedule an appointment.

For more information & to RSVP call  
Michael Besem, District Director at (818) 756-8848.

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Residents may access information and any non-emergency service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The 311 call center is equipped to serve the hearing impaired and information in more than 150 languages.



# NEWS FROM

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## COUNCILMAN DENNIS P. ZINE

Third District, City Hall Room 450, Los Angeles, CA 90012

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **ZINE LEADS COUNCIL TO REJECT CALABASAS GRAB OF LANDMARK AT THE BORDER**

**LOS ANGELES (July 23)** --- The fight for a ranch and cantina could have used a posse, but it only took a few minutes for Councilman Zine to round up his colleagues to help hold onto a piece of historic L.A. property coveted by the adjoining city of Calabasas.

In a 14-0 vote, the Council approved a Zine motion to tell Calabasas that the property is not for sale, lease or annexation.

"There is no benefit to Los Angeles by giving up this important part of our history," said Zine, whose Third District abuts Calabasas, "so it is important that we send a message to their city council that no means no." The Calabasas City Council met on whether or not to certify the environmental report on the disputed area.

At issue are the historic Leonis Adobe ranch and the Sagebrush Cantina bar/eatery that sit at the border of Los Angeles and Calabasas. The properties are on the L.A. side.

Leonis Adobe, a ranch believed to be founded in 1844, is Los Angeles Cultural Landmark #1. Sagebrush Cantina is a popular watering hole next door at the western edge of Zine's Third Council District area.

The City of Calabasas has tried on three separate occasions since 1990 to grab the property; this effort is the second try in the last four years.

"Hopefully in Calabasas the city council will reverse their wagons," concluded Zine, "the L.A. brand is forever stamped on that property and no poachers or rustlers will take it away from us."

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### **ZINE SUPPORTS NEW BURGLAR ALARM POLICY APPROVED BY POLICE COMMISSION**

**LOS ANGELES (July 22)** --- After months of struggle over whether LAPD will answer burglar alarms, the Police Commission voted today 4-1 (Commission chairman Caruso voting no) to approve a compromise policy put forth by Mayor James Hahn.

Councilman Dennis P. Zine (Third District) saluted the Commission and the Mayor for resolving the problem. As a 35-year veteran of the LAPD, Zine knows about alarm calls first hand and as a LAPD Line Reserve Officer, he will be responding to burglar alarm calls under this new policy.

"Community policing has long been the goal of the Los Angeles Police Department" said Zine, "by adopting this policy the Department has listened to the community it serves and has taken a step in the right direction."

The new policy includes:

- Proof of issuance of an alarm permit prior to installation;
- Infractions apply to both alarm user and installer;
- 1<sup>st</sup> false alarm cost \$95, and incremental increases of \$50 for subsequent alarms;
- Fees are doubled for non-permitted alarms;
- Direct appropriate city agencies to liaison regarding technology, dispatch policy and fee collection

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TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2003

### ZINE, LAPD & KOO KOO ROO JOIN FORCES TO BENEFIT JEOPARDY PROGRAM

**20% OF FOOD SALES GO TO ANTI-GANG PROGRAM**

**WHO: COUNCILMAN DENNIS P. ZINE, WEST VALLEY LAPD & KOO KOO ROO**

**WHAT:** *KOO KOO ROO will donate 20% of all sales (with flyer presented) to the JEOPARDY Program serving the West Valley community, an anti-gang prevention program for at-risk youth.*

**WHERE:** KOO KOO ROO: 6600 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Canoga Park  
Or call-in order for pick-up: 818-340-6600

**WHEN:** WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2003  
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**JEOPARDY PROGRAM MOTTO:**  
"Balancing the odds, between the gangs and our families"

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### ZINE ELECTED TREASURER OF INDEPENDENT CITIES ASSOCIATION

**LOS ANGELES (July 15)** --- In every organization he joins, Dennis P. Zine always manages to turn his reputation for frugality into an official function monitoring the finances.

At the LA Police Protective League he was a two term Treasurer and as an Elected Charter Reform Commissioner, he co-chaired the Budget Committee that oversaw the commission's finances.

In San Diego at the Independent Cities Association (ICA) Annual Conference, once again Zine has impressed his peers enough to get overwhelmingly elected as their Treasurer.

"As a fiscally conservative person, I naturally gravitate to minding the money since no organization can ever realize its goals without the proper budget management and accountability," said Zine, a first-term councilman, "ICA is an important organization and it's my pledge to keep it growing while keeping its vital resources working for the benefit of the cities they represent."

According to ICA executive director Debbie Smith, "Zine has demonstrated great enthusiasm for ICA and we are very pleased that once again the city of Los Angeles has taken a leading role in this organization."

The late LA City Council president John Ferrarro was a past president of ICA in 1981.

ICA was founded in 1961 and is now comprised of 54 southern California cities. ICA is governed by elected officials united to address priority concerns of its member cities in the areas of legislation and other intergovernmental issues.

ICA delegates from member cities annually elect up to 20 city council members to serve on the Board of Directors, the policy making body for the group.

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# BACKGROUND ON THE LAPD POLICE RESERVE CORPS

## HISTORY OF THE LAPD RESERVE PROGRAM

During World War II, when enlistments and the draft acutely depleted the ranks of qualified recruits, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) turned to residents of the community to partially solve the shortage of regular officers.

Thousands of concerned citizens volunteered their services as auxiliary police and air raid wardens. But it was not until 1947 that the City Council enacted an ordinance that established a Police Reserve Corps. During the post-war years, the newly organized Police Reserve Corps grew to a strength of 2,500 officers. At that time, reserve officers provided their own equipment and they worked together or were paired with regular officers.

As the strength of the LAPD increased in the late 1940s the need for police reserve officers for police duties became less critical. In 1950, the role of Reserve Officers was drastically changed. Reserve Officers were relegated to such duties as traffic direction and

crowd control at civic events, parades and movie premieres. As a result, membership decreased in 1968.

Certain members of the LAPD were able to rekindle interest in the Police Reserve Corps. In 1968, as a result of this interest, the Department developed a new concept for the revitalization of its reserve forces. Benefits resulting from the adoption of the new proposals would be threefold: a decrease in crime; augmentation of the strength of the Department's field force; and, of paramount importance, the program would provide the opportunity for concerned citizens to become directly involved with the LAPD.

In February 1968, 123 candidates began training for the new Police Reserve Corps. To qualify, an interview board initially screened applicants. They then received a medical examination and, if qualified, each applicant was scheduled for a "personal inventory evaluation" to determine his psychological aptitude for police work. Medical standards established for reserves

were somewhat less stringent than those who applied for full-time employment.

As time passed, the medical requirements were upgraded to the same level as regular officers. An orientation was later initiated as part of the processing to insure each reserve applicant had a clear understanding of the program and requirements. Police work at best is a hazardous occupation for those who patrol the streets each day. Regular instructors, assigned to the Police Academy, are used to teach reserve classes. Through the years additional training requirements were identified until the number of training hours reached 733 hours.

Today, after completing the LAPD training program, reserve officers are assigned to one of the LAPD's 18 divisions. While reserve officers are only required to work a minimum of two duty shifts per month, most of them work more and today reserves work a variety of assignments including patrol, air support, vice and gang suppression details.



## **THE RESERVE PROGRAM TODAY**

The LAPD reserve program is designed to attract applicants from all segments of the community. To minimize the expense of participation in the program, the City Council allocated funds to outfit Reserve Officers with uniforms and equipment. Reserve Officers wear the same uniform as a regular police officer. A reserve can only be identified by their badge. When the program first started the original badge was the same as a regular officer but had "Reserve Policeman or Policewomen" on the face of the badge, now only an "R" preceding the badge number identifies the wearer as a Reserve Officer.

From the beginning of the Department's Reserve Program, many concerned citizens expressed interest in helping the City fight crime. But these individuals either did not have the time or they could not qualify to be field certified Reserve Officers. In 1979, the City implemented two new Reserve Officer classifications: the Technical Reserve Officer and the Specialist Reserve Officer, which complement the existing Line Police Officer.

**Line Police Reserve Officers** go through the same basic training course as a full-time officer. This status gives the reserve officer the same powers and duties as a full-time police officer. Until a line officer works 2,000 hours, they are required

**Technical Reserve Officers** go through the same processing procedures as a field certified reserve officer, but do not have to meet the same medical standards. Technical reserve officers are trained at the Police Academy to function as a non-field reserve officer. Most often, technical reserve officers can be found working as a desk officer with detectives, in community relations, youth services or in the field taking reports.

**The specialist program** is designed to allow professional persons, interested in their community and police department, to help the LAPD serve the citizens of Los Angeles better and more efficiently. Specialist police reserve officers are volunteers who have special talents, which may be utilized by the LAPD when there is a need for their services. These officers do not have peace officer status.

The need for Reserve Officers has become important to law enforcement agencies throughout the state. As crime has increased over the years, concerned citizens are needed to take an even more active part in their communities. Over the last decade as community policing – which was established in Los Angeles – has started to take hold, the reserve program has become a more integral part of the LAPD's crime fighting efforts.

## **HOW DO RESERVE OFFICERS FIT INTO THE LAPD?**

Because of the standards, the selection process and the training program for Reserve Officers, their acceptance by regular officers is very favorable. Some patrol officers even request to work with a particular reserve. Reserve Officers have received numerous commendations for their actions in the field and reserves are valued partners. As the Reserve Corps continues to increase to its authorized strength of 2,000 members, its presence will be increasingly felt throughout the LAPD and the City. Because they are primarily local citizens, Reserve Officers are effective spokes people in their neighborhoods for the support of law enforcement. Their presence in the Department provides fulltime officers with an insight into all segments of the City's population.

Members of the LAPD who have been associated with the reserve program are continually impressed with the performance and dedication of its officers. It is gratifying to know that members of the community are not willing to play a passive role in making their communities safer, rather they are contributing their time and services and getting involved for the betterment of their community.

## PLANNING 101:

# Zine Staff Teaches Planning to Woodland Hills Neighborhood Council



### By Tom Henry, Chief Planning Deputy

Tom is a graduate of University of Southern California, earning a Masters Degree in Urban Planning. He is member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

In an effort to show his ongoing support for Neighborhood Councils, Councilman Zine had his Chief Planning Deputy, Tom Henry organize and present a 2 hour seminar on Urban Planning to the Woodland Hills Neighborhood Council on Saturday, July 12 at the Pacific Boys Lodge in Woodland Hills.

Joining Henry were Woodland Hills Neighborhood Council participants Brad Rosenheim, Chris Murry and Jim Dawson, who all have various expertise in the Planning profession. The seminar was a primer on the planning process and what City Planners and other officials look for in making land use decisions.

The Woodland Hills Neighborhood Council specifically requested such a seminar due to the number of controversial planning, zoning and land use cases that were being presented in front of them. The seminar reviewed what the Woodland Hills Community Plan entails as well the four more detailed specific plans - Mulholland Scenic, Gerrard Tract, Ventura Boulevard and Warner Center.

Thoroughly discussed was how decision makers arrive at the proper findings to approve or disapprove discretionary applications such as plan amendments, zone changes, conditional use permits, zoning variances and exceptions to specific plans. Also included was an overview of the environmental review process as mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (or lovingly known as CEQA).

Councilman Zine was so pleased about how well the seminar went that he is planning to have a larger seminar for all Neighborhood Councils in the 3rd District to go over the same issues. "The more knowledge that the members of Neighborhood Council receive on critical topics such as planning, the more informed decisions they can make," Zine said. "This is what leads to true neighborhood empowerment."



## By Marianne King, Planning Associate

### Hughes & Oso High School Proposals

Last month, as a result of Councilman Zine's persistence and urging, in addition to a large number of neighborhood residents who have organized in opposition to the Hughes and Oso high school proposals, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board Member Marlene Canter agreed to postpone the Board's decision whether to proceed with allocating funds for the design implementation and environmental studies that will be needed for the projects to continue.

Instead, on July 16th, the Woodland Hills Neighborhood Council held a special public meeting in which LAUSD provided more information on these proposals, including demographic studies, to a packed auditorium of over 300 people.

Councilman Zine, Field Deputy Ben Saltsman from L.A. County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's office, LAUSD Superintendent Roy Roymer and School Board Member Marlene Canter were in attendance, in addition to a number of LAUSD representatives.

Councilman Zine welcomed those in attendance and expressed to the community "This is not a done deal." Each side, LAUSD and concerned residents, had 45 minutes to present their position.

Despite the additional information that was provided by LAUSD, those opposed to having a high school in their neighborhood were not convinced otherwise. They have urged that LAUSD use these properties for a neighborhood elementary or middle school, claiming that the need is there for both and would better serve their neighborhood. Out of the 400+ people, there were some residents in support of the high school proposals yet only one person spoke publically in favor before the neighborhood council.

The neighborhood council ended up voting against both proposals. On August 26th, the LAUSD Board will resume with their scheduled board meeting, which is open to public testimony, to determine whether or not to proceed with the high school proposals. This time LAUSD will have much greater community input on the issue, thanks in large part to Councilman Zine responding to his constituents pleas for help.

For more information visit these website links:

[www.lausd.k12.ca.us/](http://www.lausd.k12.ca.us/)

[www.noonhughes.org/](http://www.noonhughes.org/)

[www.no-oso-highschool.org/](http://www.no-oso-highschool.org/)

[www.lacity.org/council/cd3](http://www.lacity.org/council/cd3)

### Wireless Telecommunication Facilities (WTF's)

As previously reported in the June Zine Line, there is a citywide proposed ordinance to allow for the "by right" status of rooftop WTF's in all commercial and industrial zones.

The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the ordinance on May 8<sup>th</sup>. On July 15th, the matter was heard before

the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee, the next step in the process.

Councilman Zine expressed as before, but with greater emphasis, that he is opposed to the "by-right" status for WTF's. "By right" means, in short, that a public hearing is not required for a particular land-use (in this case rooftop WTF's) as long as it satisfies all the applicable code requirements.

He cited a number of reasons why he was against the by right proposal, such as every neighborhood is different with different needs, thus a blanket approach would overlook these differences. He also recognizes there are impact concerns with WTF's, especially those that are proposed near residences, schools and day-care centers for example. Lastly, the wireless industry is an evolving industry with respect to technology and use needs, therefore, it is prudent for the city to stay 'on top' of the issue (no pun intended)!

Ultimately, Councilman Zine recommended that we should look to strengthen our current WTF code requirements and review criteria. It is believed that there is a lack of sufficient and good quality information on WTF proposals from the start, and as a result, public hearings can often become very long and drawn out. Another suggestion was to look at what other cities are doing with respect to the type of information they require. In response to all the public testimony on this issue, the PLUM Committee delayed their decision for 60 days and requested that further research be conducted by the city planning staff, giving the committee a status update in 30 days. We'll keep you posted on where this goes.

# Winnetka is the 75th Certified Neighborhood Council



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

On July 22, 2003 members of the Winnetka community came together to support the certification of the 75th Neighborhood Council in the City of Los Angeles. Community residents testified to the hard work that had been done by the Formation Committee this past year. The City of Los Angeles Board of Neighborhood Commissioners unanimously agreed to certify the Winnetka Neighborhood Council. Commissioners found that certification criteria had far exceeded the minimum requirements, both in the organization of the by-laws and in their community outreach efforts. Given that, Councilman Zine is proud to say that this is one of the first Council Districts in the City of Los Angeles to have all of the Neighborhood Councils certified.

The commissioners pointed out that they were impressed by the community turnout, especially by the number of elected representatives who were present to voice their support for certification of this community. Councilman Dennis P. Zine declared that he will give each neighborhood council in the Third District \$20,000 for neighborhood enhancement projects. Others present at the hearing included Michael Cortez of Senator Richard Alarcon's office, Alycia Seaman of Assemblymember Lloyd Levine's office and Elaine Pfefferman of Councilman Greig Smith's office.

Winnetka community (Princess) Marilyn Robinson indicated that, "The Winnetka Neighborhood Council is one of the greatest things that has happened in the Winnetka community. We had a tough start, but in the end we pulled together.

People got along with one another, because we did what we believed in." Community support was evident as one by one, residents got up to speak on behalf of Winnetka, whose boundaries are roughly from Corbin Avenue to De Soto Avenue and from Victory Blvd. to Nordhoff Street. This is a great time to get involved in your community. The Winnetka Neighborhood Council meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Valley Village located at 20830 Sherman Way in Winnetka.

I look forward to seeing you there!

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



**ABILITY FIRST 4TH ANNUAL ART CONTEST**

On July 31, 2003, the Ability First Paul Weston Center hosted the judging of 71 semi-finalists for their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Contest. More than two hundred entries were submitted with ages ranging from tykes to seniors. Highlighting the event was a spectacular working roller coaster built by Alex Espinoza, a 17 year old from the Claremont Center. The Grand Prize entry was crafted by Sara Brown from the Anaheim Center using aluminum foil and glitter.

The "America the Beautiful" prize was won by Marilyn Berke, Paul Weston Center, Woodland Hills; Michael Rhode, Harry A. Mier Center, Inglewood, won for "Things I Like to Do"; 'Growing Together' was won by Kenora Hawkins, Harry A. Mier Center; and "Color My World" was won by Mariam Alvarez, East Los Angeles Center.

The participants were children and adults with developmental disabilities such as autism, cerebral palsy, down syndrome and mental retardation.

The Paul Weston Center in Woodland Hills has a campus that includes a Community Center for children, adult programming and a residential housing facility known as Rancho De Valle.

Ability First Board Member, Ken Simon; graphics designer and Crown Guild member, Deborah Laux; and Elissa Chissar, an honored supported of Ability First since it was first established as the Crippled Children Society, Andrea Victor, Executive Assistant to Ability First's president, Ritchie Geisel represented the staff at Ability First.

**WOODLAND HILLS LIBRARY  
GRAND OPENING**

Everyone is invited to join our Councilman Dennis P. Zine, Board of Library Commissioner Rita Walters, City Librarian Susan Kent and other dignitaries at the grand opening ceremony for the new Woodland Hills Branch Library, at 22200 Ventura Boulevard, Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The ceremony will include a ribbon cutting and refreshments.

The new 12,500 square foot facility is over twice the size of the previous library and provides more space for books, patrons and computers. It features special areas for children, teens and adults, a multi-purpose community meeting room, a storytelling area and parking. The new library also provides patrons with 21<sup>st</sup> century technology through computer workstations that link users to the Los Angeles Public Library's Web site, catalog, a vast array of databases and the Internet.

Construction of the New Woodland Hills Branch is part of the largest and most ambitious library infrastructure improvement project in the nation and was

**TRADER JOE'S  
COMING TO  
FALLBROOK MALL**

Trader Joe's is replacing the vacant Savon's retail space and should be open for business in about 60 days.



By JENNIFER FORKISH, Field Deputy  
Serving the Communities of  
CANOGA PARK & RESEDA



### CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES



July was a month filled with festivities throughout Canoga Park and Reseda. On July 18th the Reseda Chamber celebrated the Grand Opening of their new Chamber Office. More than 75 people toured the new office, met Chamber Officers and enjoyed terrific food. The Chamber is now conveniently located at 7033 Reseda Blvd., and the phone number is (818) 345-1920.

Canoga Park had their own cause for celebration on July 31st when the Owensmouth-Sherman Way merchants hosted a block party that included live music and a ribbon cutting for two new local businesses, LA Boxes and Dragonfly Stained Glass. Many organizations offered their support including Woodland Printing & Copy, Classic Cuisine, Classic Window Shades, Golden Brothers Auto Body, El Taco Loco, Pizza Plus, Jay Jay Lock & Key, Golden Farms, Main Street Canoga Park, Canoga Park Improvement Association and the California Association of Business Printers. Councilman Zine was proud to sponsor, attend and present certificates to the events sponsors and new merchants.

### CARTS GONE WILD!



Over the last month the communities of Canoga Park and Reseda have been inundated with abandoned shopping carts. While we all wish these eyesores could be removed with a simple phone call, unfortunately, the resolution can sometimes be complicated. The City of Los Angeles has entered into a contract with California Shopping Cart Retrieval. The City provides them with funds to retrieve shopping carts and return them to the proper business. However, many local businesses, such as Target and Costco, do not fall under California Shopping Cart Retrieval's jurisdiction. Therefore many carts are left in place until the managers of these local businesses are able to pick them up. In order to expedite the retrieval process, it is extremely helpful if you are able to provide the name of the business found on the cart. If you come across an abandoned shopping cart, or notice that a previously reported cart has not been removed, please feel free to call me for assistance at (818) 756-8848.



# ZINE IN MOTION!

## MOTION

The professionals at the Los Angeles Police Department and General Services Department of Security Services have fulfilled their daily obligations to provide security as we go about our business in City Hall and other Civic Center buildings. However, following the tragic events at New York City Hall it is prudent that the existing security procedures at Los Angeles City Hall be reviewed.

The urgent and sensitive nature of this issue requires that the City Council consider this issue immediately in Executive Session.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council determine, as provided in Section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to Rule 23 of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter AND that the need for action came to the attention of the City Council subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's Council meeting.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department, General Services Department of Security Service, and other pertinent security representatives come to Council in Executive Session to discuss the needs and objectives for personnel deployment, security equipment and procedures in City Hall.

Presented by Dennis P. Zine, Councilman, 3<sup>rd</sup> District and Seconded by Greig Smith, Councilman, 12th District on July 25, 2003

# ZINE IN MOTION!

## MOTION

Special events, activities and celebrations in the streets of any city are part of what makes up the fabric of a community. Citizens expect their city to help provide a safe environment for these functions, closing streets, controlling traffic and crowds.

However, the recent tragedy in Santa Monica points up the urgent need for the City of Los Angeles to be absolutely sure that it is providing the proper level of service and security, as well as using the most appropriate equipment at the many special events, community activities and local celebrations.

**THEREFORE I MOVE**, that the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Traffic Division of the Los Angeles Police Department, make a review of the type of equipment and personnel used in rerouting and closing off traffic flow in and around the many special events, community activities and local celebrations held throughout the City of Los Angeles detailing:

- The types of barriers available for use such as: K-rail; corral fence; long barricades and horses.
- Guidelines for the number of barriers to be used at a specific event
- Guidelines for the use of Department of Transportation Traffic Enforcement Officers
- Guidelines for the use of LAPD officers
- Guidelines for the use of LAPD Explorer Scouts.
- Proposed changes in the design or color of barriers used by the City

**I FURTHER MOVE**, that DOT report to the Transportation Committee within 20 days on its findings.

Presented by Dennis P. Zine, Councilman, Third District and Seconded by Jan Perry, Councilmember, 9th District on July 18, 2003.



# IDENTITY THEFT

## The problem of Identity Theft

Some 500,000 to 700,000 Americans a year are at risk of having their identities stolen, according to government and private sector estimates. Identity theft occurs when someone steals your personal information and uses it to establish credit, borrow money, charge items or even commit crimes in your name.

While the incidence of internet identity theft is growing, fraud experts agree that you still are more likely to become a victim of this federal crime by more traditional means, such as improperly discarding credit card or other financial data. Here are some tips on how to avoid becoming an ID theft victim and what to do should you be stung by one of these thieves.

## PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY

Never respond to unsolicited requests for your social security number (SSN) or financial data

Before discarding, shred credit card, ATM receipts and any pre-approved credit offers you received, but don't plan to use.

Check all credit card and bank statements for accuracy.

Avoid easy to figure out access and personal ID (PIN) codes.

Obtain a copy of your credit report yearly and check it for accuracy.

Use only secure sites when making online purchases. Secure pages begin with "https."

Pay for online purchases by credit card to assure you get what you paid for and to limit your liability.

Safeguard your SSN, and check Earnings and Benefit statements annually for fraudulent use.

## IF YOU BECOME A VICTIM

### Immediately take the following actions:

File a police report.

Contact your banker.

Notify all of those with whom you have a financial relationship.

Tag accounts closed due to fraud, "closed at consumers request."

Notify credit bureau fraud units.

Establish a password for telephone inquiries on credit card accounts.

Place a fraud alert statement on your credit report.

Request bi-monthly copies of your credit report until your case is resolved (free to fraud victims).

Report check theft to check verification companies.

Check post office for unauthorized change of address requests.

Follow-up contacts with letters and keep copies of all correspondence.

**REMAIN ALERT:** Suspect ID theft if you're denied credit for no apparent reason or if routine financial statements stop arriving in a timely manner.

## WHERE TO GET HELP

### CREDIT REPORTING BUREAUS:

EQUIFAX ([www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com))

Report Fraud.....800-525-6285

Order Credit Report.....800-685-1111

EXPERIAN ([www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com))

Report Fraud.....888-397-3742

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TRANS UNION ([www.tuc.com](http://www.tuc.com))

Report Fraud.....800-680-7298

Order Credit Report.....800-888-4213

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Report Fraud.....800-269-0271

Order Benefit & Earnings Statement...800-772-1213

### REPORT FRAUDULENT CHECK USE:

Check Rite.....800-766-2748

Checksystems.....800-428-9623

Equifax.....800-437-5120

National Processing Co. & SCAN.....800-526-5380

TeleCheck.....800-710-9898

### For information about Identity Theft & how to avoid it:

Federal Trade Commission: [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft)

Privacy Council: [www.privacycouncil.com/links\\_ptout.htm](http://www.privacycouncil.com/links_ptout.htm)

# DRIVER SAFETY: Avoiding Insurance Fraud

Be especially cautious of cars around you if you fit the typical profile of a victim in a "caused" accident; if you are a young female or an older person of either gender; if you drive alone; or if you drive a late model car. Report any suspicious activity to your insurance company:

Every driver should be aware of the following:

Other drivers who unexpectedly yield the right-of-way.

Unusual circumstances accompanying a collision. For example, if you rear-ended another vehicle, was it because the other motorist stopped suddenly for no apparent reason? Was the other car a clunker, perhaps with pre-existing damage? Did people in the other car try to intimidate you?

Referrals to auto-body repair shops, doctors, or attorneys from strangers at the accident scene.

Rogue tow-truck operators. If your car is badly damaged in an accident, call AAA Emergency Roadside Assistance or ask police to call a tow truck. Never use an unauthorized tow truck.

An attorney or doctor who encourages you to file a personal-injury claim after an accident, even though you weren't hurt.

A health-care provider treating you for an accident-related injury whom asks you to sign a logbook for multiple visits that you have not made.

An auto body shop operator or health care provider who fails to give you detailed accurate receipts for repair work or medical treatment.

Remember that greed is not a crime, but fraud is a crime. Taken together, many innocent people are victimized by unscrupulous individuals and are drawn into criminal and unethical acts. Honesty is the best and safest policy.

Courtesy of Peter Bohr, *Westway Magazine*

## Posted Signs Nail Utility Workers & COULD Workers NAIL YOU!

Utility poles are tempting places to put signs and posters, but these poles are not signposts. Nails and staples from signs left on poles are a major safety hazard for utility workers who climb poles every day to make equipment repairs. These obstacles can cause serious injuries — slips and falls, as well as punctures and cuts.

In addition to posing dangers, posting signs on public property such as utility poles is illegal. Persons convicted of this offense may be fined up to \$1,000 or even jailed.

Please do yourself, your community, and our utility workers a favor: **DO NOT POST SIGNS ON POLES!** Your neighbors, and our employees, will thank you.

Los Angeles  Department of Water and Power

## ¡Los carteles pueden dañar a los trabajadores de servicios públicos Y LE PUEDEN LASTIMAR A USTED TAMBIÉN!

Los postes de los servicios públicos (electricidad, teléfono, etc.) son lugares tentadores para colocar carteles y pósters pero estos postes no son lugar apropiado para colocar carteles. Los clavos o broches de los carteles que quedan en los postes representan un peligro de seguridad grave para los trabajadores de servicios públicos que deben prepararse a los postes todos los días para realizar las reparaciones del equipo. Estos obstáculos pueden ocasionar lesiones graves tales como resbalones y caídas al igual que pinchazos y cortes.

Además de representar un peligro, colocar carteles en propiedad privada tal como los postes de los servicios públicos es ilegal. Las personas a quienes se encuentren culpables de esta ofensa recibirán una multa de hasta \$1,000 y pueden llegar a ser encarcelados.

Por favor, hágase un favor a usted mismo/a, a su comunidad y a nuestros trabajadores: **¡NO COLOQUE CARTELES EN LOS POSTES!** Sus vecinos y nuestros empleados se lo agradecerán.

Los Angeles  Department of Water and Power



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Contact: **Robert O. Reed**

# NEWS

(213) 978-0329 or (213) 978-0333

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PARTNERS WITH SBC TO RECYCLE TELEPHONE BOOKS IN WEST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

The City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works will join forces with **SBC** to recycle telephone directories in San Fernando Valley West from July 28 through September 8, 2003. This effort conponds with the latest distribution of the Yellow Pages.

Residents of the City of Los Angeles may recycle their phone books year round as part of the curbside collection program by placing their outdated directories in the blue container. Those without access to the curbside program may take their phone books to a free drop-off site, which include the following libraries and City Council Field Office:

Canoga Park:	7260 Owensmouth, 91303
West Valley Regional:	19036 Vanowen Street, 91335
Encino-Tarzana:	18231 Ventura Blvd., 91356
Platt (West Hills):	23600 Victory Blvd., 91367
Councilman Dennis Zine:	19040 Vanowen St., 91335 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> District

Books may also be dropped off at Water & Power Business Offices at 7229 Winnetka Avenue in Canoga Park between the hours of 9 am to 5 pm- Monday through Friday. To obtain drop-off locations or more information call 1-800-9534400 or visit the web site at <http://www.syp.com/company/Recycling/ecycling.html> Los Angeles City residents may call 1-800-773-CITY (2489) for more information on the curbside collection program.

**DENNIS P. ZINE**

Councilman, Third District



Community Redevelopment Agency

COUNCILMAN DENNIS P. ZINE  
AND  
THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE OPENING OF  
A NEW CRA PROJECT SITE OFFICE IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 3  
TO SERVE  
THE RESEDA AND WINNETKA COMMUNITIES  
THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED AT  
OPENING CEREMONIES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2003; 4 TO 6 PM  
18305-1/2 SHERMAN WAY; SUITES 22 AND 23  
RESEDA, CALIFORNIA 91335  
PLEASE RSVP BY  
AUGUST 29, 2003; 818-593-5490

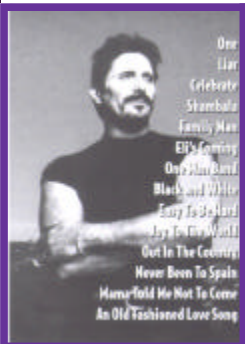
Valley Cultural Center  
Cordially invites you to attend

**The Grand Opening of the  
Madrid Theatre**  
and  
**Presentation of the  
10th Annual Golden Horn Award**

Saturday Evening, September 13, 2003  
The Madrid Theatre  
21622 Sherman Way  
Canoga Park, CA 91303  
Five Station Buffet International Cuisine,  
Cocktails and Silent Auction  
5:30 pm—7:30 pm  
Beer & Wine Complimentary, No Host Bar  
Concert Performance featuring  
Chuck Negron (Formerly of Three Dog Night)  
Black Tie Optional, Free Valet Parking  
RSVP @ (818) 704-1358

**2003 GOLDEN HORN AWARD  
RECIPIENTS**

Dennis P. Zine  
Councilman, 3rd District  
&  
Margie Johnson Reesee,  
General Manager, Cultural Affairs  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES



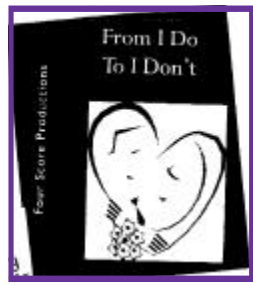
Chuck, the founding member of the vocal trio who had a phenomenal 18 consecutive top 20 hits, 21 top 40 hits, 8 top 10 hits and 3 #1 hits, 5 top 10 albums, 4 million selling singles & 50 million albums (90 million to date), all driven by Chuck's soulful 4 octave range lead vocal.

**Chuck Negron**  
Three Dog Night

**TARZANA COMMUNITY & CULTURAL CENTER**

Cordially invites you to attend the performance of  
*A Jewish/Italian mixed marriage Dramedy*

**Tarzana Community & Cultural Center**  
**19130 Ventura Blvd., @ Vanalden**



**Performance Times:**

**August 23, 24, 30, 31      Saturdays—8:00 pm \$12.00**  
**September 6, 7, 13, 14      Sundays—2:00 pm \$10.00**

**For ticket information call (818) 7095-1286 or visit our website at [www.mytarzana.org](http://www.mytarzana.org)**





## Constituent Satisfaction Survey

My goal is to improve the quality of life in our district. Please take a moment to fill out this questionnaire so that we may serve you better.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Complaint: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of complaint: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of complaint: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### TYPE OF COMPLAINT

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Graffiti

\_\_\_\_\_ Illegal Dumping

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Sanitation/Trash Collection

\_\_\_\_\_ Sidewalk Repairs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fax to: **(818) 756-9179**

Mail to: **Councilman Dennis P. Zine**

**Third District**

**19040 Vanowen Street**

**Reseda, CA 91335**

For additional information, please call my District Office at (818) 756-8848.

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

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**Vice-Chair:** Education & Neighborhoods  
**Member:** Public Safety  
**Member:** Rules & Elections & Intergovernmental Relations