

**DENNIS P. ZINE
COUNCILMAN, THIRD DISTRICT**

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COUNCILMAN ZINE'S VISION FOR THE VALLEY

I was one of seven city officials in attendance at this year's Tarzana Property Owners Association Annual Town Hall Meeting entitled: "What Is Your Vision For The Valley?"

The other Panelist were comprised of Los Angeles City Council President Alex Padilla, Valley Councilmembers Jack Weiss, Tom LaBonge and Wendy Greuel, as well as the two Mayoral candidates Councilman Antonio Villaragosa and Mayor James Hahn.

The panel was Moderated by the Fernando recipient Lee Kanon Alpert who is an Attorney, the Host of Los Angeles Public Affairs television program "Parallax Forum" in addition to being my co-host on Time Warner Cable Television Program and a long list of many other impressive accomplishments.

I reiterated my commitment to maintaining the quality of life in the West Valley. I also discussed temporarily limiting the rapid growth of condos and apartments in Warner Center so that the Warner Center Specific Plan can be updated to address the unprecedented residential and traffic growth, while building strong commerce here in the West

Valley to make the area even more economically sound.

"For those of you who love to shop, we're bringing in Neiman Marcus at Westfields Shoppingtown Topanga" I announced to the cheering crowd. "...and for you bargain hunters, we're putting a Target right next to it."

Easing the traffic congestion was another concern at the forefront of every panelist's agenda. The new Orange Line was discussed and well received. The event was filmed by Time Warner and will be aired in the coming month in 30 minute segments. Check your local listings if you were not able to attend this annual event.

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MISSION STATEMENT!

"As your Public Servant, my Staff and I Pledge to..."

1. **Improve The Quality of Life in our District.**
2. **Maintain Public Safety.**
3. **Follow up Your Concerns in a Timely Manner.**
4. **Keep You Informed of Issues in the District.**
5. **Attend Your Meetings and Events.**
6. **Have the Communities Priorities Come First.**

**DENNIS P. ZINE
Councilman, Third District**



**TOM HENRY,
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**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES THE EXPANSION
OF IT'S SPHERE OF INFLUENCE**

The City Council approved an application to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of the County of Los Angeles to amend the boundaries of the sphere of influence for the City of Los Angeles pursuant to the State Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. The sphere of influence is the geographic area in Los Angeles County that is determined to be the probable, ultimate physical boundaries and service area for the City of Los Angeles.

Portions of the Los Angeles River watershed are included in order to help mitigate flooding, maintain water quality, recycle

nutrients, and provide an important habitat for plants and animals. Encompassing the watershed for the Los Angeles River in the sphere of influence for the City of Los Angeles is both logical and paramount to the continued success of revitalization efforts of the LA River.

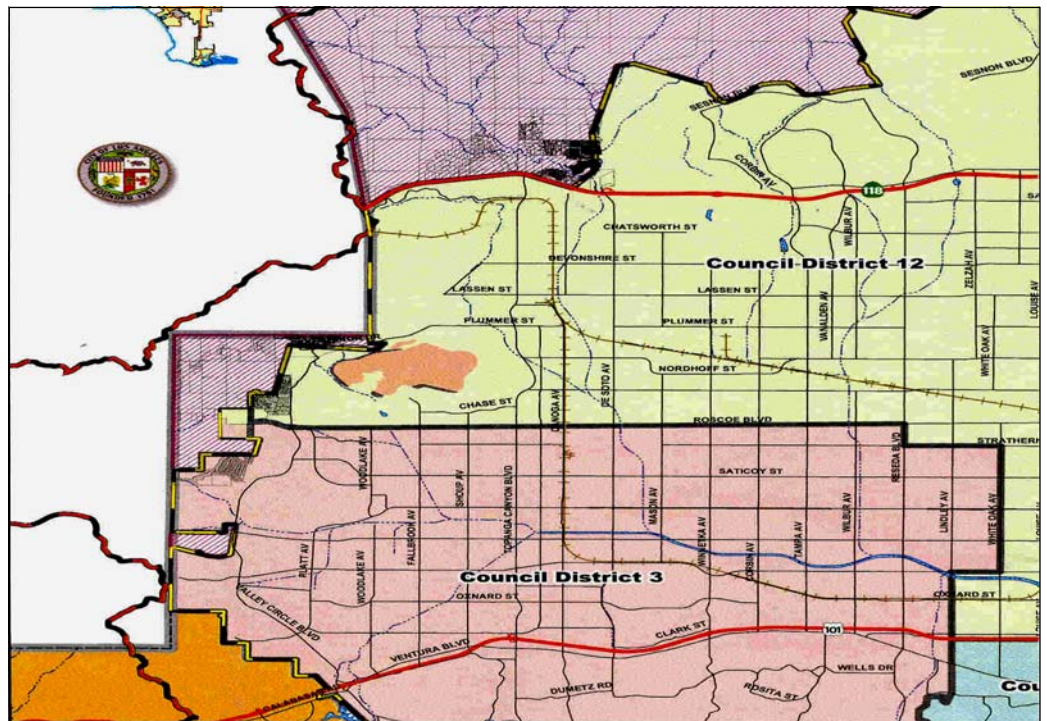
A good chunk of the expanded “sphere” is located in the West Valley. First and foremost, this new map does NOT permit new development. In fact it will allow for more city and neighborhood council control over any future proposed development projects. While much is located in the northern part of the West

Valley and covers the proposed controversial Los Lomas development project, there are areas directly adjacent to Councilman Zine’s district that people must be informed of as well. These areas are located in West Hills along Valley Circle at Vanowen Street and areas extending off of Stagg Street and Dayton Canyon.

Councilman Zine, who supported the sphere of influence, noted the importance of this as an essential tool to help Los Angeles to plan for the future of these environs.

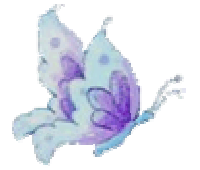
Current & Proposed Sphere of Influence

-  Current Sphere of Influence (SOI) / City Boundary
-  Proposed Addition to the Sphere of Influence
-  Las Lomas Project Site
-  San Fernando River Basin/Ridgeline





**BY MARISOL ESPINOZA, FIELD DEPUTY
SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF
CANOGA PARK, RESEDA & WINNETKA**



Butterflies Fly to Reseda for Festival

On May 21 and 22, Victory Boulevard, between Lindley Avenue and Reseda Blvd, was closed down for a community celebration, family festival, street fair, carnival & car show. The South Valley Butterfly Festival was sponsored by the Reseda Neighborhood Council, the Reseda Chamber of Commerce, the Tarzana Neighborhood Council, and the Tarzana Chamber of Commerce. Thousands of people gathered on Victory Boulevard in Reseda for this Butterfly Festival.

The festivities lasted for two entire days. Activities included a car show, a release of butterflies, a health fair, informational booths, food vendors, and live entertainment. The festival included performances by War, Malo, Tierra, Soulsation and many others. Councilman Dennis P. Zine came to the event to show his support and to thank the sponsoring organizations for making this festival a possibility. Councilman Zine presented proclamations to the sponsors, and addressed the audience after releasing a Painted Lady Butterfly into the air.

The South Valley Butterfly Festival was widely supported by



Councilman Dennis P. Zine with Charlie Tuna from KBIG 104.3 Radio at the Butterfly Festival.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine with Ann Kinzle, Executive Director of the Reseda Chamber of Commerce.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine making presentations to the sponsors of the South Valley Butterfly Festival.

the community, as well as by City agencies. Frank Bush, Principal Inspector, Code Enforcement and his staff from the Department of Building and Safety was on site both days ensuring that there was no illegal vending taking place on or near the park.

The Los Angeles Police Department, West Valley Division, had their mobile unit stationed at the park, and the Senior Lead Officers and the Bike Detail worked diligently to maintain crowd control. In addition, the Department of Recreation and Parks worked with the groups to hold part of the festival at Reseda Park. West Valley Neighborhood Watch was also on hand to pass out information to the public.

The festival's unique name was coined because each spring butterflies fly through the South Valley in large quantities. As a result of heavy rains this year, the butterflies could be seen all around the Valley, heading in a northerly direction. They come from the Sonora desert and head north to Canada. Just like the colorful butterflies that were seen that day, the festival illustrated the beautiful diversity that the entire South Valley has to offer.



**BY GRETCHEN MARTIN, FIELD DEPUTY
SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF
WOODLAND HILLS**

IN AND AROUND WOODLAND HILLS

Councilman Dennis P. Zine had another busy month in the community of Woodland Hills. One of the highlights was the unveiling of a sign at Taft High School, which commemorates the academic decathlon team winning the National Decathlon Championships in 1989 and 1994. The school had never received a sign and they were very excited for the public to be able to see their accomplishments. In attendance was the 2005 City Championship team and their coach, Dr. Berchin. Dr. Berchin has been the coach for the Taft High School Decathlon team since its beginning and has helped the team win six City Titles and four State Titles. The 2005 members were sporting their new jackets, a first for the students on the Decathlon team at Taft.

On May 25th Woodland Hills got a new ice cream parlor and grill with the opening of Top Dogg, located on the corner of Ventura Boulevard and Winnetka Avenue. The Hoag family, who owns the new business, are great supporters of the community, sponsoring programs to help students by donating lunch coupons for perfect attendance at Taft and credit toward pur-

chasing books at Pierce. They participate with six libraries in the West Valley by awarding reading incentive coupons to students.

Councilman Zine had a great time flipping pancakes with teachers and students at Taft High School's 2nd Annual Flea Market and Pancake Breakfast. There were lots of vendors for the community to enjoy and a good time was had by all, including the Taft High School cheerleaders.

It was my pleasure to attend the 6th annual Woodland Hills Chamber of Commerce R.O.L.E. Awards Luncheon. Three teachers were recognized as outstanding leaders in the field of education.

Steven Piazza, who is in his third decade at Pierce College Music Department was one of the recipients for his involvement in the community and dedication to Pierce College.

Christopher Bautista has been teaching different science courses at Chaminade Middle School since 1997. Aside from

teaching Life Science, Environmental Science and Physical Science to seventh and eighth graders he is also active in students' extra-curricular activities. He is the moderator of CHUMS and the coach of Valley B girls and Delphic boys volleyball teams. Fortunately for the community, Bautista plans to teach for a long time, focusing on development and use of technology in science education.

Eileen Landau has been teaching for over thirty years. Through her experience she has developed a school wide literacy program to inspire the children, in all grade levels, to read on a regular basis. Landau teaches at Pinecrest - Woodland Hills where her previous students continually return to compliment her on her inspirational techniques. She is also a mentor teacher and holds meetings every month to provide information about teaching trends and go over any problems teachers might encounter.

Councilman Zine salutes all these accomplished teachers. "You are a shining example for your profession," said Councilman Zine.



**BY NICOLE MOYE, FIELD DEPUTY
SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF
TARZANA & WEST HILLS**

WEST HILLS POST OFFICE IS DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF A FALLEN SOLDIER

Sunday May 22, Councilman Dennis P. Zine was joined by Congressman Henry Waxman, representatives from Assemblyman Lloyd Levine's Office and the United States Postal Service to help dedicate the West Hills Post Office Branch in honor of Army Sgt. Evan Asa Ashcraft, a soldier from West Hills, CA, killed in the Iraq war.

Ashcraft volunteered for difficult assignments in Iraq. He participated in the liberation of the Baghdad International Airport and in the operation that led to the deaths of Saddam Hussein's sons, Odai and Qusai.

Sgt. Ashcraft was affectionately described as a giving and loving young man who wanted to join the Los Angeles Police Department when he returned from the war. "He never followed the path," his friend, Jerry L'Heureux said. "He always blazed a trail." Ashcraft was killed in

an attack on his Humvee as he was on a reconnaissance mission in July of 2003.

In memory of Sgt. Ashcraft, a plaque to the West Hills Post Office. The plaque will be mounted in the interior of the building and reads: "This building is named in honor of Evan Asa Ashcraft by act of Congress public law 108-408 September 24, 2004."

In the wake of his death, the family of Sgt. Ashcraft created the Evan Ashcraft Memorial Foundation to provide scholarship funds and medical

benefits to soldiers returning from Iraq and their dependents.

On July 17, the foundation will host a champagne brunch to raise money and announce the names of two recipients. The event is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. at Sam's Cafe at New Horizons, at 15725 Parthenia Street in North Hills. For further information, please call (818) 704-0051.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine attends the dedication of the West Hills Post Office named in honor of slain U. S. Army Soldier Evan Ashcraft.



BRIAN PERRY
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE DEPUTY

TRACEY CHAVIRA
LEGISLATIVE DEPUTY



LEGISLATIVE ISSUES: AGENDAS, RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS.

ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ADVERTISEMENTS

Councilman Zine is known for his great sense of humor, but he wasn't laughing when he found an adult entertainment advertisement wedged on the garage door of his Woodland Hills home. The material was sexually explicit and inappropriate for a residential neighborhood.

Councilman Zine wasted no time in consulting his legislative staff to research the legality of such advertisements. The Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), Chapter II Licenses, Permits, Business Regulations, Section 28.03 Hand-Bills, Signs – Buildings Permission clearly states, "No person shall paint, mark or write on or post or otherwise affix or attach any hand-bill or sign to or upon any building, wall or part thereof, or upon any private property without the consent of the owner, agent or occupant thereof." In summary, it is illegal to attach an unsolicited advertisement on private property.

In researching this matter, the legislative team found reason to believe that adult entertainment businesses might be operating unlawfully by offering nude/topless entertainment and alcohol. This is in clear violation of city zoning regulations. Other adult entertainment businesses are squeaking by this law by providing nude entertainment without alcohol at one venue and in close proximity operating a "bikini bar", i.e. bikini clad employees and alcohol. Councilman Zine is looking into this loophole as it sends the wrong message to the community.

Councilman Zine is in full support of a business' right to operate in accordance with proper zoning regulations and advertise through legal means in accordance with the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. However, he insists that businesses abide by the LAMC.

Councilman Zine is working in conjunction with the Los Angeles Police Department, Commission Investigation Division, the Planning Department and the City Attorney's Office to investigate whether adult entertainment businesses in the Third Council District are operating within the parameters of the LAMC.



Help Us Save Lives:

Prevent/reduce injury/death/damage to civilians and firefighters.
Allow firefighters to get to the fire or medical emergency in a timely manner.

TIPS ON WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU HEAR A SIREN OR AIR HORN WHILE DRIVING:

If you're STOPPED at the intersection:

1. Look to see where the emergency vehicle is approaching.
2. If the emergency vehicle is behind you, safely pull to the right.
3. If the emergency vehicle is approaching from the front or side streets, remain stopped until they pass.

If you're APPROACHING the intersection:

1. Safely pull to the right.
2. Stop before entering the intersection.
3. DON'T stop in the middle of the intersection.

CONGESTED AREAS: If you DO NOT SEE the flashing lights:

1. Slow down.
2. Turn your radio volume down.
3. Check your mirrors frequently.
4. Stay focused and anticipate the emergency vehicle.
5. DON'T enter an intersection until it is clear.

8 Simple Rules To Yield To An Emergency Vehicle With Their Lights and Sirens ON:

DO'S:

1. Stay Calm.
2. Move as far to the right side of the road as possible and stop (CA Vehicle Code 21806).
3. If you cannot move to the right because of another vehicle or obstacle, just STOP.
4. Drivers should stay at least 300 feet behind emergency vehicles using their lights and sirens (CA Vehicle Code 21706).

DON'T'S:

1. Don't pull to the left in the center lane or left turn lane.
2. Don't try to beat the green light or turn before the emergency vehicle gets there.
3. Don't drive through a red light or stop sign when an emergency vehicle approaches from behind.
4. Don't disregard the presence of the emergency vehicle by continuing to drive.

Keep in mind, you must obey any traffic direction, order, or signal by a traffic/police officer or firefighter. Obey an order in an emergency or special situation, even if it conflicts with signs, signals or laws. Every situation is different, use your judgment, drive safely and PULL TO THE RIGHT!

¡PARE A SU DERECHA!
Para dar paso a los vehículos
de emergencia
Ayúdenos a salvar vidas y a



Warning: Slow down, your family is waiting for you. Watch the road.

OPERATION TRAFFIX



Warning: Life is important. Drive responsibly. Watch the road.

OPERATION TRAFFIX

Top Ten Roadway User Bad Behaviors

- Driving too fast for conditions (speeding)
- Aggressive driving
- Inattentive driving
- Driving or cycling through red traffic light
- Driving under the influence (DUI)
- Not yielding to pedestrians
- Walking without looking
- Walking outside crosswalks
- Bicycling against traffic
- Not buckling up!

Pick up your **FREE** “Watch for kids, Watch the road” lawn sign at the

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Monday thru Friday

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Call (818) 756-8848 for more information.

OPERATION GRATITUDESM

Sending Care Packages to U.S. Troops

Hundreds of thousands of American troops are deployed indefinitely in the Middle East, Afghanistan, Africa, the Korean Peninsula. The conditions they must endure are difficult as time goes by. Now is the time to show the troops how much we respect them and appreciate their efforts. OPERATION GRATITUDE (sm) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created to send Care Packages of food and entertainment, wrapped with good wishes of love and support to our troops deployed overseas.

If you would like to participate in OPERATION GRATITUDE (sm) by donating items as suggested below, **please contact us by website, email, or call fellow parishioner, Angie Luckey at (818) 360-4057.** Excess inventories, misprints or past season items are welcome. If you wish, you can make a financial donation to help with the cost of shipment by sending a check made payable to: OPERATION GRATITUDE (sm) or by credit card through the website at **www.opgratitude.com**

Provide items from the Wish List (Unless otherwise noted, please provide new items only). DVDs, CDs, Disposable Cameras, Global & Prepaid Phone Calling Cards, Handheld electronic games, Bandana Coolers/Cool-Ties*, Mini-Battery-operated Fans, or other personal cooling products, Commercially wrapped individual packets of Trail Mix, Beef Jerky, Nuts, Energy Bars, Sunflower Seeds, Candy (non-melt only), Ramen Noodles, Ready to eat Tuna or Chicken Salad kits, Boxes of Girl Scout Cookies, Packets of Powdered Cold Beverages, Commercially sealed Lip Balm, Individual packets of moist towelettes, Beanie Babies, Novelty Items, Baseball Style Caps, Knit Hats and Gloves, Travel Size containers of Foot Powder, Tobacco Products, etc. **WE NO LONGER ACCEPT TOILETRIES OR STATIONERY.** Unsealed personal cards and letters of support must be provided **UNSEALED** and are subject to review. Due to security concerns, Operation Gratitude(sm) is not at liberty to release names and addresses of troops. You may include your name and address in your letters and the recipient may choose to respond and share information.

Thank You For Your Patriotic Support of Our Troops!

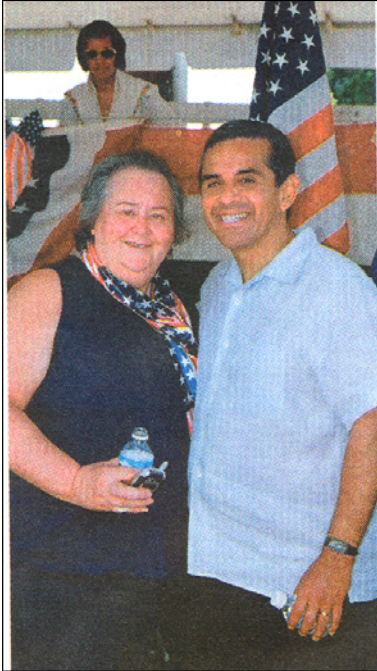
GLORIA POLLACK “PIONEER WOMAN 2005”

Gloria Pollack was one of the 15 Los Angeles women to receive a Certificate of Recognition as a 2005 Pioneer Woman from the Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women at the City Council and Mayor’s Office on May 20, 2005.

Gloria was nominated by Councilman Dennis P. Zine to represent the West San Fernando Valley for her exemplary record of commitment, and numerous significant contributions to the support, protection and awareness of the valuable accomplishments of women in our society; and through this personal dedication, enriching and strengthening our community and making Los Angeles a better place in which to live.

Presently Gloria is President of the Fernando Award Foundation and the San Fernando Valley Symphony Orchestra. She also serves on the United, Canoga Park/West Hills, Chatsworth and Encino Chamber Boards as well as ONEgeneration, Valley Cultural Center, Child Development Institute, Treasure for the Foundation at Pierce College, West Hills Hospital and Medical Center and the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley.

Gloria resides with her husband Joel in West Hills. Joel is an administrator at John Wayne Cancer Institute in Santa Monica. They have a daughter Sherijo Damico who accepted the honor as Gloria was out of the Country.



Gloria Pollock meets Mayor-elect Antonio Villaragosa.

Valley Cultural Center Presents, CONCERTS IN THE PARK

FREE, each Sunday, through Labor Day Weekend, 6 to 8 PM
at Bredlow Pavilion in Warner Center Park in Woodland Hills.

July 10—**Poncho Sanchez**

July 17—**The Marvelettes**

July 24—**Jack Mack & the Heart Attack**

July 31—**Fantastic Diamond**

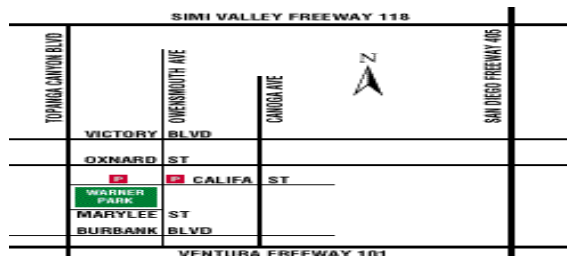
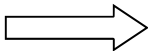
August 7—**Young Dubliners**

August 14— **Air National Guard of the Southwest**

August 21— **The Knack**

August 28— **Herman’s Hermits starring Peter Noone & Ticket to Ride**

PARKING



311

Make One Call To City Hall

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 is available in more than 150 languages.

Parallax Forum

Featuring
TIME WITH ZINE

Join Councilman Dennis P. Zine
on Parallax Forum Live Call In Program

Hosted by Lee Kanon Alpert,

1st Thursday of every month at 8 PM
Channel 37 on Time Warner Cable

Viewers can dial 818-773-0654 and
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Member: Public Safety
Member: Rules & Elections & Intergovernmental Relations
EERC: Executive Employee Relations Committee
NLC: National League of Cities
ICA: Independent City Association - Treasurer
LAPD: Line Reserve Officer
LAUSD: Reserve Motorcycle Sergeant

ALL AROUND TOWN



Councilman Dennis P. Zine congratulates Mayor Elect, Antonio Villaragosa on his win as the first Latino Mayor since 1872.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine congratulates Bishop Charles E. Blake of the West Angeles Church of God in Christ as the L.A. City Council declares June 13, Bishop Blake Day.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine honors Henry Alfaro of KABC, Channel 7 News on his retirement.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine with Magic Johnson at Mayor Elect Antonio Villaragosa's Victory party.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine honors students from Magnolia Science Academy in Reseda on their win at the 55th Annual L. A. County Science & Engineering Fair.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine honors Paul White, Founder and students from the West Valley Leadership Academy an Alternative High School in Canoga Park who is making a difference in the community.

ALL AROUND TOWN



Councilman Dennis P. Zine receives the Mary Logan Orcutt Award.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine congratulates Bruce Bialosky on his Presidential appointment to the National Holocaust Memorial Committee.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine flipping pancakes at Taft High School.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine with Congressman Brad Sherman, Jim Hill, Newscaster for KCBS Channel 2 and an Elvis Impersonator at the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine honors Nick Adams from GSD on his 20 years of service to the City of L.A. Also present, his Supervisor Raul Macias and Rey Brito of GSD and his wife Sheree, Receptionist at Zine's City Hall Office.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine with Jon Mack of the Urban League and John O'Reilly on the O'Reilly Factor.