



DENNIS P. ZINE  
Councilman, Third District

# THE ZINE LINE

The Third District serves the communities of  
Canoga Park, Reseda, Tarzana, West Hills, Winnetka, & Woodland Hills

## MISSION STATEMENT

As your public servant, my staff and I pledge to...

- Improve the quality of life in our district
- Ensure public safety
- Follow-up with your concerns in a timely manner
- Keep you informed of issues in the district
- Attend your meetings and events
- Put the community's priorities first

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## Summer in the West Valley

It's been a busy summer for the Z-Team marked by Councilman Zine's 60th Birthday celebration, critical legislation, and scorching temperatures across the Valley.

Inside this Zine Line you will read about pit bulls, medical marijuana, coyotes, and several other important issues that impact Council District 3.

Councilman Zine and your City Council Staff hope you have been staying cool and having a wonderful summer!



## West Valley National Night Out

*America's Night Out Against Crime*

On August 7, 2007, the Los Angeles Police Department held their "National Night Out" event. The West Valley Police Station held their Night Out at the Warner Center Park, with booths, food, and much more. They had a huge turnout of over 1500 community members. This event provided useful crime prevention and safety information for all ages. If you did not have a chance to attend, we hope that you will be able to stop by next year.

## July 4th Extravaganza

Councilman Dennis P. Zine's July 4<sup>th</sup> Extravaganza was another great success. Each year more and more community members come to join in the festivities and enjoy the fabulous free fireworks show and concert. A full day of activities with live music and booths, we thank all those who attended.





## Jonathan Brand Chief Planning Deputy

### Permits are Public Record

Most construction and improvement work on homes, apartments/condos, and commercial buildings require permits from the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety. Street, curb and gutter, or sidewalk work requires a permit from the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering.

Whether or not permits have been issued in conjunction with a specific address is part of the public record and is easily available via the internet. Detailed below is the step-by-step process for you to obtain permitting information:

#### For Building and Safety Permits:

1. Go to <http://lacity.org/ladbs/>
2. Select "Reports, Codes, & Publications"
3. Select Property Activity Report (IPAR) from the list
4. Type in Street Number and Street Name, then click "Search"
5. Double click on the colored address shown
6. Double click on any permits listed for details

#### To find out about permits issued by Engineering:

1. Go to NavigateLA at <http://navigatela.lacity.org/index.cfm>
2. Click the "Accept" button

3. Type in the address where it says "Search for Address"
4. Click the "Search" button
5. Here is the key step:
6. Click on the down arrow at the top right of the screen to the right of where it says "Show me:" and "Default Layers"
7. Select "Permit Locations" from the drop-down menu
8. Select all the Public Works permits you are interested in (I recommend you select everything shown)
9. Select "Update Map"
10. Double click on the property you are interested in, and the various permits should display

### Hillside Development in Council District 3

Even with the cooling of the housing market, we are still seeing a substantial amount of development on vacant lots in the hillside areas of Council District 3 and in all hillside districts throughout the City of Los Angeles.

A lot that had been legally cut to the established standards at the time of the subdivision is available for development so long as **ALL** of the City's requirements are met. The challenge is that in today's hillside areas, the vast majority of lots that are on naturally flat pads, that were easy to build on, and that have fabulous views, have already been built on.

Most of the remaining vacant parcels are lots that were once deemed too difficult, expensive, or undesirable to develop. With the

vast improvements in technology and the steep rise in the value of land, these parcels that we all thought would never be developed have builders seeking permits.

To safeguard residential hillside dwellers and the hillside itself, the Planning Department has adopted several ordinances and specific plans over the years. Also, the Department of Building and Safety has some of the strictest hillside development standards in the nation. These measures include the hillside ordinance, the retaining wall ordinance, the protected tree ordinance, the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan, and the Girard Tract Specific Plan.

These ordinances: make sure that roads are widened to current standards; prohibit massive visible re-

taining walls; require builders to go to a design review board to ensure that the design of their proposal is compatible with the community; protect native trees; and require more off-street parking spaces than a non-hillside home.

New home proposals and substantial additions that pass a certain threshold located within the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan are required to go before a design review board which is a public hearing.

All of these ordinances can be accessed from the Planning Department's website at <http://cityplanning.lacity.org>. You can also request a copy of any of these documents by emailing me at [jonathan.brand@lacity.org](mailto:jonathan.brand@lacity.org) or calling me at (213) 473-7003.



Serving the communities of  
**Woodland Hills & Winnetka**  
 Octaviano Rios, Jr., Field Deputy

## Coyotes on the Prowl

Council District 3 and the City of Los Angeles are very fortunate to be neighbors with some of the largest and most beautiful natural open spaces in the country. But with such great blessings there comes a high level of responsibility to increase the safety of our communities from the land's wildlife.

Councilman Dennis P. Zine and the City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Services Wildlife Division are concerned about the safety of our residents and pets who live near these great places and who have experienced encounters with our wildlife.

We request that all residents think about what they can do to reduce the risks of living in such close proximity to wild animals like rabbits, deer, and coyotes. A dry summer means more wildlife forays by both predators and prey species around our homes for access to water and food. The community is reminded to minimize odors and the availability of food rewards throughout their property. We ask that you please follow the guidelines listed below to reduce negative encounters with wildlife:

- Do not leave small children or pets outside unattended
- Remove or thin down dense brush that could provide cover for wildlife where an encounter is likely
- Trim trees 5 feet from the roof eaves or band trees to prevent access
- Do not allow creeping vines or ivy type plants to grow on the wall of your home up to the roof
- Put out garbage on the day of pick-up, not the night before
- Store trash in a sturdy building or place it in tightly closed containers that cannot be tipped over
- Do not leave pet food or water out outside when your pet is not there to eat it (especially at night)
- Pick up fallen fruit



Courtesy of the Los Angeles Zoo  
 Photo by L.A. Animal Services Wildlife Division

- Remove sources of water when possible, especially in dry climates (standing water in bird baths and fountains should be drained at night)
- Hang bird feeders out of reach and avoid ground feeding of birds & squirrels
- Keep barbecues clean and grease-free
- Cover compost piles that may attract wildlife (add lime to reduce odors and accelerate decomposition)
- Do not put meat, fish, and other pungent vegetables or fruit scraps in compost piles
- Never feed predatory wildlife or Big Game animals
- Install motion-sensitive lighting and sprinklers around the periphery of your home
- Provide secure enclosures for rabbits, poultry, etc.
- Landscape with deer-resistant plants
- Repair damaged fencing and enclose gardens with 6-8 foot fencing when possible (a variance may be needed for fences over 6 feet)
- Be sure to seal holes and spaces around your home to prevent entry
- Consider using commercially prepared deer repellents (available at garden supply stores)
- Scare wildlife such as coyotes away whenever they are observed
- Never approach wildlife as the consequences of approaching or feeding wildlife can be serious (you are responsible for your own safety as well as the safety of wildlife)

Wildlife sightings and issues can be reported to the Los Angeles Department of Animal Services at (888) 452-7381.

For tips about wildlife please visit the following website:

[http://www.laanimalservices.com/aboutani\\_wildlife.htm](http://www.laanimalservices.com/aboutani_wildlife.htm)



Serving the communities of  
**Canoga Park & Reseda**  
 Irma Pomposo, Field Deputy

## Illegal Street Vending in Reseda

After years of being blighted and plagued with illegal street vending and unsanitary conditions, Sherman Way (between Lindley and Etiwanda) has finally been cleaned up and we hope that it remains that way for the months and years to come.

Back in April of 2007, the Reseda Neighborhood Council took it upon themselves to address the problem of illegal street vending in the immediate area in front of St. Catherine of Siena Church on Sherman Way in Reseda. This area was being frequented by anywhere from 8 to 15 illegal vendors every Sunday. As the problem heightened, the neighboring business owners and residents also started to complain about the City's lack of enforcement. In response to this growing concern, our office joined forces with the Reseda Neighborhood Council to establish a task force and posted "no illegal vending" signs in front of the church.

Street vending is illegal in the City of Los Angeles per L.A.M.C 42.00 (b) and L.A.M.C. 80.73 (b) 2A (1). Although these vendors may mean no harm, public health and safety is compromised when food is kept in unsanitary conditions. Obligated to respond, the City of Los Angeles must enforce its laws when they are being violated. Therefore, the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services along with multiple City agencies including the Department of Building and Safety, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Sanitation, and the Los Angeles Police Department, West Valley Division formed an illegal street vending task force to target this location on two consecutive Sundays in June. The task force was successful and a total of 10 arrests were made.

All 10 vendors were later arraigned in court during the month of July. One vendor was bench warranted and the other nine defendants received 2 years probation, \$100+ penalty assessment, and a 2-year 100-yard stay away from the location of the arrest order. It has now been over two months and this area has been free of

illegal vending.

Thank you to all of the City and County agencies who responded to this growing concern and who worked to maintain public safety in the community of Reseda! This is just another example of what we can accomplish by working together.

### *Report Sewer Odors*

We hope you never need to make this call, but to report a sewer odor to the City of Los Angeles, call the Citywide toll free number **311** or 1-866-44SEWER (1-886-447-3937).

After selecting the language of preference, you will be connected to a live operator. The operator then will enter the odor complaint information into the Odor Complaint Response Form. Please have the following ready:

- **Your name**
- **Phone number**
- **When and where you detected odor**

A crew is then dispatched to investigate the odor complaint and necessary action will be taken. If you want the results of the investigation, please indicate that in your request, and you will receive a call back by a representative of the Bureau of Sanitation.



Serving the communities of  
**Tarzana & West Hills**  
 Jose Martinez, Field Deputy

# Jose Martinez, Field Deputy

My name is Jose Martinez and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the newest Field Deputy for Councilman Dennis P. Zine. I am very excited and honored to be serving the communities of Tarzana and West Hills.

I have been with Council District 3 for the last year and a half serving as Council Aide in the District Office. As Council Aide, I have been involved in assisting the staff with the administration of the office and now I am looking forward to taking on the challenge of Field Deputy.

Prior to my work in Council District 3, I was a student at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), studying political science and doing research on education policy through the University of California Center, Sacramento.

As a newly assigned Field Deputy, I am committed to serving the community and improving the quality of life in the Tarzana and West Hills community. Please feel free to contact me at (818) 756-8848 or via email at [Jose.Martinez@lacity.org](mailto:Jose.Martinez@lacity.org).

## Water Conservation Tips from *The San Gabriel Valley Examiner*

1. Use full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.
2. Take shorter showers. Cutting time by two minutes can save 9 gallons.
3. Install low-flow showerheads and toilets.
4. Repair dripping faucets. A small leak can waste a lot of water.
5. When brushing your teeth or shaving, turn off the faucet.
6. Water the lawn only when necessary.
7. Install a programmable irrigation system.
8. Water only when it is cool outside, early morning or evening is best.
9. Do not wash down driveways and sidewalks, please use a broom.
10. When landscaping, use drought tolerant plants.
11. Check for leaks and when found, repair quickly.

### LADWP: Be Prepared for Any Disaster

#### 10 Easy Steps to Be Prepared and Stay Safe

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Never go near fallen power lines.</li> <li>2. When a power outage occurs, use a flashlight, not candles.</li> <li>3. In case of an electrical fire, call the fire department immediately. If necessary, use a CO2 or a dry chemical extinguisher – do not use water.</li> <li>4. Check water supply lines after a disaster. Turn faucets on and off. If cold water stops running, runs slowly after a few seconds, or is dirty, you may have a leak and should not consume the water without treating it.</li> <li>5. Know how to disinfect water: boil vigorously for one full minute, use eight drops of unscented liquid household bleach per one gallon of water or use water purification tablets.</li> <li>6. Prepare an emergency survival kit for your home. Stock enough non-perishable food and water (the</li> </ol> | <p>LAFD suggests 5 gallons of water per person, per day) for each household member for at least three days. Include such items as water purification tablets, flashlights, radio, manual can opener, batteries, cash, sturdy shoes, extra clothing, blankets, personal hygiene items, and a first aid kit.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Know how to turn off service to your home's electric circuit or fuse box, water service main and natural gas main.</li> <li>8. Secure hot water heater and appliances that could move during an earthquake and rupture utility lines.</li> <li>9. Install smoke detectors on each floor of your home near bedrooms and kitchen.</li> <li>10. Keep a portable, battery-operated radio on-hand to listen to emergency broadcast information and instructions.</li> </ol> |
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**Brian Perry**  
**Chief Legislative Deputy**

## Medical Marijuana Regulation

In 1996, Californians approved Proposition 215, the Compassionate Use Act. This Initiative established the use of medical marijuana, under certain circumstances, in our State.

Regulations needed to implement the Initiative were not provided at the State level; leaving local jurisdictions to draft their own guidelines for enforcement. With hundreds of clinics opening in the City and no regulations in place, Zine authored legislation to establish rules and regulations for facilities in the City.

On August 15, 2007, the Los Angeles City Council approved an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) that

will prohibit the operation of any new Medical Marijuana facility in the City of Los Angeles.

The ICO will be in effect while City Departments work to develop a permanent Ordinance that will establish regulations that deal with concerns such as hours of operation; proximity to sensitive use facilities (such as schools and parks); compatibility with surrounding zoning; and protection of residential quality of life.

Existing medical marijuana dispensaries will have 60 days after the ICO effective date (September 14, 2007) to register with the City Clerk to exempt themselves from the prohibition of new operations.

Details of the information required to register with the City can be found at the City Clerk website (<http://cityclerk.lacity.org>) under the 'On-Line Reference and Forms' Heading by clicking on the 'Business Information' link below the listing of "Medical Marijuana Business Form."

The completed forms and appropriate documentation must be brought in person with original signatures to the City Clerk Public Counter, Rm 395, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, no later than November 13, 2007.

Any dispensary that fails to meet these requirements will be forced to close.



**Christopher Olsen**  
**Legislative Deputy**

## 'No Bull' Says Zine

When Councilman Zine first learned that the Department of Animal Services planned to host a "Pit Bull Training Academy" at a City shelter facility in South Los Angeles, he was quick to ask tough questions.

The proposed program would have used part of the South Los Angeles Animal Care Center Annex to house and train impounded pit bull and pit bull mix dogs. Serious concerns were raised when the Department of Animal Services announced its intention to staff the program with six parolees.

Quick to respond to the potential

risks involved with hiring ex-offenders to control and monitor notoriously dangerous dogs, Councilman Zine introduced a motion calling for an immediate review of the program.

After conducting some parliamentary maneuvering, the Councilman brought the matter to the full Council as part of a special meeting to make sure that all questions could be answered before the program ever got off the ground.

The Council discussion included such important topics as potential liability to the City, whether proper

hiring procedures were followed, and whether the Council and Board of Animal Services Commissioners ever had an opportunity to fully vet the proposed program.

Ultimately, the Pit Bull Training Academy was canceled due to overriding concerns about public safety, liability, and several personnel issues.

Councilman Zine will continue to work with the Department of Animal Services to find other ways of locating permanent homes for the many dogs, cats, and other animals in our City's shelters.

## Community Meetings & Events Calendar

### Canoga Park

**Neighborhood Council Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7pm held at Canoga Park Community Center: 7248 Owensmouth Avenue, Canoga Park, 91303 (818) 756-9628.

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm held at Canoga Park Community Center: 7248 Owensmouth Avenue, Canoga Park, 91303 for **Senior Lead Officer Padron (818) 731-2583** and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month (South Canoga Park) at 7pm held at the Valley Village Center: 20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka, 91306 for **Senior Lead Officer Velasquez (818) 374-7634**.

**Chamber of Commerce Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30am held at Hometown Buffet: 6705 N. Fallbrook Avenue, West Hills, 91307 (818) 884-9906.

### Reseda

**Neighborhood Council Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7pm held at the Canoas Banquet Hall: 18136 Sherman Way, Reseda, 91335 (818) 832-7540.

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7pm held at the West Valley Police Station: 19020 Vanowen Street, Reseda, 91335 **Senior Lead Officer Maldonado (818) 374-7635 & Senior Lead Officer Rygh (818) 374-2851**.

**Chamber of Commerce Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30am held at Reseda Neighborhood Council office, Reseda, 91335 (818) 345-1920.

### Tarzana

**Neighborhood Council Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm held at Tarzana Elementary School: 5726 Topeka Drive, Tarzana, 91356 (818) 345-1966.

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the West Valley Police Station: 19020 Vanowen Street, Reseda, 91335 with the **Senior Lead Officer (818) 374-7637**.

**Chamber of Commerce Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7am (please contact the Chamber for location) (818) 343-3687 or visit their website at [www.tarzanachamber.com](http://www.tarzanachamber.com).

**Property Owners Association:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:30pm held at the Tarzana Community & Cultural Center: 19130 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana, 91356 (818) 344-2137.

### West Hills

**Neighborhood Council Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30pm, both held at the 911 Control Center: 23001 Roscoe Blvd. across from Fire Station 106, West Hills, 91304 (818) 719-8656.

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7pm held at Pomelo Elementary School: 7633 March Avenue, West Hills, 91304. **Senior Lead Officer Vanderbrugh (818) 374-7632**.

**Chamber of Commerce Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30am held at Hometown Buffet: 6705 N. Fallbrook Avenue, Canoga Park, 91307 (818) 648-6219.

### Winnetka

**Neighborhood Council Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm held at Valley Village: 20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka, 91306 (818) 648-6219.

**East Winnetka Neighborhood Watch Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7pm held at ABGU Demirdjian School Auditorium: 6833 Oakdale Avenue, Winnetka, 91306 for **Senior Lead Officer Raigoza (818) 374-7631**.

**West Winnetka Neighborhood Watch Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month held at Valley Village: 20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka, 91306 for **Senior Lead Officer Zumstein (818) 374-7634**.

**Chamber of Commerce Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30pm held at Canoga Park Bowl: 20122 Vanowen Street, Winnetka, 91306.

### Woodland Hills

**Neighborhood Council Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm held at Parkman Middle School-Auditorium: 20800 Burbank Blvd., Woodland Hills, 91367.

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm held at Woodland Hills Library: 22200 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills 91367 **Senior Lead Officer Jackson (818) 374-7638**.

**Chamber of Commerce Meeting:** last Thursday of the month at 7:30am held at the Chamber Office: 20121 Ventura Blvd., Suite 309, Woodland Hills, 91367 (818) 347-4737.

## **Thank you Councilman Zine**

*I receive numerous notes of thanks throughout the course of my service and I want to share a few excerpts with you. I send each of you my most sincere "Thank You" for all of your kind wishes.*

I received your letter today allocating \$1000 for the PALS Golf Tournament. Thank you so much. I appreciate all that you do for the Community. You have cleaned up the Third Council District so much.

**-LAPD Specialist Reserve Jeanette Capaldi**

You are simply amazing! Thank you for your willingness to serve as Honorary Chair of the Woodland Hills Arthritis Walk. Because of your leadership, we were able to raise \$77,000 and reach nearly 800 people at this great Valley event! This Walk definitely helped increase awareness to the community about our nation's number one cause of disability –Arthritis.

**-Patty Williams, Regional Vice President, Arthritis Foundation**

On behalf of everyone at Valley Cultural Center, we would like to thank you for your valuable contribution and support of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Food, Wine, & Microbrew Festival.

**-James Kinsey, III, CEO/President, Valley Cultural Center**

On behalf of the Third Council District communities and West Valley Alliance, I would like to thank you for your donation of \$24,700 towards the graffiti removal program.

**-Daniel Ruiz, CEO/President, West Valley Alliance**

I just wanted to thank you for joining us at this year's L.A. LGBT Pride parade. Every year, this event has special meaning for me and I am grateful you could join us in the City Council's entry this year.

**-Bill Rosendahl, Councilmember, 11<sup>th</sup> District**

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of Temple Kol Tikvah. It is wonderful to know that we have a caring, compassionate and receptive representative on the City Council.

**-Rabbi Janet Offel, Temple Kol Tikvah**

Congratulations on testifying in front of Congress on the pending immigration legislation –you do L.A. and NLC proud!

**-Eric Garcetti, Council President**

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank you for helping make my mother's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday a very special occasion. You were very generous with your time when my family and I went to City Hall last month, and we sincerely appreciate it.

**-Sylvia Patsaouras, Tarzana**

On behalf of the Canoga Park West Hills Chamber of Commerce, I want to thank you for your participation in the 2007 Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade. Your appearance in the parade was greatly appreciated and we hope that you enjoyed the festivities. It is friends like you that help solidify the relationship of the Chamber and the citizens of our community.

**-Jack Dawson, Parade Chair & John Parker, President**

American Legion Post No. 308 wishes to extend you its deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks for spending Memorial Day afternoon with our veterans, their families, and friends. Your appearance at the American Legion Hall was a special treat for us and made the day a most memorable one.

**-Larry Bowman, Adjutant, American Legion**

On behalf of Jewish World Watch we want to thank you and your staff for all you did to facilitate the Walk for Darfur on June 3, 2007. Your office was so very helpful to us in securing the route for the Walk and helping us to meet the requisite City requirements.

**-Janice Kamenir-Reznik, Founding President & Tziviva Schwartz-Getzug, Executive Director, Jewish World Watch**

I am a senior at El Camino Real High School and would like to thank you for coming to our school to commemorate our Academic Decathlon team. Thank you so very much for all that you do!

**-Andrew Markis, West Hills**

We own in Reseda Ranch and we appreciate your help in naming and giving this area some special attention. Your help has made the difference.

**-Sally Morgan, Reseda Ranch**

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**Sheree Adams**  
Senior Specialist/Clergy Liaison

## Recognize...Present... Stop Elder Financial Abuse!

Happy Summer to all of our constituents! As you all know, I am the Councilman's Senior Citizen Specialist/Clergy Liaison. Please feel free to call or email me if and when you ever have any questions or concerns.

This issue, I will be advising you on a topic for everyone to be aware of (especially our seniors)...**Potential Scams.**

About 5 million seniors are victimized by some sort of financial fraud each year, according to the Securities and Exchange Commission. California law enforcement authorities believe that about a million of those victims live in the Golden State. Fraud against seniors is rising, but precise numbers are impossible to come by, partly because authorities believe that only one in five such frauds are ever reported. The tragic part: once a senior gets taken, there's little chance he or she will ever get the money back. And experts maintain that **most of the fraud is easily avoided.**

One thing to always keep in mind is that there is no such thing as a "safe" or "guaranteed" investment. Please seek help and/or advice if you feel like you are being pressured to buy something and report it when someone takes advantage. Many of the crimes that affect the elderly are scams that can hit people of any age: identity theft, bogus lotteries, "free" gifts that require you to send money for shipping and ponzi schemes that use investor money to payoff old investors until they run out of victims and the scheme collapses.

Although experts can tell seniors to be cautious of telemarketers and strangers offering investment advice, it's difficult to warn them about their own families. Many states, including California, have passed laws to stiffen penalties for defrauding seniors. California insurance regulators are contemplating new rules that would impose stricter standards on the sale of variable annuities to anyone over age 65.

In the meantime, seniors need nosy neighbors to protect them. If there is somebody that used to sit on the porch and wave at you everyday and you don't see them for awhile, you need to knock on their door and check on them. If you suspect that something is wrong, please feel free to call me in your Councilman Zine's Office so that I can get you in contact with the right agency.

**Signs of trouble for seniors to watch out for:**

- "Guaranteed" investments that pay double-digit returns
- Living-trust officers bearing investment advice
- "Free" lunch seminars
- "Free" gifts and foreign lottery winnings
- E-mailed bank 'updates', IRS refund notices and "account warnings"
- Relatives and caregivers who take your mail and/or isolate you

### Thank You *Continued from Page 8*

Thank you very much for your award. It is generosity like this which makes me honored to receive the esteem of accomplished individuals. When you announced the award to a "future doctor," I was not only surprised but also heightened in my sense of motivation for the future. Knowing the amount of belief and hope placed in my abilities and opportunities to come, I am excited to build a future characterized by positive endeavors. I am very appreciative of the generosity you have shown in establishing your award and am honored to have this recognition. The happiness and excitement of earning this award will carry on as motivation for future goals.

**-Ari Huverserian, AGBU-MDS Class of 2007, Northridge**

## LAPD VALLEY DEPLOYMENT

By Chris Olsen, *Legislative Deputy*

Working to improve public safety, Councilman Zine introduced a motion calling on the LAPD to report on its efforts to increase patrols in the San Fernando Valley.

The motion raised several serious questions about whether the Valley has been receiving its fair share of LAPD resources. The Valley experienced a 44% increase in violent crime in 2006, plus a further spike of nearly 15% in the first half of 2007. Additionally, in terms of traffic safety, the Valley is home to the majority of the City's most dangerous streets and intersections.

Despite these facts, recent re-deployments to other parts of the City have left an insufficient number of motor officers assigned to the Valley.

In his motion, Councilman Zine reaffirmed that in a time of increased public safety need in the Valley, the City must increase the number of officers in the field.

LAPD will now present a full report to the Council's Public Safety Committee including an analysis of actual versus planned deployment levels, any loans of officers to other divisions, recent trends in gang-related crime statistics, and data concerning traffic citations and revenues.

# All Around **Z** Town



*The summer is kicked off with a splash at the opening of Lanark Pool in Canoga Park*



*The community celebrates Councilman Zine's 60th birthday with a surprise banner located outside of the District Office*



*Councilman Zine is presented with a Birthday Certificate from County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky (left is Zev's son David and right is Chris Zine)*



*Councilman Zine takes part in Farm Walk at Pierce College with the Canoga Park High School FFA*



*Councilman Zine presents Pierce College President Robert Garber with a certificate commending his service to the community*



*Councilman Zine rides to Sturgis, South Dakota (a 3,000 mile trip) on his Harley*



*Councilman Zine congratulates Fullbright Elementary scholars at their Culmination in June*



*Councilman Zine celebrates the 60th Anniversary of Langer's Deli with owners Al and Norm Langer*



*Councilman Zine with TV Broadcaster Rick Chambers and Optimist Ed Young*

# All Around **Z** Town



*Councilman Zine at Reseda Park for Opening Day of the Little League season*



*Councilman Zine congratulates members of US Army at a Dodger game celebrating the 232nd Birthday of the Army*



*Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and Councilwoman Wendy Greuel join Councilman Zine at the kick-off of the Beach Bus*



*Councilman Zine offers a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of hit-and-run driver that struck victim Peter Martinez*



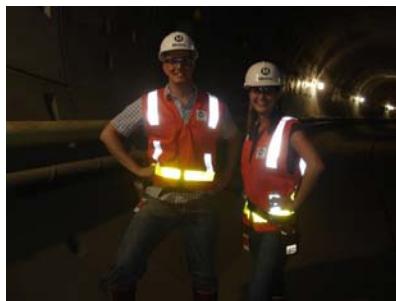
*Vallarta Supermarket opens its doors at Vanowen and Corbin*



*Councilman Zine donates \$2000 to the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles during KBIG 104.3's Tunathon with Charlie Tuna*



*Councilman Zine joins Wells Fargo Staff at the opening of another branch*



*Z-Team members, Christopher Olsen and Jessica Tarman take part in a tour of Los Angeles' Metro system*



*Councilman and friends attend the Annual Valley Village Luncheon*

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