



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

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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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Defeating Graffiti in Council District 3

By Andre Lewis, *Director, Special Projects*

The quality of life problems that come with graffiti defacement of public and private property is a top concern for the office of Councilman Dennis P. Zine. Recently, despite the cold weather, there has been an up-tick in tagging incidents. The Councilman has made it a priority to increase tagger stakeouts.

The Councilman intends to put taggers on notice that their activities will not be ignored. Staff members from the Council District Office, Zine P.O.S.S.E. members, and LAPD with their VST (Visual Surveillance Team) volunteers, including Channel 7's retired weather icon Dr. George Fischbeck, were on one recent stakeout from 10pm until 2am.

Although no one was caught that night, our staff has been checking the area daily to see if the area gets hit again. This particular operation was unique in the sense that the area surveyed is a long stretch from White Oak Avenue to Winnetka Avenue along the alleyway behind Ventura Boulevard businesses that are visible from the Ventura Freeway.

Operations like this can be extremely dangerous and that is why these stings must take place under the supervision of the LAPD. Some of the taggers may be armed and there have been some incidents where citizens were shot trying to intervene in other parts of Los Angeles. Depending on the deployment capability of the West Valley LAPD, our office in-

tends to conduct these stings on a regular basis. You are invited to join our P.O.S.S.E. and help wipe out graffiti by arresting the taggers.



The Q-Star camera captures photos of taggers

Currently, there is a reward system set up that will award anyone who assists in the apprehension and conviction of a tagger \$1,000. In fact, a constituent in Council District 3 recently applied for the award after he made a citizen's arrest and held the tagger until the police arrived.

While we certainly do not advocate such proactive behavior for safety reasons, we can all breathe a sigh of relief knowing that there are citizens out there who can (and do) make a difference in the community.

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Welcome, Baby Joaquin!

On December 27th, Irma Pomoposo (our very own Field Deputy for Reseda and Canoga Park) and Alex Mendez became proud parents of Joaquin Mendez, a healthy 6-pound bundle of joy!



Name: Joaquin Alejandro Mendez
Birthday: December 27, 2007 (We got the tax credit!)
Weight: 6 lbs
Length: 20.5 inches
Eye Color: Dark Brown
Hair Color: Dark Brown

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City Council Approves Reseda Ranch



On the 7th of December, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously voted to approve Councilman Zine’s motion to designate a portion of Reseda as Reseda Ranch. This area is characterized by large lots, the ability to keep certain farm animals, and a semi-rural appearance. While a community name does not change the residential zoning or land use designation, it designates Reseda Ranch as a unique area in the midst of a sprawling metropolis that should be preserved.

Naming of a community in Los Angeles requires strong public support and a grassroots effort. Leading the way were longtime Reseda residents Jim Diamond and DJ Frank who organized a door-to-door campaign that gathered over 500 signatures, garnered support from the neighborhood council, and spoke on behalf of the naming in front of the City Council. We have recently ordered signs to be mounted on street lights and will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony open to the public upon installation.



Live Like A Champion Tour Comes to Reseda

On January 13th, Councilman Zine attended the Blue Cross Live Like a Champion Tour event at the YMCA in Reseda. This event created a “fitness playground” designed to teach children the importance of physical fitness and a healthy diet in combating obesity.

“This is exactly the type of community partnership that I support in these times of fiscal austerity,” noted Councilman Zine. “When Blue Cross came to me with this event, I partnered them with our local YMCA and the results speak for themselves: young kids exercising on these impressive exhibits while they learn the importance of

healthy living and eating right.”

The Blue Cross Live Like a Champion Tour is part of the California Childhood Obesity Initiative, which incorporates a continuum of programs, from prevention to disease management and is targeted at California’s underserved communities. This award winning program is packed with interactive games and challenging sports-themed activities to help children bring out their “inner champion.”

This year in an effort to increase the impact of the

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P.O.S.S.E.
People Organizing Safe, Secure Environments

Is your alley being used as a dumping ground?

Tired of signs littering your community?

Is there graffiti in your neighborhood?

Are you fed-up enough to do something about it?

JOIN COUNCILMAN DENNIS P. ZINE'S COMMUNITY P.O.S.S.E. TAKE BACK YOUR COMMUNITY!

For more information, please call my District Office at 818-756-8848.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Thank You!

A big thank you to all outgoing members of the following organizations for putting in so many volunteer hours throughout the year to make our communities a better place: the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council, the Winnetka Neighborhood Council, the Pacific Lodge Boys' Home, the Woodland Hills-Tarzana Chamber of Commerce (pictured), the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce (pictured on Page 10), and the Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization (pictured on Page 10).



The Woodland Hills-Tarzana Chamber of Commerce Installation

Welcome Soup's Grill!



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Suppan for the grand opening of their restaurant Soup's Grill located at 21028 Ventura Boulevard in Woodland Hills. Jeff plays baseball for the Milwaukee Brewers.

City Services

The winds and rain have been blowing heavily this winter and the Department of Public Works has been working tirelessly to address a variety of tree issues in our communities.

To report city tree issues please contact:

Bureau of Street Services

1149 South Broadway Street, 4th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90015
1-800-886-2489

<http://www.lacity.org/boss/UrbanForestryDivision/index.htm>

To address concerns related to tree branches near or touching power lines (whether they are public or private trees), please contact:

Department of Water and Power

P.O. Box 51111
Los Angeles, California 90051-0100
1-800-342-5397

www.ladwp.com

**2007 - 2008
COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION
GRANT RECIPIENTS**

COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Project Description: This Beautification project revitalizes barren, dirt tree planters at our public school. Decomposed granite, a border of artistic, student-created stepping stones and hexagonal tree benches will help create a park-like appeal. These improvements continue our efforts to bring nature onto the campus and will involve students, parents, teachers and community members.

Grant Amount: 9,966.58
Match Amount: 10,000.00
Project Total: 19,966.58

**CALVERT STREET PTA
Calvert Elementary School**

Project Description: This project is a 1200 sq. ft. mural designed to add color and beauty to the school and neighborhood. The design is depicting the school and its community planting and taking care of the earth. The community will share in the painting to the mural.

Grant Amount: 9,943.72
Match Amount: 14,946.00
Project Total: 24,889.72

**FRIENDS OF FULLBRIGHT
Fullbright Elementary School**

Project Description: Our School playground can be described as a sea of asphalt. Project Green Scene intends to add benches and shade trees for our students to have a cool place to relax during the San Fernando Valley's unbearable heat waves. We also plan to ass a mural that will give students more pride in their playground, and add a nice touch to the neighborhood.

Grant Amount: 8,989.21
Match Amount: 17,975.00
Project Total: 27,964.21

**LOCKHURST ELEMENTARY PTA
Lockhurst Elementary**

Project Description: Amidst a literacy garden of flowers and tress; an amphitheater will set the stage for students to perform musically and artistically.

Grant Amount: 10,000.00
Match Amount: 10,000.00
Project Total: 20,000.00

**VALLEY CULTURAL CENTER
Reseda Elementary School**

Project Description: Our team of professional artists, teachers, students and community volunteers will create a mural at Reseda Elementary school focusing on Cultural Diversity with classroom lessons and research linked to Heritage, vocabulary, social studies, and the history of murals, mosaics, artifacts, art and the benefits of cultural diversity in today's society.

Grant Amount: 9,349.00
Match Amount: 10,000.00
Project Total: 19,349.00

**WOODLAKE AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Woodlake Avenue Elementary School**

Project Description: Touch up point on school, paint trim on all building, have on mural done 21' by 8' and three rebound ere (handball courts).

Grant Amount: 10,000.00
Match Amount: 15,150.00
Project Total: 25,150.00



Code Enforcement: How it Works

Dennis Bogard is our new Field Deputy filling in for Irma while she is on maternity leave. He retired after 38 years with the Los Angeles Fire Department, spending 12 years as a Fire Inspector and the Hazardous Refuse Abatement Coordinator. Bogie is known as the Western United States expert on enforcement of Obsessive Hoarding issues, working closely with the Departments of Building and Safety, Housing, and the Los Angeles County Health Department.

I have asked him to do a series of articles on how the enforcement system works so that you as concerned citizens will have a better understanding of how Building and Safety, Housing, and other Departments work. -Dennis P. Zine

In the articles to follow I will attempt to help you understand the workings of the different City Departments, from my own observations, and through interviews with inspectors and the different Department Heads.

First I would like to walk you through a simple scenario to show how a small issue can take several months (and sometimes even years) to complete:

I called Building and Safety to complain about my neighbors not keeping up their yard, it has been 2 weeks and their yard is still unkempt?

This is a common complaint that Field Deputies receive everyday. We must remember here in the United States that there is due process, inspectors, and the City must follow the letter of the law. There are personal and individual legal rights of the property owner that need to be taken into account.

1. The Complaint Inspector received your complaint and entered it into the Department's complaint referral program. The complaint is then sent to the Field Inspector who will schedule an inspection of the property.

2. A field inspection is made of the property to determine if violations exist and what course of action to take. It is up to the Field Inspector to make a determination of the severity of the violation if one is found.

a. If the Field Inspector is unable to find any violations present, there is no action taken. *(This is where the inspectors and the complainants may differ. Just because your neighbor may not keep his yard watered and is a poor neighbor, does not make him in violation of the Los Angeles Municipal Code or Fire Code).*

b. If a violation is found, the inspector will issue orders of violation to the property owner and/or any other person/corporation that has control or is causing the violation. The order will list all violations identified, a remedy for compliance, and a compliance date. The average compliance time given is 15 to 30 days.

c. Appeal Rights: All persons, corporations, etc. listed on the order have appeal rights. They can apply for extension to comply. They also can file an appeal to challenge the violations alleged in the order and/or the authority of the department/inspector. These appeals can add to the compliance time.

3. After the time limit has expired, the inspector makes a re-inspection of the property to determine if the owner is in compliance, or has made any progress. If the owner is working toward bringing the property into compliance, the inspector may grant an extension for compliance.

4. Upon re-inspection, if compliance has not been obtained, the inspector will then submit the case to the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office for further enforcement (generally a

hearing will be requested which may take 30 to 60 days for the scheduling). At the hearing, the violations and what needs to be done in order to comply are explained to the violator. Generally, the violator is granted a reasonable extension of time to comply.

5. If the violator does not comply, the case will be submitted to the City Attorney's Office for possible misdemeanor criminal filing (approx. 30 to 60 days for filing). Once a criminal case is filed the Defendant(s) must appear in arraignment court to answer to the charges.

If the defendant(s) enter into a plea agreement with the court, the judge may grant them time to comply (generally 30 days) and order them to return to court for compliance verification. The judge may impose further penalties (maximum six months in jail and/or \$1,000 fine for each violation) if the defendant(s) does not comply.

The defendants have the right to plead not guilty and request a jury trial. The judge in the arraignment court will set a date and send the case to a trial court (the lengths of the trial and obtaining compliance vary). If the defendant is found guilty, the court will impose probation, and the conditions will vary.

This process as you can see is lengthy and time consuming. It is for this reason inspectors take filing cases very seriously. They make every effort to remedy the issues on the lowest level possible.



TARZANA

Library Donation

On Saturday, January 12th, the Rotary Club of Tarzana-Encino made a wonderful contribution of \$4,000 for Books-on-CD to the Tarzana-Encino Library. The audio books will help members of the community who are unable to read. The event hosted by the Friends of the Library was a great way to start 2008. Councilman Dennis P. Zine is proud to see organizations like the Rotary Club and the Friends of the Library take the initiative to care for the needs of people in the community. It is evident that Tarzana is truly a community that cares.



Melissa Potter, Alan Cyrlin, Fontayne Holmes, Barbara Y. Leff, and Jose Martinez at the Tarzana-Encino Library

TARZANA

Community Cultural Center

On Sunday, December 12th, the Tarzana Community and Cultural Center celebrated the dedication of a garden along Ventura Boulevard. Councilman Dennis P. Zine shared in the celebration and presented a Certificate of Recognition to the board of the Tarzana Community and Cultural Center. The Tarzana Community Cultural Center has become an important center in our community. It is not only a symbol of Tarzana, but speaks of the love and unity that Tarzana residents hold in their community. No one would have imagined the Tarzana Cultural Center being what it is today. Once a public storage facility, the Center is now an amazing place for children and families to visit.



Ellis Carpenter, Amaris Bryer, Councilman Zine, Helen Baker, Patty McManus, and Lori Singman

WEST HILLS

Neighborhood Council Installation

On Wednesday, December 5th, Councilman Dennis P. Zine recognized departing members of the West Hills Neighborhood Council including Ed Youngblood, Steven Lenski, Leo Zaslov, Sandy Bell, Mary-Ellen Bordonaro, Lisa Avakian, Leslie Bashaar and Tina Hong. These members worked greatly toward the successful operations of the West Hills Neighborhood Council and the community. Councilman Zine was excited to honor each member for their contributions. They have spearheaded numerous projects bringing recognition to the West Hills Community as well as the Third Council District, including, but not limited to, helping coordinate the new joint Neighborhood Council effort of the South Valley Election Alliance, Film Fest and WHNC Newsletters. Other activities included joint efforts with Woodland Hills Neighborhood Council to put on the "Aging In Place" Seminar for Seniors, the annual West Hills/Canoga Park Fall Fest, and West Hills Farmers Market. We thank every departing member for their efforts and we are looking forward to working with the newly elected West Hills Neighborhood Council.



Councilman Zine with Tina Hong, Mary-Ellen Bordonaro, and Ed Youngblood, outgoing members of the West Hills Neighborhood Council



Welcome to 

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At FixNation, a non-profit organization, **EVERY FERAL / STRAY / HOMELESS CAT** that comes through our clinic is provided **free of charge** the following services:

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- Antibiotic
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 7:00 to 8:30 a.m.

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www.fixnation.org

Hotline: (818) 524-2287

Clinic Location:
 3201 Lacy Street
 Los Angeles, CA
 90031



Fixing the Leaky Faucet: Water Conservation in Los Angeles

No matter how hard this season's rainstorms are trying to convince us otherwise, there is still a water shortage in Southern California. The City of Los Angeles is threatened by one of the most potentially severe water shortages that the region has seen in many years. A combination of historically low groundwater levels, low local rainfall, extended drought in the Colorado River watershed, below-average snowpack in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and federal restrictions on water imports from the California State Water Project have placed an enormous strain on the Southland's water supply.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and the Department of Water and Power have already called upon Angelenos to voluntarily reduce their water usage by 10 percent. However, since that conservation campaign was launched in June 2007, water usage in the City of Los Angeles had actually increased by 1 percent as of late last year. Los Angeles, like several other cities in the region, has begun to discuss imposing mandatory water rationing.

Recognizing the need for immediate action, Councilman Zine introduced a motion that asks the City's Planning Department and Department of Building and safety to come up with ways to bring about systemic change in the way we use water. The motion calls on the departments to report to the City Council with proposed regulations to limit water usage in all new single- and multi-family residential developments to an amount 10 percent less than the previous water usage of that same parcel. The report will include proposed plumbing



Photo Courtesy of the City of Anaheim

and irrigation requirements that would cut water use in both interior and exterior living spaces.

It would be irresponsible to assume that the population of the City could continue to increase, and that residential development could intensify, without also realizing that such growth places an additional burden on the water system. The City must re-evaluate its planning and building regulations and enact new measures to require minimal water usage in all new residential development projects. Councilman Zine's motion broadens the current approach of looking at simple unit-by-unit requirements such as low-flow fixtures. Instead, the motion seeks to develop a comprehensive land use policy that would require all new residential development to reduce our water-use "footprint."

Councilman Zine's motion was introduced on December 18th, and is currently awaiting hearings in the Energy & Environment Committee and the Planning and Land Use Management Committee.

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Lastly, as part of the Councilman's focus on tagging and quality of life issues, he was successful in getting a Q-Star camera set up in the same alleyway where our initial sting took place. Q-Star cameras have a motion detector that takes a photo of anyone in the area during specific times, usually between 10pm to 6am. Whenever motion is detected, the cameras also broadcast a loud verbal warning indicating that LAPD is taking their photo. We will be getting 2 more of these cameras for Council District 3 and they will be placed in the high-density tagging areas. It is our hope that incrementally, we will gain the upper-hand on these individuals and make our community a cleaner, safer place to live.

\$50,000 REWARD MOTION OFFERED IN TARZANA HATE CRIME

On Thursday, January 17th, a serious hate crime was committed in the Tarzana area. Graffiti vandals defaced property across a two-mile area south of Ventura Boulevard, leaving behind hateful anti-Semitic messages and symbols. The graffiti included red spray-painted swastikas and other words intended to provoke fear and anxiety among all area residents.

Councilman Zine recognizes that hate crimes are not isolated incidents and are intended to create a climate of fear and intimidation for the entire community; thus he took immediate action calling for the Council to approve a \$50,000 reward motion for the leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the vandals.

Police ask anyone with information to contact Detective Foster Rains or Detective Andrew Purdy at (818) 374-7730.



New Study: The Benefits of Caffeine

Hello again and happy winter to our wonderful seniors and all constituents of Council District 3! It is my pleasure to provide you with a few items of importance that may be helpful to you all. Did you know that...senior citizens drinking lots of caffeine "lowers" the risk of heart disease death? Many negative health myths about coffee drinking may now be transformed into validated health benefits. The regular drinking of caffeinated beverages by senior citizens (persons age 65 and older) appears to protect them against death from heart disease, says a new study.

"The protection against death from heart disease in the elderly afforded by caffeine is likely due to caffeine's enhancement of blood pressure," says John Kassotis, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. The researchers were from the Medical Center and Brooklyn College. Using data from the first federal National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey Epidemiologic Follow-up Study, the researchers found that survey participants 65 or more years old with higher caffeinated beverage intake exhibited lower relative risk of coronary vascular disease and heart mortality than did participants with lower caffeinated beverage intake. The protective effect also was found to be dose-responsive: the higher the caffeine intake, the stronger the protection. But, the protective effect was found only in participants who were not severely hypertensive.

<http://seniorjournal.com/NEWS/Nutrition-Vitamins/2007/7-02-23-SeniorCitizensDrinking.htm>

ONEgeneration Encino Farmers Market

Don't forget about our "ONEgeneration" Encino Farmers Market -I'm sure that you will not be disappointed!

The Farmers Market is a fun way for everyone in the family to spend time together for shopping, food, and fun! The market is open year-round on Sundays from 8:00am until 1:00pm at 17400 Victory Blvd. (between White Oak and Balboa) with plenty of convenient parking. It is a certified farmers market, featuring a great variety of California grown fruits, vegetables, fresh flowers, eggs and chicken, honey, mushrooms, plants, and more! During the peak months between May and November, about 40 farms from all over central and southern California participate.

In addition to farm products, the market also offers prepared food: omelets, kosher hot dogs, gourmet tamales, vegan products, delicious kettle corn, plus coffee, lattes, teas,

and fruit smoothies. Two bakeries and a fishmonger complete the market. While shopping at the market, enjoy buying carefully selected craft products like handmade soaps, hats and hand-crafted clothing, jewelry, and more.

For more information on the market, contact the Farmers Market Manager, at (818) 708-6611 or visit www.onegeneration.org/farmer_market.asp

What's in Season?

Spring: Sweet cherries, apricots, strawberries, early peaches, blackberries, asparagus, artichokes, green beans, peas, potatoes

Summer: Raspberries, stone fruit, grapes, figs, melons, pears, peppers, cucumbers, corn, eggplant, summer squash

Fall: Pumpkins, persimmons, most summer vegetables, almonds, apples, pomegranates, walnuts, winter squash

Winter: Navel oranges, blood oranges, grapefruit, pommelos, cherimoya, root vegetables, broccoli, kale, chard

Marinated Vegetables - recipe -



These make a wonderful low calorie appetizer. The marinade works well for green beans, carrots and cauliflower, so you can mix the veggies or make them separately.

- INGREDIENTS -

- 2 Lbs. Small Green Beans Baby Carrots, or Cauliflowerrets
- 2 Qrts. Water
- 3 Tablespoons Coarse (Kosher) Salt
- 2 Teaspoons each Mustard Seed & Dill Weed
- 1 Teaspoon Crushed Red Pepper
- 1 Teaspoon Dill Seed
- 4 Cloves Garlic
- 2 Cups White Vinegar
- 2/3 Cup Sugar

- DIRECTIONS -

Snip ends from beans, peel and cut baby carrots at least in half. In a large pan, bring 2 quarts of water to a boil; add 1 tablespoon salt and the vegetables. Return to a boil and cook for 4-5 minutes or until vegetables are barely fork tender. Drain immediately and cool. Turn vegetables into a large bowl or two quart container and add mustard seed, dill weed, red pepper flakes, dill seed and garlic. In a small pan, combine 2 cups water, vinegar, sugar and the remaining 2 tablespoons salt. Bring to a boil over high heat; pour over the vegetables. Cool, then cover and chill for at least 6 hours or as long as two weeks.

www.onegeneration.org/farmer_market.asp



Community Meetings & Events Calendar

Canoga Park

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

Neighborhood Watch Meeting: 2nd 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 3rd 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 Networking Breakfast: 3rd 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: 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm held at the Canoas Banquet Hall: 18136 Sherman Way, Reseda, 91335 (818) 832-7540.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting: 2nd 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) 731-2581**.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting: 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30am held at Reseda Neighborhood Council office, 18341 Sherman Way, #102, Reseda, 91335 (818) 345-1920.

Woodland Hills

Neighborhood Council Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm held at Woodland Hills Academy Auditorium: 20800 Burbank Blvd., Woodland Hills, 91367.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm held at Woodland Hills Library: 22200 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, 91367 **Senior Lead Officer McGee (818) 731-2574**.

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.

Winnetka

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

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

West Winnetka Neighborhood Watch Meeting: 3rd 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: 1st Monday of the month at 6:30pm held at Canoga Park Bowl: 20122 Vanowen Street, Winnetka, 91306.

Tarzana

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

Neighborhood Watch Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the West Valley Police Station: 19020 Vanowen Street, Reseda, 91335 with the **Senior Lead Officer Daryl Scoggins (818) 374-7630**.

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.

Property Owners Association: 2nd 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: 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm held at Chaminade High School: 7500 Chaminade Ave., West Hills, 91304 (818) 719-8656.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm held at Pomelo Elementary School: 7633 March Avenue, West Hills, 91304. **Senior Lead Officer Janet Zumstein (818) 374-7630**.

Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast: 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30am held at Hometown Buffet: 6705 N. Fallbrook Avenue, West Hills, 91307 (818) 648-6219.



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 words. –Councilman Zine

As Consul General, I enjoyed meeting truly committed, passionate, and loyal public servants like you. I am thankful for having the opportunity of working with the members of the Los Angeles City Council in our mutual goal of serving the great community of Los Angeles. I praise your incessant efforts for the betterment of our people's lives.

-Ruben Beltran, *Consulado General de Mexico*

As 2007 draws to a close I would like to thank you for your dedicated service throughout the year. The Twice a Citizen banquet was an overwhelming success due to the outstanding efforts by individuals who make up the Reserve Corps and those of the Reserve Foundation. While several Reserve Officers were honored, each member who devotes their precious time to the City of Los Angeles, deserves to be praised.

-Jim Cansler & Craig Herron, *Los Angeles Police Department*

On behalf of the residents of the Los Angeles Jewish Home, thank you for your generous support of our Wells Fargo Walk of Ages VIII, 5K Walk/Run event. Your Heart sponsorship helped us reach our goal of \$350,000. The funds raised from this important Walk will be used to ensure that our residents continue to have a secure life filled with dignity in their golden years.

-Shelly Markman, *Walk of Ages Chair*

On behalf of ONEgeneration, I thank you for your sponsorship of the ONEgeneration Healthy Living Festival and 12th Annual Walk-A-Thon held on October 27, 2007. The elements may have been against us –fire, air quality, and finally rain– but spirits were still high, and we are so grateful for your support and enthusiasm.

-Jim Esterle, *ONEgeneration*

On behalf of the members of Assistance League of San Fernando Valley, a chapter of National Assistance League, I wish to thank you for your very generous donation of \$1,000. Your contribution helps us make a difference in the San Fernando Valley as we assist school children in need, cheer the elderly and give comfort to adults and children who are victims of sexual abuse.

-Veronica Sibley & Karen Crandall, *Assistance League of San Fernando Valley*

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and the Los Angeles Federation of Senior Citizen Clubs, I would like to give my most sincere thanks and appreciation. Your generous donation went far and beyond what I had hoped for, and I am truly grateful.

-Kimberly Simonet, *Recreation and Parks*

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles Domestic Violence Task Force, I would like to thank you for your support and generous donation of \$500 towards our Domestic Violence Awareness Month Observance event. Your generous contribution helped cover event expenses as well as outreach efforts.

-Carol Tantau, *City of Los Angeles Domestic Violence Task Force*

On behalf of the entire PALS organization, I thank you for your generous support and contribution to our annual "Help the Kids" golf tournament. Your sponsorship was greatly appreciated and helped us tremendously in reaching our goal.

-Richard J. O'Linn, *Police Activity League Supporters*

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers of Peace Over Violence, we thank you for donating a Silent Auction item to our 36th Annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner. Because of you and other donors, we are looking forward to a very successful event and silent auction.

-Patricia Giggans & Deborah Klar, *Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women*

Thank you for your support of the 2007 North Valley YMCA Booster Club Dinner. Your participation helped make this year's event the most successful in the history of the North Valley YMCA.

-Greig Smith & Mitchell Englander, *12th Council District*

I want to personally thank you for being the lone dissenting vote on the Kim Fisher matter. Your ability to see through to these sham cases make you a shining example that the remainder of the City Council should follow.

-Emily Gutierrez, *Los Angeles Fire Department*

On behalf of the Save the Parade Campaign, thank you for your support in saving this year's parade. We'd also like to thank the residents in district 3 for joining us on the parade route!

-Greg Durfee, *The Save the Parade Family*

Thanks so much for the \$100 donation for the Boy Scout & Girl Scout WLACC Patrol Challenge. It turned out to be a terrific success.

-Paul Oliver, *Patrol Challenge Co-Chair*

Thanks to your generous donation valued at approximately \$200 to support Girl Scouts of the San Fernando Valley, our *Come Fly With Us* fundraiser was a great success.

-Melanie Merians, *Girl Scouts of the San Fernando Valley*

I want to congratulate Dennis Zine for taking action against the Papparazzi in Los Angeles. There are appropriate places to take pictures of celebrities such as Red Carpet premieres. They should not be permitted to stalk celebrities and endanger peoples lives.

-Richard Kerner, *Los Angeles*

On behalf of El Proyecto del Barrio, we would like to express a heartfelt thank you for your participation and contribution to our Navidad En El Barrio 2007. Your contribution, care and support made this annual Christmas a special event for families of the San Fernando Valley community.

-Corinne Sanchez, *El Proyecto del Barrio*

Thank you so much for your wonderful donation of \$200 this month. By your participation in this ministry you provide shelter, education and nurturing of homeless, new mothers and their precious infants.

-Betty Breneman, *Angels Way Maternity Home*



All Around Z Town



Councilman Zine at the starting line of the Jewish Home for the Aging Walk of Ages



Jill Joncich and Councilman Zine at the AYSO Region 71 "VIP" Team Dinner



Supervisor Yvonne Burke is honored in City Council for her years of public service



Councilman Zine, DWP General Manager David Nahai, and Commissioner Lee Kanon Alpert on the set of Prime Time Zine



Councilman Zine and Michael Hattar celebrating the 6-Year Anniversary of HomeTown Buffet



Councilman Zine welcomes the arrival of BizFed (the LA County Business Federation), an alliance of LA County businesses



The Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization Meeting



The Winnetka Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner



Councilman Zine being interviewed by abc7 regarding paparazzi in Los Angeles



Chief Planning Deputy Jonathan Brand and Councilman Zine touring Northrup-Grumman's Navigation Systems Division in Warner Center



Administrative Assistant Maria Aguiniga and Councilman Zine feeding the homeless at the Los Angeles Mission during the Christmas season



Councilman Zine speaks at a press conference in Reseda announcing Congressman Sherman's securing of federal funds for street resurfacing throughout the district

All Around **Z** Town



The Canoga Park-West Hills Chamber of Commerce Breakfast



Community members with Councilman Zine at a holiday party in the District Office



Councilman Zine joined the Los Angeles Mission March for Human Dignity on Presidents' Day

JOAQUIN CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

We asked the new parents all about Joaquin. Here's what they had to say:



Favorite Mommy Moment So Far: A couple hours after birth he looked directly at me and gave me a huge smile! It was a very touching and heartwarming moment!

Favorite Daddy Moment So Far: Seeing Joaquin be born and cutting the umbilical cord.

Favorite Grandparents' Moment So Far: The Pomposo Grandparents love to see him bathe and wiggle around in the water. They also enjoy seeing his many facial expressions. The Mendez Grandparents love seeing how much the baby resembles their son (my hubby) Alex.

Any unexpected "adventures?": Changing diapers is always an adventure. I've had to change him three times in a row because he's managed to wet his clothes and me

while on the changing table.

The number of hours baby Joaquin is (not) sleeping a night: Averaging 4 hours a night. Can't wait till Joaquin sleeps a full 8 hours straight!

What trick do you use to make the baby fall asleep? He loves his melody teddy bear which emits womb sounds and best of all it makes him sleep easier. Swaddling also helps a lot.

New Mommy Tips: Sleep when the baby sleeps and whenever family or friends are around, ask for help.

How do you feel?: After overcoming initial feelings of being overwhelmed, I'm truly enjoying motherhood. There have been challenging moments along the way, but the whole experience has been extremely rewarding. Becoming a mom has given me a new perspective and outlook on life.

Anything you would like to add?: Thank you to all the community members who have sent their well wishes during this very special moment in my life. In particular I'd like to thank Nancy Sweeney and Mary Paterson for organizing the community baby shower back in December. It was a fabulous surprise and it made me feel very appreciated and loved. My family and I are truly blessed to have you all in our lives!



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YMCA

We build strong kids,
strong families, strong communities.

program, the event was updated with new on-site activities, many of which are tied to celebrity athletes who are depicted in life-sized photos demonstrating what it takes to "Live Like a Champion."

According to the California Health and Human Services Agency, approximately one in three children in California are obese or overweight. In addition, almost 40 percent of school-aged children are physically unfit. Events like this are extremely important according to Councilman Zine because children, especially those living in low income communities, often do not have the resources to lead healthier lifestyles. Our office will be working with these and other programs in the future to make sure that our children learn the important lessons of healthy eating and exercise. Together, we hope to make a dent in childhood obesity numbers in the Valley, so that our kids have the best chance possible for a healthy, vibrant future.



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