

# Disclosure now required on motorized scooter statutes

**Special to Sentinel-Voice**  
 The Las Vegas City Council recently adopted a bill that requires merchants to disclose state laws in connection with the sale of motorized scooters and motorized skateboards.  
 Motorized scooters, also known as "go-peds," have become popular around Las Vegas. What parents may not know is that these motorized vehicles are not only dangerous, but state law forbids youth from driving the motorized vehicles on public streets or highways unless they have a valid driver's license.  
 "A significant number of these motorized scooters and

skateboards are being operated on city streets in violation of state law, and it appears that many who purchase these items are not made aware of the state requirements," said Councilman Michael Mack, who sponsored the bill. "This puts the responsibility on the seller to disclose state law, so that the buyer is aware of the requirements."  
 Motorized scooters and motorized skateboards are subject to state laws that govern operator licensing and vehicle equipment. The new bill will require any merchant who sells motorized skateboards or motorized scooters to post, in a prominent place

at the location where the vehicles are on display, a notice regarding the requirements of state motor vehicle laws. The merchant must also provide a copy of the notice to each purchaser of a motorized skateboard or motorized scooter.  
 Youth are also not allowed to drive these motorized scooters on a public street or highway.  
 The Metropolitan Police Department can cite youth who are operating these vehicles in violation of state law.  
 Parents could also be held responsible for damage that may be caused to personal property by these vehicles.

# Group delays naming

## Logistical problems hamper monikers for schools

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 Faced with the proposition of having one elementary school to name and 161 applications to consider, the Clark County School District School Name Committee voted 5-1 to postpone the naming process for elementary and middle schools to 2005.  
 High school names are suggested by a student advisory group and are typically names that represent the southwest region of the country or the geographical location of the school.  
 Elementary and middle schools are named, per school district policy, for educators, pioneers or prominent Clark County citizens.  
 Next year, the committee will name seven new schools—five elementary and two middle school campuses.  
 "It had to do with logistics and being

accommodating for committee members to put the naming of schools together in one lump sum instead of parceling it out," board trustee Larry Mason said. "The schools could not be sited until 2007."  
 "In the fall," Mason continued, "we will only be looking at supporting students and faculty in the naming of one high school that is scheduled to open in August 2005. We would be considering naming a facility within a school. That could come up in October or November, depending on how quickly the students get together and consider a name."  
 That high school is currently under construction at 7500 Whispering Sands Drive.  
 Those who want to suggest a name for a school or district facility are urged to log on to [www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net) and read Policy #7223 for application information and guidelines.

# 100 Black Women

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 nered support from frontline companies such as Hewlett-Packard, Silicon Graphics and Applied Materials.  
 Another program that gained popularity was "Girls Inc.," which grooms young ladies for leadership roles in public service, politics and various career fields.  
 Crowder hopes the organization that has a cross-section of members affiliated with organizations such as the Links Inc., Delta Sigma Theta, Southern Nevada Coalition of Concerned Women and Alpha Kappa Alpha will be able to introduce Girls Inc. locally. AIDS and the spread of HIV will be another area of primary concern and attack for the new coalition, Mack said.




**Founders of the local 100 Black Women effort.**  
 At the podium, left to right, are national board member Sheila Johnson-Heacock, local chapter president and national board member Sandra F. Mack and national first vice president Grazelle R. Howard. Below are the new chapter's officers. Those pictured include, from left to right, corresponding secretary Exie Seastrunk, historian Diane Pollard, chaplain Willa White, treasurer Jacquelyn Caffey, co-vice president over programs Denyse Ogletree Mcguinn and vice president budget and finance E. Lavonne Lewis.  
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"We will be looking at the whole area of AIDS which has been a charge from the national body," she said. "The largest growing incidence of this disease has been among heterosexual African-American women and we are seeing a lot of growth in women in their 60s."  
 In keeping with the national focus, while the ladies work to encourage young people, they will also focus on women who are of age, ready and capable of confronting new challenges head on. To ensure successful outcomes, the coalition will work to arm these women with the support and foundation they need to successfully run for an elected position or become appointed to selective boards of major companies, Mack said. Around the country, the 62 chapters are busy at work with a number of initiatives, Mack said. Members recently participated in a march for women's right held in Washington, D.C. where Jewel

Jackson McCabe, national president of the 100 Black Women spoke. Some of the chapters have launched high school career exploration programs, while others are at work with teen mothers.  
 Many chapters hosts leadership forums and development seminars, while others have Madame C.J. Walker luncheons, where recognition is given to unsung "sheroes" who are active in their communities but often go unnoticed.  
 "We will be looking to help nurture and groom African-American women for leadership positions on boards, political advancement and also looking at economic development to get more women into entrepreneurship and to the point where they can make jobs," Mack said. "We are looking more at helping women become empowered. If women are empowered and they feel good about themselves, then the whole family will benefit."

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