

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

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Councilman Zine Cracks Down on Pocket Bikes



During a June session of the Los Angeles City Council, I introduced a motion asking the Los Angeles Police Department to investigate what steps must be taken to bring mini-motorcycles into compliance with the appropriate City, County, and State laws.

Los Angeles public streets, in both commercial and residential areas, have seen a sudden increase in the number of mini-motorcycles being driven by both children and adults. With a noise level equal to that of a lawnmower, and speeds up to 70 miles per hour, these "pocket bikes" are a growing concern for local residents and police.

I love my Harley, and I understand the attraction to these mini-bikes. My goal is to see that everyone, riders and public alike know the law. I expect that as gasoline prices rise there will be an increase in the number of personal motorized transportation devices. It seems only logical the City should do what it can to regulate vehicles that allow residents, most often children, to ride at high speeds only inches off the ground.

In California, pocket bikes are illegal on public streets, but they still pose a major safety hazard to riders, motorists, and pedestrians. Standing barely 20 inches tall, they weigh between 35-60 pounds and place riders at eye level with the bumper of most oncoming vehicles.

According to the California Highway Patrol, mini-motorcycles are subject to all vehicle equipment,

registration, driver license and helmet requirements. Often riders are in violation of State law, including the absence of required safety features such as brake lights, rear reflectors, mirrors and turn signals.

While the CHP is not able to provide an estimate on the number of pocket bikes, or the number of accidents involving them, they believe their increased popularity may

create a statewide threat to public safety.

The LAPD report will be presented to the City's Public Safety Committee for review and action in 45 days.

If you have further questions, please contact the Los Angeles Police Department, Valley Traffic Division, at (818) 756-8381.

2001 MISSION STATEMENT!

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

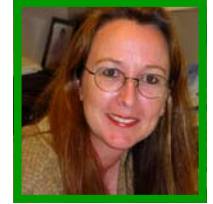
- 1. Improve The Quality of Life in our District.**
- 2. Maintain Public Safety.**
- 3. Follow up Your Concerns in a Timely Manner.**
- 4. Keep You Informed of Issues in the District.**
- 5. Attend Your Meetings and Events.**
- 6. Have the Communities Priorities Come First.**

DENNIS P. ZINE
Councilman, Third District





By Tom Henry, Chief Planning Deputy & Marianne King, Associate Planning Deputy



New Synagogue for Tarzana

At Councilman Zine's request the Los Angeles City Council unanimously approved a new location for Temple Beith David in Tarzana. The new location is at 18648 Clark Street near Reseda Boulevard. It is the location of a former post office and printing company but has been vacant for more than three years. This project comes after two years of negotiations with neighbors, synagogue members, and community leaders.

The concerns of neighbors and community leaders was not whether or not this was an appropriate place for a house of worship, but if there was enough parking in an area of Tarzana where parking is very hard to find.

In order to address this, Councilman Zine required that 71 spaces, 37 at the site and 34 available down the street at a nearby office building to be available for worshipers on days of worship. These extra parking spaces have to be guaranteed by a recorded covenant. There were 21 other conditions imposed in order to protect neighbors from potential problems of traffic and noise.

"I will always welcome houses of worship into my district," Councilman Zine said, "but they have to be good neighbors."



**BALANCING
THE ODDS**

The Jeopardy Program is a LAPD West Valley youth program for at risk kids ages 8 through 17. Jeopardy is a gang prevention/ intervention program run by the LAPD and combines the strength of the community, neighborhood schools and parents to effect a positive, attitude change in young people so as to have a positive impact on the community.

Jeopardy Targets At Risk Kids to:

Decrease truancy; Improve Grades; Decrease Gang Involvement; Improve Conflict Resolution; Improve Goal-setting Skills; Improve Reading & Writing Skills; Decrease Violent and other inappropriate behavior

Jeopardy Officers identify children in need through referrals from schools, community agencies and other Police Officers. Parents are notified of a family interview and a plan of action for counseling and tutoring is developed. Activities are offered including field trips, community involvement and sports. School checks by officers are also done to confirm attendance and participation. Referrals to Probation Dept., LAUSD, and DCFs are also given as well as other resources. **If you know a young person who might benefit from this Program, please contact Officer Rothman or Officer Vargas at (818) 756-8671.**

COMMUNITY UPDATES!



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

City Honors Outstanding Volunteer from the Third Council District



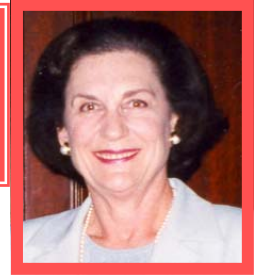
On June 17, 2004, Councilman Dennis P. Zine joined Mayor James Hahn's Office in honoring Marilyn Robinson of Winnetka for her endless dedication to the City of Los Angeles. The Mayor's Office of Volunteer Services has hosted this breakfast event for the past seven years. It was held at the Los Angeles River Center, and included a presentation by Mayor Hahn, Councilmember's Dennis Zine and Antonio Villaragosa. Marilyn Robinson has devoted her time to serving the City of Los Angeles through her involvement in Councilman Zine's

POSSE (People Organizing Safe, Secure Environments). Week after week, Marilyn walks through her neighborhood and spots the problems in her neighborhood. She reports graffiti, abandoned vehicles, bulky items as well as other neighborhood eyesores. She has been instrumental in cleaning up her community.

The 7th Annual Outstanding City Volunteer Awards were designed to honor volunteers, who have dedicated their time and energy to serving Los Angeles City Departments. In addition to her involvement as a POSSE member, Marilyn has dedicated numerous hours to such organizations as the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce, Winnetka Neighborhood Council, Winnetka Neighborhood

Watch, and the Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce. Marilyn is also involved in the Community Police Advisory Board, and has served as a Board member for several years. Councilman Zine calls Marilyn the "Princess of Winnetka" as she can be seen at all events in the Winnetka area. Marilyn was one of sixty volunteers honored citywide in various categories. Councilman Zine nominated Marilyn in the "Unsung Hero" category, which honors City Volunteers who have dedicated their time and effort to bettering their communities, often without receiving glorification or recognition. The Winnetka community is lucky to have such an outstanding volunteer in its midst.

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



There's A New Deputy in Town!



I'm please and excited about joining the staff of Councilman Dennis P. Zine. As the newest Field Deputy to the District office, I will be acting as liaison to the community of Woodland Hills.

I was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio, but have lived most of my adult life in Chatsworth. Having raised my two sons here, I now call California home. I have always been involved in my community. When my children were in school, I was active in the PTA and the Boy Scouts among other community activities. I also volunteered extensively for the Red Cross and the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

My volunteer work provided me with the experience I needed to enter the work force. I spent several years in an executive position with Bullocks. Leaving the retail world, I moved to my new found passion, politics.

I have worked in many facets of the political arena. I spent five years as the San Fernando Valley Field Deputy for Congressman Howard P. "Buck" McKeon and served on staff for Councilmen Hal Bernson and Greig Smith. Most recently, I directed the Schwarzenegger campaign in the San Fernando Valley.

In addition to my love for community service and the political arena, I enjoy spending my free time visiting with my children, entertaining friends in my home, participating in church activities, gardening, bridge, the theatre and walking my new Doberman, Pepper.

I'm thrilled at the opportunities that lie before me in my new position. I look forward to meeting and working with you to help make our community an exceptional place to live and work.

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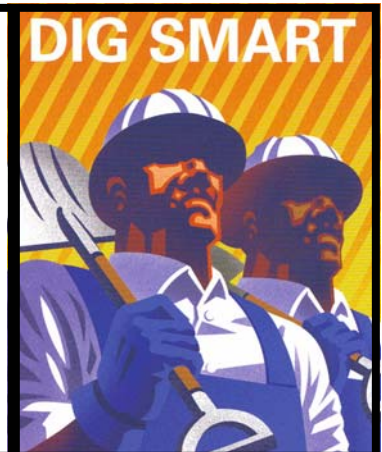
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**BY NICOLE MOYE, FIELD DEPUTY
SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF
TARZANA & WEST HILLS**

There's A New Deputy in Town! ★



Hello! My name is Nicole Moye and I am one of the new Field Deputies for Councilman Dennis P. Zine. I will be serving the communities of Tarzana and West Hills.

I hold a BA in Journalism from the University of Nevada, Reno and I am currently completing my graduate studies in Communications at California State University, Los Angeles. I chose these studies because I knew that I wanted a fulfilling career in which I was allowed to work with people to make sure the needs of the community were being met.

I am a California Native and have lived most of my adult life in Southern California. Since last August, I have worked as a Press Aide for Mayor Jim Hahn.

In this capacity, I wrote press releases and the daily public schedule. I also performed many other duties including managing a team of interns, pitching city events to reporters and networking with the local media -- in addition to my more routine duties.

It was working as a Press Aide at City Hall that inspired me to take a more hands on approach and to fulfill my desire to work more closely with the people that make up our neighborhoods. I am committed to serving the community and improving the quality of life in the West Valley.

Before starting my career as a civil servant, I worked in property management for one of the

largest apartment communities west of the Mississippi. There, I had the opportunity to meet people from all walks of life and welcome them into their new community. This further solidified my desire to help build strong and healthy neighborhoods and work to ensure that the value of our community is always visible and respected.

When I am not working, I regularly attend mass, enjoy reading and attending concerts. I also enjoy meeting new people, frequenting local hot spots and restaurants in the area.

I am very excited about becoming a member of Councilman Dennis P. Zine's staff and I look forward to working with



**CONSTRUCTION IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
FlyAway Improvement Project Update 2004**

Construction for the FlyAway Improvement Project continues to focus on the new parking structure and terminal building. The busway, passenger platform and terminal building are currently scheduled for completion by late summer of this year. Completion of the parking structure, landscaping, additional site improvements and development of both long- and short-term surface parking lots will follow. The temporary entrance to the main parking lot remains on Saticoy Street, and an area for short-term passenger and disabled parking/drop-off is still available across the street from the terminal on the northwest corner of Woodley Avenue and Saticoy Street. Access to disabled drop-off spaces conveniently located east of and immediately adjacent to the original terminal requires a blue disabled placard. Temporarily, all buses departing the terminal now exit directly onto Woodley Avenue instead of Saticoy Street.



Bruce Whidden
Chief Legislative Deputy

Our Legislative Team



Brian Perry
Legislative Deputy

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES: AGENDAS, RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS

In response to concerns relating to the increased operation of mini-motorcycles (pocket bikes) on California's streets and highways, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) has launched enforcement guidelines with the intent to enhance public safety on all roadways and to obtain compliance with the California Vehicle Code.

The CHP, in consultation with the Department of Motor Vehicles, has determined that mini-motorcycles are classified as *motor-driven cycles* and are regulated under the California Vehicle Code. According to the CHP, pocket bikes are not manufactured with a vehicle identification number indicating that the manufacturers intended they be operated on private property and not for use on city streets.

The CHP indicates that because the mini-motorcycle is a *gasoline-powered motor-driven cycle* subject to Section 405 VC, it is subject to all vehicle equipment, registration, driver license and helmet requirements stated in the VC. The same rules apply to electric-powered mini bikes which are regulated by Section 406 VC.

The LA Times reports that these small-scale motorcycles are so small they can be carried under one arm. They can reach 70 mph and they can be purchased for as cheap \$200 at a flea market. Pocket bikes are popular among all age groups. They are 16 to 20 inches tall. They are typically powered by a two-stroke lawnmower type engine, have a pull-cord starter and weigh between 35 to 60 pounds. Some are battery-operated. To ride, the driver must be contorted in a squatting position only inches above the pavement. Eye level of the rider will usually meet the bumper of oncoming cars. According to news reports, pocket bikes are usually sold without the required safety features, including brake lights, red rear reflectors, mirrors, turn signals, a horn or approved tires.

According to law enforcement officials pocket bikes often go through residential neighborhoods making excessive noise, endanger pedestrians on sidewalks, go in and out of traffic and are difficult for motorist to see. Officers are seeing an increasing number of pocket bikes throughout the state. In Baldwin Park, a 14-year suffered moderate to major injuries when he failed to stop at an intersection and ran in front of a passing vehicle.

The CHP believes that although there is no estimate of the number of mini-motorcycles in California or how many accidents have involved mini-motorcycles, the proliferation of these miniature bikes may bloom into a statewide threat to public safety.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that City Council instruct the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) with cooperation of the City Attorney and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to report to the Public Safety Committee within 45 days on the steps necessary to bring mini-motorcycles into compliance with appropriate City, County and State license codes and to provide basic law and safety information to operators of mini-motorcycles.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney, CLA and LAPD pay particular attention to the growing number of personal motorized transportation devices on our streets of all types including, but not limited to, electric scooters, gasoline powered mini-bikes and electric Segway® type units, to determine if a separate and distinctive section of the Los Angeles Municipal Code needs to be created.

Presented by Councilman Dennis P. Zine, 3rd District and Greig Smith, 12th District on June 23, 2004.



By **JENNIFER FORKISH,**
Communications Deputy

1st Annual Reseda Renaissance Street Fair

On Father's Day weekend the community of Reseda came together to celebrate the first annual Reseda Renaissance Street Fair. This event's success is due in a large part to the efforts of Reseda Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Ann Kinzle. Ann has dedicated the last year to organizing vendors, donors, and community members to make this concept a reality. The two-day event featured carnival rides, vendors, food, and live music. The Reseda Neighborhood Council also got involved in the planning of a car show which drew a wide variety of vehicles including a 1948 Ford Pickup and a 2001 Honda Civic. Councilman Zine was pleased to join the Neighborhood Council in awarding the following participants prizes in various classes. The winners were:



Ferris Wheel featuring Councilman Zine's Z-logo.

Auto

- 1st-1994 Honda Accord, Ken Takahashi
- 2nd-2001 Honda Civic LX, Derek Fortin
- 3rd-1950 Mercury Monterey, Ken Schmelzel

Motorcycle

- 1st-Blue Mini Chopper, Robert Lucas
- 2nd-Orange VTX 1800, Mike Dizacomo
- 3rd-Red Motorized Go-Kart, Angel Lopez

Truck

- 1st-1948 Ford pickup, Russell Vadman
- 2nd-2000 Ford F150 Lightning, Billy Lucas
- 3rd-1998 Chevrolet Tahoe, Raul Alvarez

"Best of the Best"

- 1st-1956 Buick Special, Larry Piot
- 2nd-1948 Ford Pickup, Russell Vadman
- 3rd-Orange VTX1800, Mike Dizacomo



Ladies Choice Award

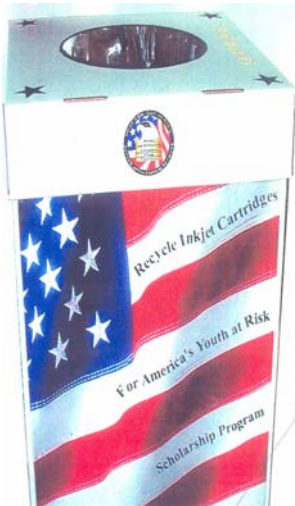
Orange VTX 1800, Mike Dizacomo



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The Hero Appreciation Network provides recycling for America's youth at risk Scholarship Program in the name of our Fallen Heroes. Together, we can give hope to our youth and make a positive impact on our environment.

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West Nile Virus: What You Need To Know

Division of Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases

West Nile Virus



What Is West Nile Virus? West Nile virus (WNV) is a potentially serious illness. Experts believe WNV is established as a seasonal epidemic in North America that flares up in the summer and continues into the fall. This fact sheet contains important information that can help you recognize and prevent West Nile virus.

What Are the Symptoms of WNV? WNV affects the central nervous system. Symptoms vary.

No Symptoms in Most People. Approximately 80 percent of people who are infected with WNV will not show any symptoms at all. **Mild Symptoms in Some People.** Up to 20 percent of the people who become infected will display mild symptoms, including fever, headache, and body aches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back. Symptoms typically last a few days.

How Does It Spread? Infected Mosquitoes. Generally, WNV is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes are WNV carriers that become infected when they feed on infected birds. Infected mosquitoes can then spread WNV to humans and other animals when they bite.

What Is the Risk of Catching WNV? For most, risk is low. Less than 1 percent of people who are bitten by mosquitoes develop any symptoms of the disease and relatively few mosquitoes actually carry WNV.

Greater risk for those outdoors a lot. People who spend a lot of time outdoors are more likely to be bitten by an infected mosquito. They should take special care to avoid mosquito bites.

What Can I Do to Prevent WNV? The easiest and best way to avoid WNV is to prevent mosquito bites. When you are outdoors, use insect repellents containing DEET (N, N-diethyl-meta-toluamide). Follow the directions on the package. Many mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn. Consider staying indoors during these times or use insect repellent and wear long sleeves and pants. Light-colored clothing can help you see mosquitoes that land on you. Make sure you have good screens on your windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out. Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from flower pots, buckets and barrels. Change the water in pet dishes and replace the water in bird baths weekly. Drill drainage holes in tire swings so water drains out. Keep children's wading pools empty and on their sides when they aren't being used.

What Is the CDC Doing About WNV? CDC is working with state and local health departments, the Food and Drug Administration and other government agencies, as well as private industry, to prepare for and prevent new cases of WNV.

What Else Should I Know? If you find a dead bird: Don't handle the body with your bare hands. Contact your local health department for instructions on reporting and disposing of the body.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/westnile, or call the CDC public response hotline at (888) 246-2675 (English), (888) 246-2857 (Español), or (866) 874-2646 (TTY) or the County Health Department at (877) 968-2473.



RUMMAGE SALE!

AUGUST 20 & 21 (FRIDAY & SATURDAY) 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce—7248 Owensmouth Avenue

Clean out your closets and garages, and support the Chamber. All items should be in good condition and will be offered at very reasonable prices.

For more information, please call the Chamber Office (818) 884-4222.

FREE Annual Credit Reports

The program will be phased in across the rest of the country over a nine-month period, according to rules released by the Federal Trade Commission. The free credit reports were mandated in consumer privacy legislation President Bush signed into law last December. They are intended to help consumers looking to buy a home or apply for a loan, or those worried about identity theft.

Under the new rules, Americans in Western states will be able to begin requesting their free reports on December 1st. Midwestern states will become eligible on March 1, 2005, followed by Southern states on June 1st and Eastern states on September 1st. A handful of states - Colorado, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey and Vermont - already allow consumers to get free credit reports.

The FTC said staggering the request period should help the nation's three major credit bureaus - Equifax Inc., Experian Information Solutions and Trans Union - deal with the expected crush of consumers asking for their free credit history. The credit bureaus will eventually set up a Web site, a toll-free phone number and a mailing address for people to request reports.

"There was a lot of concern that the publicity generated from the beginning of the availability of these free reports would create a lot of excitement and a lot of demand for them, such that it might overwhelm the credit agencies in the early going," said Helen Goff Foster, Staff Attorney with the FTC's Division of Financial Practices. Foster said the rollout will be cumulative, meaning that eligible consumers in the first phase of the program would still be able to make requests during the second, third and fourth phases.

Consumers are encouraged to take advantage of the free reports. So mark your calendars and get your report. This is a long-overdue!

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.



Zine At Nine

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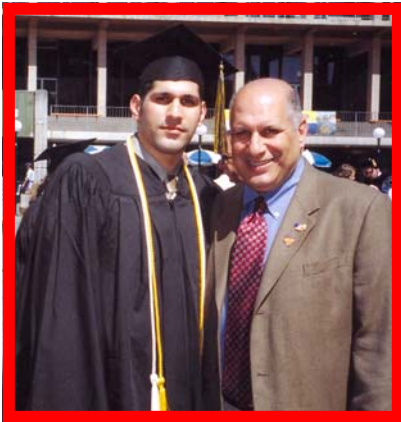
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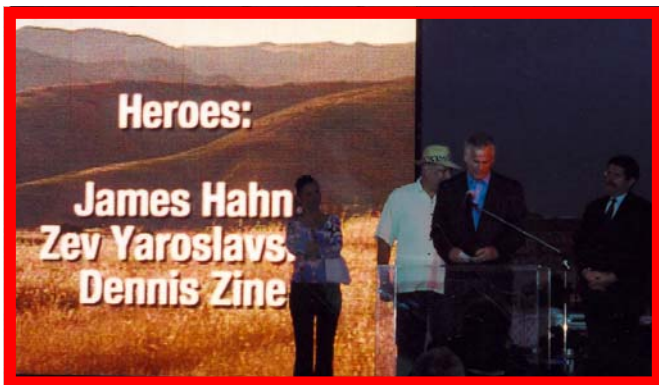
ALL AROUND TOWN



Councilman Zine with his son Eric at his graduation from UC Berkley with a Degree in Composition Literature & Chinese Literature and continuing his education at Beijing University in China.



Mayor Hahn, Councilman Zine & Supervisor Yaroslavsky, the Ahamnsion Ranch Heroes are presented plaques from Heal the Bay for blocking the Ahmanson Ranch project.



Mayor Hahn, Councilman Zine and Supervisor Yaroslavsky honored with a Heroes billboard from Heal the Bay for blocking the Ahmanson Ranch Project.



Councilmember's Villaragosa, Zine and LaBonge honor Nate Holden in Council.



Councilmember's Reyes & Hahn, County Sheriff Lee Baca and Councilman Zine in Council Chambers.



Councilmember's Zine & Cardenas honor U. S. Marshal's D. Benjaran, A. Amador, F. Rocha and A. Morres in City Council.

DENNIS P. ZINE
COUNCILMAN, THIRD DISTRICT

ALL AROUND TOWN



Councilman Dennis Zine and Assembly member Lloyd Levine at Canoga Park's Memorial Day Parade.



Councilman Zine with Ann Kinzle, Executive Director of the Reseda Chamber of Commerce at Reseda Street Fair.



Councilman Zine receives Heroes award from Neal Rees of the Hero Appreciation Network along with Ted Hunt of the Police Protective League.



Radio Personality, Mark Taylor & his wife, Congressman Brad Sherman, Shelly Samborsky and Councilman Dennis Zine at the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade.



Councilman Zine with scholarship winners presented at Encino/Tarzana Medical Center.



Councilman Zine presents certificate at the Mercy Crusade Fundraiser along with Kathy Vara & Phillip Palmer of ABC Channel 7's News team.