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## Fire in Chino Hills



Chino Valley Independent Fire District photo

A helicopter passes over a 48-acre brush fire Thursday afternoon south of Soquel Canyon Parkway inside Chino Hills State Park.

## Ranger arrests driver at park

By Josh Thompson

Chino Hills police arrested a 21-year-old man on suspicion of starting a 48-acre brush fire Thursday afternoon in Chino Hills State Park. The blaze started about a quarter-mile from the park's entrance on Elinvar Drive, south of Soquel Canyon Parkway.

No homes near the entrance of the state park were endangered, and no injuries were reported.

According to West Valley Detention Center records, Dustin Fredrick Schneider of Chino Hills was arrested at 6:30 p.m., about four hours after the fire started in a hilly section of the state park.

He is being held on \$25,000 bail and is scheduled

to appear Monday in Rancho Superior Court.

Authorities said a man was driving off-road in a pickup in the state park, which has been closed for several months because of construction projects.

Origin of the fire is not known, but authorities said the pickup was burned.

Mr. Schneider was detained by a Chino Hills State Park ranger shortly after the fire started, then was taken into custody by Chino Hills Police.

More than 100 firefighters from the Chino Valley Fire District and Cal Fire and three water-dropping aircraft fought the fire, which was reported at 2:38 p.m. and fully controlled by 6 p.m., said fire district spokeswoman Massiel Ladron De Guevara.

## Chino Hills moves toward euthanasia ban

By Marianne Napoles

Chino Hills took the first steps Tuesday in its efforts to eliminate euthanasia of dogs healthy enough to be adopted.

In front of a packed chamber, the council spent more than two hours discussing micro-chipping, no-cost adoptions, and license fees for unaltered dogs.

The council introduced an ordinance to ban sales of dogs and cats in pet stores, although no pet stores in Chino Hills sell dogs and cats, reflecting a nationwide trend.

The council also introduced an ordinance to require micro-chipping of dogs in Chino Hills, but details will have to be worked out.

City staff was asked to eliminate age as a reason for euthanasia,

work on the reinstatement of no-cost adoptions for Priceless Pets when adopting animals from Inland Valley Humane Society, and create a program to reimburse rescues serving the community for adoption costs.

The council also asked the city staff to investigate whether increasing the license fees for unaltered dogs from \$35 to \$100 is feasible.

Mandy Stover, director of Priceless Pets, said after the meeting that the rescue appreciates and supports the city council for taking action to ensure the safety of animals in Chino Hills.

"Animal welfare is a life or death matter in our city," Ms. Stover said. "Priceless Pets would like to thank

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## Chino Police overhaul volunteer program

By Josh Thompson

Chino Police Department intends to launch a new volunteer program during the next few months following the cessation of its Community Support Team last month after 14 years.

"The department hopes to keep the 28 members currently a part of the CST on as volunteers through the interim and into the launching of the

new program," said spokeswoman Monica Gutierrez.

She said department officials stopped the program to figure out the best way volunteers can be used to benefit the department.

Volunteers with the Community Support Team do a variety of tasks that can include traffic control, vacation house check, business checks, clerical tasks, data entry and child fin-

gerprinting.

They complete Chino PD's Citizens Academy and a five-week training program, which includes topics such as program philosophy, ethics, radio codes, city geography, pepper spray training and California Law Enforcement Telecommunications Certification.

Afterwards, volunteers were required to work at least four hours a

month, keep an approved uniform and attend monthly meeting and training sessions.

Five members of the team were honored by 40 Chino Police officers Sept. 30, the last day of the Community Support Team. The five are Gus Wybenga with 29 years of services; Bill Sitton with 14 years; Gus Delgado, 11 years; William Hamilton, 7 years; and Charles Goodrich, 1 year.

## Scout council's sale plan irks Claremont, too

By Brenda Dunkle

Claremont Girl Scout leaders want to join forces with Chino Scout leaders to get Girl Scout properties in those two cities taken off a retirement and sale list proposed by the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles Council.

Girl Scout leaders and Girl Scouts in Claremont are upset about the possible sale of La Casita campground under a property disposition plan recommended by the Los Angeles Council that could eliminate facilities it considers underused.

Chino leaders and Scouts are unhappy about Los Angeles Council's plan to retire the Chino Girl Scout House at the southeast corner of Center and Third streets. That meeting place was built in the late 1940s by the now defunct Chino Lions Club and deeded to the Girl Scout council of that time.

A story about the Los Angeles Council's plans for the Chino site appeared in the Oct. 11 editions of the Champion.

The five-acre lot for Claremont's La Casita Girl Scout Camp was donated to Claremont Girl Scouts in 1947 by Lee Pitzer, namesake of Pitzer College, according to Leah Key-Ketter. Claremont Scouts and leaders raised \$6,000 to build the cabin, which is bordered on three sides by wilderness property. Scouts also dug the steps and hauled the adobe bricks up the slope to the cabin, Ms. Key-Ketter wrote in an email to local Scout leaders.

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Champion photo by Brenda Dunkle

The names of Chino Girl Scouts are painted on brick legs of an outdoor table at the Chino Girl Scout House. The Scout House is one of several properties being considered for sale or retirement by Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles, the council that oversees most Girl Scout Troops in Southern California.

## Dogs line up to help fund cancer fight

By Brenda Dunkle

Chino Valley Bark for Life returns to Boys Republic in Chino Hills today (Oct. 18) to raise money for American Cancer Society.

The dog walk event will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Boys Republic track, 1907 Boys Republic Drive (west of the 71 Freeway, off Grand Avenue).

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. An opening ceremony is set for 9 a.m., followed by a cancer survivor opening lap around the track. A 5K Walk/Run for humans and dogs around the Boys Republic campus will begin at 10:30 a.m. The closing ceremony is at 3 p.m.

This year's event will include demonstrations of dogs catching flying discs, lure dog racing, and several canine law enforcement units.

Contests for dogs will include musical sit, costume, biggest and smallest. Dogs may participate in Halloween costumes.

A Meet the Breed presentation, and All-Mutts Parade and contest are also scheduled.

The main event includes walks around the Boys Republic track where more than 80 product, food and information booths will be stationed.

Animal photographer Carli Davidson, best known for her stop-motion photographs of dogs shaking off water, will be grand marshal.

There will also be music and other entertainment, and a dog adoption area.

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## Edison job prompts Champion office to close

Installation of smart technology scheduled by Southern California Edison for Monday and Tuesday will affect more than 100 residential customers and three commercial customers in two areas of Chino, according to Edison.

Scheduled to lose power from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday are 45 residential and three commercial customers in the area of 10th Street north of D Street.

On Tuesday, power will be down from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for 65

residential customers in the 12000 block of Humboldt Place, Mendocino Place, Roswell Avenue and the 3800 block of Lake Street.

Edison warns that the hours of power loss are estimated and power may be restored and lost intermit-

tently.

Champion Newspapers is one of the affected commercial customers and its offices will be closed to the public Monday. Regular office hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. will resume Tuesday.



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