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## Chino Valley population gets older, more diverse

By Marianne Napoles

The cities of Chino Hills and Chino are trending toward an older and more diverse population.

Profile reports for the two cities produced by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in May revealed that the 55 to 64 age group experienced the largest increase in population in

both cities over the last 16 years.

The Caucasian populations in both cities have been steadily decreasing while the Asian and Hispanic populations have been increasing.

In Chino Hills, the Asian population is now 32.9 percent, up from 21.8 percent in 2000 while the Hispanic population increased to 30.1 percent, up from 25.7

percent.

In Chino, the Hispanic population is now 56.3 percent, up from 47.4 percent in 2000 while the Asian population increased to 12.3 percent from 4.8 percent.

SCAG is a planning organization representing six counties and 191 cities in southern California.

Every two years, the organization puts together

local profile reports for its member cities and counties.

Hasan Ikhtrata, executive director, said the reports provide valuable information for city and county planners to assess future needs.

"Business and community organizations can likewise identify opportunities," he said.

Chino Hills

The white population in Chino Hills was 43.8 percent in 2000 and has decreased to 29.8 percent.

The black population decreased from 5.3 percent in 2000 to 3.7 percent.

The population is 78,866 and the median age is 37.7 years.

The median household income is \$95,572. Ap-

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## 'We will never forget'



ABOVE: Chino Valley Fire District firefighter-paramedics and honor guard members Tommy Kavanaugh, left, and Ian Hadid salute during Monday's Sept. 11 Remembrance ceremony at Station 6 in Chino Hills.

RIGHT: Firefighter-paramedic Miguel Lopez holds a decorative axe at the ceremony to honor the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks. See more, Page A4.



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## Damaged Chino Hills streets under repair

Damage to Chino Hills streets caused by the construction of the Tehachapi power line project is undergoing repair until Friday, Oct. 13, by contractor Henkels & McCoy retained by Southern California Edison.

The contractor will remove and reconstruct damaged pavement and cover it with

slurry seal and new surface coating. The first areas where will begin include Eucalyptus Avenue, west of Chino Hills Parkway, Garden Court, Tupelo Street, Hazelwood Drive, Lobelia Drive, Cork Drive, and Lost Trail Drive.

Information: Henkels & McCoy: 973-0108.

## Historical society holds book signing

The Chino Valley Historical Society will host a book signing event for columnist David Allen starting at 11 a.m. Saturday (today) at Chino's Old Schoolhouse Museum, 4393 B Street.

The event is free and open to the public.

Mr. Allen will speak and sign copies of "Getting Started", a collection of humorous essays culled from his early years as a columnist at the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, where he is now celebrating his 20th year.

Information: 627-6464.

## Carbon Canyon Road to undergo long repair job

Caltrans will begin an emergency project on Monday, Sept. 18 to repair a 200-foot long retaining wall on Carbon Canyon Road from Canyon Hills Road to the Orange County line.

The work will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and won't be completed until the end of the year, weather permitting.

Traffic control measures will be implemented.

Summer storms eroded a

slope north of Carbon Canyon Road and the retaining walls are necessary to protect the embankment and prevent further degradation, said Caltrans District 8 spokesperson Terri Kas- inga.

Caltrans district director John Bulinski signed a director's order to begin the emergency repair work.

To sign up for commuter alerts, visit [caltrans8.info](http://caltrans8.info). View traffic conditions at [quickmap.dot.ca.gov](http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov).

## Chino Hills files lawsuit over Tres Hermanos decision

By Marianne Napoles

The City of Chino Hills will file a lawsuit against the City of Industry over its purchase of Tres Hermanos, the 2,500-acre ranch on both sides of Grand Avenue in Chino Hills and Diamond Bar.

City attorney Mark Hensley made the announcement after meeting with the council behind closed doors on Tuesday.

Mr. Hensley said the lawsuit will also be filed against the oversight board governing the sale of the land, the State Department of Finance, and the successor agency to the Industry redevelopment agency.

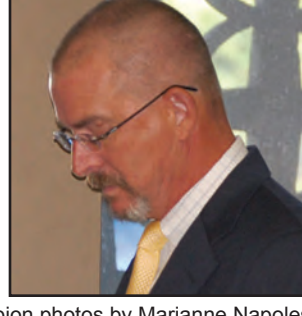
The City of Diamond Bar has not made any specific decision, but is considering all options, said city manager Dan Fox.

The oversight board on Aug. 24 voted 4-3 to sell the property for \$41.65 million to be used for a renewable energy project, open space, public use, and preservation.

City of Industry officials said it will build a solar farm, hiking trails and open space for people to enjoy.

### Not transparent

Chino Hills city manager Rad Bartlam said the City of Industry has been less than open with its intentions. He said his city had to file a public records request and



Champion photos by Marianne Napoles

City of Industry city manager Paul Phillips (left) and Chino Hills city manager Rad Bartlam (right) at the meeting where the Tres Hermanos land was sold.

analyze thousands of pages to learn that a solar farm was being proposed.

Mr. Bartlam said Chino

Hills has a general plan that designates the game plan for the property.

Chino Hills would allow

467 housing units on 1,750 acres.

Diamond Bar's general plan would allow 624 units on 700 acres.

Mayor Ray Marquez said Industry's documents show a 444-megawatt solar facility which he said would cover most of the property, if not all, and would be highly visible from Grand Avenue.

When asked if the solar facility would cover most of the property, a City of Industry spokesperson stated that the city entered into an agreement with a private entity exploring the possibility of a solar farm, hiking trails, and open space. "It is our under-

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## Storm drain mistake costs Chino plenty

By Erin Tobin

A mistake made in the original draft of the Chino Avenue storm drain project will cost the city \$124,338.

"It's a shock, but it's something we have to get done," Mayor Eunice Ulloa said.

The project, which stretches along Chino Avenue between Benson and Oaks avenues, had been at a standstill.

Traffic has been limited to one lane and Oaks Avenue stays completely blocked off after workers realized that the plan didn't meet the actual conditions of the road and sewer system.

"During construction, staff learned that the design engineer's final drawing did not depict the correct location where the new storm drain will tie into the existing storm drain on Chino Avenue," said city engineer Jesus Plasencia.

While the firm responsible for the project, Young and Associates based in Pasadena, agreed to re-draft the project free of charge, the city must still pay for the labor and materials, make the changes outlined in the new draft, as well as additional labor and materials that weren't considered in the original plan according to Mr. Plasencia.

The total cost of the project, approved by city council on Oct. 18, 2016, will now be \$1,327,238. The council also agreed to increase the contingency to \$222,798.

Mr. Plasencia said that approximately \$40,000 of work that was originally planned for the project would not be needed because of the re-design.

According to Mr. Plasencia, one of the most noticeable changes is the use of a 4- by 5-foot reinforced concrete box instead of the 60-inch reinforced concrete pipe that was originally designed.

In addition, the staff report stated the connection point was moved from the north side of Chino Avenue to the south side of the street, requiring workers to place the concrete box under a large sewer pipe.

"The connection portion of the project was placed on hold while the construction crews continued with the remainder of the project," said public information officer Monica Gutierrez.

Mr. Plasencia said the council's approval will allow work on the project to continue on schedule while "city staff and the design engineer work out a settlement for the cost of the design error."



Champion photo by Josh Thompson

Constructions signs and a large ditch mar Chino Avenue as crews work to finish a storm drain project that started Oct. 18, 2016. A mistake on the original draft of the project was recently adjusted, and the change in plans required more funds, more work and different equipment.

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# Lawsuit

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standing that the company is looking at different options for solar but nothing has yet been proposed to the City nor approved by the City."

Mr. Hensley said there are a number of issues that will be litigated including Industry's failure to present the project to the Chino Hills planning commission to see if it is consistent with the general plan.

An Industry spokesperson said the City of Industry on Sept. 1 provided a letter to the Chino Hills planning commission after the oversight board made its decision.

"Any communication with the planning commission prior to the oversight board's decision would have been premature," the speaker said.

The spokesperson added: "The City has also publicly committed to following all local, state and federal laws and regulations applicable

for the potential use of the property."

Chino Hills resident Jim Gallagher, spokesman for the grass-roots group Save Tres Hermanos Ranch, told the council that residents do not want to see houses, roads, and traffic on the ranch.

"Tres Hermanos is a critical natural area with a natural waterway," he said. "Our residents say yes to open space and green infrastructure."

Mr. Gallagher said he agreed that a 444-megawatt facility occupying the entire site is too much and he expressed his concerns to City of Industry city manager Paul Philips.

"Paul told me it has yet to be determined but Chino Hills indicates otherwise in the documents they unearthed," he said.

Mr. Gallagher said residents have mixed perceptions about a solar farm.

"People think it will look like the solar mirrors in Las Vegas," he said.

Councilwoman Cynthia Moran said it is important that residents know why the



Champion photo by Marianne Napoles

**Pictured above, Tres Hermanos is located on both sides of Grand Avenue at the border of Chino Hills and Diamond Bar.**

city is filing the lawsuit.

"The decision by the oversight board is not necessarily a good one," she said. "People are quick to say they don't want houses but they have to understand the reality of this situation."

She is calling for a city meeting to explain how the decision will impact Chino Hills.

**Save Tres Hermanos to meet Sept. 27**

The monthly grass-roots meeting for "Save Tres Hermanos Ranch" will be held Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. at Oakmont of Chino Hills, 14837 Peyton Drive.

The group will discuss the purchase of Tres Hermanos by the City of Industry and what it could mean to Chino Hills and Diamond Bar.

Information: Jim Gallagher, 518-9318.

# Champion Newspaper to host workshop on information access rights

Champion Newspapers will host a Rights and Risks workshop presented by the California News Publishers Association.

The workshop will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9 at a location to be determined.

Speaker Nikki Moore will discuss the California Public Records Act and the state's open-meeting laws, as well as topics related to libel, social media, and journalists' rights in accessing school grounds and emergency-response scenes.

The event is free and open to the public.

Information: 628-5501, ext. 31.

## For the RECORD

These are corrections from the Sept. 9 issue:

The incorrect hours were listed for the senior days at the LA County Fair. Seniors, age 60 or older, can get into the fair free on Wednesdays from noon to 3 p.m.

A couple of years were shaved off of golfer John Powell's age, and his accomplishment. The world record breaking golfer is actually 86.

The host of the "Hiking in the Hills" six-week program that begins today (Sept. 16) was incorrect in the news item on Page A10 of the Sept. 9 issue. The host is the City of Chino Hills.

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## The Week AHEAD

**Saturday, Sept. 16**  
**Derek Bordeaux concert,** 7 to 9 p.m., Chino Hills Community Center. See Page B6.  
**Calendar Girls,** 8 p.m., Chino Community Theatre. See Page B6.  
**Portuguese Festival,** begins at 1 p.m. with lunch and ends with a 9 p.m. dance, D.E.S. Hall, 5220 Riverside Drive.  
**"Festival of books"** celebration, 3 to 7 p.m., Chino Hills branch library. Information: 590-5380. See Page A14.  
**"End of Summer Classic" car show and barbecue,** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., featuring the Los Angeles Laker Girls, Oakmont of Chino Hills, 14837 Peyton Drive. See Page B4.  
**Food for Life Ministry** grocery distribution, 9 to 11 a.m., Chaparral Elementary School, Chino Hills. See Page C8.  
**Author and journalist David Allen** book signing, 11 a.m., Old Schoolhouse Museum, 4393 B Street, Chino. See Page A1.  
**Preparing a winter garden,** 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Healthy Chino garden workshop, Chino Community Garden, 5976 Riverside Drive.

**Free health screenings,** including mammograms, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Chino Community Building. See Page B5.  
**Trumark Homes** grand opening, 4 to 7 p.m., includes live music, light food, and home tours, 15855 Ellington Way. See Page C8.  
**Sunday, Sept. 17**  
**Thailand food and monk chanting,** approximately 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Chino Hills Buddhist Temple, 2948 Chino Hills Parkway. See Page B5.  
**Blood drive,** 1 to 6 p.m., Chino Hills BAPS Hindu Temple.  
**Calendar Girls,** 2:30 p.m., Chino Community Theatre. See Page B6.  
**Monday, Sept. 18**  
**Chino Hills Historical Society presentation** on Antonio Maria Lugo and Rancho Santa Ana del Chino, 7 p.m., Chino Hills Community Center, 14259 Peyton Drive. See Page A9.  
**Chino planning commission,** 7 p.m., council chambers.  
**Tuesday, Sept. 19**  
**Chino Hills planning commission,** 7 p.m., council chambers.

**Wednesday, Sept. 20**  
**Workshop on the Chino Hills recreation master plan,** 5:30 to 7 p.m., council chambers. See Page A8.  
**Chino Hills parks and recreation commission,** 7 p.m., following the master plan workshop, council chambers.  
**Chino Day at the Fair** at Los Angeles County Fair, Pomona Fairplex. See Page B6.  
**Blood drive,** noon to 5 p.m., Don Lugo High School, 13400 Pipeline Ave., Chino.  
**Chino Hills farmers market,** 4 to 8 p.m., The Shoppes at Chino Hills.  
**Parent Information Forum,** 6:30 to 8 p.m., Chino Hills High multipurpose room, 16150 Pomona Rincon Road Chino Hills. See Page A13.  
**Thursday, Sept. 21**  
**Chino Valley school board,** 7 p.m., district office, 5130 Riverside Drive, Chino.  
**Pumpkin carving,** 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., bring a pumpkin, Healthy Chino garden workshop, Chino Community Garden, 5976 Riverside Drive.  
**Chino Hills emergency preparedness workshop,** 7 p.m., Chino Hills Community Center,

14250 Peyton Drive. See Page B1.  
**Bingo in the Barn,** 12:30 p.m., McCoy Equestrian Center, 14280 Peyton Drive, hosted by Chino Hills 55+ Club. See Page B6.  
**Friday, Sept. 22**  
**Chino Hills Day at the Fair,** Los Angeles County Fair, Pomona Fairplex. See Page B6.  
**Calendar Girls,** 8 p.m., Chino Community Theatre. See Page B6.  
**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
**Balet Folklorico and Danza Azteca** performers, noon to 1:30 p.m., to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, Chino Branch Library, 13180 Central Ave. See Page B6.  
**Casino day trip,** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., departs from St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 14085 Peyton Dr, Chino Hills See Page B4.  
**Free drip irrigation workshop,** 9 to 11 a.m., Chino Basin Water Conservation District, 4594 San Bernardino St., Montclair.  
**Calendar Girls,** 8 p.m., Chino Community Theatre. See Page B6.



By Sam Potter

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