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CAMP FIRE

DEBRIS AND TREE REMOVAL DAMAGING PRIVATE ROADS



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A tree tagged for removal by PG&E on Round Valley Ranch Road Wednesday in Paradise.

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PARADISE » Some Paradise residents are wondering if they are going to have to foot the bill for damage to private roads they say has been caused by trucks and equipment for Camp Fire debris and tree removal.

In the rural Round Valley Ranch neighborhood — part of it in the town proper and the rest in an unincorporated area of the county — residents are used to pitching in to pay for repairs and maintenance for their gravel roads. Well, there used to be gravel.

Now neighbors say much of their roads are going to have to be entirely redone, at a high cost to the residents who usually enjoy several acres of their own land, with privacy and peace and quiet. Since the fire, they've had to deal with looters and trespassers, and their latest annoyance has been with the heavy equipment frequently traveling back and forth on their roads.

Andy Estrada, who lives in the neighborhood on Cole Miller Road, says his neighbors don't



A damaged portion of Round Valley Ranch Road Wednesday in Paradise.

know when to get the road fixed because they are unsure when all of the lots and trees in the area will be cleared. Estrada says he has lived in his home there for about 25 years.

He says that about 6.5 acres of his 7-acre property burned in the fire. He lost outbuildings and vegetation, but miraculously, his

house was unaffected except for some smoke damage.

Estrada wonders why the government program doesn't go lot-by-lot in a neighborhood, as opposed to continuously returning, seemingly at random.

"They clean that and they leave, and they come back and they do it again on a lot that's

right there," he said. "And they do it all over again."

Estrada added, "It's just completely ruined our roads. We don't know what we're gonna do."

He said the process seems inefficient in other ways, and that he has seen dozens of people on

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CRIME

Police chase, arrest man at Thursday Night Market

Good Samaritans helped officers catch suspected robber

Staff reports

CHICO » A suspected robber ran through downtown Chico during Thursday Night Market with officers in pursuit before he was tackled at City Plaza and arrested, according to police.

Chico police said the suspect, 20-year-old Jehvon Castillo III, tried to rob a person of marijuana at Children's Playground about 6:20 p.m. Thursday before assaulting another person and fleeing the area, police said.

After police spotted Castillo near the park, he allegedly ran from officers, leading them on a chase in and around the downtown area, police said. Castillo was tackled by onlookers as he tried to cross City Plaza, allowing police to catch up and arrest him.

Police said they learned Castillo allegedly assaulted a male victim in an effort to rob the person of legally possessed marijuana. Castillo then allegedly assaulted at least one other person.

Anyone who witnessed the robbery but wasn't contacted by police is asked to call 897-4900.

COURT

Driver charged with manslaughter in deadly crash on East Avenue

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OROVILLE » A Chico woman has been charged with manslaughter in connection with a crash Saturday in north Chico that left a man dead.

The Butte County District Attorney's Office on Friday charged 23-year-old Amery Sweany with a single felony count of vehicular manslaughter in the death of 64-year-old Virgil Santos of Chico.

Sweany was scheduled to make her initial appearance Friday in Butte County Superior Court in Oroville. She remained in custody.

Chico police have said they believe Sweany was driving under the influence of a controlled substance at the time of the crash, which happened about 5:50 p.m. Saturday at the intersection of East and Marigold avenues.

Police said Sweany was speeding east on East Avenue in a black 2007 Toyota Prius. Virgil Santos and his wife, Shelley Santos, were driving north on Marigold Avenue in a 2019 Honda Accord.

Virgil Santos had stopped at a red light in the left turn lane at the intersection with East Avenue. After the light turned green, Virgil Santos waited for cross traffic before beginning to turn left toward westbound East Avenue.

Police said Sweany, still speeding east on East Avenue, failed to stop at a red light and continued into the intersection with Marigold Avenue, colliding with the left front wheel area of Virgil Santos' car.

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OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Recall intent notices presented to councilors Draper, Goodson

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OROVILLE » A former Oroville City Council candidate is seeking to recall sitting councilors Linda Draper and Janet Goodson, starting a potentially lengthy process that could cost the city tens of thousands of dollars.

Bobby O'Reiley said he served Draper and Goodson with notice of intention to re-

call forms at Tuesday's City Council meeting. The service started a seven-day countdown for O'Reiley to submit the recall intention forms and an affidavit of proof of service to the Oroville City Clerk's Office.

Assistant City Clerk Jackie Glover said that as of Thursday afternoon, the city had not yet received those documents. Glover noted, however, that O'Reiley has several more days to meet his deadline. City officials said the recall

process, should it meet its requirements over time, could be a lengthy affair, culminating in a possible election early next year that could cost upwards of \$30,000.

O'Reiley, a truck driver who ran for a City Council seat last year but did not win, said he is seeking to recall Draper and Goodson on allegations of violating city policies and public meeting laws, as well as on accusations of casting the

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Oroville Councilor Linda Draper at a council meeting in Oroville.

RUSSIA PROBE

Dems issue subpoena for the full Mueller report

Rep. Nadler has issued a subpoena for Mueller's full report as Dems intensified their investigation. **PAGE A8**



ELECTION 2020

Joe Biden to make announcement next week

Former Vice President Joe Biden is expected to join the crowded 2020 Democratic presidential field next week. **PAGE A8**

JOB MARKET

State unemployment rate increases slightly

California's unemployment rate edged up slightly in March even as the state continued adding jobs. **PAGE A2**

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Check out what's going on in your neighborhood and the community. **PAGE B2**