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CONCOW

A SUSPICIOUS DEATH ON THE MOUNTAIN



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Shirley EverOne, 77, of Chico gets emotional as she talks about her son Danny Davidson, who was found deceased in Concow on July 8.

New clues revealed in man's death, but no suspects have been named

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CHICO » On the morning of July 8, a 54-year-old man was found lying in a roadway in Concow, suffering from traumatic injuries. The authorities responded, but the man, Danny Davidson, a husband and father of three who lived in the mountain community east of Paradise, was unable to be saved.

The Butte County Sheriff's Office has deemed Davidson's death suspicious. A sheriff's sergeant familiar with the case has said he believes somebody had something to do with Davidson's demise.

Exactly what happened to Davidson, however, has remained unclear. Investigators believe he may have been struck by a hit-and-run driver, but so far no suspects have been named. The authorities have not released

details from Davidson's autopsy, and officials have urged anyone who knows anything about the case to contact the Sheriff's Office.

Davidson's mother, Shirley EverOne, 77, recently sat down with this newspaper at her Chico home to discuss the case and provide a clearer picture of Davidson's life. For her, at least one thing is clear. Somebody knows what happened to her son, but no one has been willing to come forward.

"Someone knows," EverOne said. "Whoever did it freaking knows."

Earlier this week, the Sheriff's Office revealed new details surrounding Davidson's suspicious death, including the disclosure that Davidson's dog was found to have been killed.

A healer in pain

Davidson's mother said her son grew up in Carmi-



Siblings Victoria Bik, Danny Davidson and Cindy Denny are seen in a photo as Shirley EverOne talks about her son, Danny Davidson, during an interview in her Chico home on July 18.

chael, and his life had been pocked with health problems. He was hit by spinal meningitis when he was 3 and was in a coma for 10 days. "I nearly lost him then," EverOne said. When Davidson was 10, a problem with his kidneys required surgery.

But EverOne said her son was strong-willed. When he was a young boy at the age of 7, he refused to go to a babysitter after being let out from school, instead preferring to play at his school or in the yard at his home.

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WEATHER

Mitigating dangers as heat continues

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CHICO » The north valley neared record temperatures this week, but didn't quite break them. There are dangers to be avoided when the weather gets this hot.

The heat wave is expected to continue through Saturday. Sunday it cools down with a forecast 97 degrees that will probably feel good compared to the last week of triple digit temperatures.

The National Weather Service issued a special weather statement Wednesday afternoon warning of near-records highs. The high of 106 in Chico was short of the record 111 degrees for Wednesday, but the thermometer has stayed above 100 degrees throughout the north state.

Oroville is supposed to be even hotter than Chico, with highs of 108 Thursday and Friday before dropping to 105 Saturday and finally dipping below 100 to 99 degrees Sunday.

Preventing fires

When the mercury rises, it also creates higher fire dangers, and the Golf Fire in Chico last weekend is one example of fire risk turning to reality. The fire seemed to be controlled Friday, but flared up the next day.

Cal Fire-Butte County asks that people be mindful of avoiding any sparks that could ignite dry grass or brush and start a wildfire.

"Any little spark can become a wildfire that can grow very quickly," said Mary Ann Aldrich, public information officer for the fire service.

Aldrich said with high temperatures and low humidity, firefighters advise people to avoid using equipment like lawn mowers, power tillers or any tool that could strike a rock and create a spark, except in early morning or late in the evening if they have to be used at all.

People should avoid pulling a car or truck into dry grass because high engine temperatures can ignite brush. Aldrich also said drivers need to

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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Clinton promises a steady hand in dangerous world

By Julie Pace and Robert Furlow
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA » Promising Americans a steady hand, Hillary Clinton cast herself Thursday night as a unifier for divided times, an experienced leader steeled for a volatile world. She aggressively challenged Republican Donald Trump's ability to do the same.

"Imagine him in the Oval Office facing a real crisis," Clinton said as she accepted the Democratic nomination for president. "A man you can bait with a tweet is not a man we can trust with nuclear weapons."

Clinton took the stage to roaring applause from flag-waving delegates on the final night of the Democratic convention, relishing her nomination as the first woman to lead a major U.S. political party. But her real audience was the millions of voters watching at home, many of whom may welcome her experience as secretary of state senator and first lady, but question her character.

She acknowledged those concerns briefly, saying "I get it that some people just don't know

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WATER

Managing water underground

What's next in statewide rules to keep local well water clean, sustainable?

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OROVILLE » Regional groundwater leaders took some necessary next steps this week on the road to groundwater management and sustainability.

In less than a year, local water leaders need to decide who will oversee state-mandated groundwater plans. By 2022, those plans need to be up-and-running to protect groundwater availability and water quality into the future.

Mike Hart, a mediator with Kearns & West, had water leaders sit

down at the same table Wednesday to discuss their role in the future of the Sacramento Valley.

Many of the details will be worked out as the process unfolds. What is known is that water leaders have a lot of work in the future. The tasks will include regulation of groundwater pumping and management of local groundwater supply and quality. If needed, groundwater sustainability agencies, GSAs, will have the authority to impose fees to pay for management.

No overlap allowed

One of the first things on the local to-do list is to eliminate areas where there is overlap, where more than one GSA has signed up to govern the same area of land.

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Screen shot from the Department of Water Resources' website shows overlapping groundwater sustainability agency claims in the area in the darkest blue color. These have to be resolved or the state will step in and manage groundwater here. The lightest blue color are areas that would be under the jurisdiction of the county.

TERRORISM

Global experts try to explain surge in killings

Mass killings in the world copycat; terms like contagion, copycat killings apply in some cases but not others. **PAGE C6**



PUBLIC SAFETY

Be on the lookout for Butte's most wanted

Local law enforcement agencies are asking the public's help in finding these individuals and tips on crime. **PAGE A4**

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Have a great day, subscriber Joanne Rasmussen.

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