



## Do you enjoy local arts?

Asked in  
downtown Chico

**Joseph DeMarco**  
wood flooring

I am in the arts scene quite a bit. My favorite [local] painter is Lola Yang. I got a lot of favorite bands, but probably my favorite performer is Samaria Grace.



**Gina Hall**  
legal secretary

I am a fan of visual art, and I try to purchase local art pieces. I like Caitlin Schwerin, and I just recently purchased a photograph from Martin Adolf Edward Svec. I am very excited. I also have a Josh Olivera and a SEIZER-ONE.



**Vera Roque**  
Student

I love it. In Chico, they have a lot of mosaics, like the mosaic benches, and I love those. And I like the murals.



**Denver Latimer**  
public defender

I love Gnarly Deli and the fact that they're putting on shows. I think there's going to be some good grassroots artistic expression, and I think they have the right atmosphere there.



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be one of the most powerful tools we have as humans. To make what did not previously exist, to recreate what was and to have vision to collaborate and create when we need to heal is essential. To support the arts—especially now in the wake of two years of pandemic-induced trauma—is to support the community. □

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### Two for Biden

I see in the news that President Biden's approval rating is down to 40 percent. With me, and most folks I know, it's up around the 90s and climbing every day.

Joe Biden has brought us through the pandemic and kept the economy moving in a positive direction. He is working to fight climate change, the greatest danger to our planet's future. He has restored our relations with NATO and our western allies.

Can you imagine the Russia-Ukraine conflict with Trump still in charge?

**Robert Woods**  
Forest Ranch

I note, with no surprise, how fashionable it is for the devotees of Donald Trump to blame President Biden for everything not being perfect. They crab about the economy and inflation, but with Trump still in office, we would be looking back at thin gruel in a cold hovel as the good old days, still mired in the third Republican recession in as many administrations—Trump's being the worst since the Great Depression. And his administration would be doing everything possible to feudalize our society.

Putin's intent to annex Ukraine would still have been carried out, but Trump would have turned a blind eye on his buddy's actions there, and NATO would have been eviscerated by a second Trump administration. And Trump would still be laundering money for the Russian oligarchs.

I wake up every morning profoundly grateful that (regardless of what you are hearing in the right-wing echo chamber) we the people rejected four more years of an increasingly despotic crime family.

**Charles Barnes**  
Forest Ranch

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