

'Me-and-you-ing'

Mendocino Headlands State Park. We walk a curvy trail alongside the estuary as the Big River winds its way to the ocean. The word that comes to mind is "meandering," which brings me to "me-and-you-enduring," which seems like an apt metaphor for married life in one's seventies.



by
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The author is a retired University of Georgia faculty member who moved to Chico in 2018 to be near her grandchildren.

Actually, more than enduring. This is our fourth year living in Chico. We closed on our house the first day of the Camp Fire and arrived from Atlanta two weeks later to a world full of smoke and despair. Today, Paradise is rebuilding, and so are we.

At our age, four years seems like the blink of an eye. Yet, in those four years, we've seen two grandgirls and two grandsons graduate high school

(two of these are about to finish college), two grandsons emerge as soccer stars and two families enjoy life to the max. We've given back to the community through Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Chico State, the League of Women Voters, Chico Housing Action Team (CHAT) and Chico Havurah. We've made new friends and stayed connected with old friends—what a miracle is Zoom! We've vaccinated to the max and so far avoided the various plagues. And, thankfully, my husband has almost completely recovered from a life-threatening illness he suffered in October. At this moment, we sit in side-by-side in matching recliners, both writing, him a novel and me this article. Yes. We are more than enduring.

As we reflect on so much privilege, we also recognize that so many of our fellow human beings are enduring lives of poverty, homelessness and discrimination, where time passes slowly and eyes blink back tears. In the year to come, we will continue to give what we can where we can because we know when meandering becomes me-and-you-ing, all of us can flourish. □

THIS MODERN WORLD

BY TOM TOMORROW

THEY WRITE THEMSELVES, PART 2
AN ACTUAL CARTOON WRITTEN BY THE A.I. CHATBOT "CHAT-GPT"
Prompt: write a Tom Tomorrow cartoon starring Sparky the Penguin and Tucker Carlson, set in a post-apocalyptic future.

The first panel shows Sparky the Penguin standing on a desolate wasteland, with ruins of buildings in the background.



Sparky looks out at the desolate landscape and says--
"What happened to the world? It's like all of civilization has been destroyed."



A hologram of Tucker Carlson appears, floating in the air. He says--
"Fear not, my loyal viewers! The free market will save us all!"



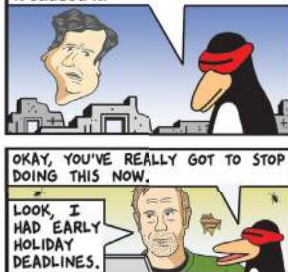
Sparky looks at Carlson in disbelief and says--
"But...how can the free market save us from this disaster?"



Carlson's hologram sneers and says--
"It will guide us to a brighter future, where the wealthy and powerful will thrive, and the rest of us will be left to fend for ourselves."



The final panel shows Sparky shaking his head in disgust as Carlson's hologram fades away.
"What a charlatan. The free market didn't save us from this apocalypse, it caused it."



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2023



SNOW GOOSE

FESTIVAL

OF THE PACIFIC FLYWAY

Thursday-Sunday, January 26-29, 2023

Snow Goose Festival Headquarters:

Patrick Ranch Museum 10381 Midway, Chico-Durham

There is still time to sign up for field trips, welcome reception & banquet at the Snow Goose Festival of the Pacific Flyway
www.snowgoosefestival.org | 530-592-9092

Lundberg Family Farms Bird Tour & Welcome Reception

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2:00PM - 8:00PM

Lundberg Family Farms Headquarters, Richvale, CA

Join Lundberg Family Farms for a mapped bird tour of working lands followed by a reception at the Lundberg headquarters featuring speakers from Audubon's Conservation Ranching Program, Center for Land-Based Learning, and Sand Point Wine who will present on creating and supporting habitats for birds across California. Register at www.snowgoosefestival.org

"For the Love of Birds" Art Exhibit & Friday Reception

ART EXHIBIT SHOWING: JANUARY 27 - MARCH 19

RECEPTION: FRIDAY JANUARY 27, 5:00PM-8:00 PM (FREE)

Museum of Northern California Art (monca), 900 Esplanade, Chico, CA

You are invited to attend the very popular Snow Goose Festival "For the Love of Birds" Reception, Friday, January 27, 5:00 pm-8:00 pm. View the inspiring collection of artworks, enjoy refreshments, splendid conversations, and a no-host bar. Bring a friend and meet the artists, along with fellow festival participants and field trip leaders. Plus special showing of films by Mark Lipman.

"Gathering of Wings"

BANQUET & SILENT AUCTION with Keynote Speaker

Julie Rentner, President, River Partners

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 5:30PM - 9:30PM

Bell Memorial Union, Chico State University

Don't miss the biggest event of the Snow Goose Festival, our "Gathering of Wings" Banquet. This treasured evening is a mix of great food, great company, and great entertainment and is anticipated by many as the one chance per year they have to visit and catch up with fellow birders and friends in the community. Join field trip leaders, and all our hard-working committee members and volunteers in celebrating this special evening. Register at www.snowgoosefestival.org

Exhibitors & Family Activities (FREE)

SAT-SUN, JANUARY 28-29 10AM - 3PM

Patrick Ranch Museum

Displays by State, Federal, and Non-profit organizations, plus binoculars to bird books to Snow Goose Festival apparel, for sale too. For family and youth there will be nature games, crafts, plus more!

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