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Emerging from the storm



CalFire and Caltrans crews use sandbags to shore up an irrigation ditch that overflowed and caused flooding on Highway 70 on Sunday in Olivehurst.

Historic house changing hands

Council moves to lease property to chamber

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For the second time this year, the ownership of a historic house is changing hands – but this time not before there are assurances it will remain in good repair.

The Yuba City City Council was set to approve a new 15-year lease for the historic Madden House on Franklin Road and Highway 99 with the Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce. The lease would give the chamber the option to buy the house for \$1 after the lease ends.

But John Tuscano, a local contractor who helped restore the house when it was gifted to the city in 1995, took to the podium with some concerns about the future well-being of the structure.

Tuscano said he was concerned about the change in ownership because the chamber has not proven it will maintain the property to the standard the city has since 1995. He said there wasn't strong enough language in the contract to hold the chamber accountable for maintaining the house to a defined standard.

And the council agreed, asking staff to come back with an agreement with additional language for quality control. The council also agreed to form a three-person committee, with Tuscano as a member, to inspect the condition of the house every year.

Tuscano also protested the

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Heavy wind, rain topple trees, cause flooding

Story and photos by Chris Kaufman
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Yuba-Sutter went into damage control mode on Sunday following Saturday's heavy wind and rain, which toppled trees, filled up waterways and killed one person.

Chia Xiong, 51, of the 800 block of H Street, Marysville, died Saturday night, according to Yuba County Sheriff's Sgt. Joe Pomeroy. Xiong was trapped under about six feet of water after the car she was a passenger in drove around a road closure on Highway 70.

The driver, Neng Yang, 55, of Sacramento, was able to free himself from the submerged car and was arrested by the California Highway Patrol, on charges of felony DUI and gross vehicular manslaughter, according to Yuba County Sheriff's Sgt. Josh Jellsey.

CalFire and Caltrans crews worked Sunday to shore up an irrigation ditch that overflowed and filled the northbound High-



Alex Piceno ducks under a tree that crushed his Honda Accord and his girlfriend's Volkswagen Jetta on Sunday in Linda.

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US PROFILE

'Marysville has so much Chinese history'

Editor's Note: Our profiles shine a spotlight on one of "Us" weekly – this time, we're featuring this year's Bok Kai hostess, Amber Wong.

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Name: Amber Wong.

Age: 26.

Residence: Sacramento.

Your favorite part of the Bok Kai festivities: Coming home and being able to connect with the community and my family members.

Your connection to Yuba-Sutter: I grew up in Yuba City, graduating from Yuba City High School in 2007, and moved to Sacramento in 2011. My grandfather moved here from a village in Canton, China, where he prospered as a



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Amber Wong will serve as hostess for the upcoming Bok Kai Parade and Festival. Wong, 26, of Sacramento grew up in Yuba City.

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