



News and views from the North Bay

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Yo-Yo No-No!

by Chris Smith

Teacher and music lover Jim Holland couldn't wait to get to his seat at the county fair's Santa Rosa Symphony concert, sponsored by Sonoma Paradiso and MC'd by Marcy Smothers.

He stuck out a bit. Jim's quite tall and he thought it curious that most of the seats there in the Chris Beck Arena were taken by kids.

Anyway, he was there because his wife, Annette, had noticed in an advertisement that Yo-Yo Ma would appear with the symphony. Jim was anticipating the world-class cellist when the kids went wild over Kenwood's famed comic/musician, Tommy Smothers — aka Yo-Yo Man.

It dawned on Jim that his wife has misread the ad and suddenly kids all around him wondered why the tall, red-faced man was laughing so hard and holding his head.