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A SURPRISE POSTSCRIPT!

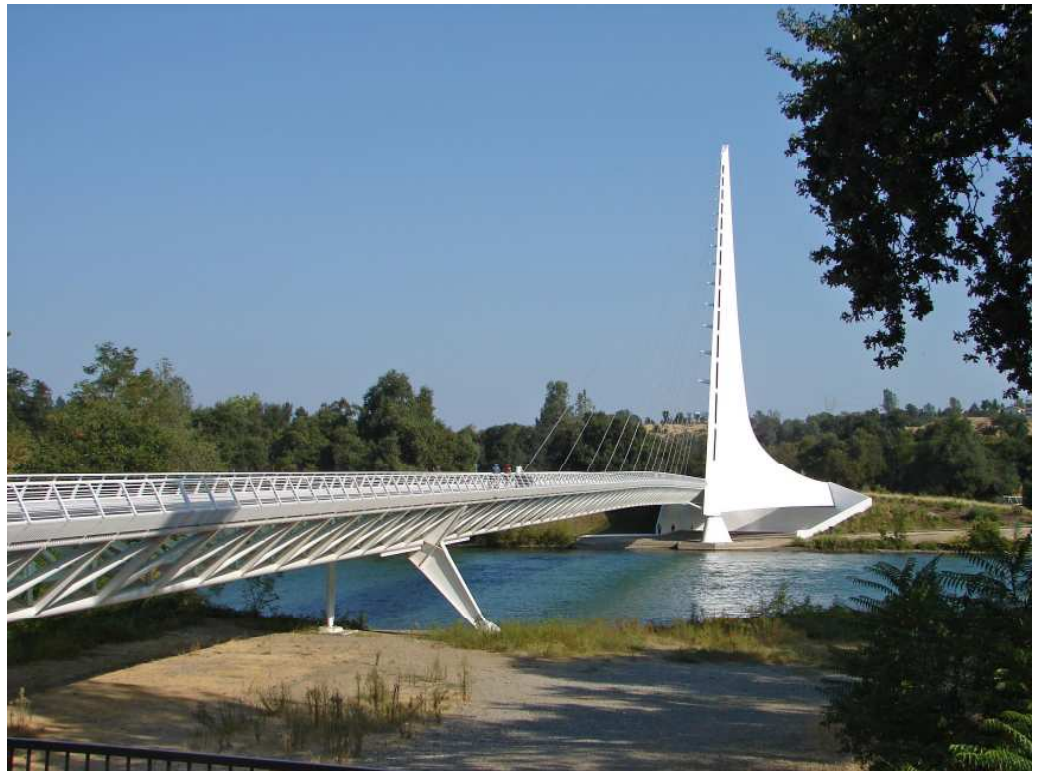
As I previously stated, that there was nothing journal worthy, we suddenly remembered about a bridge we had read about in Redding, CA.

This bridge was designed to put Redding on the map, so to speak! It was brought about by the collaboration of the City, the McConnell Foundation, and Turtle Bay Exploration Park. It is located in Turtle Bay and spans the Sacramento River, as a foot bridge in the park. A \$23.5 million one. As I recall, the entire City of Redding did not used to be worth that much! Times have changed.

The bridge was designed by renowned architect Santiago Calatrava.

The pylon actually makes a sundial and it is calibrated

as such, for the summer sun path. The suspension portion is held by cables and transfer the weight to the pylon and then to a large bearing on a post at the front of the pylon. The deck is made of opaque plastic pieces. It is lighted at night and the deck and the pylon show up as a fantastic art object. The whole bridge is illuminated, and day or night, it is a work of art.



Unfortunately we did not think to see the night view of it. If you ever pass this way, do not miss this. The walk across it is exhilarating.

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