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I try not to get too much into politics in my comments, but Measure Q is a sort of complicated measure. If it were merely an extension of the measure we passed a few years ago, it would be a no-brainer. Our fire, police and other law enforcement agencies need to be funded to the max. However, as I read the pamphlet explaining the measure, several other items were included in the explanation. If that many issues are underfunded, it would seem to me that a general tax increase might be appropriate. Tom Cookman made some interesting and accurate comments about the rather high salaries being pulled down by some of our higher placed county employees, and he asked for a no vote on Q. Unfortunately, that would not solve anything. It is highly unlikely that those highly paid employees would take a pay cut. The only way that might happen, is that when the job comes up for a new person, the wages and perks be made more in line. Getting back to Measure Q, the fact that all those other projects are included, weakens it some. If we can be sure that law enforcement and fire services get first pick of the monies raised, I think measure Q should be voted in. A small increase in the sales tax is a rather painless way of raising funds. Chief Woods of the Humboldt (Formerly Eureka) Fire Department, said on KINS that one station would be closed down and several fierfighters would be laid off. That, I think, is unacceptable. Same thing with the Police Department. Given the number of buildings in Eureka and the number of areas that are fire-susceptable, we need a full force and the same with the police

department, given the number of people running around out there who are causing most of the problems, with their probability of needing police attention. So, think it through carefully and remember- it might be your house that is on fire, or being broken into.//This coming Friday night is a busy one- The Eureka Chamber Music Series is holding it's first concert of the year at Calvary Lutheran Church-South and Prospect Streets, across from Alice Birney School. ^{AT 7:30 PM} The artist is Daria Robotkina, a wonderful pianist. She was here last year and is a very nice person as well as being a master musician. There is a meet the artist reception following the concert. Be there!//The other great piece of entertainment is the annual Beer and Peanuts show put on by the Humboldt Harmonaires. Friday night's show will be at the Azalea Hall in McKinleyville-right across the street from the Ace Hardware Store. It will feature the Humboldt Harmonaires, some local quartets and the local Women's ^{CHORUS} ~~chapter~~. \$12 bucks gets you in and all your refreshments. Saturday night's show is at, as usual, the River Lodge in Fortuna. Same format- both shows start at 6:59 p.m. There will be a door prize at each show. The Harmonaires consists of local men who love to sing. Come join us on Monday nights at ~~8:00~~ ^{7:00} on the North side of the Eureka Mall.

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