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The first thing I want to do is send condolences to my friend and fellow commenter , Fred Nelson, in the passing of his wife, Rita. I've sung Barbershop harmony with Fred for many years, though I had never met Rita. Fred and I think a lot alike on many issues. Speaking of thinking alike, I really agreed with Dan Price in his last comment. He hit the nail right on the head.//Eureka and surrounding towns are really turning into a "Wild West" sort of country. Stabbings and shootings in Arcata, Eureka and Fortuna, hold-ups or attempted hold-ups in all three towns, breakins and robberies happening almost every day-enough to drive law enforcement up the wall! Throw in a few bodies found here and there, plus traffic problems, stolen cars and trucks (like mine), and it will drive law enforcement crazy! No more sittin' around eatin' doughnuts in between speed traps!//When we see pictures of these guys and gals on TV or in the newspaper-what do they all look like? The guys have shorn haircuts with dark circles under their eyes, most of the time, tattoos on the neck, the arms, the shoulders and into the hair. The gals are very unkempt-looking, like the guys, with dark circles, tattoos-not some- one you would invite into your home or give a ride to. Where do all these scruffy folks come from? When they are identified, nearly all of them are on parole or probation. The president and the governor are always pushing for shorter prison terms, or no jail times at all. Seems to me that this could be the reason we have all

these no-goodniks running around loose. They don't have anything to lose-maybe a few days in the slammer, then right back on the street, to steal what they can-stuff that we all worked hard to get-some of it not even paid for yet-and when they are caught again, and again, and again, how many times do they have weapons to use on our local law enforcement people like the ones on Pine Street in Eureka a couple weeks ago?\* I'm sorry, but I think we need bigger jails and prisons, with fewer amenities, so they are not places they want to go to. I read in the Times-Standard the other day that certain groups of people were the ones who had tasers, and other punishments used against them. Could it be that there are more of them in jail or prison and act out more? Again, as far as I'm concerned, jail should be a place no-one wants to go to.//Want to have a loved one sung to on Valentine's Day? Call Bill at 445-3939, or Bob at 502-5587, and a quartet will convey your thoughts to them. That's Bill at 445-3939 or Bob at 502-5587. Guaranteed to get a reaction and your loved one, or target of your affection will be very pleased. The funds raised go to provide a scholarship for a local high school music student.

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