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Well, it's all over but the shouting. Like John Sapper said in his comment on Monday, I try not to get too much into politics in my comments, but I do have a few outlooks that I would like to comment on today. The first item is, as John put it-why, in a nation with as many people as there are in the good ol' US of A-why couldn't they come up with someone beside these two Presidential candidates?//Who dreams up all these proposals that we have to decide for or against? Some are about money, some are about property rights-one was about going back forty years or so and give voters the right (or wrong) to vote only for the candidate for their district. As the opposing arguments stated, each voter needs to have a say in any proposal affecting more than that district.//While I am on the subject, who came up with that voter information handbook put out by the state? My first glance through it was enough for me-There were pro- and con arguments, then there were arguments against the pro and for the con, and against-well..you know what I mean.//222 pages of fairly small print. How much did that cost?//That's all I have to say about that right now.//Another thing that really frosted me was the government wanting National Guardsmen and women to pay back the fifteen housand bucks they were offered to re-up back about fifteen years ago. How stupid is that? If those folks are like me, they probably couldn't come up with \$150.00, let alone \$15,000!*National Guard service is a very honorable thing to do, but it can be very disruptive to family life and jobs

and other life choices, so I say-"Thank you for your services."//Last Saturday, my wife and I attended a "Celebration of Life" for my friend Jim Roscoe at the Bayside Grange Hall. It was very well attended, and I saw many people I knew. It was scheduled to start at 2:00m and by 2:15 the parking area was full. Several people paid tribute to Jim, but the best one, to me, anyway, was when his grandson sang Danny Boy, after telling us about attempts to sing Barbershop at a young age. His Grandpa said "you are a good boy, but you can't sing". After his perfectly pitched rendition of Danny Boy, I went up to him and said "I'm with the Harmonaires, and you can sing with us anytime!//*This coming Friday, November 11, the Eureka Chamber Music Series (ECMS) will present Jennifer Kloetzal, a chellist, at 7:30 at Calvary Lutheran Church, South and Prospect Streets, across from Alice Birney School. There will be a "meet the artist" refreshment time after the concert. Be There!* The ECMS, started by Bob and Pearl Micheli, does a great job of bringing top artistic talent to Eureka. Bob has gone on, but Pearl continues to recruit top musical, to the area.

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