

Hi, Fred Nelson for Community Comment,  
I found last Sundays Times / Standard editorial  
an interesting read. The subject was the new  
proposed tax to fund clean drinking water for  
the State of California. I do not disagree with  
the article which suggests that many rich  
corporations to the South of us have vast  
untapped reservoirs of wealth while the proponents  
state this new tax would only cost most of us  
about 95¢ per month. Question: Who would have  
the power or the authority to raise the tax to God  
knows how much in the future? A hand full  
of politicians? The average citizen keeps digging  
deeper as taxes of all sorts grow and multiply in  
the State. I wonder what the estimated cost is  
for Jerry Brown's dream railroad, which would serve  
only a fraction of the population, in comparison to  
the cost of providing clean water? How much  
water is used to raise marijuana? How much water  
is earmarked each month to fill swimming pools  
throughout the State? One more question: If this  
tax comes to pass, who will have the authority  
to divert the funds to other California projects and  
what would those ~~Projects~~ <sup>Projects</sup> be? Bureaucrats have  
always liked to keep the avenues open for transfer  
of funds. I see that Cal Trans has just spent a  
sizeable amount on a brand new steel fence which  
now surrounds the District One office located on  
West Wabash Ave. in Eureka. What purpose does it  
serve after all these years without the fence?

Last Sunday was the 50 year celebration of Father Michael Cloney's ordination as a Catholic priest. Over the years not many ~~priests~~ Catholic priests have been natives of Humboldt County. Father Cloney can claim that distinction. He has served our area well and continues to do so even though he is retired and living here in Eureka. It was a ~~so~~ special weekend for many with people from as far away as Oregon and Washington attending the special mass and reception. I had the privilege of knowing his father, Mr. Leland Cloney. We sang in the bass section of the St. Bernard's men's choir back in the 1950's under the direction of Helen Muse. Some great memories ~~to~~ back then. With the election fast approaching, I hope that you take the time and cast your ballot. When the election is over, don't go off into a corner and sulk if your favorite candidate loses. It is all the more reason to step forward and let the politicians know why you are not satisfied. I also want to extend my ~~congratulations~~

congratulations to Dick Johnson who has been singing with the barbershop chorus, The Humboldt Harmonaires, for the past ~~50~~<sup>55</sup> years. The picture of Dick and his wife Andrea is very appropriate as her support has been outstanding. The true meaning of love + devotion. Dick is also one of my fellow commentators on this station. In fact, he is the longest standing commentator of the present group. Way to go Dick! (Fred Nelson has a