

Sign on.....

I was totally surprised to learn that only 26% of those eligible to vote did so. I have been voting since 1957 and have only missed one election, and that was a 2 or 3 choice primary concerning one supervisor. I'll bet that district supervisor who lost by less than 200 votes wishes that more people would have voted. Maybe it wouldn't have made any difference. Anyway-I'm sure that our Community Comment listeners all voted, but the rest of you-WAKE UP! Voting is a major responsibility and a privilege. Don't throw it away!//Speaking of voting-in our instructions was a sheet of paper with instructions in several different languages. English, of course, made the most sense to me, and most of the other languages had letters of some sort, but Japanese or Chinese had all kinds of symbols, How in the world does one make sense of that? I have enough trouble with English. I'd sure hate to have to learn one of those Oriental languages.//Another thing that caught my attention was the legislation proposed to change California into three states. I know the present situation is sort of unbalanced, with the southern part of the state controlling most of the money and power. However, what would changing it into three states do to change that? The northern state, from the Monterey area north, would still be a small state with very little power, with the Bay area providing that. We in the northern end of the state would still be small stuff, politically. The process of re-organizing the political and financial and business end of the states would be huge, and very confusing, I would think. In the end, would we be any better off? I don't think so. It would also change the congressional representation situation, and would

need to be okayed by the Federal government, and what do they know about anything?//I've talked in the past about our county roads situation, and the heat the supervisors are taking because nothing seems to get done about them. I was talking to my neighbor who has a place out in Petrolia, and the condition of the road came up. According to him, the road was never built to the standards of a major county road. He said the road was mostly just graded and put into use without the basic work of design and construction being done. That would account for the continuous breaking down of the surface. With family out that way, we get out there every once in a while, and we can handle it by just driving carefully, but those who use it all the time must be very tired of fighting the elements and the results to the road.//I have to say goodbye to another friend, Tom Slater. Tom was a retired Lutheran minister and a fellow barbershopper, as well as a neighbor. He put up a good fight, but lost. I'm pretty sure he's in heaven, or at least on the list, depending on how the rules are. So long Tom, it was good to know ya! I'll miss seeing you walking your dog in the neighborhood, and my condolences to Donna.// So, I'll say so long, until next time.

Sign off.....