

SIGN ON:

"I KNOW I HAVE A HEART, BECAUSE I CAN FEEL IT BREAKING"
THAT QUOTE FROM ^{THE TIN MAN FROM} THE WIZARD OF OZ WAS USED BY JIM BERNARD AS HE ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT AS WEATHERMAN FROM KIENTV. I MUST HAVE ONE TOO, ^{BECAUSE} I FELT MY HEART BREAKING, AS WELL. JIM HAS BEEN A FIXTURE ON LOCAL TV FOR MANY YEARS. MY MOM USED TO HEAR HIM IN THE BAY AREA ON WEEKENDS. JIM EMCEE'D A BARBERSHOP SHOW FOR THE HARMONAIRES WHEN WE HAD ^{SHOW WITH A} WEATHER THEME. HE WAS A PLEASURE TO BE AROUND. MY WIFE AND I HAD NOTICED THE DIFFICULTIES JIM HAD BEEN HAVING WITH HIS SPEECH AND, BEING A NURSE, SHE DIAGNOSED IT CORRECTLY RIGHT OFF THE BAT. FOR THE RECORD WE NEVER THOUGHT HE MIGHT BE INTOXICATED. AT LEAST, HE WON'T BE LIKE THE WEATHERMAN WHO ASKED FOR A TRANSFER--WHEN ASKED WHY-- HE REPLIED THAT THE WEATHER THERE DIDN'T AGREE WITH HIM! SO LONG, JIM-- WE LOVE YOU AND WE'LL MISS YOU. ACTUALLY WE MISS YOU ALREADY! THIS COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE ISSUE HAS ME COMPLETELY CONFUSED. I HAVE NOT READ IT-- I WOULDN'T LAST TWO MINUTES AT THAT. HOWEVER, A LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES STANDARD INSINUATED THAT THE SUPERVISORS PROBABLY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT EITHER, AND THAT CAMPAIGN DONATIONS WOULD PROBABLY CONTROL THE WAY THEY VOTED ON IT. I FIND THAT RATHER INSULTING. I ^{HAVE} KNOWN VIRGINIA AND REX-- FOR MANY YEARS, AND IF THEY, ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE SUPERVISORS CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT, OR IF THEY CAN FIGURE IT OUT-- THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY WILL, I'M SURE, BE THE WAY THEY WILL TAKE ACTION ON ^{IT} FROM WHAT I CAN GATHER, IT SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF CONTROL-- DON'T ASK ME WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT. I WANT TO THANK JILL DUFFY FOR HER STRAIGHT UP, STRAIGHT OUT. DOWN TO EARTH COMMENT ON THE STATE OF POLITICS, BOTH

STATE AND NATIONAL. JOHN SAPPERS COMMENTS ON EDUCATION WERE RIGHT ON, AS WELL. AN ARTICLE IN THE TIMES-STANDARD ABOUT THE MESS IN CHICAGO'S SCHOOLS HIGHLIGHTED WHAT HAPPENS SOMETIMES WHEN PEOPLE WITH NO EDUCATION EXPERIENCE ARE BROUGHT IN TO RUN SCHOOLS: IT AIN'T WORKING! I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF PUTTING MY TWO CENTS WORTH IN THE SELECTION OF OUR LAST TWO EUREKA CITY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENTS. AS I SAID, IT WAS A SMALL PART, BUT I WAS GLAD THAT EDUCATIONAL PEOPLE WERE ^{THE ONLY ONES} ~~THE~~ THAT WERE CONSIDERED FOR THE JOB. IT'S FUNNY WHAT ONE'S BRAIN PICKS UP ON FROM TIME TO TIME. FOR EXAMPLE, TAKE POWER AND TELEPHONE POLES - THE WOODEN ONES - WHERE DO THEY GROW ALL THOSE STRAIGHT TREES, RANGING FROM TWENTY TO FORTY OR MORE FEET TALL? THERE ARE THOUSANDS IN EUREKA ALONE. RAILROAD BEDS ARE ANOTHER TECHNICAL THING THAT FASCINATES ME TO GET ALL THOSE CURVES IN THE RAILS ENGINEERED JUST RIGHT. THINK BACK TO THE EIGHTEEN HUNDREDS AND COMING ACROSS THE CONTINENT. ~~MILLIONS~~ ^{THOUSANDS} OF MILES OF CURVES AND STRAIGHTAWAYS - MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS, RIVERS, TO CROSS - THAT BRINGS ME TO A PROPOSED RAIL LINE TO REDDING - OR THE CENTRAL VALLEY SOMEWHERE. HOW MUCH WILL IT COST? WHO WILL PAY FOR IT? WHAT WILL THEY HAVE? WILL THEY LET US MILL LUMBER AGAIN? THIS NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT, AT 7:00 PM AT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH - THERE WILL BE A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR BREAST CANCER, FEATURING DR LUTHER COBS AND OTHERS - THAT'S CALVARY LUTHERAN ACROSS FROM ALICE BIRNEY SCHOOL. SEVEN PM
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