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Our police chief, Andy Mills, has said that he would like to see a ban on bicycle riding on all city sidewalks. I might be mistaken, but I thought there already was a ban on riding on the sidewalks in the area between Second and Seventh Streets to the South and perhaps A to J Streets East and West. When I was able, I rode my bike several miles a day after work. That is, as long as I didn't sit down at home first-then, it was all over. I rode mostly out of the business district and on the sidewalks when it was possible, to stay out of the way of vehicular traffic, on busier streets. Then, when I got disabled to the point I couldn't ride a two-wheeler, I bought a three-wheeler and rode daily, but not so far. If this ban goes into effect, it would put all bikes into the street, where the new law that went into effect yesterday tells us we have to give three feet clearance to all cyclists. Some streets are wide enough so that giving the three feet is easy, but many aren't. It has been my experience that many folks won't know of this new rule. And it will cause many traffic tie-ups following a cyclist, slow or fast, down a narrow street. I know that cyclists causing problems with pedestrians in the business district is why the ban works there, but most sidewalks in the other areas of Eureka rarely see a pedestrian, and they are few when there are pedestrians. I will have to say that riding on the sidewalks has its ups and down, dealing with driveways and other obstacles, such as power and telephone poles and street signs. I will send a copy of this to Chief Mills-who, by the way, is a very nice man and a good Chief of Police, who has helped me solve a problem or two.//~~In the last couple~~

of weeks, we have seen some terrible examples of brutality from some of our professional football players. There is proof that one slugged his wife, a very attractive lady, and knocked her cold in an elevator, then dragged her off somewhere. Later photographs show them hand in hand walking towards a court appearance, I believe. If he does that in public, what does he do at home? Then we have the player who is pictured in the American Profile insert in Saturday's paper, telling us what a wonderful person he is -which was set up who knows when- and in the weekend news, he is accused of whipping his four year old son with a whip of some sort so badly, that it left welts and other marks clear around the boy's body. FOUR YEAR'S OLD! What kind of person does that! Then there were a couple of other instances -one case a man who shot his five daughters and just dumped them in a ditch. Another case was a woman in Massachusetts who had several children taken to protective custody about two weeks before the house was checked again and several bodies of babies, along with skeletal remains of animals, were found. Mental illness was suspected- YA THINK!

 I have to say goodbye to some friends today. The first one is Mac Gardner-one of the finest men I have ever known. He has been a Barbershop singer for many years. He thanked me for being his mentor as he learned the ins and outs of Barbershop harmony. His lists of talents and accomplishments is long, so that's all I'll say today. My friend, Danny Silva passed away just a ^{few} ~~couple~~ days before our 60th class reunion. We'll miss him as well. Condolences to the families

THE LAST ONE TODAY IS DONNA FROM HARBOR LANES - SHE WAS A REAL SWEETIE