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As I hear of "driverless cars", I wonder why? As I drive around Eureka, I'm not sure if some of the cars on our streets aren't "driverless". I've had people change lanes, weaving in and out, then there they are, waiting at the next light. I've had people make left hand turns from the right hand lane of a one-way street. The list goes on and on. Why do we need driverless cars? All the research that goes into that area of technology could be put to so much better use. What if something goes wrong? Who is going to stop or straighten out that car? If you don't want to drive somewhere, take a bus or a cab, or have someone else drive you.//As I listened to Dr. Emily's last two comments. I'll have to say, I've often wondered, as I sat in a doctor's office, and I've sat in plenty of them, just how much it costs to have all those people, all that equipment, all that technology, ready there to tend to all the things that are wrong with us. Ya go into the doctor's office feeling pretty good, and come out, finding out you have something wrong with you. Well, I guess it's better to find out sooner than later. Then, when you look at the bill, or statement in the mail that gives the amounts Medicare, or your insurance paid on that bill, you wonder how they stay in business. I, for one, get real upset when I hear that the government wants to cut back on Medicare re-imbursements and the insurance companies want to cut back on what they will pay, while raising their premiums. No wonder we are losing our medical community!//If you read Friday's Times-Standard and watched KEET-TV on Saturday, you might have read and seen the good articles on our own Blue Ox

Millworks and the marvelous work they do with non-traditional students. I've commented on Blue Ox before, but I feel it's worth bringing it up again. Eric and Vivianna and the staff at Blue Ox school teach so many basic courses of things that kids can do-right off the bat. There are so many jobs that thes kids who are bright and smart in their own way can fill-jobs that make them realize that they are worth something and really fill the gaps that more traditional students might not see. Another thing about Blue Ox is, that Eric is a master woodworker. He showed me a solid Old-Growth, Redwood table that he had hand-planed. The top was smoother than formica, and he showed me, and let me try, some of the foot- and handpowered equipment that makes Blue Ox so unique.//While I'm on the subject of KEET-TV-Let's not forget that KEET-TV is facing a crisis. You can join and support a wonderful station for 5 bucks or more a month.//.Another outfit that can always use our help is the Northern California Community Blood Bank. As I heard on KINS Monday morning, they are in critically short supply of O. Give someone some life! //Last, I'll say goodby to my friend, Carl Cooper, who passed away last week. So long, BEN. CARL WAS A GOOD, CARING INSURANCE AGENT WHO WOULD GO OUT OF It'S WAY TO OF HELP FIX A PROBLEM OR SEE PHAT YOU WERE PROPERLY COVERCED SIGN Off.