

Sign on....

Some of you may have read my letter to the editor in the Time-Standard concerning the traffic situation on South Broadway and the homeless situation. If you didn't see it, or if you did, I have a little revising of my thoughts concerning the traffic situation down there. I wrote that I thought the five traffic signals between K-Mart and the north end of the Mall would serve to keep traffic slowed down. What I didn't take into consideration was the speed of the traffic coming off the freeway before they got to the K-Mart signal, which operates on an as needed basis. I was at one of the businesses grouped there south of the K-Mart light and watched the traffic roar by. I talked with the owners of the business and we discussed what could be done to slow them down as they entered the city. The 45 Mile-Per-Hour sign certainly doesn't do it. As I waited to pull out of the lot onto Broadway, a couple of trucks carrying a Crane and some other heavy equipment roared by. I thought if a person happened to misjudge their speed, and pulled out in front of them, it would be all over for someone! As the group who were standing around there talked about it, the idea of putting in "rumble strips" came up. Those and a couple of flashing speed limit signs would probably help as much as anything. If you are not familiar with a "Rumble Strip"- it's a series of small bumps crossing the highway to make drivers aware of a situation coming up. Somewhat like the strip alongside the highway that alerts you when you move too far to the right and the buzzing of the tires and the vibration snaps you out of your reverie.\*// I'll comment briefly on my thoughts about the homeless as well. As far as I know, from talking to

some folks who have been homeless, that is a way of life for some. Not all, of course, but some. My thought is that wherever these folks end up being placed, why not build sheds with stalls in them and fire pits, with trash bins and garbage service available, and if you don't keep your area clean, "Hit the Road, Jack" with a bus ticket to somewhere! If the area was graveled, law enforcement and fire services would have good access and those costs would be quite a bit lower, I would think. One of my friends said "It wouldn't make any difference, they would leave their trash lying around just the same. Well, a "neat police" could be put together from some of the more responsible ones, if there is any such thing, and such a thing might work, in my mind.//Another place the city could spend some money is resurfacing some of our main streets, like Henderson Street, for example. I drive it a lot and it makes me feel like I'm on the old "Burma Road" from World War II. Several other well-traveled streets could use the re-surfacing, as well.//~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

Many of you know that I sing with the Humboldt Harmonaires Barbershop Chorus. We are putting on our annual Spring Show-Swing into Spring- featuring our chorus, some local quartets, a lady's chorus, and our guest quartet, Spellbound, from the Bay Area. Eureka High School Auditorium, 7:29 P.M., this Saturday, May 2nd. Seating on a first-come, first seated basis-Be there!

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