

Sign on...I hate calling businesses on the phone. You get about five minutes of "our business office hours are...be sure and listen as our menu has changed-for this dial 1, for that dial 2, something else dial 5 and so on. As you may remember if you are a regular listener, my personalized license plates were stolen when they stole my pickup, so I had to order new ones, and you can't get the same ones as the ones that were stolen. So, I ordered seven knees to replace six knees-probably should have ordered eight knees, as my right knee has gone bad. Again! We ordered the plates in early January and they hadn't arrived yet, so I called DMV and got the usual routine described above. The only problem is-there was no classification for license plates. I tried punching zero, but to no avail. So, I gave up and I'll go down to the office and check it out. Grrrr! //I want to compliment Sam Pennisi for his comments on the importance of Highway 101 to this area, as well as to the whole Northern part of the state and Southern Oregon. One can go to Willow Creek and take 96 to Weed or there is a road cutting back to 199 just below Cave Junction, or you can go to Weaverville and take 3 north also to 5- but neither of those routes are designed to handle a lot of traffic, especially in the winter, as we discovered this last winter. I hope someone in the state division of highways is paying attention!//I read an article in the Times-Standard about self-driving cars. Why the blankety blank do we need self-driving cars? If you don't want to, or can't drive-take a cab or a bus, or get someone to drive for you.

According to the article, the Federal Government is pushing for these self-driving vehicles, some without steering wheels or brake pedals. Usually, the government drags their feet on okaying new ideas until they are guaranteed to be safe, but this doesn't seem to be the case here. The industry is who is holding back on this one- probably for liability reasons- good for them!* Some of the disadvantages to self-driving cars are: They don't recognize poor road markings; they aren't guaranteed to be able to stop in emergency situations; mountain roads which are windy and poorly marked could be a problem, and so on. How would you like to try to drive to Petrolia or over Kneeland in one? Thanks, but no thanks, as far as I'm concerned.// I want to say goodbye to my sister Debbie Foster, who passed away late in March, after suffering a stroke and seizures. Goodbye, sweetie-we'll miss you terribly. Also, I want to say goodbye to my friend Peter Holgerson, who passed away a couple of weeks ago. Peter was straight up and straight out-you knew right where he stood on everything. My condolences to Nancy. Fortunately, she is in assisted living, so she's not alone.

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