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As I write this comment, I realize that I might repeat myself , since I have written about some of the material before, so please bear with me if I do. If you are a regular listener, you will also know that I have had seven total knees, the last one being very fragile. At the time of my last surgery, I chose not to take the settlement of an undisclosed amount, knowing the knee would go bad again. Turns out I should have taken a reasonable settlement that would have gone into a special account, which would have been used only for the knee(s), and when the funds ran out, it would have been turned over to Medicare. If someone told us about that, I sure don't remember it. Now, of course, it's been eight years or more since the surgery, and hardly anyone takes Workman's Compensation, at least locally, and even the big San Francisco Hospitals don't take it. So, here I sit, with a knee that is very painful that the ER doctor, plus the oncology doctor told me not to put any more weight on it than I have to, so as not to destroy what's left of the prosthesis that's in there. I went to my family doctor, and because they don't do Workman's Comp, they can't even refer me to someone who does. The same restrictions apply to Medicare. If you go to your primary and they can't get Medicare to cover something, you can't pay them cash-against the rules. Many doctors now, are not prescribing narcotics. I was told in a letter void of any feeling, that I needed to "wean myself off of the narcotics", or I would not be a patient of theirs. Fortunately for me, I have another physician who understands that my need for them is not one of just taking them, but I have a condition that is not curable, just treatable.* I wrote a response to the letter from

the GP's office, stating my side of the situation, and took it into the office and had a conversation with a very pleasant back office person, who understood my situation and apologized, but, of course, it was not she who made the decisions, and she said she would make sure the M.D.s' would see my response. The problem was resolved, and I am still a patient of the office, and that's good, because I've been a patient there for over fifty years.//I want to thank the organizers of the Rhododendron Parade, and all those who participated. There only a couple of blank spells and everyone was having a good time. The decorations on the vehicles were spectacular in many cases. And they all deserve a good solid "THANK YOU!!"* We have been having some nice sunny weather lately, and I hope it holds up for a while, with some occasional rain, so I won't have to have my lawn mowed.

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