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Phone calls to businesses or professional offices are getting more complicated all the time. Used to be, if it got too complicated, or, like me, if you are not patient, you could punch O for operator, and hurry things up. I called an office the other day and got "for English, punch one, and so on. I hit O for operator and it skipped back to -for English....." After saying "I f you know your party's extension... I hit O again and got "enter the first three digits of your party's last name" and, of course, ~~it~~ ^{they} wouldn't come to me. I finally hung up and started again, after checking the name. Aah, for the simple life.//My friend, Mike, asked me to make a plea on my comment for those who put up signs, such as garage sale, or rummage sale, to go back and take them down, so, here it is "take 'em down folks!//I saw the article in the paper honoring Bill Fales for his work with youth and general good things. I've known Bill and his family, the Stapps, for about 65 years, and they are all good folks.//While I'm on the subject of acknowledging people, I was saddened to read where Phyllis Davy, from Loleta, passed away. Her husband, Jim and some of her boys, ran the Maderite sausage and hot dog routes to our butcher shops for many years. Another good bunch of people.//I read in the Times-Standard where Governor Brown signed into law 850 some-odd new laws. I wonder how many of them he actually read. One that concerned me was the fuel tax assessment ~~one~~. We are getting ripped off big time on fuel prices, and it has been said that the money is not going to road and highway maintenance like it should be. I wouldn't mind paying it so much if it was fixing our roads-whether they be county roads or freeways.//Getting back

to phone calls, We get so many pesky phone calls asking for donations, political requests, and other nonsense calls-I wonder why we bother signing up for no calls. One outfit has called us a hundred times regarding back and other body braces The calls come from different numbers, so you can't just hang up.//This Friday evening, at 6 :59 P.M., the Humboldt Harmonaires will present our Fortuna Beer and Peanuts" show at the River Lodge. \$12.00 gets you in and all your refreshments. There will be some quartets as well as the chorus, and a door prize as well. Please come and join us.//Something else that is scary is the fact that much of our private information, such as Social Security numbers, account numbers and balances, are no longer safe. The hackers that are out there are one step ahead of the institutions that we are dealing with.

Those who have enough money to worry about those hackers probably lose some sleep over that problem. I hope our government will hire some of the crooks to out-hack the hackers.

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