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I want to add my opinion regarding the new area code changes, forcing everyone to include the area code each time they make a call. An article in the Standard-Examiner on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> states that money will be saved by having the new 385 area code included within the current 801 area code. I realize it would be an immediate cost to business, to change all their literature that includes phone numbers to reflect the new code but that would be a one-time problem. That seems like a short term problem when compared with the inconvenience of adding three more numbers each time a phone is dialed. This is enough of a problem for most people but have you taken into consideration how much it affects the blind? My mom is blind and has difficulty dialing her phone now, but can you imagine how much harder it will be for her to make a call after March 1st? I'm sure all sight impaired people feel this new addition is just one more issue they have to deal with, as if their lives weren't already difficult, trying to live independently with limited vision. I'm sure there are other people with handicaps who will find this change will make their lives more difficult, too.

Please reconsider your decision and change to assigning a specific area to the new code. It will be much easier for all of those who will have to change to a new area code to let everyone know they have been changed than have to dial an additional three numbers forever.

Sincerely,  
Pat Hallett

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