

I LIVE NEAR ~~THE~~ EUREKA HIGH SCHOOL AND I WAS SURPRISED
TO HEAR OF THE PELLET GUN SHOOTING THAT WENT ON JUST
A COUPLE OF BLOCKS FROM WHERE I LIVE. A FRIEND LIVES
RIGHT NEXT TO THE SCHOOL AND SHE AND HER HUSBAND
KNEW RIGHT WHERE IT HAPPENED. THEY MADE A COUPLE
CALLS TO THE POLICE DEPT. AND TO THE SCHOOL, WITH NO
APPRECIABLE RESULTS. WE WERE IN THE CAR, WAITING
FOR MY WIFE AS THEY WERE TELLING ME ABOUT THE IN-
CIDENT AND THE LACK OF RESULTS SO I SAID CALL THEM AGAIN.
SHE DID & GAVE THEM CLEAR DESCRIPTION OF THE SHOOTER AND
THE WEAPON AND WHERE THE SHOTS CAME FROM. THAT
AFTERNOON, THEY NAILED THE GUY. THERE WAS A LITTLE TO-DO
OVER WHETHER THE SCHOOL SHOULD HAVE BEEN LOCKED
DOWN ^{OR NOT} GIVEN THE DISTANCE FROM THE SCHOOL, AND THE FACT THAT
THE IDIOT THAT WAS DOING THE SHOOTING WAS OFF THE STREET
AND NOT LIKELY TO GO TO THE SCHOOL. I THINK THEY DID THE
RIGHT THING. ~~BY NOT SHUTTING DOWN THE SCHOOL. HAD HE BEEN~~
~~OUT ON THE STREET, WANDERING AROUND, THAT WOULD HAVE~~
BEEN A WHOLE ^{OTHER} BALL GAME. IF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HAS
CHANGED A COUPLE TIMES OVER THE YEARS. WHEN WE FIRST MOVED
IN OVER THIRTY YEARS AGO - NOT MUCH HAPPENED. THEN, THEY PUT A
FEW HALF-WAY HOUSES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY WEREN'T ALL BAD,
OF COURSE, BUT THERE WERE ENOUGH TO STIR ~~UP~~ THE POT AND YOU
DIDN'T LEAVE ANYTHING OUT OR UN-LOCKED. THEY TOOK
GARDEN HOSES, ANYTHING LEFT IN THE BACK OF THE TRUCK -
INCLUDING A CHAIR I WAS TAKING TO THE DUMP ^{MY NEPHEW} THAT ^{HAD} ~~BEEN~~ ^{BEEN} ~~GETTEN~~
SICK ON. I HOPE THEY ENJOYED IT WHEN THEY TURNED THE
HEAT ON BY THE CHAIR AND SAT IN IT. THEN THINGS SETTLED DOWN
FOR A WHILE, BUT NOW THEY'RE BACK TO BREAKING WINDSHIELDS AND
STEALING AND ANYTHING THEY CAN LAY THEIR HANDS ON. MY

NEIGHBOR HAS A SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM THAT COVERS THE BLOCK,
BUT IS NOT QUITE AS WELL-DEFINED AS IT COULD BE, ~~WE'RE DOING THE BEST WE CAN WITH WHAT WE HAVE TO DO WITH.~~

HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW THE POLITICIANS, WHEN THEY'RE NOT BANTER-
ING BACK AND FORTH AND ACCOMPLISHING NOTHING, ARE TRYING TO MAKE
LAWS FOR EVERYTHING? IN NEW YORK, YOU CAN'T BUY A 36 OZ DRINK AT
A MOVIE OR OTHER CONCESSION STAND. YOU CAN BUY A 12 AND 24 OZ, BUT
NOT A 36. PERSONALLY, I DON'T SEE HOW ANY ONE CAN DRINK THAT MUCH
LIQUID! OR- MCDONALD'S CAN'T PUT A PRIZE IN A KID'S MEAL. YOU CAN'T
OR WON'T BE ABLE TO BUY AN ASSAULT-LOOKING RIFLE, EVEN THOUGH IT'S
JUST A SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPON, JUST LIKE ONE THAT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE
AN ASSAULT WEAPON. IT REALLY BURNS ME FOR THE POLITICIANS POLI-
TICIANS TO MINI-MANAGE OUR LIVES. // I PICKED UP OUR NEW PHONE
BOOK THE OTHER DAY TO LOOK UP SOMEONE'S ADDRESS OR NUMBER.
GUESS WHAT! THERE ^{ARE} NO RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS IN IT! WE GET A
COUPLE OTHER PHONE BOOKS. GOOD THING I DIDN'T THROW THEM AWAY! //

I BELONG TO CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND WE HAD THE PLEASURE THIS
PAST SUNDAY OF INSTALLING OUR NEW PASTOR. HER NAME IS PAT HIG-
GINS AND SHE ~~HAS~~ HAS BEEN SERVING A CONGREGATION IN
SARRAMENTO, WHILE LIVING IN TRINIDAD, SO WE WILL HELP HER CUT
DOWN ON HER COMMUTE. SHE'S A LOVELY, DYNAMIC PERSON, AND
WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HER. // WELL, TOMOR-
ROW IS THANKSGIVING - IT USED TO BE A NICE QUIET DAY TO RE-
LAX AND ENJOY THE MEAL AND FAMILY. NOW, IT'S SHOVEL IN THE FOOD
SOMEWHERE BETWEEN TODAY AND THIS COMING WEEKEND. BLACK FRIDAY
IS NOW BLACK WEEK! HAVE A GOOD DAY!

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