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MY ALARM IS A CLOCK RADIO SET FOR 6:25, SO I GOT UP, TAKE
MY MORNING PILLS, LISTEN TO THE NEWS AND MY FELLOW
DIMMENTERS AND READ OR DO THE CROSSWORDS IN THE
TIMES-STANDARD AND WHEN MY WIFE IS READY, I GET BATHED
AND GET THE COMPRESSION BANDAGES ON MY LEGS, AND
IN GENERAL, GET READY FOR THE DAY! IF THAT - OR ANY PART
OF YOUR DAILY ROUTINE, IS LIKE MINE, THEN ON THIS
CHRISTMAS MORNING YOU ARE HAVING A FIRST OR SEC-
OND CUP OF COFFEE OR TEA, ~~OR WHATEVER~~ ^{OR OPENING ~~THE~~ PRESENTS,} AND GETTING
READY FOR WHATEVER THE DAY BRINGS. ~~WE~~ WE ARE GETTING
READY TO GO TO OUR DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW'S PLACE FOR OUR
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BLUEBERRY PANCAKE BREAKFAST PRE-
PARED BY JIM, WITH THE ADDED ATTRACTION OF HAVING
TWO OF MY SISTERS AND FAMILY JOIN US. TWO OF OUR GRAND-
KIDS ARE HOME FROM COLLEGE - JENNA FROM SONOMA STATE, WHO
SITE WORKS PART TIME FOR DUTCH BROS, AND BIG NATE, WHO IS A
RED SHIRT FRESHMAN ON FRESNO STATE'S FOOTBALL TEAM.
YOU MAY KNOW THAT REDSHIRTS DO NOT PLAY, BUT PRACTICE
WITH THE TEAM, PREPARING FOR NEXT YEAR AND ~~GO~~ ^{ON TO} THEIR
FIFTH YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY. FRESNO STATE PLAYED USC IN THE
LAS VEGAS BOWL - WE HAD TO BE GONE MOST OF THE DAY BUT
GOT HOME IN TIME TO CATCH THE END OF THE GAME. THE
OLDEST BROTHER OF THE QUARTERBACK WAS BEING INTERVIEWED
ON TV - AND THERE WAS NATE! - STANDING OFF TO THE SIDE - WE
ONLY SAW HIM FOR A FEW SECONDS, BUT HE HAS NOW MADE HIS
DEBUT ON NATIONAL T.V. - SO - A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF
YOU AND I HOPE YOUR DAY GOES ^{GREAT} LIKE IT SHOULD ~~GO~~!!
I WANT TO THANK THE FOLKS HERE AT EVREKA BROADCASTING
FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE ANNUAL TRUCKER'S PARADE. IT
COMES RIGHT PAST MY HOUSE - WELL - 1/2 BLOCK AWAY. AND WE

ENJOYED IT IMMENSELY! THERE IS A TON OF WORK THAT GOES INTO DECORATING THOSE BIG RIGS, AND THE TRUCKERS AND THE HELPERS DID MARVELOUS WORK! THANKS AGAIN KEKA! // THERE HAS BEEN A FLAP GOING ON FOR SEVERAL YEARS ABOUT THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT. A LOCAL ATTORNEY SEEMS TO BE AT THE CENTER OF THE PROBLEM, AND, AS HE SAYS, THE LAW IS THE LAW. AND IT'S BEEN THERE FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OR SO. THE AIM IS THAT ALL PEOPLE WILL HAVE ACCESS TO ALL PLACES OF BUSINESS. THOSE OF YOU WHO KNOW ME, KNOW THAT I AM DISABLED. I CANNOT WALK WITHOUT CRUTCHES AND I USE A WHEELCHAIR ABOUT 80% OF THE TIME AT HOME, OR IF I HAVE TO GO WHERE THERE WILL BE SOME DISTANCE ^{to walk} OR A LOT OF STANDING TO BE DONE. MANY OF EUREKA AND ARCHATA'S OFFICE TYPE BUSINESSES ARE LOCATED IN VICTORIAN STYLE HOMES, AND ~~LOTS~~ ^{MOST} OF THEM ARE ~~HEAVILY~~ ^{HAVE LOTS OF STEPS} ~~RETIRED~~. THE ONES I'VE VISITED HAVE PUT IN RAMPS OR OTHERWISE MADE THEMSELVES ACCESSIBLE. THE ARLE CENTER AND THE RIVER LODGE IN FORTY UNIT HAVE PUT IN LIFTS - TO GET GUYS LIKE ME ON THE STAGE. THE RIVER LODGE ONE WAS OUT OF ORDER LAST TIME I WAS THERE. MAKING A LAW THAT SAYS EVERYONE CAN GO EVERYWHERE OR DO EVERYTHING IS UNREALISTIC. I HOPE COMMON SENSE PREVAILS. MERRY CHRISTMAS - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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