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As we listen to and read all the recaps of things, good and bad, that have happened in the past year, I have a few of my own things that make me sad or happy when they come to my mind. When the little guy drowned in Big Lagoon, it saddened me, big time, because I've spent a lot of time at Big Lagoon and on other lakes and lagoons in our area. Two of my in-law nephews drowned the same day in the Trinity River, not this year, but it comes back in a second. We were involved in a boating accident several years ago and I used a method of CPR that I had read about just a few days before it happened, and probably saved a little girl's life. I helped pull a boy out of the ocean 25 years ago, or so, It also comes back in a second-some turned out o.k.-some didn't. But-enough about the scary things- let's look at the good things-Our granddaughter, Jenna graduated from Sonoma State University-Cum Laude, and is working on being a teacher, for now, student teaching and being a substitute teacher in the Santa Rosa area. As you have heard me say, if you are a regular listener-our grandson Nathan is playing football at Fresno State University, doing well, has been seen on national TV, even had his name mentioned on national TV several times. I think I talked about this once before-when Nate's dad told me that the school had given the team members eye pads- and I thought "Eye Pads" they have knee pads, shoulder pads, and how many other kinds of pads- and as I looked at Jim to ask "why do they need Eye pads?" and saw the look of "what kind of idiot am I talking to"- I realized what kind of pads he was really talking about-"sheeesh! and thought "wake up dum dum".//We had a couple of good things

happen at our church- we started feeding the hungry folks in the neighborhood, and after a slow start, it has grown considerably//We have a new pre-school in our building, and it is doing well//My friend Betty Chinn's Center for the homeless and other needy people is doing well and provides a clean, pleasant place for folks to get a new start in life//There are many other good things happening in Eureka and its environs, mostly due to volunteers and other civic groups.//The Trucker's parade was a great one this year- not too long, with no gaps of any length-thanks to Eureka Broadcasting and other sponsors//If you have remembered my friend Jim Davis and his electric and solar pencil prototypes, he brought me three battery-operated ones. These are flat, carpenter pencils with batteries attached in different positions, with the least likely one being with a 9 volt battery strapped on. The next least likely one to succeed being the one with the battery being set in the graphite-not knowing whether graphite is a conductor or not. The third has the battery on the flat outside of the pencil, where it needs to be properly secured. These are for ^{use} in dark places or super cloudy days. I'll let you know whether they work or not.

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