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It's so good to hear Eureka Broadcasting Company's, and other business advertisers saying "have a Merry Christmas" Instead of "Happy Holidays". I hope those who are celebrating other-wise-named celebrations will say to themselves-"happy Hannuka" or whatever they are celebrating. After all, it's been "Christmas" for 1800 or so years. //While we are on the subject of Christmas, be sure to watch the Trucker's Parade, sponsored in part by Eureka Broadcasting, this Saturday evening, December 12th. Our local truckers and civic units, such as the Fire Departments, do a wonderful job of decorating those rigs, small, medium and large, and extra large. The parade starts at Redwood Acres, goes West on Harris, North on I Street to Seventh, East on Seventh to Myrtle Avenue and back to Redwood Acres. It passes a half block from my house, so I just hop on my electric wheelchair and toodle over. Thanks, Eureka Broadcasting and other sponsors and most of all, the truckers!//The recent tragic murders of innocent people by killers armed with automatic weapons has spurred the usual cries about banning semi-automatic weapons. Many people, mostly hunters, but other kinds of shooters as well, have semi-automatic weapons. I've talked about this before, but I'm going to talk about it again, briefly. I have a .22 caliber rifle that my dad bought for me in the late forties. It is a semi-automatic rifle with an 18 count magazine. For those of you not familiar with shooting terms, the magazine is what holds the bullets

waiting to be fired. The magazine on this .22 rifle is a tube running close to the length of the barrel, not a long curved magazine that curves slightly for-ward that makes a military-style look so mean.*These killers aquired these automatic rifles illegally, as they are illegal just about everywhere. Banning semi-automatic weapons would put many hunters out of the picture, because many of us have semi-automatic weapons. Semi-automatic simply means you have to pull the trigger for each shot, as opposed to working the bolt or lever or cocking the gun, or just holding down the trigger until all the ammunition is exhausted. Don't let these worry warts fool you-banning semi-automatic weapons will not cure anything!//I have to say goodbye to another dear friend-Rosie Pitlock. Rosie has been dear friend for many years. She fought a serious case of Lukema, and lost! Condolences to Rosie's daughter Susie, son Mark, his wife Starr and their two children.// Monday was Pearl Harbor Day. My daughter Terri and her huband Jim, were in Hawaii last week and visited the Arizona Memorial. It was very touching. As John Sapper said on Monday in so many words-"We cannot afford to not be alert and aware of what's going on in the world around us!"
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