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It's a little late, but I'm going to say goodbye to "Mrs. G"- Doris Gildesgaard. She was a long-time, no nonsense English teacher at Eureka High School, and a long time member of my church, Calvary Lutheran. You always knew where Mrs. G stood on things. It took her a little time to figure out finances, as a council member, but eventually she got it. I was told that she had a nice little terrarium in her ^{class} room, and she commented on "that nice green plant" that had sprung up. She said she didn't know what it was, but it sure was pretty. Someone took her aside and said-"Mrs. G-that's marijuana!" It rapidly disappeared! So, goodbye, Mrs G- it was good to know ya!//There was a letter in the Times-Standard a little while back that said policemen should not carry guns. The writer listed several countries where policemen didn't carry guns. What he failed to note was that people in those countries were not armed like we are here in the good ol' USA. There have been two incidents in the last few days that say "cops need to carry guns"- the first being the attack on a CHP officer by a youth in the Hoopa/Willow Creek area where the officer was brutally attacked with a machete-his weapon probably saved his life. The other incident was in New York City, where the officers didn't have a chance to use their weapons-they were ambushed and fatally injured. In Eureka, for example, a large majority of households have some kind of weapon in them. Many criminals have guns, and in many cases, don't hesitate to use them. How would you like to pull over a vehicle for whatever and walk up to it, not knowing whether the occupants of the car were armed and dangerous or not? I do

agree that shooting someone ten times is a bit of an overkill-pun intended, but I have seen deer hunters do the same thing when they come upon a big buck, and facing a criminal is a lot more stressful than that! I do not have a problem with waiting for a background check to go through, but criminals will get guns in a dozen different ways. I had a handgun stolen once, right under my nose- it probably went to a criminal somewhere. I don't know how much training it takes to be able to keep yourself in control when you are in a life and death situation. With some, they have it- others may not ever get it. Keep our officers armed-for our sake and for theirs!//Tomorrow is Christmas- ours will be a little delayed as we wait for our grandson Nate, who is flying back from Hawaii with the Fresno State Bulldogs- I hope they won! So, to the crew here at Eureka Broadcasting and all you listeners out there, whether you agree with me or not- have a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR! Please drive carefully and use a designated driver when it's necessary.

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