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Two more recent drownings in the ocean. Troy Niccolini, from the weather service, is continually warning us about the dangers of our ocean tides, and waves and even on calm days how dangerous our ocean is. I have personally been involved with two incidents, so believe me, he is right on! Unfortunately, those folks who are traveling through our beautiful area don't hear those warnings. In one case the man went after his son, a natural reaction, and lost his life while saving the son. In the other case, the person went after a dog, which is also a natural reaction, but it turned out to be the wrong decision. I have seen people at the beach letting their children- little ones, play near the water's edge and have said something, but they look at you like you are a nut case. Tain't so! Pay attention!//I like the new count down warnings at key intersection that tell us how long before the light turns yellow. I don't like running yellow lights, and these help a lot. In Oregon, if you run a yellow light, it costs a bundle. My son-in-law went through one, and the officer who stopped him asked if he could have stopped. He foolishly said yes, and it cost him 350 bucks!// How often have you reached an answering machine that said-"Your call is important to us-after the tone, leave your message, and we'll call you back as soon as we can". I was calling local businesses in regards to ads in our local Barbershop Spring Show program and out of the four whose reply was that I just spoke of, none called me back. If you aren't going to call back, don't say you are going to. I usually go to the locations, but I just couldn't do these on my banged -up knees.//There sure have been a lot of shootings around here lately. Being a gun owner, it just irritates the heck

out of me that so much irresponsibility exists when it comes to guns and their illegal use. Of course, there have been several stabbings, too, so if you don't have a gun, find another way to cause some physical damage to someone. I have always considered myself a careful gun handler, but let me tell you- one slight lapse can have horrible consequences. It happened to me many years ago, and I still shudder with fear when I think about it. It turned out o.k., but it could have been a disaster! When we were hunting, we always emptied our chambers when we were in the vehicle or in camp and were careful about where we pointed our weapons. Once, my partner got distracted and left a shell in the chamber and forgot to put the safety on. We got out of the jeep to look over a wide valley and the gun went off. My partner was mortified and I was really startled. No harm came, but it could have been so much different. In rural counties like Humboldt, many folks have weapons- mostly for hunting, but some for target shooting or personal protection. I keep all mine locked up, unloaded, with the ammunition stored separately, so I'd have to ask the intruder to wait just a sec while I retrieved and loaded my weapon. Just remember to be careful.

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