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## Wisdom For The Week :

A candle is not dimmed by lighting another candle.

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(Contributed by Jim Vail.... Thanks Jim)

Grandma's advice:

A careful study of economics usually reveals that the best time to buy anything is last year.

A perfectionist is one who takes great pains, and gives them to everyone else.

A picture may be worth a thousand words but it uses up a thousand times more memory.

Accomplishing the impossible means only the boss will add it to your regular duties.

Character is like a fence - it cannot be strengthened by whitewash.

Do your best and leave the rest.

In the 60s people took acid to make the world weird. Now the

world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.

Insanity is my only means of relaxation.

Just when I was getting used to yesterday, along came today.

My mind not only wanders, it sometimes leaves completely.

No one should live by the early bird policy without finding out whether he classifies as a bird or a worm.

Sometimes I think I understand everything, then I regain consciousness.

The measure of a man's intelligence is inversely proportional to the amount of time he keeps his mouth open.

The trouble with staying at home is you never find out just how good it is to get back.

When trouble arises and things look bad, there is always one individual who perceives a solution and is willing to take command. Usually, that individual is crazy.

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## Consumer Tips

(Contributed by Chris Anderson.... Thanks Chris)

Here is some information that may save your life.....

1. Tip from Tae Kwon Do: The elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough to use it, do!

2. Learned this from a tourist guide to New Orleans. If a robber asks for your wallet and/or purse, **DO NOT HAND IT TO HIM**. Toss it away from you.... chances are that he is more interested in your wallet and/or purse than you and he will go for the wallet/purse. **RUN LIKE MAD IN THE OTHER DIRECTION!**

3. If you are ever thrown into the trunk of a car: Kick out the back tail lights and stick your arm out the hole and start waving like crazy. The driver won't see you but everybody else will. This has saved lives.

4. Women have a tendency to get into their cars after shopping, eating, working, etc., and just sit (doing their checkbook, or making a list, etc. **DON'T DO THIS!** The predator will be watching you, and this is the perfect opportunity for him to get in on the passenger side, put a gun to your head, and tell you where to go. **A S SOON AS YOU GET INTO YOUR CAR, LOCK THE DOORS AND LEAVE.**

5. A few notes about getting into your car in a parking lot, or parking garage:

A.) Be aware: look around you, look into your car, at the passenger side floor, and in the back seat.

B.) If you are parked next to a big van, enter your car from the passenger door. Most serial killers attack their victims by pulling them into their vans while the women are attempting to get into their cars.

C.) Look at the car parked on the driver's side of your vehicle, and the passenger side. If a male is sitting alone in the seat nearest your car, you may want to walk back into the mall, or work, and get a guard/policeman to walk you back out. **IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY.** (And better paranoid than dead.)

6. ALWAYS take the elevator instead of the stairs.(Stairwells are horrible places to be alone and the perfect crime spot).

7. If the predator has a gun and you are not under his control, ALWAYS RUN! The predator will only hit you (a running target) 4 in 100 times; And even then, it most likely WILL NOT be a vital organ. RUN!

8. As women, we are always trying to be sympathetic: STOP IT! It may get you raped, or killed. Ted Bundy, the serial killer, was a good-looking, well educated man, who ALWAYS played on the sympathies of unsuspecting women. He walked with a cane, or a limp, and often asked "for help" into his vehicle or with his vehicle, which is when he abducted his next victim.

9. Another Safety Point: If you hear a crying baby outside don't go out to investigate. Call the police. Tape recordings of a crying baby have been used to lure women outside the home into the dark in the past.

10. Southern California law enforcement professionals assigned to detect new threats to personal security issues recently discovered what type of information is embedded in the credit-card type hotel room keys used throughout the industry. Although room keys differ from hotel to hotel, a key obtained from the "Double Tree" chain that was being used for a regional Identity Theft Presentation was found to contain the following the information:

- a.. Customer's (your) name
- b.. Customer's partial home address
- c.. Hotel room number
- d.. Check-in date and check-out date
- e.. Customer's (your) credit card number and expiration date!

When you turn them in to the front desk your personal information is there for any employee to access by simply scanning the card in the hotel scanner. An employee can take a handful of cards home, and using a scanning device, access the information onto a laptop computer and go shopping at your expense.

Simply put, hotels do not erase these cards until an employee issues the card to the next hotel guest. It is usually kept in a drawer at the front desk with YOUR INFORMATION ON IT!!!!

The bottom line is, keep the cards or destroy them! NEVER leave them behind and NEVER turn them in to the front desk when you check out of a room. They will not charge you for the card.

Information courtesy of: Sergeant K. Jorge,  
Detective Sergeant,  
Pasadena Police Department

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Make it a wonderful and happy week!!!!
The happy friends in your life,
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