

# MoNdAy FuNnIeS

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## Wisdom For The Week :

(contributed by Linda Shattuck..... Thanks Linda)

"We cannot break the commandments, we can only break OURSELVES against them".

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(Contributed by Brenda Pitts... thanks Brenda hope everyone can see this picture... that is funny)

**Subject:** Tough Love vs. Spanking (a psychological conundrum)

*Most of America's populace think it improper to spank children, so I have tried other methods to control my kids when they have one of "those moments."*

*One that I found effective is for me to just take the child for a car ride and talk.*

*They usually calm down and stop misbehaving after our car ride together.*

*I've included a photo below of one of my sessions with my son, in case you would like to use the technique.*

*Sincerely,*



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# Consumer Tips

Hey CV,

Most fire departments recommend that you change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you "Spring Forward" and "Fall Back".

John Bernhard

(Thanks for the reminder John)



Cordell

Thanks for the tips ...

Although I haven't researched it, the news (komotv) was recommending replacement of your smoke detector itself every ten years

...Probably something to do with  $\frac{1}{2}$  life of detector elements.

<http://www.komo1000news.com/consumertip/story.asp?ID=39738>

Arnie DeWalt

(Thanks Arnie)

~~~~~ From last week ~~~~~

**If you remember Jim Vail wrote:**

Hi Unc.

I tried the task of using a keyless entry over the cell phone to unlock a car. It didn't work. Has this been proven or just rumored? Perhaps I'm doing something wrong.

Jim

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**More egg on my face. The person who sent me that information about starting your car with a cell phone said they had "PERSONALLY" gone to Urban Legends and checked it out and it was correct. Because I don't have a remote car starter I did not try it and MY MISTAKE... I did not check it out because I thought that person had checked it out.**

**Cv with egg on the face again**

**So here are some other replies from the readers**

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**Cordell,**

**The question about the keyless entry is that it is a hoax. The phone broadcasts at one frequency and the car alarm at another.**

**Clint Long**

**(thanks Clint)**

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Cordell -

Regarding keyless entry via cell phone, please refer to urban legend website:

<http://www.snopes.com/autos/techno/keyless.asp>

Dennis Anderson

(Thanks Dennis)

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I also found it at <http://hoaxbusters.ciac.org/HBUrbanMyths.shtml>

## Unlock A Car With A Cell Phone

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This one is total bologne. The automatic door unlocker dongle works with RF (radio frequency) signals to tell the car to unlock. Putting your unlock dongle next to your cell phone only sends the sound of you pressing the button, not the RF signal needed to actually open the door. Do this and you will look like a fool holding your cell phone up to your car to get it to unlock. Talking to your car will work just as well.

Cordell with egg on his face again....

YIKES!!! no more posting without checking no matter who sends it to me.... PROMISE!!!

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# CONSUMER WEBPAGE

## LET IT BE SAID

We have talked a lot about gas prices. I have even create a web page about gas prices [www.goldenmailbox.com/gas](http://www.goldenmailbox.com/gas) But for some reason consumers are not willing to ban together to do something about it. This last week on the Friday night NBC news <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/9854784/> they reported that in the past 3 months (NOTE: THAT WAS NOT THE LAST YEAR... BUT THE LAST 3 MONTHS) the oil companies have made the following profits:

Cheveron \$3.6 billion

Conoco Philips \$3.8 billion

BP \$6.5 billion

Shell \$9 billion

Exon Mobil \$9.9 billion

That is in 3 months.

Exon Mobil made more in the past 3 months than 492 of the S&P 500 companies made all year

HELLO!!!!

Is anyone listening? I know that if every consumer in America would stop buying gas from these 5 companies that would force them to bring the price of gas down. But who will do it? I have been doing it for a year and my car still is running just fine on Safeway and CostCo gas. Who will create a consumer group to stop this highway robbery? WHO? The big oil companies are just laughing at us. Oh wow there was a hurricane, better raise the price of gas again. Oh wow the price of crude went up better raise the price of gas again. Who is going to stand up and do something about it? Are we going to just be complacent and say there is nothing we can do about it? We could stop this if we

would. If we would ban together and not buy gas from them it would stop. There are lots of other stations around. We don't have to buy gas from them. If everyone in America would stop buying their gas, they would have to take the price down to entice us to buy the gas or go out of business. Complacency is a powerful tool. If no one is willing to do anything, and just say, "Well, that is just the way it is" then they are right. That is just the way it is.

Think about that .... \$9.9 billion in just 3 months. Do you know how much a billion is? That is more like the total hurricane recovery cost? And that came out of our pockets. But they are not done with us yet. Because gas prices are up truckers have to raise their prices so food and clothes and cars and anything else being hauled by truck is also now going up. Guess who will pay for that round of goods..... Where will this end?

We can stop this in one day if we will. All we have to do is all of us stop buying gas from these 5 large companies. In one day that would stop it. If we refused to buy their gas for a week or a month or until the price of gas was reasonable again it would stop. It does not cost them one cent more to make gas this year than it did last year. Yet these 5 companies made \$32.8 billion in 3 months. If we could just ban together as consumers and not buy their gas, they would be forced to bring the price of gas down.

So now I guess we will see if we are all going to just go on go paying what every they feel like raising the price of gas to, being complacent and do nothing or try to do something and get our friends to do something and put a stop to this before it destroys our economy.

**PS: Carlton Schultz reminded me what a billion is:**

A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but to put it into perspective

A billion seconds ago, it was 1959.

A billion minutes ago, Jesus was alive.

A billion hours ago, according to my desk calculator would be 114,155 years so that would be the year 112,150 BC if there ever was such a year.

Bill Gates is only worth \$27 Billion from all of Microsoft and other life time investments (last time I checked anyway)



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