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Wisdom For The Week :

Our true inner strength and character comes from our repeated actions, day by day
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QA in Japan vrs QA in North America

Some time back, IBM Canada Ltd. of Markham, Ont., ordered some parts from a new supplier in Japan. The company noted in its order that acceptable quality allowed for 1.5 per cent defective parts (a fairly high standard in North America at the time).

The Japanese sent the order, with a few parts packaged separately in plastic. The accompanying letter said: "We don't know why you want 1.5 per cent defective parts, but for your convenience, we've packed them separately."

- Japanese Quality, from an article in *The Toronto Globe and Mail*

Consumer Tips

(Contributed by Gerald Trantham.... Thanks Gerald)

Subject: Driver's License Alert!

This is upsetting but I thought I should pass it along. Check your drivers license. Now you can see anyone's Driver's License on the Internet, including your own! I just searched for mine and there it was...picture and all!! Thanks Homeland Security! Where are our rights?

I definitely removed mine. I suggest you do the same...Go to the web site and check it out. Just enter your name, city and state to see if yours is on file. After your license comes on the screen, click the box marked "Please Remove". This will remove it from public viewing, but not from law enforcement. (if it does not come right up be sure to click on the CLICK HERE after 15 seconds)

<http://www.license.shorturl.com>

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And yes, I checked this one out first..... Cordell

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CONSUMER WEBPAGE

~~~~~ Reader Feedback ~~~~~

*(feed back from Arlene Burg....Thanks Arlene and Seth)*

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From: Arlene Burg  
To: "Cordell and Janice Vail"  
Subject: Re: Gas ban  
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2005

Cordell  
I forwarded your message about not using gas from the big gas companies to my brother. This was his response. Let me know what you think.  
Arlene

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Arlene  
Maybe you didn't know this but most of the smaller or other name brand oil companies get their gas supply from these big oil company refineries! Because of this it would be very difficult to deal them out of the consumers market. I agree that something needs to be done but I don't think that will touch them. Remember I used to work in this industry. We used to buy and sell gas and haul it to who ever needed it. Allot of that came from the Major refineries. I have been to EXXON's big refinery in Benicia California and many other companies, I have seen this. This is bigger than who we won't buy it from. Now I buy from Sinclair because of the principle of what you are talking about but this won't

affect the other majors. If you are serious about this just ask the owners of your gas supply where they get their gas and trace it to the refinery it came from. Ask the truck driver who hauls it who's loading rack or pipe his load came from. His "Bill of Lading" will show it.

Love,  
M Seth Miller

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You are right Arlene and Seth. So I thought it might be interesting for our readers to know also know this week which oil companies import Middle Eastern oil and which ones don't. This is from my consumer web page. If any of you do further research and find this is not correct information please let us know, but as far as I have been able to tell from my research it is correct.

Here are some large companies that **DO** import Middle Eastern oil
Shell
Chevron/Texaco
Exxon /Mobil
Marathon/Speedway
Amoco

Here are some large companies that **DO NOT** import Middle Eastern oil
Citgo (7-11)
Sunoco
Conoco
Sinclair
Hess

(All of this information is available from the Department of Energy and each is required to state where they get their oil and how much they are importing. They report on a monthly basis.)

Here are some of the sources you can look at
http://www.eia.doe.gov/pub/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/company_level_imports/current/summary2003.html
http://www.eia.doe.gov/pub/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/company_level_imports/current/data/import.xls

So all we can do is try for those of us who are willing to try to not buy gas from the big guys and see if it will work.

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