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Wisdom For The Week :

The cost to give away a smile is nothing. It's value is priceless.

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(Contributed by Mike Lansberry... Thanks Mike)

Word fumbles by famous athletes.....

New Orleans Saint RB George Rogers when asked about the upcoming season: "I want to rush for 1,000 or 1,500 yards, whichever comes first."

And, upon hearing Joe Jacobi of the 'Skins say: "I'd run over my

own mother to win the Super Bowl," Matt Millen of the Raiders said: "To win, I'd run over Joe's Mom, too."

Torrin Polk, University of Houston receiver, on his coach, John Jenkins: "He treats us like men. He lets us wear earrings."

Football commentator and former player Joe Theismann, 1996: "Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."

Senior basketball player at the University of Pittsburgh : "I'm going to graduate on time, no matter how long it takes." (now that is beautiful)

Bill Peterson, a Florida State football coach: "You guys line up alphabetically by height." And, "You guys pair up in groups of three, then line up in a circle."

Boxing promoter Dan Duva on Mike Tyson hooking up again with promoter Don King: "Why would anyone expect him to come out smarter? He went to prison for three years, not Princeton " (This one is clever.)

Stu Grimson, Chicago Blackhawk's left wing, explaining why he keeps a color photo of himself above his locker: "That's so when I forget how to spell my name, I can still find my clothes."

Lou Duva, veteran boxing trainer, on the Spartan training regime of heavyweight Andrew Golota: "He's a guy who gets up at six o'clock in the morning regardless of what time it is."

Chuck Nevitt, North Carolina State basketball player, explaining to Coach Jim Valvano why he appeared nervous at practice: "My sister's expecting a baby, and I don't know if I'm going to be an

uncle or an aunt." (I wonder if his IQ ever hit room temperature in January)

Frank Layden, Utah Jazz president, on a former player: "I told him, 'Son, what is it with you? Is it ignorance or apathy?' He said, "Coach, I don't know and I don't care."

Shelby Metcalf, basketball coach at Texas A&M, recounting what he told a player who received four F's and one D: "Son, looks to me like you're spending too much time on one subject."

Consumer Alert

This is the time of year when many of us give a "GIFT CARD" as a holiday present. Last night on our Channel 4 news they had a feature about gift cards and how people have figured out how to steal the money out of them once you have purchased them and given them away as a gift.

People go into the store like Target or WalMart where the cards are hanging on a rack, then they look at the numbers on the back of the card and write down the card ID numbers and PIN numbers from several cards. Some cards have the PIN number covered where you have to scratch it off to see it. So they just scratch it off and unless you are watching for that, you would not notice it was already scratched off, revealing the PIN #. Then they call the company every few days to see what the card balance is. That tells them when it has been activated. Once the card is active and has money in it, and having written down the ID number and PIN number while it was still in the store, they go on line and use the money in the card.

You can see details on the KOMO4NEWS web page at:

<http://www.komotv.com/news/archive/4126676.html>

I also checked it out on Urban Legends to see if there was more info on it. There was

<http://www.snopes.com/fraud/sales/giftcard.asp>

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Consumer Tips

This is the time of year when we start having unexpected snow and ice storms in most parts of the country. Having just had one blow across most of the country I was reminded of why I have a special little kit in the trunk of my car. I never leave home without it as American Express likes to say. You just never know when you are going to need it. What is in my SAFETY KIT?

1 bag of snow melt so if I am stuck on ice I can get out without a tow truck.

a warm stocking cap that is bright orange so it will be easy to see on the road

a pair of warm gloves

a warm sweat shirt that is bright orange so it can be seen on the road

a rain coat that has pants and a coat with a hood

a flash light (I change the batteries every year)

a safety flasher light to put out on the road in case of a flat tire (I change the batteries every year)

3 road flairs

a screw driver so I can get the hub cap off if I get a flat tire

a can of INFLATE to blow a flat tire up

Why do I have this stuff in my car? Because of two experiences that happened to me.

First Experience: The most dramatic of the two experiences was in Utah a few years ago. It was Sunday night. I took a friend home in the evening. It was 5 degrees outside with a 20 mile per hour wind. Got John home just fine but on the way back I had a flat tire on I-15. I only had on my Sunday suit. No gloves, no hat, no warm coat. No one stopped to help me..... It took me 3 1/2 hours to change the tire. Turn the lug nut one turn. Get back in and get warm. Turn the lug nut one turn get back in and get warm. Then when I got the spare tire on, it was almost flat. YIKES!!! Now I check that too every few months to make sure it has air in it. But it had just enough air in the spare tire to go 10 miles an hour to the next exit and a service station to pump it up. I have never left home with out my kit in the trunk since then.

Second experience: We were at a bank on a cold ice filled day. We did not notice that the parking stall had a slight incline down towards the sidewalk. We parked, went in to the bank. When we came out, because the car was sitting on Ice we could not back out of the parking stall. We had to have a people help push us up the incline but it was too much. We could not move it. Finally someone came along who always carried ice melt in his trunk. 2 minutes and we were on our way. I never leave home with out it in my trunk now.

Just because the weather was nice when you left home does not mean it will be when you get where you are going.



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