

# JAY'S STRAIGHT TALK

UNPLUGGED AND UNCENSORED



i CAN'T IMAGINE  
MASTERING THE SKILLS  
INVOLVED HERE WITHOUT  
A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING  
OF WHO'S GOING TO BE  
IMPRESSED\*



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## Straight Talk XVII Tidbits from Marianne Nettina and other less useful information November 26 2011

Hope everyone had a super Thanksgiving and didn't eat too much. Sorry for the delay in this week's note...really busy with one to ones and my launch next week. Your reports from the field continue to be outstanding. Virtually everyone is in the home stretch of what I know is an exciting time for everyone. My one to ones have already produced several connections that demonstrate how important Vistage is to our members...their heartfelt excitement and gratitude to gaining clarity and oftentimes finally taking action on issues really makes you understand what this "calling" is all about.

Today's humor and thoughts include aging and wisdom; interesting tidbits from Dave Nettina's wife, Marianne; a story on "What's important in life?"; information on Sears that may encourage you to shop there more; and a funny video from a Baptist preacher...we really have folks like that in the South! Have a great week! Jay

### With age comes wisdom !!!????

.....thought you'd enjoy this one.



**A guy is 72 years old and loves to fish.**

**He was sitting in his boat the other day when he heard a voice say, "Pick me up."**

**He looked around and couldn't see anyone.**

**He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice say again, "Pick me up."**

**He looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog.**

**The man said, "Are you talking to me?"**

The frog said, "Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up then, kiss me and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen. I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous because I will be your bride!"

The man looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully, and placed it in his front pocket.

The frog said, "What, are you nuts? Didn't you hear what I said? I said kiss me and I will be your beautiful bride."

He opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said, "Nah, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog."



*With age comes wisdom.*

Stuff you didn't know you didn't know!

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Every day more money  
is printed for Monopoly than the U.S.  
Treasury.

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Men can read smaller  
print than women can; women can hear better.


Coca-Cola was  
originally green.

It is impossible to lick  
your elbow.

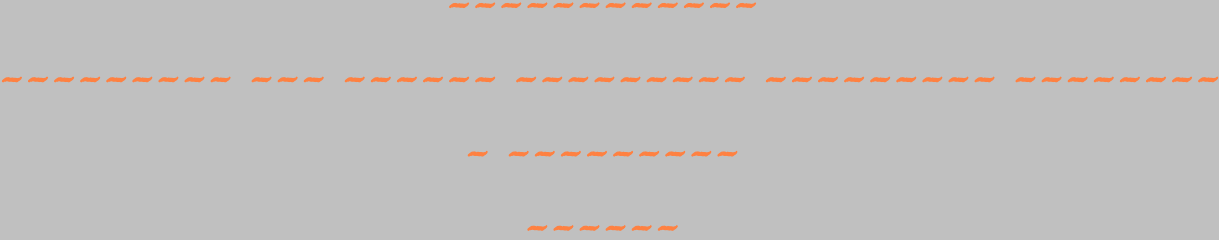
The State with the  
highest percentage of people who walk to work:

Alaska

The percentage of  
Africa that is wilderness: 28%  
(now get this...)



The percentage of  
North America that is wilderness: 38%



The cost of raising  
a medium-size dog to the age of eleven:

\$ 16,400







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Each king in a deck  
of playing cards represents a great king from  
history:

Spades - King David

Hearts - Charlemagne

Clubs - Alexander,  
the Great

Diamonds - Julius  
Caesar

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111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987, 654,321

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If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle.

If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle.

If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes

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Only two people  
signed the Declaration of Independence on July  
4,  
John Hancock  
and Charles Thomson.  
Most of the rest signed on August 2,  
but  
the last signature wasn't added until 5 years  
later.

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Q. Half of all  
Americans live within 50 miles of what?

A. Their birthplace

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Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested?

A.  
Obsession

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Q.. If you were to  
spell out numbers, how far would you have to go  
until you  
would find the letter 'A'?

A. One thousand

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Q. What do  
bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers  
and laser  
printers have in common?

A. All were invented  
by women.

Q. What is the only  
food that doesn't spoil?

A. Honey

Q. Which day are  
there more collect calls than any other day of

the  
year?

A. Father's Day

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In Shakespeare's  
time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by  
ropes.

When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress  
tightened,  
making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the  
phrase... 'Goodnight , sleep tight'

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It was the accepted  
practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that  
for a month  
after the  
wedding,  
the bride's father would supply his son-in-law  
with  
all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer  
and because  
their calendar was lunar based, this period was  
called the  
honey month, which we know today as the  
honeymoon.

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In English pubs, ale  
is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old  
England , when  
customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at  
them 'Mind  
your pints and quarts, and settle down.'

It's where we get  
the phrase 'mind your P's and Q's'

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Many years ago in  
England ,

pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim,  
or handle  
of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill ,  
they used the whistle to get some service. 'Wet  
your whistle'  
is the phrase inspired by this practice.

At least 75% of  
people who read this will try to lick their  
elbow!

YOU  
KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2011 when...

1. You accidentally  
enter your PIN on the microwave.

2. You haven't  
played solitaire with real cards in years.

3. You have a list  
of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of  
three.

4. You e-mail and text the  
person who works at the desk next to you.

5. Your reason for

not staying in touch with friends and family is  
that they  
don't have e-mail or text addresses.

6. You pull up in  
your own driveway and use your cell phone to see  
if anyone is  
home to help you carry in the groceries...

7. Every commercial  
on television has a web site at the bottom of the  
screen

8. Leaving the house  
without your cell phone, which you didn't even  
have the first  
20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a  
cause for panic  
and you turn around to go and get it.

10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.

11. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. : )

12 You're reading this and nodding and laughing.

13. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this message.

14. You are too busy

to notice there was no #9 on this list.

15. You actually  
scrolled back up to check that there wasn't a #9  
on this  
list

~~~~~AND  
FINALLY~~~~~

NOW U R LAUGHING at  
yourself.

Go on, forward this  
to your friends. You know you want to! Go lick  
your  
elbow.

What's Important in Life?

**ONCE YOU READ THIS, YOU WILL UNDERSTAND!**

## A young man learns what's most important in life from the guy next door.

Over the phone, his mother told him, "Mr. Belser died last night. The funeral is Wednesday." Memories flashed through his mind like an old newsreel as he sat quietly remembering his childhood days.

"Jack, did you hear me?"

"Oh, sorry, Mom. Yes, I heard you. It's been so long since I thought of him. I'm sorry, but I honestly thought he died years ago," Jack said..

"Well, he didn't forget you. Every time I saw him he'd ask how you were doing. He'd reminisce about the many days you spent over 'his side of the fence' as he put it," Mom told him.

"I loved that old house he lived in," Jack said.

"You know, Jack, after your father died, Mr. Belser stepped in to make sure you had a man's influence in your life," she said

"He's the one who taught me carpentry," he said. "I wouldn't be in this business if it weren't for him. He spent a lot of time teaching me things he thought were important...Mom, I'll be there for the funeral," Jack said.

As busy as he was, he kept his word. Jack caught the next flight to his hometown. Mr. Belser's funeral was small and uneventful. He had no children of his own, and most of his relatives had passed away.

The night before he had to return home, Jack and his Mom stopped by to see the old house next door one more time.

Standing in the doorway, Jack paused for a moment. It was like crossing over into another dimension, a leap through space and time The house was exactly as he remembered. Every step held memories. Every picture, every piece of furniture....Jack stopped suddenly...

"What's wrong, Jack?" his Mom asked.

"The box is gone," he said

**"What box?" Mom asked.**

**"There was a small gold box that he kept locked on top of his desk. I must have asked him a thousand times what was inside. All he'd ever tell me was 'the thing I value most,'" Jack said.**

**It was gone. Everything about the house was exactly how Jack remembered it, except for the box. He figured someone from the Belser family had taken it.**

**"Now I'll never know what was so valuable to him," Jack said. "I better get some sleep. I have an early flight home, Mom."**

**It had been about two weeks since Mr. Belser died. Returning home from work one day, Jack discovered a note in his mailbox. "Signature required on a package. No one at home. Please stop by the main post office within the next three days," the note read. Early the next day Jack retrieved the package. The small box was old and looked like it had been mailed a hundred years ago. The handwriting was difficult to read, but the return address caught his attention. "Mr. Harold Belser" it read. Jack took the box out to his car and ripped open the package. There inside was the gold box and an envelope. Jack's hands shook as he read the note inside.**

**"Upon my death, please forward this box and its contents to Jack Bennett. It's the thing I valued most in my life." A small key was taped to the letter. His heart racing, as tears filling his eyes, Jack carefully unlocked the box. There inside he found a beautiful gold pocket watch.**

**Running his fingers slowly over the finely etched casing, he unlatched the cover. Inside he found these words engraved:**

**"Jack, Thanks for your time! -Harold Belser."**

**"The thing he valued most was...my time"**

**Jack held the watch for a few minutes, then called his office and cleared his appointments for the next two days. "Why?" Janet, his assistant asked.**

**"I need some time to spend with my son," he said.**

**"Oh, by the way, Janet, thanks for your time!"**

**"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away,"**



**Think about this. You may not realize it, but it's 100% true.**

- 1. At least 15 people in this world love you in some way..**
- 2 A smile from you can bring happiness to anyone, even if they don't like you.**
- 3 Every night, SOMEONE thinks about you before they go to sleep.**
- 4.. You mean the world to someone.**
- 5. If not for you, someone may not be living.**
- 6. You are special and unique.**
- 7. When you think you have no chance of getting what you want, you probably won't get it, but if you trust God to do what's best, and wait on His time, sooner or later, you will get it or something better.**
- 8. When you make the biggest mistake ever, something good can still come from it.**
- 9. When you think the world has turned its back on you, take a look: you most likely turned your back on the world.**
- 10. Someone that you don't even know exists loves you.**
- 11.. Always remember the compliments you received.. Forget about the rude remarks.**
- 12 . Always tell someone how you feel about them; you will feel much better when they know and you'll both be happy .**
- 13. If you have a great friend, take the time to let them know that they are great.**

**Make sure you let all the people you care about know how you feel. You will certainly brighten someone's day and might change their perspective on life...for the better.**

**[Sears - Holiday shopping this year.](#)**

**I know I needed this reminder, since Sears isn't always my first choice. It's amazing when you think of how long the war has lasted and Sears hasn't withdrawn from their commitment. Could we each buy at least one thing at Sears this year?**

**How does Sears treat its employees who are called up for military duty? By law, they are required to hold their jobs open and available, but nothing more. Usually, people take a big pay cut and lose benefits as a result of being called up for active duty.**

**Sears is voluntarily paying the difference in salaries and maintaining all benefits, including medical insurance and bonus programs, for all called up reservist employees for up to two years.**

**I submit that Sears is an exemplary corporate citizen and should be recognized for its contribution. I suggest we all shop at Sears at least once, and be sure to find a manager to tell them why we are there so the company gets the positive reinforcement & feedback it well deserves.**

**Pass it on.**

**I decided to check this before I sent it forward. So I sent the following e-mail to the Sears Customer Service Department:**

***I received this e-mail and I would like to know if it is true. If it is, the internet may have just become one very good source of advertisement for your company. I know I would go out of my***

*way to buy products from Sears instead of another store for a like item, even if it's cheaper at that store.*

**This is their answer to my e-mail:**

*Dear Customer:*

*Thank you for contacting Sears. The information is factual. We appreciate your positive feedback.*

*Sears regards service to our country as one of greatest sacrifices our young men and women can make. We are happy to do our part to lessen the burden they bear at this time.*

*Bill Thorn*

*Sears Customer Care*

*[webcenter@sears.com](mailto:webcenter@sears.com)*

**1-800-349-4358**

**Sears needs to be recognized for this outstanding contribution and we need to show them as Americans, we do appreciate what they are doing for our military!!!**

**Bengy and the Zipper**

Sometimes we need a good laugh so we can relax and enjoy life. Yes Dennis is a Baptist Preacher. This video is one of many. He travels to churches as a guest speaker entertaining just as singers give concerts, and yes he can preach the WORD of GOD. Enjoy the video.

Click on this link: [Dennis Swanberg - Bengy and the Zipper](#)