

SOUNDBITES

JULY 2011

OUR Declaration:
You And
Your Hearing
are
Important to Us!



Happy
FOURTH
of JULY.

Funny Bone

“A cheerful heart is good medicine...”

Proverbs 17:22



A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Better Hearing...

As we all know, when you first visit a doctor's office there is always a form or two to complete, giving information about your history. In our business, this can tend to lead to some amusing conversations.

For example, recently a woman came in for her first hearing exam and this is just a sampling of the tweaks her hearing was giving to her conversations:

Patient: “What’s the date?”

Answer: “It’s the third.”

Patient: “Why was that absurd?”

Patient: “What do you mean by ‘observing party?’”

Answer: “That would apply if someone was here for you, observing your test.”

Patient: “Why would someone else apply to do my hearing test? It’s my test.”

Patient: “This is a cute cartoon on your form here.”

Response: “I know; it’s very symbolic of the way people with hearing loss misunderstand.”

Patient: “Believe me, there’s nothing ‘very symphonic’ about misunderstanding my friends. It creates ‘disharmony’, actually.”

Sheepishly, she admitted that, apparently, she was in the right place at the right time.

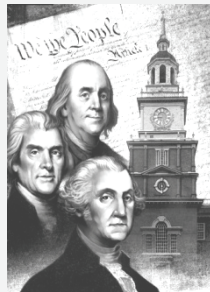
O, SAY CAN YOU SEE... AND REMEMBER?

In recent years for some Americans, historical moments have become less significant and, sadly, the sacrifice of countless brave men and women has been downplayed or criticized. A brief review can remind us of a few of the courageous steps taken to forge a new nation: The United States of America.

1774 – Delegates from the 13 colonies gathered in Philadelphia to form the First Continental Congress, hoping to negotiate a friendly break with Great Britain.

1775 – In April, fierce and loyal British troops advanced on Concord, Massachusetts, prompting Paul Revere’s “Midnight Ride”. The Battle of Concord that followed, known as the “shot heard around the world”, was the unofficial beginning of the American Revolution against King George III.

1776 – In May, after a long and unsuccessful year of trying to negotiate terms with the unbending and unresponsive kingdom, the colonists again sent delegates to Philadelphia to begin the arduous and dangerous work of formalizing a break from Britain’s totalitarianism government.



1776 – By June, the delegation admitted the hopelessness of their efforts to reach a peaceful agreement and formed a committee of five strong representatives. With Thomas Jefferson as their leader, the delegates composed the formal written transcript, later to be known as the “**Declaration of Independence**”.

July 2nd – After several revisions of the original draft, a vote was taken. In a closed session of Congress, approval of the resolution to declare independence from the tyrannical control of England came, with 9 of the 13 colonies voting in favor of the decision.

July 4th – Congress debated and gave final approval for the **Declaration of Independence**, signed by 56 courageous men who literally risked their lives to sign the decree against King George III, who was accused of “tyranny”, “abuses” and “a history of repeated injuries and usurpations”.

August 2nd – The final signatures were given by the remaining delegates, making the **Declaration** official, decisive and enduring.

This treasured document, together with our Constitution, has inspired freedom-seeking nations around the world as the model for a free and democratic government system. As a nation, it is important to remember from whence we came, and give tribute to those who fought – not just on the battlefield – for the liberty which this nation has enjoyed for 235 years.

Our flag is the enduring symbol representing true liberty, fought for with the blood, lives, limbs, possessions, riches, and honor of untold numbers of brave men and women. By these unselfish sacrifices, Americans have been given the privilege of a government “of the people, by the people, and for the people”. This 4th of July, may we see the American flag flying high and proud.



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Excuse Me? I Can Use What...To Do What?

Did You Know That...

- * *Cool Whip* conditions hair in fifteen minutes?
- * Meat tenderizer helps heal bee stings?
- * *Jello* removes the smell of stinky feet?
- * Sugar stops the pain of a burned tongue?
- * *Crazy Glue* or *ChapStick* heals paper cuts?
- * Cornstarch soothes athlete's foot?
- * *Crazy Glue* is also used for sutures in hospitals?
- * Brewed *Lipton* tea makes hair shiny?
- * *Vicks Vap-O-Rub* can treat fungus of both the fingernails and toenails?
- * *Elmers Glue* will smooth your face *and* will clear blackheads when rubbed on, allowed to dry, then peeled off?
- * *Pam* cooking spray removes paint and grease from hands, but dries nail polish quickly?
- * Mayonnaise kills lice *and* conditions hair?
- * Unmixed *Kool-Aid* cleans dishwasher pipes? (*Hmm...remember when we licked it from our hands? What do our stomachs look like??*)
- * *Preparation-H* relieves chigger bites *and* puffy eyes?
- * *Colgate* and *Crest* can soothe minor burns?
- * *WD-40* relieves arthritis pain when rubbed into the inflamed area, *and* relieves pain from insect bites?



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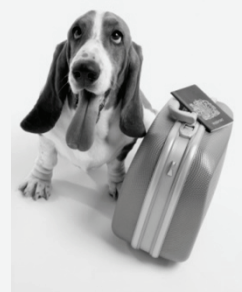
YOUR PET, OR FAMILY MEMBER? FOR SOME, IT'S ONE AND THE SAME...

For many people, their cat or dog becomes their closest friend, or – more precisely – their family. So when vacation comes, it's as difficult for them to travel without their pet as it is for a parent to leave their young child in the care of others. More and more people are choosing to travel with their pets, and hotels are becoming more receptive and accommodating to pet guests – for the tune of as much as \$250.00 for a “pet deposit”, to allow for the extra housekeeping costs.

Finding friendly and obliging accommodations for their pets in a “human hotel” may be challenging, but hotels are catching on to the popular idea of pet guests. A recent lodging survey of 8500 hotels by The American Hotel and Lodging Association, shows a steady increase of pet-friendly hotels, rising from 40 percent in 2001 to a solid 52 percent in 2011.

Recently, upper-end hotels have even started a trend of pampering pets with special menus, dog beds, personalized treats, exercise and spa visits, and even special grooming and nail salons.

It's never been easier to say, “Have dog; will travel.” Bon Voyage! or...Happy Tails to You!



1. LIBERTY BELL
2. HOT DOGS AND BASEBALL
3. JOHN HANCOCK
4. INDEPENDENCE DAY
5. PAUL REVERE
6. CONSTITUTION
7. FIREWORKS AND SPARKLERS
8. STAR SPANGLED BANNER
9. STARS AND STRIPES



**HOT DOG!
HERE ARE THE
ANSWERS...**

**'AW, SHUCKS,
I KNEW THAT!'**
PUZZLE ON BACK PAGE

10. DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
11. AMERICAN REVOLUTION

**JULY'S "SPARKLER"
COUPON**

ASK ABOUT OUR
SPECIAL OFFER
CELEBRATING

FREEDOM

GOOD THROUGH
07/31/2011



LOVE AND MARRIAGE ... HOTDOGS AND JELLY... SOME THINGS JUST GO TOGETHER... AND THEN, WELL ...SOME THINGS DON'T!

Take water and hearing aids, for instance. Two things that go together about as well as your Great Aunt Martha's fruitcake with...now, let's be honest... anything else you might have on your plate.

With summer here, there's a natural tendency to jump into the nearest body of water to cool off - whether it be a nearby lake, the ocean, or just the backyard swimming pool. For hearing aid wearers, this can spell disaster! If you take the plunge - but forget to take your hearing aids out beforehand - don't panic. Here's a quick list of things you can do if your hearing aids get wet:

1. First, remove your hearing aids from the water as quickly as possible. The sooner you do, the more likely that your aids will still be serviceable.
2. Next, remove the batteries to most successfully avoid rust. Don't be tempted to leave the batteries in to see if the aids will start to work later.
3. If you wear Behind-the-Ear style aids, immediately separate the earmold from the aid. The plastic tubing will hold moisture inside and let it seep deeper into the hearing aid, chancing the corrosion of the electronics.
4. Gently dry your hearing aids with a tissue, towel or soft cloth, both inside and out. Shaking the aids to remove the water is okay, but don't shake too vigorously - you may shake the water deeper inside. Use a tip of the cloth to absorb as much internal moisture as possible.
5. Use a fan, or a hair blower on "air" or the lowest heat setting, for about an hour to help dry the aids out. Set the drying unit at least four inches from the aid(s). Excessive heat can do even more damage, possibly melting the electronics. Do not attempt to dry your aids using a microwave, a traditional or toaster oven, or the sun. We've seen aids "dried" this way. This method "fries", rather than "dries" the aids. It can also cause an electrical fire in your microwave. Do not use heat on your earmold. Simply let the mold air-dry.
6. Use the cleaning tools that came with your hearing aids to remove any dried or "melted" wax from the aids. Be sure to thoroughly brush the speaker and microphone areas. Use the vent cleaner (the tool with the long tip) to clear the vent.
7. Leave your aid(s) on a clean, dry surface with the battery door(s) open to completely air out. This can take anywhere from a few hours to a day or two, depending on how long or how intensely the aids were exposed to the water, lemonade, or other liquid.
8. Once you are reasonably certain that the instruments are completely dry, install new batteries and try them out.



If your aids still don't work, call us for an appointment. And, if you haven't yet had "too much fun in the sun", be sure to confirm with us that your warranty is in force before you take that swim!

**ON THE ROAD AGAIN -
CATCH ME IF YOU CAN...**

Now 'Ear This
From the Expert...



Are you nervous about passing your next driver's license test?

Many of our customers have come into the office very nervous about an upcoming behind-the-wheel driver's test, afraid they'll miss an instruction or comment from the monitor that will cause them to fail. Maybe we can help.

Trying to hear while driving in a car is *not* an easy task! The background noise of the tires on the road and traffic around you can mask or cover up sounds and voices you are trying to hear. On top of that, the unique problem to listening to companions in a car is that everyone's facing in the same direction!

We always advise our customers to ask speakers to face them while talking whenever possible. But obviously, it would be very difficult to drive down the street looking at each other – whether driver or passenger is hearing impaired – instead of watching the road and traffic in front of you. So here are a few tips to help you while traveling in a vehicle:

- If possible, keep the windows up at all times
- Turn the air conditioner or radio as low as you can
- Ask your passengers to face you when speaking, instead of looking forward or out the window
- If passengers are in the back seat, ask them to speak up and talk just a little slower

If you're scheduled to take your driving test, call us to set an appointment so we can clean your hearing aids and reprogram them, if necessary. You'll be sure they are working in top condition while you're rolling down the road. Beep, Beep!

**TEST YOUR PATRIOTIC
"CONSTITUTION"**

**FILL IN THE MISSING
CONSONANTS. LET'S
CELEBRATE THE
4TH OF JULY!**

Answers can be found inside on page 3.

1. _ I _ E _ _ _ / _ E _ _ RINGS IN FREEDOM
2. _ O _ / _ O _ _ / and _ A _ E _ A _ _
AMERICAN TRADITIONS: EAT ONE, BAT THE OTHER
3. _ O _ _ / _ A _ _ O _ _ aka "SIGNATURE"
4. I _ _ E _ E _ _ E _ _ E / _ A _ aka 4TH OF JULY
5. _ A U _ / _ E _ E _ E THINK MIDNIGHT RIDE
6. _ O _ _ _ I _ U _ I O _ IDEAL DOCUMENT
7. _ I _ E _ O _ _ _ and _ _ A _ _ _ E _ _
NIGHTTIME FUN FOR ADULTS & KIDS
8. _ _ A _ / _ _ A _ _ _ E _ / _ A _ _ E _
OUR NATION SINGS TOGETHER
9. _ _ A _ _ and _ _ _ I _ E _ aka AMERICAN FLAG
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