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Stu's News

FUNNY BONE

"A cheerful heart
 is good medicine ..."

**A funny thing happened on
 the way to better hearing...**

Visiting my friend Vickie, her husband, Bill, and her elderly parents in California over Christmas, it became apparent to everyone but her mother that she needs hearing aids. Several times over our evening together, Mollie either missed or misunderstood several pieces of conversation. This was one of my favorites:

Vickie, sighing: *"I sure miss my boys this time of year."*

Dad (Ernie), teasing: *"Yeah; you should never have let them marry those sweet girls they met at summer camp in South Carolina."*

Bill: *"Well, I guess we never considered the fact they'd move across the country if they found 'Ms. Right'."*

Vickie: *"Sad to say, if we want to see the grandkids, it looks like we're stuck with bi-coastal living."*

Mollie: *"Why, that's a terrible thing to say."*

Everyone: *"What?" "What do you mean?" "What are you talking about?"*

Mollie: *"Well, Vickie, I'm ashamed of you! How awful to say, "Looks like we're stuck with Michael still living. And just WHO is Michael?"*

**Sound Familiar? Is family asking YOU to be tested?
 Call us today!**



More Great Surprises in Store For You

Surprise!

Have you ever taken a drink of something you expected was going to taste really bad—like some brownish-green health food concoction—only to be delighted that it was fantastic?

Have you ever grabbed something to find out it was covered in wet paint? Yuck!

That's the thing about surprises: you never know when a surprise will hit you, where it will come from or what the surprise is until it shows up!

There is no doubt that 2017 will have some unexpected surprises in store for many of us in one fashion or another.

But honestly— one thing that surprised us last year was the remarkable results

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Presidential Inauguration No. 58

The 58th U.S. Presidential inaugural oath will be given in a public ceremony on January 20, 2017, a Friday this year. Inauguration Day occurs roughly 75 days following Election Day, allowing the incoming President time to select his cabinet. The terms of office for the new President and his staff officially begin

at twelve o'clock noon, Washington D.C., EST.

The inauguration date was originally March 4th. Over time, keeping a lame duck President in office and delaying installment of the new administration for four months became unnecessary. In 1933, the date of inauguration changed—from March 4th to January 20th—

by adoption of the 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The Amendment also specified that the exchange of power would take place at noon.

Serving two terms, Franklin D. Roosevelt was both the **last** President to be inaugurated on the March 4th date (1933) and the **first** President

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Presidential Inauguration No. 58

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to be inaugurated on the new date of January 20th (1937).

Aside from the date and time, the only other specification given to Inauguration Day by the Constitution is the exact wording of the oath taken by the President-elect being sworn into office: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." (Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution).

George Washington is credited with adding, "so help me God" after finishing the oath during his first inauguration. Theodore Roosevelt, the only President to forego this declaration, chose to end his oath with the phrase, "And thus I swear."

George Washington gave the shortest inaugural speech at a mere 135 words. Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered the second shortest at 558 words.

Giving nearly a two-hour speech of 8,445 words in the bitter cold and rain, William Henry Harrison contracted pneumonia and died only 31 days after taking office.

Since 1801, the swearing-in ceremony takes place at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., where all but six presidents have taken the presidential oath. The exceptions were:

- George Washington—1789, New York City; 1793, Philadelphia
- John Adams—1797, Philadelphia
- Chester Alan Arthur—1881, New York City
- Theodore Roosevelt—1901, Buffalo, NY



- Calvin Coolidge—1923, Plymouth, VT
- Lyndon Baines Johnson—1963, Dallas, TX

Inauguration Day is the biggest event of the year in Washington, D.C. and will be followed by the 10th Quadrennial Black Tie & Boots Presidential Inaugural Ball, one of the most distinguished celebrations in our nation's capitol.

Buddy's Bio—Buddy Finds a Job



As we know, Buddy is always looking for something to do. One thing I never expected he would do was to go look for a job. Once again, in the middle of the day Buddy opened the front screen door of our house and snuck out for one of his walks. He had been gone for about an hour when Mariela noticed he was missing. She did

her usual search around the neighborhood and asked if anybody had seen him. One of our neighbors across the street said she had seen him walking down the hill just around the corner from our house.

She later told me her immediate thought was, "**YOUR** dog wastes so much of **MY** time! I felt just like leaving him out there." She knew that wasn't a good idea so she went to look for him. There is a new road extension under construction by our house. Mariela walked about a quarter mile down the hill towards that area. When she got to the end of the road she asked one of the

construction workers if he had seen a black and white shih tzu. He said, "Oh yeah, he's working with Jake." *What?* Just then he pointed out a land-moving tractor coming towards them. Guess who was on the driver's lap? Buddy! Mariela waved and Jake climbed down with Buddy.

Jake grinned, held Buddy out to Mariela and said, "Anytime he needs a job, just bring him back." Knowing Buddy's wanderlust and sense of adventure, she answered, "Don't be surprised if he's back tomorrow."

Can we make it a permanent job?



— LOONEY LAW —

In Singapore, pharmacists who fail to get ID for the purchase of medical chewing gum can be sentenced up to two years in jail.

— POTPOURRI —

Benjamin Franklin was born January 17, 1706. He has been called “the First American” because of his political, scientific and cultural contributions to the fledging United States of America.

Welcomed abroad by aristocrats and scientists as the first colonist to demonstrate a life “completely separated from” Europe and “wedded to the new colonial states”, Franklin earned the respect of both Europeans and colonists in his dealings with the British government on their behalf.

— FUN FACTS —

Jelly Belly served up more than three TONS of jellybeans during Ronald Reagan’s inauguration in 1981.



that our patients experienced with the innovative technologies available in hearing aids. Don’t get me wrong; we always expect the introduction of every new hearing aid system to be a progression and improvement over the last. No surprise there. And, every year there are incredible technological advances that keep us moving forward to help you hear better. Again, no surprise.

2016 was no exception. The release of **Audibel’s** “A4” and “A4i” customized products early last year gave our patients the ability to hear speech clearer than ever—even in the most challenging, noisy environments.

Then things got even better!

Audibel added:

- A new hand-held microphone that friends and family can use to help you hear directly from their mouth to your ears. Instant clarity! It was the perfect answer for those with moderate - to - profound hearing losses.
- A personal remote control to adjust hearing aid performance so you are in immediate control of your hearing, regardless of the situation. This simple device allows you to raise or lower hearing aid volume, change performance levels or connect to your TV. This remote is a great help

to people with dexterity problems like neuropathy, arthritis or other physical challenges.

- The SurfLink Media Streamer. This is the first wireless “set-it-and-forget-it” device connecting to your TV, sending the sound of your favorite programs directly from your television into your hearing aids—without wires— clear across the room! You hear the TV at a volume level that is comfortable for you while your family or other viewing companions can keep the volume at lower levels that they enjoy. Everyone is happy and hearing great!

While 2016 upped the ante higher than ever before, we have even more surprises to help you hear better this year! Come in and ask for an easy listening demonstration. Start 2017 with a surprise your whole family will enjoy: your better hearing!



Solution to Word Wizard’s “Weird Word” Wager

From pg. 4

1. philtrum — C
2. ferrule — F
3. aglet — E
4. lunule — H
5. punt — A
6. glabelle — G
7. tittle — B
8. muntin — D

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Now 'Ear This from the Expert

WAS IT “HAPPY HOLIDAYS” FOR YOU?

There are some unique hearing situations that arise during the holidays. Children and grandchildren have special performances. Groups and clubs have annual dinners and events. And of course, families get together to share and worship. Most gatherings are large group situations with lots of conversation and background noise.

So, I ask: How was your hearing during the holidays? Was it “Happy Holidays” for you or more like Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer?

The holidays offer some of the most important gatherings we have all year, filled with precious moments! There are thousands of different sound environments that challenge one’s ability to understand conversations.

If you found yourself left out of the conversation or were struggling to understand and felt confused, don’t be complacent!

We can identify what you were missing and help you resolve those hearing issues.

Here is a brief look at what we’ll do when you **call and say** “I wasn’t hearing well during the holidays! I missed a lot of the things I enjoy most.” We will:

- Do a short review of your hearing history.
- Check your ear canals for wax or other blockage that stops sound from getting deep in your ear canal and closer to your ear drum.
- Perform a simple hearing screening to see if your loss has changed.
- Administer a speech understanding assessment test. (This reveals how you hear with your hearing aids set as they are when you come in, and then again after we make adjustments.)

If you had a “Not-So-Happy-Holidays” due to poor hearing, we can make it “Happy New Year!” for you now. Don’t put it off and wait for “spring cleaning”.
Call Us Today!

WORD WIZARD’S “WEIRD WORD” WAGER

Answers on pg. 3

Are YOU a Word Wizard? These are genuine English words still in use today. They are the names of things you probably never guessed even had a name associated with it. Put the letter of the definition next to the word.

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| 1. __ philtrum | 5. __ punt |
| 2. __ ferrule | 6. __ glabella |
| 3. __ aglet | 7. __ tittle |
| 4. __ lunule | 8. __ muntin |
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| A. an indentation at the bottom of a molded glass bottle | F. the protective point or knob on the far end of an umbrella |
| B. the dot over i or j | G. the smooth prominence of the forehead between the eyebrows |
| C. the vertical groove on the median line of the upper lip | H. a crescent-shaped body part or marking (such as the whitish “moon” at the base of a fingernail) |
| D. a strip separating panes of glass in a window sash | |
| E. the tag covering the ends of a lace or point; reinforcement at the end of a shoelace | |