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**DENTURE HUMOUR**

A very elderly patient of mine was unhappy with her new teeth. They "didn't fit" she complained. After examining the dentures, I told her that they appeared to be just fine. "In my mouth they're fine" she agreed. "But they don't fit in my glass for soaking!"  
The very elderly lady I was preparing for surgery refused to let me remove her dentures. Concerned about the administration of the anesthetic, I clipped a note on her cart: "Patient confused. Unable to remove dentures." Later that day a nurse handed the note back to me. It read: "Patient has her own natural teeth. Who's confused?"

In the few years before her death at age 101; my aunt's dentures were causing her discomfort and the nurses often removed them. Now, at her funeral, my seven-year-old nephew, Nicholas, who used to accompany his mother when she visited our aunt, gazed down at his great aunt. "Mom", he whispered, "she looks different". My sister said, "That's because she has her teeth in." Nicholas threw his hands in the air. "Now they give them to her."

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By Cory Soal  
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**... Lend Me Your Ears**

A diminished social life is one of the most difficult aspects of age related hearing loss. Many people avoid drawing attention to their hearing loss by having fewer social contracts when it becomes difficult understanding what is being said. The result is an altered and lonely existence that family and friends may mistake for dementia.

Learning new strategies to cope with hearing loss could go a long way to restoring confidence and improving communication. The Hearing Clinic recommends the following: Inform people of the hearing loss so they may modify their speech; eliminate background noise; watch the speaker carefully and sharpen natural lip-reading abilities; ask the speaker to repeat what was said if necessary, and above all else; have your hearing thoroughly tested and properly fit with one of today's modern hearing instruments. Contact The Hearing Clinic if you or someone you know needs assistance.

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# Traffic collisions rising in Halton

As crime plummets to a record low in Halton, police continue to struggle with safety on area roads following 8,386 motor vehicle accidents in Halton in 2011.

Despite a 19 per cent increase in traffic enforcement activities by Halton police last year, traffic collisions still rose by 10.1 per cent.

Police said this included 3,138 collisions in Oakville, 2,967 collisions in Burlington, 1,434 collisions in Milton and 847 collisions in Halton Hills. Nearly 6,000 of these accidents resulted in property damage while 1,174 resulted in injuries, and 15 resulted in death.

"It's a little disturbing because most of these collisions are preventable," said Halton Deputy Police Chief Bob Percy. "It's distracted driving, it's people being impatient, it's people running late who see everyone else on the road as nothing but an inconvenience to them. We've seen this increase and there's no one causal factor."

Impaired driving is also an issue in Halton with impaired driving arrests during the first three months of 2012 already surpassing those made during the same period last year.

Halton police are trying to combat impaired driving not only through enforcement such as year-round RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) programs, but also by going into area schools and showing Halton's students the consequences of drinking and driving.

Percy said recent surveys seem to indicate Halton's secondary school students are getting the message about drinking and driving. But Percy said, a wide spectrum of people make the decision to drink and drive, with Halton police having arrested young people, but also men and women in their 60s.

Percy said getting impaired drivers off the road is important as alcohol has contributed to a significant number of Halton's fatal traffic collisions.

Distracted driving has also been described as a dangerous driving practice that is rampant in Halton.

Percy said Halton police have not only caught people driving while on cell phones or texting, but even some people who were driving while working on their laptops.

"When you are following someone who's texting, initially the symptoms of what you are observing mimic an impaired driver. So although you may have all your faculties about you and be awake and alert, when your head is down and you are driving looking at a cell phone, you are just as dangerous, if not more so, than an impaired driver because you are all over the road and you are not paying attention."

Halton police will be stepping up enforcement this year and have numerous projects to make Halton's roads safer.

To read the full story about Halton Police's traffic enforcement go to [www.theifp.ca](http://www.theifp.ca)

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