

## **Denture** mishaps

By Kelly Trenton

Denture wearers unite! You are not alone! To anyone who at one time or another has had an embarrassing, frustrating, or unfortunate accident or incident with their dentures, I would like to share these light hearted sto-

While working in the denture business for over ten years, I believe I have heard just about everything there is to hear about 'denture mishaps', although each new story somehow tops the one before! It's hard to believe what some people have gone through to rescue their prosthetic pals, left defenselessly falling prey to pets, small children, toilets, and more. For instance, you've heard of 'occupational hazards'? Well believe me, when it comes to being on the job and wearing dentures, it can also be quite hazardous to the old pocket book! Like the construction worker who was 15 stories high on scaffolding. He sneezed and watched helplessly as his upper denture plummeted to the ground! He found the denture in tiny pieces scattered in the dirt. I hope he at least gave it a <u>descent</u> burial!

And speaking of burials, another man, while building his house many years ago, sneezed his dentures into the cement while he was pouring the foundation. Talk about giving your house that personal touch!

Then there's the fisherman who was reeling in the big catch, and just as he leaned over to reel the fish in, his lower denture slipped out! The fisherman had to choose between letting the fish go and diving for the denture before it sunk, or pull in the fish and let the denture go. Let's just say that was one expensive fish!

And I mustn't forget the bartender! Showing off one night, opening one beer bottle too many with his denture, he came into our office the next morning with a hole the size of a beer cap in his upper denture! I promptly informed him that twist off caps were invented for his convenience, although not as popular for impressing the female gender!

And then there's the ever-popular 'pet problems'. One man must surely regret eating that tunafish sandwich, before taking a nap and removing his denture and laying it on the nightstand. He awoke to find his tabby cat batting his dentures from baseboard to baseboard, playfully pouncing on the 'fishy' smelling denture. Two replacement teeth later, following extensive cat hair removal, the denture was again fit for chewing. (Not tunafish, of course!). It could have been worse - it could have been buried in the kitty litter.

While some pets prefer playing with dentures, some do favour the more possessive burying technique.



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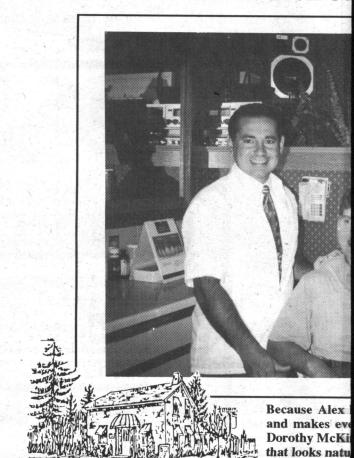
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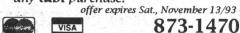
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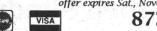
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