

# Holy molar! Taking a bite out of vacation

**H**ave you seen my car keys?  
Who took the telephone book?  
Where's the TV remote?

I can't find my glasses!  
I don't know about you, but every time I turn around, something I need is either missing or moved.

It's a case of search, search, search.

While I hate to admit it, I'm the problem.

It's a thing called memory lapse. I spend more time looking for items than time using the items I eventually find.

A place for everything and everything in its place as the saying goes. I continually preach it but seldom practise it.

It's driving me crazy. The latest crisis to occur is my teeth. Yes, you read right - my teeth. I keep this priceless plate in a white plastic container on our kitchen counter.

Although plainly visible, I can't always remember to make



## Roaming Around

with Jim Thomas

the switch from cup to mouth.

My absent mindedness has become so serious, it's always my wife Jean's final check as we climb into the car: "Have you got your teeth?"

Most times I haven't. So it's back to the house to retrieve the friggig things.

Strange isn't it, that something so prominent can continually escape one's mind.

Much like a woman taking off

on a shopping trip without her purse. It shouldn't happen. But it does.

The cost, too, should be a constant reminder. My plate, including two extractions, came close to \$2,000, a sum not to be sneezed at.

I should have them insured. At so high a loss risk, the price would probably be prohibitive.

On the subject of risk, we embarked last week on a two-day vacation that included an over-night stay at Gananoque's Ramada Inn and a three-hour 1,000 Island cruise.

It was wonderful, so wonderful, I wanted it to never end.

Following wake-up, we enjoyed a continental breakfast in the motel's spacious dining lounge.

What made it even more enjoyable was the fact the meal was part of the price.

As we prepared to depart the parking area, Jean took a look.

"Where's your teeth?" she asked.

"Holy moley, (or was it

molar?)," I replied, "I left them on the table, wrapped in a serviette. They're probably in the garbage by now."

I could see \$2,000 added to an already pricey motel bill.

As fast as my 82-year-old legs could carry me, I breezed across the parking lot and in the front door.

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That's when my heart sank. The table had already been cleared.

No knives, no forks, no plates, no serviettes and worse - no teeth!

"Did you find them?" I asked

the first person on site.

"Find what?" she responded.

"My teeth, my teeth." I barked.

"You're what?" she repeated.

"My teeth, my teeth," pointing to a gap in my mouth.

"Sorry," she said, "I just set tables. I don't clear tables. Speak to the lady over there."

Unfortunately, "the lady over there" was on the phone, so I waited.

Seeing beads of perspiration on my forehead, she cut her conversation short.

"Did you find a set of teeth on a table?" I asked.


"Sure did," she replied.

"They're wrapped up and waiting at the front desk. You'd be surprised at the kinds of strange things we find around here."

"Stranger than teeth?" I asked.

"Yes, stranger than teeth," she replied, "but thankfully, yours didn't bite."

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