

New HLAA Chapter Forming in Western Colorado

Plans are underway to start a chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) in Western Colorado. Leading the effort is Amy Beckett, a former HLAA member and officer in the Denver and Boulder HLAA Chapters. Amy moved to Grand Junction in March 2010 and she is anxious to connect with other people with hearing loss in her new home town.

Plans are progressing for a kick off luncheon to be held Saturday, November 6, 10:30am – 12:30pm, at the Center for Independence, 740 Gunnison Avenue, Grand Junction, CO. The keynote speaker is Dr. Verner Johnston, a professor of Geology at Mesa State College.

Dr Johnston has had a profound hearing loss since childhood and had worn hearing aids since age 9. He learned to read lips and communicate orally growing up. He has degrees from Southern Illinois University and University of Tennessee. He began teaching at Mesa State in 1976, and enjoys the geology of the Colorado Plateau.

The luncheon is sponsored in part by the Center for Independence, which is providing the meeting space and lunch at no cost to attendees. See www.cfigj.org for information about the center.

Details about the event will be available later. If you are in the area, please feel free to attend. For questions about the event or about the HLAA Western Colorado chapter, please contact Amy Beckett at 970-241-2592, or ajmelnick@hotmail.com, or hlaawco@gmail.com.

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Curlie Sue Pruitt
1994-2010

Beloved hearing dog and companion of 15 years for Ann Pruitt. Curlie attended many SHHH/HLAA chapter meetings and conventions, also serving as chapter VP, due to her leadership and mediation skills, although she could be bribed with biscuits.

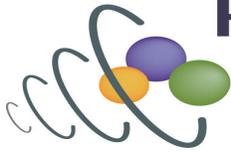
Curlie faithfully fulfilled her service dog chores for Ann at home, at work in the Library, and during their extensive cross-country travels. She graduated with honors from the "Life on Wheels" RV seminars. She touched many lives with her sweet, lovable personality and will be greatly missed.

A Curlie Sue memorial fund to help sponsor a hearing dog in Boulder has been established at International Hearing Dog, 5901 E. 89th Ave., Henderson, CO 80640-8315 www.pawsforsilence.org

Ann thanks HLAA for sharing in the life and love of Curlie Sue. □

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Hearing Loss Association of Boulder

By Christie Nudelman, President, HLAA Boulder Chapter

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Saturday, Oct. 16, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Meadows Branch Library, 4800 Baseline Road, Suite C-112,
Boulder, CO 80303, behind Safeway

Lip Reading

Joyce Arrington, *The Center for Hearing, Speech and Language, Denver.*



Jill Wayne showing some old-time hearing equipment

We resumed our fall meetings with a kickoff meeting featuring Jill Wayne, AuD of The Center for Hearing, Speech and Language. Jill reviewed an audiogram, talked about the history of hearing aids and explained the “New” technology out there. It was a very informative session! We hope to bring her back again as there was much to learn from her!



Ann Kingston with an old hearing instrument.

The October meeting will feature **Lip Reading!** Yes, the long awaited topic. We will have Joyce Arrington, who currently teaches Lip Reading at The Center for Hearing, Speech and Language. Please make sure you attend!

Lastly, Christie will be relocating to Singapore for the next 3 months for work. The meetings will still go on under Debbie’s guidance (thank you, Debbie)!

See maps and directions on page 5. □



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Submission deadline for October 2010 newsletter: no later than Sunday, Oct. 31st, at 9:00 pm. The newsletter is mailed at least 10 days prior to Colorado Springs monthly meeting.

A major objective of HLAA is to develop a constituency of hard of hearing people. This cannot be achieved without members throughout the U.S. Members of HLAA groups and chapters should be members of HLAA National to help accomplish the goals that will benefit all hard of hearing people and at the same time receive the benefits of that national membership.

Individual: \$35/USA, \$35/Canada/Mexico, \$45/Overseas (via airmail).

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(Other types of memberships include **Library, Non-Profit Organization** and **Organization**, etc.)

For information, send a SASE to HLAA, 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Quote of the month

Simplicity is a jewel rarely found.

--- by Ovid



Colorado Springs Chapter

By Chris Hampton, President

Colorado Springs Chapter had their elections last month with the following results:

Chris Hampton	President
Pauline Weiss	Vice President
Dixie Barnes	Treasurer
Alberta Valkonen	Secretary

Mark Valkonen will represent the State as Treasurer.

Mr. Gritmaker, a member of Sertoma, gave a talk on Sertoma's involvement with loop systems last month.

This month on October 9th, Jewlya Lynn is an Assessment Consultant for the Daylight Project, a program of the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to make mental health services accessible to all persons with hearing loss in Colorado. Ms. Lynn explained that previous efforts had focused on culturally deaf ASL users, and that her current goal is to assess the needs of hard of hearing persons.

The Daylight Project works in partnership with organizations that provide mental health and substance abuse counseling. In the absence of a good model or literature about providing access to these services, Ms. Lynn is collecting information from people with hearing loss. She asked the chapter members several questions about access and their communication needs and preferences. She also requested contact information from those who would be willing to provide further input.

COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER

When: Second Saturday at 1:00 PM January-October

Where: Mission Medical Clinic, 2125 E La Salle Street, Colorado Springs, CO

Chapter Contact: Chris Hampton

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Hearing Loss Association of Denver. Chapter meeting Saturday, Oct. 23rd, at 1000 E. Englewood Pkwy, Englewood Civic Center. 1:00 pm for socialization and greeting one another. 1:20 Program.

We had a good gathering and and some new faces at our gathering in September. Michael Noble, a recent college graduate and immigrant from Dallas, Texas, gave a most interesting story about his experience as having been the youngest Cochlear implantee in the Dallas area over 20 years ago.

Michael was a most engaging young man who has recently been hired by Cochlear Americas for work with them. (They are lucky to get him I might say.) He will definitely be an ambassador for them and a sterling story of success that comes from acquiring an implant at a very young age. Since he had never heard speech, he of course required many years of speech therapy but by the time he was about age 9, he was mainstreamed in the school system when he no longer needed speech therapy. It should be noted that today his speech is totally normal.

Michael gave strong live testimony to the benefit of getting early intervention with an implant which clearly transformed his life. We were so glad the Michael came and shared his experience with us!

This month we are having two guest appearances from persons directly associated with the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. In the past we have heard from Cliff Moers, Director of the CCDHH about the many services the Commission provides. It exists just for our needs and we are so fortunate for all they do for us.

The TDEP services provide free special needs equipment including amplified telephones and assistive listening devices to qualified persons with limited means.

Namati Katunga and Anita Cone will be giving us Powerpoint programs to portray some of the specific programs and services provided. One is called the Daylight Project and we are anxious to hear more about what is happening and available to us and our friends and families. We hope to see you there.

We wish to thank George Pelton for providing refreshments for this month.

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See maps and directions on page 7. ☐

**HLAA Chapters in Colorado
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<http://www.hearinglosscolorado.org>

Join the Hearing Loss Association of America e-mail E-News:
<http://www.hearingloss.org/membership/Sen.asp>

BOULDER CHAPTER (Boulder)
 When: Third Saturday of Month at 10:30 AM, Sept. - May
 Where: Meadows Branch Library, 4800 Baseline Road, Suite C-112, Boulder, CO 80303
 Chapter Contact: Christie Nudelman e-mail hlaaboulder@yahoo.com

CENTRAL DENVER CHAPTER
 When: Fourth Saturday of Month at 1 PM, no meeting July/August (special event in Sept. and Dec., date TBA)
 Where: Englewood Public Library Anderson Conference Room 1000 E. Englewood Pkwy in Englewood Civic Ctr.
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Grand Junction		
The Town	Regal Cinemas Canyon View Stadium 14	Oct. 1-4
Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps	Regal Cinemas Canyon View Stadium 14	Oct. 5-7
Golden (Lakewood)		
NA	UA West Village Stadium 12	NA
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3-D imaging technology could lead to hearing aids that fit better

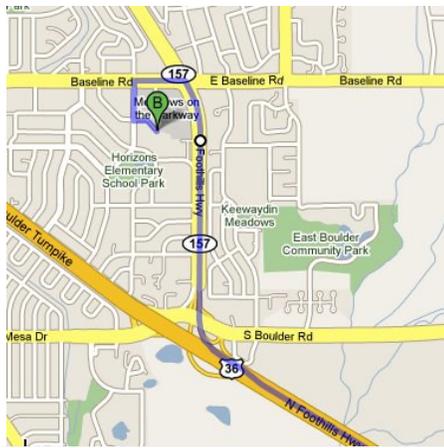
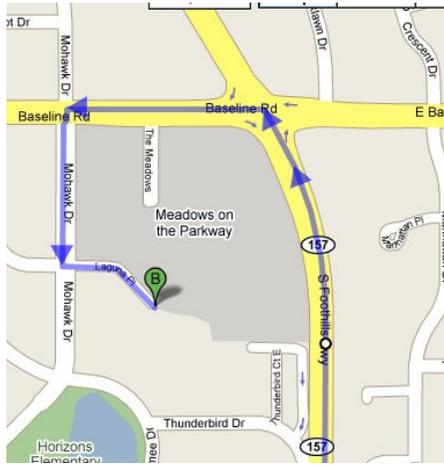
Getting useful sound amplification from a hearing aid depends on a tight fit between hearing aid and ear canal, but the current method of modeling patients' ears is messy and not always accurate, potentially leading to a device that fits poorly and offers little benefit. "A lot of people with hearing aids are likely walking around with hearing aids that don't fit, because they don't know what they're supposed to feel like," says Douglas Hart, MIT professor of mechanical engineering. Hart has patented a new way of scanning the ear canal with 3-D imaging technology - a process that is much faster, easier and more accurate than the plaster-mold technique. He plans to market the technology to hearing-aid manufacturers first, but believes it could also be useful to build fitted earphones for MP3 music players, or custom-fit earplugs for military personnel and other people who work in noisy environments.

<http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/2010/hearing-aid-0520.html> □

Directions to Boulder HLA Chapter

Directions from Denver

Go on Highway 36 west from I-25. Exit on CO-157 Foothills Parkway ramp and merge (slightly left) into Foothills Parkway. Turn left onto Baseline Rd. Turn left at Mohawk Dr. Turn left at Laguna Pl. The library and its parking lot will be on the left.



HLA of Pueblo Chapter News

**October 16, 2010, Rawlings
Library, 1:30-3:30 PM
Pueblo, CO**

At press time, the meeting information was not announced. Questions, please contact Sharon Campbell at e-mail hlaapueblo@yahoo.com or Ph 719-561-0648. □

Mohney's Musings

By Debbie Mohney, HLA Colorado State Coordinator

Life can sometimes throw curveballs. The important thing is how you deal with the curveballs.

Hearing Loss is one of those curveballs. No matter how mild or profound (or in between) the hearing loss, it can and does have an impact on our lives. Sometimes we don't know that we have a hearing loss, or maybe we don't acknowledge it, and sometimes we know, but it scares us. Sometimes we are blissfully unaware of what we are missing. But, if we have contact with other people, it affects us and them in some way.

How we deal with our hearing loss curveball helps us to deal with the fact that we have a hearing loss and to find real solutions. Some of us will need hearing aids. Some of us may benefit from a cochlear implant. Some of us may find that using assistive listening devices, or an amplified telephone, or find other ways to communicate with people around us. Sometimes we need to learn new skills like lip reading. Some of us may choose to learn sign language.

We might need to work with the technology that we use to find creative ways to hear other people better. We might use texting, or e-mail, and other visual ways of communicating, including the old standby pen and paper. We can find alerting devices that help us to be more aware of who is at the door, or the fact that the phone is ringing, or that an alarm is going off. The more tactics we find to use, the more successful we will be in dealing with our hearing loss.

How do you learn about all of this important information about hearing loss?

Hopefully, you have found our local chapter meetings and you attend to listen to the speakers who give us their time talking about helpful information about our hearing loss, technology, techniques, etc. If you know of other people who have hearing loss, please share the information with them as well.

Don't keep us a secret! Share our newsletter with others, and read it through each month to make sure you know what is happening.

Join Hearing Loss Association of America and you can receive the best magazine about hearing loss, *The Hearing Loss Magazine*, six times a year. \$35 a year is just over \$3 a month, or about the cost of that Latte at Starbucks.

<http://www.hearingloss.org/membership/index.asp>

Your HLA membership also has other benefits besides the magazine, including discounts on various services and products: 10% discount on SoundAid Warranties, 15% discount from Harris Communications, 5% off Avis Car Rentals, 25% discount from Teltex, 20% discount from ClearSounds, and 20% discount from Hitec. As an HLA member you lend your voice to the advocacy efforts that help us tremendously in dealing with our hearing loss.

The 2011 Hearing Loss Association of America Convention is in Washington, DC June 16 – 19, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City at Reagan National Airport. The keynote speaker will be Chris Artinian. You may remember that the Artinian Family was featured in the Oscar Nominated film, *Sound and Fury*. Mark your calendars; you will not want to miss the 2011 HLA Convention!

Would you like to be involved with the 2011 Walk4Hearing in Colorado? Planning will be getting underway soon. We can use help planning the Kickoff event, and the Walk Day, as well as getting walk sponsors and other rewarding activities. In 2010, we had over 400 walkers registered, with about 300 braving the near hurricane strength winds the day of the walk. We had a great time, and we raised almost \$37,000! I want to thank you for supporting us in 2010, and I hope you get involved for 2011!! Your support helps our national organization, and 50% of the funds stay here in Colorado to help your chapters, state conference, and other great activities.

Finally, I want to ask each and every one of you to spread the word about your local chapter meetings. Ask someone you know who has hearing loss to come with you to the next meeting. You might know someone at church, or your reading group or other activities that has hearing loss, or maybe a friend of yours has a family member with hearing loss. Please share with them and give them a chance to learn more about their hearing loss and what they can do that might help them to hear or cope better.

Happy Hearing and Happy October!
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Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA) Open-Captioned Live Shows
Captioned Live Showings Coming up in 2010/2011 at Buell Theatre

[Shrek](#).....Nov 28 at 2pm
Next to Normal...Jan 15 at 1pm
Avenue Q.....Mar 13 at 2pm
9 to 5.....May 8 at 2pm
Billy Elliot.....June 5 at 2pm
Rock of Ages.....June 26 at 2pm

Please come and support this open captioning effort!

Tickets
Voice: (303) 893-4100

TTY: (303) 893-9582

Online: www.denvercenter.org

If you wish to get updates on these shows and any other shows in e-mail, please send e-mail to

kkeil75@yahoo.com to be put on the

Captioned Movies and Shows e-mail list.

From the DCPA: Because Open Captioning uses a text display at the side of the stage, it is important that you alert our box office staff that you would like this service. This way we can ensure your seats are in the optimal location. Contact the Denver Center Box Office at (303) 893-4100; (800) 641-1222 or TTY (303) 893-9582. □

Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA) ASL Sign Language Interpreted and Audio Description Live Shows

The Denver Center for the Performing Arts provides American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation and Audio Description of all of our productions on select dates. We invite persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing to join us for these plays and we will seat you in an optimal location to view the interpreters and the stage.

When you purchase your tickets, please alert our box office staff that you would like ASL interpretation, so that we can secure appropriate seats.

Blind or low vision patrons can check out assistive listening devices for the Audio Description and large print versions of the Applause program magazine at the patron services desk in the Bonfils Theatre Complex and through house management at the coat check in the other theatres (photo id required).

For a Braille script, please call 303.893.6003 or contact jalexander@dcpa.org at least two weeks before the performance.

[Grease](#).....Oct 17 at 2pm
[The House of the Spirits](#).....Oct 23 at 1:30pm
[Dracula](#).....Oct 30 at 1:30pm
[MAMMA MIA!](#).....Nov 7 at 2pm

[Free Range Thinking](#).....Nov 13 at 2pm
[The 39 Steps](#).....Nov 6 at 1:30pm
[Shrek](#).....Nov 28 at 2pm
[A Christmas Carol](#).....Dec 11 at 1:30pm
[Reckless](#).....Dec 18 at 1:30pm
Next to Normal.....Jan 16 at 1pm
[Map of Heaven](#).....Feb 5 at 1:30pm
[The Catch](#).....Feb 19 at 1:30pm
[A Midsummer Night's Dream](#)...Feb 26 at 1:30pm
[Ruined](#).....April 23 at 1:30pm
[Superior Donuts](#).....May 7 at 1:30pm
9 to 5.....May 8 at 2pm
Billy Elliot.....June 5 at 2pm
Rock of Ages.....June 26 at 2pm

Should you need assistance in ordering tickets to these programs, contact us at 303.893.4100, 800.641-1222 or TTY 303.893.9582. □

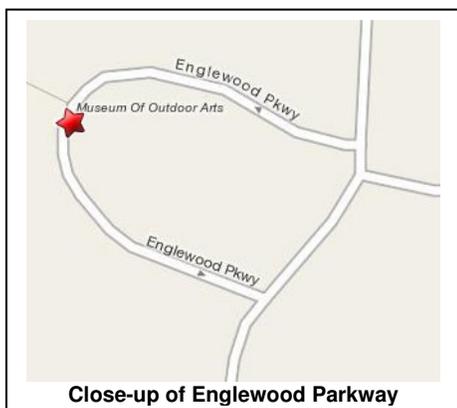
What Was Said at the Egyptian Airport?

By Tom Clouser

When going through security at the Sharm El Sheikh airport in Egypt , I was traveling with my wife and a group of people mostly from Kiev . As I am accustomed to doing, when going through security, I removed my cochlear implant and became totally deaf. In this case my wife was ahead of me and picked up her carry-on luggage. I was behind her waiting for my bag to come out from the X-ray machine after being personally checked.

As I waited, I noticed that there was an Egyptian security guard with a big smile on his face. He said something to my wife and my lip reading picked up a big "I LOVE YOU," directed towards her followed by something else that I did not comprehend. That kind of irritated me given that my wife had been nearly accosted by a vendor on the streets a few days before when I was right behind her. "What is it with these Egyptian men?" I asked myself.

I picked up my bag and the same Egyptian guard looked at me this time with another big smile and much to my surprise said "I Love You," followed again by more verbiage that I did not understand and was, quite frankly, indifferent to at that stage. What was going on here? After I got my implant on, I asked my wife exactly what the guy had said to her. Her response was, "Oh he just said 'I love Ukrainians' since he knew we were with a Ukrainian group and was just being friendly." □



Close-up of Englewood Parkway

Directions and Maps to Englewood Public Library

From East Hampden:

Turn right on to S. Inca St. Turn left to Englewood Parkway at north (top) end.

From West Hampden:

Turn left on to S. Inca St. Turn right to Englewood Parkway at north (top) end.

Then:

Go to the curve at “star” and turn right into the parking garage. Park in the garage. The Library is on the right next to the garage.

From Dartmouth Avenue:

Turn left from the East or turn right from the West into S. Inca St. at the northern end.

Continue south on S. Inca St. Turn right on Englewood Parkway. Turn right into parking garage at curve. Park in the garage. Library is to the right. □

Unneeded Hearing Aids

The non-profit group, World Hearing Network, runs overseas medical missions to help people in 3rd world countries who need hearing aids and ear surgeries. They will going on another mission soon and would love to receive any unneeded BTE hearing aids that you might have – either working or not working. They specifically need BTE aids because those will fit any patient whereas the more custom-made in-the-ear aids will only fit the person for whom it was made. Since the World Hearing Network is part of a non-profit, you will receive a letter for tax purposes for any aids you donate.

Please send your aids and include your name and address INSIDE the box to me at the address below. I'll send them on to the World Hearing Network and help get the tax letter to your promptly.

Thank you!!

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Mercury-free hearing aid batteries have some problems

HOH-LD-News Editor: I'm all in favor of efforts to preserve our environment, but should we accept dysfunctional hearing aids as the

price? It's not that cut and dried, but this is an issue we may have to deal with before long. Thanks to the folks at hear-it.org for this story. You may want to brew a fresh pot and visit their site at <http://www.hear-it.org>

New mercury-free batteries can not only benefit the environment but also give hearing aid users a clearer conscience. The new types of batteries can cause problems for the hearing aids users. Both the battery manufacturers and the hearing aid manufacturers work hard to solve these temporary problems.

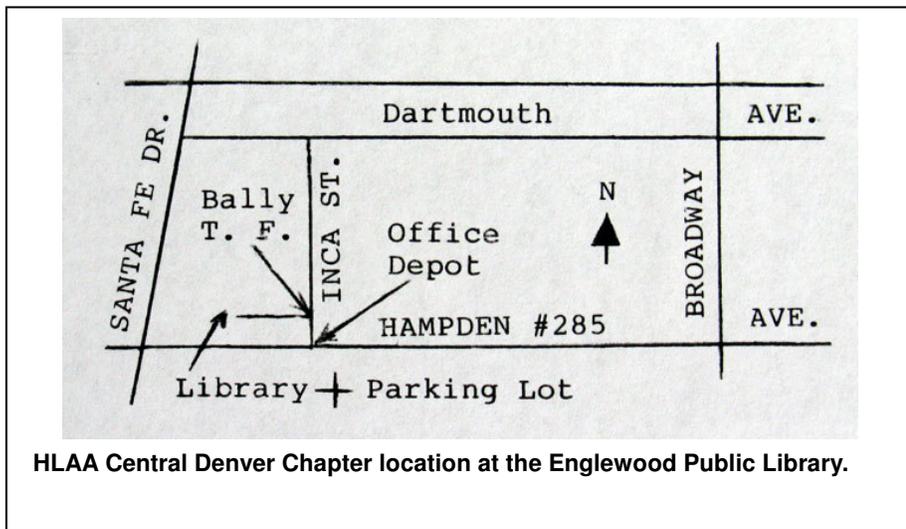
We are all concerned about preserving our environment. Removing mercury from Zinc-Air batteries is a natural consequence of this concern. It is now possible to produce mercury-free Zinc-Air batteries of a high quality and in certain market areas all hearing aid batteries will soon be required to be mercury-free. The major battery manufacturers have therefore voluntarily agreed to achieve this goal by the end of June 2011.

The battery industry has already made remarkable progress technologically, but there can still be problems when using the new mercury-free type of batteries in hearing aids. Hearing aid users have reported cut-outs, shorter battery life than expected as well as battery low warning tones even when batteries are quite new.

Lower capacity

The problems are not caused by any fault in the hearing aids as such, but are caused by a low battery voltage that in many cases results from the mercury-free battery technology. The user will often experience lower battery capacity. Such problems occur in particular in hearing aids having high current draw from the battery, such as power aids and hearing aids with wireless connectivity. The incidence of these problems has increased significantly after the introduction of mercury-free batteries.

If you consistently experience the problems described above, it would



HLAA Central Denver Chapter location at the Englewood Public Library.

be advisable to try a different type of battery. Your hearing aid supplier may be able to advise you on which types cause the least problems.

Power aids and wireless solutions

The hearing aid manufacturers are well aware of the challenges which the new type of battery faces and will work towards products that can function well on lower voltages in order to minimize battery related problems. Many hearing aids on the market such as power aids and hearing aids with wireless connectivity are designed to work with the voltage levels provided by batteries relying on mercury. These hearing aids require batteries with performance comparable to good batteries using mercury-based battery technology.

Both the hearing aid manufacturers and battery manufacturers are confident that the problems will be solved in the near future and that the

battery manufacturers will soon be able to offer batteries with the same performance that has been available in the past from batteries with mercury. □

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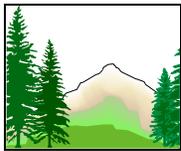
Omega 3 fatty acid may prevent or delay age-related hearing loss

A new study published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition (doi:10.3945/ajcn.2010.29370) suggests that dietary intervention with omega 3 polyunsaturated fatty acid and fish may prevent or delay the development of age-related hearing loss. The abstract is provided here. For a copy of the full study or a subscription to the journal, visit www.ajcn.org
http://www.audiologyonline.com/news/news_detail.asp?news_id=4314 □

Ann Pruitt, (former Boulder Chapter President, CO State Coordinator, etc.) and her Hearing Dog, Curlie Sue



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