

MY LINCOLN DENTIST

RESEARCHERS GROW A TOOTH

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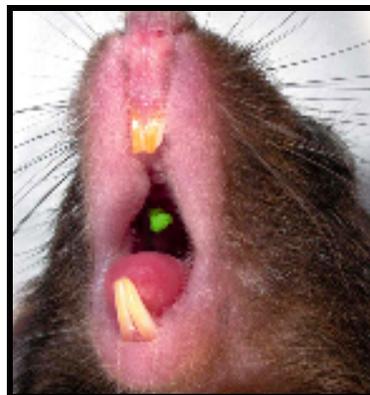
Peace On Earth

Earlier this year at the Tokyo University of Science, researchers were able to take stem cells from a mouse and grow a new tooth. The report states that cells were placed into the socket of an extracted molar and a new tooth was grown. This tooth had all the attributes of a natural tooth, including sensitivity, shape, hardness, and functionality.

This research, says study co-author Takashi Tsuji, is "expected to evolve into a wide variety of organ-regenerative technologies for liver, kidneys, and other organs."

Still, the Mayo Clinic's Yasuhiro Ikeda warns, "each organ is different, so it may take a long time before we can actually use this system in a clinic."

Although we may still be a generation away from seeing this sort of treat-



The new mouse tooth was also made to glow green in ultraviolet light.

ment translated to humans, it does show amazing potential.

In the meantime, we will rely on dental implants as the ultimate in tooth replacement. When you think about it, this is also something that was remarkable a generation ago and now is considered routine treatment.

OUR TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Christel Denzler Dental Receptionist

If you have ever called or come by the office on a Monday, then you have had the pleasure of speaking with Christel. More than just a member of our dental team, she also happens to be Dr. Denzler's mother! We are really working hard at keeping that 'family' in Denzler 'Family' Dentistry.

Christel was born and raised in the western German city of Dortmund. After surviving the devastation of war-torn Europe, she immigrated with her parents to the US at age 14. There they first lived with an aunt and uncle and Christel's sister, who had arrived a few months earlier. By the time she started high

school they had settled into Oakland, where she attended Castlemont High. After graduating and working a short time as a stenographer, she began on the full-time job of raising three kids. Paul's father, Gery, was a masonry contractor, though, so she continued to work at the book-keeping for the business.

Christel and Gery live up in the foothill town of Meadow Vista. They are 'retired' and enjoy skiing in the winter and hiking the rest of the year. They have a large group of friends that keeps their social calendar full and enjoy frequent family gatherings as well.



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SMILES FOR KIDS SCREENING

During a two week period in October this year, local dentists screened 1st and 3rd grade students in all of the elementary schools in Western Placer Unified School District (Lincoln & Sheridan).

The goal of this program is to assess the dental health of our community and also to identify those children who are in need of dental care, but are unable to afford treatment.

The Smiles for Kids program was started in 1991 in the Sacramento area. Since that time the program has enlarged to the surrounding counties, including our own Placer County. Our local screenings were started a few years ago when Dr. Denzler inquired with the new district nurse, and found that no screening program was in place. After coordinating with a few other local dentists, the program has been running smoothly ever since. The Lincoln Kiwanis Club also



A Sacramento District Dental Society program

supplies volunteers to assist with the screening program.

This last year we were able to screen almost 700 children! About 15% need some dental treatment and about 30 of these require more extensive care. The parents are informed and those in need are referred on to dental offices that have volunteered to see them at no charge. Denzler Family Dentistry is one of these offices. Our next newsletter will recap how our treatment of these children is going at our office.



Our office is collecting for TOYS FOR TOTS this year. If you would like to make a donation of a toy to a needy child in our community, please come by and drop a toy into our box.

What did Santa's dentist see while working up at the North Pole?...A molar bear



Our Request to Our Patients

We are an office that welcomes new patients. If you have been satisfied with your care at Denzler Family Dentistry, please tell your family and friends. Word of mouth is how we wish to attract new patients to our practice. If they are anything like you, then we will be thrilled to welcome them to our office. Thank you!