Fancy some Comet? 45-year-old Detroit mum Crystal Newsom has a peculiar habit: she eats Comet, a bathroom kitchen cleaner. Reportedly, she would add a powder, mix it with water to form a paste and then eat it. Comet’s warning label cautions: “May be harmful if swallowed or inhaled.” “It tastes the way it smells. Leaves a metallically taste in your tongue,” says Trent when he tastes the Comet. When asked if the cleaning product had done her any harm, Newman replied: “No issues, except for my teeth.” Cosmetic dentist Demi Kasani, gave Newman a new smile by replacing twenty-two of her teeth with titanium implants. The implants reportedly cost her $75,000. “Her mouth was rampant with decay and infection. This is what eating Comet for thirty years can do,” says Kasani.

Listen with your teeth Sonitus Medical Inc., a medical device company that manufactures the world’s first non-surgical and removable hearing prosthetic to transmit sound via the teeth, today announced that it has received FDA clearance. It is the first for the company and the product. The SoundBite Hearing System was found to be safe and effective in two pivotal clinical trials, which supported the FDA clearance. One study evaluated the safety and efficacy of the SoundBite system over a period of one month in 28 patients. A second study evaluated the long-term safety of the device over a six month period in 22 patients. Key safety and efficacy measures evaluated in the studies included the SoundBite system’s benefit and impact on auditory performance, improvement in speech intelligibility, oral health, and overall comfort.

Roaring pain Root canals are hard on the patient. But if the patient is a lion, the root canal is perhaps even harder on the dentist. This was the case for Mumbasa, an African lion at the Brit Spaugh Zoo in Kansas, who after grabbing onto his fence he chipped an inch-long tooth. According to reports, zookeepers had to quickly assemble a team. The procedure was successfully performed.

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Fluoride scheme gets green light

Judicial Review of fluoridation decision in Hampshire says process was not illegal

The High Court has ruled that the dental authority was not acting unlawfully in seeking to add fluoride to Southampton’s tap water.

The proposal by South Central Strategic Health Authority (SCSHA) to increase the level of fluoride in water to one part per million, was given the go-ahead in February 2009 after a review showed the move would significantly improve dental health. However, resident Ms Milner, who was backed by local anti-fluoride campaign groups, which backed the mother-of-three’s case, said potential side effects range from bone cancer to thyroid problems and brown spots on the teeth.

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