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## **Save those teeth**

Your coverage of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report on dental health in the United States ("U.S. Dental Health Better, Study Says," Aug. 26) correctly attributed lower rates of tooth decay and tooth loss to recent advances in dental care. However, the study results also illustrate the increasing value Americans place on retaining their natural teeth. In fact, according to a survey conducted by the American Association of Endodontists, more than 76 percent of those polled would prefer root canal treatment to having a tooth pulled.

As the dentists who specialize in performing root canals and saving natural teeth, endodontists are pleased that Americans are learning that nothing looks, feels or functions like a real tooth.

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