



Pain in the tooth

■ Sir — Parents usually ask children not to have too many chocolates and candies for fear of tooth decay and cavities. What would they have to say about the bizarre incident where a tomato seed from a salad got lodged in a person's tooth and sprouted into a seedling inside his gum? But even more strange than a seed managing to sprout inside the mouth is the fact that the removal of this was considered a 'cosmetic' procedure by the insurance company — most health insurance does not cover dental procedures under the same logic. Clearly, those running insurance companies have never had toothache if they think dental procedures are cosmetic and not necessary.

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