As an orthodontist retired from private practice and university teaching, I enjoy reading the monthly journal to help me stay in the game and be better able to interact with colleagues and former students. I especially enjoy the case reports section, as I can relate to the very practical side of these articles. Two case reports in the June issue, “A novel approach of torque control for maxillary displaced incisors” and “A simple approach to correct ectopic eruption of maxillary canines” were some all-time favorites. These cases are sourced from practitioners and schools around the world and exemplify some of the best attributes of the enlightened orthodontist (I considered “renaissance”, but that would be too old-school). The treatments devised and displayed in these cases represent creativity and ingenuity bolstered by a sound knowledge of biological and mechanical principles. These qualities were integrated by each practitioner and team member to formulate and execute a novel and simple treatment approach to complex problems unique to each patient. To those who are wary of the future of orthodontics, concerned about corporate, systematized, do-it-yourself, and teleorthodontics, look to these cases and the untold numbers like them being treated across the world as the finest type of orthodontics, destined to thrive and prosper.

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