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LETTER

Forgotten gems



Can I congratulate you on another great issue of *Vital*. The article that caught my attention was *Agent of germ warfare* (*Vital* spring 2009 pages 20-22). Cleaners are often overlooked in our profession but as your article points out they are hidden and often forgotten gems of the dental world. They play a vital role in maintenance of our working environment and it makes a real difference to be welcomed by a sparkling surgery at the start of a day. Often cleaning can be left to the dental nurse who is often overworked with little spare time at the end of each day to take care of the general cleanliness of non-clinical areas.

Well done for highlighting and reminding us that cleaning staff are valuable members of the dental team.

Dave Martin
Dental Therapist

Dave wins Beverly Hills Formula goodies worth £100.



Ed's note - Apparently a lot of practices are hoping to poach superstar cleaner Jan Sherwood from Chertsey Dental Practice - principal Phil had better watch out!!

Beverly Hills Formula



HOTSPOT

Name: Andy May
Age: 24
Town: Benfleet, Essex
Loves: Holidays in the sun
Hates: The English weather
Job: Display advertising representative for the BDJ, BDA News and *Vital*

How did you get your job? I applied through an agency and hey presto!

What do you enjoy most about your job? I enjoy the fact that I am able to meet many new people and engage in a very interesting industry.

What is the most challenging part of your job? It's challenging for me to complete all the many duties of my job in a very limited amount of time.

Would you recommend a career in dentistry? I would; it's a great industry to be involved in and one that you are able to stay and progress in for years.

If you weren't working in dentistry, what would you be doing? I was once tempted to move to Gansbaai in South Africa and work in marine biology and conservation with Great White Sharks.

What three things could you not live without? Golf clubs, Haribo (Tangfastics) and Chinese food!

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