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with a Windows® platform (95, 98, NT4, 2000, or XP). Those
who have not been assimilated by IBM and its clones will have to
rely on the online or the print version at this time and perhaps
forever. According to OED reps, there are currently no plans to
develop a Mac compatible edition. Another consideration, at least
for potential library purchasers, is that for some reason, either tech-
nical or legal, the CD may not be networked such that multiple
PCs can access the contents from a central location. I am happy to
report that within these parameters, the CD functioned well on my
rather standard issue Dell computer. The package includes a very
concise, user-friendly manual complete with a license agreement
and description of the sixty-day warranty.

One curious thing I noted about the CD version is that it
defaults to having the “word of the day” enabled. This means
that when you click on “search” you are presented with an en-
try for a word—a word of the day—selected by the disk. It
struck me as a bit odd to feature an application with such a
quotidian component, as it would seem to bring attention to
the main drawback of having the dictionary on CD rather than
on-line: the inability to get instant regular additions or emenda-
tions as you would with the online version. In other words,
one can’t “burn” in and out of possession, it is virtually
the same as having a monograph in terms of its ability to be
updated. For updates you will have to buy new editions or
rather, upgrades. (In this case, the upgrade is $125.00.) I
regard this as a very minor drawback, however, as the OED
has never been known as a primary source for new words.
You can easily find definitions and examples of words such as
“d’oh,” “cramming,” and “gangsta,” in plenty of other
sources online and in print.

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Joseph C. Andrews, 62, Head, Collection Management, University
of Central Florida (UCF) Library, died June 24. Andrews studied pi-
ano and received his undergraduate degree in Music from St. Paul’s
College in Lawrenceville, VA. After teaching for a short time, he went
on to receive three graduate degrees: two MLS degrees from
North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC and, sup-
ported by funding from the Henry Luce Foundation, a Liberal
Education degree from St. John’s College in Santa Fe, NM.
Andrews began his library career at the St. Paul’s College lib-

Adventures in Librarianship — Misfortune

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ATG investigative reporters have dis-
covered that the ALA Executive Direc-
torate proposed but later abandoned an
idea to distribute promotional fortune
cookies at the recent summer conven-

Sammy Feng, of Feng’s Fortunes Lim-
ited, leaked the story to ATG. Mr. Feng
is understandably angry about being left
with tens-of-thousands of fortune cook-
ies designed for a very specialized mar-
ket. He had spent many hours coming
up with gems such as:

• Be quiet in the library
• Your lucky number is 54782, in the li-
    brary
• Go to the library now, or you’ll be sorry
• You are a special person, and a librarian

Mr. Feng’s fourteen-year-old son, Ray-
Ray, assisted with the project and delivered
a higher degree of creativity nurtured by seven
years in Montessori school and two years in a
military academy. “Dad keeps telling me I
write well,” says Ray-Ray, “but I think he
really means that I write legibly.” Ray-Ray’s
oeuvre includes:

• The stars are aligned to bring missing
    books back home... in one crushing
    wave
• Present a pleasant face to the world and
    you will be rewarded with sneering
    mockery
• All information can be found on the
    Internet... time to look for a new job
• You have no lucky number

• You will meet new people and never
    learn their names

Fortunately for Mr. Feng, his wife,
Maria Contralto Feng, works part-time
in Eastwood Public Library and added
a level of expertise and insight to the
project that he and Ray-Ray could not.
Maria contributed:

• Serial titles change but you are not
    afraid
• The Friends of the Library are your
    friends too
• Your lucky call number is PR6053.O425
• MARC tags are inadequate to describe
    your many qualities
• The stars will align for love and for
    increased circulation statistics

Mr. Feng has advised ATG that these “lim-
ited edition” fortune cookies are available for
a very low price, and he guarantees a shelf
life of five years. “I don’t like ALA,” says
Feng, “because who is going to buy so many
library cookies?” We thought for a moment,
but could not come up with an answer.

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