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Cutting-Edge Articles on Cutting-Edge Approval Plans: An Introduction

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There are two reasons for these articles on approval plans. First, the library literature on approval plans is becoming stale. We are reaching the expiration date of many published papers. So the intent is to add fresh papers to our pantry of ideas. Second, many of the published papers are too academic and impractical for the practicing librarian. These papers provide slices from real-life approval plans, and serve them up to the reader, along with the recipes.

In my national call, I emphasized the need for papers on interesting, innovative approval plans. From the ancient Greek poet Callimachus to the contemporary Danish filmmaker Lars von Trier, *Against the Grain* continues the artistic revolution tradition by also promoting a Manifesto of New. Thus, banned and censored are the dime-a-dozen approval plan

topics such as "how to select a vendor" and "comparative fill rates and turn-around times."

Instead, we advocate the topics "how to select a *French* vendor" and "comparative fill rates and turn-around times for *small presses, academic departmental publications, and other obscure publishers.*"

As well as papers being unique an interesting, they ought to be able to be replicated in a kind of blue-collar scientific manner. Our professional journals offer too many theoretical papers whose results may or may not be duplicated in another's workplace laboratory. Rather, we ought to be able to learn from the papers we read and then be able to apply printed methodologies and results in our own libraries and for the sake of our organizations and our clientele.

If Rumors Were Horses

Well ... The energetic, and always smiling **Sharon Cline McKay** has joined **SilverPlatter** representing the western U.S. effective May 15. Sharon, once at Ebsco and Faxon, is well-known to all of us as a frequent participant in **Charleston Conferences** of which I hope the 20th will be another.

Baker & Taylor has recently announced the formation of a new company, **Informata.com**, that will become the repository for all activities that Baker & Taylor conducts in the electronic business arena. Read our interview with the incredible **Bob Doran** in this issue, p. 62 to learn more.

And, as part of the above, the truly delightful, wonderful, and astute **Pam Smith** has been promoted to Senior Vice President, Internet Portals at B&T.

From the April 27 *Financial Times*, **Ingenta** has begun an aggressive expansion plan which began on the 27th with the "reverse takeover of Delyn, an Aim-listed investment vehicle, which will value the combined entity at £145m." Market uncertainty and anxiety over overhyped and overvalued Internet companies was given as the reason for the decision. **Ingenta** reported an £814,000 pre-tax loss in the year to September 1999 on revenues of £1.5m. See our interview

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If our profession is to take its publications seriously, and if through them we are to promote continuing education to and practical guidance for our colleagues, then we ought to subscribe to the principles of originality and practicality. For what other reasons do we librarians write? This special issue of *Against the Grain* exemplifies both excellent principles.

The first paper, by **Glen Worley**, examines approval plan binding preference services. Worley demonstrates significant financial savings without detrimental preservation consequences by receiving on approval lower-cost paperbacks whenever possible. His descriptions of vendor services and the methodologies for studying savings are directly applicable to our

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with **Christine Lamb** in *ATG* (February, 2000, p. 40) and *The Charleston Advisor* interview with **Mark Rowse** (April, 2000, p. 49).

WOW! I love it! **Rick Anderson's** <Rick.Anderson@uncg.edu> May issue of his **CD HotList: New Releases for Librarians** is viewable at the following URL: <http://library.uncg.edu/depts/acq/cdhl/archive.htm>. **CD HotList** is a "heads-up" that Rick (as a full-time librarian and part-time music critic) issues to his friends and colleagues, each month. Check it out!

What can I say? I forgot to tell you that the new head of Acquisitions at **SUNY Albany** (as of Jan. 20, 2000) is **Michael Young**, but thank goodness that the always-on-the-ball **Heather Miller** <hm766@csc.albany.edu> noticed! Excuse me! Michael has an MLS from **SUNY Albany** (1998) and has several degrees, including a PhD in art history, from **Columbia**. He has taught at **Bard College** and **Union College**. Most recently, he has served as Reference Librarian/Bibliographer at **SUNY Albany**. His library school seminar paper was on the response of academic librarians to the problems posed by site licenses for electronic resources. He's also enthusiastic about acquisitions!

ARL Statistics 1998-99 is the latest in a series of annual publications by **ARL** that describe collections, staffing, expenditures, and service activities for the 121 member libraries of the **Association of Research Libraries (ARL)**. Of these, 111 are university libraries; the remaining 10 are public, governmental, and private research libraries. A complete list of the **ARL** member libraries is located at <http://www.arl.org/members.html>. **ARL** member libraries are the largest research libraries in North America, representing 15 Canadian and 106 U.S. research institutions. The academic libraries, which comprise about 92% of the membership, include 13 Canadian and 98 U.S. libraries. Charts from **1998-99 ARL Statistics** document Latest Trends on Serial and Monograph Costs, the Latest Trends on Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery, and include Expenditure Trends in **ARL** Libraries. The full introduction is being made available online this year for the first time. at <http://www.arl.org/stats/arlstat/99intro.html>.

The **Johns Hopkins University Press** has announced the launch of *Portal: Libraries and the Academy*, a new quarterly journal, in January 2001. *Portal* is a new move by academic librarians to disseminate scholarship in all aspects of librarianship within higher education. This scholarly journal will also explore how technology is affecting librarianship and scholarship, as well as the role of libraries in meeting institutional missions. Each issue will include peer-reviewed articles on subjects such as library administration, information technology, and informa-

tion policy. Reviews of newly published books in areas of librarianship and higher education, as well as reviews of computer and database resources will also be featured. Regular columns will address policy and strategic planning, technological issues, and management and personnel issues. Following the acquisition of the *Journal of Academic Librarianship (JAL)* in 1998 by a large European publisher, most members of **JAL's** editorial board tendered their resignations in protest and sought out a publisher that was recognized for its support of libraries. Brought together again at **The Johns Hopkins University Press**, these individuals now compose a large part of *Portal's* editorial board. However, the editors will not simply recreate *JAL* under a different name. The editors bring their experience and skills to a new journal that will go against the grain by addressing such controversies as the relative value of STM journals and their effect on research libraries. *Portal* will provide an unbiased outlet for issues that scholars have been unable or unwilling to address in other venues. Led by three well-known and respected librarians, *Portal's* editorial board is comprised of leading scholars, administrators, and practitioners in library science. **Charles B. Lowry** (Dean of Libraries, U. of Maryland, College Park) and **Susan Martin** (University Librarian, Georgetown University) serve as Executive Editors. Managing Editor is **Gloriana St. Clair** (University Librarian, Carnegie Mellon University). St. Clair urged individuals to submit their scholarly work to her electronically at <gstclair@andrew.cmu.edu> or to her attention at Hunt Library, Carnegie Mellon University, 4909 Frew Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Because the journal is new, early submissions will benefit from quick review and publication. The **Johns Hopkins University Press** will begin publishing *Portal: Libraries and the Academy* in January 2001. Annual subscriptions for individuals will cost \$48.00. The institutional subscriptions will be \$145.00. *Portal* will also be available on the World Wide Web as part of the **Project MUSE** collection of online journals. A reception to celebrate *Portal's* launch will be held during **ALA Annual** in Chicago on July 8 from 6-8 P.M. at the **Museum of Contemporary Art**. All academic librarians are invited to attend. Visit muse.jhu.edu for more information.

What a shock! **Endeavor Information Systems Incorporated** and **Elsevier Science Inc.** have formed an alliance that positions both companies to broaden the delivery of electronic content throughout the academic and research library marketplace. The union of Elsevier Science and Endeavor capabilities will allow the integration of bibliographic and fulltext material including library holdings, library journal collections, reference

books and other fulltext content. Endeavor's Voyager library management system will serve as a platform for uniting library collections with the scientific content in Elsevier Science's primary and secondary publications and databases. "Integration of electronic information, such as fulltext of electronic journals, has become an increasingly important part of our customers' mission," said **Jane Burke, Endeavor's President and CEO**. **John Regazzi**, President, **Elsevier Science Inc.**, adds, "There is a strong complement of organizational expertise. Endeavor has emerged very quickly as a market leader in the areas of local and networked library management systems and software development. Elsevier has a strong presence in the international academic and corporate markets and a long track record in content development and electronic publishing innovation. We believe this combination will provide new and unique value to libraries." Strong compatibility between the two companies' technology platforms and product development efforts promises rapid rollout of integrated services. Seamless integration of the **ScienceDirect** Web editions program is envisioned as an early application. Endeavor will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Elsevier Science, and all current management will remain in place. Burke states, "First of all, let me say that our organization is remaining in place and focused on Voyager. We are not reorganizing, we are not moving, we are not laying off staff. ... This transaction will not detract from our corporate focus. Endeavor will continue to deliver the high quality products and services to academic and research libraries that have made us a leader in the market. We view this alliance as a means to provide an even greater level of integration for electronic resources." **Endeavor Information Systems Incorporated**, based in Des Plaines, IL, is an information technology company formed in September 1994 and currently employs 131 people. Over 650 academic and research libraries of every size worldwide have chosen Voyager, Endeavor's high performance library system. Well, I don't know if y'all remember back in June, 1994 when **Jane Burke** was President of **NOTIS Systems, Inc.**, and we interviewed her (see *ATG*, v.6#3). Jane left **NOTIS** not long after the **ALA Annual**, but, one thing we at *ATG* said was "you can't keep a good woman down." This is proof positive.

The oh so awesome **Rick Lugg** <ricklugg@hotmail.com> and the even more awesome **Ruth Fischer** have both resigned from **YBP** as of January 2000. Their personal partnership, sealed last October, continues as a professional partnership, named **R2 Consulting** (63 Woodwell's Garrison, Contoocook, NH 03229; (603) 746-4478

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Phone; (603) 746-5853 Fax; www address TBA). **R2** works with academic libraries and library-related businesses on technical services workflows and data flows, from new title announcement to patron access. Look soon for **R2**'s half-day seminars on "eBook Basics for Librarians." The essential idea is to map the industry, looking at current ebook providers (such as **netLibrary** and **Questia**) and other potential providers. See this issue, p.36 for more specifics and/or come to the **Charleston Conference** (November 2-4) for even more information since Rick and Ruth will be there!

And speaking of the **Charleston Conferences**. We have **CHANGED** the dates for the next two years of Conferences. The **2001 Conference** will be **October 30- November 3, 2001**. The **2002 Conference** will be **October 29-November 2, 2002**. This is because of **Citadel Homecoming** which was conflicting with our other times and we didn't want to do that. Those of you who have been here during **Citadel Homecoming** will understand. Change your calendars! Now!

And speaking of eBooks, **Blackwell's** and **netLibrary** have joined together to offer a special selection of eBooks previously named to *Choice* magazine's "Outstanding Academic Titles" list. The initial collection includes electronic editions of titles published from 1988

through 1999 by leading academic publishers. New publishers and titles will continue to be added and the companies plan to offer a minimum initial collection of 500 "Choice Outstanding Academic Titles" as eBooks.

The wonderful **Jan Peterson** <jan.peterson@rowe.com> has left **RoweCom** and will stay on the West Coast, working for **Infotrieve**, based in LA.

Albert Henderson <70244.1532@compuserve.com> is turning over editorial chores of *Publishing Research Quarterly* to **Robert E Baensch** of NYU's publishing education program. Albert says that he has served pro bono for six years and it's time for a sabbatical. His last issue was 16,1 Spring 2000 and includes several articles covering the language of literary non-fiction.

Take note! **WebCT** and **Bell & Howell's** (NYSE: BHW) **Information and Learning** business unit announced a joint distribution and marketing agreement. Under the terms of this agreement, **WebCT** will provide relevant links from the discipline-specific e-learning communities on **WebCT.com** to **Bell & Howell Information and Learning's ProQuest Academic Edition™**. **WebCT.com** is the first higher education destination site that offers both teaching and learning resources in discipline-specific communities across course and institutional boundaries. Now students can quickly access up-to-date information from scholarly materials for term papers, projects

and other assignments. This agreement also includes an array of proprietary content within **WebCT's** e-learning hub to help students with their course assignments. Developed by scholars, **Academic Edition** allows students to find articles from leading newspapers, magazines and journals. Users can just click their way to find their subject of choice. Once they pinpoint their topic, students can simply click on the title of the article to view a fulltext, full image, printable version of the article. Launched in January, **WebCT.com** provides faculty with a place to communicate with colleagues, share teaching ideas and exchange valuable resources. **WebCT** is the most popular Web course platform in higher education today. More than 39,000 instructors at over 1,300 colleges and universities use **WebCT** to deliver over 147,000 courses to more than 6.0 million student accounts in 53 countries. **WebCT.com**, the Company's e-learning hub, is the first destination site for the higher education marketplace to offer both teaching and learning resources and a community of peers across course and institutional boundaries. For more information, visit about.webct.com or <http://www.bellhowell.infolearning.com>.

RoweCom Inc. (Nasdaq: ROWE) has announced a significant expansion of the company's academic and medical sales teams and the appointment of sales directors dedicated to the key academic and medical verticals and specific geographies in North America. The move more than doubles the size of the sales team dedicated to these communities, representing a substantial investment in growing these markets. The new teams, appointed to **RoweCom's Faxon Academic and Medical Services** division, are headed by **Georges Sarazin**, responsible for the eastern academic region, **Robert Loffredo**, responsible for the national medical and federal market, and **Frank Semancik**, directing the western academic market. **Georges Sarazin**, based in Ottawa, Ontario, is a 25-year veteran of the library industry, beginning his career with the **Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI)**. Mr. Sarazin has held several management positions in client services, technical services, and electronic sales with various subscription agents including **Faxon Canada Ltd.**, **Readmore Canada Ltd.**, and **Blackwell's Information Services**. Most recently, he served as the Canadian Managing Director of **SIRSI Corporation**. **Robert Loffredo**, based in Barrington, Rhode Island, joined **Faxon's** sales force in 1996, prior to its merger with **RoweCom**. He began his career at **CCR Data Systems**, a hardware and software solutions provider for large retailers and K-12 school systems. Mr. Loffredo has a diverse background in sales and technology. **Frank Semancik**, based in Cleveland, Ohio, has served as director of academic sales for **Faxon** since 1998. Prior to **Faxon**, Mr. Semancik spent nine years in automation and

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The awesome **Kim Laird** (Acquisitions, Documents, Serials Team Leader, U. of Michigan) klaird@gw.libofmich.lib.mi.us wrote yours truly to request another copy of the April **ATG** which had gone missing but they needed it! Have you read the April issue yet?

Erik Jul, associate director of the **OCLC Institute**, has been named its new executive director effective June 1. He will take over from the incredibly awesome and wonderful **Martin Dillon**, who has announced his retirement. Mr. Jul, who must be equally awesome and wonderful, graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree from **Hope College**. He holds a master's degree from **Ohio State University** and a master's

in business administration from **Franklin University**. He is founding editorial board member and contributing columnist to the *Journal of Internet Cataloging*, founding associate editor of **LIBRES**, and currently serves as guest editor of the *Library Trends* issue on library cataloging and the Internet.

The **American Institute of Physics (AIP)** and the **Naval Research Laboratory (NRL)** have completed a two-year project to provide expanded online access to AIP's large body of scientific literature, more than doubling the number of AIP journal articles available online. AIP, with the assistance of **NRL's Ruth Hooker Research Library**, has created six additional years of digital archives for seven of its core journals. tingoldsby@aip.org

Grove's Dictionaries is publishing the second edition of the *New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians* in November 2000 in both print and online formats. www.grovemusic.com

Charles Halpin charles.halpin@bowker.com writes that he will be leaving **Bowker**

this summer. Upper management has implemented changes for all the companies located at the New Providence, New Jersey site. **Michael Cairns** is the new VP for Business Development.

William Kane billk@alibris.com writes that **Alibris** is creating a strong library sales/management team and, as such, has recently hired him as Regional Sales Manager, Library Services. And, guess who else? The supernova **Steve Sutton** (longtime Blackwell's employee, most recently at netLibrary) has joined the team as well! www.alibris.com/library

The he's-here-he's-there-he's-everywhere **Nat Bodian** had an article in the winter, 1999/2000 *Publishing Research Quarterly* (v.15#4, "Short Words Work Well, Make Good Sense") They even published an article "How to write in words of one syl ... uh ..." in the *New Jersey Star-Ledger* (March 9, 2000) with Nat's picture on the front page. Check it out.

In fact, you should check out the entire issue of *PRQ* (mentioned above) because it is full of interesting, enlightening information, starting with "The Use of Branding by Trade Publishers" (by **Jo Aroyle**, **Louise Cooper**, and **Rosemary Stockdale**), "North American Approval Program Coverage and Cost Study 1998/99" (Blackwell's Book Services), to mention only a few.

The program for the **2000 Charleston Conference** (November 1-4) is shaping up. One of the presentations will include **Dora Biblarz** (Arizona State University) and **Sally Loken** (OCLC) talking about the **OCLC.WLN Collection Assessment Initiatives**. AND there's TONS more! The **Charleston Conference** brochure should be included in this mailing of **ATG**. Look for it!

The **Book Industry Study Group** has announced formation of the **EBX Working Group**, an organization that will develop an industry standard for protecting copyrights of electronic books (eBooks). As demonstrated by the March 14 release of **Stephen King's** new novella, **Riding the Bullet**, the all-digital "electronic book" has arrived on the Internet mass market. Publishers, booksellers, distributors, and technology companies in the Working Group will work together to develop an accepted standard for protecting books published in this new medium. **EBX Working Group** Chairman is **Jonathan Hahn** of **Versaware, Inc.** The **EBX Working Group** is an officially constituted independent body, functioning under the auspices of the **Book Industry Study Group's Book And Serial Industry Communications (BASIC) E-Book Committee**, announced in November 1999. Companies currently participating in the EBX Working Group include **Adobe Systems Incorporated**; **Compound-i.com**; **Glassbook, Inc.**; **GlobalMentor, Inc.**; **Handheld Media**; **Harlequin Enterprises Limited**; **RightsMarket.com Inc.**; **SoftLock.com, Inc.**; **Versaware, Inc.**; and **Yankee Rights Management, Inc.** <http://www.bisg.org>

The awesome **Don Fendler** (Standard & Poors) don_fendler@standardandpoors.com sends word that **S&P's NetAdvantage** platform of eleven databases with new enhancements will be demonstrated at **SLA** in Philadelphia and **ALA** in Chicago. Why not stop by and check them out!

Dun & Bradstreet (NYSE: DNB) has teamed up with **ALA** to sponsor a **Public Librarian Support Award** and an **Award for Outstanding Service to Minority Business Communities**. The cash awards of \$2,500 each will be presented at **ALA Annual** in Chicago on Monday, July 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 at the **RUSA Awards Ceremony**. The first-ever recipient of the **D&B Public Librarian Support Award** is **Karen Van Drie**, business librarian at the **Portage District Library** in Portage, Michigan. **Anne McCarthy Kennedy** and the **Newburgh Free Library Business Resources and Information Exchange (BRIX)** was chosen as the first recipients of the **D&B Award for Outstanding Service to Minority Business Communities**. Sounds like some very innovative services to the communities the libraries and individuals served! Congratulations!

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Standards Organization, (executive director, **Pat Harris**) and **OASIS** (<http://www.oasis-open.org>), a non-profit, international consortium dedicated solely to product-independent data and content interchange (executive director, **Laura Walker**), have exchanged memberships in an effort to further standards for structured documents within the information industry. The reciprocal membership opens communication between the industry-vertical **NISO**, which develops technical standards for libraries, publishers, and information services, and the cross-industry efforts of **OASIS**, which advances XML and SGML structured data interoperability.

More from **NISO** which has just announced the publication of *Library Binding* (ANSI/NISO/LBIZ39.78-2000). The new standard is the result of collaboration between **NISO** and **LBI** (the **Library Binding Institute**), the principal trade association representing the library binding industry. The new standard is available for downloading at the **NISO Website** <www.niso.org/standard.html> or in hardcopy from **NISO Press Fulfillment**, 877-736-6476 (toll free). The committee charged with writing this standard included library binders, librarians, and suppliers of bookbinding materials. Chaired by **Barclay Ogden**, U. of California-Berke-

ley, the **Standards Committee** also included **Jack Fairfield**, Information Conservation, Inc., **Fritz James**, LBS, **Jan Merrill-Oldham**, Harvard University, **Robert DeCandido**, New York Public Library, **Steve Heckman**, Heckman Bindery, Inc., **Debra McKern**, Library of Congress, **Sally Moyer**, Library Binding Institute, **Robert L. Silbert**, Bound To Stay Bound Books, Inc., and **Paul Parisi**, Acme Bookbinding Company, Inc.

Baran Rosen (Whitestone Communications, NY) sends word that **Frontline Group** has acquired **Communispond, Inc.**

As we all know, the development of the **Internet as a publishing medium** has raised powerful and complex digital rights management issues. To meet the varied demands of rightsholders comprehensively, **Copyright Clearance Center (CCC)** is creating a separate, for profit corporation designed to offer technology-based solutions for permissions management at the point of content. Three customers are on board: *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal Interactive Edition*, and *Barron's*. What will this mean for libraries? Read our interview regarding this new CCC spin off, this issue, p.64.

According to the *New York Times* (May 22, 2000), the **Progressive Policy Institute** has issued a report calling for an update to the **Digital Millennium Copyright Act** that would stifle Internet companies and practices such as **Napster** and **MP3** which many feel have encouraged illegal copying of music over the Internet. There will be opposition to the report from civil libertarians, telecommunications firms, and Internet companies.

Five Japanese national universities have signed license agreements to gain access to **IDEAL**, Academic Press' online science journal library. **Ciba University**, **Saitama University**, **Tokyo Institute of Technology**, the **University of Tsukuba** and **Yokohama National University** join over 100 other institutions in Asia. **IDEAL** launched its presence in Asia through licensing agreements signed with the **National Science Council of Taiwan** and the

Korean University Consortium for Electronic Databases (KUCED). "The concept of a virtual library has gained acceptance in Japan as universities recognize that electronic content is more powerful and economical than printed material," said **Mayumi Shinohara**, statistical business analyst and licensing consultant for **IDEAL**.

I don't know who **Alexis G. Brown** <market@abc-clio.com> is, but I admire her publicity for **ABC-CLIO**. Here is an excerpt from a recently-received press release. Talk about fun to read ... "Who was the originator of the term 'documentary.' ... Which German author and playwright dressed as an elderly woman to escape from France during World War II? ... **World Cultural Leaders** features..."

Questia Media, Inc., a new media venture, has developed an online research service that, it says, "will deliver on the true promise of the Internet by providing access to the wealth of human knowledge." Through ongoing funding projected to total \$210 million during this year and next, **Questia** is building the first online service to provide unlimited access to the fulltext of hundreds of thousands of books, journals and periodicals, as well as tools to easily use this information. For millions of college students, the **Questia** service will enable them to research and compose their papers at any time, from every connected corner of the world. "Questia is different from most eBusinesses," CEO **Troy Williams** states. "By digitizing the books most needed by college students, by making them accessible to all students at any time, and by hyperlinking footnotes and references to the precise page cited, **Questia** is creating a revolutionary research tool that enables users to instantaneously follow a complete train of thought from one book to another." **Questia** expects to have 50,000 volumes digitized by early 2001 and is projected to have over 250,000 within three years. **Questia** has quietly amassed over \$45 million dollars in venture funding from the venture capital firm **TA Associates** of Boston and individuals, and has grown in just a few months to over 200 employees in Houston and New York. **Troy Williams** (see article in *The Boston Globe*, 5/8/2000, p.C4, by **Beth Healy**) founded **Questia Media, Inc.** in 1998 after completing **Harvard Law School**. The **Questia** service will be live at www.questia.com in early 2001.

We have two obituaries in this issue of *Against the Grain*, p. 34 and 76. **Meta Nissley** was a warm breath of sunshine for all of us who knew her. I remember **Gerry Stormer** as a real gentleman and scholar. May they rest in peace.

More sad news. **Jack Montgomery's** father passed away after a long illness. Our love to Jack at this difficult time.

Sorry to be the bearer of such bad news, but, hey, let's have a good summer, okay? Cheers! 🍷

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