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Well, my son's wedding is less than six weeks away. Guess what I'm doing (when I am not working on *ATG*)? You guessed it! Addressing invitations to the Rehearsal Dinner. I already have my mother-of-the-groom dress, now it's just a matter of fitting into it, so the Rehearsal Dinner is the next big event on the calendar. Yikes!

But I tore myself away from the calligraphy pen to read this issue. It is incredible. **Tom Gilson**, our guest editor, has put together some great papers from **Fran Wilkinson** and **Linda Lewis**, **Irv Rockwood**, **Phil Powell**, and **Alis Whitt**. We also have a paper on pricing models from **Barbara Schader** and **Mark Funk**, and another one on eBook buying from **Sydney Allen** and **Heather Miller**. Back further in the issue, we

have interviews with **Gary Shirk**, **Ron Boehm** and **Rolf Janke**, profiles encouraged of **Rob Withers**, a hilarious **Ned Kraft** piece on Fear Factors in libraries, and a timely article on filtering by **Bryan Carson**. Now you

just have to see for yourself what all else is in this issue. I have to finish the addressing. Or else I will be in trouble with my new "in-laws."

Yr. Ed.

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And this as we go to press — **The Thomson Corporation** (TSX: TOC; NYSE: TOC) has acquired **Techstreet, Inc.** a digital content delivery company that provides full-text industry standards and specifications to engineers, researchers, and technical and information professionals worldwide. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed. **Techstreet** delivers full-text standards and specifications from **Standards Developing Organizations (SDOs)**, including the **American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)**, the **American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)**, the **British Standards Institution (BSI)**, the **Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)**, and hundreds more SDOs giving them one of the world's largest collections of industry standards and specifications. Most documents can be obtained in both print and electronic format, via subscription or single-document delivery. The **Techstreet** offering also includes a large collection of technical books, materials property data, and technical training from publishers, industry associations, and technical societies worldwide. "This business provides **Thomson** a key source of foundational content ..." said **Mike Tansey**, **Chief Executive Officer of Thomson Scientific**. "Adding **Techstreet** makes **Thomson** a stronger one-stop resource for technical and intellectual property information for engineering research and development, delivering patents, journal literature, and standards information." "We are very enthusiastic about the opportunities presented by joining **Thomson**," said **Gregg Hammerman**, Co-founder and President, **Techstreet**. **Techstreet** will become part of the Scientific business within **Thomson Scientific and Healthcare**, and will be managed by **Gregg Hammerman** and **Andrew Bank**, Co-founder and Vice President of Business Development. www.techstreet.com

Plus — This just out courtesy of **Reuters** and **Liblicense**. — British private equity firm **Candover Investments CDIL** said recently that the U.S. Department of Justice has cleared its acquisition of science and trade publisher

BertelsmannSpringer, announced in May. **Candover**, which joined with fellow British-based buyout firm **Cinven** to make the 1.05 billion euro (\$1.14 billion) offer to Germany's **Bertelsmann AG BERT.UL**, said the U.S. had also given the go-ahead for the two firms to merge the unit with their own scientific publisher, **Kluwer Academic Publishers (KAP)**. The newly merged company, to be called **Springer**, will create the world's second-largest publisher of scientific, technical and medical titles, the private equity firms said in a statement. They added that **Springer** will have revenues of about 880 million euros. The deal is expected to close on September 15. **Candover** and **Cinven** acquired Netherlands-based **KAP** from publishing house **Wolters Kluwer** in January 2003 for 600 million euros. In May, they announced a deal to acquire **BertelsmannSpringer**, but have been waiting for regulatory approvals to close the deal ever since. The transaction was cleared in Europe in July after **Candover** and **Cinven** agreed to remove French competition concerns by offering to sell **Bertelsmann's** French medical publishing business. The two firms said they would each have a 50 percent stake in **Springer** and would plan to control the business for the next three to five years — a typical timeframe for private equity investments. <http://reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=businessNews&storyID=3337377>

I have some incredibly sad news to report. Heard from the incredibly energetic, fabulous, up-beat, hard-working, industrious, and just all-out wonderful **Dana Alessi** <dalessi4@cox.net>. Dana left **Baker & Taylor** to work for **Ovid** in January of 2000 and has held several other interesting and challenging jobs as well since she fell in love with Las Vegas and wanted to stay there. But now **Dana** is facing her biggest challenge of all. She has recently had surgery for a brain tumor and has been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. **Dana** writes that she could last from months to a few years. She says she wants people to know since she'd love to hear from all of us about how we're all doing. In time **Dana** even hopes to go back to work. She can be reached at this new email <dalessi4@cox.net> or via snail mail at 7908 Riviera Beach Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89128, tel 702-562-0560. **Dana** says she treasures all her memories of all the wonderful Charleston conferences and her library, publishing, and vending friends. We love you, Dana!

8/12/03 was the anniversary of **Lyman**

Newlin's 70th year in the book business! He started his first job in 1933 working for the **Economy Book Stores** in Chicago. The Depression was on and so was the World's Fair. **FDR** had just pushed through the 40-hour work week with a minimum of \$15/week. The history this man has lived through is incredible as is his encyclopedic memory for everything, especially names! He says he'll be in **Charleston** in November! Plus he's just renewed his driver's license and it doesn't expire until he's 103! My gosh!

The truly amazing **Charles W. Bailey, Jr.** <cbailey@uh.edu> has been appointed **Assistant Dean for Digital Library Planning and Development** at the **University of Houston Libraries**. He served as Assistant Dean for Systems at the University of Houston Libraries from 1987 to 2003. As you may remember, in 1989, Bailey established **PACS-L**, a mailing list about public-access computers in libraries, and **The Public-Access Computer Systems Review**, one of the first scholarly electronic journals published on the Internet. He served as Editor-in-Chief of this free, peer-reviewed e-journal until the end of 1996. In that year, he made available the first version of the **Scholarly Electronic Publishing Bibliography**, a free electronic book that is regularly updated. As the bibliography evolved, a resource directory and a Weblog were added. Forty-nine versions of the bibliography have been published, and there have been over 2.5 million requests for its component files. In recognition of his early electronic publishing efforts, Bailey was given a **Network Citizen Award** by the **Apple Library** in 1992 and the first **LITA/Library Hi Tech Award for Outstanding Achievement in Communicating to Educate Practitioners Within the Library Field in Library and Information Technology** in 1993. Bailey was profiled in the **Movers & Shakers 2003: The People Who Are Shaping the Future of Libraries** supplement to the March 15, 2003 issue of **Library Journal**. Bailey has served as co-editor of **Advances in Library Automation and Networking** and on the editorial boards of **Library Computing** and **Reference Services Review**. In 1988, he served as the first Vice Chairperson of the **Library and Information Technology Association's Imagineering Interest Group**, and he subsequently served as its Chairperson. He is a frequent contributor of reviews to **Current Cites**. <http://info.lib.uh.edu/cwb/bailey.htm>

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