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Dear Editor:

Thank you for the invoice for ATG. Because our office already receives several copies, I’ll not be renewing my copy this year.

I wish that it had been possible to attend last year’s Charleston Conference, for my staff raved about it. Clearly, it stands out as a dynamic venue for everyone.

All the best, Susan Skomal (Executive Director, BioOne) <susan@arl.org>.

From Your (dog-training) Editor:

We lost our beloved Jack Russell terrier Cleo to old age nearly a year ago. It has taken us that long to be able to consider another dog. About a month ago, we adopted another Jack Russell rescue dog who we named Circe. We are not sure how old Circe is (2 years?) but she sure has energy! We decided to start the relationship on the right foot and train her so we are going to dog training classes at PETCO for an hour a week at night. It’s fun but grueling and I tell you I am tired afterwards! Of course, Circe loves all the attention and treats!

Meanwhile, we at ATG headquarters worked harder and harder to get out this issue of ATG. This issue on Preservation’s Role in the Transition from Print to e-Resource Collections is masterfully edited by Patrick Carr of East Carolina University and includes articles by T. Scott Plutchak, Thomas Herron, Wm. Joseph Thomas, Steve R. Harris, Amy Kirchhoff, and Robert W. Boissy. Our Op Ed is by Jared Seay and is about the transition from VHS to DVD. Our Back Talk is by the cerebral Tony Ferguson! We have interviews with Sam Brooks, Randy Petway and Corey Williams. There are two Biz of Acq covering eBooks and selection, our Book-lover is about Sinclair Lewis, Collecting to the Core is about Visual Arts and Standards is about Social Reading. And, of course, there’s tons more!

Oops! Circe is jumping all over me because she wants me to come give her dinner and take her outside! This is why she needs dog training!

Who’s in charge? The dog or the master/mistress?

Love, Yr. Ed.

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Watch Hill

Sun is low on the horizon, wispy cirrus clouds, a gold orb, and a reflection: two suns.*

Oops! one a small icy mirror the other a true golden disc.

Cold bands reaching across ocean swells, spray flying off their tops lifting, crashing over a reef.

Views of Fisher’s Island, Montauk Point, Block Island floating on a silver sea and sky backdrop.

The lighthouse’s seawall is pummeled by viridescent crests synchronous, longitudinal troughs—hissing—rushing along the breakwater, leaping erratic boulders tumbling toward the sandy shore.

*called a Sun Dog … an atmospheric phenomenon created when light of the sun is reflected off ice crystals of cirrus clouds. — Mark Searles, WJAR Chief Meteorologist.

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Rumors

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titles Oregon Trails and promises another one. Watch for the first one in the November issue. Welcome back, Tom and good luck to all of us with the stock market!

Speaking of retirement, do y’all remember Julie Arnheim? Julie was the long-time Chemistry librarian at Princeton who attended many conferences in Charleston. Anyway, Julie and her husband have done the sensible thing — moving to Charleston! They live on Pitt Street, near the back door of the Addlestone Library so we can visit a lot. Julie looks great and loves retirement except she was ready to get out of the house a few hours so she has agreed to be a volunteer for us as we struggle to set up an ERM system. Plus! Julie will be at the Charleston Conference hopefully after she returns from the Scopus Content Selection and Advisory Board (CSAB) meeting in late October!

Speaking of which, have y’all seen the fantastic ATG Interview that the bam-zowie Tom Gilson did with Max Berenstein (Product Manager, SciVerse Applications)? Elsevier has launched a series of community competitions trying to “engage the scientific research communities, librarians and application developers in the creation and conceptualization of search and discovery applications.”