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From Your (home remedy) Editor

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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

To Mark Herring:

I had just read and enjoyed your Against the Grain item on YouTube (see ATG, v.18#6, p.70) and thought “great, now he can explain the whole ‘Second Life’ phenomenon... www.secondlife.com.” Today I received an alert about your Fools Gold release... congratulations!

Sincerely,

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asked him to tell me more about himself and his family since it had been a few years since we had spoken. He has moved to California and remarried in July. As it says above, he will manage the western sales territory and help the company with academic sales nationally. His girls are doing great. Anne graduated from UNC-Wilmington last year (#1 in her class, biology) and took the year off; Michelle is a junior at Randolph Macon (VA) and swimming for them. And Mike’s older girls have given him four wonderful grandchildren. Anyway, Mike says he will be in Charleston in November so we can learn even more. Congrats, Mike! You aren’t getting older, you’re getting better!

Have you noticed that “I, User” seems to have dropped off the radar? Well, it’s because R2 Consulting is expanding! Partners Rick Lugg <rick@r2consulting.com> and Ruth Fischer <ruth@r2consulting.org>, who began R2 in 2000, have just welcomed two new associates. Hester Campbell, formerly YBP Library Services Director of Customer Service and Product Manager for GOBI, will assist R2 on workflow redesign projects. And Matt Barnes comes to R2 from Blackwell Book Services, where he has been Vice President of Sales & Marketing. Matt knows all about activity-based costing, financial models, and a whole toolbox of Web/Library 2.0 tools. R2 plans to use this infusion of new talent to increase its capacity for workflow and organizational redesign projects, and to develop new services: implementation, training, and project management; succession planning and placement; a database of vendor capabilities; and market analysis for publishers and other information providers. So — here’s hoping — they will have time to write more columns for ATG!

Got a wonderful note from the fabulous Sandra K. Money <Sandy@SKPAssociates.com>. Same email address, different last name, same fabulous person. Anyway, Sandy says that John has gotten a Green Card, plus they have been busy updating ships’ libraries and enjoying friends in Miami, the UK, and everywhere else since they know absolutely everybody! Sandy said she attended her Big high school reunion and met many friends she hadn’t seen in ages. Sandy and John have been spending time with four grandkids (of hers) and nine of John’s! Gosh! Sounds exhausting. She sends all of us joy, good health and happiness for 2007. Hear, hear!

And guess what? In Seattle (what an awesome city) I encountered WANDA (Jane) Maddox <jane.maddox@blackwell.com> at the Blackwell’s Book Services booth. Jane is now reping for BBS along with her husband Lorne and, you know what, she doesn’t look a single year older since she was in Charleston in 1984. I swear! Let’s ask her what her secret is.

Talk about staying young! The fantastic Karalyn Kavanaugh has moved to Kentucky continued on page 8