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HAPPY!
WHAT, ME ~~WORRY?~~



To my nearest and dearest, I am probably known as a constant complainer. One excuse for complaining is that I live alone and have only the bare walls to talk to. After all, I'm entitled to say what I think, and if my family and friends don't listen to me, I always have the bare walls to talk to.

You might say that I am two-faced because when someone at work asks "how's everything?", I normally respond "can't complain," but that's my "keep your big mouth shut" business side talking.

Well, I'm not here to talk about my personal life, and you've already heard enough about that through my column, but I wanted to relate an experience I had that changed my day from bad to glad.

I left the library after a particularly trying day, and in the hallway, I met a nurse who told me that she received an A for a course she took. She then expressed appreciation to the library staff for helping her, and that she was grateful for all we did. She really felt that our assistance had an impact on her getting an A. I responded by telling her "that's what we're here for" and told her how much I appreciated her comments.

All of us have positive (and lots of negative!) experiences to talk about. It's a nice feeling to know that you may have helped someone pursue their dream. That little "pat on the back" from the nurse made my day and made me realize my staff and I must be doing something right. We don't always hear favorable comments from our customers.

Thanks for listening - you're better than my bare walls!

George
George A. Wahlert, Editor

HELLO OUT THERE IN BQSI LAND - NEWS YOU CAN USE!

BQSI NEWS

Bouquets of get-well wishes are sent to Sharon Peterson, who is home recuperating from successful surgery for pancreatic cancer. Sharon sends her regards to her BQSI colleagues, and would love to hear from you. She has a special request of "funnie" things (cartoons, stories, cards, etc.). Send Sharon some sunshine at this address:

572 Sterling Place, Apt. 3D
Brooklyn, New York 11238
718-636-0548

Former BQSI President Ronnie Joan Mark has been undergoing chemotherapy treatments. BQSI sends their regards and best wishes to Ronnie, and, if you wish, you can send a card or note to her at:

2 Cedar Lane
Milltown, New Jersey 08850

Our Fall meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6th at the New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens. Vice President Kalpana Desai reports that the program will feature a presentation of OVID Technologies, Inc. Kudos to Kalpana for the attractive meeting announcement.

Your dues are due! Is the check in the mail? If you have not sent in your dues, this is the last Newsletter you will be receiving. The cutoff date for membership renewal is October 15th. Please send in your dues.

OCLC NEWS

Lucy DiMatteo reports that the dial-up number for OCLC has been changed to 212-593-3972. You will not be able to gain access unless you change the script. For assistance, contact Lucy.

BHSL NEWS

Three more libraries have withdrawn their BHSL membership. You may want to update your DOCLINE cells and remove these libraries from your routing list.

NBM	Hospital for Special Care New Britain, Connecticut
RIV	Rivier College Nashua, New Hampshire
SDV	Shared Medical Systems, Inc. Malvern, Pennsylvania

METRO SPONSORS FIRST ANNUAL HLSP CONFERENCE

On August 14th, over 70 librarians gathered at Beth Israel Medical Center for METRO's first annual conference: "Evidence Based Medicine: The Medical Librarian's Role". Kudos to Carol Nurse and METRO for an interesting program and delicious luncheon, which gave us a chance to spend some time networking with our colleagues. We are eagerly looking forward to the 2nd annual conference!

DOCLINE ETIQUETTE REVISITED

When entering interlibrary loan requests, it is important to provide the complete citation, even if your patrons do not give you the complete information. This will speed your interlibrary loan request, and make it easier for the lending library. It should not be up to the lending library to have to search MEDLINE because your library did not provide the information.

In addition, be sure you put your METRO delivery number in the comments field. This makes it easier for METRO members to mail interlibrary loans.

VIEWS ON VENDORS: Products and Services NCME - Questionable Practices?



by Lydia Friedman
Maimonides Medical Center



Did you know that two recent videos sent to you from your NCME subscription are dated as 1996, but were actually produced as far back as 1989?

- Video #697: Cutaneous Manifestations of Lyme Disease, 1996
 (Program copied from Video Jnl. Dermatology, Winter 1990)
 Topical Vitamin C..., 1996
 (Program copied from Video Jnl. Dermatology, Spring 1992)
 Prevention of Poison Ivy and Poison Oak, 1996
 (Program copied from Video Jnl. Dermatology, Fall 1990)
 Chronic Actinic Dermatitis, 1996
 (Program copied from Video Jnl. Dermatology, Spring 1991)
- Video #698: Magnetic Resonance Imaging..., 1996
 (Program copied from Video Jnl. Oncology, Spring 1989)
 Stem Cell Factor..., 1996
 (Program copied from Video Jnl. Oncology, Fall 1991)
 Changing Status of Bone Marrow Transplantation..., 1996
 (Program copied from Video Jnl. Oncology, Spring 1993)
 Apoptosis (This program does seem copied and may be original)

I spoke to Arthur Kolodkin at NCME who is in charge of the videos. Although the Video Jnls. Of Dermatology and Oncology are produced by NCME, Mr. Kolodkin did not seem to understand that you cannot take an old production date and put a new one on it just because you deem the information in the program is still valid. I told him that you must at least indicate that the program is "Reissued" and show the original date. Why should I pay for what I already have?

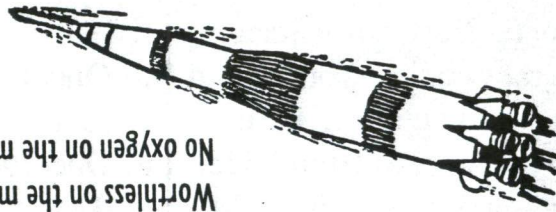
I questioned the legality of what was done, and told him I am no longer confident in the programs -- how do I know NCME hasn't done this before? He assured me that it hadn't happened before. After much reluctance, he agreed to provide me with two additional tapes to my subscription. I asked him about all the other subscribers across the country who should be getting the same. He said nothing.

If you subscribe to these video journals, call Arthur Kolodkin and request the two additional tapes. Tell him that this cannot happen again!!

LOST on the MOON

The year is 2015, and MLA's annual meeting is being held on the moon on the Sea of Information. Unfortunately, your spaceship has just crash-landed 200 miles away from the meeting site. You were scheduled to rendezvous and meet your colleagues, but the rough landing has ruined your ship, and destroyed all the equipment on board, except the 15 items listed below. In order for you and your crew of BQSI colleagues to get to the meeting, you must choose the most critical items available for the 200-mile trip. Your task is to rank the 15 items in terms of their importance for survival. Place number one by the most important item, and so on through number 15, the least important. The answers and scoring information can be found on the bottom of this page. NASA experts have determined the best solution to this task. See you on the moon!?

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| <u>10</u> box of matches (19) (3) | <u>7</u> food concentrate (4) (3) |
| <u>8</u> 50 feet of nylon rope (6) (2) | <u>11</u> parachute silk (8) (3) |
| <u>3</u> solar-powered portable heating unit (13) (4) | <u>6</u> map of the moon (7) (2) |
| <u>15</u> two .45 caliber pistols (11) (4) | <u>12</u> one case of dehydrated milk (4) |
| <u>1</u> two 100 pound tanks of oxygen (14) (4) | <u>13</u> self-inflating life raft (9) (4) |
| <u>5</u> magnetic compass (14) (4) | <u>2</u> five gallons of water |
| <u>9</u> signal flares (10) | <u>14</u> first aid kit containing injection needles (11) (7) |
| <u>4</u> solar-powered FM receiver-transmitter (5) | |



- Reason
- Most pressing survival need.
 - Replacement for liquid loss and for mixing with food.
 - Primary means of navigation.
 - Efficient means of supplying energy requirements.
 - For communication with meeting attendees.
 - Useful in scaling cliffs and for tying.
 - Needles for medicine will fit into space suit.
 - Protection from sun's rays.
 - CO2 bottle in the raft may be used for propulsion.
 - Distress signal when nearer to meeting site.
 - Possible means of propulsion.
 - Bulkier duplication of food concentrate.
 - Not needed unless on dark side.
 - Worthless on the moon.
 - No oxygen on the moon to sustain flame.

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| 7 | first aid kit containing injection needles |
| 6 | 50 feet of nylon rope |
| 5 | solar-powered FM receiver-transmitter |
| 4 | food concentrate |
| 3 | map of the moon |
| 2 | five gallons of water |
| 1 | two 100 pound tanks of oxygen |

Scoring: Take the number that you have placed next to the item and then subtract NASA's number as listed below. For example, if you list the box of matches as #12, and NASA says that it is #15, then you would have three error points. The lower number, if you list the box of matches as #12, and NASA says that it is #15, then you would have three error points. The lower number of error points the better! Scoring: 0-25 excellent, 26-32 good, 33-45 average, 46-55 fair, 56-70 poor and 71-112 very poor. Here are NASA's rankings:

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