



# New Technology

• **CINE INFORMATION**, New York, is offering to film and video users a free information service called **FILMNET** which can help filmmakers, producers and distributors locate users who have requested information on productions on a certain topic. **FILMNET** (Film Users Network) maintains a list of subscribers who have indicated which of 99 categories of program topics interest them and matches subscribers with producers and distributors of productions in those categories. Subscribers to the service receive brochures, catalogs, and announcements of new releases from many sources, and often from companies they were not aware of before. The categories are expanded periodically, based on evaluations and changing market trends. For more information on **FILMNET**, contact Barbara Margolis, Cine Information, 215 West 90th St., New York, NY 10024; (212) 873-1331.

• **DIALOG INFORMATION SERVICES, INC.**, now offers a popular information retrieval service accessible by home or office computer (with appropriate modem and software) covering topics from aerodynamics to zero-base budgeting as well as reviews of books, movies, and vacation resorts. Subscribers to the new service, known as *Knowledge Index*, can scan over 4 million entries from more than 10,000 journals, newspapers, and government publica-

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• **HARRIS ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS**, Andover, Massachusetts, has designed and developed a storage vault system that will maintain a design temperature down to 0° F. and a relative humidity of 30% suitable for archival storage of color prints, photographic film, and magnetic tape and records. The vault system is a total turnkey unit featuring dual refrigeration systems, an industrial dehumidification system, and an activated carbon makeup air filtration system. Safety and recording systems

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•**IBM CORPORATION's** T.J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, New York, will assist the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) in examining both the anticipated information environment of 1985 and the impact of information technology on various segments of the population. They will also help identify those qualities that make technology more useful and acceptable and will participate in the development of better and more effective mechanisms of communication with major libraries and information centers as well as with library and information associations. NCLIS began the project on the recommendations of both its Task Force on Public/Private Sector Interaction and the President's Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives.

•**SPACESAVER CORPORATION**, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, has been awarded a \$3.4 million contract for the world's largest Spacesaver high-density mobile shelving system for the University of Illinois, Urbana (see artist's sketch below). The new book stack system will cover 71,537 square feet of floor space with 55 miles of mobile shelving. To be located on seven levels with approximately 1,000 bookstack sections, the system will have a capacity to store over 2 million volumes. In considering several types of mobile shelving systems, the university and the State of Illinois' Capital Development Board wanted this sixth stack addition to provide maximum construction and operating economies without compromising quality, utility, or energy. For the same number of volumes conventional bookstack shelving would have required almost twice the floor area, about doubling the construction cost to over \$7 million. The mobile shelving is moved by a completely solid state electronic control system operated by pushbutton control. For further information, contact Spacesaver Corporation, 1450 Janesville Ave., Ft. Atkinson, WI 53538. ■■



*Artist's conception of new addition (right) to University of Illinois Library complex. Shown in cutaway of building are five of the seven levels to house 55 miles of Spacesaver high density mobile shelving for the stacking of 2 million volumes. The other two levels for book stacks are at ground level and the basement.*