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# President's Message

—Patricia Barbone

2011 has gone by so fast! As I sit at my desk at home writing this column I am thinking the holidays are upon us and I have yet to buy any Hanukkah or Christmas gifts. But have no fear, LLAGNY's terrific Special Events Committee is much more prepared than I and they have arranged for a wonderful LLAGNY holiday event to be held January 11th at Planet Hollywood. I hope to see many of you there.

We had a phenomenal turnout for the Fall Soiree and again thanks to Tom Eikenbrod and Sarah Dowson for their hard work. A program given by our Education Co-Chair, Don MacLeod, on Advanced Google was very popular and due to space limitations we had to limit the number attending. I am pleased to say we are going to repeat the program shortly (stay tuned). Linda Holmes is working on a program which will combine a presentation on the City Hall Library and a tour of the library and its visitor center sometime in February or March. There will be two sessions due to space limitations. In April two of our Philadelphia colleagues, Loretta Ormsdorf and Linda Jean Schneider will be presenting a program to LLAGNY members entitled Walking the Tight Rope Between Restrictions and Accessing Licensed Data. More programs

are in the works so please stay tuned.

The AALL Conference and PLL Summit will be held in Boston in July. Information will be forthcoming shortly on what grants LLAGNY will be providing to help members attend those events. As PLL Education Co-Chair I have seen the line-up of programs for the conference and preliminary plans for the Summit and I can share that both look to some of the best programming I have seen.

LLAGNY's biggest need is for its members to get involved. I realize we all lead busy lives but the success of LLAGNY depends upon its members. We need volunteers for all committees but I would like to specifically mention Education, Outreach and Student Relations. The Education Committee works on programs for you so if you have ideas for programs please contact Kathryn MacRae or Don MacLeod. Outreach is in a transition year as we look at alternatives to Bridge the Gap but plans to put on some CLEs with librarian/lawyer speakers and we need volunteers. Please contact Karin Johnsrud to volunteer. Student Relations is our future, this is where many of our new members will come from. Please contact Lisa Spar to volunteer.

I wish everyone a very happy holiday season. ■

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# Major Milestones

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Brooklyn Law School Reference Librarian and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law **Kathleen Darvil** co-authored with Professor Aliza Kaplan the following article: Think [And Practice] Like a Lawyer: Legal Research for the New Millennials, 8 LEGAL COMM. & RHETORIC: JALWD 153 (2011), reprinted in 2 THE MONOGRAPH SERIES OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE: THE NEW TEACHER'S DESKBOOK (forthcoming).

The **Jean Davis** & **Victoria Szymczak** collaboration goes global; Brooklyn Law School Librarians Jean and Victoria are working with others to prepare our AALL Annual Meeting 2012 program: The New Generation of Legal Research Databases: 2012 Boston Sequel

**Taryn Rucinski**, Pace Law Library reference librarian and 2010 graduate of Pace Law School, presented her guide on Environmental Crimes research to the ASTAR Judges' Science School on Technologies for the Detection of Environmental Crimes. This conference, held at the New York State Judicial Institute Oct. 26-28, was attended by 55 judges from New York. The goal of the conference was to improve judges' understanding of the salient principles and technologies presented in prosecutions of environmental crimes. Taryn's research guide is located here <http://libraryguides.law.pace.edu/environmentalcrimes>.

**Gitelle Seer**, Director of Library & Research Services at Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP, is retiring at the end of the year after more than 40 years in the profession. Gitelle was a former LLAGNY President and has been involved in numerous capacities in LLAGNY, AALL, PLI, and SLA over the years. Gitelle plans to spend her time traveling with her husband, volunteering, studying Spanish, making jewelry, going to the gym during the day instead of at night, and generally channeling all her energy from the career in which she was such a success to an active and engaged retirement. We wish her much happiness!



# LLAGNY 2011 Fall Soirée



**1 | Mary Matuszak (N.Y. County D.A.'s Office), Kristi Gannon (LexisNexis), & Joe Florio (Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP)**



**2 | Heidi Bliss (O'Melveny & Myers LLP), Mark Zaleck (Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP), & Patricia Barbone (Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP)**



**3 | Emily Moog (Carter, Ledyard & Milburn LLP) & John Fitzgerald (Kirkland & Ellis LLP)**



**4 | Karin Johnsrud (Fordham Law Library) & Isaac Kim (Columbia Law Library)**

**5 | Barbara Burke (Jones Day) & Sadys Espitia (Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP)**

**6 | Daniel Pelletier (Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP) & Lucy Curci-Gonzalez (Kenyon & Kenyon LLP)**





# Law Library Associations and the Vendors Who Love Them: A Modern Courtship

—Charles J. Lowry

This is the fourth in a planned series of articles. The first three concentrated on law librarians and their associations and specifically treated the kinds of associations to which law librarians belonged and the nature and uses of national and local (especially in NYC) programming by AALL and SLA, and especially SLA's Legal Division. This fourth and final article in the series is concerned with the usually beneficial and occasionally tortured relationship between law librarian associations, and most specifically AALL, and legal information vendors. If the first three articles were metaphorically about golden days and happy times, this one might instead bear "We're Not Getting Along, He's Probably Cheating, But I Can't Live Without Him and Besides He Just Won't Leave So Where Do We Go From Here?" as a title.

AALL's main point of contact with vendors has traditionally been CRIV, the Committee for Relations with Information Vendors. The CRIV page on the main AALL site can be found at <http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Advocacy/vendorrelations>. CRIV carries out its function by contacting publishers on behalf of AALL members, by promoting the AALL's Guide to Fair Business Practices for Legal Publishers (<http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Advocacy/vendorrelations/docs/fair-practice-guide.html>), by conducting occasional site visits to legal publishers and through the CRIV Sheet, a regular publication (<http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Advocacy/vendorrelations/CRIV-Sheet>). CRIV generally has nine or ten members, a board liaison and a staff liaison. The importance of the work that CRIV does can be noted in the fact that the current staff liaison is Kate Hagan, the Association's Executive Director.

If that all seems straightforward enough, we might start adding layers throughout 2009 and into the early summer of 2010, in the run-up to the 2010 annual meeting in Denver. I tell this story because LLAGNY members might find it useful in determining context and perspective on more recent developments, e.g. the Vendor Colloquium or the Consumer Advocacy Caucus. In the April 2009 AALL E-Newsletter there appeared a single, unobtrusive item: "Marian Parker Named New AALL Vendor Liaison." [<http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Publications/eneews/2009-E-newsletters/e-newsletter-200904.html>] Without being Marian Parker or a member of CRIV, it is difficult to say what happened in that particular dynamic over the period of the next several months.

A year after Marian Parker's appointment, two members of CRIV resigned. About the resignation of one of them, Lucy Rieger, there was not much publicity, but the resignation of LLAGNY's Caren Biberman might be what the feds would refer to as a "noisy withdrawal." In the June 2010 AALL E-Newsletter (<http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Publications/eneews/2010-E-newsletters/e-newsletter-201006.html#3>), AALL President Catherine Lemann commented on "cyber-chat" this week regarding the Executive Board's decision to create an AALL Vendor Liaison position..." She defended the Board's decision and noted that it was never the Board's intention to undermine or de-emphasize CRIV's function or role. In that context Lemann noted that it was "regrettable that two valued members resigned from the committee." Caren, however, plainly tied her resignation to the impact that the Vendor Liaison had on the functioning of CRIV and the importance of the work it did.

She permitted her resignation letter to be published on the Law Librarian Blog, a page of the Law Professor Blog Network: [http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/law\\_librarian\\_blog/2010/06/two-criv-member-resignations-prompt-one-question-why-has-aall-has-appointed-a-paid-aall-vendo.html](http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/law_librarian_blog/2010/06/two-criv-member-resignations-prompt-one-question-why-has-aall-has-appointed-a-paid-aall-vendo.html). In particular, she noted a lack of communication from the Vendor Liaison to CRIV members and a general preference that controversial or complex matters be handled by a paid staffer (Catherine Lemann described the position as a “part-time volunteer position with an honorarium”) rather than by CRIV members. To these reasons she added ([http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/law\\_librarian\\_blog/2010/07/aall-executive-board-meeting-books-the-vendor-liaison-report-part-one.html](http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/law_librarian_blog/2010/07/aall-executive-board-meeting-books-the-vendor-liaison-report-part-one.html)) the proposed control of a CRIV blog by the Vendor Liaison.

Clearly AALL was having a tough time coming up with a consistent policy toward vendor relations. At about this time, Marian Parker resigned as Vendor Liaison. Although I find no mention of it in the AALL E-Newsletter, I do see that the July and August numbers carry a brief recruiting announcement for the position. In October, the newsletter announced that Margaret Maes, former AALL President, had been nominated to serve as the new Vendor Liaison, and her term would begin on November 1, 2010. [<http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Publications/enews/2010-E-newsletters/e-newsletter-201010.html#3>].

The next notable development occurred on February 28-March 1, 2011, the AALL Vendor Colloquium, in Oak Brook, IL. The April 2011 AALL E-Newsletter notes, “Participants included representatives from five legal information vendors; academic, firm, and state, court, and county librarians; and members of the judiciary, law firms, and legal academia.” The cost of the vendor colloquium to AALL was \$33,792. This was announced as AALL’s sixth vendor colloquium, though the first five had been held in a seven or eight year period ending a decade before 2011’s colloquium. Perhaps the fullest account of the colloquium is to be found in Mark Estes’ excellent reporting on The Spectrum blog. Mark recorded his own observations and included guest postings. Various reports on the colloquium, including a

list of participants, can be found by accessing the links under a general AALL colloquium page: <http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Advocacy/vendorrelations/colloquium/>. A cynical post on the Law Librarian Blog notes the range of participation of librarians and others: [http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/law\\_librarian\\_blog/2011/02/news-flash-aall-announces-when-the-vendor-colloquium-will-take-place.html](http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/law_librarian_blog/2011/02/news-flash-aall-announces-when-the-vendor-colloquium-will-take-place.html). The statement of shared principles began by noting that both groups, librarians and information vendors, wanted to provide the best result to end users, and both groups agreed that collaboration was better than confrontation. Other principles included measurable usage, efficiency and transparent communication. An action plan flowing from the shared principles can be found here: <http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Advocacy/vendorrelations/colloquium/Action-Plan.pdf>. The shared principles themselves can be found here: <http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Advocacy/vendorrelations/colloquium/Shared-Principles.pdf>. The regular updates from the Vendor liaison can be found here: <http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Advocacy/vendorrelations/vlupdate/>. More recently, AALL, after some hesitation and reversal, has very recently approved the establishment of a Consumer Advocacy Caucus. Here is a final version of the petition, along with some history of the proposal: [https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=explorer&chrome=true&srcid=0B4-QbEE110XzZGY3ZDhiZWMTY2Q0NC00OTI3LWJhMGYtMDZkMmNiYTlIN2Uz&hl=en\\_US&pli=1](https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=explorer&chrome=true&srcid=0B4-QbEE110XzZGY3ZDhiZWMTY2Q0NC00OTI3LWJhMGYtMDZkMmNiYTlIN2Uz&hl=en_US&pli=1). Among the documentation is a strong statement of support from the PLL Special Interest Section of AALL. The thinking of those who organized and lobbied for the caucus can most eloquently be found in their blog: <http://libraryconsumeradvocacy.wordpress.com/>. The caucus sees the dark side of the information vendor world, in relatively harsh terms, as quoted in a preliminary letter picked up by On Firmer Ground (<http://firmerground.wordpress.com/2011/07/13/response-to-aall-vendor-colloquium-action-plan/>):

- opaque, confusing, and deceptive pricing models for online subscriptions and for “bundled” portfolios of print or print-and-

online subscriptions;

- non-disclosure demands in contracts;
- inclusion of more or fewer titles than requested in bundled subscription contracts, with inadequate or no options for correction;
- serious, widespread failures in editing, indexing, updating, and revising of publications.

The caucus, it seems, intends to work toward a more aggressive policy in regard to information vendors and in the same letter quoted above called out the Vendor Colloquium for being too collaborative: “However, the Action Plan has a serious shortcoming: it falls far short of AALL’s promise as a consumer advocate. The ‘partnership’ ideal endorsed in the Action Plan appears to apply to all legal information vendors, whether or not they have extensive histories of anti-consumer practices. In fact, you do not define ‘partnership’ or ‘consumer advocacy,’ and appear to limit consumer advocacy to discussion during an Annual Meeting program.”

So the recent past has been difficult, in large part because the industry contains a wide range of constituencies with different perspectives and reactions to vendor conduct, quality, pricing and practices. Is there any hope? Yes. We need not despair. Let me offer a couple of observations on the principles we may use to move forward. The astute among you will instinctively know whether individual points are addressed to librarians, to vendors or to both. If we take these observations to heart, we can move back toward a process that will work for all parties, and we may even reduce stress and add to our lifespan in the bargain.

- (a) I’m an old guy, 62 on my last birthday. Vendors my age and librarians my age all got into this business for the same reason: we loved books, we loved reading, we loved producing, organizing, acquiring and sharing knowledge.
- (b) Unfortunately, there have been developments. We work for entities that require revenue, that enforce expense management, that have expectations and standards. The perspectives of publishers and librarians have diverged in large part sim-

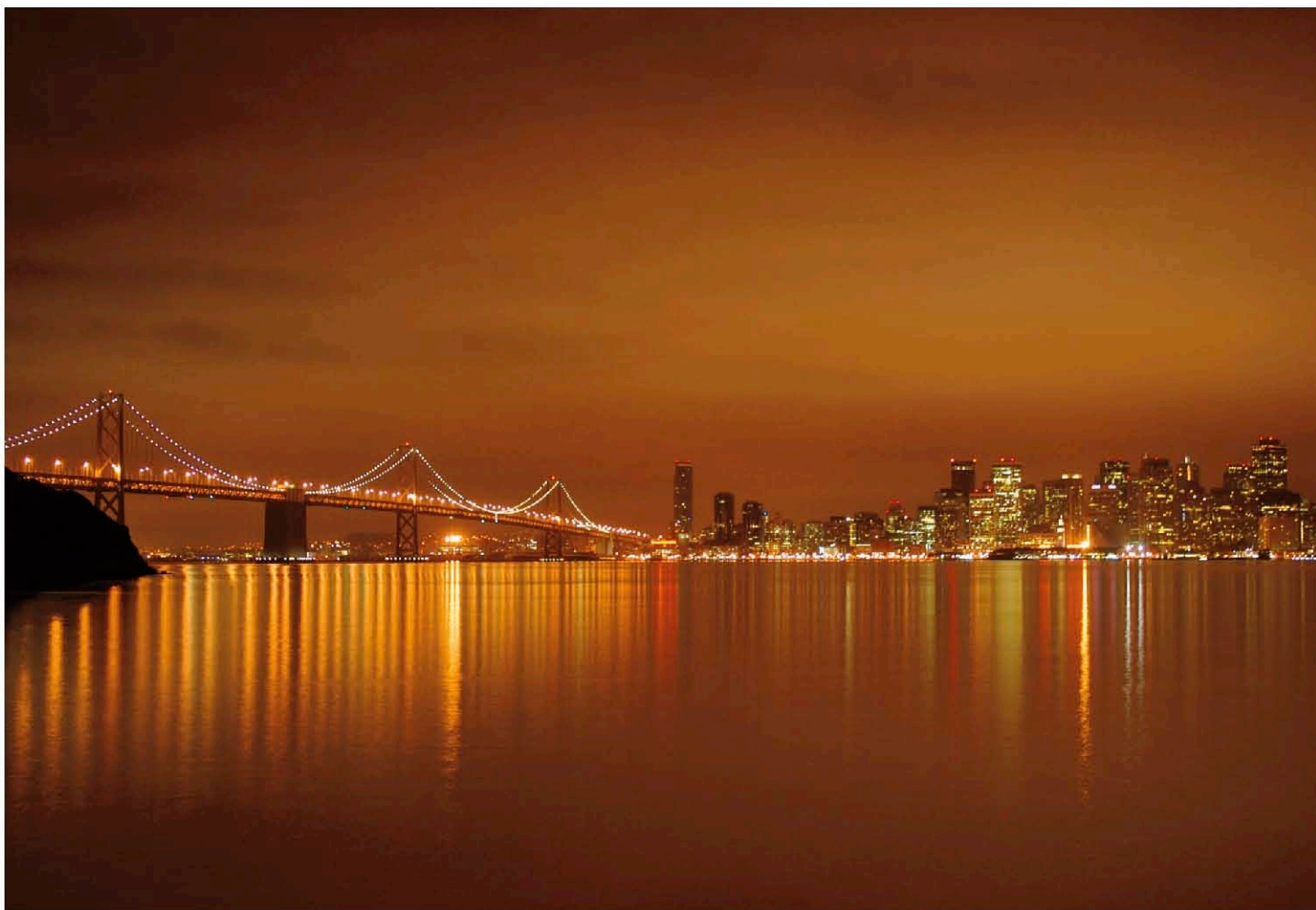
ply because of the size of the publishers.

- (c) Don’t paint every information vendor with the same brush or the same color. Do not let legitimate anger at anticompetitive business practices, shoddy editorial work, tone deaf product development policies and confiscatory pricing regimes at some information vendors poison your view of all information vendors.
- (d) Don’t look at every librarian the same way. Some of them may not need your product, some of them may not be able to afford it, some of them may legitimately prefer another product. It’s not personal. Vendors have to live within policies and procedures established by their employers; librarians do too.
- (e) Remember that associations are no substitute for individual judgment, integrity and good will on either side. The CFO will not be impressed when you answer a question about high prices with, “Well, there is an AALL committee looking into it.” The regional sales manager will not be impressed to hear you didn’t make a sale because “they have a bad attitude about vendors.”
- (f) Know the field. Don’t pester a patent litigation powerhouse with securities databases. If you can buy an equally useful product under equally advantageous terms from the bad guys or the good guys, but it from the good guys. There are legitimate uses for market pressure.
- (g) Remember that the bad guys on both sides are outliers. Most of the people you deal with will want to be helpful and accommodating and will want to come to an agreement that is useful and fair. A friendly and respectful attitude will go a long way toward making this clear. These negotiations need not be dramatic.
- (h) Finally, when it helps, remember (a) above. ■

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# Stranger in a Strange Land

## Musings of an MLIS Turned Law Student

—Bacilio Mendez II, MLIS (& JD-to-be)

*Show Up, Show Out, but Don't Show Off: The Young, Future Librarians' Guide to Attending an AALL Annual Meeting and Conference*

As I sat, waiting for the Bolt Bus to depart for Philadelphia for the AALL 2011 Annual Meeting and Conference, I remembered the advice drilled into my head during library school by everyone and no one in particular. Words that, I'm sure a well-meaning colleague or mentor has told us all, at some point—words that, in my opinion, have always rung a bit hollow and slightly maddening.

*You have to take control. Nobody is going to hand you the perfect career.*

*You have to market yourself. You have to build your personal brand.*

*You have to prove yourself indispensable.*

That seems inspirational and benign enough, right? Well, while I appreciate that words of advice are designed to be sufficiently vague, so as to leave plenty of room for innovation, as a young(ish) professional in the field, I have seen far too many of my fellow law librarians-to-be steamroll past confident to bratty and not even realize it to not offer some advice.

When the economy tanked, just as my classmates and I were finishing library school, we were shocked to find that no one was lining up to make us the director of their library ... in spite of the fact that we are clearly awesome and over-qualified for entry-level positions. Now, while the downturn has something to do with the dearth of jobs for recent graduates, I would argue that our own over confidence is possibly the biggest thing holding us back.

We are the generation whose parents told us that we would change the world. We were

scheduled to the teeth with lessons and extracurricular activities and we only experience true joy through thriving in meritocracies. We turned applying to college into a science. We are used to getting what we want and we're not scared to work hard to meet our goals. We don't care much for vagary and love action items, bullets, and deliverables. Our problem, you see, is that we never quite learned that networking is not the contact sport that getting into our perfect school was. This was made abundantly clear to me at AALL in Philadelphia where I watched one awkward, well-meaning blunder after another pile up like the accolades we earned in our teens and early twenties.

To those out there like me, the overly confident, smartest kid in the room, here's the Top 10 Things You Did Wrong In Philadelphia—don't worry you have plenty of time to course-correct before Chicago.

1. Don't wear a hoodie. Seriously. Do not wear a hoodie. People will mistake your laid back attitude for cavalier arrogance.
2. Try not to roll your eyes when the person you're talking to admits that they have no idea what Near Field Communication is. Laughing outright is also probably not a good idea.
3. No one with the power to hire you wants to "Bump." Get a business card.
4. This may seem obvious, but make sure that your business card has your name on it. It's great that you know what a QR Code is and how to use it, but unless every person you gave your card to has a smart phone, you're not doing yourself any favors by having a business card with a "really clean" design.
5. We all love the dance parties, but keep your shirt on. Please.
6. If you're immediately going to ask someone you just met at the conference to connect online, be sure: to take your bache-

- lorette party photos down; to better curate your list of favorite movies, bands, and quotations; and be sure not to list “snark” as your religion.
7. You’re going to forget to turn off your cell phone’s ringer at some point—it happens to the best of us. Just be sure that your ring tone is not the latest Lady Gaga song.
  8. Do not get in the way of a Baseball Caucus member on their way to the game. Those people do not mess around and they will never forgive you if they miss the bus. Never.
  9. If you choose to live-tweet the conference, don’t call the keynote speaker anything outside of their name. Remember Cisco Fatty? No? Well, Google it.
  10. Which reminds me, don’t tell people to Google you. Just don’t.

Hopefully, if you’re one of the young professionals I called out above, you will take seeing your actions retold in black and white as a wake up call. If you’re someone in a position to make hiring decisions for your law library, I hope that you will take this as a sign of things to come—be ready. More than that, I hope that somewhere along the way everyone picked up on the fact that this article was a complete joke; I just thought that a little levity would be appreciated. While each item in the “Top 10” may sound plausible, none of the above are based on any personal interaction that I had with anyone at the conference in Philadelphia. All items/scenarios are completely fictional ... or are they? ■

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# A Brief Guide to Hydraulic Fracturing in New York State

—Taryn Rucinski

If you asked any New Yorker on the street, “What is hydraulic fracturing?” You are likely to get a myriad of responses ranging from curse words to a verbal dissertation on engineering. What is assured, however, is that everyone seems to have an opinion about hydraulic fracturing, a form of injection well drilling, otherwise commonly referred to as hydrofracking (also known as hydro-fracing, hydrofracturing, and hydro fracking).<sup>1</sup> For the uninitiated, hydrofracking is a controversial mining technique, which has been in common use since the late 1940s,<sup>2</sup> which allows developers in the natural gas industry to exploit the otherwise unobtainable but vast deposits of hydrocarbon-rich shale that range throughout the United States and all over the world.<sup>3</sup> Although the specific process of hydrofracking varies depending on the composition and environmental conditions of the specific shale deposit, fracking generally involves the injection of “fluids [into drilled or fractured wells which] are pumped at high pressure underground to force out oil or natural gas.”<sup>4</sup>

The primary controversy surrounding this issue has to deal with the main by-product of the hydrofracking process—wastewater, and its impact on aquifers and drinking water, as a hydrofracking “well can produce over a million gallons of wastewater that is often laced with highly corrosive salts, carcinogens like benzene and radioactive elements like radium, all of which can occur naturally thousands of feet underground.”<sup>5</sup> Over the last 20 years evidence of the potential negative health impacts associated with hydrofracking have been slowly accumulating within the environmental community to the point of explosiveness today, as the demand for cheap clean domestic energy sources has risen to all-time highs. In light of this demand, energy companies are now attempting to exploit shale deposits in such populace states as Pennsylvania,<sup>6</sup> Michigan,<sup>7</sup> New Jersey,<sup>8</sup> and more specifically, New York.<sup>9</sup> Specifically in New York, the

1 For the purposes of this paper the term “hydrofracking” or “fracking” will be used throughout.

2 Carl T. Montgomery & Michael B. Smith, Hydraulic Fracturing History of an Enduring Technology, J. PETROL. TECH., Dec. 2010, at 26, 27 (noting that hydraulic fracturing was first introduced by the Stanolind Oil Co. in 1949), available at <http://www.spe.org/jpt/print/archives/2010/12/10/Hydraulic.pdf>; Keith B. Hall, Regulation of Hydraulic Fracturing Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 31 WESTLAW J. ENVTL. 1 (2011).

3 Richard A. Kerr, Natural Gas from Shale Bursts Onto the Scene, 328 SCI 1624, 1625 (2010) (for a map of shale gas basin deposits in the U.S. consult page 1625).

4 Hannah Wiseman, Untested Waters: The Rise of Hydraulic Fracturing in Oil and Gas Production and the Need to Revisit Regulation, 20 FORDHAM ENVTL. L. REV. 115, 120 (2009).

5 Ian Urbina, Regulation Lax as Gas Wells’ Tainted Water Hits Rivers, NY TIMES, Feb. 26, 2011, available at [http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/27/us/27gas.html?\\_r=1&ref=us](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/27/us/27gas.html?_r=1&ref=us).

6 David B. Caruso, ‘Fracking Pollution in Water: Pennsylvania Allows Natural Gas Drilling Waste Disposal in Waterways, HUFFINGTON POST, Jan. 31, 2011, [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/01/03/fracking-pollution-in-wat\\_n\\_803737.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/01/03/fracking-pollution-in-wat_n_803737.html).

7 See e.g., Susan Hlywa Topp, Deep Shale Natural Gas Production in Michigan, 90 MICH. B.J. 32 (2011).

8 Tom Johnson, Lawmakers Declare New Jersey a No-Fracking Zone, NJ SPOTLIGHT, Mar. 11, 2011, <http://www.njspotlight.com/stories/11/0310/2151/> (NJ is currently under a ban).

9 Errol Louis, Natural Gas, Unnatural Risk: Hydrfracking Endangers Our Water, NY DAILY NEWS, July 25, 2010, [http://articles.nydailynews.com/2010-07-25/news/29439137\\_1\\_natural-gas-gas-drilling-chemicals-deep-underground](http://articles.nydailynews.com/2010-07-25/news/29439137_1_natural-gas-gas-drilling-chemicals-deep-underground).

hydrofracking debate has centered on the Marcellus Shale, a “black shale formation extending deep underground from Ohio and West Virginia northeast into Pennsylvania and southern New York . . . which may contain up to 489 trillion cubic feet of natural gas throughout its entire extent.”<sup>10</sup>

Because of the controversy surrounding hydrofracking, conducting research in this area can be extremely challenging. First of all, even though hydrofracking is a relatively “old” petroleum extraction technique, there is very little historical information available on the environmental impacts. Secondly, because hydrofracking has become such a politicized issue in the press, the information that is available, particularly information available on the internet has a tendency to be presented in a partisan format even though the information itself might in fact be content neutral. In addition, there are currently very few books and/or legal treatises that deal with anything other than the scientific issues associated with the logistics of the mineral extraction techniques. Moreover, because hydrofracking is one of the first grass roots environmental issues that has truly been born of the web, issues of evaluating the quality and content of sites abound. Lastly, there has been some question regarding the quality and authenticity of the reporting on hydrofracking.<sup>11</sup> That being said, the sheer amount of information on hydrofracking in New York is enormous. In order to assist the savvy researcher in negotiating this field, below please find a discussion of some of the best available resources relating to hydrofracking in New York.

The first and most comprehensive resource that researchers should check for locating information about hydrofracking in New York is the State Department of Environmental Conservation’s (DEC) website.<sup>12</sup> The DEC has a dedicated portal for information on hydrofracking entitled, “Marcellus Shale.”<sup>13</sup> This site contains valuable information for both the novice researcher and for the experienced environmental legal practitioner. In particular, the site offers links to many of the crucial documents related to the agency’s New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQRA)<sup>14</sup> process including the DEC’s: Generic Impact Statement (GEIS);<sup>15</sup> Draft SGEIS;<sup>16</sup> Preliminary Revised Draft SGEIS;<sup>17</sup> Revised Draft SGEIS;<sup>18</sup> and the proposed High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Regu-

10 Marcellus Shale, N.Y. DEP’T ENVTL. CONSERV., <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/46288.html> (last visited Oct. 15, 2011).

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lations (6 NYCRR Parts 52, 190, 550-56, 560 & 750).<sup>19</sup> This site also provides access to Governor Paterson's Executive Orders requiring further review of hydrofracking, as well as to DEC Commissioner's statements, maps, reports, and other statistics.<sup>20</sup> These links and documents can be accessed through the left-hand side navigation bar located on the Marcellus Shale site.

Aside from the DEC's website, other governmental agencies that can provide insight into hydrofracking in New York include the web sites of various regional Water Basin Commissions. In the case of New York and the Marcellus Shale deposit, the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC)<sup>21</sup> and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC)<sup>22</sup> will become particularly important after the New York proposed hydrofracking regulations are approved as these agencies are responsible for regulating water withdrawals from their respective water basins for fracking use in New York. Moreover, once hydrofracking is allowed to proceed in New York, another state agency which may become important is the New York State Department of Health,<sup>23</sup> as according to recent news sources, this department is most likely going to become the primary agency responsible for investigating claims relating to any potential health risks associated with drinking water contamination from hydrofracking.<sup>24</sup> Finally, when looking for proposed legislation on hydrofracking, the website of the New York State Assembly<sup>25</sup> provides researchers access to updates on Hearing Notices for the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Press Releases, and Annual Reports. Researchers should note that when conducting a New York State Bill search, the term "fracturing" appears to yield the most relevant results.

In terms of other resources non-profit websites, news sites and corporate coalition sites also can yield a significant amount of information on issues relating to hydrofracking. For pro-environmental information, the best sites to visit include that of the local non-profit Riverkeeper,<sup>26</sup> which has an entire division devoted to industrial gas drilling,<sup>27</sup> and ProPublica,<sup>28</sup> which has over 120 news articles plus (many on New York specific issues) in its series entitled "Fracking, Gas Drilling's Environmental Effect."<sup>29</sup> For pro-industry related materials one of the best sites is that of the Marcellus Shale

19 High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Proposed Regulations, N.Y. DEP'T ENVTL. CONSERV., <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/77353.html> (last visited Oct. 15, 2011) (dated Oct. 2011).

20 DEC, *supra* note 12.

21 Natural Gas Drilling in the Delaware River Basin, DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMM'N, <http://www.state.nj.us/drbc/naturalgas.htm> (last visited Oct. 15, 2011).

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Coalition<sup>30</sup> as it provides information, reports, and statistics for communities (including New York) located within the Marcellus Shale deposit. For news sources, the *New York Times*<sup>31</sup> and other local papers have dedicated a significant amount of time to reporting on issues relating to hydrofracking, including several educational pieces including an interactive animated feature entitled, “Extracting Natural Gas from Rock.”<sup>32</sup> Articles can be accessed through the Times search box located on the top left-hand header of the homepage<sup>33</sup> or via Google<sup>34</sup> or any other search engine.

Finally, in the last year the number of books and law review and other legal articles dealing with issues relating to hydrofracking, has exploded. The only issue here is that many of these articles are written as student notes or Master’s theses as currently few established legal scholars have as yet jumped into the hydrofracking debate. It should be noted that while some of these resources are available for free online, the remaining will be available from such subscription databases such as HeinOnline, Westlaw and LexisNexis. Below, please find a list of some of the most recent and relevant secondary sources for researching issues on hydrofracking in New York:

## BOOKS

- **Shale Gas Development** (Katelyn M. Nash ed., 2010)  
This text discusses the basic geology of shale deposits, the basics of shale gas mining methodologies, the current regulatory framework as well as provides an overview of the various environmental issues associated with hydrofracking.
- **Environmental Technology in the Oil Industry** (Stefan T. Orszulik, ed., 2d ed., 2010)  
This comprehensive book discusses the environmental issues that arise throughout every phase of the drilling and refinement process. As relevant to this topic, see Chapter 1, the Overview and Chapters 3, Environmental Control of Well Integrity and 4, Environmental Control of Drilling Fluids and Produced Water.
- **Nontechnical Guide to Petroleum Geology, Exploration, Drilling and Production** (Norman J. Hyne, ed., 2d ed. 2001)  
This text, while an older edition, still serves as an excellent primer for the oil exploration, drilling and production industry. The text, while written for industry, discusses the nuts and bolts of the industry in simple easy to understand language that in turn makes it ideal for the legal practitioner.

30 MARCELLUS SHALE COALITION, <http://marcelluscoalition.org/> (last visited Oct. 11, 2011).

31 NEW YORK TIMES, <http://www.nytimes.com/> (last visited Oct. 15, 2011).

32 Interactive Feature, Extracting Natural Gas from Rock, N.Y. TIMES, <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2011/02/27/us/fracking.html> (last visited Oct. 11, 2011).

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# Selected Bibliography on Preservation

—*Maxine Wright*

As librarians we do not have to ask the question, why preserve legal materials? However, we do have to ask other questions, how do we get started, how much will it cost, and what are the best methods available, for example. I've compiled a selected bibliography of materials which has helped me navigate the world of preservation. This bibliography will be helpful for you with assessing needs, setting priorities, and planning a program in your library.

Before we get into my selected bibliography on preservation, perhaps you may like to hear about the book that reminds me of why I became a librarian. It's an oldie but goodie; Gabriel Naude's, *Advice on Establishing a Library*. This book is an example of librarianship in its simplest form. It was written centuries ago and is filled with uncomplicated methods for establishing and maintaining a library. Even though a lot has changed, the book is still relevant today! What is the name of the book that ties it in all in for you? Sometimes that can keep you motivated and focused on the tasks in your particular area.

## WEBSITES

- American Library Association (ALA) ALCTS Preservation and Reformatting Section (PARS) — <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alcts/resources/preserv/index.cfm>
- California Preservation Clearinghouse (CPC) — <http://www.cpc.stanford.edu>
- Conservation Online (CoOL) — <http://www.cool.conservation-us.org>
- Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) — <http://www.clir.org>
- EMB Book Preservations — <http://www.bookpreservations.com>
- Heritage Preservation — <http://www.heritagepreservation.org>
- Image Permanence Institute (IPI) — <http://www.imagepermanenceinstitute.org/>
- Library of Congress (LOC) — <http://www.loc.gov/preservation/>
- Library of Congress Preservation Office/Digital Preservation — <http://www.lcweb.loc.gov/preserv>
- Lyris — <http://www.lyris.org>
- National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT) — <http://www.ncptt.nps.gov>
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- PCAN - Preservation and Conservation Administration News — <http://www.prescan.wordpress.com/>
- Regional Alliance for Preservation (RAP) — <http://www.preservecollections.org/index.php>
- Research Libraries Group (RLG) — <http://www.oclc.org/programs/default.htm>
- Society of American Archivists (SAA) — <http://www.archivists.org>
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- <http://parkslibrarypreservation.wordpress.com/>

## LISTSERVS

- Lyrasis- Digital and Preservation — <http://lyralists.lyrasis.org/mailman/listinfo/lyrdig-pres>
- ERECS-L: Management & Preservation of Electronic Records — <http://www.lsoft.com/scripts/wl.exe?SL1=ERECS-L&H=LISTSERV.ALBANY.EDU>
- SAA: Society of American Archivist Discussion Lists — <http://www2.archivists.org/listservs>
- PADG: Preservation Administration Discussion Group — <http://cool.conservation-us.org/byform/mailling-lists/padg/>

## STAFF EDUCATION

- Preservation Basics for Paper and Media Collections, Presented by the Northeast Document Conservation Center — <http://unfacilitated.preservation101.org/loggedin.asp>
- Care and Handling of Library Materials, Presented by Lyrasis — <http://www.slideshare.net/LYRASIS/care-and-handling-of-library-materials-3259019>
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## BRIEF SURVEY

It would be extremely helpful to me if you take a moment to complete my survey, Preserving Legal Collections, which can be found at: <http://surveymonkey.com/s/Y3HKR8W>. It is designed to help figure out how many law libraries are actively engage in preserving legal materials, how many funds are allocated for this purpose and the level of preservation training/education provided at your library. There are many elements to preservation. Is your library proactive in every area: environmental control, pest management, security, disaster preparedness, binding and de-acidification, shelf preparation and collection maintenance? ■

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Preservation Week is April 22-28, 2012. — *Compiled by Maxine Wright, Head, Collection Management, Columbia University, Arthur W. Diamond Law Library.*

# Court of International Trade Library Staff Wins NYC Federal Executive Board Award



**Award Ceremony at Wall Street Cipriani's on May 6th, 2011.**

**From left to right: Keynote Speaker General Duncan J. McNabb, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command; Herbert Crenshaw, Anna Djirdjirian; Frederick Frankel; Mildred Randle, Chairman of the FEB, Carmine Gallo, Regional Administrator, FAA; Daniel Campbell; Glenn Johnston; Tina Potuto Kimble, Clerk of the Court; Mary Finnegan Hurley; Senior Judge Thomas J. Aquilino, Jr.**

**T**he New York City Federal Executive Board (FEB) recently honored a group of United States Court of International Trade (CIT) Law Library employees for a research project that documented the lives of 28 judges who served on the United States Customs Court - the predecessor to the CIT.

The team volunteered to take on the project in lieu of using an external research service and completed it within a very short time frame, thus providing the Court with significant savings.

The team included Library staff members Dan Campbell, Herb Crenshaw, Rosemarie DiCristo, Anna Djirdjirian, Mary Finnegan-Hurley, Fred Frankel, Glenn Johnston, and Mildred Randle, Executive Assistant to Senior Judge Thomas J. Aquilino, Jr.

The project's goal was to locate various biographical materials for each judge and to assemble them in a way that provided a detailed and consistent overview of the judge's life. These materials were then used to assist the profile author with creating an individual life story for each judge.

These profiles, along with a photograph or other likeness, were then framed and will be displayed in the Courthouse. The research materials will be made permanently available to historians and other researchers upon request.

Congratulations on a job well done! ■



# Minutes of the LLAGNY Board Special Meeting

—Telephone Conference Call, July 7, 2011

In attendance: Caren Biberman, Patricia Barbone, Janice Henderson, Bill Mills, Nancy Rine, Jacob Sayward

*The meeting convened at approximately 5:30 pm.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Response to Hedge Fund Law Report Concerns, and Related Communications

The Board discussed the concerns expressed by Michael Pereira, Publisher of the Hedge Fund Law Report, in emails to Caren Biberman, and also Caren's subsequent correspondence with Kate Hagan, Executive Director of AALL regarding listserv policies involving copyright and terms of use infringements. The decision was made to close the listserv.

Before a formal copyright policy is formulated, Caren proposed sending the following message to llagnyannounce and LLAGNY's listserv:

"We would like to remind all listserv members that they must comply with all copyright laws and regulations and all individual licensing terms when posting on the listserv.

"Beginning July 1 in order for new members to join the LLAGNY listserv you will need to request to be added. To request to be added to the list serv please contact the Listserv administrator at [saxon@mail.law.cuny.edu](mailto:saxon@mail.law.cuny.edu).

"The LLAGNY Board will be adopting formal procedures relating to listserv membership in the near future."

Motion to approve the LLAGNYAnnounce message. Approve (Mills). Second (Barbone). Motion Approved.

The Board also discussed Caren's response to the vendor concerning our current and future actions.

"Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. We, along with our parent organization (the American Association of Law Libraries), are in the process of adding a copyright and terms of use policy to the website and for use of the LLAGNY listserv. Should you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact us."

*The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Mills  
LLAGNY Vice President/President Elect

# Minutes of the September LLAGNY Board Meeting

—Cahill, Gordon & Reindel LLP, September 19, 2011

In attendance: Caren Biberman, William Mills, Janice Henderson, Heidi Bliss, Karen Provost, Patricia Barbone, Ellen Kaufman, Jacob Sayward, Sadys Espitia

*The meeting convened at approximately 6:19 pm.*

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting – Motion to approve the minutes of August 16, 2011 with corrections. Approve (Bliss). Second (Barbone).

2. Chapter Insurance – Motion to purchase Chapter Insurance. Approve (Barbone). Second (Bliss).

3. Approval of Flyer for Fall Soiree – Motion to approve the flyer. Approve (Barbone). Second (Sayward).

4. Bridge the Gap Report – Janice Henderson reported on the BTG Committee meeting where they discussed some changes to the program. The meeting in October should finalize some of their plans.

5. Listserv and website policies – The Board continued to discuss the adoption of the Discussion Forum Rules and Conditions. There was a Motion to create an ad hoc committee (Mills, Kaufman, and Henderson) and to investigate the hiring of a pro bono attorney to assist us in the future. Approve (Bliss). Second (Barbone). The Technology Committee will post this and the Web Copyright Policy & Release on the website and listserv.

6. Leadership Academy Request for Funds – The Board discussed a creating a policy to financially support our members who are chosen for programs such as AALL's Leadership Academy. The Grants and Scholarship Com-

mittee will work to create these official policies and procedures for implementation next year. Jacob Sayward brought a motion to approve a \$500 grant for a LLAGNY member to attend the Leadership Academy this year. Second (Henderson). Motion approved.

7. SLA/LLAGNY Happy Hour – Motion to approve up to \$500 to spend for approved comingling events. Approve (Bliss). Second (Espitia).

8. New Business - The Board discussed establishing a policy to support legislation impacting the library community. Any legislation needing approval or support from LLAGNY must be given to the Board in writing and with as much time as possible. Ellen Kaufman introduced an upcoming public hearing on Civil Legal Services that Government Relations Committee Chair Debbie Melnick asked LLAGNY to support. Caren will draft a written statement for the Board to consider.

*The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:58pm.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Provost  
LLAGNY Secretary

# AALL2go Pick of the Month

AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: Teaching and Using Legal Classics: Black Letter Law and the Google Generation.

This hour-long audio file recorded at the 2007 Northeast Regional Law Libraries Meeting in Toronto features two speakers who are actively involved in teaching legal research. Both speakers try to give the audience a sense of how law students may expect to obtain easy answers to legal issues because they are used to finding "the answer" using Google and other technology, yet the black letter law may be more difficult to find...if it even exists.

Shelley W. Obal, a research partner at Toronto law firm Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, focuses on legal research using expert resources in a law firm setting and tells her law students and new attorneys to begin research with secondary sources before moving online for primary sources.

Next Alison Harvison Young, judge on the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario and former law dean at Queen's University, uses her experiences in academia and on the bench to provide examples of real world research skills in practice, both good and bad. She also briefly describes the civil law versus common law systems and how the research methods in each system may be a bit different.

The remainder of the program contains a question and answer session hosted by moderator John Sadler from the University of Western Ontario law library.

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(Program link: <http://www.softconference.com/aall/sessionDetail.asp?SID=175508>; AALL2go link: <http://www.softconference.com/aall/>)

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## 2011 AALL Salary Survey Now Available

The AALL 2011 Biennial Salary Survey and Organizational Characteristics is now available online free for AALL members.

This new edition is the only source for up-to-date information about salaries for law librarians and other law library employees who work in academic libraries; private firms and corporate libraries; and state, court, and county law libraries. The survey was carried out this summer in complete confidentiality by Association Research, Inc., a professional research firm in Rockville, Maryland, that works exclusively with nonprofit organizations.

Printed copies of the survey will be available for purchase and shipment in mid-November; \$110 for AALL members and

\$175 for nonmembers (contact [orders@aall.org](mailto:orders@aall.org)).

(Salary Survey link: <http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Publications/salary-survey>)

# 60 Sites Abridged – 5 Sites Per Newsletter

—Gayle Lynn-Nelson

This month we will focus on one blog, two resources, one research and reference, and one travel site.

## BLOG



### Legal Business Development

<http://www.legalbizdev.com/blog.html>

This was originally a legal marketing/selling blog. Jim Hassett has taken on Alternative Fee Arrangements (AFAs) in a big way. After surveying a large group of managing partners he has produced the “the LegalBizDev Survey of Alternative Fees.” His blog posts include excerpts from the survey, making it a premier site to stay current on AFAs.

## RESOURCES

### 1000 Awesome Things

#### 1000 Awesome Things

<http://1000awesomethings.com>

This site is just that, 1000 awesome things! It is also a book you can buy. 1000 Awesome Things is just a time-ticking countdown of 1000 awesome things. It was launched in June, 2008, and is updated every weekday. Here is what Leo Babauta of Zen Habits has to say about the site: “There’s something riveting about 1000 Awesome Things that makes you want to keep coming back. Aside from the great humor, it reminds you of the little things in life, and how awesome they can be.” This is really a place to go to feel good!



#### SoloPractice

<http://www.solopracticeuniversity.com>

This site provides great resources for starting your own practice or enhancing your practice. SoloPractice University bills itself as “the

#1 educational and professional networking community for lawyers and law students, designed by lawyers for lawyers and dedicated to helping you build your very own solo practice.”

## RESEARCH AND REFERENCE



### Lawyerist: Lawyering Survival Guide

<http://lawyerist.com>

This is the lawyering survival guide by Sam Glover and Aaron Street. It provides great information on how to use technology in a small firm practice. It is great for your young lawyers who might want to build their own practice. Forms and tips abound.

## TRAVEL



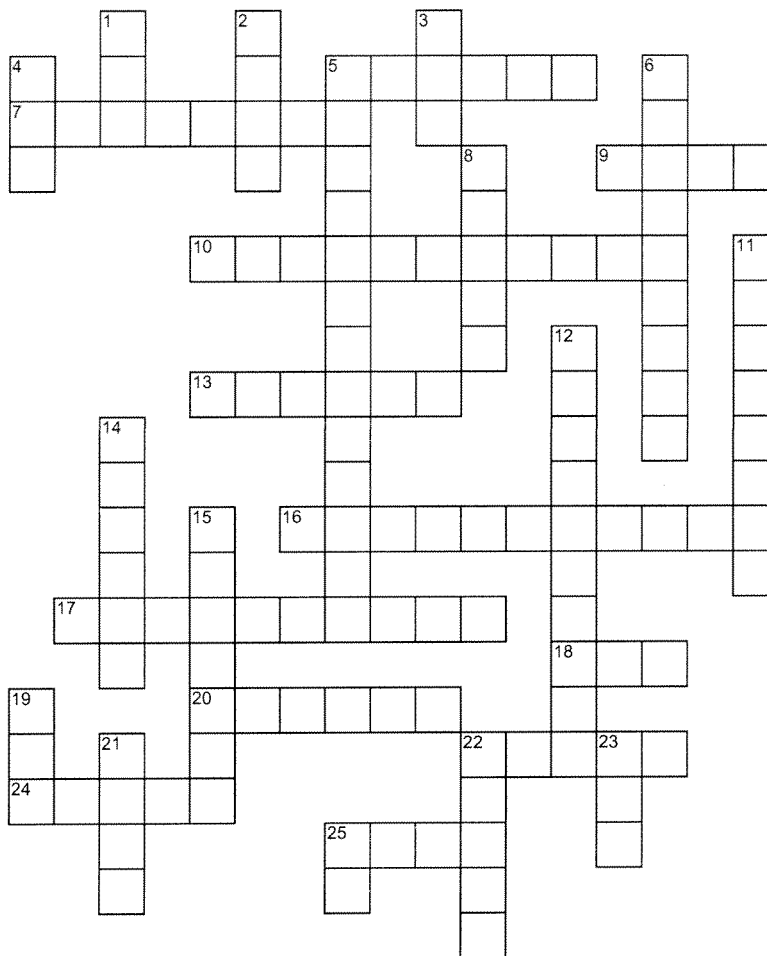
### World Health Organization

<http://www.who.int/ith/en>

The WHO is the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations system. It is responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, setting norms and standards, articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries and monitoring and assessing health trends. In the 21st century, health is a shared responsibility, involving equitable access to essential care and collective defense against transnational threats. In its Travel Site there are a few things of interest: you can go to health topics directly and you can jump to information on international travel and health concerns. ■



# "Gone Corporate" by Emily Moog



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## ACROSS

- 5 market's middleman  
7 '34 Act  
9 this separated Pyramus & Thisbe  
10 rescuer of corporate damsels?  
13 perfected pyramid scheme?  
16 a "soft spoken" takeover bid?  
17 '33 Act  
18 stock's debut (init)  
20 "On the \_\_\_\_ Where You Live"  
22 in Pamplona, they run from them  
24 delegated voting  
25 is it up or down today?(init.)

## DOWN

- 1 Fed. antitrust agency (init)  
2 Annual Report filing  
3 in Chicago, they are white, in Boston, Red  
4 Fed. Reg. Agency for Corp. (init)  
5 Miss America Pageant, e.g.  
6 4x a year  
8 inventor of pyramid scheme  
11 those 'in the know' file form 3,4 & 5  
12 hard medicine to take as defense?  
14 marriage, corporate style  
15 nickname for state securities laws  
19 Many law firms are this type of partnership (init)  
21 Fleming's spy  
22 Goldilocks had a trio of them  
23 another type of *co.* (init.)  
25 THE Incorporation state (abb)

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