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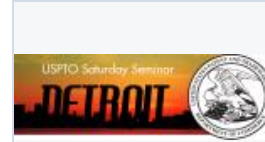


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Patrick Ross, Deputy Chief Communications Officer for the United States Patent and Trademark Office, takes a break to pose with some campers!



Sagacious Research Perfect!

August 13 at 12:44am



Valerie Heady I just saw a 3D printer in Salt Lake City. Very interesting....

August 8 at 1:52pm

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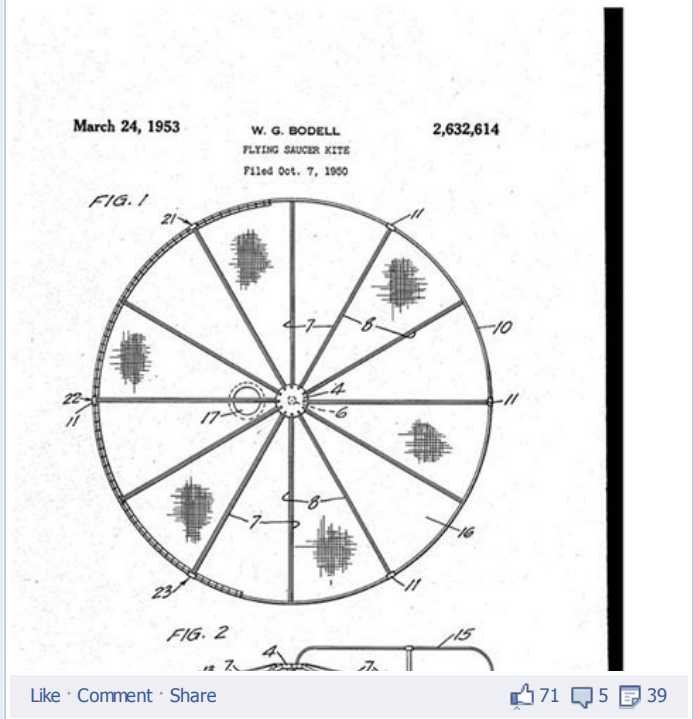
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Historic Treaty Adopted, Boosts Access to Books for Visually Impaired Persons Worldwide

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USPTO Implementation of the 2013 Joint Strategic Plan for Intellectual Property Enforcement

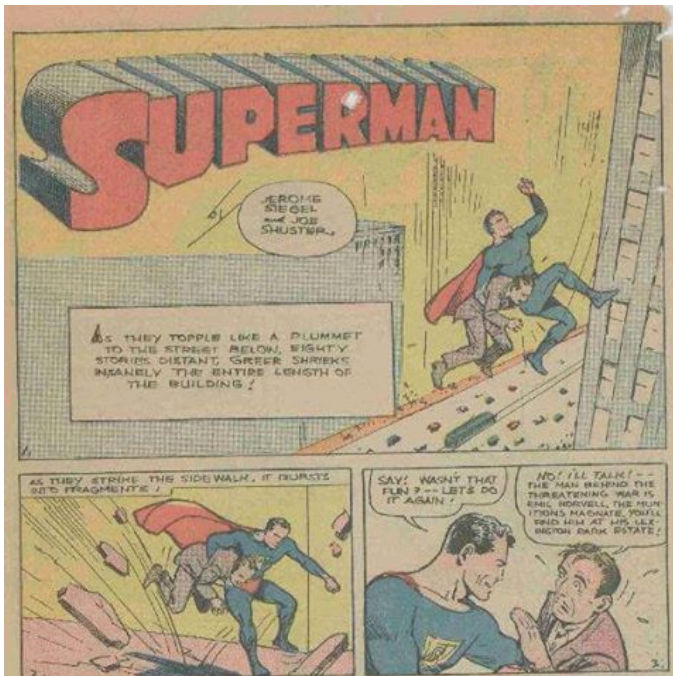
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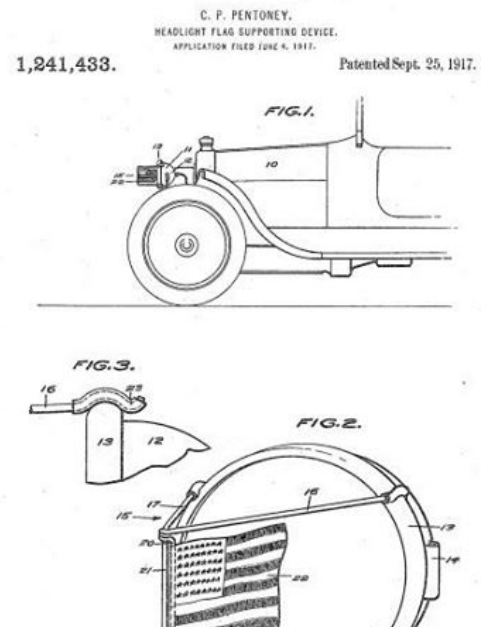
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Happy Flag Day from the people who issued patent no. 1,241,433 to inventor Clifford Pentoney on Sept. 25, 1917.



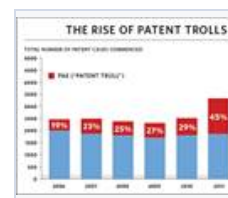
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Our patent system — as enshrined in our Constitution — is meant to encourage

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Our Vikrum Aiyer is a featured writer this week on the U.S. Department of Commerce blog, where he shares thoughts on his work, our economy, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, and his role in the protection of intellectual property.

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Memorial Day Observance at USPTO
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If I am not mistaken, this is the first Memorial Day event of its kind we have ever held, which I think is a great

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Like AFCP, AFCP 2.0 authorizes additional time for examiners to search and/or consider responses after final rejection.

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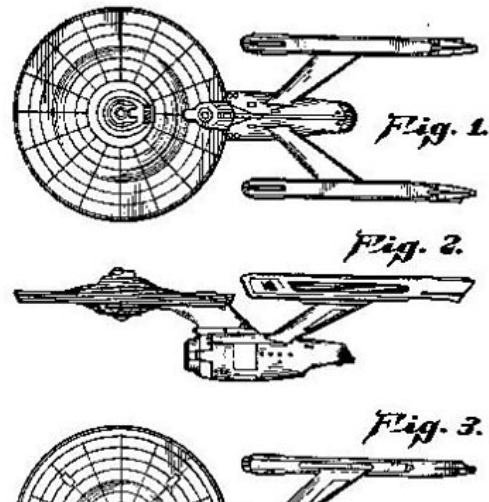
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Contrary to popular belief, Star Trek was never issued a patent or a trademark numbered NCC-1701.

U.S. Patent

Sep. 15, 1981

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May 8

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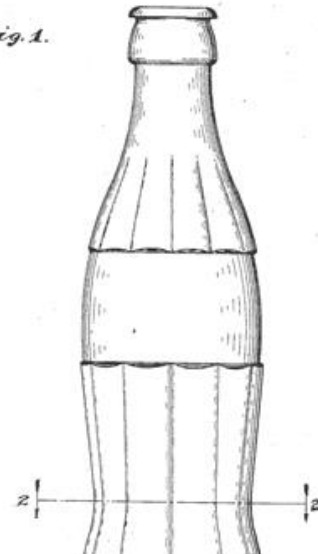
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G. Washington

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March 5

We're expecting some pretty severe* winter weather for the Washington, D.C. area. So, we're going to postpone our RCE Roundtable we had scheduled for tomorrow. We'll announce the new date and webcast info when we have it.

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Postponement of the March 6, 2013, RCE Outreach Event

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Shaffer et al.

US005512743A
 [11] Patent Number: 5,512,743
 [45] Date of Patent: Apr. 30, 1996

[54] SPACE-BASED ASTEROID DETECTION AND MONITORING SYSTEM

[75] Inventors: William A. Shaffer, Gailherdberg; Martin J. McHugh, Baltimore, both of Md.; Dexter Wang, Concord, Mass.

[73] Assignee: The United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D.C.

[21] Appl. No.: 186,075
 [22] Filed: Jan. 25, 1994

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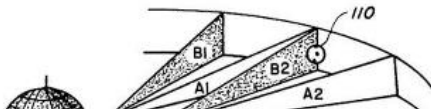
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 Assistant Examiner—Steven L. Nichols
 Attorney, Agent, or Firm—Thomas E. McDonnell; Edward P. Miles

[57] ABSTRACT

A satellite-borne system for the detection of near earth objects. The system periodically captures two images of the celestial sphere about the earth using a pair of linear arrays of optical detectors oriented so that the detectors image lines on the celestial sphere that are separated at each pixel in azimuth by the same angle. The position of the linear detectors is varied for each orbit of the earth by the satellite such that the entire celestial sphere can be imaged. The images produced by the two detector arrays are temporarily stored in memory until they can be processed using frame difference signal processing techniques. The results from the frame difference signal processing are transmitted to a ground station for further processing. The processing on the ground can include object classification, orbit tracking (using a time sequence of differenced frames), and earth collision determination and warning.

10 Claims, 3 Drawing Sheets



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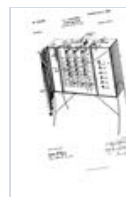
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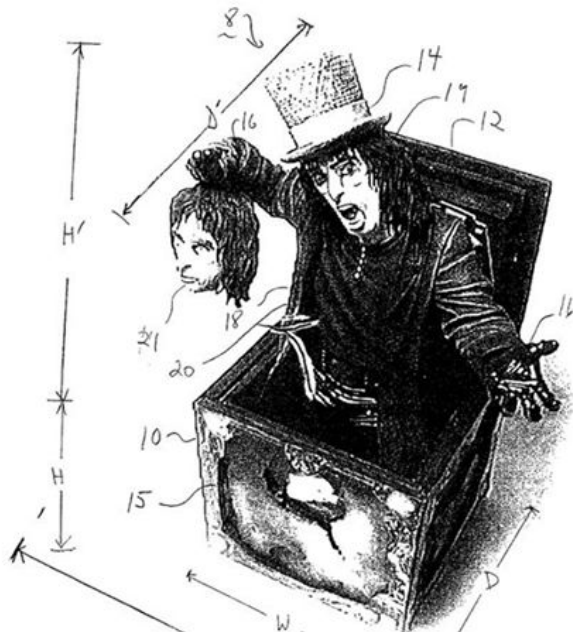


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Patent Application Publication Jul. 25, 2002 Sheet 1 of 5 US 2002/0098770 A1



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United States Patent [19]
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[11] **4,344,424**
[45] **Aug. 17, 1982**

[54] ANTI-EATING FACE MASK
[76] Inventor: Lucy L. Barmby, 9550 Jackson Rd., Sacramento, Calif. 95826
[21] Appl. No: 134,587
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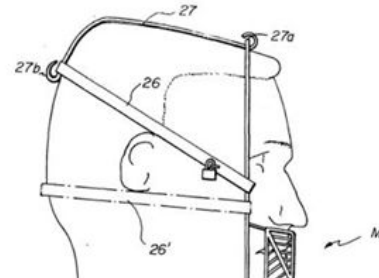
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[57] **ABSTRACT**
An anti-eating face mask which includes a cup-shaped member conforming to the shape of the mouth and chin area of the user, together with a hoop member and straps detachably engageable with a user's head for mounting the cup-shaped member in overlying relationship with the user's mouth and chin area under the nose thereby preventing the ingestion of food by the user.

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2 Claims, 3 Drawing Figures



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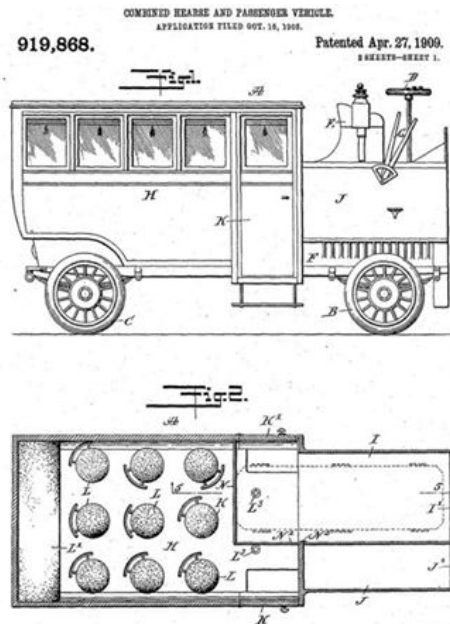
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2,095,511

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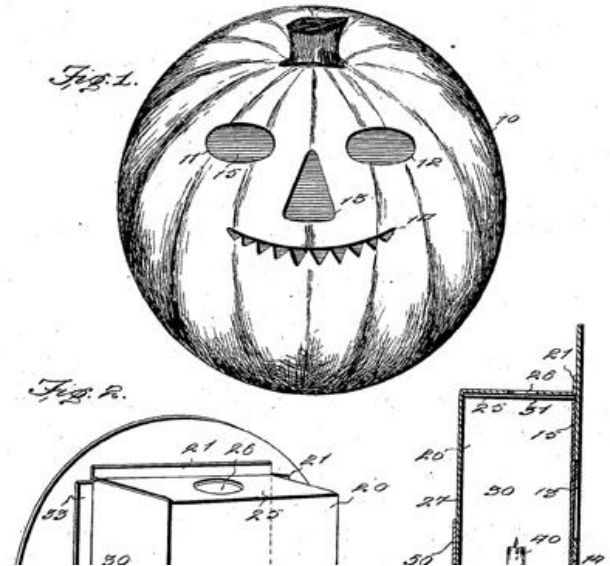
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A. B. HERD.
JACK-O'-LANTERN.
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(No Model.)

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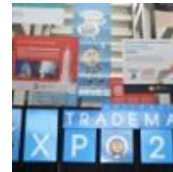
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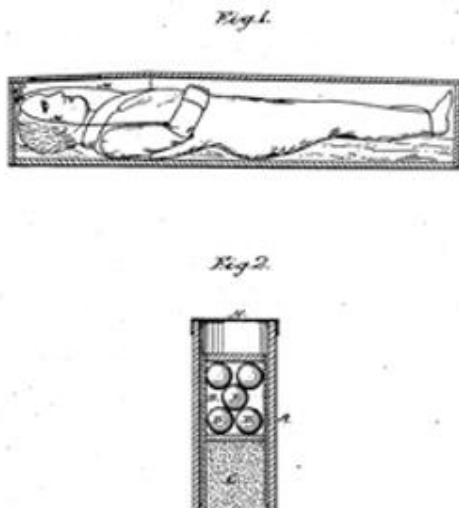
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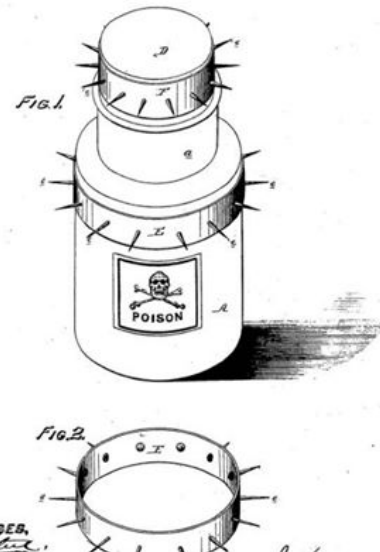
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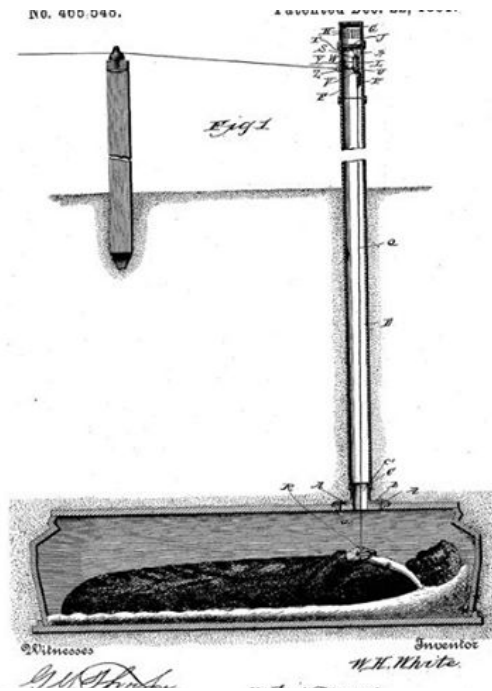
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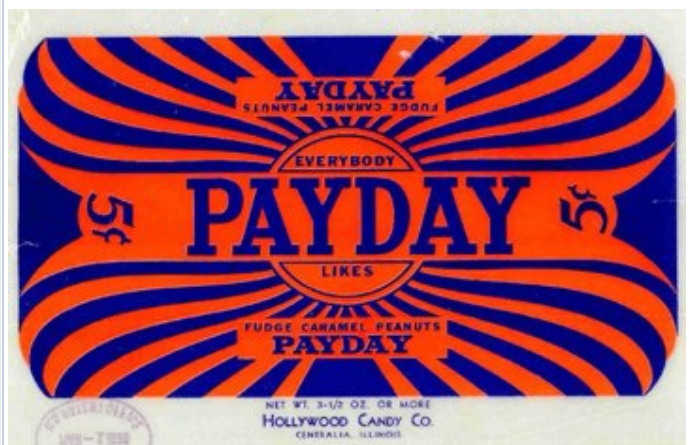
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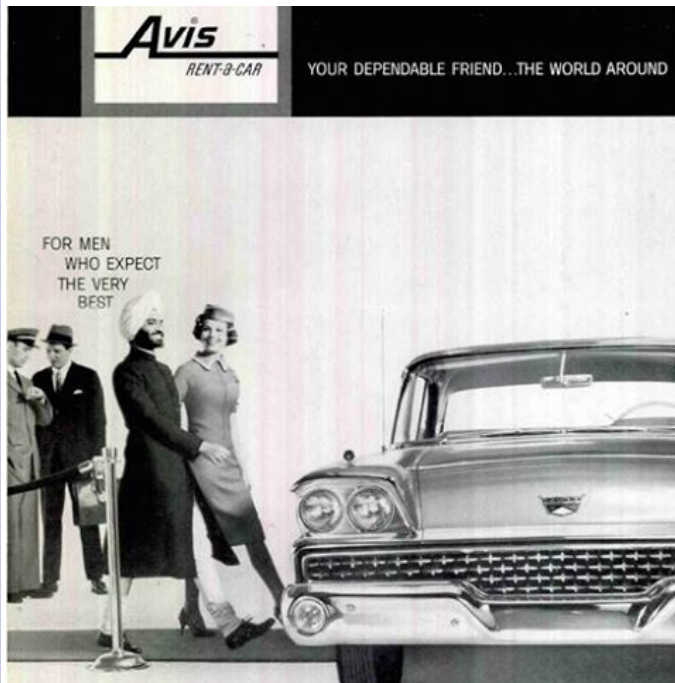
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O. E. WATSON
STORE BASKET AND CARRIAGE
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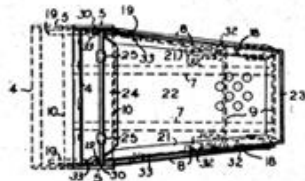
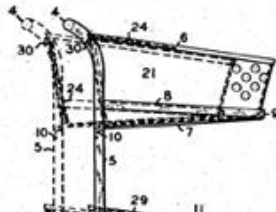
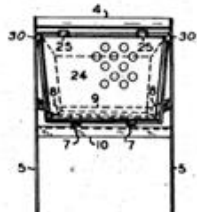


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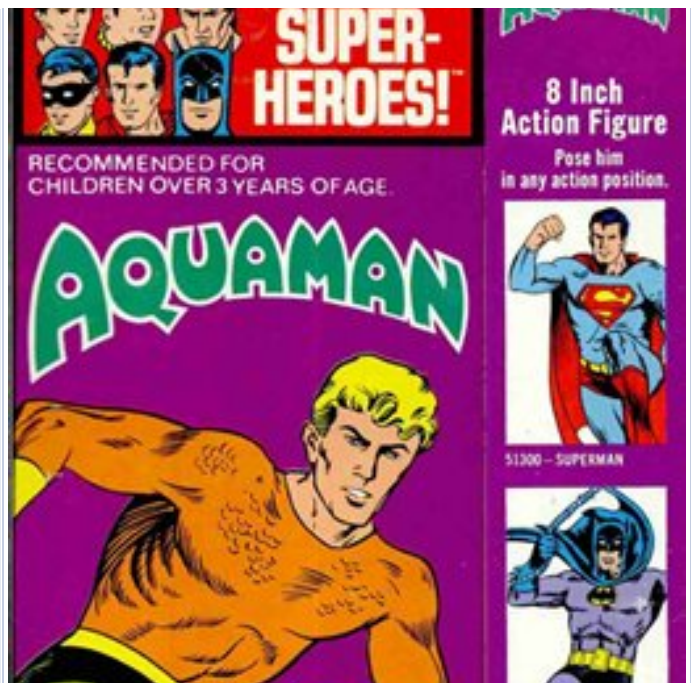
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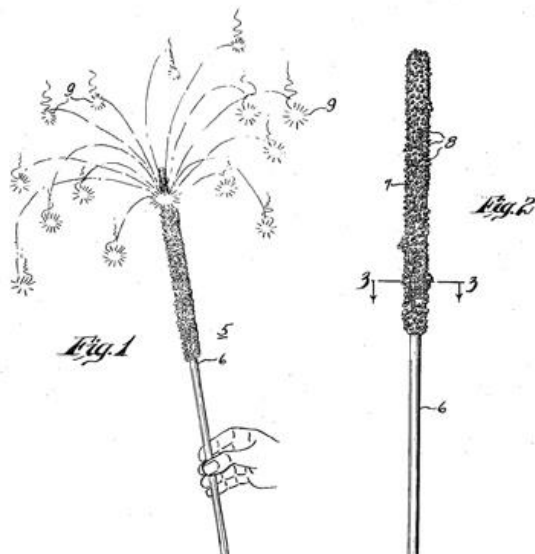
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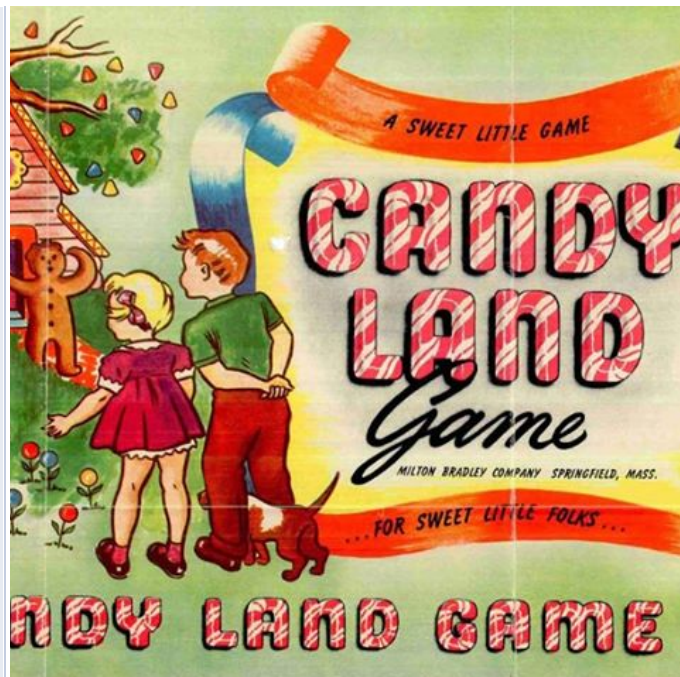
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Today in Patent History - June 4, 1963, six-year-old Robert W. Patch receives this patent for a "toy truck." His fortune was secured following a lucrative licensing deal with a guy named "Nick" from the North Pole.

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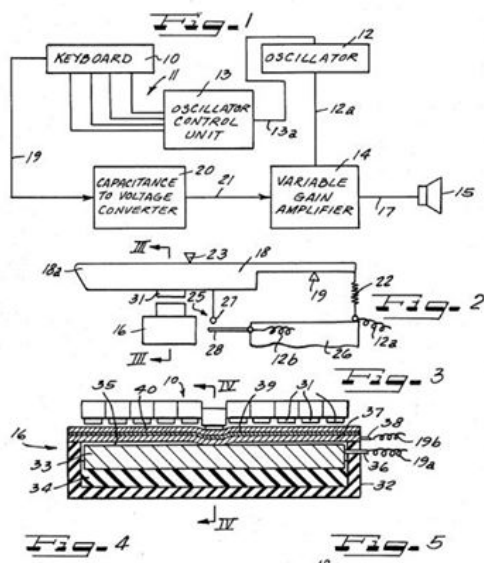
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**United States Patent and Trademark Office**

May 23, 2012

Happy 78th birthday to electronic music pioneer and inventor, Robert A. Moog. Moog held many patents including this one for a "Monophonic touch sensitive keyboard."

U.S. Patent Jul. 22, 1980 Sheet 1 of 3 4,213,367



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Remember Carroll Shelby, a true automotive innovator, the next time one of these passes you by.

June 4, 1963

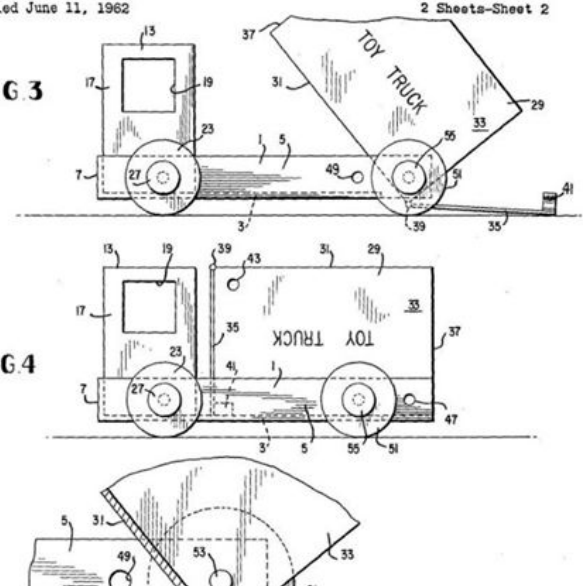
R. W. PATCH
TOY TRUCK

3,091,888

Filed June 11, 1962

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FIG 3



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(12) **United States Design Patent**
Shelby

(10) Patent No.: **US D575,215 S**
(45) Date of Patent: **Aug. 19, 2008**

(54) **FRONT END OF AN AUTOMOBILE**

(76) Inventor: **Carroll Hall Shelby**, 11080 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 1050, Los Angeles, CA (US) 90064-1937

(*) Term: **14 Years**

(21) Appl. No.: **29/285,964**

(22) Filed: **Apr. 16, 2007**

(51) LOC. (0) CL. **12-16**

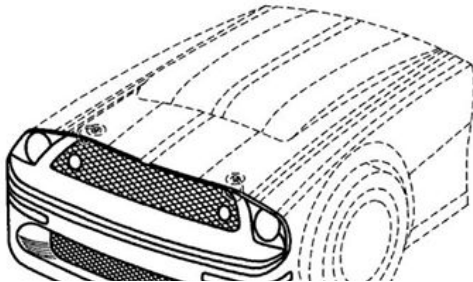
(52) U.S. CL. **D12/196**

(58) Field of Classification Search: **D12/90-92, D12/86, 196, 164, 296/181.1, 181.5**
See application file for complete search history.

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D510,550 S * 10/2005 Chang D12/173

DESCRIPTION
FIG. 1 is a front plus view of a front end of an automobile showing my new design;
FIG. 2 is a top plan view thereof;
FIG. 3 is a side perspective view thereof; and
FIG. 4 is a front elevational view thereof.

1 Claim, 1 Drawing Sheet



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May 21, 1929.

M. D. AVILLAR
BOTTLE SEAL OPENER
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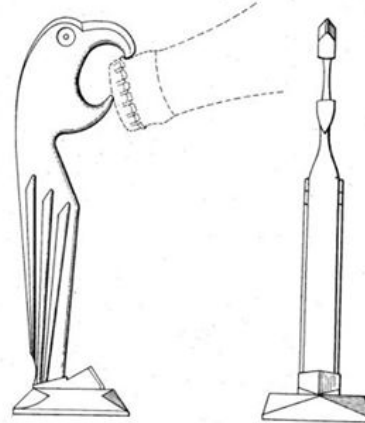


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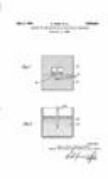
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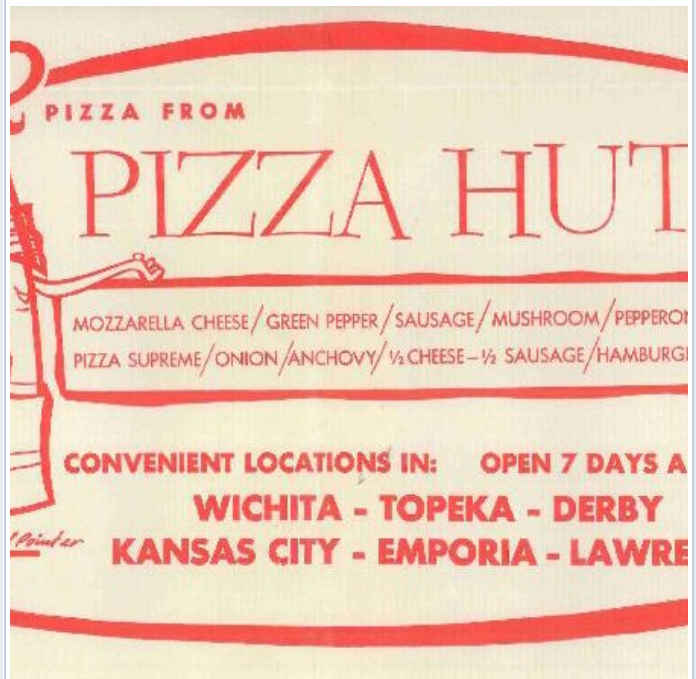
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Today in Trademark History, April 10, 1962 - This trademark was issued fifty years ago today, as a young girl in Kansas looks at her little dog and says, "Toto, ho l'impressione che noi non siamo più nel Napoli."



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March 14, 2012

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Video Archive: USPTO Senior Leadership Webinar
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January 27, 2012

Today in Patent History, January 27, 1981 - While we've never seen it in action, we're betting this flamethrowing trumpet can

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February 28, 2012

We're hosting a public "Industry Day" on March 15, 2012 for people and companies interested in providing the USPTO with goods and services related to these IT initiatives: Patent End to End, Trademark Next Generation, and Fee Processing Next Generation. The forum will take place from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Madison Auditorium at the USPTO in Alexandria, Va. Need more info? Email Cheryl.Hardy@uspto.gov.

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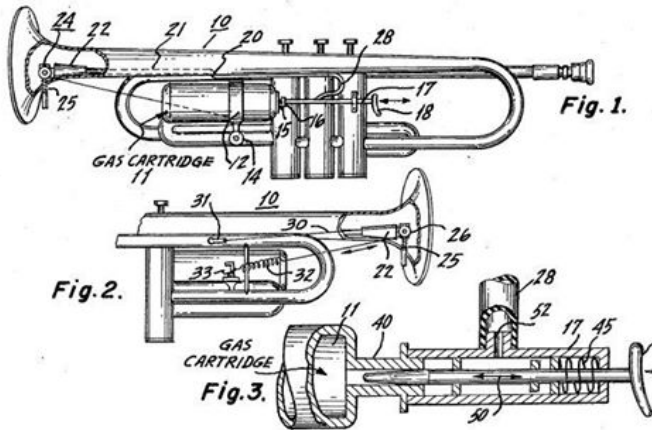
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Today in Trademark History, January 12, 1915 - The world watches as Rolex takes the time to collect its registered trademark.



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January 17, 2012

Today in Patent History, January 17, 1882 -- Noted African American inventor Lewis Latimer received a patent for his process of manufacturing carbons for electric lamps. Latimer had worked with Alexander Graham Bell on the invention of the telephone, and with Thomas Edison on the light bulb.

(No. Model.)

L. H. LATIMER.

PROCESS OF MANUFACTURING CARBONS.

No. 252,386.

Patented Jan. 17, 1882.

Fig. 1.

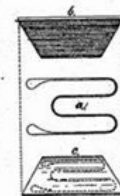


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January 6, 2012

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January 10, 2012

Today in Trademark History, January 10, 1956 - Porsche received a registered trademark for the fastest bathtub on wheels. (The first Porsches, including the 356 in the picture, were nicknamed "bathtubs" for the body style.)



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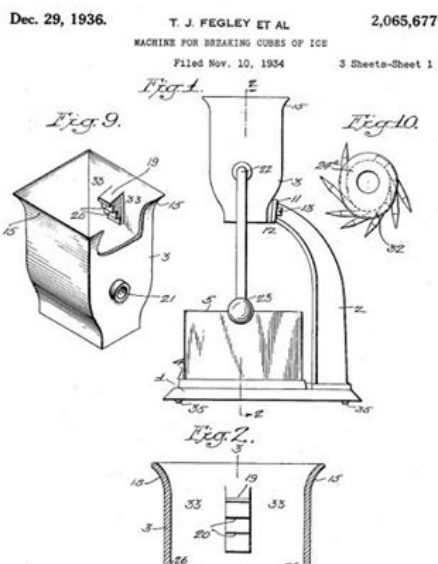
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December 29, 2011

Today in Patent History – December 29, 1934 - Thomas J Fegley and George O. Leopold got a patent for a "machine for breaking cubes of ice." An essential tool for mixologists preparing all those chilled New Year's libations. Happy New Year from the USPTO.



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November 23, 2011

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November 29, 2011

Today in Trademark History, November 29, 1983 - Wakka Wakka Wakka Wakka



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November 23, 2011

Need to know how many trademarks were issued to residents of Antarctica over the last few years? Or simply how well the USPTO is meeting its goals? Our Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2011 is now available on our website.
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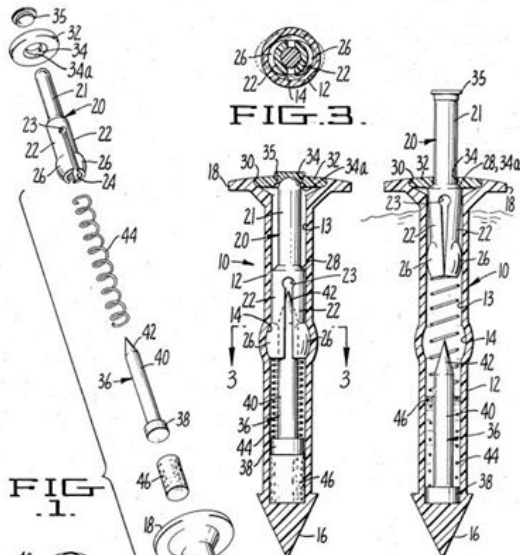

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Steve Jobs was an inaugural winner of the National Medal of Technology presented by President Reagan in 1985. Though some of his greatest and lasting innovations were yet to come, this Smithsonian oral history interview is a superb look at Steve Jobs as innovator pre-2000.

Smithsonian Oral and Video Histories: Steve Jobs
www.bit.ly
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United States Patent [19]
Meyers, Jr. et al. [45] **Patent Number: Des. 321,272**
Date of Patent: Nov. 5, 1991

[54] **VAMPIRE-SHAPED PASTA**
 [75] **Inventors:** Edward J. Meyers, Jr., Roselle Park, N.J.; Deborah L. Bernardini, Mahopac, N.Y.
 [73] **Assignee:** CPC International Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N.J.
 [**] **Term:** 14 Years
 [21] **Appl. No.:** 459,113
 [22] **Filed:** Dec. 28, 1989
 [52] **U.S. Cl.:** D1/109; D1/126; D21/166
 [58] **Field of Search:** D1/106, 108, 109, 120, D1/126, 127, 128; D21/166, 190; 426/104; D11/44, 48-53, 55, 81-83, 99-101, 112-113
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 3,593,293 6/1963 Ryan et al.
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Primary Examiner—Wallace R. Burke
Assistant Examiner—Patricia Schmidt

CLAIM
 [57] The ornamental design for a vampire-shaped pasta, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION
 FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of a vampire-shaped pasta showing our new design, the undisclosed rear being a mirror image;
 FIG. 2 is a side elevational view thereof, the undisclosed side being a mirror image;
 FIG. 3 is a bottom plan view thereof; and
 FIG. 4 is a top plan view thereof.



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 September 23, 2011

Today in Trademark History, September 23, 1958 - Mister Softee gets this registered trademark for use on its ice cream trucks. How many of you can hum the jingle the trucks play?

Listen to Commissioner for Patents Robert Stoll on Get Invention Radio tonight when he speaks about the new patent law and how the USPTO will implement the changes the America Invents Act brings. Tonight at 8pm ET.



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It's the end of the band as we know it, but not R.E.M.'s servicemark which was registered on August 9, 1983. We found this flyer in the registration paperwork they filed with us.



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President Obama takes the stage for America Invents Act signing.



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USPTO Director David Kappos (center) at the White House with U.S. Chief Technology Office Aneesh Chopra (left) during a live chat online now about the America Invents Act.



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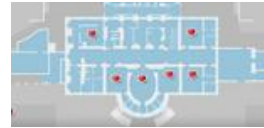
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September 13, 2011

Today in Patent History - September 13, 1955 - George de Mestral of Switzerland receives a patent for the "velvet type fabric" that became Velcro. To this day, it remains the toy of choice for people who find Rubik's cubes too hard.



President Obama Signs the America Invents Act | The White House

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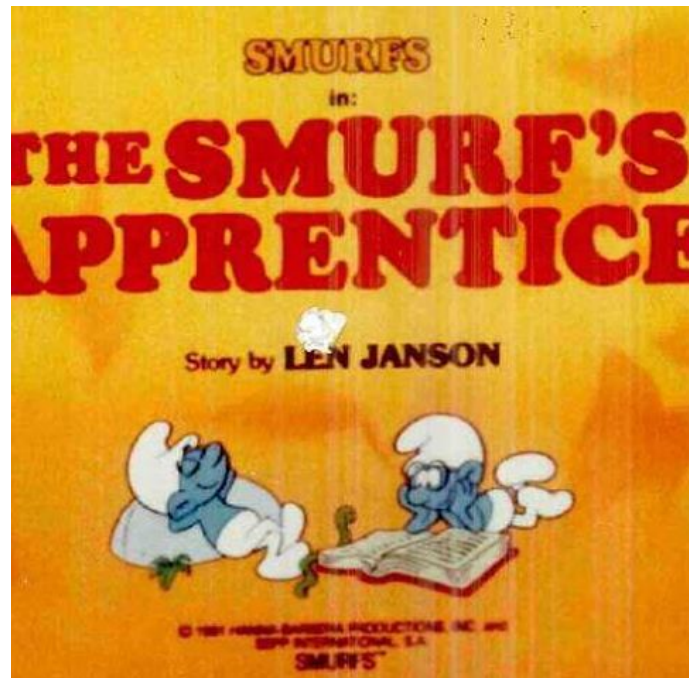
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Today in Smurfmark History, September 14, 1982 - The smurfiest trademark of all time was smurfed. Alas, Gargamel has yet to collect enough smurfmarks for his gold making potion.



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The DC Fox News station covered yesterday's signing ceremony for patent number 8,000,000. Learn how the device has changed the life of one blind woman from New York City.

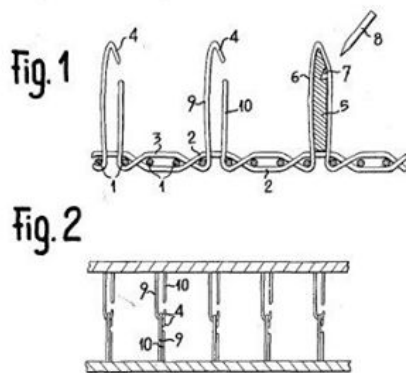
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VELVET TYPE FABRIC AND METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME

Filed Oct. 15, 1952



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Today in Trademark History, September 7, 1965 - Cheez Whiz received a registered trademark, allowing North Pole residents to save their firewood for something other than melting cheese.



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Today in Trademark History, August 30, 1977 - ABBA received a registered trademark for musical entertainment services. So what was your favorite ABBA song? Vote here and now. The song with

Senate Passes Bill To Overhaul Patent System

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USPTO Director David Kappos congratulates the U.S. Senate for passing the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act yesterday.

Statement of USPTO Director David Kappos

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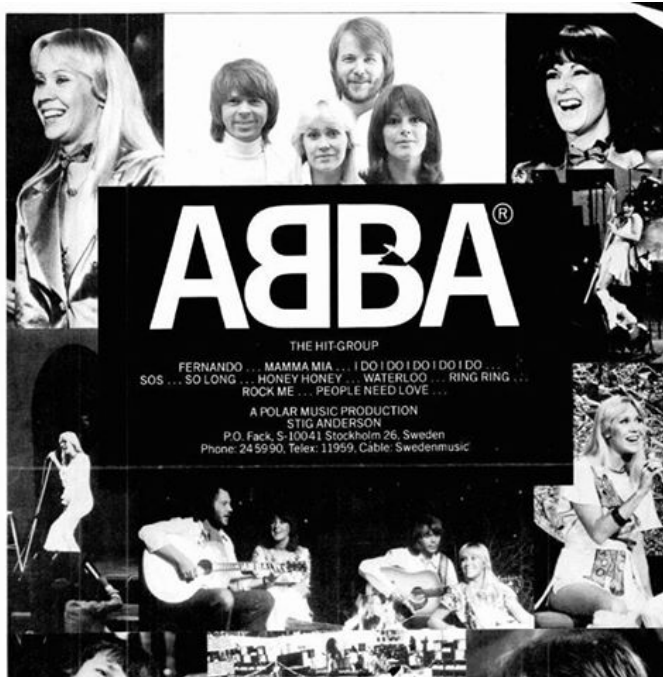
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**United States Patent and Trademark Office**

September 2, 2011

Today in Patent History - September 2, 1986 – G1 fan favorite Soundwave declared his new design patent to be "superior" and all other toys to be "inferior." Of course, this particular Transformer may want to upgrade his technology beyond the cassette tape player.

the most votes will take home the coveted title of "Earworm of the Day!"



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The New York Times has put together an incredible interactive showcasing Steve Jobs's patents. Complete with links to the actual patents on the USPTO website.



Steve Jobs's Patents

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The 313 Apple patents that list Steven P. Jobs among the group of inventors offer a glimpse at his legendary say over the minute details of the company's

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United States Patent [19] Koizumi

[11] Patent Number: Des. 285,464
[45] Date of Patent: Sep. 2, 1986

[54] RECONFIGURABLE TOY CASSETTE

[75] Inventor: Satoshi Koizumi, Tokyo, Japan

[72] Assignee: Takara Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan

[22] Filed: Apr. 4, 1984

[50] U.S. Cl. D21/118; D21/150; D21/166

[58] Field of Search D21/109, 111, 166, 177, D21/150, 446/71, 72, 73, 76, 77; D14/11

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Primary Examiner—Charles A. Rademaker

Attorney, Agent, or Firm—Péico, Gess & Ubell

CLAIM

The ornamental design for a reconfigurable toy cassette, substantially as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of a reconfigurable toy cassette showing my new design;

FIG. 2 is a left side elevational view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a rear elevational view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a right side elevational view thereof;

FIG. 5 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 6 is a bottom plan view thereof;

FIG. 7 is a top plan view of the design shown in FIGS. 1 through 6 reconfigured in a humanoid condition;

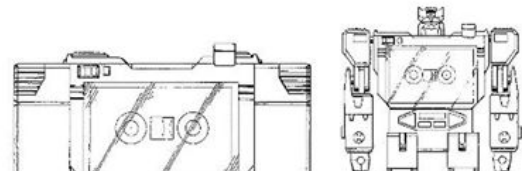
FIG. 8 is a bottom plan view thereof;

FIG. 9 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 10 is a left side elevational view thereof;

FIG. 11 is a rear elevational view thereof; and

FIG. 12 is a right side elevational view thereof.



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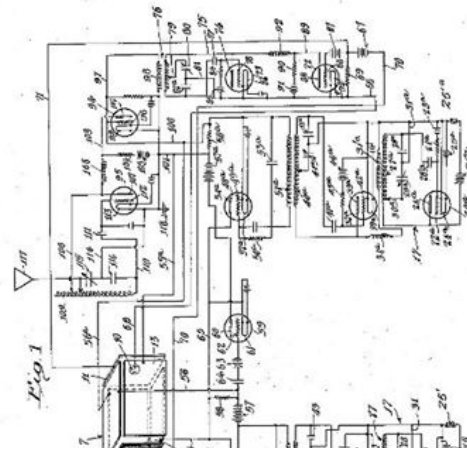


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August 26, 2011

Today in Patent History - August 26, 1930 - Philo T. Farnsworth of Berkeley, California receives a patent for the television. More than just a device to shrink people down to very small size, his invention led to bumper crops of couch potatoes in the late 20th century.

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We issued patent number 8,000,000 today. Almost 100 years to the day since we issued patent number 1,000,000. Patent 8,000,000 is for a "visual prosthesis apparatus." Read more about it on the Commerce Department blog and follow links back to the USPTO's website to see more "Million Milestone" patents.



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It may take a little time before we can shake out some cool earthquake-related patents. (Everyone and everything seems OK at USPTO).

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August 2, 2011

Today in Patent History - August 2, 1983 - Fathers everywhere now had the ability to buy their daughters their own little pony.

The National Technical Information Service has launched a pilot program to provide the public with access to official USPTO training content via the Web. More than 60 computer-based training modules on intellectual property law are being made available online to the general public for the first time.

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United States Patent (19) [11] Des. 269,986 Zacherle et al. [45] .. Aug. 2, 1983

[54] TOY ANIMAL.

[75] Inventors: Bonnie D. Zacherle, Norwood, Mass.; Charles Muenchinger, Providence; Steven D. D'Aguzzano, Greenville, both of R.I.

[73] Assignee: Hasbro Industries, Inc., Pawtucket, R.I.

[**] Term: 14 Years

[21] Appl. No.: 298,018

[22] Filed: Aug. 31, 1981

[51] Int. Cl. D21-01

[52] U.S. Cl. D21/165

[56] Field of Search D21/165, 75; D11/158

[56] References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

D. 138,781 9/1944 Groh D21/165
D. 237,513 11/1975 Cox D21/165

Primary Examiner—Melvin B. Feffer
Attorney, Agent, or Firm—Salter & Michaelson

[57] CLAIM

The ornamental design for a toy animal, substantially as shown.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a toy animal showing our new design;
FIG. 2 is a right side elevational view thereof;
FIG. 3 is a rear view thereof;
FIG. 4 is a bottom plan view thereof;
FIG. 5 is a left-side elevational view thereof;
FIG. 6 is a front view thereof; and
FIG. 7 is a top plan view thereof.



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July 13, 2011

Today in Patent History - July 13, 1897, George Rideout of Boston, Mass. receives a patent for his collapsible coat hanger invention. Future car thieves took notice and invented grand theft auto!



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July 14, 2011

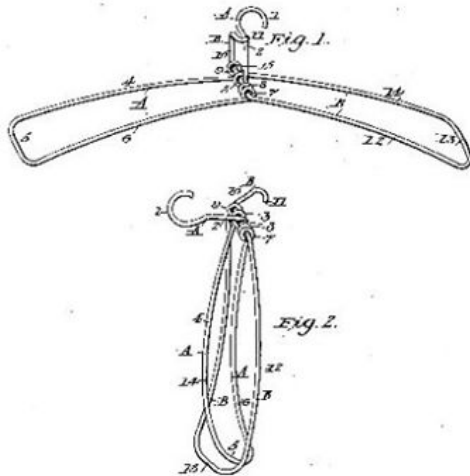
Today in Patent History - July 14, 1868 - Three inventors from Milwaukee receive a patent for an improvement in typewriters. It worked perfectly until 1951 when correction fluid was introduced, ending the world's longest known error-free typing streak.

(The Model.)

G. E. RIDEOUT.
COAT HANGER.

No. 586,456.

Patented July 13, 1897.



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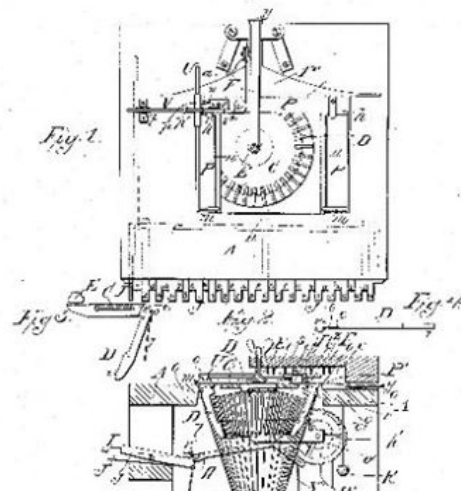
July 8, 2011

Today in Patent History - July 8, 1913, Alfred Gilbert of New Haven, Conn. is issued a patent for his toy construction blocks. Remembering the July 8, 2011 launch of the final space shuttle mission, one can only wonder how many scientists and engineers got their start by tinkering with an erector set like the one Gilbert created.

C. L. SHOLES, C. GLIDDEN & S. W. SOULE.
TYPE WRITING MACHINE.

No. 79,868.

Patented July 14, 1868.



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While we're thinking about space shuttles today, why not take a look at a sampling of some patents we found that were among the first to show off the reusable space vehicle.

**Space Shuttle Patents**

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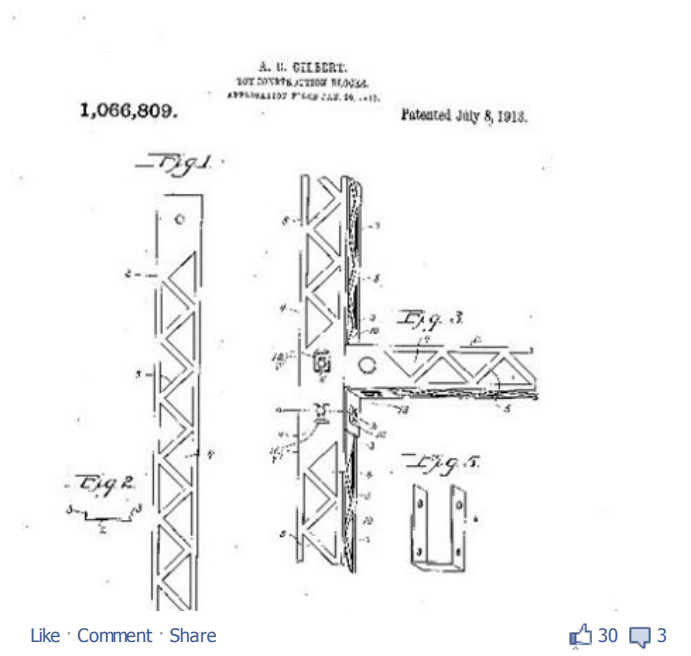
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We're hosting a public meeting at USPTO headquarters on June 1 seeking comments on a proposal to streamline the procedures governing ex parte and inter partes patent reexamination proceedings. The new procedures are aimed at reducing the time it takes to resolve disputes between patent owners and the public regarding the validity of issued patents.



USPTO to Host Public Discussion on Newly Proposed Process to Streamline Patent Reexamination

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A 3-year-old child born without fingers on the dominant hand is able to use a pencil, thanks to a device created by a FIRST LEGO League team comprised of all girls, ages 11 to 13. Congratulations from the USPTO as their device earned the team, known as the "Flying Monkeys," the inaugural FIRST Global Innovation Award, presented by the X PRIZE Foundation.

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April 6, 2011

Today in Patent History - April 6, 1869, Isaac Hodgson of Indianapolis patents an improvement to the roller skate. And you thought the Indy 500 brought the hot wheels to town.



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April 15, 2011

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Today in Trademark History – Although known by many names around the world, the National Biscuit Company (Nabisco) got the trademark for its weather-sensitive, chocolaty, marshmallow treat on April 7, 1914. Three cheers for Mallomars! Get 'em before they melt!

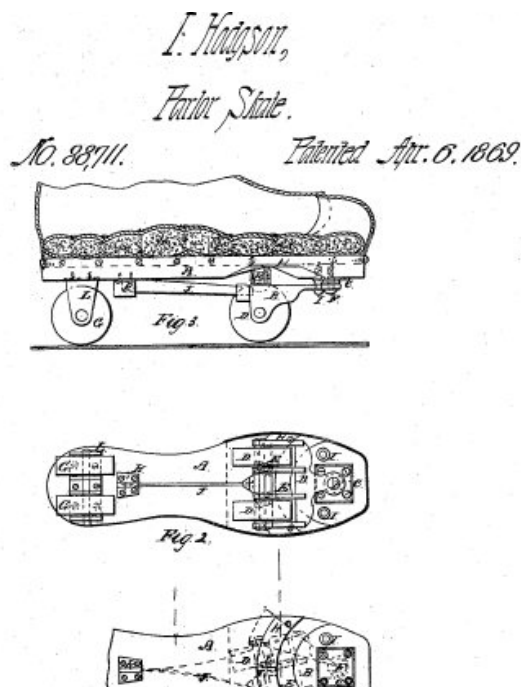


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USPTO will host a free, two-day seminar designed to educate businesses on how to protect against intellectual

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March 30, 2011

Today in History -- March 30, 1858 -- Schoolchildren everywhere rejoiced as Hymen Lipman of Philadelphia received a patent (19,783) for his invention that attached an eraser to the other end of a lead pencil. Lipman's innovation catapulted pencil pushing into one of the nation's leading industries.

Today in Trademark History - Far from being a stranger on April 5, 1983, William Martin Joel receives registration for "Billy Joel" for "Entertainment Services-Namely, Musical Entertainment Rendered to the General Public."



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In town April 5? We're co-hosting "Design Day 2011" at our headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.



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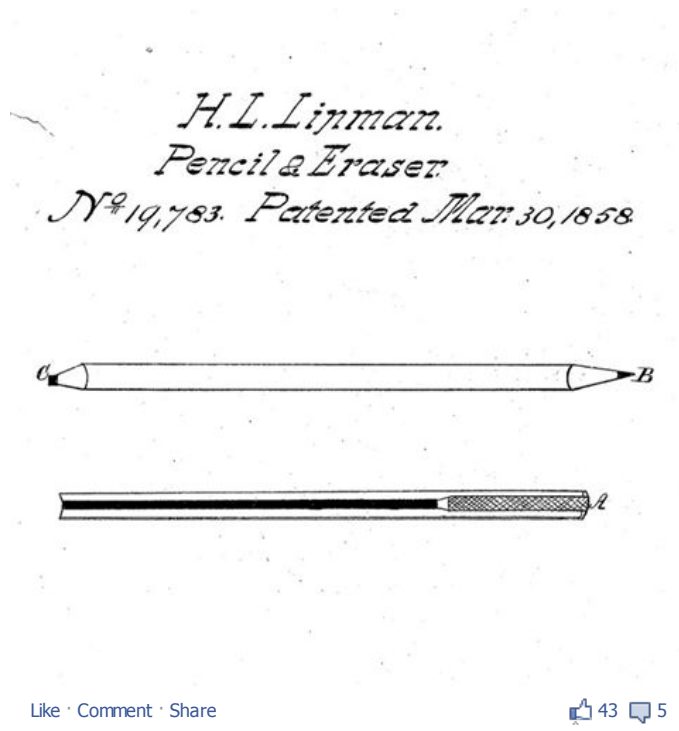
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March 25, 2011

Today in Trademark History, March 25, 1975. Registration number 1,007,258 was issued for "WD-40." In 1953, the small



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March 21, 2011

Today in History -- March 21, 1939 -- Frank Schwinn of Chicago is granted patent number 2,151,533 for his "bicycle frame of novel and graceful construction which is particularly well adapted to resist certain strains, resultant from accidental or other overloads, which frequently destroy ordinary bicycle frames."

Schwinn's innovation is rumored to have inspired the British rock band "Queen" to write a 1978 hit song. 😊

Rocket Chemical Company sought to develop a water displacement solvent to prevent rust in the aerospace industry. After the 40th attempt, the company squeaked by with a success!



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March 18, 2011

Twenty-five years ago today, Erich Schlosser of Lindenhurst, Ill. was issued patent number 4,576,140 for his Ash Catcher for Charcoal Grill. The ash catcher was a pan wedged into the tripod legs of the portable grill. Schlosser's innovation helped backyard BBQs sizzle but livestock shuddered. 😊

March 21, 1939.

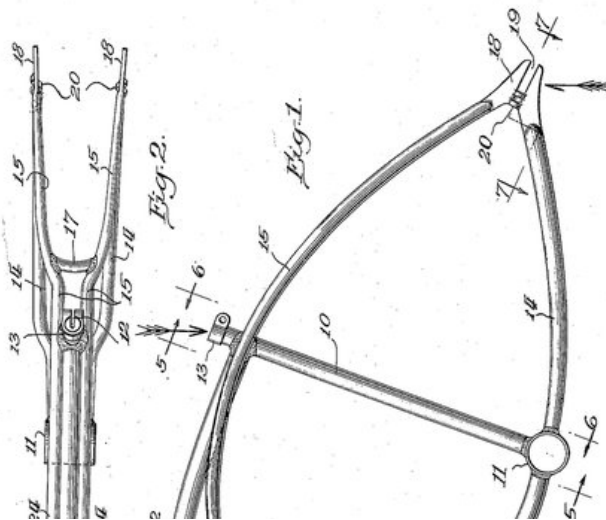
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2,151,533

BICYCLE FRAME

Filed March 3, 1938

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Did you know that Charlie Sheen is an inventor with a U.S. patent to his name?



Charlie Sheen's "Chapstick Dispensing Apparatus" Patent
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The first page of Charlie Sheen's patent for a "Chapstick Dispensing Apparatus." Patent No. 6,283,658 was granted on September 4, 2001 to inventors Carlos Irwin

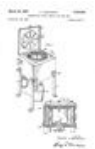
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Today in 1957, Joseph Beaumont got a patent for a Machine for Drying Fabrics and the Like. Socks started to go missing.
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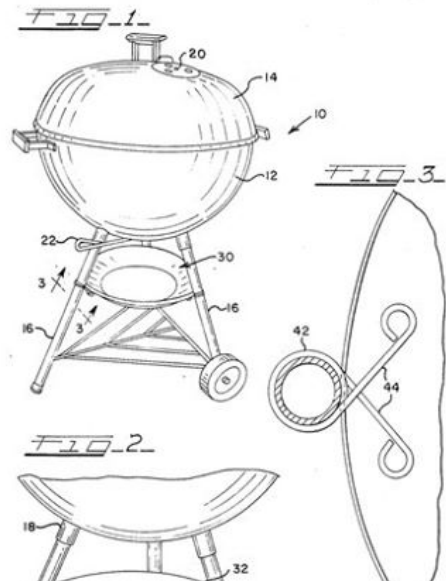
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March 7, 2011

135 years ago today, Alexander Graham Bell received patent number 174,465 for his "Improvement in Telegraphy" which became rather popular. It has a more common name these days.

U.S. Patent

Mar. 18, 1986

4,576,140



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Special Guest Blog by USPTO Commissioner for Patents Bob Stoll: The dashboard for the month of February has been released and is on Published: 11 March 2011, 4:44 pm

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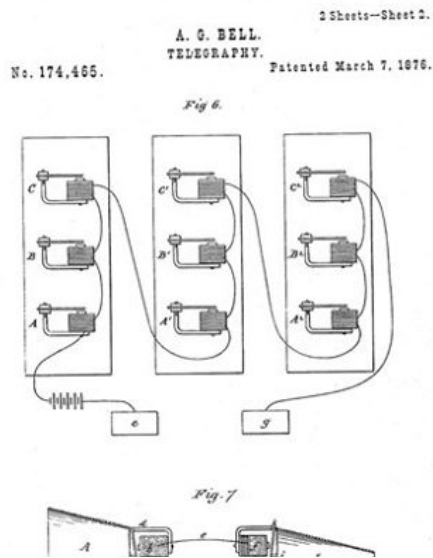
Happy 89th birthday to Ralph Baer, holder of more than 30 U.S. patents, including his invention of the home video game. He also created a variety of other toys and games, including the popular "Simon" game from the late '70's. Baer received the National Medal of Technology and Innovation from the White House in 2006.



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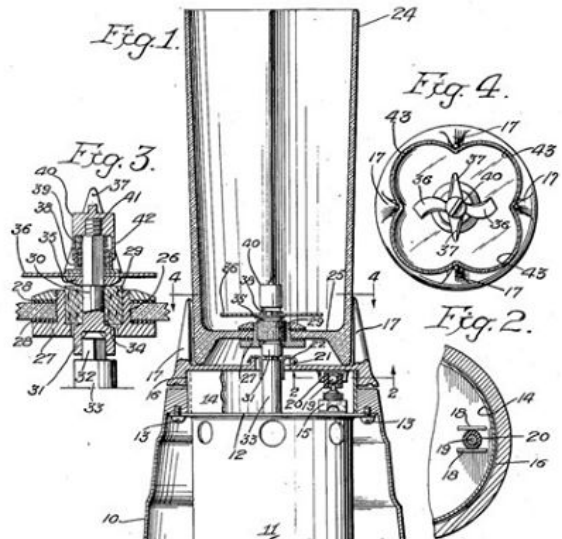
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USPTO, Madison Building Auditorium
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March 1, 2011 🌐

March 1, 1938 -- Frederick Osius of Miami Beach, Florida was issued patent number 2,109,501 for his Disintegrating Mixer for Producing Fluent Substances. Smoothie, milkshake and cocktail lovers rejoiced. 😊

March 1, 1938. F. J. OSIUS 2,109,501
 DISINTEGRATING MIXER FOR PRODUCING FLUENT SUBSTANCES
 Filed March 13, 1937 2 Sheets-Sheet 1



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Ex Parte Frye: BPAI's Standard of Review of Examiners' Rejections

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Maker of Foot Measurer Tries to Stop Other Shoe From Dropping—On It - WSJ.com

The Brannock device—the ubiquitous and venerable metal foot-measuring contraption that's an American manufacturing success-story—is struggling to fight off



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Thomas Alva Edison (February 11, 1847 – October 18, 1931)

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USPTO Director David Kappos stressed the role of intellectual property and patent-related industries in growing U.S. innovation and competitiveness at a keynote address today in Washington, D.C. You can read his prepared remarks at <http://go.usa.gov/YaQ>



Commerce Department Highlights the Role of Intellectual Property in U.S. Innovation, Competitiveness

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Reengineering the MPEP: Part 3

Director's Forum: David Kappos' Public Blog

If you've been following along with my blog for a while, you already know we've been looking at ways to reengineer the MPEP and TMEP. In Part 2 Published: 14 January 2011, 2:50 pm

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January 4, 2011

Director David Kappos will be speaking at the UConn School of Law on January 19. More details at <http://ow.ly/3y4P6>

**Director David Kappos to Speak in Hartford, Ct.**

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Our CIO John Owens has written a well-received column about telework at the USPTO.

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January 12, 2011

"I didn't set out to make cheese graters..." How inventions can take you places you weren't expecting. <http://ow.ly/3CEi3>

**Microplane Tools at Home in the Kitchen**

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December 6, 2010

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November 18, 2010

National Medal of Technology and Innovation Ceremony (4 photos)



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November 16, 2010

Proposed Rulemaking to Simplify and Streamline Ex Parte Appeals

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You may recall our recent efforts to streamline the appeals process by vesting the Board with the sole authority to hold an appeal brief

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The USPTO today issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that proposes changes to the rules governing ex parte patent appeals. The proposed changes aim to simplify the process and reduce the burden on appellants and applicants.

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President Obama will honor recipients of the National Medal of Science and the National Medal of Technology and Innovation this Wednesday at the White House. Read the list of Laureates here: <http://go.usa.gov/CVf>. Watch the ceremony at 5:30 PM ET at: www.whitehouse.gov/live.



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November 2, 2010

Chicago Black Inventors Org. President Calvin Flowers presents USPTO Deputy Director Sharon Barner with a plaque at the Black Inventors and Entrepreneurs Organization (CFBIEO) 2nd Annual Inventors Conference and Exhibit on Saturday, October 23, 2010, at the Illinois Institute of Technology.



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and the European Patent Office (EPO) have agreed to work toward the formation of a joint patent classification system. Check out our website for more information.



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Today and tomorrow at the National Trademark Expo, bring your kids to see a parade of costume characters, take some photos with them, and a tour of our expo exhibit to learn about the characters that are trademarked and why. Attend Story Time with the characters.



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USPTO Guest Blog: Visiting the USPTO, By Commerce Secretary Gary Locke

Director's Forum: David Kappos' Public Blog

On Wednesday, I met with employees at the USPTO headquarters to personally thank them for their outstanding progress over the past year

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October 2, 2010

Today in history, trademark number 1,615,968 for the stylized words "DOUBLE GULP" was registered to Southland Corporation in 1990 for soft drinks for consumption on or off the premises. The first 7-11 Double Gulp came in a milk carton-style container, shown here in the specimen submitted with the application.



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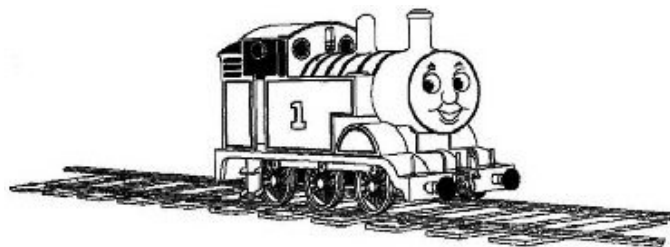
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September 24, 2010

Happy 65th birthday, Thomas the Tank Engine. He may be retirement age, but is far from retired.

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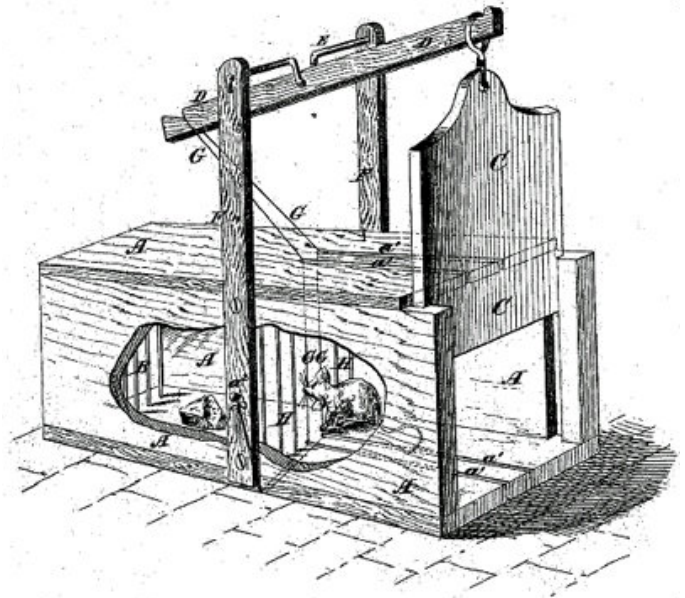
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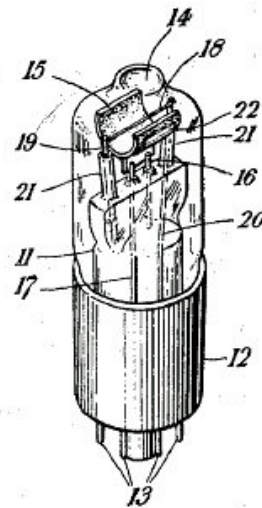
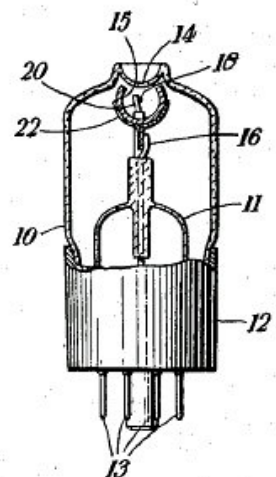


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Today in patent and trademark history

Patent number 2,449,697 for "Ionization Chambers, Geiger-Muller Tubes, and the Like" (Practical geiger counter) was patented by Arnold Graves of Surbiton and Travis Jack Dawes of Bridgefield, England in 1948.

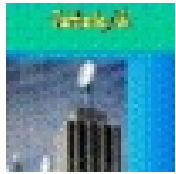
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Thornton was able to convince ... [See More](#)



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Director Kappos discusses reducing patent pendency on Bloomberg

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Director David Kappos talks with Bloomberg's Peter Cook about the U.S.

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Director Kappos Discusses the Role of Minority Businesses and Inventors in the Innovation Process at the 2010 National Minority Enterprise Development Week Conference.

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TODAY IN HISTORY: The name, Cincinnati Bengals was trademark registered for EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES IN THE FORM OF PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL GAMES AND EXHIBITIONS to CINCINNATI BENGALS, INC. CORPORATION of Cincinnati in 1977, given registration number 1,071,979.



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Tess Vigeland talks to David Kappos, the director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, about

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A note of thanks to the team

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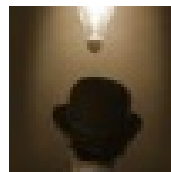


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USPTO at the 2010 Maker Faire (10 photos)


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RCE Filings: The Facts

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Special Guest Blog by Commissioner for Patents Bob Stoll To address recent inquiries as to whether RCE filings at the USPTO are rising, I asked

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July 13, 2010

Patent number 1 was issued to John Ruggles of Thomaston, Maine., for a "Locomotive Steam-Engine for Rail and Other Roads" in 1836. Patents prior to this had not been numbered.

The current patent numbering system began in 1836. At that time... [See More](#)

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Happy Independence Day, USA, and happy anniversary to the AIRTRAN AIRWAYS and GOLF DIGEST trademarks, to Humphrey O'Sullivan's 1899 patent for the "Cushion Sole," and to William Coolidge's 1933 patent for the "X-ray Tube," popularly called the Coolidge tube.



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The Supreme Court has ruled in the Bilski vs. Kappos case! Check out the link to review the ruling.

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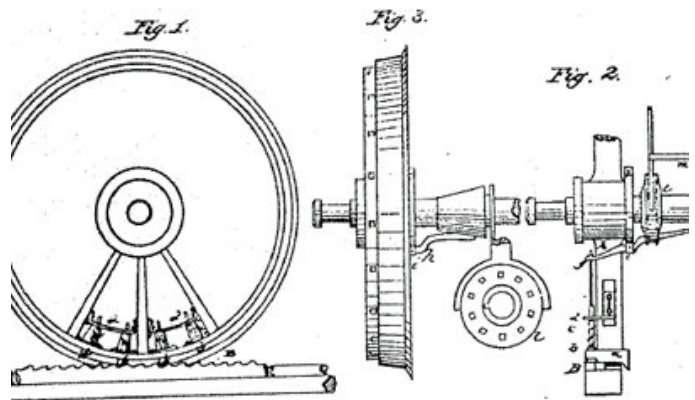
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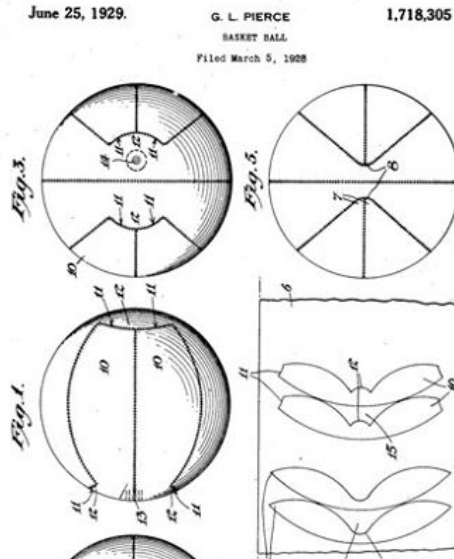


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Director David Kappos and Chief Communications Officer Peter

between the game of basketball is played. The game of basketball has spawned role models, fans, million dollar contracts, expensive courts and franchises of the NBA. This universal idea can be traced back to a patent 1,718,305 issued to G.L. Pierce June 25, 1929.



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Did you know that in 1980, the Supreme Court declared that living organisms which are products of human ingenuity were patentable in *Diamond v. Chakrabarty* case.

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USPTO Community Day 2010 (22 photos)

USPTO celebrates diversity with the annual Community Day event- designed to bring the community of the USPTO together and show not only how we differ in our individual backgrounds and lives, but how we come together to form the greatest intellectual property community in the world. Our individual differences combine to give us views and experiences that form a vibrant workplace like no other in the world.

Pappas met with Cornelia Rudloff-Schaffer President of the German Patent Office.



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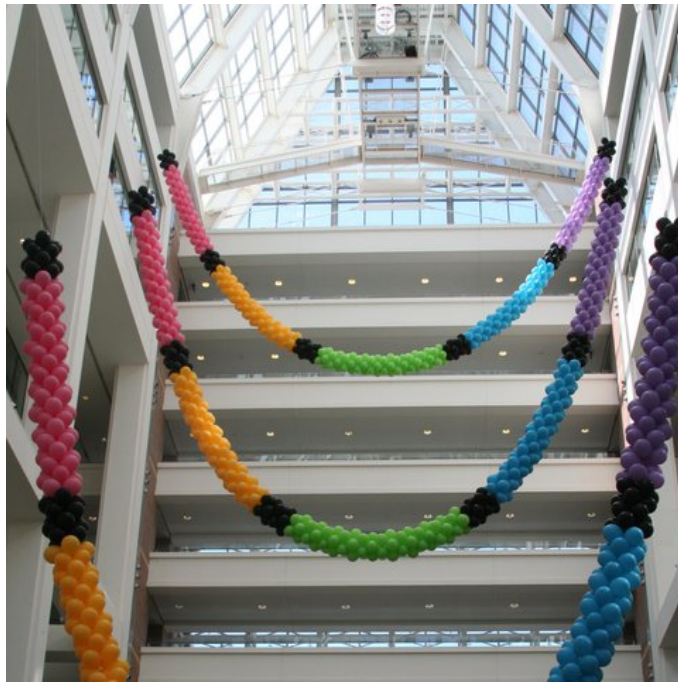
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You hate doing it, but it think of what a pain it would be if Ives McGaffey had not come up with the "sweeping machine," patented this week in 1869.



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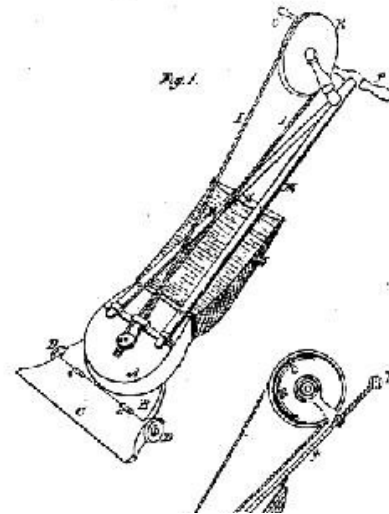
June 8, 2010

When you're biting into that crunchy potato chip, ever wonder how it came about? Tomorrow, the new exhibit, Inventive Eats: Incredible Food Innovations, opens at the National Inventors Hall of Fame and Museum at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, VA. Come discover how the food we enjoy at breakfast, lunch, and dinner has been invented, transformed, and revolutionized.

Wm. M. Gaffey.
Sweeping-Machine.

No. 11.

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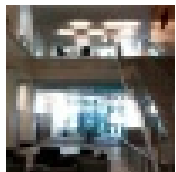
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Five Tips For Practitioners

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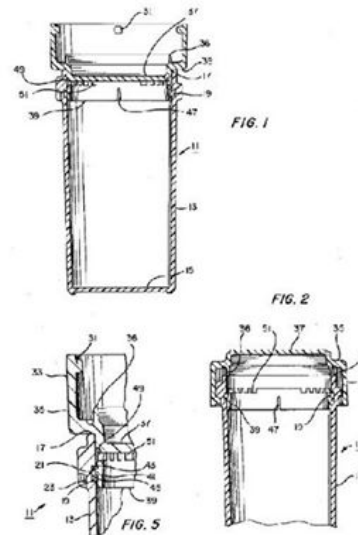


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June 4, 2010

Ever annoyed by the safety caps on your prescription bottles? Or thankful? Here's who you have to thank: This week in 1984, Ronald Kay received a patent for his "Safety Closure Device for Medicine Container." Patent No. 4452364

J.S. Patent Jun. 5, 1984 Sheet 1 of 2 4,452,364



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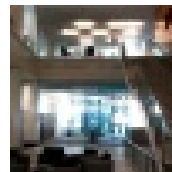
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May 27, 1937, San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge was opened to the public.

In 1921, Cincinnati-born bridge engineer Joseph Strauss submitted a preliminary proposal: a combination suspension-cantilever that could be built for \$27 million. Although unsightly



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Director Kappos' opening remarks at DOJ, FTC and USPTO workshop



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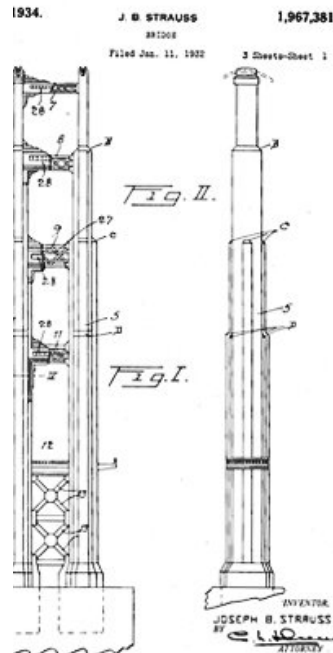


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A Message from USPTO Director David Kappos: Welcome to the USPTO's page on Facebook! We're excited to be launching this forum to communicate with you and share the latest news from the USPTO. We know thousands of innovators, members of the

compared with the final result, his design was affordable, and Strauss became the recognized leader of the effort to bridge the Golden Gate Strait.



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The National Inventors Hall of Fame and Museum at the USPTO will be closed, from May 27 through June 8, in preparation for our new exhibit Inventive Eats, incredible food innovations.

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May 21, 2010

Are jeans a staple in your closet..well did you know that today in 1873 patent 139,121 was awarded to Jacob Davis and one half assigned to Levi Strauss & Co. for the fastening pocket-openings on what is now known as jeans?

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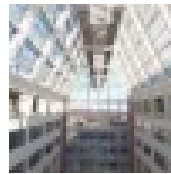
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intellectual property practice community, and USPTO employees are active on Facebook, so we're pleased to be able to bring information and updates to you here. But this is also a place where you can tell us what YOU think. We encourage you to comment on our posts and tell us what you "like" and "dislike." Check back here daily, as we will be providing regular updates including press releases and other news, details on upcoming events, speeches, updates from my blog, photos, video, fun facts and more. Just like checking your Facebook page, we hope visiting our page will become part of your daily routine.



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Director Kappos at CBS news interview in the National Inventors Hall of Fame and Museum on the USPTO's Alexandria campus.



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