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Our Patent Public Advisory Committee meeting is under way. You can watch it online.

PPAC Quarterly Meeting - August 15, 2013
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In today's Director's Forum blog, more insight on our copyright green paper from last week. What it is, what it isn't, and how we want to hear from you.

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You can receive the Director's Forum blog and other publications from the USPTO by enrolling at our Subscription Center.

Time traveling through patents? A visit to the 19th century through 3-D printing. http://nyti.ms/19a08Xc

USPTO took some time yesterday to join young people participating in Camp Invention this summer.

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 Headly: I just saw a 3D printer in Salt Lake City. Very interesting...;
August 8 at 1:52pm

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August 1

President Obama has tapped Dr. France Cordova to be the next head of the National Science Foundation. Dr. Cordova is a member of USPTO’s National Medal of Technology and Innovation evaluation committee.

Astrophysicist France Córdova Tapped to Lead the National Science Foundation | Science/AAAS

New NSF director; Astrophysicist and former Purdue University president France Córdova has been

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August 3 at 1:46pm

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July 19

Yoon Sung-Joon (?) and Shin Dong-Woo (?) are all smiles at a cross-cultural intellectual property and invention education exchange among young people today at the USPTO. Korean and American students averaging 12-13 years old explored IP top... See More

Copyright Policy, Creativity, and Innovation in the Digital Economy

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Jonas Pierre: Interesting
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Acting Director Rea blogs today about the status of our Dallas, Denver, and Silicon Valley patent offices.

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July 12

Happy anniversary, Detroit. Our office there opened one year ago tomorrow.

--Teresa Stanek Rea (Acting) Under Secretary and Director

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June 28

Read Acting Director Teresa Stanek Rea’s statement on the adoption of an historic treaty improving access to published works for the blind and other print disabled persons.

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June 28

More on the winners of this year’s FLL Global Innovation Award, held recently at the USPTO.

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July 17

This patent didn’t get away. USPTO has the resources and team to help independent inventors succeed. Doug Erbeck knows that.

Retiree finds the time to solve a fishing lure problem

At 77, Doug Erbeck is retired — technically — but you won’t find him sitting in a rocking chair killing time.

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Following the July 7, 1947 “Roswell Incident,” the USPTO saw an unusual surge in saucer-shaped inventions from little green men.
Young inventors win $20,000 prize for device to help seniors in daily life

Since last fall, nearly 500 FIRST@42 League (FLL) teams of girls and boys ages 9 to 14 from all over the world, have been busy creating...

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June 27

WIPO's account of the new Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons who are Blind, Visually Impaired, or otherwise Print Disabled.

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

International negotiations meeting under the auspices of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) adopted today a landmark new treaty that boosts access to books for the benefit of hundreds of millions...

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June 21

In the D.C. area and looking to learn a little more about patents and trademarks? Our next Information session at the D.C. Public Library is coming on Tuesday, June 25.

An Introduction to Patents and Trademarks

Workshop in collaboration with the USPTO...

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June 26

We welcome the new U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Penny Pritzker.

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We're playing a key role in implementing a joint U.S. strategy to protect intellectual property. Read about it in the latest blog from Acting Director Teresa Stanek Rea.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
June 20

Director's Forum: A Blog from USPTO's Leadership
June 14

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

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

United States Patent and Trademark Office
June 14

Did you know that Kal-El and Lois were the top boy and girl baby names that new parents chose in 1939? That's the year that Superman was registered as a trademark.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
June 14

From the White House blog: More on today's recommendations designed to protect innovators from frivolous litigation.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
June 4

Do you subscribe to USPTO's Directors Forum Blog? Here's the latest post: Strengthening Our Engagement with China.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
June 4

Today the White House announced major steps to improve incentives for future innovation in high tech patents, a key driver of economic growth and good paying American jobs. The White House issued five executive actions and seven legislative recommendations designed to protect innovators from frivolous
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
June 1

Wes Freeman of San Diego and Leif Poorman of Newark, Del., dive into the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's trademark dataset today in Charlottesville, Va., to create a user-friendly tool for the world to use. They are at the National Day of Civic Hacking. You can help devise solutions for local civic needs using data provided by sources such as the USPTO. We'll be joining a team in Charlottesville and working on a USPTO Trademarks Challenge!

United States Patent and Trademark Office  
May 30

We're just two days away from the National Day of Civic Hacking. You can help devise solutions for local civic needs using data provided by sources such as the USPTO. We'll be joining a team in Charlottesville, VA working on a USPTO Trademarks Challenge.

United States Patent and Trademark Office  
May 29

The USPTO Innovation Challenge

Collaboratively Create, Build, and Invent

Entrepreneurs, inventors and small business owners near Detroit: Don't forget our next Saturday Seminar coming up in just a few days!

United States Patent and Trademark Office  
May 29

Our Vikram Ayer 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.

http://1.usa.gov/15gobvy

United States Patent and Trademark Office  
May 24

The USPTO Military Association hosted a "Walk of Thankful Recognition" from the USPTO's Virginia headquarters to nearby Alexandria National Cemetery to recognize the ultimate sacrifice men and women in uniform have made for our country. Read the remarks from USPTO Acting Director Teresa Stanek Rea.

United States Patent and Trademark Office  
May 21

We want to send you hacking, with all sorts of data about trademarks. Are you up for the challenge? Hack for Change, June.
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Government has vast amounts of information that can be used to improve our lives, and the Obama Administration has challenged federal agencies to

Our After Final Consideration Pilot (AFCP) is new and improved! Using information gathered from the original AFCP and input from stakeholders and examiners, the AFCP has been revised and version 2.0 begins May 19, 2013. Learn more about AFCP 2.0, part of the USPTO’s ongoing efforts toward compact prosecution and increased collaboration between examiners and stakeholders.

Our next free Saturday Seminar in Detroit is coming June 1. In addition to practical information about intellectual property, you’ll also learn about resources and issues specific to inventors and entrepreneurs from minority and underrepres... See More

As part of its ongoing outreach to small businesses, entrepreneurs, and independent inventors, the USPTO will host its third “Saturday Seminar” at the Elijah J. McCoy Detroit satellite office on June 1.

Our next Patent Public Advisory Committee meeting is May 16. You can tune in online.

Today in Patent History, May 8, 1886 - Coca Cola is sold for the first time. While the formula is a trade secret, there are numerous patents and trademarks which helped build the Coke brand, such as this design patent for a bottle from 1923.
While special effects innovator and stop motion animator Ray Harryhausen may have never held a patent himself, his techniques inspired scores of patents related to visual effects. Harryhausen died today at age 92.

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Our patents operations are recognized as examples of efficient, effective, and results-oriented government. Congratulations to Commissioner for Patents Peggy Focarino for being a Service to America Medal finalist for demonstrating superior leadership and management in public service.

USPTO Commissioner for Patents Named Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal Finalist
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Nokero is one of many companies using their patented technologies to solve critical global challenges and create prosperity in emerging economies. And they're one of ten that won a Patents for Humanity award from the USPTO today. Read about them and all the winners at http://1.usa.gov/2pNFer.

Nokero's Design for Doing Good in the World
Nokero International is developing unique products and business models for "doing good".

Today in Patent History, April 10, 1790 -- Happy birthday to us! President George Washington signed the bill that laid the foundation of the modern American patent system. This date marks the first time in American history that the law gave... See More

Inventors, entrepreneurs, and small business owners in the midwest will be gathering this Friday in Wichita for our next regional independent inventors conference. Will you be there?

Kansas Regional Independent Inventors Conference
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Representatives from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will be in the Midwest April 19-20, 2013.

We'll be announcing the winners of our Patents for Humanity awards competition later today. Many exciting innovations to benefit poor and underserved people and communities around the world.

Patents for Humanity
www.uspto.gov

For over two centuries, strong patents have provided business incentives that encourage technological progress to build our modern world. As we struggle to combat the issues plaguing many of
We announced the new 2013 inductees to the National Inventors Hall of Fame today.

United States Patent and Trademark Office shared a link.
March 21

Tune in to the webcast of our public hearing on matters related to the harmonization of substantive patent law today. This hearing is the next step in the ongoing dialogue on international patent law harmonization launched by the Tegernsee Group.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
March 20

Happy Spring. The perfect time of the year to create, invent, design, engineer, patent and trademark your next big idea.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
March 15

Be sure to catch our public forum to discuss First-Inventor-to-File, Micro Entity, and Patent Fee Final Rules starting today at 1:00 pm ET. The forum will be webcast on our AIA micro-site.

Leahy-Smith America Invents Act Implementation
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United States Patent and Trademark Office
March 12

Who should receive the nation’s highest honor for inventors and
innovators? Share the word about nominations for the National Medal of Technology and Innovation (NMTI). You and your friends or colleagues may help choose who President Obama ... See More

all for Nominations

National Medal of Technology And Innovation

National Medal of Technology Innovation is the highest honor in recognition of significant contributions to the welfare of the nation through leadership in the advancement of technological progress. It is presented annually by the President of the United States. Nomination forms are available online or through your regional Patent and Trademark Office. Please submit all nominations by March 5, 2013.

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March 5

Our next Saturday Seminar in Detroit for inventors and entrepreneurs is coming this weekend.

Saturday Seminar at the Detroit Office
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As part of its ongoing outreach to independent inventors, entrepreneurs, and small businesses, the United States Patent and Trademark Office will host a seminar in Detroit, MI on Saturday, March 9, 2013. The seminar will provide an overview of the patent application process and offer tips on how to be successful in the field.

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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.

*Severe for the D.C. area.*

Postponement of the March 6, 2013, RCE Outreach Event
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Roundtables

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February 27

Our next software partnership event gets underway in a few minutes from NY. Watch the live webcast.

Software Partnership
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United States Patent and Trademark Office
February 15

Thank inventors like William A. Shaffer, Martin J. McHugh and Dexter Wang for giving us an early warning before the sky starts falling.

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United States Patent and Trademark Office
February 22

A factoid for Black History Month. At the end of our last fiscal year, more than 20% of all USPTO employees were African American. Among that 20% are 1,200 scientists and engineers working in our Patents organization.

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Hey, New York! Do you or your friends want to work for the USPTO? We’re going to be at the City College of New York (CCNY) on March 8th and 9th to interview for Patent Examiner positions in the following engineering disciplines: Mechanical, Electrical and Computer.

**USPTO New York Regional Job Fair at CCNY Survey**

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Wanted: Your Ideas and Feedback About "RCEs." Be part of a conversation about future solutions to our backlog of applications related to Requests for Continued Examination. We need your input and invite you to join us for one of five upcoming roundtable events in Silicon Valley, Dallas, New York, Chicago, and USPTO Headquarters in Virginia.

**Director's Forum: A Blog from USPTO's Leadership**

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TODAY at 2 p.m. ET, President Obama will honor the latest winners of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation. You can watch the ceremony live from the White House.

**White House LIVE**

*www.whitehouse.gov*

More on Innovation Expo 2013 and our collaboration with the Smithsonian.
pavilion on the National Mall featuring American innovation. Look for education programs and exhibitions to take place in the historic Arts and Industries Building next to the Smithsonian Castle after the building reopens in 2014.

**USPTO Collaborating with Smithsonian to Open "Innovation Pavilion"**

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Commerce’s United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the Smithsonian Institution have

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January 10

Tomorrow, we are conducting a roundtable to obtain public input from organizations and individuals on how the USPTO could change its rules of practice to collect and provide such ownership information and make it publicly available.

**Roundtable on Proposed Requirements for Recordation of Real-Party-in-Interest Information**

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January 3

With a little understanding of six main points, entrepreneurs and independent inventors can be ready to thrive under the "first inventor to file" system of the America Invents Act. See what these six points are in this article from Forbes.

**Forbes**


www.forbes.com

In September 2011, President Obama signed the America Invents Act (AIA) into law. Under one of

**United States Patent and Trademark Office**

December 11, 2012

USPTO has a variety of exciting opportunities for interns and externs starting in summer 2013. Check out the positions below and apply today!

Law Interns (OPEA, OGC, and possibly the Boards):

https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/335...

**USAJOBS - Search Jobs**

www.usajobs.gov

Great Inventors Wanted! We’re seeking nominations for the 2013 National Medal of Technology and Innovation, the country’s highest award for technological achievement.

**National Medal of Technology and Innovation 2013 Nomination Guidelines**

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The National Medal of Technology and Innovation (formerly known as the National Medal of Technology) is the highest honor awarded by the
Are you an inventor, entrepreneur, or small business owner? Are you living or working near Detroit? We’re hosting an all-day workshop just for you this Saturday, December 15.  
http://1.usa.gov/54iWww

USPTO’s Detroit office is looking for PE’s with a degree (or combination of education and technical experience) in electrical, mechanical or computer engineering and at least one year of patent prosecution experience. Information sessions w... See More

It’s Election Day. A perfect time to take a look at some of the patents that have helped manage how you place your vote, and how it’s counted!

Choosing Candidate A over Candidate B can be hard, but the system works best if the vote-counting process is easy. That’s where intellectual property (IP) comes in. Over the years, the way we record votes for Candidate

When your regular game of Jack-in-the-Box gets too tame, there’s always the extreme version...

Now here is a patent guaranteed to keep hungry cannibals and candy-crazed trick-or-treaters in check this Halloween.
Beware of unscrupulous solicitations that mimic official government documents. See examples we've received recent complaints about.

WARNING: Non-USPTO Solicitations That May Resemble Official USPTO Communications

Be aware that private companies not associated with the USPTO often use trademark application and registration information from the USPTO's databases.

In 1909, mini vans were just a little creepier than the ones we haul our children around in today. One can just imagine the looks this "combined hearse and passenger vehicle" must have garnered arriving at soccer practice. More of our fun look at creepy and spooky patents and trademarks.

Last day of the 2012 National Trademark Expo and the weather is beautiful out here in Alexandria, Virginia. Come by and join us.

We hope to see you tomorrow at the National Trademark Expo.
Think your children may be eating too much Halloween candy? Show them this Creepy IP patent and tell them to open wide and say "aaaaagh!"

Some new friends are waiting for you at the National Trademark Expo. Come by and say hi. Today and tomorrow.

And people wonder why kids are afraid of fruits and vegetables...
In 1878, Philip Clover of Columbus, Ohio patented an idea to outwit grave robbers -- a Coffin Torpedo.

If the poison doesn't get you, the Tetanus sure will. More of our fun look at spooky and creepy IP for Halloween.
"I'm not quite dead yet!" - An 1891 patent by William White of Topeka, Kansas for an Annunciator for the Supposed Dead. Read a PDF of the full patent at http://1.usa.gov/QKRUuy
Mars Needs Trademarks! —— Welcome to October, where once again we'll work our way to Halloween by taking a look at some of the creepiest, spookiest, and sometimes funniest patents and trademarks we can find.

The Austin Independent Inventors Conference at UT Austin's Thompson Conference Center has resumed.

In his blog, Director Kappos has a progress report on the opening of our new satellite offices in Dallas-Fort Worth, Denver, and Silicon Valley.

Director's Forum: David Kappos' Public Blog
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September 10, 2012

Live from Minneapolis! USPTO's first fall roadshow discussing the America Invents Act gets underway in about five minutes at 10:30 a.m. CDT. Find information and a password to the live webcast through the link.

United States Patent and Trademark Office

September 5, 2012

Today in Trademark History, September 5, 1939 - Somebody in payroll at the Hollywood Candy Co. went a little nuts.

United States Patent and Trademark Office

September 5, 2012

Help shape the future of the uspto.gov website! We're looking for volunteers to participate in a usability research study. To be eligible, you must be available during normal business hours (between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.) on Wednesday September 12 and willing to come to a research facility in D.C. for approximately 1 hour. Send an email to web usability@uspto.gov with your name, profession, availability and phone number. Not all who apply can be selected to participate. Thank you for your help!

United States Patent and Trademark Office

September 3, 2012

Today is the official federal holiday for Labor Day - the Patent and Trademark Office is closed - http://1.usa.gov/1NtHcDn

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United States Patent and Trademark Office

August 30, 2012

Today in Trademark History, August 30, 1960 - Avis drives off in a brand new, eight cylinder, 1960 registered trademark. There is no
record if they chose the optional protection plan.

United States Patent and Trademark Office shared a link.
August 26, 2012

Preview the new electronic filing system (PRPS) for the Patent Trial and Appeal Board next week. Watch online or in person at our Alexandria, Va. offices on September 6.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
August 26, 2012

Today in Trademark History, August 28, 1951 - Cutco claims victory in its effort to claim the sharpest registered trademark ever issued.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
August 23, 2012

We've selected a location for our new Denver satellite office.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
August 16, 2012

Today in Patent History, August 16, 1949 - Are there any Americans who have NOT used Orla Watson's Invention? Today in 1949, Watson, of Kansas City, Mo., patented the ubiquitous telescoping shopping cart. The Smithsonian's American History museum has a great article on the history of shopping carts! http://americanhistory.si.edu/archives/d8739.htm

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August 14, 2012

Our America Invents Act Coordinator Janet Gongola with a brief explanation of the "First to File" provision.

Janet Gongola of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on Changes to Patent Law
Janet Gongola of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in Little Rock talks to http://innovatearkansas.org about new
Today in Trademark History, August 14, 1945 - Coke has a smile, and a brand new registered trademark.

Today in Trademark History, August 3, 2012

We have the final rules for the Citation of Prior Art and Written Statements Provision of the America Invents Act.

Press Release, 12-48
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Today in Trademark History, July 26, 1977 - Understanding that a strong registered trademark can protect him from legal hot water, Aquaman is issued one for his new line of action figures.

Today in Trademark History, July 24, 1934 – World famous, guitar slingin’, basketball star Chuck Taylor had his name trademarked by the Converse Rubber Company.
USPTO heading in the right direction with new satellite offices.

Boulder-area businesses bullish on local patent office opening in Denver – Boulder Daily Camera

It came as a surprise to Boulder-based entrepreneur Jennifer Spencer when she

USPTO makes history in Detroit! This morning we opened our first ever satellite location. Our new Detroit office is the first U.S. patent office ever outside of the Washington, D.C. area and is the first of four satellite locations planned for opening in the near future.

USPTO Opens First-Ever Satellite Office in Detroit, Michigan

Acting U.S. Commerce Secretary Blank and Patent Office Director Kappos Participated in Ribbon-Cutting for Facility to Help Speed Up Patent Process

We're happy to be in the Motor City for tomorrow's opening of our new satellite location. You can watch the ceremony live via webcast beginning at 10:15 a.m. Eastern Time.

USPTO Detroit Opening Ceremony
office: "What we really want to do is learn how we can work with you. With an innovation community as diverse and vibrant as this one, we plan on asking ourselves how we can better partner with University labs to facilitate technology transfer programs; we want to work with start-up... See More

The new Elijah J. McCoy United States Patent and Trademark Office opens tomorrow in Detroit and it expands the capacity and productivity of our patent system.

New Detroit patent office opens doors to job growth
on.freep.com

Elijah McCoy, a son of slaves, was a mechanical engineer and an inventor who grew up in Michigan. He held more than 50 U.S. patents and played a key role

USPTO Detroit opens tomorrow, but we're already on the ground in our three other satellite office locations. Yesterday was Dallas and Silicon Valley. Today Director Kappos and acting Commerce Secretary Blank are in Denver. Here's the word from San Jose.

New Silicon Valley patent office expected to spur innovation and reduce litigation
bit.ly

The new satellite U.S. Patent and Trademark Office planned for the region

Wishing you a safe and fun Independence Day that's chock full of sparkles - From the folks who brought you Patent No. 1,936,221 (with a lot of help from inventor Milton Adler of Newark, N.J.)

For the first time, USPTO will expand its operations outside Washington, D.C., to Dallas, Denver, and Silicon Valley, in addition to Detroit, which opens July 13.

U.S. Commerce Department to Open Four Regional U.S. Patent Offices
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Today in Trademark History, June 26, 1951 - Milton Bradley's trademark application for Candy Land finally cleared the USPTO's Department of Lollipops, Gumdrops, and Peppermint Sticks.
The USPTO is actively seeking veterans and transitioning service member to fill several IT positions at our beautiful campus in Alexandria, Va.

We've set up a mailbox to receive resumes from qualified applicants: TMCOresumes@USPTO.gov. Positions available include: software application developers, system development leads, database managers, network administrators, IT project managers and help de... See More

USPTO Director David Kappos: "I think this really is the best time there's ever been to be an inventor."

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.

Today is the official federal holiday for Memorial Day - the Patent and Trademark Office is closed - http://1.usa.gov/1EuH1Do
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."

Today in Patent History, May 21, 1929 - Polly finally got tired of eating all those crackers, inspiring Manuel D. Avillar's design patent for this "Bottle Seal Opener."

Remember Carroll Shelby, a true automotive innovator, the next time one of these passes you by.
Because we all know the USPTO is the first agency you think of when it comes to putting evildoers in their place.

Today in Trademark History, May 10, 1994 - Warner Brothers executives went looney after Tiny Toon Adventures became a registered trademark.

The latest inventors to be inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame were honored last night at a ceremony in Washington. Inventors honored this year created remarkable innovations that
include the now ubiquitous laser printer commo... See More

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World Intellectual Property Day.
April 26, 2012

We’re celebrating innovation and creativity – forces that shape our world and move our society forward. Happy World IP Day!

Director General Francis Gurry on Visionary Innovators

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United States Patent and Trademark Office
April 10, 2012

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 nel non siamo più nel Napoll."

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Today in Trademark History, March 27, 1900 - Moments after issuing a registered trademark for Pabst Blue Ribbon, trademark examiners invented the happy hour.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
March 14, 2012

Reminder: We're hosting a public "Industry Day" tomorrow for people and companies interested in providing the USPTO with other agency leaders as they outline proposals for new patent fees, as well as other issues related to the implementation of the Leahy Smith America Invents Act.

Video Archive: USPTO Senior Leadership Webinar
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United States Patent and Trademark Office
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.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
February 20, 2012

Today is the official federal holiday for Washington's Birthday - the Patent and Trademark Office is closed - http://1.usa.gov/1tuHDn

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United States Patent and Trademark Office
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

United States Patent and Trademark Office shared a link.
February 6, 2012

A quick video about the USPTO's new Patents for Humanity Pilot Program.

https://www.facebook.com/uspto.gov
really heat up a room with some cool jazz.

Fig. 1.

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Fig. 3.

Today is the official Martin Luther King Birthday federal holiday - the Patent and Trademark Office is closed - http://1.usa.gov/tEuHDo

http://1.usa.gov/tEuHDo
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Today in Trademark History, January 12, 1915 - The world watches as Rolex takes the time to collect its registered trademark.

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.

L. H. LATIMER.
PROCESS OF MANUFACTURING CARBONS.

We have selected a site for our new Detroit office and are targeting July 2012 for opening. Read more in our news release.
Our popular exhibit highlighting the many patents and trademarks earned by Steve Jobs has been extended until February 25. Be sure to visit if you're near our headquarters.
http://1.usa.gov/zQsfv

Today is the official federal holiday for New Year's Day - the Patent and Trademark Office is closed - http://1.usa.gov/tEUHdN
http://1.usa.gov/tEUHdN
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.

Can we eat yet??? Happy Thanksgiving from the USPTO.

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. http://1.usa.gov/vA0Sn

Barbie and Chubby Checker at today’s National Trademark Expo at the USPTO.
We've now issued 500 patents through our Green Technology Pilot Program.

Green Technology Pilot Program
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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
Steve Jobs, interviewed April 20, 1995

Vampire Pastal More of our look at creepy and spooky patents and trademarks.
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.

USPTO on the America Invents Act
www.bst.ly

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT: President Obama Honors Nation's Top Scientists and Innovators! The winners of the 2010 National Medal of Technology and Innovation are revealed...

President Obama Honors Nation's Top Scientists and Innovators
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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.

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?
Director David Kappos writes about the America Invents Act and the reinvention of the U.S. patent system in his latest blog.

Director's Forum: David Kappos' Public Blog
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President Obama takes the stage for America Invents Act signing.

Listen to the live audio feed as President Obama signs the America Invents Act into law.
President Obama will sign the America Invents Act into law this hour at Thomas Jefferson High School in Alexandria, VA.

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.

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.
Senate Passes Bill To Overhaul Patent System

Bringing sight to the blind—on Thursday, an amazing new invention received the 8,000,000th patent in the United States. It comes as Congress is making big changes to the patent system, changes that President Obama says will

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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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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 Patent History - September 2, 1986 - GI 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.

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

United States Patent and Trademark Office

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

nytims

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

United States Patent and Trademark Office

August 26, 2011

Today in Patent History - Aug 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.
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.

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

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.

USPTO Training Portal
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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.

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
L.usa.gov
The July 8, 2011 launch of the space shuttle Atlantis marks the beginning of the end of the U.S. space shuttle program. Where did it begin? The ideas came from the creative minds of scientists and engineers, who put them

Today is the official federal holiday for Independence Day - the Patent and Trademark Office is closed - http://go.usa.gov/r1E

USPTO Closed for Federal Holiday
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Today in Trademark History, June 28, 1955 - Procter and Gamble gets a minty fresh trademark for its Crest Toothpaste. Cavity Creeps trembled in fear upon hearing the news.

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1,066,809.
Patented July 5, 2011.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
June 27, 2011

USPTO National Trademark Expo (25 photos)

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United States Patent and Trademark Office
June 20, 2011

Director Kappos blogs this week about a new pilot program to provide pro-bono legal assistance to independent inventors.

Director's Forum: David Kappos' Public Blog
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United States Patent and Trademark Office
June 16, 2011

We would like to congratulate the FIRST LEGO League Global Innovation Award teams.

FIRST LEGO League Global Innovation Award (8 photos)
Flying Monkeys team receives the inaugural FIRST Global Innovation Award, presented by the X PRIZE Foundation.

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United States Patent and Trademark Office
June 8, 2011

A Patents 101 from Inventors Digest.

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The Hard Truth about Patents | Inventors Digest
www.inventorsdigest.com

Many inventors are armed with misinformation about the patenting process, the scope of their intellectual

United States Patent and Trademark Office
May 30, 2011

Today is the official federal holiday for Memorial Day - the Patent and Trademark Office is closed - http://go.usa.gov/r1E

USPTO Closed for Federal Holiday
www.cpm.gov

United States Patent and Trademark Office
May 9, 2011

On May 3rd our EFS-Web electronic system processed its 10 millionth submission. The percentage of patent applications filed electronically for FY11 is at 92% so far.

About EFS-Web
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EFS-Web is the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO's) Web-based patent application and document submission solution. Using EFS-Web, anyone with a Web-

United States Patent and Trademark Office
April 22, 2011

Happy Earth Day everyone! A patent can help make our planet green. To date, 1595 petitions and 250 patents have been granted through our Green Tech Pilot Program.

http://go.usa.gov/T44
go.usa.gov

United States Patent and Trademark Office
April 25, 2011

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.

**USFIRST.org**

FIRST designs accessible, innovative programs that build not only science and technology skills and interests, but also self-confidence, leadership, and life skills.

Calling Independent Inventors! We'll be having our next web chat with USPTO officials on Thursday, April 14 beginning at 2 pm ET. You can get answers to questions you may have and they'll offer tips that we hope are helpful to you. Follow the link to learn more about this online chat and how you can register and participate.

**Independent Inventors' Live Web Chat**

go.usa.gov

Senior officials of the United States Patent and Trademark Office will be available live on-line answering your questions.

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.

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

In town April 57? We're co-hosting "Design Day 2011" at our headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.


On Tuesday, April 5, 2011, the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the Intellectual Property Owners Association, the American Bar Association Section 

Today in Trademark History, March 25, 1975. Registration number 1,007,258 was issued for "WD-40." In 1953, the small
Rocket Chemical Company sought to develop a water displacement solvent to prevent rust in the aerospace industry. After the 40th attempt, the company squeaked with a success.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
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.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
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.
United States Patent and Trademark Office shared a link.
March 17, 2011

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

Charlie Sheen's "Chapstick Dispensing Apparatus" Patent
go.usa.gov

The first page of Charlie Sheen's patent for a "Chapstick Dispensing Apparatus." Patent No. 6,281,658 was granted on September 4, 2001 to inventors Carlos Irwin

United States Patent and Trademark Office
March 12, 2011

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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Joseph Beaumont's Clothes Dryer
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United States Patent and Trademark Office
March 8, 2011

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 '70s. Baer received the National Medal of Technology and Innovation from the White House in 2006.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
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.
We're hosting the Asia-Pacific Patent Cooperation Forum focusing on the future of patent harmonization, March 6-8, at USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Va. The aim of patent law harmonization is to narrow differences among patent laws, to simplify applicants' requirements, and thereby achieve greater efficiency in the global patent system.

Asia-Pacific Patent Cooperation Forum, March 6-8

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We would like to welcome Teresa Stanek Rea as our new Deputy Director.

Commerce Secretary Gary Locke Appoints Teresa Stanek Rea Deputy Director of the U.S. Patent and Trad
go.usa.gov

Serving alongside Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO David
We would like to wish Thomas Alva Edison a happy 164th birthday today. One of America's outstanding geniuses in the history of technology.

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
Today is the federal holiday for the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. - the Patent and Trademark Office is closed - http://go.usa.gov/1E

"I didn't set out to make cheese graters..." How inventions can take you places you weren't expecting. http://ow.ly/3CE3

Microplane Tools at Home in the Kitchen

Designed to be mounted on a hacksaw frame and used by woodworkers, the rasp has become popular with home cooks for zesting citrus and grating hard cheeses.

Welcome to 2011. We wish you a safe, happy, innovative, and prosperous new year.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
January 3, 2011

United States Patent and Trademark Office
December 31, 2010

Today is the official federal holiday for New Years - the Patent and Trademark Office is closed - http://ow.ly/3BSUH

Federal Holidays

United States Patent and Trademark Office
December 28, 2010

December 28, 1965 - 45 years ago today - "Put a Tiger in Your Tank!" became a registered trademark.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
December 23, 2010

Our CIO John Owens has written a well-received column about telework at the USPTO.
Patent and Trademark CIO Shares Teleworking Best Practices | Executive Gov

gw.ly

So now that telework is a done deal, with President Barack Obama having signed the Telework Improvement Act just a few weeks ago, many agencies now wonder how to best...

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United States Patent and Trademark Office
December 10, 2010

Great Progress on Goals
Director's Forum: David Kappos' Public Blog
Special Guest blog by USPTO Commissioner for Patents Bob Stoll
Traditional first action pendency declined again to an average of 24.9
Published: 10 December 2010, 1:31 pm

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United States Patent and Trademark Office
December 9, 2010

We've created a hub at www.uspto.gov/subscribe for you to sign up for all of our online publications. We just rolled it out today and we welcome your feedback on its functionality and usefulness. Give it a try and let us know what you think.

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United States Patent and Trademark Office
November 30, 2010

Our latest edition of Inventors Eye is available for you online.

InventorsEye | November 2010
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The USPTO's bimonthly publication for the independent inventor community.

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United States Patent and Trademark Office
November 17, 2010

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We are planning to open our first ever satellite office in Detroit next year.

Detroit office launches Nationwide Workforce Program and is expected to create more than 100 new jobs
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United States Patent and Trademark Office
December 10, 2010

The USPTO has begun an aggressive research program on matters relevant to policymaking and the effect of IP on economic outcomes.

USPTO Chief Economist Outlines Project Goals
go.usa.gov

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United States Patent and Trademark Office
December 6, 2010

Enhancing Electronic Communications for Trademarks
Director's Forum: David Kappos' Public Blog
This past Friday, December 3, the USPTO welcomed members of AIPPI, IPG, BPTA and members of the public in a roundtable discussion to
Published: 6 December 2010, 10:59 pm

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United States Patent and Trademark Office
November 18, 2010

National Medal of Technology and Innovation Ceremony (4 photos)
Proposed Rulemaking to Simplify and Streamline Ex Parte Appeals
Director's Forum: David Kappos' Public Blog
You may recall our recent efforts to streamline the appeals process by vesting the Board with the sole authority to hold an appeal brief.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
November 16, 2010

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.

USPTO Issues Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Regarding Ex Parte Appeals
www.uspto.gov

United States Patent and Trademark Office
November 15, 2010

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/CRV. Watch the ceremony at 5:30 PM ET at: www.whitehouse.gov/live.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
November 12, 2010

is hiring experienced intellectual property (IP) professionals to fill positions as Patent Examiners. ARE YOU AN IP PROFESSIONAL who can scrutinize patent applications, determine the scope of protection claimed by inventors, research relevant technologies, and communicate findings and decisions to patent practitioners and/or inventors? The USPTO wants you! MULTIPLE VACANCIES are available!
Do you understand the difference between a Trademark and a Servicemark? How about a Patent and a Copyright? They all provide intellectual property protection in different ways.

The 15th Annual Independent Inventors Conference (16 photos)

We've extended the deadline to participate in the USPTO's Green Technology Pilot Program by one year.

Are you at our Independent Inventors Conference? If so, tell us what you think!

Chicago Black Inventors Org. President Calvin Flowers presents USPTO Deputy Director Sharon Berney 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.
On or about November 1, 2010, the Trademark Operation will migrate the existing web pages for the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS) to new pages, to be consistent with the overall "look and feel" of the majority of pages now di... See More

Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS)
Home Page
www.uspto.gov

United States Patent and Trademark Office shared a link.
November 1, 2010

Launched Second Peer To Patent Pilot in Collaboration with New York Law School

Press Release, 10-50

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CONTACT: Peter Pappas or Jennifer Rankin Byrne

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October 19, 2010

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.

Press Release, 10-31

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United States Patent and Trademark Office shared a link.
October 25, 2010

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.

2010 National Trademark Expo (6 photos)
United States Patent and Trademark Office shared a link
October 8, 2010

Please come to the National Trademark Expo October 15 and 16 if you're in the Washington area. Learn about trademarks' vital role in the global economy, attend seminars on trademark registration and protecting your business, and take photos... See More

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The United States Patent and Trademark Office presents the National Trademark Expo Friday, October 15, 2010, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, October 16, 2010, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia

United States Patent and Trademark Office

October 8, 2010

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October 8, 2010

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

United States Patent and Trademark Office

October 6, 2010

Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke Visit October 6, 2010

(5 photos)

United States Patent and Trademark Office

October 6, 2010

Today in history: Trademark registration number 37,177 for "DOMINO" was registered by American Sugar Refining Company of New York for hard sugar in 1901.
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.

Today in history...Dr. William Thornton, the first Architect of the Capitol, was appointed as the first superintendent of the Patent Office by Secretary of State James Madison in 1802.

USPTO Expands the Patent Prosecution Highway to Include Pilots with Austria, Spain and Russia

Press Release, 10-45
www.uspto.gov

CONTACT: Peter Pappas or Jennifer Rankin Byrne

Patent number 107,647 for "Improvement in Mouse-Traps" was patented by William K. Bachman of Columbia, S.C. in 1870. This patented a cage-style, no-kill mouse trap.
Happy 65th birthday, Thomas the Tank Engine. He may be retirement age, but is far from retired.


Thomas the Tank Engine’s character design is registered as trademark... See More

USPTO to hold On-Line Chat for Independent Inventors tomorrow! For more information visit the USPTO website.

Inventors Resources
www.uspto.gov

Senior officials of the United States Patent and Trademark Office will be available live on-line this Thursday, September 16, 2010 from 2 to 3 pm (EDT). They be answering questions and offering tips for independent
United States Patent and Trademark Office created an event.
September 13, 2010

Grand Opening
September 25, 2010 at 10:00am
Geophysical Institute Mather Library, Fairbanks, Alaska
United States Patent and Trademark Office went

United States Patent and Trademark Office
September 9, 2010

http://www.uspto.gov/dashboards/patents

Data Visualization
Your window to patent

United States Patent and Trademark Office
September 1, 2010

USPTO Issues Update to KSR Examination Guidelines.
Press Release, 10-38
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CONTACT: Peter Pappas or Jennifer Randal Byrne

United States Patent and Trademark Office
August 25, 2010

In 1814, the British burnt Washington, D.C. However, the Patent Office was saved by the British after discussions with Dr. William Thornton, architect of the Capitol and then superintendent of patents.

Thornton was able to convince ... See More

United States Patent and Trademark Office shared a link.
September 9, 2010

Director Kappos discusses reducing patent pendency on Bloomberg
Kappos Interview on U.S. Patents - Video
www.bloomberg.com
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Director David Kappos talks with Bloomberg's Peter Cook about the U.S.

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September 8, 2010

http://www.uspto.gov/blog/

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August 26, 2010

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

United States Patent and Trademark Office
August 23, 2010

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.
United States Patent and Trademark Office shared a link.
August 19, 2010

http://marketplace.publicradio.org/display/web/2010/08/19/pn-patent-applications-jumped-up-during-recession/?refid=0

Patent applications jumped up during recession | Marketplace From American Public Media

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

United States Patent and Trademark Office created an event.
August 11, 2010

Fourth Annual Inventors Tradeshow
August 11, 2010 at 5:00pm
University of Houston Small Business Development Center

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August 11, 2010

President Obama Signs Bill to Provide USPTO Authority to Spend an Additional $129 Million of FY 2010 Fee Collections.

Media Advisory, 10-36
www.uspto.gov

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On CBS Evening News Sunday, August 8

www.cbsnews.com

United States Patent and Trademark Office
July 20, 2010

http://www.uspto.gov/blog/director/

Director’s Forum: David Kappos’ Public Blog
www.uspto.gov

This is a good opportunity to update the topic of telework, for two reasons. First, it remains a topic of vital importance to many USPTO employees.

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United States Patent and Trademark Office
July 9, 2010

The USPTO’s Draft 2010-2015 Strategic Plan is now available for viewing and comment. Send your comments to strategicplan@uspto.gov.

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United States Patent and Trademark Office
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...

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The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has posted its draft Strategic Plan for fiscal years (FY) 2010-2015 and is inviting comments from employees, stakeholders and the public.

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.

Did you know that Silly Putty® has been a registered trademark and in use for about 50 years?

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

The USPTO is recruiting patent examiners

They are pleased to announce career opportunities for patent examiners at the GS-07 and GS-09 grade levels, with promotion potential to the grade level of GS-13. Those opportunities are geared ... See More

From New York to London, to Paris, to Beijing and everywhere in between.
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.

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

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.

United States Patent and Trademark Office

June 23, 2010

Director Kappos recently sat down with Intellectual Asset Management magazine to talk about patent quality. View the video here: http://bit.ly/9YIpu

United States Patent and Trademark Office

June 11, 2010

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.

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

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

Tasty patents and trademarks! The National Inventors Hall of Fame and Museum's new exhibit, Inventive Eats, begins June 9. Come out to the USPTO's headquarters in Alexandria to check it out.

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.

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?

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

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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.

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