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President's Corner

The Board thanks **George Dubec**, Senior Vice President of Sales for Webstream Internet Solutions for enlightening us about the value of a website to promote an invention and open a world of services. George offered members a copy of Webstream's *Website Development Checklist* and *Online and Offline Marketing Categories*. If members complete the Checklist and return by fax to 954-426-5283, Mr. Dubec will review it and give you a "ballpark" cost estimate for your project. If you need online marketing help, visit his website at (www.georgedubec.com) and request a consultation.

For members who want more information on Webstream, stop by their office on May 30th at 5:30pm for their RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY sponsored by the Deerfield Chamber of Commerce! There will be hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and networking...so I encourage you to swing by and say HELLO! For directions, call 888-932-2333x222 or 954-730-7127x222.

Regards,

Albert Newman

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FTC Charges Swindlers with Contempt

The Federal Trade Commission has filed a civil contempt action against four individuals and eight business entities for allegedly operating a fraudulent invention promotion business in violation of a court order. The individuals were employed by International Product Design Inc., which the FTC charged with fraudulent business practices in 1997. A court order issued in 1998 prohibited **Julian Gumpel**, **Darrell Mormando**, and **Greg Wilson** from deceptively marketing invention promotion services, but Gumpel later revived the same scam under the name, "Patent and Trademark Institute of America" (PTI), the FTC charged.

The eight corporate entities under Gumpel's control are Technical Lithographers Inc., d/b/a Patent and Trademark Institute of America (PTI), United Licensing Corporation, International Patent Advisors Inc., Datatech Consulting Inc., International Product Marketing Inc., Unicorp Consulting Inc., d/b/a/ UNI Corp. Inc, Azure Communications Inc., and London Communications Inc.

The FTC has established a phone line for consumers who may have been harmed by PTI's conduct. Consumers may call 202-326-2926 for more information. Visit www.consumeraffairs.com/news04/2007/03/ftc_invention_swindle.html to read the complete article. ❖



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*Inventors Society
of South Florida*

meets

***the first Saturday
of each month***

Join Us On

June 2nd at 1:00 PM

The Inventors Society of South Florida, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Mission Statement

To provide a forum that fosters creativity, freethinking and education that will help further our members' innovations.



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2007 Greater Cincinnati Inventors' Fair

If you'd like the chance to show your product to venture capitalists, angel investors, bankers & lawyers in the new product development arena, the media, manufacturers, and others, then apply for the 2007 Greater Cincinnati Inventors' Fair.

The Inventors' Fair is presented by the Greater Cincinnati Venture Association in conjunction with the Inventor's Council of Cincinnati. It will feature select inventions that represent the creative spirit of today.

The 2006 Inventors' Fair was highly successful. Participating inventors received benefits including: excellent media coverage; increased credibility; secured new clients; learning what the venture/angel capital industry looks for; and a general increase in confidence and input from the experience.

If you are chosen to participate, you will also attend a short training session on how to present to the venture capital market, presented by attorney Doug Roberts, vice president of the GCVA.

The event will be held on Thursday, June 21 at Cincy Tech. Application and participation are free to inventors. You do not have to be a member of the Council to apply.

The Fair will feature the latest new products by area inventors. Cost is \$25 for members of the GCVA or Inventor's Council of Cincinnati, \$35 for non-members.

To receive information on submitting your product, e-mail inventorscouncil@invcinci.org or contact CincyTechUSA, Medical Education & Resource Center, 620 Oak Street, 1st Floor, Cincinnati, OH 4520. ❖

Views on the 2007 Patent Reform Act

The 40-plus members of the Coalition for 21st Century Patent Reform (Coalition) support and want patent reform. S. 1145/H.R. 1908, the "Patent Reform Act of 2007" introduced by Chairmen Patrick Leahy and Howard Berman, begin the public discussion of a crucial topic which will shape U.S. corporate businesses practices and impact the nation's economy and job growth. While the Coalition appreciates their efforts in bringing the legislation to this stage, the Coalition believes that there are a number of areas where the legislation must be improved.

The key principles that coalition members support for patent reform are:

- "First-Inventor-to-File" Principle
- Repealing the Best Mode Requirement as Recommended by the NAS.
- Eliminating Unenforceability Defense on the Basis of "Inequitable Conduct" Allegations.
- Post-Grant Opposition
- Submitting Prior Art to Patent Examiners
- Assuring Adequate Patent Damages
- Limiting Willful Infringement
- Interlocutory Appeals
- Venue
- Rule-Making Authority of the USPTO Director.

Read *Views on the Patent Reform Act of 2007* by **The Coalition for 21st Century Reform**. Use a search engine to find the article by title and author. ❖

Supreme Court Weakens Patent Rights

The US Supreme Court made it easier to invalidate patents yesterday, scaling back a legal test that has fuelled an era of protection for new products.

In a unanimous ruling, America's top court said a federal appeals court has gone too far in embracing a standard that addresses one of the most basic issues in patent law: whether a claimed invention is obvious and therefore unworthy of patent protection.

Read what the Times Online and the Associated Press have to say about obvious improvements that infringe on existing patents in the article *Supreme Court Weakens Patent Rights*. Use a search engine to fine the article by title and author. ❖

Press Release on Document Disclosure Program

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USPTO to Eliminate the Disclosure Document Program *Provisional Patent Application Provides More Benefits for Inventors*

Washington, D.C. – The Department of Commerce's United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will eliminate its Disclosure Document Program on February 1, 2007. The USPTO implemented the Disclosure Document Program in 1969 to provide inventors not ready to file for a patent with an alternative method of establishing the date of conception of an invention. In the United States, priority for a patent goes to the person who is first to invent rather than to the person who is first to file a patent application. The date of conception is important in establishing who the first inventor is in the event another inventor applies for a patent for the same invention.

Under the Disclosure Document Program, the USPTO accepts, dates and retains for two years documents from inventors describing their inventions as evidence of the date the inventions were conceived. Very few inventors have used the Disclosure Document Program as part of the patent process, and some inventors who do use it erroneously believe that they are filing an application for a patent. In the over 3 million patents issued since 1976, only 1,330 (or 0.04%) reference a disclosure document.

Since 1995, inventors not ready to file a full patent application have been able to file a provisional patent application with the USPTO. A provisional application provides more benefits and protections to inventors than the disclosure document. A provisional patent application establishes a filing date and allows the term "patent pending" to be applied to the invention. A provisional application must contain a full disclosure of the invention, including drawings where necessary, and a cover sheet identifying the inventor(s). To maintain the priority date, a formal patent application for the invention must be filed with the USPTO within one year. A disclosure document is not an application for a patent and does not provide any benefits beyond establishing a conception date.

For more information, see the *Federal Register* notice:
<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/71fr64636.pdf>. ❖

Invention EXPOsure™ 2007

The Minnesota Inventors Congress (MIC) presents its 50th annual Invention EXPOsure™ inventors showcase from June 8-10 at the Redwood Area Community Center and Fieldhouse in Redwood Falls, MN. At this event you can test market your invention, sell your product at MIC Invention Central, connect with new product scouts, interact with professional consultants and attend the INVENTING SUCCESS™ seminars. Visit www.inventhelp.org for more information and to register for this event. ❖

Membership

The Inventors Society of South Florida (ISSF) membership application form is available online at www.inventorssociety.net/appform.pdf. Annual individual membership dues are \$60.

Members are entitled to all that is offered by the ISSF: events, meetings, contests, prizes, awards, nominations, and networking. Members also benefit from a monthly newsletter full of important information, tips, publications, Internet sites and expositions.

Membership is the primary source of funds to the ISSF, without which, it is difficult if not impossible to hold meetings, send newsletters, hold special events, and maintain an Internet presence. ❖

Newsletter Submissions

If you have something you'd like to see in the newsletter, please discuss with or send it to cever@earthlink.net. If it is something that has to be copied, please send the original or a high quality copy. If you need the original document returned, please note this in the submission package.

Please remember that the newsletter is black print only. Submissions that have color (especially over text, i.e. words in a colored box) may not be usable. Try to keep submissions simple and basic. ❖

AARP National Event/Expo

Inventors targeting consumers over 50 years of age may want to register for this event in Boston from September 6-8. Learn more at www.aarp.org/aarp_benefits/natl_events/boston or call 888-687-2277. ❖

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ISSF meets at 1:00 pm on the first Saturday of each month at:

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Beating the Odds

Even with your great idea, thorough research and hours of hard work, one rule still applies: Nothing is certain in business. No one can unfailingly know: if a new product will succeed, how investors will receive a startup idea, or whether a company will survive past the one-year mark. So how can you increase your odds of, well, beating the odds? Read *Beating the Odds* by **Mark Hendricks**. Use a search engine to find the article by author and title.

Mr. Hendricks offers ten steps that (almost) guarantee startup success, including:

1. Build to last using passion and focus.
2. Obtain investors for your industry and stage of growth.
3. Develop the right products based on the customer's perception of value.
4. Create a marketing campaign that includes cold calls. ❖

Startup Journal Interactive Quizzes

Visit www.startupjournal.com and scroll to the bottom of the page to find:

- Assess Your Aptitude: Do you have what it takes to succeed as an entrepreneur?
- Your Chances of Success: Find out if you have the traits and characteristics typical of entrepreneurs.
- What's Motivating You?: Measure your motivational profile
- A Getting-Started Checklist: Answer these questions before taking the plunge. ❖

Developing a Great Business Model

Great business models depend on developing three "green lights," or qualities that help the business succeed: finding high-value customers, offering significant value to customers, and delivering significant margins. Read *Developing a Great Business Model* by **Don Debelak**. Use a search engine to find the article by title and author.

Researching the Inventions Market

Market research is one of the most essential steps in the product development process. Yet, it's also the step most commonly skipped. By ignoring it, you may be missing out on feedback critical to your product's success, as well as an accurately defined target market. As important to understanding "who," is knowing "why" and "what." Read *Researching the Inventions Market* by **Tamara Monosoff** to understand why you must do market research before investing too much in your product. Use a search engine to find the article by title and author.

Licensing Agents

To bring your product from idea to profitable reality, *Marra Design Associates* will guide you through the following steps: evaluation, prototyping, representation and licensing. They charge a small evaluation fee and accept projects on a contingency basis. Visit their website at www.marradesign.com or contact them at 7007 Dakota Avenue, Chanhassen, MN 55317; 953-937-8141.

Harvey Reese Associates is another licensing agent to check out at www.money4ideas.com, write 614 South 8th Street, PMB 305, Philadelphia, PA 19147, USA or fax 215-922-7055. They take 40% on the first \$100,000 per year in royalties, and you get 80% on all funds above that amount. After six months, if they haven't gotten a deal or don't have one in negotiation, then you are free to cancel the agreement with no hard feelings. ❖

News From Cathy's Desk

Some readers may wonder why an inventor newsletter includes scam alerts that are not directly related to inventing. The bottom line is money! You want to use your money for your benefit. Scammers want to take it from you any way they can. The best protection you can get is fore-knowledge. Before you decide to buy a product or service, check it out. When you pay extra or pay for something you do not receive, that money can no longer be used to promote your inventive efforts.

Let me introduce you to Internet search engines: Google, Lycos, Yahoo and others. Recently someone who did not have ready access to a computer, asked me to look up a name to find an address. I usually start with www.anywho.com. Surprisingly, it did not return a telephone number or address for the name and city requested. I tried a few other search engines for telephone lookup without success. After exhausting my usual resources, I typed the name and city in the Google search field and pressed Enter. The first entry was the person's name, address and telephone number. Finding information can be that easy!

You want to be careful searching on the Internet because scam companies and bad information can deceive you. Also, typing errors in website addresses can take you places you do not intend to go.

An easy check on anyone is type the company or person's name followed by the word 'complaint'. Search through the listing to determine if anyone has had a problem with the person or company. People typically do not want to spend time complaining through established channels, but readily post their experiences on discussion boards. The search engines are sophisticated enough to extract web pages containing your search argument. Remember that search algorithms and web page content are updated, so repeat the search in a few days or once a week using more than one search engine.

Moving along, I would like to speak about invention contests. They are a great learning experience! Think about the needs of the company offering the contest. If the company is in a business that can possibly include your invention in their product line, they will look closely at your prototype, drawings, claims and any other information you provide them. If the company is in the entertainment business, then their focus is ratings. They seek drama in your product by asking how you originated the product and observing how well you present in front of a camera.

Anytime anyone asks you about one of your inventions, be ready to present it inside of a minute. Practice it in front of a mirror. Pay attention to what you are wearing and how you look, and think about the audience to whom you will present your idea. Make sure your image supports what you are trying to achieve with the presentation. If you do not make a good impression, your invention will collect dust.

Remember too, that you are competing with several hundred other applicants for a few precious seconds to impress judges with your personality, story and product. Consider the people conducting the evaluation. They have a selection process in place. It begins when you line up at the door. While you are excited, nervous, tired, and busy checking out others waiting in the line, the evaluators are checking you out. It may be someone walking by or remote viewing by camera. The evaluators have 500 people to categorize and cull in, say, 8 hours (480 minutes). They have to be looking over the herd continuously to decide who moves to the next level and who goes home.

You could think of it as a job interview. You must understand the needs of the company interviewing you. You want to be prepared with documentation, work samples and a short presentation on what makes you the best pick for the job. You want to be appropriately dressed and mentally focused on the goal. It may seem easy, but it is not. I recently failed a job interview because I did not have the complete job description (or the requirements changed after the job was posted). As a final note, the equivalent of job requirements for the inventor is the invention submission paperwork....be sure to read and understand all the requirements before you sign and date the application. ❖

ConsumerNews.com

This website includes more than 25,000 pages of information about companies great and not so great, as well as consumer news, resources and recall information. Use the search page to find a specific company or peruse the Rogues Gallery, where you'll find some of the more notorious examples.

Also, you may subscribe to the weekly newsletter that tells about the latest product recalls. ❖

Scam Alerts

Scam Alerts editor **Mark Huffman** says if a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is. For a complete tour of Scamland, check the scam news at www.consumeraffairs.com/scam_alerts/scam_alerts.htm, then examine the Classic Pitch Lines and Reader Complaints (links near the top of the page). Use the search box to look for specific scams. ❖

Idle Patents Attract Entrepreneurs

Countless patents sit unused when companies decide not to develop them into products. Now, not-for-profit groups and state governments are asking companies to donate dormant patents so they can be passed to local entrepreneurs who try to build businesses out of them. Read *Idle patents attract entrepreneurs* by AP writer **Dinesh Ramde**. Use a search engine to find the article by title and author. ❖

Banks Rolling Out Red Carpet

In addition to loans, banks today offer check-processing services and other tools to help businesses manage their finances. Many such products are less expensive than ever before. Read *Bank Lenders Are Branching Out* by **David Enrich**. Use a search engine to find the article by title and author. ❖

Patent Illustrations

Stan A. Lebovic, the founder of a large patent drafting firm, offers suggestions in the article *Patent Illustrating: Simple Steps to Reduce the Costs*. Use a search engine to find the article by title and author. ❖

BizJournals

Bizjournals (www.bizjournals.com) is the online media division of American City Business Journals, the nation's largest publisher of metropolitan business newspapers. It operates the Web sites for each of the company's 41 print business journals and operates a web-only site with local business news and information for Los Angeles.

The national bizjournals site features local business news from around the nation, updated throughout the day, top business stories from American City's print editions, industry-specific news from more than 40 industries, advice columns, and a full menu of tools to help business owners and operators manage their businesses more successfully. There's also easy navigation to each of the 42 local business sites. ❖

FastTrac

FastTrac is a practical, hands-on business development program designed to help entrepreneurs hone the skills needed to create, manage and grow a successful business. FastTrac participants don't just learn about business, they live it. They work on their own business ideas or ventures throughout the course - moving their ventures to reality or new levels of growth. Learn more at www.FastTrac.com. ❖

Patent Searching: Tools and Techniques

Patent Searching: Tools & Techniques will help you sift through mountains of data in search of a few priceless nuggets of information. While every patent search is a learning process, this book will help get you get a head start in the right direction. Conveying patent information in a broader context beyond the patent search, the book also details tools and techniques of patent analysis. ❖

Proper Notice

Failure to provide proper notice can bar recovery of damage for infringement. Read *Enforcing a Software Patent* by **Isis E. Caulder** and **Stephanie Reid**. Use a search engine to find the article by title and author. ❖

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USPTO Questions and Answers

AC – What are the pros and cons of provisionals vs. non-provisionals?

USPTO Expert (Nov 16, 2006 2:06:17 PM) **EDITED ANSWER**

AC - The pros and cons depend on are far you are along with your invention. Here are some of the differences between the two. A provisional application cannot become a patent and it will automatically be abandoned 12 months after its filing date. If you filed a provisional application and you want a patent, you will have to file a non-provisional application within 12 months from the filing date of the provisional application referencing the provisional application. A non-provisional application can issue as a patent and is the mechanism to provide actual patent protection. See www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/provapp.htm for additional information about provisional applications and www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/utility/utility.htm for additional information about non-provisional (utility) applications.

Turnitup (Nov 16, 2006 2:07:38 PM)

Can the patent term be extended for a reexamination due to a significant "administrative delay" by the PTO in reexamining the patent? All reexams are to receive "special dispatch" and this case is now in month 37.

USPTO Expert (Nov 16, 2006 2:10:33 PM) **EDITED ANSWER**

Turnitup - The patent term is set by the original patent and therefore, the patent term cannot be extended for a reexamination proceeding. In the later part of 2005, Commissioner Doll implemented several major initiatives to reduce the pendency of all re-exams. You can contact the Central Re-exam Unit at 571-272-1596.

needapatent (Nov 16, 2006 2:33:30 PM)

When an application is submitted electronically, how does it get to the examiner? Is the supervisor responsible to assign it, or does the examiner retrieve it? There has been one time where something was assigned the next day and other times it takes weeks. Is there any person responsible for this work?

USPTO Expert2 (Nov 16, 2006 2:34:41 PM) **EDITED ANSWER**

When an application is submitted electronically, it is uploaded into our Image Filewrapper System and enters the normal docketing process. The amount of time it takes to be assigned to an examiner depends on the technological subject matter disclosed therein and the backlog in that area. ❖

Raising Money

Entrepreneurs don't care where the money comes from as long as they get it when they need it. As silly as it may sound, many entrepreneurs believe all money is created equal. Accepting money from the wrong source may be the beginning of your worst nightmare. Read *When Angels Go Bad* by **Jim Casparie** to learn why. Use a search engine to find the article by title and author. ❖

Thoughts from Past President Howard Silken

As inventors, we all know, or should know, the Patent Office will not grant a patent for various submitted inventions, such a perpetual motion machines, immoral or illegal devices, national Security related items and, anything that is a "natural phenomenon". EG. Gravitation, Magnetism, Radiation, Capillary Action, Refraction, and Time. Time? Is time a 'theoretical' "natural phenomenon"? In reality, time is nothing less than an arbitrary concept based on relations of moving bodies. (Our current standard of time is based on how long it takes the earth to circle the sun in one revolution. Some say it was the time it took to change from night to day.)

You can't see time, touch it, smell it, or weigh it. It does not move itself or move anything else. It is technically, intangible. It is nothing but a concept in our brain. Or is it? If it is nothing, how come we can measure it? And why is it so important to do so.

One of man's first inventions was a stick in the ground. The cast shadow of this early sundial indicated the relative time of the day. Since then, man has invented thousands of devices that measure time. Most with remarkable accuracy.

We know volumes about the other 'natural phenomenon'. The electron is one such case. Although we cannot see it, we can measure it, weigh it, push or pull it and make very good use of it. It, unlike time, is something we can control because it is something tangible. Time is different. It goes on forever and we have no way to stop it. (Or can we?) It is intangible and yet we can use it in myriad ways.

We can buy it, sell it, save it, use it, lose it and waste it. (e.g. taking time to read this page). In addition, it is very valuable. It is worth more than all the money in the world. (When your day comes, what would you pay for more of it?)

Few of us give 'time' a serious thought. We just take it for granted. Did you ever ask yourself where did it come from? When did it start? Will it ever end? What do the 'world wide' words of acceptance "In the beginning" mean? The "beginning" of what? What came first, the universe or 'time'? Is there is no beginning of time? Will there ever be an end of time? If the universe came before time, where did it come from? If time can only be measured by a fixed standard of moving things, would time pass if nothing ever moved? If nothing ever moved, including the electron, would time stand still?

Now, the last question. Why bother wasting precious time thinking about time? Who cares one way or the other about 'time'. Nobody! Nobody? Perhaps!

One man cared a lot about 'time' He spent most of his life on the subject. He wanted to know if time and matter has a common bond.

After years of thought (a lot of time) he came to the conclusion that time and matter are related. In fact he found that time and matter are, to put it simply, one and the same thing. Time and matter are nothing less than energy and the electron is the root element in the equation. He even came up with the formula on how to calculate the amount of energy of matter. $E = mc^2$. He also figured out that if anything moved at the speed of light, time would stand still.

I am not as smart as Einstein but we do have the same helpful cerebral condition. We both were born with the same mental handicap, dyslexia. ❖

Combination Products

The convergence of pharmaceuticals, biological products, and medical devices in combination products such as drug-coated or advanced delivery devices is a large and growing trend. Read *Combination Products and Intellectual Property Strategy* by **Michael R. Bielski** and **Christine M. Ford**. Use a search engine to find the article by title and author. ❖

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Angel Capital Education

Angel-investor groups take stakes in start-ups that more traditional financiers might avoid. For a list of groups, visit www.angelcapitaleducation.org. ❖

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For example, click *CAD Programs General Purpose* and select page 3. Scroll down to eMachineShop for a program that will generate a parts list. ❖

IP Auction Firm

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Successful inventors spend far more time in looking for creative opportunities to explore than they do in the actual inventing.

*-- Harvey Reese,
Licensing Agent*

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of South Florida*

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*the first Saturday
of each month*

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June 2nd at 1:00 PM

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2007 Translations in Tupperware Design Contest

Tupperware has announced the launch of its 2007 Translations in Tupperware Global Design Contest and is challenging the public to put their creativity to work. The basis behind the design contest is simple -- entrants are asked to use Tupperware products as their motivation and inspiration for constructing a piece of artwork or unique functional product. The contest will be open to more than 20 countries around the world and all submissions must be received no later than August 31, 2007.

Participants will have the chance to win a trip for two to New York City, a \$2,000 cash prize, and the opportunity to have their work included in a public exhibit. Each participating country will select a winner from the following three categories: Fashion, Free Form, and Utility Object. Learn more at www.translationsintupperware.com ❖

Collegiate Inventors Competition

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