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PIPS wishes its Clients and Friends a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

This newsletter contains current news about US patents and the US Patent and Trademark Office, current intellectual property (IP) court cases, domestic and international IP news and IP information of general interest that we hope is of value to you.

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USPTO

Fiscal Year 2006: A Record-Breaking Year for the USPTO uspto.gov

In Fiscal Year 2006, the Department of Commerce's United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) set new Agency records in goals related to quality, production, electronic filing, telework, electronic processing and hiring.

U.S. and India Sign Historic Memorandum of Understanding on Bilateral Cooperation on Intellectual Property uspto.gov

...recently signed an historic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Bilateral Cooperation between the United States and India on intellectual property issues...

PTO to reexamine Magma patent

EETimes.com - USA
SAN FRANCISCO — The US Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) will reexamine one of

two Magma Design Automation Inc. ... 4). The patent, US Patent No. ...

Google wins patent for search results page design

CNET News.com - San Francisco, CA, USA
... The design of Google's search results page earned US patent protection this week, bringing the total number of patents held by the search giant to some three ...

Widevine Gets Internet Video Patent

Light Reading - USA
says it's been awarded a patent for software that detects the piracy of content delivered over the open Internet to PCs. (See Widevine Awarded Patent.) ...

Nextlink Granted US Patent for Its VoIP Innovation

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US patent granted for production of nanocapsules

Small Times - USA

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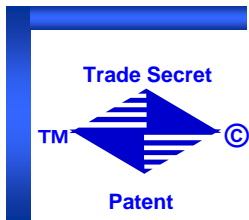
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The recently granted patent number US 7,101,575 is a basis patent for the production of nanocapsules according to the so-called LBL Technology. ...

[Local company gets patent for chemical-detection system](#)

Washington Business Journal -
Washington,DC,USA

A Rockville company has won a patent for its system to detect and identify chemical substances -- a potentially critical tool in homeland security. ...

[Gentag Patent Adds RFID Sensor Network Capability to Cell Phones ...](#)

ExtremeNano - New York,NY,USA

... 28 that it has been issued a patent for a way to add sensor networks to RFID readers in wireless devices such as cell phones, PDAs and laptops. ...

[Microsoft seeks patent for PVR-based advertising](#)

PVR Wire - Glasgow,UK

... Microsoft's got a solution. The company filed a patent application this week for a system that would maintain a database of advertisements on a PVR. ...

[Microsoft seeks patent covering Web feed readers](#)

CNET News.com - San Francisco,CA,USA

Just before announcing support for Web syndication format RSS, Redmond filed a pair of US patent applications. By Anne Broache. Microsoft ...

[Is Microsoft Attempting to Patent RSS?](#)

BetaNews - USA

According to patent applications recently made public, it now appears that shortly before Microsoft publicly announced integrated RSS support within Internet Explorer...

[A closer look at Microsoft's RSS-related patent application](#)

Guardian Unlimited - UK

... particularly true in software. It's worth a quick scan just to remove the notion that Microsoft "is attempting to patent RSS". It isn't ...

[Microsoft Defends RSS Patent Applications](#)

InformationWeek - Manhasset,NY,USA

... However, Sean Lyndersay, program manager lead of Microsoft's RSS efforts, said in his blog over the weekend that the patent applications are in line with ...

[Bankers are beating path to patent office](#)

MSNBC - USA

... The patent was one of 238 awarded this year in the US Patent and Trademark Office's main financial services category -- a threefold increase over 2005. ...

[COURTS](#)

[Investors Sue Vonage over IPO](#)

A class action lawsuit was filed against Internet telephone provider Vonage, Inc. in an Atlanta Federal Court on Friday June 2, 2006. The suit, filed by the Atlanta-based law firm Motley Rice, was filed on behalf of shareholders who had purchased stock in Vonage prior to the Initial Public Offering.

[ISE sues CBOE for patent infringement](#)

InvestmentNews - New York,NY,USA

... filed a lawsuit against the Chicago Board Options Exchange, alleging infringement of a patent entitled "Automated Exchange for Trading Derivative Securities ...

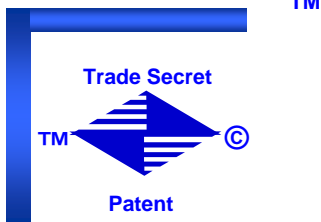
[Amazon Countersues IBM As Patent Infringement Case Heats Up](#)

InformationWeek - Manhasset,NY,USA

... In response to a patent infringement lawsuit filed by IBM, the online retailer on Thursday

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launched several counter-claims against the computer maker ...

DOMESTIC

Medical College team seeks stem cell patent

WTN News - Madison, WI, USA

Wauwatosa, Wis. - A Medical College of Wisconsin research team has applied for a patent on its work to isolate, grow, and identify a new type of adult stem ...

Senator: Expect data privacy and patent law rewrite

CNET News.com - San Francisco, CA, USA

... Slapping additional regulations on government and commercial "databanks" and rewriting patent laws are on the agenda for a key US Senate committee in 2007, its ...

GAO: Science, Business, Regulatory, and Intellectual Property ...

PharmaLive.com (press release) - Newtown, PA, USA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19, 2006--Although the pharmaceutical industry reported substantial increases in annual research and development ...

INTERNATIONAL

Government to Break Patent On Key Aids Drug

AllAfrica.com - Washington, USA

... treatment. This is the first time Thailand has broken the patent of an HIV drug to help it cut the cost of AIDS treatments. The ...

Legal Reforms and Investment Prospects in India A Long Road to go

SAHRDC - New Delhi, India

... include a serious paucity of legal standards and legislation on vital areas of concern,

including data privacy and protection, intellectual property rights and ...

IP India: legal resources for Indian intellectual property ...

Online guide to Indian intellectual property legal materials and web ... The collection has been compiled by Professor Cavicchi who is Intellectual Property Librarian. The site includes an introduction to the protection of intellectual ...

Intellectual Property Protection in China

By Administrator

Written by an American attorney working for a Chinese law firm in Shanghai. For the present at least, China is a net importer of intellectual property. A relatively lawless IP environment is advantageous to China's short-term interests, just as a strictly enforced IP environment suits the interests of net IP ...

China Enforces Intellectual Property Rights

ag-IP-news Agency - Amman, Jordan

SUZHOU CITY - State of Intellectual Property Office of China (SIPO) announced on Monday the latest of its law enforcement's activities. ...

China vows to protect intellectual property

The Age - Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

... open up its ICT (information and communications technology) industries to foreign investors and his Government would do more to protect intellectual property. ...

Chinese court backs Pfizer Viagra patent

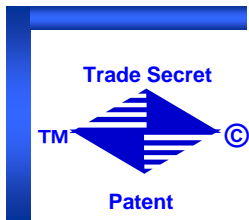
BusinessWeek - USA

A Chinese court has upheld the validity of US drug maker Pfizer Inc.'s patent for Viagra, ordering two companies to stop sales of generic versions of the ...

EU locked in 'deja vu' patent reform problems

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EUobserver.com - Brussels, Belgium
EUOBSERVER / FOCUS - A twenty years-long
deadlock on how to set up a European patent
system aimed at boosting the EU's economy is
here to stay for a while yet ...

[Inside Views: Indigenous Groups Tell WIPO, 'Don't Patent Our ...](#)

Intellectual Property Watch -
Geneva, Switzerland
... local communities, often indigenous, get the
full market value and public use of their
traditions through fair negotiations with outside
patent applicants. ...

[Plan for European patent court may fail, says EU Commissioner](#)

The EU Internal Markets Commissioner has
warned that Europe is about to miss out on a
chance to forge a pan-European patent disputes
forum because of long-standing international
bickering on what a system might look like.

[Authernative granted financial transactions patent in China](#)

Authernative, the developer of innovative user
and transaction authentication and identity
management technologies, announced today
that the People's Republic of China Patent
Office has ...

[2006 proves a step back for intellectual property enforcement](#)

Bangkok Post - Thailand
The past year may go down as a difficult one for
intellectual property (IP) owners in Thailand.
Undoubtedly, positive developments ...

[Intellectual property policy to implemented](#)

Malaysia Star - Malaysia
KUALA LUMPUR: Efforts to wipe out piracy in
the country will receive a major boost when a
national intellectual property policy is
implemented next year. ...

[Novartis sues India over patent rejection](#)

Times of India - India
NEW DELHI: In a first of its kind case, pharma
MNC Novartis has sued the Indian government
and its patent law. Novartis had sought ...

[AstraZeneca loses patent - and nearly £2bn of value](#)

ic CheshireOnline - UK
CHESHIRE-BASED drug firm AstraZeneca saw
almost £2bn wiped off its value yesterday after it
lost a key patent on best-selling heartburn
treatment Nexium. ...

[Isis Pharma patent upheld in Europe](#)

BusinessWeek - USA
Isis Pharmaceuticals Inc. said Wednesday that a
patent covering the basic chemical structure of
its drugs was reinstated with amended claims. ...

[OTHER](#)

[Ocean Tomo 300TM Patent Index Now Available To Investors](#)

Ocean Tomo, LLC, the Chicago-based provider
of diversified intellectual property-related
services, announced the Ocean Tomo 300TM
Patent Index is now available to investors
through Claymore Securities' new exchange-
traded fund, the Claymore/Ocean Tomo Patent
ETF.

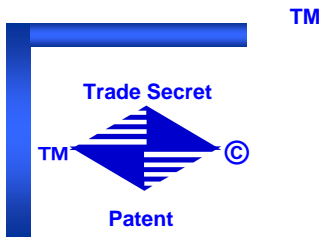
[80% of S&P 500 Value is Intellectual Property; New ETF Tracks This](#)

By Metrics 2.0
As the US has evolved from an industrial
economy to a knowledge economy and into the
information age, those tangible assets account
for only 20% of the S&P 500's value. The
other 80% is in intellectual property, such as
patents, ...

[Threat to Product Intellectual Property Growing, Says New Aberdeen ...](#)

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Yahoo! News (press release) - USA
5 /PRNewswire/ -- Over two-thirds of
manufacturers find the threat to their product
intellectual property (IP) has grown over the past
two years - almost 25 ...

[How Real is the Intellectual Property Revolution](#)

EDN.com - Newton,MA,USA

... Electronic News sat down to discuss the ins
and outs of intellectual property with Juan-
Antonio Carballo, partner in IBM's Venture
Capital Group; Michael Farn ...

[Under Emerging Patent Strategy, IBM To Open Source Research From ...](#)

InformationWeek - Manhasset,NY,USA

... The Open Collaborative Research Program is
the latest in a series of moves by IBM, the
nation's largest patent holder, to make parts of
its technology trove ...

[Google Launches Patent Search](#)

Search Engine Watch - USA

Google Patent Search uses the same
technology behind Google Book Search, with
similar ability to perform full-text searches, scroll
through pages, and zoom in ...

[BioMetrx Obtains Patent On Medical Record Technology](#)

Wireless Healthcare - Royston,UK

bioMETRX a developer and supplier of biometric
solutions, says it has acquired the patent that
encompasses biometric security and retrieval of
electronic ...

[Real money meets virtual reality](#)

MSNBC - USA

... Second Life's economy has been surging
since Linden Lab made the unusual decision
three years ago to grant users intellectual
property rights for what they ...

[Nanotechnology and intellectual property issues](#)

Nanowerk LLC - Honolulu,HI,USA

But at the same time nanotech applications are
expanding the limits of science and medicine,
they are stretching the boundaries of intellectual
property law. ...

[Cash In on Your Business's Intellectual Property](#)

Inc.com - New York,NY,USA

Intellectual property assets can be leveraged to
fund your business's growth while maintaining a
competitive advantage in your industry. Here's
how. ...

[The Entrepreneur's New Year's Resolution: "I Will Fix My Pitch"](#)

By GuyKawasaki

Secret Sauce/Intellectual Property. Depending
on your solution, you might need a separate
slide to ... If you are in a business sector in
which intellectual property is important, this is
where you drill down into your secret sauce. ...

[Seven Sins of Software Sellers: Common Mistakes In Protecting ...](#)

By ushakanth(ushakanth)

Intellectual property pirates could have pilfered
the technology from the conscientious ...
Intellectual property will become devalued
without this effort. ... The real fight involves
constant surveys of intellectual property articles
...

[The University of Texas' System's Crash Course In Copyright](#)

The entryway into the University of Texas'
System's Crash Course in Copyright: Why
bother? Here's Why...

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