

Events

February 9, 2011

[Forum on Scholarly Blogging](#)

12:30 - 2:00 (Room N940,
Senate Chamber, York
University)

Speakers include Professor
Giuseppina D'Agostino, Director
of IP Osgoode, and Simon
Fodden, Member of IP
Osgoode. RSVP to
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February 18, 2011

[2011 Fox IP Lecture](#)

Featuring Lord Justice Robin
Jacob of the Court of Appeal of
England and Wales (member of
IP Osgoode's International
Advisory Council), Topic: "The
Common Law of IP"

12:00 pm Luncheon Lecture
(Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel
123 Queen Street West,
Toronto, Canada)

April 1, 2011

**[IP/Gender: Mapping the
Connections](#)**

American University
Washington College of Law
[See call for papers and
symposium details](#)

IP in the News

**[White House will propose
new digital copyright laws](#)**

The Obama administration has
drafted new proposals to curb
Internet piracy and other forms
of intellectual property
infringement that it says it will
send to the U.S. Congress "in
the very near future."

**[US Senate committee
approves additional patent
amendments](#)**

The US Senate Judiciary
Committee added two
amendments to the proposed
Patent Reform Act of 2011 and
unanimously approved it. The
bill will now move to the Senate

The IPIGRAM (8 February 2011)

Feature Posts



**Ontario Transitions Towards A Knowledge-Based
Economy**

February 7, 2011 by Mark Kohras (IPilogue Editor)

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School.*

On Thursday February 3, 2011, Ontario's Minister of
Research and Innovation, Glen Murray, announced the
launch of [Venture Lab](#) at the [Markham Convergence
Centre](#) (MCC) as a part of the [Ontario Network of
Excellence](#) (ONE). Venture Lab is designed to bring
together partners in academics, industry and government
to help foster innovation in York Region. As part of the
Provincial ONE network, Venture Lab will provide
entrepreneurs access to researchers, academics,
investors, business and legal expertise needed to help
market an innovative idea and grow a business.

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Data Privacy Day 2011 at Dalhousie University

February 6, 2011 by Matt Lonsdale (IPilogue Editor)

Matt Lonsdale is a JD candidate at Dalhousie University.



On January 26, 2011, Dalhousie University hosted its 4th
annual [Data Privacy Day](#). The half-day conference
featured presenters from a wide variety of backgrounds,
running the gamut from journalism to computer security to
law. They spoke on topics ranging from browser security to
compliance with the *Personal Information Privacy and
Electronic Documents Act* ([PIPEDA](#)), and drew a crowd of
over 200 students, academics and administrative staff from
the public and private sector. With audience attendance
over twice last year's numbers, the event was a great
success and even received attention from the [national
media](#). Video and slides from the presentations should be
available shortly on Dalhousie's [Event Archives](#) page.

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[Freed Google executive says he helped spark Egypt revolt](#)

The Google executive detained for 12 days for protesting against Egyptian President Mubarak said he was behind the Facebook page that helped spark "the revolution of the youth of the Internet."

[Juror will appeal order to turn over Facebook posts](#)

A California attorney representing a juror required to divulge the contents of his Facebook account says he will file an appeal of the court order.

[Court scraps cabinet ruling on Globalive, dealing blow to new entrant](#)

The Federal Court has given Globalive (Wind Mobile cell phone brand) 45 days to comply with Canadian ownership requirements for phone companies.

[U.S. Interior Department issues new policy protecting government scientists](#)

The rules detail new whistleblower protections and say workers may share their findings with reporters without manipulation by public affairs officials.

[Industry Minister's shot at CRTC hits wrong target](#)

Von Finckenstein left little doubt the CRTC had already decided to review the usage-based billing issue long before the industry minister made his statement on Twitter.

[Verizon to curb highest data users](#)

Verizon Wireless warned it will slow down the data connection of its most-active users, as the company prepares to add Apple Inc.'s iPhone 4 to its network.

[Bidders emerge for Nortel patents](#)

Nortel Networks Corp. expects to select an initial bidder for a massive portfolio of patents within three weeks.

[Hackers attack Egyptian government sites](#)

Recent Posts

CRTC Blasted for Usage-Based Billing Decision

February 4, 2011 by Ivy Tsui (IPilogue Editor)

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With the increasing popularity of streaming videos on [Netflix](#), downloading music on iTunes, and gaming on [Steam](#), internet usage soars. Major communication providers such as Rogers Communications and Bell Canada have been restricting internet usage by charging additional fees when their customers exceed a certain level of usage. For example, Bell is [offering](#) 2GB of usage allowance for \$21.95/month, which is enough to download only two movies or 400 songs. Any usage beyond the set amount of data would prompt additional charges of \$2.5 per GB; after 300 GB of usage, this extra charge drops to \$1 per GB.

Small Internet Service Providers (ISPs) have since distinguished themselves from these large ISPs by offering [unlimited usage](#) of the internet. By [leasing network](#) owned by large communication companies, small ISPs provide a more economic choice for heavy internet users.

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Dating Site Plans to Take Facebook Profile Information

February 4, 2011 by Stuart Freen (IPilogue Editor)

Stuart Freen is a JD candidate at Osgoode Hall Law School.

In one of the sleaziest moves to hit the internet in a while (and that is a very low bar), online dating site Gotham Dating Partners Inc. [announced this month](#) that it plans to take the information from up to 340 million public Facebook profiles and create dating profiles for each and every user – without their consent. The site is [planning](#) on aggregating all of the public information that can be gleaned from Facebook without "friending" users and use it to create their own database to supplement their network of dating sites. The move has [raised some eyebrows](#) and exposed the personal security risks that come with sharing private information online.

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On Air, On Sale, Off Piracy

February 2, 2011 by Mark Kohras (IPilogue Editor)

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Hacker activists started attacking Egyptian government websites soon after the country restored Internet service.

[Google levels cheating allegations at Microsoft](#)

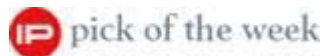
Google Inc. has suspected Microsoft's Internet Explorer web browser was feeding information back to Microsoft that would help Bing's result become more Google-like.

[Harper steps into Web dispute on usage-based billing](#)

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is taking the unusual step of intervening in an ever mounting controversy over Internet billing.

Universal Music and Sony Music UK have both [announced](#) that they will soon deploy a new business strategy for downloaded music. The strategy (termed "on air, on sale") will see new albums available for download the same day they debut on the radio. Previously, an album played on the radio a number of weeks before it was available for sale. Known as "setting up" an album, the practice intended to generate pre-release interest by consumers has instead been generating something else: piracy.

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