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# DACUS DOCS NEWS



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OCTOBER 2011

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN  
FROM THE U. S. PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE !**



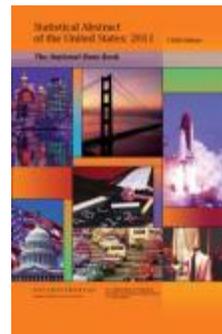
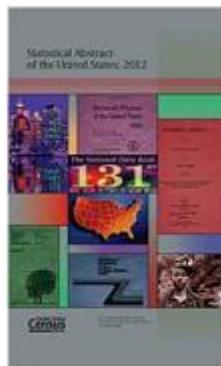
The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has put together its own Little Shop of Patent and Trademark Horrors: An online exhibit of the somewhat macabre, gruesome and fantastic! You can view this disturbing offering at: <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/ahrpa/opa/kids/themes/kidtheme10.htm>.

A few of our favorites are the Cricket Gun and the Shark Protector Suit.

Stop by the exhibit on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Dacus Library and meet the government documents ghost, Gobbledygook!

And don't forget the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dacus Library Tricky Treats Halloween Hunt on Oct. 31 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Find candy and search for one of 6 fabulous prizes!

**Dacus Docs Bids a Sad Farewell to  
Statistical Abstract of the United States**



The 2012 *Statistical Abstract of the United States* is the last issue of the most reliable and popular U.S. statistical reference resource published by the U.S. Census Bureau.

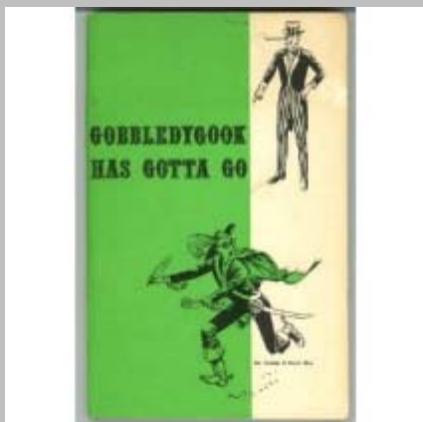
This is a great loss to librarians and scholars who have relied on the extensive collection of valuable data since 1878. Information presented in Statistical Abstract is collected from the Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and many other Federal agencies and private organizations. The data is sorted and compiled to provide a yearly summary of statistics on the social, political, and economic condition of the United States.

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STATISTICAL ABSTRACT OF THE UNITED STATES  
(CONTINUED)*Gobbledygook Has Gotta Go*

This 1966 publication from the Bureau of Land Management written by John O'Hayre, advocates the use of plain language in government documents. It contains "a collection of essays, sometimes sharply critical essays that deal with what's wrong with government writing. It's a book filled with samples of countless "wrongs" which, added up, account for what people outside of government derisively call government gobbledygook."

To find out more about government gobbledygook, you can read the full text from [Google Books](#) or [HathiTrust](#).

And if that weren't enough, we are also losing the *State and Metropolitan Area Data Book* and the *County and City Data Book* which are produced under the same program.

Librarians fought gallantly to keep the publication. There were petitions, blogs, a facebook page, articles and even videos created to save Statistical Abstract, like this one from the Librarians at George Washington University's Gelman Library: <http://vimeo.com/user5111880/savethestatabs> .

In the end, the publication was canceled. Volume 131 will unfortunately be the last. The following statement is published on the Census Bureau website:

The U.S. Census Bureau is terminating the collection of data for the Statistical Compendia program effective October 1, 2011. The Statistical Compendium program is comprised of the Statistical Abstract of the United States and its supplemental products. In preparation for the Fiscal Year 2012 (FY 2012) budget, the Census Bureau did a comprehensive review of a number of programs and had to make difficult proposals to terminate and reduce a number of existing programs in order to acquire funds for higher priority programs. The decision to propose the elimination of this program was not made lightly. To access the most current data, please refer to the organizations cited in the source notes for each table of the Statistical Abstract.

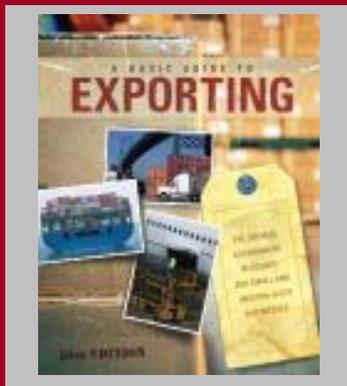
We will miss you dear friend...



**The Old Man in the Sun?** NASA's Solar Dynamic Observatory has released a video showing a face in the sun made up of sun spots and solar flares. The video shows images taken at different wavelengths highlighting the face's changing features. <http://youtu.be/X67VMG3D6Vg>.

*"Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort."*

*-- Franklin D. Roosevelt*



**FOUND IN DACUS LIBRARY**

***A Basic Guide to Exporting: The Official Government Resource for Small and Medium-Sized Businesses (10th Revised edition)***

The US Commerce Department International Trade Administration's comprehensive guide for establishing and growing overseas markets for products and services.

Numerous real-life examples that illustrate the principles of exporting are given as well as samples of forms needed to export.

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**UNUSUAL MASHUP  
HELPING UNEMPLOYED FIND JOBS**

The Department of Labor along with the National Association of State Workforce Agencies, DirectEmployers Association, and the National Association of Colleges and Employers has teamed up with facebook to develop a social web partnership to connect unemployed Americans with job opportunities.

The "social jobs partnership" facebook page highlights available training programs, educational opportunities and job search resources.

To view a short video announcement, click:

<http://youtu.be/beyGxjzjQIw> .

The 45 minute Press Conference is posted on the facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/socialjobs>.

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*“Whenever the people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government; that, whenever things get so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them right.”*

*-- Thomas Jefferson*