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Fig. 15.



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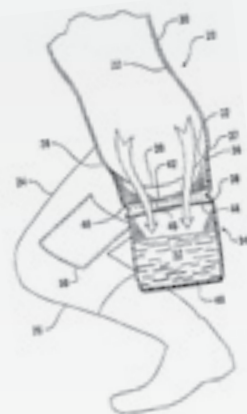
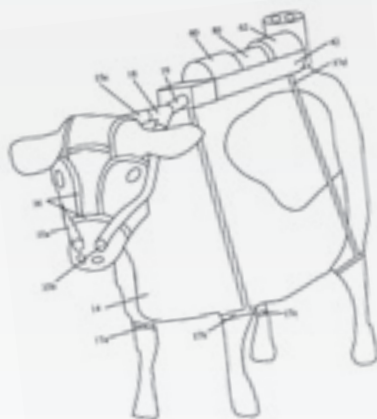
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To start off the New Year, the traditional PATSCAN calendar of bizarre patents presents some of the world's most interesting inventions, celebrating the human creativity that began when the first hominids banged rocks together to make tools and weapons.

The themes in this year's calendar reflect the current trends in western society – communications technology, health, environmental fears, security issues and the usual obsession with sex and drugs.

I am always amazed at the generosity of patent offices, especially the USPTO in their unflagging willingness to grant patents for perpetual motion machines and a wide range of other bizarre inventions that challenge the concepts of novelty, obviousness and sanity. Examples of such bizarre patents may be found in previous PATSCAN calendars at www.patex.ca/html/ip_information/publications.html

To be fair, 90% of patents fail to recover their investment. Successful technologies are rare: even scientists in the great research corporations base a small percentage of successful inventions on a large number of failures. Often the most profitable inventions were accidents, such as "Post-it" notes. I salute the inventors of the world who have had the courage to hitch their wagon to a star.

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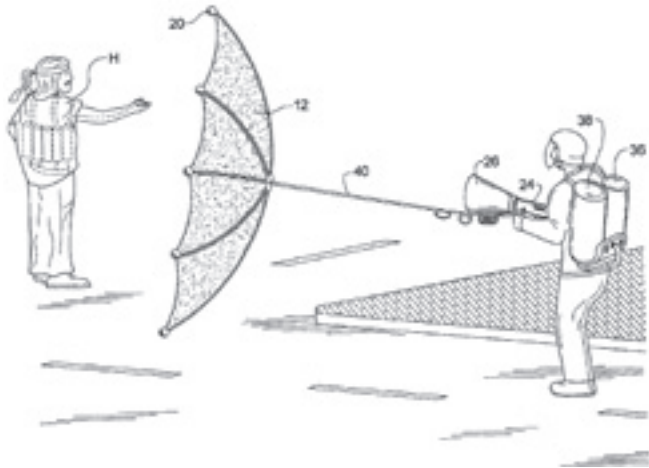
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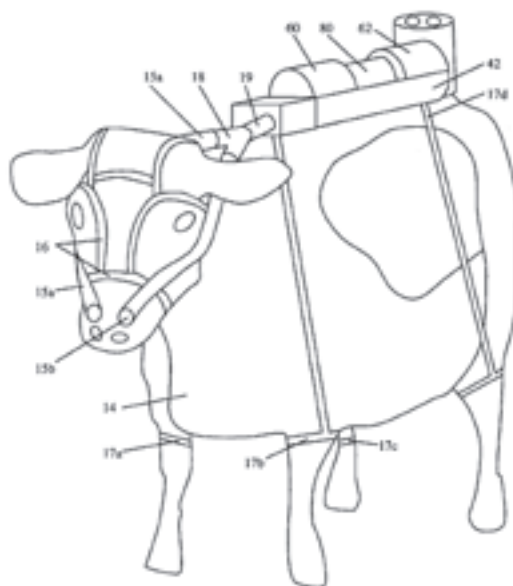
O. Alan Breazeale

February 15, 2005

A net is made from an explosive resistant material such as KEVLAR and is thrown over an explosive-laden device such that the net helps contain the blast force of the explosive-laden device. The net also has a nozzle that is fluid connected to a fire suppressant agent as well as a high density foam, each of which are discharged through the nozzle once the net is thrown over the explosive-laden device, the fire suppressant agent and the high density foam each helping to minimize the blast force of the explosive-laden device. The net can be thrown manually or can be fired from a gun that uses either pneumatic force or a firing cartridge to propel the net at its target.

*"Never be afraid to try something new; remember amateurs built the ark.
Professionals built the Titanic." - Dave Barry*

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30	31	01 New Year's Day	02	03	04	05
06 Epiphany	07	08	09	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (US)	22	23	24	25	26
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Markus D. Herrema

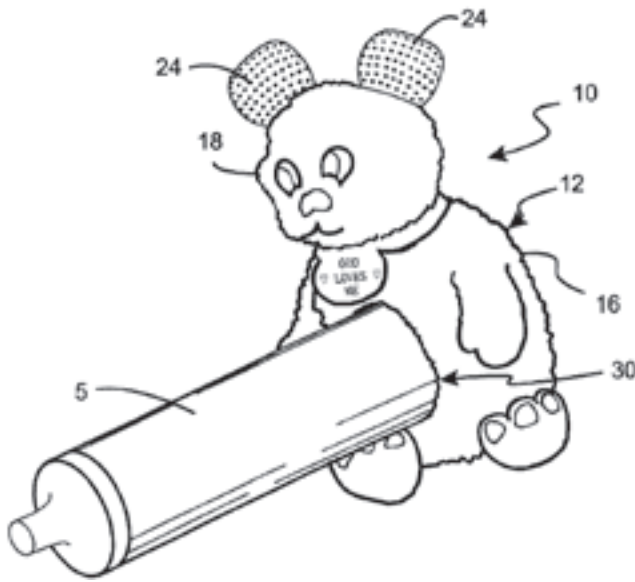
January 3, 2006

A process for the utilization of the methane contained within ruminant animal exhalation, specifically to a process that utilizes the methane contained within ruminant animal exhalation as a source of carbon and/or energy for the production of methane-utilizing microorganisms in a microorganism growth-and-harvest apparatus.

Claim 4. The process of claim 1 wherein said mutual-exposure means comprises any means whereby said ruminant animal exhalation and said methane therein is conveyed and exposed to said methane-utilizing microorganisms and said growth-culture medium in said microorganism growth apparatus, whereby said methane-utilizing microorganisms reproduce in or on said growth-culture medium in said apparatus using said methane for growth.

"Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm." - Winston Churchill

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27	28	29	30	31	01	02 Groundhog Day
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10 Chinese New Year - Year of the Snake	11	12	13 Ash Wednesday	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 President's Day (US) Family Day (CAN)	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	01	02



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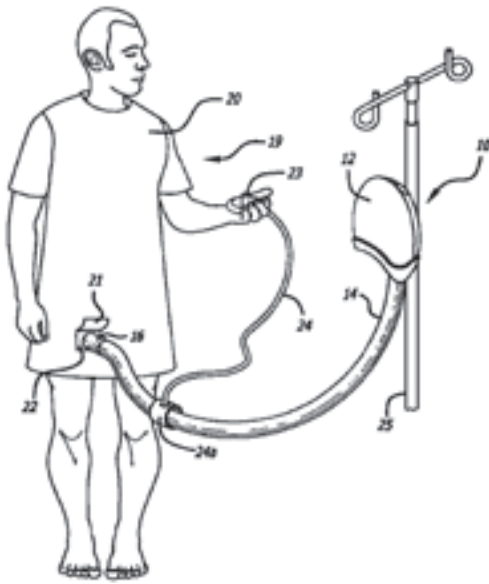
Tammy L. Maki Risaliti

December 7, 2004

A combination baby bottle accessory and teething device in the form of a stuffed animal having a centrally located aperture for holding of a baby bottle at a predetermined distance for purposes of feeding the infant while providing entertainment/distraction. The stuffed animal toy has a main body portion and at least one appendage extending therefrom, such as a representation of the ears, limbs or tail of the stuffed animal. At least one appendage is formed from a material suitable for baby teething. The stuffed animal toy includes representations of facial features thereon formed by embroidery on the fabric covering.

"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing." - by George Bernard Shaw

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Daylight Saving Time Begins						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day			Spring Equinox			
24 Palm Sunday	25	26	27	28	29	30
Easter Sunday 31	Easter Monday Jewish Passover				Good Friday (CAN)	



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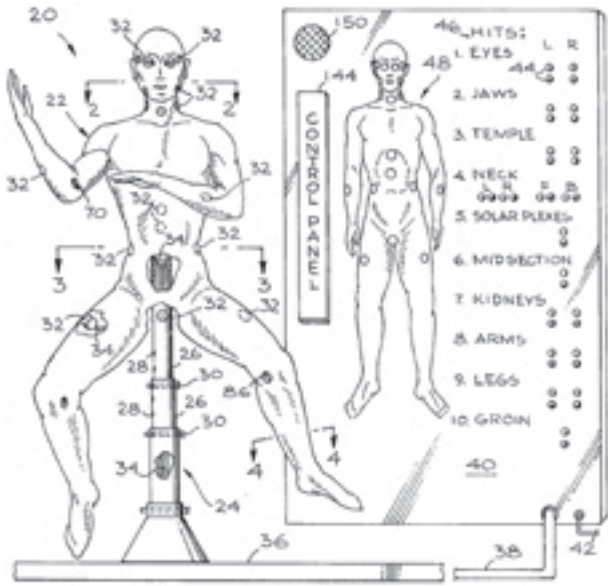
July 12, 2011

Both the flow rate and the temperature of the air exiting a forced air warming unit are regulated in response to a single act or operation of a single element of control on a manually-operated remote control.

Claim 1. An apparatus for controlling the temperature T and flow rate V of a stream of thermally conditioned air from a forced air warming unit having a blower unit and a heater plate, the apparatus comprising: a remote control apparatus with a single manually-operated control element for generating a control signal S ; a heater control circuit coupled to the remote control apparatus and to the heater plate for causing the heater plate to be heated to bring the air stream to a temperature corresponding to the control signal...

"Don't worry about people stealing your idea. If it's original you will have to ram it down their throats" - by Howard Aiken

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	01 April Fool's Day	02	03	04	05	06
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21	22 Earth Day	23	24 Administrative Professionals Day	25	26	27
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US4088315

Robert Archer Schemmel

July 21, 1976

An improved device for use in self defense training, as in karate and the like, includes a life-like articulated training dummy supported in an upright position on a post and having a plurality of separate pressure receptors disposed at various target locations in the dummy. The receptors are interconnected to a signal such as individual lights in a remote display panel so that hits on the receptors can be separately displayed by the panel. The panel can include a timer, hit sequence counter, hit sequence programmer, printed readout, and hit sequence replacer, as well as a warning signal, visual and/or audible, and other safety and training aids. The receptors can be made to distinguish between light and heavy blows.

"In order to learn from mistakes you have to first recognize that you are making mistakes" - Wall Street Journal

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	01 May Day	02	03	04
05 Cinco De Mayo	06	07	08	09	10	11
12 Mothers Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Victoria Day (CAN)	21	22	23	24	25
26 Memorial Day (US)	27	28	29	30	31	01

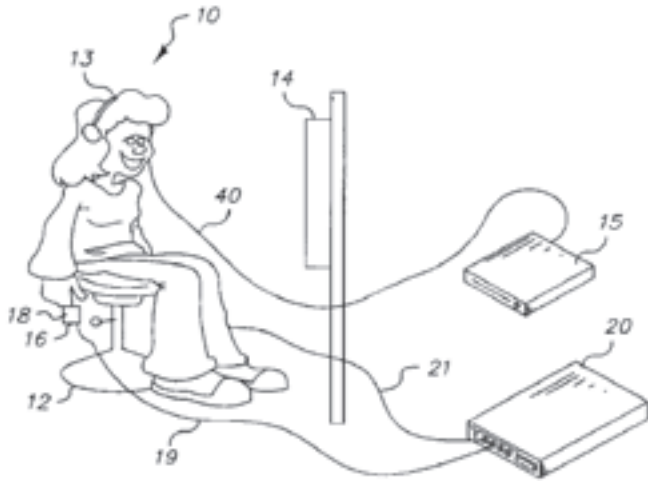
Technique for Diagnosing Attention Deficit Hyperactivity

US6565518

Richard N. Blazey et al.

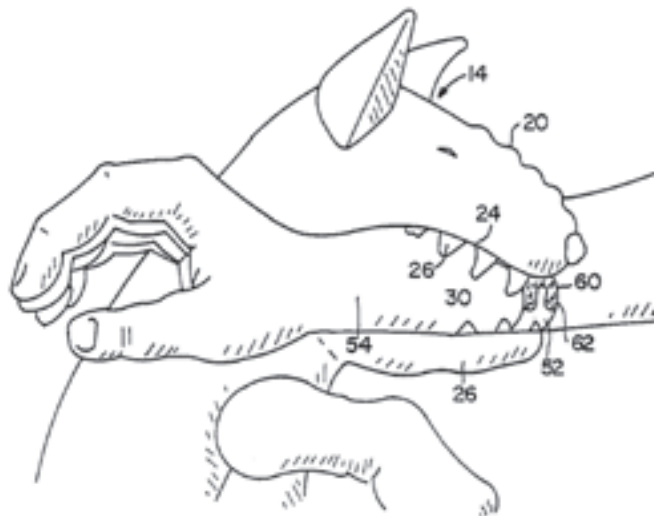
May 20, 2003

A method for determining a threshold value of a parameter used to determine whether an individual has Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) comprising: providing a group of individuals a segment of which is known to have ADHD and a segment of which is known to be normal and not have ADHD; testing each individual in the group by sampling the peripheral skin temperature of the individual during a pre-determined time interval when the subject is in an inactive state to provide sampled peripheral skin temperature data, and analyzing the sampled peripheral skin data to produce a parameter value for that individual; and processing the individual parameter values for all of the members of the group to determine a threshold parameter value which is acceptable for determining whether or not an individual has ADHD.



"There is nothing so useless as doing efficiently that which should not be done at all." - Peter Drucker

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Father's Day					Flag Day (US)	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	St. Jean-Baptiste Day (Quebec)				Summer Solstice National Aboriginal Day	



US4778172

William C. Bryan

October 18, 1988

An animal head suitable for attachment to a stuffed animal body is molded to form a thin shell and then filled with conforming foam rubber. The head defines open jaws that can fit around a wrist of a person and an elongated tongue that can be wrapped around the wrist and secured between the upper and lower jaws to serve as a carrying handle. By making the tongue flesh tone in color and providing a red coloration on a visible portion of the tongue, a novelty effect simulating blood dripping from a bite is achieved.

Claim 8. An animal head for simulating biting of an object while securing the animal head to the object comprising upper and lower jaws that have teeth extending therefrom and may be open significantly to receive the object and create the illusion of biting the object, and a tongue adapted to be wrapped about the object...

*"Anyone who has never made a mistake
has never tried anything new."* - Albert Einstein

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	01 Canada Day (CAN)	02	03	04 Independence Day (US)	05	06
07	08	09 Ramadan Begins	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Parents Day	29	30	31	01	02	03



US3398406

Nelson J. Waterbury

August 27, 1968

A combat garment that is buoyant, bulletproof, shock resistant and flexible permitting maximum body movements. The garment is composed of a plastic material, such as fiber glass, resin or the like, mixed with submicron metallic particles in the molecular structure. The material is molded into parallel ribs hinged to each other.

This invention relates to a garment that protects the wearer including soldiers, pilots, sailors, marines, Red Cross, Salvation Army, war correspondents, troop entertainers from death or serious injury as well as military property such as aircraft, ship, etc.

*"Just because something doesn't do what you planned it to do
doesn't mean it's useless."* - Thomas Edison

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Friendship Day	Civic Holiday (CAN)		Ramadan Ends			
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Scented Doll with the Appearance of an Aged Person

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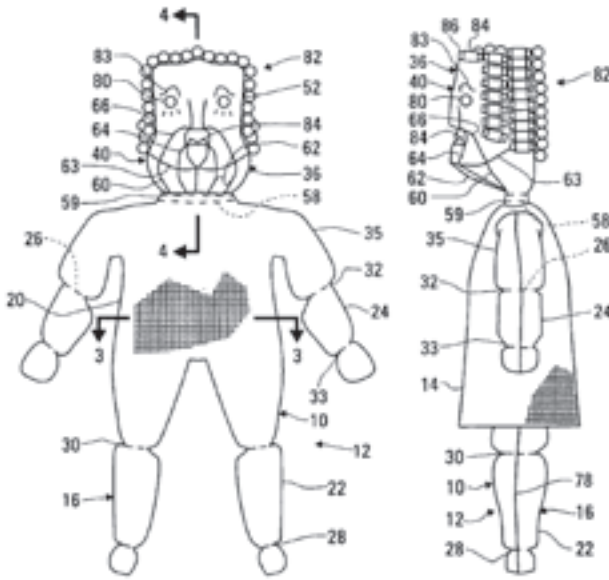
Ethel Hidalgo

October 19, 2004

A doll having a cloth body stuffed with pellets coated with fragrant oil has external features emulating the appearance of an aged person. These features include folds, emulating wrinkled skin, in a flexible covering extending over the head and face of the doll. The flexible covering is gathered into folds and stretched for attachment to a torso portion of the body at a narrowed neck, and folds also extend from lip and nose features of the doll face.

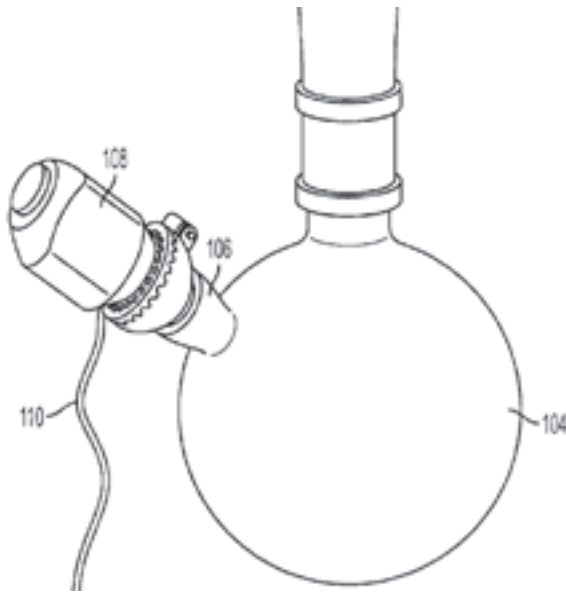
What is claimed is:

1. A doll comprising: a permeable body covering; external features emulating an appearance of an aged person; and an internal structure within said body covering emitting a perfume fragrance through said permeable body covering.



"Good ideas are a dime a dozen; bad ones are free." - Doug Horton

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02 Labor Day (US) Labour Day (CAN)	03	04 Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashanah)	05	06	07
08 Grandparents Day	09	10	11	12	13 Yom Kippur	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 International Day of Peace
22 Fall Equinox	23	24	25	26	27	28
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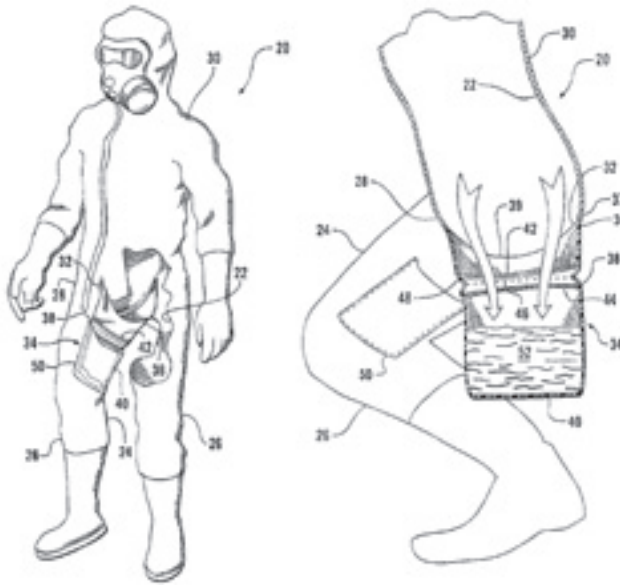
Chris Tao

Dec. 23, 2010

A smoking device, such as a water pipe or a bong, having an integrated laser diode ignition source. The laser diode ignition source provides a long-lasting life span, and does not require the smoker to use a fuel-based lighter that is not recyclable and requires continuous refilling of the fuel cartridge. Furthermore, the laser diode ignition source does not leave any undesirable aftertaste to the organic material. The ignition source is located within a housing, protected from the environment and wind. The ignition source applies a high intensity laser beam to ignite organic material, such as smokable substances, locating within a bowl adjacent to the ignition source.

"A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely fool proof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools." - The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

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13	14 Columbus Day (US) Thanksgiving (CAN)	15	16 National Boss Day	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 United Nations Day	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	01	02



US6920646

Caleb Clark Crye, Gregg M. Thompson,
Eric Owen Fehlberg

July 26, 2005

A chemical/biological hazard protection suit has two pants legs which extend to a midsection below waist level. An opening in the midsection defines an outlet from the suit interior. A waste collector has an upper segment which is fixed to the midsection and which adjoins an intermediate segment which is in turn connected to a waste receptacle. A first seal is between the upper segment and the intermediate segment, and a second seal is between the intermediate segment and the waste receptacle. A region of weakened material encircles the intermediate segment between the seals. A wearer discharges waste through the outlet and past the two open seals into the receptacle, whereupon both seals are closed, and the receptacle is detached from the upper segment, leaving both the receptacle and the suit sealed.

*"It may be that your sole purpose in life is
to serve as a warning to others."* - Howard Aiken

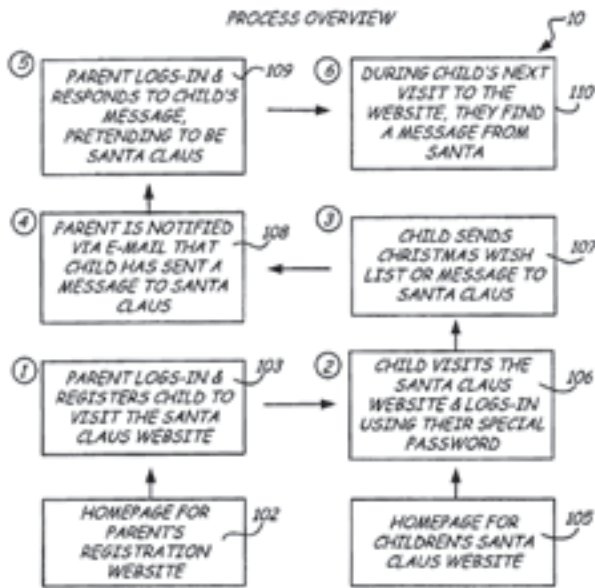
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27	28	29	30	31	01 All Saints' Day	02
03 Daylight Saving Time Ends	04	05	06	07	08	09
10	11 Remembrance Day (CAN) Veteran's Day (US)	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Universal Children's Day	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Hanukkah Begins	28 Thanksgiving (US)	29	30

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Geoffrey J. Grussle

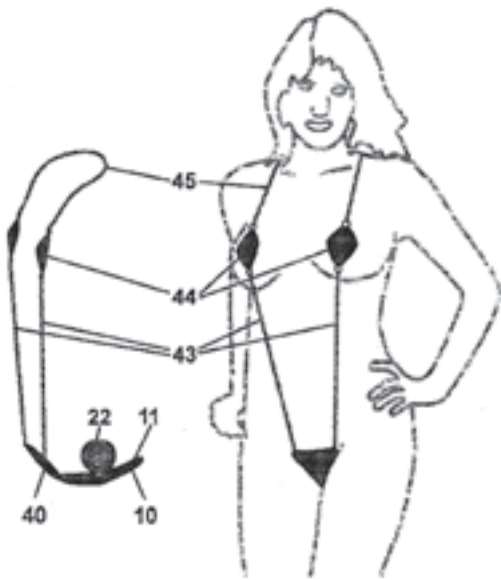
Aug. 31, 2004

The system of the present invention generally allows a first user, the adult, to interact in the manner of a character facade with a second user, the child, via computer connections to a webserver. The webserver generally includes a processor with a memory/storage device that holds a character interaction program which supports a registration website and a character website. The processor operates with the program to receive a message from the child user, to notify the adult user of the received message via electronic mail, to receive a reply from the adult user, and to present the reply to the child user as though coming from a character rather than the adult user. (ie Santa Claus)



*"A great deal of intelligence can be invested in ignorance
when the need for illusion is deep."* - Saul Bellow

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08	09	10	11	12 Hanukkah Ends	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26 Boxing Day (CAN) Kwanzaa (US)	27	28 Winter Solstice
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	01	02	03	04



US6832983

John M. Goodman

December 21, 2004

An article of clothing including extensions for insertion into a body cavity permit swimsuits, undergarments, and several other types of clothing to be secured in place with a minimum of fabric, as described. The articles are made dimensionally stable to maintain their position and orientation relative to the wearer's body.

I claim:

1. An article of clothing for a wearer's body, said article including an extension of a size, shape, and material to permit inserting said extension into one of the wearer's bodily orifices and thereby gaining a mechanical anchorage for the article of clothing.

*"For every problem there is one solution
which is simple, neat and wrong."* - H. L. Mencken

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