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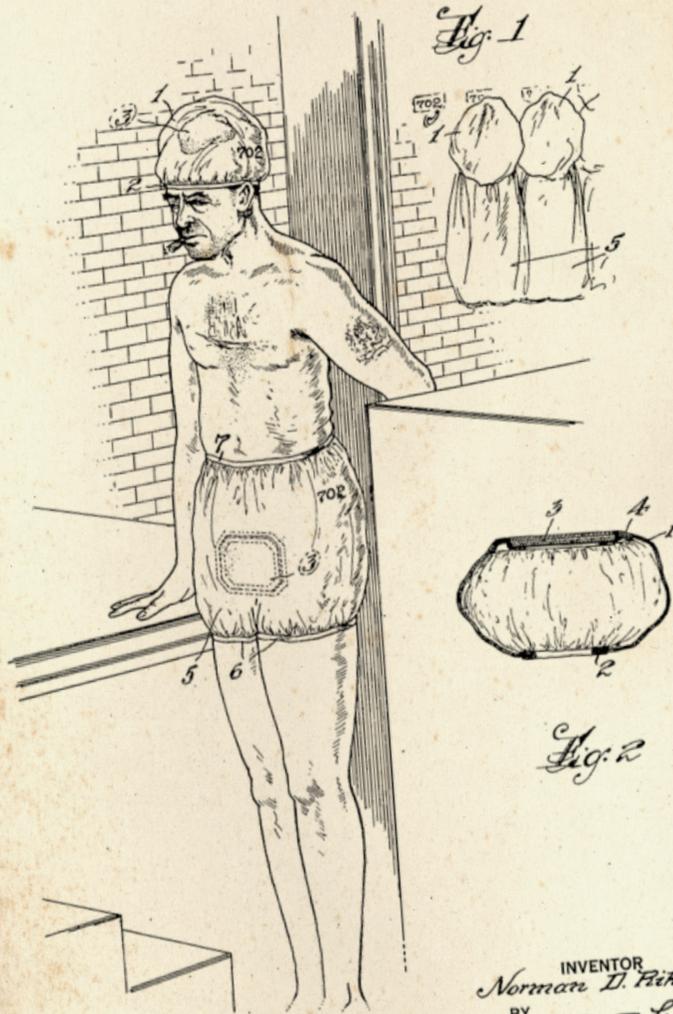
N. D. RIKER

2,033,357

APPARATUS AND PROCESS FOR KILLING HUMAN AND ANIMAL VERMIN

Filed June 3, 1933

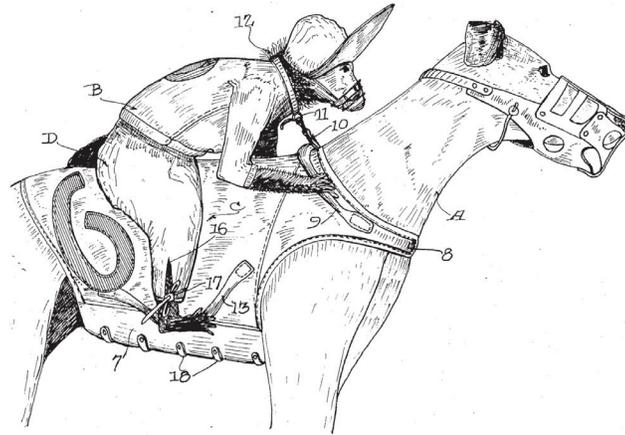
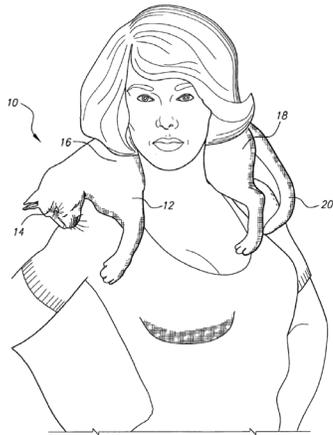
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# 2011

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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.

I am always amazed at the generosity of patent offices, especially the USPTO for 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. Some of these are listed on the "Publications" section of my webpage under "Classified List of Bizarre Patents, Old and New" - [www.patex.ca/html/ip\\_information/publications.html](http://www.patex.ca/html/ip_information/publications.html)

From the Stone Age to the Nuclear Age, some of the greatest advances in technology were weapons of war; possibly in this millennium we may see sustainable technologies turned towards the survival of the planet, the ecosystem and the human race. If there is a theme to this year's calendar it may be our weird relationships with animals, and our own animal instincts.

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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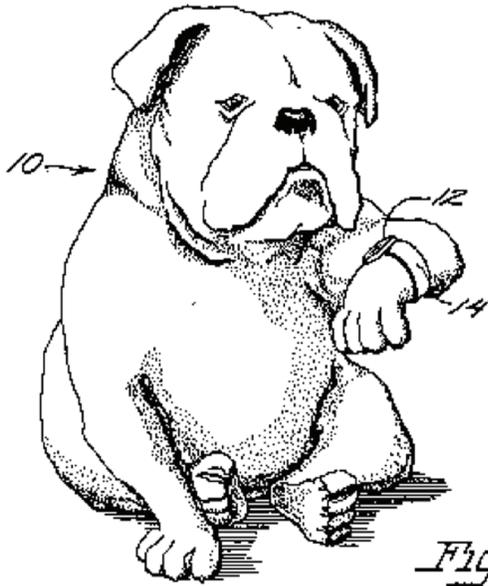
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# JANUARY

Clock for keeping time  
at a rate other than human time

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US5023850

Rodney H. Metts, Barry D. Thomas

Issued 1991-06-11

A novelty clock, watch, and the like for keeping time at an animal's rate, defined in terms of a multiple of human rate by dividing the average lifetime of a particular animal into the average lifetime of a human being. The multiple for dogs is seven, for example. The display is the usual clock face with the speed of the hands altered, preferably also with the data indicated as the number of days since the last "new year" in animal days. A digital display of time in human terms may be provided with an analog display of time in animal terms or, alternatively, a capability to switch from one to the other may be provided. Preferably, a variable resistor, between the frequency source and producing means allows the user to change the multiple for different types of animals.

*"Never try to teach a pig to sing; it wastes your time and it annoys the pig."*

-Robert Heinlein

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	01 New Year's Day
02	03	04	05	06 Epiphany	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (US) (Observed)	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

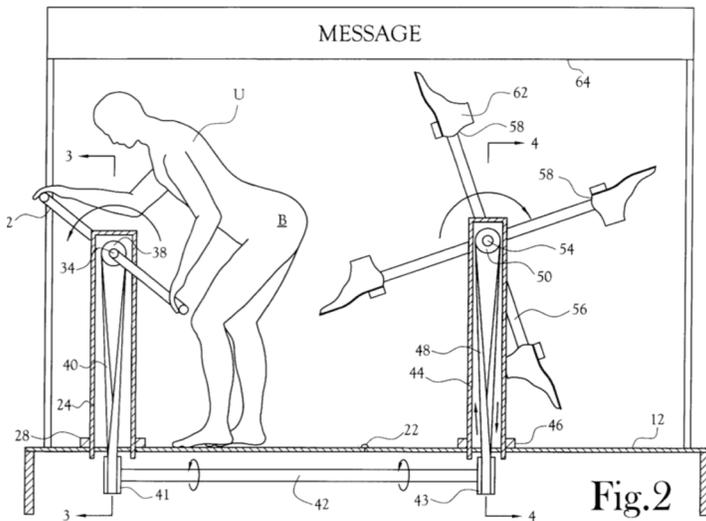


Fig. 2

US6293874

Joe W. Armstrong

Issued 2001-09-25

An amusement apparatus including a user-operated and controlled apparatus for self-infliction of repetitive blows to the user's buttocks by a plurality of elongated arms bearing flexible extensions that rotate under the user's control. The elongated arms are propelled by the user's movement of the crank, which is operatively connected by a drive train to the central axis of the rotating arms. As the user rotates the crank, the user's buttocks are paddled by flexible shoes located on each outboard end of the elongated arms to provide amusement to the user and viewers of the paddling.

*"Genius may have its limitations but stupidity is not thus handicapped"*

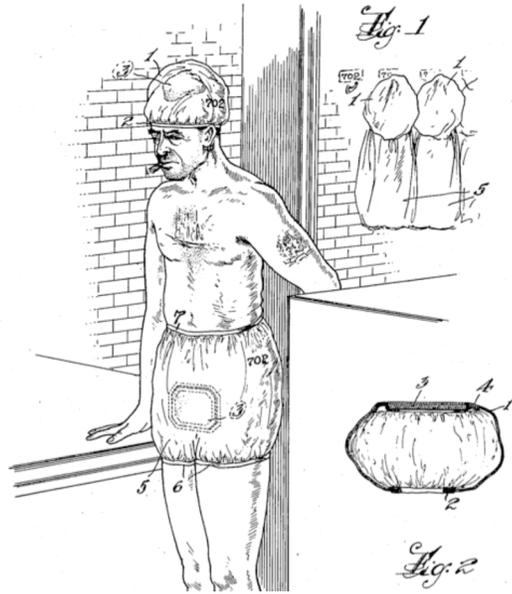
-Elbert Green

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	01	02	03	04	05
				Chinese New Year - Year of the Rabbit		
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
						Lincoln's Birthday (US)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Valentine's Day					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	President's Day (US) Family Day (CAN)	Washington's Birthday (US)				
27	28	01	02	03	04	05

# MARCH

Apparatus and process for killing human and animal vermin

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US2033357

Norman D. Riker

Issued 1936-03-10

It very frequently happens that persons, particularly men, coming into hospitals, night lodging houses, and missionary settlements are infested with vermin, and it is the principal object of my invention to provide apparatus and a process for treating these persons and exterminating the vermin in a highly expeditions and not at all uncomfortable manner. In carrying out my process I use in combination with the garments described a very volatile liquid in the form of an organic ester or alcohol which very rapidly becomes a lethal or highly toxic gas upon exposure to air.

*"Don't worry about people stealing an idea. If it's original, you will have to ram it down their throats."*

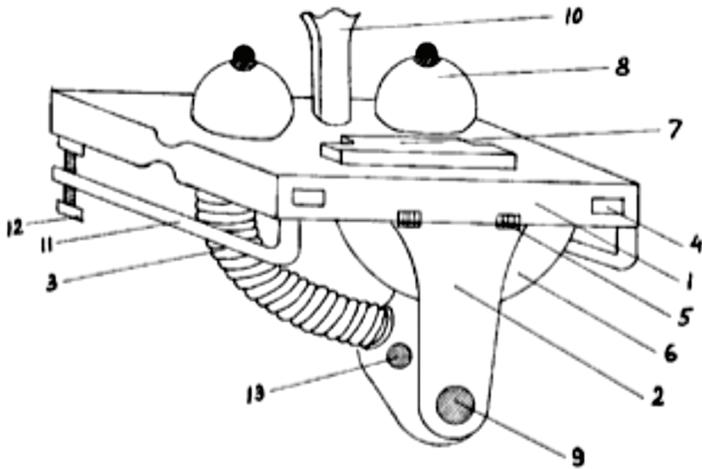
-Howard Aiken

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30	31	01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09 Ash Wednesday	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 Spring Equinox	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	01	02

# APRIL

Sexboard; Planche pour  
sexe en ligne

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CA2457021

Bagaric, Darko B.D.

Issued 2005-07-31

SEXBOARD is a computer hardware that can easily be attached to any home computer system, and with the installation of the SEXPO software, it enables customers to experience sex on line. With the addition of an array of accessories, SEXBOARD can be used in a myriad of different ways to achieve satisfactory sex with any desired partner. SEXBOARD is made of two parts that are connected with hinges: the top board (stable) and the bottom board (saddle). The universal SEXBOARD (for both male and female users) is positioned on the computer desk in place of the regular keyboard. The bottom part (saddle) also contains two rods for accessories, one main front hole for inserting male or female devices and additional holes for installing bags with scent and lubrication as well as a disposable sperm bag.

*"It's all fun and games until you lose an eye"*

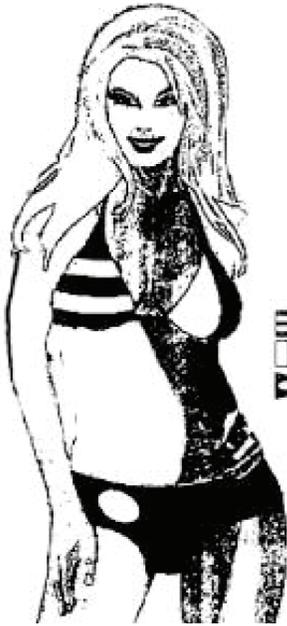
-Canadian saying

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Palm Sunday		Jewish Passover (Pesach)			Good Friday (Holiday in Canada)	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Easter Sunday Orthodox Easter Sunday	Easter Monday (Holiday in Canada)					

# MAY

Swimwear as  
information device

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C-H-2  
Charlie Hotel 2  
"Spaceship is down  
and requires  
immediate  
assistance."

US20040216209

Robert A. Dickey, Ruth A. Stephens

Filed 2004-11-04

Swimwear as an information device is provided wherein by prominently displaying international signal flags on said swimwear, a wearer can convey messages to others as prescribed by the International Code of Signals. For example "Charlie", "Hotel" and "Two" which communicates "Spaceship is down and requires immediate assistance."

*"Love is a fire. But whether it is going to warm your heart or burn down your house, you can never tell."*

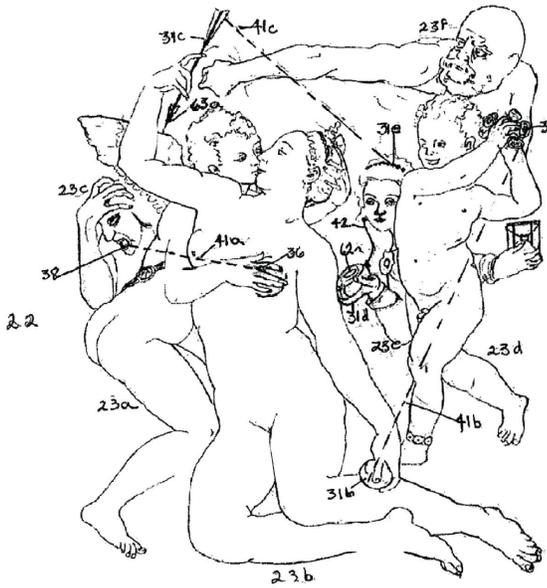
-Joan Crawford

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01	02	03	04	05	06	07
				Cinco de Mayo		
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
Mother's Day						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Victoria Day (CAN)					
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
	Memorial Day (US)					

# JUNE

Method and apparatus  
for falling in love

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US20030083544

Catherine Richards, Martin Snelgrove

Filed 2003-05-01

An apparatus is presented which, carried by or embedded in a lonely or socially inept individual, communicates with like devices in such a way as to divine the likelihood of attraction due to relative sexual, social, intellectual or spiritual interests of the bearers. It may either be programmed explicitly by a trusted body, or suspect compatibility by observing and mining patterns of behaviour, environment and physiological response in the users of the said devices. The users are signalled or led to initial interaction in such a way as to maximize the likelihood of prolonged and deepened contact.

*"If you love something, turn it loose. If it doesn't come back, kill it!"*

-Doug Horton

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29	30	31	01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
12	13	14 Flag Day (US)	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21 Summer Solstice	22	23	24 St. Jean-Baptiste Day (Quebec)	25
26	27	28	29	30	01	02

# JULY

Two piece hollow head doll with translucent face portion

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DE9304955 (U1)  
Manfred Schoenberg  
Published 1993-06-24

Hollow head doll with translucent face portion (so called "Is ashamed of Males) whose hollow head is suitable for the temporary admission of liquids and whose front face half is to transparent translucently, around the color of the liquid (e.g. red wine or Himbeersaft) clearly . It is well-known to design dolls in such a way that they close the eyes when putting down und" Mama" to say or with pressure on the belly run off or Pipi let a tape make and which such a thing are at mechanical Spielereien more. So far lacks it however inventions, so that the doll could express deep-going psychological feelings physically, like it sensitive humans is given, their face with the Annören of erotic Geschmacklosigkeiten or when uncovering, even verubter obscenities from flaming red is covered.

*"Honesty is the best policy but insanity is the best defence."*

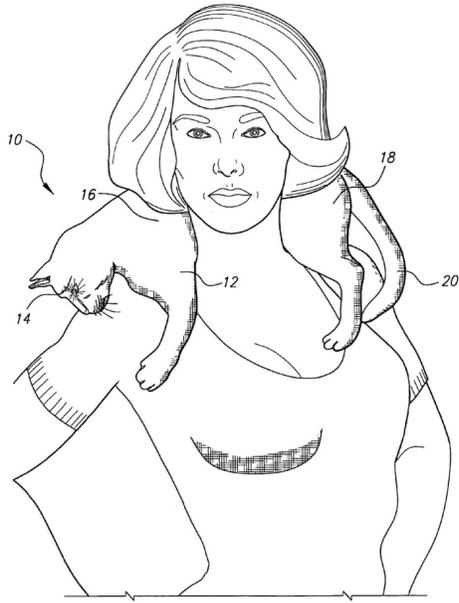
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26	27	28	29	30	01 Canada Day (CAN)	02
03	04 Independence Day (US)	05	06	07	08	09
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# AUGUST

Therapeutic stuffed animal

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US2005101220 (A1)

Pauline Jackson

Published 2005-05-12

The therapeutic stuffed animal of the present invention includes a stuffed animal at least partially stuffed with herbs, at least one pocket defined within the stuffed animal, and at least one reusable gel pack disposed within each pocket. The herb-stuffed animal also includes illuminated eyes, which are energized by a battery recharged by a solar cell positioned on an exterior surface of the stuffed animal. The stuffed animal may be positioned around a user's head, neck, shoulders or upon any other desired area of a user's body to provide relief to the user. The herbs in the stuffed animal emit vapors that provide various therapeutic benefits to a user. The gel pack may be cooled or warmed before insertion in the pocket to cool or warm a desired area of a user's body.

*"You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you can make a fool of yourself anytime."*

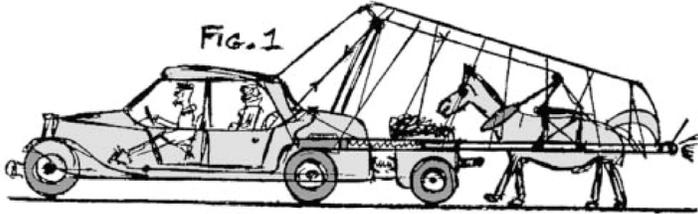
-Anon

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31	01 Civic Holiday (CAN) Ramadan Begins	02	03	04	05	06
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Ramadan Ends (Eid-Al-Fitr)	01	02	03

GB1405575

Arthur Paul Pedrick

Published 1975-09-10



An automobile is propelled by a horse pushing from behind. A U-shaped member 4 is attached by its free ends to the automobile, the automobile pulling a trailer in which food for the horse can be placed. The horse is connected to the U-shaped member 4 in such a way that it can only reach the food by pushing against the U-shaped member and so propelling the automobile. The accelerator of the automobile can be connected to pneumatic cylinders 6 in the ends of the U-shaped member to influence the thrust of the horse. The ignition switch can also be arranged to give a mild electric shock to the posterior of the horse when it is switched on. The brake pedal maybe linked by cables to halter 18 around the neck of the horse. In a modification (Figs. 4 and 5, not shown), the horse is placed inside two rotating assemblies in the manner of a treadmill. Each assembly has two wheels one inside the other, with a freewheel arrangement between the two to enable the horse to rest, e.g. when the automobile is running downhill.

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

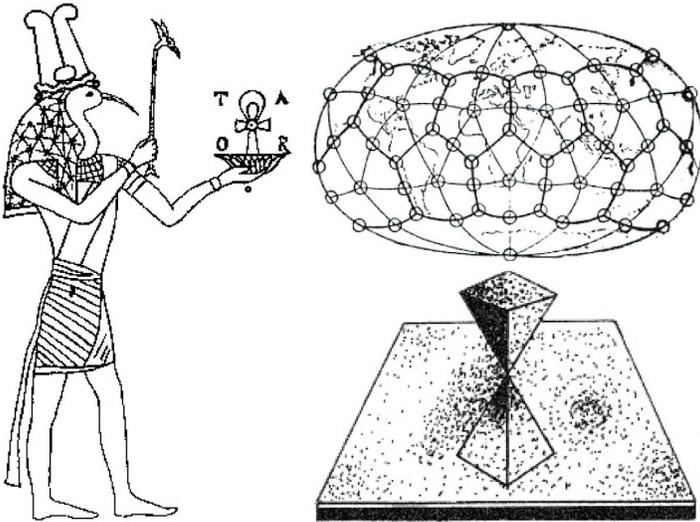
-Anon

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28	29	30	31	01	02	03
04	05 Labor Day (US) Labour Day (CAN)	06	07	08	09	10
11 Grandparent's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Fall Equinox	24
25	26	27	28	29 Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashanah)	30	01

# OCTOBER

Cosmic  
cube

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CA2010302  
Winifred G Barton  
Published 1991-08-19

The "Cosmic Cube" creates cubical wavefields by an entirely novel method of technology. Working across a time axis, it correctly identifies and cristalizes all components involved in any project. It is universally applicaable and quantums the competitive edge of the user. It establishes a mathematically precise cause-effect solution to within .0007% accuracy by the use of 72 interrelated electro-magnetic circuits. These have 144 entree-exit windows which can allow a single or multiple user (individual, group, profession, corporation, village, town, city, province, nation etc.) to plot a precise course of action, and get a full cause-effect diagram, graph, printout, bilan spreadsheet, free of human error, before a project is started. In scale it runs from the simplest maths of  $2+2=4$  to  $E=mc^3$ .

*"I am a graduate of Klingon Starfleet Academy; I know many things."*

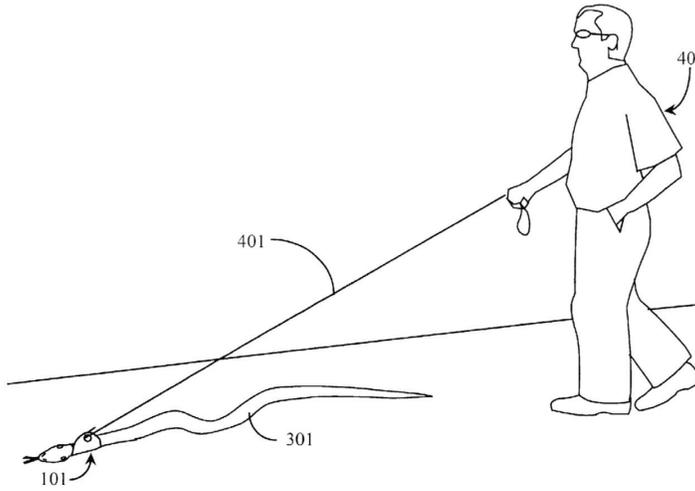
-Anon.

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25	26	27	28	29	30	01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08 Yom Kippur
09	10 Columbus Day (US) Thanksgiving Day (CAN)	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Halloween 31					

# NOVEMBER

Collar apparatus enabling secure handling of a snake by tether

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US6490999 (B1)

Donald Robert Martin Boys

Issued 2001-12-10

A collar for collaring a snake has an elongated collar section forming a physical collar when wrapped around the body portion of the snake. The collar further has a support section for supporting an attachment mechanism for accepting attachment of a tether and a connector system comprising at least two components affixed to strategic portions of the collar section for securing the collar in place around the body portion of the snake. The length of the collar section is such that a portion thereof overlaps itself when fitted around the snake providing an adjustable interface containing separate components of the connector system whereby mating the connector components together. Secures the collar in place on the snake.

*"You've got to be careful if you don't know where you are going because you might not get there."*

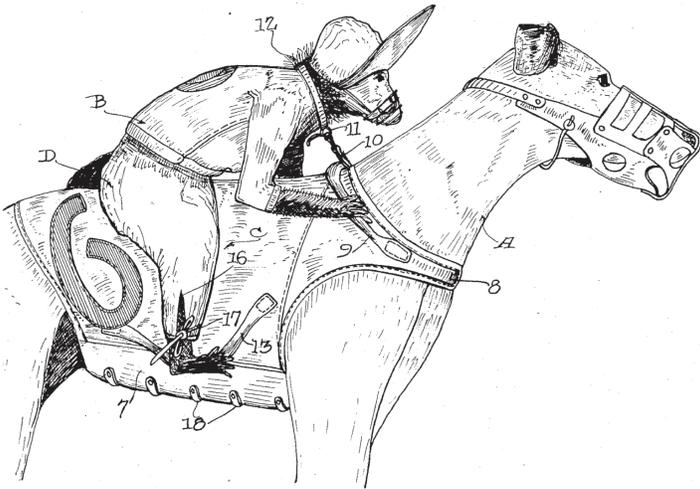
-Yogi Berra

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

# DECEMBER

Combined racing greyhound harness  
and rider supporting means

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US1926420  
Rennie Renfro  
Issued 1933-09-12

The principal object of the invention is to provide a novel and unique harness construction that will provide a comfortable dog fitting apparatus and a cooperating monkey rider support that will safely retain the monkey jockey on the back of the greyhound. The intention is a safe, humane, unique and most efficient means for retaining the simian jockey on the racing charge.

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

-Thomas Edison

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Hanukkah Begins	Winter Solstice		Christmas Eve
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Day	Boxing Day (CAN) Kwanzaa (US)		Hanukkah Ends			New Year's Eve

# JANUARY

Trage, insbesondere zum transport lebender tiere  
 [Stretcher, in particular to the transport of living animals]

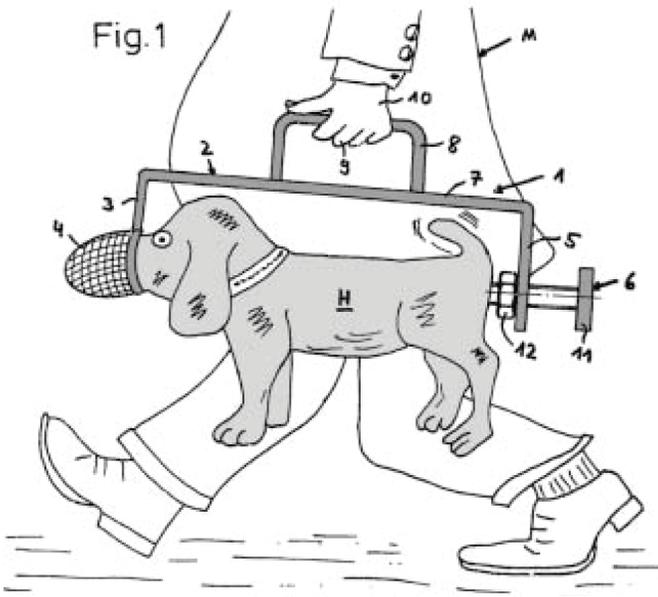
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DE000820481u1

Helga Burk

Published 1983-01-17

The apparatus is a novel carrier for living animals, preferably female dogs, which consists of a frame provided with a muzzle at one end to accommodate the dog's snout and with an adjustable screw that favourably fits in the animal's back opening. The screw can be adjusted in length.



*"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read."*

-Groucho Marx

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01 New Year's Day	02	03	04	05	06	07
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (US) (Observed)	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Chinese New Year - Year of the Dragon	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	01	02	03	04