

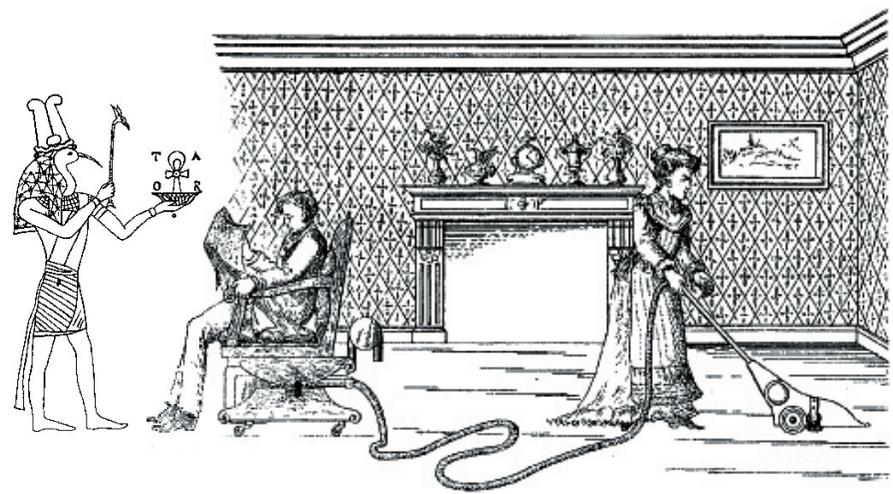
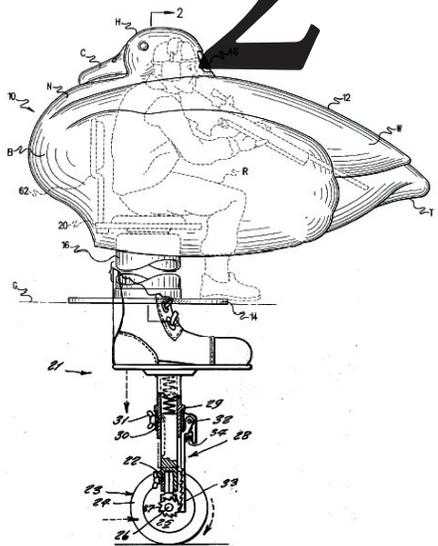
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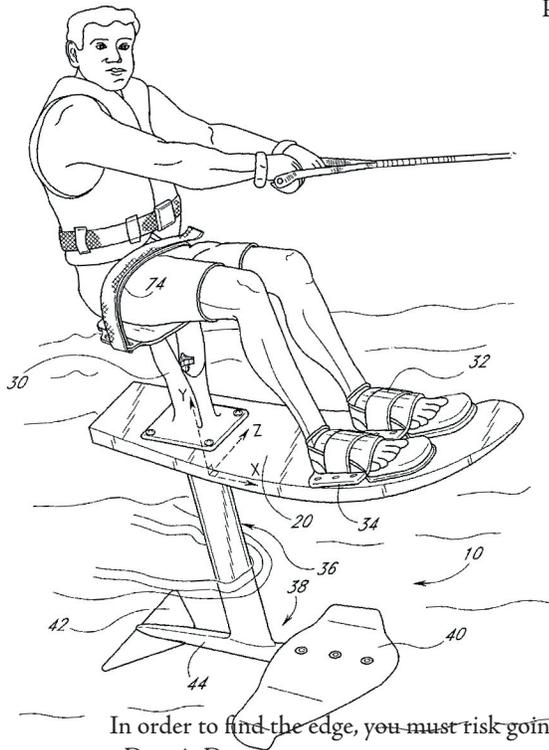
US 6,234,856

Flying Ski

Robert C. Woolley

Published May 1, 2003

The present flying ski is designed to be towed behind a conventional powered watercraft utilizing a standard ski tow rope or similar device having a handle that can be held by a human rider. In use, the rider is seated on the flying ski and towed by the watercraft. The improved flying ski comprises an elongated board and a seat that extends generally perpendicular to and upward from the board to support the seated rider's buttocks. The rider's legs extend toward the front of the board and are secured by a pair of foot holders that attach to the board. An elongated strut extends generally perpendicular to and downward from the board and couples the seat to a planing blade. The planing blade advantageously has a front blade and a rear blade interconnected by a fuselage. The present flying ski accommodates a variety of rider skill levels by incorporating a mechanism and a system that allows the rider to selectively adjust performance characteristics of the ski. In particular, the rider can control stability, lift and manoeuvrability ski characteristics to accommodate the rider's particular skill level and easy attachment and detachment of component parts of the ski.



J A N U A R Y

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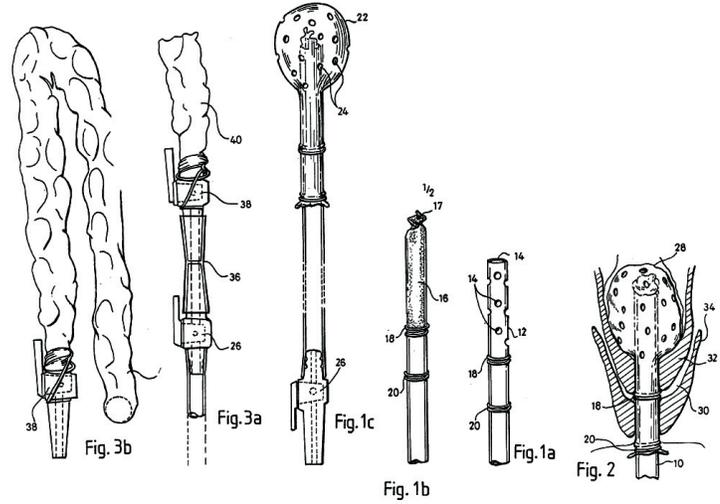
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| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 14 |
| 14 | 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Al-Hijra |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Australia Day | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

GB 2,289,222

Intestinal Gas Collection

Colin Lewis Avern Leakey
Published November 11, 1995

A device for collecting flatus gas from a human or animal subject, the device comprising a gas-tight collecting tube for insertion into the rectum of the subject and retaining means comprising a pair of O rings locatable in the subject's inter-sphincter groove, for retaining the device in the subject with the O rings, providing a gas-tight seal. The end of the tube inserted into the subject is apertured and covered with a gas permeable bladder with the distal end of the tube being connected to a gas-tight collecting bag.



F E B R U A R Y

In space, no one can hear you fart.
- Anon

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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Groundhog Day | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 St. Valentine's Day | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Chinese New Year 25 | President's Day 26 | Mardi Gras 27 | Lent Begins Ash Wednesday 28 | | | |

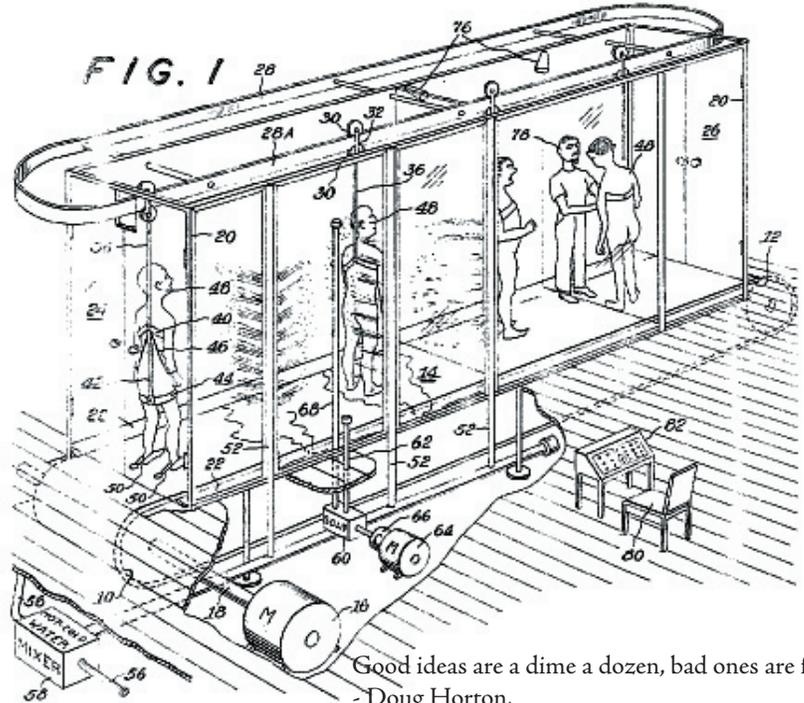
US 3,483,572

Automated Bathing Facility

Gyda Hallum

Patented December 16, 1969

An automated bathing system or facility adapted for use in bathing large numbers of patients or persons in standing position by which the patients are suspended by means of a harness from an overhead rail and are moved along a conveyor belt floor past a wetting station, a soaping station, a rinsing station, and finally into a drying station where the patient is air dried still in standing position and is readied for redressing under conditions that minimize the danger of infirm or mentally incapacitated injuring themselves or others by struggling during the bathing procedure and that provide improved sanitation in that all steps of the bathing procedure are accomplished with the patient in a standing position such that wash cloths and towels are not needed.



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

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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| | | | | International Women's Day | | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Daylight Savings | | Birthday of L. Ron Hubbard | | | | St. Patrick's Day |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | New Year (Hindu) | | Spring Equinox | | | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

US 1,143,835

Life Saving Apparatus

M. Kispeter

Patented June 22, 1915

This invention relates to life saving apparatus and its subject is to provide means whereby the life of a person dropping from an aeroplane either over land or water may be saved. I attain my object by means of an outfit consisting of a life jacket lined with airtight inflatable cushions, a spring helmet removably attached to the jacket and a parachute fastened to the body of the jacket adapted to be opened and shut at the will of the wearer thereof.

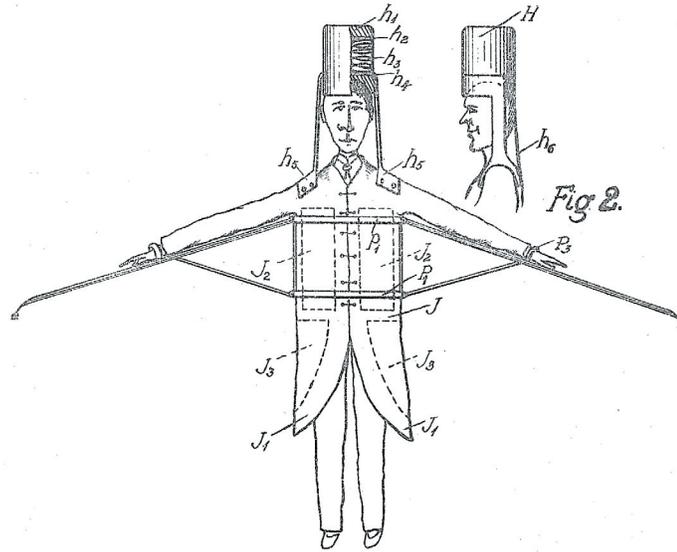


Fig. 1.

A P R I L

For a list of all the ways technology has failed to improve the quality of life, press 3.

- Anon

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| April Fool's Day Palm Sunday | 1st Day of Passover | | | | Good Friday | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| Easter Sunday Baisakhi | | Passover Ends | | | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
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| Earth Day | | | Anzac Day Administrative Professional's Day | | | |
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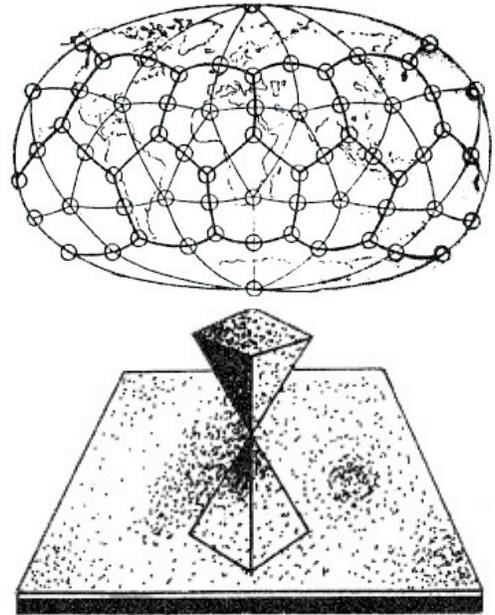
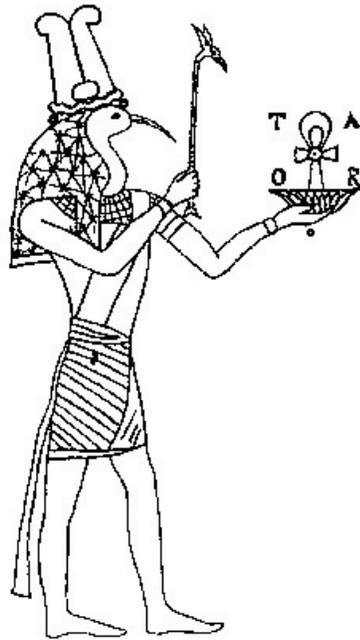
CA 2,010,302

Cosmic Cube

Winifred G. Barton

Filed February 19, 1990

The "Cosmic Cube" creates cubical webfields by an entirely novel method of technology. Working across a time axis, it correctly identifies and crystallizes all components involved in any project. It is universally applicable 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 entry-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 $E=mc^3$.



M A Y

I am a graduate of Klingon Starfleet Academy; I know many things.
- Anon

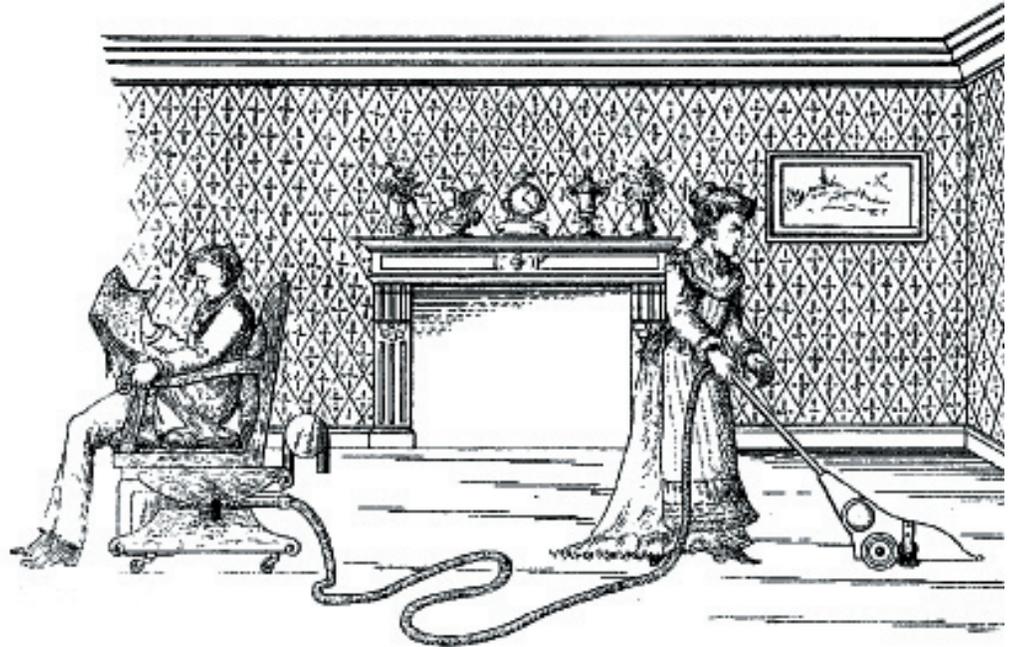
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| | | May Day | Buddha Day | | | Cinco de Mayo |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Mother's Day | | | | | | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | Victoria Day | | | | | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
| | Memorial Day | Ascension of Baha'u'llah | | | | |

DE 215,169

Dust Sucking Device

Emil Behringer & Herman Behringer
 Patented June 3, 1908

The Gegenstand of the Erfindung a dust sucking off device, with which the Neue consists of it, forms dass the schaukeinde movement of a Stuhles turn drives of the Saugluftzeug accommodated in the lower part of the Stuhles gungsvorrichtung and for filtering unit is used. This new dust sucking off device does not possess the advantage, dass it special drive strength requires and because of their small area need as well as more easy handling aeusserst is practical. (Machine Translation)



Before most people get to the point of being able to tell their ass from a hole in the ground they're already assholes and it's too late.
 - Anon

J U N E

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| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| Father's Day | | Juneteenth | | Summer Solstice First Nations Day | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| St. Jean Baptiste Day | | | | | | |

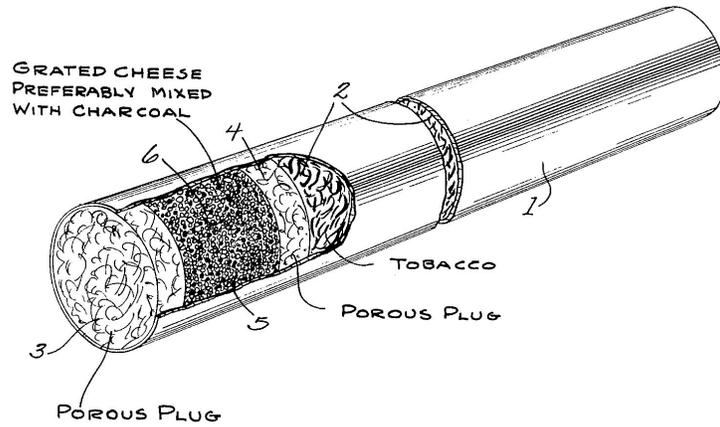
US3 243,948

Cheese-Filter Cigarette

Stuart M. Stebbings

Patented February 15, 1966

This invention contemplates the provision of a cigarette filter which comprises particulate milk derived cheese used alone or in a mixture with particles of charcoal. In order that the cheese may comprise small and well defined particles between which the smoke can pass freely, it is preferred to use a hard cheese as exemplified by Parmesan, Romano or Swiss cheese. Aged cheddars and other hard cheeses may also be used, particularly if partially dehydrated to facilitate grating.



J U L Y

Blessed are the cheesemakers.
- Life of Brian, Monty Python

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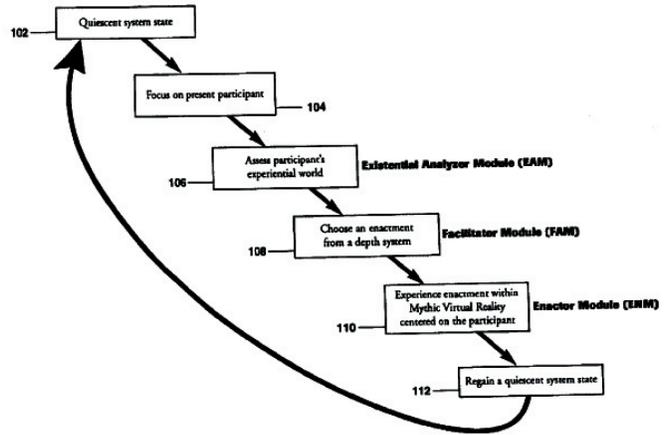
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| Canada Day | | | Independence Day | | | |
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US 5,734,795

System for Allowing a Person to Experience Systems of Mythology

McCagie B. Rogers
 Patented March 31, 1998

A system for allowing a person to experience systems of mythology. It includes an existential analyzer module (EAM), for assessing a portion of a person's meaningful experiential world. The EAM generates an existential descriptor (EXD) data structure describing the assessments. A facilitator module (FAM) utilizes the assessment from the EXD data structure for determining at least one appropriate enactment. The FAM generates at least one enactment descriptor (END) data structure describing the enactment chosen from the FAM. An enactor module (ENM) utilizes information from the EXD data structure and from the END data structure to generate a mythic virtual reality that incorporates the chosen enactment.



A U G U S T

I'd explain it to you, but your brain would explode.
 - Anon

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| 5 | 6 Civic Holiday (Canada) | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Assumption of Mary | 16 | 17 | 18 |
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WO 9,219,458

Two New Punctuation Marks: the Question Comma ? and the Exclamation Comma !

Leonard Storch

Published November 12, 1992

Using two new punctuation marks, the question comma and the exclamation comma, inquisitiveness may be expressed within a written sentence structure, so that thoughts may be more easily and clearly conveyed to readers. The new punctuation marks are for use within a written sentence between words as a comma but with more feeling or inquisitiveness. This affords an author greater choice of method of punctuating, e.g., to reflect spoken language more closely. Moreover, the new punctuation fits rather neatly into the scheme of things, simply filling a gap, with little or no explanation needed. Also, the interabang comma ? if the interabang ? is available. An example of usage follows. Readers encountering their first question comma ? in print may silently remark: "Clever! funny I never saw one of those before."

? & , = ?

! & , = !

? & , = ?

! & , = !

S E P T E M B E R

I prefer to remain anomalous, and plead contemporary insanity.
- Anon

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| 2 | 3 Labour Day | 4 Krishna Janmashtami | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 Patriot Day | 12 | 13 Rosh Hashanah Ramadan Begins | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Fall Equinox | 29 Yom Kippur |
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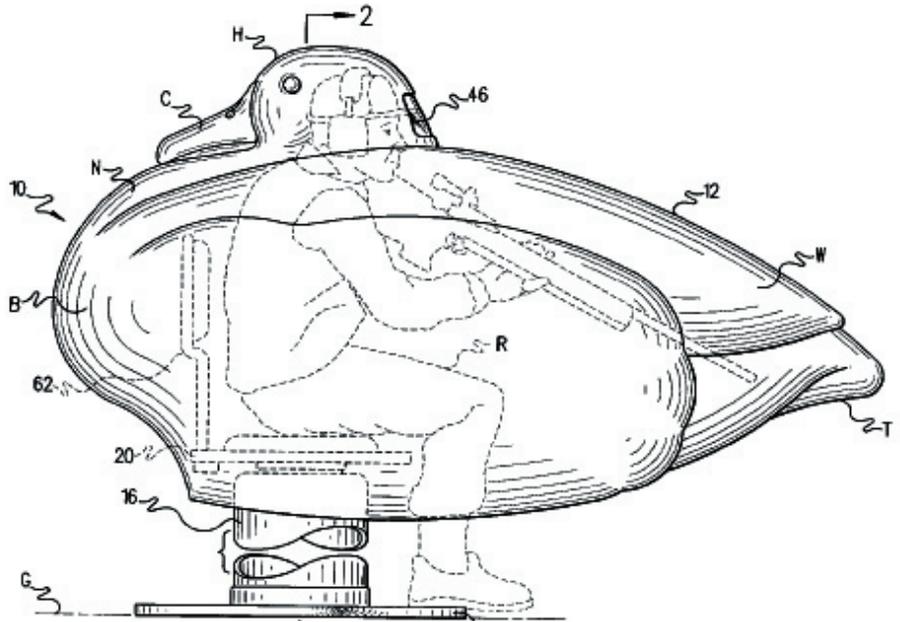
US 6,415,807

Decoy Hunting/Observing Blind

Patrick D. Maher

Patented July 9, 2002

A blind for hunters or observers and particularly geese hunters is characterized by having a decoy shell in the form of a goose which is sized to be large enough to accommodate the hunter or observer in a seated position on a swivel mount and to cover the greater portion of the hunter so as to be concealed from view, and decoy is divided into symmetrical halves which are pivotal about a shell support structure at the base of the shell so as to be readily movable into an open position when the hunter wishes to fire at approaching geese.



O C T O B E R

Human beings, who are almost unique in having the ability to learn from the experience of others, are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so.
 - *Last Chance to See*, Douglas Adams

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| 7 | 8 Thanksgiving (Canada) | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Ramadan Ends Eid al Fitr |
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| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Hallowe'en | | | |

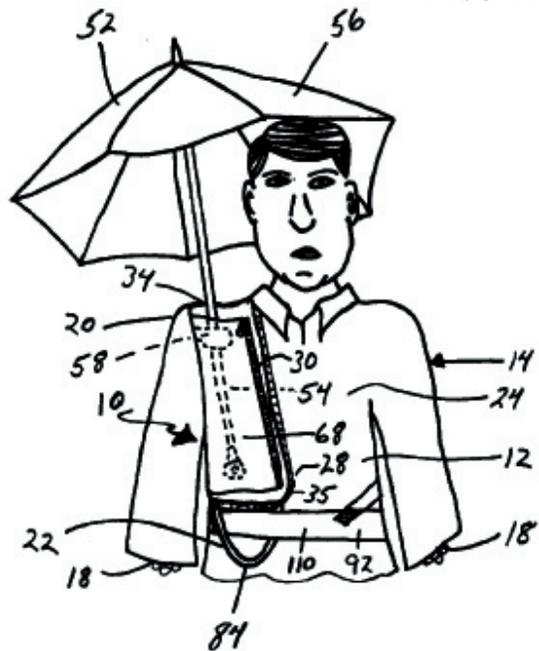
US 5,878,761

Device for Attaching to a Torso and Supporting a Pop-Up Umbrella Upright Without the Use of Hands

Dinesh L. Vader

Patented March 9, 1999

A holding device for attaching to a torso and supporting a pop-up umbrella upright without the use of hands of a wearer and has an in-use position where it is releasibly attached to the torso of the wearer and a non-use position where it is removed from the torso of the wearer and stowed away for easy transport. The holding device includes a carrying case that has an open position when the holding device is in its in-use position and a closed position when the holding device is in its non-use position, a sleeve pivotally mounted in the carrying case, a pop-up umbrella that has an open position, a closed position, and a shaft captured in the sleeve for lateral pivotal movement therewith so as to allow being opened and thereby prevent injury to the wearer when the carrying case is in its open position and the holding device is in its in-use position, and apparatus for releasibly attaching the carrying case to the torso of the wearer when the carrying case is in its open position and the holding device is in its in-use position.



N O V E M B E R

I can't remember if I'm the good twin or the evil one.
- *A Commonplace Book*, Steph Minuart.

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| | | | | 1 All Saints' Day Samhain Beltane | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Daylight Saving Ends | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Diwali (Deepavali) | 10 |
| 11 Remembrance Day Veterans Day | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Thanksgiving (U.S.) | 23 | 24 Birthday of Nanak Dev Sahib |
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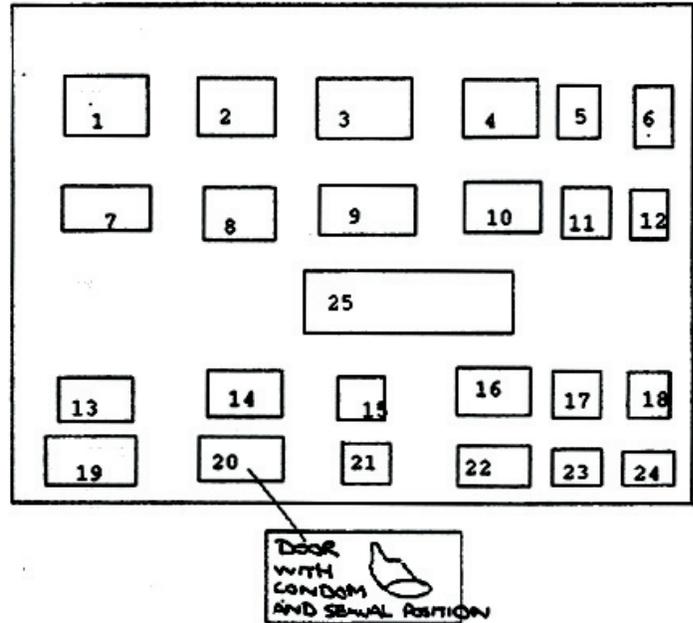
GB 2,328,762

Condom Advent Calendar

Robert Herring

Published March 3, 1999

An advent calendar comprises 25 condoms each held behind a respective door for selective removal. Information is contained behind each door and a special condom is available on Christmas eve - the Santa Claws condom, being red with a white rim and a white bobble on top. Each door has a different condom, with different colours, flavours, styles, for each day in December. Behind each door there is a picture of a new sexual position to try for the day.



D E C E M B E R

Don't take life seriously -- it isn't permanent.
- Anon

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| Advent Begins | | | Chanukkah Begins | | | |
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| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | | | | Eid al Adha | Winter Solstice | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | Christmas Eve | | | | | |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |
| | New Year's Eve | Christmas Day | Kwanza Boxing Day | | | |

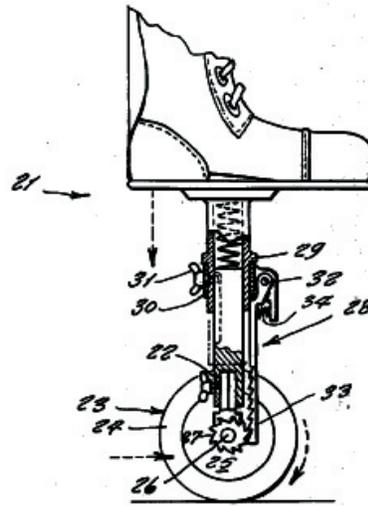
US 3,977,094

Pogo Shoes

Jose L. Rivera

Patented August 31, 1976

An attachment to a bottom of the shoes so to allow a wearer to spring up and down for purposes of fun, exercise, or diversion; the attachment consisting of vertical tube attached at its upper end to the shoe sole, a compression coil spring inside the tube pushing downward against a bar inserted into the lower end of the tube so thus jumping up and down causes the spring to thrust a wearer high up in the air.



J A N U A R Y

Men are amused by almost any idiot thing -- that is why professional ice hockey is so popular.
- Anyara

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| | | 1 New Year's Day | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| 20 | 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
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