

# Do Sweat the Little Things

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- a. Reverse engineering is legal in the U.S.  
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- b. Only technical and scientific information can be trade secrets  
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- c. We should always insist on signing an NDA BEFORE accepting confidential information

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# CLAIMING PRIORITY

## The Rules

Generally, the Rules require that an Applicant make a “specific” reference to the prior-filed application in either:

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1. identify the prior-filed application by application number; and
2. identify the specific relationship of the applications (i.e., continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part).

# CLAIMING PRIORITY

## How To

### TITLE OF THE INVENTION

### CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/123,456, filed March 1, 2008.

### BACKGROUND

#### 1. Field

This invention relates to blah blah blah...

# CLAIMING PRIORITY – How NOT To

(12) **United States Patent**

(10) **Patent No.:** US

(45) **Date of Patent:**

**Nov. 13, 2007**

(54) **LOW BASAL PLANE DISLOCATION BULK GROWN SIC WAFERS**

**Note Title**

(75) **Inventors:**

(73) **Assignee:**

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**Note Priority**

(65) **Prior Publication Data**


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## Related U.S. Application Data

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# INVALID PRIORITY CLAIM?

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<b>Bibliographic Data</b>						
Application Number:	60/522,366	Customer Number:		-		
Filing or 371 (c) Date:	09-21-2004	Status:	Provisional Application Expired			
Application Type:	Provisional	Status Date:	09-25-2005			
Examiner Name:	-	Location:		ELECTRONIC		
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Attorney Docket Number:	-	Earliest Publication Date:	-			
Class / Subclass:	-	Patent Number:	-			
First Named Inventor:	Cheryl C. Sigmon , Claremont, NC (US)	Issue Date of Patent:	-			
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Title of Invention:	STUPP-stand up and pee or Genis-girl's penis					

**Note Title**

# CLAIMING PRIORITY

## What Happened?

- Transmittal includes no priority claim
- Original specification includes no priority claim
- Declaration includes no priority claim
- Priority reference entered into spec. by examiner after a phone interview

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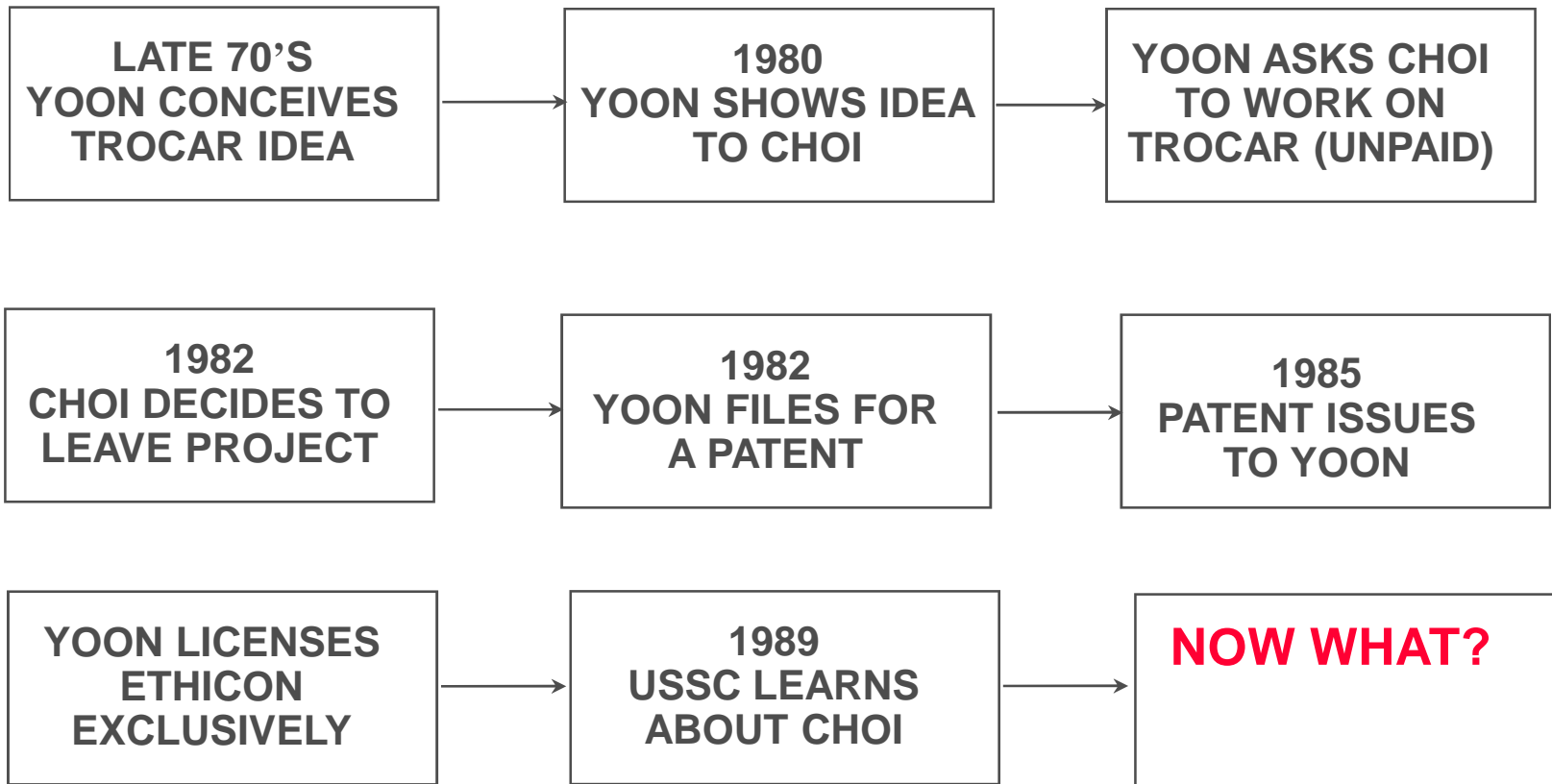
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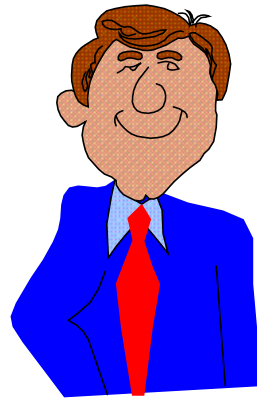
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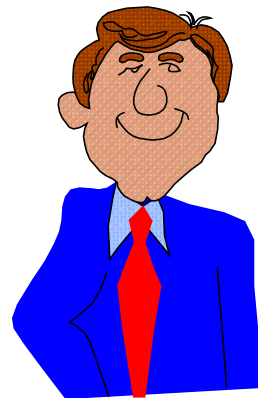
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## ETHICON v. U.S. SURGICAL CORP. Cont.



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### United States Patent [15]

Maxwell [45] Patent Number: 4,624,060

[45] Date of Patent: Nov. 25, 1986

[54] SYSTEM FOR ATTACHING MATED PAIRS OF SHOES TOGETHER

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[21] Appl. No.: 731,762

[22] Filed: May 8, 1985

[63] Continuation of Ser. No. 519,661, Oct. 6, 1983, abandoned.

[51] Int. Cl.<sup>4</sup> ..... A43C 11/00

[52] U.S. Cl. .... 36/1; 36/58.5; 24/117; 24/119

[58] Field of Search .... 24/117 R, 118, 119, 24/120, 442; 36/1, 50, 58.5

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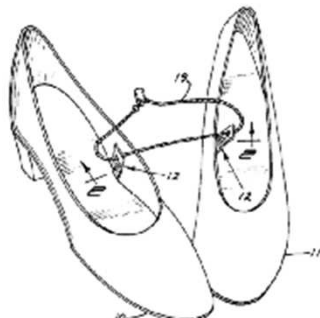
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[57] ABSTRACT

A system for connecting mated pairs of shoes to prevent separation and possible mismatching when offered for sale in self-service stores. According to the system, the shoes at the time of manufacture are provided with a fastening tab inside the shoe. The tab comprises a length of narrow strong sheet material having a hole or loop at one end for receiving a fastening filament. The fastening tab is folded and disposed with one portion having the hole or loop at its end extending vertically up from the sole along the inside wall of the inner portion of the shoe but not attached to the shoe wall. The other portion of the fastener tab is secured by means of strong adhesive, stitching, staples, or all three, to the bottom sole of the shoe and the inner sole applied on top of the adhered portion of the fastening tab. The shoes are fastened together by passing a filamentary connector, preferably a locking plastic fastener, through the hole or loop in each of the fastening tabs and through the prior tag before joining the ends together in a closed loop.

4 Claims, 3 Drawing Figures



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**United States Patent** [19]  
**Moore et al.**

[11] **Patent Number:** 5,934,226  
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[54] **BIRD DIAPER**

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[22] Filed: **Oct. 15, 1997**

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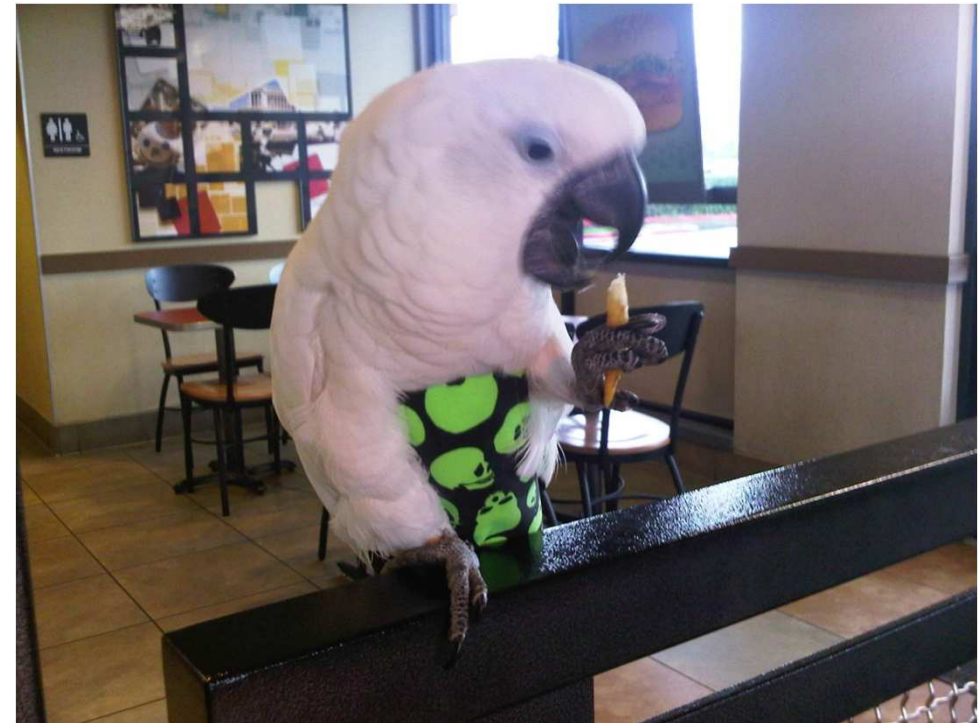
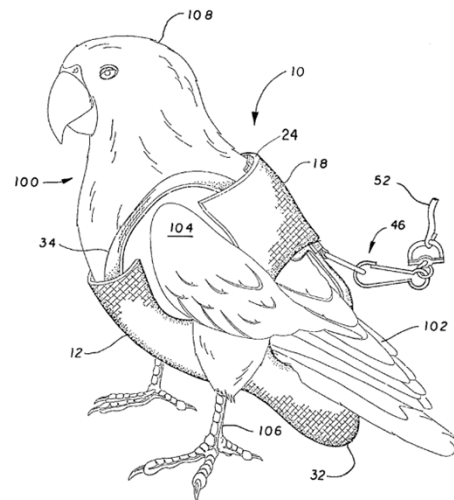
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**18 Claims, 7 Drawing Sheets**

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**ABSTRACT**

A bird diaper for an uncaged pet bird to wear, featuring an enclosed pouch for receiving and containing excrement, and apertures to accommodate both the wings and the tail of the bird. Elastic straps and hook and loop fastener components (e.g., VELCRO) secure the diaper onto the body of the pet bird without restricting movement. The bird diaper is fabricated from spandex (e.g., LYCRA) or another stretchable, lightweight material, allowing absorption of bird excrement to prevent leaks and facilitating easy cleaning using soap and water. The bird diaper can incorporate decorative designs, bright colors and is available in different sizes. The bird diaper also has a leash which is insertable within the hook and loop fasteners. The leash serves to restrain or limit the bird's area of free flight.



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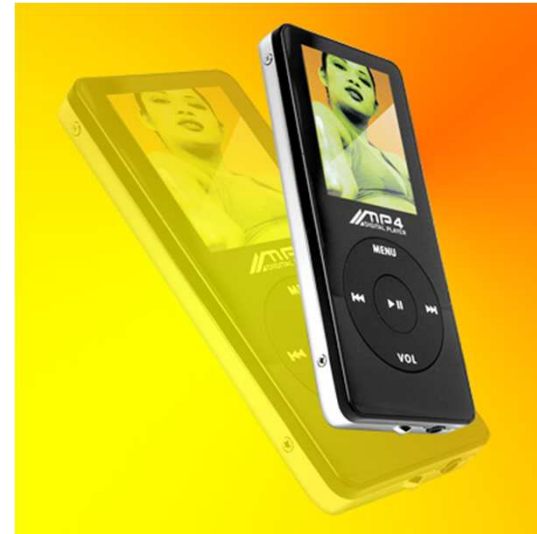
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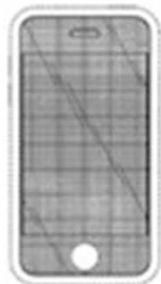


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## Apple Design Patents



Apple D'677



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