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(54) **GAMING MACHINE WITH A FIXED WILD SYMBOL**

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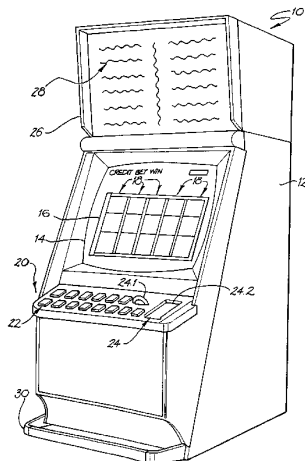
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A gaming machine has a display and a game controller arranged to control images displayed on the display. The game controller is arranged to play a spinning reel game wherein one or more random events are caused to be displayed on the display and, if a predefined winning event occurs, the machine awards a prize. When at least one special symbol appears on the display, the special symbol is held in a superimposed representation in that position for at least one further game while at least that reel carrying the special symbol is re-spun for the at least one further game.

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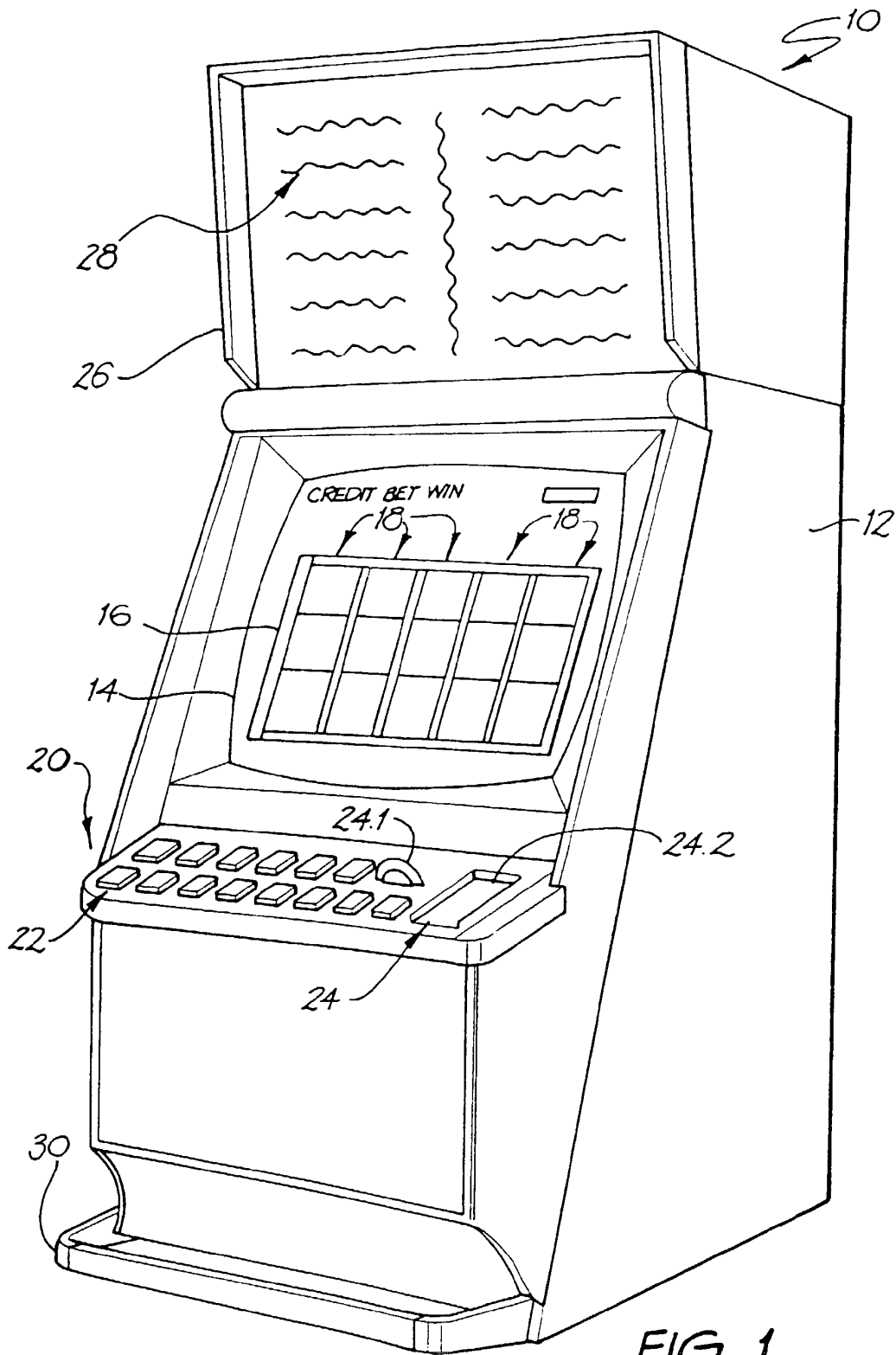


FIG. 1

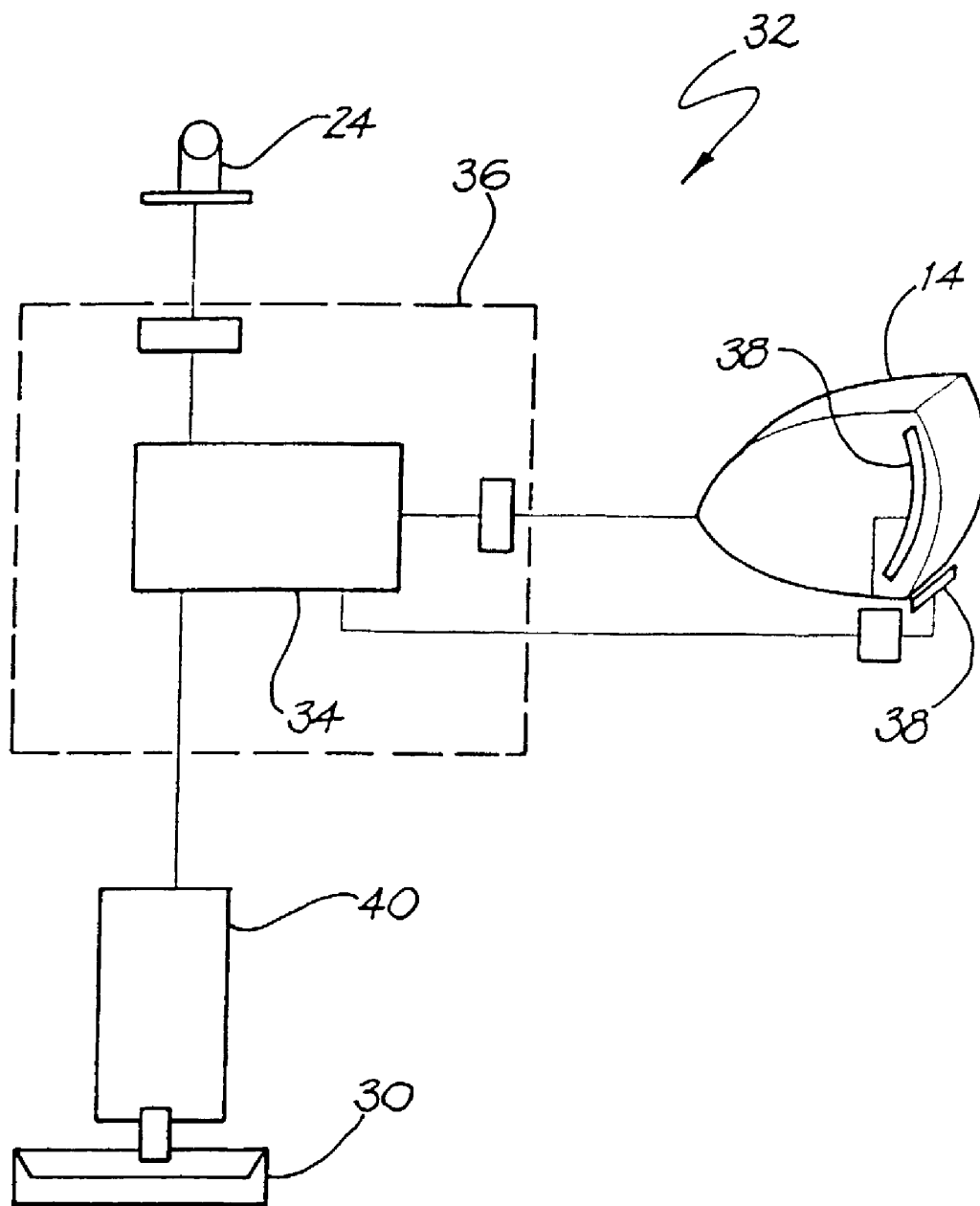


FIG. 2

A 3x5 grid of cards. The top row contains J, J, 10, Q, J. The middle row contains K, K, K, 9, 9. The bottom row contains Q, 10, J, 10, Q. A callout '16' with a lightning bolt symbol points to the right side of the grid. Two callouts '18' with arrows point to the first two columns and the last two columns of the grid.

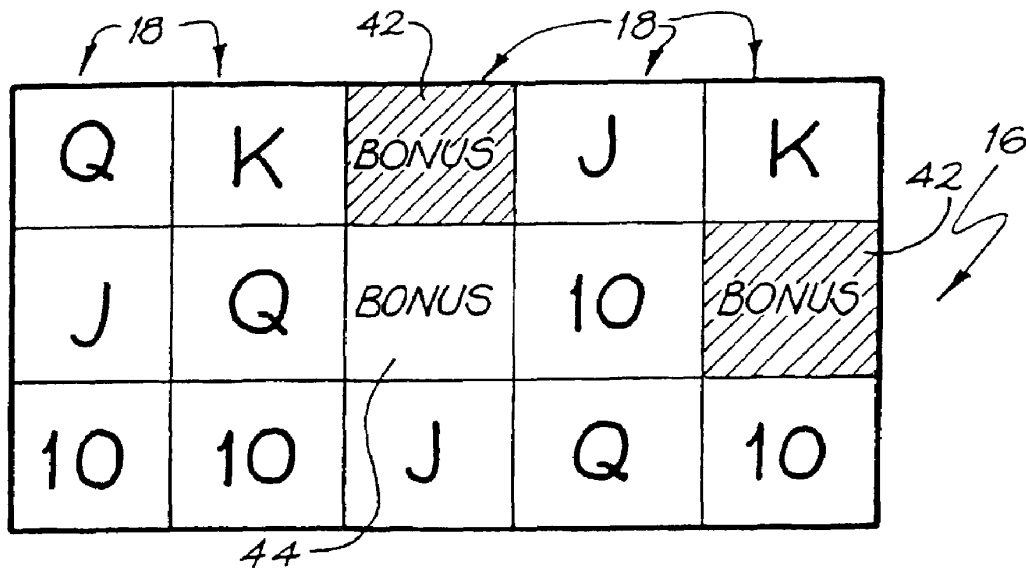
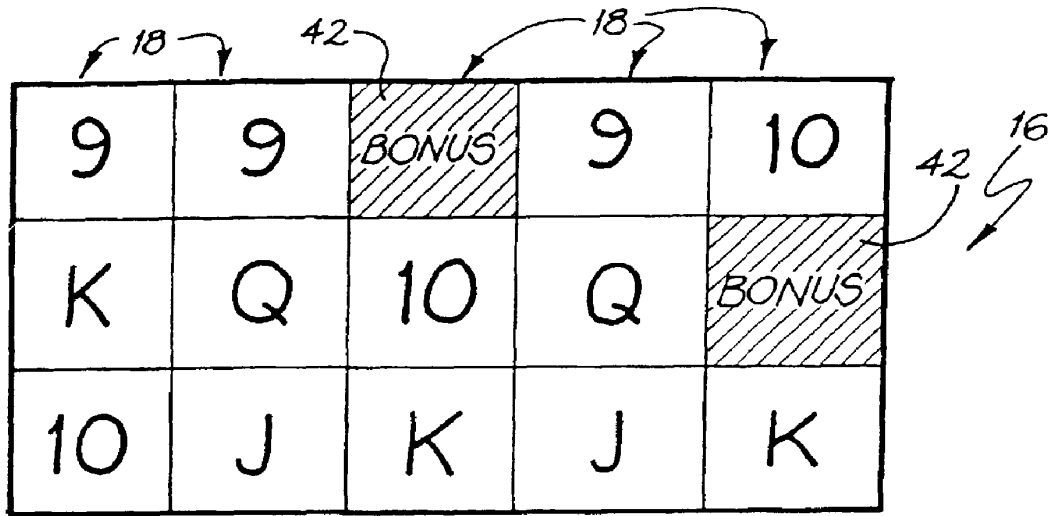
J	J	10	Q	J
K	K	K	9	9
Q	10	J	10	Q

FIG. 3a

A 3x5 grid of cards. The top row contains K, Q, BONUS, J, K. The middle row contains 9, 10, J, Q, BONUS. The bottom row contains 10, K, 10, K, Q. A callout '16' with a lightning bolt symbol points to the right side of the grid. Callout '42' with a bracket points to the BONUS cards in the top-right and middle-right positions. Two callouts '18' with arrows point to the first two columns and the last two columns of the grid.

K	Q	BONUS	J	K
9	10	J	Q	BONUS
10	K	10	K	Q

FIG. 3b



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