BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

[0016] A preferred embodiment of the present invention will now be described by way of example with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

[0017] FIG. **1** is a front perspective view of the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrating a cabinet having an access door in a closed position;

[0018] FIG. **2** is a front perspective view of the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrating a cabinet having an access door in an open position;

[0019] FIG. **3** is a front perspective view of the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrating a cabinet having a monitor contained within a primary upper translucent surface for viewing by an operator;

[0020] FIG. **4** is a flow chart of the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrating means for playing back video footage on a monitor;

[0021] FIG. **5** is a front perspective view of the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrating a consumer-based video playback device situated within an upper portion of a cabinet and a monitor or an all-in-one digital display device configurably arranged behind a primary upper translucent surface;

[0022] FIG. **6** is a flow chart of the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrating components of an all-in-one digital display device coupled to a main microcontroller;

[0023] FIG. **7** is a flow chart of the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrating a sound generator coupled to a main microcontroller;

[0024] FIG. **8** is a flow chart of the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrating a programmable sound generator coupled to a main microcontroller, memory, and a sound microcontroller;

[0025] FIG. **9** is a flow chart of the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrating a main microcontroller communicatively coupled to a resident memory module, processor memory module, at least three reel assemblies via a motor driver, a currency acceptor, hopper controller, digitally enhanced sound means, time measuring means, input interface, video playback means, and external lamps;

[0026] FIG. **10** is a flow chart of the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrating an initialization routine integrally included in an application program as executed by process controller means;

[0027] FIG. **11** is a flow chart of the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrating a conditional state routine integrally included in an application program as executed by process controller means;

[0028] FIG. **12** is a flow chart of the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrating a game over state sub-routine of conditional state routine in FIG. **11**;

[0029] FIG. **12**A is a flow chart of the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrating continuation of the game over state sub-routine in FIG. **12**;

[0030] FIG. **13** is a flow chart of the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrating a bet state sub-routine of conditional state routine in FIG. **11**;

[0031] FIG. **14** is a flow chart of the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrating a draw reel stops state sub-routine of conditional state routine in FIG. **11**;

[0032] FIG. **14**A is a flow chart of an alternative embodiment of the present invention illustrating a draw reel stops state sub-routine of conditional state routine in FIG. **11**;

[0033] FIG. **15** is a flow chart of the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrating a spin state sub-routine of conditional state routine in FIG. **11**;

[0034] FIG. **16** is a flow chart of the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrating a evaluate state sub-routine of conditional state routine in FIG. **11**;

[0035] FIG. **17** is a flow chart of the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrating a play state sub-routine of conditional state routine in FIG. **11**; and

[0036] FIG. **18** is a flow chart of the preferred embodiment of the present invention illustrating a tilt state sub-routine of conditional state routine in FIG. **11**.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

[0037] While this invention is susceptible of being embodied in many different forms, the preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings and described in detail hereinafter with the understanding that the present disclosure is to be considered to exemplify the principles of the present invention and is not intended to unduly limit the invention to the embodiments illustrated and presented herein. The present invention has particular utility as an apparatus for dispensing a memento having commemorative value after momentarily engaging and completing an interactive, simulated gaming experience, an interactive event which may further an establishment's opportunity to advertise or promote a certain product or service or advance an amusement center's theme upon one's receipt of the memento.

[0038] Reference is now made to FIG. **1** of the drawings illustrating a memento dispensing device **10** of one embodiment of the present invention, generally resembling in most respects to a conventional slot machine of the type appreciably known and available in the art, more or less in terms of its visual effects, controls, and general operation. A cabinet **12** constitutes the memento dispensing device in its entirety, having a front panel **14** with a plurality of divided display windows **16** for allowing select observation of images depicted on a plurality of reel wheels **18** housed within an interior compartment **12***a* of the cabinet and primary upper and lower translucent surfaces **20***a*, **20***b* for accepting and mounting therebehind advertisements or promotional offerings of an establishment. The images may consist of any one or a combination of numeric symbols, animated figures, or graphics of representative form to serve in the promotion of a product or service offered by an establishment, including but not limited to amusement or theme parks, shopping centers, eateries, and other establishments most likely to gain beneficial use of the present invention. Additionally, the cabinet **12** comprises a pair of