CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A travel pillow (100) comprising:

a substantially U-shaped pillow body (102) having a foam core and comprising two lobe portions (106) spaced apart by a back portion connected at back-ends of the two lobe portions (106);

a chin-supporting strap (109) configured to attach to a front portion of one of the two lobes and extend to attach to the front portion of the other lobe, wherein the chin-supporting strap (109) is configured to support a user's chin when attached to the two lobes while in use by the user;

characterized, in that it further comprises a pocket (117) mounted on one of the lobes, the pocket being mounted to contain an affixing portion (111) of the chin-supporting strap.

2. The travel pillow (100) of claim 1, wherein:

each lobe portion (106) includes an outer surface and a front surface opposite the back portion,

the chin-supporting strap (109) is affixed to the front portion of one of the two lobes,

when in use, the chin-supporting strap (109) is extended to the lobe opposite the lobe to which the strap is affixed and removably attached to the opposite lobe.

3. The travel pillow (100) of claim 2, wherein the chin-supporting strap (109) is affixed at the affixing portion on the front portion of the lobe to which the chin-supporting strap (109) is affixed, the chin-supporting strap (109) extending from the affixing portion to an opposite end having a strap attachment mechanism configured to mate with a lobe attachment mechanism on the other lobe.

4. The travel pillow (100) of claim 3, wherein the lobe opposite the lobe to which the chin-supporting strap is affixed includes an attachment region (107) for supporting the lobe attachment mechanism on the lobe opposite the lobe to which the chin-supporting strap is affixed.

5. The travel pillow (100) of claim 4, wherein the lobe attachment mechanism on the opposite lobe includes a hook and loop surface covering the attachment region (107), the hook and loop surface configured to mate with the strap attachment mechanism, wherein the strap attachment mechanism includes a corresponding hook and loop surface on a bottom surface of the chin-supporting strap (109).

6. The travel pillow (100) of claim 1, wherein the lobe attachment mechanism and the strap attachment mechanism include buckles, loops, and buttons.

7. The travel pillow (100) of claim 3, wherein the affixing portion of the chin-supporting strap (109) is on the outer surface of the lobe to which the chin-supporting strap (109) is affixed.

8. The travel pillow (100) of claim 1, wherein the pocket (117) is mounted on the lobe to which the strap (109) is affixed in sufficient proximity to receive the chin-supporting strap (109) when not in use.

9. The travel pillow (100) of claim 1, comprising: a raised portion (102b) extending from a base portion (102a) of the lobes and back portion, the raised portions configured to provide support for the user's head along both sides and a back side of the user's head when the travel pillow is positioned around the user's neck.

10. The travel pillow (100) of claim 1, further comprising: a cover (103) enclosing the pillow body.

11. The travel pillow (100) of claim 10, wherein: the cover (103) comprises an anchor mechanism (112) to attach the cover of the pillow body to a headrest.

12. The travel pillow (100) of claim 11, wherein: the pillow body and the cover comprise two lobe cover portions spaced apart by a back cover portion connected at back-ends of the two lobe cover portions.

13. The travel pillow (100) of claim 12, wherein: the anchor mechanism (112) comprises a first anchor body and a second anchor body to attach the cover of the pillow body to the headrest.