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#### [57] **ABSTRACT**

A television schedule system and method for displaying television schedule information on a television screen includes a program guide having a schedule information area that depicts the programs that are being presented on each channel at each time during the day. An input device allows the viewer to move a pointer over different interactive areas of the guide and the function performed when the area is activated is displayed in a contextual help window. Various control glyphs provide for recursive interaction with the guide. Additionally, a video window is interactive and provides tuning functions.

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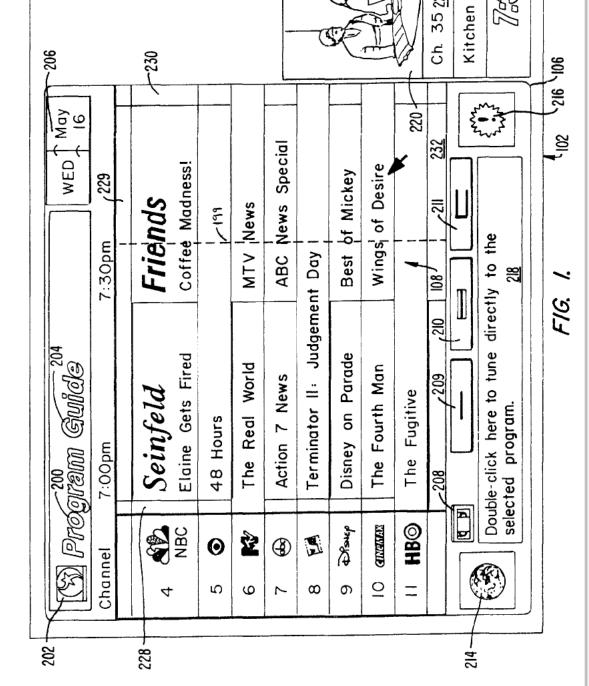
## **ELECTRONIC PROGRAM GUIDE WITH** [54] INTERACTIVE AREAS [75] Inventors: Steven Michael Schein, Menlo Park: Jim Leftwich, Palo Alto; David M. Folker, Fremont; Keith Hunwick, Mountain View, all of Calif. [73] Assignee: StarSight Telecast, Inc., Fremont, Calif. [\*] Notice: This patent issued on a continued prosecution application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(d), and is subject to the twenty year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. 154(a)(2). [21] Appl. No.: 08/906,073 [22] Filed: Aug. 5, 1997 Related U.S. Application Data Provisional application No. 60/022,436, Aug. 6, 1996. [60] Int. Cl.<sup>7</sup> ...... H04N 7/14 **U.S. Cl.** ...... 348/13; 348/906; 348/563; 345/327 348/565, 569, 906; 455/2, 6.2, 6.3, 6.1,

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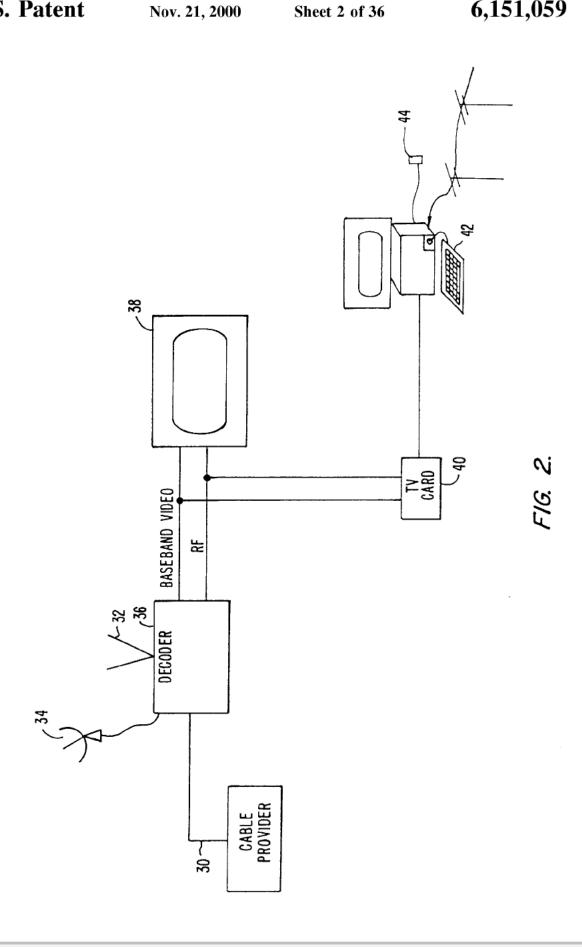
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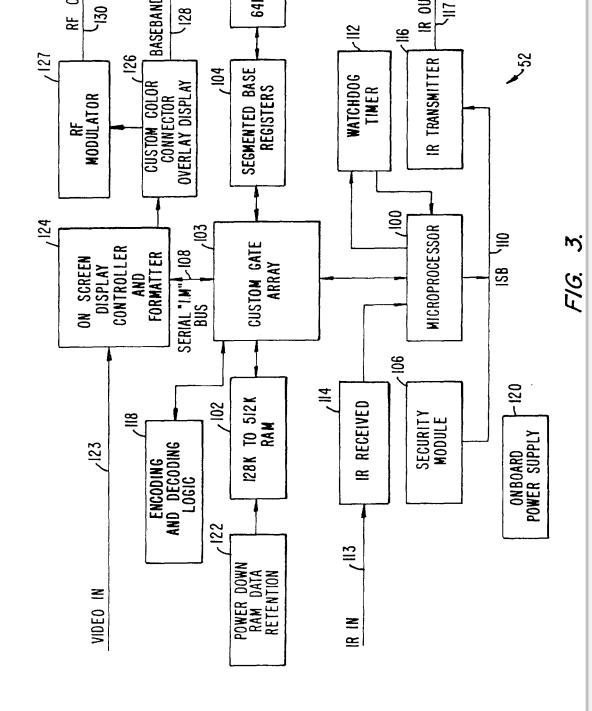
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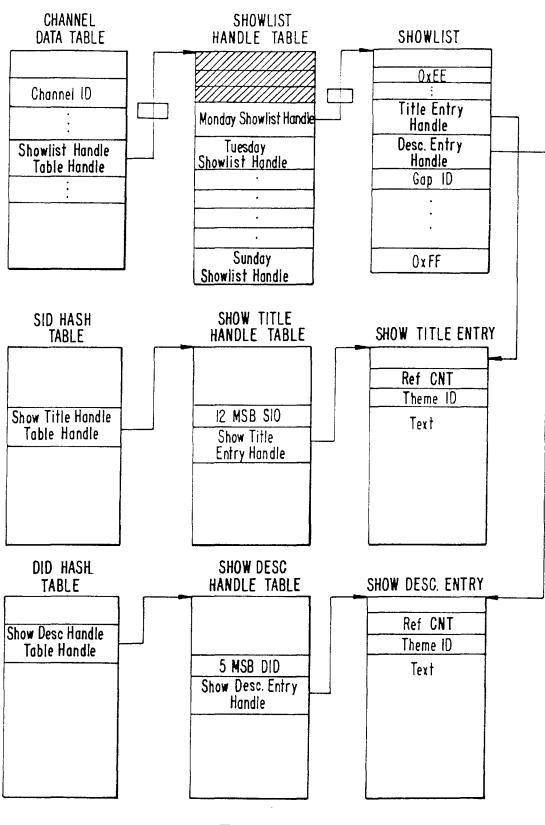












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