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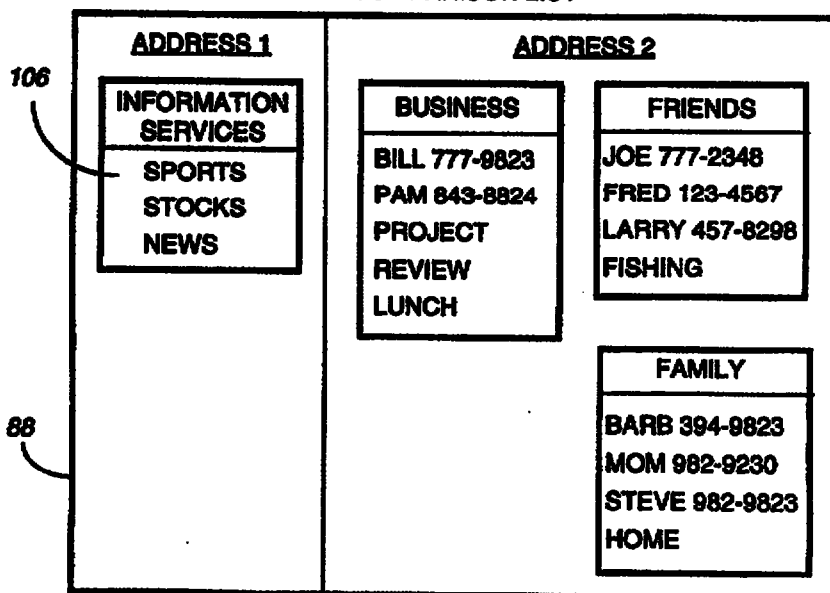


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COMPARISON LIST



(57) Abstract

A selective call receiver such as a pager (44) sorts and stores received messages (24-32) by categories and, optionally, by sub-categories as well. The category of a received message is determined by comparing a received message to identifying data (106) stored in the pager (44). Both the identifying data (106) and the categories can be changed by the user. When the category of a received message has been determined, a user alert is generated, the alert being indicative of the category of the message.