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ABSTRACT

A data display pager capable of automatically protecting a particular message over a limited period of time. The receiver stores a message signal in a message signal storage area included in control means thereof.

5 When the pager detects out of the stored message signal protection information which is made up of a protection time signal indicative of a period of time for protecting the signal and a set of particular marks occurring before and after the protection time signal, it protects the

10 message signal over the protection time. The message signal is protected in either of two modes which are discriminated from each other on the basis of the number or the kind of particular marks. During the protection time, the stored message (signal) is displayed in a first

15 mode wherein a message without the protection information appears or in a second mode wherein the entire message appears, depending on the above-mentioned protection mode. On the elapse of the protection time, the stored message signal has, in a first protection mode, the protection

20 information thereof deleted or has, in a second protection mode, only the particular marks thereof deleted.

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