

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A television system for receiving a plurality of  
5 digitally-encoded television programs includes circuitry for  
selecting a particular digital data transmission channel from a  
plurality of digital data transmission channels, containing a desired  
digitally-encoded television program in response to a control  
signal, at least one of the data transmission channels also  
10 including television program schedule data. The system also  
includes user-operable data entry circuitry for entering data, and  
a controller for generating the above-noted control signal in  
response to user-entered data. The controller selects a virtual  
channel from a plurality of virtual channels in response to user-  
15 entered data, each virtual channel being subject to reassignment  
to a different one of said a plurality of digital data transmission  
channels, the television program schedule data defining the  
relationship of each of the television programs to respective ones  
of the plurality of digital data transmission channels.

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