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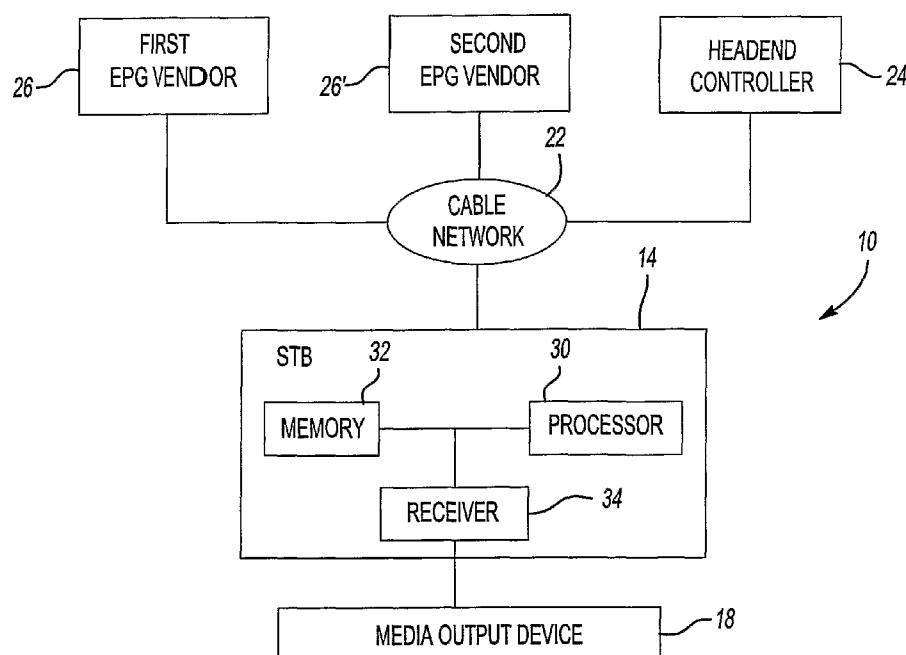
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(57) Abstract: A system and method for use in a cable network (22) to acquire EPG content signals from one or more EPG vendors (26,26'). The system includes a set-top box (STB) for receiving cable signals and EPG signals from a headend controller (24) so that the STB (14) can output the signals to media output device (18) for display. A conversion table is provided to each STB (14) for use by the STB (14) in determining source IDs associated with a given channel for each vendor, the source IDs for use in acquiring the EPG content signals.

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