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(54) **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING ADVERTISEMENT CONTENT AND PERSONAL CONTENT**

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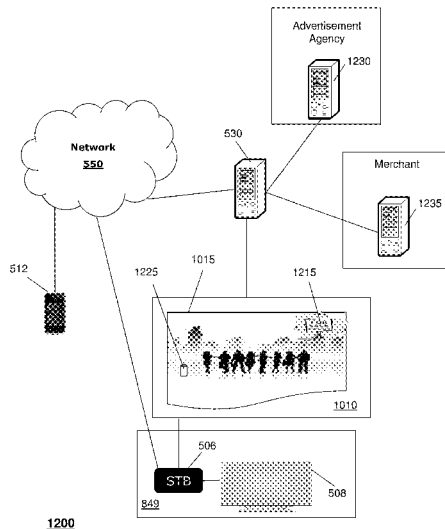
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system that incorporates teachings of the present disclosure may include, for example, monitoring access by communication devices of second users to personal content associated with a first user, selecting advertisement content based on the monitoring of the access, and providing the advertisement content for presentation with the personal content when the personal content is accessed by a communication device of a third user. Other embodiments are disclosed.

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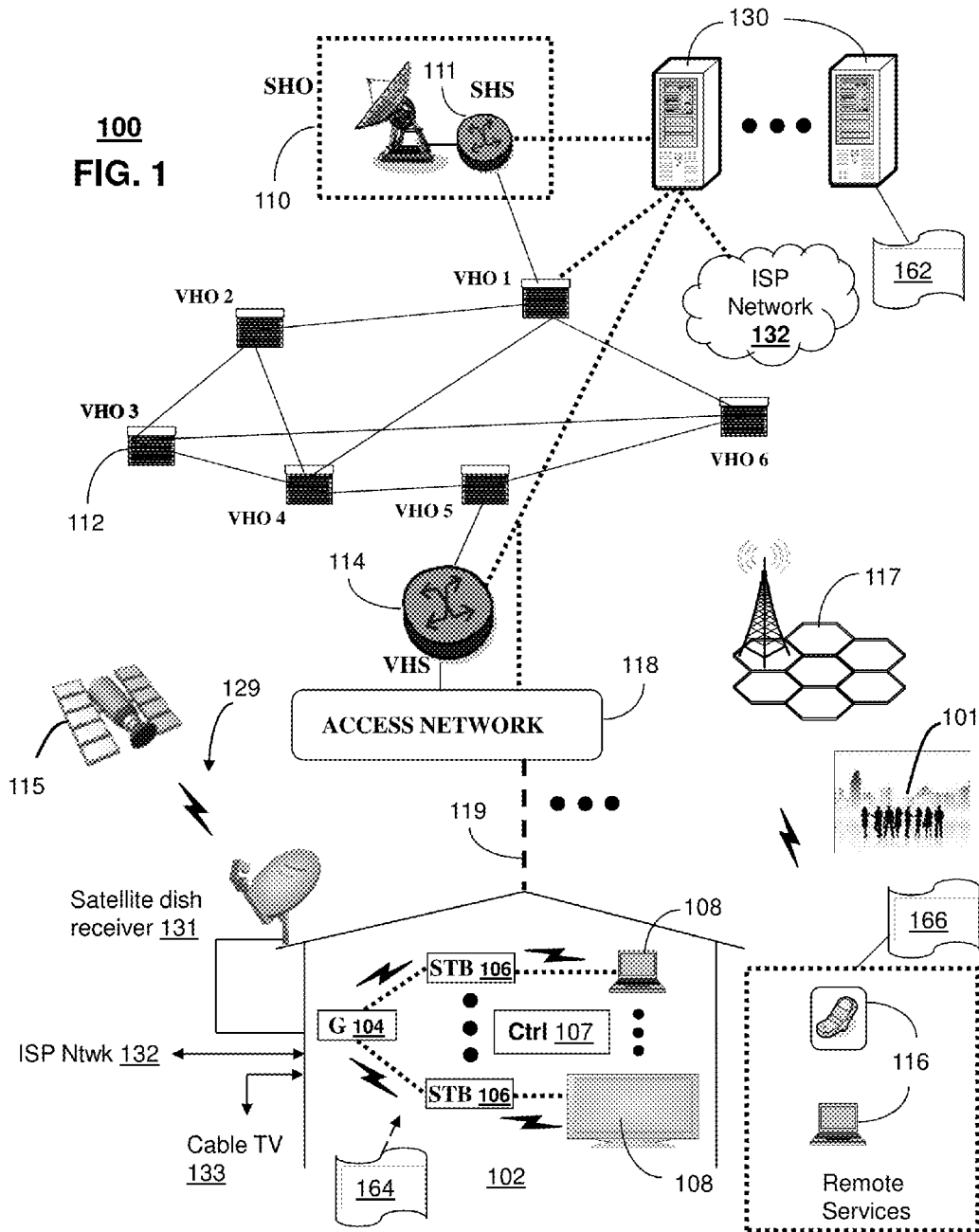
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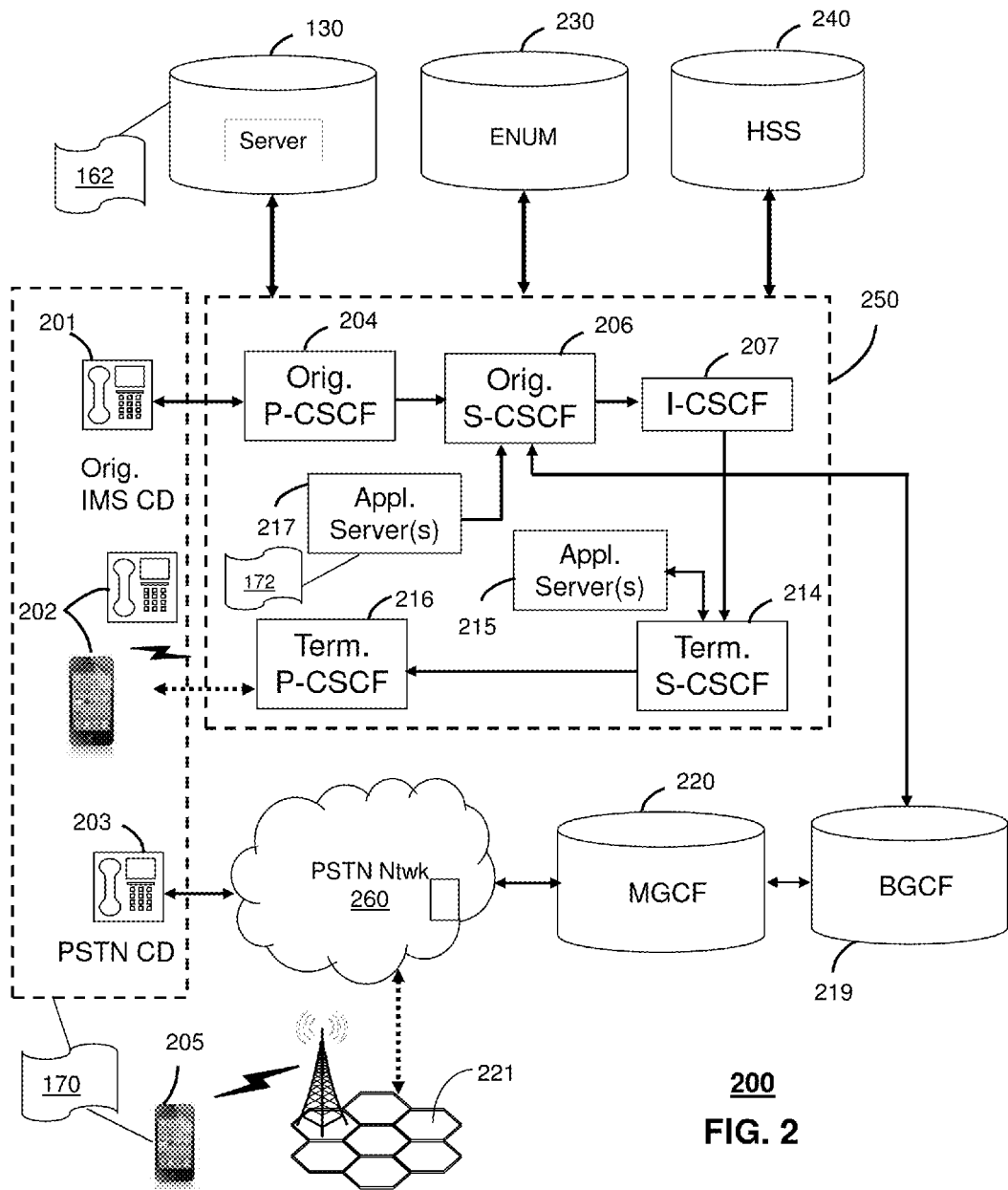
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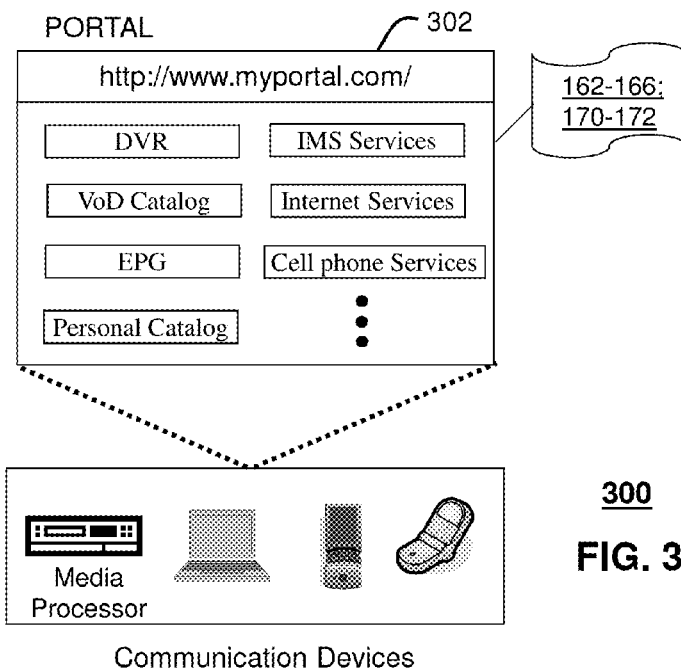
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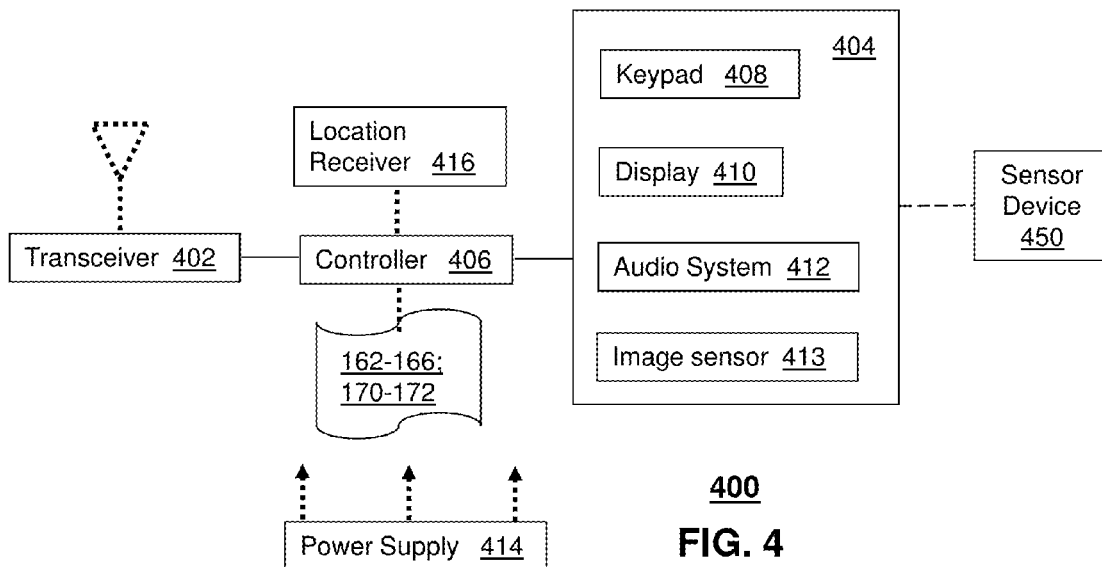




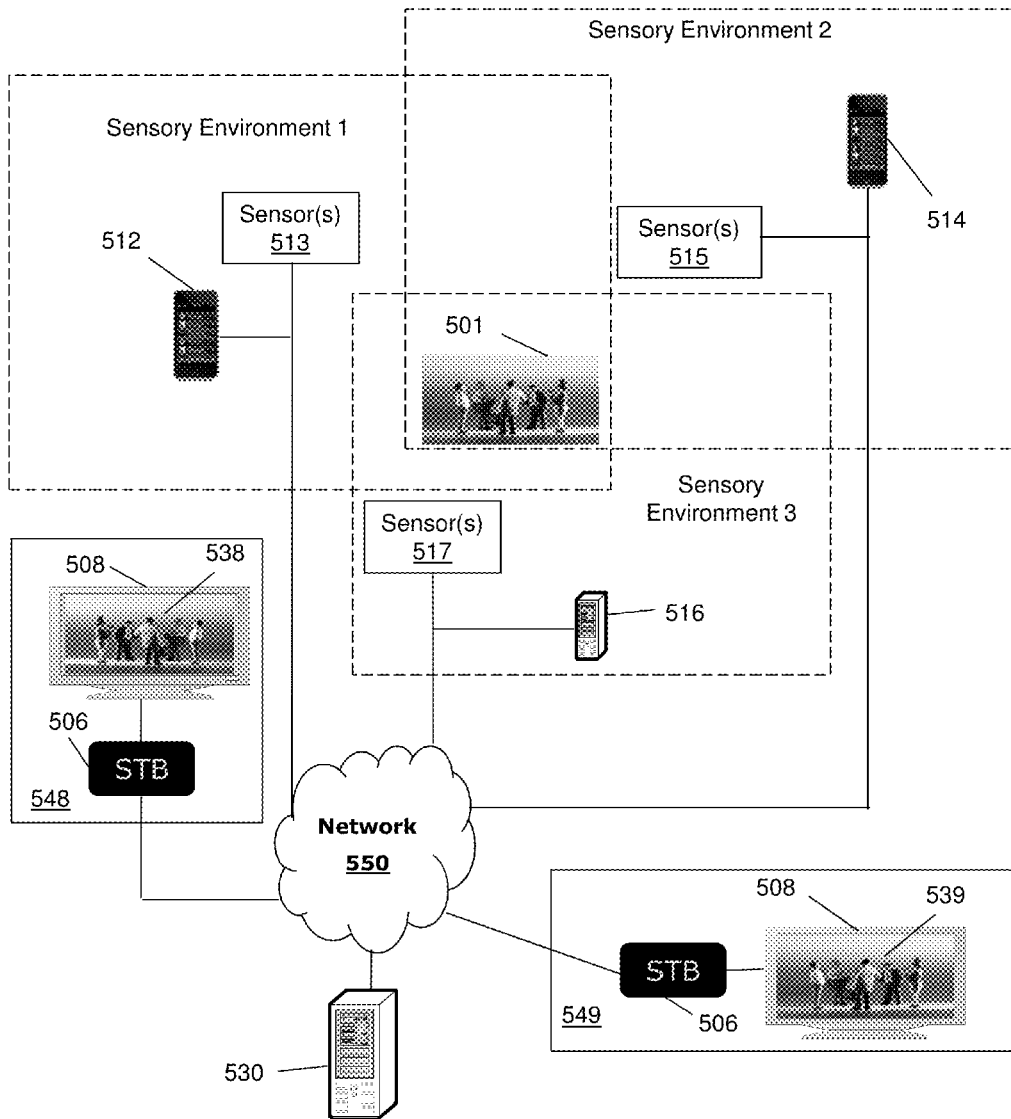
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FIG. 2



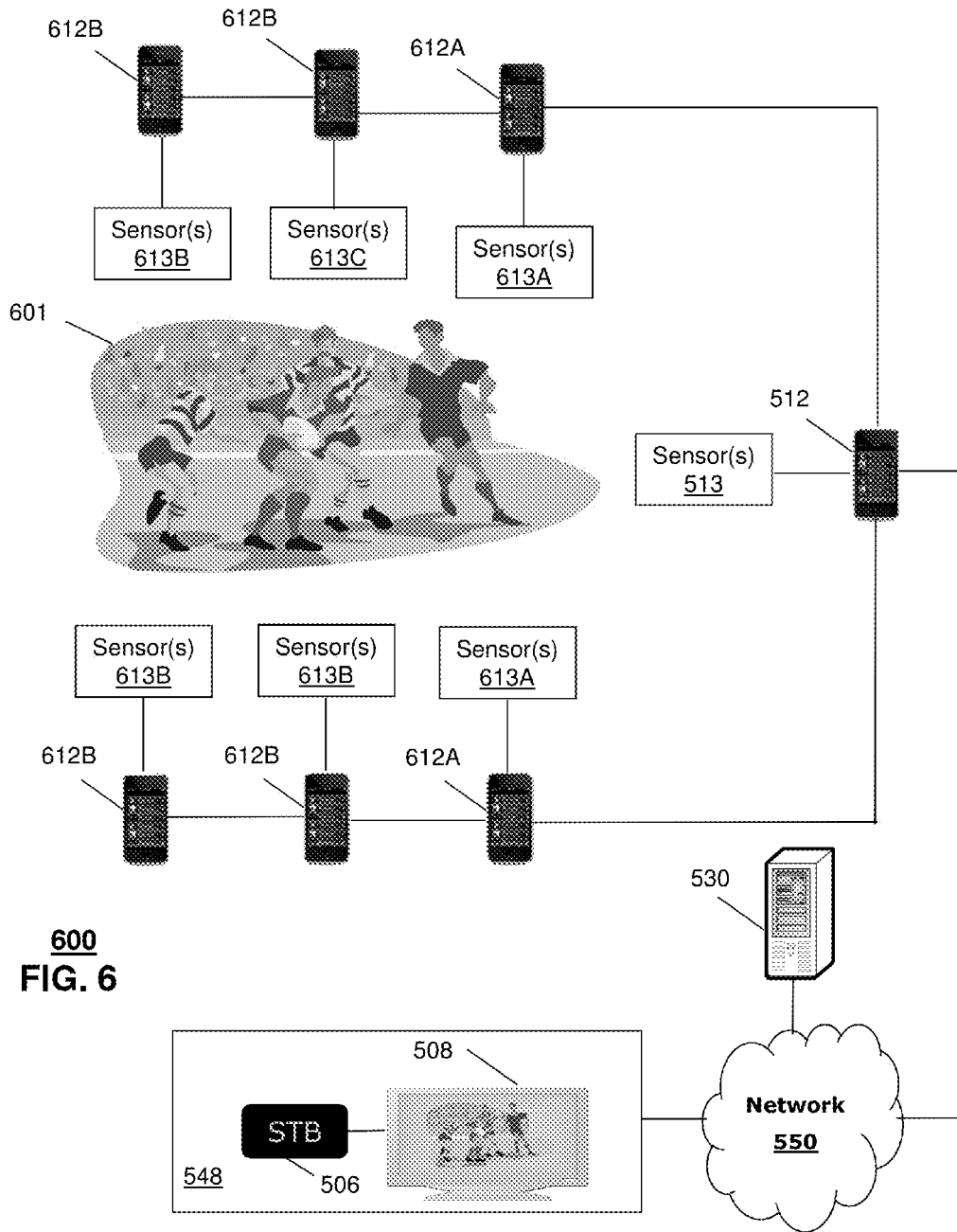
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FIG. 3



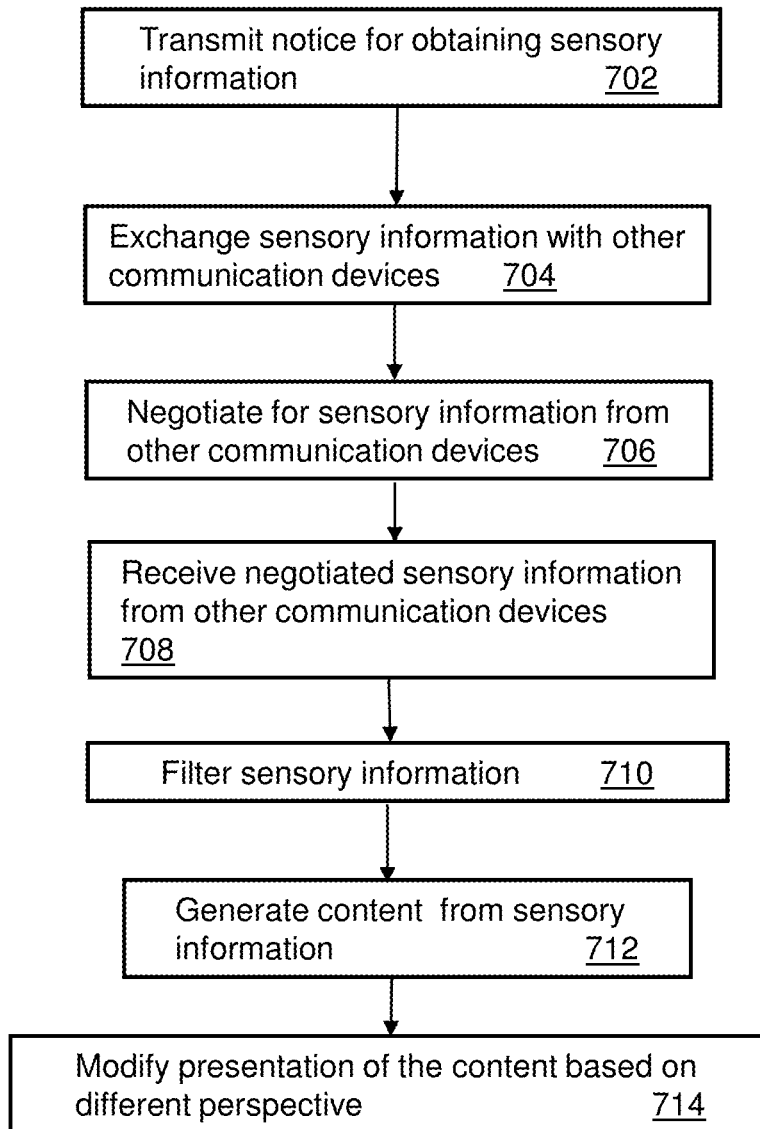
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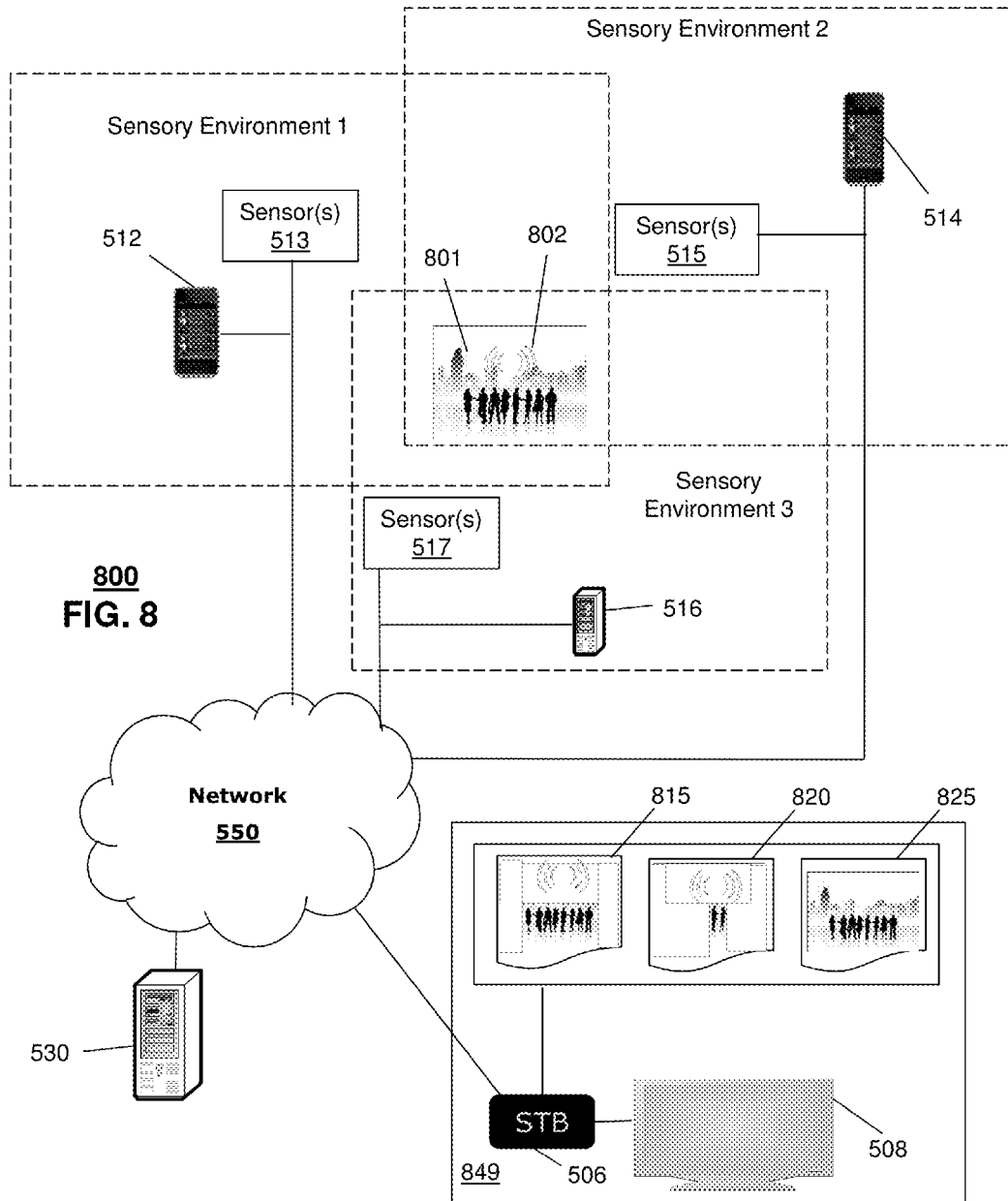
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FIG. 5



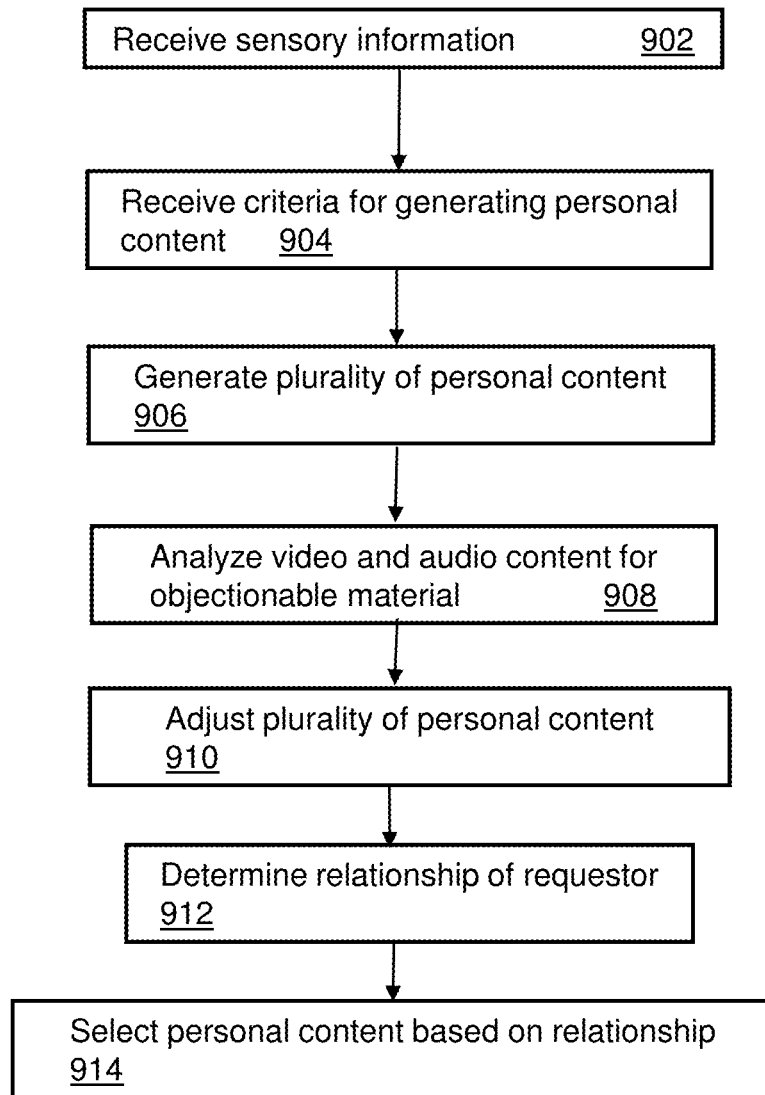
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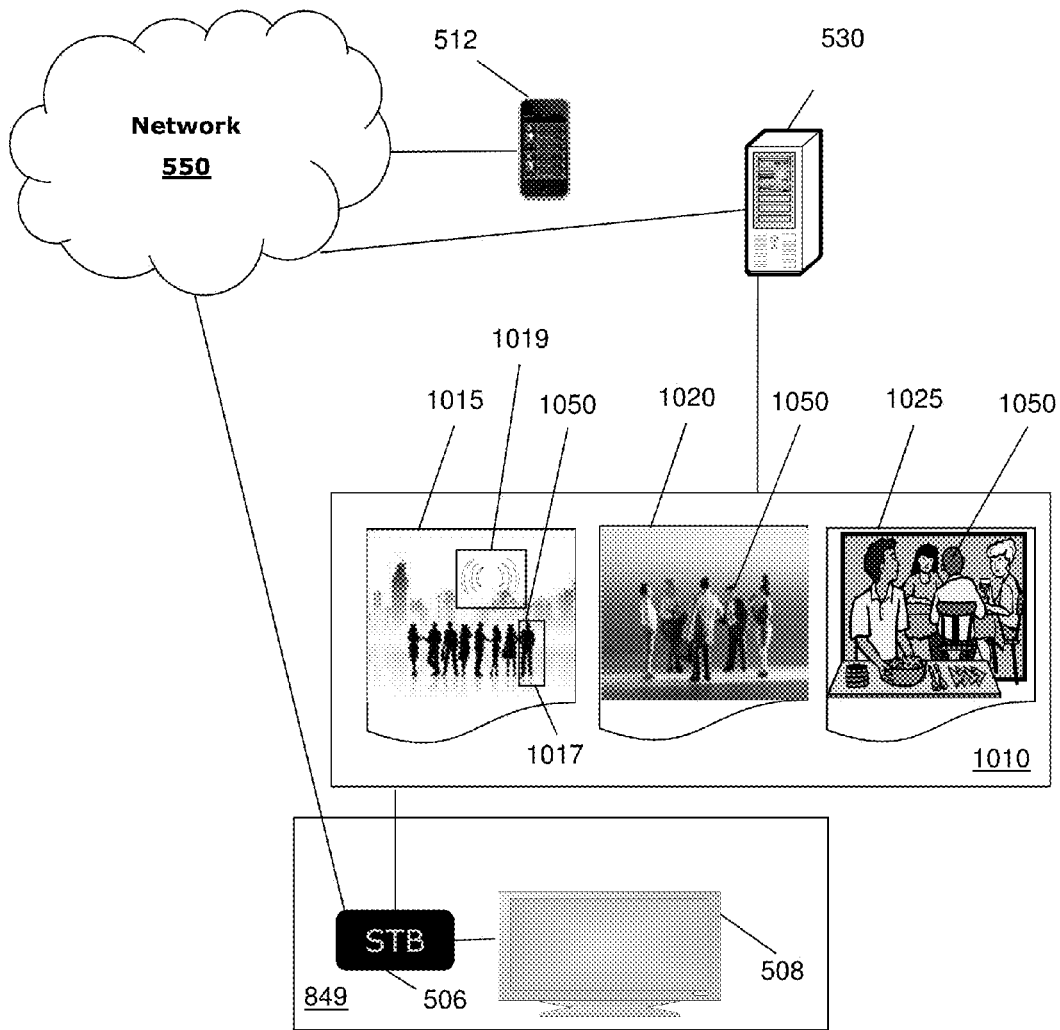
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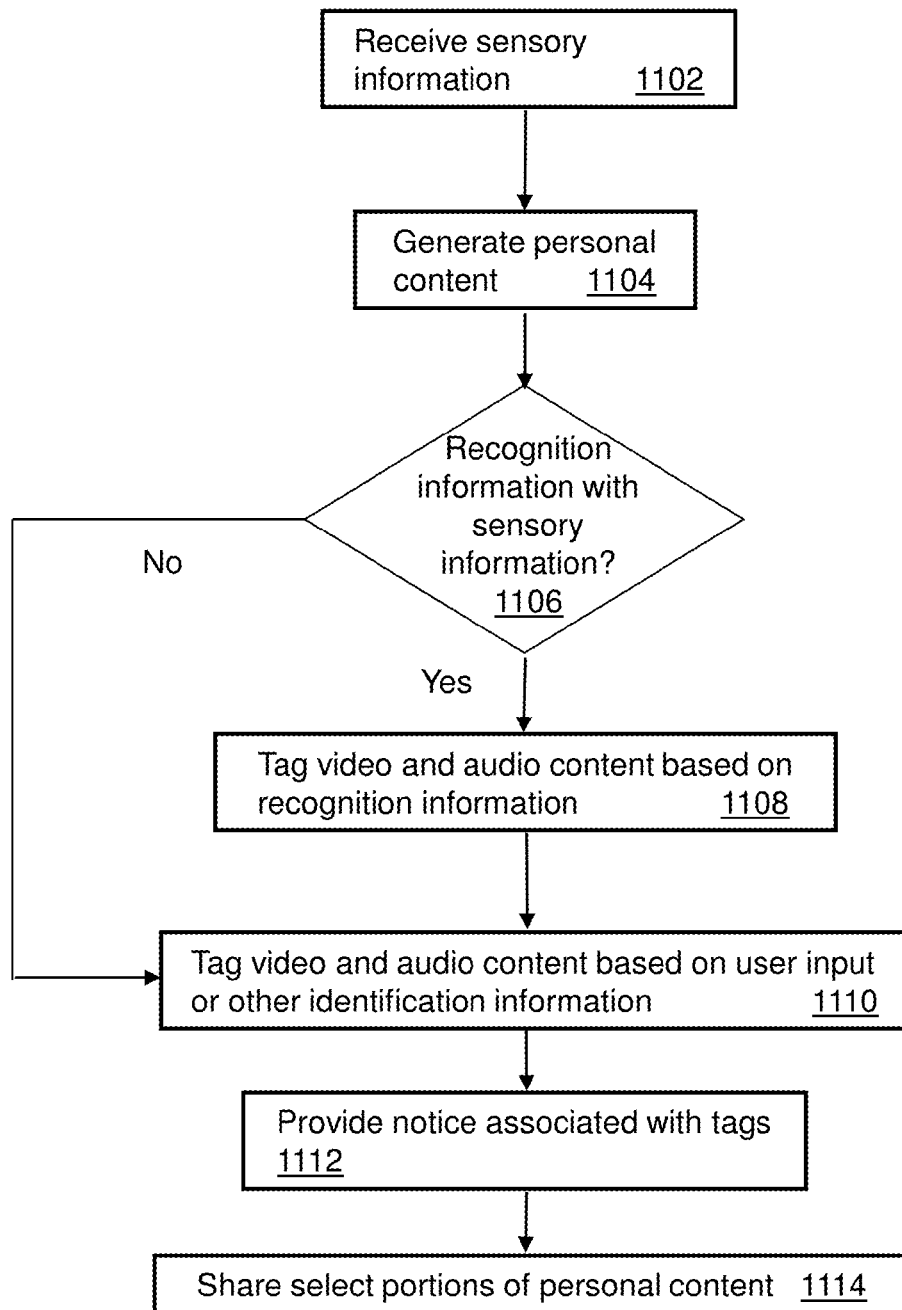
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FIG. 8



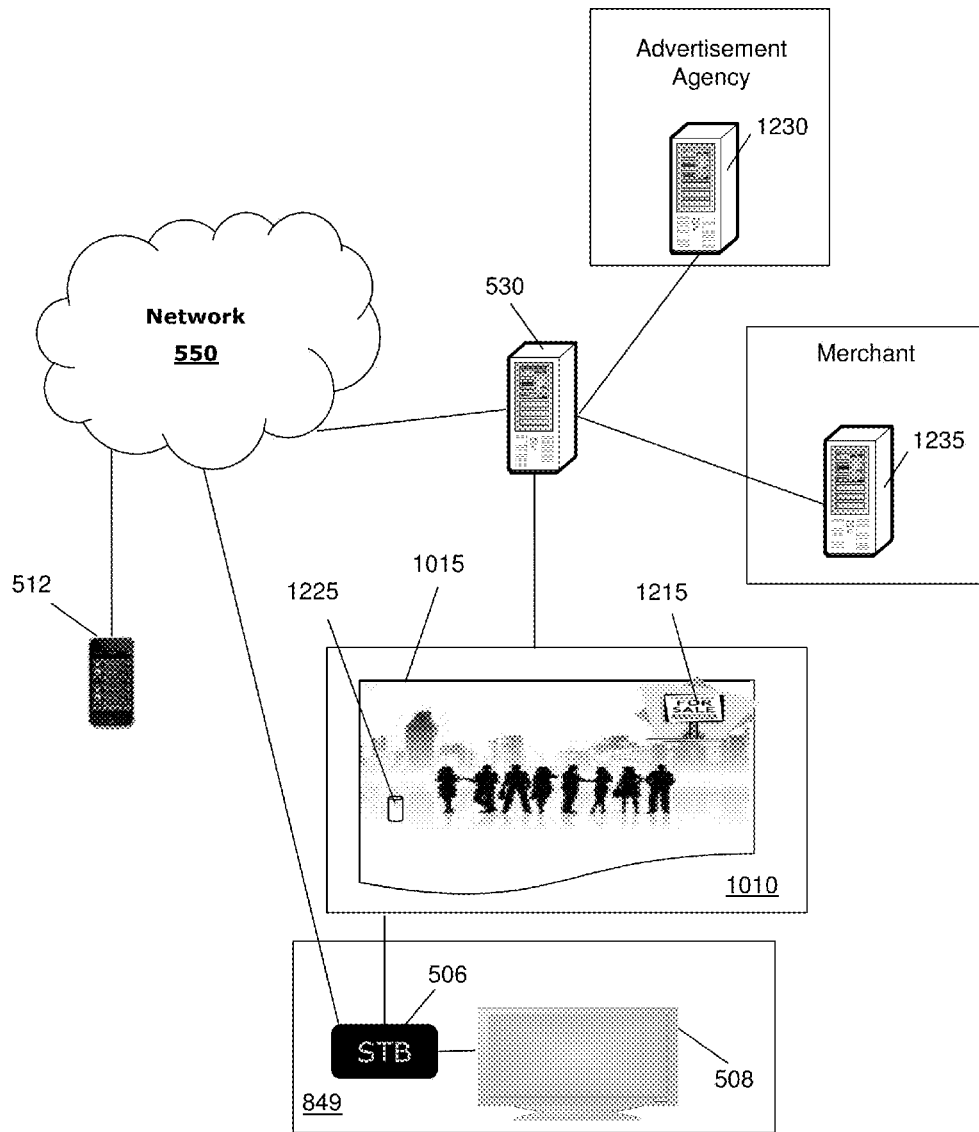
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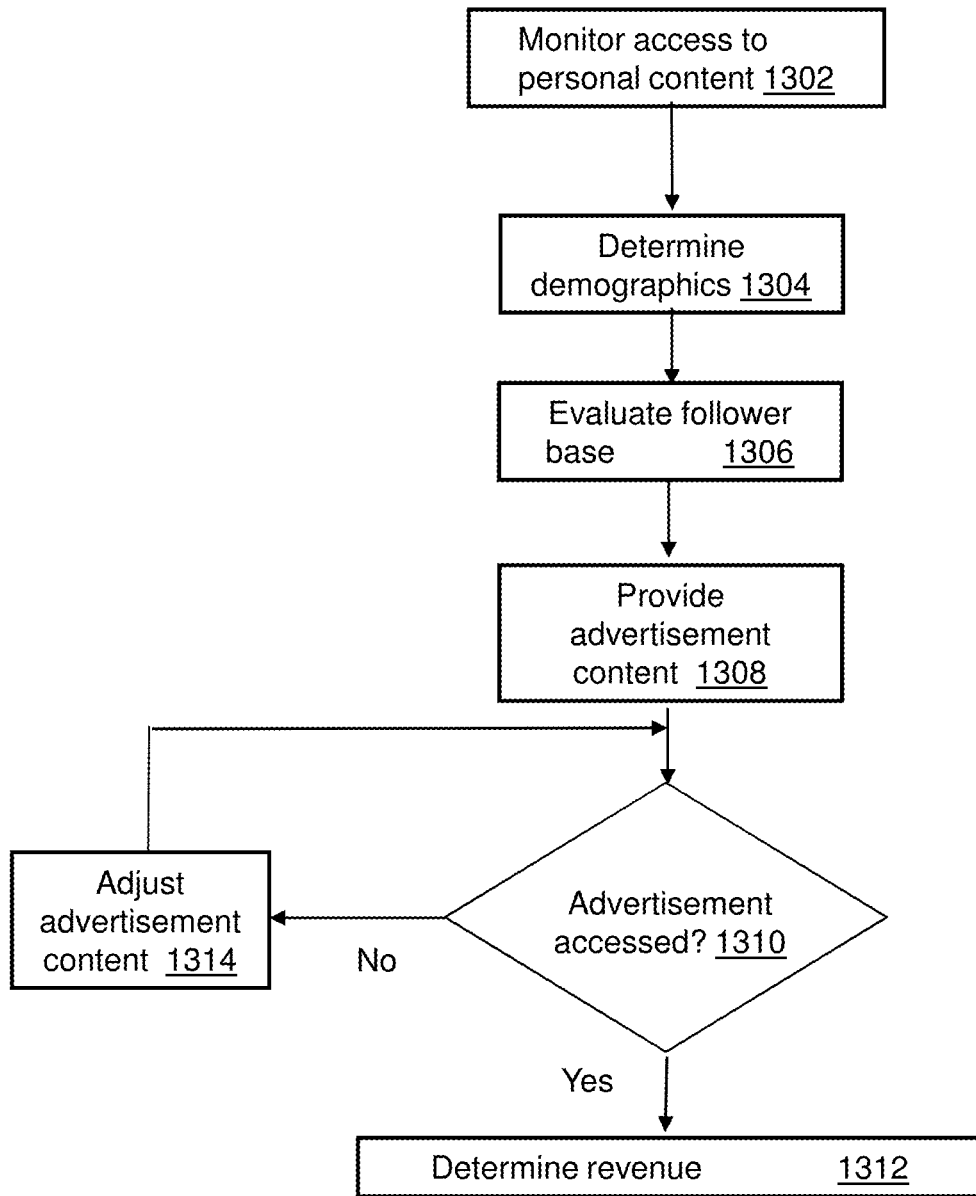
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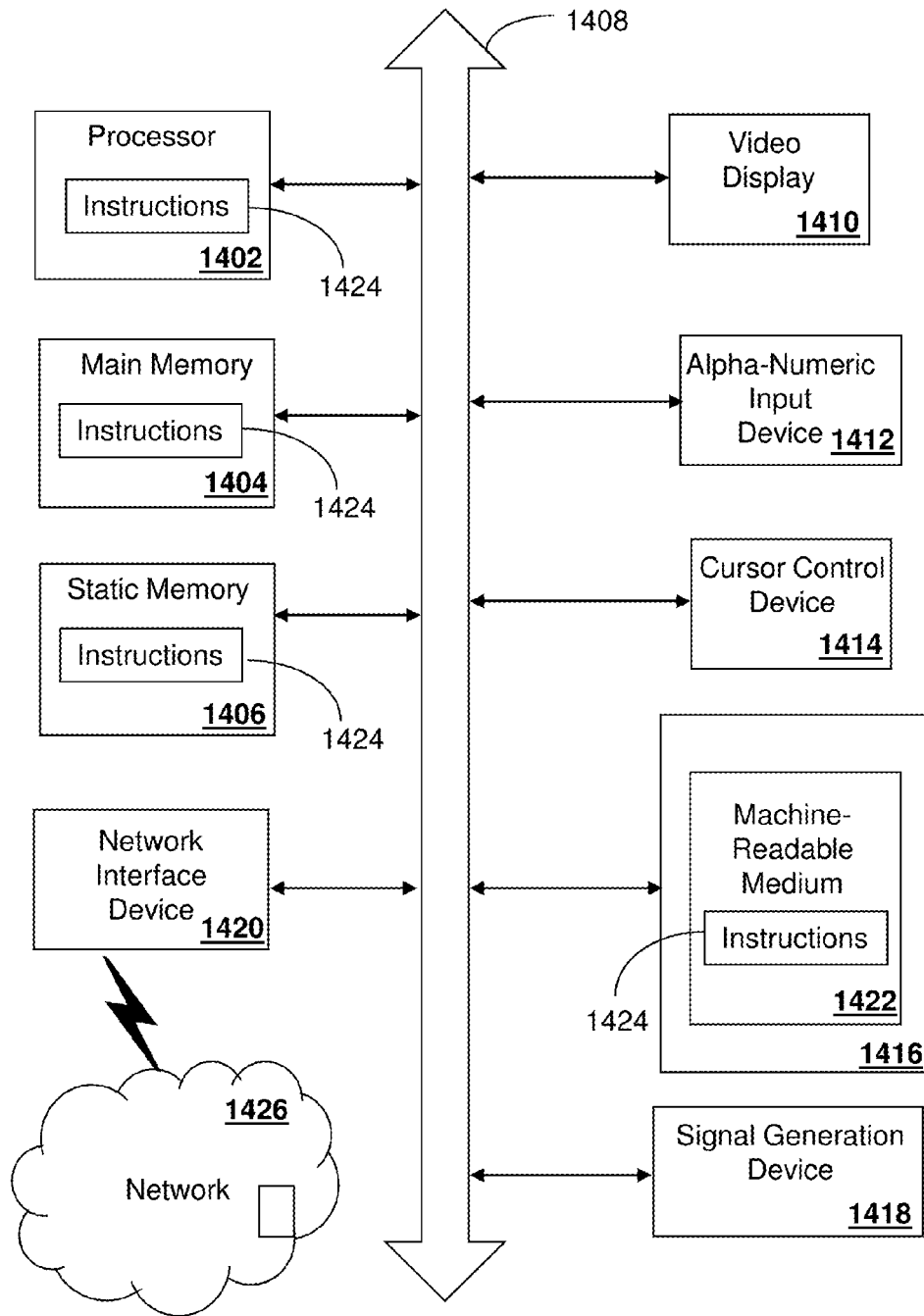
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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING ADVERTISEMENT CONTENT AND PERSONAL CONTENT

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is related to co-pending U.S. application Ser. No. 13/193,019 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING MEDIA CONTENT" filed on Jul. 28, 2011 by Ivanov et al.; U.S. application Ser. No. 13/193,166 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING MEDIA CONTENT" filed on Jul. 28, 2011 by Ivanov et al.; and U.S. application Ser. No. 13/195,335 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING PERSONAL CONTENT" filed on Aug. 1, 2011 by Ivanov et al. The disclosure of each of these applications is hereby incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.

FIELD OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present disclosure relates generally to personal content and more specifically to managing advertisement content and the personal content.

BACKGROUND

Media content is generally experienced by consumers via devices such as computers, televisions, radios, and mobile electronics. Media content is frequently delivered by service providers, who send media content, such as television programming, radio, and video, directly to consumers for enjoyment at their physical location. Service providers also often provide access to the internet and to internet-based media content, such as websites, games, social networking, and virtual-reality applications. Consumers often desire to customize media content and share that content with others.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIGS. 1-2 depict illustrative embodiments of communication systems that provide media services;

FIG. 3 depicts an illustrative embodiment of a web portal for interacting with the communication systems of FIGS. 1-2;

FIG. 4 depicts an illustrative embodiment of a communication device utilized in the communication systems of FIGS. 1-2;

FIGS. 5-6 depict illustrative embodiments of communication systems that provide media services;

FIG. 7 depicts an illustrative embodiment of a method operating in portions of the systems described in FIGS. 1-6;

FIG. 8 depicts an illustrative embodiment of a communication system that provides media services;

FIG. 9 depicts an illustrative embodiment of a method operating in portions of the systems and methods described in FIGS. 1-8;

FIG. 10 depicts an illustrative embodiment of a communication system that provides media services;

FIG. 11 depicts an illustrative embodiment of a method operating in portions of the systems and methods described in FIGS. 1-10;

FIG. 12 depicts an illustrative embodiment of a communication system that provides media services;

FIG. 13 depicts an illustrative embodiment of a method operating in portions of the systems and methods described in FIGS. 1-12; and

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FIG. 14 is a diagrammatic representation of a machine in the form of a computer system within which a set of instructions, when executed, may cause the machine to perform any one or more of the methods discussed herein.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The present disclosure describes, among other things, illustrative embodiments for generating media content utilizing a mobile communication device, where the media content is associated with an environment. The mobile communication device can retrieve sensory information associated with the environment from a sensor device coupled with the mobile communication device, including still or moving images of the environment, as well as from other devices. One or more of the exemplary embodiments can customize advertising for the personal content based on a number of factors, including demographics of the personal content, popularity of the personal content and so forth. The advertisement content can be overlaid on images of the personal content and/or can be objects presented in the images that are made selectable by user input. Revenue sharing based on the advertising can be performed for the users that generate the personal content and/or the service provider that provides access to the personal content. In one embodiment, image recognition can be performed on objects captured in the images and an identification of merchants associated with the objects can further be performed.

Personal content generated from the sensory information can be analyzed based on one or both of image and audio recognition to identify individual(s) presented in the personal content. The personal content or a limited portion thereof can be shared with the individual(s), such as for the individual(s) to generate further personal content that incorporates the shared portion. The identification analysis can be performed using a number of different techniques, such as image samples and/or audio samples selected via user input and/or samples provided along with the sensory information received from another mobile device. The identification analysis can be a centralized process, such as performed by a remote server and/or can be a localized process, such as being performed by a set top box, personal computer or other local processor. The sensory information can be utilized to generate a plurality of personal content, where each of the personal content includes at least some images captured at different perspectives. The different personal content can be selectively accessed by different parties, such as based on a relationship between the requesting party and the user that generated the personal content.

The mobile communication device can broadcast a notice to obtain other sensory information associated with the environment from one or more other mobile communication devices and one or more fixed communication devices that have captured the other sensory information associated with the environment. In one example, the devices can exchange sensory information so that each device can generate its own media content. The devices can negotiate with each other for access to the sensory information. In one or more embodiments, the devices can anonymously provide access to the sensory information. In one or more embodiments, the media content can be generated into three dimensional (3D) media content, such as based on images captured by different devices from different perspectives. The access to the sensory information can be shared so that a first device receives sensory information via a second device where the sensory information was captured by a third device and where the first and third devices do not need to communicate

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with each other to share the sensory information. The media content can be generated by the mobile communication device and/or can be generated by another device, such as a remote server which receives the sensory information from the mobile communication device. Other embodiments are contemplated by the present disclosure.

One embodiment of the present disclosure includes a server that includes a memory and a processor coupled to the memory. The processor can be operable to monitor access by communication devices of second users to personal content associated with a first user, where the personal content is generated based on sensory information obtained by at least a group of mobile communication devices in response to a broadcast by a first mobile communication device of a wireless signal representing a notice to obtain the sensory information. The sensory information can be associated with at least one environment of the first mobile communication device. The sensory information can include images of the at least one environment. The first mobile communication device can be associated with the first user. The processor can be operable to determine demographic information representative of the personal content, select advertisement content based on the monitoring of the access and the determination of the demographic information, and provide the advertisement content for presentation with the personal content when the personal content is accessed by a communication device of a third user.

One embodiment of the present disclosure can be a method that includes monitoring access by communication devices of second users to personal content associated with a first user. The personal content can be generated based on sensory information obtained by at least a group of mobile communication devices in response to a broadcast by a first mobile communication device of a wireless signal representing a notice to obtain the sensory information. The sensory information can be associated with at least one environment of the first mobile communication device. The sensory information can include images of the at least one environment. The first mobile communication device can be associated with the first user. The method can also include determining a value for advertising in the personal content based on the monitoring of the access and providing an offer to an entity to include advertisement content with the personal content. The offer can be based on the determined value. The monitoring, determining and providing steps can be performed by a processor device.

One embodiment of the present disclosure includes a non-transitory computer-readable storage medium comprising computer instructions for monitoring access by communication devices of second users to personal content associated with a first user. The personal content can be generated based on sensory information obtained by at least a group of mobile communication devices in response to a broadcast by a first mobile communication device of a wireless signal representing a notice to obtain the sensory information. The sensory information can be associated with at least one environment of the first mobile communication device. The sensory information can include images of the at least one environment. The first mobile communication device is associated with the first user. The computer instructions can enable selecting advertisement content based on the monitoring of the access and providing the advertisement content for presentation with the personal content when the personal content is accessed by a communication device of a third user.

FIG. 1 depicts an illustrative embodiment of a first communication system 100 for delivering media content.

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The communication system 100 can generate media content related to an environment 101, such as a concert, a sporting event, a user walking through a shopping mall, a user playing at a park, and so forth. The communication system 100 can generate the media content by capturing different sensory information from different communication devices that are in proximity to the environment 101. The sensory information can include still or moving images, and can include other types of sensory information such as temperature, weather, lighting, color, audio, location information, time, season of the year, aroma associated with the environment, and so forth. The communication system 100 can allow mobile devices to selectively exchange sensory information, including in a daisy chain fashion where devices indirectly share sensory information via other devices without direct communication, so that the mobile devices can enhance their access to sensory information of the environment 101.

The system 100 can allow advertisement content to be customized for personal content, such as based on demographics of the personal content, popularity (e.g., number of times accessed by others), and so forth. The advertisement content can be utilized in revenue sharing with the user that generates the personal content and/or with the service provider that provides others access to the personal content. Image recognition can be utilized to convert or otherwise adjust objects that were captured in the personal content into selectable objects that allow for purchase of the object, such as via a link to a website selling the object. Other advertising schemes can also be used, including selectable icons overlaid on the images, banners, audio advertisement and so forth. Personal content can be evaluated, such as based on demographics and the number of followers of a particular user who generated the personal content. The evaluation can then be used in making offers to entities for advertising in the personal content.

The system 100 can provide for tagging personal content that includes target individuals and selectively sharing all or portions of personal content that includes the target individuals. The target individuals can be identified via recognition analysis, such as image and/or audio recognition. Samples for performing the recognition analysis can be provided by a user, such as selecting a sample in one personal content, and/or can be retrieved from a communication device that is a source of a portion of the sensory information. The system 100 can allow for generating different versions of personal content from the sensory information, such as from different perspectives, different people speaking and so forth. Sharing of the personal content can be based on a number of factors, including a relationship between the requestor and the user that generated the content. The communication system 100 can represent an Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) media system. The IPTV media system can include a super head-end office (SHO) 110 with at least one super headend office server (SHS) 111 which receives media content from satellite and/or terrestrial communication systems. In the present context, media content can represent in whole or in part, for example, audio content, moving image content such as 2D or 3D videos, video games, virtual reality content, still image content, and combinations thereof. The SHS server 111 can forward packets associated with the media content to one or more video head-end servers (VHS) 114 via a network of video head-end offices (VHO) 112 according to a common multicast communication protocol.

The VHS 114 can distribute multimedia content, including broadcast content, via an access network 118 to com-

mercial and/or residential buildings **102** housing a gateway **104** (such as a residential or commercial gateway). The access network **118** can represent a group of digital subscriber line access multiplexers (DSLAMs) located in a central office or a service area interface that provide broadband services over fiber optical links or copper twisted pairs **119** to buildings **102**. The gateway **104** can use common communication technology to distribute broadcast signals to media processors **106** such as Set-Top Boxes (STBs) which in turn present broadcast channels to media devices **108** such as computers or television sets managed in some instances by a media controller **107** (such as an infrared or RF remote control).

The gateway **104**, the media processors **106**, and/or media devices **108** can utilize tethered communication technologies (such as coaxial, powerline or phone line wiring) or can operate over a wireless access protocol such as Wireless Fidelity (WiFi), Bluetooth, Zigbee, or other present or next generation local or personal area wireless network technologies. By way of these interfaces, unicast communications can also be invoked between the media processors **106** and subsystems of the IPTV media system for services such as video-on-demand (VoD), browsing an electronic program guide (EPG), or other infrastructure services.

A satellite broadcast television system **129** can be used also in the media system of FIG. 1. The satellite broadcast television system can be overlaid, operably coupled with, or replace the IPTV system as another representative embodiment of communication system **100**. In this embodiment, signals transmitted by a satellite **115** carrying media content can be received by a satellite dish receiver **131** coupled to the building **102**. Modulated signals received by the satellite dish receiver **131** can be transferred to the media processors **106** for demodulating, decoding, encoding, and/or distributing broadcast channels to the media devices **108**. The media processors **106** can be equipped with a broadband port to the ISP network **132** to enable interactive services such as VoD and EPG as described above.

In yet another embodiment, an analog or digital cable broadcast distribution system such as cable TV system **133** can be overlaid, operably coupled with, or replace the IPTV system and/or the satellite TV system as another representative embodiment of communication system **100**. In this embodiment, the cable TV system **133** can also provide Internet, telephony, and interactive media services.

The embodiments of the present disclosure can apply to other present or next generation over-the-air and/or landline media content services system.

Some of the network elements of the IPTV media system can be coupled to one or more computing devices **130**, a portion of which can operate as a web server for providing web portal services over an Internet Service Provider (ISP) network **132** to wireline media devices **108** or portable communication devices **116**.

Multiple forms of media services can be offered to media devices over landline technologies in communication system **100** such as through the devices and/or techniques described above. Additionally, media services can be offered to media devices by way of a wireless access base station **117** operating according to common wireless access protocols such as Global System for Mobile or GSM, Code Division Multiple Access or CDMA, Time Division Multiple Access or TDMA, Universal Mobile Telecommunications or UMTS, World interoperability for Microwave or WiMAX, Software Defined Radio or SDR, Long Term Evolution or LTE, and so on. Other present and next

generation wide area wireless network technologies are contemplated by the present disclosure.

Communication system **100** can also provide for all or a portion of the computing devices **130** to function as a sensory information server (herein referred to as server **130**). The server **130** can use common computing and communication technology to perform function **162**, which can include among things, coordinating the gathering of sensory information from different mobile and fixed communication devices in proximity to the environment **101**.

The server **130** can be used to receive sensory data representing characteristics of an environment of a source device, such as one of the mobile communication devices **116**. The server **130** can also be used to facilitate the gathering of the sensory data, such as providing a platform for exchanging sensory data between mobile communication devices and/or providing a platform for negotiating obtaining media content, such as from a commercial entity that is capturing images of an event occurring in the environment (e.g., images of a baseball game).

In one or more embodiments, the server **130** can be used for generating media content based on sensory information captured by the group of communication devices (e.g., mobile and/or fixed communication devices). For instance, the server **130** can generate media content that shows various images of the environment, including as a live scrap book of the user. The media content can be generated by various devices, including the server **130**, the mobile device **116**, the STB **106** or other devices of the communication system **100**.

The media content can present the environment at various viewing angles and/or at a selected viewing angle. In one embodiment, the live scrap book can be presented at a viewing angle designated by a user (such as in a user profile) and can further allow access to other viewing angles when the user desires, such as pausing the presentation of the live scrap book so that the other viewing angles can be presented. The sensory information also enables utilizing different sensory data from different devices to further enhance the media content. For example, images can be captured from a far distance to an event of the environment (e.g., a football game) by a first communication device to allow capturing a view of all of the players in the football game while audio can be captured from a close distance to the field of the football game by a second communication device to allow hearing the event as if the user were present on the field of the football game.

In one embodiment, portions of the sensory information can be filtered based on quality. For instance, audio content can be compared and selected, including utilizing only portions of a first audio content and combining it with portions of a second audio content, so that the audio associated with the environment has more clarity. Other criteria can also be utilized for filtering portions of the sensory information. In one example, the sensory information can be filtered based on accuracy. For example, if the sensory information is temperature then a temperature reading that is believed to be inaccurate, such as based on a comparison with other sensory information or based on a location of the temperature sensor being too close to a heat source, can be ignored. As another example, parental controls, user preferences, digital rights management and so forth can be utilized in determining whether captured sensory information should be filtered out of the generation of the media content. For instance, images of portions of events (e.g., actions occurring in an audience of the event in the environment **101**) that are inappropriate for children can be

filtered out of the media content. The filtering can be based on user preferences, information stored in a user profile, monitored consumption of a user and so forth.

In one or more embodiments, the server **130** can perform recognition analysis on personal content to identify individuals presented in the content. The individual and/or the portion of the content presenting the individuals can be tagged or otherwise flagged. The recognition analysis can be performed in a number of different ways, including image and/or audio recognition, based on samples selected by a user or otherwise obtained, such as with the sensory information from a particular mobile communication device. Selective access can be provided to communication devices associated with flagged individuals. The personal content can be obtained from various sources. For instance, the personal content can be stored locally at a set top box and/or a DVR coupled with the set top box. In one embodiment, the personal content can be stored at a remote storage device, such as via cloud computing. Combinations of remote and local storage techniques can also be utilized, such as having various copies both stored locally and stored in a cloud computing environment. The exemplary embodiments can also include a combination of the server **130** and the media processor **106** performing the recognition analysis.

The server **130** can access personal content of a user to determine if the content can be provided with targeted advertisement content. For instance, the personal content can be stored in a database accessible to the server **130** and/or can be stored locally, such as at a DVR coupled with a media processor **106** of the user. The server **130** can monitor access to the personal content to determine various information, such as the identity of users accessing the personal content, the popularity of the content, whether the content is being re-distributed to others, and so forth. In one embodiment, the server **130** can determine or rate the following of the personal content and/or the following of the user that generated the personal content. One or more of these factors can be utilized in selecting advertising content to be provided with the personal content and/or for making an offer to an entity to advertise in the personal content.

In one embodiment, the server **130** can track the number of times selectable advertisement content has been accessed in personal content. If the access does not meet a threshold then the advertisement content can be adjusted, such as based on maintaining the same product but presenting it in a different type of advertisement and/or switching the product that is being advertised. In one embodiment, the personal content can be evaluated as to a type of subject matter, such as based on image, audio and/or text recognition, and demographic information can be determined based on the subject matter. Other demographic information associated with the personal content can also be determined, such as via image recognition to determine age, gender and so forth of individuals that have been captured in the images of the personal content.

The media processors **106** and mobile communication devices **116** can be adapted with software functions **164** and **166**, respectively, to further utilize the services of the server **130**. For example, the media processors **106** and portable communication devices **116** can be adapted to execute software functions **164** and **166**, respectively, to collect and report sensory data to the server **130** representing characteristics of the environments of the media processors **106** and mobile communication devices **116**, respectively. In one embodiment, the software functions **166** can include retrieving sensory information from a sensor device coupled with the mobile communication device **116**. The sensor device

can be a camera, such as integrated with the mobile communication device **116** or in communication therewith via wireless and/or tethered communication. Other types of sensor devices can also be utilized, including audio recorders, temperature sensors, location detectors, and so forth.

In one embodiment, the sensory information can be provided to the media processor **106** for generating personal content, including a plurality of different versions of the personal content. The different versions can be based on criteria established by the user, such as a version for family and a version for friends. The different versions can highlight different people, different audio, different objects and so forth. Other variations of the versions can include different supplemental content being added to the personal content, such as different background music or different tags for tangential information related to the environment. For example, a family version may include tags that provide links or other information to similar family outings where as a friend's version may provide links or other information to particular friends and their personal information.

In one or more embodiments, the media processor **106** can perform the advertisement analysis, recognition analysis and/or the providing of selective analysis as described above.

FIG. 2 depicts an illustrative embodiment of a communication system **200** employing IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) network architecture to facilitate the combined services of circuit-switched and packet-switched systems. Communication system **200** can be overlaid or operably coupled with communication system **100** as another representative embodiment of communication system **100**.

The communication system **200** can generate media content related to an environment in proximity to one or more of the mobile communication devices of the system. The communication system **200** can generate the media content by capturing different sensory information from different communication devices that are in proximity to the environment. The sensory information can include still or moving images, and can include other types of sensory data such as temperature, weather, lighting, color, audio, location information, time, season of the year, aroma associated with the environment, and so forth. The communication system **200** allows mobile devices to selectively exchange sensory information, including in a daisy chain fashion where devices indirectly share sensory information via other devices without direct communication, so that the mobile devices can enhance their access to sensory information of the environment. The communication system **200** also allows users providing and/or receiving sensory information to remain anonymous.

The communication system **200** enables monetization of personal content via targeted advertising schemes. The monetization can be performed by sharing revenue with a user that generates the personal content and/or the service provider provides the access to the personal content when a sale results from advertisement content contained in the personal content. Various methodologies can be utilized for targeting the advertisement, including using a natural language engine to determine a subject matter(s) of the personal content.

The communication system **200** allows for tagging personal content that includes target individuals and selectively sharing all or portions of personal content that includes the target individuals. The target individuals can be identified via recognition analysis, such as image and/or audio recognition. Samples for performing the recognition analysis can be provided by a user, such as selecting a sample in one

personal content, and/or can be retrieved from a communication device that is a source of a portion of the sensory information.

Communication system **200** enables exchange of the sensory information via packet-switched and circuit-switched communication technologies.

Communication system **200** can comprise a Home Subscriber Server (HSS) **240**, a tElephone NUmber Mapping (ENUM) server **230**, and other common network elements of an IMS network **250**. The IMS network **250** can establish communications between IMS-compliant communication devices (CDs) **201**, **202**, Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) CDs **203**, **205**, and combinations thereof by way of a Media Gateway Control Function (MGCF) **220** coupled to a PSTN network **260**. The MGCF **220** need not be used when a communication session involves IMS CD to IMS CD communications. A communication session involving at least one PSTN CD may utilize the MGCF **220**.

IMS CDs **201**, **202** can register with the IMS network **250** by contacting a Proxy Call Session Control Function (P-CSCF) which communicates with an interrogating CSCF (I-CSCF), which in turn, communicates with a Serving CSCF (S-CSCF) to register the CDs with the HSS **240**. To initiate a communication session between CDs, an originating IMS CD **201** can submit a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP INVITE) message to an originating P-CSCF **204** which communicates with a corresponding originating S-CSCF **206**. The originating S-CSCF **206** can submit the SIP INVITE message to one or more application servers (ASs) **217** that can provide a variety of services to IMS subscribers.

For example, the application servers **217** can be used to perform originating call feature treatment functions on the calling party number received by the originating S-CSCF **206** in the SIP INVITE message. Originating treatment functions can include determining whether the calling party number has international calling services, call ID blocking, calling name blocking, 7-digit dialing, and/or is requesting special telephony features (e.g., *72 forward calls, *73 cancel call forwarding, *67 for caller ID blocking, and so on). Based on initial filter criteria (iFCs) in a subscriber profile associated with a CD, one or more application servers may be invoked to provide various call originating feature services.

Additionally, the originating S-CSCF **206** can submit queries to the ENUM system **230** to translate an E.164 telephone number in the SIP INVITE message to a SIP Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) if the terminating communication device is IMS-compliant. The SIP URI can be used by an Interrogating CSCF (I-CSCF) **207** to submit a query to the HSS **240** to identify a terminating S-CSCF **214** associated with a terminating IMS CD such as reference **202**. Once identified, the I-CSCF **207** can submit the SIP INVITE message to the terminating S-CSCF **214**. The terminating S-CSCF **214** can then identify a terminating P-CSCF **216** associated with the terminating CD **202**. The P-CSCF **216** may then signal the CD **202** to establish Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) communication services, thereby enabling the calling and called parties to engage in voice and/or data communications. Based on the iFCs in the subscriber profile, one or more application servers may be invoked to provide various call terminating feature services, such as call forwarding, do not disturb, music tones, simultaneous ringing, sequential ringing, etc.

In some instances the aforementioned communication process is symmetrical. Accordingly, the terms "originating" and "terminating" in FIG. 2 may be interchangeable. It is

further noted that communication system **200** can be adapted to support video conferencing. In addition, communication system **200** can be adapted to provide the IMS CDs **201**, **202** with the multimedia and Internet services of communication system **100** of FIG. 1, including the sensory information gathered from various mobile device in proximity to an event or environment. It is further contemplated that the CDs of FIG. 2 can operate as wireline and/or wireless devices. For example, the CDs of FIG. 2 can be communicatively coupled to a cellular base station **117** such as shown in FIG. 1, a femtocell (not shown), a WiFi router, a DECT base unit, or another suitable wireless access unit to establish communications with the IMS network **250** of FIG. 2.

If the terminating communication device is instead a PSTN CD such as CD **203** or CD **205** (in instances where the cellular phone only supports circuit-switched voice communications), the ENUM system **230** can respond with an unsuccessful address resolution which can cause the originating S-CSCF **206** to forward the call to the MGCF **220** via a Breakout Gateway Control Function (BGCF) **219**. The MGCF **220** can then initiate the call to the terminating PSTN CD over the PSTN network **260** to enable the calling and called parties to engage in voice and/or data communications.

It is further appreciated that the CDs of FIG. 2 can operate as wireline or wireless devices. Although not shown, the CDs of FIG. 2 can be communicatively coupled to a cellular base station **221**, a femtocell, a WiFi router, a DECT base unit, or another suitable wireless access unit to establish communications with the IMS network **250** of FIG. 2. The cellular access base station **121** can operate according to common wireless access protocols such as Global System for Mobile (GSM), Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA), Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA), Universal Mobile Telecommunications (UMTS), World interoperability for Microwave (WiMAX), Software Defined Radio (SDR), Long Term Evolution (LTE), and so on. Other present and next generation wireless network technologies are contemplated by the present disclosure. Accordingly, multiple wireline and wireless communication technologies are contemplated for the CDs of FIG. 2.

It is further contemplated that cellular phones supporting LTE can support packet-switched voice and packet-switched data communications and thus may operate as IMS-compliant mobile devices. In this embodiment, the cellular base station **221** may communicate directly with the IMS network **250**.

Communication system **200** can include or otherwise be coupled with server **130** of FIG. 1 for purposes similar to those described above. It is further contemplated by the present disclosure that the server **130** can perform the function **162** and thereby facilitate gathering of sensory information and/or generating media content based on gathered sensory information for subscribers associated with CDs **201**, **202**, **203**, and **205**. CDs **201**, **202**, **203**, and **205** can be adapted with software to perform function **170** to utilize and integrate with the media content generation and/or sensory information gathering performed by the server **130**. It is further contemplated that the server **130** can be an integral part of the application server(s) **217**, where the application server(s) **217** performs function **172**, which can be substantially similar to function **162** and adapted to the operation of the IMS network **250**.

FIG. 3 depicts an illustrative embodiment of a web portal **302** which can be hosted by server applications operating from the computing devices **130** of the communication system **100** illustrated in FIG. 1. The web portal **302** can be

used for managing services of communication systems **100-200**. A web page of the web portal **302** can be accessed by a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) with an Internet browser such as Microsoft's Internet Explorer™, Mozilla's Firefox™, Apple's Safari™, or Google's Chrome™ using an Internet-capable communication device such as those described in FIGS. **1-2**. The web portal **302** can be configured, for example, to access a media processor **106** and services managed thereby such as a Digital Video Recorder (DVR), a Video on Demand (VoD) catalog, an Electronic Programming Guide (EPG), or a personal catalog (such as personal videos, pictures, audio recordings, etc.) stored at the media processor **106**. The web portal **302** can also be used for provisioning IMS services described earlier, provisioning Internet services, provisioning cellular phone services, and so on.

It is contemplated by the present disclosure that the web portal **302** can further be utilized to manage and provision software applications **162-172** of the devices of FIGS. **1-2**, respectively, as described earlier. In one embodiment, web portal **302** can be utilized for selecting the notice signal that is broadcast by the mobile communication device to obtain sensory information from other communication devices. As an example, a user can access the web portal **302** via a web browser operating on a mobile communication device **116**. The web portal can be utilized for selecting a strength of the wireless signal that is to be broadcast, where the selection can be based on the characteristics of the environment. For instance, the strength of the broadcast signal can be based on the size of the environment so that the broadcast is being received by other mobile communication devices that are in proximity to the environment rather than mobile communication devices that are too far from the environment to provide any useful sensory information. While this embodiment describes use of the web portal to select the signal strength, the exemplary embodiments can also select the signal strength without use of the web portal, such as based on an analysis made by the processor of the mobile communication device. The analysis can be based on characteristics of the environment that are detected or otherwise determined by the mobile communication device, such as using GPS location information to determine that a stronger signal is needed because the environment includes numerous obstructions such as buildings. The analysis can also be based on inputs of a user such as a type of environment (e.g., a soccer stadium), size of environment, location of environment, type of location (open areas rather than a city with buildings obstructing the wireless broadcast), and so forth.

FIG. **4** depicts an exemplary embodiment of a communication device **400**. Communication device **400** can serve in whole or in part as an illustrative embodiment of the devices depicted in FIGS. **1-2**. The communication device **400** can comprise a wireline and/or wireless transceiver **402** (herein transceiver **402**), a user interface (UI) **404**, a power supply **414**, a location receiver **416**, and a controller **406** for managing operations thereof. The transceiver **402** can support short-range or long-range wireless access technologies such as Bluetooth, WiFi, Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT), or cellular communication technologies, just to mention a few. Cellular technologies can include, for example, CDMA-1x, UMTS/HSDPA, GSM/GPRS, TDMA/EDGE, EV/DO, WiMAX, SDR, LTE, as well as other next generation wireless communication technologies as they arise. The transceiver **402** can also be adapted to support circuit-switched wireline access tech-

nologies (such as PSTN), packet-switched wireline access technologies (such as TCPIP, VoIP, etc.), and combinations thereof.

The UI **404** can include a depressible or touch-sensitive keypad **408** with a navigation mechanism such as a roller ball, a joystick, a mouse, or a navigation disk for manipulating operations of the communication device **400**. The keypad **408** can be an integral part of a housing assembly of the communication device **400** or an independent device operably coupled thereto by a tethered wireline interface (such as a USB cable) or a wireless interface supporting for example Bluetooth. The keypad **408** can represent a numeric keypad commonly used by phones, and/or a Qwerty keypad with alphanumeric keys. The UI **404** can further include a display **410** such as monochrome or color LCD (Liquid Crystal Display), OLED (Organic Light Emitting Diode) or other suitable display technology for conveying images to an end user of the communication device **400**. In an embodiment where the display **410** is touch-sensitive, a portion or all of the keypad **408** can be presented by way of the display **410** with navigation features.

The UI **404** can also include an audio system **412** that utilizes common audio technology for conveying low volume audio (such as audio heard only in the proximity of a human ear) and high volume audio (such as speakerphone for hands free operation). The audio system **412** can further include a microphone for receiving audible signals of an end user. The audio system **412** can also be used for voice recognition applications. The UI **404** can further include an image sensor **413** such as a charged coupled device (CCD) camera for capturing still or moving images.

The power supply **414** can utilize common power management technologies such as replaceable and rechargeable batteries, supply regulation technologies, and charging system technologies for supplying energy to the components of the communication device **400** to facilitate long-range or short-range portable applications. The location receiver **416** can utilize common location technology such as a global positioning system (GPS) receiver capable of assisted GPS for identifying a location of the communication device **400** based on signals generated by a constellation of GPS satellites, thereby facilitating common location services such as navigation.

The communication device **400** can use the transceiver **402** to also determine a proximity to a cellular, WiFi, Bluetooth, or other wireless access points by common sensing techniques such as utilizing a received signal strength indicator (RSSI) and/or a signal time of arrival (TOA) or time of flight (TOF). The controller **406** can utilize computing technologies such as a microprocessor, a digital signal processor (DSP), and/or a video processor with associated storage memory such as Flash, ROM, RAM, SRAM, DRAM or other storage technologies.

The communication device **400** can be coupled to a sensor device **450** which captures sensory information associated with an environment, such as environment **101** of FIG. **1**. The sensory information can be of various types and can be captured by corresponding types of detection devices. For example, the sensory information can be one or more of images, audio, temperature, weather, lighting, color, location information, time, season of the year, and aroma associated with the environment. The coupling of the sensor device **450** with the communication device **400** can be of various types, including: the sensor device being integrated in the communication device, the sensor device being tethered or otherwise connected via a hardwire to the communication device and/or the sensor device being wirelessly in commu-

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nication with the communication device. The exemplary embodiments can also include the image sensor **413**, the audio system **412** and/or the location receiver **416** functioning as the sensor device **450**. The exemplary embodiments also provide for the communication device **400** capturing multiple types of sensory information. For example, the sensor device **450** can be a lighting detector that provides lighting information associated with the environment, along with images captured by the image sensor **413** and audio captured by the audio system **412**.

The communication device **400** can be adapted to perform the functions of the media processor **106**, the media devices **108**, or the portable communication devices **116** of FIG. 1, as well as the IMS CDs **201-202** and PSTN CDs **203-205** of FIG. 2. It will be appreciated that the communication device **400** can also represent other common devices that can operate in communication systems **100-200** of FIGS. 1-2 such as a gaming console and a media player.

The communication device **400** can store recognition information associated with a user of the communication device, such as images of the user and/or audio samples. For instance, the images can be facial images, full body images, side images, back images and so forth. The audio samples can be of various sentences or phrases spoken by the user. The communication device **400** can provide the recognition information to other communication devices to enable recognition analysis to be performed on personal content that is generated in association with the recipient communication device. In one embodiment, the communication device **400** can provide the recognition information along with sensory information captured by sensor **450**. In one embodiment, the communication device **400** can provide the recognition information to a recipient communication device in exchange for receipt of recognition information from the recipient communication device. In one embodiment, the exchange of the recognition information can be subject to a sharing agreement that limits or otherwise precludes distribution of the recognition information to other communication devices or other users.

Illustrative embodiments of methods that can operate in portions of the communication device of FIG. 4 are described below.

FIG. 5 depicts an illustrative embodiment of a system **500** for gathering sensory information associated with an environment **501** and generating media content based on the gathered sensory information. System **500** can be overlaid or operably coupled to communication systems **100-200** as another representative embodiment of communication systems **100-200**. System **500** can include a server **530** in communication with media processors **506** (such as set-top boxes), communication device **516** (such as a laptop computer, a server, etc.), and mobile wireless communication devices **512** and **514** (such as mobile phones, smart phones, etc.). The mobile communication devices **512** and **514** can be communicatively coupled to the server **530** by way of a network **550** (e.g., a mobility network) coupled to the Internet or other communication means. The communication device **516** can also be communicatively coupled to the server **530** by way of the Internet or other communication means.

In this example, a first mobile communication device **512** can be coupled with one or more sensor devices **513** for capturing sensory information associated with the sensory environment **1**. A second mobile communication device **514** can be coupled with one or more sensor devices **515** for capturing sensory information associated with the sensory environment **2**. A fixed communication device **516** can be

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coupled with one or more sensor devices **517** for capturing sensory information associated with the sensory environment **3**. The sensors **513**, **515** and **517** can be in proximity to the environment **501** in order to capture the sensory information of the environment **501**. As shown in FIG. 5, the sensory environments **1**, **2** and **3** can overlap each other and encompass all or a portion of the environment **501** to facilitate capturing sensory information associated with the environment **501** that provides a full or more encompassing perspective of the environment **501**.

The sensors **513**, **515** and **517** can be of various numbers and can use various components, to capture various types of sensory information including images, audio, temperature, weather, lighting, color, location information, time, season of the year, and aroma associated with the environment **501**. While system **500** depicts three devices that are utilized for capturing sensory information associated with environment **501**, it should be understood that any number of devices, including mobile and/or fixed communication devices can be used for gathering sensory information for generating media content.

In one embodiment, the mobile communication device **512** can broadcast a wireless signal which is received by the mobile communication device **514** and the fixed communication device **516**. The wireless signal can be a notice to obtain sensory information associated with the environment **501**. The notice can advise other devices, including the mobile communication device **514** and the fixed communication device **516**, that mobile communication device **512** is utilizing sensor **513** to capture sensory information associated with the environment **501**, such as capturing still or moving images of the environment **501**. The notice can also request sensory information associated with the environment **501** from other devices, including the mobile communication device **514** and the fixed communication device **516**. The broadcast signal can be of various types utilizing various communication protocols. For example, the mobile communication device **512** can be a multi-mode communication device and the wireless notice signal can be broadcast using a number of different communication protocols (simultaneously and/or serially) so that different devices operating under different communication protocols can be put on notice of the capture of the sensory information and/or the request for sensory information. In one embodiment, the broadcast notice signal can be a mid-range wireless signal (e.g., 100 meters).

The receipt of sensory information from other devices, including the mobile communication device **514** and the fixed communication device **516**, can be performed in a number of different ways. For instance, sensory information can be exchanged between devices, such as the mobile communication device **512** transmitting sensory information captured by sensors **513** to the mobile communication device **514** while the mobile communication device **514** is transmitting sensory information captured by sensors **515** to the mobile communication device **512**. In one embodiment, the sharing or otherwise providing of sensory information can be done based on an opt-in procedure in response to broadcast of the notice. In one embodiment, the providing of sensory information can be performed while maintaining anonymity of users associated with the communication devices, such as mobile communication devices **512** and **514** and fixed communication device **516**.

In one embodiment, obtaining sensory information can be negotiated. For example, the mobile communication device **512** can transmit the notice which is received by the fixed communication device **516**. The fixed communication

device **516** can agree to transmit sensory information captured by sensor **517**. The agreement to send the sensory information captured by sensor **517** can be based on a number of factors in the negotiation. For example, the user of the mobile communication device **512** may have a subscription to services provided by a service provider affiliated with the fixed communication device **516**. For instance, the environment **501** may be a concert in a park where a service provider is operating a fixed communication device **516** to capture video and audio of the concert for broadcast over a channel of the service provider. The user of the mobile communication device **512** may have a subscription for media services provided over the service provider channel. The fixed communication device **516** can provide the sensory information captured by the sensor **517** to the mobile communication device **512**, which in this case is the video and audio of the concert in the park. Media content can then be generated based on the video and audio content, as well as other sensory information captured by sensor **513** and/or received from mobile communication device **514** (which is captured by sensor **515**). As an example, the media content can be a presentation of the concert but from one or more viewing angles that differ from the viewing angles utilized by the sensor **517** of the fixed communication device **516** when capturing the video content. In this example, media content can be generated based on the concert in the park, but where the media content differs, in whole or in part, from that which is broadcast by the service provider. The differences can be managed or otherwise determined by the user of the mobile communication device **512**, such as based on user preferences, device capabilities and so forth.

In one embodiment, the exchange of sensory information can be performed in a daisy chain fashion so that the sensory information does not need to be received directly from a mobile device that captured the sensory information, but rather can be forwarded from a mobile device that received the sensory information from another mobile device. In this example, the use of the daisy chain techniques can enhance the ability to capture varying perspectives of the environment **501**.

System **500** allows for the generation of media content based on the sensory information that has been captured with respect to environment **501**. For example, mobile communication device **512** can gather sensory information which is used for presenting first media content **538** at location **548**. The first media content can be generated by one or more of the mobile communication device **512**, the server **530** and the STB **506**. The first media content can be generated based on some or all of the sensory information captured by one or more of sensors **513**, **515** and **517**. Mobile communication device **514** can gather sensory information which is used for presenting second media content **539** at location **549**. The second media content can be generated by one or more of the mobile communication device **514**, the server **530** and the STB **506**. The second media content can be generated based on some or all of the sensory information captured by one or more of sensors **513**, **515** and **517**. Although the first and second media content **538** and **539** may be similar because they are generated utilizing the same pool of sensory information, there can be differences, including viewing angles, portions of images or other sensory information presented, and so forth. These differences can be selected based on user preferences, including user profiles, monitored user behavior, and so forth.

FIG. **6** depicts an illustrative embodiment of a system **600** for gathering sensory information associated with an envi-

ronment **601** and generating media content based on the gathered sensory information. System **600** can be overlaid or operably coupled to communication systems **100-200** and **500** as another representative embodiment of communication systems **100-200** and **500**. System **600** can include a server **530** in communication with media processors **506** (such as set-top boxes) and mobile wireless communication devices **512** and **612** (such as mobile phones, smart phones, etc.). The mobile communication devices **512** and **612** can be communicatively coupled to the server **530** by way of a network **550** (e.g., a mobility network) coupled to the Internet or other communication means. Media content can be presented at location **548** using the display device **508**.

In this example, a first mobile communication device **512** can be coupled with one or more sensor devices **513** for capturing sensory information associated with the environment **601**. The first mobile communication device **512** can be in communication with second mobile communication device **612A** which are coupled with one or more sensor devices **613A** for capturing sensory information associated with the environment **601**. The second communication devices **612A** can be in communication with other second communication devices **612B** which are coupled with one or more sensor devices **613B** or **613C** for capturing sensory information associated with the environment **601**. In this example, a daisy chain process is utilized to provide first mobile communication device **512** with access to a greater pool of sensory information. In this example, first mobile communication device **512** can receive sensory information captured by sensors **613A** and **613B** from second mobile communication devices **612A** without needing to communicate with any of the other second mobile communication devices **612B**. As also shown by this example, access to sensory information can be selectively controlled, including by the mobile device that captured the sensory information and/or the mobile device that is transmitting the sensory information. For example, first mobile communication device **512** can receive via second communication devices **612A**, the sensory information captured by sensors **613B** without receiving the sensory information captured by sensor **613C**. In this example, the mobile communication device **612B** that is coupled with sensor **613C** can forward other sensory information that it receives without sending the sensory information that it retrieves from its own sensor **613C**. Whether sensory information is shared with other devices can be controlled by various entities according to various procedures. For example, a mobile device may agree to exchange sensory information with another mobile device subject to the sensory information not being further distributed to other mobile devices.

FIG. **7** depicts an illustrative method **700** that operates in portions of the devices of FIGS. **1-6**. Method **700** can begin with step **702** in which a mobile communication device transmits a notice to obtain sensory information associated with an environment, such as images, audio and so forth. Based on the notice, other communication devices, including fixed and/or mobile devices, can opt-in or opt-out of providing and/or receiving sensory information. In step **704**, devices desiring to participate, can exchange sensory information with the mobile communication device and/or can provide sensory information to the mobile communication device without receiving sensory information in return. The exchange of sensory information can be performed with controls on the distribution of the sensory information, such as permitting use of the sensory information in media

content generated by a recipient device but prohibiting further distribution of the sensory information to other devices.

In step **706**, the mobile communication device can negotiate to obtain other sensory information, such as requesting sensory information from an entity operating a security camera in proximity to the environment. The negotiation can be based on various criteria, such as payment, exchange of sensory information, establishing a relationship with an entity operating the other communication device (such as becoming a member affiliated with the entity) and so forth. In one embodiment, the negotiation can be based on future or past exchanges of sensory information. For instance, a communication device can agree to presently provide sensory information to the mobile communication device if the mobile communication device agrees to exchange sensory information in the future (in the event that the two devices again cross paths in a particular environment). In step **708**, the negotiated sensory information can be received from the other communication devices.

The gathered sensory information can be filtered in step **710** by any number of devices, including the mobile communication device, a remote server, an STB associated with the mobile communication device and so forth. The filtering can be performed based on various criteria, including user preferences, parental controls, digital rights management (e.g., detecting that some of the sensory information is subject to proprietary rights of another), and so forth.

The media content can be generated in step **712** based on some or all of the pool of sensory information that has been gathered. In step **714**, the presentation of the media content can be adjusted using portions of the sensory information that provides a different perspective of the environment. In one embodiment, editing of the media content can be performed in a number of different ways, such as piecing together a user's life from a default perspective (e.g., primarily front view) to create a live scrap book, while other perspectives remain hidden where the user can launch the other perspectives such as when pausing a segment or otherwise requesting a different perspective. The perspectives can include a view from afar (e.g., sensor from building 100 meters away), a view from behind (bystander sensor captures view from behind), a view from friends or family while in a group setting. In one embodiment, if there is a stadium or concert hall recording (e.g., football, baseball, soccer, concert, etc.), a user can request views throughout the stadium based on the presence of other mobile communication device throughout the stadium.

In one embodiment, the media content can be generated into 3D images from 2D images captured by the sensors. The remote server, the mobile communication device, the STB and/or some other device can utilize the different viewing angles provided by different images of the sensory information to generate 3D content and/or holographic content. In another embodiment, a depth map can be utilized to generate the 3D content.

The media content can also be generated using other information. For example, media content can be generated based on a user watching his or her child's baseball game at a ball field. Other media content, such as images of professional ball players, and clips of professional announcers which correspond to action occurring during the child's game can be spliced or otherwise combined with the media content generated from the sensory information. Additionally, media content previously generated by the user and/or sensory information previously gathered that is related to the child's baseball game can be spliced or otherwise combined

with the media content generated from the present sensory information, such as adding images of the child from earlier games when similar plays were made or images showing the age progression of the child.

FIG. **8** depicts an illustrative embodiment of a system **800** for gathering sensory information associated with an environment **801** (having audio **802**) and generating media content based on the gathered sensory information. System **800** can be overlaid or operably coupled to communication systems **100-200** and **500-600** as another representative embodiment of communication systems **100-200** and **500-600**. System **800** can include a server **530** in communication with media device or processor **506** (such as set-top boxes) and mobile wireless communication devices **512** and **514** (such as mobile phones, smart phones, etc.), as well as fixed communication device **516**. The mobile communication devices **512** and **514** and the fixed communication device **516** can be communicatively coupled to the server **530** by way of a network **550** (e.g., a mobility network) coupled to the Internet or other communication means. Media content can be presented at location **849** using the display device **508**.

In this example, sensory information can be obtained from the various communication devices in proximity to the environment **801**, such as mobile devices **512** and **514** and fixed device **516**. The media device **506** can then generate a plurality of personal content, shown as content **815**, **820** and **825**, from the sensory information. In the exemplary embodiment, the media device **506**, such as an STB, is generating the plurality of content. However, it should be understood that the media device **506** can be a number of different devices (such as a personal computer, smart phone, etc.). Additionally, other devices can be used for generating all or some of the plurality of personal content (including portions of one or more of the personal content), including the server **530** and/or other media devices associated with other users.

The personal content **815**, **820** and **825** can be different versions of the content generated from portions of the sensory information. The different versions of the personal content can be based on criteria established or otherwise associated with the user seeking to generate the personal content. For example, a user profile can be used to piece together the personal content from the sensory information. Monitored viewing behavior, as well as previously generated personal content, can be used for generating the plurality of different versions. The user can also define the criteria for generating the personal content, such as target individuals, sounds, objects, time and so forth to be included in the personal content to the extent that the sensory information has captured these criteria. In personal content **815**, audio for one or more individuals in the content can be included. The sensory information can be analyzed to provide images of the individuals without background images. In personal content **820**, the perspective of the sensory information (e.g., the viewing angle and zoom) can be selected so that only select individuals are shown while there audio is only heard without the audio of others in the environment. This can be accomplished by reviewing the sensory information and selecting sensory information captured by sensor devices that provide the desired viewing angle and desired audio output. Personal content **825** can provide a complete panoramic perspective of the environment, with or without the accompanying audio.

The different versions of the personal content can be accessed by different requestors based on a number of factors. In one embodiment, a relationship between the user

who generated the personal content and the requestor can be determined and utilized to provide or deny the access. For instance, relationships such as immediate family, family, close friends, friends, acquaintances can be used to determine if access can be granted. In one embodiment, the user can customize the relationships including providing monitorable definitions, such as an acquaintance becoming a friend when it is determined that a threshold number of messages have been exchanged between the user and the acquaintance. Different channels can be provided by a service provider to view the different versions of the content.

FIG. 9 depicts an illustrative method 900 that operates in portions of the devices and methods of FIGS. 1-8. Method 900 can begin with receiving sensory information at 902. The sensory information can be received at a media device, such as an STB, and/or can be received at another device that generates personal content, such as remote server 130. The sensory information can be associated with an environment and received from various devices including a mobile device associated with the media device, mobile device(s) not associated with the media device and/or fixed communication devices. The sensory information can be received via the related mobile device and/or directly from the other communication devices.

At 904, criteria for generating personal content can be obtained. For instance, the user can input criteria in a user interface of the media device. As another example, the criteria can be established based on a user profile and/or based on monitored viewing behavior of the user and/or previous personal content that was generated. In one embodiment, the criteria can be independent of the preferences of the user, such as based on parental controls or based on an automatic generation algorithm. At 906, a number of different versions of the personal content can be generated based on the criteria. The different versions can include the same or different portions of the sensory information, such as images from different viewing angles, different audio, and so forth. The different versions can also be directed towards different target audiences. For example, an immediate family version can be generated that provides close-up images and audio of the user with a limited amount of images and audio from other individuals. In one embodiment, versions can be target to particular individuals. For example, a version of the personal content may be generated that includes all of the images and audio of the user and his friend, while limiting images and audio of other individuals.

At 908, the media device or another component can analyze the video and/or audio of each of the personal content for objectionable material. For instance, the analysis can be automatic without user interaction, based on image and speech recognition. The analysis can be based on user interaction and/or the version of the personal content that is being generated. For example, certain images or words may be objectionable in the family version of the personal content but may be acceptable in the friend's version of the content. At 910, one or more versions of the personal content can be adjusted based on objectionable material, as well as based on other criteria. In one embodiment, the audio generated from certain individuals may be muted. In another embodiment, the images of certain individuals may be obscured or otherwise blocked. The muting and/or obscuring can be based on objectionable material, user preferences, agreement negotiated with one or more suppliers of the sensory information, and so forth. For instance, a second mobile communication device may agree to provide sensory information that includes images provided that images of the

user of the second mobile communication device are obscured in the personal content.

At 912, a request for personal content can be received and a determination of a relationship between the requestor and the generator of the personal content can be made. The relationship can be of many forms, including business and personal, and can be customized or automatically defined. At 914, access to personal content can be granted or denied based on a determined relationship of a requestor. The access can be provided in a number of different ways, such as via channels in an interactive television network (e.g., IPTV), streaming between media devices, and so forth.

FIG. 10 depicts an illustrative embodiment of a system 1000 for analyzing and processing personal content that is generated based at least in part on gathered sensory information associated with an environment. System 1000 can be overlaid or operably coupled to communication systems 100-200, 500-600 and 800 as another representative embodiment of communication systems 100-200, 500-600 and 800. System 1000 can include a server 530 in communication with media device or processor 506 (such as a set-top box at location 849) and mobile wireless communication device 512 (such as mobile phones, smart phones, etc.), as well as other mobile and/or fixed communication devices (not shown). The mobile communication device 512 and the media processor 506 can be communicatively coupled to the server 530 by way of a network 550 (e.g., a mobility network) coupled to the Internet or other communication means. Personal content can be presented at location 849 using the display device 508.

A storage device 1010 can be utilized for storing various personal content, which is generated in association with the mobile communication device 512 and/or in association with a user. The storage device 1010 can be of various types and can be located in various places. For example, the storage device 1010 can be a database coupled with the server 530 for storing personal content of various users of a service provider network. As another example, the storage device 1010 can be integrated with the media processor 506 and/or can be a separate device (e.g., a DVR) connected with the media processor at location 849. As yet another example, a distributed storage environment can be utilized for storing the personal content, which can include local and/or remote storage devices, such as a cloud computing environment.

In this example, storage device 1010 can include personal content 1015, 1020 and 1025, which are associated with a user of mobile communication device 512. It should be understood that any number of personal content can be stored by storage device 1010, and the personal content can be associated with various entities, including individuals, families, groups of friends, businesses, and so forth.

Server 530 and/or media processor 506 (or another computing device) can perform recognition analysis on personal content 1015 to identify person 1050. The recognition analysis can further be performed on some or all of the other personal content in storage device 1010, such as personal content 1020 and 1025 to identify person 1050. In one embodiment, a user can provide a user input 1017 that highlights or otherwise indicates a person that is to be flagged in other personal content. In one embodiment, a mouse arrow can be placed over an individual and the individual in the image can be highlighted. Data from the image (such as facial recognition data) can be used as recognition information for performing image recognition analysis on other personal content. In one embodiment, a user can provide a user input 1019 that highlights or otherwise indicates speech from a person that can be used to flag

the person in other personal content. In one embodiment, a selection of sentences or phrases can be provided so that the user can identify those sentences or phrases as being associated with an individual. Data from the speech sample can be used as recognition information for performing recognition analysis on audio content in other personal content.

In one embodiment, a combination of image and audio recognition analysis can be performed. For example, a user can highlight a person appearing in an image and the server 530 and/or the media processor 506 can detect speech emanating from that person in the personal content and use that speech as an audio sample for subsequent recognition analysis. In one embodiment, the recognition analysis can be performed without user intervention. For example, image and/or audio samples can be obtained by the server 530 and/or the media processor 506, such as in exchange for sensory information, and the samples can be utilized to flag persons without the user providing any user input.

As can be seen in system 1000, person 1050 can be identified in each of the personal content 1015, 1020 and 1025. Once identified or otherwise flagged, the personal content or portions thereof can be made selectively accessible to the flagged individuals. For example, a notice can be sent to communication device(s) of flagged individuals so that they can access the personal content and/or portions of the personal content. In one embodiment, samples of flagged content, such as a still image taken from video content that includes the flagged person, can be provided to the flagged individual. The selective access can be controlled by the user and/or according to various policies and/or negotiated agreements, such as an agreement between two individuals to share all personal content that includes both parties. In one embodiment, only the portion of the personal content including the flagged individual is made accessible while the remainder of the personal content is rendered inaccessible. In one embodiment, all of the personal content is made accessible to an individual flagged in the particular personal content. In one embodiment, images of the personal content can be made accessible while the audio content is rendered inaccessible. Other variations of accessibility can also be utilized. In one embodiment, the recognition analysis can be utilized in combination with a social network. For example, a flagged individual in the personal content of a user can be provided with a greeting, introduction or other link to the user in a social network environment as a result of the recognition analysis.

FIG. 11 depicts an illustrative method 1100 that operates in portions of the devices and methods of FIGS. 1-10. Method 1100 can be performed by various devices or combinations of devices, including the server 530 and/or the media processor 506. Method 1100 can begin with receiving sensory information at 1102 and generating personal content at 1104. Additional detail as to these steps is described with respect to methods 700 and 900.

At step 1106, it can be determined whether recognition information was received in conjunction with the sensory information. The recognition information can be of various types, such as data associated with images of a person and/or audio samples of the individual's speech. The recognition information can be transmitted with the sensory information being gathered by a particular communication device, such as another mobile communication device that is in proximity to the environment. In one embodiment, the recognition information can be stored in a central database and distributed or otherwise accessed when sharing of sensory information from a device associated with the recognition information is detected. For instance, users of a personal content

service can each provide recognition information, such as images and/or audio samples of their speech, which are stored by the server 530 and which are associated with a particular user and communication devices of the particular user. When particular sensory information is gathered from a communication device of a particular user and/or when personal content is generated based on that particular sensory information, the server 530 can access the recognition information of the particular user.

Recognition information can be shared between devices to enable sharing of personal content or portions thereof with users that have contributed to the generation of the personal content. For instance, if two friends go to the park and capture sensory information, such as images and audio of a football game being played in the park, then the sharing of the recognition information can enable sharing of those portions of the football game that include one and/or the other of the two friends. Similarly, sharing of recognition information can be selectively performed between users that are not acquaintances. In this example, the sharing of recognition information can be limited, such as preventing further distribution of the recognition information, preventing display of the recognition information (e.g., the recognition information can be utilized by a device for performing image and/or audio recognition analysis but cannot be presented by the same device), providing the recognition information for a limited time, and so forth.

At step 1108, if recognition information is available, then one or more personal content can be analyzed to detect or otherwise identify a person using the recognition information. The identified person(s) can be tagged or flagged, including tagging frames of video content and/or providing identification information of the person in one or more images. In one embodiment, the identification information can specify the person among other persons in an image(s). In one embodiment, metadata can be inserted or otherwise added to the personal content to facilitate the flagging of persons based on the recognition information. The particular personal content that is analyzed can vary. In one embodiment, all personal content associated with a user can be analyzed. In another embodiment, personal content is analyzed subject to permission of the user, such as limiting the analysis to events or environments that have not been highlighted by the user as being family-only. In one embodiment, personal content for analysis can be selected from a group of personal content based on the environment from which the sensory information was captured. For instance, personal content can be provided with metadata that summarizes the particular environment. The server 530 and/or the media processor 506 can determine if there is a likelihood that a person flagged in personal content of one environment might be present in personal content of another environment. Various criteria, including location, time, typical user activities, and so forth, can be used in comparing the different environments to determine a likelihood of presence of the flagged person.

At step 1110, one or more personal content can be analyzed to detect or otherwise identify a person based on user input(s). The user input(s) can be based on selecting persons being presented in one or more images and/or selecting persons based on speech recorded in the personal content. For example, the server 530 and/or the media processor 506 can present samples of images and/or speech, and can request the user to identify the person (e.g., provide a name) or can request the user to select one or more of the samples. The sample(s) can then be used in recognition analysis applied to other personal content, as well as the

same personal content (e.g., selecting an image of the person and having other portions of the same personal content highlighted where the person again appears). In one embodiment, the recognition analysis can be performed based on updated user input(s), newly received recognition information that accompanied the sensory information, and/or newly generated personal content.

At step 1112, notice can be provided based on the recognition analysis and flagging of persons in the personal content. The particular form of the notice can vary and can be provided with or without samples of the personal content. For example, where recognition information is received with sensory information from a mobile communication device of a particular user and that particular user is flagged in other personal content, then the mobile communication device can receive notice, such as via email, SMS and so forth, to notify the particular user of the availability of the personal content. The notice can include a summary of the environment of the personal content and/or can include one or more images with or without the corresponding audio in which the particular user is present.

The personal content in which a flagged person appears can then be selectively shared with the flagged person, including various communication devices of the flagged person. In one embodiment, the sharing can be based on a negotiated agreement between the user who generated the personal content and the flagged person who provided the sensory information for generating the personal content. Other criteria for sharing of the personal content can also be utilized, including applying DRM rules to the personal content and/or limiting or otherwise preventing further distribution of the personal content (or portions thereof) to others.

FIG. 12 depicts an illustrative embodiment of a system 1200 for managing advertisement content that is used with personal content generated by a user. As described elsewhere herein, the personal content can be generated based at least in part on gathered sensory information associated with an environment, such as from a group of mobile and/or fixed communication devices. System 1200 can be overlaid or operably coupled to communication systems 100-200, 500-600, 800 and 1000 as another representative embodiment of communication systems 100-200, 500-600, 800 and 1000.

System 1200 can include a server 530 in communication with media device or processor 506 (such as a set-top box at location 849) and mobile wireless communication device 512 (such as mobile phones, smart phones, etc.), as well as other mobile and/or fixed communication devices (not shown). The mobile communication device 512 and the media processor 506 can be communicatively coupled to the server 530 by way of a network 550 (e.g., a mobility network) coupled to the Internet or other communication means. Personal content 1015 can be presented at location 849 using the display device 508. The personal content 1015 can be stored at a storage device 1010, which can be a local device (e.g., a memory of STB 506 and/or a DVR coupled with the STB) and/or can be a remote device (e.g., a database in communication with the server 530). While the exemplary embodiment illustrates one personal content, it should be understood that the exemplary embodiment can include any number of personal content that is associated with or generated by various entities, which may or may not include the user at location 849.

In one embodiment, server 530 can access personal content 1015 associated with the user of location 849 to determine targeted advertisement content that can be provided with the personal content. The server 530 can utilize a

number of different factors to select the advertisement content. In one embodiment, access to the personal content 1015 by other subscribers or users can be monitored. Information can be derived from the access to facilitate selection of targeted advertisements, such as identification information for the users (e.g., age, gender, occupation, salary, and so forth). The identification information can be determined from sources in combination with the monitoring of the access. For instance, monitoring the user access to the personal content 1015 can enable the server 530 to determine the identity of the users. User profiles associated with the users can then be consulted to determine other identification information, such as the examples described above. Sources other than user profiles can also be utilized for gathering identification information, such as subscriber plans of the users.

The monitoring of the access to the personal content can also be utilized to determine the popularity of the personal content (e.g., based on a number of times accessed and/or based on a number of times distributed to others) and/or the popularity of the user who generated the personal content (e.g., based on a number of followers associated with the user such as in a social network application). The popularity can be used for selecting the advertisement content, such as providing different grades of advertisement content to be used for different grades of popularity.

In one embodiment, the server 530 can determine demographic information for the personal content 1015, such as typical characteristics of individuals that would desire to consume the personal content. The demographic content can be used to predict the types of users that will access the personal content 1015. In one embodiment, the demographic information can be used as a predictor of the users that will access the personal content 1015 and the identification information can be used to confirm the predictor, such as correlating the demographic information with the identification information, and adjusting the advertisement content when there is a lack of correlation. The determined demographic information and/or the identification information determined from the access monitoring can be compared to demographic information for the advertisement content for selecting the advertisement content, such as selecting advertising images and/or audio that appeal to a certain age group or other demographic group.

In one embodiment, server 530 can present offers to advertise to various entities, such as an advertisement agency via server 1230 and/or a merchant via server. In one embodiment, some or all of the data gathered by the server 530 based on the monitoring of the access and/or the demographic information can be provided to the advertising agency server 1230 to select particular advertisement content which can then be offered to the merchant via server 1235.

An offer, whether made from the server 530 or from another entity, can be based on the demographic information and/or the identification information as described above. In one embodiment, a value can be determined for the advertising and the offer can be based on the value. For instance, personal content of a user that has been accessed by several thousand people may be deemed as a higher value than personal content that has been accessed by less than one hundred people. Continuing with this example, a relationship between the users who are accessing the personal content can also be considered when determining a value of the personal content for purposes of advertising. For instance, if the users accessing the personal content are limited to a small geographic area and are a part of a single

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family, then the personal content for purposes of valuing the advertising may not be as valuable as a situation where the users are spread over a vast geographic area and are unrelated since there may be a higher likelihood that the personal content will propagate to others. The exemplary embodiments enable various devices to perform the analysis described above, including the server **530**, the media processor **506**, as well as the server **1230** and/or the server **1235**.

In one embodiment, a spread rate for the personal content can be determined and utilized in presenting an offer to an entity, including placing a value on the advertisement content. For instance, the spread rate can be determined based on various factors such as the time it takes for the personal content to be accessed by a threshold number of users and/or the time it takes for the personal content to be accessed by particular categories of users (e.g., based on demographics and a likelihood of purchasing products) and/or the time it takes for the personal content to be accessed by users in target locations. Server **530** can place a higher value of personal content that has a desired spread rate while placing a lower value on personal content having an undesired spread rate. The exemplary embodiments enable various devices to perform the analysis described above, including the server **530**, the media processor **506**, as well as the server **1230** and/or the server **1235**.

Advertisement content **1215** can be provided for presentation with the personal content **1015**. The particular type of advertisement content can vary. For instance, the advertisement content **1215** can be still or moving images that are overlaid on the images of personal content **1015**, such as in an area so as not to block points of interest in the images (e.g., an upper corner of the images). In one embodiment, the advertisement content can be placed in the images of the personal content **1015** to simulate the advertisement content being present in the environment. For example, image recognition can be applied to the images to detect a billboard that was captured in the images of the personal content **1015**. The advertisement content can be overlaid on the billboard to simulate the advertisement content having been on the billboard at the time of capturing the images of the personal content **1015**. In one embodiment, other structures captured in the images and/or open space captured in the images can be detected and the advertisement content **1215** can be positioned on the detected structures and/or open space, such as simulating the advertisement content being on the side of a brick building and/or simulating an advertisement sign being in a field captured by the images of the personal content **1015**.

In one embodiment, the advertisement content **1215** can include audio content either alone or in combination with still or moving images. In one embodiment, the advertisement content **1215** or a portion thereof can be selectable in order to purchase product or service associated with the advertisement content. In one embodiment, a selection of the advertisement content **1215** or a portion thereof can provide a link to a website of a merchant (e.g., being run by the server **1235**) so that the user who selected the advertisement content can purchase product or service associated with the advertisement content. The exemplary embodiments can include other configurations and methodologies to enable purchase of product via a selection of the advertisement content **1215** or a portion thereof, such as providing a link to a third party that manages the purchase process. The exemplary embodiments can also include revenue sharing for the user that generated the personal content and/or the service provider that provided the access to the personal content. For example, sales of products that are associated

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with a selection of the advertisement content and/or access to a website of a merchant via the selection of the advertisement content can be used to calculate revenue to be provided to one or both of the user that generated the personal content and the service provider that provided the access to the personal content.

In one embodiment, the advertisement content can be an object **1225** that was captured in the images of the personal content **1015** and is adjusted to be advertisement content. For example, object **1225** can be a soda bottle that is detected by the server **530** utilizing image recognition. The image and/or text recognition can be used to identify a merchant associated with the particular brand of soda. The personal content **1015** can be adjusted so that object **1225** can be selectable by a user who accesses the personal content. A selection by the user can enable purchasing of the product (or service depending on the object that is made selectable) and/or reviewing additional information related to the selectable object **1225**. In one embodiment, a symbol or highlighting of the perimeter of the object **1225** can be used to indicate to the user who has accessed the personal content **1225** that the object is selectable. In one embodiment, a selection of the object **1225** can provide a link to a website of a merchant that sells the product or service (e.g., server **1235**). The exemplary embodiments can include any number and type of objects being made selectable. In one embodiment, the number and/or types of objects made selectable can be controlled by the user that generated the personal content. In one embodiment, the type of objects made selectable can be based on demographic information and/or the identification information gathered from monitoring the access to the personal content **1015**. In one embodiment, all of the advertisement content included with the personal content is selectable objects so that there are no superimposed content overlaying the images. In another embodiment, all of the advertisement content is superimposed content that overlays the images so that there is no selectable objects that were captured in the images. In another embodiment, a combination of selectable objects and superimposed advertisement content can be utilized for the targeted advertisement.

FIG. **13** depicts an illustrative method **1300** that operates in portions of the devices and methods of FIGS. **1-12**. Method **1300** can be performed by various devices or combinations of devices, including one or more of the servers **530**, **1230** and **1235** and/or the media processor **506**. Method **1300** can begin with step **1302** where access to personal content associated with a user (e.g., generated by that user) is monitored. The monitoring can include tracking the identity of the users accessing the personal content and/or counting the number of times the personal content has been accessed. In one embodiment, the monitoring of the access can include tracking the number of times particular portions of the personal content have been accessed (e.g., to target advertising space in a particular portion of the personal content). The monitoring can be used in conjunction with other techniques for gathering identification information beyond the name of the user, such as accessing user profiles, subscriber plans, information databases, social network profiles, and so forth, based on an identity of the user. Various types of identification information can be retrieved so as to facilitate selection of advertisement content for the personal content and/or for evaluating a value of advertising space in the personal content, such as demographics associated with the users that are accessing and/or likely will access the personal content.

At step **1304**, demographic information can be determined for the personal content. The demographic information can be determined based on various factors and techniques. In one embodiment, the user that generated the personal content can provide summary information for the personal content that is utilized for determining the demographics. For instance, the summary information can be a description of the personal content environment, the activities that occurred in the environment and/or individuals captured in the personal content. The summary information can be parsed or otherwise analyzed to determine demographic information for the personal content. In one embodiment, image, text and/or audio/speech recognition can be applied to the personal content to determine the demographic information. The recognition analysis can also be used to provide an automated summary of the personal content that is generated without user intervention. In one embodiment, other information can be utilized for determining demographic information for the personal content. For instance, the sensory information that is gathered to generate the personal content can include metadata, such as identifying or categorizing the sensory information. This metadata can be used to determine the demographic information

At step **1306**, the follower base (e.g., the users accessing the personal content) can be evaluated, such as based on the identification information and/or the demographic information described above. The follower base can also be evaluated based on other considerations. For instance, a particular user that generated personal content may have a limited number of users that have accessed the personal content but may have a large amount of followers in a social network application. This can be taken into consideration when determining the exposure that any advertisement content included with the personal content may receive.

At step **1308**, advertisement content can be provided for presentation with the personal content, including based on various factors that may include the access monitoring, the identification information, the demographic information, the follower base evaluation, the value of the advertising space, and so forth. The advertisement content can take many forms, including adjusting objects already present in the images to be selectable by a user, overlaying advertisement content in areas of the images to minimize blocking of the personal content and/or replacing objects in the images with advertising content (e.g., replacing a sign in the image with advertisement content).

At step **1310**, the advertisement content can be monitored for access. For instance, selectable advertisement content can be monitored to determine how many times users have selected and accessed the advertisement content. In one embodiment, traffic being directed to a merchant's website from the personal content via the selectable advertisement content can be used to share revenue with the user that generated the personal content and/or with the service provider that provides the access to the personal content.

In one embodiment, sales resulting from access to the advertisement content can also be monitored. For instance, a selectable advertisement content can provide a link to a website that sells a particular product. Whether or not the user purchases the product using the website can be determined. Other monitoring techniques are also contemplated by the exemplary embodiments, including promotional codes being provided with the advertisement content which can then be used when purchasing a product to obtain a lower price and triggering an association between the purchase and the advertisement content of the personal content. In one embodiment, unique promotional codes can be used

for the personal content so that the monitoring of the purchase of a product is not limited to use of a website link of the advertisement content, but rather can be an independent purchase, such as by another user directly accessing a merchant's website or going to the merchant's store to purchase the product. In one embodiment, the unique promotional codes can be dynamic, such as changing after a pre-determined time period and/or after being accessed by a different user.

At step **1312**, revenue for the user that generated the personal content and/or the service provider that provides access to the personal content can be determined. The revenue can be shared based on various criteria, including sales, traffic to a website, negotiated agreement between the user and the merchant, and so forth. If it is determined that the advertisement content has not been accessed or the access fails to satisfy a minimum threshold, then at step **1314** the advertisement content can be adjusted. The adjustment to the advertisement content can be of many types. For instance, the products being advertised can be changed, the types of advertisements can be changed, the position of the advertisement content in the personal content can be changed, and so forth.

In one embodiment, the gathering of sensory information from other communication devices can be based on a location of the particular other devices. For example, priority of retrieving sensory information can be utilized in order to enable gathering sensory information from a limited viewing angle. For instance, where a first group of devices are located in close proximity and a second group of devices are located remotely from each other, gathering of the sensory information from the second group of devices can be given priority to enable obtaining a wider perspective or viewing angle of the environment. The use of prioritization for gathering sensory information can be particularly helpful where a mobile communication device has limited storage capacity and/or limited time to negotiate an exchange of sensory information. By prioritizing the gathering of sensory information to target devices having better perspective over an environment, personal content can be generated with improved perspective.

Upon reviewing the aforementioned embodiments, it would be evident to an artisan with ordinary skill in the art that said embodiments can be modified, reduced, or enhanced without departing from the scope and spirit of the claims described below. In one embodiment, multiple personal content generated by a single user can be processed together. For example, advertisement content can be selected for the group and a value for the advertising space can be determined for the entire group.

The exemplary embodiments can perform collection of sensory information utilizing a number of different sources, including sensors carried by a user, fixed sensors in building and street infrastructure, sensors carried by friends and family, sensors carried by bystanders, and so forth. The device discovery and/or sharing of sensory data can be performed utilizing a number of different techniques, such as a user broadcasting a mid-range signal (e.g., 100 meters) indicating the user is recording his/her life, devices with sensors in proximity can detect the broadcast, devices can respond with opt-in or opt-out response to share data, user of device may identify him/herself or remain private (e.g., friends and family can identify themselves while bystanders and fixed infrastructure sensors remain anonymous).

In one embodiment, discovery of devices can be daisy chained so that a user can build up a broader collection of sensory data, such as a user in a sports complex or concert

hall discovering devices nearby and requesting a recording of the experience in the user's proximity and throughout the sports complex or concert hall. In this example, sensors can opt-in or opt-out, and information can be shared by daisy chain or by transmission on a data channel (e.g., 3G or 4G) to a server. Organizing of the collected sensory information can be performed in a number of different ways, such as based on an order of priority including vicinity to user, friends and family, and perspectives (e.g., front, back, side, rear). The filtering of sensory information can be performed in a number of different ways such as quality of sensory data, including clarity visually, clarity audibly, identify portions that can be live, and identify portions that can be still images.

FIG. 14 depicts an exemplary diagrammatic representation of a machine in the form of a computer system 1400 within which a set of instructions, when executed, may cause the machine to perform any one or more of the methods discussed above. One or more instances of the machine can operate, for example, as the server 530, 1230, 1235, the media processor 506, the display 508, the fixed communication device 516, mobile devices 512, 514, or combinations thereof as described above. In some embodiments, the machine may be connected (e.g., using a network) to other machines. In a networked deployment, the machine may operate in the capacity of a server or a client user machine in server-client user network environment, or as a peer machine in a peer-to-peer (or distributed) network environment.

The machine may comprise a server computer, a client user computer, a personal computer (PC), a tablet PC, a smart phone, a laptop computer, a desktop computer, a control system, a network router, switch or bridge, or any machine capable of executing a set of instructions (sequential or otherwise) that specify actions to be taken by that machine. It will be understood that a communication device of the present disclosure includes broadly any electronic device that provides voice, video or data communication. Further, while a single machine is illustrated, the term "machine" shall also be taken to include any collection of machines that individually or jointly execute a set (or multiple sets) of instructions to perform any one or more of the methods discussed herein.

The computer system 1400 may include a processor 1402 (e.g., a central processing unit (CPU), a graphics processing unit (GPU), or both), a main memory 1404 and a static memory 1406, which communicate with each other via a bus 1408. The computer system 1400 may further include a video display unit 1410 (e.g., a liquid crystal display (LCD), a flat panel, or a solid state display). The computer system 1400 may include an input device 1412 (e.g., a keyboard), a cursor control device 1414 (e.g., a mouse), a disk drive unit 1416, a signal generation device 1418 (e.g., a speaker or remote control) and a network interface device 1420.

The disk drive unit 1416 may include a tangible computer-readable storage medium 1422 on which is stored one or more sets of instructions (e.g., software 1424) embodying any one or more of the methods or functions described herein, including those methods illustrated above. The instructions 1424 may also reside, completely or at least partially, within the main memory 1404, the static memory 1406, and/or within the processor 1402 during execution thereof by the computer system 1400. The main memory 1404 and the processor 1402 also may constitute tangible computer-readable storage media.

Dedicated hardware implementations including, but not limited to, application specific integrated circuits, program-

mable logic arrays and other hardware devices can likewise be constructed to implement the methods described herein. Applications that may include the apparatus and systems of various embodiments broadly include a variety of electronic and computer systems. Some embodiments implement functions in two or more specific interconnected hardware modules or devices with related control and data signals communicated between and through the modules, or as portions of an application-specific integrated circuit. Thus, the example system is applicable to software, firmware, and hardware implementations.

In accordance with various embodiments of the present disclosure, the methods described herein are intended for operation as software programs running on a computer processor. Furthermore, software implementations can include, but not limited to, distributed processing or component/object distributed processing, parallel processing, or virtual machine processing can also be constructed to implement the methods described herein.

While the tangible computer-readable storage medium 1422 is shown in an example embodiment to be a single medium, the term "tangible computer-readable storage medium" should be taken to include a single medium or multiple media (e.g., a centralized or distributed database, and/or associated caches and servers) that store the one or more sets of instructions. The term "tangible computer-readable storage medium" shall also be taken to include any non-transitory medium that is capable of storing or encoding a set of instructions for execution by the machine and that cause the machine to perform any one or more of the methods of the present disclosure.

The term "tangible computer-readable storage medium" shall accordingly be taken to include, but not be limited to: solid-state memories such as a memory card or other package that houses one or more read-only (non-volatile) memories, random access memories, or other re-writable (volatile) memories, a magneto-optical or optical medium such as a disk or tape, or other tangible media which can be used to store information. Accordingly, the disclosure is considered to include any one or more of a tangible computer-readable storage medium, as listed herein and including art-recognized equivalents and successor media, in which the software implementations herein are stored.

Although the present specification describes components and functions implemented in the embodiments with reference to particular standards and protocols, the disclosure is not limited to such standards and protocols. Each of the standards for Internet and other packet switched network transmission (e.g., TCP/IP, UDP/IP, HTML, HTTP) represent examples of the state of the art. Such standards are from time-to-time superseded by faster or more efficient equivalents having essentially the same functions. Wireless standards for device detection (e.g., RFID), short-range communications (e.g., Bluetooth, WiFi, Zigbee), and long-range communications (e.g., WiMAX, GSM, CDMA) are contemplated for use by computer system 1400.

The illustrations of embodiments described herein are intended to provide a general understanding of the structure of various embodiments, and they are not intended to serve as a complete description of all the elements and features of apparatus and systems that might make use of the structures described herein. Many other embodiments will be apparent to those of skill in the art upon reviewing the above description. Other embodiments may be utilized and derived therefrom, such that structural and logical substitutions and changes may be made without departing from the scope of this disclosure. Figures are also merely representational and

may not be drawn to scale. Certain proportions thereof may be exaggerated, while others may be minimized. Accordingly, the specification and drawings are to be regarded in an illustrative rather than a restrictive sense.

Although specific embodiments have been illustrated and described herein, it should be appreciated that any arrangement calculated to achieve the same purpose may be substituted for the specific embodiments shown. This disclosure is intended to cover any and all adaptations or variations of various embodiments. Combinations of the above embodiments, and other embodiments not specifically described herein, will be apparent to those of skill in the art upon reviewing the above description.

The Abstract of the Disclosure is provided with the understanding that it will not be used to interpret or limit the scope or meaning of the claims. In addition, in the foregoing Detailed Description, it can be seen that various features are grouped together in a single embodiment for the purpose of streamlining the disclosure. This method of disclosure is not to be interpreted as reflecting an intention that the claimed embodiments require more features than are expressly recited in each claim. Rather, as the following claims reflect, inventive subject matter lies in less than all features of a single disclosed embodiment. Thus the following claims are hereby incorporated into the Detailed Description, with each claim standing on its own as a separately claimed subject matter.

What is claimed is:

1. A server, comprising:

a processing system including a processor; and
 a memory that stores executable instructions that, when executed by the processing system, facilitate performance of operations, the operations comprising:
 generating personal content responsive to obtaining a plurality of captured images over a communication network, wherein the personal content includes the plurality of captured images, and wherein the personal content is generated according to a user profile;
 monitoring access by communication devices of second users to personal content associated with a first user;
 tracking identities of the second users accessing the personal content;
 determining demographic information representative of the personal content;
 evaluating a follower base of the first user based on the identities of the second users and the demographic information to determine a potential exposure of the personal content, wherein the follower base comprises the second users and an additional group associated with the first user accessing the personal content;
 identifying an object in each of the plurality of captured images using image recognition resulting in an identified object;
 selecting advertisement content based on the monitoring of the access, the determining of the demographic information, and the evaluating of the follower base;
 providing the advertisement content for presentation with the personal content by overlaying the advertisement content on the identified object in each of the plurality of captured images responsive to the personal content accessed by communication devices of third users, wherein the overlaying the advertisement content comprises simulating the

advertisement content having been on the identified object at a time that the plurality of captured images had been captured;

determining whether the advertisement content presented with the personal content has been accessed; responsive to determining that the advertisement content presented with the personal content has not been accessed, adjusting the advertisement content, wherein the adjusting results in adjusted advertisement content, wherein the adjusted advertisement content includes a promotional code, and wherein the promotional code dynamically changes after a predetermined time period;
 determining a new position in the personal content at which to present the adjusted advertisement content, wherein the new position is a different position than a previous position at which the advertisement content had been located;
 presenting the adjusted advertisement content, including the promotional code, at the new position;
 monitoring a merchant website for a sale of a product advertised in the adjusted advertisement content; and
 determining that the sale of the product advertised in the adjusted advertisement content was made using the promotional code.

2. The server of claim **1**, wherein the personal content is generated based on sensory information obtained from a group of mobile communication devices in response to a broadcast by a first mobile communication device of a wireless signal representing a notice requesting the sensory information, wherein the sensory information is associated with an environment of the first mobile communication device, wherein the sensory information comprises images of the environment resulting in the plurality of captured images, wherein the first mobile communication device is associated with the first user, and wherein the operations further comprise:

determining a merchant associated with the object, wherein the providing the advertisement content for presentation with the personal content further comprises adjusting the personal content to provide a link, in accordance with a selection of the object by a user input, to the merchant website that is associated with the merchant.

3. The server of claim **1**, wherein the tracking of the identities of the second users includes accessing user profiles of the second users, and wherein the operations further comprise:

calculating a first revenue for the first user based on the sale of the product advertised in the adjusted advertisement content.

4. The server of claim **3**, wherein the operations further comprise:

calculating a second revenue based on the sale of the product advertised in the adjusted advertisement content, for a service provider that provides the advertisement content for presentation with the personal content for the communication devices of the third users.

5. The server of claim **3**, wherein the operations further comprise:

receiving a user selection associated with the advertisement content, wherein the sale of the product advertised in the adjusted advertisement content is associated with the user selection.

6. The server of claim **1**, wherein the monitoring of the access comprises determining a number of times the personal content is accessed by the communication devices of

the second users and wherein the selecting of the advertisement content is based on the number of times the personal content is accessed by the communication devices of the second users.

7. The server of claim 1, wherein the server operates in a distributed network environment.

8. A method, comprising:

generating, by a system comprising a processor, personal content responsive to obtaining a plurality of captured images over a communication network, wherein the personal content includes the plurality of captured images, and wherein the personal content is generated according to a user profile;

monitoring, by the system, access by communication devices of second users to personal content associated with a first user;

tracking, by the system, identities of the second users accessing the personal content;

determining, by the system, demographic information representative of the personal content;

evaluating, by the system, a follower base of the first user based on the identities of the second users and the demographic information to determine a potential exposure of the personal content, wherein the follower base comprises the second users and an additional group associated with the first user accessing the personal content;

identifying, by the system, an object in each of the plurality of captured images using image recognition resulting in an identified object;

selecting, by the system, advertisement content based on the monitoring of the access, the determining of the demographic information, and the evaluating of the follower base;

providing, by the system, the advertisement content for presentation with the personal content by overlaying the advertisement content on the identified object in each of the plurality of captured images responsive to the personal content accessed by communication devices of third users, wherein the overlaying the advertisement content comprises simulating the advertisement content having been on the identified object at a time that the plurality of captured images had been captured;

determining, by the system, whether the advertisement content presented with the personal content has been accessed;

responsive to determining that the advertisement content presented with the personal content has not been accessed, adjusting, by the system, the advertisement content, wherein the adjusting results in adjusted advertisement content, wherein the adjusted advertisement content includes a promotional code, and wherein the promotional code dynamically changes after a predetermined time period;

determining, by the system, a new position in the personal content at which to present the adjusted advertisement content, wherein the new position is a different position than a previous position at which the advertisement content had been located;

presenting, by the system, the adjusted advertisement content, including the promotional code, at the new position;

monitoring, by the system, a merchant website for a sale of a product advertised in the adjusted advertisement content; and

determining, by the system, that the sale of the product advertised in the adjusted advertisement content was made using the promotional code.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the personal content is generated based on sensory information obtained from a group of mobile communication devices in response to a broadcast by a first mobile communication device of a wireless signal representing a notice requesting the sensory information, wherein the sensory information is associated with an environment of the first mobile communication device, wherein the sensory information comprises images of the environment resulting in the plurality of captured images, wherein the first mobile communication device is associated with the first user, and wherein the method further comprises:

determining, by the system, a merchant associated with the object, wherein the providing the advertisement content for presentation with the personal content further comprises adjusting the personal content to provide a link, in accordance with a selection of the object by a user input, to the merchant website that is associated with the merchant.

10. The method of claim 8, wherein the tracking of the identities of the second users includes accessing user profiles of the second users, and wherein the method further comprises:

calculating, by the system, a first revenue for the first user based on the sale of the product advertised in the adjusted advertisement content.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the method further comprises:

calculating, by the system, a second revenue based on the sale of the product advertised in the adjusted advertisement content, for a service provider that provides the advertisement content for presentation with the personal content for the communication devices of the third users.

12. The method of claim 10, wherein the method further comprises:

receiving, by the system, a user selection associated with the advertisement content, wherein the sale of the product advertised in the adjusted advertisement content is associated with the user selection.

13. The method of claim 8, wherein the monitoring of the access comprises determining a number of times the personal content is accessed by the communication devices of the second users and wherein the selecting of the advertisement content is based on the number of times the personal content is accessed by the communication devices of the second users.

14. The method of claim 8, wherein the system operates in a distributed network environment.

15. A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium comprising executable instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform operations comprising:

generating personal content responsive to obtaining a plurality of captured images over a communication network, wherein the personal content includes the plurality of captured images, and wherein the personal content is generated according to a user profile;

monitoring access by communication devices of second users to personal content associated with a first user; tracking identities of the second users accessing the personal content;

determining demographic information representative of the personal content;

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evaluating a follower base of the first user based on the identities of the second users and the demographic information to determine a potential exposure of the personal content, wherein the follower base comprises the second users and an additional group associated with the first user accessing the personal content; 5
 identifying an object in each of the plurality of captured images using image recognition resulting in an identified object;
 selecting advertisement content based on the monitoring of the access, the determining of the demographic information, and the evaluating of the follower base; 10
 providing the advertisement content for presentation with the personal content by overlaying the advertisement content on the identified object in each of the plurality of captured images responsive to the personal content accessed by communication devices of third users, wherein the overlaying the advertisement content comprises simulating the advertisement content having been on the identified object at a time that the plurality of captured images had been captured; 15
 determining whether the advertisement content presented with the personal content has been accessed;
 responsive to determining that the advertisement content presented with the personal content has not been accessed, adjusting the advertisement content, wherein the adjusting results in adjusted advertisement content, wherein the adjusted advertisement content includes a promotional code, and wherein the promotional code dynamically changes after a predetermined time period; 20
 determining a new position in the personal content at which to present the adjusted advertisement content, wherein the new position is a different position than a previous position at which the advertisement content had been located; 25
 presenting the adjusted advertisement content, including the promotional code, at the new position;
 monitoring a merchant website for a sale of a product advertised in the adjusted advertisement content; and 30
 determining that the sale of the product advertised in the adjusted advertisement content was made using the promotional code.

16. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 15, wherein the personal content is generated based on sensory information obtained from a group of mobile communication devices in response to a broadcast

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by a first mobile communication device of a wireless signal representing a notice requesting the sensory information, wherein the sensory information is associated with an environment of the first mobile communication device, wherein the sensory information comprises images of the environment resulting in the plurality of captured images, wherein the first mobile communication device is associated with the first user, and wherein the operations further comprise:

determining a merchant associated with the object, wherein the providing the advertisement content for presentation with the personal content further comprises adjusting the personal content to provide a link, in accordance with a selection of the object by a user input, to the merchant website that is associated with the merchant.

17. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 15, wherein the tracking of the identities of the second users includes accessing user profiles of the second users, and wherein the operations further comprise: calculating a first revenue for the first user based on the sale of the product advertised in the adjusted advertisement content.

18. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, wherein the operations further comprise:

calculating a second revenue based on the sale of the product advertised in the adjusted advertisement content, for a service provider that provides the advertisement content for presentation with the personal content for the communication devices of the third users.

19. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, wherein the operations further comprise:

receiving a user selection associated with the advertisement content, wherein the sale of the product advertised in the adjusted advertisement content is associated with the user selection.

20. The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 15, wherein the monitoring of the access comprises determining a number of times the personal content is accessed by the communication devices of the second users and wherein the selecting of the advertisement content is based on the number of times the personal content is accessed by the communication devices of the second users.

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