

drawings by way of non-limiting examples of embodiments of the present disclosure, in which like reference numerals represent similar parts throughout the several views of the drawings:

[0060] FIG. 1 is a block diagram showing a configuration of an information processing apparatus that executes a process according to a first embodiment of the invention;

[0061] FIG. 2 is a diagram schematically showing a configuration of information selectively displayed on a display device according to the first embodiment of the invention;

[0062] FIG. 3 is a diagram showing an example of a display mode of the information selectively displayed on the display device according to the first embodiment of the invention;

[0063] FIGS. 4A and 4B are diagrams showing a configuration of a history buffer provided in a main memory and a configuration of a bookmark buffer;

[0064] FIG. 5 is a flowchart showing a process according to the first embodiment of the invention;

[0065] FIGS. 6A to 6H are diagrams specifically showing a change in the display mode of the information according to the first embodiment of the invention;

[0066] FIG. 7 is a diagram schematically showing a configuration of information selectively displayed on a display device according to a second embodiment of the invention;

[0067] FIGS. 8A and 8B are diagrams showing an example of a display mode of the information selectively displayed on the display device according to the second embodiment of the invention;

[0068] FIG. 9 is a flowchart showing a process according to the second embodiment of the invention;

[0069] FIG. 10 is a diagram schematically showing a configuration of information selectively displayed on a display device according to a third embodiment of the invention;

[0070] FIG. 11 is a diagram showing an example of the information selectively displayed on the display device according to the third embodiment of the invention;

[0071] FIG. 12 is a flowchart showing a process according to the third embodiment of the invention;

[0072] FIGS. 13A to 13C are diagrams showing modified examples of the display mode of the information selectively displayed on the display device; and

[0073] FIGS. 14A and 14B are diagrams showing an example of an electronic program guide and an example of a display mode of information displayed on the display device in accordance with specified information selected first in accordance with the electronic program guide.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0074] Hereafter, a description will be given of embodiments of the invention, with reference to the accompanying drawings. The particulars shown herein are by way of example and for purposes of illustrative discussion of the embodiments of the present invention only and are presented in the cause of providing what is believed to be the most

useful and readily understood description of the principles and conceptual aspects of the present invention. In this regard, no attempt is made to show structural details of the present invention in more detail than is necessary for the fundamental understanding of the present invention, the description taken with the drawings making apparent to those skilled in the art how the several forms of the present invention may be embodied in practice.

#### First Embodiment

[0075] FIG. 1 is a block diagram showing a configuration of an information processing apparatus according to this embodiment. As shown in the figure, the information processing apparatus in the example includes a central processing unit (CPU) 101, a main memory 102, a hard disk drive (HDD) 103, an input device 104, a display device 105 and a communication device 106. These are interconnected via a bus 100. The skilled artisan will appreciate that instead of bus 100, devices 101 to 106 may be coupled to each other via wired or wireless communication, or any combination thereof without departing from the scope and/or spirit of the invention.

[0076] The CPU 101 executes a program transferred to the main memory 102, and carries out a process such as, for example, a display of multiple items of related information to be described hereafter. The main memory 102 may be, but is not limited to a storage device such as, for example, a semiconductor memory, which provides a main storage space for the CPU 101. The HDD 103 is a storage device, which provides an auxiliary storage space for the CPU 101. Items of information to be selectively displayed on the display device 105, to be described hereafter, are stored in the HDD 103. The program to be executed by the CPU 101 is stored in the HDD 103 but, when executed, is transferred to the main memory 102 as necessary.

[0077] The input device 104 transmits an instruction from a user to the CPU 101. The input device 104 may be, but is not limited to, for example, a game pad for use in executing a computer game, a voice response interface device, a biometric interface device, or the like, which serves as an interface between the user and the CPU 101. The exemplary, non-limiting game pad may be configured in such a way as to include up, down, left and right direction keys, and four selection buttons, such as, for example, circle, X, square and triangle buttons. The circle button may be configured for carrying out an input to instruct a confirmation of specified information being displayed in a center of the display device 105. The X-button may be configured for carrying out an input to instruct a cancellation of the previous input from a direction key. The square button may be configured for carrying out an input to instruct a bookmarking of a present information display condition on the display device 105. The triangle button may be configured for carrying out an input to instruct a call up of a bookmark.

[0078] The display device 105 displays a variety of information according to a control of the CPU 101. The communication device 106 transmits and receives information to and from an external device via a communication network such as, for example, the Internet, a local area network (LAN), a wide area network (WAN), or the like, where the link to the network may be wired, wireless, or a combination of wired and wireless as the skilled artisan will readily