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[54] **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRACKING VEHICLE LOCATION**

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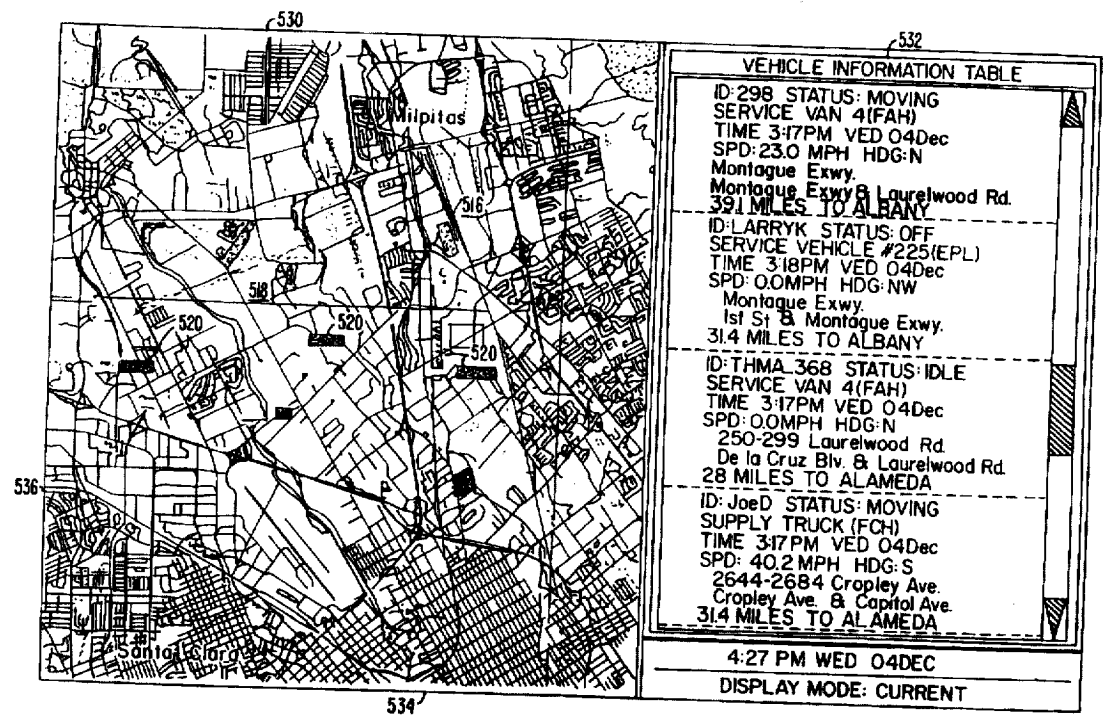Allen, David P., "Here Be Dragons . . . ." *CD–ROM EndUser*, Mar. 1990.

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A method computer aided dispatching. The present method includes providing a display **510** having a first display segment **530**. The first display segment **530** includes a digitized representation of a selected area from a raster map, intelligent area data superimposed upon the selected area to provide intelligence, and a user locatable mark **520**. The user locatable mark **520** defines a mobile unit position based upon a first value and a second value. The present method also includes using a dispatch system **811** operably coupled to the display. The dispatch system **811** includes order data from customers. A portion of the order data is transferred from a data acquisition **801, 808** device to the mobile unit **610**.
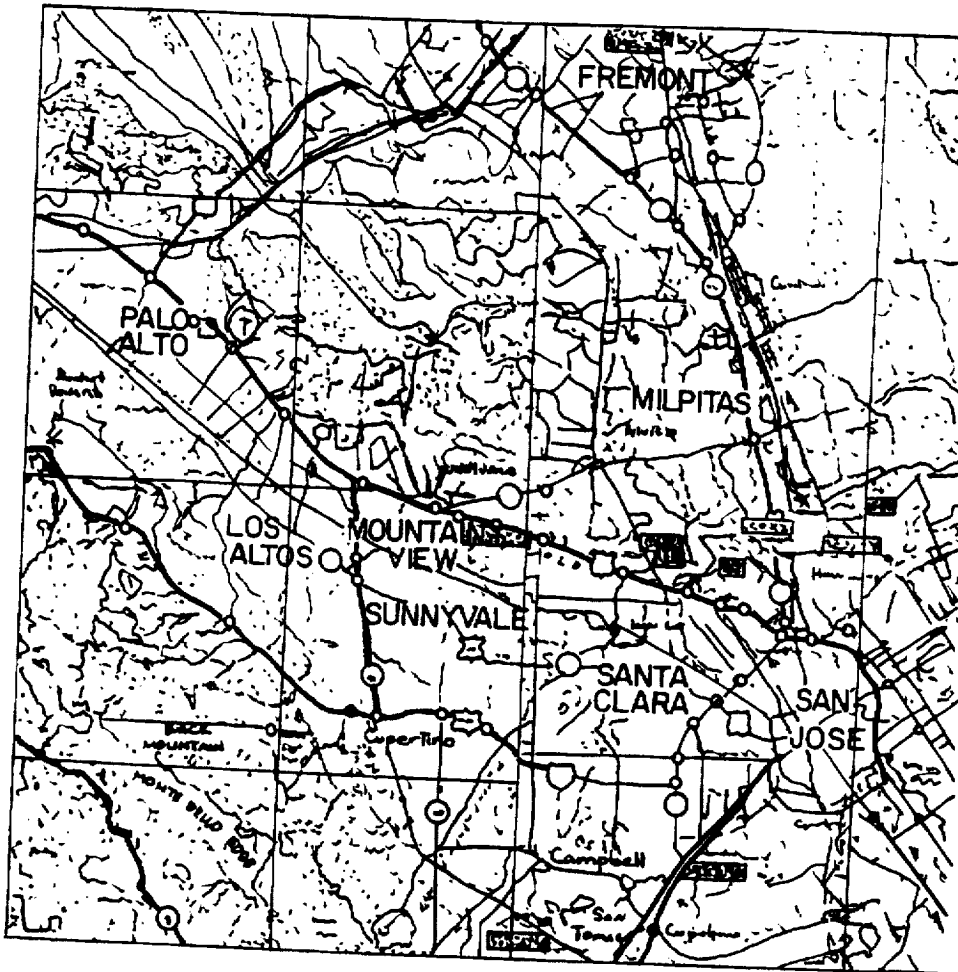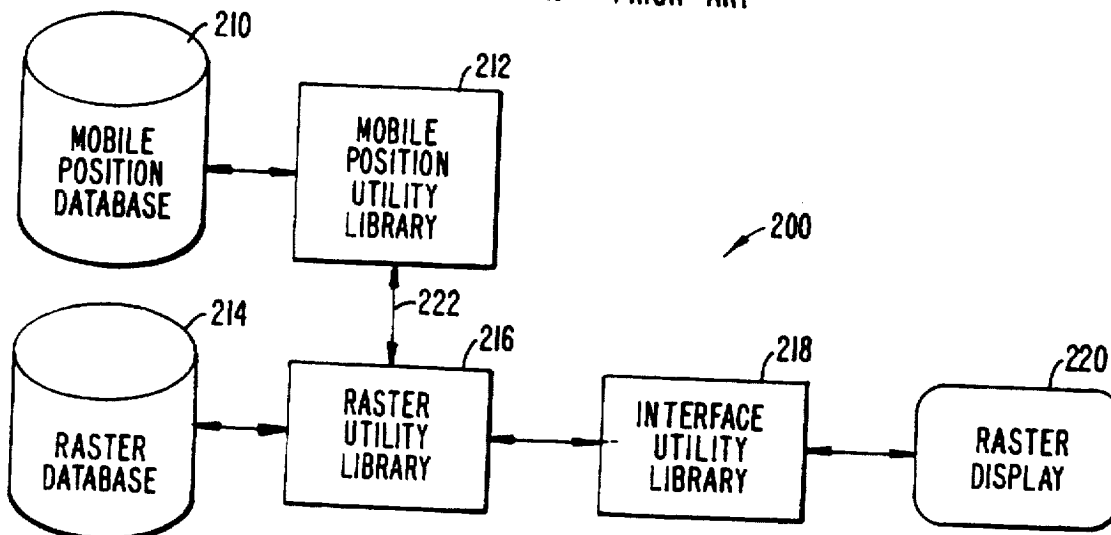
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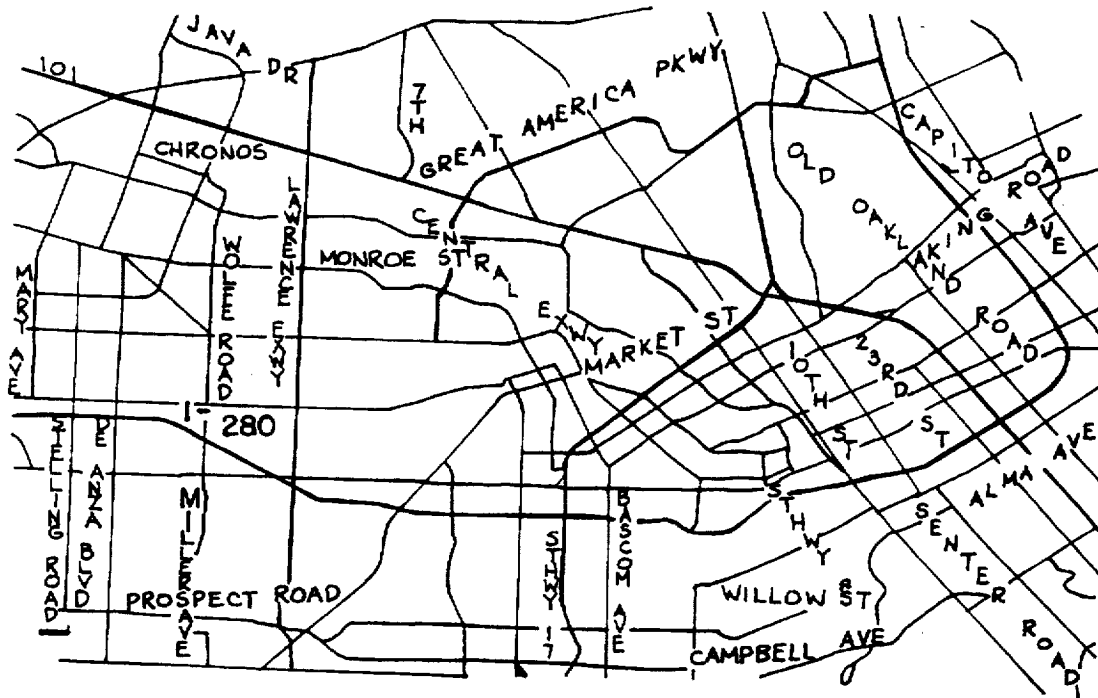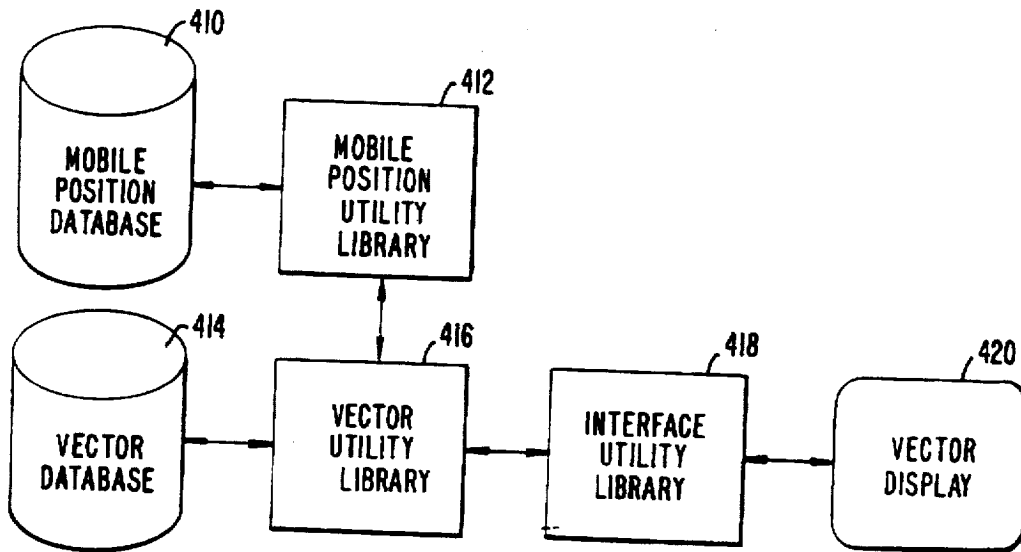
FIG. 1. PRIOR ART
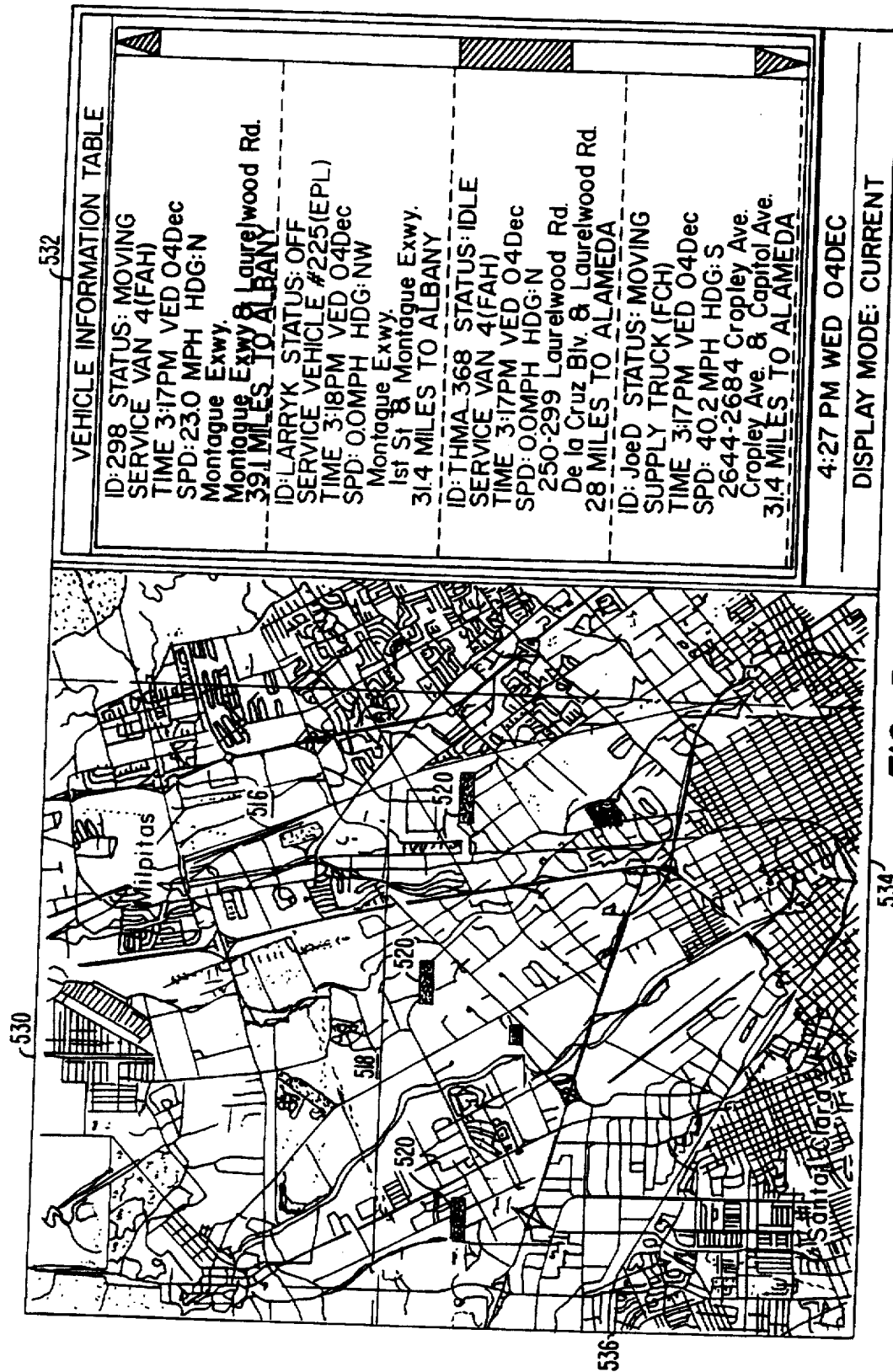

FIG. 2. PRIOR ART

FIG. 3. PRIOR ART

FIG. 4. PRIOR ART

VEHICLE INFORMATION TABLE 532

ID:298 STATUS: MOVING
SERVICE VAN 4(FAH)
TIME 3:17PM VED 04Dec
SPD:23.0 MPH HDG:N
Montague Exwy.
Montague Exwy & Laurelwood Rd.
39.1 MILES TO ALBANY

ID:LARRYK STATUS: OFF
SERVICE VEHICLE #225(EPL)
TIME 3:18PM VED 04Dec
SPD:0.0MPH HDG:NW
Montague Exwy.
1st St & Montague Exwy.
31.4 MILES TO ALBANY

ID:THMA_368 STATUS:IDLE
SERVICE VAN 4(FAH)
TIME 3:17PM VED 04Dec
SPD:0.0MPH HDG:N
250-299 Laurelwood Rd.
De la Cruz Blv. & Laurelwood Rd.
28 MILES TO ALAMEDA

ID: JoeD STATUS: MOVING
SUPPLY TRUCK (FCH)
TIME 3:17PM VED 04Dec
SPD: 40.2 MPH HDG:S
2644-2684 Cropley Ave.
Cropley Ave. & Capitol Ave.
31.4 MILES TO ALAMEDA

4:27 PM WED 04DEC
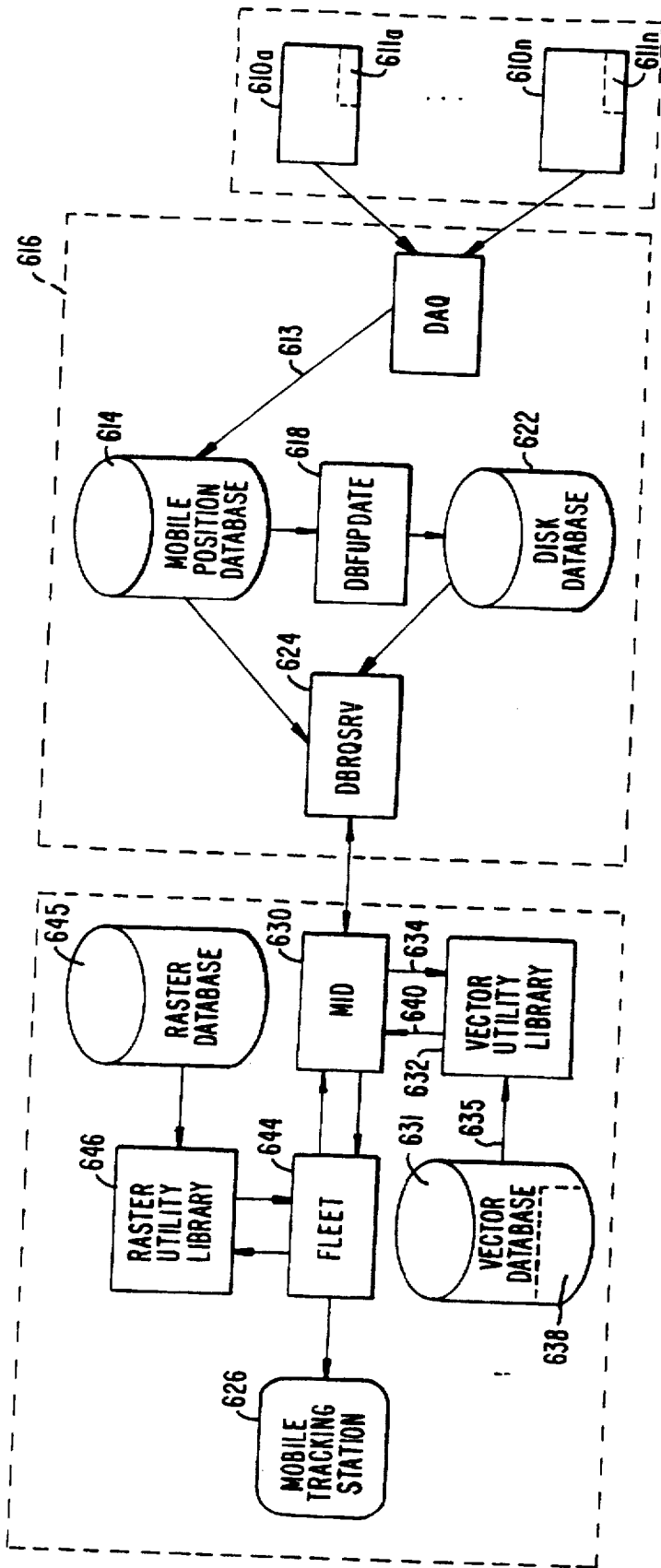
DISPLAY MODE: CURRENT

FIG. 5.

FIG. 6.

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