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# Striving For Excellence...



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ore than 700 friends and guests joined in paying homage to 880 Striving for Excellence honorees at the Condesa del Mar in south suburban Alsip on September 14.

It was the second annual event specifically arranged to award and recognize CTA bus operators, ticket agents, conductors, motormen, and other operations personnel whose work records and productivity of the previous year were of impeccable quality.

Included among the 1985 honorees were 311 employees of the Engineering and Maintenance Division who were equally outstanding and were accorded the same recognition.

A perfect work record reflects no occasions of tardiness, no chargeable injuries on duty, no complaints, violations, suspensions, accidents, corrective case interviews, or absences.

CTA Chairman **Michael A. Cardilli** told the honorees, "It's rewarding to see this gathering recognized and appreciated for the many efforts which you put forth everyday and which may seem to be thankless and appear to go unnoticed. I wish we could shelter you from the unwarranted criticism so often hurled your way."

Board member **Nick Ruggiero** who also spoke to the honorees, praised them as "---the best in the transit industry. We're so very proud of you."

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◀ Condesa del Mar's marquee proclaims CTA's finest as the second annual Striving for Excellence banquet is held at the popular supper club.



**Florence Salus** (left), and **Linda Grysbeck**, vice chairperson, and chairperson respectively, reflect the mood of the evening at Condesa del Mar as they stand ready to greet guests. Mrs. Salus is director, Engineering and Maintenance, Personnel Services and Ms. Grysbeck is superintendent, Training Programs/Procedures Development.

# CTA's best at testimonial dinner

A toast to the honorees is led by Chief Administrative Officer **Larry Pianto** (center). Holding glasses high in recognition of Striving for Excellence honorees are (from left) **Richard Schneider**, manager, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance; **Elonzo Hill**, manager, Operations Training/Instruction; CTA Board Member **Nick Ruggiero**; Pianto; Deputy Executive Directors, **George Millonas**, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance; **Anita Curtis**, Human Resources; **Linda Grysbek**, superintendent, Training Programs/Procedures Development, and Deputy Executive Director **Harry Reddrick**, Operations.



CTA Board Member **Nick Ruggiero** looks over the Striving for Excellence program along with Deputy Executive Director **Harry Reddrick**, Operations (left), and **Elonzo Hill**, manager, Operations Training/Instruction (right).



**Jamie Sandoval**



**Leon Fields**



**Dorcas Joslin**



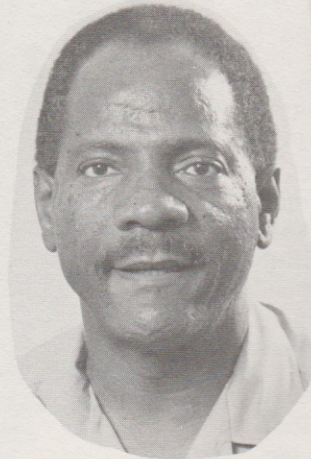
## A cross section

## of honorees

**Philip  
Huggins**



**Rudolph Dillon**



**Georgia  
Barnett**



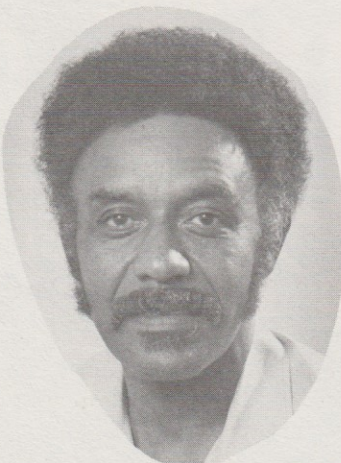
**Herbert Boyd**, 17 years service--Central District supervisor--"Any job worth doing is worth doing well. I like to give myself plenty of time to do my job, and to think things through. It's a job I like very much." Boyd is a graduate of Control Data Institute and has an associate degree in electrical engineering.

**Georgia L. Barnett**, 16 years service--money handler--"I have a job to do, and I do it according to the rules and regulations, which I find is the best way to avoid problems," the mother of two declared.

**Philip Huggins**, 19 years service--towerman, Ashland terminal--A native New Yorker, Huggins said, "I'm always at work, and I do the best job possible when I'm working. It's really good to recognize the Striving for Excellence honorees. It makes you feel good."

**Jamie Sandoval**, 5 years service--bus operator, North Park--"I follow the rules and exercise good judgment. I also try to keep people on my side when I'm on the street and I try to prevent any abuse of the system concerning fares and service. Sandoval has an associate of arts degree in liberal arts.

**Herbert Boyd**



**Dorcas Joslin**, 3 years service--repairer, 98th street terminal--"I have a job that gives me a sense of worth. It is challenging, has a lot of responsibility and is one that I enjoy. It is a job that not a lot of women do." Ms. Joslin is a 1974 graduate of the University of Chicago and finished a four year apprenticeship at U.S. Steel.

**Leon Fields**, 16 years service--foreman, 98th street terminal--"I put forth my best and then I don't worry about it. I try to deal with the people working for me the way I want others to deal with me, and that is I try to be fair, and stay with the rules. My people say that I'm fair. It's live and let live," said Fields who holds a bachelor of arts degree in business management from Chicago State University.

**Rudolph Dillon**, 33 years service--rail supervisor, Kimball and Lawrence--"I believe in the team concept because the chain is no stronger than its weakest link. We try to accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative as we strive to give good service. Service is all we have to give the people. We try to keep a good outlook and do the best job that we can."



**Fermin Colon**

## and their comments

**Fermin Colon**, 11 years service--rail janitor foreman, Madison and Wabash--"I just try to be a good worker and do what has to be done. I like my job, and I work hard at it."

**Michael Carduff**, 2 years service, electrical worker, South Shops--"The work is challenging and interesting, a little like a game. I enjoy what I do because I like the many different problems which I encounter in this work. I do the very best job that I can," said the Navy veteran who has been an electrician for 13 years.

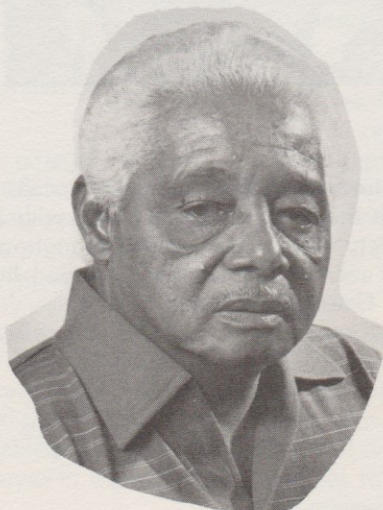
**John Perkins**, 25 years service--bus instructor--"I have no problem with coming to work because I like what I do. It makes me feel good to see people I've trained move up in the Authority. The many employee incentive programs, are really good. Programs such as Striving for Excellence, ESPP, Bus Rodeo, Ticket Agent TieUp and others have really boosted employee morale."

**S. L. Brooks**, 28 years service--track maintenance--"I'm supporting a family, so I'm at work because it's a job that I have to do. When people depend on you it's important to be dependable. It means an awful lot because a man's word is about all he has. I try to make sure that I'm here to do my job."

**Michael Carduff**



**John Perkins**



**S. L. Brooks**

*From the Chairman*

# Giving the best in service

Last month we celebrated the outstanding performances of 880 remarkable CTA employees who we acclaimed the best in professional transit personnel.

These honored employees have dedicated their lives to striving for excellence in performance, and exemplary service. Surely they are deserving of management's plaudits and the respect of their peers. Similarly, we doff our hats to those unsung heroes and heroines — the families of our dedicated employees; for without their support the stride for excellence may well have fallen short of the mark.

Both Mayor Harold Washington and Governor James Thompson have accorded special recognition to CTA Striving for Excellence honorees as distinguished public servants. Mayor Washington and Governor Thompson have also heralded the CTA categories of competition which stressed dependability, team work, employee and passenger safety, and an established record of outstanding achievement which has long been the CTA rule rather than the exception, and which has always had the unswerving support of every CTA employee's family.

There can be little doubt that the perseverance to strive for excellence is fostered by the personal improvement and job commitment which continues to reach new levels. The increased participation in job knowledge and skill development programs has strengthened our employees and created that level of achievement known only to those whose enthusiasm is stimulated by a devotion to the best in service.

Professionalism and dedication as demonstrated by the Striving for Excellence honorees is put on the line every day and makes the difference in difficult times. I congratulate you and thank you for a job well done.

*Michael Carduff*

# Striving for Excellence-- CTA's best



**Althea Johnson**, featured vocalist, kept the audience entertained with a variety of popular songs throughout the evening. Music was provided by the **Grand Staff** band.



# Striving for Excellence -- Striving for



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"You have made our lives easier through your dedication to service," CTA Chief Administrative Officer **Larry Pianto** told honored guests. He called honorees the "epitome of CTA quality."



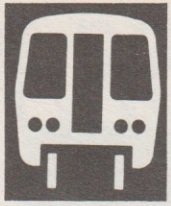
Chief Administrative Officer **Larry Pianto** said, "Each of you hold a special place in our hearts because you have made our lives easier through your dedication to service. You have maintained the fine tradition of 'people moving people' in a most professional manner."

**George Millonas**, deputy executive director, Engineering and Maintenance, also recognized the Striving for Excellence honorees as the transit industry's best as he stated, "Our job is simple, we move people, and you do it better than anybody."

Calling the honored CTA employees the "true professionals," **Harry Reddrick**, deputy executive director, Operations, said, "You set the example that inspires your peers to improved job performance. You keep CTA going in good times as well as in the not-so-good times, so be proud of your significant function and its importance to the City of Chicago."

Entertainment for the evening included music for dancing by the Grand Staff, bandleader and vocalist **Mark Ingram**, vocalist **Althea Johnson**, and the comedy team "Straight Up."

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# 98th terminal takes top honors in first rail maintenance roundup

A three-member rail maintenance team representing 98th Street terminal took top honors in the first CTA rail maintenance roundup held August 25 at Rosemont terminal.

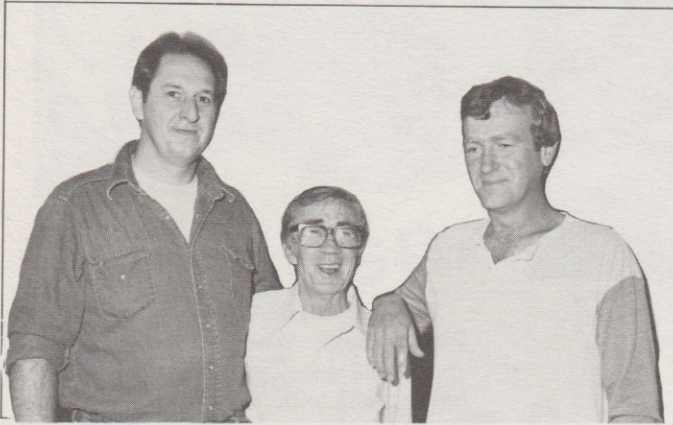
The winners were combination clerk **Dorothy Ballard** and repairers **Lee Slay**, and **Dave Artis**, team captain. As rewards for their success each member of the first place team was given the option of an all expenses

paid weekend holiday, or a 19-inch color television. The first prize also included individual plaques as well as a traveling plaque for the 98th Street terminal, and theater and gift certificates for each of the three winners, and matching jackets and caps.

The roundup competition included a 45-minute written examination of 50 questions, a parts identification test which required contestants to use the

correct technical terms, and a three-part hands-on competition aboard a 2600 series rail car.

The hands-on included a 25-minute inspection, a window change with a maximum 10-minute time limit, and trouble-shooting a door problem. Maintenance roundup chairperson **Betty Richman** said the faster contestants completed any phase of the hands-on competition, the more time



Second place honors were awarded to repairer **Fred Misflin** (left), combination clerk **Michael Keating**, and repairer **Michael Mallory**.



This proud team placed third in the Maintenance Roundup competition. They are combination clerk **Michael Everett** (left), foreman **Joseph Labellarte**, and repairer **A.C. Willis**.



Combination clerk **Dorothy Ballard** is flanked by repairers **Lee Slay** (left), and team captain **Dave Artis**, all basking with success as top prize winners in the first CTA Rail Maintenance Roundup.

they could devote to inspecting the car.

Ballard, Slay and Artis tallied 344 points to top 16 other maintenance terminal teams. The four runners-up teams were 54th Street terminal, second place with 324 points; Desplaines, third place, 318; Harlem, fourth place, 302; and Rosemont, fifth place with 301 points. A second Rosemont team was edged out of fifth place by two points. The maximum possible score in the competition was 400.

Second place awards of a radio telephone combination, theater tickets, and gift certificates were awarded to 54th Street terminal repairers **Fred Misflin**, and **Michael Mallory**, and combination clerk **Michael Keating**.

Third place awards of a travel bag, theater tickets and gift certificates went to foreman **Joseph Labellarte**, repairer **A.C. Willis**, and combination clerk **Michael Everett** of Desplaines as third prize. Second and third place winners also received individual plaques.

Fourth place honors went to assistant foreman **Gary Kemp**, and repairer **Ernest Link** of Harlem. Members of the Rosemont fifth place team were assistant foreman **Michael Lavelle, Jr.**, and repairer **Oscar Flores**. All contestants received distinctive caps, flashlights, pens, belt buckles, and screwdrivers.

An awards dinner to fete maintenance roundup winners was planned for Chicago's Pressman Hall November 1.

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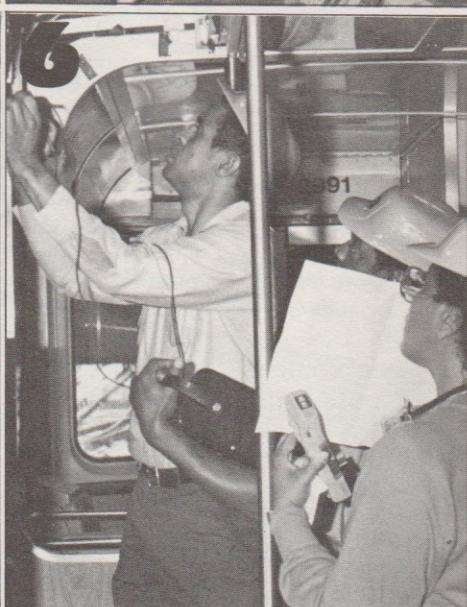


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Assistant foreman **Kevin Finnegan** (inside), and teammate **Gary Johnson**, 61st Street terminal, work against a 10-minute deadline to change a window on this 2600 series car.

**3** Car repairman **Anthony Varga** of Rosemont terminal inspects the coupler of this rail car during the 25-minute hands-on inspection. The two man team also included 54th street terminal car repairer **Leonard Strysak**.

**4** Car repairman **Rodrigo**, 54th Street terminal, inspects this car for problems which could render it out of service.



**5** This Rosemont terminal team takes a crack at parts identification. The trio includes (from left) repairer **William Nielsen**, car servicer **Julia Velinske**, and repairer **John Josephitis, Jr.**

**6** Repairers **Dave Artis** and **Lee Slay**, and combination clerk **Dorothy Ballard** meter the power as they trouble-shoot the door problem.

# Critical situation



## response earns

## Day in

## CTA honors

A bus operator and three rapid transit workers were accorded "Day in CTA" honors for their exceptional performance on restoring safe rider conditions in two critical situations.

Operator **Louis Greene**, 77th Street garage, received a "Day in CTA" certificate of special recognition for the manner in which he brought his 14-Jeffery route bus to a safe stop

after a set of rear wheels came off the vehicle. The incident happened as the bus traveled southbound on Lake Shore Drive. None of the 70 riders aboard at the time were injured.

Rapid transit conductor **Jorge Pinares** was praised for the deftness he exercised in helping to evacuate riders from his Howard street train as fire threatened their safety. Another

Day in CTA recipients on a tour of the control center in the Merchandise Mart hear bus controller **James Stevens** explain procedures used to assist operators. The honorees are (from left) motorman **Juan Vega**, Howard Street terminal; operator **Louis Greene**, 77th Street garage and conductors **Jorge Pinares** and **Carl King**, Howard Street terminal. Seated at the terminal is bus controller **Michael Sanchez**.

rapid transit crew receiving recognition for assistance in this situation was motorman **Juan Vega** and conductor **Carl King**, also Howard street personnel.

Vega and King were nearby when the fire aboard Pinares' train developed. Their assistance aided in the speedy movement of passengers from the burning train.

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## Retirement funds may be vested

If you leave CTA employment before you are eligible to retire, what can you do with your pension funds? You can request a refund of your contributions plus interest. Or -- if you

have at least 10 years of service -- you can vest in the Retirement Plan.

If you vest, you will be entitled to a monthly pension once you reach age 65 even though you have quit working for the CTA. Your pension will be calculated using the formula in effect when you become separated from the Authority.

Vesting may not be for everyone. An employee who is leaving the

Authority and eligible to vest should compare the lump sum refund with the monthly pension payments and decide which is better.

To help you decide, the Pension Office will be happy to provide you with an estimate of what your pension and refund would be.

Finally, if an employee chooses to vest but dies before the pension begins, his or her beneficiary will be entitled to the contributions and interest as of the date the employee became separated from the CTA.

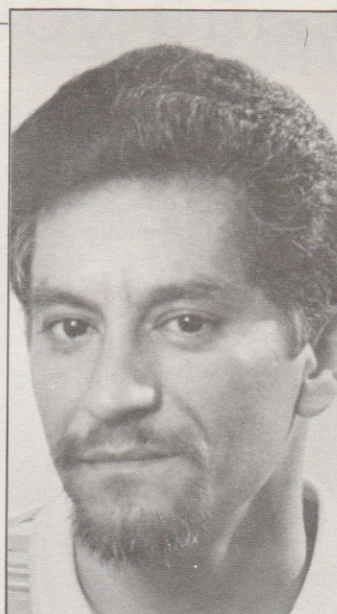
**Cleo Jackson** (West Section) was praised for her performance as conductor on an O'Hare-Congress train ridden one Sunday morning by Ellen Fitzgibbons, of North Nagle Avenue. "She is the nicest conductor I have ever seen: very friendly, warm, gentle and reassuring. She speaks to passengers with a smile. She walks up and down the aisles to collect the necessary fares in a way that you can tell she puts herself wholeheartedly into her job. She is a cut above the average conductor. At one point we were delayed by track repairs. She would reassure those passengers who needed it. I felt that even if we had an emergency on that train, I would feel safe, and I never felt that way about anyone outside the medical profession."



**Atsia Fair** (77th Street garage) was commended for her handling of a No. 29 State bus ridden by Joureene Pannier, of Fern Court. "She makes the ride delightful. She is not only courteous, but goes out of her way to be helpful. She makes sure that senior citizens are seated before pulling off, and she gives directions to questioning passengers in a clear, cheerful manner. When people leave her bus, they often turn and thank her for making the ride so pleasant. It's a pleasure to encounter someone who obviously takes her job seriously, and also enjoys it. I feel uplifted just for coming in contact with her. She makes me feel like a guest on her bus."

**Jerelean Pagan** (North Avenue garage) was called "an extremely competent bus driver with a professional, courteous manner" by Fannie Winterfeld, of Waukegan, who was a rider on her No. 53 Pulaski bus. "She was quietly alert, without anger, at the foolish car drivers who could have caused accidents. Also alert to the teenaged, high-spirited passengers in the rear of the bus, as well as paying attention to leaving and boarding passengers. She was a joy to watch. I am a former Chicagoan riding public transportation since 1917. Chicago has the best transportation system I have ever seen in the United States, and I have been all over."

**Rosemary Hoskins** (North Park garage) was admired by Marguerite Backus, of North Michigan Avenue, who was a rider on her No. 151 Sheridan bus. "Here was this smiling lady saying, 'Good morning' and really meaning it. Every stop she greeted people the same. Around the 500 block of Michigan Avenue many visitors to our city got on. She greeted each one and was as gracious as if she were inviting them into her own home. All of the people noticed this driver, and everyone was commenting about her. She is a terrific asset to the CTA, and is gracious and real. She has a natural ability to project a better image of CTA because she believes in what she's doing."



**Wilfredo Soto** (West Section) was complimented by Arthur Hansen, of Oak Park, for his courtesy as a ticket agent at Ridgeland on the Lake-Dan Ryan route. "We had visitors from Wisconsin for the weekend, and we thought a trip on the El would be a good way to show them Chicago. The agent at this station went out of his way to help us. He was cheerful and helpful. He not only provided us with maps, but also took the time to explain how to find certain buildings in the Loop, and then how to transfer to the O'Hare train. He was tolerant of our unfamiliarity with the system of fares and transfers, and we got off to a grand start."

**Wilfredo Cuevas** (Forest Glen garage) was the operator of a No. 56 Milwaukee bus ridden by Theodora Gorski, of North Ridgeway Avenue. "I left my bag on the bus. I called the CTA office and was told to call back about 7 p.m. I did and was told they had my bag at the Bryn Mawr (Forest Glen) station. I picked it up and found all the contents down to the last penny. It would not be pleasant to lose \$10, but the loss of keys, credit cards and my checkbook would cause a lot of inconvenience and worry. This man should be praised for his honesty and thoughtfulness. In this present world, it lifts the spirits to know there are some good people out there."

**Moses Buchanan** (77th Street garage) was thanked by Beatrice Fairfax, of South Hyde Park Boulevard, who was a rider on his No. 6 Jeffery Express bus. "I am a senior citizen, and do have a problem traveling on public transportation. Everyone is always telling me 'Be careful.' So when I lost my wallet, it had a devastating effect on me because my ID cards are important to me. I also had two blank checks in the wallet and was afraid someone might use them. But lucky me, I received a phone call that evening. The bus driver had found the wallet and turned it in to the Lost and Found at 77th Street. This was a good deed above and beyond the call of duty."

Three O'Hare route personnel were lauded for their help in retrieving a camera bag left on a train by Bruce Nesbitt, president of a firm on Northwest Highway. "I immediately went to the ticket booth at Jefferson Park and spoke with a young man (**Antonio Narvaez Jr.**) who asked me appropriate questions and then telephoned to get help. Within five minutes he assured me that the bag had been located and was in the possession of the train motorman. He then instructed me to go back to O'Hare to see supervisor **Julio Diaz**. Diaz even offered me a cup of coffee and some cake while I waited. When the train arrived, the motorman (**Willie Akerson**) calmly handed me the bag after I identified myself. I would like people to know that they are not without help when emergencies arise in your fine system."

# Nutrition and you

by Elaine Moragne, R.D., M.S.

Nutrition is something we often treat like the weather. We would like to have good nutrition, but we tend to think there's nothing we can do about it.

That's where we're wrong. We can do plenty about it.

Nutrition is a combination of processes by which food is utilized for energy, maintenance of body functions, growth and renewal. It can be good or bad for you, depending upon what you choose to eat.

The major components of nutrition are fats, carbohydrates, and protein. All produce energy.

But fats provide twice the calories of protein or carbohydrate. Anyone who is concerned about weight reduction should consider restricting his or her consumption of dietary fat from the current average of 40 percent to 30 percent of total calorie intake.

It is believed that a reduction in saturated fats (fats which are solid at room temperature) and an increase in polyunsaturated fats (fats that are soft or liquid at room temperature) can lower blood cholesterol levels and prevent coronary heart disease.

Carbohydrates are thought to cause unwanted pounds. However, it's the kind of carbohydrate that matters.

Complex carbohydrates, such as

those found in grains, fruits and starchy vegetables, are desirable because they often contain vitamins and minerals.

Simple refined carbohydrates, like sugar, candies and carbonated beverages provide calories with no nutritional value.

Many Americans do not consider fiber to be essential to their diets. But several protective characteristics have been attributed to fiber, which acts like a damp sponge by softening stool bulk and decreasing the time it takes for material to move through the colon.

The use of fiber is thought to prevent diverticulitis by reducing the exposure of the colon to possible cancer-causing substances, and by lowering blood cholesterol.

High fiber food include whole grain breads, cereals, pasta, brown rice, fruits and vegetables, dried beans and legumes, nuts and seeds.

Protein is considered the first substance recognized as vital to living tissue, since it provides amino acids which are needed to make body tissue.

The recommended daily allowance for the average adult 170-pound man is 62 grams of protein, and for the average 120-pound woman, 44 grams.



The minimum requirement of protein for the adult male is met by eating three ounces of beef, a half cup of cottage cheese, and three ounces of tuna.

For the adult woman, the suggested diet would consist of four ounces of broiled fish and three and a half ounces of chicken.

To achieve a sound nutritional status, it is important to:

Select a wide variety of food and strive for ideal body weight.

Avoid foods that are high in saturated fat and cholesterol.

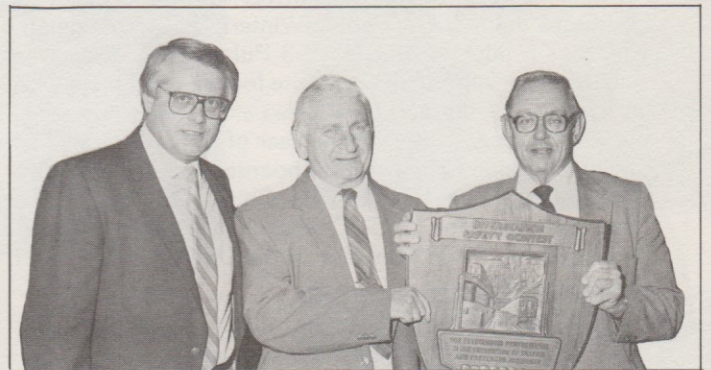
Choose foods composed of complex carbohydrates and those that are high in fiber.

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**Ron Catanzaro**, superintendent, North Avenue garage, is flanked by **Larry Pianto** (left), CTA's chief administrative officer, and Safety Manager **Tom Boyle** as they present the north side garage the Interstation Safety Plaque for the second and third quarters of 1985. Honored 12 times

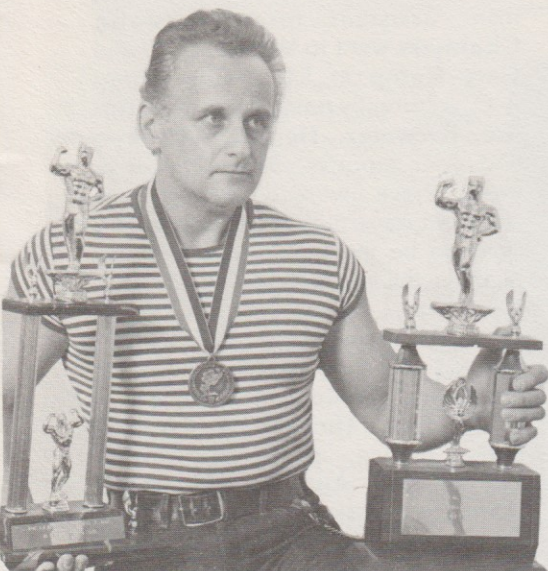
for its safety record, North Avenue had the best second quarter passenger rate in the system and 29 accident-free days in the third quarter. Safety honors for the 10th time are also accorded Douglas Park terminal as **Patrick O'Malley** (right) accepts the second quarter Interstation Safety



Plaque for the west side terminal which experienced only one accident during this recording period. O'Hare terminal was also a third quarter winner of the Public Safety honor. It was the 18th time O'Hare has received the award.

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## Body builder



Westside motorman **Quentin Michalczewski**, a body builder, displays the trophies and medallion awarded him for his 1985 third place finish in the "Mr. Prairie State" Master Division Open at Wheaton/Warrenville Middle School recently. Quentin placed fifth in the same contest a year ago. Quentin said he plans to participate in the 1987 "Mr. America" competition. He has been a CTA employee since May 1973.

## Finishing clerk earns degree in naprapathy

CTA duplicating finishing clerk **Olivia P. Thompson** is now **Dr. Olivia P. Thompson** since completing all requirements for a degree in the science of naprapathy.

Her October 12 graduation from the Chicago National College of Naprapathy ends a five-year degree pursuit followed by a 12-month internship which Mrs. Thompson served at the school's Milwaukee avenue clinic. Commencement exercises are set for the Bunker Hill Country Club in northwest suburban Niles.

Dr. Thompson's immediate plans call for working weekends and some



evenings at her new practice, with a view towards setting her shingle out for a full time practice later.

A 14-year CTA employee, she is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Woods**, whom she credits with the moral support needed for her endeavors, along with the support provided by her children, North Central College aeronautical engineering student and track star **Gerald L. Thompson, Jr.**, and daughter, **Holly**, a junior at Unity high school.

## Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

*Employees who have received  
Com mendations from the public.*

**Shahid Abdullah**, 77th Street  
**Hasan Abed**, Archer  
**Maria Agnew**, Limits  
**Leftherry Andoniadis**, North Park  
**Rogelio Arrazola**, North Park  
**Hettie Atkins**, North Park

**Rudolph Blakemore**, North Avenue  
**Vicki Bledsoe**, Howard/Kimball  
**Ramona Bolden**, 77th Street  
**James Boyd Jr.**, North Park  
**Delphine Brown**, Limits  
**Medrick Bussie**, Kedzie

**Angel Cabrera**, North Park  
**Jean Cage**, North Park  
**Sergio Candelaria**, Limits  
**Eloise Carter**, 77th Street  
**Ilda Castellanos-Wadde**, North Park  
**Felicia Clower**, Limits  
**Richard Corbett**, Howard/Kimball  
**Griz Craig**, North Park

**Dorothy Davis**, Kedzie  
**Electra De Alba**, North Avenue  
**Herman Duffin**, Forest Glen  
**John Durnell**, Archer

**Curtis Esters**, North Park

**William Finley Jr.**, North Avenue  
**James Fitzgerald**, Limits  
**Karl Fleming**, 77th Street

**Tommie Garner**, North Park  
**David Gaston**, North Park  
**Jeffrey Gilbert**, Howard/Kimball  
**Wallacene Good**, Forest Glen  
**Louis Greene Jr.**, 77th Street

**Donnie Hanna**, Archer  
**William Henderson Jr.**, North Park  
**Peyton Hightower**, 77th Street  
**Roger Hudson**, 77th Street

**Joseph Jackson**, Limits  
**Perry Jackson Jr.**, 69th Street  
**Lewis Johnson**, 77th Street  
**Cedric Johnson**, Kedzie  
**Richard Jones**, 77th Street  
**Bernardino Juarez**, Limits

**Karie Kareem**, North Park

**Hollis Lewis Jr.**, North Avenue  
**Jesus Limas**, North Park

**William Mandeldove Jr.**, Forest Glen  
**Albert Mangram**, North Avenue  
**William Markowski**, Forest Glen  
**Charles Martin**, Archer  
**Camille Mathews**, Jefferson Park  
**Calvin McCants**, 69th Street  
**Vivian McDonald**, 77th Street  
**David Metken**, North Avenue  
**Dana Mimms**, 77th Street

**Antonio Narvaez Jr.**, West Section

**Araceli Olivier**, North Park  
**Pedro Orozco**, North Park

**John Paczkowski**, Archer  
**Walter Payne**, 77th Street  
**Willena Pierson**, 69th Street  
**Jackie Pritt**, Rail Dist. North

**Richard Ross**, Howard/Kimball  
**Tanette Russell**, West Section

**Willie Sandifer**, 77th Street  
**Frank Schulget Jr.**, West Section  
**Roy Shores**, 77th Street  
**Melbernice Simmons**, Kedzie

**Richard Sims**, Howard/Kimball  
**Dexter Smith**, Limits  
**JoAnn Stallworth**, North Avenue

**Billy Stanback**, North Park  
**Frank Staszak**, Archer  
**James Strickland**, 69th Street  
**Robert Surita**, 77th Street  
**Thomas Szpekowski**, Forest Glen

**Curtis Thompson Jr.**, 77th Street  
**Reginald Tolbert**, North Park  
**Blanca Torres**, Forest Glen  
**Barbara Tribble**, Archer  
**Rodney Trussell**, North Avenue  
**Willie Turner**, 69th Street

**Frank Vazquez**, Kedzie

**Elizabeth Washington**, 77th Street  
**William Washington**, 77th Street  
**Patrick Werner**, Howard/Kimball  
**Ricky Wetherspoon**, North Park  
**Walter White**, Beverly  
**Henderson Williams**, Forest Glen

**Alex Ybarra**, Limits

# THE INSIDE NEWS

## Internal Audit

Special October birthday accolades for **Marcelo Reyes**, **Chet Mangalik**, and **Joe Brzegowy** of this department...Congratulations to **John Kurtovich** and **Maureen Danaher** of the Capital Development Department on their recent engagement. The happy couple have already set the wedding date for August 16, 1986. Promotional Services Assistant **Helene Greiman** and **Stu Evans** were engaged on September 16. The wedding has been set for April 20, 1986. This reporter's best wishes go to the happy couples...Vacationing in

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES 35 Years

**Jake Reed Jr.**, Archer  
**Thomas Spencer**, 77th Street

## 30 Years

**Alan Downing**, Mech. Maint.  
**Charles Dunkins**, Track & Roadway  
**Anthony Espinosa**, North Avenue  
**Luther Lee**, 77th Street  
**Charles Spears**, Ashland

## 25 Years

**David Bowman**, North Park  
**Louis Dovichi**, North Avenue  
**John Doyle**, South Shops  
**Leo Flynn**, Gen'l Maint.  
**Robert Ford**, 77th Street  
**Karl Gaeger**, Treasury  
**Curtis Haskell**, Sig. Phone & Radio  
**Samy Jefferson**, South Shops  
**Frank Klekovitch**, Ashland  
**Robert Lewis**, North Avenue  
**George Lindsey**, Howard/Kimball  
**Albert Lowery**, North Park  
**Carl Lyday**, Howard/Kimball  
**Hugh Masterson**, Bus Pers.-North  
**Frank Montefalco**, Esc. Mtce.  
**Anthony Polich**, South Shops  
**Garland Rhines**, North Park  
**Carl Suddeth**, North Park  
**John Turner**, 69th Street  
**Early Watson Jr.**, Archer  
**Laurance Weathersby Jr.**, 69th Street  
**Gerald Wilson**, Field Review  
**Thomas Wilson**, Instruction

Hawaii was **Tony Ambut** of the Communications Section. He said he was gone "only two weeks," but in that two weeks he visited friends, toured three islands, and witnessed volcano activity on the Big Island. Sounds wonderful to this reporter, who stayed behind and answered his phones...This is the smile we got from seven-month old **Tina Reese** after she read her latest



copy of Transit News with all the latest Inside News. Tina is the daughter of **Thomas Izzo**, a pipe fitter at West Shops, and the granddaughter of **Herman Izzo**, a CTA retiree who formerly worked in the Vehicle Maintenance Shops...The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) provided an interesting seminar to **Jack Sowchin** of the Publications Section, who attended. The "Adwheel" Jack's section put together won an Honorable Mention for CTA. After the seminar, Jack spent an additional week in California visiting relatives and seeing the sights...The beautiful paintings displayed throughout the Public Affairs Department are for sale by the artist. See this reporter for details.

**Joyce Petrich**

## Harlem Shop

A spelling correction is in order for Shop Foreman **Al Crawford**, which

was spelled Cranford in Vol. 38, Nos. 5-6 issue of Transit News. Our apologies, A.C. Speaking of Mr. Crawford, he has, since his capture of Harlem Shop as foreman, graduated from assistant foreman. **John Chalmers** went to Wilson Shop, and **Gary Kemp** to 54th Street Shop. A.C. is currently training a rookie, **Andre Brewster**...**Herman Swoope** and your reporter, **Mike McGuinness**, have worked together as weekend repairmen for six years, and claim to be the best salt-and-pepper team in the system. No wonder the Lake-Dan Ryan line runs so smoothly...Repairers and families who enjoyed vacations outside the United States are: **Wilson Mollfulleda** in Puerto Rico; **Thomas Warchol** in Paris, France; **Rich Plomin** in Hawaii; **Joe Andruk** and **Norm Hunt** in Warsaw, Poland; **Gary Kemp** and wife, **Debbie**, two great weeks in West Germany. Nice to have money!..Office Clerk **Joey Nicosia's** wife, **Janice**, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, **Kristen Elizabeth**, on August 10, weighing 9 lbs. 9 oz. Look out, Joey and Janice!..Everyone had a tremendous time at **Frank Chiappetta's** retirement in June. Frank



(left) is being congratulated by Rail Superintendent **Richard Lorimer**. Our thanks to **W. J. Kincaid** for the photo...**Tom Togher** celebrated 37 years with CTA September 18. Keep going, Tom...**Rich Urban** is recuperating from a sprained wrist he got playing softball. Good luck, Rich!

**Mike McGuinness**

## North Avenue

29 Years! And everyone of those years driving a bus from at North Avenue! That's what our recent retiree **Louis Berry** closes his career with as an operator. For those of us who attended Lou's retirement party at his

## IN MEMORIAM

- ROY C. BAIRD**, 78, North Avenue, Emp. 4-8-44, Died 9-4-85  
**WILLIAM C. BRIGHT**, 66, Howard, Emp. 7-26-66, Died 8-6-85  
**DAVID R. BRUMIRSKI**, 69, 69th Street, Emp. 9-9-46, Died 8-26-85  
**WILLIAM C. BUETOW**, 78, North Avenue, Emp. 8-17-37, Died 9-2-85  
**ANTHONY CARR**, 79, North Section, Emp. 10-10-29, Died 10-4-85  
**JOHN FOLEY**, 89, Way & Structures, Emp. 11-4-42, Died 9-27-85  
**RAYMOND HOROSZKO**, 65, North Ave., Emp. 8-11-45, Died 9-14-85  
**ALVIN HUBBARD**, 65, Maintenance, Emp. 11-3-49, Died 9-27-85  
**ERNEST A. HUCKSOLL**, 82, North Park, Emp. 11-6-33, Died 9-29-85  
**PAUL D. JONES**, 82, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-28-42, Died 9-4-85  
**ROSCOE P. JONES**, 77, North Avenue, Emp. 3-28-44, Died 9-3-85  
**THOMAS KALLAL**, 93, Lawndale, Emp. 9-18-17, Died 9-18-85  
**ADOLPH A. KUTZ**, 76, Electrical, Emp. 1-7-29, Died 9-9-85  
**RICHARD F. MACKIE**, 84, 69th Street, Emp. 6-27-23, Died 9-15-85  
**DOMINICK F. NAPOLEON**, 67, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-22-41, Died 9-8-85  
**OLAF E. PETERSEN**, 84, North Section, Emp. 9-5-46, Died 8-25-85  
**STEPHEN M. PLASZCZEWSKI**, 74, Skokie, Emp. 5-24-39, Died 8-4-85  
**CHARLES F. POSCH**, 74, Beverly, Emp. 11-22-46, Died 9-30-85  
**LLOYD RAMSEY**, 63, Limits, Emp. 6-20-57, Died 9-13-85  
**JOHN J. SLOVACEK**, 87, Congress, Emp. 6-14-16, Died 9-8-85  
**CHARLES M. SMITH**, 85, Insurance, Emp. 6-16-26, Died 9-25-85  
**DAVID SMITH**, 64, South Shops, Emp. 3-6-51, Died 8-12-85  
**LEROY SUTTON**, 71, West Section, Emp. 9-11-52, Died 8-9-85

## Pensioners

- EARLIE L. BRYANT**, Bus Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 7-11-55  
**FRANCIS M. FLYNN**, Bus Repairer, Beverly, Emp. 8-20-47  
**ROBERT G. GAFENEY**, Ticket Agent, Howard, Emp. 1-6-58  
**THEODORE GREGORY**, Architect, Fac. Eng. & Maint., Emp. 5-25-74  
**SEYMOUR KANTOR**, Bus Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 11-2-61  
**GEORGE J. LAICA**, Audit Clerk V, Oper's Field Rev., Emp. 11-23-45  
**MYROSLAW NIMYLOWYCZ**, Bus Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 9-15-58  
**JESSE W. RICHARDSON**, Motorman, 95th Street, Emp. 1-3-50  
**DRACO E. SLAUGHTER**, Bus Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 9-22-60  
**DOROTHY V. WAYNER**, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 3-11-67

home, it was quite an evening. Perfect weather, plenty of yard to walk and relax in, and definitely lots of food and spirits. Lou's wife, **Phyllis**, was the perfect hostess. Perhaps now that Lou's retired, his wife and he will be using more of that fancy 16-foot catamaran we noted sitting in the yard...**Jim Davis** probably made good of his CTA driving skills as he, his wife and their two children putt-putted in Cumberland Gap, Kentucky on a recent vacation. Jim mentions that he also celebrates his 25th year as an operator and hopes to join some special club for senior drivers. What club, Jim?? **Martha Flores** would like to express her appreciation for the many kindnesses and sincerities extended to her during the loss of her young daughter, **Martha**, age 5, who had been ill with leukemia and yet, still gave her mother that little smile even when she wasn't feeling well...**John Curran** (Fullerton) recently overheard counting aloud that he has a mere 95 more working days and then he'll be using that pensioner's riding card...A pat on the back and thank you's for all concerned on helping North Avenue win its Second Quarter Safety Award. Enjoy the refreshments being served operators. Let's try and repeat this again soon...Looking forward to his retirement after a total of 40 years service with CTA is our switchboard operator, **Charles Luepke**. Enjoy the coming years in good health, Charles...Congratulations to Operator **David James**, who managed to be in CTA's 1985 Bus Rodeo and came away with a third place showing. Who knows, this may be our future 1986 champion!..Well, what can you say to **Curtis Banks** besides W-O-W!! Operator Banks, as you surely know by now, was one of two winners at the

racetrack recently and will share in that jackpot of nearly \$734,000. Curtis bought sweetrolls and coffee for the station, and we can only wonder did anyone bite into a sweetroll with a hidden \$1,000 bill? HAH!..Our congratulations to the 1985 CTA Softball League champions: First Place, North Park Breezers, and Second Place, North Park Styx. Pictured in the first



photo with the Second Place Trophy are **David Washington** (left), Union Representative, and **Kevin Grayer**, outfielder for Styx. In the second photo are the first place winners, the



Breezers' **Claudis Toran** (left) and **Jerome Towns**, team captain. **Mike Flores**

## Begins medical training

**Dorothy M. Jones**, 21, daughter of CTA West Shops carpenter **Paul Jones**, and payroll clerk **Robbie Jones**, Merchandise Mart, is a freshman medical student at the University of Illinois.

Miss Jones is a 1985 graduate of the University of Chicago where she received a bachelor of arts degree in biological science.



## Front Cover Captions

CTA Chairman **Michael A. Cardilli** greeting honorees and special guests, called the moment "rewarding" and expressed appreciation for the efforts CTA employees put forth each day.

Striving for Excellence subcommittee chairpersons arrived early to handle last minute details. They are (from left) **Bob Aldworth**, Operations Planning, decorating/graphics; **Bill Sholdice**, Operations, publicity/program; **Virginia McGraw**, Engineering and Maintenance, and **Paul Kadowaki**, Operations, seating/hospitality; **Florence Salus**, Engineering and Maintenance, event vice chairperson; **Linda Grysbeck**, Operations, event chairperson; **Tony Borcic**, Operations, administration; **Mark Dundovich**, Engineering and Maintenance, advertising sales/promotions; **Bob Bizar**, Communications, entertainment/audio-visual; **Clark Carter**, Operations, advertising sales/promotions.

## Investor Life representatives

Members of this group of Investor Life representatives are visiting various CTA work locations for the next several months to discuss the new voluntary Universal Life Insurance program now being offered through payroll deduction. Seated are (from left) **Irvin Burks**, **Lionel Abdul-Haqq**, **Cynthia Cooper**, **Bill Sauter**, **Lee Estus**, and **Wayne Gregory**. Standing: **Ray Adams**, **Bill Bettis**, **Bill Gannon**, **Morgan Carter**, and **Johnnie Campbell**. Representatives will continue to be available to CTA employees for account service following initial enrollment. Offices of Investor Life Service are located at 222 West Adams Street. For further information employees should call 263-0356/57.

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