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Welcoming in the New Year was more than a late-night celebration for CTA. It was the climax to a year that saw progress in a number of areas affecting both employee and rider satisfaction, as well as CTA's commitment to public service.

The year ended, in fact, with a final example of concern for the public -- the offer of free rides on CTA trains and buses from 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve until 6 a.m. New Year's Day -- to reduce the risk of accidents by revelers

who might otherwise consider driving their own vehicles.

Increased promotional activity was one of the most notable changes at CTA in 1985, raising public awareness of CTA not only as a provider of transportation, but also as an agency willing to become involved in public service issues.

The Public Affairs Department's Promotional Services section, under the direction of Terry Hocin, made CTA the first transit agency in the nation to take part in the campaign to find missing children. Beginning in

February, two missing children car cards, each showing two children, were made up each month for posting on buses and trains. Fully half of the 38 children pictured were later located.

A new full-color map appeared around Valentine's Day, featuring easier-to-read graphics, simplified route descriptions, and first and last trip departure times for routes that don't have 24-hour service. Still more improvements have been added to the 1986 map.

Perhaps the most welcome innova-

tion of the year was the introduction of new fareboxes for CTA buses. The fareboxes, which accept dollar bills in one slot and coins in another, electronically register the value of the coins deposited. The bills are drawn lengthwise into the fareboxes in such a way that each one can be viewed by the operator.

Substantial savings are expected from an end to such practices as inserting folded half or whole dollar bills into the old fareboxes, which jammed them, forcing buses out of service. Extra expense was also needed to repair the jammed boxes, and to open and count the folded bills.

Refitting of all older buses to provide windows that open was achieved in 1985, finally providing a logical answer to the insurmountable problem of maintaining functional air-conditioning on the surface fleet.

About two-thirds of an order for 362 new buses arrived from the M.A.N. Truck and Bus Company of Charlotte, N.C., during the year. Besides having sliding and hopper windows for increased air circulation, these buses also feature digital electronic destination signs that can be programmed for any route, thereby eliminating the need to change roller curtains when transferring vehicles from one garage to another.

By year's end, CTA had received about three-fourths of its order for 600 new (2600-series) rapid transit cars from Transit America Inc. (formerly known as the Budd Company) of Philadelphia. In addition, 45 older cars were put back into service on the Evanston and Skokie routes after being completely rehabilitated.

O'Hare Airport service was the focus of extensive promotional effort in 1985, and the results could be seen in ever-growing ridership. Prizes were awarded in a May ceremony honoring the one millionth rider to enter the O'Hare station terminal. In September, Mayor Harold Washington was on hand to announce the winner of a contest to guess the number of riders boarding at O'Hare during its first year of operation.

Work was about half-finished, at year's end, on a new garage at 103rd and Stony Island Avenue that is scheduled for completion in the spring of next year. By this summer, work will begin on demolishing North Avenue garage in preparation for con-

From the Chairman

A banner year of community service

'Tis the season to be reflective.

We can look back upon our numerous accomplishments of the past year with grateful acknowledgment and thanksgiving, and I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all CTA employees for your efforts and professionalism that made our accomplishments possible.

1985 was indeed a banner year. A record number of outstanding employees were honored at our "Striving for Excellence" celebration, and our operations and maintenance skill competitions attracted the highest level of employee participation.

Our fleet modernization has continued to move ahead steadily. During the year CTA took delivery of over 300 new buses, and our current order of 600 rapid transit cars is right on schedule with completion due by Spring, 1987.

Although it appears that CTA has turned the corner, we must continue to remember that the riding public, who pay our salaries with their tax dollars, rightfully expect excellence in both the operation of our service and the cleanliness and maintenance of our vehicles. There is no one area at CTA that can be said to have excelled completely in serving the public. We must continue to strive toward this end.

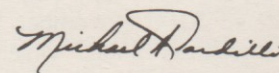
Capital improvements have again enabled us to plan ahead for our future needs. The Howard-Dan

Ryan transit project, underway since November 14, will realign and link these two rapid transit lines, pairing transit lines with similar ridership levels. Increased track capacity will be provided, and yard facilities for the two lines will be expanded.

Our increased promotional activities have benefited the community and CTA. More than half of the missing children who appeared on car cards in CTA vehicles have been located, and, in cooperation with the Chicago Police Department, our Fingerprint Bus has provided thousands of fingerprint and photo portfolios for parents of young children. Ridership on our new rapid transit service to O'Hare International Airport increased more than 30% during 1985 as a direct result of promotional activities.

As we look forward to 1986, we are proud to be moving ahead with an outstanding work force of CTA employees whose dedication to service made 1985 so successful. I am sure the same excellence and enthusiasm will continue to make CTA a leader in the transit industry through the new year.

Thank you for your outstanding performance in 1985, and best wishes for continued prosperity in the new year.



struction of a new facility on the same site.

The year 1985 also witnessed the opening volley in CTA's new war on graffiti. The campaign included crea-

tion of a program to educate Chicago students about the costs and effects of vandalism and graffiti. Apprehended vandals were put to work cleaning up their acts.

National Safety Council

Thomas D. Boyle, CTA manager of Safety, has received the National Safety Council's Distinguished Service to Safety Award.

The award is the highest honor given to an individual by the Council in recognition of outstanding service in the field of safety. Boyle was selected by the Council's Motor Transportation Division for his contribution to safety in the nation's public transit field.

He was cited for his part in developing and implementing safety courses for the U.S. Urban Mass Transportation Administration's Transportation

Safety Institute in Oklahoma City, and recognized for his extensive work as chairman of the American Public Transit Association (APTA) Rail Safety Committee.

Boyle has served on the National Safety Council's board of directors and is past chairman of the Council's Motor Transportation Division and Transit Executive Committee.

lauds CTA's Tom Boyle

The award, in the form of a plaque, was presented to Boyle during the 73rd Annual National Safety Council Congress and Exposition held in New Orleans, October 28-31.



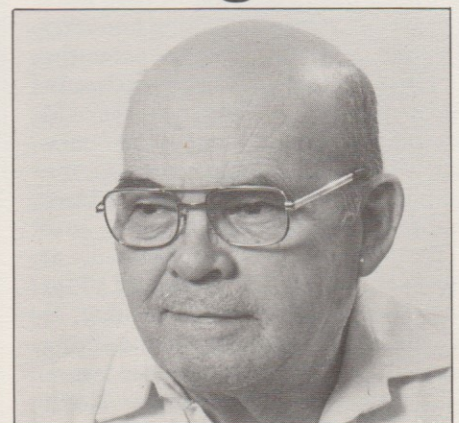
Clerk wins at big bucks bingo

CTA token clerk Miguel Manso collected \$100 November 5 by playing "Big Bucks Bingo," which is broadcast over WCIU-TV, Channel 26, and promoted by CTA.

Manso of the CTA treasury department has played the game since its October 28 premiere. Broadcast in both Spanish and English, the game is played Monday through Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The grand prize for Big Bucks Bingo is \$10,000 and a new car.

Bingo winners must call in their winning card by 7:15 p.m. of the same evening, or mail the card to the station immediately to claim a prize. "I had no trouble getting them when I won," said Manso who collected his money the next day. The November 5 jackpot of \$200 was split with another winner, Manso said.

Bingo cards are available at 15 selected locations selling the CTA monthly pass, all Dominick super markets, and several other Chicago and suburban locations.



Day in CTA

Bus controller **Anthony Berry** (right), explains the bus controller's function in the CTA Operations control center to "Day in CTA" honorees (from left) **James Sledge**, "B" district; **Clardy Wells**, Howard terminal; **Kenneth Johnson**, "B" district; and **Joseph Folken**, O'Hare terminal.



"Day in CTA" honorees get a look at rail control operations as **Al Fleming** (left) explains procedures. Control center guests are **Ronald Ricks**, **Eddie Iqbal**, **Frederick Smith**, and **Royster Lowery**.

honors eight employees

A conductor and five motormen who responded to several unusual occurrences on their respective rapid transit routes have received special recognition as Day in CTA honorees.

Motorman **Royster Lowery** and conductor **Ronald Ricks**, both of Howard terminal, distinguished themselves when they assisted another train crew in the evacuation of riders following a spontaneous fire aboard the train.

A passenger who wrote CTA regarding the incident said, "The conduct of CTA personnel on the burning train as well as on the rescue train definitely saved lives; they placed their own lives in jeopardy."

Meanwhile, Howard motorman **Clardy Wells** distinguished himself by operating his North-South train safely after it developed faulty brakes. Wells notified the control center of his situation and was instructed to operate to Sheridan station. Operations management said Wells' job knowledge, attention to duty and ability

to follow instructions allowed him to operate the train without injury to riders or damage to property, or equipment.

West-South motorman **Frederick Smith** of 61st Street received management's accolades for his alert response to an incident which led to the arrest of a man who was threatening another rider with a knife.

In another rescue effort, O'Hare motorman **Eddie Iqbal** earned kudos when he stopped his West-Northwest train as it approached Western Avenue on the Congress route where Iqbal saw a man on the tracks. The man, a robbery victim, was removed from the tracks by the motorman after the third rail power was cut. A Fire Department ambulance arrived and transported the man to the hospital.

Joseph Folken, another O'Hare motorman, also received special thanks as a Day in CTA honoree for his response to a situation in which a would-be pickpocket was attempting to rifle the pockets of a sleeping passenger who turned out to be an off-duty policeman.

Folken had berthed his train and

was proceeding to the trainroom when he observed the attempted robbery in progress. He returned to the train through the emergency door and the man fled to another train only to be arrested by police.

Bus supervisor **James Sledge** of District "B" exemplified service beyond the call of duty and earned special recognition when he volunteered his free time to assist other District "B" surface supervisors who were called upon to provide shuttle service to accommodate riders of a derailed West-Northwest train at Central Park.

A Day in CTA commendation was also earned by District "B" bus supervisor **Kenneth Johnson** who came to the rescue of a rider aboard a Jeffery Express bus whose purse was grabbed by a man at Hyde Park and Lake Park Avenues. After a bystander notified him of the incident, Supervisor Johnson intervened and apprehended the purse snatcher who was attempting to exit the bus through the rear door. The offender was surrendered to police, and the rider's purse was returned to her.

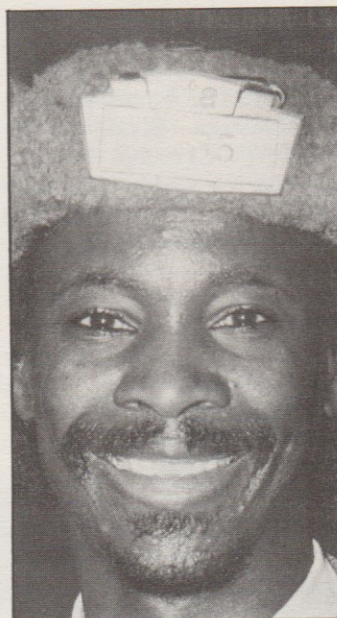
Hasan Abed (Archer garage) was thanked for his concern as operator of a No. 62 Archer bus ridden by **Sandy Barnes**, of West 55th Street. "I was sitting on the bus alone one evening, and as it began to empty out, two young men came from the back. One sat in the seat in front of me with his legs across the seat beside him, and the other sat next to me. I was uncomfortable, to say the least, as there were hardly any other passengers on the bus. A little while later, the driver stopped the bus, walked back to where we were sitting, and told the men he would not move the bus until they moved away from me. He deserves recognition."



Antonio Acevedo (West Section) impressed **Royal Corbin**, of West Congress Parkway, with his courtesy and patience as ticket agent at Washington in the Dearborn subway. "It took me a while to find my transfer, and after I did locate it, and handed it to him, he told me it was no good because the time had run out on it. I became angry, yet he stayed calm, and it took me even longer to find a token and dime for my fare, causing a line to form behind me. Yet your employee even thanked me for my fare. Only upon reflection did I realize his courteous manner. If only more people had such calm in the midst of our city."

Pauline Merriweather (69th Street garage) was appreciated for her courtesy as operator of a No. 8 Halsted bus by **Christine Sullivan**, of West 80th Street. "While I was coming up the ramp from the Congress 'L' station, this operator was picking up passengers heading south on Halsted Street. They had already boarded when I was still quite a ways down the ramp. But she waited for me! I just want to let you know that she is a very courteous and sensitive person, and a good driver as well. I wish all my rides on CTA vehicles were as enjoyable as the one with operator #13034."

Jesse Howard (77th Street garage) was admired by **Anita Rosenthal**, of King Drive, who was a rider on his No. 3 King Drive bus. "I have never been on a bus where the driver was like him. Every stop was called loudly and clearly. Important transfer points for other routes were pointed out, our Art Institute was proudly called, and so on. Mr. Howard was kind and concerned about everyone getting on and off. I felt I must write and tell you about him. We certainly could use more drivers like Mr. Howard, and I hope I will be on his bus again soon. It was truly a great experience -- and a surprise."



Robert Harper (77th Street garage) was applauded by **Gladys Reed**, of Merrill Avenue, and three other riders on his No. 87 87th bus. "We the regular passengers on the 87th Street route feel it is our duty to tell you of our high regards for this driver. He is always on schedule, is courteous, and always has a nice warm smile and 'Hello'. He handles unruly passengers with tact and diplomacy. His consideration is most appreciated because he drives the next to the last bus going east at 1 a.m., when we are getting off from work, and he waits for us at the Dan Ryan 'L' station even if our train is late getting in."

Jerome Perdue (Limits garage) was the operator of a No. 151 Sheridan bus that **Irene Miller**, of North Sheridan Road, boarded at Water Tower Place. "Shortly after I boarded, I heard a woman's voice saying something about her wallet being stolen. In an instant, the driver stopped his bus and attempted to apprehend the pickpocket. I was unable to witness the final result, but driver #13208 did fully exercise his responsibility. One of the passengers said, 'Don't you think that this bus driver should be commended for his quick-acting response?' and almost all of us replied with a 'Yes' and even applause."

Angel Mojica (North Park garage) was complimented by **Howard Jaffe**, of Sherwin Avenue, for his courtesy as operator of a No. 49B North Western bus. "I was walking toward the bus stop at Chase when I saw a bus coming. I was some distance from the stop, and I stretched my arm out to alert the driver that I would like to board. Then I started jogging toward the bus stop, where nobody else was waiting. The bus driver slowed down, pulled over to the stop, and opened the doors, just to let me know he'd be waiting for me. I am a senior citizen, and thanked him for his consideration, which saved me at least a 12-minute wait."

Vincent Dawson (Forest Glen garage) was saluted in poetry by **Michelle Johnson**, of West Lake Street, who was a rider on his No. 152 Addison bus. "For a trip that can't be beat, Driver 7699 is the dude to meet. I have to laugh, just because He cracks me up with the things he does. To find his bus is not a big feat, He drives by Schurz High on Addison St. 'Line Instructor 7699' his name I don't know, He can handle the bus like a pro. CTA should be thankful for a man like this. It's him the riders would surely miss. This complimentary rap I present to CTA. Thank you and 7699...You made my day!"

Rail tour-dinner honors culture bus commentators



Photos, top left to bottom right: Rail tour host and Culture Bus coordinator **Jeff Stern** welcomed guests and provided commentary; Promotional Services representative **Helene Greiman** helped set up hors d'oeuvres on the train; hospitality industry guests included representatives of **McCormick Place** and the **Knickerbocker Hotel**; rapid transit cars in Skokie Shops formed a unique dinner setting that guests would long remember; wearing his vintage conductor's uniform, Public Information coordinator and co-host **Ron Weslow** checked tickets on the rail tour that he had organized.

CTA's Culture Bus service in 1985 recorded a five percent increase in ridership over the comparable period of the previous year. To show appreciation for the efforts of our volunteer commentators and provide a final promotional thrust for 1985, a rail tour-dinner was held December 6 on CTA's historic cars, which had Skokie Shop as a destination.

Other guests included hospitality industry representatives, such as hotel management personnel, state and city tourism officials, and the directors of museums along the Culture Bus routes. All helped to promote CTA service in 1985, and we wanted to show our interest in their continuing cooperation in the years ahead.

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Paul Alexander Jr., 69th Street
Carlos Archila, Forest Glen
Rogelio Arrazola, North Park
Delbert Ashford, Beverly
Luis Aviles, 77th Street
Juan Aviles, North Avenue

Ernest Barnes, Beverly
Jose Barrera, Archer
Jacqueline Berns, Agents North
Shirley Bester, Howard/Kimball
Artie Borders, 69th Street
Bill Brown, Limits

Jean Cage, North Park
John Cameron, Ashland/61st/95th
James Carson, Archer
Denise Cherry, Limits
Jerry Conner, North Park
Jesse Cox, 69th Street
Griz Craig, North Park
David Curley, Rail Dist. North
Robert Curley, Howard/Kimball

William Downs, Utility

Raphael Emery, North Park
Curtis Esters, North Park

Dorothy Flournoy, 77th Street

Anselmo Garcia, Archer
Wallacene Good, Forest Glen
Raymond Gosha, Limits
Dorothy Graham, Limits
Richard Grout, Agents North

William Hill, Limits

Sanders Imgram, Kedzie

William James, North Park
Lewis Johnson, 77th Street
Robert Johnson, Archer
Anthony Jones, Archer
Lester Jones, North Park
Kenneth Jones, Ashland/61st/95th

James Kolstad, Beverly
Robert Kremer, North Park

Fred Labern, North Avenue
Carl Lambert, North Park
Charley Lane, Beverly
Nathaniel Lee Jr., Ashland/61st/95th
James Lewis, 69th Street
Jesus Limas, North Park
Ted Lingo, 77th Street
Alfonzo Lucious, 69th Street

Michael Maines, Forest Glen
Kevin Majors, 77th Street
Louis Maravilla, 77th Street
William Markowski, Forest Glen
Cornelius Marshall, North Park
Daniel Martin, Forest Glen
Angel Martinez, North Park
James McDonald, Kedzie
Cleophus McGee, 77th Street
Pamela McKeel, Agents West
Larry McNulty, North Park
William Miles, Special Servcs.
Frederick Moore, North Park
James Mott, Bus Dist. C
Timothy Mulvey, Beverly
Ricky Munoz, Jefferson Park

David Nealis, Jefferson Park

Ike Owens Jr., Kedzie

Roberto Patron, Limits
Javier Pineda, Archer
William Powell, 77th Street

Anastacio Reyes, North Avenue
Gladys Rice, 77th Street
Tony Richardson, North Park
Robert Riley, 77th Street
Rafael Rivera, Kedzie
Charles Roberts, North Park

Collins Scott, 77th Street
James Simonson, Limits
Jimmie Singleton, Howard/Kimball
Barry Smith, Forest Glen
Russell Stevens, Forest Glen
Miroslav Stojkovic, North Park

Bertha Thomas, Beverly
Lee Thompson, North Park
David Thorps, Agents South

Ronnie Walker, Beverly
Lonnie Walker, North Park
Thomas Washington, 69th Street
Javid Wasson, North Park
Fredrick White, Limits
Robert Williams Jr., Archer
John Williams, North Park
Gary Williams, North Park
Robert Williams, North Park
Carol Williams, Jefferson Park
Theaster Winston, 69th Street



Beverly takes ZAP lead, four terminals also winners



*Congratulations were in order for Kimball terminal where a first place ZAP certificate was also earned. Making the presentation is unit supervisor **Dave Kowalski**. Accepting on behalf of the terminal's maintenance personnel is day foreman **Felix Velinske**.*

Beverly garage maintenance personnel continues to pile up an enviable safety record with each quarterly Zero Accident Program.

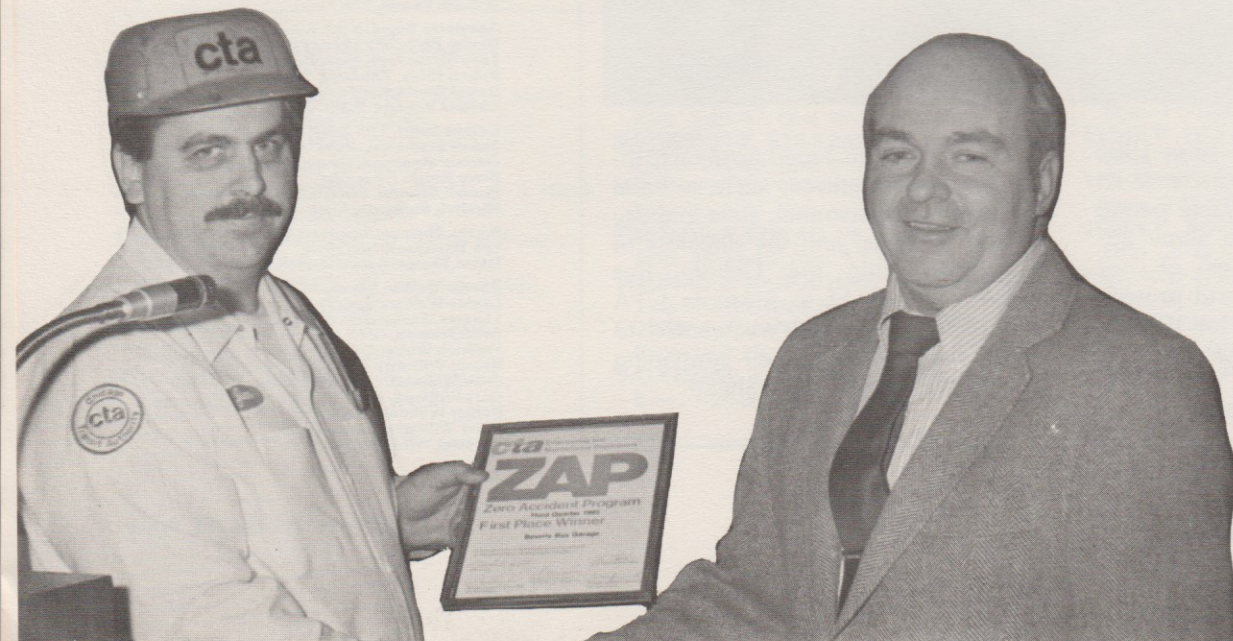
The Southside facility topped all other bus garages in the third quarter with the lowest accident frequency rate of the 10 areas in competition.

Since the second quarter of 1984 **Beverly** has taken six first place ZAP awards, including two special luncheons for having the lowest accident frequency in a six month period. Second place honors went to **North Avenue garage**, the only other bus facility to place in the third quarter

ZAP recongition.

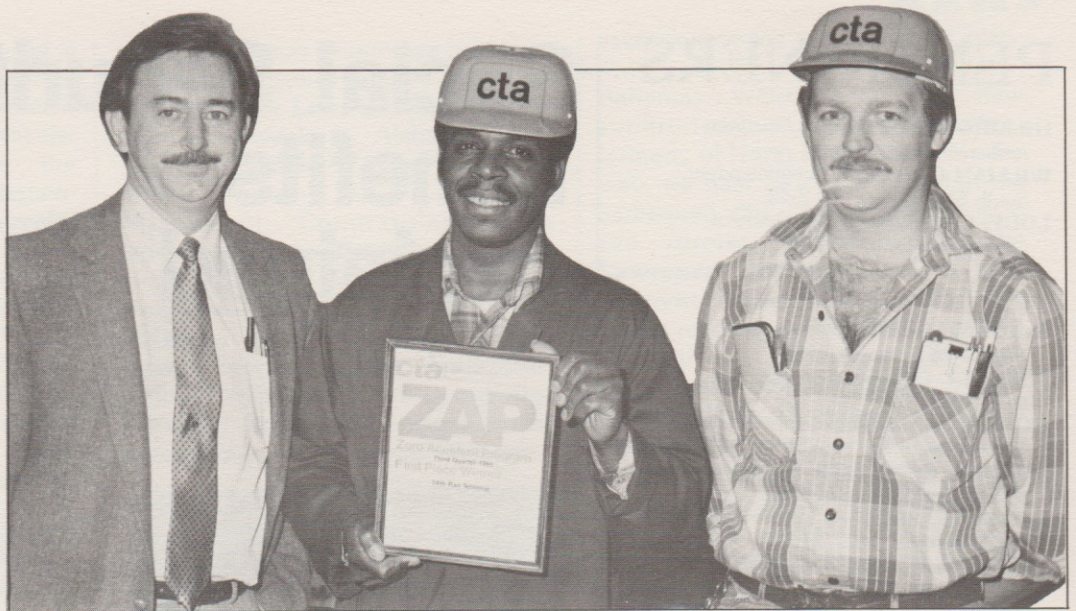
Rail maintenance locations taking first place Zero Accident Program honors were **54th, Kimball, Harlem** and **61/Racine terminals**.

Personnel at **54th Street terminal** have also had six ZAP victories since the second quarter of 1984, including



*Beverly garage day foreman **James O'Brien** (left), accepts a first place Zero Accident Program certificate for the southside facility from **Terrance McGuigan**, director, Bus Maintenance.*

Steve Jackson, 54th Street terminal foreman, displays the terminal's first place award for ZAP as he is flanked by unit supervisor Leonard Davenport (left), and assistant foreman Gary Kemp.



Unit supervisor Vito Collyard stands proudly with his crew at 61st Street terminal upon accepting the ZAP certificate. Standing to Collyard's immediate left is assistant day foreman Robert Basden.

two luncheons for a six month accident-free period. Safety Supervisor James Dudley said the longest and most consistent string of victories in rail maintenance belongs to personnel at **61/Racine terminal** where 21 first place plaques have gone since 1971. First place honors were earned at **61/Racine** in the first and third quarters of 1985.

Accolades continue for **Kimball** personnel as they take a first place ZAP award. **Kimball** personnel earned a catered luncheon during the previous 1985 quarters for the terminal's low frequency accident rate. Meanwhile, **Harlem terminal** is receiving its first top ZAP certificate of the year.

It was a proud moment for terminal foreman Alvin Crawford (left), as he accepted Harlem/Lake's first place ZAP certificate being presented here by rail maintenance terminal superintendent Richard Lorimer.



PENSIONERS

HILARIO J. ROSAS, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 8-26-68
WILLIAM C. SCOTT, Superintendent,
South Shops, Emp. 10-2-42
LOUIS C. THOMAS, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 12-2-65

LeROY E. AVERY, Bus Servicer,
69th Street, Emp. 3-22-67
TARIEK T. GAHIJI, Conductor,
61st Street, Emp. 5-18-73
ROBERT H. GRAHAM, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 10-10-74
VINCENT G. JOBSON, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 10-14-68
ROBERT F. KREJCA, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 10-6-67
SHEILA L. WATKINS, Bus Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 12-9-74

JAMES M. BENNETT, Ticket Agent,
63rd/Ashland, Emp. 11-13-67
RICHARDINE G. FOSTER, Ticket Agent,
Kimball, Emp. 11-5-60
JOHN A. MELUS, Motorman,
Howard, Emp. 9-2-66

***ROBERT BOLDON**, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 10-26-67
ALVA H. ROBBINS, Bus Operator,
North Park, Emp. 10-26-67
ROBERT E. WALKER, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 8-27-70

*Retroactive to 11-1-85

Pensioners may change withholding

Pensioners should know that they have the right to change the amount of tax withheld from their pension checks. If you don't have enough tax withheld, you may be responsible for the payment of estimated tax and tax penalties.

If you wish to start, stop or change the amount of federal income tax being withheld from your check, simply contact the Pension Office and the proper forms will be supplied to you, or you may fill out IRS Form W-4P which is obtainable from the IRS, and send it to the Harris Bank Pension Withholding - 5W, P.O. Box 755, Chicago, IL 60690.

Social Security benefits explained



Many people think of Social Security as just a retirement program, but it is important to remember that Social Security can also pay disability benefits to insured workers and survivors benefits to their families.

It is important to know what Social Security benefits are available as you plan your family's future financial security.

As of January 1986, the average monthly Social Security benefit being paid to a widowed mother with two children is \$1,107. In the event of a worker's death, Social Security benefits may be paid to any unmarried children under age 18, and children up to age 19 provided they are still in secondary school.

Other beneficiaries may include disabled children over age 18 who were disabled before age 22, a widow or widower caring for a disabled child of any age who needs physical care.

A widow or widower age 60 or older may also receive Social Security survivor benefits (reduced benefits at age 60, and full benefits at age 65). A disabled widow or widower who is between the ages of 50 and 60 years old may also receive benefits (reduced). All benefits are contingent upon the worker having acquired enough work credit under Social Security.

If either the widow, widower, or children worked while receiving Social Security benefits, and earned in excess of the annual exempt amount for that particular year, their Social Security benefits would be reduced for that year by one dollar for each two dollars earned.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Social

Security benefits never run out. For example, the two surviving children, ages six and eight years old, of a 32-year old man, would be able to receive survivor's benefits until they reach age 18, or 19 if they are still in secondary school.

On the other hand, the man's 30-year old widow could receive benefits until the youngest child is 16 years old. The widow could again collect as early as age 60 for reduced widow's benefits, or at age 65 for full widow's benefits. If she were to become disabled, she could receive disabled widow's benefits as early as age 50.

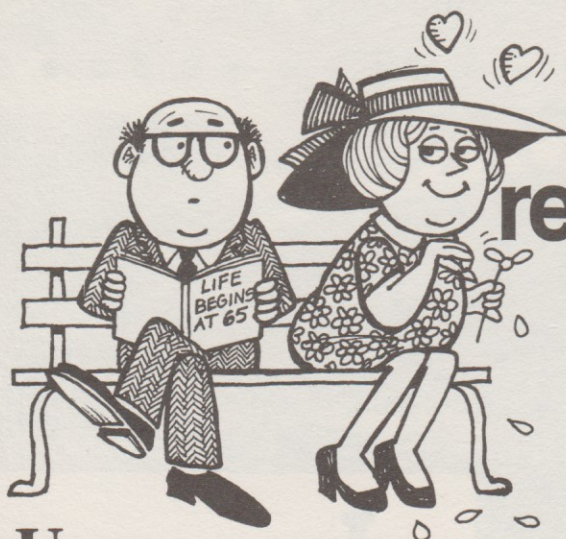
If one of the children became disabled before age 22, the child could receive benefits until the disability ended, or for life should there be no recovery.

Retirees between 65 and 70 years old may now earn up to \$7,800 annually and still receive all of their Social Security benefits. Retirees under age 65 may earn up to \$5,760 and retain their benefits. Persons at least 70 years old retain all of their Social Security benefits regardless of other earnings.

Social Security beneficiaries who work are required to file an annual report of earnings with the Social Security Administration by April 15 of each year following a year in which they have earnings. This report enables SSA to ensure correct payments were made during the previous year.

The Social Security Administration advises beneficiaries who still have earned income to report any change in earnings immediately to avoid overpayment of Social Security benefits.

Free life insurance ends with retirement



Upon retirement your life insurance coverage paid for by CTA ends. It may be converted to an individual policy at your expense during the month before you retire.

However, the retirement plan provides similar coverage called a death benefit. If you are retired at your death, this benefit will be paid to your

designated beneficiary.

The payment amount will depend on your age and years of service at retirement. The maximum payment is currently \$4,000. There is no policy issued for the death benefit; rather it is a part of the Retirement Plan document. Death Benefits are paid as follows:

Age at Retirement	Years of Service	Death Benefit
Any	25 or more	\$4,000.00
65	20 or more	4,000.00
60 thru 64	20 or more but less than 25	3,000.00
55 thru 59	20 or more but less than 25	2,500.00
55 thru 65	Less than 20	1,000.00
Under 55	Less than 25	1,000.00

Death Benefits are paid to the primary beneficiary as listed by the retired employee on the designation of beneficiary form. If more than one primary beneficiary is named, they will share equally. Further, secondary beneficiaries are paid only when no primary beneficiary is living.

After you retire you must keep your choice of beneficiary up to date. You may change your beneficiary at any time by filing a new designation of beneficiary form with the Office of the Secretary of the Retirement Allowance

Committee at 440 North Wells Street, Suite 600, Chicago, Illinois 60610. A notice to this effect was mailed to all retired employees with their September 1985 checks.

Please note that you must name your beneficiary. Your spouse or children do not automatically become beneficiaries of the Death Benefit.

Finally, the Office of the Secretary of the Retirement Allowance Committee must be immediately notified of the death of any retired employee. To report a death, call (312) 670-0361.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

40 Years

George Christensen
Signal, Phone & Radio

John Friedman
Escalator Maintenance

35 Years

Frank Brady, Employment/Placement

Melvin Link, Instruction

Arthur Loman, Ashland Terminal

John Mitchell, Ashland Terminal

Adele Monson, Forms, Records & Procedures

William Suddeth, Racine Mtce.

Charles Gage, Utility

Joan Georgeson, Law

Homer Harris, Schedules

Arthur Paige, Archer

Ervin Schultz, North Park

Joseph V. Tunzi, Operations/Administration

30 Years

Harold Bober, Forest Glen

Sidney Edwards Jr., Utility

Thomas McCue, Claims

Elvin Carey, Bus Service

James Moore, Utility

25 Years

Robert Adler, Jefferson Park

Arthur Battle, North Avenue

James Braun, Forest Glen

George Dimitsas, Terminals-North

Patrick Griffin, Elec. Dist.

Robert Julun Jr., Bus Personnel-South

Francis Leak, Forest Glen

John Murphy, Elec. Dist.

Raul Navarrete, Archer

Edward Poche, District B

Carl Schmook II, General Mtce.

Paul Stahulak, Signal, Phone & Radio

Edward Steed, Forest Glen

William Uhl, Claims

John Ware, South Shops

Lynn Wilkerson, North Park

Clarence Baker, 77th Street

Ernest Feltz, Adm. & Budget

Richardine Foster, North Section

John Gillespie, Field Review

David Greig, Signal, Phone & Radio

Alonzo Hooper, Mtce. Training

John Koepke Jr., Signal, Phone & Radio

Arthur Lupescu, Signal, Phone & Radio

Padraig Lynch, Rail System

Salvatore Marsico, Forest Glen

Eleson Murphy, Schedules

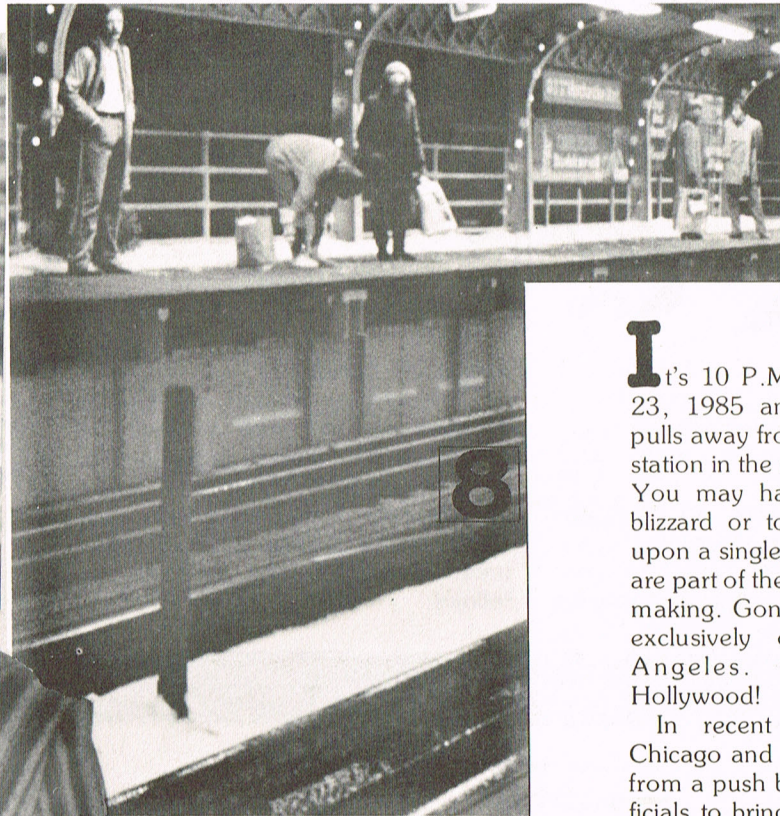
Levell Nichols, General Mtce.

Jasper Pollizze, General Mtce.

CTA MOVIES:

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION...

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It's 10 P.M. on Saturday, October 23, 1985 and a Ravenswood train pulls away from the Merchandise Mart station in the midst of a raging blizzard. You may have missed the October blizzard or torrential rains which fell upon a single city block. Such oddities are part of the magical world of movie-making. Gone are the days of filming exclusively on back lots in Los Angeles. Chicago has gone Hollywood!

In recent months the City of Chicago and the CTA have benefited from a push by state and local film officials to bring more production companies to Chicago. In 1984 Chicago earned \$25 million by playing host to the film industry. Predictions for 1985 indicate that the revenues will be even higher.

Several of Chicago's major attractions are the unique location shots provided by CTA's rapid transit elevated and subway trains, which allow scenic views of the city's magnificent skyline and lakefront. CTA buses are often used not only for ambiance but also for transportation to site selections as well as keeping extras warm during winter filming.

Bob Ryan is the CTA's Public Affairs Special Projects Coordinator and serves as liaison to the film industry. Bob coordinates the scheduling for filming done on CTA property and assists in checking that the film companies have proper insurance coverages. CTA staff from various departments, including management and bus and rail operating personnel, play integral roles in the filming process. CTA personnel strive to cooperate with the production companies and familiarize them with the

many services that the transit system has to offer.

Featured here are a few of the many stars caught shining in the Windy City.

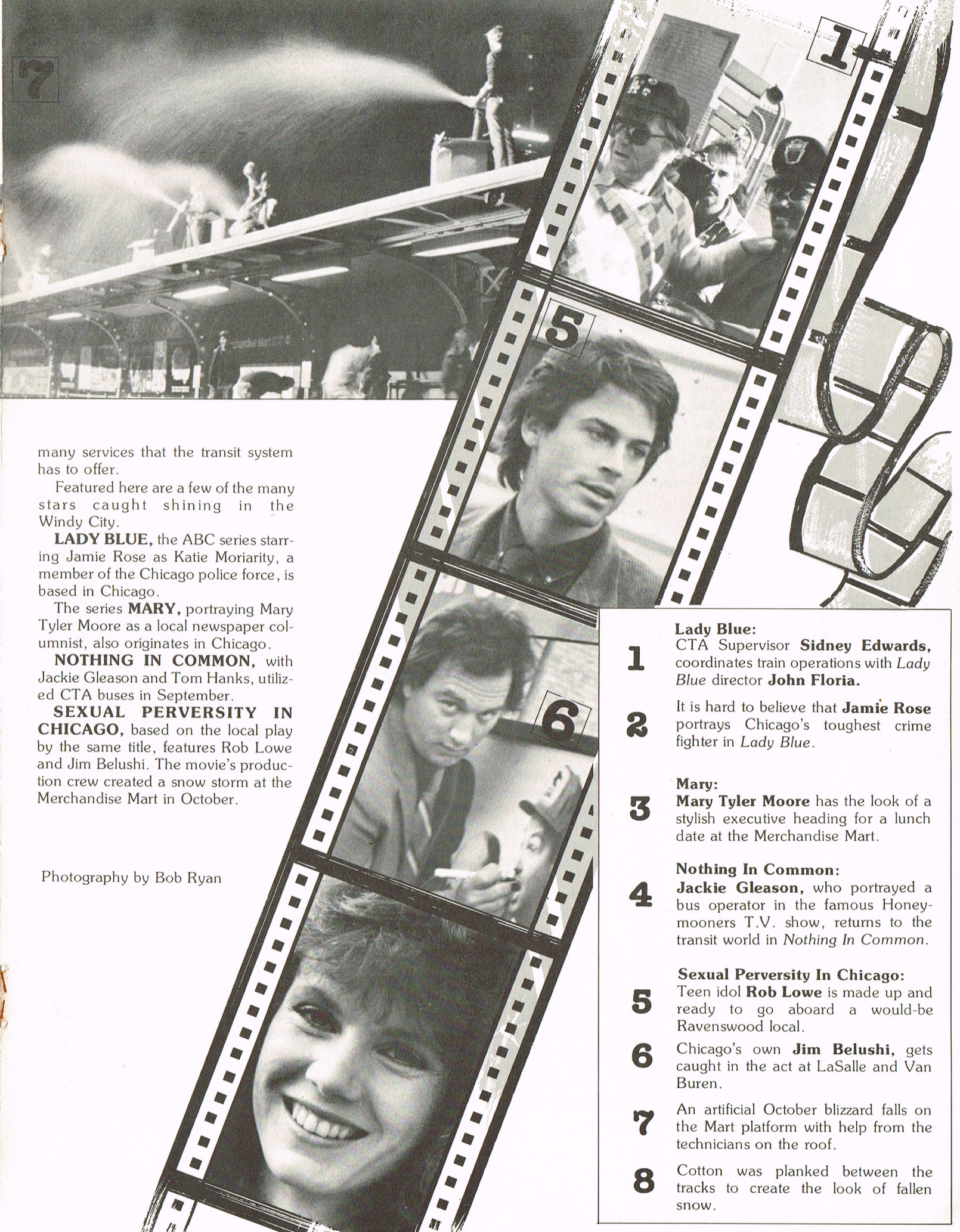
LADY BLUE, the ABC series starring Jamie Rose as Katie Morarity, a member of the Chicago police force, is based in Chicago.

The series **MARY**, portraying Mary Tyler Moore as a local newspaper columnist, also originates in Chicago.

NOTHING IN COMMON, with Jackie Gleason and Tom Hanks, utilized CTA buses in September.

SEXUAL PERVERSITY IN CHICAGO, based on the local play by the same title, features Rob Lowe and Jim Belushi. The movie's production crew created a snow storm at the Merchandise Mart in October.

Photography by Bob Ryan



Lady Blue:

CTA Supervisor **Sidney Edwards**, coordinates train operations with *Lady Blue* director **John Floria**.

It is hard to believe that **Jamie Rose** portrays Chicago's toughest crime fighter in *Lady Blue*.

Mary:

Mary Tyler Moore has the look of a stylish executive heading for a lunch date at the Merchandise Mart.

Nothing In Common:

Jackie Gleason, who portrayed a bus operator in the famous *Honeymooners* T.V. show, returns to the transit world in *Nothing In Common*.

Sexual Perversity In Chicago:

Teen idol **Rob Lowe** is made up and ready to go aboard a would-be Ravenswood local.

Chicago's own **Jim Belushi**, gets caught in the act at LaSalle and Van Buren.

An artificial October blizzard falls on the Mart platform with help from the technicians on the roof.

Cotton was planked between the tracks to create the look of fallen snow.

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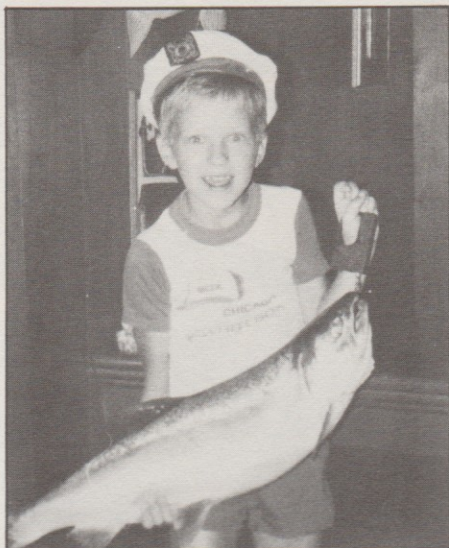
Pardon our tardiness, but we were simply overwhelmed with a backlog of Inside News. As we go to press with the final issue of Transit News for 1985 however, we're wiping the slate clean of everything we've had on hold.

As we launch a brand new start we hope you will continue to keep us supplied with all those interesting tidbits of information for TN readers in 1986.

Rick Willis/Editor

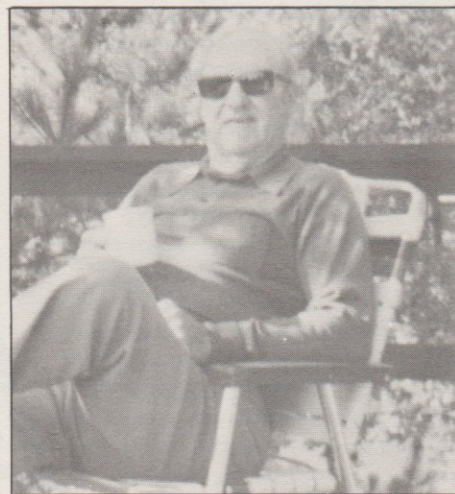
North Avenue

Yes, better late than never...Our congratulations to three of our North Avenue operators who were among the CTA Bus Rodeo "Winning Circle" contestants. **Willie Stewart, Salvador Flores, and David James.** Now, if you've read the commendation column carefully, you probably already have noticed these three gentlemen's names have appeared more than once so again, our congratulations...Seen voting in the union election at Forest Glen recently was former North Avenuer **Adonis Berrios.** Adonis now has a wife, **Theresa,** and remarked that they took advantage of an airline package deal, flew to Southern California and did all the tourist fun things while they enjoyed their month long honeymoon...Instructor **Joe Valtierra** who is at Limits training center, visited North Park recently and was overheard commenting that he and his wife, **Rachael,** will be reaching their 21st year of marriage soon. With all of those stores near Limits, Joe, you won't have any excuse for not finding her a gift will you?...Remember that near whale that was caught by a member of the **Charles Strockis** family we reported to you a while back? Well, seems that Charles finally, finally managed to produce this photo



of his son, **Brian,** age 7 and the 10½ pound coho they caught. Maybe the rest of you can't see it, but is that one of those "flying fish" we see in the picture above Brian's head?...Y-A-W-N. Talked to **Jacques Yezeguelian** at the union office at 5 A.M. where he was checking in as an election clerk, and learned a little more interesting info on our co-worker. Jacques flies a twin engine Beechcraft plane and has been a pilot for over 20 years. In the many years he's been a pilot, he has flown around the globe three times and met Hawaiian singer entertainer **Don Ho** and former French President **Georges Pompidou.** H-m-m, wouldn't it be nice if some of us could get together next vacation, charter a plane and let Jacques do the "driving"?...Nice to see once again was **Harvey Jones** now a pool instruction superintendent. Mr. Jones was attending one of the "ESPP" meetings at North Park recently and looks like his usual cheerful self...Wondering? Well, we saw operators and some of the "rail" personnel from Kimball and North Park locations when they were getting ready for that 26-mile Chicago Marathon held recently but did we overlook anyone here from North Avenue? C'mon now people, we can't let them get all the publicity can we?...Don't we all look so natural having our picture taken? It's really nice to see someone we know and not have to guess their identity when it comes to being recognized by our bosses. Operator **Robert Dickens** received a Special Recognition Certificate, a look

at the control center operations, along with his photo published describing his actions while working. Well done, Robert...Stepping up, up, up! Look who from North Avenue received their certificates of graduation as supervisors: **Lawrence Chatman, Joe Ellis, Carlos Davila** and yes, **Thelma Young.** See what a little motivation will do for us, people? Best wishes, all...Just some of our operators who received commendations lately: **Tyrone Malloy, Abraham Morgan, Robert Patterson, Veronica Rowell, Charles Tabb** and **Diego Santos-Rios**...Hoping everyone attending has a good time and fond memories after we close with this year's North Avenue Annual Christmas Party. With a magician doing his bit, two bands providing musical entertainment and \$500.00 in prizes, it should be something to enjoy and talk about. Just in case you haven't notice, **Gail Calloway** is one of our hard working organizers of this event...**Clifford Vandervest,**



formerly of Forest Park, and a retired CTA rapid transit worker, sends best wishes to his Chicago area friends as he pauses in comfort on the patio of his Bemidji, Minnesota home.

Mike Flores

Archer Garage

Congratulations to bus operator, **Claude S. Brown, Jr.,** and his wife, **Norma,** of NCB Production. Once again, they have succeeded in producing a fabulous fashion show with dinner and entertainment. With the help

of Norma's mannequins, who did a wonderful job modeling Norma's latest designs; the Munchkins, who modeled and performed; and the spectacular commentator, **Willie Ray**, the fashion show was a success. Entertaining was by Squeeze Band; vocalist **Diana Wilson**, and our own Board Member Local #241, **Tom Collins**, D.J. Photographers from Archer garage were operators **Ray Hamb**, **Bobby Townsend**, **Isaiah William**, and **Otis Clay** of 77th garage. Printing for the show was done by Archer Supervisor, **William Jones**. Each year Claude and Norma Brown work hard to put this event together. They started this show in 1977 at the Roberts 500 room. Later they discovered that the 500 room was not large enough to accommodate their audience; so they moved to the Condesa Del Mar in 1978. A year later they had a packed audience again which led them to their present location, the Sabre Room in Hickory Hills, IL. The unique thing about these fashion shows is that Norma custom



makes all the clothes in the show. The models include her husband, Claude and son, **Kevin**. Throughout the years Claude and Norma have had various supporters to contribute to their success. Some of them are: Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Illinois Bell, Chicago Board of Education, etc. But most of all, a lot of their support comes from the CTA operators. Next year, if all goes well, Claude and Norma will be celebrating their 10th anniversary. Seats go on sale starting June, 1986 through October, 1986. So keep up the good work Mr. and Mrs. Claude S. Brown, Jr. and we'll see you next year...On December 20, 1985, Ar-

cher's Christmas Committee held their annual Christmas party...Welcome back operator **Lena Jackson**. Vacation one week in Alabama. And operator **Willie Young**. Vacation one week in Jackson, Mississippi...Congratulations to operator **Steven Branch**, who was married recently...We extend our condolences to the families of: Clerk **Ruth Adkins**, whose husband passed away; operator **Percy Anderson**, whose wife died; and operator **Chester Robertson**, whose father passed away...Please send news items



to me before the first of the month for the Transit News.

Ollie Hoskins

North Avenue

Well, hello, hello, and welcome to North avenue. Our newest operators joining us are: **Jesus Santos**, **David Metken**, **Edgar Moya**, **William Garcia**, **Pablo Gonzalez**, and **Elias Valdovinos**...Bet you didn't know our janitor, **John McGarvey**, is one of those well-traveled folks among us. John recently ventured to Sydney, Australia, while on vacation and enjoyed himself immensely. Though he says, "Everyone there drives on the wrong side of the road." John started at the Lawndale garage as an operator and mentions he has about 10 more years before retirement...**Daniel Rios** (North Avenue) is looking good and says he's feeling mucho better after losing all those extra pounds from the waistline...Former North Avenue operator **Dorothy O'Neal** is now working the extra board at Limits garage and looking like she's mighty happy. Or maybe it's because she's thinking of her last vacation in Las Vegas, Nevada, along with her current

vacation coming up that she's planning on spending in Nassau, Bahamas...Welcome to our new superintendent, **John Baxter**, formerly of North Park garage. By the way, we hear he's quite a chef in the barbequed ribs department!..Nice to see former Fullerton operator **Lawrence Chatman** working as a supervisor on the street recently. Larry will be reaching his 20th-year anniversary with CTA in January, 1986. Being married and the parent, of two teenaged boys gives him the opportunity to find more uses for his home computer, as well as probably explaining to his sons how it works. Or is it the other way around?..Supervisor **Rafael Perez**, C District, and his wife, **Lucy**, attended their daughter **Lourdes'** graduation from DePaul University. Now that Lourdes has passed the examination for CPA (Certified Public Accountant) and works downtown, just the thought of no more college tuition will keep Mr. Perez smiling as he works his post this winter at North Avenue and Damen, right Rafael?..Former North Avenuer **Bob Charney** went on vacation to the Wisconsin Dells with his wife, **Cathy**, and said it was O.K. Bob is now working at Forest Glen garage and says working on Irving Park is O.K., too. H-m-m, well, O.K...Seems like Forest Glen received some of our best operators as witness to **James White** who left North Avenue nearly five years ago and works the Central Avenue line now. James used to be on North Avenue's "Saints" basketball team and now says he's going to come back to get back on the team...**Isaac Dean** had the opportunity to make use of his line instructor abilities when he had his two students in training recently...**Steve Nicpon** used to work the night car on Fullerton for nearly twelve years until he got restless and went to Forest Glen where he's doing the same night work on Irving Park. Few of us were aware that Steve is a licensed general contractor and built his family an eight-room home. Steve and his wife **JoAnn** are the parents of a son, **Mark**, who will graduate in December, 1985 with a degree in Public Accounting from Northern Illinois University. The Mr. and Mrs. also have a daughter, **Kathy**, who is a member of the U.S. Air Force and is training to become a helicopter

pilot. Kathy's not making any collect calls home to mom and dad from Kun-sun, Korea, where she's now stationed, is she Steve?..One of our super nice operators, **Earl Hobson** had to travel to Jackson, Mississippi for the funeral of his beloved mother **Sally**. Earl wants to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness and kindness.

Mike Flores

Public Affairs

Dan Kane, Supt., Customer Assistance visited the old sod and continued to learn more about his family genealogy. He's already looking forward to his next European vacation...**Ed Cummings** was in town visiting his friends. Boy, he really looks great!..Congratulations to newlyweds **Jeff Branecki**, procurement engineer, Materials Management, and **Mary DeRose**, confidential office assistant, Chief Administrative Officer's office...**Bob McCarthy**, supervisor, Procurement Operations, has a new addition! It's a puppy. **Tanner** is half Golden Retriever and half "Heinz 57." Tanner loves his new home and Bob is finding out that he likes to eat a lot...**Allen Pfeiffer**, sales representative, Treasury, vacationed in Europe this summer making stops in London, Scandinavia, and New York. Hope you had a great time in the land of the Midnight Sun...Helping **Kay Corcoran**, executive secretary, Treasury, celebrate her birthday were two former CTA employees. Do you remember **Lillian Skora**? She is former secretary to retired Supt. of Real Estate **George Seiler**, who by the way, will be celebrating his 85th birthday this year. Lill is the sister of **Chester Skora**, superintendent, Stores (deceased). Lill is married to **Don Dattilo**...**Alice Dungan**, confidential office assistant, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance, recently returned from a European vacation. She had a great time and has a lot of interesting stories to tell you...Congratulations to **Kathy Sloyan**, Revenue Accounting, who got married while visiting in Ireland. "Mise Le Meas," Kathy!..Goodbye wishes went to **Maria Lopez**, utility clerk, Treasury, who resigned and moved to Mexico. We miss her happy smile in the cashier's office. A luncheon was

held at Martini's Restaurant in Maria's honor. Many of her co-workers as well as friends from Job Classification attended.

Arlene Zittman

General Office

Avis Davis, the daughter of **Barbara Neeland**, Claims/Law Department, and her family are relocating to Muncie, Indiana. Her son-in-law, **David**, has joined the staff at Ball State University as Director of Minority Enrollment. Avis, an Illinois Registered Pharmacist, is preparing for the Indiana State Boards. Barbara's



10-year old grandson, **Brian**, started his modeling career in 1982. He has modeled for Sears, Montgomery Wards, Marshall Fields and, in 1983 with **Bill Cosby** for Texas Instruments. He has also been in Crest and McDonalds commercials. He's done voice-overs for radio and television and is presently registered with The Screen Actor's Guild...Proud dad **Joe Lazzara** of Capital Development told this reporter his daughter, **Lori Ann Lazzara**, was named to the Deans List of the College of Engineering at Marquette University, Milwaukee for outstanding academic achievement. Also due to her achievements, she was pledged to the AEMB and TAU BETA PI societies at Marquette. Accolades to Lori on a job well done!

Operations Planning

A farewell "Coffee And" was held for **John Gaul**, who left CTA for an opportunity with the New York Transit Authority. Goodbye and good luck to John and his wife on their new venture.

Public Affairs

We're glad to see **Jeff Stern** back at his typewriter after a brief absence. Hope you're feeling better.

North Park

Congratulations to Supervisor **Juan Gonzalez**, D District, upon his graduating in the Superintendent's class of 1985. ..Proud father **Mahlon C. Mims** is so busy playing daddy that he's forgotten to give us the photo of newborn daughter, **Marla**, born September 19, weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces; oh yes, helping in this event is his wife, **Linda**, and her little helper is their other daughter, **Jala**, age 5...Can you imagine the conversation between **Eula Jarrett** (Devon) and husband, **Virgil**, (Kedzie Garage operator) as they're driving down to Brownsville, Tennessee to pick up their son, **Tramaine**, who's spent the summer with his grandparents? "Watch that truck, use your turn signals," HA!..Superintendent **Kenny Czachowski** mentioning how great it felt to be back behind the wheel of a bus, or in this case, one of those 15 passenger vans. Sitting alongside our boss was his wife, **Pat**, their children, **Kim** and **Brian**, Mr. Czachowski's parents and his sister, **Barbara**. Enjoying his vacation in Orlando, Florida, WE can only wonder if he watched that right side mirror when making those right turns? Honk! ..Speaking of right turns, **Frank Von Schwedler** notes that his VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) post in Park Ridge, IL will be presenting their annual Merit Awards to a number of outstanding policemen and firemen in ceremonies soon. Frank has been a member of the VFW for 40 years while his son **Frank Junior** claims his membership at the 17-year mark. Frank says his post is the second largest in Illinois but didn't say which post is THE largest, your turn Frank...H-m-m, Hollywood Hopeful Department? Well, **Marton Reeder** is a Star, sort

of. While scenes were being filmed here in Chicago recently for "the GREAT ONE" **Jackie Gleason's** newest film, Marton's bus was used at the Morse and Ashland location while one of the regular actors portraying the CTA driver wore Mr. Reeder's badge. Oh well, twinkle, twinkle...**Oscar DeSoto**, (Lincoln Avenue) has been a licensed pilot for



nearly 15 years now and OWNS a Piper Cherokee Aircraft which he keeps at nearby Palwaukee Airport. Mr. DeSoto has given some of our operators a chance to go for a plane ride. It does make for interesting conversation when you're w-a-y up there looking w-a-y down and you run into some of that air turbulence...Passing thoughts which may not be too soon. How about those of us here at North Park getting TOGETHER and organizing a Spring 1986 picnic? Might be a nice way for those of us interested to have a nice day outside barbequing along with some softball, volleyball, and a chance to let the kids run wild. Who knows, you might even meet that person you've wanted to get a chance to talk to...Probably sitting at home and watching TV; operator **Cornelio Soto**, Sheridan Road. Operator Soto recently broke his hand and painful as that may have been, we're sure his wife, **Coky**, will find some job around the house for him to do. Hope you're feeling better Amigo...**Harry "Butch" Ott**, now at Beverly garage, and wife, **Cathy**, are the proud parents of their newborn son, **Mark Henry Ott**, who weighed in at 8 pounds, 3 ounces, measured 20½ inches and to whom you may mail future birthday cards remembering he was born on September 20, 1985...Another familiar face: Instructor **Efrain Malave** now at Limits is coming to work here at North Park.

Since one of Efrain's hobbies is using his portable video camera, maybe he can show us films of how he found parking space at Limits!..**Enrique Carrillo** is looking forward to spending two weeks in his native country of Colombia. "Ricky" plans to attend his sister, **Estella's**, graduation ceremony when she receives her degree as a Doctor of Medicine from the National University of Colombia, and to see the rest of his family whom he hasn't seen in seven years. Enjoy your time with the family, Ricky, have a safe trip and bring back some pictures, O.K.?

Mike Flores

North Park

Arturo Valdez will get his chance to play Santa Claus this year twice when his daughter, **Martha**, brings along his granddaughter, **Claudia Alejandra**, to visit for a month. After enjoying Chicago's winter season Arturo, wife **Rosa**, daughter and granddaughter will then watch the miles pass as they drive to Monterey, Mexico to visit his mother, **Pilita**...Leaving North Park on our system pick are:

John Crespo (who always seems to have that upbeat attitude). John says he's going to Kedzie Garage, but we expect to see him back here next time around...**Pat Cobb** (who n-e-v-e-r seems to be in a hurry for anything). Patricia laughingly says she's going back home to 69th Street Garage...Not to forget but "**Granny**" **Georgia Harris** is also waving goodbye to all of us. We make mention of her new title Granny because recently her daughter, **Robin**, presented her a 3 pound, 6 ounce newborn granddaughter named **Cot'e LeShawn Edwards**. We're certain that Georgia will pick day runs at her new station "Limits" which should leave her plenty of time evenings to change pampers...Did **Robert Moscovitz** mention where he spent all of those vacation days recently? It must have been somewhere exclusive because, upon his return, we spotted him at the station looking very stylish wearing a suit...Speaking of stylish, can anyone, just anyone, remember ever seeing our chief clerk **Jerry** coming to work less than impeccable? Seems like he should have some sign of wrinkle in



Fun in the Sun (city that is!)

CTA retirees in Sun City, Arizona got together recently during a visit by Chicagoan **Anthony M. DeMayo** who retired from Forest Glen garage. The group includes (from left-back row) **Henry Ziolkowski**, **Dan Gorski**, and **Tony DeMayo**. Seated are (from left) **Mrs. Jacque Tchelebian**, **Jean** and **Pete Norris**, and **Ted** and **Irene Wodarski**.



Pin Busters

Displaying the plaques they earned for the 1984-85 bowling season are members of the "Pin Busters," the 77th Street Operators Bowling League. The awards were presented at the team's banquet by garage superintendent **David Hinman**

(center) at the T. J. Mulligan Restaurant. The honorees are (from left) **C. V. Johnson, Wilson Washington, Luther Lee**, team captain; Superintendent **Hinman, Howard McMillan, Rufus Meeks**, and **Bob Kendricks**.

clothing sooner or later, wouldn't you think?...Nickname notes: **Imelda Brown** says her mother just started calling her **Cookie**...Joining the ranks of future operators who'll be retiring in the year of 2015 are **Rocco Delaguila** who in the past has worked as a runner for the mercantile exchange and as a wine salesman. Considering Chicago's winters that last position might help you make it thru till spring Rocco, HA!. Alongside, we have **Hugo Echeverria** who has studied law enforcement in college and, probably a B-I-G plus, has driven the highways as an eighteen wheeler C.B. "talkin" driver for eight years. Hugo is married and mentions his wife, **Carol**, looks after their two

boys, **Rocky** and **Vincent** while he starts his career with CTA...And let's not forget **Hank Jakobi** who's a graduate of Chicago Teachers College, former citywide baseball instructor working with two other gentlemen in that position and, look at this, he's also played for our Chicago White Sox as pitcher during the mid 1960's! ..Next time you see him smiling, it may have to do with thoughts of his daughter. Supervisor **Allen Lichter**, "D" District, will be one of those proud fathers when his daughter, **Marci**, graduates from Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, class of 1986. Marci will receive her Bachelor of Science degree and has thoughts of then attending Law school...Con-

gratulations on their election efforts thus making them winners in our recent union elections. Our station clerk **Dorothy Smith**, captured the Election commissioner position while **George Dalmas** of 77th station won the first Vice President spot...Hollywood Hopeful Dept. Next time you are in the local book store and spot a familiar name and face on a book jacket, you may recognize it as belonging to operator **Eric Kyles**. Seems that Mr. Kyles has been devoting the past year to writing about his army days in Viet Nam and now is looking forward to having it published in mid-1986...This November, 1985 also marks the closing of 25 years service for supervisor **Hubert Burketh**.

BARBARA ANTHON, 76, Treasury,
Emp. 4-1-68, Died 10-3-85

CHARLES F. BELASICH, 86, Const. & Maint.,
Emp. 11-25-18, Died 10-18-85

DANIEL J. CALLAHAN, 72, Forest Glen,
Emp. 9-19-47, Died 10-9-85

JOSEPHINE COLEMAN, 56, Fac. Engr. & Maint.,
Emp. 10-28-56, Died 10-2-85

LESTER J. CUMMINGS, 88, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 4-7-44, Died 10-18-85

ARTHUR C. HANSEN, 83, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 7-9-37, Died 10-16-85

MATHEW P. HORAN, 73, Forest Glen,
Emp. 2-9-37, Died 9-29-85

EDWARD W. JASEK, 71, Forest Glen,
Emp. 8-27-45, Died 10-30-85

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES H. JOHNSON, 64, 77th Street,
Emp. 7-24-47, Died 10-10-85

RAYMOND P. KULCZAK, 70, Forest Glen,
Emp. 7-17-46, Died 10-6-85

MILTON A. LaCHOICHE, 80, Stores,
Emp. 11-2-36, Died 10-5-85

FRANCIS J. LITTAU, 78, North Park,
Emp. 12-14-40, Died 9-1-85

THOMAS J. McHUGH, 91, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 6-6-43, Died 10-25-85

EDWIN J. McINTOSH, 88, Logan Square,
Emp. 10-2-15, Died 10-13-85

VALENTINE J. NESSINGER, 80, Law,
Emp. 7-23-34, Died 10-21-85

EDWARD W. O'DAY, 70, Howard,
Emp. 1-30-52, Died 10-22-85

ELSIE V. OLSON, 66, North Section,
Emp. 3-29-67, Died 10-28-85

TIMOTHY RIORDAN, 77, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 9-13-27, Died 10-11-85

JOHN C. ROBINSON, 78, 69th Street,
Emp. 10-22-53, Died 10-31-85

EDWARD J. ROWLAND, 85, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 10-29-20, Died 10-6-85

EDWARD H. SCOTT, 65, Fac. Maint.,
Emp. 1-24-57, Died 10-31-85

HAROLD C. STROM, 72, Engineering,
Emp. 3-6-72, Died 10-4-85

Most of the operators only know Mr. Burketh by his last name, but even if you didn't you could always spot him wearing those trademark "red socks" of his. Hubert and his wife, **Lucille**, will be retiring to Cleveland, Ohio in case you want to keep in touch...Supervisor **Christine Jones**, "D" District may not have to haul those large Christmas gifts in the crowds this season after all. Her son, **Semaj**, plays the flute quite well, we hear, and has been since starting at the age of 10. Young Semaj has played for the Chicago Flute Society, so maybe mom will be able to fit his gift this year in her purse...Do you get it? One of our operators was overheard asking **Gerri Cox** where he had gone on vacation recently. Upon which Gerri replied with a straight face; "Oh, I went and spent some time at Plywood, Minnesota." F-u-n-n-y, Gerri...We'll bet few of you realize how much work was involved in planning and finalizing all of the details for North Park's yearly Christmas Party. Those people on the committee were working for YOU.

Mike Flores

Materials Management

Another soon to be retired employee from Materials Management is **Russell Lipari**, file clerk, Records Center. An Open House was held for Russ and needless to say we all enjoyed the homemade refreshments furnished by his coworkers...A retirement luncheon at the M & M Club was held for **Jean O'Neill**, executive secretary. Many of her fellow coworkers attended this fine affair. We especially thank **Linda Lundberg** for her never ending talent of handling the arrangements for this luncheon and the many others she has arranged throughout the years...Coffee and cake was had for **Marie Albano**, Claim Department, who retired after 31 years of service...Congratulations to all of our new retirees...**Zalika Williams**, daughter of **Sharon Williams**, Micrographics, enjoys her monthly visits to the Express-Ways Children's Museum located on the 4th floor at The Chicago Public Library Cultural Center. Her favorite exhibit, of course, is wheeling the #38 CTA bus by obeying the traffic signal light



mounted in front of the display. Other exhibits include a medical office, a grocery store, a postal office, orchestra instruments, building construction blocks, a telescope, the history of Chicago, and much more. The cost is free...**Richard Pytlewicz**, Safety Department, along with his wife, spent their vacation in sunny California visiting Rich's sister, **Joanne** and her family. Joanne worked in Stenographic Services years ago...Seen at a Fraternal dinner were CTA retirees:

Don and Vivian Riess, **Bill and Dorothy Unwin**, the **Russ Gundersons**, and the **Ken Mikotas**. All of them send their regards to their CTA friends. We missed another CTA retiree at this affair and that was **Bill Ashley** and his wife, **Lydia**. (Maybe next year...)...Get well wishes to retired Director of Employee Relations, **Bill Platt**, who recently underwent heart surgery...**Bob McCarthy**, Supervisor, Procurement Operations, Materials Management, and his wife, **Betty**, spent Thanksgiving in Ontario, California, visiting their daughter, **Mary Beth**, and her husband, **Mike**. The main reason for this trip, however, was to see their newest grandchild, **Brian Edward Norman**, who is one month old. Bob and Betty now have two grandchildren to spoil. Their son, **Robert, Jr.** and daughter-in-law, **Sue**, have a daughter named **Kelly**. Grandma and Grandpa are so



Golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pelikan observed their 50th wedding anniversary June 29 with a party at Chicago's Golden Flame. The couple's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were on hand for the special observance. Pelikan who was a bus operator at North Avenue, joined the ranks of CTA retirees on February 1, 1984 after 43 years of service.

proud of their clan...**Al Pfeiffer**, sales dept. flew (by plane) to Houston, Texas, to have Thanksgiving dinner with his niece and her family.

Arlene Zittman

Materials Management

Best wishes for a Happy Retirement to Executive Secretary **Jean O'Neill**. Jean, now you'll have the time to do all those things you've been putting off...In an article I read in Crain's Chicago Business, author Howard Shanks, said, "A person retiring needs to take a fresh, in-depth look at himself. He needs to re-examine his values and his priorities. He needs to re-define the word 'Important.'" He

told me he moved his family to Seattle, Washington. Fred said all of his family has adjusted well to the new surroundings and clean environment...**John Schwartz**, retired Special Projects Coordinator, Management Services, recently returned from a tour of the New England States. John said the autumn colors were magnificent...Visiting the Mart recently was **Jerry McManamon**. Jerry looks great and is busy working as a telephone operator at North Avenue garage...**Angela Pacella**, daughter of **Carmen Pacella**, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance, South Shops, won an academic scholarship to Lake Forest College from the Sons of Italy. Congratulations, Angela

Finance department. They enjoyed their drive very much, especially visiting the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island...**Ruth Beutler**, Library, and **Adele Monson**, Forms Design, vacationed in Disneyworld, taking their children and grandchildren with them. It was 5-year-old **Nikki's** first flight and upon takeoff, Nikki said to Adele, "When are we going to blast off?"...Congratulations are in order--**Jim Saviano**, Administrative Services, became the proud uncle of twin girls--**Deanna** and **Dominique**. Jim's sister-in-law and brother were only expecting one...**Corrine Camasta**, COA, Methods and Standards, Rail Maintenance, Skokie, recently returned to work after



Ulysses Jones (right), 77th Street garage, makes his final relief on Run 343, 28-Stony Island route, before ending a CTA career of 38 years and eight months. Jones, whose service

began aboard street cars on Stony Island, said to end on the same route that gave him his career start is a happy coincidence. Accepting the relief is Operator **Phillip Stokes**. "So long, it's been good to know ya"

waves **Ulysses Jones** as he and his wife **Helen** enjoy his retirement party which was held at the American Legion Hall on Chicago's south side. The couple plans to continue residing in their south suburban Robbins home.

needs to consider very seriously this best piece of advice: Retire from your job--but don't retire from work."...Our condolences to the family of executive secretary **Martha Hallock**, Stores section, whose mother passed away...As the year draws to an end, Materials Management department has many people celebrating birthdays. You know who you are and we wish you all a very happy birthday and a happy and healthy new year...**Fred King**, retired Deputy Executive Director, Human Resources, stopped by this reporter's office. He

...Our sympathy is extended to the families of Deputy Executive Director, Finance, **Dan Perk** on the loss of his mother, **Millie Perkovich**. **Bill Buetow**, Manager, Treasury, in the loss of his father, **William C. Buetow, Sr.**, and to the family of **Thomas Hall**, warehouse worker, Washington garage, whose mother passed away recently. They thank all of you for your kind expressions of sympathy...Vacationing around Lake Michigan together were **Edna Southworth**, Materials Management, and her good friend, **Rita Deakin**,

surgery. Glad to have you back, we all missed you. While Corrine was home recuperating, she became an auntie for the first time. Corrine's brother, **Joe**, and his wife, **Lydia**, welcomed a new little boy. Congratulations to all...The annual CTA golf outing was attended by several members of the Materials Management department. It was a beautiful Saturday in September. A good time was had by all...**Fran Calpin** and her mother just moved into their new condo. No more snow to shovel or grass to cut!

Arlene Zittman

Appreciation plaque



Triton Community College expressed appreciation to CTA Materials Management for the recent donation of six Detroit Diesel engines now being used by Triton automotive repair students. The plaque was presented

by **Dr. David Kozlowski** (left), associate vice president, Economic Development. Accepting on behalf of CTA is **Edward W. Tobin**, manager, Materials Management/Purchasing

Agent. Others present for the occasion were **Mrs. Dorothy Harmon**, CTA salvage control clerk who presented the engines to the college, and **William C. Roman**, director of Stores.

69th Street Garage

Dear Fellow Co-workers. Let me start off by saying OLD news is better than NO news, and a reminder to get in touch with any information you care to share. I took a small break in a few series of Transit News due to illness, but I'm back now...Supervisor **Edgar**

Greer, is the proud grandfather of **Brandon Williams**, born October 4, 1985, who weighed 8 lbs. 2 ozs. His daughter, **Tammie**, and son-in-law, **Winston**, are the proud parents ...Operator **Doris Atwater** is the proud grandmother to a baby girl, **Chaka Akeema Atwater** (nickname, **Cha-Cha**), born July 7, 1985,

days...**Delores West** (operator), returned from New York enjoying some vacation time at a beautiful resort. She's not saying where exactly. You can tell us Delores (smile)...Line instructor, **Gail Harrison**, enjoyed a mini-vacation for seven days at home. She said she really needed the rest

Sends thanks for condolences

Operator **Warren G. Wood** who retired from Forest Glen in 1975 after 32 years of service, lost his beloved wife **Jacqueline** of some 50 years, and sends the following message to his CTA friends who remembered he and his family during their bereavement:

Thank you all so much for your love, cards and donations for Jackie. She touched so many people in her life which seems so short to me as I have only known her for 50 years.

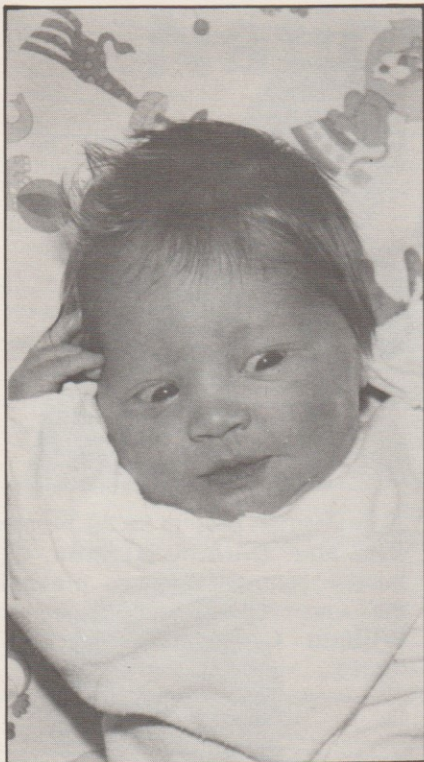
I do pray that we who are left can do the same by our telling and showing others how much Jesus Christ loves us. Thanks again.

From our family to yours
Bud Wood



and weighed 8 lbs. 5 ozs...Best wishes to **Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Collins** out of North Park on the birth of a beautiful baby boy, **Mathew Gary Collins**. Jimmy is a former driver out of 69th and a good friend--we wish him nothing but the best...Supervisor **Gerald Mallory**, back from Berkley and Oakland, California, visiting his daughters.Operators **Etta Mae Jones** and **Ruby Norwood**, went to Las Vegas November 17 for four fun-filled

...Operator **Hubert Williams** is taking a week's vacation to Little Rock, Arkansas to do a little fishing and relaxing. ..Operator **Will Gillespie** and wife, **Patricia** just got back from Laure and Heidleberg, Mississippi visiting his wife's relatives. Then, they headed out to New Orleans and did a little fishing, all in two weeks ...Operator **Mary Hall**, went on a one week vacation visiting her mother in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. ..A belated Happy Birthday wish to **Rudy Roach**, head of instruction at 69th. Roach will be leaving on a mini-vacation on November 6 for Bertsall, Arkansas to do a little hunting. Roach also went to a convention in New Orleans in August for the Imperial Consul of the Masons ...Farewell and goodbye is in order for **Roy W. Goebig**, payroll master. Roy will be retiring by this edition, but we all wish him the best. Roy started with CTA in 1947, working on the street cars for three months. Goebig, who lives in Joliet, has no immediate plans for the future, but to en-



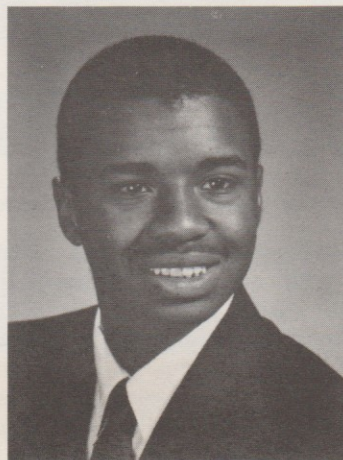
Let's all welcome **DeEvonne Antemi Rodriguez**, the new granddaughter of North Avenue bus servicer **Josifina Ramos**. DeEvonne was born October 24 weighing seven pounds, two ounces.

joy life. Sounds good to me...Good to see **George White**, janitor, even though it was for only a week's stay during vacation relief. George is about the best janitor in the system (George

King of the J's)... Operator **P. Rice** has every reason to be proud of daughter, **Deirdra Rice**, who was selected for the Act-so contest sponsored by the NAACP for Chicago high schools. Out of 300, only 52 finalists were selected. Deirdra placed third in the mathematics category. Congratulations Deirdra and keep up the good work...Welcome back to bus servicer **Rev. Dright Halcolm**, after being off for two weeks due to illness. Dright was ordained April 1. His church, Holy Trinity, is located at 6910 S. Halsted where he invites everyone out...Operator **Lynn Davis**, is back to work looking better than ever after a three week stay in Jackson Park Hospital. She's had more than her share of problems. Hang in there Lynn.

Retirees

Seen at the Annual Credit Union Dinner hosted by 69th Street were retirees **Fred Patheiger**, bus instructor, Transportation, and **Everret England**, shop clerk, Maintenance, Skokie Shops, and former Inside News reporter. Both were told to call if they have any Inside News for this column...**Bill Unwin**, retired Supervisor of Safety and Fire Protection, called this office. Bill and his wife just returned from a 16-day tour of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. They had a marvelous time. While they were on tour, a new granddaughter was welcomed into their family, making a total of six grandchildren for the Unwins. Bill is still active in Medinah's



tucky State, Florida Memorial, and the EOP department of the University of Northern Iowa.

Arab Patrol as well as traveling...Best wishes to **Roy Colcord**, electrician upon his retirement.

Ellie Head

Management Information System

John Miller, production control, vacationed in Michigan to visit a friend and then went on to upstate New York to see his brother. He says it was a great trip. He visited an Amish Colony, saw Niagara Falls, and went to the Michigan City Oktoberfest...**Jeanne Malenki**, computer production controller, and your reporter have started their winter bowling season at Rolaline Bowling Alley. As of September 20, my team was in first place! Jeanne had a 187 game that put her in second place for high game. Jeanne also came into some unexpected cash which made it possible for her to fly down to Dallas to see the Dallas vs. Chicago football game...On September 28, the fall CTA Mart Golf Tour was held at the Buffalo Grove golf course. The fearsome foursome, **Bruce Weeks**, quality assurance, **Emil Rusinak**, remote I/O control, and **Barry Howard** and **Bill Smith**, production control, represented the M.I.S. department. Well, Howard had the best score, Rusinak threw his putter the furthest, Smith had the most strokes, and Weeks put the most mileage on his golf cart. A great time was had by all...Congratulations to newlyweds **Kelly Mahay**, programmer/analyst and **Michael McGuire**. They were married on September 28, 1985 at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Chicago. Their honeymoon included a cruise along Mexico's Pacific coast on board The Tropicale. Then they toured California by car for a week. Sounds exciting...On to greener pastures. **Kathy Striupas**, systems development, and **Mark Liberman**, software support, had a farewell party held in their honor October 25 for friends to wish them luck in their new jobs...Your reporter is bursting with pride. My daughter, **Beth Ann**, was voted by her class to be the sophomore attendant at the Clark high school Homecoming game in October. Too bad the weather wasn't more cooperative. It rained the hardest when the Queen's Court was to be introduced on the football field.

Michael Christian, 17, son of operator **Stephan Christian, Sr.**, 77th Street garage, was one of 10 Chicago high school students who received special recognition on December 7 for outstanding academic performance.

The Hales Franciscan high school senior was honored in a scholarship cotillion at the Bismark Hotel with a monetary award as scholarship to a Black college or other university offering special financial programs for minority students.

The program was sponsored by Accounters Community Center. Participating institutions included Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; Ken-

Many of the kids caught a cold because they definitely were not dressed for the occasion with suits and fancy long dresses. Maybe homecoming ceremonies should be held during baseball season...A 'Star' anniversary was celebrated by **Bill Smith**, production control, and his wife, **Arlene**, on September 27. They have been married 27 years. What a milestone. They had a pleasant evening going to dinner and seeing a stage play at "In The Round"...Our condolences to the family of **Bernard Towns**, systems development, who passed away in Ju-

ly. He had been on medical disability since 1983...**Larry Simpson**, project analyst, is serving as secretary for the Chicago Chapter of the Association for System Management during 1985-86. The association is a 9,000-member international society of systems information resource management professionals. The Chicago Chapter has 60 members who meet monthly for programs related to the systems profession. Congratulations, Larry...I would love to hear news about you!

Patricia Glines

Pioneers hold Christmas Party



The CTA Pioneers Retirement Club marked its 10th anniversary Dec. 10 with its annual Christmas party in the Golden Flame restaurant, Higgins and Nagle avenues. More than 300 persons attended.

Officers for 1986 are **Frank Koziol**, President; **Mel Horning**, 1st Vice President; **George Nash**, 2nd Vice President; **Walter Steinbeiss**, Secretary, and **Warren Scholl**, Treasurer. Club membership now numbers 650.

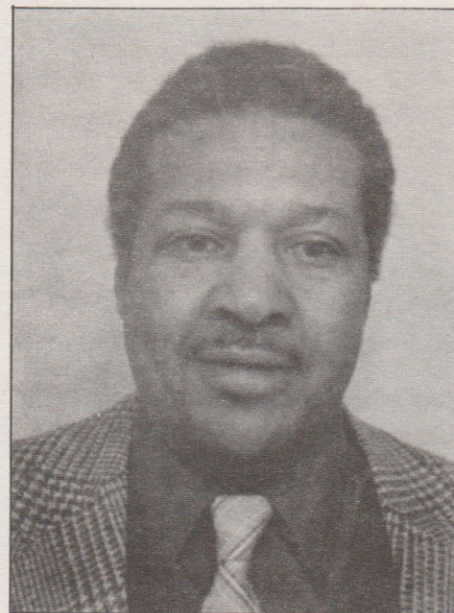
"In 1975, seven retirees decided to start the club," said **Maynard (Pinky)**

Moran, "and we are all still around to enjoy it." Moran has previously served as club president for several terms.

The club holds a luncheon meeting the second Tuesday of each month in the Golden Flame. Four of its 1986 meetings will be Special Days with spouses invited to attend. They are the Valentine Party on February 11; Mother's Day Party on May 13; Back to School Party on September 9; and a Christmas Party on December 9.

In addition, the club will hold a free picnic in July with time and date to be announced later.

Someone to know

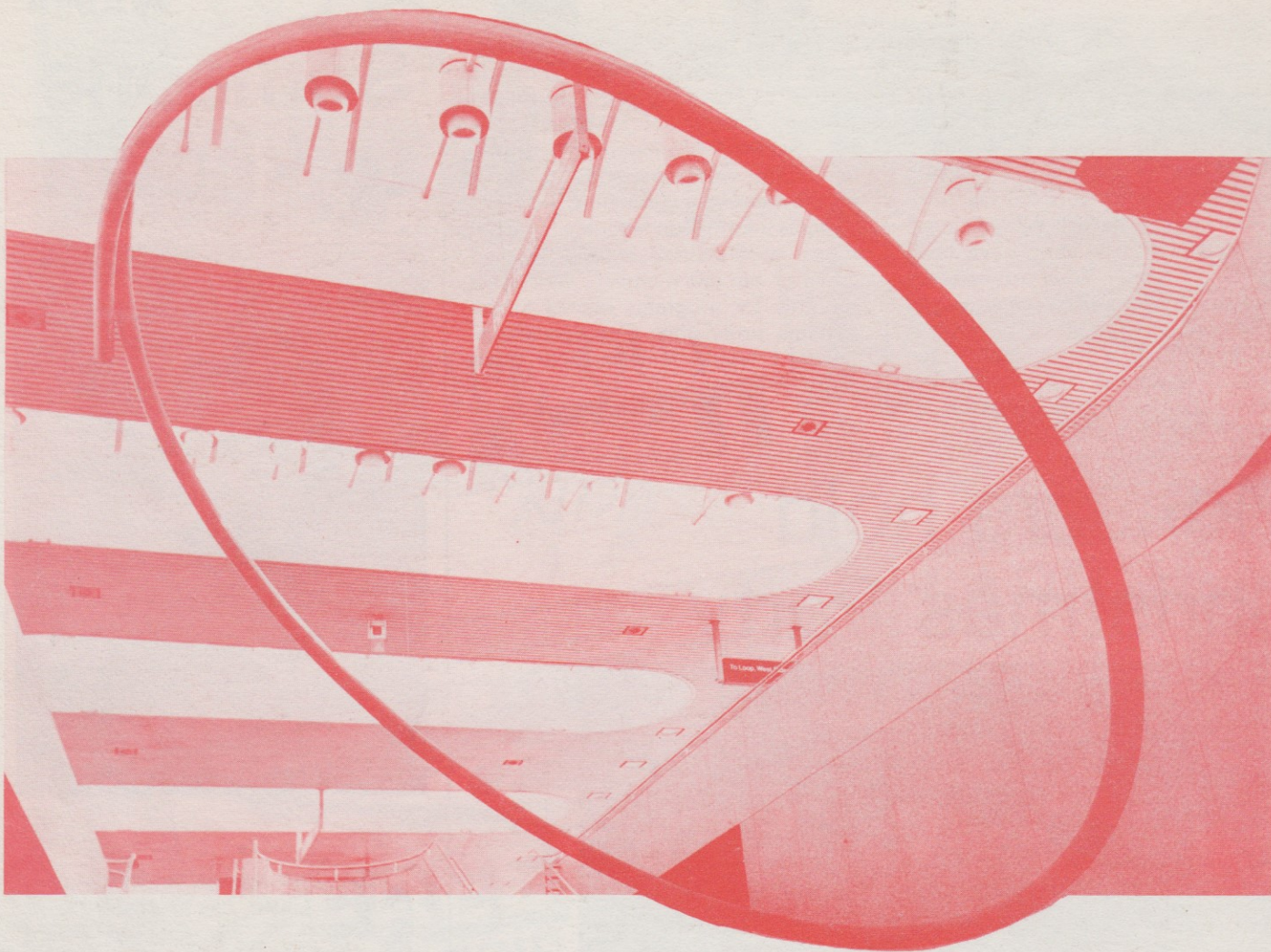


CTA bus service superintendent **Elvin J. Carey** has received special recognition in the Chicago Police Department's District Four Beat Representative Newsletter as "Someone to Know."

We quote the article which appeared in the newsletter's October issue: "This gentleman is involved in community activities with the District 4 Beat Representative program, District 4 Steering Committee, South Avalon Improvement Association, NAACP, and American Legion.

"He is the father of six grown children, grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of one. Our "Someone" is a District superintendent II with the Chicago Transit Authority with 30 years service in their employment.

"In one year he has been a volunteer beat rep, our "Someone" has recruited 15 accepted beat rep volunteers and 104 neighborhood watch participants. He is aggressively recruiting more volunteers to publicize and propagate the beat rep program and the services it provides. Our "Someone to Know" is **Elvin J. Carey**."



This enormous wooden ring hangs suspended at a 45-degree angle in the two-story atrium of the River Road

rapid transit station along the Kennedy Expressway. The ring which was sculptured by Martin Puryear, is visible from ground level, the escalators, platform and the expressway.

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