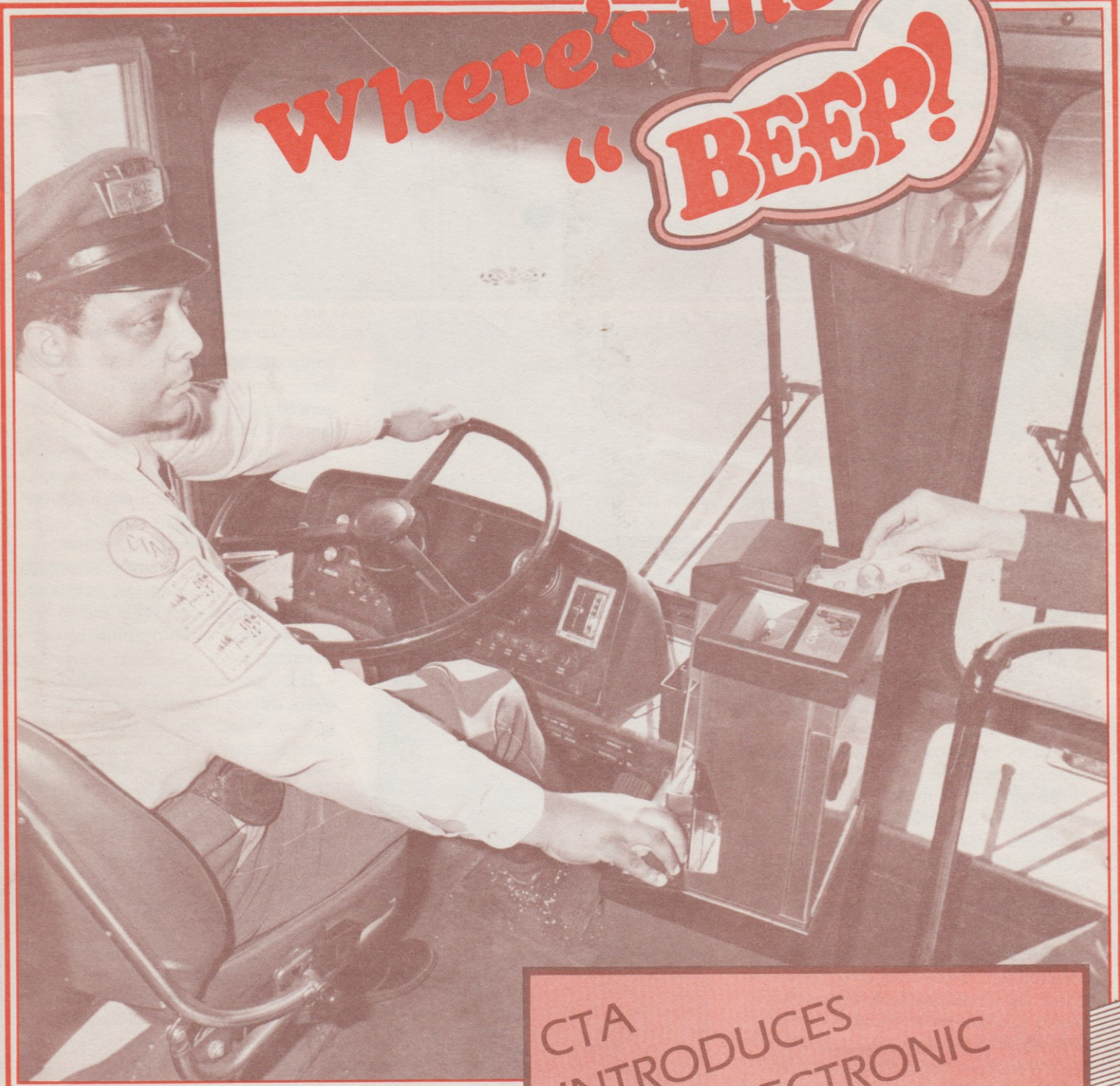


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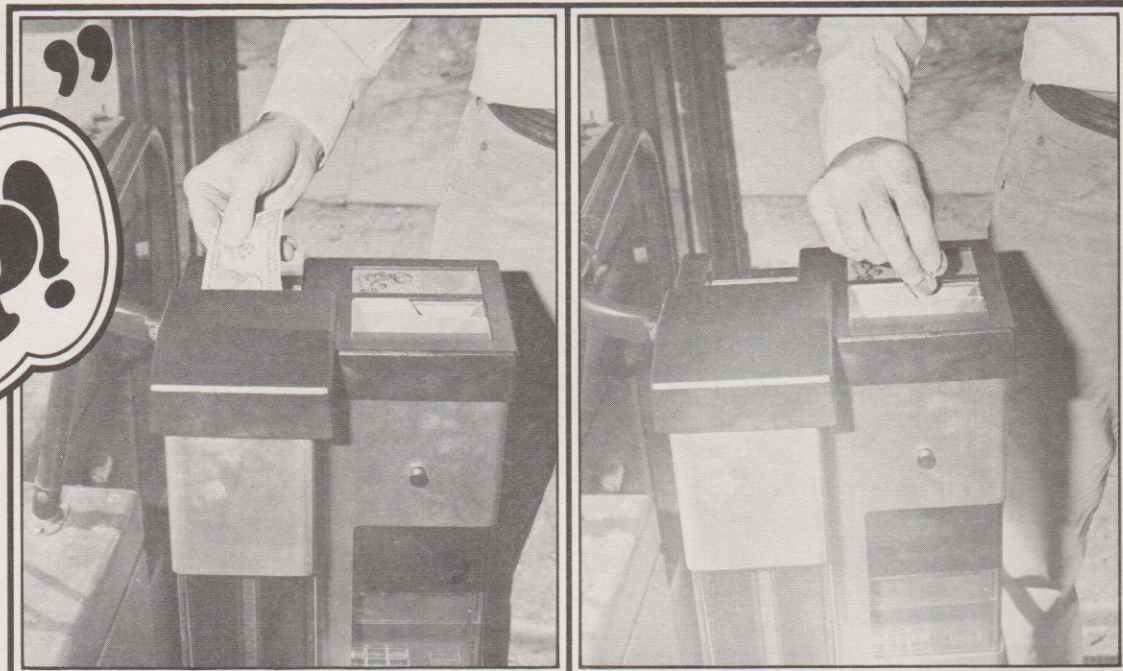
Line Instructor William Spencer operates the first bus with an electronic farebox installed for testing.

CTA  
INTRODUCES  
NEW ELECTRONIC  
FAREBOX

(story on page 2)



# Here's the "BEEP!"



Dollar bills are inserted on the rider's right (operator's left) and coins are inserted on the rider's left (operator's right). Bills and coins remain separated throughout the entire fare collection and money counting process.

**W**hen does a "beep" mean "thank you?" Answer: when the correct fare is recorded by CTA's new electronic farebox. And this should be music to our ears, since our new farebox will help both our passengers and our operators. The most obvious and helpful feature is that the new farebox will accept DOLLAR BILLS. It will also accept coins and keep them separated during the entire revenue handling process.

Although the new farebox still requires the exact fare to be deposited, it provides an easy and convenient means for passengers to pay their fares, and makes it easier for operators to collect the correct fares. Operators will see a digital read-out of the amount of money deposited and will see the dollar bill and coins displayed in an easy-to-check position. Passengers and operators will hear a "beep" to indicate that the correct fare has been paid and to signify a "thank you."

All money is registered and counted within the farebox's electronic computing system. This helps CTA's accounting and auditing process. And, since dollar bills are kept separated from coins throughout the entire revenue process, we save time

and money during the central counting function.

Additional benefits for CTA and its riders are derived from the data collection capabilities which give us limited breakdowns of ridership and allow for the electronic transfer of all farebox-related data to a central




A specially-selected team of dedicated CTA employees cooperated under the direction of project manager Dale Mangelsdorff (above) to develop CTA's electronic farebox program. All were experts on the subject of fare collection and fareboxes, and some had been the most severe critics of earlier versions of the dollar bill accepting farebox.

computer system. The end result is a more convenient means for passengers to ride CTA and an easier system for our operators.

A campaign to introduce the registering farebox began during March, when Community Relations staff members began mailing "Where's the Beep?" electronic farebox flyers to community groups in the Beverly Garage service area. Staff members also have made presentations at community meetings.

Bus operators began passing out flyers during the week of March 21, and on March 25, all Beverly buses were equipped with the new fareboxes and displayed "Here's the Beep" window cards.

The window cards and the flyers give the public easy-to-follow hints on how to use the new farebox and explain how the new farebox benefits the public and allows CTA to provide improved service.

After the 60-day Beverly test, the farebox will be evaluated, and if it performs as well as it did during the earlier test, the farebox system will be installed system-wide on a garage-by-garage basis until the process is completed in the spring of 1986. 

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CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli presents a Certificate of Merit from the City of Berwyn and a CTA Special Recognition Certificate to bus operator Egnechles Brown. Cardilli commented, "CTA really appreciates the heroic act that Mr. Brown performed. It represents what CTA employees are all about — helping people and serving people."

## All in a day's work for Egnechles Brown

At 5:15 a.m. on January 9, Egnechles Brown, a 17-year veteran CTA bus operator from Kedzie garage, was making his first eastbound run from North Riverside shopping center on the #25 West Cermak bus route. As he approached a burning building at 6845-47 W. Cermak, in Berwyn, Brown parked his bus and reported the fire by radio to the Control Center.

The business on the first floor of the building was closed at that early hour, but Brown feared that the occupants of the second floor apartments were in grave danger.

When Brown and one of his passengers had received no response after knocking on the street-level entrance to the apartments, they kicked

the door down and ran upstairs to alert the residents. One of the two apartments was vacant, but, as the fire raged across the hall, they told an elderly gentleman in the other apartment to leave the building. The man's wife was immobilized by a cast on her leg, so Brown and his passenger carried the woman to safety. As the fire spread, Brown realized that their quick action saved the lives of the elderly couple.

Commenting on concern for his own safety, Brown said: "I didn't even think about it. There was no time. Something needed to be done, and I did it. After the people were safe and the fire department and police were there, I just continued on my run."

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## From the Chairman

### Successful program gains support

One of the most successful and worthwhile CTA public service advertising programs has been the search for missing children. During the first two months of the program, photographs of eight missing children were displayed in our buses and trains, and three of the children have been located. The Chicago Police reported that the return of the third missing child was a direct result of our advertising program. Citizens who reported the child's general whereabouts to the police had first seen the child's photograph on CTA car card advertising.

This documented success of the program has yielded another important benefit. **The J. C. Penney Company** has generously offered to pay for the third and fourth printings of Lost Children Car Cards. We applaud J. C. Penney for coming forward and demonstrating concern for the needs of the public. Because we appreciate any and all assistance offered by the commercial sector, we have also begun working with the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, and we hope to gain additional support from their other member organizations.

As CTA employees, you can help through on-the-job vigilance. Study the photographs of the lost children displayed on our vehicles and elsewhere, and observe the children who ride our vehicles. Runaways and lost children often turn to transit as a low-cost means of transportation.

The early success and growth of support for the Lost Children Car Card Program demonstrates that government, business, and individuals can work together to solve serious problems affecting our society.

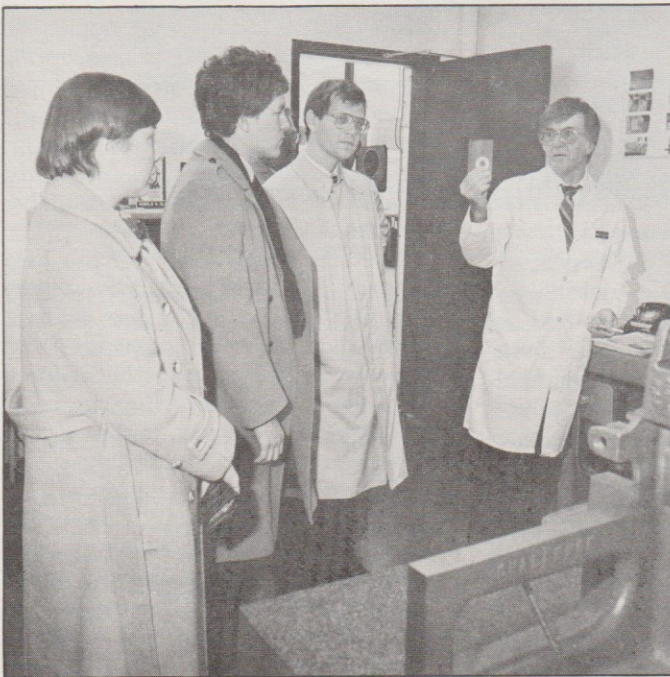
*Michael Cardilli*



## Materials Management hosts 60 AMMS guests



James Whittle (left), supervisor, Stores West, guides a group of AMMS visitors through the racking area of Skokie Warehouse, CTA's newest warehousing facility, where materials are stored in wire baskets or on wooden pallets as high as 26 feet above the floor level.



Ron Glaser (right), superintendent, Quality Assurance, illustrates the importance of metallurgically inspecting a washer used under the head of a traction motor to visitors in the metrology lab at Skokie's Storeroom 42.

Sixty members of the American Materials Management Society (AMMS) toured CTA's Skokie complex on January 15. The tour was hosted by Bill Roman, director, Stores, and Mike Yedinak, material handling specialist. Yedinak and Chuck Ripke, special projects analyst who coordinated the tour, are AMMS members.

The AMMS is a professional society dedicated to providing for the exchange of ideas and information relating to materials management, material handling, storage, production and inventory control. The society arranges about a dozen visits a year to materials facilities, mainly in the metropolitan Chicago area.

The CTA tour began at the Morton House restaurant in Morton Grove, where participants representing over 30 industries watched CTA's multimedia historic presentation, "Once Upon a Timetable." They also were given a slide tour of the Materials Management Department, covering its organization, responsibilities, relationship to other departments, and a brief overview of all Stores facilities.

Then it was a short ride on a new Flyer bus to the Skokie complex, where the visitors were divided into six groups to make it easier to move about and ask questions. A warehouse supervisor and a shop supervisor accompanied each group to explain the functions and





Jim Zazula, (second from left), supervisor, Skokie Warehouse, shows AMMS visitors through Skokie Shops. In the foreground, electrical motor parts on a cart in the repair area await installation of new component parts.

operations of the areas visited.

Of particular interest was Storeroom 42, CTA's newest warehouse facility. Opened in 1980, it has a 26-foot-high clear storage area with narrow-aisle, wire-guided material handling equipment that permits the storage of all 19,630 different rapid transit train parts under one roof. From here the parts are distributed to all rail terminals as well as Skokie Shop.

After the 2-hour tour, participants boarded the bus and returned to Morton House for a technical session. There Frank Venezia, director, Rail Maintenance, Bill Roman and Mike Yedinak answered questions about CTA's maintenance and supply operations.

The CTA tour was different from those previously experienced by AMMS members because every CTA activity is aimed at providing a service, rather than simply making available a supply of goods.

Both AMMS participants and their CTA hosts felt the tour was helpful in detailing the materials handling operations of a major service-oriented organization. Among the comments heard from visitors were: "... a very interesting and informative tour". "... changed my perspective of the CTA". ... and "All your riders should know what it takes to provide service."

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## Motorman's son elected Boy Scout governor



Eagle Scout Eric Jones, 18, pauses with Governor James R. Thompson in the governor's Springfield office. Scouts elected the youth Boy Scout Governor for the 25th anniversary of Eagle Scout Citizenship Day, which coincided with the observance of Black History Month and Boy Scout Week.

Thirty-two Illinois Eagle scouts, selected for their extraordinary troop leadership, assembled in Springfield February 5 to participate in the 25th Eagle Scout Citizenship Day.

Elected by the scouts as Boy Scout Governor for the three-day activity was 18-year-old Eric Jones, the son of rapid transit motorman Allen Jones. The youth is a graphic design student at the Chicago Art Institute, and a 1984 alumnus of Percy Julian High School.

Legislators noted that Jones is the first minority in the history of Eagle Scout Citizenship Day to be elected its governor.

The annual activity coincided with the observance of Black History Month as well as the 75th anniversary of Boy Scouts of America. BSA was founded by newspaper publisher W. D. Boyce, and chartered in New York on February 2, 1910.

Jones won the governor's seat, the only elected post for Eagle Scout Citizenship Day, following a campaign where he was pitted against five other scouts. Those vying for the position were required to write speeches, which they delivered before their peers for consideration.

Jones, one of three scouts representing the Chicago area, was elected Boy Scout Governor in a final runoff against three other scouts. Other Eagle Scout Citizenship Day government officers were appointed.

Reflecting on his experience, Jones said, "Eagle Scout Citizenship Day enabled me to get a better understanding of what government is really all about. It's amazing how it can be very interesting, and at the same time boring."

In addition to being at Governor Thompson's side throughout the experience, Jones, along with other scouts, was a special gallery guest as the governor delivered his "State of the State" address.

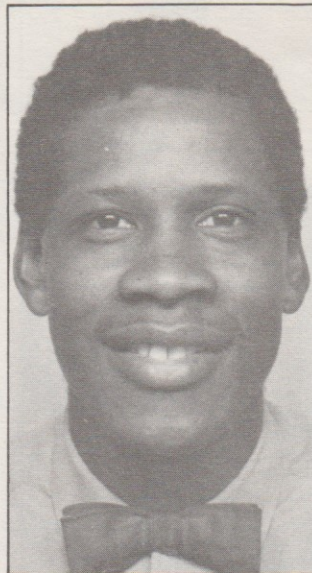
Besides special certificates and other mementoes he received to commemorate the day he was elected Boy Scout Governor, Eric Jones returned to Chicago when the day ended in a style befitting a chief executive of state — aboard the governor's private jet.

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## Commendation Corner

**James Rivers** (Limits garage) was called "one of your best drivers" by Maxine Bernard, of Marine Drive, who often rides his No. 156 LaSalle bus. "I have never encountered a more pleasant and agreeable driver. He always has a nice word for his passengers, along with a smile. Most of the passengers know him by name, and he knows theirs! I worked as a flight attendant for a number of years, so I realize what it takes to deal with the public. People are sometimes overbearing, to say the least. But he never loses his temper, is never cross, upset or rude to anyone. He is always a perfect gentleman, doing his best to serve his passengers."



**Lee Lampley** (77th Street garage) was complimented by Sonya Guttman, of South Hyde Park Boulevard, for his courtesy on a No. 6 Jeffery Express bus. "If riding the CTA can ever be considered pleasant, a trip on his bus comes close. He is a safe, careful, considerate and expert driver. He actually drives as though his passengers are people, and not a load of moldy potatoes he can't wait to dump. He is unfailingly good-humored, polite and cheerful. It is a pleasure to board his bus and have him actually smile and say, 'Good morning.' If awards are given for consistently good and pleasant service, he should win them every month."

**Adolph Marth** (Forest Glen garage) was thanked by Carl Rothbauer, of North Paulina Street, for his thoughtfulness as operator of a No. 81 Lawrence bus. "Last night this man held his bus for me while I ran with two shopping bags on icy sidewalks until I got inside. This alone is exceptional. I might have just heartily thanked him, as I did, but I noticed he greeted each passenger with a 'Good evening,' and cautioned people alighting to 'Watch out for the ice.' I know you get enough negative letters, as I am a retired postal service employee. I hope that this excellent person is given an award of some kind."

**Sylvester Neal Jr.** (77th Street garage) was commended for "taking the extra time to do his job well" on a No. 6 Jeffery Express bus by Steven Lestition, of East Hyde Park Boulevard. "It was a bitterly cold night, and for some reason the southbound bus was already filled by the time it reached Randolph. I and other commuters were most grateful that the driver encouraged the other passengers to move to the rear and make every inch of space available for new passengers. The driver took the whole situation with the best of humor. He drove with care and skill, and got us to our destinations safely and expediently."

**Bobby Brown** (North Park garage) won the respect of Mary O'Tousa, of Belden Avenue, for his help as operator of a No. 151 Sheridan bus. "My wallet was stolen from my purse. Upon discovering this, I spoke up and requested its return. Mr. Brown immediately stopped the bus and phoned in for a squad car. The wallet was then dropped on the floor and recovered. I firmly believe that without Mr. Brown's prompt intervention, the wallet would not have been dropped. This is the first time I have been a crime victim. While I regret the incident, I feel fortunate that Mr. Brown was the driver when it occurred."

**James Kolstad** (Beverly garage) was appreciated by Charles Gronski, of West 60th Street, for the way he handled his No. 52A South Kedzie bus. "He had a kind word of greeting for most of his boarding passengers, especially senior citizens. As he approached each stop, he clearly announced the street, even if no passengers were getting on or off. This driver answered questions posed by passengers who were confused about the change on the Kedzie run during rush hours, now that buses go all the way to Archer. His driving skill matched his courtesy. A training film with him in action would be helpful to other CTA drivers."

**William Ward** (Limits garage) was praised by Vera Anderson, of North Newland Avenue. "I was riding a No. 145 (Wilson/Michigan) bus, sitting on the long seat in front. It was a cold day, and the window behind my back was flapping slightly, letting in chilly breezes. I felt cold, so I changed to the next seat. To my surprise, the driver stopped the bus at the next stop sign, jumped out, adjusted the window to shut tight, and jumped back into the bus, all in a matter of seconds. I was amazed, since I didn't ask him to do it. I noticed he was courteous, not only to me, but to everyone else on that bus. That ride was a pleasure."

**Chester Robertson** (Archer garage) is considered "a dedicated employee" by Janette Gay, who rides his No. 99 Stevenson Express bus regularly to her job at the Chicago Sun-Times. "I take the 8 a.m. bus from Archer and Harlem to State and Kinzie. I have used your service for many years, but getting to work since riding this bus has been a delight. I've never before seen such a pleasant, polite and considerate driver. He says 'Good morning' with a smile, waits that extra second on passengers running to catch the bus, gets his passengers downtown by 9 a.m., and always says 'Have a good day.'"



## Kudos for CTA lost and found

A rider who left her briefcase on a No. 125 Water Tower Express bus received prompt, courteous assistance from CTA telephone operator Marilyn Borg, bus operator Ronald Brown who turned in the briefcase, and clerk Ira Brown who notified her of the recovery. The following is the rider's note of appreciation.

Just a quick note to thank the really nice, helpful CTA people who helped me retrieve my briefcase last night.

To tell the truth, after I got off the 125 bus and realized I'd left my briefcase, I was totally depressed. I didn't think I'd ever get it back — or at least I would have to spend hours getting through the giant CTA bureaucracy.

***"Please give my thanks  
and warm wishes to  
the two people who  
helped me . . ."***

What a pleasant surprise and a delight to be proved wrong.

Please give my thanks and warm wishes to the two people who helped me: The woman who answered your 24-hour lost and found number and stayed with me until she connected me with the right garage — the one where my bus had gone. She was very pleasant and sympathetic. Also thank the man at the garage who found my briefcase and had been trying to reach me before I got home.

I made a quick trip to the Clark street garage to pick it up from him. Within an hour and a half after I lost it, I had my briefcase back.

I think your 24-hour lost and found service is an excellent public service idea. I certainly appreciated it last night.

Sincerely,

Nancy S. Bishop

## THANKS for a job well done

*Employees who have received  
commendations from the public.*

**Rosa Alfaro**, Forest Glen  
**Lee Aschoff**, North Park

**Margaret Bernasko**, 77th Street  
**Deidre Berry**, Jefferson Park  
**William Bibbs**, 77th Street  
**Thomas Bonner**, North Park  
**George Bowen Jr.**, North Avenue  
**Alfred Bowman**, Limits  
**Cornell Brown**, 77th Street  
**Mosea Buchanan**, 77th Street  
**James Bush**, 69th Street  
**Robert Byrd**, North Park

**Jean Cage**, North Park  
**Eugene Caldwell**, North Park  
**Sergio Candelaria**, Limits  
**Lawrence Carter**, 77th Street  
**Charles Clayton**, 77th Street  
**Patricia Cobb**, North Park  
**Dewitt Coleman**, Archer  
**George Collins**, Forest Glen  
**Nilda Colorado**, North Park  
**Arthur Colyette**, District A  
**Roosevelt Conklin**, Archer  
**Robert Cook**, North Park  
**Marvin Covington**, Limits  
**Daniel Cox**, Howard/Kimball

**Earmon Davis**, Limits  
**Thomas Davis**, Special Services  
**Arthur DeLuna**, North Avenue  
**Theonia Dunn**, Archer  
**Elizabeth Duren**, North Avenue

**Jesse Ellis**, Beverly

**Nora Flynn-Mitchner**, Special Services  
**William Foster**, General Maintenance

**Joseph Gale**, Forest Glen  
**George Gavrilos**, North Park  
**Daniel Glover**, Kedzie  
**Paul Gonsiewski**, Kedzie  
**Carmelo Gonzalez**, North Park  
**Dorothy Graham**, Limits

**August Hallmann**, Forest Glen  
**Sarah Henderson**, Kedzie  
**Jerome Holmes**, North Park  
**John Hopkins**, 77th Street  
**Gerald Howard**, 69th Street

**Ladell Jackson**, North Avenue  
**Willie James**, North Park  
**Eula Jarrett**, North Park

**Cornelius Marshall**, North Park  
**Geru Martin**, Forest Park  
**Terin Martinez**, Kedzie  
**Valerie McAuley**, North Section  
**Flora McClure**, 69th Street  
**Juan Montes**, North Park  
**Michael Moore**, District B

**Dianna Owens**, Forest Glen  
**Frederick Pepke**, Limits  
**Gloria Phillips**, 69th Street  
**Nadine Polk**, Limits  
**Antonio Poulos**, Jefferson Park  
**Michael Powell**, Howard/Kimball  
**Gwendolyn Preston**, West Section  
**Herberto Pulgar**, North Avenue

**Ruben Quiles**, Jefferson Park

**Billy Ragsdale**, 77th Street  
**Jose Ramos**, Archer  
**Clyde Randolph**, 69th Street  
**Merton Reeder**, North Park  
**Franciscus Remeus**, North Park  
**Kenneth Richards**, Limits  
**Alexander Robertson**, District D  
**Toval Rolston**, Forest Park

**Rena Sammon**, Douglas/Congress  
**John Smith**, 77th Street  
**Ruth Smith**, Special Services  
**Anna Stewart**, North Avenue  
**Mitchell Szalwa**, Forest Glen

**Alfred Taylor**, Archer  
**Lee Thompson**, North Park  
**David Tucker**, North Avenue

**Hazel Walker**, Limits  
**Bonnie Walker**, Data Processing  
**Sheila Watkins**, Kedzie  
**Conrad Weil**, Forest Glen

**Wendy Whiteley**, Archer  
**James Williams**, Archer  
**Alvin Williams Sr.**, Special Services

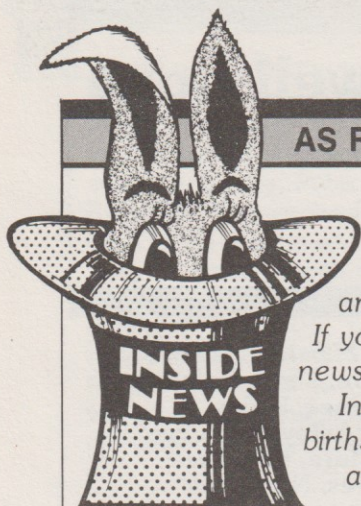
**Parmela Willis**, Archer  
**Donald Woods**, Limits  
**Gus Wright**, Beverly  
**Bartholomew Wurtzebach**, Howard/Kimball

**Jacques Yezeguielian**, North Avenue  
**Charles Young**, Jefferson Park



# THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY



**Welcome to Inside News.** This column is devoted to vignettes of special interest to you and about CTA employees. Volunteers from each work location are being sought to help make this one of the most-read features of Transit News. If you're interested in reporting the many amusing experiences and other interesting news tidbits of your coworkers, please contact our editor.

Inside News will run the gamut of outstanding accomplishments, projects, weddings, births, graduations, trips, and a variety of other items which might be of interest to you and your co-workers. The only restrictions will be available space, and good taste.

## MEET YOUR REPORTER

HELLO, FELLOW CO-WORKERS! I am your new volunteer Inside News Reporter for the Transit News at **69th Street Garage**. If you have any newsworthy items that you care to share, please look me up. Any idea or suggestion to help me keep 69th Street in the news will be appreciated.

Sincerely,  
**Operator Ellie Head,**  
**#7871**



Ellie Head

## 69th Street

March Birthdays — Happy Birthday To You! THEODAS SMITH, BESSIE HARRISON, NELSON BAILEY, ROBERT SEVIER, JAMES PERKINS, BENNIE BANKS, DAVID GORDON, CLEOPHIA PENDLETON, WILLIAM WADE Jr., ROBERT CROCKETT Jr., CLINTON LEWIS, LARRY POLK, JUDY BROWN, LEWIS BURTON Jr., HAROLD CLEMONS, LAWRENCE RILEY, VIOLA WATKINS, DOROTHY BROOKINS, RONALD WHEATLEY, EDWARD WILSON, CARL MATHIS, WILLIAM DRYE, LON JONES, ERNEST DeFORNEAU Jr., FLENARD PORTER, LINDA GREEN, DORIS ATWATER, JIMMIE EVANS, WILL TAYLOR, ROSETTA JONES, ALONZO CLAYBON, MARY HAYNES, LELA STEELE, FRANCES ARNOLD, WILLIE SMITH, JOSEPH BARRIOS, HARRY GREEN, JEREMIAH BALLARD, CALVIN ARMSTRONG, RICHARD MASSEY, JOHN SINGLETON Jr., JIMMIE HILL, CANNIE DAVISON, CAROL REED, GREGORY BOYD, SAMUEL CALDWELL, SYLVESTER MOORE, RUTH EWIN, MARY WARE, MARVIN YOUNG, JOSEPH BARBEE . . .

**\*SPECIAL EVENTS\*** On February 13, 1985, 69th Street hosted a candlelight memorial service for HELEN RICHARD, slain CTA driver. The ceremony was sponsored by the RICHARD FAMILY, CTA, and the Global Committee Commemorating King's Day. A plaque bearing the image of Helen Richard was presented to 69th, honoring Ms. Richard as an outstanding bus driver who died in the line of duty. The plaque will remain at 69th Street Garage. It is the first such commemoration in the history of the CTA . . . Welcome back to DANIEL SERRITELLA (formerly #9027), who just recuperated from surgery at Holy Cross Hospital. Mr. Serritella is a 69th Street retiree since January 1983 . . . Get well soon to VINCENT JOBSON, #5342, who is recuperating from back surgery in Augustana Hospital . . . ROSA WARREN, #6365, is at home recuperating after an accident February 15. Hurry back, Rosa! . . . Operator GEORGIA GUYTON, #2517, was seen walking around with a cast on her left arm. Poor Georgia! . . . L. WEATHERSBY, #4142, Team #5 captain for the ES/PP program, is glad to be back to work. Weathersby had been off since December 3 after an injury to his right hand and leg. We're happy he's back too . . . A speedy recovery goes out to OTIS SCURLOCK, #4684, who has been off since January 22 with an injury to his left wrist . . . Operator ISAIAH TAYLOR, #3445, is happy to be back after two weeks off sick. He returned March 5 . . . Our condolences to Operator LINDA BELLAMY in the death of her sister . . . Mouth to Mouth: Who did this roving reporter spot kissing in the back of the station on February 20, 1985? . . . Which operators do I see hugging all the time? . . . Who was seen driving around on the Special Services bus on a temporary assignment? Answers in next month's issue . . . Two new bouncing arrivals for 69th Street parents: BRANDON RAMERRO WRIGHT/NORWOOD, born February 6, 1985 to TONYA R. NORWOOD and CARL WRIGHT. Little Brandon weighed in at 6 pounds 10½ ounces. RODERICK BRANDON ELSTON was born December 17, 1984 at University of Illinois



Brandon R. Wright/Norwood





Hospital. Proud dad JESSE ELSTON says he weighed in at 7 pounds 5½ ounces. Congratulations to all! . . . Welcome back to 69th Street Garage Superintendent JOSEPH STEINBACK, who's sporting a tan these days. Mr. Steinback enjoyed a three-week vacation traveling all over the Florida Gulf, staying with friends in their \$300,000-condo, and sailing every day. If you ever travel in the southern states, look for the Cracker Barrel Restaurant. That's good eating, states Mr. Steinback. My, some people get all the breaks! . . . Congratulations to VERNELL ROBERTS, #6089, on his engagement. Wedding date will be set later . . . EASTER THOUGHT: Some people have funny habits, thinking Easter is a rabbit. Happy Easter from 69th Street.



Roderick B. Elston

- Ellie Head

## North Park

Well, Inside News is back, along with those bits and pieces of news concerning some or all of us here at North Park . . . Welcome to our new Garage Superintendent, SAM SMITH, along with congratulations to newly-appointed Assistant Superintendent SY MOTEN . . . Credit Union member DUSTY WRIGHT's wife, CAROL, set a course record for running time in competition recently, and is now rated 19th in the country by *Ultra Runners* magazine . . . Birthdays: MARY WALLACE (CTA's first female operator) and son, MICKEY; MICHAEL M. FLORES, C. DIAL; BARB WILLIAMS, now at Limits; FLORINDA ORCASITAS, Archer; and MAGGIE CHITTO . . . Sick recently and now back to work is EULA JARRETT . . . VICKY NESBIT has been discharged from the hospital . . . Has Assistant Superintendent KENNY CZACHOWSKI, who recently bowled in the Peterson Classic tournament, mentioned a score yet? . . . Admit it, folks, our day janitor, ROBERT DENNIS, definitely keeps the station clean! . . . LEONARD LLOYD (Sheridan Road), our "Prince" lookalike: Do you ever get tired of those autograph requests? . . . Sure, 8 years without a miss is an accomplishment, and more so when you live about one-half mile from Wisconsin's state line, as does GENUEL ALMODOVAR. Can he make 10? . . . DORTHY M. SMITH and PEARLIE WILLIAMS, on North Park's committee, sponsored a gala Christmas affair on Saturday, December 22, 1984, at the elegant Hyatt Regency, 151 W. Wacker, in the Toronto Ballroom 'A'. Our honored guest was president of Local 241, ELCOSIE GRESHAM, and several members of his family. Hope that everyone who missed it last year attends this year!

-Michael M. Flores

## Materials Management

We are happy that the Transit News staff has again started the "Inside News" section. Employees, don't be bashful--see or call your reporters with items for the magazine. Field employees of Materials Management, don't forget, we want to hear from you too . . . The Stores Section of Materials Management recently hosted a tour of our Skokie

warehouse installation for the American Material Management Society. These "state-of-the-art" tours are an effort by the Society to keep its members informed on new warehouse and distribution facilities in existence in the Chicago metropolitan area. The group found our narrow-aisle tri-loader wire-guided system of particular interest . . . On February 19, procurement engineers BOB KNUDSEN (electrical) and BERNIE KAZLAUSKAS (chemical) hosted an engineer's coffee to celebrate National Engineers Week, February 17-23. The theme was Engineers: Turning ideas into reality. Twenty-four of the Authority's staff attended the event . . . MARY GUEDIGUIAN, daughter of procurement engineer ZAVEN and KAREN GUEDIGUIAN, welcomed baby SUSAN into this world on October 5 . . . RUTH MARIE RIPKE, referred to as "Baby Ruth", daughter of CHUCK, special projects analyst, and REYNE, was born August 30. Baby Ruth has two sisters and a brother.



"Baby Ruth" Ripke

Congratulations to our new mommies and daddies . . . We have enough cats in Materials Management to produce our own cast of characters for T. S. Eliot's Broadway play CATS: Toby and Cady (RUTHANN MILES), Casey (LORI MUHLING), Nick and Nora and Tiki (NANCY SHOLDICE), and Snook-Snook (DENISE CALHOUN). Meow! . . . BILLIE MITCHELL, buyer, and her husband, JUDSON, recently returned from a Caribbean cruise to Nassau and Freeport. Afterwards they spent four days in Orlando. Billie said she "... had a lovely time and hated to leave the 82 degree temperatures and sun." . . . CAROL GRISETO, executive secretary, is vacationing in the beautiful aloha state, Hawaii . . . DOROTHY HARMON, salvage control clerk, visited her first grandson, DARRELL II, born on December 1. His daddy, DARRELL I, is an airman with the U.S. Navy and is stationed in Hayward, California . . . ADELE MONSON, graphic information composer, Forms/Records and Procedures section, has another granddaughter. JACQUELINE RENE was born September 7. Her daddy is JIM ARNOUX, electrical worker, Skokie Shops. Congratulations... JIM MADDEN, supervisor, Disbursements and Records, Insurance department, is home recuperating from open heart surgery. Jim wishes to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their



Jacqueline Rene Arnoux

prayers and get well wishes. Hurry back, Jim . . . JOE FILEC's mother passed away after a long illness. All of us





extend our sympathy to Joe and his family. Joe works in Financial Services . . . It was good to hear from retirees MARY CLARKE (supervisor, Statistical Section, Training/Accident Prevention), MARY STOMNER (former executive secretary, Public Affairs Department), and RALPH REGNIER (former chauffeur to Chairman GEORGE L. DEMENT). All of them want to be remembered to their friends. They all agree, there's nothing better than retirement! We wish them continued good health and happiness . . . PHYLLIS SHIELDS, payroll relief clerk, was feted at a delicious luncheon at the M&M Club. Phyllis and her husband, VINCE, will be moving to sunny Florida where they will set up housekeeping. We wish them a long and happy retirement. We'll all miss you.

-Arlene Zittman

### Police Liaison

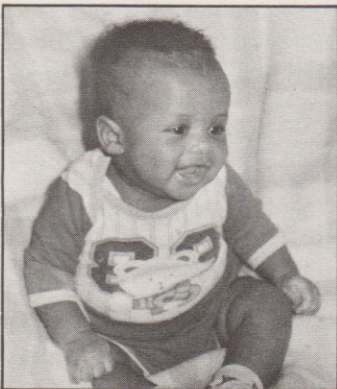
Congratulations to JOHN (Capital Development) and KATHLEEN TROTTA, proud parents of a "Valentine Baby," KATHLEEN ROSE, who weighed in at 6 pounds 4 ounces . . . Battle of the Bulge! ROBERT O'CONNOR has shed 26 pounds in 6 weeks! Congratulations!

-Carol Musto

### Internal Audit

JOE BRZEGOWY received a surprise "tax-exemption" right before Christmas, when he won a Cabbage Patch baby boy. Joe had the winning ticket in Walgreen's. At last count he had at least 50 congratulations cards on his new bundle. Joe's wife said the new addition was not going to change their life style at all . . . Bachelor of the Month will be CHET MANGALIK, who sent his wife, SAROJ (Datacenter), to India for five weeks. Anyone wishing to apply for the job of cleaning and cooking for him during this time, please call Ext. 4642 . . . Welcome back to JOE CECALA of Field Review after a long six-week leave due to illness. He looks great . . . MARCELO REYES became a proud grandfather again when his daughter gave birth to a 10 pound baby girl. We asked Marcelo to tell us something about the baby, REYNA. He said, "Well, she's a girl." Thanks, Marcello. Congratulations too.

-Joyce Petrich



Joseph Austin King

KAREN WILSON, agent controller in the Control Center, gave birth to a son, Joseph Austin King, on September 11, in St. Joseph Hospital. Joseph weighed nine pounds, four ounces at birth. His father, Gregory N. King, currently works for the New York Power Authority and will join his family this December. Joseph has a 13-year-old sister, Evelyn Kathleen.

### Mulqueeny in 'Best of Times'



Jim Mulqueeny

The singing talent of Jim Mulqueeny, a planner with Operations Planning, was evident in 15 of the 37 segments of the Oak Park Ascension Church stage production of "The Best of Times" which closed February 16.

The show offered theater goers a musical entertainment variety which included the best of popular, swing, and rock and roll including music

from the '50's era, and country gospel.

Mulqueeny is a 1979 Harvard graduate where he earned a degree in transportation economics and was active in drama. He participated in three college drama club productions and one experimental theater. The native Chicagoan also participated in "Loop Alive" 1982, and '83.

### Look alike

Rapid transit motorman Antonio G. Poulos of O'Hare terminal, a 22-year CTA employee, and grandson George Zurales, show off look-alike uniforms. The miniature motorman's outfit was made by Mrs. Poulos, the toddler's grandmother.



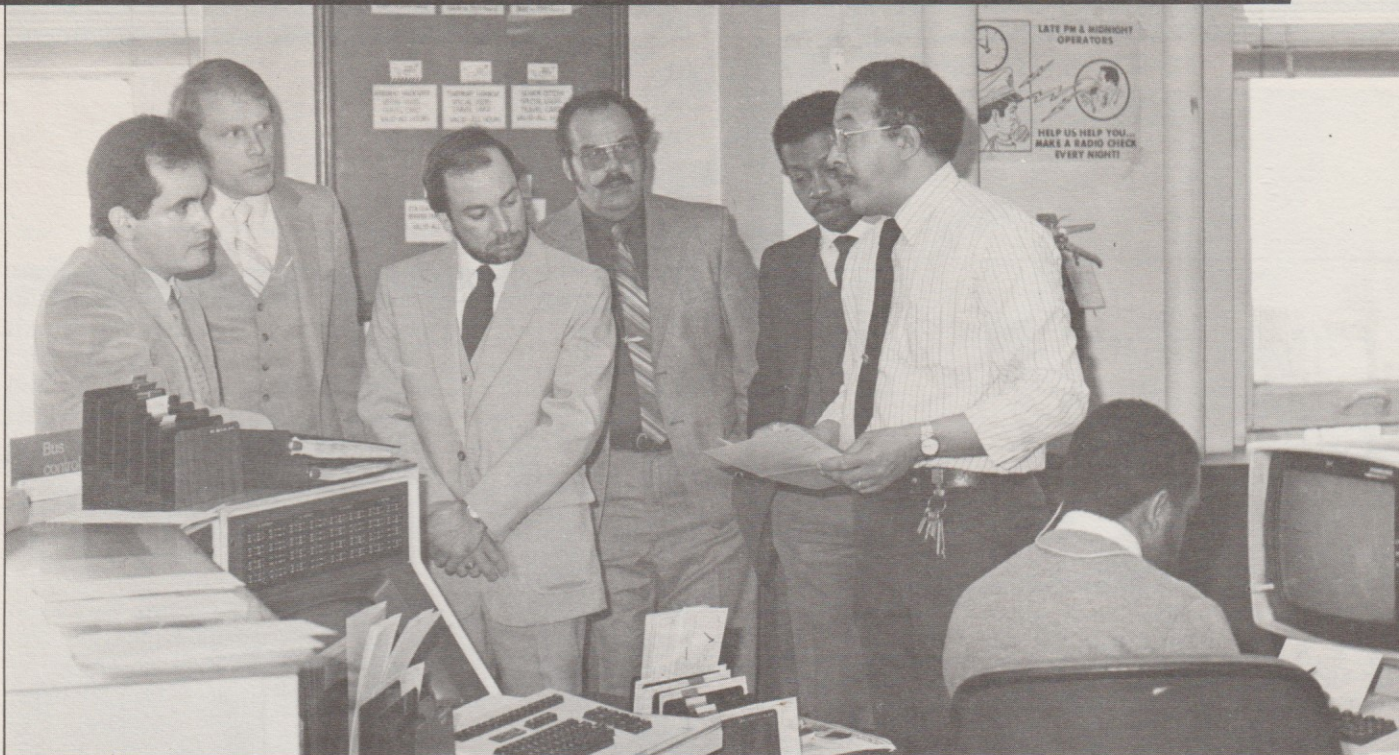
### Retirement leisure



This sextet of familiar faces from various CTA locations enjoys the benefits of CTA retirement in the Florida sun. They are (from left) Ted Peitrus, Tom Smith, Russ Shanklin, Earl Larson, Bud Rosendahl, and Joe Repplinger.



## Maintenance employees honored on 'A Day in CTA'



"A Day in CTA" honorees and host tour Control Center. Pictured are host David Perez (left), performance control analyst, Personnel Services, Engineering and Maintenance; James Van Grimbergen and Terry Howe, both Skokie Shops electricians; Gerald Pocès, South Shops warehouse worker; and Dwyer Williams, Washington garage bus servicer. They listen as bus controller Roy Cameron (in striped shirt) explains the Control Center's bus operations.

Two Skokie Shop electricians who design and construct testing devices to simulate train car operations for improving servicing quality, and two bus garage maintenance workers whose quick actions put out fires in their respective garages, were honored with "A Day in CTA."

Terry Howe and James Van Grimbergen, both Skokie Shops electrical journeymen, design and build various test devices which enable shop crews to simulate car operations. Through their efforts, they help provide highest quality rebuilt parts for use on rapid transit cars, said R. M. Schneider, manager, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance.

Dwyer Williams, Washington garage bus servicer, saw smoke and flames coming from a bus in the garage. He quickly used a bus fire extinguisher to bring the fire under control and called for assistance. His actions averted a critical situation, said Schneider.

Gerald Pocès, South Shops warehouse worker, saw a fire on the roof of the garage's degreasing room. He called to fellow employees to sum-



Four honorees receive "A Day in CTA" certificates from R. M. Schneider (seated), manager, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance. Standing are (from left) Frank Venezia, director, Rail Maintenance, Skokie Shop; honorees Pocès, Williams, Van Grimbergen, and Howe; and Terry McGuigan, director, Bus Maintenance, South Shops.

mon the Chicago Fire Department and used a nearby water hose to fight the blaze.

Chicago firefighters soon arrived on the scene and Pocès provided

assistance to them as they quelled the blaze.

The fire did only minor damage, thanks to the alertness of Pocès, Schneider said.

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## Chicago Public Library Cultural Center

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**"Dreamweaver,"** an exhibition of wearable art and small-scale sculpture is now in the West Gallery of the Chicago Public Library, 78 East Washington Street. The exhibit continues through May 13. For weekly updated listings of events, dial F-I-N-E A-R-T (346-3278).

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## Columbia College

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**Columbia College** will hold the final curtain call for its musical production of Godspell with "Dionisio" on Mothers Day, May 12, at the College theater, 62 East 11th Street. Students and senior citizens, \$2. The show begins at 7 p.m.

**Columbia College Museum of Contemporary Photography** offers selections from the Chicago Photographers Project Print Study Room for the discriminating photo enthusiast.

This exhibit of excellent selections which ends May 4 features the work of 40 Chicago area photographers.

Photography department faculty member Edward West also exhibits silver prints through May 4. No admission fees are required. Call 663-9462 for information.

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## Field Museum of Natural History

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**"The Art of Cameroon"** in Western Africa is an art of royalty and splendor... of wealth and social status... Come see the treasures of the grassfield kings and their secret societies... carved, in beaded human figures, mysterious ceremonial masks and thrones. See the royal animals, leopards and elephants in their beaded resplendence. Discover who hides behind the sacred dance masks of the Cameroon kingdoms! Special free exhibit. Grand Opening March 9, 1985! 2nd Fl. Through June 16 only.

**Especially for Children and Families** — Ever touch a shooting star or pet a mounted polar bear? Field

## Your calendar highlights are needed

After Hours will continue to feature a long-range calendar of educational and cultural events for Transit News readers.

We encourage you to share your long range plans with us and make the employee publication a one-stop shopping tour. We welcome information on your not-for-profit activities, from the theater to the museum or classroom.

Museum's "Place for Wonder" allows youngsters of all ages to do these things and more. Listen to the sounds of seashells; see imprints of fossilized prehistoric plants and animals; and touch the feathers of area birds. Volunteers are on hand to guide exploration; exhibit is braille-equipped. 1st Fl. Free with museum admission. Call 922-9410 for hours.

**Enter the "Pawnee Earth Lodge"** and travel back through time. Visitors to this 38-foot wide replica of an 1850 dwelling sit on buffalo robes, hear exciting tales of Indian lore, and handle items of Pawnee life — rattles, saddles, bows and arrows. Hours: Mon-Fri 1 p.m.; Sat 11 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 1 p.m., 1:45 p.m.; Sun Open House 1-3 p.m. 2nd Fl. Free with museum admission.

**Weekend Passport Programs** — Saturdays and Sundays throughout the year: Here's a fun way to delve into natural history — from archaic Egyptian mummies to mounted animals so life-like, it's hard to believe they're not alive! Visitors are taken inside the world of natural history at Field Museum through tours, demonstrations, slide lectures and films related to Museum exhibits and designed for families and adults. Check the entrances for exact information on each weekend's listings.

**"Plants of the World" Exhibit** — Be amazed by the exquisite detail, vibrancy of color and superb craftsmanship of the world's largest collection of plant models. Having taken over 60 years to hand-craft (now a lost art form), the models give a unique three-dimensional look at a variety of familiar and rare plants and flowers — from algae to orchids. Third Fl.



## Service anniversaries in March

### 35 Years

**Marie Coari**, Payroll Accounting  
**Alfred Haas**, South Shops  
**Arthur Joe**, Schedules  
**Charles Myers**, Desplaines Maint.  
**Albert Rakestraw**, Ashland Terminal  
**Paul Shackley**, Jefferson Park  
**Margaret Walker**, Accounting

### 30 Years

**Howard Means**, Special Services  
**Calvin Pollard**, Civil Engineering  
**Billy Small**, North Park

### 25 Years

**Arthur Bennett**, Training Center  
**Terry Culkin**, South Shops  
**Peter Fallest**, South Shops  
**Delbert Martz**, Jefferson Park  
**George Matejovsky**, Elec. Engr.  
**James Person**, General Maint.  
**Mary Raftery**, North Section  
**Patrick Soden**, 54th Maint.

## March Pensioners

**SAM CATANZARO**, Rail Janitor,  
 Madison/Wabash, Emp. 5-17-71  
**VINCENT ECTER**, Collector,  
 77th Street, Emp. 2-11-54  
**GERALD FARRELL**, Bus Operator,  
 Forest Glen, Emp. 2-10-47  
**ROBERT FLOWERS**, Supt., Qual. Cont.,  
 Skokie Shop, Emp. 1-10-49  
**WILLIAM GREER**, Collector,  
 77th Street, Emp. 6-26-51  
**DOROTHY HOLLAND**, Typist I,  
 Safety Assurance, Emp. 3-25-74  
**MARIANO IMBRAGUGLIO**, Engr. Asst.,  
 Fac. Engr. & Maint., Emp. 3-24-48  
**LEWIS KAZDA**, Bus Operator,  
 Forest Glen, Emp. 8-5-49  
**ALBERT KEMNITZ**, Motorman,  
 West Section, Emp. 11-3-58  
**FRANK KOSTRZEWA Jr.**, Bus Operator,  
 Forest Glen, Emp. 2-14-55  
**JOSEPH LONGO**, Motorman,  
 Forest Park, Emp. 12-4-61  
**ORVAN LYLES**, Bus Operator,  
 Archer, Emp. 12-9-57

**JOSEPH MOTYKA**, Bus Operator,  
 Forest Glen, Emp. 1-29-46  
**EDWARD POTTER**, Bus Repairer,  
 77th Street, Emp. 3-21-57  
**WILLIAM ROBINSON**, Money Handler I,  
 Central Counting, Emp. 10-9-61  
**CURLEY RUSSELL**, Bus Operator,  
 77th Street, Emp. 8-11-55  
**HENRY SIUBA**, Meisel Pressman,  
 Equip. Engr. & Maint., Emp. 2-5-51  
**HARVEY SMITH**, Car Servicer,  
 Rosemont, Emp. 11-7-57  
**CHARLEY STOVES**, Bus Operator,  
 77th Street, Emp. 2-3-72  
**WILLIE WALTON Jr.**, Serv. Trk. Chauff.,  
 West Shops, Emp. 10-22-53  
**STEVEN ZELLNER**, Signal Foreman,  
 West Shops, Emp. 6-24-57

## Disability Retirements

**WILLIAM FISHER**, Clerk,  
 77th Street, Emp. 4-23-59  
**HARRY MURAWSKI**, Bus Repairer,  
 Equip. Engr. & Maint., Emp. 4-14-71  
**EDIL SANCHEZ**, Bus Operator,  
 North Park, Emp. 1-28-74



## A birthday celebration

*Joseph Vandenover (center, seated), a former 69th Street bus operator, and a CTA retiree for 25 years, celebrated his 90th birthday recently with his nine children. Members of the family are (seated from left) Joseph, Jr., Phoenix, Arizona, and Tom, of Perry Hall, Maryland. Standing (from left) Betty Luback, Chicago Heights; Dorothy Barron, Markham; Helen Mennis, East Hazel Crest; Margaret Diebel, Wood Dale; Robert, Oak Forest, Ceil Klevowski, Schamburg, and James, of Crete. The sons and daughters treated their father to supper, and the following day held a picnic. The family includes 33 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Mrs. Barron, with whom Vandenover lives, said her father had 34 years of service when he retired. He began his transit career with the Chicago Surface Lines and was one of the first streetcar motormen to switch to buses.*

## IN MEMORIAM

**JOHN H. AMBLER**, 89, Way & Struts.,  
 Emp. 1-1-16, Died 1-21-85  
**JOSEPH BARTA**, 88, Kedzie,  
 Emp. 10-28-19, Died 12-25-84  
**STANLEY E. BAST**, 83, West Section,  
 Emp. 9-9-21, Died 1-28-85  
**MORRIS R. BURDA**, 60, West Section,  
 Emp. 8-18-52, Died 1-9-85  
**JOSEPH R. BUTKUS**, 68, Maintenance,  
 Emp. 6-8-45, Died 1-22-85  
**ARTHUR R. CALDER**, 68, Transportation,  
 Emp. 8-19-41, Died 1-11-85  
**ARTHUR J. CLAUSSEN**, 81, North Avenue,  
 Emp. 3-10-34, Died 1-10-85  
**ANTHONY J. DIELLE**, 73, 77th Street,  
 Emp. 4-6-42, Died 1-8-85  
**ARTHUR DIXON**, 91, Electrical,  
 Emp. 4-3-24, Died 1-23-85  
**MARY G. DRISCOLL**, 81, South Section,  
 Emp. 6-24-29, Died 1-14-85

**MARY E. EVERDING**, 99, West Section,  
 Emp. 8-12-35, Died 1-30-85  
**SALVATORE J. GARRO**, 71, Claims,  
 Emp. 1-28-35, Died 1-10-85  
**GIUSEPPE GIAMPIETRO**, 80, Track,  
 Emp. 5-4-45, Died 12-18-84  
**JACK M. HILLMAN**, 80, Special Invest.,  
 Emp. 7-10-29, Died 1-1-85  
**JOHN J. HOWE**, 90, 77th Street,  
 Emp. 7-14-27, Died 1-15-85  
**HOWARD H. JOHNSON**, 67, Forest Glen,  
 Emp. 8-30-47, Died 1-29-85  
**JOSEPH KERESZTURI**, 81, South Shops,  
 Emp. 5-7-24, Died 11-5-84  
**GEORGE C. KUEHN**, 81, Transportation,  
 Emp. 12-16-26, Died 1-25-85  
**RALPH W. LINDLEY**, 77, 77th Street,  
 Emp. 1-4-36, Died 1-16-85  
**GEORGE E. LYONS**, 76, CTA Police,  
 Emp. 11-24-41, Died 1-8-85

**WILLIAM McWALTER**, 84, 61st Street,  
 Emp. 6-13-25, Died 1-27-85  
**JOSEPH E. MOORE**, 68, Lawndale,  
 Emp. 9-17-62, Died 1-24-85  
**THOMAS MURPHY**, 96, Kedzie,  
 Emp. 2-9-10, Died 1-23-85  
**BRUNO PAPSIS**, 89, South Shops,  
 Emp. 12-20-18, Died 1-17-85  
**JOSEPH L. SIWEK**, 71, South Shops,  
 Emp. 7-2-46, Died 1-22-85  
**JOHN J. STICH**, 74, North Avenue,  
 Emp. 12-5-40, Died 1-31-85  
**THOMAS E. THACKER**, 88, South Shops,  
 Emp. 2-17-36, Died 1-27-85  
**DAVID P. TOBIN**, 80, West Section,  
 Emp. 12-19-23, Died 1-13-85  
**SAM TRIFUNOV**, 83, Track,  
 Emp. 10-28-30, Died 1-22-85  
**PETER J. WEST**, 78, Electrical,  
 Emp. 3-5-26, Died 1-10-85



# RETIREMENT



## Special Services family fetes a special operator



Isaac Beal, director, Special Services, presents a plaque to Sam Thomas which reads, in part, "K-362, 10-7" (run number, out of service).

January 31, retirement eve for Sam Thomas, was not to be your ordinary "10-7" at Washington garage.

Thomas made his final run and returned to the Special Services garage shortly after noon, where he found some 50 co-workers gathered for a surprise party. The fest included all of the gourmet treats made especially to please Thomas' palate.

"We really put one over on him," said Isaac Beal, director of Special Services. He said Thomas was reduced to tears. "It was a catered affair, but so many people brought food items from home which they knew Sam liked. He really didn't know what to think about the way everybody

turned out to wish him the best for the future," said Beal.

TV newsmen, on the scene for another story, recorded footage on the farewell party, and the next day Sam's retirement send-off was on the lighter side of the WMAQ-TV evening news.

The Washington Special Services "family" presented Thomas with a commemorative plaque for his years of CTA service. Its bottom line read, "K-362, 10-7" (run number, out of service).

Not only was Sam Thomas a favorite at Washington garage, but he was well-liked by his riders. "Since his February 1 retirement, one lady who always rode with Sam told me that his

## Toronto bound



Dorothy Holland, typist I, Safety Performance Analysis, received a plaque created by Tom Boyle, manager, Safety, detailing highlights of her 11-year CTA career.

A farewell party honoring Ms. Holland's March 1 retirement was held in the Safety department office on February 26, and eighty of her friends and co-workers attended. Other gifts included a gold ring set with diamonds and onyx, a gold chain bracelet, a cash gift and a quart of Canadian Club "for medicinal purposes only."

Following her retirement she planned to move to the Toronto area in Canada. She has two daughters, a son, and four grandchildren, all living in Canada.

kindness and patience was really a life-saver to her," said Beal.

Beal recalled that when he himself joined CTA in 1959, Thomas was already working at 69th Street garage, where Isaac Beal was later to become assistant superintendent. "It was Thomas who encouraged me to get into management even though he remained a bus operator.

"I will always remember the words of encouragement which he had for me and many others. I think many of us owe Sam a lot," said Beal.

Sam Thomas and his wife plan to move to the warmer climes of Memphis, his native home.



## ■ A Family Celebration



Willie B. Scott, superintendent, Traffic Analysis, closed out 33 years of service with CTA at a retirement luncheon January 16 in the M & M Club, where he was honored by Norman Oswald, director, Schedules, and Ernest Sawyer, Deputy Executive Director, Planning and Development. Flanking Willie and his wife, Phyllis, are daughters Michelle Howard (second from left) and Cynthia Blue, and in front are grandchildren Justin and Lynette Howard. At left is Ron Wells, and on the right, Roslyn Bufford, both family friends.

## ■ Service Memento

Payroll clerk Viola Meyer accepts a memento of her 29 years of CTA service from Gerald Kurowski, payroll supervisor, Financial Services, as John Cannon (left), superintendent, Account Operations, and Bryant Jakubowski (right), unit supervisor, look on. Ms Meyer retired February 1 following an open house held in her honor in the CTA board room at the Merchandise Mart. Her plans for the future may include moving to a warmer climate.



## ■ 37-year career



Mariano (Marty) Imbraguglio, senior engineering assistant in the Building and Wiring section of the Facilities Engineering and Maintenance department, enjoys one of his retirement gifts, a plaque created by Tom Boyle, manager, Safety department, featuring highlights of his career. Patrick Murphy (left), senior design engineer, acted as emcee of the retirement party held February 28 in the M&M Club of the Merchandise Mart marking the end of Marty's 37 years with CTA. He also received a cash gift from his many friends. Marty and his wife, Kay, live in Norridge and have three daughters. The couple plan to live in the Chicago area and enjoy some traveling in the U.S. and Europe.



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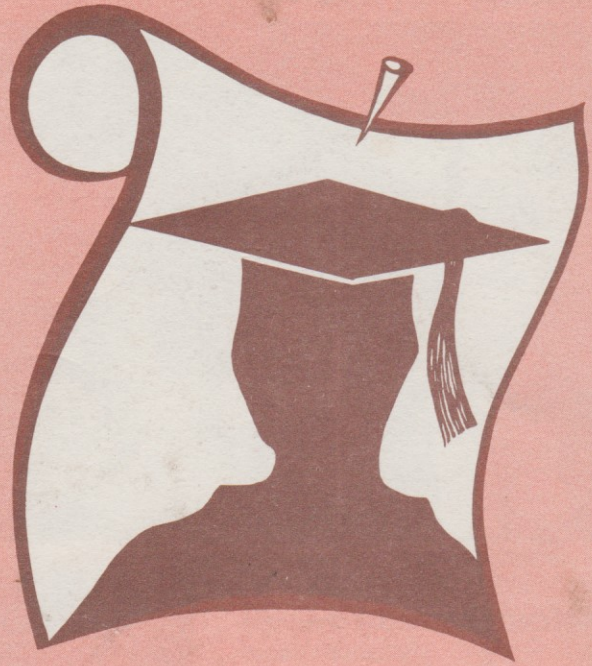
for the June issue of **TRANSIT NEWS**:

Pictures of **high school** or **college** students graduating in 1985 who are **sons** or **daughters** of CTA employees.

All pictures must be taken by a professional photographer and **MUST** be wallet size. On the back of the picture, please provide the student's full name and school as well as the employee's name and work location. Pictures cannot be returned.

Please submit pictures to: **CTA TRANSIT NEWS, Merchandise Mart, Room 734, Chicago, IL 60654.**

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