

# **cta Transit News**

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## **CTA's Millionth-air WINNER!**

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CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli greets CTA's "Millionth-air."



CTA's "Millionth-air" window card was posted inside buses, trains, and sections.

## CTA's Millionth-air

The stage was set at 3:30 p.m., May 29, at O'Hare Terminal. A large, three-dimensional sign proclaiming "WINNER — CTA's one-millionth rider from O'Hare" had been placed at the top of the escalator leading from the fare collection level to the platform level. Staff members from the Promotional Services, Communications, and Publications sections of the Public Affairs department, and news teams from Channel 5, Channel 9, and the *Chicago Sun-Times*, prepared to record the first milestone of CTA's O'Hare rapid transit service.

As the paid-fare count neared one million, Helene Greiman, promotional services representative, began counting down the last 100 fare-paying riders. Two women saw the sign, walked back, and passed through the turnstiles a second time — but the countdown continued.

At about 4:13 p.m., a man with two pieces of luggage and a large package maneuvered his way through the turnstile. He was then greeted by CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli and proclaimed CTA's one-millionth rider from O'Hare.

Somewhat weary after his flight home from a vacation in Israel, Morris Dessau, a retired clerk from the North side of Chicago, was at first confused and then surprised. Cardilli presented him with a certificate that entitled him to two free round-trip coach tickets to any city served by United Airlines in the Continental U.S. Dessau also received free accommodations for four days and three nights at any Hyatt Hotel of his choice, and a souvenir photo of a

United 747 taking off over a CTA train at the taxiway bridge. The airline tickets were furnished jointly by CTA and United Airlines, and the hotel accommodations were donated by Ronald Schultz of the Travel-Rite travel agency.

Responding to questions from the media, Dessau said that he buys a CTA monthly pass every month, rides CTA "almost every day," and that he doesn't mind placing his luggage under the train seat.

Where will Dessau fly with his free tickets?

"Thank you very much, I will decide later," he said. "I just want to get home."

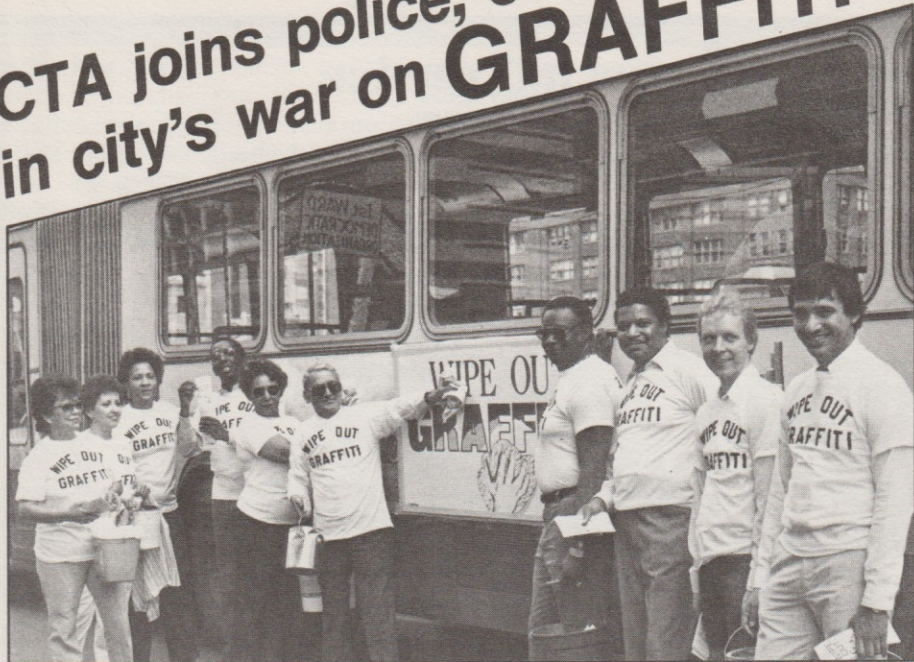
The Millionth-air campaign was the first promotional activity targeted specifically at the O'Hare service, and it highlights the success of the O'Hare line. Original ridership estimates projected that the one-millionth rider would board during July, but a 17.7 percent ridership increase since November caused ridership to reach one million on May 29. The millionth-rider campaign was promoted through news releases, and through economical window card advertising in buses, trains, and stations, and other graphics designed by Alan Grady of the Publications section.

Promotional Services Director Terry Hocin is implementing additional promotions that will help increase ridership on the O'Hare line and other CTA services. A mailing to top executives of 6,000 Chicago companies, explaining the advantages of riding the CTA for business trips to O'Hare, has just been completed, and plans are now being made for a celebration of the first anniversary of service to O'Hare this September.

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# CTA joins police, others in city's war on **GRAFFITI**



Community Affairs personnel demonstrate their zeal to "Wipe Out Graffiti" as they prepare this 'Big Bend' bus for the Chicago Police Department sponsored parade. They are (from left) Elda Leal, Ana DelRivero, Carol Kimbrough, Bertram Mims, Betty Edwards, manager; Tom Chiampas, John Weatherspoon, special assistant to the CTA chairman; Donald Brookins, Dennis Redmond, and Juan Puente.

The Chicago Transit Authority has joined the Police Department and other agencies in a war on graffiti.

The first major public agencies cleanliness salvo of 1985, initiated to create awareness and focus attention on the problem of graffiti, was fired May 14. A parade of city agencies led by the Chicago Police Department band, youth groups, and other neighborhood organizations, marched down Dearborn Street in the Loop.

Joining Mayor Harold Washington on a reviewing stand at the Richard J. Daley Civic Center Plaza were CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli, Police Superintendent Fred Rice, and other city officials and department heads.

Youth groups which included police explorers, other neighborhood scouts, and high school bands, drew the praises of Mayor Washington as the youth demonstrated concern for the need to "Wipe Out Graffiti"--CTA's parade theme--and keep Chicago clean. "We should exercise every endeavor to keep our city clean," the mayor said as he praised the youth for their participation.

On-lookers were urged to call 744-5000, the city-wide number to be used for requesting help with cleanup problems.

CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli said placards and flyers distributed by

CTA's Community Affairs department were especially designed to keep employees and the community aware of the graffiti problem.

Police Superintendent Fred Rice said that efforts to increase awareness among community groups and city agencies of the growing graffiti problem will go a long way toward reaching the goals of the joint city-wide effort to combat this problem.

Tom Wolgemuth, manager, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance, said, "On Monday and Tuesday of this week, CTA paid its janitors and painters some \$1,500 for approximately 80 man hours of labor to clean up graffiti in only one CTA facility, the Grand and Milwaukee Avenue subway station."

During the parade, personnel of the CTA Community Affairs department and other employees donned T-shirts emblazoned with the CTA slogan, "Wipe Out Graffiti." The shirts were purchased by individuals of the Community Affairs staff.

"Wipe Out Graffiti" was the joint effort of the Community Affairs department and the Publications section of the Public Affairs department. Special thanks to North Park garage personnel for their cooperation and preparation of bus No. 7100, which carried CTA's "Wipe Out Graffiti" banner in the parade.

## From the Chairman

### Selling service

The recent celebration honoring our one millionth rider boarding at O'Hare is more than a significant statistical milestone, because a 17.7 per cent ridership increase on the O'Hare line since November enabled us to reach this goal two months earlier than originally projected. This proves that the planning, engineering, and hard work that created the O'Hare Extension have been a worthwhile investment in Chicago's future. Most importantly, it demonstrates that transit service, responsive to the needs of the riding public, can grow and prosper in Chicago and other large cities.

We are, therefore, more actively promoting the specialized programs that make CTA service more attractive and easier to use. We will continue to promote O'Hare ridership; we have increased promotion of monthly pass sales through employers as well as individual monthly pass sales, and we expect to begin implementing the electronic dollar-bill-accepting farebox throughout the system after the test program at Beverly Garage has been completed. Our planners are studying alternative designs for bus doors and interior seating arrangements, which will allow quicker boarding, passenger flow, and alighting that will shorten waiting time at bus stops. We are also beginning to work with the police department, the school system, and other agencies to combat the tremendous increase in graffiti that is degrading the transit environment.

No matter how extensively we work on a management level to make transit riding a more pleasurable and worthwhile experience, we need everyone's help to sell CTA service. The most important means of promoting our service and creating good will is our day-to-day contact with the riding public. All employees must make every effort to treat the public courteously, and all operating employees must be knowledgeable about their own routes and other connecting services, and willing to patiently direct riders and answer questions about CTA service.

*Michael A. Cardilli*



## DAN appointed PERK finance deputy



**Daniel R. Perk**, a career CTA employee of 35 years service, has been appointed **Deputy Executive Director of Finance** filling the vacancy left by the retirement of Paul J. Kole. The appointment was effective April 1.

Perk is the former CTA Treasury manager. He also served for 12 years as assistant treasurer, and was director of Claims and Investigation Administration.

He is a graduate of Loyola University where he earned bachelor and masters degrees in business administration. Perk and his wife Joan, and their two sons reside in Evergreen Park.

## Promotions

### Arthur Bennett

Asst Supt., Training Center

### Ulysee Coley II

Supt. III, Transportation Personnel (North)

### Richard Jania

Supt., Budget and Manpower

### Robert Julun

Supt., III, Transportation Personnel (South)

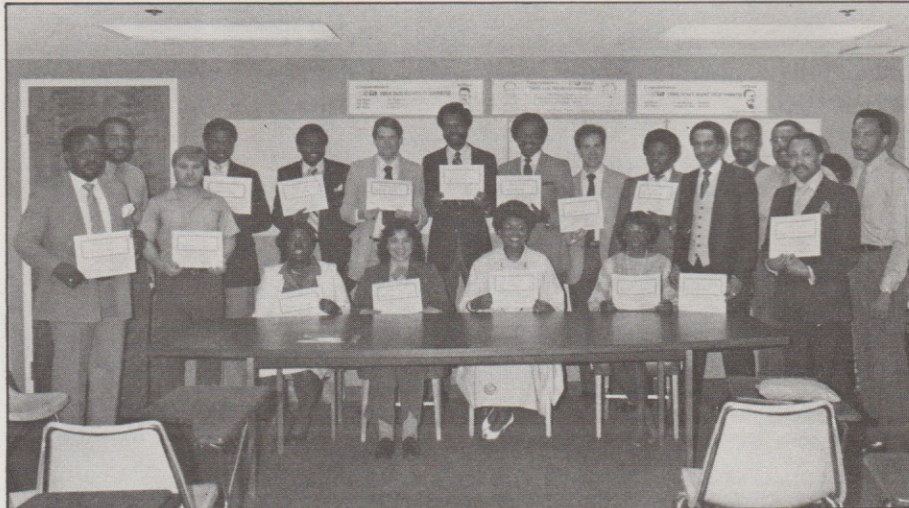
### Dennis H. Ryan

Acting Director, Routes & Systems Planning

### Samuel W. Smith Jr.

Supt., III, Transportation Personnel (Bus North)

## 17 new rail service supervisors join ranks



Seventeen new rail service supervisors show off their certificates of achievement following a graduation which was held in the Operations conference room at the Merchandise Mart on April 24. The occasion was attended by relatives and friends of the graduates.

"I'm surprised!" was all John Zupko, Jr. could say when informed that he had finished number one out of 17 rail employees graduating with the April 24 Rail Service Supervisors class.

Zupko, a conductor from Kimball terminal who also finished on the first place crew in the 1984 Third Rail Roundup, was one of three 1984 Third Rail Roundup Roundhouse 18 participants to graduate with the Rail Service Supervisors class. Others were motorman Donald Seay, Howard street, and conductor San Juana M. Montes de Oca, also of Kimball terminal.

The graduation was held in the Operations conference room at the Merchandise Mart. Spouses, other relatives and friends of the graduates were on hand for the occasion which marked the culmination of 120 hours of formal training and 56 hours of field instruction.

Elonzo Hill, manager, Training/Instruction, told the class, "This is just the beginning of your learning. Always stay current. Your job as a supervisor is to help make the trains run better—to provide a better service to the public.

"You have done an outstanding job and you are to be congratulated for your accomplishments. You are the cream of the crop," said Hill.

Michael LaVelle, director of Service, also congratulated those wives of graduates who were in attendance. "To have an understanding spouse is very important to this job," said LaVelle. "It's very difficult otherwise, because this is a seven day a week job, requiring many hours of your time away from your families."

LaVelle also told graduates the cost for putting each employee through the training which they had received is approximately \$10,000. "We want you to do your very best and we know you will because you are the cream of the crop," he said.

Other members of the class were: **Alan Carter**, **William Demitro**, and **Greffen Harrington**, O'Hare terminal; **Andrew Robinson**, **Diane Overstreet**, **Travis Newsome**, and **Linda Ray**, Howard terminal; **Clifton Satterfield**, **Ronald Heard**, and **Richard Newton**, 61st Street terminal; **Willie Taylor**, **Allen McFalls**, and **Eric Minor**, Ashland terminal, and **Michael Kennedy**, 95th Street terminal.



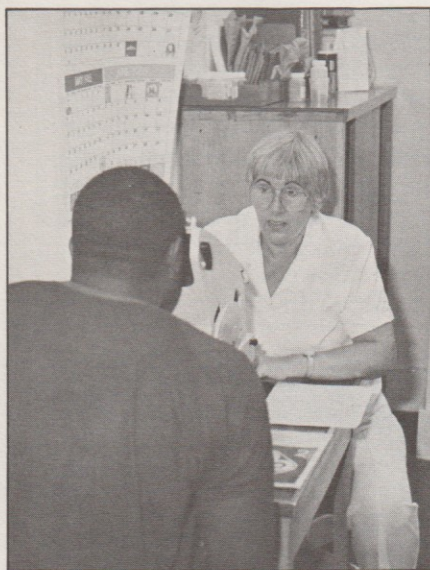
# MEDICAL SECTION seeks new approaches to health problems

CTA Medical section staff includes (from left) Dr. Tanya Jones, family practice; Dr. Joseph Hinkamp, surgical and sports medicine; Kay Smith, medical technician; Erlinda Lapid and Mary Ledwith, registered nurses; Dr. Illa Roman, general practitioner; Medical Director Dr. Prentiss Taylor, occupational medicine internist, and Dr. Irma Realisa, internist.



The CTA Medical section is currently developing new approaches to the problems of employee health.

In the past the trend for most in-



Mary Ledwith, RN, conducts a visual test for a CTA employment applicant. Ms. Ledwith also assists physicians in providing emergency treatment.

dustrial medical staffs was to focus only on the evaluation and treatment of accidents and sickness. Today, however, occupational health is seen as a branch of the field of preventive medicine which aims to prevent ill-

nesses before they have a chance to cause damage.

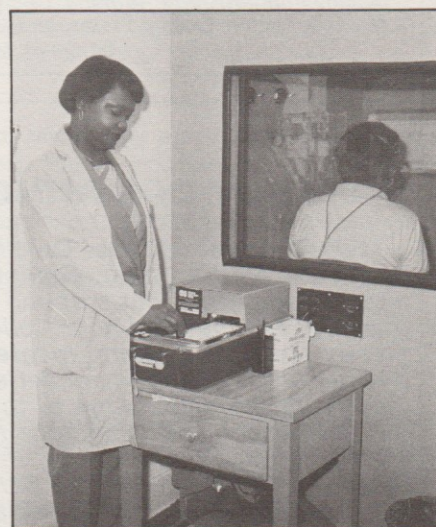
Many of the most devastating chronic illnesses are caused by lifestyle habits such as smoking, the lack of exercise, excessive eating which leads to overweight, high cholesterol-high foods, and excessive drinking. Health analysts call these "risk factors" which increase the chance of premature death or disability.

"Our medical staff is providing educational opportunities and referrals to agencies which could help our employees deal with potential health problems," said Dr. Prentiss Taylor, medical director, occupational medicine internist.

Others on the CTA medical staff are Dr. Illa Roman, general practitioner; Dr. Irma Realisa, internist; Dr. Tanya Jones, family practice, and Dr. Joseph Hinkamp, surgical and sports medicine.

CTA physicians are assisted by Registered Nurses Erlinda Lapid, and Mary Ledwith, and Medical Technician Kay Smith. Counselors Michael Stroden and Beverly Jackson of the Employee Assistance Program also work closely with the medical staff to aid employees and family members who wish help with alcohol and drug abuse, or emotional problems.

In addition, Dr. Taylor said the American Heart Association has asked the CTA Medical section as an employee health service, to join its "Heart-at-Work program" which is aimed at preventing heart disease through educational programs offered at the work site. The CTA medical director says he is currently working with local medical colleges in evaluating the "Heart-at-Work" program's potential for CTA.



An employment applicant sits in a sound-proof booth while Kay Smith, medical technician, conducts an audio test.



# SKOKIE blacksmith welders proud of shop safety record



*Blacksmith welders at Skokie Shops pause to receive a moment of recognition for the outstanding safety record the crew has sustained for nearly 18 months. Workers include (top left) Jerry Hornung, George Haenisch, superintendent; Elmer Fischer, Michael Fabian, Ceasar Flores, and Mike Healy. Others are Foreman Ken Blocker (hammer), Mark Bianchini, Rodrigo Silva, and Jung Kim.*

**B**lacksmith welding shop employees at Skokie are justifiably proud of their maintenance safety record, but they are not resting on their laurels.

Safety records indicate that the last maintenance accident in the 14-man shop was June 15, 1983 which means blacksmith welding workers have enjoyed nearly 18 months without a mishap.

In recognition of their safety accomplishments, shop employees pooled three gift certificates, each for \$25, and purchased 30 pounds of ribs, donated a variety of other food items, and treated themselves to a much deserved luncheon.

Besides the ribs, the menu included German potato salad, guacamole, pizza rolls, bread rolls, potato chips, and pop. The food was prepared by the wives of Rodrigo Silva, foreman Ken Blocker, Elmer Fischer, and Michael Fabian.

Jim Dudley, industrial safety supervisor, Engineering and Maintenance, called the pooling of the gift certificates "real teamwork." Dudley said that \$25 gift certificates are raffled when a shop has not had an accident for at least 12 months. "Although everybody could not win a certificate, everybody benefited from the certificates that were won," said Dudley.

## For rider convenience

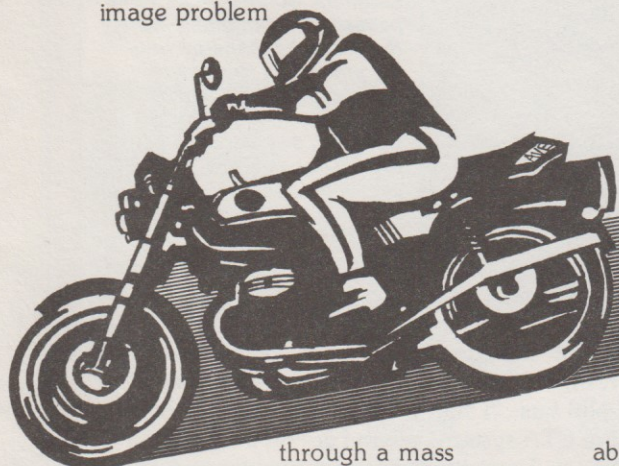
CTA Chairman Michael Cardilli and Eugene Mroz, Chairman of the Board, Gladstone-Norwood Trust and Savings Bank, cut a ribbon on May 22 officially opening the new 24-hour teller facilities of the Money Network System, located along Milwaukee Avenue on CTA property at Jefferson Park Terminal. Joining in the celebration of this new convenience for CTA riders and Gladstone-Norwood customers are (from left) Kenneth Fox, President, Gladstone-Norwood Trust and Savings Bank; Aurelia Pucinski, Commissioner, Metropolitan Sanitary District, and Rev. John Kuzinskas, Pastor, Our Lady of Victory Church.





The emergence of civilized man was the result of many factors, most notably the control and use of fire, development of simple hand tools, invention of the wheel and development of the internal combustion engine.

The internal combustion engine, the wheel and other mechanical do-dads resulted in cars, trains, buses and most importantly, the motorcycle. After the development of the motorcycle came the creation of an image problem



through a mass hysteria which was prompted by the grade B movie motorcycle gang stereotypes--unbathed, unshaven bikers drinking gallons of warm beer while terrorizing small towns in Indiana.

This image has softened somewhat in recent years. The advent of inexpensive but reliable machines has caused the motorcycling community to mushroom. Men and women, young and old, of all professions from executive to blue collar and homemaker to student, have discovered the pleasures of two-wheeled motoring. Motorcycling is a little bit different for everyone, running from the basic allure of anything forbidden, to the Zen-like peace that evolves between man, machine and the open highway.

Besides image there is another basic problem with motorcycling—when you fall off it hurts. There are many reasons for motorcycle-related injuries; the greatest, perhaps, is the lack of training.

Illinoisans are fortunate, however, to have some of the best training available anywhere, and its FREE.

The Motorcycle Rider course is available to anyone who wants to

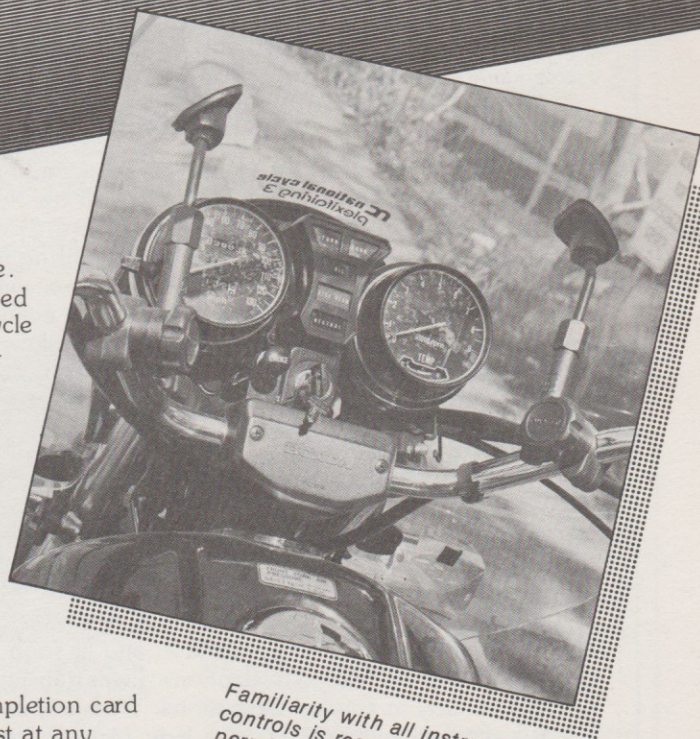
learn how to safely, skillfully, and knowledgeably ride a motorcycle. The course is offered at nine area colleges throughout the riding season. The training, which includes 12 hours of on-cycle and 8 hours of classroom instruction, is definitely not a cupcake course. Motorcycles and helmets are provided.

Students need only bring the proper protective clothing, a valid Illinois drivers license or permit, and the

“countersteering.”

In addition to the basic Motorcycle Rider course, the Experienced Rider course, a one-day refresher which allows the experienced but rusty rider a chance to tune up skills, is also offered. If you want to learn about sidecars, touring, or mo-peds, special classes on these subjects are also offered.

## Motorcycle safety course is fun and instructive by Tony Ambut



*Familiarity with all instruments and controls is required before students are permitted to mount bikes.*

ability to ride a bicycle.

Being an experienced operator of a motorcycle is not necessary. Successful completion of the Motorcycle Rider course is said to give beginners the equivalent of five years riding experience. It may also mean an insurance discount.

Students who are 16 or 17 years old will receive a completion card permitting them to test at any Secretary of State licensing facility for an 'M' classification on their drivers license (over 150cc engine displacement). The course will not provide a license examination or a motorcycle to take the license examination.

Classes are kept small to allow for individual student attention. Topics include basic controls and their operation, defensive driving, maintenance, and how to select a motorcycle. All on-cycle instruction is conducted on a secure off-street area. Everyone walks the bike at first then proceeds to brake and clutch operation, slow riding, turns, and an evasive maneuver called

An average Motorcycle Rider course class consists of 40 percent women and 60 percent men who range in age from 16 years old to senior citizen. Everyone comes to have fun, so you needn't hesitate to enroll.

Locations, schedules and enrollment information is available by writing Motorcycle Safety Program, Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Av., Chicago, IL 60625, or you may call 583-4050.



## Commendation Corner

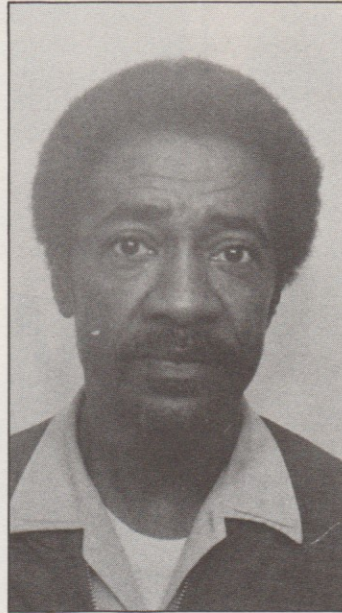
**Felicia Clower** (Limits garage) was regarded as "exceptional" by A. Reichel, of Melrose Street, who rode her No. 151 Sheridan bus. "She was the most courteous driver I've ever seen on a bus in over 26 years. She was always smiling, and answered all questions in a very pleasant manner. Three or four tourists got on and asked her for directions, which were given so well the people would have no difficulty arriving at their destinations. Her directions were so precise, the folks didn't ask any additional questions. I just had to let you know what a remarkable individual you have in driver #9419."



**Joe Horace** (77th Street garage) is "great" according to J. Merrill, of King Drive, who was a rider on his No. 4 Cottage Grove bus. "His concern is always for the safety of his passengers. He sweeps out his bus, cleans his windows. He gives directions and lends assistance when necessary. 'Watch your step' and 'Have a nice evening' are just a few of the kind words he gives that make your day. His personality, attitude and smile help to promote the motto 'Chicago — a city that cares.' I take my hat off to operator #6436."

**Josephine Anderson** (North Section) was the ticket agent at Western Avenue station on the Ravenswood route who helped Alfredo Valentin, of Eastwood Avenue, retrieve the briefcase he left at the station. "I was paying attention to the train that was coming, and I totally forgot about my briefcase. It wasn't until after the train started to move that I thought about it, and as soon as I got off at Rockwell, I ran to a telephone. I was transferred to a gentle lady in Central Operations. That lady called the Western station, and another lady (Agent #1434) went upstairs and got my briefcase. A minute later the southbound train was coming and I got on. When I got off, I looked over at the other side of the platform, and there was the lady with my briefcase. After she confirmed my identification, she gave it to me. I was the happiest man on earth."

**Jeffrey Gilbert** (North Section) was the conductor on an Englewood-Howard train that Donald Kess was riding northbound on his way home to Evanston. "I was impressed by the conductor. He called every stop clearly, gave information on connecting trains and buses (by name and number), had a clear, pleasant voice, and knew how to speak into a microphone — not too loudly and not too softly. In over 40 years of riding Chicago rapid transit, I have never seen a more pleasant and knowledgeable conductor. Congratulations to him and to the CTA."



**Earl Burress** (69th Street garage) impressed Rita Bollinger, of Stewart Avenue, with his courtesy as operator of a No. 75 74th/75th bus. "I have never failed to see him without a smile or a pleasant word expressed to everyone. He is very courteous and respectful, and remains in control at all times. Some passengers can make even the mildest-mannered people angry, but this driver always expresses sympathy with a pleasant word. He does not argue or become belligerent, yet he gets his point across and does his job. He calls out each stop, and on numerous occasions he has taken time to wait for those trying to catch his bus."

**Wayne Wardlow** (Kedzie garage) was appreciated by Juanita Miller, of South Laflin Street, who was a rider on his No. 16 Lake bus. "I had a court date and was not familiar with the CTA system. When I got off the Ashland bus at Lake Street, I was tired, hot and sweaty, and still not sure of how to get to traffic court. I asked the (Lake Street) driver for directions, and he was so courteous, informative and helpful, I almost couldn't believe it. I expected something else because I was asking too many questions, but he took his time and answered every one with a smile. He also gave me a CTA map and showed me where to go to get back home."

**Joseph Solan Jr.** (Forest Glen garage) was thanked by Cliff Worth, of Wilmette, for helping his daughter recover a purse she left late one night on a No. 92 Foster bus driven by **Falamarz Malekfar**, who turned it in. "After transferring to the Howard 'L' she realized her loss, left the train, and called us. My wife picked her up and they both drove to the Jefferson Park terminal. A grand driver named Joe called the garage and even led them there by having them follow his bus. The purse was returned to my daughter with close to \$40 in singles intact. I was elated at the 'over and above' service that your fine organization provides the citizens of Chicago and surrounding areas."

**Claude Conwell** (69th Street garage) was called "a very courteous driver" by Beverly Dyson, of South Winchester Avenue, who rode regularly on his No. 48 South Damen bus. "He would speak to the passengers in the morning, and even say, 'Good night' in the evening. On several occasions he would get out of his seat to help an elderly person, or would wait a few seconds for a person running for the bus. He is not a pushover, either, because when high school students try to smoke, he tells them to put them out and to keep the noise down. Even when people try to sneak on the bus, he says, 'Make it right,' and they do. I believe in giving credit where it's due."



## DAY in CTA applauds rail, bus honorees

## THANKS for a job well done



*"Day in CTA" honorees proudly display certificates of special recognition presented to them during a visit with Operations management. The four employees, honored for outstanding service, are (from left) Simeon Daigle, Jr., instructor, Archer garage; Hattie Sandrella, motorman, Howard terminal; Irving Ramey, towerman, O'Hare terminal, and Jackie Pritt, supervisor, North Rail district.*

Three rapid transit personnel and a bus instructor were honored with "A Day in CTA" for exceptional service.

Towerman Irving Ramey, assigned to O'Hare terminal, received special recognition for his prompt action to prevent extensive damage following a derailment, and for minimizing service delays.

Ramey witnessed the sixth car of an eight-car train on the North-South route derail at 61st street last December 5 as one of the brake calipers on the car fell off. After observing what happened, Ramey signaled the train to stop, thus preventing further damage to the tracks.

Meanwhile, motorman Hattie Sandrella experienced an unsettling event on the same route just three days later when a woman jumped to the tracks in front of her train.

Sandrella applied emergency braking and stopped her train approximately three to four feet from the woman. The Control Center was notified, police were called, and the woman was removed from the tracks.

The incident was particularly significant since only moments before the woman jumped to the tracks, motorman Sandrella was having difficulties stopping her train. She had already notified her conductor to check for a car that may possibly have cut out.

During another derailment on February 14, rail supervisor Jackie Pritt was on duty when a Skokie train left the tracks in the Howard yard and blocked northbound Evanston rail service. The incident happened shortly before 7 a.m.

Assessing the situation, Pritt went to the tower where he could view the area surrounding the derailment. From this position, and with the cooperation of the towerman, yard foreman, and switchman, Pritt was able to have trains moved promptly to provide continued service, and to minimize the delay on the Evanston route.

Bus instructor Simeon Daigle, Jr. of Archer garage was lauded with "A Day in CTA" honors for nearly 10 years of sustained superior performance on his job. Supervisors say Daigle's approach to instruction includes the prompt follow-up of accident situations and a search for ways to motivate operators.

He maintains personal contact, conducts frequent rides on target lines, and keeps abreast of current operating conditions. Daigle is credited with being the "driving force" behind North Avenue and Archer winning the Quarterly Safety Award for three quarters in 1976 and 1984, respectively.

Shahid Abdullah, 77th Street  
Rosa Alfaro, Forest Glen  
Katie Avery, North Avenue

Guido Barrera, North Park  
Alvin Bond, North Avenue  
Earl Burress, 69th Street

Jean Cage, North Park  
Eloise Carter, 77th Street  
Val Church, Forest Glen  
Gregory Cobbs, Limits  
Dorothy Coleman, Forest Park  
Robert Cossom, North Park  
Armando Cuesta, North Park

Lawrence Davis, North Park  
Leo Deckelmann Sr., Campaign Area  
Lois Dodds, Archer  
Antanas Drutys, Archer

Lincoln Eaton, Forest Glen  
Darlene Emery, North Section

George Ferguson, 69th Street  
Salvador Flores, North Avenue  
Corrie Fowler, South Rail Dist.

Tommie Garner, North Park  
Jeffrey Gilbert, Howard/Kimball  
Wallacene Good, Forest Glen  
Donald Goodar, 77th Street  
Edgar Griffin Jr., North Avenue

Judy Hall, Forest Park  
John Harper Jr., Archer  
Rachel Hatch, 77th Street  
Arthur Hawkins Jr., North Avenue  
John Herron, North Avenue  
Rosemary Hoskins, North Park

Zeke Jagst, North Park  
William James, North Park  
Cedric Johnson, Kedzie

Martin Kane, Howard/Kimball  
James Kolstad, Beverly

Paul Lane, Douglas/Congress  
LeBlanc LeDree, Limits  
Jesus Limas, North Park  
Alfonzo Lucious, 69th Street  
Walter Lynch, 69th Street

William Markowski, Forest Glen  
Geraldine Mason, Limits  
Ephriam Mauldin, 69th Street  
Flora McClure, 69th Street  
Vernon Mitchell, West Section  
Angel Mojica, North Park  
Juan Montes, North Park  
Alvin Moore, Special Services  
Ubaldo Munoz, North Park

Gloria Phillips, 69th Street  
Eugene Price, Kedzie

Jose Ramos, Archer  
J. D. Rice, 69th Street  
Kenneth Richards, Limits  
Ivan Rodez, North Park  
Robert Rogers, 69th Street  
Toval Ralston, Forest Park  
Keith Rosche, Forest Glen  
James Rubio, Archer  
Rex Runnels, Jefferson Park

Daniel Sagal, Forest Glen  
Bernabe Serrano, Forest Glen  
Elliott Smith, Limits  
Joseph Solan Jr., Forest Glen  
Betty Spivey, 69th Street  
Robert Surita, 77th Street  
Thomas Swoope, 77th Street

Pleas Talley Jr., 69th Street  
Lela Townes, 77th Street

Paul Vance Jr., Forest Glen  
Frank Vazquez, Kedzie

Ben Wallace, Kedzie  
DeLois West, 69th Street  
Willie Whisenton, Limits  
Laurence Whitney, Limits  
Iona Williams, North Park  
Claude Woods, Kedzie

Charles Young, Jefferson Park



# Public Safety Awards

## Beverly, O'Hare take Public Safety awards

Principal Public Safety Analyst Michael McCarthy (left) presents the Interstation Safety plaque to O'Hare terminal. Accepting is Assistant Superintendent Andrew Bishop.



The Interstation Safety plaque for first quarter of 1985 was presented to Beverly garage by CTA Safety Manager Tom Boyle (third from left). Accepting are (from left) Assistant Superintendent Robert Newman, and Station Superintendent Robert Julun. Area Superintendent Tom Riley was also on hand for the presentation.

The first quarter Public Safety Awards for 1985 were presented to Beverly garage, May 2, and O'Hare terminal, May 8, by representatives of the CTA Safety Department. Since Public Safety Awards were initiated in 1961, Beverly has won the coveted Interstation Safety plaque 21 times, and O'Hare terminal 17 times.

For the first quarter of 1985 Beverly had the third lowest traffic rate in the bus system. Its traffic rate of 4.53 accidents for every 100,000 miles was 18 percent better than the system rate of 5.54.

The south side garage, which experienced 46 accident-free days in the first quarter, had a passenger rate of 0.77 accidents per 100,000 miles, the best in the system, and 30 per cent better than the system rate of 1.10.

Meanwhile, it was the second consecutive Public Safety Award for O'Hare. The terminal's personnel experienced no passenger accidents during the quarter, and only two traffic accidents. The first quarter at O'Hare ended with 88 accident-free days and a traffic rate of 0.079, 51 per cent better than the system rate of 0.162.

## Purchasing council honors CTA buyer



Ms. Carolyn Hardy displays the "Buyer of the Year" trophy for 1984 awarded to her during the 7th Annual Chicago Business Opportunity Fair awards dinner May 7. Sharing the limelight is CTA Director of Procurement Al Martin.

Buyer Carolyn Hardy of the Materials Management department has been honored as "Buyer of the Year" for 1984 by the Chicago Regional Purchasing Council.

Ms. Hardy who joined CTA May 21, 1984, began her purchasing apprenticeship at Johnson Products Company in 1970. Prior to her CTA association she was Midwest regional purchasing manager for the Trade Sales Plant and Chemical Coatings Plant, Glidden Coatings and Resins Division of SMC Corporation.

A handsome trophy, in recognition of the prestigious honor, was presented Ms. Hardy on May 7 during the seventh annual Chicago Business Opportunity Fair which convened at the Hyatt Regency.

The Chicago Business Opportunity Fair helps to further the year-around efforts of the Chicago Regional Purchasing Council, Inc., which is devoted to stimulating minority purchasing in Chicago.

Noting that it is vital that minorities be brought into the business mainstream, Ms. Hardy said, "I'm happy to be playing a role at CTA in making this a reality."

"I am delighted to see minorities make progress and I am glad to be playing some part in contributing to that progress."

Ms. Hardy is the mother of a son and a daughter.



## West Shops worker is Croatian history buff

*"William Vrtlar's travels... have also piqued his interest in the history of the 'Lost Colony,' a name given to early English settlers on Roanoke Island off the shore of what is now the state of North Carolina."*



**M**ove over Alex Haley and make room for William Vrtlar who also enjoys tracing his ancestral roots. Vrtlar's favorite pastime has taken him as far away as his native Yugoslavia, and to Roanoke Island in North Carolina.

A rail laborer at West Shops, Vrtlar is considered a bit of an authority on Croatian history. Since immigrating to the United States in 1966, he has spent much of his leisure researching the history of a little-known tribe of American-Canadian Indians of Croatian descent.

Historical data suggests that the first Croatians touched American soil long before the English. In 1541, a ship from Dubrovnik was wrecked near Cape Hatteras, and survivors of this shipwreck intermarried with friendly natives.

Children from these marriages as well as their descendants were called "Croatan Indians." Geographers and explorers believed then that India was located on the west coast of the Atlantic Ocean, thus they labeled the natives "Indians."

Vrtlar's travels between Yugoslavia and North Carolina have also piqued his interest in the history of the "Lost Colony," a name given to early English settlers on Roanoke Island off the shore of what is now the state of North Carolina.

History's account of this group is that the small band of Englishmen, sent by Sir Walter Raleigh, and led by Governor John White, landed at Roanoke on July 22, 1587, but a month later, White was forced to return to England for supplies.

England's war with Spain prevented White's return to Roanoke until 1590. When he and his party landed at Roanoke, they found the colonists were gone. The only traces of them to be found were the letters CRO carved on one tree and the word CROATAN carved on another.

It is believed the colonists were either carried off by passing Spaniards, were captured by hostile Indians, or intermarried with friendly Indians or other natives of the island. The most persuasive theory, however, is that the settlers undertook to sail to England and were lost at sea. Vrtlar continues to research the mystery, and has formed an organization in which others interested in pursuing their Croatian heritage or locating friends, may participate.

## Retirees plans picnic

The CTA Senior Citizen Retirement organization will hold its annual picnic **Saturday, August 31** at National Grove -3, North Riverside, located two blocks west of Desplaines avenue at 26th street.

Secretary Jack Kalke said all CTA employees are cordially invited to participate in the day of fun where prizes will be available for all.

Kalke also said that hot dogs and liquid refreshments will be available for everyone, but suggested that picnic goers may wish to bring a lunch basket.

## High Coffee Consumption = High Cholesterol

Men who drink more than three cups of coffee a day may be increasing their cholesterol levels and, thereby, their risk for cardiovascular disease. The finding comes from a study reported in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Paul T. Williams, MS, of Stanford University School of Medicine, and colleagues studied coffee intake and plasma lipoprotein levels in 77 middle-aged men. They found a positive correlation between the amount of coffee consumed and the levels of apolipoprotein B in men who drank more than two to three cups per day. This correlation was stronger after adjusting for age, cigarette use, body fat, aerobic capacity, nutrient intake and stress. Coffee intake was similarly related to total cholesterol and low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol. The causes of these relationships are not known.

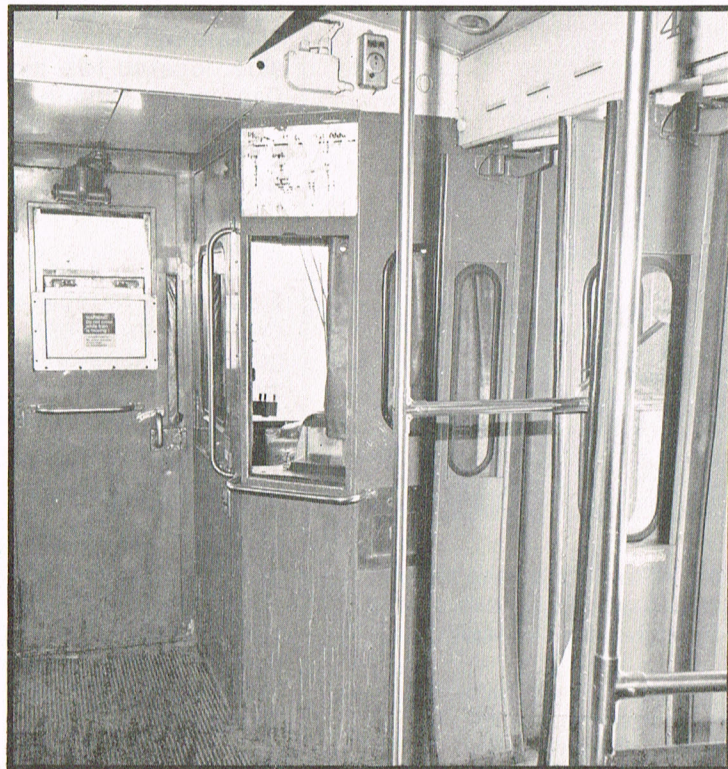
"Our analyses suggest that coffee intake exceeding 2-1/2 to 3 cups per day is associated with elevated plasma concentrations of three well established cardiovascular risk factors: total cholesterol, LDL-cholesterol, and apolipoprotein B concentrations in a sample of sedentary, middle-aged men," the researchers say. They add that more studies of the relationships and the causality are needed.



# OLDER 'L'

## cars rehabbed from roof to wheels

BEFORE



AFTER



**T**he Chicago Transit Authority is rehabilitating 45 of its older 'L' cars from wheels to roofs to give them at least 10 more years of service and to provide more comfortable riding.

"The average cost of rebuilding each car is \$188,000," said CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli. "We expect to add at least 10 years of dependable service to these cars which are now 25 years old. This is a tremendous saving for us since the replacement cost would probably average at least \$600,000 for each car."

The 45 cars are used primarily on the Skokie Swift and Evanston rapid transit routes serving those suburbs on Chicago's Far North Side, plus the village of Wilmette.

Each car is getting complete exterior body repair and is being repainted in the CTA's standard color scheme of silver and charcoal gray with horizontal red, white, and blue striping at the window ledge. The power systems, heating and ventilating systems, and trucks are being overhauled. New shock absorbers and springs are being installed. Worn parts of doors, windows, and destination signs are being replaced.

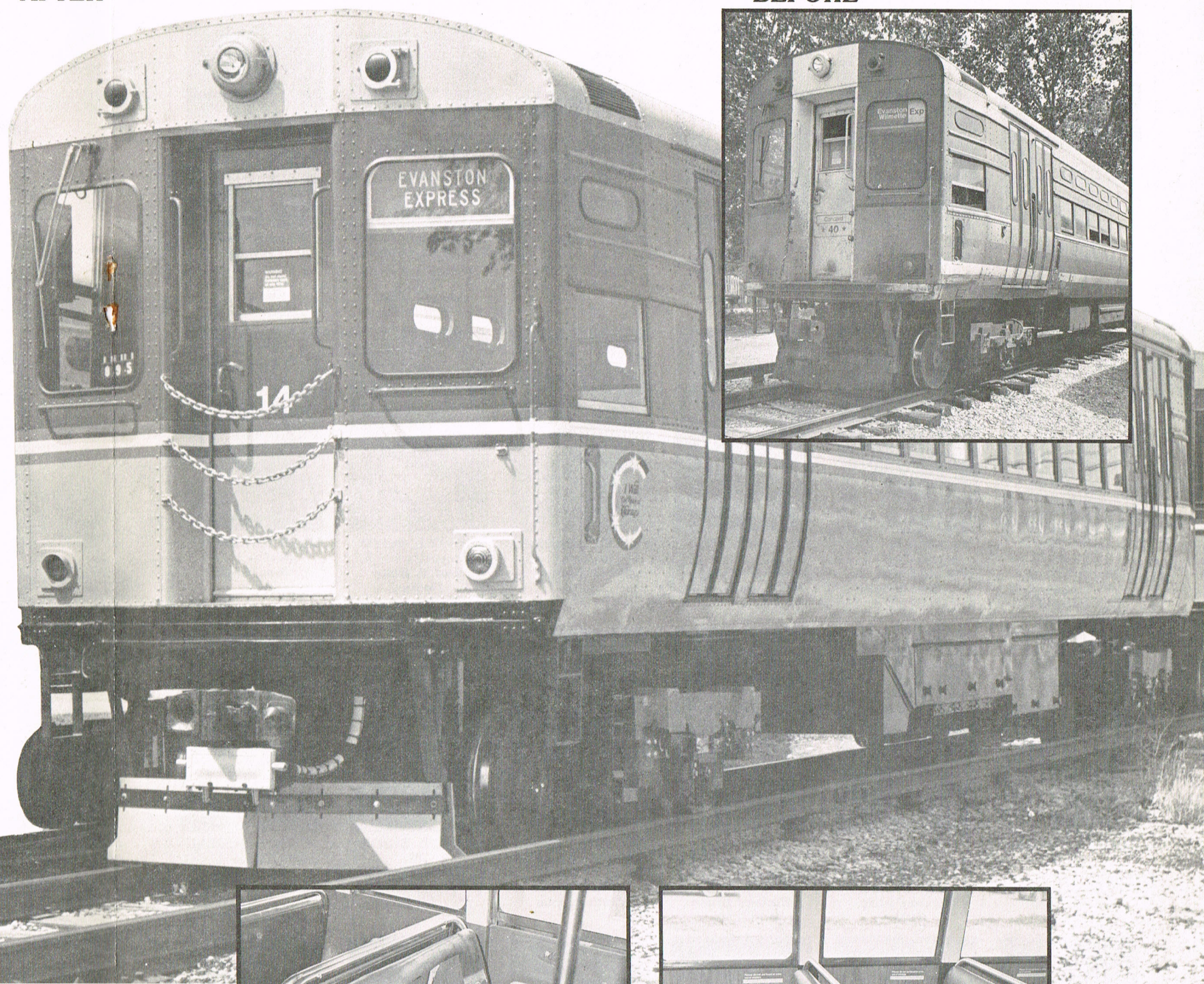
Cars in service on the Skokie Swift route will get new pantographs used for the overhead power supply.

The interior of the cars will be decorated with painted cream ceilings and upper walls and with walnut wood-grained melamine panels from the window base to the floor. All seats are being reupholstered.

This \$8.5 million contract was awarded to the Morrison-Knudsen Company of Hornell, N.Y., the lowest of four qualified bidders.

All of the rehabilitated cars are expected to be in service by December 1 of this year. The four, 38-year-old three-section articulated cars now operating on the Skokie Swift route will be retired later this year when all 45 cars have had the work completed.

AFTER



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# Graduates in CTA Families

## Gallery of June



**PAULETTE ALEXANDER**  
Calumet H.S.  
*Betty Alexander*  
69th Street



**LISA ANN ALLMAN**  
George Rogers Clark H.S.  
*Patricia Glines*  
Datacenter



**RAMONA ALMODOVAR**  
Antioch Upper  
*Genuel Almodovar*  
North Park



**CARMEN ARNOLD**  
Loop College  
*Betty McMath*  
Kedzie



**MARVA D. BARRY**  
St. Joseph's Hospital  
of Joliet School of  
Nursing  
*Edward Willis*  
69th Street



**THERESA MARY BAXA**  
Immaculate Heart of  
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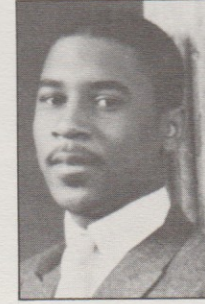
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*Pedro Borrero*  
Law



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*Earl V. Boyd*  
Treasury  
*Shirley Boyd*  
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Skokie Shop



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Percy L. Julian H.S.  
*Julio D. Ruiz*  
Howard Shop  
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H.S.  
*Richard Bruce*  
North Avenue



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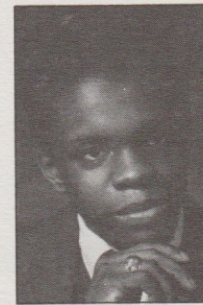
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*Sal Carbonelli*  
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*Charles Carter*  
*Ethel Carter*  
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*James Cephas*  
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*Maggie Chitto*  
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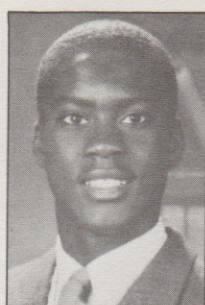




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**Raymond Dec**  
Skokie Shop



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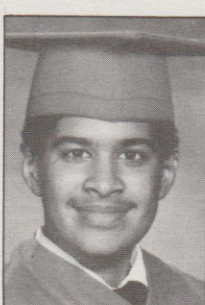
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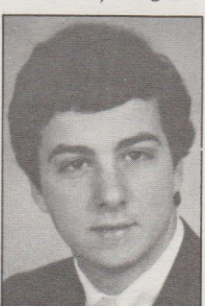
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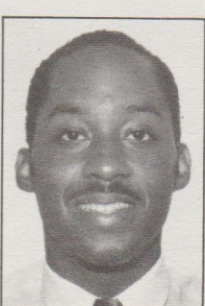
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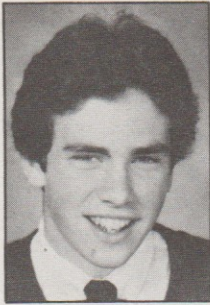


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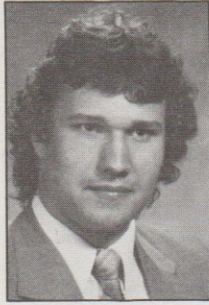


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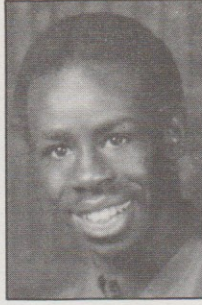




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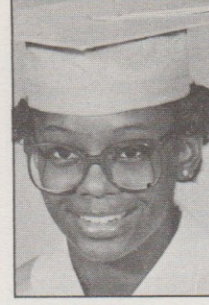
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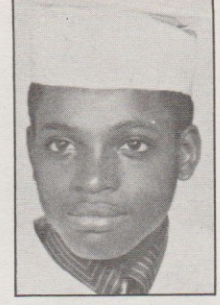
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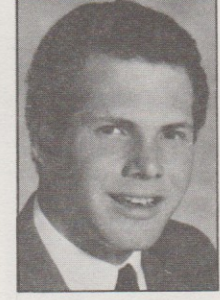
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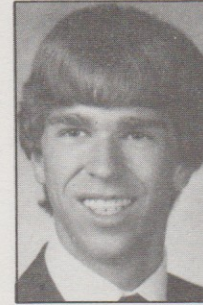
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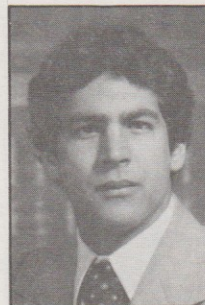
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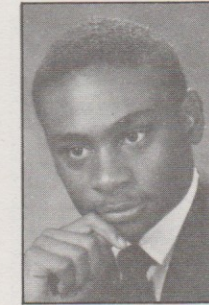
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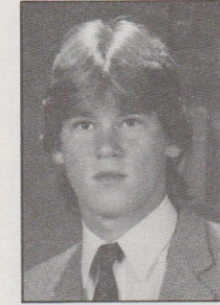
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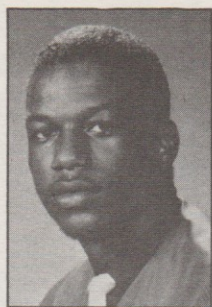


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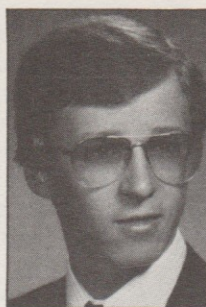
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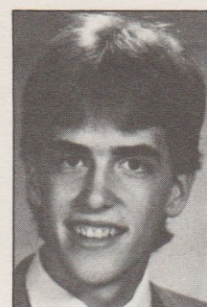
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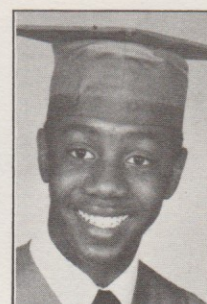
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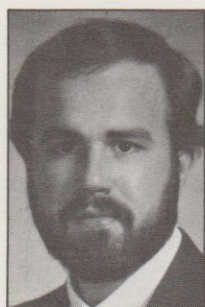
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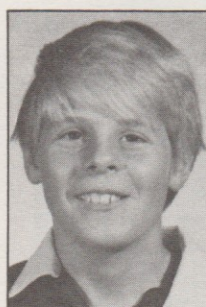
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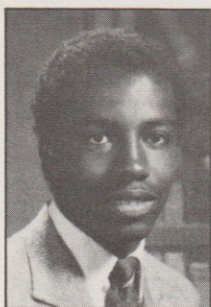
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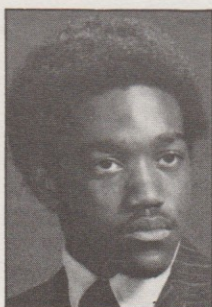
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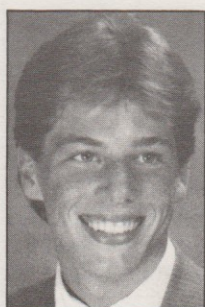
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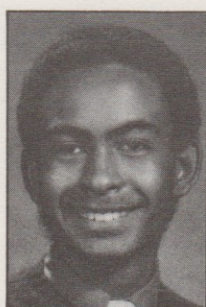
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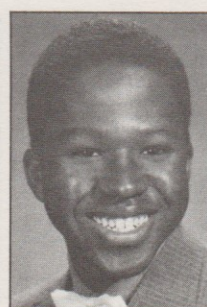
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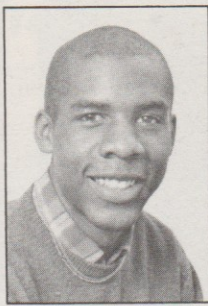




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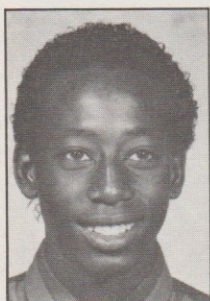
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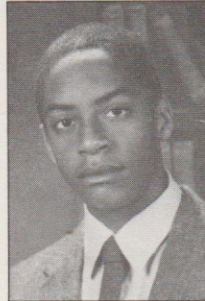
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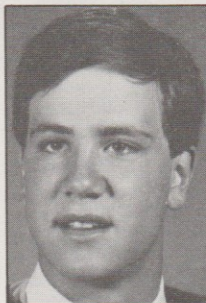
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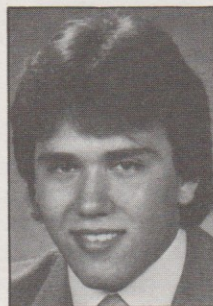
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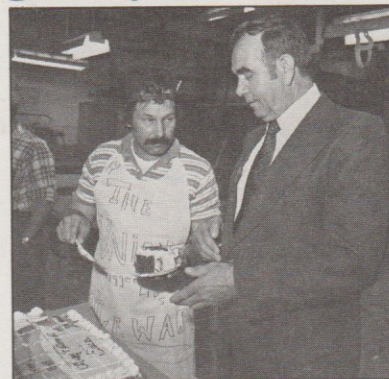


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**Alphonso Young**  
Forest Glen



**STEVEN ZANIN**  
Glenbard East H.S.  
**Chuck Zanin**  
Administrative Servs.

## Jedynak celebrates retirement and good fortune



Ed Jedynak prepares to enjoy the first piece of his retirement cake served by Vito Skorupski, carpenter and union steward.

"I come from a long line of cabinet makers, going all the way back to Prague, Czechoslovakia," explains Edward Jedynak, a carpenter assigned to Wilson Shop. He and his three brothers (including Mitchell, who also works for CTA and will retire next year) are carpenters, as were their father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Their family tradition of fine craftsmanship has earned the respect of co-workers.

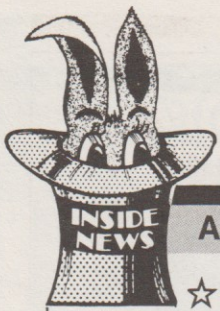
"Ed Jedynak and I worked as partners when he first joined CTA in 1969. I didn't have to teach him a thing," said unit supervisor Joseph Fucarino. "He knows more about carpentry, woodworking, and cabinet making than anyone I know or ever heard about. Ed is an artist with wood."

Jedynak loved his work, and he and his wife, Josepha, raised two daughters in their home in the Jefferson Park community. But they also faced the prospect of receiving less than full retirement benefits when he would retire in 1988 at age 65, with less than the required 20 years of service.

But Jedynak's fortune took a turn for the better last year. So, on May 30, Wilson Shop workers gathered at a party organized by Vito Skorupski, shop steward and recording secretary of Carpenter's Union Local 1027, and carpenter Leonard Nelson, to celebrate Jedynak's early retirement.

On December 29, 1984, Jedynak won \$2,999,660 in the Illinois State Lottery. His lottery "pension" is more than \$12,000 per month (before taxes), and his CTA pension will be nice spending money while he and his wife are touring the world.





# THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## ☆ MEET YOUR REPORTER ☆



Greetings. I'm your Inside News Reporter for Transit News. If you wish to share any interesting bits of news or know someone you would like to commend, contact me on extension 4861 in the Mart. Only with your help can we make Inside News a success and make the magazine more interesting and exciting to read.

Sincerely,  
**Arlene Zittman**

## Materials Management

**Barbara Schmitz**, executive secretary, Operations (on leave of absence), visited Auntie **Carol Griseto**, executive secretary, Materials Management, with nine-month-old **Ericka**. Baby Ericka's daddy, **Bruce**, works in Maintenance. You can see that it's a family affair. Bruce, Barbara, and the baby will vacation in Florida and afterwards Barbara will return to work...**Ruthanne Miles**, unit supervisor, Records Center, fell and broke her wrist. She thanks everyone for remembering her during this recent accident. Hope to see you back soon...**Ella Otis**, procedures analyst, and **Willie Otis**, instructor, North Park, are very proud of their one and only child, **Marcus**, who graduated from the University of Chicago Laboratory Middle School in June. Because of his scholastic aptitude, Marc was selected to participate in the Bright and Talented Program held at the North Shore Day Country School in Winnetka on Saturdays. Marc will attend Brother Rice high school in the fall, and his goal in life is to be a doctor. Good luck in your endeavors, Marc...All of us extend our deepest sympathy to **Rita Krueger**, who lost her brother suddenly, and to retired Stores employee **Nick LaCorcia**, whose wife passed away...Buyer of the Year Award went to our own **Carolyn S. Hardy**. Minority vendors in the Chicago area voted her this award. It was sponsored by the Minority Business Subcouncil of the Chicago Regional Purchasing Council, Inc. Awards were presented at the 7th Annual Buyer Awards Dinner May 7, which was held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel. Congratulations, Carolyn.

## Treasury

**David Munyer Jr.**, cashier, retired June 1 with 33 years of service. His many friends and co-workers celebrated this happy occasion at a dinner held in his honor at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, Buttons restaurant. David, his wife **Karen**, a former Claim Department employee, and their daughter, **Christa**, are retiring to San Diego, California. We'll miss you, Dave...**Linda Martinez**, Sales Section, recently resigned to become a full-time mother. She plans to spend

some time in Mexico this summer. Many of her friends wished her well at a luncheon and dinner. Good luck, Linda...Congratulations to newlywed **Alan Sabol**, bank ledger bookkeeper.

## Operations

**Pat Dunek**, executive secretary, Administrative Services, spent two weeks in Madeira Beach, Florida, sharing a condo with her brother **Jim** and his wife, **Linda**. Pat returned to work sporting a nice suntan. Pat also wants us to know that she is proud of her twin nephews, **John** and **Paul**, who graduated from grade school. Congratulations, boys. By the way, the twins think Pat is a super-auntie.

## Management Services

**John Schwartz**, special projects coordinator, retired July 1 with 42 years of service. A retirement luncheon was held at the M&M Club. John won't have much time to miss us because soon after his retirement, he'll be off for a well-deserved vacation. When he returns he plans to join other retirees **Dagmar McNamara** (Materials Management) and **Bill Ashley** (Insurance & Pensions), to mention a couple, who volunteer at the Art Institute. John also wants to catch up on things that we all somehow put off while we are working. Good luck, John. I'm sure we'll still see John around the 7th floor of the Mart, because he will remain the President of the CTA General Office Federal Credit Union...Our librarian, **Lill Culbertson**, wishes to thank her CTA friends for all their prayers and cards that she received during her illness. Hope to see her back at the catalog file soon...**LaVerne Schultz**, supervisor, Office Services, and her husband, **Ed**, are proud grandparents for the first time. Their daughter, **Karen**, who worked here summers while going to college, and her husband, **Craig**, welcomed their new son, **Ross Steven**, on April 10. Ross weighed in at 7 pounds, 10½ ounces, and was 19 inches long.

## Retirees

**Marge Dorgan**, retired key punch operator, visited her friends at the Mart. Would you believe Marge has been retired for five years? Time does fly by quickly, especially when you're having fun...**Mable Potthast**, Accounting, wants to be remembered to all her friends at the Mart. Mable keeps busy traveling and taking care of her family, especially her little dog.

*Arlene Zittman*

## North Park

Wondering where to go on vacation? Well, check with instructor **W. J. Prunell**, who recently spent two weeks in Frankfurt, Germany, with the Army Reserve, coordinating logistics and studying the German public transportation system. While there, he also had an opportunity to visit the Wall separating East and West Germany...Supervisor **Les Isaacson** will be one of those proud parents watching when his daughter, **Lena**, graduates from grammar school this June...Hang your heads in shame, gentlemen! Operator





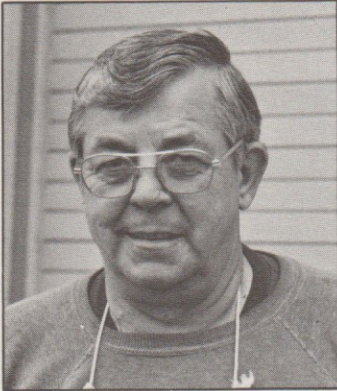
**Vicki Nesbit** just picked up another trophy along with a \$50 cash prize, which she won in a recent competition with 30 other contestants in a billiards tournament. This trophy joins another on her mantle, which attests to her cue stick skill...Yes, those bulletin boards in our training room which suddenly have so much interesting information that most of us can't help smiling when first seeing it, are due to Team Leader #5, **Rosemary Hoskins Walker**, who also asks that anyone with artistic drawing skills please contact her...Operator **Ed Unrein's** son, **Edward**, and daughter-in-law, **Cheryl**, recently presented him with his first grandson, **Bryan**, who weighed in at 8 and one-half pounds. Mom, Dad, and Bryan live in Orlando, Florida.



Bryan Charles Unrein

Mike Flores

## Skokie Shop



Stan Barnas

A popular employee in area 428 is retiring the first of July. He will be missed very much by his co-workers. His cheerful smile and his stellar personality is like a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day. We, his co-workers, hope that his desire to take **Delia** on that trip around the world will be fulfilled. Lot's of luck, **Stan Barnas**!..On August 17, Skokie Shop will hold it 10th Annual

Golf Outing at Villa Olivia. Shoot for the birdie, guys...On May 9, **Ann Porcaro**, the wife of **Jerry Porcaro**, Skokie electrician, gave birth to a baby boy, **Luke**. Congratulations!..This past April 12, **Dale Jones**, machinist, became engaged to **Shelagh Dawe**, an executive secretary for Associates Commercial Corporation. The wedding is scheduled for May 4, 1986. Welcome to the club, buddy.

Greg Winski

## Internal Audit

Who was handing out pink-foil-wrapped chocolate cigars in April? **Mike Hoffert** of Photographic, to celebrate the birth on April 15 of little **Laura Renee**. Laura weighed in at 6 pounds, 12 ounces at Humana Hospital in Hoffman Estates. Mom **Linda** is doing fine, and sisters **Kathy** and **Beth** will show Laura the ropes. Congratulations!..And bouncing Aries No. 2, **Jonathan Rowan Walton**, came into this world on April 17, making **Helene (Bunny) Greiman**, Promotional Ser-

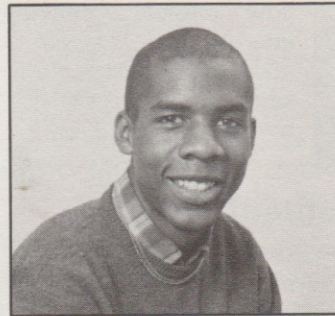


Laura Renee Hoffert

vices, a proud auntie. Jonathan weighed in at 7 pounds, 14 ounces. Congratulations to Mom **Laurie** and Dad **Peter Walton**...**Tamara Rodgers**, the daughter of **Thelma Rodgers**, Administrative Services, Duplicating Section, received the Juris Doctorate degree from Loyola University School of Law on June 16. Currently a law clerk with James D. Montgomery and Associates, Ms. Rodgers will practice law in the Chicago area after she is admitted to the bar and licensed...**Gerald L.**



Tamara Rodgers



Gerald L. Thompson

Boys' Track and Field title at Robeson High School. Thompson was featured on the back page of the April **Transit News**...**Robin Hasemann**, a sophomore at Luther North High School, has been unanimously voted to the PSL All-Conference Team of the United States. Robin, the daughter of **Robert Hasemann Sr.**, unit supervisor, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance, was the only person selected in Illinois. As a sophomore, she was elected co-captain of the Varsity Squad this season, and broke two school records. Her season total was 539 points, with 298 rebounds, and 69 per cent at the free-throw line.



Robin Hasemann

Joyce Petrich

## 69th Street

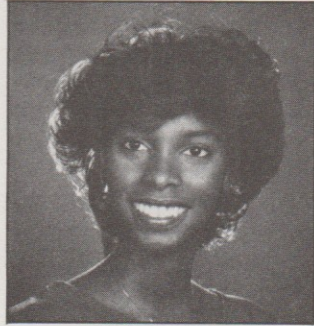
Welcome back to operator **Zola Harrington** (4837) after a nine-week sick leave for wrist surgery...Heart-felt sorrow for operator **Wilbur Milner** (2700) who recently returned from Richmond, Virginia, where his sister's family was involved in a tragic fire, which ended in the loss of their home. The family was hospitalized for smoke inhalation...Condolences go out to operator **Ruthie Ferguson** (3285) in the loss of her mother on March 18...Operator **Gus Jones** (5152), off since January 1 when first injured on duty, suffered a stroke. He is still off sick and missed very much...Operator **Robert Crockett** (2807), off sick since January 10, is very ill, and would like to hear from his friends...Good to see operator **Beverly Dortch** (12722)





back. Her friendly smile was missed...A very special welcome back to our chief clerk, **Tom Randall**, who returned to work April 28 after more than a two-week leave due to illness. When asked how he felt, Tom said, "A little weak, but nothing that a little TLC wouldn't take care of." We're glad you're back, Chief...Operator **Frank Jones** (5843) suffered a heart attack on April 27, and was taken to Holy Cross Hospital. Frank had to undergo surgery, and is now recovering. Our prayers are with you, Frank...VACATION TIME: Visiting relatives in Evergreen and Houma, Louisiana, for 10 days was operator **Frank Goudeau** (4902). Frank says he gained a few pounds. Even though it rained every day he managed to get around to see a lot of nice places. Frank thinks he might consider retiring there...

Operator **Isaac Taylor** (3445) is a very proud uncle. His niece, **Wanda**



Wanda Bell

**Bell**, graduated from Evansville University. Congratulations, Wanda ... Operator **Keith Griffith** (12053) was seen sneaking off to Friendship and Adams, Wisconsin, for a one-week stay with a close friend. Secret rendezvous, Keith?...Operator **Rosetta Jones** (7080) enjoyed a two-week vacation, just relaxing at home. It's good just to get a break away from work, she says. I know the feeling well...Operator **Mary Ann Scott** (13355) and her son, **Michael**, are off to Noxubee County, a suburb of McComb, Mississippi, to visit her grandparents and also to visit her mother's grave site. Fresh air and peace is what Mary Ann says she seeks. Any prospects of seeking a new spouse?...Just having fun in the sun is operator **Donna Black** (13105), vacationing in Los Angeles, California, for two weeks...The First Church of Deliverance held a birthday celebration at the M&M Club in the Merchandise Mart for their pastor, Rev. **Eugene Gray**. At their special request, operator **LaVerne Williams** (4593) drove the charter because this is her church. What a way to go, LaVerne...Operator **Janie Boyd** (4363) knows how to enjoy her birthday, which was on May 19. She left on a Fantasy Cruise to Nassau and Miami Beach, Florida,

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

### February

#### 35 Years

**James Haynie**, South Shops  
**Robert Madison**, Beverly  
**Raymond Rogers**, District A  
**James Smith**, 69th Street  
**Thomas Stepp**, Claims

#### 30 Years

**James Bell**, Special Services  
**William Coyle**, Bldg./Wiring  
**Rodman Dougherty**, Proc. Engineers  
**Frank Halper**, Signal, Phone & Radio  
**Frank Kostzewa Jr.**, Forest Glen  
**Dominic Lochirco**, Archer

#### 25 Years

**Alex Carter Jr.**, 77th Street  
**James Christman**, 77th Street  
**Edward Colwell**, Rail Service  
**David Curry Jr.**, Rail Pers.-North  
**L. Fletcher**, District C  
**Donald Gilligan**, Rail Pers.-North  
**Robert Johnson**, Rail Dist.-North  
**Edward Lawson**, 69th Street  
**David Martin**, Operations Control  
**Leonard Nelson**, General Maint.  
**Marshall Price**, 77th Street  
**Gerald Rosenburg**, North Section  
**Andrew Shaw Jr.**, South Shops  
**Harold Smith**, 69th Street  
**John Stiles**, Howard/Kimball  
**Harold Thurbush**, Rail Service  
**Harrell Walker**, 77th Street

### May

#### 35 Years

**Glenn Andersen**, Ind. Eqpt. Design  
**Lewis Both**, North Park  
**James Jackson Jr.**, Archer  
**Willie Kanady**, 69th Street  
**Joseph LaBellarte**, Des Plaines  
**Walter Rakauskis**, Utility

#### 30 Years

**Robert Dillar**, North Park  
**Booker Henry**, Special Services  
**Joseph Lazzara**, Prog. Implmt.

**Winmon Lewis Jr.**, South Shops  
**Joe Moore**, Track & Roadway  
**Thomas Randall**, 69th Street  
**Ralph Stuart**, 77th Street

#### 25 Years

**Walter Caston**, Bus Pers.-South  
**Samuel Cook**, 69th Street  
**Carroll Dalton**, Esc. Mtce.  
**Richard Dorsch**, North Avenue  
**Vincent Gasparaitis**, Sig., Phone & Radio  
**Wilbur Martz**, Jefferson Park  
**John Perkins**, Bus Instruction  
**Bill Slankard**, Charter/Pass Rev.

### June

#### 40 Years

**Regina Daren**,  
Human Resources



#### 35 Years

**Theodore Love Jr.**, Archer  
**Harry Reddrick Jr.**, Operations  
**Edward White Jr.**, District C

#### 30 Years

**Ovelton Blanchard**, District A  
**Jimmie Hill**, 69th Street  
**Henry Jackson**, Special Services  
**Michael Keating**, Support Services  
**Eugene Reid**, General Mtce.  
**Iller Williams**, District A

#### 25 Years

**Stanley Barnas**, South Shops  
**Henry Frezell**, Kedzie  
**Richard Griseto**, Subst. Mtce.  
**Talmadge Ireland Jr.**, Archer  
**Adam Knerr**, Track & Roadway  
**James McMahon**, Stores-North  
**Salvatore Muscarello**, North Park  
**Richard Power**, Archer  
**Hugh Short**, Bus Service  
**Anthony Velcich**, Support Services

## Pensioners

### May

**ARNOLD CAMPBELL**, Bus Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-11-60  
**ANTONIO CHAVEZ**, Ticket Agent,  
95th Street, Emp. 12-3-62  
**LAWRENCE COSTLEY**, Collector,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-30-57  
**FREDERICK DECHON**,  
Bus & Truck Mech.,  
South Shops, Emp. 4-19-47  
**JAMES DORSEY**, Switchman,  
61st Street, Emp. 12-21-57  
**NICK FIERAMOSCA**, Car Rep. A,  
Harlem Shop, Emp. 4-2-53  
**CHARLIE FLORENCE**, Towerman,  
O'Hare Terminal, Emp. 3-1-49  
**THOMAS FREEMAN**, Instructor,  
O'Hare Terminal, Emp. 12-5-47  
**VENETIA HELM**, Ticket Agent,  
63rd & Ashland, Emp. 3-23-57  
**JOHN KURGAN**, Upholsterer Frmn.,  
South Shops, Emp. 10-18-44  
**TIMOTHY O'ROURKE**,  
Claim Representative,  
Law/Claims, Emp. 10-22-46  
**JOHN ROCHE**, Escalator Serviceman,  
West Shops, Emp. 8-7-46  
**LAWRENCE ROGERS**,  
Money Handler I,  
77th Street, Emp. 2-14-78  
**FRANK TURSICH**, Elec. Engr. III,  
West Shops, Emp. 10-31-77  
**WILLIAM WARD**, Bus Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 6-12-57  
**ELOISE WASH**, Ticket Agent,  
Kimball, Emp. 9-26-64  
**EARL WILLIAMS**, Bus Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 4-18-55

### Disability Retirements

**FELLIX CULL**, Rail Janitor,  
Madison/Wabash, Emp. 10-11-65  
**STERLING MOUNDAY**, Bus Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 7-22-71  
**EDWARD RICH**, Collector,  
77th Street, Emp. 7-28-60

### June

**JOHN BOLAND**, Supvr., Prop. Mgmt.  
& Rptg., Fin. Svcs., Emp. 2-25-43  
**FRANK CHIAPPETTA**, Car Repairer A,  
Harlem Shop, Emp. 10-31-51  
**GORDON EGGERS**, B Electrician,  
West Shops, Emp. 11-2-67  
**MARTIN ENGSTROM**, Supt., Fac. Tech.  
Svcs., West Shops, Emp. 5-5-75  
**JOSEPH FLORES**, Collector,  
North Avenue, Emp. 10-22-64  
**MICHAEL GRICKI**, Bus Operator,  
Kedzie, Emp. 5-2-57  
**JOHN JANKUS**, Supply Contr. Coord.,  
South Shops, Emp. 11-13-46  
**EDWARD JEDYNIAK**, Carpenter,  
West Shops, Emp. 12-29-69  
**DOMICELLA KALWASINSKI**,  
Bindery Wrkr.,  
South Shops, Emp. 1-12-60  
**ROBERT KILPATRICK**, Rail Janitor,  
Madison/Wabash, Emp. 10-3-52  
**JOSEPH LECHMAN**, Steamfitter,  
West Shops, Emp. 1-29-75  
**ROBERT LONG**, Bus Operator,  
69th Street, Emp. 9-19-60  
**STANLEY LUPINA**, Serv. Truck Chauff.,  
West Shops, Emp. 1-11-51  
**WILBUR MARTZ**, Conductor,  
O'Hare Terminal, Emp. 5-2-60  
**DAVID MUNYER**, Cashier I,  
Treasury, Emp. 3-19-52  
**CONSTANTINO PAONESSA**, Laborer,  
West Shops, Emp. 5-26-70  
**SILAS SEVERSON**, Substation Util. Man,  
West Shops, Emp. 6-24-54  
**MARVIN SIKES**, Bus Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 8-16-62  
**BRUNO VANDERVELDE**, Bus Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 8-18-60

### Disability Retirements

**BILLY SCOTT**, Bus Operator,  
Limits, Emp. 3-20-67





## THE INSIDE NEWS

on May 17... **SPECIAL EVENTS:** This reporter has reason to be doubly proud of sons **Terrence P. Head** and **Kenneth R. Elam**. Terrence has been accepted for a one-year scholarship to Weber High School, and an offer to play on the basketball team. Kenneth has been accepted for admission in the engineering program at the University of Illinois in Urbana with a four-year scholarship. He ranks 25 out of 315 in the 1985 graduating class at Hillcrest High School, Country Club Hills. He is also awaiting appointment of admission to the Naval Academy.

*Ellie Head*

### North Section

The birth of a daughter to **Jim** and **Rochelle Unnerstall** of Bethesda, Md., makes this reporter a proud grandmother for the first time. Baby **Lara Nicole**, born April 15, tipped the scales at 8 pounds, 3 ounces. Jim is a former North Park bus operator. He is currently finishing post-doctorate studies at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda... **Rhonda Brent**, 19, the daughter of North Section ticket agent **Charlotte F. Brent**, is an aviation airman apprentice serving with the U.S. Navy at China Lake, California, where she is training as an air controller. After graduation, Airman Apprentice Brent expects to be assigned to duty in the Far East or the European Theater. Miss Brent is a 1983 alumnus of Percy L. Julian High School, and is a former member of the Antioch Baptist inspirational choir... Agent Supervisor **Betty Stephenson** has bounced back to good health following major surgery.



*Rhonda Brent*

Betty looks great, and she has acquired a new hobby of landscape gardening. She has been busy turning her backyard into a showplace. Some of the materials she is using include rocks, urns, and railroad ties. She also utilized sedum as a ground cover, providing a soft green background for dahlias and gladiolae, which are only a few of the many lovely plants she is using.

*Jo Anderson*

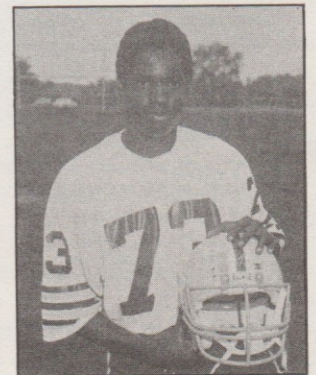
### Police Liaison



*Jim Lamont and Osker Klose*

Osker worked out of South Shops... **Martin Willis**, 16, a junior at Bremen High School, Midlothian, and the son of Transit News Editor **Rick** and **Dorothy Willis**, was inducted into the National Honor Society April 24. Willis' scholastic achievement through a dual system of special honors courses as well as regular curriculum study, has boosted his grade point average to 4.78. A minimum 4.4 GPA of a possible 5.0 is required for

Pensioner **Jim Lamont** (left), retired Jan. 8, visited pensioner **Osker Klose** and his wife, **Lois**, while in Vero Beach, Fla., for the winter. Osker has been retired for over 22 years, and enjoyed hearing about all his CTA friends again. Both Jim and



*Martin Willis*

## IN MEMORIAM

### May

JOSEPH BLAA, 89, Transportation, Emp. 9-14-25, Died 4-20-85  
 RUSSEL C. BROOKS, 65, North Avenue, Emp. 6-19-58, Died 3-31-85  
 JOHN P. BUKOWSKI, 84, Forest Glen, Emp. 3-28-23, Died 4-4-85  
 CHARLEY BULLIE, 90, Shops & Equip., Emp. 3-16-43, Died 3-26-85  
 RUTH E. BUSSE, 81, Payroll Acctg., Emp. 5-1-24, Died 4-6-85  
 FRANK A. CESAISKY, 81, Shops & Equip., Emp. 12-19-29, Died 3-3-85  
 ROBERT J. CIESLA, 72, North Park, Emp. 5-5-42, Died 4-19-85  
 RUPERT T. CRABB, 63, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-30-58, Died 4-6-85  
 STEPHEN A. CULLOTON, 84, North Section, Emp. 2-14-45, Died 4-2-85  
 JOSEPH H. DRAUS, 81, Shops & Equip., Emp. 2-20-29, Died 4-3-85  
 PAUL P. DUCAR, 74, South Section, Emp. 4-11-41, Died 4-19-85  
 DANIEL C. EIERDAM, 81, Lawndale, Emp. 12-5-21, Died 4-28-85  
 PETER J. FOTOPOULOS, 92, Shops & Equip., Emp. 9-20-13, Died 4-17-85  
 TOBBIE P. GOWANS, 58, South Shops, Emp. 3-9-61, Died 4-19-85  
 HARRY G. HACKBARTH, 79, Archer, Emp. 10-27-33, Died 3-25-85  
 EDWARD HERATY, 84, Office Services, Emp. 3-3-23, Died 1985

LOWELL G. HOBBS, 83, 77th Street, Emp. 10-5-25, Died 3-27-85  
 HUBERT L. JONES, 57, Lawndale, Emp. 11-1-56, Died 4-9-85  
 EDWARD R. JOYCE, 71, Oper. Planning, Emp. 8-18-69, Died 4-14-85  
 FRANK T. KARL, 75, North Park, Emp. 4-14-43, Died 4-16-85  
 WALTER H. LUBBEN, 81, West Section, Emp. 11-22-22, Died 4-17-85  
 JOHN P. O'CONNOR, 60, Oper. Planning, Emp. 6-5-46, Died 4-22-85  
 JOSEPH P. O'CONNOR, 76, 52nd Street, Emp. 1-11-28, Died 4-14-85  
 IGNATIUS P. O'SHAUGHNESSY, 86, Electrical, Emp. 3-8-18, Died 1-19-85  
 DANIEL F. PRISBLE, 71, North Park, Emp. 7-28-42, Died 4-28-85  
 JOSEPH W. REDER, 82, North Section, Emp. 7-21-27, Died 4-10-85  
 ROLLA L. RENTFRO, 91, Shops & Equip., Emp. 12-12-44, Died 4-6-85  
 MARGARET B. ROCHFORD, 84, Transportation, Emp. 5-28-42, Died 4-5-85  
 MICHAEL J. RYAN, 93, 77th Street, Emp. 4-10-15, Died 1-31-85  
 GEORGE SLADEK, 75, Shops & Equip., Emp. 6-30-45, Died 4-29-85  
 SIMON K. STENBERG, 85, Shops & Equip., Emp. 8-28-29, Died 4-22-85  
 RALPH TALARICO, 94, Kedzie, Emp. 3-24-20, Died 4-12-85  
 HERBERT TEMPLEMAN, 92, West Section, Emp. 4-28-30, Died 4-3-85

JAMES T. WELTON, 72, Skokie, Emp. 5-15-44, Died 4-10-85  
 WINFRED W. WILSON, 79, Kedzie, Emp. 8-15-42, Died 3-1-85  
 VICTOR ZASTERA, 69, Plant Maint., Emp. 5-6-37, Died 4-5-85

### April

JOHN W. BURKE, 86, 61st Street, Emp. 2-11-24, Died 3-9-85  
 ANTHONY CARDIFF, 89, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-24-23, Died 3-26-85  
 JOSEPH M. CHAZINSKI, 72, North Avenue, Emp. 8-25-42, Died 3-22-85  
 JULIAN CICHON, 74, Electrical, Emp. 4-6-39, Died 3-27-85  
 PATRICK J. CLARKE, 79, Engineering, Emp. 10-17-47, Died 3-1-85  
 ARTHUR E. CONOBY, 80, Howard Street, Emp. 7-26-48, Died 3-10-85  
 ANTON V. DAHL, 82, Limits, Emp. 11-10-36, Died 2-7-85  
 GEORGE W. FROST, 93, North Section, Emp. 1-23-15, Died 3-13-85  
 PATRICK HARRINGTON, 94, Kedzie, Emp. 3-11-26, Died 3-27-85  
 MAURICE G. HOWELL, 79, North Park, Emp. 2-16-42, Died 3-1-85  
 ELMER JOHNSON, 91, Shops & Equipment, Emp. 8-16-24, Died 3-11-85  
 CATHERINE F. KENNY, 87, Emp. 11-12-42, Died 3-3-85  
 PETER J. KLEIN, 89, Armistage, Emp. 1-14-29, Died 3-22-85  
 GEORGE P. KUBANDA, 68, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-18-46, Died 3-28-85  
 ADOLPH KUNZ, 78, Shops & Equipment, Emp. 12-9-52, Died 3-15-85  
 THOMAS KURTZER, 89, Claim, Emp. 6-19-29, Died 3-28-85  
 FRED A. LESLIE, 82, Transportation, Emp. 2-20-42, Died 3-31-85  
 CATHERINE P. McALLISTER, 69, Sr. Clerk, Emp. 11-8-43, Died 3-9-85  
 LOUIS R. MENKEN, 79, West Section, Emp. 1-16-43, Died 3-5-85  
 EUGENE J. MERSKI, 81, Archer, Emp. 2-27-45, Died 12-25-84  
 LESTER R. NORMAN, 79, South Section, Emp. 8-2-43, Died 3-26-85  
 EDWIN H. PLATH, 73, North Section, Emp. 10-5-40, Died 3-16-85  
 CHARLES PLATT, 75, Forest Glen, Emp. 6-7-51, Died 3-20-85  
 RUBEN W. RAZOR, 69, Oper. Pning., Emp. 12-31-64, Died 3-16-85  
 LEWIS W. REED, 62, Transportation, Emp. 4-19-51, Died 3-22-85  
 RALPH R. REGNIER, 74, Executive, Emp. 11-17-36, Died 3-25-85  
 FRANK E. RUND, 78, Stores, Emp. 2-1-28, Died 3-11-85  
 CHARLES G. SIMPSON, 82, 61st Street, Emp. 4-11-44, Died 3-9-85  
 CHARLES J. VLASEK, 73, West Section, Emp. 2-1-74, Died 3-20-85  
 CHARLES J. WEHRSTEIN, 74, North Sect., Emp. 10-23-45, Died 3-11-85





NHS...The United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Local 1027, had a dinner dance on May 17 at the Delphian House in Oak Lawn. The dance was a total success and several carpenters received pins for the many years of membership. **Frank Bartos**, a CTA carpenter, received a pin for 30 years of membership. On arrival at the Hall, **James Kasmer Jr.** and his wife were distributing corsages to all the women and billfolds to the men. Seating arrangements were left up to the diners; three tables, among 500 other seats, were occupied by CTA Carpenters. The blessing before dinner was nicely given by a CTA carpenter--**Vito Skorupski**--then came the prime rib, and then dancing. The "John Travolta" of the dance floor was CTA carpenter **Bob Hazard**...The Community Affairs staff participated in the "Fight Graffiti" parade, which kicked off a campaign for a Beautiful Chicago. Thanks for representing the CTA in such a worthwhile cause!..Happy third wedding anniversary to **Rose** (Labor Relations) and **Kevin McGuire**. We wish you many, many more!..Welcome back to **Mike Lacriola**. Mike and his wife were vacationing in Las Vegas. Mike said the weather was in the 90's, and he really enjoyed the pool during the day. Evenings were spent wining and dining with his wife...**Joseph Eugene Cappelletti Jr.** graduated from Loyola University cum laude with a B.A. in managerial accounting. He is a distinguished military graduate with a commission to second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Field Artillery. His father, **Joseph A. Cappelletti Sr.**, Accounts Payable, is mighty proud of Joe. Congratulations!

Carol Musto



Joseph E. Cappelletti Jr.

## Management Information Systems

The Quality Assurance group has a couple of busy beavers. Both **Bill Ehrler** and **Pat Glines** (your new Inside News Reporter) are involved in volunteer work. Bill has put in a lot of time and effort establishing a neighborhood block watch; he is on their steering committee, has recently contributed an article to the Near Northwest Neighborhood Network (newsletter), and is drumming up customers for the Bucktown Art Fair in August. You'll hear about me in our next column...We are wishing **Tom Wodarski**, Systems Development Project Maintenance, a speedy recovery after undergoing quadruple by-pass surgery in April. He's doing well and at home now, and getting bored. Hope he has a quick recovery...While on the subject of health, congratulations are in order for those who have recently quit smoking. Will **Bill Ehrler**, **John Miller** (I/O Control), **Andy Rizzato** (Hardware), and **Linda Williams** (I/O Control), please take a bow? However, in not smoking, some have gained weight. Now it's exercise time. What willpower!..Happy Days! Congratulations to **Steven Gossage**, Software, who married **Barbara Bradley** on June 8, 1985. They honeymooned in the Pocono Mountains and at Niagara Falls. (Watch your step in those high places.) We'll be looking forward to hearing about the highlights of the trip (only the mentionable portion) when he

gets back...Your reporter and **Jeanne Malenki** (Production Control) have both finished their winter bowling season on East Side's Rolaline Bowling Alley. Jeanne's team came in third; mine was in last place. Jeanne's team had to bowl a tie-breaker and lost. So, as the saying goes, better luck next year. Her team has the potential, since they were in first place until the last few weeks. Now that bowling season is over, Jeanne is leaving for a trip to Plano, Texas, to visit her son, **Ron**, and his family. Her three-year-old granddaughter, **Linnea**, is the light of her life, and Grandma gives her everything she can in the Cabbage Patch motif. Jeanne will be living the Life of Riley relaxing in the sun, so we'll all be envious when she gets back with a tan. Where did I put that sun lamp?...**Barry Howard**, Production Control, just came back from a week's vacation. Two days were spent in bed ill, and then two days playing Mr. Mom while his wife was sick. What a way to spend a vacation. Who's your travel agent, anyway?...**Bruce Weeks**, Production Control, is busy in his spare time now that the softball season has begun. In his first game, the team lost 9-2. His wife, **Joan**, probably will not see him until the football season starts and that's only because he'll be watching the games on TV...Your reporter was all excited when she won two tickets to see Crystal Gale at the Holiday Star Inn on May 19. She won by being the 15th caller on US99 radio station. Crystal Gale was fabulous!

Pat Glines

## Forest Glen (Repairs)

Wedded bliss: **Ken Hanna**, bus placer, and **Joanne LeCara** were united in Holy Matrimony on April 13. Joanne is the daughter of **Frank LeCara**, night foreman. The happy couple honeymooned in Hawaii...Baseball season has begun with three of our co-workers participating: **Ray Brennan** is coaching his second year for the Midget League at Durnham Park. His son, **Ray**, plays various positions in the league. **Sal Furlin** is in his sixth year and is coaching the Bronco A's out of Mt. Prospect. **Louis Chatard** is now coaching a Colt League team in Lake County sponsored by The Zion Merchants. Last year he coached in a Pony League and won the Eastern Division, posting an 11-3 record. Good luck to the coaches and players!

John W. Kochopolus

## Harlem Shop

Repairmen **Arnold Tucknott** and **Joe Milke** are both proud new fathers, as their wives gave birth to beautiful future CTA leaders. Arnold and his wife, **Mary**, had a beautiful baby girl, **Candace Nicole**, on May 14, weighing in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces. Joe and **Terri Milke** welcomed **Brian Raymond**, weighing in at 7 pounds, 13 ounces, on May 21...**Frank Chiappetta** retired June 1 after 35 years at Harlem Shop. A party and send-off was held at JFW Hall on Desplaines avenue in Riverside. Good luck, Frank!..Harlem Shop Foreman **Al Cranford** enjoyed a week of fishing and R&R in beautiful Chattanooga, Tennessee (with friend Dolly Parton?)...**Kevin M. Kincaid** graduated with honors from Lincoln Jr. High School, Berwyn. Proud father **William**, a servicer at Harlem, and wife **Jacqueline**, gifted Kevin with a four-week all-expenses-paid vacation in beautiful Ireland. Congratulations, Kevin!

Mike McGuinness



## Claims and Union representative O'Rourke retires

Timothy O'Rourke (right), claims representative and veteran union representative for general office employees of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 241, accepts congratulations and best wishes upon his retirement after 39 years of CTA service. Bidding adieu is Edward Mitchell, director, Technical Services, Data Control, as Don Wardell, director, Claims Management, looks on. O'Rourke joined CTA's Transportation Department in October 1946 as a conductor/bus operator. He was assigned to 77th Street where he remained until he became a traffic checker in 1950. In August 1960 he joined the Claim Department as a statement man. In the next 25 years, O'Rourke held key positions in the Claim Department until his May 1 retirement.



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