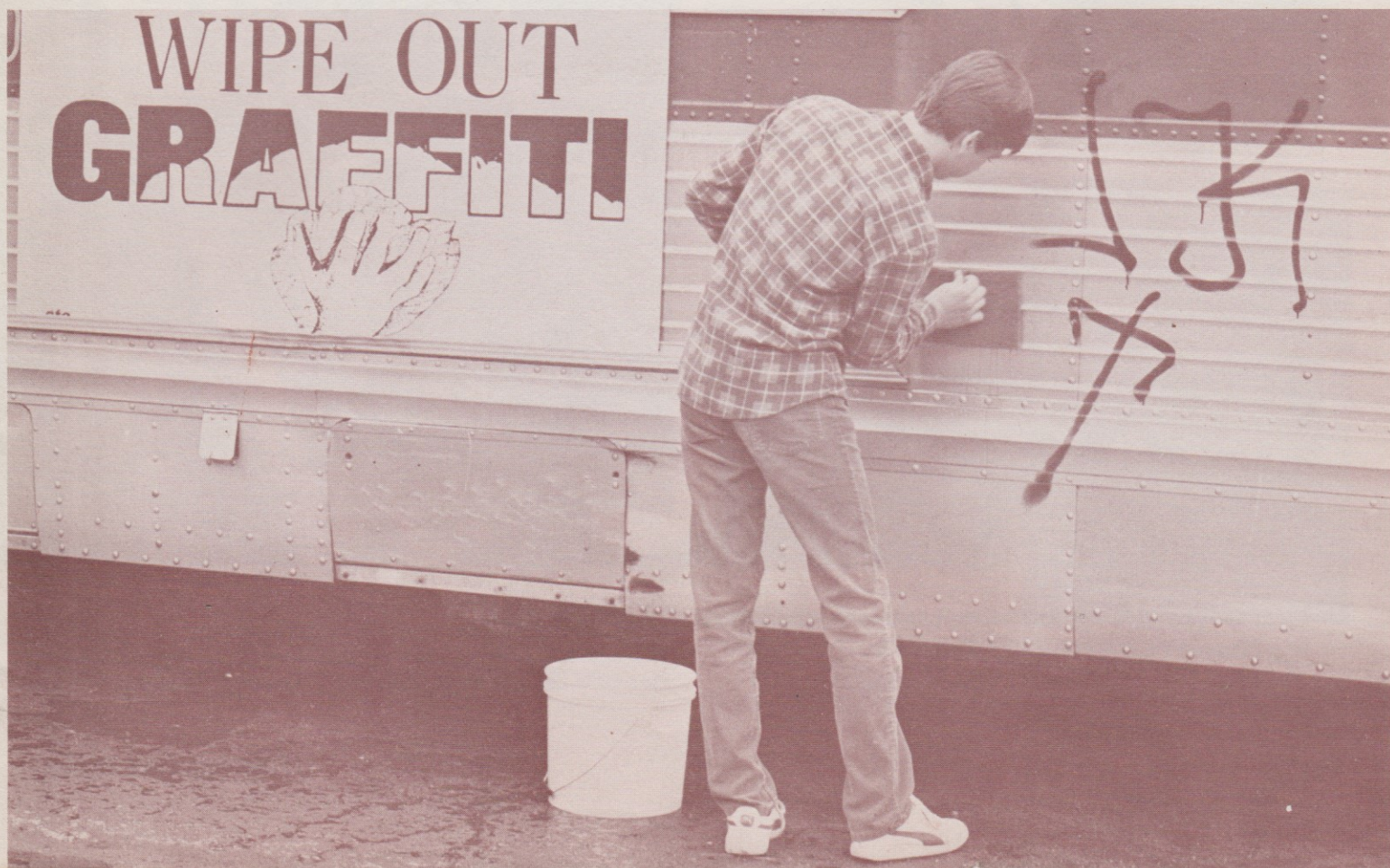


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WAR *Graffiti...*



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Children, teenagers, and adults are playing a new, and in many cases gang-related, game in Chicago called "Graffiti Tag," and CTA is "it." During the past few months, there has been an outburst of graffiti and vandalism on buses, trains, stations, and other facilities, and CTA is getting ready to fight back.

Chairman Cardilli recently announced CTA's new "Wipe Out Graffiti" campaign, designed to rid CTA vehicles and property of this ugly and expensive mess. This new campaign is

a two-fold program, designed to provide both preventive and punitive education.

Preventive Education

CTA's Public Affairs department will involve Chicago area students in a program of education to prevent graffiti. A series of contests designed to challenge students' creativity and solicit their ideas concerning the seriousness of the crime of graffiti, are now being prepared for implementation when school begins.

A radio "Rappin" contest including junior high school and high school students from public and parochial

schools is scheduled to begin in late summer. "Rappin" is the technique of talking quickly and rhythmically to music. Student listeners will be asked to submit 30-second tapes with their graffiti "raps" to the radio station. A CTA-appointed committee and representatives from the radio station will choose five finalists. Their tapes will be played on the air, and listeners will be asked to phone in and vote for the best "rap." Prizes yet to be determined will be awarded to the winner and four runners-up.

The Community Affairs department, through cooperation with the Chicago Board of Education and the Archdiocese of Chicago, will conduct essay, poster, and slogan contests designed to help "Wipe Out Graffiti."

Community Affairs will also tour the school system with the "Other Side" bus in order to stimulate interest and appreciation of the graffiti problem. One side of this bus will be clean, and



Three graffiti offenders, escorted to Limits garage by Chicago Police Department juvenile officers, remove graffiti from a bus.

the "Other Side" will be filled with graffiti inside and out. Students will be invited to tour the bus, and they will be given a brief explanation of the graffiti problem and the opportunity to attempt to remove some of the graffiti.

Punitive Education

CTA and the Chicago Police Department are also using punitive measures to try to stop offenders from making a pigsty of our transit system, and to teach offenders that it takes a lot longer to clean off the mess than it took them to put it on. A recent change in the Illinois Juvenile Code allows youth officers to offer juveniles arrested in graffiti cases the option of appearing in Juvenile Court on charges of damage to property or, if youths and parents agree, to do public service work in the neighborhoods where their arrests occurred.

Since June, police officers have

been escorting juvenile offenders to CTA bus garages and other CTA locations. Using rubber gloves and a special non-toxic graffiti remover, groups of two or three offenders make restitution for their crimes by removing all graffiti from a CTA bus. The process takes a considerable amount of time and a lot of elbow grease, and hopefully discourages repeat offenders.

CTA is spending an estimated \$400,000 per year to remove graffiti. We hope to eliminate graffiti completely in the near future, but, until then, let those who are caught writing graffiti be the ones to do the clean-up work...not CTA employees.

Through its double-edged program of preventive and punitive education, the "Wipe Out Graffiti" program will be an excellent example of cooperation between public and private agencies to serve the needs of the community.

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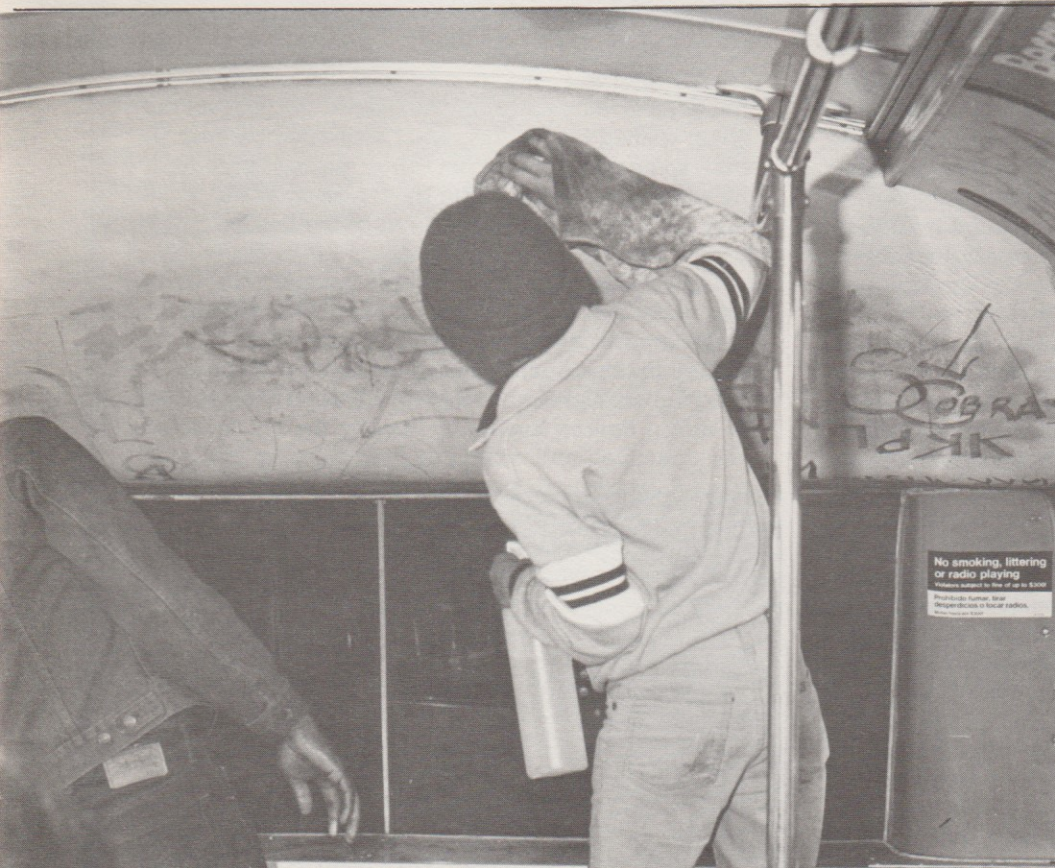
From the Chairman Fighting back

During recent months we have been under attack by those who thoughtlessly deface the transit environment that has been a source of pride for Chicagoans and admiration for visitors from other large cities. Our Maintenance Department has worked diligently, and at great expense, to remove graffiti as it occurs; but they can no longer keep pace, because contemporary graffiti taggers measure success by the number of "tags" they can make throughout the city, rather than the need to express any intelligent social statement. CTA and the City of Chicago are fed up with this ignorant disrespect for property, and we are starting to fight back.

I congratulate our legislators for amending the Illinois Juvenile Code, which now allows the police to put juvenile graffiti offenders to work cleaning the mess that has been created by their kind, and I applaud the new programs of the CTA Public Affairs and Community Relations Departments, which will reach out to the neighborhoods and the schools to re-educate young people concerning respect for property. All CTA employees must be concerned about the cleanliness of our system. I thank those of you who have reported incidents that have led to the arrest of graffiti perpetrators, and I thank the Chicago Police Department for strict and rapid enforcement of the law.

Our search for missing children continues, and I welcome the Checker Taxi and Yellow Cab companies and the Lerner Newspapers who are joining our efforts to inform the public about children who are missing. Since our transit advertising program started in February, 10 children have been located, and this increased level of publicity can only produce more positive results. Also, I thank radio stations WJMK-FM and WJJD-AM for their sponsorship of the expanded fingerprint bus program which will enable parents to safeguard their children with fingerprint and photographic records provided by the Chicago Police Department. The missing children program is an excellent example of public and private agencies working together to solve a serious social problem.

Michael Randell



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Wayne Wardlow (Kedzie garage) is appreciated by riders of his No. 16 Lake bus.

Ora Young, of Oak Park, wrote, "He is an outstanding young man. When you enter the bus, there is always a warm, friendly smile and a 'Good morning' or 'How are you?' He is dedicated to his job, and is always nice to everyone, young and old alike.

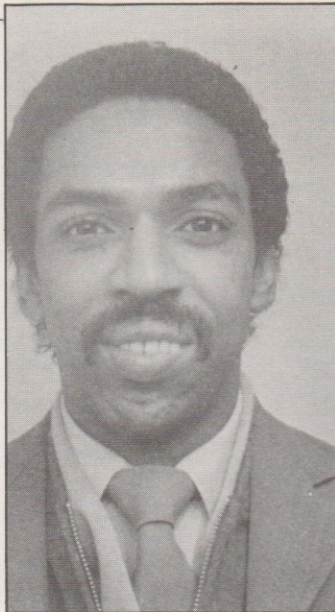
He is one in a million. I am sure his parents played a key role in his training. He is one young man who is serving mankind with authority and love. He has to love his job to give such a good performance. All I can say is keep up the good work and keep on driving."



Leon Davis (77th Street garage) was thanked for his courtesy as operator of a No. 3 King Drive bus by Matt Bullard, of Harbor Point Drive. "I had jumped off a westbound Blue Island bus that was right ahead. The operator saw me wave, made a quick stop for me, and still made the light. And I got to work on time. I moved here from the West Coast last fall. On the strength of reports we had heard about the CTA system, we sold all three of our cars before moving, a decision we have had no cause to regret. I have been impressed with the friendliness and helpfulness of most of the people I've met in Chicago, and naturally I think operator 7685 is an asset not only to CTA, but to me and the City of Chicago as well."

North Section conductor **Richard Corbett** and motorman **John Kirsch** were commended by David Marshall, of North Campbell Avenue, for apprehending a pickpocket on a Ravenswood train. "At Fullerton two suspicious-looking males blocked the doorway for a moment. I had just gotten off the train when another man who had been behind me cried out that his wallet was gone. Your crew immediately stopped the train, and the conductor caught the 16-year-old who had the man's wallet. He put up quite a fight. The motorman helped him subdue the youth, and together they held him until the police finally arrived some 30 minutes later."

Rosa Irizarry (Forest Glen garage) was praised by J. Valchen, of Peterson Avenue, who was a rider on her No. 84 Peterson bus. "I am 70 years young, and have been riding buses for a long time. For the first time in many months, I had a smooth ride. This gal handled the bus beautifully -- no jerking of the brakes, and I didn't have to hold on for fear of falling down. How I wish there were more bus drivers like her! It would be a pleasure to ride buses, and I wouldn't be so shaken up."



Joel Larkins (North Section) was the conductor of a Howard train ridden by Patrick Graber, who works on East Randolph Drive. He distinguished himself by his professionalism. His announcements were clearly enunciated so as to be understood by all. He also showed himself to be thoroughly knowledgeable of the city and of interconnecting lines. He not only announced each stop, but also gave pertinent information as to local points of interest. When the train came to a stop just before Washington, the conductor immediately announced what the situation was, and courteously thanked all riders for their patience."

Lee Thompson (North Park garage) was the operator of a No. 147 Outer Drive Express bus ridden by Pat Burns, who was in Chicago on business from Tucson, Arizona. "His professional image and his concern for his passengers were helpful and very efficient. We could clearly understand street names called out. He watched where he stopped so as not to cause harm to people getting off or on. An elderly lady was on the street waiting for the bus, and he stopped far enough back so as not to startle her. Once she was on board, he warned her gently about staying back, as she could lose her balance and fall in front of the bus."

Billy Ragsdale (77th Street garage) was complimented by Timetra Adams, of East 74th Street, for "reaching out and being nice to people" on a No. 6 Jeffery Express bus. "I was greeted with a 'Good morning, Love. Welcome to the Love Bus.' As I continued to ride, I noticed everyone entering the bus received this greeting, and everyone leaving was told, 'Be careful, watch your step, and have a good day.' People as a rule are not friendly toward strangers, but the passengers on this bus were turning and chatting with the person next to them, and were smiling at each other on a glance, instead of glaring or frowning."

Jeff Anderson (Forest Glen garage) was applauded by C. E. Morris, of Forest Glen Avenue, for his consideration as operator of a No. 84 Peterson bus. "The driver held his westbound bus until a lady and I who were stranded on the median strip by a long line of traffic were able to cross the street and board. It was raining at the time. A few minutes later the driver took time at Kimball Avenue to help a blind lady off the bus and safely across the street so she could board a southbound bus. This considerate attitude for the welfare of his passengers impressed me greatly and is worthy of commendation."



Day in CTA honorees get an explanation of how things operate in the Control Center as bus controller **Linda Hopps** takes them on a tour. The group includes (from left) **William Davidson**, motorman, Howard terminal;

Roland Michalak, ticket agent, Forest Park; **Joel Hawthorne**, conductor, Ashland; and **Isabelo Pagan**, conductor, Howard terminal. Seated at the console is bus controller **John Batzel**.

Four rapid transit employees honored

Two rapid transit employees assigned to Howard terminal, an Ashland terminal conductor, and a Forest Park ticket agent, received special recognition on "A Day in CTA" for having distinguished themselves in four separate emergency rescue efforts which either saved a life or averted further tragedy.

Conductor **Isabelo Pagan** was honored for coming to the aid of a gunshot victim on the North-South route recently. Pagan, who joined CTA last August 21, witnessed the shooting at University station and rushed to the man's aid after calling the Control Center. He not only

assisted the victim until an ambulance and police arrived, but made court appearances in connection with the incident.

Conductor **Joel Hawthorne**, a member of the 1984 Roundhouse 18, called for the power to be cut after he observed a man jump from the platform to the tracks approximately 50 feet in front of his train in an apparent suicide attempt.

Hawthorne rushed to the man with words of encouragement, and helped him from the tracks. The conductor stayed with the man until an ambulance and police arrived.

In a similar incident on the North-

South route at Granville, Motorman **William Davidson** brought his train to a safe stop and notified the Control Center when he saw a man on the tracks.

Police and firemen were notified, but arrived too late to save the man's life. However, Operations officials said Davidson's alertness and attention to duty avoided a more serious situation and minimized delay of service.

A Forest Park ticket agent, **Roland Michalak**, was also the recipient of "Day in CTA" recognition for having foiled an attempted robbery. The alert Michalak denied two youthful would-be robbers with a deception which prevented them from escaping with CTA revenue.

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Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

Mohammed Ajami, North Park
Amparo Alvarez, Forest Glen
Robert Arellano, Howard/Kimball

Karonnese Banks, Howard/Kimball
Nathaniel Barton, 77th Street
Gall Beck, North Park
Samuel Bevelle, North Park
Thomas Bonner, North Park
Junior Broadbent, Forest Glen
Arthur Broadway Jr., 77th Street
Cornell Brown, 77th Street
Thomas Brown, Archer
Jonather Bruce, 77th Street
Earl Burress, 69th Street
Robert Byrd, North Park

George Calhoun, 69th Street
Virbie Caples, 69th Street
Glenn Carpenter, Archer
Edwin Carrero, Archer
Anthony Ceriala, Forest Glen
Alonzo Claybon, 69th Street
Felicia Clower, Limits
David Copeland, Kedzie

Minnie Davis, North Avenue
Michael Deely, North Avenue
Angel DeLaPaz, Forest Glen
Robert Devitt, North Park
Lawrence Duda, Limits
Melvin Dukes, North Avenue
Robert Dunning, Limits

Hezzie Edwards, 77th Street
Scherron Edwards, 69th Street

Lourdes Figueroa, North Avenue
Eddie Figueroa, North Park

Gonzalo Garcia, North Park
George Gavrilos, North Park
Grover Germany, North Park
Leonard Gibbs III, North Park
Barbara Gillispie, Archer
Anna Gonzales, North Section
Mary Guice, North Park

Ellie Head, 69th Street
Cecelia Hendrickson, Forest Glen
Vernon Hill, Howard/Kimball

Mary Holt, Limits
Marlene Horsby, North Section
Kenneth Hull, Beverly

Roberto Jacobson, Howard/Kimball
Waymon Jeffrey, Beverly
Jerry Jenkins, Archer
Charles Jessie, Limits
Lewis Johnson, 77th Street
Cedric Johnson, Kedzie
Martin Johnson, North Park
Eddie Jones, 69th Street
Betty Jones, Limits
Francene Jones, Howard/Kimball
Bernardino Juarez, Limits

Robert Kremer, North Park

Fred Labern, North Avenue
George Lantz, Forest Glen
Luther Lewis, Beverly
Irving Lewis, 69th Street
Hollis Lewis Jr., North Avenue
Walter Lewis Jr., North Park
Robert Lucas, Kedzie

John March Jr., Forest Glen
William Markowski, Forest Glen
Robert Martinez, North Park
Calvin McCants, 69th Street
Earnest McElwee Jr., Howard/Kimball
Donald Minefee, 69th Street
Angel Mojica, North Park
Ubaldo Munoz, North Park

Michael Newkirk, Kedzie
Steve Nicpon, Forest Glen

John Paczkowski, Archer
James Parker, North Avenue
Lynda Parker, Limits
Frederick Pepke, Limits
Ramiro Perez, Archer
Charles Peterson, 77th Street
Richard Power, Archer

Billy Ragsdale, 77th Street
John Reynolds, 77th Street
Kenneth Richards, Limits
Robert Roberson, 77th Street
Tony Robinson, Limits

Gregory Shelby, Limits
John Sifuentes, Howard/Kimball
Kathleen Sims, Douglas/Congress
Roberto Siota, Forest Glen
Barbara Sullivan, Forest Glen

Jay Thompson, 69th Street
Blanca Torres, Forest Glen
Jeff Turner, North Avenue

Clarence VanMiddlesworth, North Park

Wayne Wardlow, Kedzie
David Wasson, North Park
DeLols West, 69th Street
Walter White, Beverly
Frederick White, Limits
Patricia Williams, North Park
Russell Williams, Ashland Terminal
Waldridge Witherspoon, Howard/Kimball



Magic 104 FINGER

Kimberly Halbisch (Left) and **Valina Lynn Laabs** (right) show mixed reactions to fingerprinting performed by Officer **Gene Jaglowski**. ▶



CTA historical bus No. 3407 was a feature attraction at WJMK Magic 104 FM's "Day at the Races" on Sunday, June 30, at Santa Fe Speedway in the southwest suburb of Willow Springs. CTA Public Affairs, the Chicago Police Department, and Magic 104 provided free fingerprint registry for children as part of the growing CTA/CPD Missing Children Program, which began in February 1985 by providing information about missing children through monthly posting of car card advertising in CTA vehicles.

The "Day at the Races" opened at 11 a.m. with a Historic Street and Race Car Show including 75 cars, most of 1950's and 1960's vintage. At 2 p.m., Magic 104 presented the Ronnie Rice Show in the main bandstand; and the "Magic 104 Race" began at 6 p.m., featuring Late Model, Sportsman, Lightning Rod, and Street Stock car races.

As a co-sponsor of the event, CTA displayed bus No. 3407 and two mini-buses from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Display space near the main bandstand, valued at \$5,000, was donated by Magic 104 FM, which also broadcast promotional announcements during the week before the event.

At the request of their parents, 85 children were fingerprinted and photographed. Parents received their children's fingerprint cards and polaroid photographs, which could be used by police in case of emergency, and CTA/CPD brochures with missing children photos and missing per-

sons safety tips. Each child also received a helium-filled balloon bearing a distinctive fingerprint and magnifying glass symbol, and the slogans "WE CARE," and "I've been (fingerprinted)." The symbol was also displayed on 12-foot-long display signs mounted on the sides of bus No. 3407.

The children were fingerprinted by Officers **Taya D. Sun** and **Gene Jaglowski**, Preventive Programs Division, Bureau of Community Services, CPD. Officer **Jack Campione**, Youth Division, Bureau of Investigative Services, CPD, CTA Publications Director **Jack Sowchin**, CTA Promotional Services Representative **Helene Greiman**, and Media Buyer **Laura Hangren** from Santa Fe Speedway registered children and filled balloons with helium. **Ken Paulin**, Promotion/Marketing Director, and **Judy Spitzer**, Assistant Promotion/Marketing Director, both from Magic 104, photographed children with a polaroid camera and film donated by Shutan Camera.

Jimmy Johnson, operator of bus No. 3407 from Washington Garage, helped throughout the day by showing people through the bus, and especially by helping parents clean fingerprinting ink from their children's fingers. Graphics for the missing children program were designed by **Alan Grady**, CTA Publications Section. Special thanks to the Paint Shop, South Shops, under the direction of foreman **Winmon Lewis**, for producing the silk-screened sign used on bus No. 3407, and to Washington Garage

Maintenance, under the direction of superintendent of Maintenance **Willie Wong**, for their help with this project.

CTA's historical fingerprint bus also appeared in the Evanston Fourth of July parade. After the parade, Evanston police fingerprinted 85 more children during the suburb's Fourth of July celebration. Arrangements were made by **Steve Schlickman**, CTA Intergovernmental Affairs Officer, who was also assistant celebration manager for Evanston's Fourth of July activities.

Beginning August 1, CTA, the Chicago Police Department, WJMK Magic 104 FM, WJJD 1160 AM, Shutan Camera, and Lerner Newspapers will co-sponsor more activities in support of the missing children program. For their "Kid Lost" program, Magic 104 and the CPD will use a modern CTA bus to visit shopping centers, neighborhood events, and schools to promote fingerprint registry and photographing services. Magic 104 and Lerner Newspapers will promote the events, and Lerner Newspapers will begin printing photos of missing children weekly in their neighborhood newspapers. Magic 104 will also operate a 24-hour telephone hotline for information about missing children, using the special phone number K-I-D-L-O-S-T.

CTA and the Chicago Police Department welcome the increased cooperation and support for the missing children program. These efforts will make it easier to locate missing children, and they will inform parents of things that they can do to help insure the safety of their children. **cta**

PRINT BUS



▲ After fingerprinting, **Kimberly Halbis** poses for polaroid photo taken by **Ken Paulin** of Magic 104 FM.



Diabetes and the cost of Health Care: Safeguards you can take today

Presumably, as life expectancy increases so have the number of post retirement years. This good fortune has a penalty, however, by placing a financial burden on years of fixed income. Similarly, as post retirement years increase, one must devote more time to measures that will safeguard health in the years to come. Of course, if we put off such measures, high technology may supply us with miraculous cures for an assortment of illnesses; or will it?

No doubt technology has contributed to our prolonged survival. With the advent of intensive care units, we can have some chance of surviving heart attacks. To prevent a second heart attack, we can have bypass coronary surgery. With the technology of dialysis, we can even survive kidney failure from years of untreated hypertension.

Technology has also increased our cost of living. These many and wonderful developments are heaped onto the cost of health insurance and dollar amounts paid by the consumer-patient. Thus, the blessings of technology are mixed, especially for those forced to live within a fixed income. Therefore, the answers for health care in the future must be technology, in part, and also preventive health care.

Diabetes

Of the greater than 250 million peo-

ple in the U.S., approximately 12 million are diabetic. Some take medication; some are treated with diet alone; and millions are unaware that they have diabetes. Most of these have few or no symptoms, and likely will only become aware of their diabetic status when they develop a complication. Almost none of these complications can be cured.

Contrary to popular belief, most diabetics do not experience major weakness, weight loss, excessive thirst or urination. Instead, they may have vague nonspecific symptoms or, in fact, may feel quite well.

Diabetics may be overweight, but are often only mildly so, and can be lean. Blurring of vision may be noted but more frequently is not a problem. Therefore, a lack of symptoms is no guarantee of wellness, especially wellness from diabetes.

People usually seek attention and have diabetes diagnosed after a complication has developed — generally 10 or more years after the fact. Problems frequently encountered at this stage are: numbness or pain in a foot or leg, impotency, fluid retention, failing vision, light-headedness on standing, or gangrene of a foot. Occasionally earlier signs become apparent that can be helped, including fungal infections of the skin, recurrent yeast infections of the vagina and/or genital area, rapid weight loss, and infertility or repeated miscarriages.

Hedging your bet

Obviously, if there are no totally reliable early warning signs that will work for all of us, the question of when and how often to check with your doctor becomes a tough one. To help weigh the odds, there are certain risk factors we can evaluate.

Most adult diabetics have a genetic influence, such as a family member who had diabetes. Thus, if you have one or more family members in direct line who are diabetic, your risks are greatly increased.

Although obesity does not cause diabetes, it represents a stress to your body and may make hidden (or well-controlled) diabetes much worse. Steroids, certain types of water pills, and several other drugs also can complicate diabetes.

Conclusion

In the future, technology will likely yield a treatment that will compensate for *basic deficiencies* in the diabetic state, and will be a bargain at any price. The treatment of *its complications*, however, will remain expensive and largely inadequate. As a result, the complications will be best treated by early detection and prevention. An effective effort to safeguard your health should be started today.

Thomas L. Pitts, M.D.

Diabetes testing is scheduled for November

According to the American Diabetes Association (ADA), about one in every 20 people have diabetes. Approximately one million have insulin-dependent, or type one diabetes while 11 million people have non-insulin-dependent, or type two diabetes.

Unfortunately, an estimated five million people have type two diabetes

and do not know it, reports ADA. The people most at risk for type two diabetes are over 40, overweight, and have a history of diabetes. Anyone with these characteristics should see a doctor periodically to be tested for the disease.

Last year 13,000 Illinoisans participated in The American Diabetes

Association's free screening program conducted at local hospital and clinics. The screening is scheduled again for November 1985, "National Diabetes Month." CTA employees, families and friends who may be interested in participating in this year's "Diabetes Detection" program should contact the Northern Illinois Affiliate of the ADA in October for details, 346-1805.

North Park maintenance takes Roadeo, Fleet honors

William Rafferty, a member of the 1984 Maintenance Roadeo first place team at Forest Glen garage, changed work locations and took his winning ways to the North Park maintenance garage where the 1985 first place trophy is being awarded.

Willie Wong, maintenance unit supervisor at Washington garage, and the 1985 maintenance Roadeo chairman, said maintenance foreman Rafferty finished the course in four minutes and three seconds. The maximum time allowed on the course is seven minutes. Contestants are penalized one point for every second over seven minutes.

The North Park team garnered 650 points to top six other teams including two PACE (RTA) teams. Rafferty's teammates were repairer **Jose Guerrero**, and clerk **Frank Fischer**.

The 69th street maintenance garage placed second with 632 points. The team included **Taylor Kent** and **Roy Darner**, both repairers, and **Phillip Wells**, clerk. Taking third place with 626 points was Kedzie maintenance garage. Team members were repairers **Phillip Murnane** and **John Murphy**, and clerk **Tom Smith**.

Servicer **Robert Kaese** and repairers **Salvatore Furlin** and **John Kochopolus** comprised the fourth place Forest Glen team with 615 points. In fifth place was Limits with 591 points. Team members were servicer **Dan Alvarado**, repairer **Tom Lyons** and foreman **John Musial**.

While bus and maintenance roadeo contestants drove the same course, they were not in competition with each other. Maintenance Roadeo contestants also substituted a stop at the wash rack for the passenger stop made by Bus Roadeo contestants.

The Maintenance Roadeo competition included a safety mechanical quiz which required each team to take a written test, and a trouble-shooting phase in which problems with a vehicle had to be resolved in an allotted time. The top three scorers were selected as the top three teams.



Betty Richman, quality control technician, Rail, checks the battery in this bus which was entered in the Fleet Maintenance competition of the Maintenance Roadeo. Inspectors were concerned with items relating to the operation, safety and appearance of buses.

Meanwhile, maintenance crews on all shifts at North Park garage were treated to a catered lunch and merchandise gifts as winners of the first Fleet Maintenance competition which was conducted concurrently with the Maintenance Roadeo.

In this contest, the larger garages

entered two pre-selected buses for inspection while the small garages each entered one bus. Inspection criteria consisted of 50 items relating to the operation, safety and appearance of the bus. Each item had a point value of two for a total of 100 possible points.

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Top performers named in contests

CTA's top bus operators were selected for the 1985 Winning Circle 20 following the June 2 and June 9 garage level driving competition of the annual Bus Roadeo.

Other top operating and station personnel from the Third Rail Round-Up terminal level competition, and the Ticket Agent TieUp section level competition have also been selected.

Qualified trainmen participated in the terminal level competition at their respective home terminals April 28 through May 5. This competition required a practical demonstration of preparing a train for service, and clearing various troubleshooting problems.

The top nine motormen and top nine conductors systemwide were advanced to the Roundhouse 18 final competition.

The Ticket Agent TieUp section level competition determined the top 10 ticket agents or "Free Wheeling" 10 in the system, following written and performance tests on standard operating procedures, rules and regulations, job duties, and responsibilities. The contest was held April 13 — May 12.

Photos of successful contestants named to the Winning Circle 20, Roundhouse 18, and the Free Wheeling 10 appear on pages 10-14. ►

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Edwin Mahan

95th Street



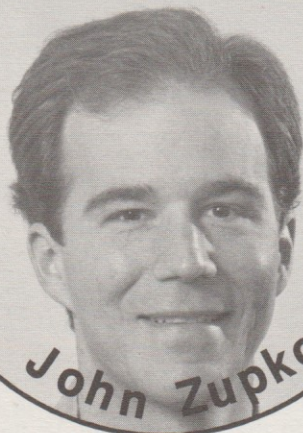
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Donald Seay

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Levi Wardell

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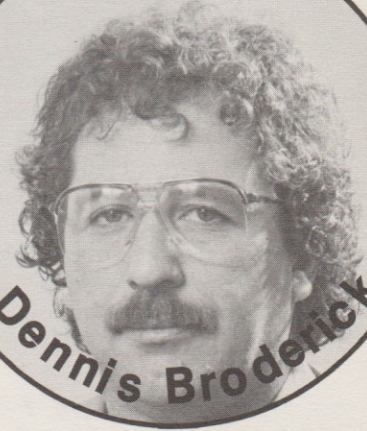
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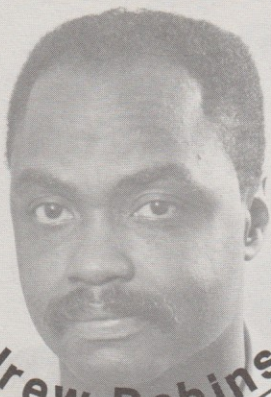
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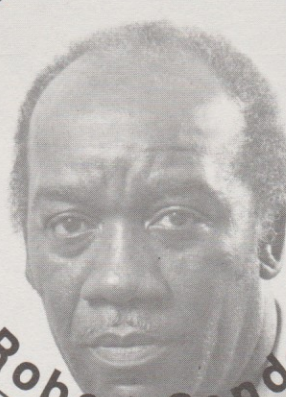
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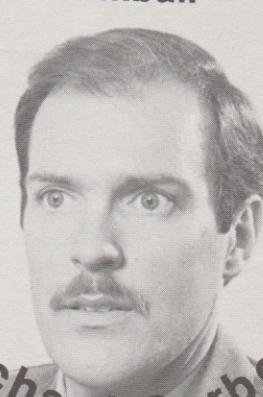
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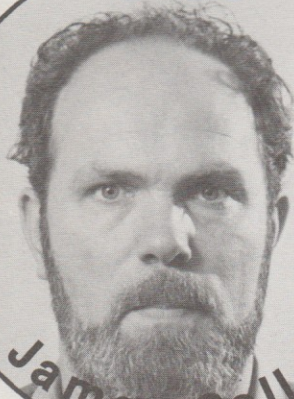
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Richard Corbett

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James Dooley

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Rena Sammon

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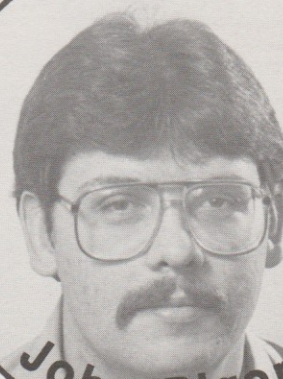
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Lawrence Washington

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John Rigoni

Free Wheeling 10



Ricca James
Howard



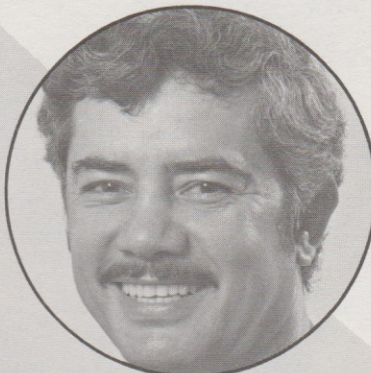
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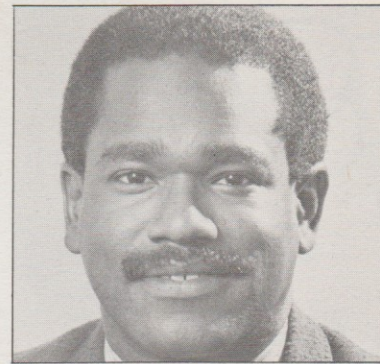
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Angel Chapparo
Kimball



▲ Kedzie Garage Quality Circle members gathered for a round of discussion look to assistant leader **Lonzo Lyles** as he lists concerns of the group on an

easel. Seated around the table are (from left) repairmen **Edwin Harding, Salvatore Alleruzzo, David Maynard, and Milford Shelton.**

Quality Circle is maintenance workers' brain storming

The best job in the world becomes a burden when there is no communication between management and labor, regardless of skill.

Japanese industrialists long ago recognized the importance of involving the worker in management decisions as a way to bridge the communication gap and satisfy the worker, and increase productivity which in turn satisfies management.

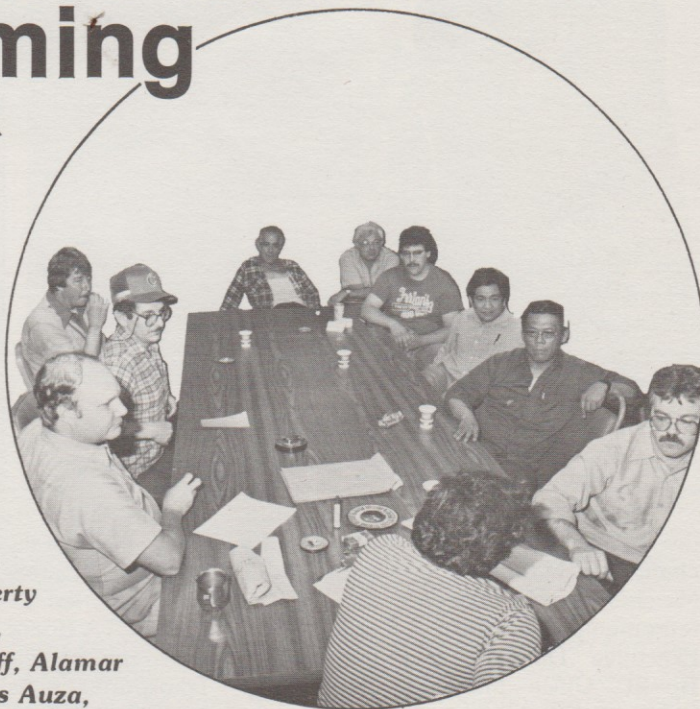
This concept, the "Quality Circle," is being introduced at Kedzie garage and Skokie Shops' Engineering and Maintenance areas. Brainstorming sessions are scheduled at both work locations each week with 10 employees, including a group leader, coming together to discuss areas of concern which have an impact on productivity. The issues are then presented to a management steering committee for resolution.

The committee includes **George Millonas**, deputy executive director, Engineering and Maintenance, ex officio; **Florence A. Salus**, project manager, Quality Circle, director, Personnel Services, Engineering and Maintenance; **Richard M. Schneider**, manager, Equipment, Engineering and Maintenance, and **Thomas L. Wolgemuth**, manager, Facilities, Engineering and Maintenance.

Steering committee alternates are **Terrance McGuigan**, director, Bus Maintenance, and **Frank Venezia**, director, Rail Maintenance. **Burt Van Wetering**, business representative,

Skokie Shops' Quality Circle thrashes out a problem at its weekly meeting. Participating in the round-table discussion are (top left)

Rosario DiMarco, Larry Vanderhorst, Lou Valle, Jim Donnelly, discussion leader **Raymond Hagerty** (back to camera), **Michael Carduff, Alamar Justo, Hercules Auza, Ralph Steven, and Bob Guarino.**



IBEW Local 134, **Elcosie Gresham**, president, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 241 and **Elwood Flowers**, president ATU 308 are union representatives to the Steering Committee.

Ms Salus said the pilot program underway at Kedzie and Skokie could serve as a logical vehicle for expediting solutions for better communications and increasing productivity.

The one-hour weekly brainstorming sessions tackle a variety of problems ranging from receiving parts, tools and other supplies, to safety and communications between workers and management.

If these pilot programs are successful, Engineering and Maintenance plans to expand Quality Circle to other areas towards the end of the year.



Bernard J. Ford

and Mary J. Boski



retire...

A retirement reception was held on the evening of June 28 in the Merchants and Manufacturers Club of the Merchandise Mart honoring the July 1 retirements of **Bernard J. Ford**, CTA Executive Director, and **Mary J. Boski**, Office Manager, Executive Director's Office.

Former CTA Chairman **James J. McDonough** was master of ceremonies for the event, which was attended by employees and representatives from CTA, RTA, state and city government, and transit related industries and associations.

Ford began his career with CTA in 1956. He joined the Regional

Transportation Authority in October, 1975, became its general manager in May, 1979, and, on June 2, 1982, was appointed CTA executive director by the CTA Board. Ford also serves as president of the American Public Transportation Association, and upon retirement became the president of Baker Engineering in Chicago.

Mary Boski held various clerical, secretarial, and managerial positions throughout her 34-year CTA career and directed office operations for CTA Executive Directors **George Krambles**, **Theodore Schuster**, and **Bernard Ford**. Ms. Boski accompanied Ford to Baker Engineering,

where she serves as his executive secretary.

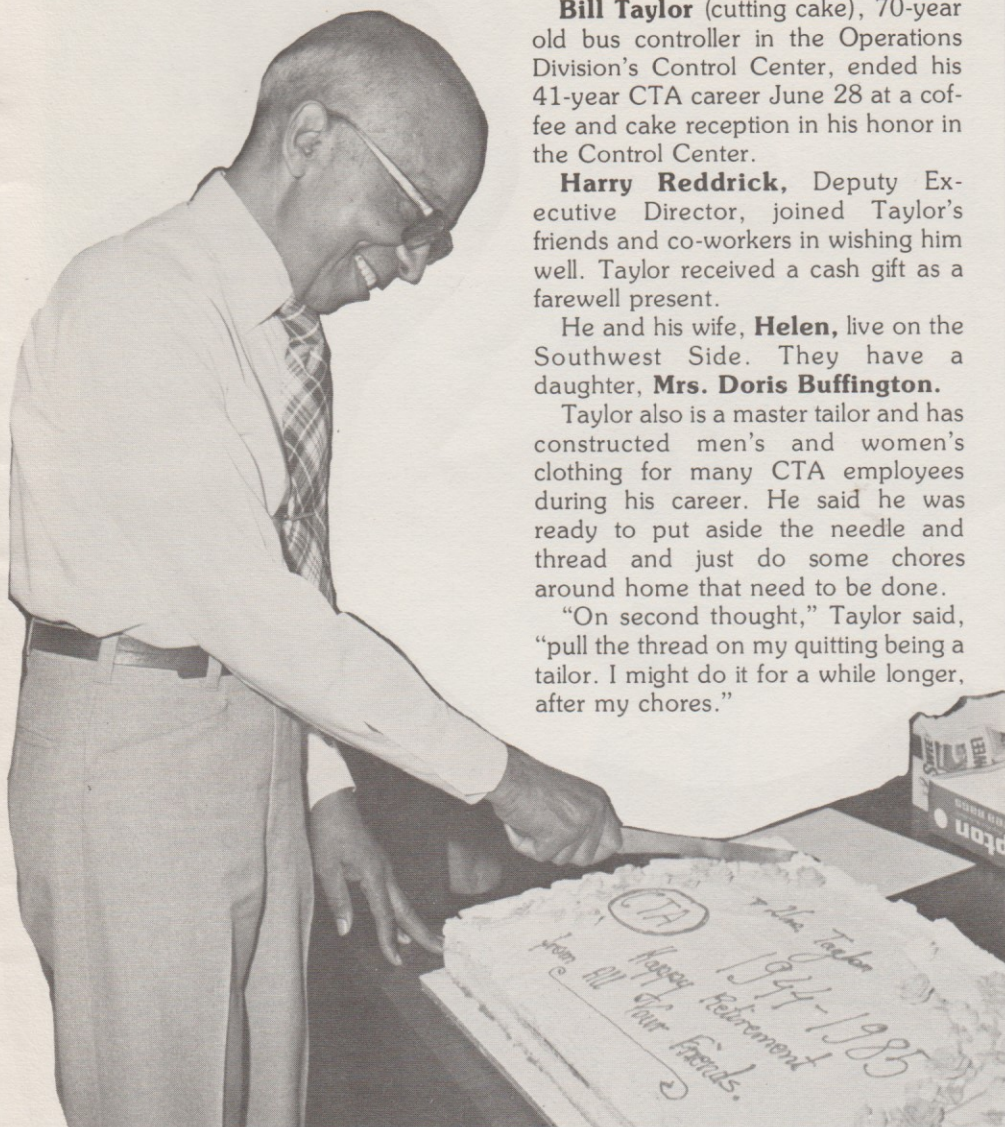
Expressing appreciation to his co-workers, Mr. Ford said: "Twenty-eight and a half years sounds like a long time. When you live it, it's the blink of an eye. You have made my career. I thank you for it. You will always have my affection and that of my wife."

Reflecting on her career, Mary Boski said: "Thirty-four years ago, my dad said CTA would take good care of me, although I only planned to stay a couple of years. I'm grateful for my family and all the friends I have here. Thank you very much."



Retiring CTA Executive Director **Bernard J. Ford** and retiring Office Manager **Mary J. Boski** display two of their most unusual retirement gifts presented by the Facilities Engineering & Maintenance Department. Ford received an antique rapid transit fare register, and Boski received a lamp made from a third rail shoe.

Bill Taylor, 70 Bus controller retires



Bill Taylor (cutting cake), 70-year old bus controller in the Operations Division's Control Center, ended his 41-year CTA career June 28 at a coffee and cake reception in his honor in the Control Center.

Harry Reddick, Deputy Executive Director, joined Taylor's friends and co-workers in wishing him well. Taylor received a cash gift as a farewell present.

He and his wife, **Helen**, live on the Southwest Side. They have a daughter, **Mrs. Doris Buffington**.

Taylor also is a master tailor and has constructed men's and women's clothing for many CTA employees during his career. He said he was ready to put aside the needle and thread and just do some chores around home that need to be done.

"On second thought," Taylor said, "pull the thread on my quitting being a tailor. I might do it for a while longer, after my chores."

transportation between home and the treatment facility for ambulatory cancer patients living in the volunteer's general neighborhood and who are undergoing radiation therapy and other forms of outpatient cancer treatment.

The theme of the Volunteer Transportation program, "Neighbors Helping Neighbors," is indicative of the program's ultimate goal which is to operate on a neighborhood level. In other words, with Chicago divided into 77 geographically-defined neighborhoods, the Volunteer Transportation program seeks to recruit a minimum of 10 drivers and one scheduler in each neighborhood with volunteers serving patients living in their particular neighborhood.

Volunteers are asked only to make themselves and their vehicles available one or two mornings or afternoons a week to drive a cancer patient living in the same general neighborhood from the patient's home to a treatment facility and back home.

Non-drivers may also participate in the Volunteer Transportation program as a neighborhood scheduler. By using the telephone and working from home, a scheduler may arrange transportation for a neighborhood cancer patient from a list of Neighborhood Volunteer drivers.

Any CTA employees or family members interested in volunteering as a driver or a scheduler are asked to call

Cancer society needs volunteer drivers, schedulers

The Chicago unit of the American Cancer Society (ACS) is recruiting drivers and schedulers for its

Volunteer Transportation program.

Drivers, using their own vehicles, provide door-to-door round-trip

Lowell Young

Volunteer Transportation
Program Associate
Coordinator,
at

**372-0471,
ext. 210**

RETIREMENTS



Retiree-elect **John (Jack) Bowland**, 60, is flanked by four coworkers at his May 31 retirement party. They are,

from left, **Amy Diansan**, **Van Gosrisirkul**, **Mila Austria**, and **Stacy Heal**. Bowland retired June 1 as supervisor of property management & reporting, Finance Division after 42 years of service. He and his wife, **Lavern**, live in Villa Park, and they plan to do some traveling during his retirement. They have four children. Bowland's family joined him at his party in the CTA Board Room where his coworkers and friends presented him with a cash gift.



John D. Schwartz, special projects coordinator, displays the cash gift he received from co-workers at his retirement bash held at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club June 28. Schwartz retired effective July 1 after 43 years of CTA service. He began his career on August 31, 1942 in Shops and Equipment as an inside mail bag handler and booth clerk. During World War II, Schwartz served in the U.S. armed



forces from March 2, 1943 to October 1, 1945 when he rejoined Shops and Equipment as a booth clerk. **Roger Wood**, manager, Management Services, said of Schwartz, "His job involved a wide variety of tasks from chasing down deliveries to straightening out invoices and handling telephone orders. It required a lot of leg work, but I could always depend on John to get the job done. He will be missed."

A cash gift

Munyer retires, to San Diego

David Munyer, cashier in the Treasury Department for the past seven years, ended his 33-year CTA career June 1. Before joining Treasury, Munyer worked in the Claims Department.

About 100 of his friends and coworkers attended a May 29 farewell party honoring Munyer in the CTA Board Room. He was joined by his wife, Karen, and their daughter, Christa. His friends had presented him with a cash gift and a wrist watch. The Munyers have left their home in Park Ridge for a newly built home in San Diego, CA.



David Munyer receives his retirement papers from **William Buetow**, Director, Treasury.

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AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF
THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Meet Your Reporter

Okay, Datacenter Operations, now you know you have a reporter in your midst. So help me out! Surely you have something of interest to contribute to this column. I'll tell you a little about myself. I've been involved in church activities, I'm a Sunday School teacher for three-year-olds, secretary of the Social Ministry Committee, an aide-de-camp for the Lutheran Campgrounds, a delegate to Lutheran Family Services, reader coordinator, and member of the Tape Ministry Committee. Is it true that if you need anything done, ask a busy person? Well, come see me.

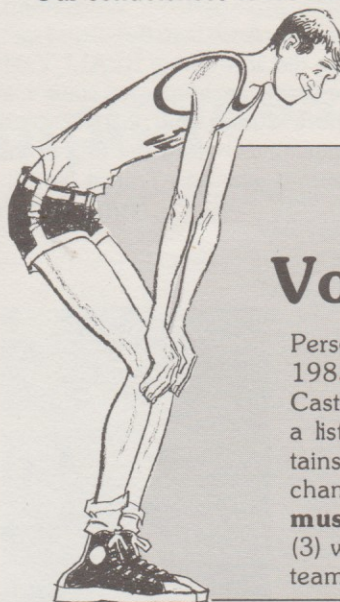


Management Information Systems

OUTGOER: **Rene Vargas**, Production Control, has transferred to the South Shops. All of us would like to wish him the very best of luck in his new position...**Bruce Weeks**, Quality Assurance, recently announced that his wife, Joan, was eating for two, again. The new addition is due in March, 1986. They have a son, Jared, 4 years old...**Bill Ehrler**, Quality Assurance, received a letter from Governor Thompson in response to Bill's letter to save the Chicago Theater. The Governor seemed to be in favor of

Bill's request. I guess those letters from the public do get read and answered by our politicians...**Bill Smith**, I/O Control, spent a relaxing week at Lake Geneva where he has a cottage. He says he just relaxes and thinks of anything but numbers. (He manages the tape library so numbers is his game.)...**Linda Williams**, I/O Control, and **Andy Rizzuto**, Hardware, are still not smoking. Keep up the good work!...I would like to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness when my father, William E. Frangello Sr., passed away on June 25. Fortunately, I had flown down to New Orleans upon learning of his serious illness the weekend before he died. We had not seen each other in nine years...We are all very sorry that **John (Jack) P. Mar-ron** passed away on July 14 at the age of 52. Jack worked in Systems Development for eight years. He was an avid book reader and loved to take pictures with his disc camera. Our condolences to his family.

Patricia Glines



Attention Coed Volleyballers!

Persons interested in Volleyball 1985-86 should contact D. Caston, Ext. 4257, Mart, or send a list of team members and captains names to D. Caston, Merchandise Mart, Room 754. You **must** have a minimum of three (3) women and three (3) men per team.

Washington Garage

Happy 50th Birthday to **Tom Lenoir** and Superintendent **Herbert Williams**...**Howard Means** took a REAL vacation---one whole month, from South Carolina to Atlan-

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

25 Years

Cleavelen Brogdon, Bus Dist. A
Joseph Buscemi, Track & Roadway
James Fichter, Rail Instruction
Robert Hargrave, Body D
John Jarecki Jr., Bus Service
William Knudsen, Forest Glen
Charles Laskowski, Signal, Phone & Radio
Joseph Lazzara, Archer
Joe Mack, Forest Park
Edward McCutcheon Jr., Kedzie
Mickey Reeder, Archer
Edward Rich, 77th Street
Henry Schumer, Track & Roadway
Ronald Sorenson, Douglas/Congress
John Ward, Support Serv., Bus

30 Years

Samuel Adams Jr., North Park
Earlie Bryant, North Avenue
Hillard Derengowski, North Park
Martin Dzincioloski, Kedzie
James Heidewald, Archer
Russell Lipari, Data Proc. & Off. Adm.
Vincent Patellaro, Gen'l Maintenance
Willie Pickett, Budget & Adm.

35 Years

Frenchie Ellis, Tech. Services
Stuart Maginnis, Quality Control-Bus
Francis Mullen, Workers Compensation
Phillip O'Connor, North Park
Michael O'Toole, Elec. Dist.
Daniel Perk, Finance

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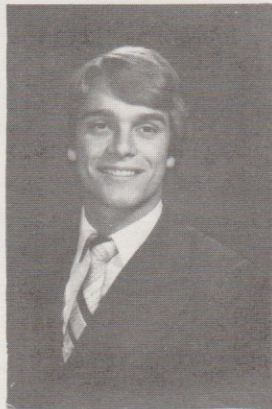
ta, Georgia, to Washington, D.C., to Brooklyn, New York, and back to Chicago! **Tommie Davis** vacationed for two weeks in Chattanooga, Tenn., while **Jonas Barnett** went to Little Rock, Arkansas, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and then Kansas City for a 35th class reunion. Jackson, Mississippi, and the State of Florida were **Nathaniel Masley's** vacation spas. Six glorious weeks visiting Mackinaw City, Canada, and Wisconsin were **Eugene Brudney's** vacation escape. Mrs. **Frances Johnson** and hubby celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary vacationing in New Orleans. The **Alan Glickmans** vacationed in Louisville, Kentucky, attending a National Convention for the Blind. **Irvin Perry** vacationed in Marion, Alabama, for three weeks. **C. A. Jimenez** went to San Diego and San Francisco, California, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. **Willie Robertson** took one week in Decala, Alabama. **Booker Henry** vacationed for two weeks in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended the West Point, Mississippi High School reunion. And last but not least, Superintendent **James Payne** did something REALLY different and exciting for a one-week vacation--he stayed at home. Wow! Was anyone here during the past month?? Remember, folks, give me your news before the first of the month. That way we make sure it gets into Transit News.

Ruth Smith

Materials Management

Russell Lipari, file clerk, is proud of his 24-year-old son, Peter. Peter started taking piano lessons when he could barely reach the pedals. After outgrowing several piano teachers, he took lessons with Iris Zahara. She knew his potential and knew how to get the most out of him. Peter attended Oak Forest High School and was conductor of the student band. During the summers, he was piano accompanist for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine-sponsored musical, "Annie Get Your Gun."

He was recipient of Illinois state scholarships and the Pullman Scholarship. Peter got his Bachelor of Science in



Music Education from the University of Illinois. He was active in their concert band, too.

While working for his Master of Music degree at Northwestern University, he was assistant conductor of "Vanessa." It was at Northwestern where he met the famous composer, Giancarlo Menotti (a familiar work of his is "Amahl and the Night Visitor"), who asked Peter to be assistant conductor at the Spoleto Festival of Music in Charleston, South Carolina. This was Peter's chance to go to Spoleto, Italy, for their festival. His performance was "extraordinaire." He has just finished his second season with the Spoleto.

Home about a month, Peter received a telephone call from Alexandria, Italy. They were looking for a young American composer. Off to Italy again!

When Peter's not working abroad, he conducts the Chicago Heights Youth Symphony, a branch of the Chicago Heights Symphony. In his spare time he plays in a dance band, "After Hours."

We wish Symphony Conductor Peter D. Lipari success. We know he will reach the heights in the field of music.

Russ also wants us to know that he and his wife, Rosalie, have three other children, and they can write a story about each of them. That's one proud family!

We extend our condolences to the families of **Rod Daugherty**, superintendent, Procurement Engineers, whose wife, Beatrice, passed away; to **Helena Ward**, receptionist, whose son, David, died, and to **Larry Murphy**, Affirmative Action, whose mother, Ollie Murphy, died in Lakewood, Colorado. Also, to the family of **John P. O'Connor**, retired director of Passenger Controls and Graphics, who died suddenly. All of them wish to thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy. To help us at times like these--"Life is made of volumes three, the Past, the Present and the Yet To Be; the Past is gone and laid away, the Present we are living day by day; and last of all is volume three: No one knows--God holds the key."

Operations

Colette (Szczepanek) Jackson, former executive secretary, Transportation department, paid us a surprise visit donning her western fashions. It was good seeing her again. To refresh your memory, "Cookie" left CTA seven years ago. She is happily married to Dr. James R. Jackson. They live in Paris, Texas. Colette is kept busy babysitting for their two granddaughters, Alicia and Angela; keeping house; caring for her garden which is filled with vegetables;

Pensioners

STANLEY BARNAS, Shopman I,
Rail Shops, Emp. 6-13-60
MARY J. BOSKI, Office Manager,
Executive, Emp. 12-26-50
EDWARD W. BURNITZ, Bus Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-19-56
EUGENE CORKER, Bus & Truck Mech.,
South Shops, Emp. 2-5-51
TYRONZA HANCOCK, Janitor,
North Park, Emp. 7-19-54
ADAM L. KNERR, Track Foreman,
West Shops, Emp. 6-29-60

CONSTANTINE J. LAMBROS, Ticket Agent,
Kimball, Emp. 3-25-63
SALVATORE F. MUSCARELLO, Bus Operator,
North Park, Emp. 6-13-60
DALE PETERS, Box Puller,
North Park, Emp. 8-24-48
JOHN D. SCHWARTZ, Spec. Proj. Coord.,
Management Services, Emp. 8-31-42
ALBERT SILINS, Cond./Motorman,
North Section, Emp. 2-15-51
WILLIAM A. TAYLOR, Bus Controller,
Control Center, Emp. 2-28-44
RAPHAEL WILSON, Collector,
77th Street, Emp. 2-4-54

FRANK J. WISCHLER, Bus Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 6-25-59
EDWARD C. ZAMIAR, Bus Operator,
North Park, Emp. 9-28-67

Disability Retirements

VICTOR E. COLLINS, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 3-13-61
LAWRENCE C. RILEY, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 6-6-66
DEVIRGE WATT, Bus Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 10-31-68
PEARLIE M. WILLIAMS, Bus Operator,
North Park, Emp. 4-24-75



CTA finalists for Superior Public Service Awards displaying their certificates of recognition are (from left) **Mario Ochoa**, Affirmative Action; **Fiore Adelizzi**, Real Estate; **Walter Lemons Jr.** and **Simeon Daigle**, Operations Division. Supervisors joining in the celebration are **Larry Murphy**, Affirmative Action; **Merritt Kotin**, Real Estate; and **William Thompson** and **Joe Vodvarka**, Operations. **Mrs. Geri Tapling**, superintendent, Employment and Placement, was coordinator for CTA's SPSA nominations.

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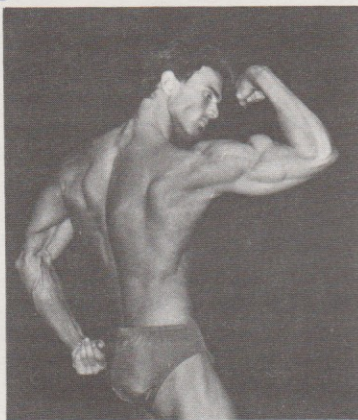
and sharing the work raising cattle on their farm, which is approximately 20 miles from home. While Colette was in town, she heard from **Audrey Petersen**, former executive secretary, Operations. Audrey and her husband, Howard, are enjoying their retirement. Colette also heard from **Charles Keiser**, retired Operations Manager, and his wife, Myra. All of them send best regards to their CTA friends.

Retirees

Enjoying dinner at a nearby restaurant recently were **Al Lathouwers**, retired supervisor, Payroll; **Jim Touhy**, retired contract clerk, Accounts Payable, and the newest retiree, **Bob LaVoie**, schedule maker. Al is busy working at golf tournaments; Bob enjoys traveling, and Jim is busier than ever. The three of them look great and say hello to their friends.

Quality Assurance

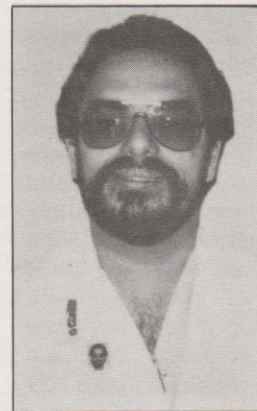
Ron Glaser Jr., the son of **Ron Glaser Sr.**, superintendent, Quality Assurance, was awarded the 1985 AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) Teenage Mr. Illinois title for body building on Saturday, June 1, 1985, in competition held in Wheaton, Illinois. He took first place in the 19-year-old class, as well as being the overall contest winner. He received trophies for both categories. Ron resides in Arlington Heights with his parents. He is a 1983 graduate of Prospect High School and this fall will enter his junior year at Illinois State University, where he has been on the Dean's List and is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.



Arlene Zittman

North Section

When the luxury cruise ship, S.S. Dolphin, sailed out of Miami Harbor, en route for the Bahamas, **Sterling Battle**, janitor, North Section, was aboard. Among their stops was Cove Island, Jamaica, and the aptly-named Paradise Island, where gambling is legal. The food was delicious, the nights were balmy, and although Sterling lost a "Crazy Legs" contest, he had a marvelous time...Dr. Juan A. Asensio, son of **Jose A. Asensio**, rail maintenance at Madison/Wabash, has completed six and a half years of surgical residency at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo. Juan, 32, a former summer employee for several years, will now begin special training as a Trauma Surgery and Critical Care Fellow at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas/Parkland Hospital. He will also join the faculty as an instructor of surgery. He is a 1975 graduate of the University of Illinois, and received the doctor of medicine degree in 1979 from Chicago's Rush Medical College. Dr. Asensio received his surgical training at Northwestern University and the Medical College of Ohio where he was also clinical instructor of surgery and chief resident.



Jo Anderson

North Park

Well, why not start off with our current students in training, namely **E. Ethiopia**, **H. Ethiopia** (brothers!), **D. Blue**, **R. Azeez**, **P. Alexander**, **A. Campbell**, **D. Per-**

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son, **W. Buckley**, **D. Clark**, **D. Cardenas**, **J. Pegues**, **K. Marshall**, **T. Herring**, and oh yes, **M. Alfred**, **A. Polk**, **M. Collins** and **T. Morrow**, who were this reporter's students. Hmm, by now they should be on the street having the time of their lives as they pull up to that sea of smiling faces at the bus stop. Have a SAFE summer, people...Former North Park operator **Burt Schwartz**, now at Archer, says he's never been happier and now works the extra board...Supervisor **Willie Prince**, B District, attended the Hoinke Classic Bowling Tournament recently in Cincinnati, Ohio...Don't want to see her leave, but operator **Madalline Martin** says why not? After 6½ years, she's interested in new fields...Pioneers like Daniel Boone and the settlers of the old West were hardy souls as they sometimes lived outdoors and cooked over their campfires. This reporter tried that lifestyle recently on vacation in Wisconsin, and admits outdoor living is different. But bringing along that electric blanket, portable tv, radio and golf clubs helps immensely...Getting closer to fame? Operator **Leonard (Sheridan Road) Lloyd**, with 14 other hopefuls, auditioned at the Drake Hotel in a "Prince" Lookalike contest which in turn is part of a nationwide search being conducted by the Ron Smith Lookalike Agency of Los Angeles, California. Contestants in Chicago were featured on Channels 2 and 5, and were also given a segment on Channel 2's Bob Sirott Show. Finalists received one-year contracts and/or guest shots on a syndicated TV program. And yes, ladies, they're looking for "Madonna" lookalikes when they return to Chicago...Speaking of lookalikes, operator **Vicki Nesbit** visited THAT male dancer hotspot, the Sugar Shack, and came back with photos. Now the question is, why was everyone who saw the photos smiling?...Instructor **Willie McFall** was probaly all smiles as he awaited the first of 12 vaccinations required for his army reserve training in beautiful Cairo, Egypt, this year. 1st Sergeant McFall mentions that volunteers able to qualify are more than welcome. So...Operator **Angelo Rosario** was last seen busily figuring out his retirement income when picking up his pension plan statement after realizing he's just reached his 12th year anniversary...Hope you all attended the Bus Roadeo and gave a whistle and a cheer for our friends at North Park who qualified. Congratulations to the winners...Sure would be nice if a driver handed one of the box pullers a cold pop while he's emptying the farebox, wouldn't it? Of course, if you've never worked the vaults during the summer heat, you probably haven't had such a thought as this...or have you?...A birthday greeting to box puller **Louis Ferando**...Well, it's time to say goodbye to three really nice people who this scribe and many other people have had the

good fortune to know. Our credit union president, **Dale Peters**, is retiring with 37 years of service. Dale and his wife are heading for Nashville, Arkansas, and plan on being busy doing a little farming. **Salvator "Sam" Muscarello**, who with Dale has been out there working as a box puller in rain or shine, winter and summer, and always had a kind word for all of us, even if he was breaking in a new box puller truly) who couldn't get the hang of things. Sam somehow found himself a home here at North Park and says all of his 25 years of service have been at this location. Boca Raton, Florida, is where you can address correspondence for Sam and the Mrs. And surely there's going to be one good card player missing from his usual seat when everyone else pulls up a chair. **Tyronza "California" Hancock**, our always-friendly janitor, will be completing 31 years and says he plans on remaining in Chicago. "California," as he is known among us, originally started at Archer garage and worked there for 21 years. For those of us who are curious about nicknames, Mr. Hancock's came about from his originally working the South California bus route. We wish these gentlemen a long and happy retirement in good health!

Mike Flores

Internal Audit

Chairman Michael Cardilli happily accepted a baseball team shirt from **James Fiorito**, captain of the Capital Development baseball team (left) and team member **John Kurto** (center), making him honorary team



captain. **Al Petska** (not shown) is the team's third baseman. When asked how the team did for the season, Jim said, "The season is short, the games are long, and next season holds promise." Good luck to a real winning team, guys!..Congratulations to **Carol Musto** on her move to Operations. She deserves only the best...Happy birthday wishes went to **Kenneth Ford** of Internal Audit on July 15. This department enjoyed cake his sister Natalie baked for the occasion...Welcome to **Jerry Mroz** who just joined the Internal Audit staff. Jerry is just what the state auditor ordered...Best wishes to **Marv Miretzky** on his promotion.

NORMAN M. CLARK, 84, Kimball,
Emp. 5-9-18, Died 5-13-85

JOHN G. CORDA, 92, West Sect.,
Emp. 1-27-11, Died 5-3-85

JOHN CORRIGAN, 88, South Shops,
Emp. 5-5-42, Died 5-15-85

THEODORE T. COWGILL, 82, Schedules,
Emp. 4-15-29, Died 4-11-85

EMIL O. CZECH, 85, West Sect.,
Emp. 4-30-18, Died 5-25-85

JAMES J. DRAKE, 83, Beverly,
Emp. 9-8-25, Died 5-10-85

IN MEMORIAM

RAYMOND F. EBEL, 81, North Avenue
Emp. 5-12-43, Died 5-1-85

FRANK J. FRIEDL Jr., 73, Stores,
Emp. 5-1-41, Died 5-5-85

HARRY R. GENNETT, 74, Archer,
Emp. 10-24-33, Died 5-7-85

EDWARD T. HAVLICEK, 83, Engineering,
Emp. 9-19-42, Died 5-9-85

FRANK J. HIGGINS, 84, West Sect.,
Emp. 12-13-40, Died 5-8-85

SALVATORE SCIABICA, 84, Transportation,
Emp. 6-9-36, Died 5-14-85

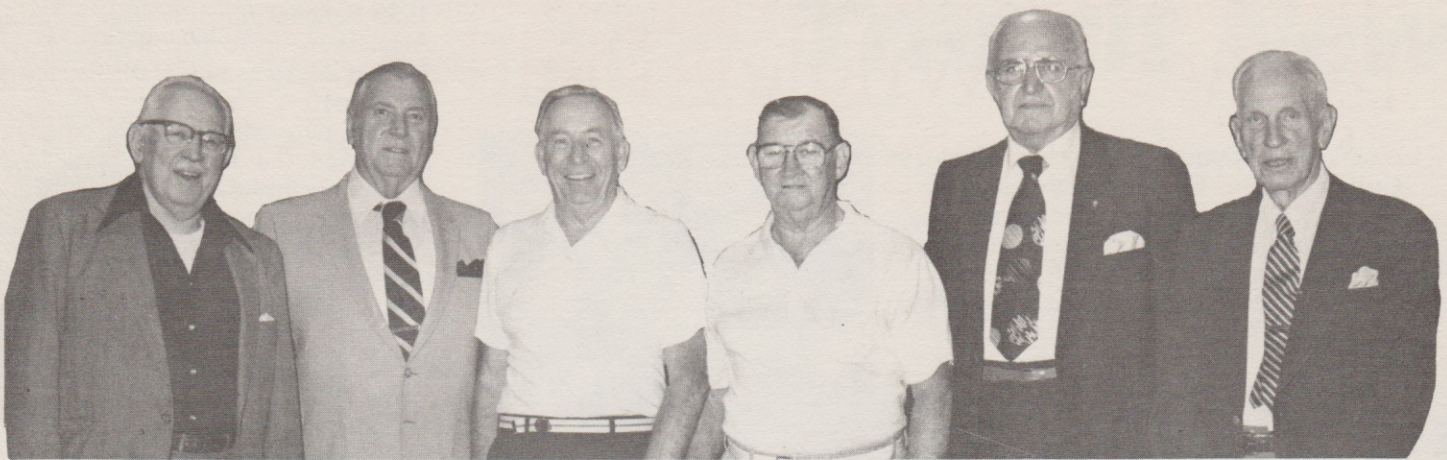
ALBERT SIEGEL, 78, North Park,
Emp. 8-8-42, Died 5-4-85

ARTHUR A. SIM, 74, South Dist.,
Emp. 4-10-42, Died 5-16-85

HAZE P. TROUTMAN, 81, West Sect.,
Emp. 3-19-04, Died 5-5-85

EDWARD F. VON SPRECKEN, 83, North Sect.
Emp. 4-9-23, Died 4-20-85

GEORGE E. WAGNER, 74, Electrical,
Emp. 5-16-29, Died 5-9-85



Officers of the CTA Senior Retirement Organization, Inc. met at the Venice Banquet Hall recently to discuss plans for the annual picnic set for August 31 in North Riverside Grove 2. **Harold Burda**, assistant secretary and editor, said CTA employees are cordially invited to attend the annual picnic where several prizes are being offered. Officers for 1985-86 are (from left) **Jack Kalka**, secretary; **William Klecka**, assistant treasurer; **Pete Doudal**, treasurer; **Andy Kohlstedt**, second vice president; **Harold Burda**, and **Clarence Lind**, president. Not present was **Charles Wesley**, first vice president. Any CTA retiree interested in joining the CTA Senior Retirement Organization should contact **Jack Kalka** at 484-6610. A \$10 fee buys a life time membership. The organization is chartered by the State of Illinois and the National Council of Senior Citizens in Washington. It is also affiliated with the Greater Chicago Council of Senior Citizens.

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We will all miss him...**R. Andrzejewski** of this department has been ill, but is now on the health come-back trail. Take it easy and hurry back...**Chuck Karneffel** went to San Francisco on an Internal Audit Revenue Seminar sponsored by the American Public Transit Association (APTA). Chuck came back with new thoughts and ideas. Keep up the good work, Chuck.

Joyce Petrich

Control Center

Laura Jean Rowbottom, daughter of CTA retiree **Harold Rowbottom**, former transit project representative, received the bachelor of journalism degree from the University of Missouri School of Journalism. NBC White House Correspondent Sam Donaldson, the baccalaureate speaker, pauses with the happy graduate...Education is a family affair in the **Ronald** and

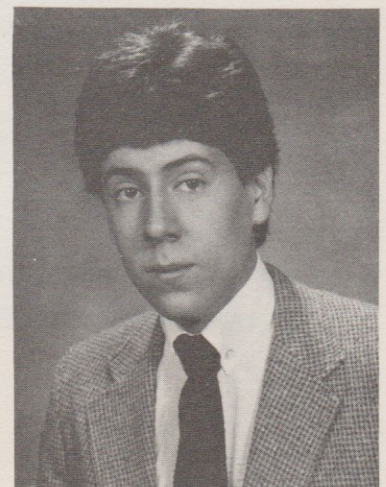


Tessa Gaines household. Gaines, a policeman, has just earned a master of science degree in criminal justice and corrections from Chicago State University. He returns to the classroom this fall to begin doctoral studies in public policy and analysis at Circle Campus. Gaines' wife, Tessa, a CTA bus controller, is also a graduate student of CSU where she

seeks an M.A. degree in business administration...**Joan Cleary** graduated from DePaul University. She will enter law school this September. Joan is the daughter of retiree **Peter Cleary**, formerly of Archer Repair...Congratulations to **Ivan Travez Droira** who graduated from Joliet Catholic High School where he's been an honor roll student since his freshman year. He is a recipient of the International Foreign Language Award, listed in the National Honor Society, and was in Who's Who Among American High School Students. Ivan enjoys intramurals and drawing. He plans to study electrical engineering next year at Northwestern University. Ivan is the nephew of **Marcelo Droira**, Forest Glen.



Joan Cleary



Ivan Travez Droira

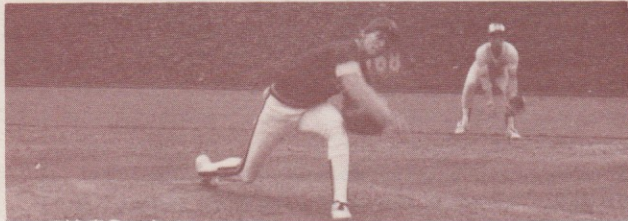
Carol Musto

Sales coordinator's son pitches in Wrigley Field

American Legion MVP pitcher **Steve Culkar** (left), Chicago Cubs general manager **Dallas Green**, and American Legion representative **Leroy Leister** were among guests at the Baseball Oldtimers Banquet where Culkar received the Heckinger Youth Award.



◀ Harper College pitcher **Steve Culkar** at Wrigley Field.



Now that he's already had a taste of what it's like to hurl the sphere in the ole ball yard at Addison and Clark, could it be that 19-year old **Steve**

Culkar, son of CTA sales coordinator **Thom Culkar**, is dreaming about a place on the Cubs' roster one day?


Culkar who just finished his

sophomore year at Harper College, was one of three Harper baseball stars representing the North Squad of the 1985 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region Four All-Star doubleheader at Wrigley Field on May 15.

The two seven-inning games showcased the finest junior college sophomores in the northern half of Illinois, and attracted scores of college and pro scouts, including representatives from all 26 major league clubs.

The six-foot, 175 pound Culkar whose pitching earned him the American Legion's Most Valuable Player Award last year, started game two for the North, allowed just one hit in two innings, and struck out three batters with pitches clocked in the upper 80s.

In August, the broadcast journalism major begins his junior year at the University of Kentucky in Lexington which has offered him a full two-year scholarship.

"I've waited for this day since I was eight years old. All of the extra effort put forth as I was growing up has paid off," he said. 

Pass for a hero

CTA Chairman **Michael A. Cardilli** (left) expresses his appreciation to 32-year old **Steven Edwards** of Chicago, who went to the rescue of a woman passenger on a northbound Ashland avenue bus on May 15 after she was attacked by a man who robbed her of a gold chain. Edwards chased the man, retrieved the chain, and held the attacker until police arrived. A free monthly riding pass was presented to Edwards for coming to the woman's aid. "We sincerely appreciate your getting involved as you did," the Chairman told Edwards.



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