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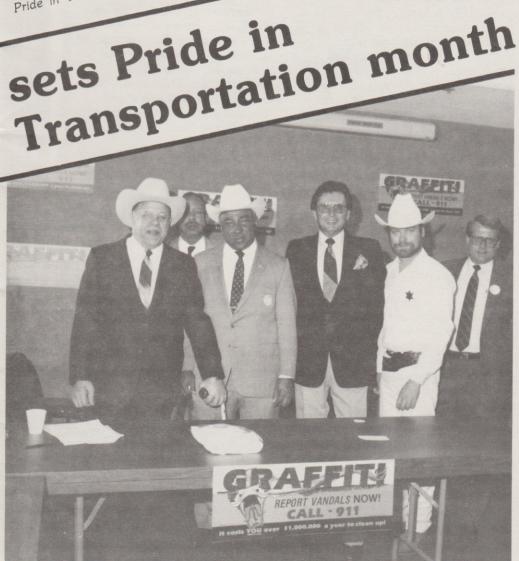
May-June, 1986





Sheriff Pride deputizes (from left) Betty Edwards, manager, Community Affairs; Ira Harris, deputy superintendent, Bureau of Community Service,
Chicago Police Department, and Tim Spencer, representing
Philadelphia Mayor Wilson Goode.





Left to right: Cook County Sheriff Richard Elrod, CTA Board Member Howard Medley, Chicago Police Superintendent Fred Rice, CTA Chairman Michael Cardilli, CTA's Sheriff Pride (David Bremer, Stores, Skokie) and Chief Administrative Officer Larry Pianto launched CTA's Anti-Graffiti Campaign at a press conference in the CTA board room.

Mayor Harold Washington, Police Superintendent Fred Rice, Cook County Sheriff Richard Elrod, and representatives from the States Attorney's office and Chicago Public and Archdiocesan schools joined CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli in announcing the anti-graffiti campaign.

The "Other Side" bus, a specially prepared vehicle, was on display at the Merchandise Mart to illustrate the effects of graffiti. Included among dignitaries present for the anti-graffiti campaign kickoff and inspection of the bus was Tim Spencer of the City of Philadelphia who was representing Mayor Wilson Goode.

The "Other Side" bus, created by sections of the Public Affairs department with the assistance of employees in various departments at South Shops, is a display of graffiti, litter and evidence of vandalism on one side of an otherwise serviceable vehicle. The other half of the bus is clean.

The vehicle is being used to tour Chicago area schools and community organizations with coordinators from the Community Relations department to promote pride in transportation and discourage graffiti and acts of vandalism.

CTA Chairman Michael Cardilli called upon all to assist in the fight against graffiti. "Without the cooperation of our riders and all Chicagoans any effort CTA puts forth will be wasted," the Chairman said.

"We need concerned citizens to report acts of graffiti and vandalism immediately to the police by calling 911. If a bus or train is marred with graffiti, it should be reported. We must work together to wipe out graffiti before it spreads farther," the Chairman said.

Police Superintendent Fred Rice encouraged the use of 911 for reporting acts of vandalism and graffiti because he said such acts are considered by

police as crime in progress.

In addition to the "Other Side" bus, David Bremer of Skokie Store Room 42, was introduced as Sheriff Pride, CTA's anti-graffiti crusader. Bremer, dressed in the typical "good guy" white hat and wearing matching white shirt and jeans, stood at the ready with a holstered bottle of cleaning solution, and a cloth to wipe out graffiti wherever it appeared. He also deputized campaign volunteers including Sheriff Elrod and Superintendent Rice.

From the Chairman New approaches

On behalf of my fellow board members and all CTA employees, I welcome Walter Clark and James Charlton to the Chicago Transit Board.

Mr. Clark brings CTA a wealth of business expertise and accomplishment, concern for the welfare of CTA riders and employees, and a commitment to provide efficient transit service at reasonable cost.

Mr. Charlton is sensitive to the needs of handicapped riders, and he understands the overall needs of the riding public. His previous experience at CTA and other organizations will be a fine contribution to our board.

We also congratulate James Gallagher at the close of his term as a board member. Mr. Gallagher served in many capacities, including Vice Chairman and Pension Committee Chairman. Chicago financial analysts have praised the success of our pension fund investments and our commitment to invest in our local communities. Through these investments we are providing financial security for CTA employees and retirees, the lowest possible fare for our riders, and a boost to the local economy that benefits all Chicagoans.

Chicagoans will also benefit from our extensive Anti-Graffiti program which is already showing encouraging results. The Chicago Police have increased their surveillance of CTA vehicles, stations, garages and rail yards, and several graffiti "taggers" have been arrested. Our maintenance crews continue to remove graffiti whenever it appears. And our "Other Side" anti-graffiti bus has been received enthusiastically at school visitations. Students are learning that graffiti is ugly, that we all bear the expense of graffiti removal, and that graffiti "taggers" will be arrested and punished.

All CTA employees must join our anti-graffiti force by reporting graffiti crime in progress and by discouraging graffiti "taggers" whenever possible. Lets clean up CTA and clean up our city.

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Mayor appoints two CTA board members

Mayor Harold Washington has named Citicorp Savings of Illinois Executiive Vice President **Walter Clark** and former CTA Special Services Scheduling Supervisor **James I. Charlton** to the Chicago Transit Board.



Walter Clark, who assumes a new term which expires September 1, 1992, replaces former board member James Gallagher. Clark is an alumnus of Southern Illinois University, where he was recently inducted as a charter member of the College of Business and Administration Alumni Hall of Fame.

He also holds an MBA from DePaul University and completed Harvard University's Advanced Management program in 1971.

Clark said of his appointment, "I want to be sure the business operates properly because it affects CTA employees as well as the people we serve. I'd like to know that we run an efficient service at a reasonable cost."

Clark is an active member of the Hyde Park community where he resides with his wife, Juanita. The Clark family also includes a son, Hilton P., and a daughter, Jaunine.



James I. Charlton who is disabled, is director of programs for Access Living, a Chicago independent living center for the disabled. He has also worked for the U.S. Department of Energy, and was director of energy policy and research for the American Hospital Association. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa.

He was appointed to serve out the unexpired term of former Finance Committee Chairman Michael I. Brady, who resigned from the CTA Board last year. The term expires September 1, 1987.

Charlton said of his appointment, "While I bring a perspective to the CTA about the disabled, I feel a responsibility to all of CTA's riders. My interest is a lot broader than those who are disabled."

VCR Winners

Carmella Petrella, payroll control clerk, general office, receives a video cassette recorder from general office mail clerk Willie Poole. Ms. Petrella was one of six CTA employees whose names were pulled in a drawing of employees who heard the Investor Life Insurance program plan. Other winners were Patricia Reed, bus operator, 77th Street garage; Bennie Wesley, bus operator, Archer garage; Paul Ruebe, Gerald A. Lynch, Jr., and Stephen Favre, all of South Shops.



Acts of heroism merit 'Day in CTA' honors

A South Section rapid transit crew, a North rail pool supervisor, and a West-Northwest rail conductor were named "Day in CTA" heroes and heroines in recognition of the service they rendered to CTA riders recently.

Motorman **John Duggan** and conductor **Robert Jordan** received special recognition for their teamwork in extinguishing a fire which had started on the seat of the motorcab in one of the rail cars. The fire was noticed as the train was pulling into the platform at Ashland terminal.

Duggan and Jordan each took fire extinguishers from two other cars and brought the fire under control within five minutes. Thus,, the damage to equipment and service

delay were minimized.

Meanwhile, San Juana Montes de Oca, a pool supervisor, was also on duty at the terminal during the fire. Ms. Montes de Oca saw the smoke and immediately contacted Communication/Power Control to request that the electrical power be cut. Police were sent and the proper reports were filed. Ms. Montes de Oca's prompt action aided the train crew in restoring service quickly and minimizing property damage.

Mrs. Cleo Jackson Lofton, the O'Hare conductor who revived a 10-month old unconscious infant after its mother and other passengers had feared that it might have died, was also among "Day in CTA"

honorees.

Mrs. Lofton, trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, initiated mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to the near-lifeless child after taking it from the mother who sat in despair clutching the baby frantically. Paramedics met the train at Lake Transfer, and took both mother and infant to Cook County Hospital.

It was a different kind of heroism, however, which earned "Day in CTA" honors for **Anna Gonzales**. Ms Gonzales, a ticket agent, was working the Loyola station on the north-south route when a man, fitting the police description of a suspected rapist, entered. The agent notified the control center and police were dispatched. Trains were held outside the station until the officers arrived, and the suspect was taken into custody.

In other police related matters involving alert and courageous CTA operating personnel, the theft of an operator's transfers and punch was stymied by Beverly Operator Waymon Jeffrey when he struggled with an errant youth who had grabbed the items from the operator and fled from his bus. Jeffrey gave chase and retrieved the items.

Harlem motorman **Odie Jones**, also distinguished himself on the west-south route when he held his train outside the California station to aid policemen in the arrest of a man suspected of attempting to molest a young woman aboard the train.

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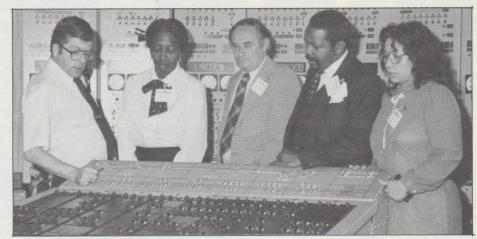
Two other "Day in CTA" honorees being honored were North Avennue Instructor Jesse Byrd, and director, Administration and Quality Control William Mooney. Byrd who joined CTA in 1953, has been an instructor for nearly eight years. He was honored for having demonstrated leadership in the instruction section. He was also instrumental in winning the prestigious CTA Quarterly Public Safety Award during the last three quarters of 1985. Co-workers say Byrd's interest and dedication to

fellow employees is "exemplary." Special recognition on "Day in CTA" was extended to Mooney for his "determination, diligence and perseverance in resolving an extremely difficult task" as project manager of the new uniforms for operating personnel. As manager, Mooney was required to pull together a group representing operating employees, the union, Materials Management, Labor Relations and others. He resolved such problems as fabric specifications, uniform cut for women and creation of a new fresh look for all uniformed

Mooney was applauded for coordinating ideas and input from as many employees as possible, and for contacting vendors who demonstrated and presented samples of their products. He also had

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of their products. He also had employees model and determined whether vendors could meet CTA's needs for new uniforms.



CTA controller George Hand (left) explains the power control area to Day in CTA honorees Cleo Jackson Lofton, John Duggan, Robert Jordan, and San Juana Montes de Oca.



Proudly displaying their Day In CTA" certificates of recognition are (from left) Jesse Byrd, Anna Gonzales, Odie Jones, and Waymon Jeffrey.

Kedzie, G.O. take

The 1986 annual sports banquet honoring CTA basketball and volleyball teams, individual players, coaches, and other support personnel was held May 16 at the Americana Congress hotel.

Championship volleyball honors went to the Kedzie Destroyers, coached by Johnny Coleman, and captained by Madelyn Carrasco. Rhonda Robinson was co-captain. Other members of the championship team were Brenda Adams, Dorothy Bentley, Joe Carter, Adelaina Garcia, Mel Bernice Simmons, Mary Rogers, Mitchell Austin, Alfonsa Brooks, Dave Flores, Johnny Moore, and Jimmy Walker.

The 95th Street Terminators, coached by Jesse Farley and managed by Esther McKelker, team captain Debra Boyd, took second place. Third place honors went to the General Office-Operations GO team, coached by Karen King, and managed by Shirley McClure. The team captain was James McPhee. In fourth place were the Limits Eagles with Coach Raymond Gosha, and Manager Linda Downing. Barbara Williams was the team captain.

Players representing North Avenue, Kedzie, Limits and 95th Street comprised the North Section Volleyball Allstars coached by Hollis Lewis of North Avenue, and managed by Linda Downing of Limits. The South Section Allstars included players from 95th, 69th and 77th Streets as well as General Office. Karen King of General Office coached the South Section, while Jesse Farley of 95th Street was manager.

Volleyball league officers for the 1985-86 season were: Dianna Caston, coordinator; Clark Carter, assistant coordinator; Linda Downing, secretary, Karen King, financial secretary; and Electra De Alba, treasurer.



Volleyball's Coach of the Year award recipient Johnny Coleman (left) of Kedzie, and Most Valuable Player Joe Jones of 69th Street, share the limelight.



"We're Number One" says **Mel Bernice Simmons** of the Kedzie Destroyers as she cradles volleyball's coveted first place trophy. Others with trophies are **Johnny Coleman** (left), Coach of the Year, and **Johnny Moore**, Division championship. Kedzie Superintendent **Clark Carter** (right), was the league's assistant coordinator.



It was a second place trophy for the **95th Street Terminators**. Superintendent **Ardis Morris** (center/left) holds the team trophy as team members display individual prizes.



A tough third place crew was this **General Office-Operations GO team.** Holding the team trophy is **Deputy Executive Director/Operations Harry Reddrick** (center) as team members present their individual awards.

top sports honors



Basketball's champion Outlaws, representing the General Office, held their third consecutive victory celebration after receiving the 1985-86 championship trophy on floor). Other Outlaw trophies displayed are the Division championship, held by teammate Willie Tucker (left), Coach of the Year plaque, presented to Coach Arthur Hubbard (kneeling), and the Most Valuable Player award presented to Duane Gray (right).



Mike LaVelle, (center), sponsor of the General Office Raiders, holds the team's second place trophy. Team members proudly display their individual awards.



It was third place for the West Side 'L' cagers. Displaying the trophy is manager Larry McNeil.

Championship basketball honors for the third consecutive year went to the General Office Outlaws whose new mentor, Arthur Hubbard, was also named Coach of the Year. Marvin Kelsey was assistant coach. The team was comprised of Morris Bond, Michael Ewing, John Harvey, Michael Rembert, Phillip Ross, and Willie Tucker. Hubbard was also coach of the American League basketball Allstars.

Other members of the 1985-86 basketball championship team were Renardo Coleman, Duane Gray, Carl King, Tony Reynolds and Charles Rowe. The team was sponsored by Elonzo Hill, manager, Operations Training/Instruction.

Former Outlaws Coach Arliss Jones and Coach Daryl Lampkins were mentors of the second place General Office Raiders sponsored by Mike LaVelle, manager, Transportation Services. Third place honors went to the West-Side 'L' with Coach Larry Buford, and Manager Larry McNeil, the 1984-85 sports coordinator.

Finishing fourth in the basketball season was North Avenue, coached by **Johney Gines**, **Jr**. However, North Avenue's **Anton McFadden** finished the season as the individual player with the most points in both the playoffs as well as in a single game. A statistical talley of McFadden's points was not immediately available.

The basketball board of directors included **Arliss Jones**, coordinator; **James Brown**, ticket agent; **Curtis Coleman**, Kedzie; **Johney Gines**, North Avenue, and **Mike Hawkins**, 69th Street.

Other basketball board members were: Wallace Howard, 77th Street; Arthur Hubbard, Outlaws; Daryl Lampkins, Raiders; James McGaughy, Trackers, and Larry McNeil, West-Side 'L.'

Jerry Turner (North Avenue garage) was called "a truly wonderful bus driver" by Darlene Krauss, of Barry Avenue, who was a rider on his No. 54 Cicero bus. "He is such a kind person. I rarely see him without a smile on his face. He always makes sure passengers get off at the right stop if they don't know their way. Most of all, he knows how to drive a bus. You can stand on his bus and hold on with one hand. He doesn't stop hard and fast at every stop. You don't have to worry about falling on your face or into the person standing next to you. I just wish the CTA had a few hundred more like him.'





Arthur Alpert (North Section) was admired as "a conductor who is not only top-notch, but one who exemplifies the highest level of performance standards" by Jean Baucom, an Evanston city official. "He is well above average in providing riders with timely information about upcoming stops and where to transfer. His enunciation is so clear that you never find yourself saying, 'What was that?' His courteous manner and positive attitude make me feel that my use of the CTA is valued and appreciated. The way he carries out his responsibilities and interacts with riders creates an outstanding impression."

Willie James (North Park garage) is appreciated by Edna McEwen, of North Lake Shore Drive, a rider on his No. 135 Wilson/LaSalle Express bus. "He actually thanks passengers when they put in their fare or show their pass. In short, he is a model driver. But this morning, he went beyond the call of duty. Just before his bus got to my stop, I put a quarter in the newspaper machine, and as it closed, the strap to my bag got caught in it. When he saw my predicament, he jumped off the bus, managed somehow to free my bag, and was back on the bus, all in the space of maybe ten seconds. And I arrived at work on time!"

Charlotte Brent (North Section) was thanked for her help as a ticket agent at the Clark/Lake 'L' station by Susan Holdreith, a United Airlines flight attendant. "As I transferred to the Ravenswood to go home, a man took my wallet out of my purse while I was struggling with my luggage through the turnstile. The woman in the booth started screaming at the man, and yelling to me that he was taking my wallet. She startled him so much that he gave it back to me and ran off. If it were not for her being aware and concerned, I would be without my wallet today. I am very grateful to her and praise her for her integrity."

Bruce Williams (North Avenue garage) is regarded as "a model for all your bus drivers" by Stella Dytko, of Cortez Street, for his handling of a No. 74 Fullerton bus. "He approached the curb at all times for riders getting on or off. He drove the bus without jerking you off your feet. The ride was smooth, and he called the next stop beforehand and could be heard clearly. He answered questions in a patient and polite manner. It meant much to me, as I have arthritis, which makes it difficult for me to board the bus. But coming to the curb as he did made it much easier. I wish more drivers were like him."

Jacques Yezeguielian (Forest Glen garage) was commended by Robert Gurney, of Highland Avenue, for his professional handling of a No. 90N North Harlem bus. "He helps senior citizens by waiting for them to get to the bus stop. On one occasion, he got out and helped get a senior and her bag on the bus. Another time, seeing an accident, he managed to block traffic with his bus, saving a lady from injury. To me, it shows he cares for people. He leads by example, always being helpful and courteous. I am sure if you asked senior citizens on North Harlem who their favorite driver is, they would say he is the one."

James Detomasi (North Section) won praise from Christine Rainey, of Wilton Avenue, for his performance as conductor of a Ravenswood train. "He did more than just call out the stops and say, 'Watch your step' and 'Let the passengers out.' He wished everyone a good day and a pleasant weekend. He also made the ride interesting and fun with added comments on local points of interest, and bits of shopping, dining and historical information as well. Just looking around me, I could see that everyone was enjoying the ride as much as I was, and when the people got off that train, they were still smiling."

Eldred Hall (North Park garage) caught the attention of LaRue Boenig, of Sherwin Avenue, for "being so punctual one could set his clock by him" as he operated a No. 147 Outer Drive Express bus. "He always demonstrates enthusiasm and obvious interest toward his work. His performance as a bus driver is outstanding. He always treats the passengers in a pleasant and courteous manner, and is always thoughtful and considerate. He realizes his job is to pick up passengers. Many times he would look to see if one of his regular riders was running for the bus. And if so, he would wait for them. He is prompt and polite."

Congratulations

1985 was our safest year

CTA had fewer traffic and passenger accidents in 1985 than in any previous year in its history, recording 5.0 accidents per 100,000 miles of operation, or two percent fewer than the previous low of 5.1 in 1983.

Chief Administrative Officer Larry Pianto said, "The 1985 record is the clearest indication I can think of that CTA is concerned about the safety and welfare of its riders. We know that this was a result not only of greater care by operating personnel, but also of

increased efforts by instructors and supervisors, and by the maintenance and safety departments."

During the year, CTA's fleet of 2,275 buses and 1,200 rapid transit cars were operated more than 126 million miles. Each vehicle averaged 19,940 miles between traffic or passenger accidents, compared to only 4,785 miles in 1947. That was when CTA took over most public transit in Chicago, and had 60 percent more transit vehicles in operation.

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

Rosa Alfaro, Forest Glen

Ora Berry, North Avenue Ramona Bolden, 77th Street Daventer, Bond, Beverly Kench Borum, 77th Street Robbie Brown, Limits Gerald Budzisz, North Park Gordon Butler, South Sect.

Jean Cage, North Park
Ted Cain, Limits
George Calhoun, 69th Street
John Cameron, Ashland
Madelyn, Carrasco, Kedzie
Roberto Cartagena, Jefferson Park
Delois Carter, Forest Glen
Ilda Castellanos-Wadde, North Park
Walter Christian, Archer
John Church, North Park
Lenzie Coaster, Dougl/Congress
Danny Coleman, Jefferson Park

Victor Davila, North Park James Detomasi, Howard/Kimball Oscar Douglas Jr., North Park

Hezzie Edwards, 77th Street

Willie Fowler. Jefferson Park

Daniel Galarza, North Park Leonard Gibbs III, North Park Howard Green, North Park

August Hallmann, Forest Glen Alfred Harris, Rail Sys. John Hartman, North Avenue A. Hill, Forest Glen Vernon Hill, Howard/Kimball Mary Holt, Limits Robert Hopkins Sr., Forest Glen Donald Hudson, Forest Glen Leroy Jackson Jr., Kedzie Willie James, North Park Eula Jarrett, North Park Darrell Jarrett, Jefferson Park Eileen Jensen, Forest Glen Undrell Johnson, 77th Street Leonard Johnson, Howard/Kimball Allen Johnson, Howard/Kimball Charles Johnson, Forest Park Lena Jones, Howard/Kimball Kenneth Jones, Ashland

Assunta Kaya, Forest Glen Frederick Kersh Jr., 77th Street Robert Kremer, North Park

Lazaro Lafita, Central Bus District Julio Leyva, Forest Glen

Enrique Marquez, North Park Willie Martin, North Avenue Lura Martin, North Avenue Robert Martinez, North Park Joseph Maryland, Limits Hager McFarland, Forest Glen Waltraud McGovern, North Park Jerry McKinney Jr., 69th Street Hector Medina, Archer Gustavo Meza, Forest Glen Kevin Mitchell, Jefferson Park Juan Montes, North Park Herman Montes de Oca, Ashland Cecil Moore, 77th Street

Robert Neighbors, Jefferson Park Diann Noone, Labor Relations

Michael Ollins, Kedzie Dianna Owens, North Park

Thomas Palma, North Avenue Veronica Parker, North Sect. Frederick Pepke, Limits Thomas Perez, Archer Santos Perez, Howard/Kimball Flenard Porter, 69th Street Gwendolyn Preston, West Sect.

Moises Rajczyk, North Park Ivan Ramos, Dougl/Congress Carl Rhoden Jr., Howard/Kimball Willie Richard, Beverly Edward Ross Jr., Kedzie

Donald Seay, 77th Street Rosalind Smith, Howard/Kimball Allen Smith III, 77th Street Walter Smith III, North Park Eddie Sneed, 77th Street James Starkman, North Park Robert Styburski, North Park Robert Surita, 77th Street

Brian Thomas, Archer Lee Thompson, North Park Reginald Tolbert, North Park

Richard Umbra, Limits

Andy Vargas, Forest Glen Gladys Vera, North Avenue Frank Vonschwelder, North Park

Elvis Wade, Forest Glen James Walker, Archer Frances Walker, North Park Ronald Ware, Ashland Myron Webb, Limits Elgin Wells, 77th Street Fredrick White, Limits Arthur Wike, North Avenue Raymond Wiley, 77th Street Louis Williams, District A Ernest Williams, Archer Alma Williams, North Park

Jacques, Yezeguielian, Forest Glen Fred Young, North Park

John Cannon plans travel, enjoy family

Plans for leisure travel, and enjoying his family are Accounting Operations Director John Cannon's immediate plans for retirement after 45 years of service to CTA and its predecessor.

Cannon came to work for the Chicago Rapid Transit Company on March 14, 1941 as a mail clerk. His immigrant father, Martin John Cannon, of County Mayo, Ireland, joined the Rapid Transit Company as a trainman in 1918, and worked until his death in 1930.

In 1943. John Cannon was called to service with the U.S. Army. His military duties took him to France, England, and Germany. After the war he returned to the CTA and began evening classes at Loyola University where he majored in accounting, and earned a baccalaureate degree in business administration.

His CTA career has included assignments in the Payroll and Accounting departments as well as Internal Auditing. He has served as assis-

TN Correction

On page 8 of our March-April issue we reported that John Cannon had graduated from Loyola University with a minor in accounting. Mr. Cannon graduated with a major in accounting.

tant general accountant, superintendent, Accounting Operations, and was named director just prior to his retirement on May 1. Cannon was also active with a special project which was conducted from 1958 to 1960 to set up a new accounting system dubbed "Responsibility Reporting."



CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli (back row/right), and Board Member Howard Medley (back/left) join the Cannon family in celebrating the retirement of Accounting Operations Director John Cannon at a board room reception. Included are (from left) Mrs. Mary McDonnell Cannon, wife of the honoree; granddaughters, 6-year old Deirdre, and 4-year old Bridget Cannon; daughter Colleen, a CTA personnel research analyst, and son,

Jack, a CTA position control system coordinator. Jack holds his 2-year old daughter, Kathleen (Katie). At right is his wife, Mrs. Patricia Cannon. (Inset) Martin John Cannon, John Cannon's father, set the Cannon family on the transportation career path when he joined the Chicago Rapid Transit Company as a trainman in 1918.

Retirements

May

Millye L. Beatty, 95th St., 29 yrs. John E. Cannon, Finance, 45 yrs. Tarleton E. Curry Jr., So. Shops, 25 yrs. Charles Gage, West Shops, 35 yrs. Verna J. Hartney, 95th St., 41 yrs Frank J. Klekovich, 63rd/Ashland, 25 yrs. Joseph J. Kovatz, 69th St., 38 yrs. Donald M. Kuratnik, Archer, 31 yrs. Salvatore Leone, West Shops, 15 yrs. Zane S. McBay, 77th St., 30 yrs. James B. McDonald, Dist. B, 25 yrs. Graten D. McFadyen, North Ave., 27 yrs.

Sylvester McFerren, Archer, 23 yrs. Willard Moses, Archer, 33 yrs. Charles Nevels Jr., 61st St., 29 yrs Patricia E. Newell, Law, 29 yrs. Anna Olsansky, Engr. & Maint., 8 yrs. Gary A. Olsen, Skokie Shop, 35 yrs. Theodore Peters, Dist. A, 21 yrs. Lucius H. Priester Jr., 69th St., 32 yrs. Theautry Snyder, Howard, 30 yrs. Theodore C. Sutkowski, South Shops, 38 yrs. Alfred Williams, 63rd/Ashland, 23 yrs. Gerald Wilson, Finance, 25 yrs.

disability retirements Clementine Brown, West Sect., 16 yrs. Herbert R. Hodge, Archer, 28 yrs.

CPR, first aid training for Stores personnel

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, CPR as it is generally known, is a technique we hope would never be needed, but in an emergency it is a good skill to have.

Because we are at work more than any place else, we are more likely to encounter a CPR or first aid emergency at work than we are at any other time in our daily schedules. Thus, providing CPR and first aid training for Stores employees seemed appropriate for Materials Management's director of Material Control/Stores, William C. Roman.

Volunteers have participated in two CPR and first aid training classes conducted by the Mid-America Chapter of the American Red Cross. CTA graduates of the second eight hour course conducted recently are David Bremer, Vinko Djonlich, Leon Harris, Al Sprengel, James Schmitt, Willie Turner, and Lee Walker. A previous program alumnus, Gerald Poces, a warehouse worker II, is certified by the American Red Cross as an instructor in both first aid and CPR.

Larry Tischer, Stores safety coordinator, said making the training available to CTA's Stores personnel is in keeping with the Stores management team's on-going policy of promoting safety and the prevention of on-the-job accidents.

Trainees receive instruction in the techniques of artificial respiration, controlling severe bleeding, handling sudden illness, burns, broken bones, choking, and rescue and transfer, as well as cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Classes are taught at the American Red Cross, 43 East Ohio Street, and are available on Saturday as well as during the week. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Red Cross at 440-2050.



Proud of their first aid and cardipulmonary resuscitation training certificates after successful American Red Cross training are (from left) Lee Walker, Willie Turner, Vinko Djonlich, Leon Harris,

James Schmitt, and Al Sprengel. Safety coordinators with the class are (far left) Joe Pecoraro, unit supervisor, and (far right) unit supervisor Larry Tischer.



Golfing and fishing

James Stewart (right), director, Equipment Engineering, accepts a memento of his 39 years of CTA service from Tom Wolgemuth during a retirement banquet in Stewart's honor. An avid golfer and fisherman, Stewart is leisurely traveling the country in pursuit of golfing and fishing pleasure, and enjoying the scenery.

Retirements

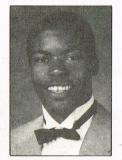
June

Leonard Beatty, Fac. Engr./Maint., 34 yrs. Robert L. Brown, 61st St., 33 yrs. Ricardo Cespedes, Congress, 10 yrs. Chester M. Ciciura, 69th St., 33 yrs. Henry C. Frezell, Kedzie, 25 yrs. Willard J. Frieb, North Park, 40 yrs. Mary K. Garrett, South Shops, 14 yrs. Ernest E. Guedel Jr., Forest Glen, 25 yrs. Rodifer J. Heffernan, Finance, 31 yrs. George L. Howard, West Shops, 32 yrs. Elmer C. Johnson, Kimball, 40 yrs.

Sam Johnson, North Ave., 30 yrs.
George S. Kacmarek, West Shops, 36 yrs.
James P. Kelly, West Shops, 36 yrs.
Harry O. Lindberg, Kedzie, 38 yrs.
Henry Madden, North Park, 25 yrs.
Patrick J. McStay, Chief. Adm. Office, 38 yrs.
Lester R. Rage, Forest Glen, 45 yrs.
John A. Schwartz, Kimball, 39 yrs.
Herbert E. Slovick, Howard Shop, 16 yrs.
John E. Smith, Madison/Wabash, 29 yrs.

disability retirements

Linda Bellamy, 69th St., 10 yrs. William F. Boehm, Forest Glen, 10 yrs. Richard V. Gooden, North Ave., 18 yrs. Stephen D. Strope, West Shops, 20 yrs. Reuben C. Thomas, Kedzie, 24 yrs.



RAYLON K. ADAMS Proviso West H.S. Ulyesses C. Adams Forest Park



ADDIE C. ALLEN Cassopolis H.S. C. L. Allen (Nick)



ANTHONY ANTONUCCI Forest View H.S. John Antonucci Rosemont Shop



ARLITA R. BAILEY Hyde Park Academy Joseph J. Bailey Racine Shop



MARK WALTER BAKER Notre Dame H.S. Ronald J. Baker Operations

Class of '86 June Graduates in CTA Families

Congratulations!



LARYNAE CHERRY Fenger H.S. Lee Cherry Field Review



MARY JO CHMILL Driscoll Catholic James J. Chmill West Shops



JACQUILINE COLEMAN Rezin Orr H.S. Oliver Coleman



DAWN MARIE COLLES Maine East H.S. James W. Colles O'Hare Terminal



MARGARET CRESPO Brenanto School John Crespo North Park



STEPHANE MICHELLE BAKER St. Mary's College Ronald J. Baker Operations



EDWARD M. BARRY Willowbrook H.S. Edward T. Barry North Avenue



CAROL JEAN BASSETT Proviso East H.S. Fred L. Bassett



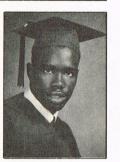
GRETA ESTELLA BASSETT University of Illinois at Chicago Fred L. Bassett



ARTHUR L. BENNETT JR. Weber H.S. Arthur L. Bennett Training Center



SCOTT A. BLICHARZ Norte Dame H.S. John Blicharz West Shops



BRYAN WARDELL DARDEN Bolingbrook H.S. Wardell Darden North Avenue



JOSE L. DeJESUS Holy Trinity H.S. Luis DeJesus Kimball Terminal



Good Counsel H.S.

Daniel Dubinski

Skokie Shop

DENISE DUBINSKI ERIC LAVELL ELAM Hillcrest H.S. Ellie Head



VIVIAN ELAM KENNETH EVANS Lindbloom Tech H.S. DeLaSalle Inst. **Edward Elam** Lampton Evans 69th Street South Rail Area



TIMOTHY BOSLEY Corliss H.S. Tommie Bosley



GEORGE BRANCH, JR. Hyde Park Academy George Branch 69th Street



NEDRA LYNN BREWSTER Paul Roberson H.S. Willie L. Brewster



MICHELLE BROWN Academy of Our Lady Joseph Brown



PETE BUCK St. Laurence H.S Pete Buck South Shops



SHELIA R. BUTLER Northwestern Business College Steven K. Butler 61st Street Shops



DIANA EVELIN FELICIANO Carl Schurz H.S. Fernando Feliciano Forest Glen



KIMBERLY EILEEN **FIGGERS** Lindbloom Tech H.S. Daniel Figgers 77th Street



NYDIA R. FLORES Kelvin Park H.S. **Angel Flores** North Park



NAJMA FOWLER Lindbloom Tech H.S. Currie L. Fowler South Rail



BETH ELLEN GONDOR Crystal Lake Central **Emmet Gondor**



YOLANDA GORDON Morton H.S. William McCotry Archer



MICHAEL ROBERT **BYSTREK** Robert Bystrek West Shops



NOEL CAMBA University of Illinois College of Medicine Nicasio Camba Forest Glen



LAWANNA DENISE **CAMERON** Hyde Park Academy Roy Cameron Control Center



BLANCE CAMPOS Holy Family Academy Reginaldo Campos O'Hare Terminal



CASSANDRA RENA **CARRUTHERS** Whitney Young H.S. Alvin Carruthers South Shops



CHARLES E. CHAPMAN Proviso West H.S. Charlie L. Chapman Kedzie



Mendel Catholic H.S.



JAMES GULTRY, JR. James Gultry, Sr.



GALE GUNDERSEN Taft H.S. Harry Seely Ticket Agent



Southern Illinois University Virdell Hackett North Avenue



Willie Hall III Archer District B



DARREL L. **HAMPTON** Lindbloom H.S. Robert L. Hampton 77th Street

DENA L. GOSHA

Whitney Young H.S.

Raymond Gosha



LONNIE L. HARBOUR Fenger H.S. Sheila Watkins Insurance



KIMBERLY HARRIS
Queen of Peace H.S.
John Harris
Archer



LINDA SUE HAWORTH University of Illinois William T. Haworth Equip. Eng. & Maint.



SCOTT R. HOLCOMB University of Washington John H. Holcomb Facilities Eng. & Maint.



DERRION HOWARD Julian H.S. Sessor Howard Beverly



KEINA S. HUDSON Chicago Vocational H.S. Richard Hudson Limits



PAMELA IRELAND Cathedral H.S. Talmadge Ireland Archer



CARLUS JACKSON
Corliss H.S.
Lena P. Jackson
Archer



LATARA JONES
Beasley Academic Center
Joe A. Jones
69th Street



TIMOTHY JONES
Roosevelt University
Bettye Jones
Limits



TRICIA R. JOHNSON Lake Park H.S. Victor L. Johnson Materials Management



WAYNE JOHNSON
Washington H.S.
Charles Lane
Des Plaines Shop



LAURA ANN JUGIN
Marion H.S.
Walter Jugin
Martha Jugin
South Shop Retirees



LAURENCE W. JUGIN
Thornwood H.S.
Walter Jugin
Martha Jugin
South Shop Retirees



REGINA M. JULUN Kenwood Academy Margo Julun Insurance Robert Julun Beverly



WILLIAM KLOTZBUCHER Tinley Park H.S. Paul Klotzbucher Beverly



MICHAEL KOLINSKI
DeLaSalle H.S.
Wiliam Robertson
District B



KEVIN KRAWCZYK Weber H.S. Fred Krawczyk South Shops



RACHEL ANN LeBRON Regina Dominican H.S. Ruth LeBron Internal Audit



SHERI D. LEE Metro H.S. Charles H. Lee Central District



ROCHELLE LOFTON
Hillcrest H.S.
Rosie Lofton
Howard Street



ROBERT LONDON
Metro Magnet H.S.
Aaron Swoope
Rail Terminals Retiree
Bernice Smith Swoope
Equip. Eng. & Maint.



IVAN B.
MARIDUENA
Weber H.S.
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North Avenue



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Immaculate Conception
Chester L.
Mazurkiewicz
Skokie Shops



KENNETH J. METTLER Gordon Tech H.S. Kenneth C. Mettler, Jr. Skokie Shops



MATT MICETICH Bogan H.S. Francis Micetich Retiree



LAURENE MULCAHEY Ridgewood H.S. Patrick Mulcahey Limits



KRISTIN S. NAGEL New Trier H.S. Nancy Nagel Budget



ANGELA M. NEWSOME Percy L. Julian H.S. Carl Newsome Limits



MARLO O. PREACELY Unity Catholic H.S. Maurice E. Preacely Archer



ELSIE E. PRINCE Curie H.S. Robert J. Prince West Rail



RAQUEL QUALLS Morgan Park H.S. James Qualls Materials Managements



JAMIE RAMEL
Mother Guerin H.S.
Betty Ramel
Management Services



IRIS MARGARITA RAMIREZ Near North H.S. Manuel Ramirez North Park



WADE REED Eisenhower H.S. Patricia Reed Internal Audit



CORETTA RIVERS
Proviso East H.S.
J. W. Rivers
Limits



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Loyola University
Residee Sanders
District A



VENITA D. SAVAGE Taft H.S. Lulling Savage West Shops



JOHN SCHULGET Gordon Tech H.S. Frank J. Schulget West Section



CYNTHIS ELAINE SMITH Whitney Young H.S. Mary H. Smith



FRITA SMITH John Harlan H.S L. Smith West Section



CHECWANDA SOLSBERRY Chicago Vocational H.S. Mattie Solsberry Beverly



TOYA STUBBS Providence-St. Mel Marion Stubbs North Park



MICHELL THOMPSON Hirsch H.S. Valerie Coleman 69th Street



SABRE TYLER Lindblom H.S. Virgil Tyler 69th Street



MICHAEL VOLGARINO Ridgewood H.S. Ralph N. Volgarino District D Retiree



ALISIA MARIE WALKER Immaculate Heart of Mary H.S. Stephan Walker North Avenue



VERSIE WALKER George Washington H.S. Norma Walker 77th Street



CASANDRA WALLACE Lindblom H.S. Ben Wallace Kedzie



DELORES A. WALLACE Corliss H.S. Edward Wallace South District



ALICE MARIE WHITE Northeastern University William J. White Forest Glen



DENISE R. WILLIAMS Whitney Young H.S. Robert Williams 95th Terminal



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WENDY J. WILLIAMS Loyola University John Williams West Shop Retiree



KEITH ALAN WILLIS Northern Illinois University Richard U. Willis Public Affairs



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77th Street



LINDA WINDHAM University of Illinois at Chicago Andrew Windham 77th Street



KIMBERLY WOMACK Beasley Academic Center Muriel Womack 69th Street



CARMEN RANDALL YOUNG Kennedy-King College Thomas Randall 69th Street



LISA ZABIELSKI University of Illinois at Chicago Edward Zabielski West Shops



Sons of two CTA employees named to service academies



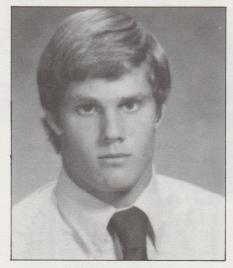
Larry Pianto, Jr., son of Chief Administrative Officer **Larry Pianto, Sr.,** and his wife **Joan,** has been appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy at Anapolis, Md.

He is a 1986 graduate of Marist High School where he held a grade point average of 4.2, ranking 100th in a class of 454 students. Pianto was a member of the Marist football team. He will pursue a baccalaureate degree in electrical engineering.

Appointed to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. was **Martin Richard Willis**, son of Transit News Editor **Rick Willis** and his wife, **Dorothy**.

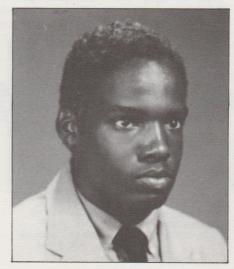
Willis is a 1986 graduate of Bremen Community High School in Midlothian where he held a grade point average of 4.78, ranking 17th in a class of 248 students. He was a member of Bremen's football and track teams as well as the marching

and jazz bands. He was also a mathlete and president of the computer club. Willis will pursue a baccalaureate degree in computer science.



Larry Pianto Jr.

Both candidates who report to their respective academies on July 1, were nominated by U.S. Representative **Marty Russo** of the Third Congressional District.



Martin Richard Willis





When Chicago State University held its 312th commencement on June 22, its proud graduates included Mrs. Beverly Catherine (left), CTA Financial Services, and her sister, Mrs. Sandra M. Freeman, a veterans counselor. Beverly who specialized in marketing, received a bachelor of science degree in business administration, while younger sister Sandra earned a master of science degree in corrections and criminal justice. Mrs. Freeman is a Chicago State University financial aid counselor where she coordinates the IIlinois Veterans Scholarship programs. Mrs. Catherine, who has spent her entire CTA service of 13 years in the Accounts Payable secton of Financial Services, soon joins the Internal Auditing section. Congratulations to the pair for continuing their education as they kept pace with jobs and families.



HEROES HONORED

Adalberto Vazquez (left) and Jesus Nunez (right) Skokie Shop assemblers, were congratulated by Mark Dundovich, superintendent, Rail Vehicles, for their Citizens Commendation Awards from the city of Evanston.

Evanston city officials honored the two Skokie Shop assembers on June 5 for saving the life of an endangered motorist in a burning van in the suburb on February 18. Mayor Joan Barr and Police Chief William H. Logan

presented the awards before about 200 persons attending the event in the Washington Life Insurance Company headquarters.

Vazquez and Nunez had driven a co-worker home when they saw the burning van with an unconscious man behind the wheel. They got the man out of the vehicle and asked a cab driver nearby to summon help. Shortly afterwards the van burst into flames. Police and paramedics praised the men's quick action which became the basis for their awards.

National leaders salute centenarian Georgia Dixon



Janice (Jae) Rowell, superintendent, Financial Analysis, joined family and friends at the Memphis, Tenn. Sheraton Hotel on February 22, for the 100th birthday celebration of her grandmother, Mrs. Georgia Johnson Dixon, a former elementary school teacher, and school founder.

Mrs. Dixon, an active centenarian, received birthday greetings from President Ronald Reagan, former President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter, NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks, Memphis (Shelby County) Mayor William N. Norris, Jr., Atlanta Mayor

Andrew Young, mayors of other principal southern cities, and Chicago's Johnson Publishing Company president, John H. Johnson (Ebony, Jet). The observance adjourned to the Promised Land Missionary Baptist Church where Mrs. Dixon's son, the Rev. Brewer S. Dixon, was the speaker, and where Mrs. Dixon continues to teach Sunday School after 78 years.

Mrs. Dixon is the mother of 11 children, 22 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. In her early years she was a pioneer for education, and a missionary society founder in the State of Mississippi where she was also an organizer, speaker, and writer.

The nurturing side of her character still finds pleasure in cooking and gardening. She cultivates a backyard vegetable garden each year. In keeping with her belief that every woman, regardless of age, needs a glamorous side, she is a hat buff with a collection of chapeaus of all sizes, shapes, and colors.

Of her longevity, Mrs. Dixon says it is a blessing of God. "We are promised a long life through obedience, and I have tried with all my heart to be obe-

dient." For years a Shakespearean quote has been her guide, "Our doubts are traitors and make us lose the good we often might win by fearing to attempt."



Mrs. Georgia Johnson Dixon holds two mementoes of her 100th birthday celebration, orchids which are each enclosed in a bottle suitable for display.

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INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

69th Street

69th Street garage took first place safety award in the maintenance department. No wonder Hank was smiling all over the place. Thanks for a job well done; and keep up the excellent job to keep 69th number one...It's vacation time again, and operator Hubert Williams left May 28 for Arkansas again. Must be something pretty nice to keep him going back...Georgia Gayton is on her way to Tennessee to visit her parents...Meet Joe-Joe, born 7-18-85 at the Little Company of Mary Hospital weighing only 4 pounds, 10 ounces at birth. Joseph L. Christian V will be having his first birthday, and



proud parents, father operator Joseph A.L. Jr. and mother Clarissa Christian, would like to share their happiness. Happy birthday. Joe-Joe...Heading to Nashville, Atlanta, then on to Florida are my good friends operator Idell Richards, and Ernest Sweeney. Going on a pre-nuptial holiday vacation (smile)...Continued happiness is in order for the newly weds operator Carol Reed and operator Albert Graham united in marriage October 30, 1985 in a civil ceremony. This year will mark their first anniversary...We care: That was felt operator Mellowneice Springfield headed a collection, May 1, for operator Corrie Morgan's husband; also operator Jimmy Hall who

is very sick. That collection raised more than \$500. Thanks for your kindness...The best to operator



Gladys Norvell and her fiance supervisor Hueylon Steward on their planned August 16 wedding. The newly married couple plan to leave the following day on a 7-day carnival fun ship cruise. Fun in the sun as Gladys says with a smile...Best wishes to the following operators selected to attend the bus surface supervisor training program: Philip Gray, Thomas Patterson, Clois Harper, Patricia Percy, Joe Jones, Robert Reed, Paul Jones, Jay Thompson, Victor Moore, and DeLois West. Everyone wishes you well, and if you don't do well. you'll have to answer to head instructor Rudy Roach... April 1 was no April Fool joke to Operator Lawrence Lee when he was taken off his bus and rushed to Little Company of Mary Hospital...We're all glad to see Demetrel Parker back after being off sick for more than a month...It's good to see Doris Atwarter back after being off for three months. She's as sparkling as ever...Amy Young says she's feeling better and glad to be back--now Amy?...Condolences to the following operators: Lillie

Parker, loss of her son; Leonard Morris, Board Member, loss of his brother; Doris Walker, loss of her daughter; Alonzo Clayborn, loss of his father; Sandra Johnson, loss of her husband: Nonie Farmer, loss of her father; Etta Mae Jones, loss of her sister-in-law and mother-in-law: Rudy Roach, head instructor, loss of his uncle; Deborah Adams, loss of her mother; Joyce Jordan, loss of her mother...Thomas Randall, 69th Street chief clerk, has reason to be proud of his daughter, Carmen Randall Young. Carmen graduated with honors from Kennedy King College where she earned an associate of arts degree. She made the national dean's list, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and received a teaching certificate. Carmen was also named an outstanding minority college student, and was a Kennedy King Education Department special delegate at a New Orleans conference. She will continue her education at Roosevelt University...Instructor Tom Elerby was host May 3, when his club, the Society of Eagles, held their second annual spring dance at the Hilding Anderson Local #65 Auditorium where Tom is vice president. Rest assured he made everyone feel like returning next year. Some of the noticables attending were head of instruction Rudy Roach, with his lovely wife Susan; chief clerk Thomas Randall, yours truly of course, and a host of co-workers. OK, Tom, VIP seating next year...Congratulations to the following co-workers eligible to compete in the 1986 bus roadeo: Sullivan Crossley, Jose John Agrela, Kenneth Mixon, Kathy Gandy, Laurance Weathersby, Clifton J. Hubbard, Patricia Rice, Vernell Roberts, Thomas Patterson, Gloria D. Webb, Willie Summerville, Chellie Marie Booth, Rufus E. Meeks, Patricia Percy, James Gultry, Vera Tucker, Robert C. Clay, Joe A. Jones, James L. Bush, Doris J. Neal, James E. Mayes, and Phillip Gray. Andreas Flowers, son of bus operator Michelle Dixon is graduating from Joseph Warren Elementary School. Andreas received a full scholarship to Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. He loves basketball, and wants to be an electrical engineer.

Ellie Head

NEWS

North Park

S-o-o, 69th claims they have the King of the J's (janitors)? Obviously they are not aware that North Park has it's own Emperor of the System, Mr. Alan Lowery. Alan presently has 25



years service with the company and originally started as a bus operator at North Avenue garage. He had 17 years behind the wheel...Attention: Team Captain Jerome "Cookie" Towns of the North Park Breezers softball team. We will publish a photo of your team AND its 1986 trophy just as soon as you repeat your 1985 performance. championship (Somehow the photo event of the year was omitted from last year's Inside News)...Get well wishes to Mary Wallace...Pensioners: your friend, Eugene "Gene" Brudney, currently working at the vault island as box puller, is retiring with 34 years service. Gene started with the Chicago Motor Coach, CTA's predecessor, at the old Wilcox garage (Madison-Crawford); then worked his way to North Avenue and Limits stations. When the Special Services section was formed Gene was one of the original 11 operators to work on the "Special" bus. Gene and his wife Josephine will spend their retirement years in Elmwood Park, Illinois...In case you were looking and have yet to see him, Instructor W. J. Purnell is currently working at 69th street garage...Anyone recognize any of our North Park drivers in the video tape replay of CTA's Striving For Excellence testimonial?...Instructor Aaron Crockett motors to New Jersey on vacation shortly and may apply some of those defensive driving skills as he nears all those glittering roulette tables in Atlantic City. Did we mention that his voice will be coming over the airwaves now that he is in the select group of people who work at the Control Center?...That gentleman working the Devon-Clark post, Supervisor Tom Fitzpatrick adds another 365 days making it 23 years on the job...When do we see that photo of your granddaughter graduating from Kindergarden "Supe"?...Mr. Cheerful, Ed "Grouch" Olender the schedule man, and cohort Casey from the repair department mentioned that they're going a-fishing again at Lake Winnibigoshis, and hope to catch something in September (a cold maybe?). H-m-m, if the fish in that lake are as long as it's name, maybe you both could "ride" it back this way Ed, Hah!...Our sympathies and condolences go to fellow operator Jose Abonce whose son Jose Abonce Junior passed recently...Hey, Hey, Proud Father Edward White, Supervisor. "C" district at Polk-Clark speaking of his daughter Elizabeth's winning a second place showing in the science fair held at Robert A. Black lately. Come to think of it, Elizabeth's talents will come in handy if and when that century old heirloom pocket watch Ed ever needs some owns tinkering... Maurice Hanna (Sheridan) has completed 800 hours of auto mechanics, received his certificate of completion, and says he definitely would like a chance to be a bus mechanic...Former operator Madelyn Martin is now fifth grade teacher Madelyn Martin at one of our nearby elementary schools. Ms. Martin enjoyed a week-long stay in the company of her fellow teachers in Freeport, Bahamas a while ago and savs it was G-r-e-a-t!...Did you know Carmelo Morales, now at Forest Glen, has a record album out on the shelves? He composed all of the lyrics...In case he looks familiar, it is one and the same, Instructor George Zajac now with our Instruction department. George was featured on a channel 2 segment on TV last year regarding CTA and hasn't signed for any Hollywood deals yet, then again...Talent, talent, Charles Sauer, Credit Union Board member, got a nice write up in his church's newsletter describing his being quite the accomplished organist and choir director at Loyal Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons...Assistant Superintendent Sal Carbonelli, young looking that he is, has reached a quarter of a century in the employment of CTA as of March 1986. But

wait! Sal's daughter, Kathy, will be celebrating her 19th birthday along with a host of her friends at the Holiday Inn soon, so maybe Dad will look his age when he sees the bill!!...Box Puller Ronald Hodges and his wife Yvonne soon will be smelling those old magnolia blossoms when they drive to Tupelo, Mississippi for a visit with Ron's father...Next time you are sitting in your car wondering how or what to do because it won't start, look around the training room for Miss Goodwrench, Alma Williams. Seems this is one female who knows cars...Mary Crenshaw, now at Limits is still off from work because of an injury to her hand...Ripley's Believe it, Leroy Kalata now at Forest Glen picked a day run on Foster Avenue just so he could look at North Park garage which he says he misses so ter-Mike Flores

Service anniversaries in May

40 Years
Elmer Johnson, Howard/Kimball
Joseph Steinbach, Bus Pers.-South

35 Years
Walter Campbell, 77th Street
Robert Hormel, Elec. Dist.
William Jones, Rail System
Gerald Mallory, Dist. A
James Mincey Jr., Dist. A
Frank Riley, Jr., 69th Street
Gabriel Schiazza, Dist. D
Gordon Woods, Kedzie

30 Years
Luther Gaston, Elec. Dist.
Sam Johnson, North Avenue
Michael Leavy, Howard/Kimball
Caesar Trent, Beverly

25 Years Franklin Brison, Elec. Dist. Raymond Burkhardt, Archer Dominic DeMaria, South Rail Thomas Donnelly, Bus Garages-South Ervin Harmon, Ashland Ronald Jareckas, South Shops Karl Kassal, Archer William Miedema, Bus Support Srvcs. Robert Mulnix, North Park Derrell Norton, North Avenue James O'Malley, Rail System William Orr, Central Counting Frank Papaleo, South Shops Charles Perham, Signal Phone & Radio Francis Payne, Linden Charles Rimmele, Adm. Services Edwin Szot, Archer

INSIDE

Materials Management

Buyers and Procurement Engineers attended the 19th annual Chicago Business Opportunity Fair held at the Conrad Hilton Tower. The fair has provided qualified minority suppliers with an equal opportunity to participate and compete in the open market place. Through our participation, CTA has been able to add a number of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise/Women's Business Enterprise suppliers. The Chicago Business Opportunity Fair creates a climate in which an interchange takes place between the buyer and the DBE/WBE supplier who can provide required goods and services, thereby stimulating continuing dialogue and working relationships. It enables purchasing to expand the number of potential sources and increases competition, which results in improved quality of goods and services...Con-

Service anniversaries in June

40 Years

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dolences to the families of Joan Thomas, principal contract clerk, whose father passed away, and Bill Cantwell, warehouse worker, whose father-in-law passed away...In spite of inclement weather, a good time was had by all who attended the CTA Mart Golfers Spring tournament at the Hickory Hills Country Club. We missed vou Ron Swindell!...Materials Management department is operating at full complement again. Back to work are Lori Muhling, Ruth Ann Miles. Zaven Guediquian, Denise Robinson and Carol Griseto. They all agree that as much as they like staying home, it's no fun when you're sick...Rita Deakin, Accounting, Bernadette Kizior, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance, and retiree Kay Batina, Schedules, drove to Epcot. Rita said, "The trip was great, but just too short"...We thank Connie Brabec, Materials Management, as well as all CTA workers who participated in the National Walk-A-Thon for March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation...John Harrington, Grant Accounting, is back to work after a brief illness and thanks everyone for their kind get well wishes...We were all saddened by the death of Janet McClain, executive secretary, Affirmative Action, who died after a brief illness. We extend our sympathy to her family...Bernice Smith, executive secretary, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance, thanks everyone for remembering her while she was sick...Wedding bells are ringing for Corrine Camasta and John Zon, Skokie Shops, and Wally Feulner, Supervisor, Budget and Manpower Equipment, South Shops, and his bride Janice. Congratulations to all...John Ferlito, Skokie Shops and his wife Debbie added a new member to their family. Daughter Danielle was born April 12 at Swedish Covenant Hospital. Danielle has a three year old brother. Congratulations to the Ferlito's and the Fano's...Mary Garrett, timekeeping clerk, Engineering and Maintenance. South, was treated to a dinner by her co-workers. Congratulations, Mary, upon your retirement...Attention, Attention! The South Shops Annual Picnic will be held July 19 at Rubio Woods, 143rd and Central, Orland Park. All CTAers and their families are invited to participate in the fun and



CTA retirees Walter J. Weber (left), formerly of the South Shops Body Shop, and Chester Bujnowski, former unit overhaul foreman, Skokie Shop, share the good times during a Moose Lodge weekly meeting in St. Petersburg, Fla.

games. Refreshments will be served...Condolences to the family of Josephine O'Kray, revenue accounting, whose father Carl Augitto passed away...Two month old Brendon Daley and his Mommy Priscilla (Facilities Engineering and Maintenance), visited their friends in the Mart. Brendon let us know he was glad to see us. Brendon's daddy Mike, works in Operations Planning...Fred Petrino, retired, Engineering, and his wife Rose are enjoying their retirement and want to be remembered to their CTA friends...Ann Angst, retired, Accounting, visited her friends in the Mart and made a special stop in Materials Management...Condolences to the families of two deceased Insurance department retirees, Jim Burklow and Louie Troken...Edward A. Reilly, retired Superintendent of Traffic Data, Schedules, passed away. Our condolences to his family and son Terry who works at South Shops...Mitch Kitzman, retired Resident Bus Inspector, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance, visited the Mart recently...Bob Vance, retired Day Foreman at Limits Bus Garage, passed away. Condolences to his family...Did you know that George J. Clark, retired supt. of Shops and Equipment, has fully recovered from his hip replacement and is planning a trip to Mackinac Island this summer...Greetings from Ralph Martz, retired Supt. of Shops...Lillian Polland, wife of the late Director of Public Information Harry Polland, passed away in Sun

City, Arizona. Condolences to her family...Rosemary Kenny, Payroll, and her sister Kay spent two weeks in sunny Palm Springs, California. They enjoyed this trip more than ever...Congratulations to retirees totalling 209 years of service to CTA and its predecessor companies: John Cannon, Director, Accounting Operations; Patrick McStay, Police Liaison; Patricia Newell, Supervisor, Law File Administration, and June Noren, Batch Control Coordinator and Rod Heffernan, Supervisor, both of Revenue Accounting. Many friendships were renewed and good food and drink were consumed at their dinners and luncheons. The Committees did a terrific job. We wish all of our retirees many years of good health and happiness...77th Street Volleyball coach Maurice Land, called to tell me that he's very proud of this team and that they took second place in the South Division sections, CTA Volleyball league. By the way 95th street took first.

Arlene Zittman

Forest Glen

There is a baby boom in the Guedel family. Pete and Laura Guedel are the proud grandparents of Ryan Joseph, and Christine Marie. Ryan, born April 4, is the son of Jim and Sandy Guedel, while Christine, born April 9, is the daughter of Bill and Barbara Guedel. Both babies are happy and healthy, but will Pete change diapers again? Noooo. Pete took his retirement June 1 after 25 years service, and will live in Tucson, AZ. Good luck to Pete and Laura...Welcome back to foreman Harry Gakal who returns after long recovery from an accident...Best wishes and a speedy recovery to Armando Aristodemo who is off due to back problems...Again Forest Glen won the sixth Safety Award luncheon. Good food and nice prizes were the rewards. Let's keep Forest Glen Repairs number one in safety...Our sympathy is extended to the family of Ed Hayes in the loss of his mother-inlaw, Mrs. Grace Wulf...Good luck to Bob Kaese, Sal Furlin, and yours truly in the bus roadeo. Going for first. Send me your news about Forest Glen so we can get it in

John W. Kochopolus

Skokie Shops

Congratulations to the following employees who participated in the sub-assembly and final assembly training program: Jesse Rodriguez, Keith Gallman, Duane Blocker, Gerald Holst, Al Olsen, Scott Kurinec, Jan Borochin, Ray Pordomo, J. R. Pilgrom, and Dan Ward...The recent outbreak of pigeons in Skokie has reached epidemic proportions. Recently, a fellow employee was bombed with droppings and had to be restrained from retaliating...A third generation of twins were born to Brian and Judy Faczek, son of Mitch Faczek. Jan Broda, paint shop foreman, finally became a grandfather of Shaun Michael. It's about time! He is also boasting that his Ford Bronco is seven years old and still keeps on ticking, with the original battery. Can anyone top that? Chevy lovers!...Joining the list of retirees are the following: Mike Vezquez, Gary Olsen, George Michaud, and Thomas Kirby. A retirement party will be held for Thomas Kirby on June 27th, at Ray Harrington's. Also it is his birthday that day...Sam Bacira, carpenter, for the first time in his 10 years of employment has turned down overtime, two days in a row. No excuse Sam?...Best wishes and speedy recovery to: Tony Morales, Jose Maldonado, Marty Gorman and Jim Zazula. Hurry back...Bill Crocker is a proud father of graduating son Brock from S.I.U. and daughter Cynthia from high school...Entering matrimonial bliss are: Corinne Camasta, Dale Jones, Al Olsen...The eleventh annual Skokie Shop Golf outing will be held on Sept. 13th at Nordic Hills Country Club. Go for the birdie...Congratulations, Diego Droira was sworn in as a U.S. citizen...The 1986 March of Dimes Walk America walkathon was held Sunday, April 27. Skokie Shop demonstrated its generosity and support of its walkers (Anna Kelly and myself) by donating \$718.00 to the March of Dimes. It was a wonderful event for a good cause, and I could not have thought of a more pleasant way to spend a Sunday. As a whole, CTA was represented by approximately 20 walkers from the Authority.

Greg Winski



On May 4, 1986, Dale Jones, a machinist at Skokie Shop, and Shelagh Dawe, an executive secretary for Associates Commercial Corporation, were married at the Wayside Chapel in Palos Heights. Their reception was held in the Garden Room at the Martinique in Evergreen Park. Mr. and Mrs. Jones spent their honeymoon on a Caribbean Cruise.

Management Information Systems

On March 27, M.I.S. held a bowling outing at Marina Towers. An excellent time was had by all. Joe Gingras' famous line was, "Move over a couple of boards!"...The CTA Spring Golf Outing was held on May 17 at Hickory Hills Golf Course. M.I.S. personnel cleaned up by taking: Longest Drive, Dan O'Connor, M.I.S. Administration, and Closest to the Pin, Barry Howard. The Fearsome, namely Barry Howard, Bill Smith, Bruce Weeks (all from M.I.S. Operations) and Emil Rusinak (retiree), tore up the course. The M.I.S. department would like to take this opportunity to thank Chuck Cummins and all who helped put together another great outing...Larry Simpson, project analyst, was elected treasurer of the Chicago Chapter, Association for Systems Management, on April 22. The association is a 9,000-member international society of systems information resource management professionals. The Chicago chapter has 60 members, who meet monthly for programs related to the systems profession. Larry has just completed a term as secretary of the Chicago chapter. Congratulations!

Patricia Glines

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Todd Kivlehan, 15, a freshman at Notre Dame High School, and the son of Skokie Shops carpenter Bernie Kivlehan, was awarded the Eagle Scout badge, scouting's highest honor, in a recent court of honor ceremony. He is a member of Scout Troop 175, Thundervalley District, Northwest Suburban Council, Boy Scouts of America. The Eagle Scout rank is achieved by approximately two percent of all boys in scouting, and represents accomplishments in scouting skills, leadership, service, strength of character, and an understanding of community and nation.

General Office

Distinguished military graduate Keith Alan Willis, son of Transit News Editor Rick Willis and his wife. Dorothy, received a regular commission in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant upon graduating from Northern Illinois University May 10 with a degree in sociology. He has been assigned to the Ordnance Corps at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. for 19 weeks of training, and has further orders for Germany November...DeLaSalle Institute alumnus (class of '86) Kenneth F. Evans continues to enjoy recognition for his academic performance. Kenneth, the son of South Rail Area Superintendent Lampton R. Evans, will discuss teen films on the half hour WBBM-TV show, "Different Drummers." Taping will be June 12 for a later air time. Merit Scholarship Finalist and trackman Kenneth took his high school diploma with a 4.8 GPA and the Honor Roll/Athletic Achievement award. Next stop, Notre Dame University and a baccalaureate degree in electrical engineering...Mather High

Pom Pom squad captain Martha Cheatham who received her diploma this year, is bound for Northeastern College. Martha served on the Year Book committee, and was a member of the Ruetama Dancers. She is the daughter of Hattie Peterson, Treasury department...By the way!!! Ms Peterson was one of three ladies in her department to earn the accolades of Chicago Public Schools Mobility Training teacher Lois Buenger. Others being applauded were Tracey Foster and Judy Stroud. Ms Buenger wrote, "As mobility training teacher for three Chicago Public Schools, I take trainable mentally handicapped students to the RTA for Special Users passes. The trip is the beginning of the students' independence. The three women patiently explain the importance of the pass and how to protect it. I have also asked them to say an additional word or two about how to behave on the CTA buses. They are able to do this with kindness and caring. Ms Foster, Ms Peterson and Ms

IN MEMORIAM

Francis J. Bartel. 71. Forest Glen. Emp. 2-17-42, Died 4-10-86 Raymond W. Blaa, 78, North Park, Emp. 10-3-40, Died 4-28-86 George D. Bell, 68, Rail Veh. Maint., Emp. 12-15-53, Died 3-21-86 Philander H. Bergsrud, 84, Forest Glen, Emp. 1-24-25, Died 2-19-86 Alvin S. Bloomquist, 78, North Park, Emp. 7-6-37, Died 3-2-86 Mildred C. Bonomo, 82, Purchasing, Emp. 9-1-43, Died 3-16-86 Matt Borek, 70, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-14-45, Died 4-9-86 John R. Carr, 82, District A, Emp. 12-21-33, Died 3-23-86 Frank O. Eckwall, 91, 77th Street, Emp. 3-13-23, Died 3-25-84 Adam J. Gablin, 80, Electrical, Emp. 6-4-34, Died 3-21-86 Barnaba E. Gagnon, 72, Stores, Emp. 9-8-53, Died 4-21-86 Elizabeth M. Hawkins, 80, North Sect., Emp. 1-31-45, Died 4-10-86 Albert H. Heinrich, 86, 69th St., Emp. 10-20-25, Died 4-1-86 Austin H. Hough, 87, O.S. Mailroom, Emp. 7-24-42, Died 3-10-86 Edward F. Huth, 74, North Park, Emp. 10-29-52, Died 4-17-86

Otto F. Janecek, 80, District B,

Emp. 9-22-42, Died 3-17-86

George W. Jensen, 86, Police,

Emp. 10-5-23, Died 3-15-86

John A. Johnson, 93, Devon,

Emp. 3-8-16, Died 3-9-86

Albert J. Joza, 73, 69th St. Emp. 11-30-53, Died 4-17-86 Edward E. Kain, 89, West Section, Emp. 3-12-18, Died 3-10-86 Stanley P. Kalinowski, 64, North Avenue, Emp. 10-7-66, Died 3-9-86 Rudolph A. Kannewurf, 87, West Section, Emp. 2-13-43, Died 3-31-86 Philip J. Keil, 89, 77th Street, Emp. 6-4-26, Died 2-24-86 Marvin Kissel, 64, South Sect., Emp. 2-13-48, Died 12-13-85 Arthur H. Lask, 74, Kedzie, Emp. 7-25-42, Died 4-24-86 Albert S. Lietzo, 71, North Avenue, Emp. 4-7-42, Died 3-30-86 Frederick W. Limmel, 70, Operations Control, Emp. 8-16-44, Died 2-6-86 Earl J. Lynch, 89, Way & Structs., Emp. 10-13-25, Died 4-8-86 Mitchell Malek, 73, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-23-45, Died 3-28-86 Daniel McCauley, 85, 69th Street, Emp. 2-8-23, Died 3-19-86 Raymond W. McClintock, 75, Veh. Maint., Emp. 5-23-41, Died 4-22-86 Timothy McNamara, 91, 77th Street, Emp. 4-24-24, Died 3-19-86 John W. Miller, 72, Limits, Emp. 11-21-50, Died 4-4-86 Eddie Mitchell, 63, 77th St., Emp. 4-17-51, Died 4-16-86 Clifton E. Money, 82, North Section,

Emp. 10-12-43, Died 3-14-86

Emp. 2-25-42, Died 4-9-86

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John D. O'Donnell, 85, Shops & Equip., Emp. 11-11-42, Died 4-10-86 Michael V. O'Malley, 79, Shops & Equip., Emp. 9-7-44, Died 2-4-86 Mary M. Radcliffe, 91, North Sect., Emp. 5-10-44, Died 4-18-86 George W. Rateike, 82, Tech. Services, Emp. 12-21-36, Died 3-30-86 Milo J. Ritchey, 82, Beverly, Emp. 11-3-36, Died 4-9-86 McKinley Ross, 84, Transportation, Emp. 9-3-47, Died 3-7-86 Walter L. Sesko, 84, Shops & Equip., Emp. 12-9-26, Died 4-8-86 Andrew Smith, 76, North Sect., Emp. 6-13-67, Died 4-23-86 Delso Smith, 65, 69th Street, Emp. 12-27-51, Died 3-15-86 William T. Speer, 61, Limits, Emp. 5-7-48, Died 3-2-86 Elmer J. Stevens, 80, 61st St., Emp. 11-26-24, Died 4-27-86 John L. Strzelecki, 75, West Sect., Emp. 12-5-42, Died 4-25-86 Charles J. Sundblad, 76, Beverly, Emp. 8-22-41, Died 4-12-86 Anthony Sunzeri, 69, Maintenance, Emp. 9-29-41, Died 3-24-86 Louis C. Troken, 73, Human Resources, Emp. 1-11-49, Died 4-3-86 Robert V. Vance, 71, Veh. Maint., Emp. 7-20-40, Died 4-2-86 Louis W. Weissgerber, 71, Maint., Emp. 4-15-42, Died 4-12-86 Edward J. Weston, 66, Forest Glen, Emp. 12-11-50, Died 4-11-86





The Lovance Ashley family, now has a dentist among their professional siblings. Claims representative Ashley and wife, Jean, Chicago Board of Education, were justifiably proud of their youngest daughter, Dr. Maria M. Ashley, as she received the DDS degree June 8 during commencement exercises of the University of Illinois Circle Campus. Ms. Ashley is also an alumnus of DePaul University where earlier she earned a bachelor of science degree. Ashley, a 38-year CTA employee, says the drive is now complete. Daughters Karen Hilbering of Westerville, Ohio is a math consultant for Charles E. Merrill Publishers, and Jeannine Jones is teacher at Carver Middle School, Chicago Board of Education, while only son Lovance II is a support representative

Stroud are truly exceptional employees. My students continue to talk about them as self reminders. I am impressed with their efficiency in handling their applications and their sincere interest students."...Meanwhile, Ms Stroud is expressing appreciation to co-workers and friends for the support given her daughter, Jamie Johnson, in the Metcalfe Magnet School fund raiser. Jamie was awarded a cordless telephone for being the top sales person in a particular category. Her AM/FM radio was also awarded for topping all other students in sales...ATTENTION RUNNERS: The 1986 Manufacturers Hanover Corporate Challenge will be held Thursday, August 7 beginning at 6:50 p.m. The 3.5 mile road race will get underway at Ninth and Michigan Avenue in Grant Park. This will also be the finish line. Anyone interested in forming a CTA running team should contact Gina Trimarco, in Capital Development, Ext. 4574. Gina wants to have her team organized by July 14. A \$5

entry fee per individual is required. The team will not be an official organization or CTA representation... Harold Burda stopped by a few days ago to remind everybody of the CTA Senior Citizen Picnic which is set for Saturday, August 2 at 27th and Desplaines Avenue, Grove 4. Everyone is welcome whether retired or still working. Burda who retired from CTA Property Accounting in 1975, has been an active part of the picnic committee for years, and a frequent visitor to the Mart.

Operations

Agent Controller **Corrine Dalmas** is the proud grandmother of Christopher Gregory Crenshaw, born March 19 in



Memphis, Tenn., weighing seven pounds, one ounce...Congratulations and good luck to James Musto and his bride, Kim Truppa who were married May 18, and honeymooned in California. The happy couple is residing in their northwest side apartment. The lucky groom is the brother of Operations Control Center executive secretary Carol Musto...The Operations Control Center staff commends rail controller Mary Fryar for the vital role she played March 13 in the apprehension and arrest of a suspected child molester. Ms. Frvar ordered the train held outside the station until the police arrived and made the arrest. Thanks for a job well done...Lino Alcaraz, superintendent, Bus Communications, and Jerry Johnson, superintendent, Rail Communications, vacationed together in Las Vegas. Although the weather was 90 degrees. Lino and Jerry brought back no suntans. It seems the casinos are not equipped with sunroofs.

Carol Musto

North Section

When Ms. Vanessa Gardner threw her wedding bouquet, April 19, North Side ticket agent, Glenda Lyles, caught it. Look out, Louis Torres!!!...Gus Klopner, North Section janitor, won the Lottery two weeks in a row with the same number. for a total of over \$900.00 Gus is a very generous guy. He wants to share his good fortune with you. He says to tell you all that the winning number was 525. Several years ago, he won a trip to the Bahamas in a contest sponsored by a radio station. Although he offered the gift to both of his parents, only his mother accepted. Gus and his mom had a really memorable vacation. Shortly after they returned from their trip, Mrs. Klopner suffered a serious stroke. She is recovering, but still needs physical therepy. Gus is grateful that he was able to do something for her while she was still in good health...Dan Villanueva, Neville Keller, and Everett Martin have a different idea of a good time. They want danger, excitement, and adventure! For several years they have planned a special hunting trip. Now that all conditions are "go," they will set out on May 27, for a wild game preserve in the heart of darkest Ohio. Their quarry is wild boar, and their weapons will be 44 caliber handguns. At this moment, we can picture them stalking the beast, when suddenly, from the dense underbrush, a slavering, grunting boar with razor sharp tusks, and hate filled eyes, charges them. They are good shots. They will have to be. We personally prefer a luxury cruise. Any ticket agent can tell you that being charged by a bus load of passengers running to catch that train is scary enough.

Josephine Anderson

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CTA, in the heart of Hollywood

This huge billboard advertising the Illinois Film Office is located in the heart of Hollywood's Sunset Strip and boasts Illinois, the Prairie State, as the best possible place to shoot movies. The new billboard is said to have a smarting effect on Hollywood movie moguls. The colorful sign features characteristic stuntmen engaged in a violent confrontation atop a careening 'L' train. The violence ends in typical movie fashion

with blazing gunshots, and a man falling into the Chicago River. A spokesman for the Illinois Film Office said competition for filmmaking in states besides California is heavy, and billboards such as this are everywhere. The Illinois Film Office simply chose to tout the State of Illinois on Hollywood's own turf in hopes of catching a lot of attention for the moviemaking business in moviemaking land.

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