



## Striving for excellence '86



**Mayor Harold Washington** tells CTA Striving for Excellence honorees of his pride and appreciation for them at Condesa Del Mar banquet. The mayor received a rousing welcome from an enthusiastic crowd as he was introduced by **CTA Chairman Walter H. Clark**. Others on the dais are (from left) Deputy Executive Director, Human Resources **Anita Curtis**, Chief Administrative Officer **Larry Pianto**, **Chairman Clark**, **Vice Chairman John J. Hoellen**.



# Mayor Washington greets, toasts "Striving" honorees

**Mayor Harold Washington** received a thunderous standing ovation as he and his entourage made their way to the "Striving for Excellence" platform at Condesa del Mar, where he paid homage on September 13 to 1,009 CTA employees who were honored for performance excellence.

Mayor Washington, introduced by **CTA Chairman Walter Clark**, entered the elegant southside supper club as the band struck up the familiar tune, "Chicago." The city's chief executive told honorees and guests, "CTA employees have proven their dedication to the citizens of Chicago by working at a level above and beyond the call of duty."

In his special proclamation for the occasion, the mayor urged Chicagoans to be aware of the importance of CTA's contribution to excellence in public service.

It was the first time in the Striving for Excellence recognition program's three-year history that Mayor Washington has been available to attend CTA's employee honors banquet. Employees and guests signaled their appreciation with a warm greeting as the mayor was announced.

**CTA Chief Administrative Officer Larry Pianto** expressed appreciation for the mayor's attendance on behalf of all CTA employees. Honorees also heard the congratulatory salutes of Deputy Executive Directors **Harry Reddrick**, Operations, and **George Millonas**, Engineering and Maintenance. Both expressed pride and appreciation in the honorees and their outstanding work records. Mayor Washington joined Chairman Clark and other CTA executives in a toast to the honorees, which was led by CTA Chairman Clark.

Entertainment included a musical presentation as well as music for dancing by the Grand Staff band. Songs were by vocalist/bandleader Mark Ingram, and comedian Max Cooper did impressions.

Bus operators, box pullers, ticket agents, conductors, motormen, switchmen, towermen, yard foremen, and foot collectors included among



**Harry Reddrick**, deputy executive director, Operations, draws the name of a Facilities Engineering and Maintenance employee for a special gift made possible through donations for use by Striving for Excellence honorees.

**George Millonas**, deputy executive director, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance, drew a name of an Operations employee.

honorees were employees hired prior to January 1, 1985. All had worked at least 200 days in their classification, or were in a pool for a union-represented classification.

These operating employees were also required to have 1985 work records which were free of misses, chargeable injuries on duty, violations, suspensions, and corrective case interviews. They were also required to have had no more than one occasion of illness requiring absence from work, or one non-chargeable complaint, or one non-chargeable accident.

Because commitment to excellence is expected to increase as individuals advance within the Operations Division, clerks, supervisors and instructors were required to meet stricter criteria. These employees must have worked at least 200 days in their classification, or in a pool for a union-represented classification during both 1984 and 1985. Their work records for both years had to be perfect.

In selecting persons for the Striving for Excellence testimonial, the work records of 7,000 employees assigned to eligible classifications were reviewed at least twice by their superintendents and by the Operations Instruction Sec-

tion staff.

A slightly different criteria set by Engineering and Maintenance for its personnel did not permit employees with a suspension, absence without leave, or similar violation to be included in Striving for Excellence honors.

Union employees from all Engineering and Maintenance departments were considered for the Striving for Excellence program provided their work records indicated perfect attendance in the past two years (since 1984). Thus, of the 1,300 records screened, only 325 employees were selected from the division to receive the honors, said Florence Salus, director, Engineering and Maintenance Personnel Service. "We held our people to a strict criteria," said Ms. Salus.

In order to be eligible for consideration, Engineering and Maintenance employees needed a minimum of seven points for attendance which included five points for perfect attendance in 1985 and two points for the previous year of perfect attendance. Bonus points were given for commendations, and points were subtracted for written warnings. The division honored personnel having the highest number of points.





**Mayor Harold Washington** joins the CTA hosts in toasting the Striving for Excellence honorees. Lifting their glasses are (from left) **George Millonas, Linda Grysbeck, Larry Pianto, Anita Curtis, Mayor Washington, Harry Reddrick,** and CTA Vice Chairman **John Hoellen.** Chairman **Walter Clark** leads the toast at the podium.



## Grand Staff plays tribute to honorees

Grand Staff, the Chicago band which has entertained CTA's Striving for Excellence honorees since the testimonial's inception in 1983, abounds with talent.

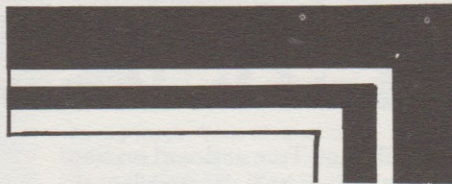
The eight-piece band is directed by singer Mark Ingram, a man whose musical style and flair draws an audience into each show. The band's musical director/arranger is Orbert Davis, a Columbia College music teacher who is also a musician for singer Gladys Knight and the Pips, as well as other entertainers when they are visiting Chicago.

Ingram and company gave the 1986 Striving for Excellence honorees and guests a glimpse of Grand Staff's talent with a new arrangement and lyrics of a familiar tune. "We Built this City" became "We Move this City" (by CTA). The idea

originated with **Bill Sholdice**, director, Training and Development, Operations Training/Instruction.

Sholdice presented the idea to Operations Training/Instruction Manager **Elonzo Hill** who discussed it with Ingram. Later, Sholdice and the bandleader co-wrote new lyrics which would honor CTA's outstanding employees, and the musical arrangement followed.

Grand Staff was winner of Budweiser Brewer's Showdown held at Washington, D.C. in August and hosted by singer Lou Rawls. The showdown was a musical battle between some 15,000 bands for the local to regional and national level. The top prize was a Warner Brothers recording contract.



## Special prizes donated for honorees

Striving for Excellence honorees of 1986 were recipients of a variety of prizes in recognition of their outstanding performance, thanks to CTA's Promotional Services section, Public Affairs department.

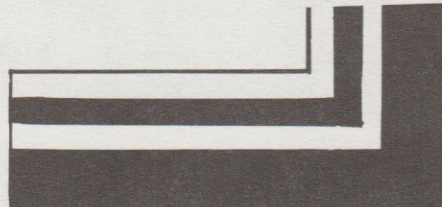
**Terry Hocin**, director of Promotional Services, said some honorees received Cubs or White Sox baseball tickets, and others were awarded University of Illinois Flame Basketball tickets. All were donated for use by the honorees, Hocin said.

Other prizes donated included a Sony walkman, tickets to the Circus Vargas and the Museum of Science and Industry Omnimax, as well as a two-night stay at the Chicago Hilton which was donated by the Avenues to the World travel agency and the Hilton Hotel Corporation. The prizes were awarded in a random drawing.

Another random drawing offered a getaway weekend package for a couple to include dinner and a play at the Pheasant Run Theatre, provided by the CTA Community Affairs department. Honorees also received a commemorative key chain, and certificates denoting their accomplishments.



Honorees and guests enjoyed an evening of dancing following the recognition program.





# CTA Board selects Robert E. Paaswell Executive Director

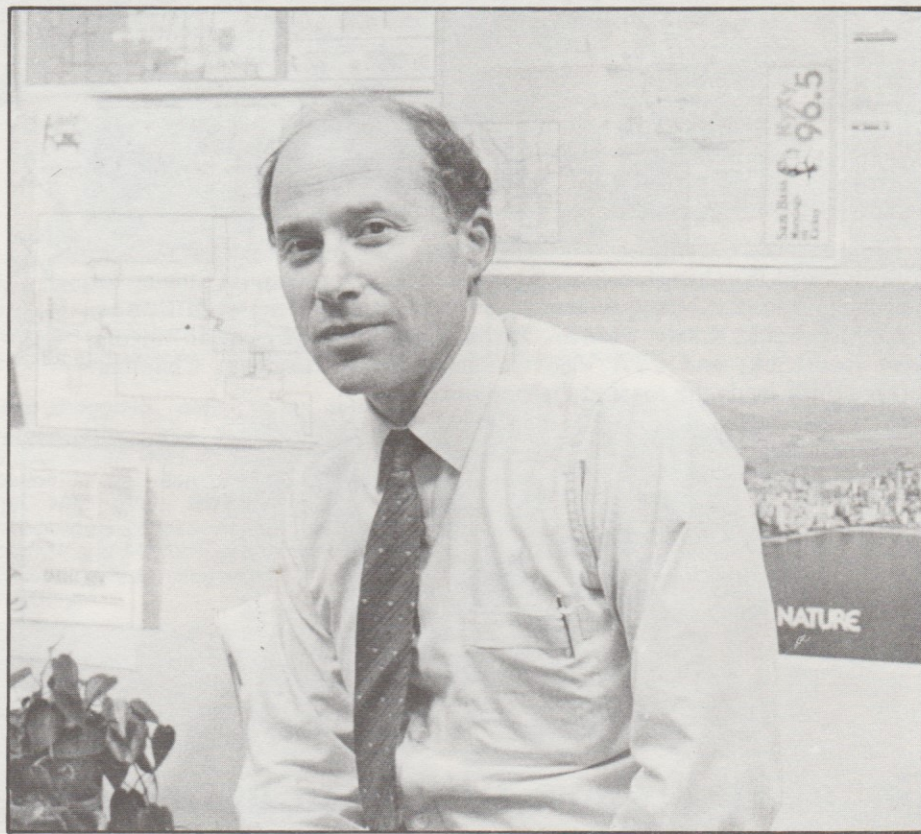
The Chicago Transit Board on Sept. 29 selected Robert E. Paaswell, a professor of transportation engineering at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), as Executive Director.

Paaswell, 49, has served as director of UIC's Urban Transportation Center since 1982. Most recently, the Center has performed innovative work on the provision of public transit by private sector suppliers, and helped CTA write contracts for service for the handicapped by private companies.

A member of the CTA Citizens Advisory Committee, the RTA Strategic Plan Task Force, and the Governor's Task Force on Transportation for the Disabled, Paaswell serves on a number of other metropolitan area transit advisory committees.

Active for more than 10 years as a consultant to the United States Department of Transportation on minorities and the transportation industry, he recently organized a conference to bring together representatives of minority educational institutions and the transit industry.

Paaswell worked in the Office of the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation in 1976 and 1977, receiving the Secretary's award



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for Superior Achievement for his work in policy analysis.

He is currently involved in urban transportation planning in the People's Republic of China. During a trip to China this October, Paaswell was named an honorary professor at the Jilin University of Technology in Changchun in recognition of his research program development at that institution.

Born in Redwing, Minn., Paaswell attended Columbia University in New York City and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1956, a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering the following year and an M.S. in applied mechanics in 1961. He earned a doctorate in civil engineering from Rutgers University in 1965.

He joined the faculty of the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1964 and was named a professor of civil engineering in 1976. He founded and directed the center for Transportation Studies and Research there in 1978 and, in 1980 and 1981, held the

concurrent post of chairman and professor of the Department of Environmental Design and Planning.

He has been elected a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers and now serves as chairman of the Committee on Transportation Disadvantaged for the Transportation Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences.

He is a member of the science honorary society Sigma Xi and was a Ford Foundation Scholar at Columbia University.

Paaswell is the co-author of one book, has written or co-written more than 60 articles on transit topics for professional and scholarly journals and has prepared more than 70 special reports on transportation and engineering issues.

He and his wife, Rosalind Paaswell, first deputy commissioner for economic development for the City of Chicago, are the parents of a daughter, Judith Miara, and a son, George.

## New arrival



**Meet Geri Burns**, executive secretary to CTA Chairman Walter H. Clark. Mrs. Burns joins CTA after 19 years with CitiCorp Savings. A native Chicagoan, she enjoys tennis and biking. She and her husband, Jerry, are residents of Brighton Park.





## Natalia Delgado joins CTA Board

Ms. Natalia Delgado assumed her seat on the CTA Board on September 24. She was appointed to the Board by Mayor Harold Washington to fill the vacancy created when former CTA Chairman Michael Cardilli's term expired on August 31.

Ms. Delgado is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and holds an A.B. degree from Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio. She has been an associate in the Chicago law firm of Jenner & Block since 1984, and previously practiced at a Wall Street law firm, where she specialized in securities and corporate finance. Her professional affiliations include the American Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, the Hispanic American Bar Association, the Chicago Council of Lawyers, and The Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Commenting on her experiences as a frequent CTA rider, Ms. Delgado said, "Although we are the best transit system in the country, I believe that CTA should strive to operate with a higher degree of professionalism and greater concern for the welfare of the riding public."

Ms. Delgado was born in Cuba, emigrated to the United States at age nine, and lived in Miami and Connecticut before settling in the Midwest. She and her husband Rodrigo live on the North Side of Chicago.

## Peter J. Meinardi dies *APTA Hall of Fame honoree*

Peter J. Meinardi, 77, retired manager of general administration and finance for the Chicago Transit Authority, died on October 8, at his home in Wilmette.

Mr. Meinardi joined CTA as assistant comptroller in April 1948, about six months after public transit in Chicago began operations as the CTA. He was named controller in 1950 and manager of finance in 1965. He retired in 1974.

On the day Mr. Meinardi died, he was to have been inducted into the Transit Hall of Fame of the American Public Transit Association (APTA) at their annual meeting in Detroit. A news release issued by APTA stated he was being honored for "bringing a wide array of innovative improvements to the authority including pioneering the computerization of the CTA as early as 1950. He is a developer of an



accounting system that produced an information flow throughout the system that was the first of its kind in transit."

He is survived by his wife, Edith, and three daughters.



## Chairman Cardilli retires

Former CTA Chairman **Michael A. Cardilli** holds a memento of his service as he shares a light-hearted moment with Board Member **Nick Ruggiero** (left), former board member **James Gallagher**, and Chief Ad-

ministrative Officer **Larry Pianto**. The occasion was a farewell celebration in honor of Cardilli's retirement, held at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club on September 19.



# Matas

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## APTA

**Michael Matas**, the 1986 CTA Bus Rodeo champion, is at the wheel (left) of a 40-foot bus and ready to get underway in the American Public Transit Association's International Bus Rodeo at Detroit. Following the competition (right) Matas, who scored 633 points to place third in the APTA competition, is congratulated by his wife, **Jennifer**, CTA Bus Instructor **John McClain**, and Deputy Executive Director/Human Resources **Anita Curtis** who were also at the APTA Bus Rodeo course cheering for CTA's champion.

Photos by Betty B. Edwards



## Competition winners honored

CTA's top bus operator, rapid transit motorman, rail conductor, and ticket agent were the center of attention at the sixth annual competition awards banquet held August 29 at the Merchandise Mart Plaza Holiday Inn's Saugnash Room.

Returning to the winner's circle this year was Bus Rodeo champion **Michael Matas** of Forest Glen garage, Kimball motorman **Robert Sanders**, Third Rail RoundUp champion, and ticket agent **Bryant Alexander** of 95th Street terminal, claiming his third consecutive victory as the number

one ticket agent in the Authority.

First place honors as conductor in the Third Rail RoundUp for 1986 went to **Diane Howard** of Ashland terminal, the first woman ever to take first place honors in any of the championship competitions. Members of CTA's Winning Circle 20, Roundhouse 18, and Top Notch Ten were also among honorees sharing the evening with the top winners.



Above: **Michael Matas**, joined by his wife, **Jennifer**, accepts the 1986 first place Bus Rodeo trophy presented at the August 29 awards banquet by **Elonzo Hill** (left), manager, Operations Training/Instruction. Hill was accompanied by **Alex Johnson**, manager, Transportation Personnel.

Right, above: **Bryant Alexander**, joined by his wife, **Sharon**, proudly displays the first place trophy as CTA's top ticket agent. Making the presentation to the three-time winner was **Arthur Bennett** (left), chairman of the 1986 Top Notch Ten competition. Others on hand for the presentation were Deputy Executive Director/Operations, **Harry Reddick**, and Manager, Transportation Personnel, **Alex Johnson**.

Right: **Diane Howard** of Ashland terminal, the 1986 Third Rail Roundup top conductor, displays the individual first place trophy while Ashland Superintendent **Jim McClain** holds the terminal trophy. **Robert Sanders** (extreme right) of Kimball terminal holds the individual trophy awarded him as first place motorman in the competition. Sanders is accompanied by Kimball Superintendent **Nick Blaino** who also received a terminal trophy.





# **ZAP** **AWARDS**

As maintenance safety figures were tabulated at the close of the second quarter, repairmen and other Engineering and Maintenance personnel in five work locations had earned catered luncheons for having sustained accident-free performance, or for having the lowest frequency rate in their field of competition for a six month period.

**James F. Dudley**, supervisor, Industrial Safety, said approximately 525 employees were served the special catered lunches at 61st/Racine and 98th maintenance terminals, Archer garage, Skokie Rail Shops, and the 77th Street Bus Shops. A variety of other prizes such as caps, jackets, cups, and grocery gift certificates were also awarded, as well as the coveted ZAP certificate which foremen received on behalf of their respective shop crews. Shop personnel on both morning and night shifts were honored.

First place honors for the quarters were also earned by maintenance personnel at Limits garage, although the facility did not qualify for the six month accident-free luncheon. Personnel at Desplaines terminal received a second place certificate for the quarter.



Night shift maintenance personnel at Archer garage help themselves to a sumptuous catered lunch provided by Maintenance Safety in recognition of Archer's six-month

accident-free performance record. Archer personnel on both shifts as well as maintenance personnel at four other work locations, were treated to the special luncheon.



**Frank Lercara** (left) maintenance foreman at Limits garage, accepted the first place ZAP certificate for his crew. Making the presentation was **Terrance McGuigan**, director, Bus Maintenance. McGuigan, 42, who joined CTA August 26, 1962, died suddenly on October 26.



Archer garage maintenance night crew foreman **Mike O'Connor** (left) accepts the first place Zero Accident Program certificate from **Terry Muellner**, superintendent, southside garages.



**Mary Hurdle** (West Section) was appreciated for her courtesy as ticket agent at Laramie on the Douglas-O'Hare line by Mary Townsend, of Cicero.

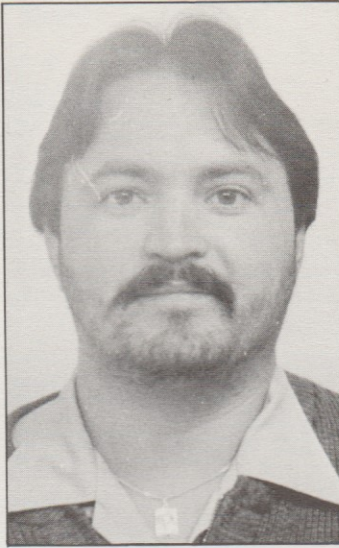
"I call her 'Sunshine.' Every morning she has a 'Good morning, how are you? Have a nice day!' for everyone going through her turnstile. This, along with her beaming smile, really starts my day off right. I hope she is never transferred from this station because I know she would be sadly missed by many people. I have seen a lot of people perk up after going through there in the morning. I know you have a lot of other good employees, but I think she is exceptional."



**Willie Peoples** (77th Street garage) "does an outstanding job" as operator of a No. 6 Jeffery Express bus, according to Vincent Turner, of Vincennes Avenue. "While being polite and courteous to all passengers, his direct manner makes it clear to the 'rabble-rousers' that he is not to be toyed with. His calm yet persistent assertion of CTA regulations, transfer restrictions and fare requirements has more than once deterred youngsters and others from trying to get a free ride. More importantly, though, I feel secure in riding with this driver. He displays good judgment and skill in maneuvering his bus through traffic."

**Kenneth Richards** (Limits garage) was praised by Lori Hayes, of Lakeside Place, a regular rider on his No. 145 Wilson-Michigan Express bus. "He called out stops loud enough for passengers in the rear to hear. He was always punctual, so I would catch his bus at the same time every day. His bus was always clean and free of water, even on rainy days. He was considerate enough to lend a helping hand to disabled or older individuals who had trouble getting on or off the bus. He would wait for passengers running for his bus, rain or shine. You are fortunate to have on your staff a bus driver like Mr. Richards."

**Edwardo Diaz** (North Ave./Lawndale garage) was complimented by Irma Lobe, of Drummond Place, who was a rider on his No. 76 Diversey bus. "He assisted an elderly passenger in a very courteous and gentlemanly manner. When the driver informed everyone they would have to change buses at Logan Square, a short, elderly lady using a cane had great difficulty trying to get down the bus steps. Without hesitation, the driver, after setting his brakes, assisted the woman down. After observing the lady having difficulty reaching an eastbound bus, he again set his brakes and personally assisted the woman to the bus."



**Heriberto Munoz** (North Park garage) was commended by Suzanne Lindsay, who rode his No. 22 Clark bus to her job on North Wells Street. "He was very pleasant in greeting all passengers or when answering questions. He also demonstrated what riding with a professional, conscientious driver should be like. He always pulled right up to the curbs so that passengers could easily enter and exit the bus, and he managed to start and stop the bus without throwing passengers into each other. When a passenger was running alongside the bus, he actually waited. He even stopped to help a blind person cross the street."

**Eloise Carter** (77th Street garage) was noticed by Lawrence Moorehead as he rode her No. 3 King Drive bus north from his home on King at 66th Street. "I had an appointment at the Veterans' Hospital on Huron, and asked her where to transfer. She explained that I should stay on the bus to Randolph and change to a Number 157. She had a smile and a 'Good morning' for everyone who boarded the bus. She also had a smile and 'Have a good day' for all who got off at the front. I am sure that even those who did not respond later had time to think that what made their day so pleasant was this bus driver's smile and greeting."

**Walter Moore** (North Park garage) impressed Nancy Rawles, of Howe Street, with his handling of a No. 135 Wilson/LaSalle Express bus. "The thing I most appreciated about him, besides his general friendliness, good humor and helpful demeanor, was the way in which he listened to passengers who use English as a second language. When you're new in a country, even riding a bus can be an ordeal. I know, as I have lived abroad. This driver turned potentially unpleasant situations into enjoyable experiences. This makes a big difference after a long, hard day at work when you just want to get home."

**Pamela Stoval** (West Section), ticket agent at Chicago/Milwaukee, was thanked by Patricia Brey, of Leonard Avenue, for her help after being pickpocketed on a train at Lake Transfer station. "I got off to call police and phone my husband to report my credit cards had been stolen. Ms. Stoval, who listened to my nervous chatter most politely, made out a theft report and had the good will and courtesy to follow up with four calls to dispatch the police. I hope Ms. Stoval never gets too disillusioned to continue to help people in distress. She was a godsend that night as the circumstances of my day had made me upset."



# Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

*Employees who have received Commendations from the public.*

**Glen Adams**, 77th Street  
**Mahmood Ali**, North Section

**Robert Baker**, Forest Glen  
**Vernon Barney**, Limits  
**Mary Beard**, Kedzie  
**Emmitt Beard**, Forest Glen  
**Nancy Bennett**, Agents West  
**Freidun Betdashto**, Forest Glen  
**Dwayne Borom**, Limits  
**Tommie Bosley**, Howard/Kimball  
**Stephen Brown**, 77th Street  
**Allen Brown**, 69th Street  
**Everett Brown**, Forest Glen  
**Melvin Buckley**, 77th Street  
**Joe Bullock**, Limits  
**Eric Burke**, 69th Street

**Jean Cage**, North Park  
**Bernard Calhoun**, Jefferson Park  
**Jose Cancel**, North Park  
**Eloise Carter**, 77th Street  
**Jessie Cavanero**, North Park  
**Otis Clay**, 77th Street  
**Tyree Cobb Jr.**, Limits  
**Douglas Cockbill**, North Park  
**James Cockrell**, Limits  
**Anthony Coco**, 77th Street  
**Johnnie Curry**, Archer

**Barbara Dandridge**, Beverly  
**Deborah Davis**, Forest Glen  
**Arthur Davis**, Limits  
**Peter Dolan**, North Park  
**Marcelo Droira**, Forest Glen

**Hugo Echeverria**, North Park  
**Raphael Emery**, North Park  
**Roseann Evans**, North Park  
**Eugene Everett**, North Avenue

**Barney Fason**, 77th Street  
**Norman Feldman**, Forest Glen  
**Thomas Figler**, Howard/Kimball  
**Hubert Fincher**, North Park  
**Harmon Fisher**, Kedzie  
**Terry Foster**, North Park

**Bertram Gage**, Forest Glen  
**Phillip Gary Jr.**, 69th Street  
**David Gaston**, North Park  
**Jerome Gladney**, Howard/Kimball  
**Allen Gordon**, 69th Street  
**Jerry Green**, Kedzie  
**German Gutierrez**, North Park

**John Harper Jr.**, Archer  
**Arthur Hawkins Jr.**, Kedzie  
**Ellie Head**, 69th Street  
**Robert Hicks**, 77th Street  
**Mary Holt**, Limits  
**Robert Hopkins Sr.**, Forest Glen  
**Joe Hudgins**, Forest Glen

**Willie James**, North Park  
**Ricca James**, North Section  
**Arthur Jarnegan**, Forest Park  
**David Jenkins**, Limits  
**Candido Jimenez Jr.**, North Avenue  
**Cedric Johnson**, Kedzie

**Joe Kent**, 77th Street  
**James Ketchum Jr.**, North Avenue  
**Roland King**, Jefferson Park

**Anthony Lag**, Limits  
**Paul Lane**, Douglas/Congress  
**Kenneth Lee**, 77th Street  
**Amy Love**, Kedzie

**Michael Maines**, Forest Glen  
**Melinda Manoni**, West Section  
**James Marshall**, 77th Street  
**Lura Martin**, Kedzie  
**Dora Martin**, Forest Glen  
**Daniel Martin**, Forest Glen  
**Israel Martinez**, Forest Glen  
**Joseph Maryland**, Limits  
**Richard Massey**, 69th Street  
**Ephriam Mauldin**, 69th Street  
**Walter McKinney**, Archer  
**James Melton**, Forest Glen  
**William Miles**, Beverly  
**Jessie Miller**, Forest Glen  
**Frank Minardo**, Howard/Kimball  
**Albert Moffett**, Kedzie  
**Howard Monroe**, North Park  
**Hermilo Montes**, Limits  
**Michael Moore**, Bus District B  
**Thelma Moore**, Beverly  
**Guilford Moore**, Rail System

**Peter Norfleet Jr.**, 77th Street

**Dorothy O'Neal**, Limits  
**Eugene Orr**, Limits  
**Clara Owens**, North Avenue

**John Paczkowski**, North Park  
**Roberto Pagan**, 77th Street  
**Thomas Palma**, North Avenue  
**Anthony Parker**, North Avenue  
**Nathaniel Parker**, Forest Park  
**Veronica Parker**, North Section  
**Fanny Patton**, Archer  
**Harry Payne**, Ashland  
**George Payton**, Beverly  
**Willie Peoples**, 77th Street  
**Rosario Perez**, Jefferson Park  
**Irvin Perry**, Archer  
**Willard Polk**, 77th Street  
**Donnell Prater**, Limits  
**Jesus Priego**, North Avenue

**Billy Ragsdale**, 77th Street  
**Manuel Ramirez**, North Park  
**Clarence Rance**, Rail System  
**Dandridge Rayford**, Howard/Kimball  
**Eugene Reid**, Limits  
**Herminio Rivera**, North Avenue  
**James Robinson**, Archer  
**William Roman**, Limits  
**Tommy Ross**, Forest Glen  
**Leroy Rupert**, Archer

**Ismail Saleh**, North Park  
**Elijah Sanders**, North Avenue  
**Felipe Santana**, Forest Glen  
**Ismael Santos Jr.**, North Park  
**Rueben Sims**, 77th Street  
**Drusilla Smith**, 77th Street  
**Robert Smith**, Kedzie  
**Dennis Smith**, Howard/Kimball  
**William Spencer**, 77th Street  
**Frank Staszak**, Beverly  
**John Stiles**, Howard/Kimball  
**Harold Stingley Jr.**, Douglas/Congress  
**Evelyn Stofer**, West Section  
**Pamela Stovall**, West Section  
**Marion Stubbs**, North Park  
**Annie Stuckey**, 69th Street  
**Maria Sudeikis**, Archer  
**Willie Mae Sures**, 77th Street

**Rickey Taylor**, Beverly  
**Brian Thomas**, Archer  
**Robert Thomas**, North Park  
**Lee Thompson**, North Park  
**Mary Thrower**, Jefferson Park  
**Lela Townes**, 77th Street  
**Barbara Townsend**, 77th Street  
**Bobby Townsend**, Archer  
**Barbara Tribble**, Archer

**Renato Ugartechea**, North Avenue

**Juanita Valdez**, Kedzie  
**Arturo Valdez**, North Park  
**Gerardo Vargas**, North Park  
**Juris Vitands**, Forest Glen

**Thelmer Walker**, Kedzie  
**Cleven Wardlow Jr.**, Douglas/Congress  
**Myron Webb**, Limits  
**Vontie White**, Forest Glen  
**Fredrick White**, Limits  
**Joseph Williams**, 69th Street  
**Albert Williams**, Forest Glen  
**Allen Willis Jr.**, Kedzie

**Jacques Yezeguelian**, Forest Glen

**James Zak**, Howard/Kimball  
**Joseph Zukerman**, North Park





# OFFICE SAFETY



In the late 1940's and early '50's old time radio comedy presented Fibber McGee and his ever present closet of junk, which all came tumbling down upon him whenever he opened the closet door.

Today, in some old Johnny Carson reruns we still see the "Great Carnack" tripping as he makes his grand entrance---all for a few laughs. In reality, however, having junk heaped upon your head, or suffering a spill to the floor really isn't so funny. In fact, it could prove disastrous.

Consider the manager trudging into the office with a briefcase in one hand and attempting to balance a cup of coffee and a ledger in the other. The manager spills a little coffee on the floor but ignores it.

Minutes later a co-worker, oblivious to the wet spot on the floor, slips on the spilled coffee, crashes to the floor and sprains a wrist. In another case, a shop worker slips on a greasy spill and sprains an ankle.

Falls such as these are the most common office accidents and account for the majority of disabling injuries. Because they are unexpected, falls can cause serious injuries; and according to the National Safety Council, most accidents could be avoided if people would only take a few minutes to clean up spills, push in a drawer, properly store away items, or properly lift a heavy load.

In a recent CTA Safety Department report of some 70 office accidents over a two and a half year period, 10 percent were falls which resulted in bruises, sprains, strains, and in some

cases fractures, all of which meant a loss in man hours and production.

One can fall up as well as down the stairs simply by attempting to take more than one step at a time, or refusing to use the hand rail. People have been known to fall out of a chair as well as off of a ladder simply because they disregarded a few safety rules.

Think of all the times you thought that extension cord on the floor was dangerous. Why not take a few minutes and get it out of the aisle? Or, why leave a file cabinet drawer open as you walk back to your desk when it takes only a fraction of a second to close it?

Here are a few other office safety tips that might be worth remembering. Don't block exits, and turn the copy machine off before you attempt to correct a malfunction. Don't forget that office equipment such as electric typewriters, sorters, collating and addressing machines are sure to attack the unsuspecting individual whose dangling tie, scarf, necklace or bracelet is anywhere near an opening while the equipment is operating. Unprotected fingers and long strands of hair are also in danger of being grabbed by these unfeeling machines.

Stacking items on a file cabinet creates potential hazards. Real accident prevention is storing items in the cabinet, not on it.

Remember that frayed and exposed wires can cause shocks and start fires. Grasping the plug to pull it out rather than yanking the cord prevents fraying. A three-wire grounding system is a must for eliminating shock hazards.

Never use special devices, or "cheaters" to put a three-pronged plug into a two-prong outlet.

Safety demands caution and common sense whether in the office, the shop, or on the street.





## Operations Day in CTA

The alert reaction of conductor **Harold Howell** and motorman **Clarence Dotton** was undoubtedly the difference between life and death for a man who had fallen between two rail cars as he ran towards the train at the southbound Wilson Avenue stop.

Howell saw the incident and immediately notified his motorman to stop the train. The Control Center was notified at once and the power was cut. Dotton and Howell then rescued the man by pulling him from beneath the cars. Both Howard terminal crewmen were honored on "Day in CTA."

Another Howard terminal employee, conductor **John McCormack**, was also the recipient of special "Day in CTA" honors for his alert reaction to a situation which could have resulted in extensive property loss due to fire.

McCormack was working at Davis street on the Evanston route, when he saw a youth underneath the platform stacking newspaper and setting them on fire. He interrupted the youth, who ran away, and notified the control center. Evanston Police and Fire Departments were dispatched.

Meanwhile, McCormack and a construction liaison extinguished the fire. Reports said the damage was minor.

Harlem conductor **Douglas Parker** is credited with convincing a



*Day in CTA honorees get a tour of the CTA control center. Explaining procedures is bus controller John Batzel (left). On the tour are Harold Howell, Clarence Dotton, John McCormack, and Douglas Parker. Seated at the console is bus instructor James Thaxton.*

youthful runaway on board his West-Northwest route train to let him call police for her own protection. The girl, who had been missing from her Indianapolis, Indiana home for six days, was discovered by Parker in one of the train cars. After talking with the girl,

Parker turned her over to a supervisor upon arrival at O'Hare terminal, and police were summoned.

Parker was honored on a "Day in CTA" for his willingness to get involved, and for properly handling a delicate situation.

## Timetables now available for riders

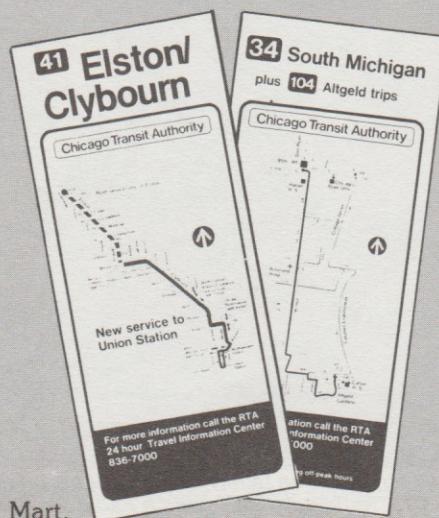
Timetables for 10 CTA bus routes and the Skokie Swift are now available for public distribution, it was announced by **Dave Phillips**, superintendent, Service Planning, Operations Planning Department.

The available schedules are: **30** - South Chicago, **31** - 31 Street, **34** - Michigan Avenue, **41** - Elston/Clybourn, **54a** - No. Cicero/Skokie Blvd., **59** - 59-61st, **86** - Nar-ragansett, **89** - North Kedzie, **97**

-Skokie Bus - Skokie Swift, and **131** - Washington.

Each timetable includes a map of the route, names of stops along the route and departure and arrival times. Schedules are listed separately for weekdays, weekends and holidays. Quantities are limited.

Copies of schedules for distribution to riders are available from garage and terminal clerks, and from the Schedules section in the Merchandise Mart.





# Retirees enjoy annual picnic

More than 200 CTA retirees, family members and friends gathered for the annual picnic sponsored by the CTA Senior Citizens' Retirement Organization. The event was held on August 2 at Grove 4 in the Forest Preserve at 27th street and Desplaines avenue.

Everyone enjoyed hot dogs and beverages provided by the organization, and individual barbecues were kept busy

preparing items brought from home.

Games for youngsters and adults featured friendly and enthusiastic competition for prizes, and door prizes were also awarded. Horseshoes for the adults and Bozo Buckets for the children proved to be the most popular games.

Everyone had a great time from late morning until early evening despite the 90-degree weather.



**John Lukac** proudly announces that he retired from South Shops in 1968.



**George Macak** (left), who retired on January 1 of this year as supervisor of graphic production in Operations Planning, celebrates with **Jim Tucker**, who retired 12 years ago as chief clerk in Transportation.



**Milo Ruzicka**, retired from Archer, 1969, signs up for horseshoe contest with horseshoe chairman **Bob Poces** (right), son of **Harry Poces** (left), president of Southwest Retirees.



## Harold Burda remembered...

**Mrs. Mildred Burda** (third from right), widow of **Harold Burda** (inset), carried on the family tradition of securing donated prizes for the CTA Retirees' picnic, which had been handled admirably for many years by her late husband. Sharing in the moment are the

Burda's sons and daughters-in-law (beginning second from left) **Nancy, Craig, Fran, and Duane Burda**. At far right is Nancy and Craig's daughter, **Cheryl Heinz**, and far left is **Charlotte Taylor**, a guest of Jack Kalka.





**Raymond and Lucille Kocmoud** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 11. Ray retired from 77th Street garage in 1977.



**Walter Zelis** (Archer '71), **Fred Spoeri** (Kedzie '66), and **Frank Holub** (Lawndale '68) paused during the festivities to offer best wishes to all their friends at CTA.



Members of the Picnic Committee who made sure that everything was ready for a great time are (left to right): **Ben Schulz**, pension representative, North Avenue, retired 1972; **Clarence Lind**, president of CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization, retired from Limits garage, November 1971; **Jack Kalka**, organization secretary and picnic chairman, retired from Lawndale garage, 1971; **Charles Derrick**, retired from Central Counting, 1978; **Pete Dowdall**, organization treasurer, retired from North Avenue, April 1974, and **Bill Klecka**, assistant treasurer, retired from Lawndale, 1971.



**Emily Klecka, Faye Sobey, and Kay Lind** (from left) prepared hundreds of hot dogs.



The youngsters enjoyed games of Bozo Buckets.



# FIESTA DEL SOL

The CTA Community Affairs Department participated on August 2 and 3rd in the 14th annual Fiesta Del Sol, a community fair traditionally organized by Pilsen Neighbors Community Council since 1972, on the first weekend of August.

La Fiesta del Sol is a celebration of the people. It was started after two years of hard work and struggles to get the Benito Juarez High School built. This school was inaugurated in 1976, and it is the pride of the Pilsen community.

This year Pilsen residents were celebrating another main accomplishment, the future construction of the West Side Technical Institute which will be located at 23rd and Western.

The CTA Community Affairs booth was staffed by **Betty B. Edwards**, manager, Community Affairs, **Elda Leal**, superintendent, Community Relations, **Bertram Mims** and **Juan**



*Community Affairs Manager **Betty B. Edwards** prepares to conduct the drawing that will select contestants for CTA's Wheel of Fortune game at La Fiesta del Sol.*

**Puente**, community relations coordinators and **Ana Maria Del Rivero**, confidential office assistant.

Besides providing information on CTA services, the "CTA Pride In Transportation Wheel of Fortune" was featured for the first time. Nine players on each of the two days were selected by drawings. Some won prizes consisting of a Monthly pass, a bi-weekly pass, CTA tokens, "Pride in Transportation" frisbies and CTA tie-tacs and cuff links.

This annual event attracts over 100,000 visitors. Local social service agencies promote their services and raise funds through the sale of Mexican food, arts and crafts and other colorful souvenirs. The festive and entertaining activities truly reflect the pride of the people as a celebration of their accomplishments, mostly geared towards better education for the Pilsen residents.

## Employees of the year

Materials Management/Stores Employee of the Year competition produced two winners this year, **S.T. Lucas** (left), West Shops warehouse worker, and **Charles Bennett** (center), South Shops warehouse worker. Each winner received an individual plaque and a warm up jacket with his name and the Stores logo on it. Their names also were engraved on a large plaque for display in their respective work places. The awards were presented by **W.C. Roman** (right), director, Material Control/Stores, in a luncheon at the M&M Club, Merchandise Mart, on July 31.





## Engineering and Maintenance Day in CTA

A bus repairman, two instructors and a technical services engineer (bus) received special recognition during an Engineering and Maintenance "Day in CTA" for their development of a new jumper wire now used on disabled buses.

The four Engineering and Maintenance employees are mobile bus repairman **Al Hall, Jr.**, garage instructors **Richard Guinn** and **Tom Irwin**, and senior technical services engineer **Wille Torres**.

**Richard Schneider**, manager, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance, said the jumper wire which the four developed makes it possible for a disabled bus to be restarted and driven to a garage for service rather than having to be towed. "It really makes more service time available," said Schneider. The new jumper wire also eliminates runaway buses and related injuries.

Other Engineering and Maintenance personnel honored on "A Day in CTA" were **Duane Engelbrecht** and **Lorenzo**



A visit to the power control center was one of the stops on the agenda for the eight Engineering and Maintenance "Day in CTA" honorees. Conducting the tour was controller **Michael Sanchez** (front row, second from left). His guests are (from left) **Joseph Garrett**, car repairman; **Lorenzo Rodriguez**, bus repairman; **Richard Guinn**, garage instructor; **Alan Hall**, mobile bus repairman, and **Willie Torres**, senior technical services engineer (bus). In back (from left) are **Kevin Finnegan**, terminal foreman; **Tom Irwin**, garage instructor; **Duane Engelbrecht**, bus repairman, and **James Elliott**, performance control analyst.

**Rodriguez**, bus repairmen who helped extinguish a fire in the diesel delivery drain pan at Kedzie garage. Supervisors said their quick thinking helped avoid a potentially disastrous situation.

The apprehension of a youth in the act of vandalizing rail cars at the

Howard yard also earned terminal foreman **Kevin Finnegan** and car repairman **Joseph Garrett** special recognition on "A Day in CTA." Supervisors said apprehension of the youth by the two employees also led to information on the identity and habits of several graffiti gangs.



## AMMS tour

**John Gill** (left), supervisor, Storeroom 30, 78th and Vincennes, conducts a tour of the southside CTA facility for members of the American Materials Management Society. AMMS conducts nine tours and technical sessions each year of various member companies. An award is also given annually to the organization with the best tour. CTA received the 1985 "Tour of the Year Award" following a tour of the Skokie complex.



## For your benefit

The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), a federal law enacted April 7, and administered by the CTA Insurance Department, entitles CTA employees to a temporary extension of health coverage at group rates in certain instances where coverage under the group plan would otherwise end.

Any CTA employee who loses group health coverage due to a reduction in hours of employment, or termination of employment for reasons other than misconduct, may elect a temporary continuation of health insurance coverage.

Likewise under COBRA, the spouse of an employee covered by Travelers/HMO also has the right to choose continuation of coverage in the event of the Travelers/HMO insured spouse's death, termination of employment for reasons other than misconduct, reduction in hours employed, divorce, legal separation, or the principle covered spouse becomes eligible for Medicare.

Group health coverage is also available to a dependent child under the same circumstances, and in the event the dependent child ceases to be a dependent under Travelers/HMO.

Cost of extended service would vary with coverage required by the insured individual.

Additional information about the COBRA law is available by calling the CTA Insurance Department on extension 3618.



## Beverly, 95th earn public safety awards

Public safety awards for the second quarter were presented to Beverly garage and 95th Street terminal. The two southside facilities recorded the best traffic and passenger rates in the system with a total of 54 accident-free days.

It was the first public safety

award for the 95th Street terminal since the fourth quarter of 1986. Beverly's last PSA recognition was in the first quarter of 1985. The garage has earned 22 public safety awards since the program's inception in 1961.

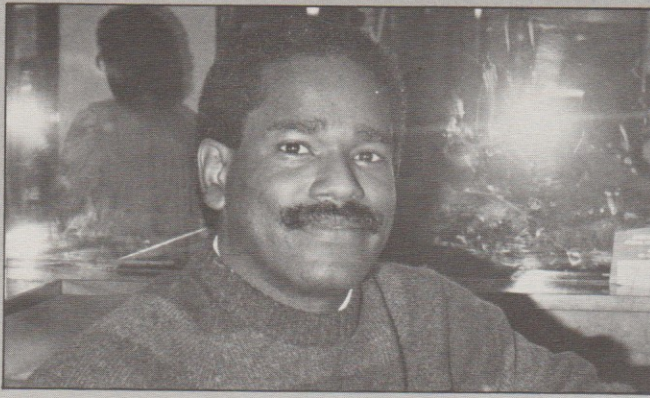


**Byron Winburn** (left), superintendent II, 95th Street terminal, and **Ardis Morris** (right), the southside facility's superintendent, accept the interstation safety plaque from Safety Manager **Tom Boyle** as first place recognition for public safety. **Ward Chamberlain**, (rear, left), recently retired area superintendent, South, was on hand for the presentation. The honors were earned before Chamberlain's retirement.



Public safety recognition is accorded personnel at Beverly garage in awarding of the Interstation Safety plaque. On hand for the presentation was **Thomas Reilly** (left), area superintendent, bus garages, South. **Tom Boyle**, manager, Safety presents the plaque to Beverly Superintendent **L.J. Hampton**, accompanied by **Robert Julun** (right), superintendent, 69th Street garage. Julun was assigned to Beverly when the facility earned the safety recognition.





## Watch for it!

CTA champion ticket agent **Bryant Alexander** will be featured in a future issue of the Chicago Tribune's Sunday Magazine section. The three-time winner of the ticket agent competition (1986 Top Notch Ten) was recently married. Alexander, along with his wife, Sharon visited Toronto Canada's Transit Commission as CTA's top ticket agent for 1986.



## Bus controllers graduate

These 17 newly qualified bus controllers were recently graduated from a program encompassing 80 hours of formal training, and 120 hours of line instruction. The graduates are (front row: left) **Joseph Gonzalez, Willie Smith, Howard Freeman, Phillip Benford, Charles Taylor, Otto Houston, and Katherine Cunningham**. In the second row are (from left) **Derrick Robinson**, assistant superintendent; **Lino Alcaraz**, superintendent; **Don Reck, Conley Johnson, Raul Colon, Cedric Crosbie, Willie Harrington, Craig Pease,**

**Melvin Jackson, Aaron Crockett, and Tommie Stewart**. Standing in the third row are (from left) **Robert Desvignes**, manager, Operations Administrative Service, **David T. Martin**, manager, Operations Communications/Power Control, **Elonzo Hill**, manager, Operations Training/Instruction, **Paul Kadowaki**, director, Operations Training/Instruction, **Arthur Allen, Alex Johnson**, manager, Transportation Personnel, and **Michael LaVelle**, manager, Transportation Services.



## New rail supervisors

New rapid transit service supervisors proudly display certificates of training following graduation August 12 in the CTA Board room. The trainees were given 112 hours of classroom instruction followed by 68 hours of on-the-job training. Displaying their newly earned certificates are (seated from left) **Arthur Chavez, Rena Sammon, Deborah Hampton, Linda Lee, Arlene Hudson, Sharon Coleman, and Leon C. Haywood**. Standing are (from left) Instructor **Myron Woods, Hamp Johnson, Thomas Castro, Edward Mit-**

**chell**, director, Technical Services; **David T. Martin**, manager, Communications and Power Control, **Steven James, James Holmes, Elonzo Hill**, manager, Operations Training/Instruction; **Charles Brown, Reginald Hayes, Michael LaVelle**, manager, Transportation Services; **Robert Janz**, director, Rail Service, **Arthur Hubbard**, superintendent, Rail Instruction; **Bart Wutzebach, Paul Kadowaki**, director, Operations Training/Instruction, and **Norman Herron**, superintendent, Operations Training Center.



# INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## Control Center

The joyous sounds of wedding bells rang out for three happy couples in September. **John and Judy Batzel** were joined in matrimony on September 6 and honeymooned on the romantic island of Honolulu, Hawaii...**Al Fleming**, power controller, exchanged vows with **Jimmie Seymour**, assistant superintendent, agent district, September 21. The wedding was held at the home of co-worker **Corrine Dalmas**...We also congratulate **Jacqueline Israel**, confidential office assistant, and **Yoron Dael Israel** who were married September 29 on Honolulu. We extend our best wishes for health and happiness to each of the happy couples...Best wishes and congratulations to the recently promoted controllers **Phillip Auriemma** who was moved from rail instructor to rail controller, and **Ernest Young**, who was promoted from pool supervisor to rail controller...We also congratulate **Carol Taylor**, Operations, Administrative Services on her promotion from COA to incentive programs coordinator...A big congratulations to grandpa **John Angelo**, power con-



Assistant Superintendent **Harry Horn** is the proud grandfather of an eight pound, 21-inch granddaughter named **Teresa Aimee**. She was born March 15. Her parents are **Cipriano and Amy Albarran**. Teresa's father is a car cleaner at River Road.

troller, who was blessed with two grandsons during the month of August. **John Jr.** (oldest son), and his wife had a 9 pound, eight ounce son, **Ryan Nicholas**, and son **Michael** and his wife had a nine pound son, **Tylor Mathew**. Best wishes to all...**Jerry Johnson**, superintendent, Rail Control who is a member of "The Bachelors and Benedicts, Chicago Ace of Clubs" is extending an invitation to the club's fall dinner dance set for November 15 at the Harvey Holiday Inn Regency Ballroom at 17040 South Halsted. Music will be by Gentlemen of Leisure. Call Jerry for more information on extension 4194...**Joseph Daquilante**, assistant superintendent, Bus Control, surprised the Control Center with his creative woodcarving talent. Joe gave up staying in the kitchen for carving in his garage. He is now 15 pounds lighter and pursuing a hobby which has earned him the right to display his wares in craft fairs. His creative items include three different sizes of reindeer holders, complete with fuzzy noses. He has also made carousels and towel holders, all carved from wood and burned, stained, or glazed and very catching. You may see his display at Gordon Tech High School on November 1. Stop in if you are in the area. Good luck Joe.

**Carol A. Musto**

## Howard Street

Proud parents **Beverly Chapman Gray**, towerman at Howard Street, and husband **Mitchell E. Gray**, a motorman from Howard, announced the birth of their daughter, **Britney Michelle** September 24 at Michael Reese hospital. Baby Britney tipped the scales at 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

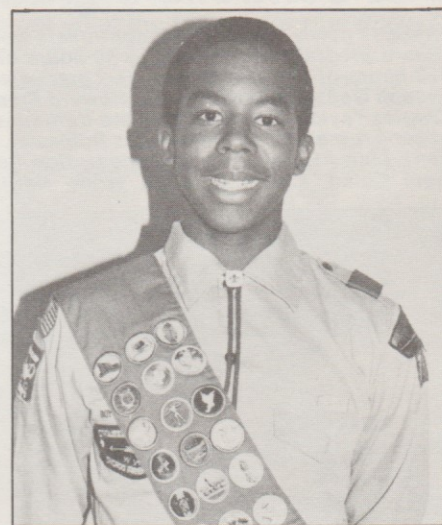
## North Section

Two months recuperating after emergency surgery, almost all of **Glenda Lyles** is back to work. She feels great, and looks mahvelous, dahlings. Look out **Louis Torres**!...**Jim Unnerstall**, formerly a driver out of North Park garage, is joining the research team at Case Western Reserve University, in Cleveland Ohio. Jim is a neuropharmacologist, and his area of expertise is in Alzheimers disease. This reporter believes that Dr. Unnerstall will someday earn a Nobel Prize, and make us all proud that he was once working with us here at CTA.

**Josephine Anderson**

## General Office

Congratulations to **Sandra M. Gildersleeve**, 1986 winner of the Golden Poet award which was presented at the second annual Poetry convention in Orlando, Florida. Ms Gildersleeve was also recipient of the International Black Writers Award presented by the International Black Writers Conference. Sandra Gildersleeve is the sister of **Beverly Catherine** of CTA's Field



**Brian D. Stephen**, 15, a junior at Chicago Vocational High School (where he ranks 6 out of 1725 juniors), and the son of bus controller **James Stephen**, obtained the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's highest honor. He is a member of troop 739, Calumet District, Chicago Area Council. The Eagle Scout rank is achieved by approximately 2 percent of all scouts and represents accomplishments in scouting skills, leadership, service, strength of character and understanding of community and nation.





Kudos to **Don Nash**, father of confidential office assistant **Desiree Lampkins**, Accounting Operations. Ms Lampkins is justifiably proud of her father's recent appointment as vice president/Community and Governmental Affairs for Coca Cola Bottling Company, Chicago. In his new post, Mr. Nash, who has been with the internationally renowned soft drink company for 25 years, is responsible for coordinating Coca Cola's public sector programs, key consumer groups, charities, special interest groups, governmental agencies, and media relations. He is an alumnus of Tennessee A&I University, and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Review...**Zdravko D. Lakciev** of Skokie Shops had praises for **Margo Julun** and **Sharlene Chaney** of the Insurance department for their kind assistance when he was disabled by an accident. "I wasn't doing very well with the forms that had to be filed, and I really needed help. They were very

### Inside News Reporters

Your willingness to share interesting information about employees at your work locations has made our magazine more exciting and entertaining. We thank you for your good work. The chart below lists upcoming Transit News issues and deadlines when we must receive your "Inside News." Reports received after the deadline will be held over for the next issue.

#### Transit News Issue

#### Inside News Deadline

November-December, 1986.....	November 21, 1986
January-February, 1987.....	January 23, 1987
March-April, 1987.....	March 27, 1987
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July-August, 1987.....	July 24, 1987
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November-December, 1987.....	November 20, 1987

Employees who would like to be "Inside News" reporters for their work locations should phone Rick Willis, *Transit News* editor, ext. 3324, Mart.

## Service anniversaries in September

### 45 Years

**June Noren**, Revenue Accounting

### 35 Years

**Edward Meskimen**, Printing

### 30 Years

**Cornelius Allen**, Beverly  
**Roland Bagley**, West Section  
**Billy Brandon**, Utility  
**Curtis Brown**, 77th Street  
**Clarence Buthman Jr.**, Computer Operations  
**Raymond Carson**, Pensions  
**Clarence Crawley Jr.**, Utility  
**Robert Harris Jr.**, West Section  
**Eleanor Hasbrouck**, West Section  
**Ronald Hodges**, North Park  
**C. Jones**, Archer  
**James McGrew**, Bus District B  
**Willie Reed**, 77th Street  
**Donald Ryba**, Forest Glen  
**Jack Smith**, North Park  
**Robert Smith**, Distribution  
**James Stanford**, Track & Roadway  
**Jerome Walker**, Limits

### 40 Years

**Edward Barry**, North Avenue  
**Lewis Beaver**, Brake  
**George Gart**, Limits  
**Ralph Keane**, Mechanical B

### 25 Years

**Samuel Caldwell**, 69th Street  
**William Eberhart**, Electric Veh. Design  
**John Eiselt Jr.**, North Park  
**Joseph Gadson**, Kedzie  
**John Gaudie**, Mechanical B  
**James Gorczynski**, General Maintenance  
**John Guinee**, Beverly Maintenance  
**Frederick Jacobi**, Body C  
**Modest Kodak**, Central Bus District  
**Dennis McFadden**, Materials & Payables  
**Darold Person**, Payroll Accounting  
**Rudolf Schoen**, Distribution  
**Muriel Szykowny**, Charter & Pass. Revenue  
**Arlene Zittman**, Purchasing  
**Louis Zoko**, Steel Fabrication

kind in coming to my aid immediately with all the administrative details. They really cared and I appreciate their concern," he said...**Charles R. Strom**, architectural designer II, Facilities Engineering, Mart, passed his State Board Exams and is now a Registered Architect in the State of Illinois. Charles has been employed by the Authority since February 17, 1976. He is project manager for the rebuilding of 58th/SSML Station and the new Union Station bus terminal. He was the architectural designer for the Ancillary Facility and Tower at 61st Yard.



Five-year old **Elizabeth Turner**, the daughter of **Rodney** and **Lynda Turner** of Libertyville, takes a victory stroll after being crowned "Little Miss Libertyville" at a July 3 pageant in the Libertyville High School auditorium. Elizabeth is the granddaughter of CTA Claims Director **Michael Vitale**, and his wife **Connie**, and the great-granddaughter of CTA Internal Auditing retiree **Anthony Vitale**.



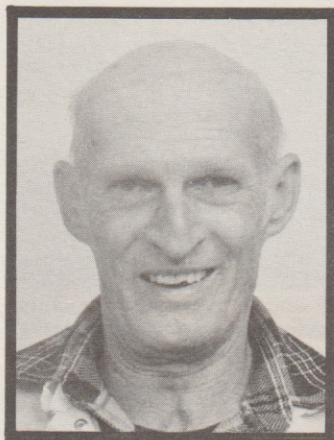
The **Southwest Retirees Club**, Chapter 28951 holds meetings on the second Monday of each month, at 12:15 p.m., at the Marquette Park Field House.





## North Park

The "Grouch" smiling? Proudly displaying the walleye and northern pike fish, they bought (oops) caught at lake "Big Winnie" in Minnesota on their most recent fishing trip are schedule man **Ed "Grouch" Olender**, **Scott Shalla**, North Park employee **Casey Josefiak Jr.** and retired Skokie shops employee **Casey Josefiak Sr.**...Is **Ed Unrein** going to invite all 682 North Park operators for a celebration when he retires January 10, 1987 concluding 26 years of care-free driving along this city's streets?...Your reporter **Mike Flores**



Many of us here at North Park remember the box puller on the vault island who never seemed to get his white work uniform dirty, even in the worst of winter's ravages. It even got to be a running joke among some of us as to how effortless he made the job look while others nearby were muttering under our breath about those below zero temperatures. But mention the subject of fishing and Lou could always make you laugh with a tale of "the one that got away." Mr. **Louis Ferando** passed away August 24, 1986.

is taking pictures of North Park operators and has a long way to go, seeing as we have nearly 700 drivers at this location. Personal misfortune comes to all of us at some time or other and when it does, unfortunately, we may not place a name with a face even though we've worked along side that person so many years. Perhaps we could find a suitable place for these photos at the station and refer to them next time we're trying to assist a co-worker in his moment of sorrow...**Florinda Orcasitas** now at Archer had a birthday...Supervisor **Allen Lector** must have been thinking of just how to pop the b-i-g question when his daughter Marci and Mark Thal recently married. Allen now joins the ranks of married couples and his brides name is Judy...Operator **Bob Devitt** is definitely running hard to be the winner for team Leader #10..."Sounds the same" Dept. In case his voice seems familiar, it may be because pool assistant superintendent **Walter C. Young** has worked at the control center in reply to our calls for assistance...The man with the cigar, **Jack Smith** has now accumulated three solid decades of being a motorman-bus operator!...North Park's baseball teams announced the close of the season with "STYX" winning their championship along with that very tall trophy we saw in the training room recently. Meanwhile, team captain **Jerome 'Cookie' Towns** of the 'Breezers' says, the season is way too long and that "the Breezers shall return!"...Monickers Department --**Armentha 'Pee Wee' Dawkins** would go wee-wee

whenever she was picked up as an infant so she says... maybe we'll verify this with her brother **Leo** who works Clark Street...8-10,000 Boy Scouts recently held their "Camperall" in Yorkville, Illinois, and there in the midst of all the crowd were none other than operators **Leonard E. Sims** and **Jerome 'Cookie' Towns** Chairman, Midway District, Chicago, Illinois and commissioner and scoutmaster respectfully. Operator Sims says he's been in scouting nearly thirty years while operator Towns notes that Mr. Sims is so able in his capacities that Cookie decided to take the oath and get into scouting again. A salute to both of these gentlemen...**Richard Vaughn** gets another chance to see how well those 'Pampers' do their job now that his daughter Christine and her husband Steve came home with six pounds, nine and one-half ounces of granddaughter named Lisa Marie...**David Kettleson's** tent did not leak when he and his son Paul

## Service anniversaries in October

### 40 Years

**Frank Barker**, Passenger Controls

### 35 Years

**Peter Abrams Jr.**, Bus District B

**John Cooper**, 77th Street

**Albert McCormick**, 77th Street

**Willie Strickland**, General Maintenance

**Charles Whitman Jr.**, Kedzie

### 30 Years

**Louis Basso**, Stores South

**Wilks Battles**, Ashland

**Billy Brown**, Shop Services

**Cordell Bruns**, Ashland

**Henry Chamblers**, 69th Street

**Amy Grant**, Agents District

**Willie Herron**, Bus Personnel North

**David Jones**, Kedzie

**Led Krahula**, North Avenue

**Johnnie Love**, Rail Sys. Janitor Svc.

**S. T. Lucas**, Stores West

**George Michaud**, Support Service Rail

**Thomas Reed**, Beverly

**Edward Ross Jr.**, Kedzie

**Henry Thorne**, Rail District South

**John Williams**, Stores South

### 25 Years

**Nathaniel Coman**, Rail District North

**James Collins**, 77th Street

**Wilbert Ellison**, North Avenue

**Alphonso Govan**, Stores South

**Harvey Jones**, Bus Instruction

**Kathleen Sloyan**, Revenue Accounting

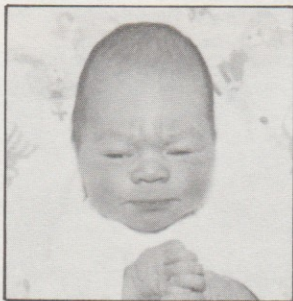
**Michael Tanascu**, Howard/Kimball

**Lawrence Watts**, 69th Street

**John Weatherspoon**, Pensions



went camping in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin a while ago. Really! ...**"Dollar" Bill Bartlett** has retired from CTA after originally beginning with the Evanston Bus Lines in 1966. Bill and his wife Ruth may follow through on their idea of moving to Emporia, Kansas...May we say **THANK YOU** to Local 241, Amalgamated Transit Union, and to our Credit Union for their assistance in the preparation of North Park's successful family picnic...Welcomes are extended to our newest superintendents **Tim Hall** and **Paul Singer**...**Chester Harris**, your reporter, and **Owen Terry** have thoughts of forming a camera club in case you are interested. Now, would someone, anyone please get Chester to bring some of those pictures of himself in Washington, D.C. so we can see what he's up to??...Honeymoon on Horseback? Well, not quite. **BUT Julia Fleming** did say 'I Do' to her husband Fred while astride her trusty steed. In the meantime, Julia got interested in the rodeo riders life of competition and now sports a championship belt buckle. No word yet on whether the horse went along on the honeymoon!...Did you notice **Georgia Harris'** little glow of happiness since she and **Joseph Bennett** exchanged wedding vows September 6 of this year?...Is **Victor Colon** (Kimball) still wondering how that newspaper photo of him playing dominos managed to be so prominently displayed here in the station? H-m-m, maybe our friend 'Pedro' knows?...Besides running for team Leader #5 **Sally Olivier** is still trying to top her own score of 157,000 on the "Pac-Man"...Wave Good-bye! **Art Janz** retired September 1, 1986 with



Bus Operator **Blanca Muniz** of Forest Glen garage is the proud grandmother of **Brian Vincent Lopez** who was born August 2 weighing six pounds, two ounces. He is the son of John and Karren Lopez.

over 25 years of service with CTA. Art's been a box puller since last year and is another of those folks who came to North Park and stayed ever since. Mr. Janz is an aficionado of motorcycling and fishing and says he may make Springrove, Illinois his permanent abode...Our most sincere condolences to union representative **David Washington** on the passing of his father Sam and operator **Nelson White** on the loss of his son Nelson Junior...**North Park's Christmas Committee** has announced that the site for our Christmas event will be the Americana Congress Hotel at 520 South Michigan Av., Saturday, December 13, 1986. Tickets are \$25 each and will be available at the station.

**Mike Flores**

### Materials Management

Congratulations to **Rod Daugherty**, superintendent, Procurement Engineers, upon his recent engagement to **Arlene Zittman**, this



reporter. A December wedding is planned with retirement at the end of the year and a move to California in the spring...Celebrating his 100th birthday on August 19 was retired motorman **Joseph F. Witt**. Joe is en-



joying retirement and lives at the Northlake Hotel...Retired police

## RETIREMENTS SEPTEMBER.

**Leroy Bush**, West Shops, 35 yrs.  
**Louis A. Dovichi**, North Ave., 25 yrs.  
**Cobbie Huff Sr.**, West Shops, 8 yrs.  
**Arthur Janz**, North Park, 25 yrs.  
**Bernard T. Kivlehan**, Skokie Shop, 37 yrs.  
**Frank S. Lercara**, Limits, 25 yrs.  
**Francis J. McKernan**, North Park, 24 yrs.  
**Jorge L. Sed**, North Park, 9 yrs.

### Disabilities

**Clavorn Giner**, Kedzie, 11 yrs.  
**William A. Hansen**, Skokie Shop, 17 yrs.  
**William A. Lawson**, 69th St., 29 yrs.  
**Joel Montgomery**, 77th St., 18 yrs.  
**Ronald T. Newson**, 77th St., 21 yrs.  
**John D. Smith**, Archer, 12 yrs.

## OCTOBER.

**Ward H. Chamberlain**, South Sect., 40 yrs.  
**Edward V. Domain Sr.**, Douglas, 23 yrs.  
**John W. Guinee**, Beverly, 25 yrs.  
**Albert Meeks**, West Shops, 33 yrs.  
**Raymond F. Sieloff**, Archer, 28 yrs.

### Disabilities

**Evon Barber**, North Ave., 10 yrs.  
**Arnold C. Caldwell**, 77th St., 17 yrs.  
**David Davney Jr.**, Mad/Wabash, 19 yrs.  
**Antanas Drutys**, Archer, 17 yrs.  
**Brazetti M. Lipscomb**, Ashland, 11 yrs.

liaison representative **Patrick J. McStay** just returned from Ireland where he visited his family. Also returning from the Emerald Isle were **Jeff Keating**, supervisor, Riding Pass Production, and his father **Jeff** who works at West Shops...Condolences to the families of **Lourdes Bastidas**, Storeroom 30, whose sister passed away suddenly and to **Jeanne Ludmann**, cashier, Treasury Department, whose husband, CTA retiree **Oscar Ludmann**, died after a long illness...CTA Mart Golfers fall tournament held in Buffalo Grove was a success. The prizes were worthwhile, the weather cooperated and to add to the festivities, Buffalo Grove was experiencing Taste of Buffalo Grove. The local restaurants displayed their specialties and one golfer in particular stuffed himself with eight chocolate covered strawberries, instead of the usual hamburgers...A farewell party was held at the Greenery for **Dan Kane** who is taking a leave of absence. We all agreed that Dan's genuine concern for customer assistance will be missed by all.

**Arlene Zittman**



## Douglas Terminal

Congratulations are also in order for **Quentin Michalczewski**, Douglas Terminal motorman, a body builder for nine years. Quentin took first place



honors in the recent "Mr. Dallas, Texas Open Masters Body Building Contest." He was one of seven contestants in the age 40-44 class. His next contest will be the Mr. Illinois competition set for November 1 in Elgin. Plans also call for Quentin's participation in the Mr. America Masters national level next July...Retiree **Joseph S. (Preacher) Cabrnach** has written a book of religious poems, three of which are dedicated to his wife, and another "Steel Hand,"



*Myra (holding Tuffy), and Charles Keiser (left), former CTA Operations manager, were visited in their Florida home by Jim Jackson and his wife, Colette Szczepanek*

*Carol Ruggiero, promotional services representative, was surprised as she discovered her desk in the Public Affairs section at the Merchandise Mart piled high with gifts. Miss Ruggiero was showered by co-workers as a gesture of goodwill and best wishes on her October 18 wedding to Lansing youth-officer Tony Van Gorp.*

dedicated to Cabrnach who writes that he has been ordained and says the book of poems on healing therapy, published by Vintage Press, will soon be in local book stores.

*Jackson, former CTA executive secretary, Transportation. The Jacksons also visited retired Transportation employees Jack and Wanda Krause.*



## IN MEMORIAM

**Gregory Anthony**, 58, North Park, Emp. 5-23-57, Died 8-27-86  
**George Bachelder Jr.**, 76, Archer Emp. 4-30-42, Died 7-27-86  
**Angelo Bagnole**, 98, Shops & Equip., Emp. 4-3-09, Died 7-28-86  
**Christ Borcic**, 74, Beverly, Emp. 10-31-47, Died 8-14-86  
**S. L. Brooks**, 61, West Shops, Emp. 9-30-57, Died 8-10-86  
**Harold F. Burda**, 73, Compt./Acctg., Emp. 2-2-37, Died 7-18-86  
**Charles A. Butts**, 88, Electrical, Emp. 6-21-26, Died 7-31-86  
**Alessandro Carello**, 72, Maintenance, Emp. 1-29-45, Died 7-6-86  
**Mary Carson**, 86, South Section, Emp. 2-21-45, Died 8-15-86  
**Albert Cermak**, 82, Beverly, Emp. 9-27-26, Died 8-18-86  
**Van Cornelous**, 75, Maintenance, Emp. 2-8-55, Died 8-6-86  
**Michael J. Costello**, 92, Shops & Equip., Emp. 11-7-41, Died 8-4-86  
**Joseph DeMarco**, 66, Rail Veh. Shops, Emp. 1-19-46, Died 8-17-86  
**Ralph A. DeMaria**, 77, West Section, Emp. 8-1-30, Died 8-1-86  
**Cornelius Doherty**, 91, North Sect., Emp. 10-27-22, Died 7-21-86  
**Louie Ferando**, 62, North Park, Emp. 6-27-63, Died 8-24-86

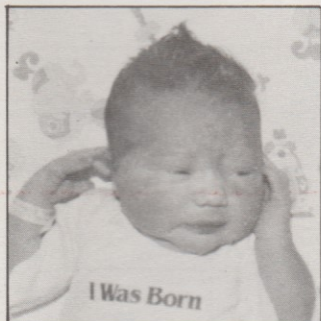
**Edward T. Gundlach**, 70, North Ave., Emp. 9-3-42, Died 7-5-86  
**John L. Heffernan**, 76, Beverly, Emp. 1-6-48, Died 7-3-86  
**Charles G. Klein**, 81, Stores, Emp. 12-19-33, Died 8-14-86  
**Erwin D. Krumrey**, 77, Veh. Maint., Emp. 11-30-45, Died 8-15-86  
**Jesse A. Laskey**, 76, Forest Glen, Emp. 2-24-34, Died 8-23-86  
**Thomas A. Meagher**, 66, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-14-51, Died 8-5-86  
**Kenneth C. Mettler**, 69, North Ave., Emp. 8-8-42, Died 7-29-86  
**Henry S. Milewski**, 72, Veh. Maint., Emp. 4-25-40, Died 7-19-86  
**John J. Moran**, 81, South Section, Emp. 3-5-25, Died 8-31-86  
**Louis H. Nelson**, 83, North Park, Emp. 9-27-26, Died 7-15-86  
**Austin O'Grady**, 89, Police, Emp. 4-23-24, Died 7-6-86  
**Evan E. Olmstead**, 72, Maintenance, Emp. 7-7-36, Died 8-12-86  
**William C. Pfeiffer**, 71, West Sect., Emp. 4-15-46, Died 7-7-86  
**Thomas J. Quinn**, 70, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-25-42, Died 7-25-86  
**Buford A. Rawls**, 67, 77th Street, Emp. 1-30-51, Died 7-28-86  
**Anthony F. Roche**, 86, Shops & Equip., Emp. 7-29-43, Died 8-14-86

**Frank J. Sabatka**, 82, Forest Glen, Emp. 4-22-29, Died 7-10-86  
**Charles Schrey**, 76, Engineering, Emp. 11-18-42, Died 8-24-86  
**Joseph L. Schultz**, 82, Forest Glen, Emp. 2-13-25, Died 7-1-86  
**Frank J. Sibley**, 76, Veh. Maint., Emp. 9-3-41, Died 8-29-86  
**Joseph E. Sirvid**, 68, South Shops, Emp. 5-15-42, Died 8-2-86  
**Frank L. Sommer**, 83, Archer, Emp. 1-31-34, Died 8-20-86  
**Joseph Stelzner**, 77, Veh. Maint., Emp. 3-26-29, Died 7-4-86  
**William Thomas**, 85, Archer, Emp. 3-9-34, Died 8-25-86  
**J. J. VandenOever**, 92, 69th Street, Emp. 12-7-28, Died 8-12-86  
**John Vidas**, 82, Engineering, Emp. 8-21-26, Died 7-2-86  
**John J. Walsh**, 91, Kimball, Emp. 11-8-28, Died 8-31-86  
**Josephine Walsh**, 86, North Section, Emp. 6-16-27, Died 8-86  
**Nathaniel Winters**, 96, 77th Street, Emp. 5-8-17, Died 8-22-86  
**George S. Witt**, 77, Shops & Equip., Emp. 4-8-47, Died 7-19-86  
**Theodore Wyncott**, 76, Electrical, Emp. 8-15-45, Died 8-22-86





CTA friends and local American Legion associates of **William R. Kendall**, formerly of CTA's Schedules section, are happy to learn of Bill's recent selection as the American Legion's Department Commander for 1986-87. Kendall, now of Los Angeles, Ca., was selected for the post at the Legion's 67th annual convention held on Kauai, Hawaii. He is reported to have been the first World War II veteran elected commander of American Legion Post 1216, Chicago (1953-54). The post was largely comprised of CTA employees.



CONGRATULATIONS to South Shops industrial engineer **Richard Kocourek**, and his wife **Eileen** on the birth of their daughter, **Lauren Marie** who was born August 23 at 11:04 p.m. weighing eight pounds, and measuring 21 inches.



Oops! Somehow we missed telling you about one of our bright young academic stars. She is **Maretta Golden**, the daughter of Archer bus operator **Alex Golden** and his wife, **Julia**. Miss Golden graduated with honors from Percy L. Julian high school in June, and is currently attending Chicago State University. She is helping her own cause by working part-time for the U.S. Postal Service. As an added benefit, her proud parents have given her a 1986 Nissan 200 SX.



*Portage Glacier, near Seward, Alaska*

## North to Alaska

CTA was well represented aboard the S.S. Fairsea on an August cruise to Alaska's Inside Passage. CTAers on board were **Ruth Beutler**, Library; **Catherine Corcoran**, Treasury; **Rita Deakin**, Financial Reporting and Analysis; **Eleanor Driscoll**, Internal Audit, and retiree **Dagmar McNamara**. Also in the group were **Adele Monson**, Management Services; **Patricia Schoenbaum**, Accounting Systems and Operations; **LaVerne Schultz**, Management Services, and her husband, **Edward**; and this reporter, **Arlene Zittman**, Materials Management.

Our voyage began in Seattle, and the first port of call was Valdez, where we saw our first glacier. It was a cool 43 degrees that morning. Listening to the crackling sounds of the ice in the water and watching the seals enjoy their environment, as they rested on top of the icebergs and then slid back into the water as the ship passed, was a thrilling experience, and one we will long remember. Little can surpass the sensation of seeing icebergs and glaciers for the first time, and trying to realize the greatness and vastness of Alaska.

In Valdez we visited the Alyeska pipeline terminal. Now we understand why the pipeline could be considered the eighth wonder of the world. The building of the pipeline has brought back the fever and excitement of prospecting days.

From there we traveled to Seward, a quiet little town of turn-of-the-century wood-frame buildings reminiscent of the Yukon Gold Rush era. There some of us took a bus tour to Anchorage, a very

metropolitan city of about 50,000 people. Watch the newspapers for the possible announcement of Anchorage as America's choice for the 1992 Olympic Winter Games.

Next stop was the capital city of Juneau, with a population of 7,000. The approach to Juneau is quite memorable, since it's the only state capital accessible only by air or water. No roads connect it with the rest of the world. It's totally surrounded by ice fields. Burr! Burr! While in Juneau, we visited the "Red Dog Saloon," the oldest saloon in the country, where the real gold miners used to carouse. The drink for us that morning was coffee.

Then on to Ketchikan, another seaport. Ketchikan proudly calls itself the "First City of Alaska," a nickname which refers to its geographical position as the first U.S. town along the Inside Passage. There we took a seaplane ride and flew high above the Misty Fjords National Monument. It was an awe-inspiring trip filled with wildlife, beautiful scenery and a very real sense of majesty. We landed on a lake and enjoyed its unspoiled surroundings and serenity.

Alaska is certainly a state for all to see. It has exotic furred and feathered wildlife in abundance, days of midnight sun and nights of northern lights, handsome modern cities and wilderness where no human has ever set foot. You could put the states of California, Texas and Montana within its borders. Alaska has 586,400 square miles, with a population of only 226,000. We could easily see why Alaska is referred to as "The Great Land."

**Arlene Zittman**





## An Ideal Christmas Gift



Special gift items for transit fans are being offered for sale for the first time by the CTA Promotional Services section. CTA tokens attractively plated with jeweler's metal (gold in appearance) are the focal points of stick pins (not shown), tie tacks, tie bars, and cuff links. Current supply is limited, but all orders will be filled over a period of time.

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Mail your order form to: **TOKEN JEWELRY, CTA Promotional Services, Room 734, P.O. Box 3555, Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60654.**

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