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# Revamp hiring procedures

CTA Personnel department's overriding theme in meeting attrition is to promote from within under the new guidelines now being established by Human Resources and Benefit Services.

Ben Garrett, deputy executive director, Human Resources and Benefit Services, said CTA will always seek the most qualified candidates to fill job vacancies, but emphasized that upward mobility--hiring from within--is being given first priority in finding qualified personnel.

"We have a lot of people with academic preparation and experience who are qualified and have varying career interests, and we want to give them an opportunity for advancement when possible," Garrett said.

According to Garrett, the Authority's hiring procedures are be-

ing streamlined for equity, and subjectivity is being minimized. Included in the review and streamlining process are testing procedures, as well as other steps, which are used to measure candidates for employment.

Revised personnel action also requires that after a job vacancy has been filled, each employee who bid for the job be notified. The new criteria calls for filling each vacancy with the best candidate as soon as possible, and utilizing channels of communication to inform every participant in the process.

Record keeping has been revamped and purged of employment applications collected since 1979. In fact, all applications on file for more than 12 months have been removed. The Personnel Employment Section, headed by **Neonia Canty-Howard**, director,

Compensation Employment Administration, has been sub-divided into two sections. Professional and managerial positions are staffed by **Doris Sanders**, professional/management staffing and recruiting, with the assistance of personnel specialist **William Fudala**.

Quarterly departmental staffing forecasts, now being submitted to Personnel on projected job openings, make meeting employment needs more accurate. Thus, the result is a quicker response to a department's requirements, Garrett reports.

"We have the resources and the responsibility to meet these needs, and we want the departments to know that we are committed to serving them and supplying the necessary support," he said.

## They realized the dream through weekend college

(Editor's note: in September, 1982, we brought you the story of four employees pursuing the dream of a lifetime through Mundelein College's Weekend College in Residence program. Although the process was temporarily interrupted for two of those students, two others had a different ending. Here is their story.)

The quest for baccalaureate degrees by two CTA employees, which began in 1980 in a special weekend only program instituted by the women's liberal arts college at Mundelein in Chicago, ended Sunday, June 7. Virginia Dare McGraw and Janice Louise Olson marched across the stage at Mundelein College with 191 other degree candidates to receive their diplomas.

Virginia McGraw, executive administrative assistant, Engineering and Maintenance, received the bachelor of arts degree in business administration-management with a minor in psychology. Ms. McGraw entered Mundelein in 1980.

Janice Olson, supervisor, Law File Administration, who entered the college in 1981, received the bachelor of arts degree in liberal studies with a double minor in social welfare and business administration. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a 3.70 grade point average, and was the recipient of special recognition, including departmental honors in humanities, and was nominated for membership in Kappa



Virginia Dare McGraw

Gamma Pi, the national honor society of Catholic women.

She was also included in the 1987 volume of Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges, and received Mundelein's coveted Marilyn Gorski Service Award for commitment and service to the college and surrounding college community.

McGraw and Olson are looking forward to doing once more what most people take for granted—using vacation time for leisure instead of having to do research for a paper, or preparing for exams.

The weekend program required a special sense of discipline for McGraw and Olson because it extended their college education over seven and six years respectively. "But," said McGraw, "we did it, and it feels good, because we did it for ourselves.

"The toughest part," McGraw, who likes to travel, remembered, "was after



Janice Louise Olson

working all week having to be in a classroom on those beautiful weekends when everybody else was enjoying themselves." The weekend program at Mundelein began in 1974, and was the prototype for weekend college programs across the nation.

Another CTA employee joining the ranks of Mundelein's alumnae on June 7 was Margaret Mary Baxa who received a bachelor of arts degree in English. Ms. Baxa, who was enrolled in the college's traditional program, received special recognition as a member of Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society and secretary of Mundelein's student government. She is also included in Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges.

Margaret Baxa is a staff assistant in the office of CTA Executive Director Robert Paaswell. She joined CTA during the summer of 1985 as a part time employee in the Personnel department.

# Rail Maintenance RoundUp planned for August 8-9



Rail terminal repairers, clerks, servicers, and foremen are gearing up for the annual Rail Maintenance RoundUp which is set for August 8-9 at Wilson Shop.

Participants will be given a multiple choice test on their knowledge of equipment, safety, and shop procedures. They will also be tested on parts identification.

A hands-on test to be conducted on a rail car will include a visual inspection, a knuckle change-out, and a trolley beam standardization. The last two activities will be timed, with the most points being awarded for the fastest accomplishment of the hands-on tasks.

First-place winners of the 1986 Rail Maintenance RoundUp, representing Desplaines terminal, were Joe LaBellarte, shop foreman; Roland Scheibe, repairer, and Michael Averitt, clerk. In second place from Howard terminal were shop foreman Gary Kemp, repairer Antonio Flores, and clerk Glenn McCarthy. Third-place winners representing 98th terminal were repairers David Artis and Lee Slay, and clerk Dorothy Ballard.



Making a visual inspection of the work at hand are the Desplaines terminal first-place winners in the 1986 Rail Maintenance RoundUp. They are [from left] Roland Scheibe, Joe LaBellarte, and Michael Averitt.



Certain to try again are last year's second-place finishers from Howard terminal. They are [from left] Glenn McCarthy, Antonio Flores, and Gary Kemp.



**Dorothy Ballard,** 98th terminal, is flanked by team members **David Artis** [left] and **Lee Slay** as the 1986 third-place trio records defects from visual inspection.

# Trip into yesteryear awaits museum visitors

A transit trip back into time awaits visitors this summer at the Illinois Railway Museum near Union.

Volunteer workers at the well-known public transit museum in McHenry County are completing restoration on the CTA's former 50th Avenue (Cicero) Douglas ground level rapid transit station.

The museum acquired the closed station from the CTA in 1978 and trucked it and its platform out to Union. This old frame station is being carefully restored, complete with a pot-bellied stove and interior fittings from its early days. The platform can berth up to five cars on the museum's trackage.

Besides cars of the Chicago Rapid Transit Company (a CTA predecessor) and the CTA, the station's platform also will berth cars from Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee interurban trains and those of Chicago Aurora and Elgin trains. Both defunct railroads once used CTA tracks and stations.

Other restoration work includes creation of a street scene as a setting for several streetcars donated to the

museum by the CTA Board in 1985. This scene, in the museum's newest building, will include paving blocks and street lamps. This project will be open to the public for the first time this year.

Restoration continued on two other CTA streetcars, known as the "match-box design" cars. Because the original General Electric traction motors no longer exist, two similar motors were located in Egypt and shipped to Union. These two cars should be in running shape soon.

The museum is expanding its rolling stock while track and pedestrian walks continue to be improved.

Joining the Illinois Railway Museum's fleet are CTA's Skokie Swift car No. 52 and 'L' cars 6461 and 6462 and a Chicago Surface Lines motor bus, No. 3407. The Chicago Surface Lines is also a predecessor company of the CTA.

Car No. 52 is a three-section articulated train built in 1947 by the Pullman-Standard Company for the Chicago Rapid Transit Company. The Skokie Swift articulated car was taken

out of service in September, 1985 and donated to the museum.

Besides the CTA rolling stock, railfans will also find steam trains, interurbans, and trolley buses. The railway museum's extensive track loop provides visitors unlimited riding on the various types of rolling stock after their paid admission.

The museum is located just off the Marengo exit of the Northwest Tollway (I-90). The northbound and southbound exits are well-signed and the directions are easy to follow.

Visitors may enter the museum beween 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays, from Memorial day to Labor day. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends and holidays. After Labor day, it will be open only on Saturdays until September 26 and on Sundays until October 25. Steam trains will operate on weekends only between May 17 and September 27.

A series of special events are planned for the summer months. To telephone the musuem, dial 1-815-923-2488 during the hours it is open to visitors.

[Museum photos by Pete Vesic]



Illinois Railway Museum visitors will see this restored ground level station looking as good as new. The former CTA property was the 50th Avenue (Cicero) Douglas 'L' station.

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Chicago Surface Lines motor bus 3407, acquired by the rail museum last year, sits next to pre-World War II President's Conference Committee (PCC) streetcar 4021, awaiting transport from the Lawndale yard to the museum at Union.



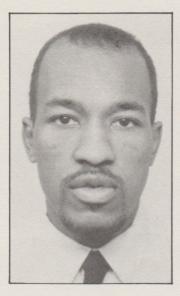
Skokie Swift car No. 52, a Pullman-Standard three-section articulated train built in 1947, is shown being unloaded at the Illinois Railway Museum.

Also recently acquired by the museum was "L" car 6462, shown resting on a flatcar connected to one carrying car 52. Passing both cars (left) is a train of 4000 series cars built by the Cincinnati Car Company in 1922-23. The last of these cars used by CTA were operated on the Evanston route in the early 1970's.



# Corner

John Patterson (South Section) was commended for his "exemplary conduct" as conductor of a Lake/Dan Ryan train ridden one Sunday by Ruth Orman, of Elmwood Park. "He was courteous and pleasant to every passenger he approached to collect fares or answer questions. A group of youngsters boarded, and were very rowdy and boisterous. Soon he approached them and spoke to them quietly. In a matter of seconds the car was quiet. They continued to talk and laugh, but the rowdiness was gone. When they left the train they were happy and laughing. He did not quell their spirit. He quieted it.'





Zeferino Guerrero (North Park garage) was praised by Rick Kuner, who rode his No. 36 Broadway bus one morning to work on south Michigan Avenue. "A woman standing in the aisle fainted, hitting her head on the grab bar on the way down. The driver's response was excellent. He stopped the bus, used the radio to request an ambulance, helped passengers assist the woman, and asked other passengers for relevant information. He also made sure that riders boarded the following bus to the extent that there was space, and responded to inquiries politely and quickly. What really impressed me was his professional manner."

Sherman McKinney (Kedzie garage) was appreciated by J. Earl Pittman, of Hazel Crest, for his "positive attitude" as operator of a No. 12 Roosevelt bus. "He smiled and greeted me, saying 'Good morning.' I was not in a good mood myself, but his mannerism really gave me a boost. He was well-groomed, clean shaven, and wore a uniform that was presentable. He smiled as he greeted passengers at later stops. This driver seemed to be ready for the public and his job. This means a lot to the public, although they may not express their opinion by being courteous in return."

Paul Osipavicius (Archer garage) was thanked by Angie Syno, of South Wood Street, for his courtesy as operator of a 51st Street bus. "My sister and I saw the bus coming, so we ran as fast as we could to beat it, but the bus reached the stop before we did. We were sure he'd pull away, but he saw us and waited for us. He was also nice to all the other passengers who boarded his bus. He was a good driver, too, with no jerks or fast stops. It was a joy riding with him. It gave us a good feeling to know that there are still some drivers that care about us. the public, Cheers to driver No. 22943."

Jose Diaz (Limits garage) was complimented by Joe Berlen Jr., of Nora Avenue, "for having the best manners and the most patience" as operator of a No. 8 Halsted bus. "I thought this woman was trying to drive your driver nuts. I got on the bus at Lincoln, and this woman was still bugging the driver when I got of at 69th. She must have asked him directions a dozen times, and he never lost his cool. He was nice to the old ladies and pulled up to the curbs for them. You must have a contest or something going on, because I would have thrown the lady off the bus if I were him."

Robert Kremer (North Park garage) was the operator of a No. 11 Lincoln bus that Marie Mosinski, of North Monitor Avenue, rode with her daughter to Children's Memorial Hospital. "He was a joy to watch, driving carefully and even calling all the stops. He had a cheery greeting for everyone boarding, and told everyone to be careful when stepping off the bus. About an hour later, on our trip back home, we got the same bus and driver. He was still as pleasant as before. This driver surely is a credit to the CTA, and should be commended for doing such a fine job. He is certainly appreciated."

Esmeraldo Segarra (69th Street garage) was called "a true professional" by Gerard Pavlik, of Berwyn, who rode his No. 45 Ashland/Archer bus. "I was greeted with the warmest of smiles and a very friendly 'Good morning.' I was even thanked for the fare which I put in the box. His personality and special way quickly melted my 'ugly mood,' and made me feel appreciated as a passenger. Not only was this gentleman friendly and personable, but he took care in his driving, moving his bus along with precision, and clearly calling out each stop. He gave each passenger his utmost attention when they boarded and departed."

Wade Jones (Limits garage) "was a pleasure to drive with," wrote Winifred Good, of North Lake Shore Drive. "He is extremely courteous and thoughtful. He saw me running for the (No. 145 Wilson/Michigan Express) bus and waited. He did the same for a couple of other people. He was also pleasant and consistently polite in answering quite a few passenger questions. To top it off, he is a very steady, safe driver. At no time were we thrown around or jerked unmercifully with starts and stops, and he stayed in the first lane all the way down the Outer Drive. You are fortunate indeed to have such an employee."

# Ta 1/2 PRICE TICKETS!

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Maxicare Illinois Inc., a Health Maintenance Organization offered to all CTA employees, is sponsoring a CTA-Maxicare Family Night at Comiskey Park on Saturday, August 29, at 6 p.m., when the White Sox will host the Kansas City Royals.

A CTA official will throw out the first pitch. Bring your whole family and enjoy the game and the fireworks display im-

mediately following the game.



Coupons for half-price tickets will be inserted in your paychecks on the following days: Bus, August 5; Rapid Transit, August 12; General office, July 31.

For additional coupons, contact your supervisor, or call the Maxicare Marketing Department at 786-9830,

Ext. 2000.

# Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

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Jean Cage, North Park Anthony Ceriale, Forest Glen Ethel Claiborne, 77th Street Felicia Clower, Limits

Curtis Davis, Forest Glen Electra Dealba, North Avenue Jose Diaz, Limits Allen Dixon, Kedzie Robert Doeden, Limits Brian Dollar, North Park Melvin Dukes, North Avenue Charles Dunker, North Park Charles Durham, 77th Street

Michael Flores, North Park Carlos Flores, Forest Park

Gonzalo Garcia, North Park James Gardner, North Park Thomas Gilmore, North Avenue Jerome Gladney, Howard/Kimball Larry Goffer, Limits Maria Gonzales, Customer Assistance James Green, Ashland, 61st, 95th Bobby Griffin, Archer Daisaku Gutama, Limits Sarah Hall, Limits Alvin Harrison, North Avenue Cornelius Haywood, Limits James Hentz, Jefferson Park Vernon Hill, Howard/Kimball

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Nicholas Kallans, North Park Robert Kazmar, North Park Patricia Klobucar, Archer George Knox, 69th Street

Tyrone Laury, Ashland, 61st, 95th Delia Lee, North Park John Lemond, North Park Paul Lewis, 77th Street Hollis Lewis, Jr., Kedzie

Louis Maestre, 69th Street Raphael Manuel, Archer Janis Marino, Limits Earnest Marsalis, Jr., 69th Street Agustin Martinez, North Avenue Michael Matas, Forest Glen Jessie Miller, Forest Glen Martin Mogk, Forest Glen Robert Moreno, Forest Glen Raymond Mount, North Park

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Billy Ragsdale, 77th Street Helen Ramos, North Avenue Eugene Reid, Limits Vernell Roberts, 69th Street Oliver Robinson, 77th Street Manuel Rosario, North Park

Charles Sauer, North Park Donell Shuford, Limits Vera Smith, Archer Oscar Smith, Jr., Kedzie Steve Stefanovich, North Park John Stiles, Howard/Kimball Ralph Strickland, Forest Glen Ralph Stuart, Jr., 77th Street

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Clarence Vanmiddlesworth, North Park Dorothy Veal, 77th Street Ruben Velasco, Agents West Robert Vining, Jr., Archer

Cleveland Walker, Jr., 77th Street Ben Wallace, Limits Sheila Watkins, 77th Street Jerome Wheaton, Jr., Rail Janitors Walter White, Beverly Helen Woods, 77th Street

Linda Yates, Howard/Kimball Jacques Yezeguielian, Forest Glen

Joseph Zukerman, North Park

# Honor seven Day in CTA recipients

The immediate response of agent supervisor **Dorothy Johnson** made the difference between disaster and recovery when a female CTA patron, who was running to catch a southbound train at Randolph and Washington, fell onto the tracks.

The woman had just asked Johnson for directions and was hurrying along with her daughter to the berthing area, when she lost her footing and toppled onto the tracks as the train was approaching.

Ms. Johnson ran to the woman's aid and, with the help of the victim's daughter, pulled her to safety. Meanwhile, motorman **David Willis** realized the danger and stopped the train about 100 feet from the incident. The control center was notified, and the lady was taken to the hospital by a fire department ambulance.

Ms. Johnson's prompt response to the situation resulted in her selection as "A Day in CTA" honoree. Motorman Willis was also honored for being alert and avoiding the potential tragedy.

West-Northwest conductor William Thomas and bus operator Donald Houston were also honored for their meritorius actions during two crisis situations. Thomas assisted in safely evacuating approximately 40 riders from his train after a fire had started under one of its cars.

Houston was a passenger on a northbound Kimball-Homas bus, when a distraught man carrying a small child boarded at Homan and Washington. The man pulled a pistol and demanded that the bus operator divert his route for another location.

The bus was stopped immediately, and passengers, in a virtual state of panic, exited through the rear door when operator Houston activated the emergency door handle. A few minutes later, police arrived and brought the situation under control.

Other "Day in CTA" honorees receiving the accolades of management recently were North Park bus operators Curtis Esters and Funsho Macaulay, and 1984 Third Rail RoundUp champion, O'Hare motorman James Hentz.

While he was working along the Sheridan Road route, Esters



Displaying their special recognition certificates received as "Day in CTA" honorees are (from left) Curtis Esters, North Park; motorman James Hentz, O'Hare terminal; operator Funsho Macaulay, North Park, and motorman David Willis, 61st Street terminal.

distinguished himself by coming to the aid of a man whom he found lying on the street near Adams and Wacker Drive. Esters notified the control center, stopped his bus, and gave aid and comfort to the victim, who appeared to be having a seizure.

In a similar situation along the same route, Operator Macaulay was north-bound near Belmont when a woman passenger was stricken by a heart attack. After receiving no immediate response to his call from the control center, and with little time to ponder the situation, Macaulay rushed his passenger to a nearby Lake Shore Drive hospital.

The woman's condition was verified by hospital officials, and Operator

Macaulay was commended for using good judgment and taking decisive action in the case.

In another unusual occurence, Motorman James Hentz was at Racine Avenue on the West-Northwest Route, waiting for police with a woman passenger who had been harassed by two men aboard the train.

As Hentz stood waiting with the woman, one of the men attacked him, and a struggle ensued. The attacker fell onto the right-of-way, and motorman Hentz helped him back onto the platform. Police arrived and the two men were taken into custody. Hentz was praised for intervening on behalf of the rider.



Day in CTA honorees are treated to lunch at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club following a tour of general office facilities. The honored guests are (seated from left) conductor William Thomas, agent supervisor Dorothy Johnson, and operator Donald Houston. Accompanying them is (seated right) planning analyst Kelsy King, Operations Administrative Services. Standing are (from left) Harry Reddrick, acting senior deputy executive director, Transportation; Michael V. LaValle, manager, Transportation Services; Robert Desvignes, manager, Operations Administrative Services; Elonzo Hill, manager, Transportation Personnel; David Martin, manager, Communications/Power Control; Paul Kadowaki, acting manager, Instruction, and William Thompson, director, Management and Professional Development.

# Don't let your summer getaway get you

Visions of vacation are probably dancing in your head right now. The chance to get away from it all, have fun, be with your family. Whether your idea of vacation is escaping to peace and quiet or seeking adventure and excitement, the one thing you shouldn't overlook is safety and health. Without proper preparation, an unseen event could spoil your vacation, or worse, end in a tragic accident. The National Safety Council offers the following tips to keep in mind while planning for your time off.



**DRIVING** - Millions of people take to the nation's roads in the summer, and many of them experience the frustration of car trouble. Before starting out on your getaway trip, have a qualified mechanic give your car or van a thorough check. Cooling system, brakes, belts, tires, engine fluids, and lights are most likely to give you trouble.

To be super prepared for the unexpected, you should take along the following: jack, spare tire, 3/8" to 1/2" thick plywood board to support the jack, lug wrench, work light, wrenches, screwdrivers [Phillips and flat head], locking pliers, flashlight, fuses, spare lower radiator hose and drive belts, epoxy sealer for fluid leaks, electrical tape and wire, fire extinguisher, flares or reflective triangles, jumper cables, and engine fluids such as oil and

Overheating is one of the most common car problems in the summer. If your engine temperature gauge starts reading hotter than usual, shut off all accessories, especially the air conditioner. Open all windows, and turn on the heater [yes, the heater] to force coolant through the motor. If this gauge reaches its limit, pull the car safely off the road and shut off the engine. Be sure the engine has time to cool before investigating the problem. Never open a radiator cap or touch cooling system parts while the engine is hot or running.

Summer is a dangerous time to be on America's roadways--more motor vehicle accidents happen during this time than in any other season. Buckling your safety belt and making sure children are fastened in child safety seats will give you and your family added protection. The National Safety Council estimates that about 12,000 lives could be saved each year if everyone wore safety belts.



#### WATER ACTIVITIES

-Whether you're in, on, or just around water, extra caution should be used. Life vests are probably the most important ingredient in water safety. These personal flotation devices [PFDs] should be worn at all times by children and nonswimming and older adults. The law requires that at least one PFD be available for each passenger on a boat. Boats 16 feet and longer require an additional "throwable"

Boating and drinking, just like driving and drinking, can be a deadly combination. The U.S. Coast Guard reports that almost 70 per cent of all boating accidents involve capsizing, falls overboard, or crashing into another boat or floating object. Many of these accidents are caused by drinking boaters. If you're drinking alcohol, don't go out on your craft.

Swimmers should know their limitations before entering the water. If you're not confident in your swimming ability, stick to water activities where lifequards are on duty. Better yet, take swimming lessons before your trip!



SUN WORSHIPPING -There's something about a tan. Sunbathing and related activities draw millions to beaches and resorts in search of the perfect skin tone. The temporary pain of sunburn, however, can have long-term effects of greater consequence. Skin cancer is increasing at a rapid rate in this country, and dermatologists say that our preoccupation with tanning is a

primary cause.

No one expects you to spend your vacation in a cave, but some simple precautions can protect you and your family from the harsh sun. Use a sun screen with a Sun Protection Factor [SPF] that matches your skin type. The SPF tells you how many hours you can stay in the sun before you get a burn equal to one hour's exposure without sun screen. Apply the sun screen about half an hour before you venture out and remember to reapply it after you've been in the water or perspir-

The Skin Cancer Foundation suggests not tanning between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., when the sun's rays are

strongest.

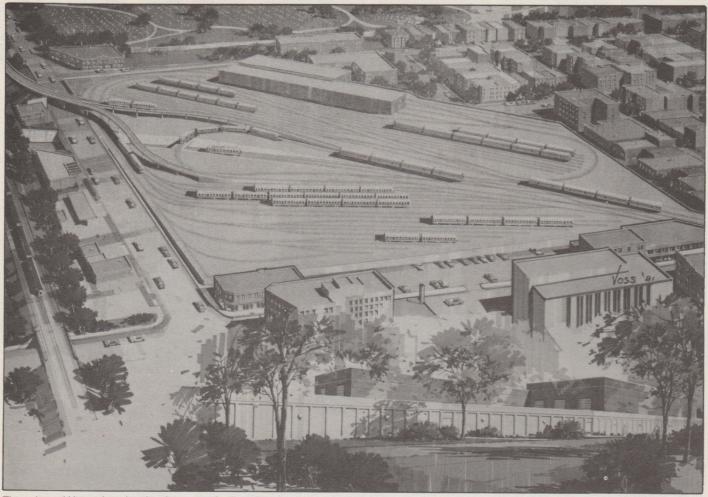


**BACK TO WORK** - Even after a wonderful, accident-free, troublefree vacation, many people experience depression when they go back to work the day after returning from vacation. If you can, plan your trip so you'll have one day be tween vacation and work. That way you can unpack, do laundry, and unwind at a more leisurely pace.

Accept the fact that you may be a bit flustered when you first returnafter all, you're changing gears again. But that great vacation will still be fresh in your mind.

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# State Street subway to link



The enlarged Howard yard and maintenance facility will be located at track level with a new grade separation (top, left) leading to the Evanston and Skokie Swift branches. Detail drawing (bottom, right) shows maintenance facility built on embankment.

In a few years rapid transit riders will be traveling between the Dan Ryan's 95th Street terminal on the South side and the Howard terminal on the far North side through the State Street subway.

Completion of this multi-million dollar project will provide direct service between 95th Street and Howard Street. Trains operating at closer intervals will improve service for downtown commuters and through riders. Chicago Cub fans and Wrigleyville commuters will also enjoy more convenient service at a modern, completely rebuilt Addison station.

CTA will benefit from the operating efficiency that will result from pairing two of its busiest rapid transit branches, because trains in the State Street subway will experience full utilization at both ends of the Howard-Dan Ryan line. Branches with lower ridership—Lake, Ravenswood, Evanston Express,

Englewood and Jackson Park—will operate on the Loop 'L'.

The project will improve four areas of the rapid transit system:

**95th-Dan Ryan:** Storage capacity at the 98th Street yard will be increased from 116 to 198 cars by extending the yard southward along highway I-94.

Dan Ryan-Subway connector: An elevated-subway connector, now under construction, will link the Dan Ryan elevated structure, near Archer Avenue and LaSalle Street, to the State Street subway at 13th Street. The existing elevated right-of-way, from Archer/LaSalle to the Southeast corner of the Loop 'L', will be reassigned to receive trains to the Loop 'L' from Midway Airport when the new Southwest Transit extension is completed.

Addison station: A modern station will be built at Addison Street, replacing the station that has served Wrigley Field area for 80 years.

Riders will enter a brightly-lit, glassfronted station building on the North side of Addison Street, where modern fare collection equipment will serve thousands of riders more efficiently. They will proceed up escalators, elevators and stairs to a brightly-lit center island train platform equipped with infra-red heaters and windbreaks. Local trains on the two inner tracks will stop at the platform, and Evanston Express trains will pass by on the two outer tracks. An additional peak-hour entrancel 24-hour exit will be provided on the South side of Addison Street.

Howard Street: Storage capacity at the Howard yard will be increased from 150 to 262 rail cars, and a modern terminal maintenance facility will be built north of the yard. All rail car storage and maintenance will be located at one level, with a grade separation leading to the Evanston and Skokie Swift lines. Train movements will be simplified, and

# Howard and Dan Ryan Lines



Modernized and enlarged Addison station will serve Wrigley Field (background). Station features center island platform with bright lighting, windbreaks and infra-red heaters. Two escalators, elevators and stairs lead to modern station building (lower right).

there will be no switching conflicts between Evanston and Howard trains during rush hours. The new terminal maintenance facility will provide inspection and sub-unit replacement for the Howard-Dan Ryan trains, replacing and relocating the overcrowded and outmoded Wilson stop.

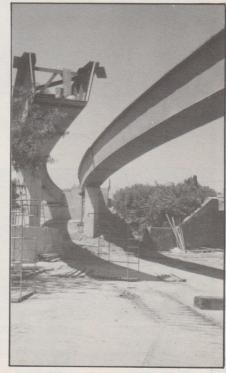
The new route alignments will provide more balanced service and greater operating efficiency. The new Howard-Dan Ryan route will be 22 miles long, with 33 stations serving an average daily ridership of 164,000. The Lake-Englewood-Jackson Park route will operate on the Lake Street and Wabash Avenue portions of the Loop 'L'. Ravenswood, Evanston Express and Southwest Extension trains will operate in a loop on the Loop 'L'. The 27-mile O'Hare-Congress-Douglas route, CTA's longest rapid transit route, will continue to operate in the Dearborn Street subway.

Free transfer between the Dearborn Street subway and the Loop 'L' will be made through the State of III- inois Center building at the Clark/Lake elevated and subway stations (now under construction). Free transfer between the Dearborn Street subway and the State Street Subway is available via underground walkways connecting the Washington and Jackson stations on each route.

The Howard/Dan-Ryan project is managed through a design and construction committee, including the Department of Public Works project manager and technical representatives from CTA. The committee meets every Friday morning to review drawings and resolve technical problems.

Design and construction of Howard yard is being handled by CTA, and the balance of the Howard/Dan-Ryan project is the responsibility of the City of Chicago, Department of Public Works.

The \$142 million Howard/Dan-Ryan project is funded by federal and state transportation agencies through the City of Chicago, and is being built by the Department of Public Works.



New twin-span bridge under construction on the Evanston 'L' route at Chicago Avenue replaces old bridge at right.



SAADIA ROCHE ADELL Hyde Park Academy Ethel Adell West Section



MICHAEL F. **AGUIRRE** St. Rita H.S. Michael Aguirre Lawndale



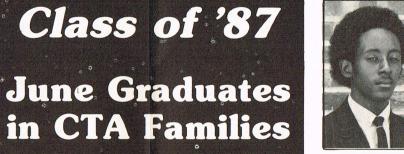
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**SYLVIA ALMENDAREZ** Immaculate Heart of Mary H.S. Charles P. Almendarez



DAVID C. ARENDT Elmwood Park H.S. Dennis Arendt Utility





**DANNY LEE** DARKINS Fenger H.S. Edith Sellers Archer



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LAURIE DUNDOVICH Mother Guerin H.S. Mark Dundovich Skokie Shop



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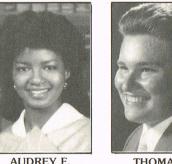
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## Morgan Park coed earns four years of tuition



Jennifer L. Thomas, 18, a June graduate of Morgan Park high school was awarded the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives' four-year tuition scholarship.

Miss Thomas is the daughter of CTA Purchasing department unit supervisor Joan J. Thomas, and People's Gas Light and Coke company meter reading senior clerk Jimmie Thomas.

Jennifer, who ranked 22nd in a class of 419 graduating Morgan Park high school seniors, completed her curriculum with a 3.9 grade point average.

The academic honors track in which she participated during her four years at the magnate school included English, French, Italian, geometry, advanced algebra, chemistry and physics. She also took several advanced placement college courses, including calculus.

Miss Thomas will attend Spelman college in Atlanta, GA where she will pursue a baccalaureate degree in law enforcement.

# **Award degrees** to more employees

Two Operations employees, a South Shops painter, and a member of the Field Review section, Financial Services, were among college students receiving diplomas at spring commencement exercises throughout the Chicago area.

Bus Controller Tessa Gaines, a CTA employee for 13 years, was awarded the master of education degree in curriculum and instruction from Chicago State University in a May 30 commencement. She earned the degree with a 3.84 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Mrs. Gaines is the wife of Chicago Police detective Ronald Gaines, and the mother of four children who range in age from 14 years to nine months old. Her father, George McCoy, was recently retired from 77th street garage after 28 years of service.

Another 1987 CSU graduate was Lee Cherry, Field Review financial reporting and analysis supervisor. Cherry, a CTA employee for 19 years, received the bachelor of arts degree from the Board of Governors program with emphasis in accounting. He and his wife, Ellen, are the parents of two daughters, Larynae, and Misti.

Graduating from Roosevelt University with a bachelor of arts degree in data processing was Operations Ad-



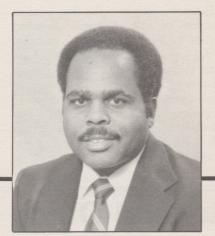
**Tessa Gaines** 



Wendy Jackson



Robert D. Kuropas



Lee Cherry

ministrative Services department programmer/analyst Wendy Jackson.

Miss Jackson, who joined CTA in 1983, plans to continue her education at Northwestern Kellog School of Business for a master of business administration (MBA) degree.

Graduating from Richard J. Daley

Community College with an associate of applied science degree in transportation management was Robert D. Kuropas of the South Shops Paint Shop. A CTA employee since 1977, he is the son of South Shops retiree Stanley Kuropas.

# Engineer's son appointed to Naval Academy

Dennis Penepacker II, 18, son of senior structural engineer Dennis Penepacker, Sr., and Mrs. Rosemarie Penepacker, has accepted an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. He was nominated by U.S. Senator Paul Simon.

Young Penepacker is a 1987 graduate of Niles North high school, where he ranked 10th in a class of 458 students, and he is a member of the National Honor Society and a National Merit Scholar. He was offered a National Merit scholarship to Northwestern

University, but declined the offer to join the Naval Academy's class of 1991. He was also accepted at the University of

While at Niles North, Penepacker was drum major of the high school marching band, a member of the math team and German Club, and served as editor of Calliope, the school's literary magazine.

Penepacker, who wants a degree in nuclear engineering, will study electrical engineering initially. He will enter the academy on July 1.



# Supt. Bennett directs youth bowling program

Young Chicago bowling enthusiasts from six years old to age 20 converged on the City of Detroit over the Easter weekend where they were engaged in a national kegler competition for youth.

Arthur Bennett, superintendent at 77th Street garage, and other adult chaperones were at Starlite Bowl on the city's south side as early as 5 a.m. on Good Friday, where they loaded 500 young people onto 11 buses for the 280-mile trip to Motor City which got underway before the crack of dawn.

Bennett, who is in his first year as director of the Chicago Bowling Senate for Youth, has been a member of the organization for 12 years. "Like most things in which parents become involved, I got into this program because my son wanted to be involved in the youth bowling program," said Bennett, whose son, Arthur Jr., at age 20, is still participating in the Chicago Bowling Senate which is open to



Arthur Bennett [foreground], director of the Chicago Bowling Senate for Youth, is surrounded by parents who assisted him as chaperones for the 500 young keglers who participated in the national bowling competition in Detroit.

youths up to 22 years old. Now in his eighth season on the road, Bennett said, "Every Easter weekend I am on the highway with the kids." They are usually back in Chicago by 5 p.m. Easter Sunday.

The youth bowling program in-

cludes several members of CTA families. "We think we have an excellent program which provides our young people with wholesome recreation, competitiveness, a sense of fair play, and accomplishment," Bennett concluded.

# General Office Raiders are basketball champs

The General Office Raiders, coached by **Arliss Jones** and **Daryl Lampkins**, dominated CTA's basketball league from start to finish with a 15-1 record, scoring an average 90.3 points per game.

Led by veteran co-captains Clarence Davis and Tyrone Brown, the Raiders demonstrated precision performance in the deliveries of Tanno Herring, Derrick Washington, and Lomar Springs, all new team members. Contributing to their outstanding effort was the veteran expertise of Elonzo Hill, Darryl West,

Phillip Gary, and Chester Kidd. Guards Herring, West, Brown, and Gary, and center Clarence Davis were the basic starting Raiders' personnel.

Springs who joined the team late in the season, immediately impacted the Raiders' effort with his flashy passes and ball handling. Gary and Herring carried the scoring load early in the season, and both players blended into the team concept as the season progressed.

The 1987 championship game was a rematch of two of 1986's most exciting teams, the Raiders and the

Outlaws. What the Raiders lacked in height they compensated with speed and hussle, and were never once intimidated.

Special recognition is in order for a trio of outstanding Raiders mentors, head coach Arliss Jones, and coaches Daryl Lampkins and Chester Kidd. Their season-long concept of the fast break basketball, and complete team effort paid off.

The basketball Champions are shown on the front cover.

# Keglers' banquet climaxes season for 77th St. league

Trophies for outstanding keglers, good food, great music and dancing marked the 25th annual close-of-season banquet for the 77th Street Operators' bowling league May 8 at south suburban Alsip's Condesa Del Mar.

Receiving handsome individual trophies were Levi Wardell, who busted 710 pins for high series scratch. Taking the individual high scratch game trophy with 279 pins was Willie Lipsey, Jr. Retiree Howard McMillan who topped

733 pins, garnered the individual high series handicap award and **Lee Burns**, the league's most improved bowler, received the individual high game handicap prize with 280 pins.

Emery Gipson toppled all keglers for the season with a league average 190.45. Gipson was followed by Ron Thompson with 189.76. Other respective averages were: Elbert

Ford, 188.06; Willie Prince, 187.24; Robert Kendricks, 186.91; Ben Barnett, 186.73; William Thompson, 186.34; Levi Wardell, 186.08; James Stewart, 183.18; Ray Williams, 180.92; C.V. Johnson, 180.69, and Willie Lipsey, Jr., 180.56.

Team Standings

Finishing in first place for the 1986 season was the Pinbusters, followed by Friday's Trouble, the 1985-86 first place team. Other respective team placements for the year from third to 12th place were: Archer Bandits, Golden Arms, Beetles, Roadrunners, Thunderballs, Leaders, Baggers, Fireballs, Hot Rodders, and Hitmen.

Assisting league officials with awarding trophies were 77th Street Superintendent Walter Caston, ATU 241 Financial Secretary/ Treasurer Wanda J. Black, and Transit News Editor Richard (Rick) Willis. Caston and Willis were accompanied by their wives, Mrs. Dianna Caston of the CTA Safety department, and Mrs. Dorothy W. Willis.

League President Luther B. Lee said the organization is looking for enough bowlers to form five new teams with five or six men per team. Lee said anyone wishing to be a part of a new team, or join an existing team which needs new members should attend the first meeting of the 1987-88 season which is set for 8 p.m. Friday, August 14 at the Evergreen Tower Bowling Alley in Evergreen Park. New Officers will be elected at that time, Lee said. The season begins activity Friday, August 21 at Evergreen beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Other league members closing out the year as officers were: Willie Lipsey, vice president; Frank Bailey, secretary; Wilson Washington, treasurer, and Howard McMillan, sergeant-at-arms.



Displaying their new jackets are members of the second place "Friday's Trouble." They are (from left) John White, Columbus Woods, William Thompson, Calvin McCants, Walter Caston, superintendent, 77th Street garage who presented the jackets, Emery Gipson, and Levi Wardell.



Trophies for third place were presented to members of the "Archer Bandits" by Transit News editor Rick Willis. Members of the third place team are (from left) E.J. Coleman, Herbie Hodge, J.J. Johnson, T. Ireland, S. Simmons, Rick Willis, and Elbert Ford.



The "Golden Arms" proudly display their fourth place trophies also presented by Transit News Editor Rick Willis. They are (from left) J. Ollie, C. Brown, Ron Thompson, Willis, League Secretary Frank Bailey, and W.M. Carter. In the background is J.C. White of "Friday's Trouble."

# INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

#### North Park

Ask Tony Zenner the benefits of curbing your bus and he may not only flash you a smile but his new wedding ring, too. Seems that a while back, a female passenger boarded his bus and introductions followed, and well, you know the rest. Tony and Kim said their "we do's" and boarded the Amtrak train to spend their honeymoon in Seattle,



Washington...Line Instructor Jesus Vasquez becomes somewhat of a celebrity this year by having the first student, Alfonso Reyes, at North Park this summer. Though you may not be able to tell from their expressions in this picture, we're sure they both had a really pleasant time working Clark Street - right gentlemen?...Has anyone else ever noticed that operator Marco Coronado wears those Oscar de La Renta designer ties with his uniform, H-mm...Not just a rumor but fact folks! Seems that a certain operator who justifiably wants to remain incognito missed a recent pick for the summer runs all because he overslept. Which wouldn't be so bad if for the fact that he only lives three blocks from the station! S-hhh! His initials are V. D. and he lives on Oakdale Street...Extra Board operator Zeferino Guerrero, Jr. has only been on the job a little over fifteen months and, lo and behold, has received a commendation for coming to the aid of a young female passenger who fainted aboard his bus. Oh well, at least Mr. Guerrero Junior

didn't faint when his wife America gave him his first look at their newborn first



son **Zeferino Guerrero**, **III** at the hospital a few months ago...

Would you believe that Sally Olivier. Vondietra Butler, Frances Walker, Maria Agnew, Maria Perea, Olivia Hewitt, Maggie Chitto, Wanda Hall, Iona Williams and Diane McPeek are just a few of the operators who have signed up for the new ladies softball team that practices at 55th & King Drive on the southside Tuesday mornings? Maybe some of their male counterparts on the North Park Styx or Breezer's baseball team will come out and offer some well intentioned winning ways. huh guys?!...Even though we haven't seen operator Alice Richman around the station for many of the past months, we knew she was off sick, but we did spot her just recently and knew she was in better health because she had her trademark 'toothpick' nearby; so stay healthy there kiddo...

Did Halipson Rivera and his wife Anna get their son Adrian one of those expensive Teddy Ruxpin teddybears for his third birthday on the fifteenth of March? If not, we hope young Adrian hasn't learned how to read at least this issue yet folks...Even though 'those guys' at the back of the garage, none other than the North Park repair department's North Park Dogs softball team,

have a two-year undefeated team standing, how come we don't have a game between the gentlemen who drive the buses and the gentlemen who repair them? After all, we are in a sense 'all on the same team' are we not people?...Sight seen: supervisor William McDonald providing super-duper service replacing an outside left mirror on one of the Clark Street buses after the operator's call to control had been on the air just a short while...

Extra board operator Angel Cabrera and his wife Laura will mark the 29th of August as a special day because they will have been married eight thousand. three hundred and ninety-five days. And just in case either one of them gets a little confused adding all of these passing days for their anniversary, they always can turn to their daughter Jacqueline who graduated this June from Northeastern University with a B.A. degree in Accounting. And as long as we're speaking of graduates, we better mention that Mr. and Mrs. Cabrera also have another daughter Jennie who will graduate from Good Council High School and plans to attend St. Norbert College in Wisconsin as a pre-law student...

If and when Lorraine Newton brings along a photograph of her daughter Nyree, who is all of 14 years of age and graduating from Crown Academy, we will include it for one of our future issues. O.K. now Lorraine, you are now committed in print for that photo...

And if we don't mention that Imelda "Cookie" Brown has a daughter Cina, 14, graduating from Nettlehorst School, this wouldn't be news about some of North Park's finest. Besides, Cookie will probably forget to mention — until way later — that there is going to be a wedding on the 23rd of August at Faith Tabernacle Church: so now everyone reading this can inquire "where's my invitation?"...

Badge #4924 belongs to operator Maurice Hanna and he says he still has his certificate of completion meaning 800, right, 800 hours of training in his endeavor to become a bus mechanic. Anyone in the repair department — anyone — could you please take note of this perhaps?...

How many magicians did you ever recall seeing that looked so serious as the gentleman pictured here? Lo and



behold, it's really all **Sam Favre** can do to keep from laughing, because he's such a success as a magician. He recently performed at the 77th Station's Credit Union festivities at none other than the Condessa del Mar and was paid double his usual fee from this latest endeavor.

One of the North Park B's football team members was recently hospitalized (operator Robert Cook), and we are happy to let those who were not aware of it know that he is up and about and doing his best to adjust to his recent illness. Way to go, Bob!!...

We've known him since North Avenue Garage and never seen him without his grey scarf during the winter months. So after all these years, **Diego Santos-Rios** now sports a fashionable brown scarf which should just about make it until he retires. (smile)...

Just in case his many friends out in Skokie don't see him, operator Drago Pancic has retired as of May 1, 1987. Drago has a total of twenty-five years service with the CTA and is another veteran who began his career at the Keeler garage and then came to North Park. Retiree Pancic and his wife Herta recently moved from Chicago to Glenview, Illinois and, after things are a bit settled on the homefront, they plan to head for Europe as tourists visiting Austria, Germany and Yugoslavia for a few months...

On a sad note, we have to mention that retiree Willard Frieb, who formerly worked the Evanston run, passed away on May 14. Willard was the President of the North Park Credit Union for over ten years, and he is sure going to be missed from among the many friends he's made over the years...

Rambo on crutches? Here at North Park? C'mon, you knew it was only Walter Merritt hobbling about telling anyone who would listen that he's making it as best he can, but he would try and make it to the paymaster's window to pick up his check...



Another proud father is operator German Gutierrez and his wife Irmina. Their eleven-year-old daughter Grisel was elected to be President of the Beta Club's honor roll at the Lloyd Grammar School. She already knows that she would like to be a doctor when she gets older. So, perhaps, this could be a hint for someone to start working a little overtime soon — don't you think Mr. Operator?...

Box puller **John Weber** appreciates the comments but save the whistles please. John is apparently the first here at North Park to work/model the new summer uniforms at the vault islands, and they do seem to look comfortable. When do the winter wardrobe models come out, sir?...

Blame it on pollution, or the inflation situation, but is it true that schedule man Ed "the grouch" returns from the latest fishing trek with some mini versions of finned families?...



Shown being sworn in at the April Union meeting ceremonies is operator Leonard Lloyd, center, making him an official election commissioner for the next three years. Any plans for higher elected office, Mr. President? oops, ... Look for a forthcoming paragraph and/or picture of the first gathering of the North Park Camera Club's meeting at Graceful Graceland Cemetery. BOO!

**Mike Flores** 

#### WANTED

Lane Tech High School Graduates Class of January 1955 For possible reunion What year? We missed all the big ones. Inquire

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# NEWS

## Retirements May

Robert E. Adler, West Section, 26 Yrs. DeWayne W. Allen, 77th St., 39 Yrs. Isaac J. Barho, Fac. Engr. & Maint., 27 Yrs. Dominic L. Casalino, Mad./Wabash, 39 Yrs. Raymond Cracco, West Shops, 13 Yrs. Louis A. Domokos, Skokie Shop, 15 Yrs. Eleanor M. Driscoll, Executive Office, 27 Yrs. Eric Kahn, West Shops, 12 Yrs. John R. Kilgore, Forest Glen, 25 Yrs. Casimir J. Kotara, West Shops, 38 Yrs. Frances Mularski, Revenue Acctg., 12 Yrs. James A. Olsen, Equip. Engr. & Maint., 25 Yrs. Drago A. Pancic, North Park, 25 Yrs. James W. Patterson, South Section, 25 Yrs. Booker T. Thomason Jr., 69th Street, 28 Yrs. Theodore R. Williams, Mad./Wabash, 31 Yrs.

#### Disabilities

James Barlow, Kedzie, 7 Yrs. Ada M. Torres, West Section, 14 Yrs.

#### **June**

Harold C. Berndt Sr., Washington/Racine, 40 Yrs.

Ralph M. Brindise, Forest Glen, 39 Yrs.

Euel Bunton, Madison/Wabash, 34 Yrs.

Owen J. Calhoun, 69th Street, 11 Yrs.

William R. Christiansen, Fac. Engr. & Maint.,

12 Yrs

Andrew J. Cunningham, West Shops, 33 Yrs.

James Cunningham, 95th Street, 30 Yrs. Thomas Davis, Beverly, 30 Yrs. William E. Echols, 77th Street, 30 Yrs. David G. Eggersdorf, Transportation, 29 Yrs. Frenchie G. Ellis, Administration/Safety, 36 Yrs. Robert H. English, 77th Street, 29 Yrs. Edward J. Evans, South Shops, 44 Yrs. Jerry Gaba, West Shops, 12 Yrs. Richard J. Grajek, South Shops, 35 Yrs. Robert R. Hudson, 77th Street, 30 Yrs. Alfred N. Jackson, Stores-South, 33 Yrs. Edward J. Lawson, 69th Street, 27 Yrs. George W. McCoy, 77th Street, 27 Yrs. C. Errico Miller, District A, 30 Yrs. James Mincey Jr., District A, 36 Yrs. Leonard C. Moore, 77th Street, 30 Yrs. Chester J. Olenski, North Park, 25 Yrs. Edward M. Panik, Lawndale, 28 Yrs. James L. Pruett Jr., 77th Street, 30 Yrs. Mary H. Ritter, South Section, 27 Yrs. Richard M. Schneider, Equip. Engr. & Maint.,

James W. Sims, 77th Street, 36 Yrs. Robert B. Tausch, West Shops, 39 Yrs. Arthur Turner, Congress, 34 Yrs.

#### Disabilities

McClinton Corbin, Madison/Wabash, 17 Yrs. Jesse D. Mayfield, Kedzie, 18 Yrs. Willy C. Turner, Skokie Shop, 19 Yrs.

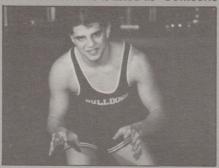


Car servicer Gary E. Izzo, Rosemont shop, and his bride, the former Lisa Hartman, spent their honeymoon in Phoenix and Las Vegas. The happy couple were married April 11 at St. Symphorosa church. Garv is the son of Herman E. Izzo who retired in 1983 as a general repairman at Rosement shop after 36 years of CTA employment...Friends and family of 1979



retiree Major W. Chatman and his wife Beatrice, celebrated the couple's 50th wedding anniversary April 5 with a golden anniversary feast, good music and dancing at the Hilton Inn of Oak Lawn. A printed program statement noted, "There is no way we can fully express our love and respect for their lifetime of dedication to God and to their family, but we hope they will accept this gathering of family and friends as an indication of our appreciation." The Chatmans' family includes son Robert; daughter, Mrs. Carolyn L. Browne of CTA Administrative Services; a granddaughter, two grandsons. and a great-granddaughter. Chatman. a bus operator for 31 years, was assigned at 69th Street garage... Celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary recently was George and Louise Johnson. The 92-year old Mr. Johnson, a CTA retiree for 28 years, recently visited the CTA general office.

He still likes to drive, and frequently takes trips to visit his brother in Southern Illinois. He praises God for the love of a wonderful family which includes three children, five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. His life is centered around the Reformed Church where he is listed as "Someone



to Know."...George Hollendoner, Jr., the 13-year-old, 155 pounder son of CTA mechanic George, Sr. of the South Shops Brake department, took first place in the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation tournament in Southern Illinois. A wrestler for five years, the youth has had two state appearances. and has earned the State title as well as an undefeated record. He is the holder of the Outstanding Wrestling award, and was eligible for competition in the June Illinois Kids Wrestling Nationals in Minnesota. He is the grandson of Carl and Jean Gustafson. Mrs. Gustafson retired from the CTA Print Shop...Congratulations are also in order to new college graduate Eric G. Yabush who recently received a bachelor of arts degree in political science and speech from the University of Wisconsin at LaCrosse. Eric was co-captain of the university's hockey team and was voted the baseball team's most valuable player. He is the son of CTA Public Affairs media coordinator Don Yabush, and his wife, Caroline.



Repairer Gregory Smith, North Park Garage, and his wife, Shannon are the proud parents of new born son Gregory, Jr., born Dec. 12. Equally proud are grandparents Bernice Smith, executive secretary, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance, and Aaron Swoope, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance, retired.

#### Service anniversaries in May

40 Years

Joseph Lacy, Track & Roadway Allen Pfeiffer, Group Sales

#### 35 Vears

Samuel Charles, Ashland, 61st, 95th Edward Freeman, Rail Janitors

#### 30 Years

Leo Armstrong, Central District James Cunningham, Ashland, 61st, 95th Thomas Davis, Beverly William Echols, 77th Street Arthur Green, Jr., 69th Street James Harris, Beverly Eugene Hill, Utility Willie Johnson, North Avenue Nathan Lanier, Kedzie Theodore Mack, Bus Instruction Clifford Miller. Bus District A Daniel Montrel, Operations Review James Moore, North Avenue Albert Murdock, Track & Roadway James Pruett, Jr., 77th Street Hercules Smith, Archer Leon Washington, 77th Street Raymond Wiley, 77th Street

#### 25 Years

Theodore Baughn, 69th Street Clark Carter, Bus Personnel North John Guzaitis. Escalator Maint. Carl Hanson, Bus District D Colonial Heard, Jr., Rail Janitors John Hennessy, Brake Shop William Meany, Shop Service Lucretia Russell, Agents District

#### 40 Years

June

Frank Wisniewski. Bus Radio Maint.

#### 35 Years

Bernadette Kizior, Facil. Eng. & Maint. Mario Ziocchi, Paint Shop

#### 30 Years

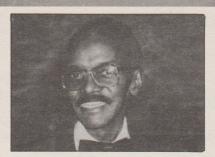
Lawyer Durr, Utility Charles Hall, Trng. & Dvlpt. Harold Hirsch, Operations Planning Anthony Kemp, Forest Glen Alvin Norris, 77th Street Karlis Robenzieks, Central District Randolph Stewart, 77th Street John Wallace, Control Center Herbert Williams, Beverly

#### 25 Years

Aubrey Bolling, Ashland, 61st, 95th James Coleman, Beverly Emery Gipson, Jr., Bus District A Ervin Harris, Trng. & Dvlpt. John Jovanovich, Jefferson Park Mack Page, Inspec., Degrease & Teardown

Thomas Porter, Conv & Diff James Richardson, Jr., 69th Street Narciso Ruiz, Jr., 77th Street

Dale Potter, West Shops (Nov. '86)



The Breakfast Bunch, a southside group of CTA retirees organized by retired CTA file clerk Simmons Gibson (above), has joined forces with the Anniversary Club, another retiree group which was founded by CTA retiree Marion Brittain who now resides in Atlanta, GA. The two groups meet at 10 a.m. each first Wednesday at Queen of the Sea restaurant, 87th and Stony Island Av., where information of particular interest to retirees is made available through representatives of other agencies, including transit union officials. Gibson said the spokesman for the CTA retiree organization is former 77th Street bus operator and Credit Union officer Clifton Servant. He urged retirees to make a note in their calendar of events for each first Wednesday, "and come join us."...

#### Skokie Shops

Congratulations to machinist **Grant** [Barney] Noland, Jr., and his wife, Eileen, on the birth of their daughter, Colleen Anne, on April 10. Born at Christ Hospital, she tipped the scales at 9 pounds, 6 ounces. Also receiving a visit from the stork was electrical preparer **Terry Sabatini** and his wife, Nancy, proud parents of 7 pound, 12 ounce Kelly Kerwin, their first child. Kelly was born at Little Company of Mary Hospital on April 18.

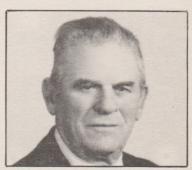
On a sad note, all of us at Skokie Shops extend our deepest sympathy to the family of shopman **Jimmy Cunningham** of the Machine Shop. Jimmy passed away on May 4. His smile and wonderful sense of humor will be missed by us all.

A speedy recovery to my good friend, car pool partner and coreporter **Steve Wickert**. Steve is recovering at home after surgery. Hope to see you back soon, Steve.

# NEWS

Well, the warm weather has arrived. We'll be tending our gardens, hitting the golf links and the highways. Please exercise caution in whatever you do. Enjoy yourselves, and have a safe summer.

Stan Warchol



Vincent Dentamaro, 75, car serviceman at Kimball terminal, who retired in June 1973 after nearly 17 years of CTA service, died March 14 at his home in Carbonara Bari, Italy. He is survived by his wife, Antonia.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

Joseph Anthony, 69, Beverly, Emp. 6-16-60, Died 3-8-87 Edward J. Becker, 79, Engineering, Emp. 7-16-41, Died 3-21-87 Dorothy J. Bell, 66, Equip. Eng. & Maint Emp. 10-26-53, Died 3-14-87 Max Boltze, 82, Skokie, Emp. 8-2-27, Died 4-29-87 Samuel J. Boyd, 72, Beverly, Emp. 7-23-52, Died 3-5-87 Michael P. Cronin, 82, North Section, Emp. 8-29-29, Died 4-7-87 Theodore R. Dagan, 87, Shops & Emp. 3-25-25, Died 3-15-87 John J. Davis, 85, Claims, Emp. 3-12-29, Died 4-15-87 Vincent Dentamaro, 75, Shops & Emp. 10-19-56, Died 3-14-87 Anthony DiBenedetto, 68, Utility, Emp. 8-13-45, Died 3-2-87 Cornelius J. Dillon, 74, Utility, Emp. 12-11-40, Died 4-14-87 Raymond H. Dobbertin, 59, Lawndale, Emp. 9-10-47, Died 3-13-87 Patrick Donoghue, 90, 77th Street, Emp. 4-23-24, Died 3-21-87 Joseph Durczak, 79, Engineering, Emp. 5-16-40, Died 3-24-87 Joseph Dwyer, 91, North Section, Emp. 1-23-29, Died 4-27-87 George W. Elliott, 81, Shops & Equip., Emp. 10-8-45, Died 4-7-87 Earl V. Essington, 88, Shops & Equip., Emp. 10-24-27, Died 3-25-87 Robert Gottlieb, 77, Shops & Equip., Emp. 10-26-37, Died 4-1-87

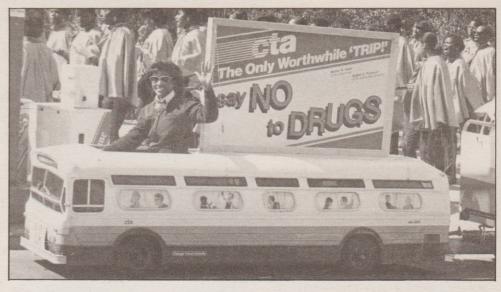
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Joseph L. Griffin, 80, Beverly,

Emp. 2-27-45, Died 4-4-87

# ctA joins "say no to drugs"



CTA supported the national public awareness campaign on drug abuse by participating in the May 9, first-of-its-kind, "Say No! to Drugs" parade.

The hour-and-a-half-long parade, televised by ABC-TV Channel 7, stepped off at 10:30 a.m. with 184 entries and picture-perfect weather. Entries included the three CTA mini-buses--articulated, standard, and double-decker--decorated with signs which read, "CTA, The Only Worthwhile 'Trip'--Say No! to Drugs."

The three mini-buses, circa 1967, were built by a special Explorer Scout Post sponsored by volunteers at South Shops, and trained in carpentry, welding, electrical work, and similar trade skills.

Dr. Robert E. Paaswell, CTA executive director,

read a public service announcement on behalf of employees, urging Chicagoans to say no to drugs and seek assistance groups.

"The Say No! to Drugs Campaign appears to be an effective tool in combatting individuals from exploring the use of drugs. I wholeheartedly support any efforts of this kind," said **Michael Stroden**, director, Employee Assistance Program.

C. W. Baxa, CTA Public Affairs manager, said of CTA's role in the parade, "The cooperation of so many CTA employees really made our participation a true success--from the Utility Department to our Sign Shop and so many in between. We needed everyone's participation and we thank them for it."

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