



BUS ROADEO WINNERS

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CTA Superior Public Service honorees met with **Ben Garrett** [second from left], deputy executive director, Human Resources and Benefit Services, following the awards pro-

gram at the Navy Pier grand ballroom. Displaying their certificates of recognition are [from left] **Norbert Koscienski, Michael J. Stroden, and Julius E. Brazil.**



Meeting the challenge of tomorrow

Robert E. Paaswell, Executive Director

Fellow Employees:

In the few months I have been at CTA, I have witnessed a high quality of transit service - made possible because of your continuing diligence in the pursuit of our common goal: excellence!

Past accomplishments and a variety of future programs reflect CTA's ongoing commitment to providing the best possible service for its ridership. Numerous operating efficiencies and budget reductions have resulted in positive budget balances for the last four years. This enabled us to increase rail car repairs, purchase bus washers and utility vehicles and modernize our coin-counting equipment.

Following are some of our accomplishments, ongoing programs and goals which we hope to meet in the future:

Convenient, on-time service

- establishment of an interdepartmental Service Quality Policy Committee to work toward improving convenience of service
- *QuickPass* demonstration project aimed at expediting passenger flow at rail stations
- renovation of rail station facilities including new bus shelters, windbreaks, lighting and heating at rail stations and replacement of up to 950 buses and 280 rail cars by 1991
- a new rail line to Midway Airport; scheduled for completion in 1993, the line is expected to serve 119,000 riders daily
- ongoing implementation of higher maintenance standards via Operation *BUS* [Better Ultimate Service], a pilot program designed to improve the reliability and appearance of our bus fleet

Passenger safety and security

- the CTA Bus Security Program, providing a special Chicago police security unit to patrol selected bus routes; a Mass Transit Unit consisting of Chicago police officers who patrol the rail system
- CTA's ongoing safety and training efforts which resulted in 1986 being the safest year in history on the bus and rail systems
- implementation in 1987 of a videotape security training program for conductors and motormen; the program, with the ongoing ticket agent and bus operator security training programs, will provide instruction in on-the-job security measures for approximately 6,000 operating and station employees

- twice-a-year presentation of the CTA Technical Institute [CTATI] for transit related operating and governmental agencies, giving a comprehensive overview of the functioning of a major mass transit system [CTA]

Fares

- fare structure studies to determine more equitable and efficient fares and provide a coherent framework for future fare pricing decisions
- installation of electronic fareboxes on buses to offer passenger payment convenience and increase the efficiency of collecting and processing fares and ridership data

Routes and Schedules

- ongoing refinement of bus route schedules based on ridership demands
- institution of a demand-responsive Special Services Program for disabled riders; the program, utilizing four private carriers, has resulted in a four-fold increase in ridership since 1985
- special studies undertaken to identify West Side rail line track and structures in need of improvements and to determine types and quantities of buses to be purchased

Marketing

- an ongoing coordinated effort utilizing surveys to identify ridership needs and an aggressive marketing campaign to address those needs and increase ridership
- installation of special TV monitors at 17 of CTA's busiest stations; monitors will feature news, weather, CTA travel information and advertising
- recent introduction of two new route maps, one for the entire system and the other for the O'Hare rail line
- implementation of the new uniform program for CTA bus and rail personnel; the stylish new uniforms, which represent a positive new image at CTA, were nominated for the 1987 *Image of the Year Awards*

Communication with the public

- ongoing maintenance of dialogue with community advisory boards, committees and neighborhood forums, assuring timely exchange of concerns between CTA and the public

Professionalism and integrity

- ongoing provision of sensitivity training for special services drivers and CTA bus operators
- annual hosting of the Striving for Excellence Testimonial in honor and recognition of employees with exemplary work performance

Hiring and contracting

- pursuit of an aggressive Affirmative Action program in recruiting, hiring, training and promotion of minorities and women
- provision of training, through a special demonstration grant, for representatives from Disadvantaged Business Enterprises [DBE's] and Women Business Enterprises [WBE's]

Working environment

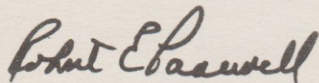
- ongoing construction and rehabilitation projects to improve employee safety and security; this year, the new 103rd/Stony Garage will be completed, North Avenue Garage construction will begin, and repairs will be made to Skokie Shops
- ongoing Zero Accident Program in recognition of low, or zero, frequency of work related accidents at maintenance facilities
- ongoing Employee Safety Performance Program, a *quality circle* concept permitting interaction between operating, maintenance and management personnel in the interest of promoting safety, security and efficiency in CTA operations

As Executive Director of CTA, I take great pride both in our numerous accomplishments and in the many CTA employees who have made them possible. Your unwavering dedication to CTA's mission - providing high quality transit service that meets the needs of metropolitan Chicago - places you in the forefront among public service employees. Your single-mindedness of purpose serves us well in our endeavor to make CTA the model of the modern mass transit system.

I welcome your suggestions on how we may further enhance our role as a provider of mass transit. Ms. Cynthia Florence, Superintendent II, Operations Division, and Mr. Leon Fields, Maintenance Foreman, Engineering and Maintenance Division, as my communications liaisons, are visiting various work locations to elicit your ideas on how to better serve our ridership and make CTA the best it can be.

In moving toward the future, we must continue to strive for the highest quality of service. Armed with the confidence that comes from pride in past achievements and inspired by a sense of united effort, let us meet the challenge of tomorrow.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Paaswell,
Executive Director

Safety First at CTA



Executive Director **Robert E. Paaswell** presents a Certificate of Achievement for the CTA's improved bus operator's safety record to Acting Senior Deputy Executive Director **Harry Reddick** of the Operations Division. The APTA certificate honors CTA for its reduction of vehicle and passenger accidents in 1986.



Public Safety awards for the first quarter of 1987-88 were presented by safety manager **Thomas Boyle** [holding plaque] to superintendents of Archer garage and Douglas rail terminal. Plaques were presented on the basis of the lowest frequency of traffic and passenger accidents involving other vehicles, fixed objects and CTA riders. Archer earned its safety plaque with 38 accident-free days for the first quarter, while Douglas had 89 accident-free days. Representing Archer garage are [above]: **Isaac Clark**, assistant superintendent; **Ronald Catanzaro**, garage superintendent, and **Thomas Riley**, area superintendent. South Douglas terminal representatives were Superintendent **David Curry**, and **Roosevelt Cory**, assistant superintendent.



Gloria Chevere appointed as senior deputy, Administration

Gloria Chevere has been appointed senior deputy executive director of Administration by **Dr. Robert E. Paaswell**, CTA executive director. "Ms. Chevere, former deputy commissioner of the City Department of Planning, has a proven, professional track record in management," Paaswell said. "Her knowledge of the disciplines it entails makes her a splendid choice and a key player, as CTA reorganizes to face crucial issues moving into the next century."

CTA Chairman **Walter H. Clark** added, "She will be an excellent addition to our capable staff."

As senior deputy executive director of Administration, Chevere heads the Finance and Planning/Marketing/Development divisions, and the Purchasing and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise [DBE]/Contract Compliance departments.

Ms. Chevere, a lawyer, is a native Chicagoan with credentials in banking, strategic planning, and budget controls. She is a graduate of John Marshall Law school and Northeastern Illinois university, with a double major degree in Political Science and Sociology. As deputy commissioner of



the Department of Planning, she oversaw the Neighborhood Planning Division and was an active participant in that department's corporate and federal budgets, coordinator of UDAG [Urban Development Action Grant] and IDAG [Illinois Development Action Grant], as well as all tax increment financing projects for the city's central area.

Prior to her city post, Ms. Chevere was president of the Knights of St. John Credit Union, and, under her tutelage, the union's assets more than tripled in three years.

Dr. Paaswell affirmed "that Ms. Chevere's extensive background in marketing makes her an outstanding asset, and the logical selection for this administrative position, which requires a leader with Ms. Chevere's top-notch skills. CTA is fortunate that the search for this position has ended with Ms. Chevere's placement."

Welcoming receptions honoring Ms. Chevere were held by the Hispanic American Transportation Association on June 17 at Tanya's restaurant on the near north side, and by the National Hispanic Transportation Organization on July 24 at Button's restaurant in the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza.

Ms. Chevere has served as a Board member of the Knights of St. John Credit Union, the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce, the Girl Scouts of Chicago, and the Women's Self Employment Project.

Ms. Chevere resides in Lakeview with her husband and twin sons.

Bar Association honors CTA General Attorney Hughes

CTA General Attorney **Joyce Hughes** received the Cook County Bar Association's Public Service Award for her "exemplary performance in public service," at the association's 73rd annual awards meeting.

The award, in the form of a plaque, was presented to Ms. Hughes by Lewis Nixon, dinner chairman, and John O. Steele, outgoing president of the 850-member association.

Ms. Hughes was among a group of political and legal professionals to receive awards at the Chicago Hilton and Towers hotel. About 300 persons attended the Awards and Installation Dinner Meeting. Attorney Llwellyn Greene-Thapedi was installed as the association's new president.

The Cook County Bar Association, founded in 1914, is one of the nation's oldest and largest minority bar associations.



CTA General Attorney **Joyce Hughes** [right] and newly-elected association president **Llwellyn Greene-Thapedi** share the limelight at the Cook County Bar Association's 73rd annual awards meeting.

Honor three

CTA employees for superior public service

Three distinguished CTA employees were honored as finalists at the 19th annual Superior Public Service awards dinner held at the Navy Pier grand ballroom on June 25.

Receiving recognition for their years of outstanding service to the Chicago Transit Authority were **Michael Stroden**, director, Employee Assistance Program; **Norbert Koscienski**, Systems Safety/Fire Prevention investigator, and **Julius E. Brazil**, general services photographer.

Michael Stroden, director of CTA's Employee Assistance Program, is responsible for the day-to-day activities of EAP. Problems of alcoholism, drug abuse, or a variety of other social illnesses which may affect an employee are addressed through the program.

Stroden designed, developed, and implemented the program, and established training for more than 1,000 supervisory personnel.

Stroden, who joined CTA in 1976, said the major function of Employee Counseling is to help employees find solutions to problems which could jeopardize their jobs.

Norbert Koscienski, who joined CTA in 1962, distinguished himself after having a laryngectomy [surgical removal of the voice box] in 1985. The Safety Systems Fire Prevention investigator and his wife, Carol, have done extensive volunteer work for the American Cancer Society. The couple makes pre and post-surgical visits to laryngectomy patients and their families to offer information, support and hope.

Koscienski, who lives in the Jefferson Park area, was recently awarded a certificate for "superior performance and excellence" in esophageal speech from the therapy department of Swedish Covenant hospital.

Thomas Boyle, manager, Systems Safety/Quality Control, praised Koscienski as an outstanding employee who has overcome great odds. "He

has been, and continues to be, an inspiration for his co-workers," Boyle said.

Julius E. Brazil, an Air Force veteran, joined CTA in 1954 as a bus operator assigned to Devon Avenue. He later served as a station clerk, and has been a CTA photographer since 1977. As a photographer, Brazil has distinguished himself by his proficiency as well as his integrity and devotion to the principles of public service.

Michael Hoffert, supervisor, Photographic Services, commented, "Over the years, Julius has demonstrated the willingness to go that extra step to get a job accomplished, many times on his own time."

Brazil, who believes that "every day has a highlight if you know what to look for," is a community-spirited individual, and is active as a member of the Tabernacle Baptist church where his pastor, the Rev. George B. Hunter, says he is a part of the church youth programs.

CTA painters bow for the red, white and green

Some painters win praise for their landscapes, others for their still lifes and portraits. Six CTA painters recently took bows for their "station," CTA's Argyle 'L' station, that is.

The painters were honored at a luncheon held by the Asian American

Small Business Association of Chicago located on Argyle street, just east of Broadway. The Argyle 'L' station is flanked by this business community.

Honored at the luncheon were CTA painters **Pat Forde**, **Earl Knudsen**, **Ron Santello**, **Jack Flynn**, **Ed**

Burke, and **Noo Shig Salvador**.

The Argyle 'L' station was painted a number of years ago in the Oriental colors of red, white, and green, signifying longevity and prosperity. Forde, Knudsen, and Santello gave the station a scheduled coat of fresh paint as part of CTA's periodic painting program for its elevated stations. Painters Flynn, Burke, and Salvador are graffiti removers who help wage CTA's relentless fight to keep its property graffiti-free.

"We are proud and pleased with this added touch of class," said Charlie Soo, association director, at the luncheon. "We are taking this opportunity to express our appreciation with a gathering of our business and community leaders to help mark this occasion [the station's repainting]."

The North Side cluster of Asian businesses and restaurants on Argyle at Broadway is an off-shoot of Chicago's Chinatown at 22nd street and Wentworth avenue on the South Side.



CTA painters honored recently were [from left] **Pat Forde**, **Earl Knudsen**, **Ron Santello**, **Jack Flynn**, **Ed Burke**, and **Noo Shig Salvador**. With them on the Argyle 'L' station platform is **Charlie Soo**, director of the Asian American Small Business Association of Chicago.

Marian Hanning [West Section] is appreciated by Willa Davis, of Oak Park, for her courtesy as ticket agent at Harlem/Congress. "For many years I have been riding the train. Many times I go through the turnstile, feeling sick or just tired. Mary always smiles and says 'Hello,' and gives a kind word for people who pass through to ride the train. Many times she has helped make my day a very pleasant one. This lady is always well groomed, and is a joy to see so early in the morning. We in Oak Park thank CTA for employees like Mary, who not only collects fares but gives something in return."



Mary Thrower [North Section] was thanked by Judy Von Boncel, of New Hudson, Michigan, for her help as conductor of an O'Hare train. "My boyfriend and I expected to get lost as we entered the train at River Road. Your employee put us at ease with her attitude and concern. She explained exactly where to get off, and in which direction to walk. Other riders asked similar questions and were given the same care we experienced. Her bright outlook and personality made our journey a pleasure. After the train began to fill up, she called off the station stops, including the destinations passengers had requested. She is a good ambassador for your city."

Arthur Muhammad [77th Street garage] was complimented for the way he handled a No. 6 Jeffery Express bus by Antonette Hue-Laitsch, who works on East Wacker Drive. "I found him to be very friendly and extremely helpful to all of his passengers. Not only did he call out every stop, but he showed genuine concern that the passengers were able to get off at the stops they wanted. When asked for information or directions, he spoke clearly, courteously, and loud enough for one to hear. He was very patient with both the customers and the traffic, and his mood set the tone for the trip."

Jose Diaz [Limits garage] was the operator of a No. 146 Marine/Michigan Express bus ridden by Horace Sutmar, of Touhy Avenue. "I am a frequent rider of CTA, and rarely do I see a driver as thorough as badge No. 22865. He called out the stops, waited for the people who were running for the bus, and caught someone trying to board through the back door. An older woman got on the bus without her senior card. When the driver asked her for it, she got upset. I think it's unfair to the driver to receive such treatment when he is doing his job. I would like to thank CTA for having such patience with us passengers."



Anthony Rivera [North Park garage] "went beyond the call of duty" as operator of a No. 135 Wilson/LaSalle Express bus ridden by Jane Magee, of Gordon Terrace. "The back door was not working properly, and would not lock. He warned all passengers not to get near the door because it would fly open, and called someone on the bus phone to report it. He said 'Good evening' to everyone entering the bus, and wished each person a pleasant evening at departing. He also had a wonderful sense of humor, giving at least four pronunciations of Goethe Street. His manners, humor and concern for passenger safety are commendable."

Darlene Emery and Everett Mann [North Section] were thanked by Ruth Dieter, of Burling Street, for their action after she was robbed while getting on a Howard train at Fullerton. "I went downstairs into the station and told the CTA man standing there [Mann] what happened. In the booth, Darlene called for all trains to be held and to notify police. An off-duty policeman who was in line identified himself, and he and Everett took off for the platform. They caught the man after a struggle, and I identified him. Then the police arrived and took over. I appreciate very much the alertness of the two CTA employees."

William Roman [Limits garage] was praised by Kathy Armstrong, of Northfield, for remaining calm with an impatient rider on his No. 156 LaSalle bus. "A large number of riders were on the bus, and a woman boarded, asking the driver for directions. While he was talking to her, a passenger went up and asked him if there was any particular reason he was driving so slowly. He answered in a pleasant way that he had a schedule to keep. She became rude, and told him to do his job instead of talking to passengers. He did an excellent job and kept his cool, continuing to call out all the streets. He should be commended for his patience."

Cleo Jackson [North Section] won the approval of Anthony Meyer, of Washington D.C., who rode a train downtown while staying at an O'Hare hotel for a conference. "I had a free afternoon, and decided to visit downtown Chicago. The trip was even faster than advertised. The conductor gave me a map of the CTA routes, showed me how to get to different stores and museums, and even told me in which direction to exit from the station. Her information was completely accurate, enabling me to get to each place easily and without asking further directions. Thanks for making my visit to Chicago such an enjoyable one."

Craig Daun, Director of Marketing, Hotel Nikko Chicago [left], is shown with CTA Executive Director **Robert E. Paaswell** at a pre-party before a Cubs outing sponsored by the hotel. The hotel chartered a CTA bus to transport guests to Wrigley Field. The Hotel Nikko will open in October, 1987.



Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

Maria Agnew, North Park
Gabe Barnes Jr., North Section
Bill Brown, Limits
Robert Brownlow, North Park
James Burns, 77th Street
Donald Burson, Kedzie

Jean Cage, North Park
Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Angel Carreras, Forest Glen
Lovie Chamblis, West Section
Robert Charles, Archer
Stephen Christian Sr., Forest Glen
Dewitt Coleman, Archer
Jean Collins, Archer
Felix Cooper, North Park
Michael Cox, Kedzie
Elnora Curry, Limits

Victor Davila, North Park
Vincent Dawson, Limits
Nathaniel Dickson, imits
Joseph DiMartino, Forest Glen
Brian Dollar, North Park
Frederick Douglas, North Park
Lawrence Duda, Limits
Charles Dunker, North Park

Exeline Elliott, North Park
Bruce Ellison, North Park
Jesse Elston Jr., 69th Street

Willie Flowers, North Park

Ridgeway Gaines, 77th Street
Daniel Galarza, North Park
Jose Galloza, Forest Glen
Fred Gandy, 69th Street
Joe Gill, Archer
Phillip Gill, Archer
Barbara Glenn, 77th Street

William Haase, West Rail Dist.
Ronald Hackworth Jr., Archer
Sarah Hall, Limits
Walter Harris, Archer
Josephine Harris, North Avenue
Ernest Hemphill, Archer
Peyton Hightower, 77th Street
Jimmie Hill, 69th Street
Roberta Hobbs, West Section
Shirley Hobbs Jr., North Park
Robert Hopkins Sr., Forest Glen
Anthony Hughes, Kedzie

Cleo Jackson, Jefferson Park
Earle Jackson, Howard/Kimball
James Jeffries, Esc. Maint.
Cedric Johnson, Kedzie
Curtis Jones, 77th Street
Kenneth Jones, Ashland Terminal
Lester Jones, North Park
William Jones, 69th Street
Daniel Joseph, North Park

William Karcher, Forest Glen
Frank Ketter, Beverly
Denis Kippes, Limits
Richard Kobylecky, Archer

Charlie Lee, Agents District
John Lemond, North Park
Sebastian Lopez, Distribution
Robert Lucas, North Park

Falamarz Malekfar, Forest Glen
Charles Martin, Archer
Joseph Maryland, Kedzie
Ephriam Mauldin, 69th Street
Michael McKenzie, Beverly
John Milio, Forest Glen
Neil Motin, Forest Glen
Bobby Myles, North Park

Sylvester Neal Jr., Limits
Brookie Nichols, Beverly
Antonio Nunez, North Park

Araceli Olivier, North Park

Lonnie Perryman Jr., Archer
Ricky Plomin, Forest Glen
Daniel Poelinitz, Forest Glen
Carlton Pradd, Limits
Isaac Price, North Avenue

Robert Richardson, North Park
Milton Ross, 69th Street

Ismael Santos Jr., North Park
Tuesday Simpson, Limits
Leevon Skinner, 69th Street
Barry Smith, North Park
Willie Smith, 77th Street
Willie Smith, North Avenue
Helen Stearns, 77th Street
Daniel Stronach, Limits
Eugene Strzelecki, Jefferson Park
Marion Stubbs, North Park
Willie Mae Surles, 77th Street

Brian Thomas, Archer
Curtis Thompson Jr., 77th Street

Arturo Valdez, North Park
Clarence Van Middlesworth, North Park
Willus Vivian Jr., Archer

Leslie Walgamotte Jr., Forest Glen
William Washington, North Avenue
Early Watson Jr., Archer
Vontie White, Forest Glen
Richard Wierzchon, North Park
Elton Williams, Howard/Kimball
Nathaniel Williams, 77th Street
William Williams, North Park
Robert Woods, 77th Street

Jacques Yezeguielian, Forest Glen

They're riding the CTA along SEPTA lines

by Lee Winson

Last October the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority [SEPTA] supplemented its rolling stock with transit equipment previously owned by CTA.

SEPTA's inventory of rapid transit cars now includes 12 of CTA's 6000-series cars, originally scheduled for retirement but sold to SEPTA for use in its rush hour service along Philadelphia's west suburban Norristown High Speed Line.

The Norristown Line, also known as the Philadelphia and Western [P&W], is a suburban high speed line similar to CTA's Evanston Line. The line primarily serves as a feeder to the Market-Frankford subway elevated, the connection to downtown Philadelphia.

The six married pairs of CTA cars sold to SEPTA join two older types of cars, an interurban series built in the late 1920s, and the well-known Brill "Bullets" built in 1931. While SEPTA plans call for the purchase of new cars, the recently-purchased CTA cars will supplement its older cars until a fleet is delivered.

The CTA fleet's arrival in Philadelphia is not the first of Chicago equipment to run on the P&W. In 1964, the North Shore Line's Electroliners also arrived to operate along the Norristown Line. Renamed "Liberty Liners," the trains offered coffee and pastries on morning runs, and libatious refreshments in the evening, and were quite popular with the commuters. However, the Liberty Liners were withdrawn from service in the late 1970s, after they proved to be too expensive to maintain and operate. Sets from the Liberty Liners have been preserved at various museums including the Illinois Railway Museum at Union, Illinois.

Photos by

Gerry Williams and Lee R. Winson



SEPTA 6079-6080 at Norristown station.



"Liberty Liner" train set, formerly North Shore Line "Electroliner," parked at SEPTA shops.



P&W Brill "Bullet" inbound at County line station.



SEPTA 6151-6152 [right] and Brill "Bullet" at 69th Street terminal, Upper Darby.

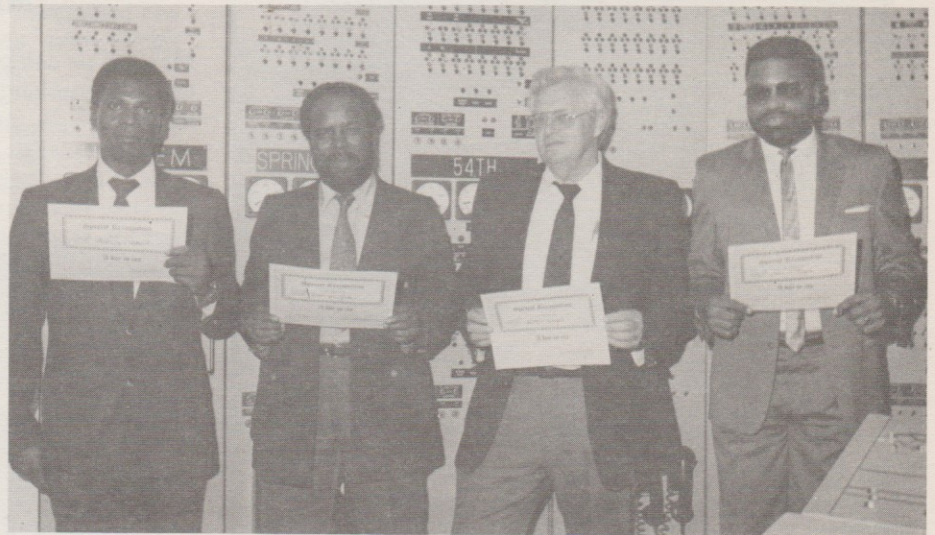
"Day in CTA" Employees honored for initiative, exceptional service

Four Operations employees were honored recently for exceptional service above and beyond their responsibilities in the performance of duties.

An off-duty, part-time temporary operator assigned to North Park garage is credited with the prompt action which foiled an attempted suicide by a teenager who threw himself onto the Ravenswood tracks at Irving Park.

Operator **Anthony Caldwell** heard the youth exclaim that he was going to kill himself, before jumping onto the tracks as a train was approaching. Caldwell ran to the end of the platform and flagged the train in time for the motorman to avoid hitting the youth by only a few feet.

Although the teenager crawled beneath the train, the power was cut, and he was removed from the tracks by policemen. Caldwell was also credited with possibly avoiding a lengthy delay to service.



*Honored for exceptional service above and beyond their responsibilities in the performance of their duties are [from left]: operator **Anthony Caldwell**, motorman **Lawrence Hooker**, and conductors **Walter Holmes** and **Samuel Smylie**.*

Another attempted suicide was stymied by motorman **Lawrence Hooker**, and conductor **Samuel Smylie** of Ashland terminal, who were working the North/South route. As their train was approaching the southbound Argyle station, the crew saw a man on the tracks and stopped approximately two feet from him. Again, the Control Center was notified and the power was shut off.

As Hooker and Smylie assisted the man from the track, he attempted to throw himself onto the third rail, but was hustled to the platform and restrained until police arrived.

Conductor **Walter Holmes** of Kimball terminal minimized delays on at least two rapid transit routes when he took over the plant at Tower 12 and operated it manually until a supervisor arrived.

Holmes, a qualified towerman, was working on the Ravenswood route when he arrived at the junction at approximately 6:50 a.m. and realized that the line was experiencing interlocking problems at Tower 12. The conductor was praised for showing initiative and demonstrating job knowledge as well as minimizing delays to service.

Koscienski: Smoking is larynx threat



Since January 4, 1986 more than 60 Chicagoans have had laryngectomies, according to **Norbert Koscienski** of the CTA Safety department. Koscienski was recently honored for his volunteer service with the American Cancer Society.

He and his wife, Carol, are active with the Swedish Covenant hospital New Voice Club, an organization which provides the laryngectomy and family members with support, service and information concerning other groups and services available.

Koscienski, 42, himself a laryngectomy [a person whose voice box has been surgically removed], said people who must have the radical surgery appear to be getting younger. He noted that recent victims he has visited were in the middle to late-30s.

He said cancer of the larynx is due primarily to smoking, and attributed some cases to the consumption of alcohol. Koscienski, who has visited at least 20 of the most recent known Chicagoans having the surgery, asked, "How do you get people to stop smoking?" Answering his own question, he said, "I guess you really don't, because most people think that it will not happen to them, but always to the other guy. I know I did."

Koscienski said he plans to take advantage of the opportunity to tell as many as will listen about the dangers of smoking, and to promote the New Voice Club, the most active support group for laryngectomies in the Chicago area.

Smoking/ Non-smoking opinion poll

An employee opinion poll concerning smoking issues appeared in the March-April issue of "Transit News." Responses were received from 420 CTA employees, and the survey results are shown on the facing page.

Any CTA employees who did not send in a survey and would like to receive one, should request a survey from Carmen Gonzalez by phone, ext. 3313, Mart, or by mail to Room 734, Mart.

A FUMING ISSUE

by Beth Doherty

Maxicare Health Plans

Many of us can probably remember when not too long ago cigarette smoking was widely viewed as a socially acceptable thing to do. Advertisements promoted smoking as glamorous, sexy and sometimes even healthy!

Reaching a peak in the early 1960's, cigarette smoking in the U.S. has been steadily declining since the release of the Surgeon General's report in 1964. It is estimated that over 37 million Americans have "kicked the habit," and have joined the ranks to establish a "smoke-free society" by the year 2000.

Until then, we might want to make a note of the following suggestions to keep the fire friendly in the battle against smoking.

SMOKERS

*Before lighting up, make sure you're in a designated smoking area.

*When in someone else's home, office, or car, ask **first** if it's okay if you smoke. It might not be.

*Be aware of poorly-ventilated areas. If you're in one, it might be more considerate if you go elsewhere to have your cigarette.

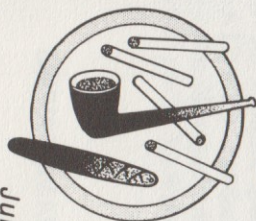
*Practice good housekeeping. Use an ashtray to extinguish cigarettes and matches. Be careful flicking your ashes.

NON-SMOKERS

*Practice patience. Realize that the habit of smoking is a tough one to break. Most people who smoke **want** to quit and two-thirds of all smokers have already tried to do so at least once.

*If a smoker lights up in a non-smoking area, politely mention it. Or if nearby cigarette smoke bothers you, by all means say so. In either case, the smoker probably wasn't aware of it.

*Choose your battles wisely. If it is not inconvenient to move away from nearby cigarette smoke, do it!



Smoking or Non-smoking What is your opinion?



- 1 What is your opinion of a smoking policy for your *immediate* work area?
(Check one)
- | | | | |
|--|--------------|--|--------------|
| There should be no restrictions | <u>57</u> 1 | There should be designated smoking & non-smoking areas | <u>186</u> 3 |
| There should be a total ban on smoking | <u>182</u> 2 | Other (please specify) | <u>7</u> 4 |

- 2 What is your opinion of a smoking policy for *other areas* at the workplace?
(Check appropriate column at right)
- | | 1
There should be no restrictions | 2
There should be a total ban on smoking | 3
There should be designated smoking & non-smoking areas |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| a) conference room | <u>49</u> | <u>254</u> | <u>97</u> |
| b) cafeteria | <u>37</u> | <u>133</u> | <u>236</u> |
| c) break room (lounge) | <u>84</u> | <u>115</u> | <u>206</u> |
| d) elevators | <u>18</u> | <u>363</u> | <u>20</u> |
| e) restrooms | <u>143</u> | <u>182</u> | <u>73</u> |
| f) other (please specify) | <u>3</u> | <u>29</u> | <u>4</u> |

- 3 Do you feel CTA should offer programs to employees to help them stop smoking?
- | | |
|-----|--------------|
| Yes | <u>351</u> 1 |
| No | <u>74</u> 2 |

- 4 Please indicate the extent to which you are bothered by someone else smoking at work.
- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| Frequently | <u>211</u> 1 |
| Occasionally | <u>123</u> 2 |
| Seldom | <u>41</u> 3 |
| Never | <u>54</u> 4 |

- 5 If you are bothered by smoking at work, in what way are you bothered?
(select all that apply)
- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Clothes & hair smell | <u>259</u> 1 |
| Eye irritation | <u>257</u> 2 |
| Coughing | <u>186</u> 3 |
| Headaches | <u>144</u> 4 |
| Interferes with work performance | <u>284</u> 5 |
| Concern for long-term health effects | <u>158</u> 6 |
- Other (please describe) _____

- 6 How would you classify your current smoking status?
- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Current cigarette smoker | <u>74</u> 1 |
| Current Pipe or cigar smoker | <u>6</u> 2 |
| Ex-smoker | <u>170</u> 3 |
| Never smoked | <u>183</u> 4 |

The Following Two Questions Are To Be Answered by Current Cigarette Smokers Only

- 7 If our company offered a program to help you stop smoking, would you attend?
- | | |
|----------|-------------|
| Yes | <u>66</u> 1 |
| No | <u>35</u> 2 |
| Not sure | <u>22</u> 3 |
- 8 If our company introduced a policy which restricted smoking on CTA premises, how do you think this would affect your *overall* smoking?
(select *only one*)
- | | |
|--|-------------|
| It would not affect my smoking | <u>39</u> 1 |
| I would probably smoke more away from work | <u>15</u> 2 |
| It might reduce the overall amount I smoke | <u>32</u> 3 |
| I might try to quit | <u>28</u> 4 |

The Following Questions Should Be Answered by *All* Employees

- 9 How many employees are there in your immediate work area?
- | | |
|-------|--------------|
| 1-5 | <u>85</u> 1 |
| 6-10 | <u>105</u> 2 |
| 11-50 | <u>227</u> 3 |
- 10 How many employees in your immediate work area smoke cigarettes?
- | | |
|-------|--------------|
| None | <u>166</u> 1 |
| 1-5 | <u>184</u> 2 |
| 6-10 | <u>77</u> 3 |
| 11-50 | <u>82</u> 4 |
- 11 Are you...
- | | |
|--------|--------------|
| Male | <u>281</u> 1 |
| Female | <u>137</u> 2 |
- 12 What is your age?
- | | |
|---------|--------------|
| 18-25 | <u>21</u> 1 |
| 26-35 | <u>103</u> 2 |
| 36-55 | <u>258</u> 3 |
| Over 55 | <u>43</u> 4 |
- 13 Are you...Management 103 1 Non-Management 308 2

- 14 Additional Comments: 155
WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

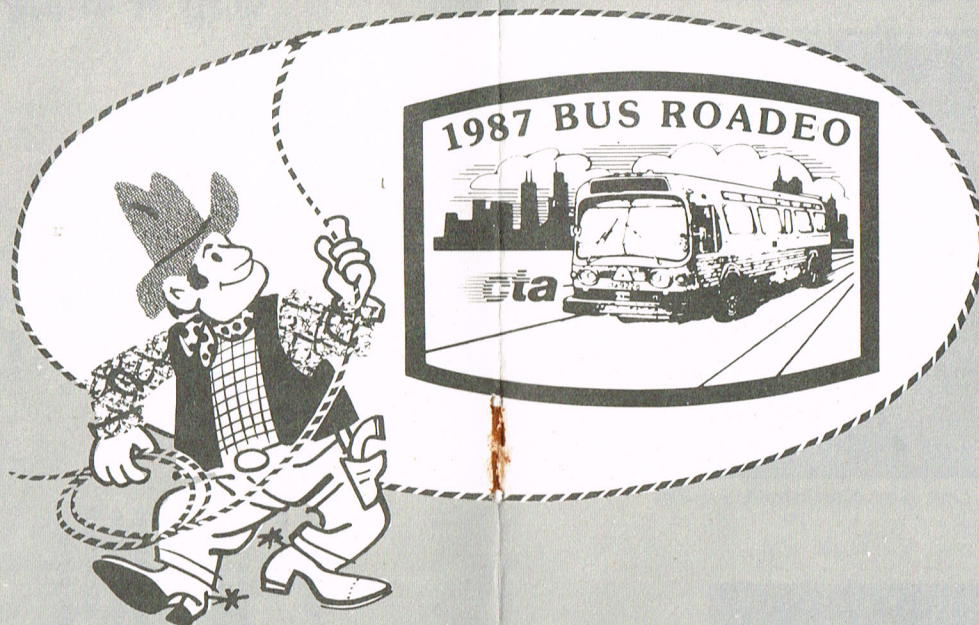
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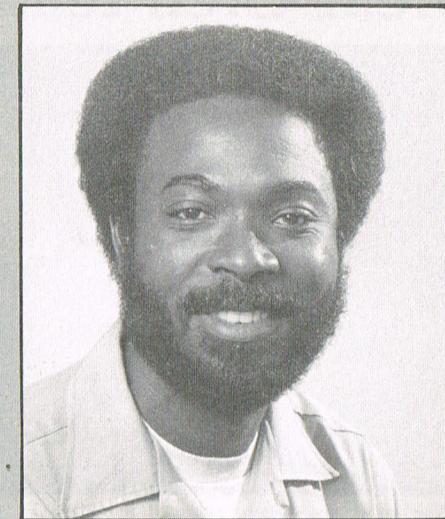
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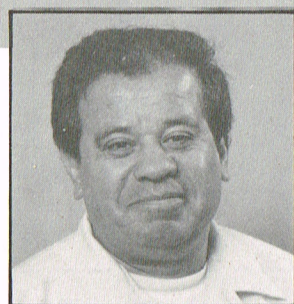
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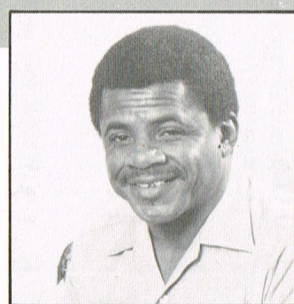
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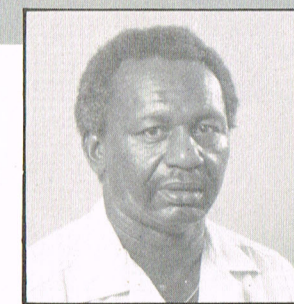
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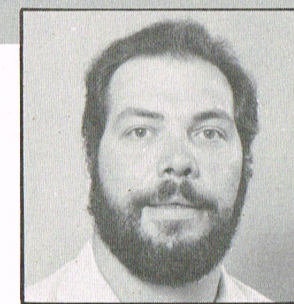
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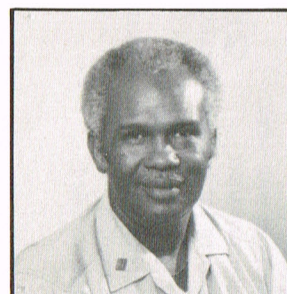
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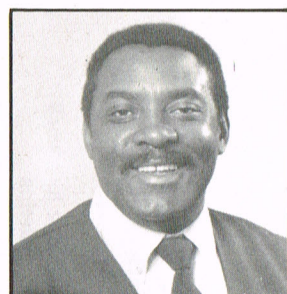
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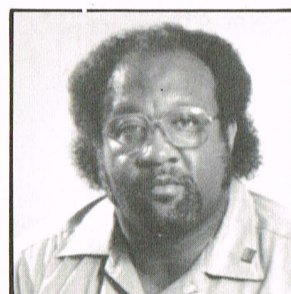
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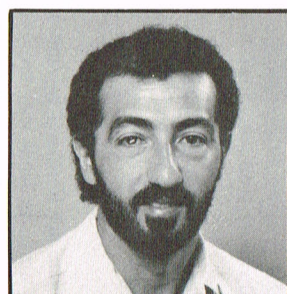
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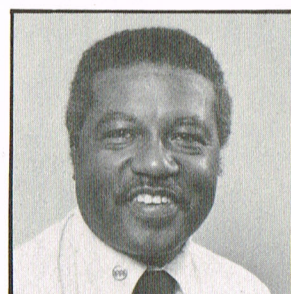
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Orlando Santiago
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Eddie L. Johnson
77th Street

It was Benjamin Franklin who first said, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," but it was North Park garage's **Robert Richardson** who took Franklin's advice to heart as, year after year, he applied himself in the CTA Bus Rodeo and finally came up a winner in the seventh annual event.

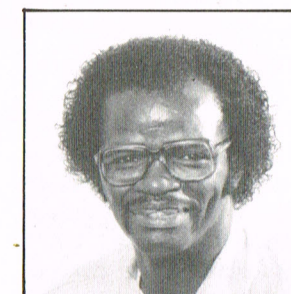
The scores were indicative of a real live horse race befitting contestants in a 'rodeo,' rather than the Bus Rodeo familiar to bus operators and other transit enthusiasts. The top three contestants were only two points apart, with Richardson earning 642 of the maximum 700 points. He was followed by Forest Glen garage Bus Rodeo veterans **Kenneth Fabian**, with 641 points, and **Joseph Rodenski**, with 640 points. Fabian has competed in the Top 20 at Soldier Field each year since the inception of the CTA Bus Rodeo. Rodenski, who began Rodeo participation in 1982, has been in the Top 20 since that time.

Fourth place finisher **William Edgerton** of Limits garage, the 1985 Bus Rodeo winner, garnered 630 points. Edgerton and Rodenski are both in the supervisor and bus instructor pools.

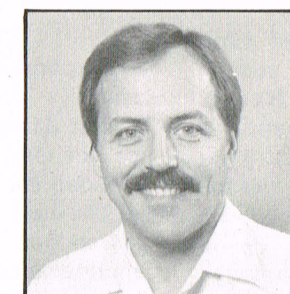
Richardson, a CTA bus operator for 16 years, like two-time CTA Bus Rodeo champion **John Odom**, is a Baptist preacher. He has competed in five of the seven CTA Bus Rodeo competitions, finishing as North Park garage champion in the events of 1981-83, 1985, and 1987. Since retiring from Rodeo competition, Odom has been appointed a bus instructor.

Richardson will represent CTA in the 1987 American Public Transit Association Bus Rodeo in the 40-foot category. The event is slated for September in San Francisco.

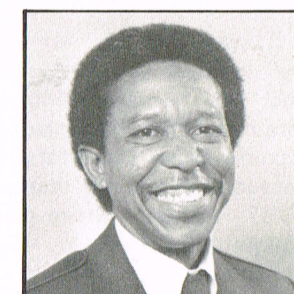
An Evanston resident, Richardson and his wife, **Shirley**, are the parents of three children, **Wanda**, **Latoya**, and **LaKeisha**.



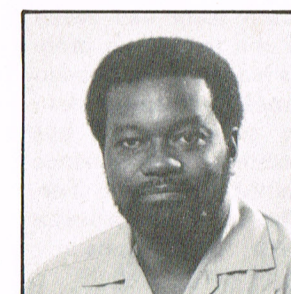
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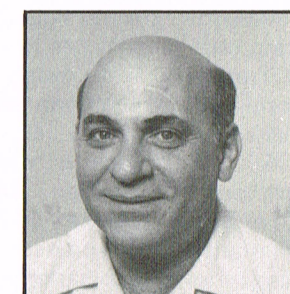
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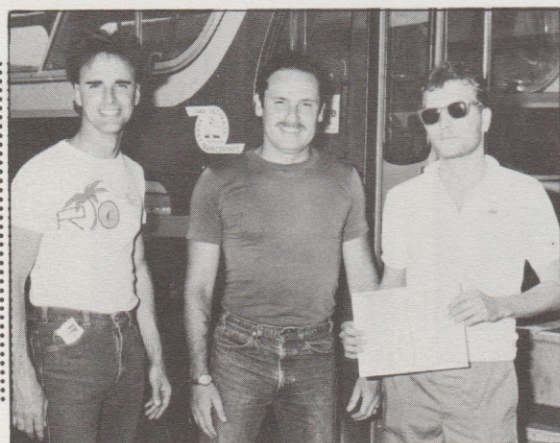
Forest Glen team wins Maintenance Roadeo



Inspecting an engine compartment for defects are first place team mates (from left) **John Kochopolus**, **John Dzul**, and **Bob Kaese**.



Second place honors went to **Len Link**, **Gary Kendzerski**, and **Jim Krause**.



Third place winners **Phil Murnane**, **Tom Smith** and **John Murphy**.



Team effort was applied on the written test as demonstrated by third place finishers **Phil Murnane** (kneeling), **John Murphy** (front seat), and **Tom Smith**.

It was deja vu for Forest Glen maintenance garage as team captain and bus servicer **Robert Kaese**, foreman **John Kochopolus**, and bus repairer **John Dzul** topped 22 other garage maintenance teams to win the 1987 annual three-phase CTA Maintenance Roadeo, June 14, at Forest Glen and 77th Street stations.

It was a similar Forest Glen maintenance trio that took top honors in the first Maintenance Roadeo conducted in 1984 where only 13 three-person teams competed. This year's winning team went on, however, to more historical strides by placing second in the Illinois Public Transit Association [IPTA] contest, hosted by the Metropolitan Transit District in Champaign/Urbana on July 26.

Although they were not in competition with each other, both CTA Bus and Maintenance Roadeo contestants drove the same course and used the same judges during their respective

local competitions, held only hours apart.

The difference was that in the first, or driving phase, Maintenance Roadeo contestants substituted a stop at the wash rack for the Bus Roadeo passenger stop. In phase two, maintenance contestants were given a written safety mechanical quiz in which they participated collectively.

Phase three of the competition saw contestants trouble-shoot a vehicle in which 25 typical mechanical problems were rigged. Each team had seven minutes to find and record the problems, noted Bus Maintenance Roadeo chairman **Michael Hennessy**. Hennessy, a unit supervisor of bus garages, was assisted by Maintenance Roadeo committee members **Terrence Muellner** and **Thomas Gecan**, both maintenance superintendents.

The Kaese-Kochopolus-Dzul team

compiled a score of 643 of a possible 1100 points, thus earning the right to represent CTA at the September 12 international competition to be hosted by the Arlington Heights-based PACE transit organization.

Other contestants placing in the top five berths of the Maintenance Roadeo included team two of North Park garage with garage foreman **Len Link**, and repairers **Gary Kendzerski** and **Jim Krause**; team three located at Kedzie garage with repairers **Philip Murnane** and **John Murphy** of the Radio department, and maintenance garage clerk **Tom Smith**. Team four represented 69th Street garage with repairers **Taylor Kent** and **Ray Garner**, and clerk **Phillip Wells**. Foreman **Bruce Kujawa**, repairer **Duane Dooley**, and bus servicer **Michael Becton** of 77th Street Maintenance garage comprised team five.

Six Pack takes Volleyball Championship

The South Shops Six Pack, league leaders of the North League, took all the marbles in CTA's 1986-87 Volleyball Championship games. The winners topped nine other teams in a two-league play-off to close the season with a 12-1 record.

Championship rings and trophies were awarded to members of the team, and trophies were awarded to runner-up teams, coaches, and managers at a close of season banquet on May 29. Besides their individual trophies, each team received a trophy for its work location. The championship awards program was held at the Sabre Room in southwest suburban Hickory Hills, climaxing a four-month volleyball season which began December 3.

The Kedzie Destroyers finished second in the championship competition, although it placed third in the league. General Office Operations maintained a solid third place in the championship competition as well as in its South League, while the Limits Outlaws finished in fourth place, a step away from its last place South League finish.

Teams representing the North League besides the champions were P.K. Knight, a team of training center supervisors and instructors; Kedzie Destroyers, Limits Eagles, and the North Av. Royals. The South League comprised the 308th Derailers, General Office Operations, 69th Street Raiders, 77th Streakers, and Limits Outlaws.

Organization plans for the 1987-88 season are already underway. Persons interested in joining a volleyball team for next season should contact **Diana Caston** at Ext. 4257, Mart, or **Linda Downing** at Ext. 3613, Mart.



Numero Uno—the South Shops Six Pack had a big reason for smiling faces, which of course was the first place trophy, held here by [from left] **Venise Hickland** and **Leslie Fuller**. Others are **Nguyen Dai**, team captain **Steve Fischer**, **Glennis Buford**, **Don Robertson**, coach **Dave Harlan**, and **Maurice Land**.



Third place honors went to the **General Office Operations** team which included [from left] manager **Shirley McClure**, coach **James McPhee**, **Helma Duaniver**, **Robert McClure**, **David Bernickey**, and **Frank Papaleo**.



Second place honorees, the **Kedzie Destroyers**, show off their trophies during awards night. Seated is **Al Brooks**. Other team members are [from left] **Johnny Moore**, **Douglas Parker**, **Mary Rogers**, **Dorothy Bentley**, **Clark Carter** [area superintendent, North], **Robert Williams** [Limits superintendent], **Pamela Watkins**; [back row] **Anthony Duda**, **Johnny Coleman**, and coach **Phillip Fletcher**.



Displaying the fourth place team plaque are team manager **Ira Milton**, and coach **Guido Mzrenda** of **Limits Outlaws**.



Celebrating the close of a successful volleyball season is the program's "front office." Ready for the championship banquet are [from left] **Diana Caston** and **Linda Downing**, coordinators; **Robert McClure**, treasurer; **Esther McKelker**, financial secretary, and **Georgia Washington**, recording secretary.

BULLETIN!

Three HMO programs cancelled for 1988

The Benefit Services department will conduct its annual open enrollment from **October 1, 1987 through October 31, 1987**. During this time, every employee has the opportunity to make a change in the following areas: **Change of Health Carriers-HMOs/Travelers:** During this period **ONLY**, employees will have the opportunity to change from [A] Travelers to an HMO, [B] From an HMO to Travelers, or [C] From an HMO to a different HMO.

CTA has decreased the total number of HMOs from nine to six. The following HMO programs have been **cancelled: PruCare, Union Health Service, and Cooperative Health Plan.**

If you are currently enrolled with PruCare, Union Health Service, or Cooperative Health Plan, you must make a change in carriers. If you do not change, you will automatically be enrolled with Travelers Insurance Company effective 1-1-88.

As in previous years, HMO representatives will be visiting work locations to answer questions regarding their services. Only those employees who desire to change health carriers should complete an election card and return it to their department head.

Dental Plan: Employees who presently have their dependents enrolled in the dental program may withdraw at this time. Employees **MUST** submit a written withdrawal request. This request must contain the **employee's name, badge/payroll number, Social Security number, and area.** Dental Authorization cards for enrollment are available at each work location and **MUST** be completed to

implement enrollment.

Contributory Life Insurance: Employees enrolling for first-time benefits may purchase Additional Life Insurance in an amount equal to the coverage now in effect for them as follows:

Employees with one year of service but less than five years of service: \$7,500

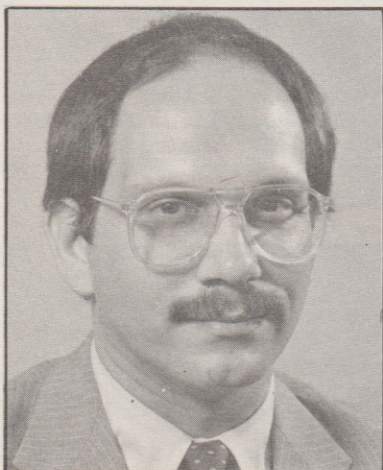
Employees with five or more years of service: \$17,500

Contributory Life Insurance Deduction Authorization cards are available at your work location. Each employee enrolling **MUST** complete one deduction authorization card and two blue beneficiary cards to implement enrollment.

Vision Care Plan: Employees who presently have themselves and their dependents under the vision care plan may withdraw at this time. Employees **MUST** submit a written withdrawal request. This request must contain the **employee's name, badge/payroll number, Social Security number, and area.** Deduction cards for enrollment are available at work locations and **MUST** be completed to implement enrollment.

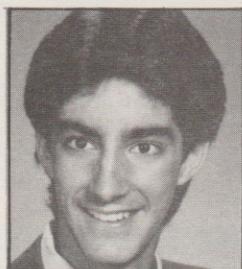
Coverages for all health changes applied for during the open enrollment from October 1, 1987 through October 31, 1987, **DO NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1988.** If there are any questions regarding open enrollment, coverage, pre-existing conditions, etc., please contact **Ms. Susan Brewer**, ext. 3617, **Ms. Maria Hess**, ext. 3618, or **Ms. Margo Julun**, ext. 3616, in the Benefit Services department, **BEFORE** completing the election change cards.

Earns MBA



William Kostner, safety specialist, Industrial Safety, received his Master of Business Administration [MBA] degree at commencement ceremonies held on June 26 at the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management. He is a 1974 graduate of Northern Illinois University, and he and his wife, **Terry**, have two children, **Richard**, age 12, and **Steven**, age 6.

More June Grads



STEPHEN VOLGARINO
Ridgewood H.S.
Ralph N. Volgarino
Retired

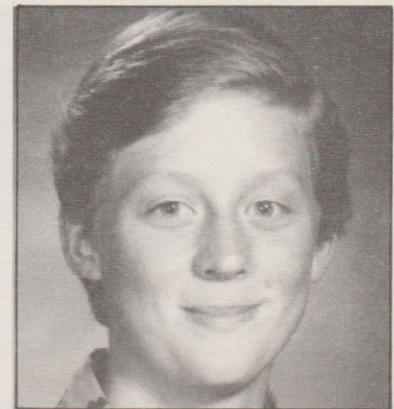


MARCY ALTHEIMER
Chicago Latin H.S.
Maxine Altheimer
Exec. Dir. Ofc.



ANGELA DENISE EATON
Central H.S., Macon, GA
Lincoln L. Eaton
Retired

Intensive study



Kenneth C. Schalk, the son of **Edward A. Schalk**, senior maintenance systems analyst at West Shops, has been invited to attend the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy [IMSA] in Aurora, a school for academically-talented students providing an intensive three-year educational experience. As one of the 300 students invited out of 860 high school freshmen who applied, Kenneth plans to study advanced math and science courses. He is an accomplished flutist, and has received several academic and music awards. His other interests include computers, electronics, and karate.

Riding in style



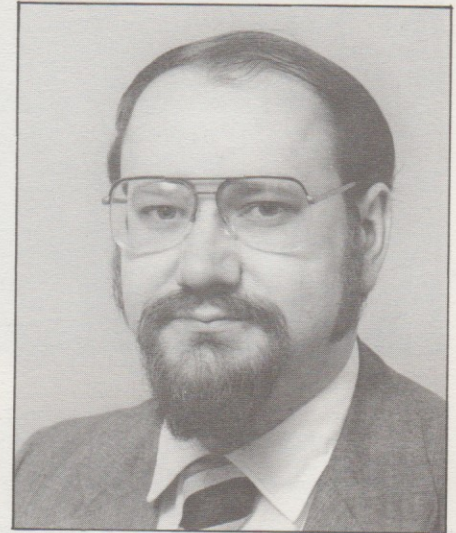
CTA was well represented in the June 13 Puerto Rican Day Parade along Dearborn street. A horse-drawn carriage joined beautifully-decorated floats and a CTA bus to march behind Mayor Washington, other city officials, and dignitaries for the festive celebration. Riding in the carriage were [from left] West Side ticket agent **Ms. Edna Baez**, second vice president, Hispanic American Transit Association [HATA]; **Felipe Gonzalez**, HATA president; **Dr. Robert E. Paaswell**, CTA executive director; North Avenue bus operator **Ms. Maria R. Pelaez**, HATA board member, and **George Dalmas**, first vice president, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 241.

Takes part in filming



Bus operator **Edwin LeBoy**, Forest Glen garage, took part in the filming of a TV program saluting the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution. The production crew from WLS-TV [Channel 7] filmed LeBoy reading the Preamble to the Constitution on the steps of the Museum of Science and Industry. The scene was part of a show titled, **The Words We Live By**. The show was televised on July 11 and will be repeated in September.

Purchasing employee awarded professional honor



G. Bernard Kazlauskas, procurement engineer, Purchasing, has been named a Certified Purchasing Manager [CPM] by the National Association of Purchasing Management [NAPM].

CPM candidates are required to have at least five years of experience in purchasing/materials management, and must pass an extensive four-part examination. Only 13,500 purchasing professionals nationwide have received the coveted distinction of CPM.

NAPM provides national and international leadership in purchasing and materials management, and through its 161 affiliates also provides continued opportunities for its members to improve their skills, and to become CPM qualified.

Kazlauskas, of Oak Park, has been a CTA employee for 10 years, and is an Illinois registered professional engineer. He is included in the 19th edition of *Who's Who in the Midwest*, a member of the American Chemical Society, and the American Society for Testing and Materials. He is also active in several community and fraternal organizations.

He received a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology, and was awarded a brevet second lieutenant's commission [honorary] in the Illinois National Guard by the Illinois Military and Naval Department.

RETIREMENTS



Special plaque

S. T. Lucas [center, seated], mobile equipment operator at warehouse 20, Material Control West, is surrounded by co-workers celebrating his retirement after 31 years of service.

Supervisor **James Riley** [photo at right] presents Lucas with a special plaque honoring his years of CTA service.



Eddie Evans, supervisor, Budget Manpower and Administration, Engineering and Maintenance, shows off one of the gifts presented to him by fellow employees at his retirement reception after more than 44 years of CTA service. Among those present for the occasion were Evans' wife, **Mrs. Irene Evans**, and co-workers [from left] **Casey Noga**, **Ken Carson**, **Jim Elliott**, and **Eric Gustafson**.



Kahn joins pensioners

West Shops personnel celebrated the retirement of senior electrical and mechanical maintenance engineer **Eric Kahn** [left], who joins CTA pensioners after 12 years of service. Extending best wishes to Kahn is **David A. Hillock**, manager, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance.



Still in maintenance

Richard [Dick] Schneider, acting deputy executive director, Engineering and Maintenance, shares the joyous moment of CTA retirement with his wife [left], **Mrs. Barbara Schneider**, and their daughter, **Steffi**. Schneider, who served the CTA for more than 43 years in maintenance, joined the North Suburban Mass Transit District [NORTTRAN] as manager of maintenance.

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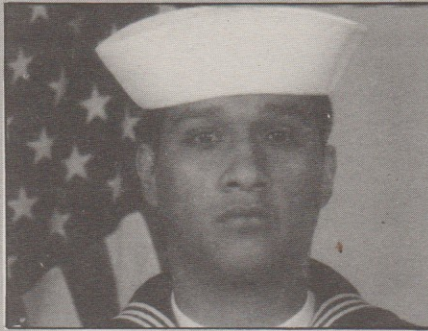
North Park

Well, Shades of Sherlock Holmes! Who could have guessed that when this photograph was taken, immediately after competition had ended at Soldiers Field for the 1987 CTA Bus Rodeo finals, we would be looking at its winners? Operator **Robert Richardson** came up with a very impressive score of 643 out of a possible 700 points. That just goes to show you: North Park's Instruction department knows their job. Along with the winner's title is an all-expense-paid trip for two to attend the American Public Transit Association's Rodeo to be held in San Francisco, California, September 22, 1987. Shown in their



victory salute are winner **Robert Richardson**, Station Superintendent **Samuel W. Smith Jr.**, and fellow North Park Operators/Finalists **Ubaldo Munoz** and **Orlando Santiago**. Hmm, do we see the 1988 winner here also? ... Glad to see an operator back at North Park who seems so shy and never seems to make her presence known. Welcome back, **Mookie**. Nope, we don't know how she came to get a nickname like that, so you'll just have to ask her ... Just in case all you folks working the #146 runs haven't seen him, **Hernando Lopez** is probably longing to be back enjoying our current great warm weather on the buses, but first he has

to finish his four weeks of hard-earned vacation time ... Sheridan Operator **Joe T. Morquecho** naturally seems a mite proud when we hear news of the U.S. Navy in our conversations lately,



because he has a son, **Jaime Morquecho**, currently serving aboard the **U.S.S. Forrestal** ... Sorry, we forgot to give credit to **Jackie Hernandez** for her efforts in helping with recently-retired Operator **Ed Unrein's** farewell mementos ... How about that Skokie Operator **Carl Guse** going off to Jasper, Alabama with his nephew Dave Guse for a week of angling for tasty-eatin' catfish? ... Anyone else notice **Redmond Ward's** new cookie duster? Besides being an avid motorcyclist, member of the North Park football team, and golfer, who knows what he'll be into next? ... According to the **Bobman** from our repair department, the North Park Dogs softball team is still playing undefeated as hot weather and the season march along. Their next victims in the scheduled lineup are the folks in the repair department at Forest Glen. Thank you for the input, **Mr. Powell** ... What's with all of these calories catching all of us here at the station, the latest of which was called "A Taste

of North Park?" **Frances Walker** and some of our more gifted culinary culprits such as **Chef Victor Colon**, got together and managed to serve up some real treats for all those operators who were lucky enough to be present when the various dishes were unveiled. Judging by the looks of the hungry individuals pictured here, we shall just note that Frances is the one wearing the cap, serving Operator **Ricky Hogan**, who managed to get ahead of everyone else ... While we speak of summer fun and parties, it was nice to see another of the North Park retirees, Janitor **California**, who obviously wasn't about to miss out on an occasion to trade some memories and just shake hands ... Need we point out that this reporter recommends traveling via **Amtrak** if you want to really enjoy a review of the many beautiful states that surround us. While on vacation we managed to travel to Southern California via the rail system, and we saw all of the many popular sights, such as the Universal Studios tour, Disneyland, Hollywood and its "Walk of Stars," and all the rest of that state's many offerings. It was grrreat! ... Some of our line instructors will recognize the following names, as their latest students go through the training process this summer. So, welcome to our newest operators: **Fernandel Lind**, **Alfonse Gonzalez**, **Florencio Cordona**, **Manuel Acosta**, **Mario Collins**, **Alfredo Rodriguez**, **William Valverde**, **Maurice Alfred**, **Bradshaw Collins**, and **Karim Lafi** ... Our roving supervisor from C District, **Edward White**, must have been one of them "spit-n-polish" veterans. Ever



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see the shine on those shoes of his? ... Students in training: **Deborah Banks** is attending Columbia college and majoring in journalism, and has an eye to a career in television, while **Fernandel Lind** comes to CTA truly prepared: he formerly worked for the Trailways bus system as a driver for 11 years ... Congratulations and salutations to our newly-elected union representative, Operator **Howard Monroe** ... **Vicki Nesbit's** casual reply, when asked how she felt about reaching her twelfth year of service as a bus operator: 38 to go ... Our sympathies go out to fellow Operator **Iona Williams** on the passing of her sister, Jean Collins ... We can only wonder why **Owen Terry**, famous photographer and one of North Park's camera club members, would fly off to Jamaica for a week in the sun and not have any pictures? ... Still looking his usual, sharp self, with the season's current menswear, was none other than our former Chief Clerk, **Jerry Blake**, who just happened to come by the station on our union election day. Nice seeing you again, Jerry ... Y - A - W - N. It's your turn ... Well, finally we can let their many friends and co-workers know that Operators **Dan Dzyacky** and his wife, **Nilda**, have a baby daughter to start spoiling. Little [?] **Celina Marie** was born this past May 22, weighing all of ELEVEN pounds and some ounces. Mama Mia! ... Can someone pass the word to Clark street Operators **PeeWee Dawkins** and **Mac McCormick** that, even though our recent weather shows the temperature to be in the high 90's, they don't really have to wear their sweaters ALL DAY. Mac explains it only by saying that he's storing up heat for our winter driving season ... Must be raising 'em right! How else to explain how your daughter **Kathy** would take care of all the expenses, when she announces she's planning to celebrate your silver wedding anniversary at one of Chicago's better restaurants? Assistant Superintendent **Sal Carbonelli** and his wife, **Maria**, received this special greeting and surprise June 30 of this year, and here's looking at plenty

more of those types of good years to come ... Will **Martin Johnson** naturally be the first one on the scene at 6 a.m., ready to fire up his barbecue specialties as he did for last year's garage picnic? This year's event is to be held at the same location. With all of the free eats and drinks that the kids will receive, we expect to see all of you parents/operators participating in the various games everyone gets a chance to laugh about, when they see the inevitable pictures some of our station photographers are sure to get ... For the benefit of the shy ladies among our operator ranks who own and don't understand cameras, you may now add **Pearl Atkins** as a new member of the North Park SLR's camera club. Pearl and her daughter, **Renee**, were kind enough to bring some tasty tidbits while attending the club's mid-month meeting at **Chester Harris's** home, along with **Michael Collymore**, **Vicki Nesbit**, **Gersham Johnson**, **Jeremy Cole**, **Vince Dawson** [Limits], and **Michael Flores**. [Owen Terry was you-know-where.] C'mon out with our members some Sunday and bring your camera! ... While **Joe Conwell** recharges his calculator batteries, we have to admire a father who can manage to have three of his children get married all within one year! The latest of those to say "I do" is Joe's daughter, **Loretta**, herewith to be known as **Mrs. Carlos Baez** ... And how was YOUR summer, Ladies and Gentlemen?

Mike Flores

Service anniversaries in August

40 Years

James Dudley, Eng./Mtce. Safety

35 Years

Walter Hallford, Bldg./Ground Mtce.

Rodgers Harmon, Kedzie

Henry Hughes, Kimball Mtce.

Mary Lyall, Payroll Oper's

Carl McQuay, North Avenue

George Richmond Jr., Ashland

James Short, Archer

30 Years

Joseph Abercrombie, Bus Dist. C

Harold Abrams, Beverly

Lee Catchings, Beverly

Wesley Cobbs, Kedzie

Curtis English Jr., Forest Glen

Willie Fultz, Utility

Martin Hautzinger, Limits

Monroe Jackson, Bus Dist. A

Clifton Jones, 77th Street

Olan Kellogg Jr., Cent. Count'g

Claude Rogers, 77th Street

Albert Strickland, Rel. Area-Bus

Marvin Tucker, 77th Street

John Woods, Agents Dist.

A. C. Works, Utility

25 Years

Robert Albrecht, Sig., Phone & Radio

George Appleby, Bus Dist. C

David Barr, Sig., Phone & Radio

Donald Bonick, Douglas/Congress

Otis Brown, Kedzie

Claude Brown Jr., Archer

Elijah Coleman, Bus Instruction

Manuel Coronado, Forest Glen

Gerald Cox, North Park

George DeYoung, Ashland

Eugene Eason, Bus Dist. A

John Flanagan, Archer

Edgar Greer Jr., Bus Dist. A

Raymond Hamb, Archer

Lawrence Lee, 69th Street

Tilmon Lloyd Jr., North Avenue

Johnnie Motton, Cent. Bus Dist.

Paul Sladek, South Shops

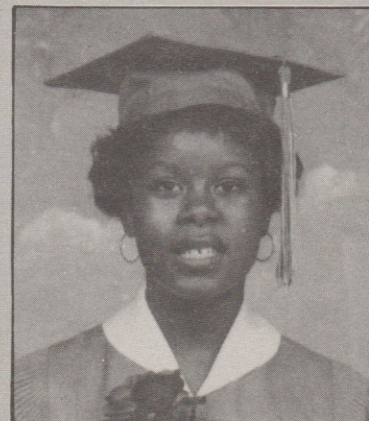
Donald Sturenfeldt, Bus Maint. Dist.

Donald Tarnowski, Equip. Tech. Servcs.

North Section

Letasha Taylor, having graduated from Shoop Elementary School, will begin high school at Morgan Park. Letasha, who is the daughter of **Louis Taylor**, Archer, and **Mary Ann Taylor**, North Section, was a member of the pom pom team. She was also a junior counselor during the 7th and 8th grades, by virtue of a **B** average. We expect to hear more good things about Letasha in the future. She has everything going for her ... beauty, brains, and terrific parents.

Jo Anderson



Retirements JULY.

John D. Apostolas, Mad/Wab., 17 Yrs.
Saundra A. Battles, South Section, 27 Yrs.
John A. Bright, Congress, 36 Yrs.
Lawyer I. Durr, West Shops, 30 Yrs.
James H. Henderson, Forest Glen, 34 Yrs.
Irene Peterson, Matrls. Mgmt., 33 Yrs.
Jewel R. Roberson, Beverly, 33 Yrs.
James E. Stanford, West Shops, 30 Yrs.
Adrian M. Truitt, 77th Street, 30 Yrs.
Joseph P. Vareika, Archer, 25 Yrs.
Houston H. Washington, 95th St., 36 Yrs.

Kyusik H. Hong, Forest Glen, 11 Yrs.
***Riley Ford**, West Section, 20 Yrs.
Jackqueline Jackson, Kedzie, 9 Yrs.
Maceo Jenkins, South Shops, 23 Yrs.
Luis A. Santiago, Kedzie, 13 Yrs.
Mildred Stern, Kimball, 15 Yrs.
Earl R. Wiley, Kimball, 19 Yrs.

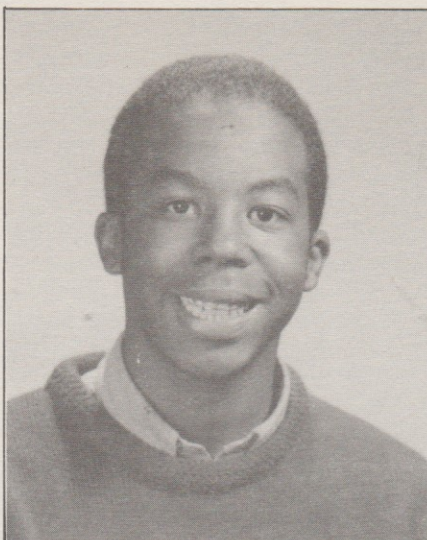
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AUGUST.

Harry Boris, Forest Glen, 24 Yrs.
Willie L. Burge Jr., 69th Street, 30 Yrs.
Clifford Coleman, Mad/Wab., 31 Yrs.
James H. Dohoney, Cent. Dist., 40 Yrs.
Joseph Leone Jr., Forest Glen, 10 Yrs.
Frederick W. Miraglio, West Section, 40 Yrs.
Edward McCutcheon Jr., Kedzie, 27 Yrs.
Thomas Togher, West Shops, 38 Yrs.

***Carl L. McCormack**, Forest Glen, 13 Yrs.
Andre T. Prowell, Forest Glen, 15 Yrs.
Leamuel Taylor, 77th Street, 12 Yrs.

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Returns from Germany

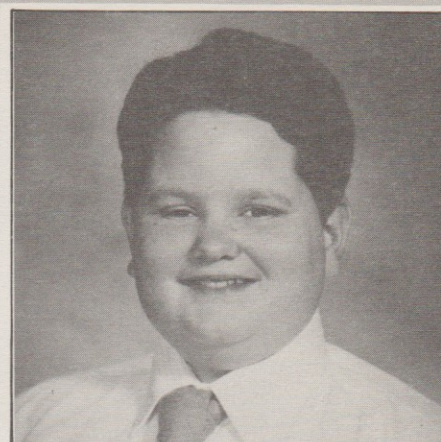
Brian Stephen, 16-year-old son of bus controller **James Stephen** and his wife, **Edith**, recently returned from a two-month exchange program in the Federal Republic of West Germany.

Stephen, who was selected to participate in the program by the Youth for Understanding International Exchange, is a senior at Chicago Vocational high school where he ranks third academically in his class.

A former member of the CVS football team, he plans to attend college next year for a pre-law curriculum.

The exchange program, in which students study as they reside with a host nation family, also provides them an opportunity to understand and respect the customs and cultures of people in foreign nations, through their interaction with their host families. The program is sponsored by Independence Bank of Chicago.

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Award winner

Jason Rimmele, 14, the son of administrative services paper handler **Charles** and **Phyllis Rimmele**, was the recipient of special recognition upon graduating from Laramie Junior high school in southwest suburban Oak Forest. The youth received 10 special certificates honoring his academic performance and citizenship. Included were the Presidential Academic Fitness award for outstanding academic achievement, the Laramie Junior high school outstanding scholarship certificate, Student Council award, Principal's award for outstanding scholarship, the Illinois Council of Teachers in Mathematics award, Class Secretary award, Dramatic Activities award for outstanding work in the school play production of **Girl Crazy**, and the Oak Forest Rotary Club award for student of the year.



Utility retirees got together at a reception in Florida to celebrate the **Brady's** and **Swain's** 50th wedding anniversary on June 26, 1987. Left to right are: **Ollie** and **Ruth Johnson**, of Largo; **Wally** and **Grace Swain** of Palm Harbor; **Richard** and **Julia Brady** of Clearwater, and **Norbert Gewelfe** and **Loretta** of Largo.

Retired [Jan. 1, 1958] CTA car body inspector **George Walter Perdue**, 94, of Pascagoula, Miss., and his wife, **Mabel**, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 23. The Perdues, who made their home in Chicago until his retirement after 38 years of service, received several gifts, cards and telephone calls from friends and family on the occasion of their anniversary. They are the parents of three children and five grandchildren.

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General Office

When Technical Services supervisor **Larry Oomens** began remodeling his Bensenville home, he not only tore out walls, he tore out a few pages of history--old Chicago Daily Tribune newspapers with datelines of decades ago had been used by previous owners to insulate the house. Oomens discovered headlines proclaiming, "Ethiopia Makes Peace Bid to Italy," and "Hoover Calls on Roosevelt for Showdown." Others declared the Nazis ready to crush all foes, actress Joan Blondell was filing for divorce from her first husband, cameraman George Barnes [made front page], and the man and wife comedy team of Gracie Allen and George Burns had just arrived in Chicago showing off their one-year old adopted daughter, Sandra Jean. These were headlines of August 12, 1935--more than 50 years ago when a newspaper was two cents a copy, and there was more of it to read. Moreover, the price of merchandise at still-famous area stores reflected an economy not really much

different from modern times. The working man earned \$15-\$25 a week, and store items were still half a paycheck or more. A man's topcoat was advertised in the newspaper as going for \$29.50, and "the birthplace of America's foremost fashions in footwear" featured a shoe sale with prices down from \$14.50 to \$7.95. By comparison, national trends have not changed very much in half a century.

Inside News thanks Larry for sharing his historical treasure ... Meanwhile, back to 1987: **Deborah L. Grillo**, 28, of Palatine, was the winner of the eighth annual School Bus Safety Rodeo held recently at Palatine high school. Ms. Grillo is the granddaughter of the late **Edward T. Gundlach**, a CTA bus operator who was assigned to North Avenue garage. A driver for eight years in Palatine Elementary School District 15, Ms. Grillo beat 55 other drivers, and was awarded a trophy, \$50, and the opportunity to represent Illinois in the national competition held in Denver in July ... On the artistic scene, a poster titled "Still Going Strong," took top honors in Triton Community College's recent Level One Design competition. The artist was 16-year-old Lane Technical high school sophomore



Hugo F. Galvez, the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Hugo I. [Lizveth] Galvez**. His father, a bus operator and CTA employee of 12 years service, is assigned to North Park garage. The work was outstanding. Best wishes for many more first place ribbons to this budding young artist ... Congratulations to former Howard terminal a.m. superintendent **William Nichols** who was recently named area superintendent, North Rail. Nichols is a graduate of Farragut high school and holds a certificate of business administration. He joined CTA in 1969 as a rail conductor.

IN MEMORIAM

Arnold S. Anderson, 84, Shops & Equip., Emp. 11-24-33, Died 5-31-87

Steven G. Anton, 58, Shops & Equip., Emp. 2-3-58, Died 5-6-87

Anthony F. Blazeovich, 59, Archer, Emp. 10-31-47, Died 5-15-87

August Brosseau, 86, Engineering, Emp. 5-13-40, Died 5-13-87

Albert J. Clark, 74, West Section, Emp. 7-16-36, Died 6-25-87

Daniel Clark, 81, Shops & Equip., Emp. 6-2-35, Died 6-21-87

James E. Connor, 73, North Park, Emp. 11-24-41, Died 6-30-87

Margaret A. Cooke, 84, North Sect., Emp. 1-17-44, Died 6-30-87

Alphonse F. Delcorse, 75, South Sect., Emp. 4-10-43, Died 6-1-87

James H. Dowey, 80, North Park, Emp. 10-9-28, Died 5-29-87

Magnus V. Edgar Jr., 63, North Park, Emp. 2-11-54, Died 6-6-87

Clarence V. Eschbach, 79, 77th Street, Emp. 7-22-47, Died 6-26-87

Albert Fennema, 70, Plant Mtce., Emp. 7-30-45, Died 5-31-87

Patrick J. Flynn, 81, South Section, Emp. 1-13-43, Died 6-19-87

John S. Franzen, 88, Sched.-Traffic, Emp. 6-18-23, Died 5-13-87

Willard J. Frieb, 65, North Park, Emp. 3-26-46, Died 5-14-87

Chester A. Gazinski, 65, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-14-47, Died 5-2-87

Ray Gorham, 89, Howard, Emp. 2-20-42, Died 5-11-87

Charles J. Graffeo, 82, Shops & Equip., Emp. 8-19-47, Died 6-20-87

Anthony Granahan, 88, North Park, Emp. 8-2-17, Died 5-28-87

John T. Hanily, 87, North Avenue, Emp. 2-26-26, Died 5-1-87

Herbert S. Harris, 78, Limits, Emp. 5-22-41, Died 6-25-87

John M. Hart, 74, Douglas, Emp. 3-23-53, Died 6-2-87

Joseph Hoffman, 97, Archer, Emp. 11-13-17, Died 4-17-87

Lloyd D. Holmgren, 68, Jefferson Park, Emp. 1-28-48, Died 6-18-87

John P. Horvat, 84, Shops & Equip., 4-30-17, Died 6-14-87

William Hunniford, 82, South Section, Emp. 5-5-43, Died 6-15-87

Harvey H. Jahns, 84, Logan Square, Emp. 2-20-24, Died 6-13-87

Halvard O. Johnson, 78, Shops & Equip., Emp. 1-27-42, Died 6-10-87

Edward C. Klie, 80, Stores, Emp. 2-5-24, Died 5-31-87

Hobart E. Knight, 77, Beverly, Emp. 5-12-42, Died 6-30-87

Joseph W. Kozubek, 86, Shops & Equip., Emp. 10-16-43, Died 6-2-87

Arthur E. Lauter, 82, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-19-28, Died 5-1-87

Joseph McCray, 69, South Shops, Emp. 9-30-47, Died 5-26-87

Edward J. McGuire, 77, South Section, Emp. 5-18-38, Died 5-16-87

Edward J. Moloney, 86, Beverly, Emp. 7-30-23, Died 6-22-87

Fred C. Ohnesorge, 83, North Section, Emp. 1-29-25, Died 5-20-87

Nello J. Paolicchi, 78, Skokie Shop, Emp. 8-24-27, Died 6-11-87

Dorothy M. Pugh, 60, North Section, Emp. 10-22-69, Died 6-12-87

Tony Scianna, 77, Shops & Equip., Emp. 7-12-29, Died 5-2-87

Allen C. Smith Jr., 64, 77th Street, Emp. 1-3-52, Died 6-17-87

Edwin N. Stobart, 75, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-25-32, Died 5-21-87

Sten M. Stromblad, 69, 77th Street, Emp. 5-31-45, Died 5-4-87

Ava M. Thomas, 63, North Section, Emp. 2-2-63, Died 5-1-87

Anthony M. Vitale, 87, Int. Auditing, Emp. 8-9-20, Died 6-9-87

Joseph A. Ward, 72, Veh. Mtce., Emp. 11-6-41, Died 6-23-87

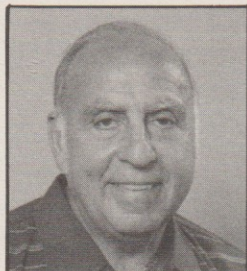
Charles L. Whitman, 64, Kedzie, 10-23-51, Died 6-13-87

Donald H. Worcester, 79, Electrical, Emp. 6-29-39, Died 5-5-87

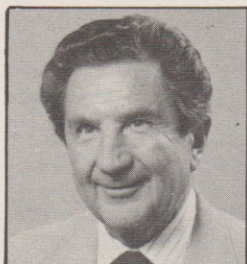
Fletcher Young, 59, Beverly, Emp. 10-26-64, Died 6-23-87

Service anniversaries in July

40 Years



**Frank
Bruno,**
Mtce. Trng.



**Michael
Lacriola,**
Transp.
Personnel

Frederick Miraglio, Jefferson Park
John Murray, Esc. Mtce.
Leonard Skrine, Adm. Svcs.

35 Years

Donald Gierhahn, Distribution
Peter Kouchoukos, Distribution

30 Years

Carl Benoit, Forest Glen
Willie Burge Jr., 69th Street
Michael Chambers, Esc. Mtce.
Michael Deely, Forest Glen
Carl Fields, Bus Dist. C
Jessie Gilmore, 77th Street
Robert Hawkins, Stores
Andrew Hendrix Jr., Archer
Jerome Holmes, North Park
Sam McCuller, Utility
Charles Myers, Schedules
James Richardson, Agents Dist.

25 Years

Robert Adamczyk, Archer
Jean Astree, 77th Street
Kenneth Brown, Bus Relief
Arthur Coli, Sig., Phone & Radio
Ronald Hawkins, Prog. Implmntn.
Ernest Hayes, Ashland
George Holland, Motor Veh. Des.
Walter McKinney, Archer
Kenneth Mettler Jr., Sub-Ass'y/Elec.
Robert Surita, 77th Street
Willie Wherry, Kedzie
Arthur Woods, Forest Park



Former CTA conductor **Joseph M. Glasser** (third from left), retired since August 1, 1959 after 41 years of service, took a trip down memory lane as he visited the Merchandise Mart recently. The 92-year-old Mr. Glasser who resided briefly in St. Petersburg, Fla., now lives with his son William in Skokie. This photograph, taken in 1947, shows conductor Glasser with other Logan Square station personnel.

They are (from left) motorman (first name unknown) **Tramatola**, train clerk **Harry Baker**, **Glasser**, and dispatcher **Gedeldick**. Anyone with information concerning the St. Petersburg Retirement Club for Division 241 and 308 personnel which Mr. Glasser says always met on 16th Street, should contact Mr. Glasser at 5114 Carol Street, Skokie.

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.

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CTA employees, who may possibly treasure some memorable events or occasions from pages of their lives in Chicago, are encouraged to put it in writing and make it a sesquicentennial gift to the city.

The sesquicentennial office at 9 East Jackson is providing a free workshop to assist those who may not know how to tell their story, and encourages everyone to contact the office for assistance. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Additional information is available by calling **744-3168**.

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