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Displaying their first place plaques are CTA's 1988 competition champions (from left) motorman **Wilbert Matthews**, Howard terminal, Third Rail RoundUp; operator **Robert Richardson**, North Park garage,

Bus Rodeo; ticket agent **Linda Woods**, Howard terminal, Top Notch 10, and conductor **Robert Hunt**, Ashland terminal, Third Rail RoundUp, (Stories inside).

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CTA board awards one-year free ride for citizen's action

The year of free monthly passes presented to Chicago commercial banker **Thaddaeus Daniels** by CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** will be a pleasant reminder for Daniels of his law and order approach to an old CTA headache---graffiti vandals.

A letter authorizing the free passes, and a special certificate of recognition was presented to Daniels at the July 6 board meeting. The incident which prompted the honor occurred on the evening of June 2, when a dozen noisy young men and women boarded the nearly empty train in which Daniels was riding, and began to mark up the train's interior.

Daniels grabbed one of the youths and took his marker, in spite of the odds and the physical threats. At the next stop all but one of the remaining youths ran off the train. Daniels and



Thaddaeus Daniels (right), a Chicago commercial banker who stopped a gang of graffiti vandals aboard a Howard Street train, seems pleased with the special recognition he received from Vice Chairman **John Hoellen** and the CTA Board.

another passenger turned the pair over to transit police who were called to Howard Street.

Police estimated that Daniels' actions may have saved as many as 30 trains from graffiti tagging that night.



The

BUZZWORD

Candid answers to your questions
from Robert E. Paaswell, Executive Director

Q. Instead of all of our bus lines terminating in the Loop, why can't we have some runs end at other locations, particularly on the north and south ends of the Loop which could be staging areas? Feeder service to the Loop could then be provided for those who need it. This is done in other metropolitan areas around the country.

A. CTA's bus service reflects the grid of Chicago's street system. Thus, a great number of routes are not oriented to the central business district, but travel instead from neighborhood to neighborhood. For instance, bus routes 21, 35, 55, 72, 76, 78, 79, and 80 all stretch from the lake shore to the western city limits, and direct travel from the northern tip of our service area to the southern boundary is provided, most times with only one transfer.

Q. Communications equipment in our Control Center is somewhat antiquated. When will it be brought up to date?

A. New communications technology for the bus and rail systems is currently scheduled in CTA's five-year Capital Improvement Program. A renewed bus radio

system is being engineered at this time and equipment will be purchased with 1991 funds. A modern power monitoring and control system is gradually being phased in with each new substation. Rapid transit telephone systems are also being engineered at this time, with installation of new systems for 1991. A renewed rail radio system will follow in 1992. CTA has recently received a pro-bono review of all communications systems from Ameritech Corporation, and their recommendations are under consideration. I encourage all employees to become familiar with CTA's capital program.

Q. Why does it take so long to call into the Mart? On occasion, all the telephones are busy, or are not answered at all.

A. We are in the process of replacing the Mart's telephone switchgear so that incoming calls from push-button phones can be handled automatically. The new phone system should be in place by late 1988.

CTA employees and retirees may submit questions to: BUZZWORD, CTA Transit News, Room 734, Merchandise Mart Plaza, P.O. Box 3555, Chicago, IL 60654. Only signed questions, 50 words or less, will be considered.



Striving for Excellence

"Striving for Excellence" includes the management team as evident by these terminal superintendent trainees who recently completed a nine-week program qualifying them as pool superintendents. The group includes (standing from left) James Collier, Edward Colding, Linda Lee, Chester Kidd, Greffen Harrington, Willie Wofford, and Efrain Villarreal. Not present for the photography was San Juana Maria Montes de Oca. The program facilitators shown seated are (from left) William Nichols, Barbara Colwell, James Zepp, and Andrew Bishop.

Medical director finds satisfaction in CTA job



After patient care there are a variety of details which await the medical director as evident by the stack of papers on her desk.

When **Dr. Irma Realiza** joined the CTA medical staff in 1984, her part time status was sufficient to meet the needs of a physician starting a new practice.

Four years later, the Far Eastern University alumnus is a full-time staff member. She was recently named CTA's medical director. Besides attending to the necessary administrative matters of such an important department, Dr. Realiza shares the patient load of new hires, personnel returning from leave, and others needing emergency attention or advice, with two other staff physicians.

Meanwhile, she is a member of the Edgewater Hospital staff, and keeps her private practice after office hours.

Her weekends are not much dif-

ferent since she has Saturday office hours until 5 p.m., and the hospital rounds won't go away until they are finished, which could very well cut into her evening. However, Sunday is reserved for religious activities.

"Religion is a very big part of my life," said this daughter of a baptist minister. Dr. Realiza's 70-year old father is still an active pastor who maintains a church congregation in the Philippines.

She and her family are active in a North Shore baptist church where they attend regularly. They continue to provide financial support for her father's church, and she is associated with the Moody Bible Institute.

"I have a very busy schedule," she noted, one that included her mechanical engineer husband, Bong, and

their 15-year old daughter, Gina, who aspires to become a psychiatrist.

Since immigrating from the Philippines to the United States in 1970, Dr. Realiza has worked for other industrial medical clinics, but none have provided her the satisfaction of helping people that she has experienced at CTA, she indicates. "Here I feel needed," she said.

"I think our employees are able to relate to us very well. I know that our staff makes every effort to provide the best possible service. We want to keep our employees healthy as they strive to provide CTA riders with the safest and most efficient transit service possible. That is our main goal. The CTA has been very good for me," she added.

Color TV is chance prize as W.I.N. is introduced

Imagine his surprise when 69th Street bus operator **Willie C. Turner** learned that he had won a new 25" screen console model color television just for having used the new Worker Information Network (W.I.N.) machine.

The first drawing for the coveted prize was conducted at 77th Street garage with names of employees from 77th, 69th, Forest Glen, and North Park garages placed in a common pool for a chance at the TV. All had used the W.I.N. machine at their respective work locations.

Pulling the lucky name was 77th Street operator **James Ollie**. The drawing was monitored by **Charles Andersen**, manager, CTA Benefit services; 77th Street garage Superintendent **Arthur Bennett**; **Dennis Stone**, managing director, Employee Benefits Services, Inc.; **Ronald Taylor**, EBS manager of the CTA account, and his assistant, **Bonnie Pett**.

Employees may glean information about CTA benefits as well as other vital CTA information from the conveniently located W.I.N. machines. Both Stone and Taylor said that other CTA locations will also be visited where more drawings will be conducted. Personnel must be full-time employees to be eligible for participation.

Here's how it works: The W.I.N. machine, which looks very much like a computer or video game, offers you---the player---a menu which gives a forecast of benefit scenarios as required. The employee then gets to play a lot of "what if?" games. For instance, "What if I change the amount of my contributions to deferred compensation by two percent, how much will my take home pay be?" or "What if I retire at age 60 instead of later, how much will my monthly retirement check be?"

The W.I.N. machine covers the full range of employee benefits from health care to disability insurance and survivor benefits to retirement income, even vacation benefits.

In other words, the new W.I.N. machine gives CTA employees direct access to benefit information in a matter of seconds, rather than the time-



*Bus operator **James Ollie** (left) of 77th Street garage holds the winning ticket for the 25-inch screen console model color television which he pulled from the bowl held by **Charles Andersen**, manager, Benefit Services. The lucky winner was 69th Street operator **Willie C. Turner**. **Arthur Bennett**, 77th Street garage superintendent (right), was also present for the drawing.*

honored method of a clerk digging the information out of thick volumes of similarly compiled facts about everybody else at CTA. Of course this consumes considerably more of your time, not to mention the clerk's hassle of pulling down volumes of information. Instead, W.I.N. simply puts it all at ones finger tips.

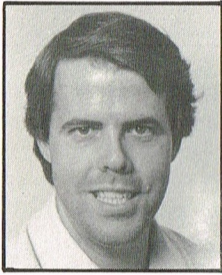
The machine is as easy to use as an automatic bank teller and has a format which requires no familiarity with computers or programming. Your confidentiality is maintained with the aid of your own access card which has your printed code. Your card permits only you to retrieve information about

you from the machine.

The machine is also designed to provide privacy as the needed information is being retrieved, which means no one else is involved in your private communication process.

CTA employees are presently being briefed on how to use the W.I.N. machine. Each person receives an individual access code card when counseled. The 25" TVs raffled at the various work locations are an added incentive for employees' initial use of W.I.N. as well as the new and optional life insurance opportunity also being offered through EBS.

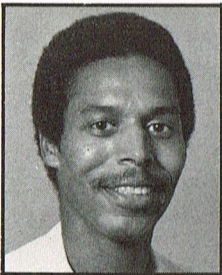
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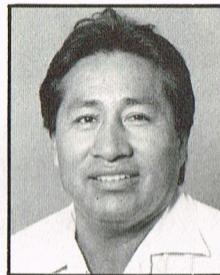
James Collins (No. 22 Clark, North Park garage) "cared about his passengers and their safety," according to Donna Tynski, of West 54th Street. "The bus was very crowded, but he was very polite. He called all the stops so people would know where they were, and he even asked a man to pick up his trash. When several pickpockets entered the bus, he knew what they were up to and warned the passengers."



Addie Wright (No. 80 Irving Park, Forest Glen garage) was commended by Harriet Posner, of Morse Avenue. "I do not drive, and have used your buses for years. I have never had the pleasure of riding with such a driver. Her appearance was immaculate, including her hair, make-up etc. Every stop was called clearly, whether anyone was getting off or not. Her attitude and help to the older people was really something."



Mario Ratcliff (No. 135 Wilson/LaSalle Express, North Park garage) was regarded as "a superb bus driver" by Darryl Simko, of Eugenie Street. "It was hot, the bus was crowded, passengers were slow to move to the rear, and traffic was at a snail's pace. But this driver remained cheerful, and showed a rare level of courtesy. At each stop he asked those on board to accommodate waiting riders, and was patient."



Sabino Hernandez (No. 22 Clark, North Park garage) was called "the best I've ever ridden with," by Helen Rossi, of West Huron Street. "He was polite, and answered all questions in a very nice tone. When we came to a hole in the street, he drove carefully over each one. I know because I was sitting near the front. He also was kind to all the elderly and to those having difficulty getting on and off the bus."

Employees who received

Willie Allen, Archer
Prince Anderson Jr., 103rd Street
Daniel Arboleda, Forest Glen
Clifford Avers, 77th Street

Booker Bolton, Kedzie
Alvin Bond, North Avenue
Michael Bragg, 69th Street
Curtis Brice, 77th Street
Bobby Brown, North Park
John Bruggess, Limits

Charlie Caldwell, 69th Street
Michael Caldwell, 77th Street
Gail Calloway, Kedzie
Berry Clark, 103rd Street
Dwayne Clark, 77th Street
Dwarrye Collins, Forest Park
Larry Cooper, Howard/Kimball
Patrick Corcione, Forest Glen

Joseph DiMartino, Forest Glen
Richard Doeblor, North Park

Kenneth Edwards, 69th Street
Thelbert Elders, North Avenue
Pedro Espinoza, Central Dist.
Daniel Figgers, 77th Street

William Finley Jr., Kedzie
James Fitzgerald, Limits
Arthur Frazier, Archer

Mary Gallagher, West Section
Jerry Gardner, North Park
David Gaston, North Park
Joe Gathings, Archer
James Gibson, 69th Street
William Gilbert, North Park
David Gius, North Avenue
Paul Gonsiewski, Forest Glen

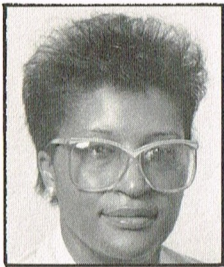
Virdell Hackett, Kedzie
Sarah Hall, Limits
Walter Hampton, 103rd Street
Michael Hayes, Archer
Ellie Head, 69th Street

Sandalio Hechavarria, North Park
Joseph Hendrickson, North Park
Otis Hill, North Avenue
Harold Howell, Howard/Kimball
Anthony Hughes, Kedzie

Lambert Jacobs Jr., Forest Glen
Robert Jenkins Jr., North Park
Cedric Johnson, Kedzie
Rosie Jones, North Avenue

Michael Kennedy, South Rail Dist.
Charles Kinnard, 103rd Street

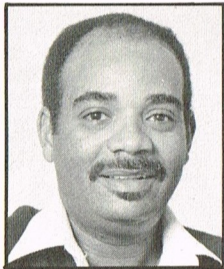
making their day!



Valerie Robinson (No. 84 Peterson, Forest Glen garage) won the respect of Casimir Sledzik, of North Washtenaw Avenue. "Every Sunday morning when I board the bus, she exudes personal warmth and professionalism. She announces the streets clearly, and solves problems for riders in a courteous fashion. Your agency should be grateful to have such an exemplary individual carry out her duties so effectively."



Mitchell Gray (conductor, Howard terminal) was praised by Rev. Brian Helge, of Magnolia Avenue. "His service is impressive for its consistency and even-tempered relations with riders. He performs his tasks efficiently, making clear announcements of the stops and providing helpful information, as appropriate. His assistance to sometimes bewildered passengers is marked by polite restraint and warm concern."



Maurice Sutton (No. 14 South Lake Shore Express, 77th Street garage) was complimented by Joyce Butts, of Paxton Avenue. "He greeted everyone who boarded the bus. He also called street names, and bid the passengers 'Good day' as they left the bus. His driving was excellent, no weaving in and out of traffic at high speed. He takes his job seriously, and clearly understands what working for the public entails."



Lela Townes (No. 6 Jeffery Express, 77th Street garage) was appreciated by Helaine Staver, of South Hyde Park Boulevard. "This bus already had standees, and she asked, 'Will anyone give a seat to a senior?' which somebody did. She told prospective riders that there was a bus behind as indeed there was. And when we reached downtown, she called each stop. She could teach a course on good manners, service and helpfulness."

commendations since our last listing

Lee Lampley, 103rd Street
Nolan Lett, Douglas/Congress
Jesus Limas, North Park
Melvin Lindsey Jr., 77th Street
Walter Lynch, 69th Street

Adolph Marth, Forest Glen
Lura Martin, Kedzie
Geraldine Mason, Limits
Wilbert Matthews, Howard/Kimball
Theodore McIntyre, Limits
Jerry McKinney Jr., 69th Street
Walter McKinney Jr., Howard/Kimball
Rene Melendez, North Section
Earl Miles, Kedzie
William Moreland, Forest Glen
Harold Morrison, Kedzie
Peter Muecke, North Section
Judy Murchison, Forest Glen
Frankie Myles, 69th Street

Mitsuo Ogata, Forest Glen

Adam Paterek, North Park
Ronald Pawlicki, Forest Glen
Melvin Payne, 77th Street
Andre Pellegrini, Forest Glen
Kimberlee Powe, 69th Street
Steve Preston, 69th Street

Billy Ragsdale, 103rd Street
John Ratliff, 77th Street
Annie Rice, Limits
Charles Rutledge, Limits

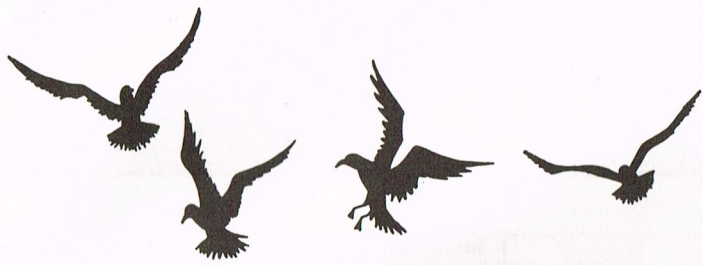
Manuel Samaniego, North Park
Barry Smith, North Park
Larita Smith, West Section
Vera Smith, Archer
Wilfred Spotwell, 77th Street

Owen Terry, North Park
Renee Thomas, Howard/Kimball
Semoria Thomas, 77th Street

Ricael Velez, Forest Glen

Joann Walker, Archer
Raymond Watkins, 77th Street
Willie Whistenton, Limits
Peter Willemsen, North Park
Leartha Williams, 103rd Street
Willie Williams Jr., 69th Street
Charles Williams, Kedzie
Albert Williams, Forest Glen
Quentin Wilmington Jr., North Park
Addie Wright, Forest Glen

Charles Young, Jefferson Park
David Young, Limits
Willie Young, Limits



Shipyard in miniature

ON THEIR TIME



Graphic designer **John Kopiec** adds some finishing touches to a San Felipe man of war.

You might expect to find America's shipbuilding facilities in major industrial centers on the East, West, and Gulf coasts, but we found an intriguing shipyard in miniature right here in Chicago.

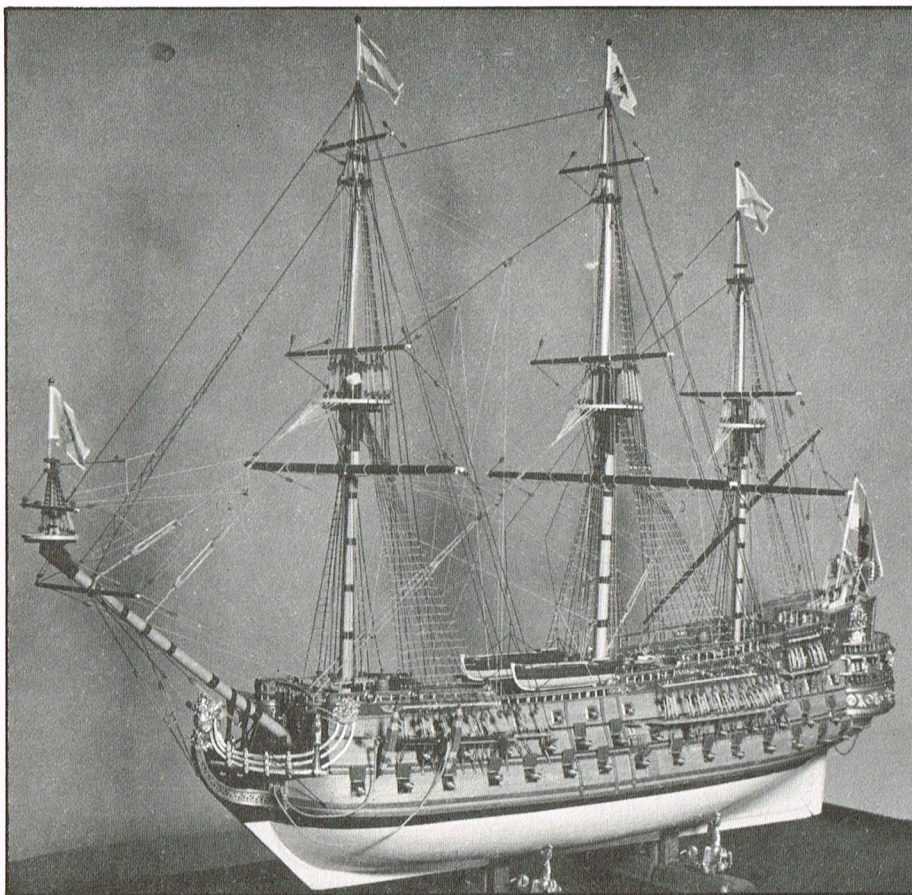
John Kopiec, graphic designer in the Publications section, spends much of his free time from early fall until late spring building "plank-on-frame" wooden ship models. The San Felipe man of war shown here, a replica of a ship that first set sail in 1690, is a fine example of his craftsmanship and artistry.

"Plank-on-frame" model building duplicates the techniques and materials of traditional shipbuilding.

John begins by laying a wooden keel and adding plywood bulkheads. He then skins the hull with miniature planks of bass wood and adds a second layer of thin walnut planking. All planks are hand cut from strip wood stock, moistened, formed for contour, and glued into position. Final sanding and staining or painting complete the authentic hull.

Decks of solid walnut are added in a similar manner, and covered with miniature wooden planks finished with tiny brass nails.

John's masts, rigging, and hardware show marvelous attention to detail. Wooden masts, round, square or



*The San Felipe man of war is reminiscent of the 1690s when the Spaniards sailed the high seas on such decorative vessels. Ship model artist **John Kopiec** spent more than 800 hours building this replica which now stands ready for the showcase.*

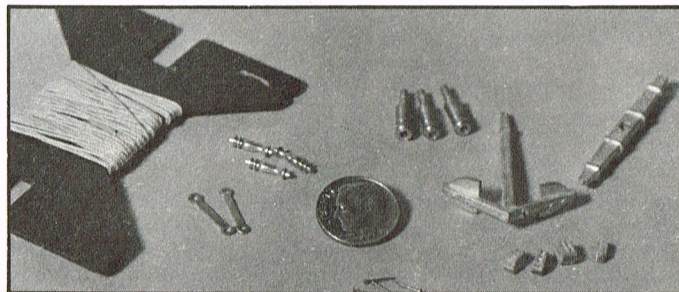
combined, are hand-formed from dowels. Rigging is made from miniature waxed rope that is knotted at every juncture of vertical and horizontal lines, and steering lines are fed through miniature, hand-bored blocks. Metal hardware is cut and formed from brass stock, hand gilded with gold leaf, and glued into position. This is one type of model where you won't find an ounce of plastic.

An eye for detail and a sense of humor mark John's finishing touches. Hand coiled rigging rope is stored on deck, a miniature nautical map lies on a custom made table, little barrels store cannonballs, and a crew member or two are suspended in interesting or humorous activity.

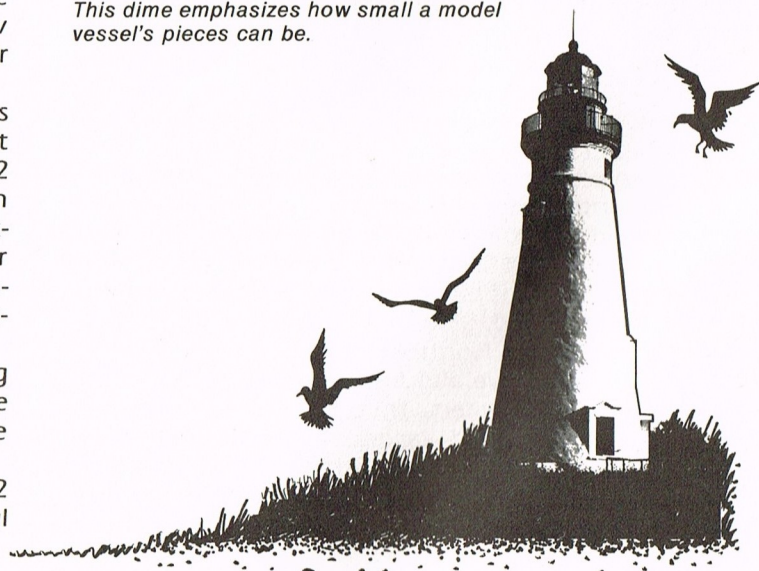
If you are thinking of pursuing model shipbuilding as a hobby don't expect instant gratification. John built each of the life boats in the center of the main deck in 12 hours. Construction of the 39-inch-long San Felipe, with 84 wood and brass cannons, yards of rigging, and extensive metal detailing, was completed over two winter seasons--and over 800 hours. The completed ship is appropriately preserved in a custom-made wood and plexiglas display case.

"Model shipbuilding is an interesting and relaxing hobby," says John. "I have learned to appreciate the design and craftsmanship of real wooden ships, and the challenges and hardships faced by ancient mariners."

During the last 20 years, John has built more than 12 of these museum-quality models, and each is a beautiful display piece fit for any mantle.



This dime emphasizes how small a model vessel's pieces can be.



Going Your Way progress cited

Alderman Edwin W. Eisendrath, 43rd Ward (second from left), joins CTA representatives for the recent dedication of this bus shelter at Webster Avenue and Stockton Drive. Meeting with the alderman are (from left) **Emile Domer**, superintendent, Field and Shop Support, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance; **Kappy Laing**, manager, Intergovernmental Affairs, and **Kim Hunt-Rhymes**, CTA Executive staff. The bus shelter is part of CTA's "Going Your Way" 88 program which is designed to upgrade the quality of CTA service through an improvement agenda.



"Going Your Way," CTA's 21-point improvement program and commitment to quality service announced in April, is making progress.

A major thrust of "Going Your Way" is Operation CLASS—clean, lighted, and safe stations which has already been completed at the Garfield and King Drive rapid transit stations on the south side. Other stations expected to be added to the CLASS completion list soon are Halsted, Harvard, and University, also south side facilities.

The project includes painting stations, refurbishing canopies, inspecting and restoring wooden platforms and support structures, and maintaining security barriers, as well as installing new lighting fixtures.

Brighter lighting is being installed at Diversey station on the Ravenswood, as well as the Morse and Thorn-dale stations on the North/South line.

Concrete pads have also been installed for 32 of the proposed 37 bus shelters. Thirteen of the shelters are already in place, and janitorial crews have been washing floors, walls and acoustic panels, and disinfecting at track level for the State Street and Dearborn subways. Reports say the locations have not received such thorough cleaning since 1979.

A private contractor has completed canopy rehabilitation on the Kennedy, Dan Ryan, and Congress rapid transit lines at Cermak, the University of Illinois at Halsted, Jefferson Park, and 95th Street stations. Canopy rehabilitation is also near completion at Montrose Avenue, and at 87th Street on the Dan Ryan.

Monitors of the "Going Your Way" project said plans for the bus turnaround at 79th and Halsted Streets are ahead of schedule as private contractors push towards having it operational this fall. Meanwhile, the new bus color scheme which is also a part of the improvement program, is on-going at the rate of 10 buses per week being painted in the new red, white and blue color scheme. Approximately 450 buses are expected to be decorated with the new hues this year.

Another promise under "Going Your Way" which has been fulfilled is the distribution of the new bilingual system map. The new maps were made available to CTA patrons in July.

Meanwhile, a mobile information center is now available as an adjunct to CTA community outreach programs conducted throughout the year. Some community forums have also been scheduled with more to be slated later.



Mail service offered for prescription drugs

A new mail service prescription program designed to reduce the cost of prescription drugs is now available to CTA employees, non-Medicare retirees, and eligible dependents who are enrolled in the Travelers Health Plan.

The new employee benefit allows CTA employees who use a

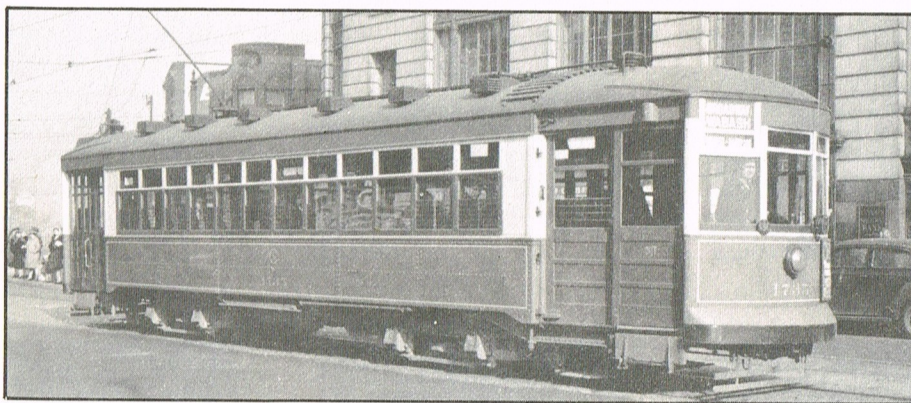
maintenance medication on a regular basis to order up to a 90-day supply of medicine for only \$3.50 per prescription. Although all new orders require a \$3.50 co-payment each time a prescription is substituted generically, a coupon worth \$3.50 will be issued, which may be applied toward additional prescriptions.

The Mail Service Prescription Program is ideal for people who have high blood pressure, thyroid or other conditions which require taking medication on a regular basis. The program is offered by the Travelers in conjunction with Baxter Healthcare Corporation, and is designed to save both the CTA and the CTA member money. Further savings will also result if participants request their doctors to allow generic equivalents whenever possible.

The only cost to the CTA member is the co-payment amount which is paid immediately. There are no claim forms to complete, and no waiting for reimbursement, nor deductibles to meet. By receiving a 90-day supply of medication, the CTA member will only pay for one co-payment instead of the customary three co-payments for a 90-day supply.

Questions about the new benefits program may be directed to Baxter's Patient Services at **1-800-824-6349**, or **Geoffrey Layhe**, CTA supervisor, Benefits Administration, **ext. 3619**.

Rehab funds needed



The Illinois Railway Museum is soliciting funds which will be used to restore Chicago Surface Lines Streetcar #3142. Museum volunteers said the body of the time-honored vehicle is only 70 percent complete, and the streetcar needs new wheels, axles and gears. Persons donating a minimum of \$100 for rehabilitation of CSL Streetcar 3142 will receive a commemorative cup with a picture of the car on one side, and the CSL emblem on the other. The donor will also receive a large button with the picture of the car on it and a certificate of appreciation. Donors of a minimum \$50 gift will receive the button and certificate while persons donating a minimum of \$25 will receive a certificate of appreciation. Checks to the **Illinois Railway Museum Car #3142 Fund** should be mailed to Cashier, Illinois Railway Museum, P.O. Box 427, Union, IL 60180.

Bus personnel praised for 'Taste' service

Bus service supervisors and instructional personnel joined CTA's finest bus operators during the first 10 days of July to provide "Taste of Chicago" visitors with the best transportation service in the history of the city's biggest summer festival.

This year, Grant Park, the "Taste" campground, was overflowing with the biggest crowd of cuisine curiosity seekers in the 10-year history of the big open air food fair. More than 1.2 million people attended the festival on the night of the fireworks display alone, yet CTA buses with dedicated personnel accommodated the steady flow of humanity without incident.

Hugh Short, acting director of Bus Service, and his staff met with Operations Planning personnel months ahead of the big event to work out effective strategy to meet the transportation needs of "Taste" goers.

Short said Operations Planning set up run schedules and bulletins for garages; supervisors were placed in the downtown area to serve the most heavily traveled bus routes which included Jeffery, Sheridan, and Archer, and the necessary manpower was supplied by Transportation. The supervisors came from all five bus districts, with many volunteering from each district to supplement the manpower needs of Central District where "Taste of Chicago" was occurring.

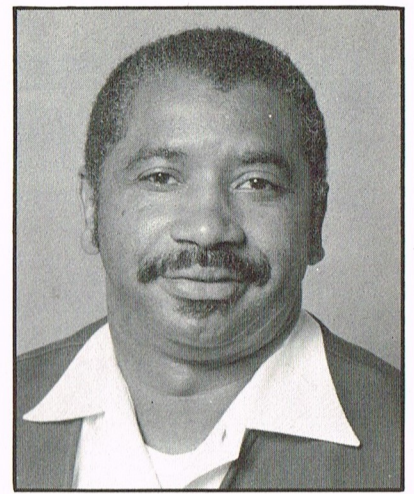
Short and his staff, which included District Superintendents **Brian Sharrett** and **Elvin Carey**, and the Operations Planning staff had everything in place by July 1 when the "Taste" got underway for a full 10-day run, for the first time in history.

Transportation pressed 140 buses into service for the great Chicago summer food fest — 140 buses more than normally scheduled.

Short said credit for the planning, implementation and outstanding performance of service belongs to all the personnel of Districts A, B, C, and D, and the Central District.

"Not only did these people give freely of their time, but they worked the duration of 'Taste of Chicago' without a break. Some gave up part of their vacation to work long hours and make this endeavor a success. We cannot give them enough praise," said Short.

BUS ROADEO



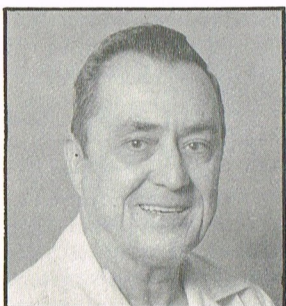
1st Robert L.
Richardson
North Park

"We intend to make it at the international this year," vowed CTA's 1988 Bus Rodeo champion **Robert Richardson** who again topped other contestants in the eighth annual contest as he did last year.

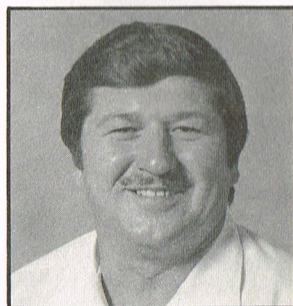
He will represent CTA again in the 1988 American Public Transit Association International Bus Rodeo's 40-foot category. The event will take place this fall in Montreal, South Quebec, Canada. Richardson has been a CTA bus operator for 17 years, and has competed in six Bus Rodeo competitions.

The North Park garage bus operator told the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza Sauganash Ballroom crowd, "They (APTA) will not take Chicago lightly. We should have had it (international championship) last year, but we intend to bring it back to Chicago this time." The APTA trophy is accompanied by a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond, and a trophy for the winner's transit property.

Edward Schwamb, North Park garage superintendent, was recipient of the Chairman's Cup. Other winners in the annual contest were: **Kenneth Fabian**, Forest Glen, second place, winner of a plaque and a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond; **Michael Matas**, Forest Glen, third place, a plaque and a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond, and **Martin Troglia**, Limits garage, a plaque and a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. Limits garage received a plaque for the most participants in the competition.



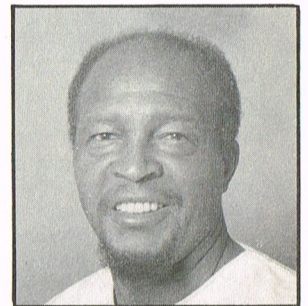
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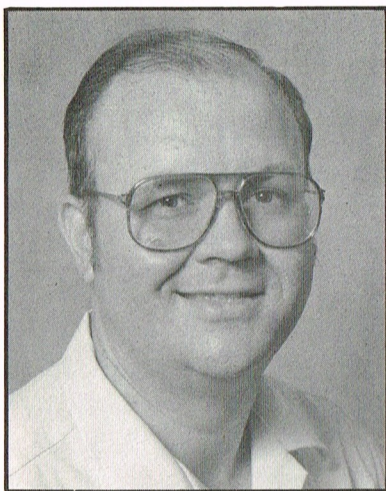
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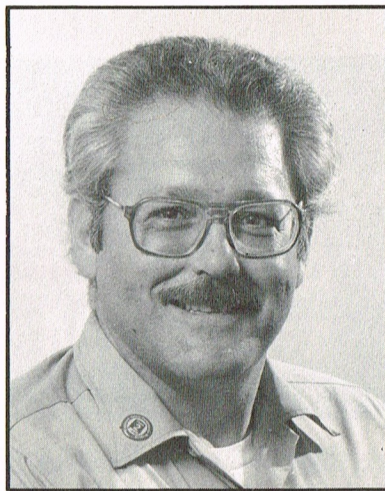
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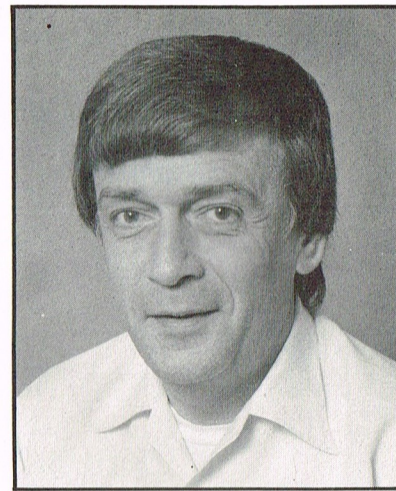
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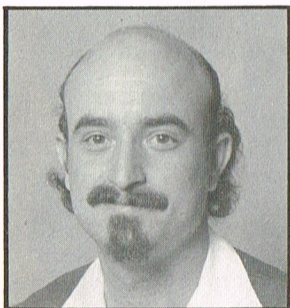
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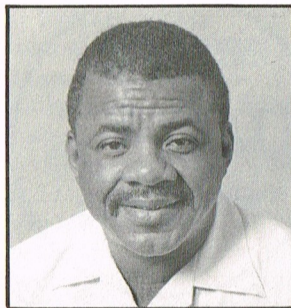
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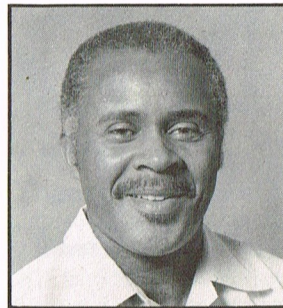
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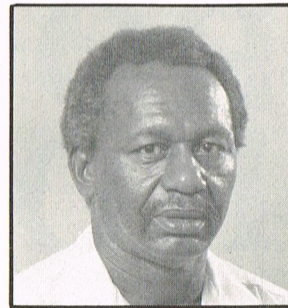
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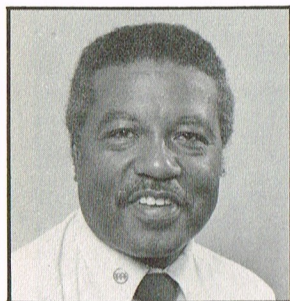
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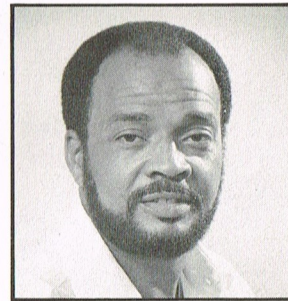
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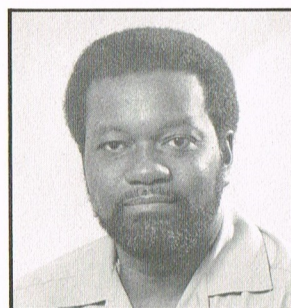
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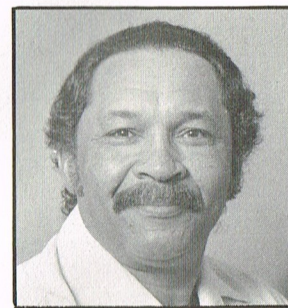
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Luther E. Lewis
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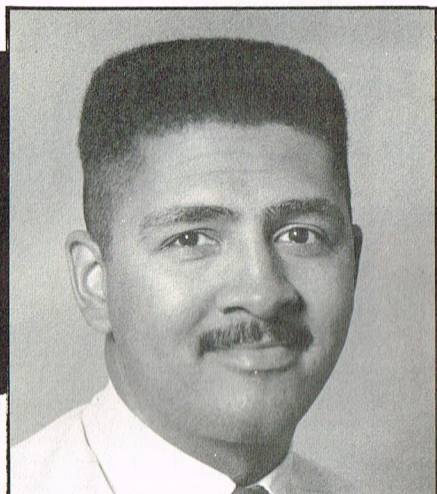


Marcellus Williamson
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John L. Williams
Kedzie

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1st PLACE TEAM

**Wilbert Matthews
Howard**

**Robert Hunt
Ashland**



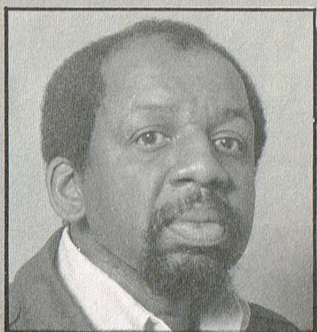
ROUND HOUSE



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In Memoriam

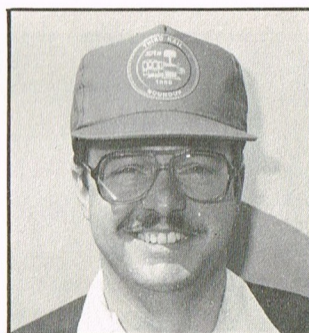
Motorman **Gideon Stevens Jr.**, a CTA employee for 22 years, was a member of the Third Rail Roundup Roundhouse 18 competition in 1984, 1987 and again in 1988. His sudden death on July 18, 1988 leaves a legacy of public service which will continue to inspire CTA employees.



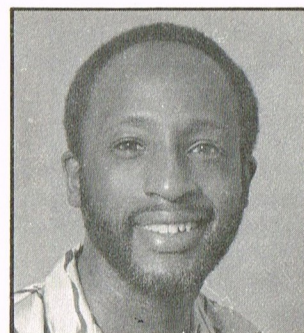
**Gideon Stevens
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**Jerry Wilson
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Howard**



**Ronald Ricks
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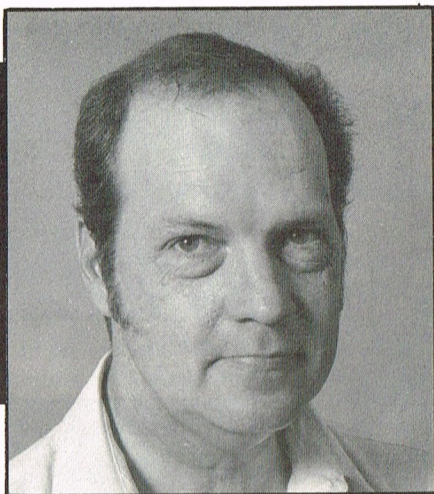
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O'Hare**



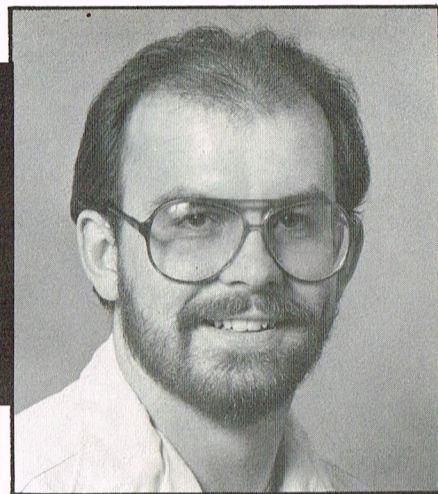
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2nd PLACE TEAM



Richard Crane
54th

Robert Kelly
Howard

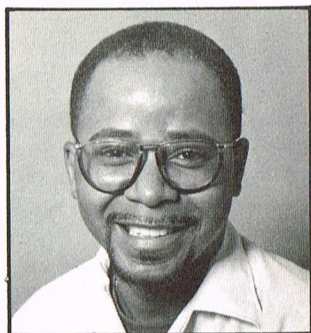
It was a year for new faces and new champions in CTA's sixth annual Third Rail Roundup. Emerging as the first place 1988 team was Howard Street motorman **Wilbert Matthews**, and Ashland conductor **Robert Hunt**.

Besides receiving first place plaques for their achievements, the pair will journey to Montreal, South Quebec, Canada for a 5 day/4 night visit at CTA expense. Guests of their choice will also accompany them.

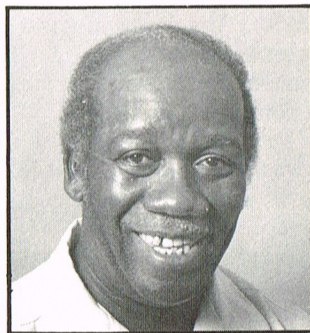
Matthews is a CTA veteran with 14 years of service whose two previous Third Rail Roundup competitions in 1983 and 1987 saw him included in the Roundhouse 18. Teammate **Robert Hunt**, with only two years of CTA service, shared the limelight in his single experience as a Third Rail Roundup contestant. Awarded the Chairman's Cups were Howard terminal superintendent **James McLane**, and Ashland superintendent **Ulysee Coley**.

Runners-up, who each received a plaque and a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond, were veteran motorman **Richard Crane** of 54th Street terminal and Howard terminal conductor **Robert Kelly**. Crane, a CTA employee for 22 years, has participated in every Third Rail Roundup competition since 1984, and has been a member of the Roundhouse 18 on four occasions.

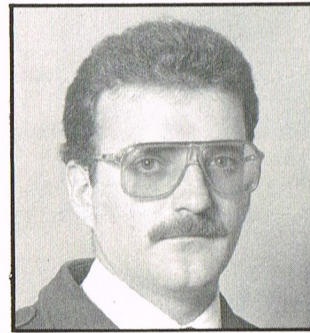
Plaques also were awarded motorman **Robert Sanders** of Howard Street terminal, and conductor **Rita Jackson** of O'Hare terminal for having the highest cumulative individual scores in the competition. Sanders was CTA's first Third Rail Roundup champion in 1983, and regained the championship in 1986. Ms. Jackson is a newcomer to the Roundhouse 18. Ashland terminal received a plaque for having the most participants in the competition.



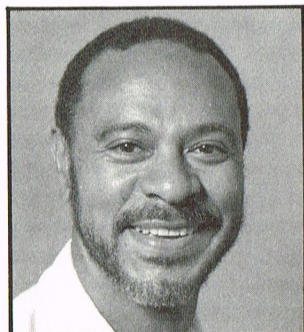
Harold White
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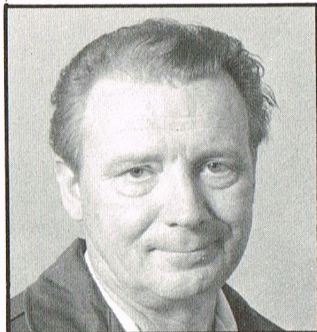
Robert Sanders
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Keven Bergthold
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James Green
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Roman Doubek
54th



Miranda Goodloe
95th



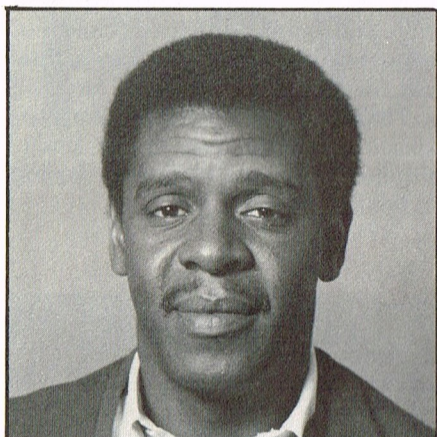
Jack Thomas
95th

1st PLACE



**Linda Woods
Howard**

2nd PLACE



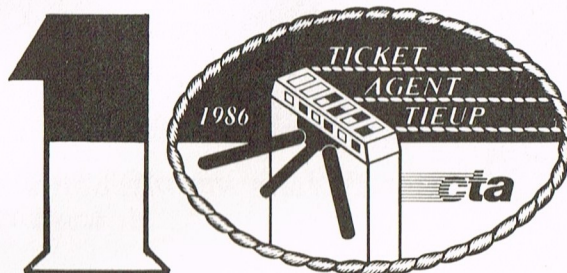
**Louis Hill
Desplaines**

3rd PLACE



**Pamela McKeel
54th**

Top Notch



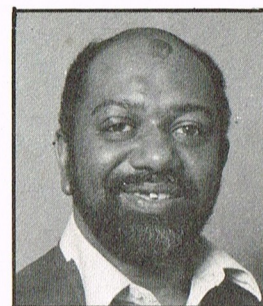
The legacy of winning consecutive ticket agent championships set by **Bryant Alexander** is being continued by Howard Street ticket agent **Linda Woods**.

Mrs. Woods, an 18-year CTA employee, topped nine other ticket agents in the Top Notch 10 for an all-expenses paid five-day/four-night visit to Montreal, and will be accompanied by a guest of her choice. It was the second consecutive year the victorious Mrs. Woods has taken the championship plaque home. The Chairman's Cup was awarded to **James McLane**, Howard superintendent, while Ashland superintendent **Ulysee Coley** accepted the plaque for his terminal having had the most participants in the competition.

The excited defending ticket agent champion called her victory, "the result of good instruction." Destined to be champion, until last year Mrs. Woods had been first runner-up in each contest since ticket agents began competing in 1984.

The second place plaque and a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond was awarded to **Louis Hill** who was also turning in a second consecutive performance as first runner-up. Hill joined CTA in 1980, and entered his first Top Notch 10 competition in 1986.

Top Notch 10 newcomer **Pamela McKeel** of 54th Street terminal took third place honors for a plaque and a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond. Ms McKeel has been a CTA employee for 21 years.



**Calvin Rufus
Ashland**



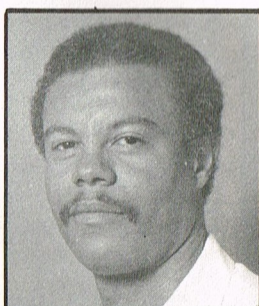
**Doritha Davis
Howard**



**John Lee
Ashland**



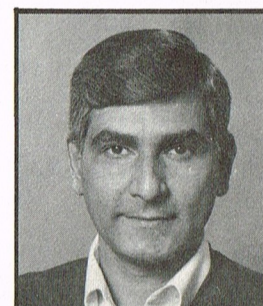
**Phyllis Phillips
Ashland**



**James Crockett
54th**



**Mary Parish
Desplaines**



**Mahmood Ali
Howard**

South shops Six Pack retains championship

Well, the South Shops Six Pack did it again. They took the honors for the 1987-88 volleyball season. Last year was apparently no fluke. They are tough.

Coach **Dave Harlan** of South Shops can be justifiably proud of his team which ended the regular season 16-0. However, they were stopped once in the championship playoffs by Coach **Arliss Jones'** "Say No" General Office team, but General Office had to settle for second place as the Pack collected their second consecutive championship trophies and rings.

Kedzie/Lawndale Destroyers, under Coach **Mitchell Austin**, finished in third place, followed by Coach **Melvin Lindsey's** 77th Street Streakers. Other teams participating but not placing were the North Avenue Royals, 69th Street Raiders, the P.K. Knights of the Training Center, and the Rail Stars.

Helping the volleyball stars on their night of recognition was **Fred Jones**, supervisor, Administrative Services/Operations, who was master of ceremonies at the awards banquet held at Summerwest Restaurant.

Members of Harlan's championship Six Pack are **Brenda Walker, Mary Conley, Maurice Land, Paulette Hardeman, Nguyen Dai, Venise Hickland, Leslie Brown, Gary Kujawa, Angela Mabry, Dora Martin, Ronald Robertson**, and team captain **Steve Fischer**. **Glennis Buford** is the team manager.



The 1987-88 South Shops Six Pack retained the championship as they closed out the volleyball season 16-0, and one loss in the playoffs. The champs are (front to rear, and left to right) Angela Mabry, Steve Fischer, Brenda Walker, team manager Glennis Buford, Dora Martin, Mary Conley, Paulette Hardeman, Maurice Land, Coach Dave Harlan, Ronald Robertson, Nguyen Dai, and Gary Kujawa.



The second place General Office team included: **James McPhee, Helma Duniver, Robert McClure, Jr., Deborah Hampton, Dorothea Newbern, Pamela Williams, Donna Murphy, Charles Brown, Donna Butler, John Koldan, Cynthia Spears**, team captain **David Bernicky**, Coach **Arliss Jones**, and Coach **Frederick Mead**. Program coordinator and assistant coordinator respectively were **Mrs. Shirley McClure**, and **Clark Carter**.

Trophies were also awarded to the runner-up teams, coaches, and manager. Each team also received a trophy for display at their respective work locations. Funding for the volleyball program was provided by Amalgamated Transit Union Locals 241, and 308, the CTA Employee Welfare Fund, and credit union organizations of Kedzie and 61st Street garages, and the General Office.

Organization plans for the 1988-89 season are already underway. Employees interested in joining a volleyball team for next season which begins in October, should contact **Mrs. McClure at Ext. 4132, Mart.**

The General Office Say No volleyball team took one game in the championship playoffs to earn second place. They are (front to rear, and left to right) Helma Duniver, Pam Williams, Coach Arliss Jones, Cynthia Spears, James McPhee, Donna Murphy, John Koldan, program coordinator Shirley McClure, team captain David Bernicky, Coach Frederick Mead, and Robert McClure.

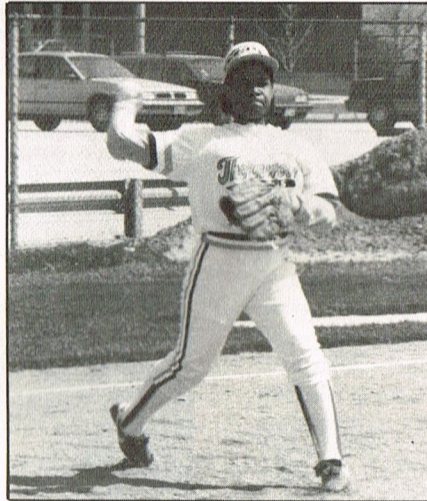
Iowa awards coed softball scholarship

Pamela Palmore, 18, the daughter of Superintendent of Property Accounting **Vernon Palmore** and his wife, **Betty**, was the recipient of an athletic scholarship to the University of Iowa at Iowa City where she is a member of the softball team.

Miss Palmore, a graduate of Thornwood high school in south suburban South Holland, set a state record in high school softball with 60 stolen bases for the Thornwood Thunderbirds. The speedy 5'4" outfielder also delighted college scouts last year with a .469 batting average, 55 runs batted in from a leadoff position, and scored 60 runs which was also a state record.

Thornwood coach Gary Lagesse called the young Miss Palmore "a gift-wrapped athlete," noting that her biggest asset to Thornwood was her speed.

A member of the Thornwood Thunderbirds varsity since her sophomore year, Miss Palmore helped her team to a third place finish in the 1987-88 state meet. She was also a member of the high school softball all stars, and was named to the Chicago Tribune's all state team.



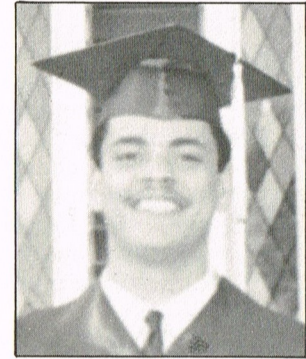
The Iowa coed was one of two featured stars of the 11-member All-Area softball team which was selected by a panel of 19 coaches representing every conference in the city and suburbs. It was the second consecutive year Miss Palmore was named to the All-Area high school softball team. Players, parents, and coaches were honored recently at a baseball-softball awards dinner. Cubs pitcher Scott Sanderson was the speaker.

New officers

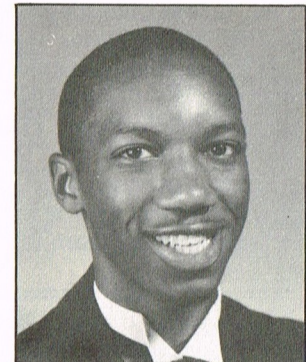


James Pate, assistant superintendent, Bus Instruction at Limits Training Center, installs 1988-89 officers of the CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization at the June Dinner meeting held in Nikkos Restaurant, a southside eatery. Making promises of leadership are (from left) **Charles Wesley**, president; **Jack Kalka**, secretary; **Clarence Lind**, retiring president; **Neal Kinnish**, first vice president; **Pete Dowall**, assistant treasurer. **Marty Dzinolowski**, treasurer for the organization, was not present for the installation ceremony. The retirees' organization meets each third Wednesday at 4 p.m. with meetings alternating between Nikkos and the Venice Banquet Hall on Fullerton Av. The organization includes former CTA and West Towns employees, and is affiliated with the National Council of Senior Citizens, Inc., Washington, D.C., and the Greater Chicago Council of Senior Citizens, Inc. Retirees seeking information about the organization should contact **Charles Wesley** at 224-3104, or **Neal Kinnish** at 788-6335.

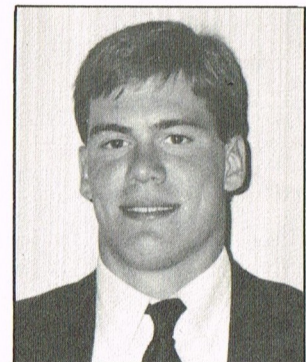
More June Grads



JOSEPH RAY GARCIA
St. Gregory High School
Adelaida Garcia
Telephone Switchboard



KEVIN BROWN
South Shore High School
Claude Brown
Archer Garage



LOUIS WOOL
Lawrence University
Leon Wool
General Law Division

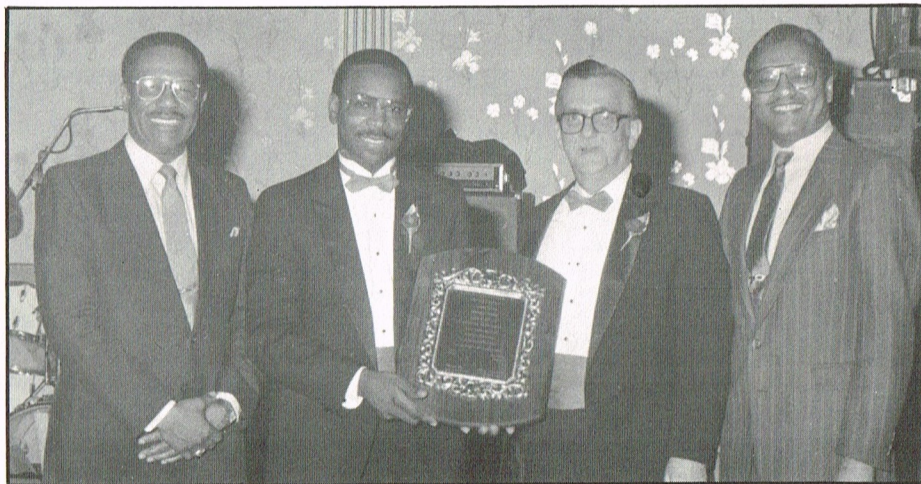
77th Street credit union earns highest CUNA rate

A dinner dance marked the 50th anniversary celebration of CTA's largest credit union, as officers and members of the 77th Street organization gathered at the Delphian House in Hickory Hills recently. Credit Union president Neal Kinnish said 250 people attended the annual meeting.

Operating on the motto, "Together we can make it happen," the 77th Street Credit Union serves approximately 1,400 members. A distinctive achievement of the 50-year-old financial organization is having been awarded the National Credit Union Administration's "Capital Adequacy Asset Quality Management Earning Liquidity (CAMEL)" rate of one, the highest achievable rate given by CUNA.

A plaque was also presented to the credit union by the CTA in recognition of service to its membership. Making the presentation on behalf of the Authority were **Harry Reddrick**, then deputy executive director, Operations who has since retired, and **Elonzo Hill**, senior manager, Rail Operations.

Amalgamated Transit Union Local 241 president **Elcosie Gresham**, who also had words of praise and encouragement for 77th Street Credit Union, said his organization's plaque would be presented at a later date.



*Credit Union treasurer **Charles Peterson** holds the plaque presented to the 77th Street Credit Union for outstanding service to its membership by CTA. Making the presentation on behalf of the Authority was **Harry Reddrick** (left), deputy executive director, Operations, retired. Others are **Neal Kinnish**, Kedzie garage chief clerk, retired who is also credit union president, and **Elonzo Hill**, senior manager, Rail Operations.*

Others attending the 77th Street Credit Union bash in an official capacity were Illinois Credit Union League president and chief executive officer Dan Plauda, and league treasurer Art Endres who is also director of the Southeast chapter, of which the 77th Street Credit Union is a member; Mike Defnet, National Credit Union Administration, and Mike Barney, the district federal examiner.

Besides president **Neal Kinnish**, other officers of the 77th Street CU are

Charles Peterson, treasurer, and **Joe Salabura**, secretary. Staff members are **James Brooks**, **Ed Jolley**, **Clifton Servant**, **Thomas Spencer**, **Charles Stoves**, **Al Towns**, **Howard Walsh**, **Charles Wesley**, and **J. C. White**. Kinnish, who was chief clerk at Kedzie garage when he retired in February, 1985, said several other 77th Street CU members are also retired, including some who now live out of state.

FOND FAREWELL

***Raymond (Ray) Pacheco** (sweater) receives a token of appreciation from control center co-workers. The presentation was made by power/data control superintendent **James Washington** at a retirement reception held in Ray's honor.*

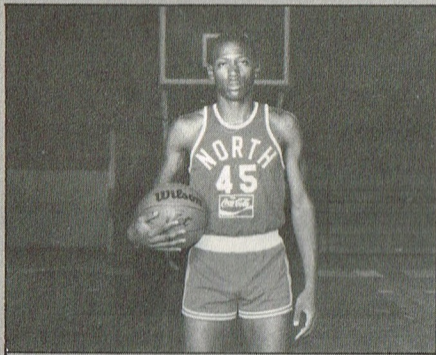


INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

61st Street

Congratulations and best wishes to newly weds **Lampton Evans** and his bride, the former **Marie Robinson**. Vows were exchanged in a ceremony at the Michigan Avenue Chicago Hilton and Towers on July 24. A wishing well reception which included dinner and dancing followed. CTA co-workers turned out in large numbers to see the beaming couple become Mr. and Mrs. Evans. The groom, a CTA employee of 31 years service, is superintendent at the 61st Street rail terminal.



Congratulations to **Craig Elliott**, 18, and his proud father, Personnel Services department coordinator **James Elliott**, and his wife, Mrs. Margaret Elliott. Young Elliott earned a basketball scholarship to Mississippi Valley State University, his dad's alma mater. The youth was one of 24 high school basketball players selected to play in the 34th annual Coca-Cola All Star Basketball games directed by the Mississippi Association of Coaches, and played in the Jackson, Ms Coliseum on July 30. The young basketball star was "Mr. Basketball" at Winona High School. He was named All District each year from 1985 until his graduation this year. In school year 1985-86 he earned triple honors--All Conference, All North Mississippi, and All State. He was named All South Mississippi the following school year. Our best wishes to Craig for a bright future.



Twins **Robert Joseph**, and **Thomas Charles Lindenmuth**, the sons of **Charles and Cynthia Lindenmuth**, were born on April 23. Their dad is rail janitor/administrative coordinator for Facilities Maintenance. The boys arrived at Resurrection Hospital and weighed 4 pounds, 18 ounces, and 4 pounds, 4 ounces respectively. They were each 18 inches in length.

Maurice "Bo" Ellis, the only Marquette basketball player to play in two final four basketball championships (1974 and 1977), was named assistant men's basketball coach at Marquette. Ellis is the son-in-law of 95th Street Rail Superintendent **Ardis Morris**. Ellis, 33, was named to Marquette's M Club Hall of Fame, an organization of Former Marquette University student-athletes. He earned All-American honors playing at MU and is in third place among the university's all-time scorers with 1,633 points between 1974 and 1977. An All-American for three years, Ellis was also a first-round draft pick by Washington and played for the NBA's Denver Nuggets from 1977-1980.

Service anniversaries in April

45 Years

Robert Valerious, 77th Shop

35 Years

Nelson Anderson, Ashland
Joseph Chapman, Rail Janitors
Tommie Fortune, Elec. Mtce.
Freddie Gregory, Ashland
James Thrower, Bus Service

30 Years

Esco Ducksworth, Archer
Nathaniel Glover, Elec. Mtce.
Edwin Olender, North Park
Cyril Schindler, 69th Street
Louis Stewart, Elec. Mtce.

25 Years

Lino Alcaraz, Oper, Comm & Power
Robert Bosco, 69th Garage
David Carter, 69th
Thomas Fitzpatrick, Bus District D
Harry Green, 69th Street
Willie Haskell, Mech. Mtce.
Howard Hill, 69th Street
William Howe, South Shops
Ernest Johnson, Bus Shops
Edward Jolley, 77th Street
James Jones, 69th Street
Raymond Mieszkowski, North Park
James Mirallegro, Kedzie Garage
Leonard Morris, 69th Street
Clinton Murray, Archer
Thomas Reilly, Transp. Personnel

40 Years

July

Frank Fiore, Utility

35 Years

Jesse Byrd, Bus Instruc.
Michael McCarthy, Safety Insp/Invstg.

30 Years

Gerald Christensen, Esc. Mtce.
Robert Haak, Jefferson Park
Theodore Kazanis, Forest Glen
Patrick Meaney, Douglas/Congress
Richard Valloni, Elec. Mtce.

25 Years

Wayne Albrecht, Elec. Mtce.
Carl Baumgartner, North Park
Earl Bell, Elec. Mtce.
Charles Bennett, South Warehouse
Leroy Cheatum, Kedzie
Floyd Cotton Jr., South Sect.
Willie Floyd, Douglas/Congress
Louis Gonzalez, Elec. Mtce.
George Harris, 69th Street
John Herron, Kedzie
Ronald Howard, Ashland
Julius Johnson, Lawndale
Paul Jones, Gen'l Mtce.
Arthur Linden, Forest Glen
Curtis Montgomery, Forest Park
Louis Morones, Howard/Kimball
Terrance Murtaugh, South Shops
Paul Swanson, Const. & Mtce. Engr.
Mary Vidas, West Section

Retirements July

Edgar W. Angel, Pers. Admn., 19 Yrs.
Gerald F. Budzisz, North Park, 31 Yrs.
Henry Chamblis, 69th Street, 31 Yrs.
***Leonard D. Davenport**, Skokie Shops, 26 Yrs.
Frank Demma, Skokie Shops, 18 Yrs.
Walter F. Gruber, West Shops, 21 Yrs.
James C. Hall, Beverly, 30 Yrs.
Colonial Heard, Madison/Wabash, 26 Yrs.
Talmadge A. Ireland Jr., Archer, 28 Yrs.
Wadsworth V. Jones, 77th Street, 18 Yrs.
John Jovanovich, O'Hare, 26 Yrs.
Charles L. Lindsey, 77th Street, 31 Yrs.
Anthony A. Major, South Shops, 21 Yrs.
Johnny D. Moore, Kedzie, 25 Yrs.
Thomas R. Morrison Jr., North Park, 26 Yrs.
George E. New, 95th Street, 23 Yrs.
Charles Nowlin, O'Hare, 20 Yrs.
John R. Oddo, West Shops, 25 Yrs.
George F. O'Neill, West Shops, 30 Yrs.
Laudeliano F. Pena, Forest Glen, 12 Yrs.
Harry Reddrick, Transprotation, 38 Yrs.
Leva M. Shelton, Douglas, 17 Yrs.
Alfred T. Thomas, Randolph/Wells, 25 Yrs.
Cecile D. Thomas, 95th Street, 26 Yrs.
Spelios P. Verges, West Shops, 28 Yrs.
Edward W. White, District C, 38 Yrs.

Disabilities

Robert Adams, Madison/Wabash, 20 Yrs.
Ervin Hourston, Lake/Harlem, 20 Yrs.
Robert F. Krejca, Madison/Wabash, 20 Yrs.
Martin P. Wilmsen, Finance, 19 Yrs.
Sammy L. Woods, 69th Street, 10 Yrs.
Odell Zeigler, Forest Glen, 25 Yrs.

August

Margaret L. Barrett, Kimball, 18 Yrs.
Robert L. Crawford, Harlem/Lake, 39 Yrs.
Manuel Coronado, Forest Glen, 25 Yrs.
Richard J. Dorsch, Forest Glen, 28 Yrs.
James A. Farr, 69th Street, 35 Yrs.
Wilson Holmes Jr., 69th Street, 34 Yrs.
Percy W. Howard, District A, 26 Yrs.
Wayne R. Miedema, North Park, 25 Yrs.
Albert B. Murdock, West Shops, 31 Yrs.
Albert N. Rakestraw, 63rd/Ashland, 38 Yrs.
Vernon L. Robinson, 61st Street, 25 Yrs.
Sylvester Scott, 95th Street, 25 Yrs.

Disabilities

William H. Dandridge, 77th Street, 11 Yrs.
Steve C. Hall, 77th Street, 19 Yrs.
Bernard Turnbow, Madison/Wabash, 20 Yrs.

Management Information Systems

I think we have a new baby boom starting in M.I.S. Congratulations are in order for the **Weeks** and **Fonzino** families. We have one for each side, a boy and a girl. On June 23, **Lukas Wayne Weeks** came into this world at 09:02 A.M. The proud parents are Bruce W. (Supervisor, Quality Assurance) and **Joan M. Weeks**. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 1-1/2 ozs. He met up with his two brothers, Jerad and Jason, on June 26. They are all doing fine! Here's a picture of the future ball



JAMIE FONZINO



LUKAS WEEKS

player. **John Fonzino** (Computer Production Controller) and his wife, **Deborah**, had a baby girl on June 30. They named her **Jamie Marie**, who weighed in at 7 lbs. 5 oz. As you can see, she's adorable. We hear that **Larry Simpson** (Project Analyst) was elected secretary of the Chicago Chapter, Association for System Management, on May 31, 1988. The association is a 9,000-member international society for systems and information resource management professionals. The Chicago Chapter has 50 members, who meet regularly for programs related to the systems profession. Larry has just completed two years as treasurer of the Chicago Chapter.

Patricia Glines

Brian Stephen, a 1988 alumnus of Chicago Vocational School, and the son of CTA bus controller **James** and **Edith Stephen**, was designated an Illinois State Scholar by the Illinois State Scholarship Commission, and received a letter of commendation from the National Achievement Scholarship Program. The 17-year-old University of Illinois-bound youth ranked second in his senior class of 875 students, and held a grade point average of 4.08. Brian was enrolled in the CVS Academic Honors program of accelerated studies which carries extra grade point weight.

Service anniversaries in August

45 Years

Valeria Bowman, Payroll Oper's

40 Years

Jack Chunowitz, Claims

35 Years

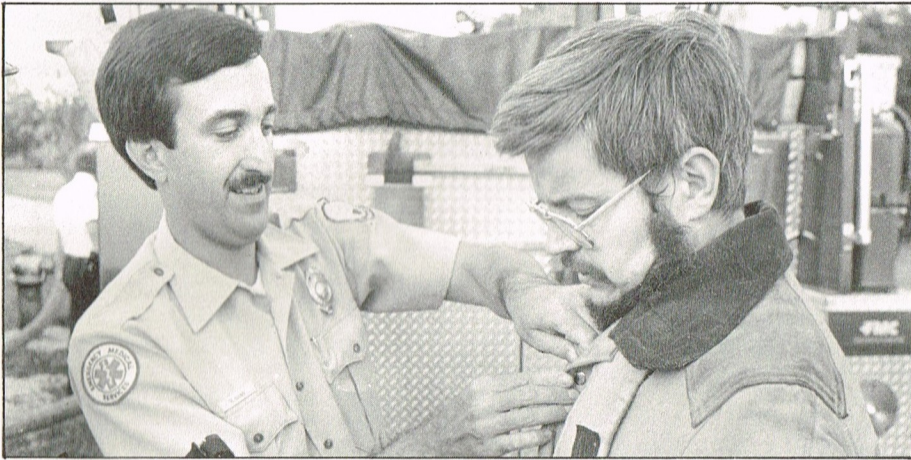
Richard Griffith Jr., 69th Street
Tommie Lowery, Elec. Mtce.
Luzell Mims, Bus District C
Donald Powell, South Warehouse
Lawrence Tuggle, 103rd Street

30 Years

Wilbert Blakely, South Shops
Jerry Boone, Rail Janitors
William Chamerlik, Mech. Mtce.
Val Church, Forest Glen
Stephen Kinchus, Mech. Maint.
Harvey Kirkpatrick, Bus Instruc.
Ronald Mendyk, Utility
Roy Mohler Jr., Oper, Comm & Power
James Pruitt, 103rd Street
Donald Regan, Esc. Mtce.
Arthur Tropple, North Park
Robert VanTrease, Track Mtce.
Patrick White, Gen'l Mtce.

25 Years

Sammy Adams, Lawndale
John Baxter Jr., Bus Personnel-North
Ivory Beattie, Archer
Junior Broadbent, Forest Glen
John Burns, Bus Service
John Cadenhead, 103rd Street
James Cephas, 69th Street
Henry Chandler, Archer
Burnett Devers, Schedules
Isaac Cushingberry, Archer
Muzio Ficarella, Sub-Ass'y & Elec.
Elbert Ford, 77th Street
John Frazier Jr., Comm. Mtce.
Joseph Henderson, Utility
Ernest Hennecke, 103rd Street
Donald Gray, Douglas/Congress
Eddie Johnson, 77th Street
Lawrance Johnson, Gen'l Mtce.
Jimmie Locke Jr., Archer
Harold Lucas, Archer
Richard May Jr., 77th Street
David Millsap, Lawndale
Vernon Morris, Douglas/Congress
Carl Myers, Limits
Richard Myslinski, Forest Glen
Lawrence Oomens, Tech. Serv./Prog. Supp.
Bill Reed Jr., 77th Street
Madison Sample, 103rd Street
Bill Sholdice, Trng. & Development
Alfred Williams, Kedzie
Howard Wilson, Forest Glen
Richard Young, Lawndale



Maintenance training specialist (bus) **Rick Guinn** (left), who is also a volunteer fireman for the south suburban Park Forest Fire department, assists his friend, **Remi Guillet**, Ministere De L'Industrie engineer, and head of gas and pressure vessels safety division for the French government, into fireman's gear at the Park Forest Fire department's training facility. Guillet visited the Guinn family while he was in Chicago on business. The two families have been like one since their

participation for the last six years in the French-American exchange program. Guillet's 10-year old son Bruno attended school in Park Forest for three weeks as a guest in the home of Rick and Kristine Guinn and their son, Peter. Earlier, Peter spent three weeks in the Guillet home at St Maur near Paris where he also attended school. Like his son, engineer Guillet also made new friends as he toured CTA.

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WANTED

Chicago Surface Lines uniforms, complete or partial, size 44 or 46. Other CSL memorabilia, or early CTA uniforms would also be appreciated.

Please write Jack Kelly, 732 Hitchcock, Lisle, IL 60532, or call 964-3406.



Ready to assume responsibilities of a garage superintendent is this group of trainees who just completed a nine-week program qualifying them for the job. Standing are (from left) **Marselino Miranda**, **Stanley Parish**, **Phyllis Montgomery**, **Hager McFarland**, **James Robinson**, **Mostafa Poustinchian**, and **John Odom**. Not present is **Tyrone Dumas**. The facilitators are (seated from left) **John Perkins**, **Barbara Colwell**, **Mel Link**, and **Charlie Hodges**.

Service anniversaries in September

35 Years

Prentis Armstrong, Bus District C
DeLord Hatcher, South Shops
Robert Johnson, Adm. Services
Leonard Mirabelli, Bus Radio Mtce.
Isaac Taylor, Utility

30 Years

Grant Greene, Sub-Ass'y/Mech.
Robert Hicks, 77th Street
John Hudson Jr., Archer
Bernard Michalski, Fare Coll. Dvlpt.
Russell Schaeffer, Elec. Mtce.
Aleksander Wyszynski, Bus Service

25 Years

David Allison, Kedzie
Robert Bean, 77th Street
Richard Burrell, Limits
Frank Cardella, North Park
William Cline, Rail Supp. Svcs.
Ernest Dittsworth, Forest Glen
Burnell Dixon, 103rd Street
Thomas Gilmore, Lawndale
Sidney Goodman, Rail Janitors
Leon Griffith Sr., Vehicle Wiring
Jimmie Hardy, 77th Street
Patrick Harnett, Vehicle Wiring
Peyton Hightower, 77th Street
Arthur Hubbard, Instruction
Willie Huggins, 103rd Street
Lawrence Jareckas, Cent. Ctg. Oper's
Robert Johnson, Archer
Phillip Larry, Limits
George Lyons, Archer
Daniel Martiniak, Shop Services
Lawrence McKee, Kimball Mtce.
Adrian Miller, West Section
Melvin Moon, 77th Street
Jack Moore, North Park
James O'Grady, Howard/Kimball
Edward Pala, North Park Garage
Fred Powell, Training Center
Willie Reed, 103rd Street
Sam Shipp, Bus District B
James Simpson, Sys. Spc. Mtce.
Harold Stingley Jr., Douglas/Congress
Samuel Stockling, 69th Street
Neil Stumbris, Engine
Thomas Torrey, Vehicle Wiring
Ronald Walker, Ashland
Rayford Washington, Ashland
Melvin Webb, Kedzie
Leonard Wiencek, Eng. & Mtce. Sys.
Bobby Wright, North Park
redrick Zelewsky, Howard/Kimball

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to **James A. Pate**, assistant superintendent, Bus Instruction. He was recently appointed to a five year term as a commissioner of the Cook County Housing Authority. The appointment comes from the Cook County Board.



General Office

CTA telephone operator **Adelaida Garcia**, and husband **Heriberto** are happy to have their son **Heriberto Jr.** home after six weeks of basic training at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas. Airman Garcia, a 1986 graduate of Holy Trinity high school, is a member of the Illinois Air

National Guard, and is assigned to duty with the 126th Air National Guard unit at O'Hare. A younger son, **Joseph Ray Garcia** who graduated recently from St. Gregory high school, has plans for following in his big brother's foot steps, reports Adelaida.

IN MEMORIAM

Frank J. Adams, 97, Transp.,
Emp. 12/2/26, Died 4/29/88
James F. Anderson, 89, Claim,
Emp. 7/1/29, Died 5/21/88
Roy W. Anderson, 78, Beverly,
Emp. 11/16/36, Died 5/14/88
Stanley M. Banals, 80, West Sect.,
Emp. 10/14/31, Died 7/22/88
Walter A. Baran, 76, Veh. Mtce.,
Emp. 9/20/47, Died 5/21/88
John V. Barrett, 76, Forest Glen,
Emp. 3/18/52, Died 6/25/88
George J. Barski, 73, Forest Glen,
Emp. 1/18/54, Died 7/10/88
Alfred J. Bartolai, 68, Adm. Svcs.,
Emp. 3/22/67, Died 6/26/88
Joseph Bartucci, 88, Engineering,
Emp. 7/28/42, Died 7/9/88
Harvey G. Bey, 58, Kedzie,
Emp. 4/24/51, Died 6/25/88
William C. Blades, 76, Dist. D.,
Emp. 6/12/41, Died 5/22/88
Burton H. Bosan, 64, Public Affairs,
Emp. 9/19/52, Died 5/23/88
Theodore Bromberg, 85, Transportation,
Emp. 12/4/23, Died 5/23/88
Richard G. Brown, 66, West Shops,
Emp. 9/26/69, Died 7/7/88
John E. Burke, 85, 77th Street,
Emp. 6/27/27, Died 6/18/88
Roderick Caplis, 85, 69th Street,
Emp. 6/3/26, Died 6/14/88
Sophia Danielson, 88, Rev. Acctg.,
Emp. 9/29/22, Died 5/11/88
L. P. DeGroot Jr., 84, South Sect.,
Emp. 2/15/26, Died 5/15/88
Herbert D. Dillard, 59, 63rd & Ashland,
Emp. 3/19/51, Died 7/24/88
Clarence Dotson, 61, Madison/Wabash,
Emp. 9/7/67, Died 5/27/88
Sidney E. Duke, 93, Forest Glen,
Emp. 6/29/28, Died 5/25/88
Beatrice Franke, 69, Compt./Acctg.,
Emp. 9/17/51, Died 6/4/88
Josephine Giblin, 76, West Sect.,
Emp. 5/9/44, Died 6/14/88
Oscar R. Hamlink, 81, Law,
Emp. 3/8/34, Died 5/15/88
H. D. Herring, 47, West Shops,
Emp. 11/8/62, Died 5/29/88
Stanley Janik, 90, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 1/18/42, Died 6/3/88
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Melvin Jones Sr., 59, South Sect.,
Emp. 6/25/51, Died 7/4/88
Louis J. Karolich, 72, Veh. Mtce.,
Emp. 11/11/46, Died 7/2/88
John C. Kasman, 76, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 2/5/29, Died 5/20/88
James J. Kelly, 83, West Sect.,
Emp. 1/7/26, Died 7/3/88
Michael Kneafsey, 90, North Park,
Emp. 5/22/29, Died 4/25/88
Louis G. Kramer, 80, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 6/16/24, Died 6/24/88
John F. Krause, 82, Transportation,
Emp. 6/18/25, Died 7/12/88
Evelyn J. Lanz, 72, North Sect.,
Emp. 11/3/44, Died 6/30/88
Andrew M. Lee, 61, Forest Glen,
Emp. 8/11/55, Died 7/9/88
Richard B. Lemke, 90, North Sect.,
Emp. 7/19/18, Died 6/22/88
Michael L. Loran, 60, Kedzie,
Emp. 5/21/53, Died 5/22/88
Henry S. Malezewski, 72, North Avenue,
Emp. 4/4/55, Died 7/9/88
Thomas J. McInerney, 83, South Sect.,
Emp. 3/1/44, Died 5/19/88
Alexander McPhee, 89, Limits,
Emp. 10/5/23, Died 5/9/88
Adolph J. Mescher, 76, North Avenue,
Emp. 12/18/40, Died 6/22/88
Joseph Milioto, 92, Way & Struts.,
Emp. 5/1/22, Died 7/12/88
Rita K. Nelson, 70, Veh. Mtce.,
Emp. 3/3/43, Died 7/3/88
Howard F. Norton, 81, Beverly,
Emp. 11/16/36, Died 5/14/88
Rudolph A. Nuisal, 80, Limits,
Emp. 10/23/45, Died 6/2/88
Pedro Palomar, 78, Maintenance,
Emp. 3/24/47, Died 5/27/88
Rocco W. Parilla, 88, Howard,
Emp. 5/29/20, Died 7/1/88
George Peso, 89, Constr. & Maint.,
Emp. 9/24/25, Died 5/14/88
Fred Petrino, 78, Maintenance,
Emp. 6/3/36, Died 5/28/88
Adolph Porwancher, 88, North Park,
Emp. 8/25/41, Died 6/26/88
Walter C. Post, 66, South Shops,
Emp. 6/24/26, Died 6/20/88
Marie L. Pulliam, 93, Howard,
Emp. 4/16/31, Died 7/24/88

A. Quattrocchi, 90, Way & Struts.,
Emp. 11/18/30, Died 5/27/88
Joe L. Rayburn, 51, 61st Street,
Emp. 10/15/56, Died 6/26/88
Daniel F. Rebmolch, 76, 77th Street,
Emp. 2/11/36, Died 7/20/88
John F. Reck, 78, Forest Glen,
Emp. 9/8/42, Died 5/3/88
Robert J. Reding, 67, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 10/7/48, Died 6/6/88
Lawrence Reynolds, 79, Archer,
Emp. 10/22/53, Died 7/16/88
John J. Rossi, 68, West Shops,
Emp. 1/14/45, Died 6/8/88
Charles H. Rummel, 91, South Sect.,
Emp. 9/15/19, Died 6/7/88
Joseph A. Ryan, 79, West Sect.,
Emp. 4/12/48, Died 6/6/88
William P. Spraul, 93, Archer,
Emp. 1/7/19, Died 5/4/88
Eugene Sprovieri, 66, West Shops,
Emp. 1/16/47, Died 6/15/88
George Stanek, 74, Archer,
Emp. 1/4/46, Died 6/9/88
James Stewart, 76, 52nd Street,
Emp. 1/16/51, Died 7/13/88
W. Stinespring, 81, North Park,
Emp. 5/25/28, Died 5/30/88
Thomas J. Twomey, 77, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 7/28/47, Died 3/31/88
Fred J. Ulrich, 95, West Sect.,
Emp. 5/15/25, Died 6/22/88
Glenn Vanderflute, 73, Rail Veh. Mtce.,
Emp. 8/11/45, Died 7/1/88
Herbert E. Walther, 76, Engineering,
Emp. 2/5/42, Died 6/19/88
John H. Wedel, 81, 69th Street,
Emp. 12/6/27, Died 6/30/88
Jesse S. Wells, 43, South Sect.,
Emp. 1/27/67, Died 6/20/88
William J. White, 61, Forest Glen,
Emp. 9/8/48, Died 5/27/88
Elmer Willenbrock, 79, North Park,
Emp. 8/26/42, Died 6/28/88
Fred M. Williams, 65, Archer,
Emp. 7/21/60, Died 5/26/88
Horace A. Wills, 70, 77th Street,
Emp. 11/2/53, Died 6/5/88
Peter Zaccariello, 71, Kedzie,
Emp. 9/30/46, Died 5/8/88

If you're starting to think about retirement, you probably have a lot of unanswered questions about what will probably be the biggest step of your life in recent years.

Information about medical coverage, premium costs, union affiliation, taxes, survivor benefits and beneficiaries are all concerns crucial to retirement planning. That is why a visit to the Pension Office at 440 North Wells about seven to nine months before your planned retirement date is encouraged, and it's best to call ahead for an appointment (670-0362).

Not only will you get information on retirement related matters, but your file will be checked to make sure that all the necessary documents are available. The lack of a birth certificate on file, for example, could delay the receipt of your first pension check.

Once you have all the necessary information and have decided upon a retirement date, you must file a retirement application, which should be obtained from your own work location and forwarded to the Pension office by your department manager.

Retirements are all effective on the first day of the month. However, signed and completed applications must be received in the Pension Office no later than the 14th of the month preceding your planned retirement date. For example, if you plan to retire Jan. 1, 1989, your application must be in the Pension Office by Dec. 14, 1988.

You do yourself a disservice if your decision making about retirement is last minute. Employees considering retirement are encouraged by the CTA Pension Office staff to take ample time to get the facts before making this important step, and, when you're sure you're ready to retire, file your application in plenty of time.

Remember, retirement applications are not filled out in the Pension Office. They should be obtained from your department.

If you work in:	You should see:
Transportation & Surface Janitors	McKinley Hayden, Ext. 4136 Fred Jones, Ext. 4128 Rm. 760 - Mart
Plant Maintenance (West Shops)	James Chmill, 3900 W. Maypole 722-6700, Ext. 504
Rail Janitors	William Jones, Madison & Wabash 263-4434, Ext. 2274
Vehicle Maintenance (South Shops)	John Kurtovich, 7801 S. Vincennes 874-7100, Ext. 303
Operations Planning	Grace Iacano, Rm. 700 - Mart Ext. 4011
Accounts Receivable	Chester Venesky, Rm. 714 - Mart Ext. 4509
Personnel/Area 605	Annette Allen, Rm. 742 - Mart Ext. 3489
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