

## Clark Burrus-Community service veteran named new CTA chairman

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New CTA Board Chairman Clark Burrus [left] gets a "welcome aboard" from Dr. Robert E. Paaswell, CTA executive director, after

Burrus was officially appointed to the body, and subsequently elected its chairman at a special June session.

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FOR EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY



## Community service veteran named new CTA chairman

**Clark Burrus**, senior vice president in the First National Bank of Chicago's Specialized Bank Group, and head of the Health, Education, Municipalities and Services department, has been named CTA's 11th chairman. His term of office will expire Sept. 1, 1992.

Burrus was named to the Board by Acting Mayor **Eugene Sawyer** to fill the unexpired term of former Chairman **Walter Clark**, who resigned in June.

A special June 24 meeting of the Chicago Transit Board was convened in its Merchandise Mart board room, where the ordinance appointing Burrus to the Board was formally read into the record by Board Member **J. Douglas Donenfeld**. Subsequently he was elected chairman.

Prior to surrendering the gavel to the new chairman, Board Vice Chairman **John Hoellen** said of Burrus, "...His financial expertise led to his appointment to the interim board of the Regional Transportation Authority [RTA] in 1983. In 1984, Mayor Harold Washington appointed Mr. Burrus to the RTA Board where he serves as vice chairman of the finance committee.

"In addition to his post on the RTA Board, Mr. Burrus is also a member of the Chicago Board of Education, ex-

ecutive director of the city's Financial and Research Advisory Committee, a member of the Cook County Revenue Study Commission, and holds posts and memberships in various civic organizations."

Hoellen said Burrus had had "a solid 25-year career in city government," noting that he joined the city in 1954 as a field auditor, and served in various positions in the Health and Urban Renewal departments.

CTA's new chairman was named first deputy comptroller in 1972, and in 1974 he was Mayor Richard J. Daley's choice for city comptroller. During his five year tenure in that post, Burrus led the City of Chicago to its first AA bond rating, the highest rating possible. He resigned as city comptroller in 1979 to join the First National Bank of Chicago.

Clark Burrus was also architect of the nation's first low-interest rate mortgage revenue bond program, and served as a trustee of four public pension funds.

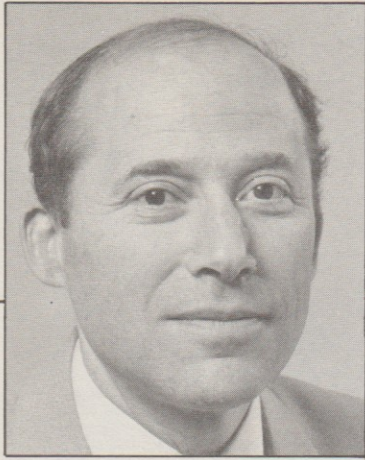
He was elected president of the Police Pension Fund, named vice president of the Laborers' Annuity and Pension Fund, and the Municipal Employees Pension Fund. Burrus was also named chairman of the Investment Committee of the Fireman's Pension Fund.

The newly named CTA chairman is an alumnus of Roosevelt University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting and a masters degree in public administration with honors.

Burrus and his wife, **Lucille**, are the parents of a son, **James**, and reside on the city's south side.

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The

# BUZZWORD

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

- Q. *Lately, CTA has practically been a revolving door for the arrival and departure of top management and executive personnel. In other instances there have been demotions and other disciplinary action taken against this particular segment of our work force, creating instability and uncertainty among employees at large. When will it all settle down?***
- A.** We've undergone many organizational changes in order to cope with problems which have developed at CTA in the last 10 years. CTA is an old system which has seen some decline of ridership, and public support. We're trying to rebuild that ridership, and the public confidence. We're still an excellent system, but our goal is to make CTA a model transit agency for the nation. To do this we need a blend of new ideas combined with the best of tradition, so there will be new people and organizational changes. Some change is healthy. We want our staff to define its role in procedures and to continually improve the quality of service. Any system without change becomes stagnant, and there were symptoms of stagnation here. We were seeing a decline in the quality of maintenance, a backlog of capital programs, and disrespect for some of our procurement practices. It takes only a few people to create a bad image, but the majority of our people are excellent employees, and the best should set the examples. We want to make it tougher to get a foothold for the few who do not perform to standard.
- Q. *Recently CTA employees received management's year-end report which discussed the on-going project 'Going Your Way.' It is quite clear how this project benefits the riding public, but just how does it benefit CTA employees.***
- A.** Anything that benefits the riding public benefits our employees, and all 13,000 of us share in it. As these things are achieved, we can all feel that we have had a part in it. Doing projects that are identifiable should give every employee a sense of pride.
- Q. *This agency has always cried poor mouth and budget restraint, especially where salaries are concerned for blue collar and lower echelon professional personnel during evaluation periods, yet I've witnessed wasteful spending in my department for unnecessary supplies just to avoid a cut-back in allocation. How do you explain the philosophical disparity?***
- A.** We do not condone this kind of spending, and we are looking at how managers spend money. CTA is in the process of going to a program-based budget. Again, mid-level management must take responsibility for improvements. A program-based budget takes two to three years to really get on track because it is a hard concept, but we intend to get it going and curtail wasteful spending.
- Q. *CTA has a number of well paid, under-employed personnel who frequently spend valuable time reading newspapers, magazines, and books, and sometimes sleeping, or engaged in other non-productive activity. Wouldn't you consider this a waste of manpower and salaries, as well as conduct that generates adverse publicity?***
- A.** Our top line managers must set the standards. If people are not carrying their part of the load as they should, then managers are responsible to see that they are productively employed. If the employee is having a problem with the job then perhaps that person should be in some other line of work somewhere else. Managers must be willing to take the responsibility or the problem will continue.
- 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.



## Company Kid Program searches for adoptive parents

While cameras clicked away, grown-ups cooed, wooed, and awed over the 20-month-old little boy in a sailor's cap and blue and white shirt and short pants.

A little charmer, **Johnny** readily smiled and quickly turned everybody who saw him into mush. He also focused attention on the thousands of little ones like him who need adoptive homes and a lot of tender, loving care.

The tiny ward of the State of Illinois was cradled in the arms of **Mayor Eugene Sawyer**, who had come to CTA on June 7 to help launch a new outlet for child adoption, the Company Kid Program. "I'm delighted that CTA is the first major organization in Illinois to take part in this Company Kid Program," said the mayor. "Bringing love, understanding, and a chance at a new, more secure life to children at risk, is a wonderful opportunity for people who care about kids."

"This is how the Company Kid Program works," explained Senior Deputy Executive Director/Administration **Gloria Chevere**. "CTA's 3,500 buses and trains will carry cards inviting interested people to become foster parents. At the same time, the search for adoptive families will be directed to our 13,000 employees."

"Photos and descriptions of children waiting to be adopted will be publicized in the *Transit News* employee magazine, and in the bus and rail operators union newsletters, as well as in pay envelopes."

"Additionally, 15 of CTA's busiest rapid transit stations will have Metro Vision spots of adoptable children."

Chevere also noted that the Adoption Information Center of Illinois will conduct ongoing informational



*Johnny enjoyed the attention he received while playing with a remote control truck on the carpeted floor of CTA's Mobile Information Center bus.*

meetings at CTA employee lunchrooms and garages.

Expressing support for the program were **Elcosie Gresham**, president, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 241, and **Erv Harmon**, vice president, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 308.

Said Gresham, "Our membership supports Company Kid because we believe in children. They are our hope for the future, and they deserve to be raised in loving, stable homes. We can't think of better, more patient parents than transit operators."



# ON THEIR TIME



## Leather craft is labor of love for ticket agent

The skillful tool and dye leather craftsmanship of **Martin Vargas** is comparable to most leather goods in today's market, and is as much a labor of love as it is an avocation.

He spends an average of three hours per day, and frequently longer, in the basement workshop of his modest Cicero home. There he turns out wallets, belts, purses, ticket punch holders, portfolios, and a variety of other leather goods, ordered mostly by his CTA co-workers.

Vargas is a second shift CTA ticket agent, presently assigned to the Howard street terminal. When he isn't out purchasing leather craft supplies, he's starting the day in his shop filling orders. Although an abundance of orders occasionally requires the production assistance of his mother, Mrs. Mecacla Vargas, who shares his home, and his nephew, the superb workmanship of these hand crafted goods is entirely Vargas' undertaking. "I love it," he said.

As he tells it, his interest in leather craft began through somewhat unfortunate circumstances. "I was in the hospital, and, after about a week of confinement, I was at loose ends and about driven to distraction for the lack of something to do, when a hospital worker introduced me to leather craft."

Since that day four years ago, the world has been his oyster in the leather craft hobby, which he says will no doubt become his principal concern in retirement.

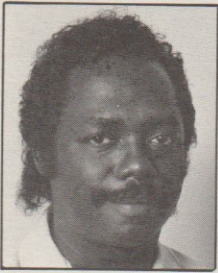
When Vargas was released from his hospital stay, he became a frequent visitor of a nearby hobby shop, where he continued to learn about his newfound interest. Finally, he graduated from kits of particular patterns which only needed to be assembled and dyed. Today, he is a preferred customer at a leather craft shop, where he buys leather in bulk quantities to meet the demands of customers for his enjoyable hobby.



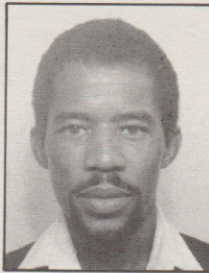
Tools and dyes of every variety are used for making intricate designs on belts and other leather goods produced by **Martin Vargas**.



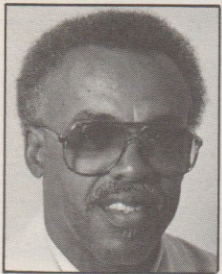
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**Harold Stingley Jr.** [conductor, Douglas terminal] was called "exceedingly courteous and attentive" by Thomas Donohoe, who has offices on West Monroe Street. "He certainly went out of his way to assist an elderly woman who was obviously confused and needed to find her way to Northwestern Memorial Hospital. I am sure all the passengers were impressed by his attitude and effort."



**Larry Goffer** [No. 151 Sheridan, Limits garage] is regarded as "a gentleman and an asset to the CTA" by Mitzi Feinberg, of North Sheridan Road. "He gently quieted down a loud and boisterous drunk, much to the relief of the other passengers. He stopped to help a young woman with a small child and a large bag to get on the bus. He was well dressed, with a neat shirt and tie--truly an asset to the CTA."



**Dewitt Coleman** [No. 99M Midway Express, Archer garage] "is polite, pleasant, informative, businesslike, and a genuinely nice person," according to Mrs. Patricia Fontanetta, of South Kostner Avenue. "He waits for people who are running to catch the bus. He is always on time unless it cannot be avoided. We can really depend on him. Everyone on the bus likes Mr. Coleman and has respect for him."



**Wylean Williams** [No. 3 King Drive, 77th Street garage] was considered "an excellent driver who seems to be completely in control," in the opinion of Marguerite Backus, of North Michigan Avenue. "She never started the bus if a rider had only one foot on the step, and she pulled completely to the curb at every stop--not two or three feet from the curb. On top of that, she is also a very pleasant person."

## Employees who received

**Kimberly Adams**, South Section  
**Judy Anderson**, Rail-Campaign  
**Roberto Andino**, Forest Glen  
**Donald Angell**, Supp. Svcs/Rail  
**William Anthony**, North Section  
**David Arreguin**, North Park

**Ronald Bailey**, Forest Glen  
**Ernest Barnes**, Beverly  
**Nathan Baskin**, 69th Street  
**Adonis Berrios**, Forest Glen  
**Rosarita Betts**, North Avenue  
**Rudolph Blakemore**, North Avenue  
**George Bowen Jr.**, Kedzie  
**James Boyd**, Limits  
**Steven Braswell**, North Park  
**Charlotte Brent**, North Section  
**Alphonso Brooks**, North Avenue  
**Cornell Brown**, 77th Street  
**Robert Brown**, North Park  
**Nathan Brown**, Limits  
**Robert Brownlow**, North Park  
**Lee Burns**, Archer

**Jean Cage**, North Park  
**Anthony Caldwell**, North Park  
**Sergio Candelaria**, Limits  
**Noel Castro**, North Park  
**James Clark**, 77th Street

**George Collins**, Forest Glen  
**Stephen Conway**, Archer  
**Robert Cossom**, North Park

**Samuel Davenport**, North Park  
**Archie Davis**, 69th Street  
**Leon Davis**, North Park  
**Vincent Davis**, Rail Janitors  
**George Davis Jr.**, Archer  
**Robert Dluger**, North Park  
**Gerald Doherty**, North Park  
**Brian Dollar**, North Park  
**Herman Duffin**, Forest Glen

**Pamela Ellis**, Douglas/Congress

**Hubert Fincher**, North Park  
**Jose Flores**, North Section  
**Tommie Franklin**, North Park

**Joseph Gale**, Forest Glen  
**Edward Gonzalez**, Archer  
**Diane Gordon**, West Section  
**John Gorski**, Limits  
**Don Gowder**, Howard/Kimball  
**Carol Graham**, 69th Street  
**Dorothy Graham**, Limits

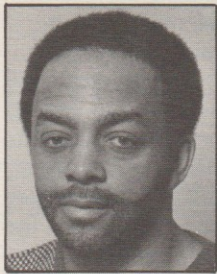
**Leroy Greathouse**, 69th Street  
**Jerry Green**, Kedzie  
**Billy Grimmage**, 69th Street

**August Hallmann**, Forest Glen  
**Harold Hamler**, 77th Street  
**Niki Hansen**, Forest Glen  
**Cynthia Harris**, North Avenue  
**Michael Harris**, Howard/Kimball  
**Alvin Harrison**, North Avenue  
**Cecelia Hendrickson**, Forest Glen  
**Andrew Hendrix Jr.**, Archer  
**George Henley**, Archer  
**Raul Hernandez**, Archer  
**Tanno Herring**, North Avenue  
**Leroy Hervy**, 69th Street  
**Peyton Hightower**, 77th Street  
**Maurice Hollister**, Archer  
**Jackie Hubbard**, Howard/Kimball  
**John Hudson Jr.**, Archer

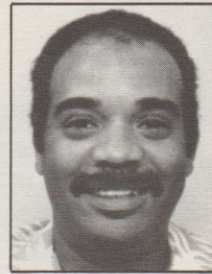
**Tyrone Jackson**, 77th Street  
**R. Jackson**, Kedzie  
**Leon Jackson**, Howard/Kimball  
**Marcia Jacobs**, Forest Glen  
**Lambert Jacobes Jr.**, Forest Glen  
**Willie James**, North Park  
**Julius Johnson**, North Avenue  
**Jerome Johnson**, North Avenue  
**Daivd Johnson Jr.**, Archer



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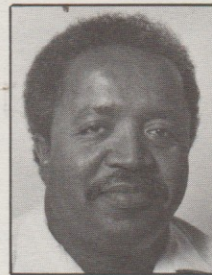
**James Hampton** [conductor, Howard terminal] was praised by Stuart Smith, of Woodlawn Avenue, "for his warning us over the loudspeaker about persons he believed to be pickpockets riding the Howard train. As a person who has to ride the 'L' frequently late at night, I greatly appreciate the conductor's attention, concern and courage. Please thank him for me and the other persons he protects from theft."



**Maurice Sutton** [No. 4 Cottage Grove, 77th Street garage] "was a pleasure to ride with," according to Mrs. Donna Greene, of Cottage Grove Avenue. "I was amazed at how courteous he was to each passenger boarding and leaving his bus. He actually greeted each with a 'Hello! How are you?' and as each one left, he wished them a 'Good evening.' You also knew where you were because he called each stop."



**Robert Taylor** [No. 84 Peterson, Forest Glen garage] was commended by Stephen Miyagawa, of Dorchester Avenue. "He is not only reliable, punctual, and courteous to his passengers, but shows concern for their safety, especially the senior citizens, physically disabled and the blind. He has a pleasant disposition, but is firm with those who try to free-load. He also offers service with a smile."



**Samuel Bellmon** [No. 37 Sedgwick/Ogden, Limits garage] was complimented by Lola Shreve, of South Blue Island Avenue. "He is a real polite man, always has a smile on his face, and has a cheery greeting for everyone. When someone gets on his bus and gives him a bad time, he just smiles and says, 'Have a nice day.' He is very friendly when people ask directions, and always gives them a helping hand."

## commendations since our last listing

**Patricia Klobucar**, Archer  
**Robert Kremer**, North Park  
**Richard Kusek**, Forest Glen

**Lee Lampley**, 77th Street  
**Leroy Landry**, Limits  
**Joseph Lawrence**, 69th Street  
**Joseph Lima**, Forest Glen  
**Teresa Lopez**, Forest Glen  
**Alexander Love**, Kedzie  
**Amy Love**, Kedzie  
**Gregorio Lugo**, Forest Glen

**Nazario Magana**, North Park  
**Janis Marino**, Limits  
**Kenneth Martin**, Kedzie  
**Hue Maxwell**, 77th Street  
**Paul McCoy**, Kedzie  
**Michelle Mead**, Limits  
**Theodore Merriweather**, 77th Street  
**Earl Miles**, Kedzie  
**Gluseppe Militello**, North Avenue  
**Fredrick Miller**, North Park  
**Sammy Miller**, Forest Glen  
**Daniel Miller**, Jefferson Park  
**Isaias Molina**, Forest Glen  
**Howard Monore**, North Park  
**Abdul Muhammad**, 77th Street  
**Ubaldo Munoz**, North Park

**Frankie Nelson**, Archer  
**Fredrick Nelson**, Archer  
**Howard Norman**, Rail District

**Tyrone Olivier**, Forest Glen  
**Florinda Orcasitas**, Archer  
**Paul Osipavicius**, Archer

**Robert Patterson**, Kedzie  
**Fredrick Pepke**, Limits  
**Julio Perez**, North Park  
**James Przybylski**, North Park

**Billy Ragsdale**, 77th Street  
**Clyde Randolph**, 69th Street  
**Doris Ray**, Limits  
**George Reynolds Jr.**, Ashland  
**Darryl Richards**, Kedzie  
**Leon Richmond**, North Avenue  
**Sherman Robinson**, Kedzie  
**Felix Rodriguez**, Forest Glen  
**Silvia Rodriguez**, Forest Glen  
**Miguel Rodriguez**, Howard/Kimball  
**Lonnie Rupert**, Beverly

**Dale Sanders**, 69th Street  
**Angelo Santana**, Archer

**Vernon Sims**, North Park  
**Joseph Smith**, Limits  
**Theodas Smith Jr.**, 77th Street  
**Vincent Spann**, 77th Street  
**Larry Sparks**, Forest Glen  
**Marion Stubbs**, North Park

**Sterling Tharp Jr.**, 77th Street  
**Brian Thomas**, Archer  
**Mary Thrower**, Douglas/Congress  
**Mamie Twine**, North Section

**Frank Vazquez**, North Avenue

**William Ward**, Forest Glen  
**Wayne Wardlow**, Kedzie  
**Homer Wilkerson**, 77th Street  
**Anthony Williams**, Archer  
**Ethel Wilson**, Archer  
**Arlis Wilson**, North Park  
**Waldridge Witherspoon**, Howard/Kimball

**Jacques Yezeguelian**, Forest Glen  
**Charles Young**, Jefferson Park



# Librarian is SPSA winner



Professionalism, skill, fun and adventure spirited by a sense of good humor are the quintessence of quality and the aspiration of most CTA employees. It is also the essence of CTA Supervisor of Library Services **Lillian Dallas Culbertson**, a winner of the 1988 Superior Public Service Award.

The Superior Public Service Awards program recognizes outstanding public employees in the executive, professional, supervisory, clerical, public safety, and general service categories.

**Judy Genesen**, director of Information Services, nominated Culbertson for recognition as an outstanding professional employee to be honored at the 20th annual awards program which was held June 16 at the Palmer House. Ms. Culbertson was one of

two honorees in the professional category. SPSA 1988 honored 14 Chicagoans with the coveted trophy.

Bus controller **James Stephen**, a CTA employee for 27 years, was an SPSA finalist in the general service category. Stephen was nominated by Superintendent of Bus Communication **Lino Alcaraz** in recognition of his outstanding community service in education, scouting, and stewardship as financial secretary for the Southlawn United Methodist Church.

Executive Office Manager **Rebecca Cousin**, Office of Executive Director **Robert Paaswell**, a 29-year employee, was also a finalist in the clerical category. Ms. Cousin was nominated by Dr. Paaswell in recognition of her outstanding job performance.

Culbertson is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State College, and holds a master of arts degree in librarianship from the University of Denver. Her career as a librarian has taken her from her native Missouri's public schools to the Wichita, Kansas, City Library as well as positions in Skokie, Oak Park, and finally CTA.

Along the way, Lil has raced sail boats, navigated rallies for exotic sports cars, and explored uncharted areas of the Rocky Mountains by jeep. She has studied and traveled, extending her knowledge and love of the history, archaeology, and contemporary culture of the Latin Americas and the Southwestern United States. Although she loves to spend her leisure time reading, she will just as often spend time watching the ducks and gardening at her country cottage.

In the 13 years Lil Culbertson has been with CTA, she has distinguished herself by her creativity and her extraordinary ability to set priorities. She also has a delightful sense of humor which frequently powers her enthusiasm for achievement.

She is credited with taking on the major responsibility for the creation of the first, and often acknowledged "best public transit library in the country."

As supervisor of Technical Services, Lil spent her initial seven years with CTA establishing and cataloging the Anthon Memorial Library collection, which is housed in Room 779 of the Merchandise Mart.

Thanks to her initiative, the CTA library was the first special library to be selected by the Illinois State Library to receive a computer terminal to access the national bibliographic database known as OCLC, a system which provides Library of Congress information on books as well as other vital reader information.

Though her skill in the use of the database, and her efforts to teach other special librarians, the use and costs of this system have been shared for 12 years with a group of other libraries such as that of the United Way Metropolitan Chicago.

Lil Culbertson's pioneering "cluster" made this important network available to CTA and to some other small libraries which could not have afforded to belong individually. Librarians she has coached in OCLC skills are now located throughout the Chicago area and beyond.





## Spirit of Chicago honors three for service and caring

The merits which earned bus controller **James Stephen** recognition as a finalist in the 1988 Superior Public Service Awards program also brought him the CTA Chairman's Spirit of Chicago honors.

Stephen, along with Kedzie bus operator **Michael Ollins**, and Forest Glen operator **Charles Hicks**, were recipients of Spirit of Chicago awards at the April 6 CTA Board meeting.

Each honoree received a certificate of appreciation from the Chicago Transit Board, and an American Express dinner gift cheque for two.

Stephen is a member of the Illinois State North Central Association which evaluates the performance of Chicago area public school staffs, and reviews and assesses curriculum goals and objectives.

He is also assistant scoutmaster for Troop 739 in his Burnside community and financial secretary of the Southlawn United Methodist church.

Ollins was praised for rescuing a man who was being bludgeoned by an angry mob with crowbars. While making a stop at 62nd and Kedzie Avenue on the Kedzie-California bus, he saw the seven men attacking their victim.

He pulled the man aboard his bus to safety and notified the Control Center. Police were alerted, and five of the offenders were apprehended. Ollins was also cited by the Chicago Commission on Human Relations.

Operator Hicks, a 30-year CTA veteran, earned recognition for administering first aid to an apparent heart attack victim after the man collapsed on the sidewalk in the 3700



CTA's recent Spirit of Chicago honorees proudly display their certificates. They are [from left] bus controller **James Stephen**, Forest Glen bus operator **Charles Hicks**, and Kedzie bus operator **Michael Ollins**.

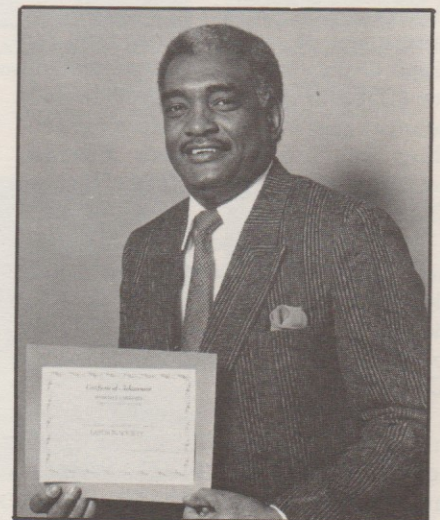
block of West Belmont Avenue.

The stricken man was taken to a local hospital, where doctors verified that he could possibly have died if Operator Hicks had not responded immediately.

**Walter J. Clark**, then CTA chairman who made the presentations, said, "These three men are what CTA is all about—service and caring for the community and its citizens. They are exceptional people."

## Training

**Mail Clerk Willie Poole**, a board member and general office representative for members of Amalgamated Transit Union, Division 241, has completed phase three of an intensive four-phase Labor Education program at Roosevelt University. Poole, a former bus operator, joined CTA in 1976.





# Employee appreciation day honors transit workers



*Rail personnel wait at the restored Quincy-Wells rapid transit station where the motif is reminiscent of the 1800s era. CTA's antique train operated on the inner Loop in celebration of Employee Appreciation Day.*

Chicago, the city that works, said thank you to its transit workers as representatives of Major Eugene Sawyer's office, and other officials, tipped their hats to CTA employees on May 13, National Transit Team Appreciation Day.

It was the highlight of National Transportation Week, as the American Public Transit Association-sponsored day gave Chicagoans "an opportunity to express appreciation for CTA employees who provide daily service, and who always do a tremendous job," said **Norman Herron**, superintendent of the CTA Training Center.

Herron emphasized that CTA personnel at Daley Center Plaza for the first National Transit Team Appreciation Day are only a fraction of the outstanding CTA employees serving Chicago.

In a joint letter to operating personnel, Senior Deputy Executive Director, Transportation, **Frank Wilson**, and **Harry Reddrick**, deputy executive director, Operations, said, "National Transit Team Appreciation Day honors you---the bus

operator, the ticket agent, the conductor, the motorman, and focuses public attention on your unceasing efforts to provide safe, efficient, dependable, and courteous transportation for our riders.

"Words cannot express the pride and appreciation we feel for your accomplishments. We salute your unceasing dedication to our mission--providing quality transit service that meets the need of metropolitan Chicago."

Meanwhile, the public was greeted by uniformed representatives of CTA at Daley Plaza, and the CTA Mobile Information Center was opened to visitors. Several examples of vintage CTA rolling stock, as well as modern transit vehicles, were on exhibit for public viewing and inspection.

CTA's antique train was also pressed into service on the inner Loop, operating with a single stop at the Quincy-Wells station. Tickets for free train rides were given to people who attended the ceremony at Daley Plaza. CTA representatives also distributed 6,000 buttons with the official "Hats off" logo. Recognition of

CTA operating employees continued as work sites also conducted open houses on May 20 to again say "Hats off" to workers. Refreshments were served at each location.

The week was climaxed with a CTA Appreciation Night at Comiskey Park, where the Chicago White Sox took the field against the Detroit Tigers. Discount tickets, and 2,500 free tickets to the White Sox-Tigers game were available for all employees. The free tickets were distributed between employees of CTA, PACE, METRA, and RTA who also participated in Transportation Week activities.

Operations personnel on the Appreciation Day organizing committee were: **Norman Herron**, **Linda Grysbeck**, **Arthur Hubbard**, **Thomas Wilson**, **John Perkins**, **Thomas Reilly**, **Lester Racker**, **Clark Carter**, **William Nichols**, **Charlie Hodges**, **Mel Link**, **Jim Zepp**, and **James Pate**. Others were **Rosemarie Gulley**, Media Relations; **Elda Leal**, Community Relations; **Michael Taylor** and **Ronald Weslow**, Marketing.



# Outlaws regain basketball championship

The Outlaws, last year's dethroned intramural basketball kings, took the Washington Park Fieldhouse court against the General Office Raiders, victors of '87, with blood in their eyes, revenge in their hearts, and victory as their goal--and they were successful.

The Raiders were tough--as tough as you'd expect defending champions to be. They met their opponents in a double elimination for the prized spherical trophy, and edged the Outlaws in the first game 103-96.

They looked like trouble, and they were, but in the end the Outlaws were double trouble as, true to their name, they outshot the contending champions 97-89 to make it a game apiece. The tie-breaking third game told the story however, as the two rivals battled on for the coveted trophy. Although the Raiders were formidable, in the end the Outlaws were best as they won the final game 98-87 and took the honors back to 95th Street terminal.

The 1988 Outlaws ended the regular season with a 19-2 record. Their two losses, like the first playoff game, went to their old nemesis, the Raiders. The two teams have been heads up favorites for basketball fans since CTA intramural basketball action began.

The champion cagers, considered ATU 308's division toughs, joined the league in 1979 as the Panthers, and were winners in their first season. They assumed the name "Outlaws" in 1982 under Coach **Arthur Hubbard**, and have continued to be champion-ship players.

The team has attracted such players as the University of Wisconsin's **Micheal Ewing**, who sought a berth on the Milwaukee Bucs squad during



*Coach Arthur Hubbard (left) assists Ardis Morris, superintendent, South Section, with the "cake of champions" presented to the team at a 95th Street terminal luncheon which was hosted by Terry Colbert, Gloria Matticx, Mona Portis, and Carmen Parker.*

the 1974-75 season when the likes of Quinn Buckner and Scott May were vying for Bucs' jerseys. Ewing joined CTA in 1979, the first year of the championship Outlaws.

He is joined on the CTA intramural court by veteran CTA point expert **John Harvey**, a former play maker and hot shooter for Olive-Harvey College. Harvey has also been a top item on several Chicago Park district teams.

Other Outlaw shooters are: **Douglas Parker, Charles Rowe, Eric Williams, William Turner, Harold Taylor, Kendall Clark,** and

**Jim Price.** Hubbard is general manager and coach.

Meanwhile, the Raiders have served notice--just wait until next year. Over the last four years, as South Section Superintendent of the Outlaws basketball team, **Ardis Morris** has the distinction of owning three championship rings as well as three trophies. The trophies are on exhibit at his 95th Street terminal headquarters, and are a source of pride to terminal personnel. **Elonzo Hill** is the team manager.



# GOING YOUR WAY

Improving comfort and convenience for our riders

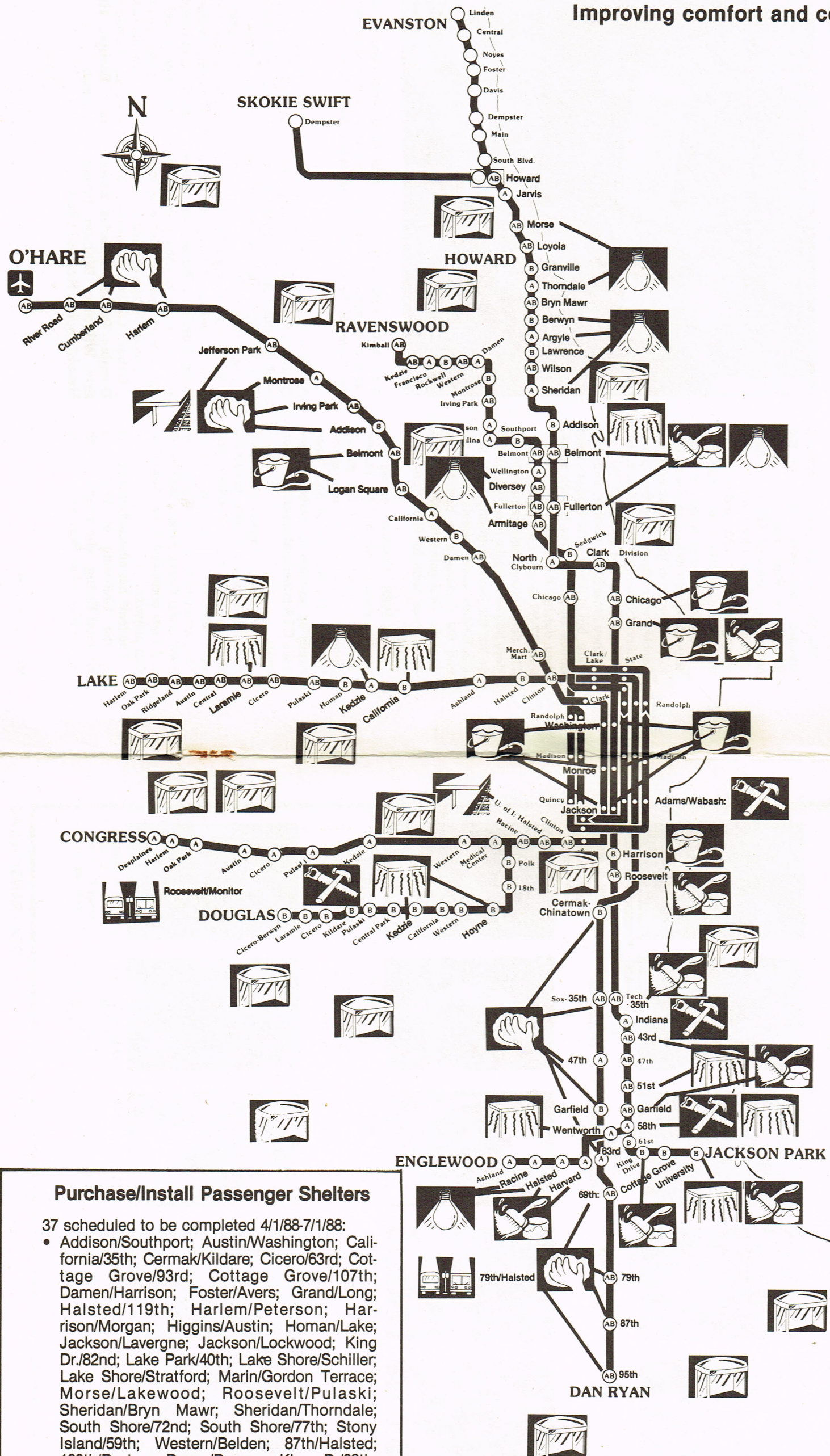
CTA Executive Director **Robert E. Paaswell** recently announced a 21-point plan to upgrade the quality of CTA passenger security, comfort, cleanliness, convenience, and communication. "Each of the projects will have a positive, meaningful effect on our customers' day-to-day use of CTA this year," Paaswell said. The initiatives will be funded from CTA's existing 1988 budget--without special grants or funding.

"The 'Going Your Way' program is the first time CTA has made a clear commitment to the public to produce specific results within a definite period of time," Paaswell said.

"A concentrated effort will be made to clean and maintain 'L' stations throughout our service area, and to provide more heaters and windbreaks for waiting riders on platforms," Paaswell added. "Among the other projects our riders will be noticing are the renovation of rapid transit stations at 58th street and at 40th and Indiana on the South Side Main Line, and initiation of work at the Pulaski station on the Douglas branch."

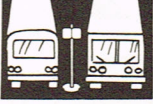






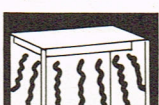

"The program also includes added undercover surveillance on buses and rapid transit trains and the installation of new lighting at 'L' stations," confirmed Paaswell.

Additionally, the program includes the installation of bus shelters in every part of the city, a faster system of handling customer assistance calls, and the publication of a new bilingual CTA route map. "These improvements will let our riders know we are keeping their comfort and convenience at the top of our priority list," Paaswell stressed.



## Purchase/Install Passenger Shelters

- 37 scheduled to be completed 4/1/88-7/1/88:
- Addison/Southport; Austin/Washington; California/35th; Cermak/Kildare; Cicero/63rd; Cottage Grove/93rd; Cottage Grove/107th; Damen/Harrison; Foster/Avers; Grand/Long; Halsted/119th; Harlem/Peterson; Harrison/Morgan; Higgins/Austin; Homan/Lake; Jackson/Lavergne; Jackson/Lockwood; King Dr./82nd; Lake Park/40th; Lake Shore/Schiller; Lake Shore/Stratford; Marin/Gordon Terrace; Morse/Lakewood; Roosevelt/Pulaski; Sheridan/Bryn Mawr; Sheridan/Thorndale; South Shore/72nd; South Shore/77th; Stony Island/59th; Western/Belden; 87th/Halsted; 100th/Paxton; Devon/Damen; King Dr./38th; Lake Shore/Sheridan; Racine/76th; Talcott/7435 W.

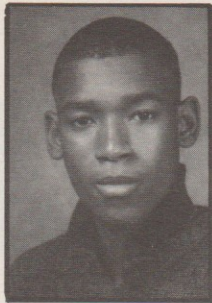
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# Class of '88 - Congratulations!



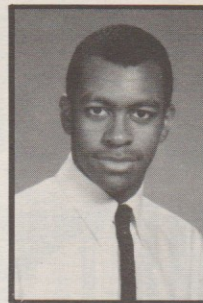
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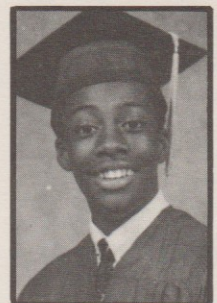
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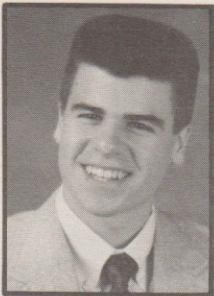
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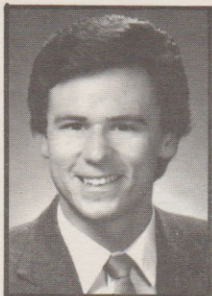
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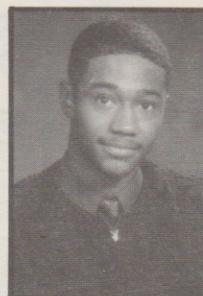
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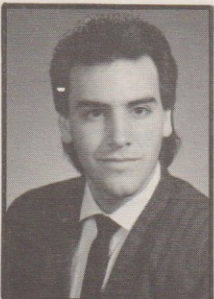
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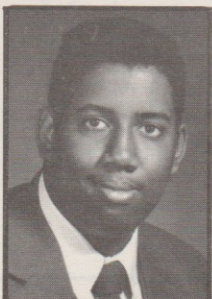
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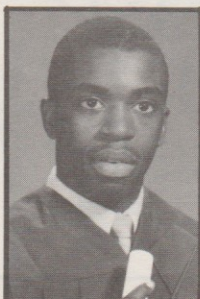
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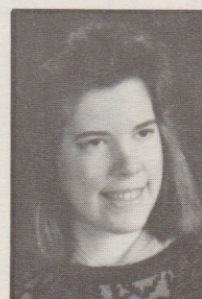
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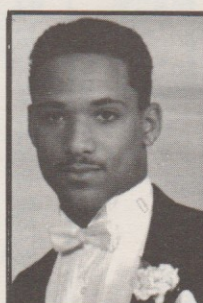
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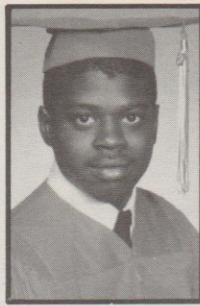
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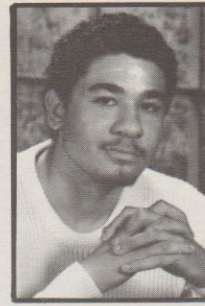
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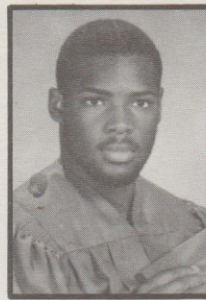
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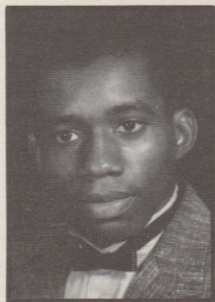
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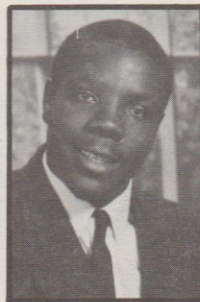
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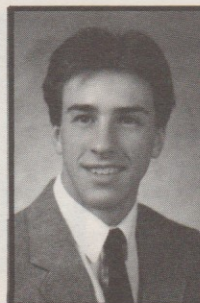
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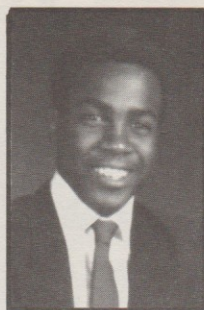




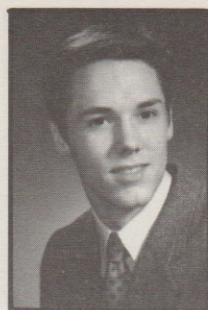
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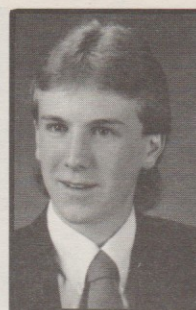
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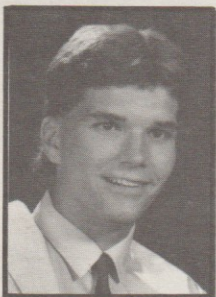
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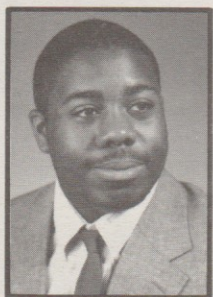
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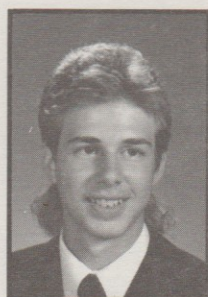
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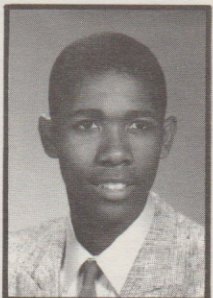
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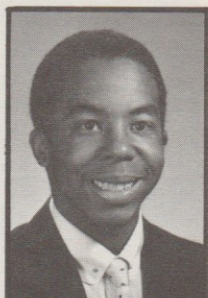
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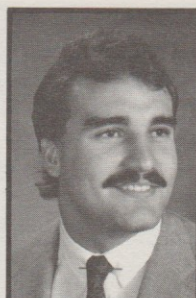
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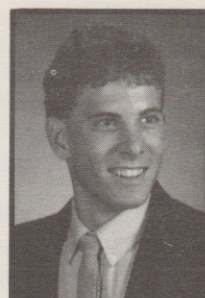
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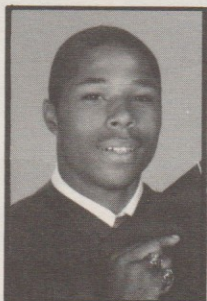
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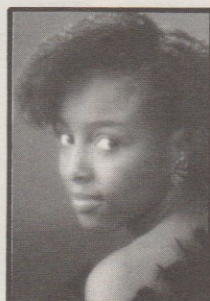
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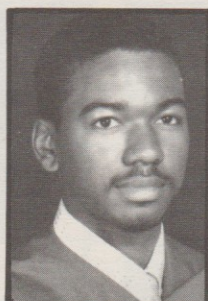
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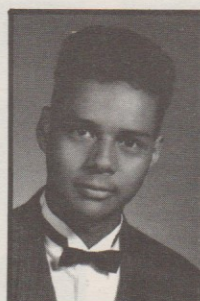
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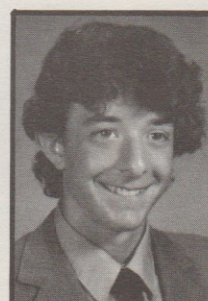
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## Utility keeps CTA rolling

"The Utility Section is the heartbeat of the CTA," says **John Winkler**, the section's director. And Winkler can back up his boast.

When there is a derailed train, disabled bus, fire or just about any transit-related catastrophe, the Utility Section is one of the first summoned.

The tragedy of a train-person accident leaves onlookers in a state of shock as they watch the Utility Section workers and fire department paramedics work quickly.

Using jacking equipment, Utility Section workers are adept at facilitating the evacuation of 'L' train accident victims by paramedics to the nearest hospital, in the hope of sustaining a life or averting permanent injury.

News accounts of such tragedies only mention the paramedics' work, which is OK with Utility Section workers. They know they have done another good job when they have removed the victim and the trains are moving again.

"Our 162 workers, with their 429 pieces of equipment, are responsible for the removal of all obstructions that disrupt passenger service," Winkler said. "That even includes snow plowing and salting of about 300 miles of city and suburban streets, along with bus garage and rail terminal parking lots, and 116 bus turnarounds.



*Within minutes of this March 11 Lake-Dan Ryan train derailment, which occurred at 18th and State street, a utility crew was on the scene and ready to facilitate the restoration of service.*

"We're responsible for towing all disabled buses and getting stalled buses started, not to mention rushing to the scenes of fires, and damage to the elevated structure. You name it, and we've probably done it," he said.

Utility Section workers drive the armored cars and vault trucks when Treasury department employees pick up and deliver cash collected from 'L' station turnstiles and bus garage vault islands and take the money to the central counting facility. On the other

hand, Utility Section workers and trucks make the daily pick-up of tons of garbage removed from buses, trains, and all passenger facilities and maintenance areas.

When there is a derailment on the elevated structure the Utility Section is again among the first to be called to the scene. Their awesome 40-ton cranes expedite rerailing, restoration of power, and resumption of service. It means another job well done.



*Another crew works to return two trucks of derailed car 2609 to the tracks in the 98th street yard.*





## Fiesta Patronales

CTA Hispanic employees, family members, and friends gathered at Dearborn Street and Kinzie to step off with the June 18 "Fiesta Patronales." The annual Puerto Rican Day parade included a beautifully decorated float entered by the Hispanic American Transit Association [HATA]. Other CTA vehicles appearing in the parade were the mini bus from South Shops, and this double decker Chicago Motor Coach bus. Riding atop the vehicle, flanked by two youths, are **Bertram Mims**, supervisor, CTA Community Relations, and **Mrs. Elda Leal**, director, Community Relations. Proudly waving flags during the festive occasion are [from left] **Fermin Claudio**, HATA public relations, and **Wilfredo Cuevas**, treasurer. Others [back row] are **Susana Flores**, HATA secretary, **Socorro** and **Maria Grabowski**, HATA President **Felipe Gonzalez**, and **David Perez**, president, National Hispanic Transportation Organization [NHTO]. Included among grand marshalls was CTA Senior Deputy Executive Director **Gloria Chevere**.

## WIN Machine

If you've ever operated a cash station you're going to appreciate the Worker Information Network [W.I.N.] machine installed at the Merchandise Mart and 24 other CTA work locations.

The W.I.N. machine provides employees easy access to benefit information 24 hours a day. You will be provided with an individually coded access number which will allow you to retrieve the information requested from the W.I.N. machine.

This new convenience machine will hold the answers to benefit questions on



health and life insurance, retirement, disability, and deferred compensation benefits.

Employees will also learn about a new negotiated Pacesetter benefit which provides both savings and protection coverages for you and your family. Individual meetings will be scheduled with employees to explain how the machine works and to issue access numbers, as well as explain the newly negotiated Pacesetter benefit.



# FOND FAREWELL

Just wild  
about  
Harry

The house was packed, the food was good, and there was plenty of laughter, glad handing, and back slapping going on. Friends, co-workers, and more than a few retirees showed up at the Sauganash Room in the Mart Plaza to prove they were "just wild about Harry."

**Harry Reddrick**, deputy executive director for Operations, was bidding adieu to his distinguished CTA career of 38 years, and a lot of people who remember him and their struggles together up the career ladder gathered for an evening of tribute to Reddrick.

"I remember hearing a booming voice coming down the hall to my office one day, and it was Harry Reddrick," said Executive Director **Robert Paaswell**, "and, since that day, we have had a great working relationship. I will miss him, and I know that you will," he concluded.

CTA Board Member **J. Douglas Donenfeld**, noting his somewhat newcomer status when compared to Reddrick's 38 years of service, also had kudos for Reddrick's exemplary record. "The CTA has been fortunate to have had his service for 38 years," said Donenfeld. Another board member, **James I. Charlton**, a former CTA employee under Reddrick, also spoke highly of the Operations deputy, noting that he spent his career encouraging performance excellence.



*Retiring Deputy Executive Director, Operations **Harry Reddrick** proudly accepts commemorative plaque from **Dr. Paaswell**, CTA Executive Director.*

Labor Relations Manager **James Marshall** recalled that Reddrick often made the difference in arbitrations. Marshall also thanked him for being a friend over the years. Retiree **James Blaa**, who was manager of Transportation when Reddrick was named director of Transportation Personnel in 1976, highlighted Reddrick's career for those less familiar with his achievements, and welcomed him to the ranks of retirees. "Whatever Harry decides to do from here on, I'm sure he'll do well," said Blaa.

"Enough of this nice guy stuff," began **Alex Johnson** as he recalled his years of service with Reddrick as his boss. "They said we look alike, but

you can tell us apart because Harry has a mustache," said Johnson, who succeeded Reddrick as director of Transportation Personnel.

Safety Manager **Thomas Boyle**, who also roasted Reddrick, said, "Harry, over the years we've had a few arguments, but I want you to be a man and stand up here and admit to all these people that I was right, and you were wrong." Boyle presented Reddrick with a plaque of memorabilia of his career.

Master of ceremonies and Rail Transportation Manager **Elonzo Hill** also presented Reddrick with tokens of appreciation on behalf of the Operations Division.



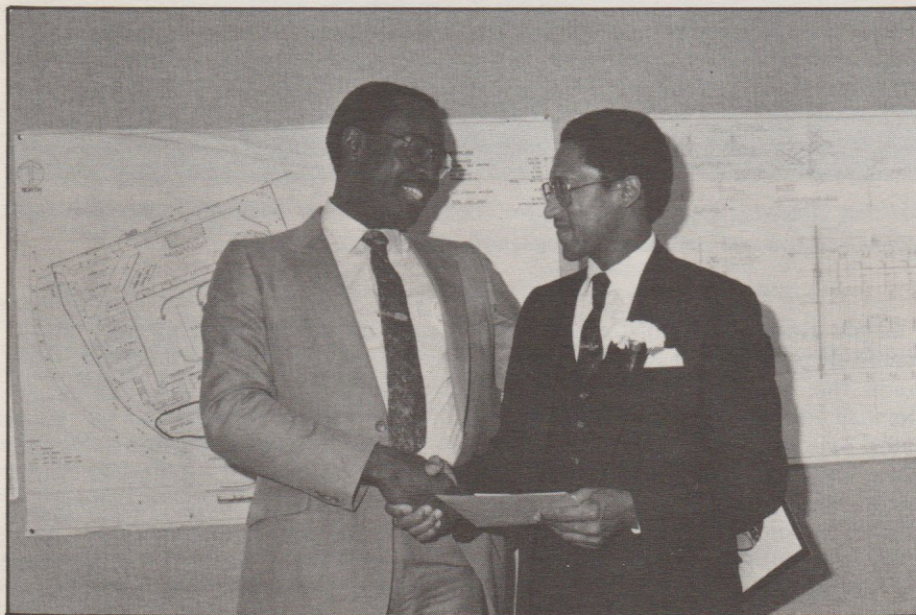
# FOND FAREWELL



## Kay Corcoran

*Kay Corcoran, executive secretary for Treasury Manager William Buetow, takes a trip down memory lane with her boss at her retirement open house, which was held in the CTA Board room April 27. Kay*

*closed a career of 36 years with CTA on May 1. Co-workers later hosted a dinner for Ms. Corcoran at Top of the Plaza which was attended by 300 guests.*



## Kelsey King

*Louis Sanford [left], superintendent, Budget/Manpower Planning, Operations Division, presents retiring planning analyst Kelsey King of Technical Services with a token of appreciation from the Operations Division, during an open*

*house in his honor which was held in the Operations Conference Room. King, who will move to Hot Springs, Arkansas, joined CTA pensioners on June 1 after 28 years of service.*

## RETIREMENTS April

**James N. Alleyn**, Racine, 17 Years  
**Bertil J. Anderson**, North Park, 25 Years  
**William H. Barrow**, Archer, 30 Years  
**Havard L. Blanks**, Lawndale, 35 Years  
**Edward J. Freeman**, Madison/Wabash, 35 Years  
**Harold J. Friedl**, Gen'l Atty., 41 Years  
**William J. Hairston**, 77th Street, 28 Years  
**Charles N. Harper**, South Shops, 31 Years  
**H. D. Herring**, West Shops, 25 Years  
**Arthur J. Joe Sr.**, Schedules, 30 Years  
**Henry Keane**, West Shops, 39 Years  
**Albert Lowery**, North Park, 27 Years  
**Delbert M. Martz**, O'Hare, 28 Years  
**Charles C. Nichols**, District C, 36 Years  
**Leonard J. Quinlan**, North Park, 25 Years  
**Frank Rodriguez**, Law, 11 Years  
**LaVerne M. Schultz**, Office Services, 24 Years  
**Herbert K. Slack**, Kedzie, 29 Years  
**Patrick Soden**, Des Plaines, 28 Years  
**Robert C. Thomas**, Control Center, 25 Years  
**Donaldson Thompson**, 63rd Street, 26 Years  
**William H. Warren**, Kedzie, 18 Years  
**Raleigh Washington**, 69th Street, 35 Years  
**Robert L. Zirkle**, Kedzie, 30 Years

### Disabilities

**Earl Beed**, 77th Street, 13 Years  
**Linda F. Bruce**, West Section, 13 Years  
**Willie Burks Jr.**, Madison & Wabash, 20 Years  
**Juarez L. Goodrich**, Kedzie, 17 Years  
**Elnora C. Henderson**, Kimball, 12 Years

## May

**Bernard J. Barton**, Forest Glen, 19 Years  
**Harvey G. Bey**, Kedzie, 27 Years  
**Millie Blagojevich**, O'Hare, 17 Years  
**Billy Brown**, South Shops, 31 Years  
**Harry L. Brown**, 63rd Street, 31 Years  
**Wilbur C. Cooley Sr.**, 61st Street, 37 Years  
**Catherine V. Corcoran**, Finance, 25 Years  
**Jerry Crawford**, Archer, 25 Years  
**Louis L. Dixon**, Transportation, 30 Years  
**William O. Goss**, West Shops, 10 Years  
**Joe R. Hull**, South Shops, 31 Years  
**Goldwyn H. James**, 69th Street, 34 Years  
**Ronald A. Knox**, Beverly, 29 Years  
**Michael L. Loran**, Kedzie, 34 Years  
**Raymond B. Pacheco**, West Shops, 11 Years  
**Antone J. Shimkus**, Archer, 16 Years  
**William M. Smith**, 77th Street, 31 Years  
**Vertus P. Sutherland**, South Shops, 21 Years  
**Willie D. Walker**, Archer, 25 Years

### Disabilities

**Darsenell Boyd**, Kedzie, 10 Years  
**Samuel Clark Jr.**, Beverly, 34 Years  
**Clarence C. Guse**, North Park, 24 Years  
**James P. Johnson**, North Park, 10 Years  
**Patricia L. Last**, Finance, 21 Years  
**Shirley Peoples**, Beverly, 13 Years  
**Edward C. Pietri**, West Section, 12 Years  
**Jesse S. Wells**, South Section, 21 Years



## Lou Dixon

The 77th Street garage lunchroom was filled as 325 friends of Bus Service director **Lou Dixon** gathered for his retirement celebration.

The April 29 affair, honoring the native Mississippian who served CTA for 30 years, offered guests a buffet luncheon as they showered Dixon and his wife **Laura** with an outpouring of gifts and some well-chosen words of praise.

Responding in his usual slow, low-keyed southern manner, Dixon said, "I've been told a speech should have a good beginning, a good ending, and then put them both together for a successful speech. Thank you all for everything."

The Dixons plan to live in their Bolingbrook home and so some traveling, and, Lou said, "Plenty of rockin' in my old rockin' chair."



**Lou Dixon** displays the warm wishes and great feel of cash from co-workers who donated big bucks for the big man as he

closed a successful lifetime CTA career. Sharing the celebration is his wife **Laura**.



## Harold Friedl

The outstretched arms of **Harold Friedl** demonstrate his amazement at the amount of special treats brought by Claims/Law department co-workers and friends. The open house celebration honored Friedl, as he closed his career of 41 years on April 1.



## Arthur Joe

The new fishing tackle being passed to retiring traffic checker **Arthur J. Joe Sr.** [right] is just the kind of gift needed by an avid fisherman. Making the presentation is Director of Schedules **Norman Oswald**. Joe retired April 1 after 38 years of CTA service.

## June

**Evelyn M. Carolan**, O'Hare Terminal, 17 Years

**John Doorey**, Madison/Wabash, 25 Years

**Edward J. Egan**, Gen'l Atty./Law, 11 Years

**Harry Harris**, West Shops, 29 Years

**Eugene Hill**, West Shops, 31 Years

**Gerald F. Hogan**, State/Lake, 30 Years

**\*George A. Hunt**, South Shops, 25 Years

**Kelsey King**, Transp. Admnstrn., 28 Years

**James H. McManus**, Kimball, 39 Years

**Melvin M. Miller**, 69th Street, 33 Years

**Robert L. Poellnitz**, West Shops, 37 Years

**Anthony Polich**, South Shops, 27 Years

**Clarence P. Shepard**, District B, 31 Years

**Mitchell J. Szalwa**, Forest Glen, 30 Years

**Alfred T. Thomas**, Randolph/Wells, 25 Years

**Ralph W. Watzke**, O'Hare, 25 Years

**Frank S. Zaborowski**, North Park, 26 Years

## Disabilities

**Maria M. Agnew**, North Park, 10 Years

**Barbara Gutierrez**, Lawndale, 10 Years

**Charles Lyons**, Beverly, 7 Years

**Marvin Vaughn**, Transportation, 14 Years

**Eloise Wilkinson**, O'Hare, 13 Years

*\*Retroactive to 5/1/88*



# INSIDE NEWS

## 69th Street

Let me note how good it feels to be back at work and writing for *Inside News*. To those who missed me during the past month, I was out with the flu. I need your newsworthy items, so please share them with me ... Bus operator/line instructor **William [Hot Rod] Jones** was pulling out of the garage a few weeks back when he saw a robbery taking place against supervisor in charge of bus sign-out **Gerald Mallory**. He stopped his bus and yelled at the assailant, which was enough to slow the robber's pace and allow police to capture him as he was leaving the scene. It's a blessing that no one was hurt in the exchange ... Spring is here and romance is in the air for bus operator **Carmen Calderon** and her fiancé **Manuel Garcia**. Wedding plans are incomplete ... I could hear a soft-spoken voice say 'Hello Ellie,' and turned to see **Sarah Ruth Anderson**, a bus operator and line instructor who died on March 12. She had been a CTA employee for 10 years. Sarah was a friend who always found the time to listen to one's problems, or collect for the sick or needy, and she never talked about her own situation. All of us who experienced the joy of knowing Sarah have learned to care a little more. She was a member of our benevolence committee, and she helped us out at each Thanksgiving dinner when she was able. Sarah's life outside of CTA also reflected her personality and her love for helping people. She had served as chairperson of the administrative board, and was superintendent of the Sunday school at her church. She was also counselor for the Methodist Youth Fellowship and a member of the finance committee. Where God guides, He provides. Man's love is limited, but God's love is unlimited. My sweet, sweet friend, you'll surely be missed.

**Ellie Head**



*Congratulations and best wishes to Lawndale bus operator **Javondlynn M. Dunagan** who graduated in May with a baccalaureate degree in sociology from Hampton University at Hampton, Va. Ms. Dunagan will attend the University of Chicago this fall to being graduate studies in the School of Social Service Administration.*

## 77th Street

**Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wilkerson** [he's a 77th street operator] were honored with a cruise to Nassau for their 25th wedding anniversary, complements of daughters **Karen, Kimberly, and Sherry**. The happy and surprised couple set sail aboard the *Madrigas* May 12 from Fort Lauderdale, Fla.



*Six-year-old **Maria Valtierra**, daughter of Bus Instructor **Joe and Rachel Valtierra**, topped St. Ann Kindergarten students in a 50-word Spelling Bee. Maria, who is now a St. Ann first-grader, was the proud winner of the trophy and ribbon, awarded in the contest.*

## Service anniversaries in May

### 40 Years

**Vernon Kee**, Elect. Mtce.  
**Edward Kuberski**, Utility  
**George Thurman**, Kedzie

### 35 Years

**Michael Loran**, Kedzie

### 30 Years

**James Hall**, Beverly  
**Frederick Pepke**, Limits  
**Lee Oak**, Bus Instruction  
**James Sernek**, Archer  
**Mitchell Thomas**, Rail Instruction

### 25 Years

**Roosevelt Cory**, Rail Dist. North  
**Solomon Davis**, North Avenue  
**Robert Domikaitis**, South Shops  
**John Doorey**, Janitor Service  
**Anthony Hotko**, Archer  
**William Moreland**, Forest Glen  
**John Reynolds**, 77th Street  
**Ralph Sullivan**, Turnstile Oper's  
**Ralph Watzke**, West Section

## June

### 45 Years

**John O'Connor**, Central Counting  
**Michael Vitale**, Claims

### 35 Years

**James Farr**, 69th Street  
**Joseph Gingras**, Mgmt. Info./Syst. Devlpt.  
**Jerry West Jr.**, South Section

### 30 Years

**C. W. Baxa**, Media Relations  
**William Holliday**, Racine Mtce.  
**Charles Marble**, General Attorney's Office  
**Cleophus McGee**, 77th Street  
**Jerome Ryan**, Forest Glen  
**Herbert Slack**, Kedzie

### 25 Years

**Richard Antonovich**, Utility  
**Phyllis Brzeczek**, Chicago Transit Board  
**Paul Daniels**, Schedules  
**Joseph Doyle**, Ashland Terminal  
**David Duncan**, Ashland Terminal  
**Patrick Forde**, General Mtce  
**John Grace**, Bus District D  
**Joseph Jamison**, Stores-South  
**Teddy Kaczmariski**, Douglas/Congress  
**James Kolstad**, Beverly  
**John Oddo**, Communication Mtce.  
**Robert Plant**, Machine Shop  
**Paul Stokes**, Kedzie



## General Office

**Virginia Dare McGraw**, that nice lady who is executive administrative assistant for Senior Deputy Executive Director, Transportation, **Frank Wilson**, is very grateful to all who pledged or otherwise contributed to her diligent efforts for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Through your

contributions Ginny raised over \$800 for this grand cause. "Bless you one and all," says Ginny, and "thanks again." ... Another nice lady, **Mrs. Pamela Williams** of Personnel Administration, is hoping that the 35-year-old photograph of a young

woman in her early 20s will be returned to her soon. Mrs. Williams lost the 5-1/2 by 7-inch photo on the 'L', possibly in the motorcab, on April 14. Anyone with information concerning such a picture should contact Mrs. Williams on Ext. 3493, Mart.

## INSIDE NEWS

## IN MEMORIAM

**Daniel T. Arnold**, 85, Electrical, Emp. 7-18-40, Died 2-17-88  
**Lomer P. Arneseau**, 80, Beverly, Emp. 11-5-28, Died 3-28-88  
**Paul P. Bagato**, 75, West Section, Emp. 5-14-46, Died 4-23-88  
**Edward Battle**, 77, 77th Street, Emp. 6-06-52, Died 4-09-88  
**Elmer R. Bay**, 78, Central Dist., Emp. 12-17-40, Died 2-14-88  
**Lovette E. Bentley**, 85, North Sect., Emp. 8-22-46, Died 12-20-87  
**Joseph Bellavia**, 92, General Office, Emp. 5-14-29, Died 3-31-88  
**Angelo Bianchini**, 67, North Section, Emp. 11-10-43, Died 4-13-88  
**Leon Brown**, 67, Lawndale, Emp. 6-20-55, Died 4-28-88  
**Thomas W. Burns**, 77, Kedzie, Emp. 4-21-42, Died 4-27-88  
**Pharaoh Cain**, 83, South Sect., Emp. 7-20-45, Died 3-07-88  
**Earling L. Carlson**, 76, North Park, Emp. 2-26-34, Died 2-11-88  
**Mitchell Colquitt**, 49, Transportation, Emp. 11-19-62, Died 4-20-88  
**Arthur T. Cooper**, 73, Kedzie, Emp. 12-15-42, Died 4-11-88  
**Stillman Crawford**, 74, Veh. Mtce., Emp. 9-9-48, Died 2-12-88  
**James F. Daly**, 84, Shops & Equip., Emp. 11-27-42, Died 2-10-88  
**Olin C. Danhour**, 66, Beverly, Emp. 10-24-56, Died 3-24-88  
**Theodore Didier**, 82, North Park, Emp. 9-04-40, Died 4-13-88  
**Dominec A. Diorio**, 86, Shops & Equip., Emp. 3-18-24, Died 3-12-88  
**Elizabeth Docherty**, 96, West Station, Emp. 4-23-43, Died 3-31-88  
**Walter Dovich**, 85, Shops & Equip., Emp. 7-10-45, Died 4-07-88  
**Josephine Eilert**, 98, Transportation, Emp. 9-04-37, Died 3-16-88  
**Francis A. Fawcett**, 74, Vehicle Mtce., Emp. 10-21-47, Died 2-20-88  
**Patrick J. Foy**, 85, Shop & Equip., Emp. 2-09-42, Died 4-20-88  
**Howard G. Geier**, 73, Plant Mtce., Emp. 3-23-38, Died 2-25-88  
**Joseph R. Gilio**, 73, Kedzie, Emp. 9-12-46, Died 2-13-88  
**Mary J. Griffin**, 94, West Section, Emp. 12-16-41, Died 4-21-88  
**Joseph Hanus**, 95, Shops & Equip., Emp. 11-6-47, Died 2-12-88  
**Harry A. Harrigan**, 60, O'Hare Terminal, Emp. 1-16-61, Died 2-12-88  
**Marvin L. Harris**, 66, Shops & Equip., Emp. 3-10-47, Died 2-17-88  
**Stanley J. Hillock**, 65, South Shops, Emp. 10-19-47, Died 3-08-88  
**John Howlett**, 94, North Avenue, Emp. 6-26-28, Died 1-29-88

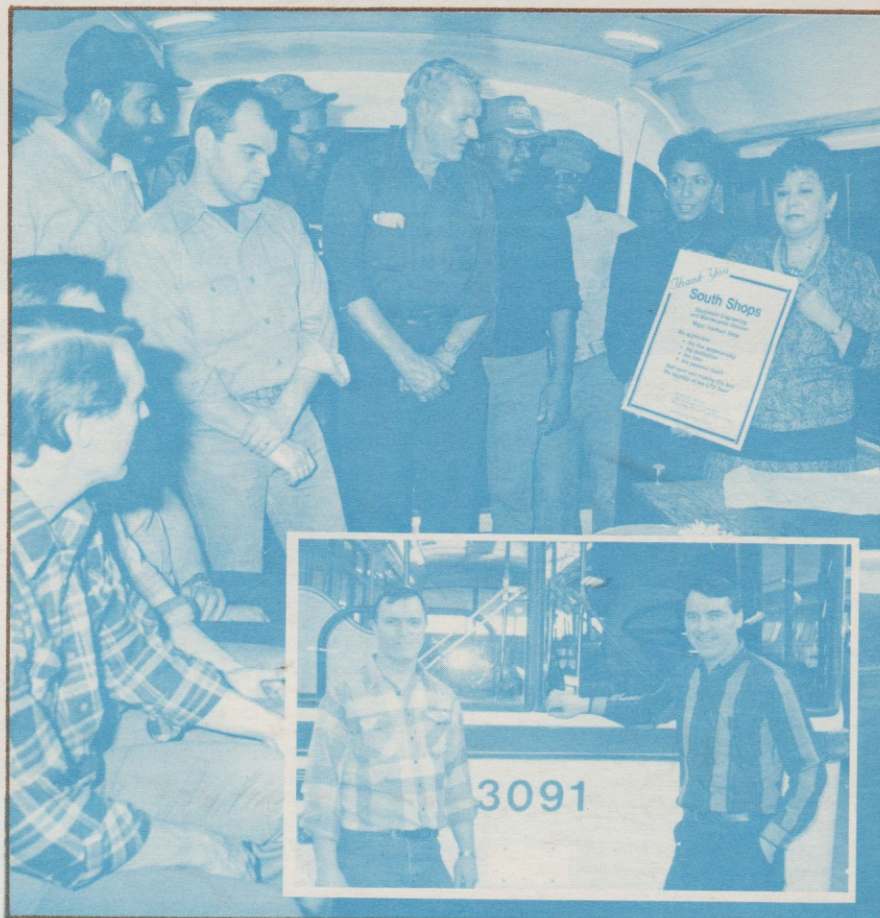
**John G. Hoyne**, 72, Archer, Emp. 7-12-54, Died 4-27-88  
**John T. Hussey**, 73, Vehicle Mtce., Emp. 5-15-42, Died 2-13-88  
**Stanely Hyerczyk**, 75, Archer, Emp. 9-25-42, Died 3-08-88  
**George H. Jahn**, 82, 77th Street, Emp. 4-17-42, Died 4-12-88  
**Percy F. Joseph**, 75, District B, Emp. 3-26-45, Died 2-8-88  
**Bruno E. Kamien**, 76, Archer, Emp. 8-31-37, Died 3-19-88  
**John W. Kernan**, 83, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-21-45, Died 11-11-87  
**Stanley P. Kerr**, 92, 61st Street, Emp. 11-24-25, Died 2-9-88  
**Charles E. Keevil**, 88, Equip Res Dev, Emp. 7-11-21, Died 3-24-88  
**William Klepich**, 80, North Park, Emp. 8-27-42, Died 2-22-88  
**Richard Kuchenny**, 68, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-27-43, Died 2-19-88  
**George H. Kuhl**, 74, North Section, Emp. 5-13-46, Died 4-26-88  
**Elmer E. Kurth**, 85, Keeler, Emp. 8-28-28, Died 12-10-87  
**Andrew Kwilosz**, 65, Archer, Emp. 2-25-48, Died 4-26-88  
**Earl K. Leaming**, 88, Shops & Equip., Emp. 4-28-24, Died 3-15-88  
**Daniel P. Leahy**, 77, Beverly, Emp. 4-07-43, Died 3-22-88  
**Jerry Lewis**, 72, 77th Street, Emp. 2-14-50, Died 3-30-88  
**Nello A. Lorenzi**, 73, West Station, Emp. 12-28-45, Died 4-10-88  
**Clarence Malottke**, 82, Electrical, Emp. 8-15-23, Died 1-19-88  
**Donald A. Marr**, 52, Limits, Emp. 7-22-63, Died 2-24-88  
**Stanley E. McClean**, 81, North Section, Emp. 10-05-43, Died 4-21-88  
**Edward V. Morris**, 82, Skokie Station, Emp. 8-29-21, Died 4-10-88  
**William J. Morely**, 81, North Section, Emp. 2-04-27, Died 4-11-88  
**Hollis H. Munce**, 96, 69th Street, Emp. 8-05-36, Died 4-14-88  
**Wilford Nicholson**, 63, 77th Street, Emp. 6-15-78, Died 4-27-88  
**John H. Noble**, 88, Beverly, Emp. 5-09-16, Died 3-14-88  
**Phillip O'Connor**, 81, Shops & Equip., Emp. 2-22-36, Died 3-07-88  
**Peter C. Olszewski**, 81, Shops & Equip., Emp. 11-11-47, Died 4-20-88  
**Nicola Partipilo**, 91, Const. & Maint., Emp. 5-01-28, Died 3-19-88  
**Leo J. Peters**, 85, 77th Street, Emp. 5-21-42, Died 2-7-88  
**Biagio Picatagi**, 98, Way & Struts., Emp. 6-16-36, Died 2-4-88  
**Tony Ponzio**, 93, Shops & Equip., Emp. 10-16-43, Died 3-22-88

**William Rakauskas**, 86, Engineering, Emp. 4-22-48, Died 2-88  
**William J. Rankin**, 92, West Section, Emp. 1-08-17, Died 4-13-88  
**Leo F. Ratkowski**, 81, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-15-29, Died 12-7-87  
**Leslie Samuelson**, 86, Transportation, Emp. 6-19-22, Died 4-19-88  
**Frank C. Schmid**, 79, Shops & Equip., Emp. 8-11-42, Died 2-18-88  
**Henry Schoemaker**, 95, Lawrence, Emp. 3-21-27, Died 4-29-88  
**Peter Schultz**, 78, Archer, Emp. 8-25-42, Died 3-29-88  
**Ross Shaffer**, 71, Beverly, Emp. 5-22-46, Died 4-30-88  
**Howard D. Smale**, 74, Claims, Emp. 8-11-41, Died 4-07-88  
**Raymond Spakowski**, 66, North Section, Emp. 4-27-26, Died 4-26-88  
**Gust Speropulos**, 97, Shops & Equip., Emp. 12-3-19, Died 2-12-88  
**W. R. Steinsultz**, 90, 77th Street, Emp. 1-25-34, Died 2-29-88  
**James Stewart**, 80, Transportation, Emp. 7-16-52, Died 4-20-88  
**George R. Stueve**, 78, Shops & Equip., Emp. 5-12-43, Died 2-19-88  
**Albert F. Suma**, 73, Vehicle Mtce., Emp. 8-21-28, Died 2-29-88  
**Arthur Thiel**, 76, North Avenue, Emp. 8-19-41, Died 4-07-88  
**Bonita R. Thompson**, 73, North Sect., Emp. 5-12-71, Died 2-17-88  
**Matthew Torrence**, 57, Beverly, Emp. 6-27-77, Died 3-24-88  
**Edward F. Trolke**, 72, South District, Emp. 4-15-37, Died 2-10-88  
**Benedict Trokshel**, 95, Shops & Equip., Emp. 9-26-24, Died 4-08-88  
**Leonard J. Urban**, 82, Limits, Emp. 3-10-42, Died 4-27-88  
**Harold C. Vangen**, 86, North Park, Emp. 7-10-23, Died 4-03-88  
**Roy Vaughn**, 68, General Office, Emp. 12-10-65, Died 4-18-88  
**Clarence P. Vesely**, 76, Law, Emp. 8-18-47, Died 4-14-88  
**Robert A. Williams**, 78, 77th Street, Emp. 11-5-52, Died 2-10-88  
**Edward Wilson**, 91, Electrical, Emp. 10-19-17, Died 2-4-88  
**Carl Windmueller**, 84, Law, Emp. 8-31-37, Died 3-27-88  
**Edward J. Wiss**, 86, Lawndale, Emp. 10-18-26, Died 4-19-88  
**Joseph E. Witt**, 101, Armitage, Emp. 3-11-07, Died 2-27-88  
**David Woods**, 70, Beverly, Emp. 9-8-47, Died 2-12-88  
**Clyde E. Wool**, 77, 69th Street, Emp. 8-20-41, Died 2-18-88



# Mobile Information Center

"Thank you for an outstanding job" is the message conveyed here to South Shops craft personnel who were responsible for helping to make the new Mobile Information Center a reality. The message bearers are Manager of Consumer Affairs **Betty Edwards** [left] and Director of Community Relations **Elda Leal**. The vehicle's interior design and carpentry was the work of twins **Robert** and **Richard Marlon** [inset], shown standing in front of the vehicle. Bus Shops Superintendent **Ernest Johnson**, who credits Foreman **Bill Miller** with putting the volunteer Mobile Information Bus builders together, said that, while all the crafts were involved in the project, the Marion twins were the key personnel in its development. The brothers have been CTA employees for more than 20 years.



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