



Welcome to another issue of The Green Pennant Special. It is through this publication that we endeavour to keep the membership informed on happenings in the organization and the transit industry.

*** SEPTEMBER MEETING ***

The September meeting of the Omnibus Society of America was held on September 6, 1991, at the Welles Park fieldhouse located at 2333 W. Sunnyside in Chicago and began at 7:00 pm.

Our program for the evening was presented by Donald Idarius and was entitled TROLLEYBUS ROUNDUP IN THE 60's and 70's.

Donald Idarius presented a movie presentation on trackless trolley operations in Chicago, Dayton, Kitchner-Waterloo and Seattle.

*** OCTOBER MEETING ***

The October meeting of The Omnibus Society of America will be held on October 4, 1991, at the Welles Park Field House located at 2333 W. Sunnyside in Chicago. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

Our program for the evening will be a slide presentation by Dave Wilson on transit properties in the Pennsylvania/Ohio area of the United States.

*** ELECTION TIME ***

Two directors positions on the OSA board will expire this year so the board is accepting nominations from members who are interested in running for the two positions.

If any of our members are interested in running for director of OSA please let one of the current directors know at the October meeting. The ballots will be mailed out in November with the election results being announced at the December meeting.

*** CTA CORNER ***

ONCE AGAIN THE CTA IS talking of raising fares and cutting service in 1992 to close a \$38 million budget shortfall.

The CTA states that this budget shortfall will force

the authority to raise fares as much as 15% next January (to \$1.45), lay off some of its 13,000 employees and probably cut service.

Worst-case cuts would include:

- * Cutting \$10 million from operations and maintenance support and paring \$8 million-or 10 percent-in administrative personnel and costs.

- * Imposing \$20 million in service cuts, including up to \$14.1 million from bus operations and as much as \$10.5 million from "L" and subway service. The cuts would include closing 24 "closely spaced" "L" stations, ending all owl service from midnight to 5 am., eliminating Saturday and Sunday service on three unspecified lines, discontinuing five weekday bus routes, 16 Saturday routes and 29 Sunday routes, and cutting frequencies on 19 routes.

THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Center's rapid transit station became the second CTA station to change to an automated fare collection system, this changeover taking effect on Sunday September 8th.

Under the automated fare system plan, riders paying full fare must use automated turnstiles that accept tokens, coins or magnetic monthly passes. Ticket agents will continue to serve riders for reduced fares, transfers or regular monthly passes.

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*** PACE HAPPENINGS ***

WITH THE CTA TALKING about raising fares, Pace may increase its basic fare to as high as \$1.50 next year.

Like the CTA, Pace said it faces budget problems resulting from higher operating costs and declining subsidies and revenue.

The funding shortfall also jeopardizes Pace's plans to create new suburban bus routes, including several new lines to the Sears, Roebuck and Co., Merchandise Group headquarters now under construction in Hoffman Estates.

Among the routes proposed are: a new route from the CTA's O'Hare Rapid Transit station through Schaumburg to Sears; feeder routes from Metra rail lines in Barrington and Bartlett to Sears; routes from Chicago's west side, Elgin and Midway Airport to Sears; and 10 subscription bus services to Sears.

There is also talk of Pace taking over the operation of 16 CTA bus routes that now operate in the suburbs of Chicago.

Pace's proposed 1992 budget calls for acquiring these 16 routes, all of which are on that agency's "watch list," which means they could be shut down because of low fare-box revenues.

The 16 routes, which would be phased into Pace jurisdiction between January and September 1992, could be operated next year by Pace for \$1.7 million less than what it would cost the CTA.

Pace bus drivers earn from \$13.50 to \$14.05 an hour, compared with \$15.90 for a CTA driver. Their fringe benefits are lower, and bus maintenance costs per mile is half of the CTA's.

Savings also would come from eliminating owl service. Two of the 16 routes, 56A North Milwaukee and 108 Halsted, provide 24-hour service.

The other routes eyed by Pace are: 17 Westchester, 49A South Western, 68 Northwest Highway, 81W West Lawrence, 85A North Central, 86 Narragansett, 90N North Harlem, 25 West Cermak, 52a South Kedzie, 54B South Cicero, 64 West Foster, 69 Cumberland, 90 Harlem and 95 West 95th.

PEOPLE MOVER UPDATE

THE 13 CARS FOR USE on the "people mover" at O'Hare are on the property but will not be in operation until at least May of 1992 when the right-of-way is completed.

The people mover is an automated, electric powered rail line that will connect a new 6,000-space parking lot to the international and domestic terminals.

When completed, the line will transport 2,400 passengers per hour per direction at an average speed of 26 m.p.h. It will complete its run from the new remote lot through stops at the international terminal and three domestic terminals in about seven minutes. A sixth stop eventually may be added near the car rental lots.

The line was scheduled to be finished nearly two years ago, but change orders and construction delays pushed back the completion date. The contractor, Matra S.A. of France, now says it will be finished in May, but the city believes it could take longer.

The project is budgeted for \$95.2 million, plus \$9 million in escalated costs and \$20 million in changes requested by the city and the airlines. Those changes include a \$5 million maintenance facility for the rail cars and a \$10 million route realignment to send the line through, rather than around, the international terminal.

*** AIRLINE CORNER ***

FINANCIALLY TROUBLED Midway Airlines announced that it plans to sell its 21 gates and related facilities at Midway Airport to Northwest Airlines for \$20 million.

Under a letter of intent agreed to by the two airlines, Midway proposes to turn over its leasehold interests in its gates at Midway Airport to Northwest and then lease the gates back for one year.

IN OTHER AIRLINE NEWS, UAL Corporation, parent of United Airlines, announced on September 17, 1991, it plans to acquire Air Wisconsin Services, Inc., and its commuter airline, Air Wisconsin. Air Wisconsin operates from O'Hare airport as United Express.

Shown below is the schedule of Metra/Rock Island lines in effect from October 1, 1990 to September 7, 1991.

NEW ROCK SCHEDULE

On Sunday, Sept 8, a new schedule went into effect for the Metra/Rock Island. Unlike service on the BN, C&NW and Metra (former IC) electric lines, the new schedule represents an improvement over that which had been offered before July 1, 1981, when the RTA, due to its budget crisis, eliminated all the good service which had existed on those above mentioned lines prior to July 1, 1981, the Rock Island now boasts even better service than any of

the three C&NW lines do (especially on the weekends), and in fact, proves the Biblical saying "That the first shall be last and the last shall be first".

It is indeed ironic that after spending years as Chicago's

stepchild suburban line (of those which offered all day and weekend service), the Rock has surged ahead as a "full service" suburban line, offering early morning and late evening service (except the last trip on Sundays).

The schedule provides no weekend service on the Mainline between Blue Island and Gresham (there has been none for the last ten years or so, and there is no justification for any now). Gresham, having suffered from being a hit-and-miss stop for some but not all trains, even on the weekends, now becomes a "full service" stop, with all off-peak trains stopping there, even on the weekends. Even with the vastly improved service on this new schedule, which was developed after months of exhaustive rider surveys and analysis (for which Metra should be justly proud of) - there are still a few interesting abnormalities about the service which should be pointed out.

Chicago to Joliet — Monday through Friday

TRAIN NUMBERS

STATIONS	401	505	601	507	603	511	605	513	609	403	301	611	405	613	703	615	617	407	409	619	303	621	411	623	521	523	525	527	501
CHICAGO (LaSalle St.)	AM	AM	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	AM
Gresham	6:57	8:47	9:48	11:37	12:37	1:47	2:07	2:37	3:59	4:22	4:32	—	—	5:02	5:15	5:19	—	—	—	5:39	—	—	—	6:13	6:53	7:53	9:03	9:45	12:30
95th St. — Longwood	7:04	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4:01	4:25	—	—	—	5:18	—	—	—	—	—	5:42	—	—	6:01	—	—	—	—	—	—
103rd St. — Washington Hts.	7:01	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4:04	4:28	—	—	—	5:21	—	—	—	—	—	5:45	—	—	6:04	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brainerd	—	8:50	9:51	11:40	12:40	1:50	2:10	2:40	3:40	—	—	—	—	5:05	5:22	5:28	—	—	—	5:40	—	—	5:49	6:16	6:56	7:56	9:06	10:06	12:51
91st St. — Beverly Hills	—	8:52	9:53	11:42	12:42	1:52	2:12	2:42	3:42	—	—	—	—	5:07	5:24	5:30	—	—	—	5:42	—	—	5:51	6:18	6:58	7:58	9:08	10:08	12:53
95th St. — Beverly Hills	—	8:54	9:55	11:44	12:44	1:54	2:14	2:44	3:44	—	—	—	—	5:10	5:27	5:33	—	—	—	5:44	—	—	5:53	6:20	7:00	8:00	9:10	10:10	12:55
99th St. — Beverly Hills	—	8:56	9:57	11:46	12:46	1:56	2:16	2:46	3:46	—	—	—	—	5:13	5:29	5:35	—	—	—	5:46	—	—	5:55	6:22	7:02	8:02	9:12	10:12	12:57
103rd St. — Beverly Hills	—	8:58	9:59	11:48	12:48	1:58	2:18	2:48	3:48	—	—	—	—	5:15	5:31	5:37	—	—	—	5:48	—	—	5:57	6:24	7:04	8:04	9:14	10:14	12:59
107th St. — Beverly Hills	—	9:00	10:01	11:50	12:50	2:00	2:20	2:50	3:50	—	—	—	—	5:17	5:33	5:39	—	—	—	5:50	—	—	5:59	6:26	7:06	8:06	9:16	10:16	1:01
111th St. — Morgan Park	—	9:02	10:03	11:52	12:52	2:02	2:22	2:52	3:52	—	—	—	—	5:20	5:36	5:41	—	—	—	5:52	—	—	6:01	6:28	7:08	8:08	9:18	10:18	1:03
115th St. — Morgan Park	—	9:04	10:05	11:54	12:54	2:04	2:24	2:54	3:54	—	—	—	—	5:22	5:38	5:44	—	—	—	5:54	—	—	6:03	6:30	7:10	8:10	9:20	10:20	1:05
119th St.	—	9:06	10:07	11:56	12:56	2:06	2:26	2:56	3:56	—	—	—	—	5:24	5:40	5:46	—	—	—	5:56	—	—	6:05	6:32	7:12	8:12	9:22	10:22	1:07
123rd St.	—	9:08	10:09	11:58	12:58	2:08	2:28	2:58	3:58	—	—	—	—	5:26	5:42	5:48	—	—	—	5:58	—	—	6:07	6:34	7:14	8:14	9:24	10:24	1:09
Prairie St.	—	9:10	10:11	12:00	1:00	2:10	2:30	3:00	4:00	—	—	—	—	5:28	5:44	5:50	—	—	—	6:00	—	—	6:09	6:36	7:16	8:16	9:26	10:26	1:11
Blue Island — Vermont St.	7:09	9:12	10:13	12:02	1:03	2:12	2:33	3:02	4:03	4:11	4:35	5:01	5:03	5:31	5:28	5:47	5:53	—	—	6:02	5:52	6:12	6:09	6:39	7:18	8:18	9:28	10:28	1:13
Robbins	7:12	9:15	—	12:05	—	2:15	—	3:05	4:14	—	—	—	—	5:06	5:31	—	—	—	—	—	—	6:12	—	7:21	8:21	9:31	10:31	1:16	
Midlothian	7:15	9:18	—	12:08	—	2:18	—	3:08	4:17	—	—	—	—	5:09	5:34	—	—	—	—	5:49	—	—	6:15	—	7:24	8:24	9:34	10:34	1:19
Oak Forest	7:18	9:21	—	12:11	—	2:21	—	3:11	4:21	—	—	—	—	5:13	5:38	—	—	—	—	5:54	—	—	6:18	—	7:28	8:28	9:38	10:38	1:22
Tinley Park	7:22	9:25	—	12:15	—	2:25	—	3:15	4:26	—	—	—	—	5:18	5:43	—	—	—	—	5:49	6:00	—	6:23	—	7:33	8:33	9:43	10:43	1:25
Tinley Park — 80th Ave.	7:25	9:28	—	12:18	—	2:28	—	3:18	4:30	—	—	—	—	5:22	5:47	—	—	—	—	5:54	6:04	—	6:27	—	7:36	8:36	9:46	10:46	1:29
Mokena	7:30	9:33	—	12:23	—	2:33	—	3:24	4:35	—	—	—	—	5:27	5:52	—	—	—	—	6:00	6:10	—	6:33	—	7:41	8:41	9:51	10:51	1:32
New Lenox	7:35	9:38	—	12:28	—	2:38	—	3:30	4:42	—	—	—	—	5:34	5:59	—	—	—	—	6:08	6:17	—	6:41	—	7:47	8:47	9:57	10:58	1:40
JOLIET	AR	7:50	9:50	12:40	—	2:50	—	3:42	4:55	—	—	—	—	5:50	—	—	—	—	—	6:22	6:32	—	6:56	7:59	8:59	10:09	11:08	1:53	

Joliet to Chicago — Monday through Friday

TRAIN NUMBERS

STATIONS	600	400	402	602	404	604	700	606	406	608	408	610	612	614	410	616	302	618	412	620	622	510	624	626	516	628	518	414	630	522	528	
JOLIET	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	
New Lenox	—	5:05	5:35	—	5:58	—	—	—	6:25	—	6:45	—	—	—	7:15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Mokena	—	5:15	5:45	—	6:08	—	6:24	—	6:35	—	6:55	—	—	—	7:25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Tinley Park—80th Ave.	—	5:21	5:51	—	6:14	—	6:30	—	6:41	—	7:01	—	—	—	7:31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Tinley Park	—	5:28	5:58	—	6:21	—	6:37	—	6:48	—	7:08	—	—	—	7:38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Oak Forest	—	5:32	6:02	—	6:25	—	6:41	—	6:52	—	7:12	—	—	—	7:42	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Midlothian	—	5:38	6:08	—	6:31	—	6:47	—	6:58	—	7:18	—	—	—	7:48	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Robbins	—	5:42	6:12	—	6:35	—	6:51	—	7:02	—	7:22	—	—	—	7:52	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Blue Island—Vermont St.	5:20	5:47	6:17	6:05	6:40	—	6:55	6:50	7:07	7:00	7:26	7:14	—	7:35	—	7:45	8:01	8:11	9:01	9:30	10:20	11:01	12:01	1:21	2:01	2:50	3:41	5:47	7:00	8:26	10:06	
Prairie St.	5:22	—	—	6:07	—	6:42	—	6:52	—	7:02	—	7:16	7:23	7:37	—	7:47	—	8:13	—	9:32	10:22	11:03	12:03	1:23	2:03	2:52	3:43	—	7:02	8:28	10:08	
123rd St.	5:24	—	—	6:09	—	6:44	—	6:54	—	7:04	—	7:18	7:25	7:39	—	7:49	—	8:15	—	9:34	10:24	11:05	12:05	1:25	2:05	2:54	3:45	—	7:04	8:30	10:10	
119th St.	5:26	—	—	6:11	—	6:46	—	6:56	—	7:06	—	7:20	7:27	7:41	—	7:51	—	8:17	—	9:36	10:26	11:07	12:07	1:27	2:07	2:56	3:47	—	7:06	8:32	10:12	
115th St.—Morgan Park	5:28	—	—	6:13	—	6:48	—	6:58	—	7:08	—	7:22	7:29	7:43	—	7:53	—	8:19	—	9:38	10:28	11:09	12:09	1:29	2:09	2:58	3:49	—	7:08	8:34	10:14	
111th St.—Morgan Park	5:30	—	—	6:15	—	6:50	—	7:02	—	7:12	—	7:26	7:33	7:47	—	7:57	—	8:23	—	9:40	10:30	11:11	12:11	1:31	2:11	3:00	3:51	—	7:10	8:36	10:16	
107th St.—Beverly Hills	5:32	—	—	6:17	—	6:52	—	7:04	—	7:14	—	7:28	7:35	7:47	—	7:57	—	8:23	—	9:42	10:32	11:13	12:13	1:33	2:13	3:02	3:53	—	7:12	8:38	10:18	
103rd St.—Beverly Hills	5:34	—	—	6:19	—	6:54	—	7:06	—	7:16	—	7:30	7:37	7:51	—	8:01	—	8:27	—	9:44	10:34	11:15	12:15	1:35	2:15	3:04	3:55	—	7:14	8:40	10:20	
99th St.—Beverly Hills	5:36	—	—	6:21	—	6:56	—	7:08	—	7:18	—	7:32	7:39	7:53	—	8:03	—	8:29	—	9:46	10:36	11:17	12:17	1:37	2:17	3:06	3:57	—	7:16	8:42	10:22	
95th St.—Beverly Hills	5:38	—	—	6:23	—	6:58	—	7:08	—	7:18	—	7:32	7:39	7:53	—	8:03	—	8:29	—	9:48	10:38	11:19	12:19	1:39	2:19	3:08	3:59	—	7:18	8:44	10:24	
91st St.—Beverly Hills	5:40	—	—	6:25	—	7:00	—	7:10	—	7:20	—	7:34	7:41	7:55	—	8:05	—	8:31	—	9:50	10:40	11:21	12:21	1:41	2:21	3:10	4:01	—	7:20	8:46	10:26	
Brainerd	5:42	—	—	6:27	—	7:02	—	7:12	—	7:22	—	7:36	7:43	7:57	—	8:07	—	8:33	—	9:52	10:42	11:23	12:23	1:43	2:23	3:12	4:03	—	7:22	8:48	10:28	
103rd St.—Washington Hts.	—	5:52	6:22	—	—	—	7:00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8:07	—	8:06	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
95th St.—Longwood	—	5:55	6:25	—	—	—	7:03	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8:10	—	8:09	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Gresham	—	5:45	—	—	6:30	—	—	7:06	7:15	—	7:25	—	7:39	7:45	—	8:13	8:36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Chickasha (a Sale St.)	AR	6:05	6:19	6:45	6:50	7:12	7:25	7:29	7:35	7:40	7:45	7:55	8:00	8:07	8:20	8:25	8:30	8:34	8:56	9:31	10:15	11:05	11:45	12:45	2:05	2:45	3:35	4:25	5:15	7:45	9:10	10:50

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Chicago to Joliet — Monday through Friday

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New Lenox		-	5:14	5:44	6:05	6:24	6:45	7:06	7:15	7:30	-	7:58	-	8:29	9:20	10:10	11:20	12:20	12:20	12:20	12:20	12:20	12:20	12:20	12:20	12:20	12:20	12:20	12:20	12:20	12:20	12:20	
Mokena		-	5:26	5:50	6:11	6:30	6:51	7:06	7:21	7:36	-	7:54	-	8:25	9:35	10:35	11:35	12:35	1:35	2:35	3:35	4:35	5:35	6:35	7:35	8:35	9:35	10:35	11:35	12:35	1:35	2:35	3:35
Tinley Park—80th Ave.		-	5:26	5:56	6:18	6:37	6:58	7:13	7:28	7:43	-	8:01	-	8:41	9:41	10:41	11:41	12:41	1:41	2:41	3:41	4:41	5:41	6:41	7:41	8:41	9:41	10:41	11:41	12:41	1:41	2:41	3:41
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Oak Forest		-	5:35	6:05	6:26	6:47	7:08	7:23	7:38	7:53	-	8:11	-	8:49	9:49	10:49	11:49	12:49	1:49	2:49	3:49	4:49	5:49	6:49	7:49	8:49	9:49	10:49	11:49	12:49	1:49	2:49	3:49
Middlefield		-	5:39	6:09	6:32	6:51	7:12	7:27	7:42	7:57	-	8:15	-	8:53	9:53	10:53	11:53	12:53	1:53	2:53	3:53	4:53	5:53	6:53	7:53	8:53	9:53	10:53	11:53	12:53	1:53	2:53	3:53
Midland		-	5:41	6:11	6:34	6:53	7:14	7:29	7:44	7:59	-	8:17	-	8:55	9:55	10:55	11:55	12:55	1:55	2:55	3:55	4:55	5:55	6:55	7:55	8:55	9:55	10:55	11:55	12:55	1:55	2:55	3:55
Blue Island—Vermont St.		5:20	5:44	6:14	6:38	6:58	6:57	6:49	7:18	7:33	7:32	-	7:48	8:05	8:21	-	8:57	9:57	10:57	11:57	12:57	1:57	2:57	3:57	4:57	5:57	6:57	7:57	8:57	9:57	10:57	11:57	12:57
Prairie St.		5:22	-	-	6:05	6:35	6:51	7:06	7:21	7:34	7:50	-	-	8:10	9:59	10:59	11:59	12:59	1:59	2:59	3:59	-	5:59	6:59	7:59	8:59	9:59	10:59	11:59	12:59	1:59	2:59	3:59
123rd St.		5:24	-	-	6:07	6:37	6:53	7:07	7:23	7:36	7:52	-	-	8:12	9:01	10:01	11:01	12:01	1:01	2:01	3:01	-	6:01	7:01	8:01	9:01	10:01	11:01	12:01	1:01	2:01	3:01	
119th St.		5:26	-	-	6:09	6:39	6:55	7:09	7:25	7:38	7:54	-	-	8:14	9:03	10:03	11:03	12:03	1:03	2:03	3:03	-	6:03	7:03	8:03	9:03	10:03	11:03	12:03	1:03	2:03	3:03	
115th St.—Morgan Park		5:28	-	6:11	6:41	6:57	7:11	7:27	7:40	7:56	-	-	8:16	9:05	10:05	11:05	12:05	1:05	2:05	3:05	-	6:05	7:05	8:05	9:05	10:05	11:05	12:05	1:05	2:05	3:05		
11th St.—Morgan Park		5:30	-	6:13	6:43	6:59	7:13	7:29	7:42	7:58	-	-	8:18	9:07	10:07	11:07	12:07	1:07	2:07	3:07	-	6:07	7:07	8:07	9:07	10:07	11:07	12:07	1:07	2:07	3:07		
107th St.—Morgan Park		5:32	-	6:15	6:45	7:01	7:15	7:31	7:44	7:59	-	-	8:20	9:09	10:09	11:09	12:09	1:09	2:09	3:09	-	6:09	7:09	8:09	9:09	10:09	11:09	12:09	1:09	2:09	3:09		
103rd St.—Beverly Hills		5:34	-	6:17	6:47	7:03	7:17	7:33	7:46	8:02	-	-	8:22	9:11	10:11	11:11	12:11	1:11	2:11	3:11	-	6:11	7:11	8:11	9:11	10:11	11:11	12:11	1:11	2:11	3:11		
99th St.—Beverly Hills		5:36	-	6:19	6:49	7:05	7:19	7:35	7:48	8:04	-	-	8:24	9:13	10:13	11:13	12:13	1:13	2:13	3:13	-	6:13	7:13	8:13	9:13	10:13	11:13	12:13	1:13	2:13	3:13		
95th St.—Beverly Hills		5:38	-	6:21	6:51	7:07	7:21	7:37	7:50	8:06	-	-	8:26	9:15	10:15	11:15	12:15	1:15	2:15	3:15	-	6:15	7:15	8:15	9:15	10:15	11:15	12:15	1:15	2:15	3:15		
91st St.—Beverly Hills		5:40	-	6:23	6:53	7:09	7:23	7:39	7:52	8:08	-	-	8:28	9:17	10:17	11:17	12:17	1:17	2:17	3:17	-	6:17	7:17	8:17	9:17	10:17	11:17	12:17	1:17	2:17	3:17		
Brainerd		5:42	-	6:25	6:55	7:11	7:25	7:41	7:54	8:10	-	-	8:30	9:19	10:19	11:19	12:19	1:19	2:19	3:19	-	6:19	7:19	8:19	9:19	10:19	11:19	12:19	1:19	2:19	3:19		
163rd St.—Washington Hts.		-	5:49	6:19	-	-	7:02	-	-	-	-	-	-	8:10	8:26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
163rd St.—Longwood		-	5:52	6:22	-	-	7:05	-	-	-	-	-	-	7:39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Greenshank Oakbrook (LaSalle St.)	AR	6:03	6:13	6:43	6:45	7:03	7:16	7:25	7:42	7:46	7:59	8:02	8:12	8:15	8:27	8:30	8:34	8:47	8:51	9:40	10:40	11:40	12:40	1:40	2:40	3:40	4:40	5:22	6:40	8:40	10:40	12:40	-

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		505	508	513	517	519	521	523	527	531	501		
CHICAGO (LaSalle St.)	LV	8:30	10:30	12:30	2:30	4:30	5:30	6:40	8:45	10:45	12:30		
Gresham		8:48	10:48	12:48	2:48	4:48	5:48	6:58	9:03	11:03	12:48		
95th St.—Longwood													
103rd St.—Washington Hts.													
91st St.		8:51	10:51	12:51	2:51	4:51	5:51	7:01	9:06	11:06	12:51		
Bryn Mawr		8:53	10:53	12:53	2:53	4:53	5:53	7:03	9:08	11:08	12:53		
95th St.—Beverly Hills		8:55	10:55	12:55	2:55	4:55	5:55	7:05	9:10	11:10	12:55		
99th St.—Beverly Hills		8:57	10:57	12:57	2:57	4:57	5:57	7:07	9:12	11:12	12:57		
103rd St.—Beverly Hills		8:59	10:59	12:59	2:59	4:59	5:59	7:09	9:14	11:14	12:59		
107th St.—Beverly Hills		9:01	11:01	13:01	3:01	5:01	6:01	7:11	9:16	11:16	13:01		
111th St.—Morgan Park		9:03	11:03	13:03	3:03	5:03	6:03	7:13	9:18	11:18	13:03		
115th St.—Morgan Park		9:05	11:05	13:05	3:05	5:05	6:05	7:15	9:20	11:20	13:05		
119th St.—Morgan Park		9:07	11:07	13:07	3:07	5:07	6:07	7:17	9:22	11:22	13:07		
123rd St.		9:09	11:09	13:09	3:09	5:09	6:09	7:19	9:24	11:24	13:09		
Prarie St.		9:11	11:11	13:11	3:11	5:11	6:11	7:21	9:26	11:26	13:11		
Blue Island—Wernmont St.		9:13	11:13	13:13	3:13	5:13	6:13	7:23	9:28	11:28	13:13		
Robbins		9:16	11:16	13:16	3:16	5:16	6:16	7:26	9:31	11:31	13:16		
McClathion		9:18	11:18	13:18	3:18	5:18	6:18	7:28	9:33	11:33	13:18		
Oak Forest		9:21	11:21	13:21	3:21	5:21	6:21	7:31	9:36	11:36	13:21		
Tinley Park		9:23	11:23	13:23	3:23	5:23	6:23	7:33	9:38	11:38	13:23		
Tinley Park—80th Ave.		9:25	11:25	13:25	3:25	5:25	6:25	7:35	9:40	11:40	13:25		
Moss Point		9:27	11:27	13:27	3:27	5:27	6:27	7:37	9:42	11:42	13:27		
New Lenox		9:31	11:31	13:31	3:31	5:31	6:31	7:41	9:46	11:46	13:31		
JOLIET	AR	9:51	11:51	13:51	3:51	5:51	6:51	8:01	10:06	12:06	13:51		

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STATIONS		TRAIN NUMBERS									
		905	509	513	517	519	523	527	531		
		AM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM		
CHICAGO (LaSalle St.)	LV	8:30	10:30	12:30	2:30	4:30	6:30	8:45	10:45		
Gresham		8:48	10:48	12:48	2:48	4:48	6:58	9:03	11:03		
95th St.—Longwood											
95th St.—Washington Hts.											
91st St.—		8:51	10:51	12:51	2:51	4:51	7:01	9:06	11:06		
101st St.—Beverly Hills		8:55	10:55	12:55	2:53	4:53	7:05	9:08	11:08		
90th St.—Beverly Hills		8:55	10:55	12:55	2:55	4:55	7:05	9:10	11:10		
90th St.—Beverly Hills		8:57	10:57	12:57	2:57	4:57	7:12	9:12	11:12		
103rd St.—Beverly Hills		8:59	10:59	12:59	2:59	4:59	7:09	9:14	11:14		
107th St.—Beverly Hills		9:01	11:01	13:01	3:01	5:01	7:11	9:16	11:16		
111th St.—Morgan Park		9:03	11:03	13:03	3:03	5:03	7:13	9:18	11:18		
115th St.—Morgan Park		9:05	11:05	13:05	3:05	5:05	7:15	9:20	11:20		
99th St.—		9:07	11:07	13:07	3:07	5:07	7:17	9:22	11:22		
123rd St.—		9:09	11:09	13:09	3:09	5:09	7:19	9:24	11:24		
Prairie St.—		9:11	11:11	13:11	3:11	5:11	7:21	9:26	11:26		
Blue Island—Vermont St.		9:13	11:13	13:13	3:13	5:13	7:23	9:28	11:28		
Robbins		9:16	11:16	13:16	3:16	5:16	7:26	9:31	11:31		
Midlothian		9:18	11:18	13:18	3:18	5:18	7:28	9:33	11:33		
Oak Forest		9:21	11:21	13:21	3:21	5:21	7:31	9:36	11:36		
Tinley Park		9:26	11:26	13:26	3:26	5:26	7:36	9:41	11:41		
Tinley Park—80th Ave.		9:31	11:31	13:31	3:31	5:31	7:41	9:46	11:46		
Mokena		9:35	11:35	13:35	3:35	5:35	7:45	9:50	11:50		
New Lenox		9:41	11:41	13:41	3:41	5:41	7:51	9:56	11:56		
JOLIET	AR	9:51	11:51	13:51	3:51	5:51	8:01	10:06	12:06		

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STATIONS		TRAIN NUMBERS											
		500	504	506	510	514	518	540	526	542	532		
JOLIET	LV	6:00	7:20	8:20	10:20	12:20	2:20	4:20	6:20	8:20	10:20		
New Lenox		6:09	7:29	8:29	10:29	12:29	2:29	4:29	6:29	8:29	10:29		
Mokena		6:15	7:35	8:35	10:35	12:35	2:35	4:35	6:35	8:35	10:35		
Tinley Park—80th Ave.		6:21	7:41	8:41	10:41	12:41	2:41	4:41	6:41	8:41	10:41		
Orland Park		6:24	7:44	8:44	10:44	12:44	2:44	4:44	6:44	8:44	10:44		
Oak Forest		6:29	7:49	8:49	10:49	12:49	2:49	4:49	6:49	8:49	10:49		
Midlothian		6:32	7:52	8:52	10:52	12:52	2:52	4:52	6:52	8:52	10:52		
Robbins		6:34	7:54	8:54	10:54	12:54	2:54	4:54	6:54	8:54	10:54		
Blue Island—Vermont St.		6:37	7:57	8:57	10:57	12:57	2:57	4:57	6:57	8:57	10:57		
Prairie St.		6:39	7:59	8:59	10:59	12:59	2:59	4:59	6:59	8:59	10:59		
123rd St.		6:41	8:01	9:01	11:01	1:01	3:01	5:01	7:01	9:01	11:01		
119th St.		6:43	8:03	9:03	11:03	1:03	3:03	5:03	7:03	9:03	11:03		
117th St.—Morgan Park		6:45	8:05	9:05	11:05	1:05	3:05	5:05	7:05	9:05	11:05		
117th St.—Morgan Park		6:47	8:07	9:07	11:07	1:07	3:07	5:07	7:07	9:07	11:07		
110th St.—Beverly Hills		6:49	8:09	9:09	11:09	1:09	3:09	5:09	7:09	9:09	11:09		
103rd St.—Beverly Hills		6:51	8:11	9:11	11:11	1:11	3:11	5:11	7:11	9:11	11:11		
99th St.—Beverly Hills		6:53	8:13	9:13	11:13	1:13	3:13	5:13	7:13	9:13	11:13		
95th St.—Beverly Hills		6:55	8:15	9:15	11:15	1:15	3:15	5:15	7:15	9:15	11:15		
91st St.—Beverly Hills		6:57	8:17	9:17	11:17	1:17	3:17	5:17	7:17	9:17	11:17		
Brainerd		6:59	8:19	9:19	11:19	1:19	3:19	5:19	7:19	9:19	11:19		
103rd St.—Washington St.		7:02	8:22	9:22	11:22	1:22	3:22	5:22	7:22	9:22	11:22		
Gresham		7:04	8:24	9:24	11:24	1:24	3:24	5:24	7:24	9:24	11:24		
Chicago (LaSalle St.)	AR	7:20	8:40	9:40	11:40	1:40	3:40	5:40	7:40	9:40	11:40		

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		TRAIN NUMBERS									
		506	506	510	514	518	520	526	542		
STATIONS		AM	AM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM
JOLIET	LV	8:00	8:20	10:20	12:20	2:20	4:20	6:20	8:20	8:20	8:20
New Lenox		8:05	8:25	10:25	12:25	2:25	4:25	6:25	8:25		
Mokena		8:15	8:35	10:35	12:35	2:35	4:35	6:35	8:35		
Tinley Park—80th Ave.		8:24	8:44	10:44	12:44	2:44	4:44	6:44	8:44		
Oak Forest		8:29	8:49	10:49	12:49	2:49	4:49	6:49	8:49		
Midlothian		8:32	8:52	10:52	12:52	2:52	4:52	6:52	8:52		
Robbins		8:34	8:54	10:54	12:54	2:54	4:54	6:54	8:54		
Blue Island—Vermont St.		8:37	8:57	10:57	12:57	2:57	4:57	6:57	8:57		
Prairie St.		8:38	8:58	10:58	12:58	2:58	4:58	6:58	8:58		
123rd St.		8:40	9:00	11:00	13:00	3:00	5:00	7:00	9:01		
116th St.		8:43	9:03	11:03	13:03	3:03	5:03	7:03	9:03		
125th St.—Morgan Park		8:45	9:05	11:05	13:05	3:05	5:05	7:05	9:05		
117th St.—Morgan Park		8:47	9:07	11:07	13:07	3:07	5:07	7:07	9:07		
101th St.—Berwyn Hills		8:49	9:09	11:09	13:09	3:09	5:09	7:09	9:09		
92nd St.—Berwyn Hills		8:51	9:11	11:11	13:11	3:11	5:11	7:11	9:11		
109th St.—Berwyn Hills		8:53	9:13	11:13	13:13	3:13	5:13	7:13	9:13		
95th St.—Berwyn Hills		8:55	9:15	11:15	13:15	3:15	5:15	7:15	9:15		
91st St.—Berwyn Hills		8:57	9:17	11:17	13:17	3:17	5:17	7:17	9:17		
Brandenburg		8:59	9:19	11:19	13:19	3:19	5:19	7:19	9:19		
103rd St.—Washington Hl.											
95th St.—Longwood											
Grecham		7:02	9:22	11:22	1:22	3:22	5:22	7:22	9:22		
Chicago (LaSalle St.)	AR	7:20	9:40	11:40	1:40	3:40	5:40	7:40	9:40		

has been harped on extensively in this column in the
for thought will be done here.

The first item of interest is that the first two S/B weekday trains out of Chicago make all stops on the Main-line north of Blue Island. Notice that there are no N/B PM trains making these stops. This is interesting, as train 418 (4:20PM out of Joliet), saves only four minutes by skipping the stops north of Blue Island.

The second item is the skipping of Robbins as a stop on three N/B (410, 412, 414) and four S/B trains (405, 411, 413, 417). Why Robbins, a primarily black, blue-collar community, whose residents admittedly would be less likely to work

downtown than those of Midlothian or Oak Forest, manage to get the shaft during rush hours is anyone's guess. The time savings (amounting to two or three minutes) is minimal, and its omission during rush periods is perplexing.

The third item is the lack of the last trips on Sunday (trains 532 out of Joliet and 501 out of Chicago). Metra supposedly has a handle on what trains have potential and which do not. However, it is interesting that the Rock Island prior to July 1, 1981 operated these two trains. Imagine - a bankrupt railroad operating late Sunday service, while Metra, considered to be in good financial shape, does not.

The fourth item is the non-standardization of train times. The late evening trains out of Chicago and the first train out of Joliet on weekends do not fit the normal departure times (:20 out of Joliet, :30 out of Chicago). While this item