

INSIDE MOVES



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The LACTC Staff Newsletter "All the news that's unfit to print"

COMINGS AND GOINGS

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Here we go again, with another exciting issue of the publication you've all been waiting for. Now you can FINALLY match up those new faces with their names and jobs.

COMING ON BOARD...



GINGER GHERARDI started at the Commission in September as manager of the Highway/TSM Programs Section of Planning & Fiscal Analysis. Ginger is a native of New York, and was graduated with B.S. and M.S. degrees from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. She now resides in Newhall and has two sons, Andy, 19, and John, 17, a high school senior in New York. Ginger is another ex-SCAG'er, where she spent her time managing the TIP/TDA program. Prior to that she managed the capital program for

NYC Transit Authority. Ginger has no pets, but at one time lived with several dogs, a tortoise, an iguana and various snakes, lizards, and the like, all of which proves that she can adapt to any situation.

JUDI NORMAN is next on board. Judi's title is Analyst in the Transit Programs section where she prepares and processes federal, state and local funding documentation for 13 municipal bus operators in the County, including her former employer, RTD. A native of Los Angeles, Judi was graduated from the University of Redlands with a bachelor's in business management. She now lives in Lynwood with her husband and two children and enjoys reading, writing music and investing her hard-earned dollars.



ELI SOTO joined the Commission in September as a Community Relations Specialist on the LB-LA rail transit project. A native of Kingsville, Texas, Eli was graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara with degrees in ergonomics (also known as human engineering) and physical education. He and his wife Nancy live in the City of Norwalk with their five sons. In his spare time, Eli enjoys fishing, camping and, get this, coaching girls' softball teams. Before coming to the Commission, Eli was an outreach coordinator for weatherization services with Veterans in Community Service in Santa Fe Springs. In case you've missed Eli, drop by and say "hello" to him on the fourth floor.



NAOMI NIGHTINGALE also joined in September in Robin McCarthy's unit as Community Relations Specialist on the LB-LA project. A South Los Angeles resident, Naomi grew up in Santa Monica where she must have developed her penchant for sports, aerobics, beachings, shopping for antiques and shopping "for just about anything," she tells us. Naomi received her degree in business administration from Antioch University and worked for the Los Angeles Unified School District before joining the Commission.



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In October, Government & Public Affairs Division's Steve Juarez got a new government relations rep when CLAUDETTE MOODY came on board. You'll never meet anyone less moody than Claudette, though, who seems to breeze through her tough work load constantly smiling and chuckling. She's following Congressional legislation and federal actions for us, and assessing their impact on L.A. County's transportation systems. With both a B.A. and an M.A. in government, plus experience as a legislative assistant on Capitol Hill, Claudette certainly has the right credentials for her job. Her hobbies are jogging (she's a prime-mover here in a groundswell movement toward wearing tennies to and from work and at lunchtimes), bicycling, films, reading murder mysteries, and needlework. She's single and currently leasing a place on the Westside.



Toward the end of October, the Transit Development Division got a new program schedule coordinator when they stole LAURENCE WELDON from SCRC. (For other newcomers, SCRC stands for Southern California Rail Consultants,

who are the main contractors on our LB-LA rail line.) Laurence is installed on the seventh floor with Walt Stephenson, Barbara Gatewood, Kathy Sweet, and others who are slaving away up there in Project Control. "Things look very different from my new perspective," Laurence told me. "Instead of one of the doers, I'm now the bully trying to get things done." Laurence grew up in England, which gave him that gorgeous accent; he earned his B.S. in construction at Liverpool University. He now lives in Pasadena with his ladyfriend and an officially ownerless (as the landlord doesn't allow pets) black feline known only as "The Cat." Laurence lists his hobbies as racketball, reading, searching for an affordable house, and "trying to forget three years in Saudi Arabia."



Also new on the 7th floor, in Program Control & Contracts, is DON STINER, who came on in November as the cost control coordinator for engineering and construction of LACTC's rail projects. Now there's a job I don't envy! But after 12 years as principal cost/schedule engineer at Fluor E&C in Irvine, and three years as supervisor of planning, scheduling, and costs at a major oil company, Don has clearly learned to cope. Don grew up in Loveland, Colorado (sounds like a hippie commune) and now lives in Garden Grove with "wife, daughter, niece, nephew, three dogs



(Tattoo, Chee-Chee, Tootsie) and one cat (J.J.)." His preferred pasttimes are photography--which he has done professionally--reading, writing, and woodworking. "My biggest challenge these days," Don says, "is to find time to do any of them."

JIM COHEN started here in November as a Rail Construction Engineer in Transit Development. Jim grew up in West Haven, Connecticut and received his bachelor's in civil engineering from Tufts University in Boston and his master's in civil engineering with emphasis in construction management from Stanford University. Jim lives in West Los Angeles where he enjoys racketball, swimming and going to the movies and theatre. Before joining the Commission, Jim worked at Continental Heller Corporation as a project engineer in Sacramento and the Los Angeles and Santa Barbara areas.



Another November hire was BOB INOYE, our new affirmative action/labor relations administrator in the External Affairs Division down on the fourth floor. Bob is responsible for developing, implementing, and enforcing the LACTC's AA programs and labor-relations policies for rail transit projects. In other words, he's working with Sharon Sivadel, Pam Simmons, and Michael Loller to keep our equal employment and deebie-weenie accomplishments up to snuff. Bob is a native of Sun Valley, CA., and earned his B.S. in bus. admin./finance at Cal State Northridge. He comes to us after a stint with the City of L.A. He and his wife and two daughters make their home in Santa Monica, along with a "pet Maltese"—either a falcon, a dog, or a cat, I'm not sure which. His favorite hobby is fishing, which in recent years has changed from a placid pasttime into a thrilling high-risk death sport—at least for those who eat what they catch off our Westside piers in the polluted Pacific.



LACTC is just bobbing along with the hiring of the second of three Bob's. BOB MINAHAN also joined us in November as rail construction engineer. A native of Troy, N.Y., Bob received degrees from Hudson Valley Community College, the U of Connecticut and the U of Miami. He lives in Glendale with Tina, an insurance underwriter, and says in true Randy Newman spirit, "We love it." Bob is a former RTD'er. Previously he worked for Kaiser Transit Group on the Miami Metro Rail project. You may remember Bob from his skilled



use of the camera during the Commission's Christmas party. Aside from photography, Bob also enjoys the movies, theatre, concerts, sailing, sporting events ("except the damn Raiders") and collects everything from garage-sale items to old cars. He also makes brews, "the best beers west of Munich or St. Louis."

BOB VANCE joined us at the beginning of December from Gardner & Holman Consulting Planners (one of the consulting firms on the Metro Rail project), where he was manager of operations and maintenance planning. In our happy group, Bob is the new rail transit systems engineer, and reviews and approves plans and specifications for the design of equipment on the IB-LA project. He also coordinates the preparation of grade-crossing applications to the state and PUC, and participates in an inter-agency study of a multi-modal central control facility. Bob was

reared in Westerville, Ohio, and was graduated from Michigan State University in East Lansing. He is single and lives in West Los Angeles, and enjoys hiking, photography, almost all kinds of music and sports.

USHA VISWANATHAN joined the Communications Section on December 2, filling the spot left by the desertion of former Commissionite Steve Parks. Usha is another terrific, transit-experienced employee that we've lured away from the RTD--this time from their news bureau. She grew up in San Marino, CA., and now lives in West Covina. She has a B.A. from Cal State L.A. and an M.S. from the U of Kansas. Usha has jumped right into her communications duties. She'll be taking over Pro-Motion newsletter, while I (Ann) will be handling Parks's former rag, The Rail Way (it's called Misical Newsletter Editors, and it helps keep us versatile). She'll also be writing half of this paper--starting with half of the issue you're now reading--and various press releases, speeches, brochures, etc., plus keeping the media happy via phone. Usha lists her hobbies as "listening to classical Indian music, reading about transit, traveling."



JIM WILEY also comes to the Commission with RTD connections: he joins us from Metro Rail Transit Consultants where he was Chief-Row Director. Here, Jim is the Real Estate and Development Administrator in External Affairs responsible for real estate acquisition and development activities. A native of Detroit, Michigan, Jim received his bachelor's in public administration from Wayne State University in Detroit. He lives in La Verne with his wife, an occupational therapist,



one daughter, a dog and a pet flock of hummingbirds. When Jim is not listening to the melodious sounds of his feathered friends, he enjoys woodworking, gardening and swimming.

MARY LOU ECHTERNACH also joined the Commission in December. She too comes to us from RTD. As Government Relations Representative under Steve Juarez, Mary Lou tells us she functions as "curator for the Los Angeles City Council and other locally elected officials." Mary Lou grew up in Norwood, Colorado, which is hardly a town, she says and graduated "with relief" from the University of Arizona at Tucson as a trained zookeeper. Her other degree is from Aspen State Teachers College in Colorado.



Mary Lou admits to leading a "wonderful homelife" in Long Beach, largely because she has no spouse, children or pets. Her passion is collecting wine corks--she has more than 1,000 and needs more. She also "collects" eluvial fans, primarily the ones from around Palm Springs.

Wrapping things up, we also gained a new consultant and a new intern last quarter, both down with the rail folks. On the third floor, putting together a special school-training program, is Transportation Occupations Program Coordinator YOLANDA VIDATO (whose eye-catching wardrobe may be the Commission's most imaginative, now that Betty Bryant is gone). Up on four, working side-by-side with intern Judi Takemura, is new Real Estate and Development Planning Intern ANASTASIA LOUKAITOU-SIDERIS.

Now that you know who all these new people are, please join us in welcoming them--you know, chat them up a bit at general staff meetings, drop by and say "hi" when things in your department go from "hectic" to only "mildly frantic," introduce yourself in elevators, and so on.

Well, that's 16 new people this quarter, including Anastasia and Yolanda, up half a dozen from last quarter. But don't despair--I'm told by those in the know over in Finance and Admin. that we've now at the end of our big hiring spurt for awhile. I mean, we'll grab one or two here and there, but things will slow down in the first part of '86, at least enough for you to have a HOPE of getting to know your fellow staffers. Good luck!

MOVING UP...



In mid-August, BEN DANCHE, who gets my award for Most Dapper Moustache, was promoted from rail development officer to rail development planning manager. Ben started here three years ago as an RD engineer after we snatched him away from The Planning Group, an L.A.-based consulting firm. Before that he was earning his PhD in Urban Planning from UCLA. Ben lives in Woodland Hills with his wife and two tiny kiddies, and he likes jogging, outdoor activities, and ethnic food. His new responsibilities include administering, coordinating,

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and reviewing the conceptual engineering and environmental stuff for all LACTC-designed rail projects. All I know is, I see him at the computers a lot alternately crooning to and cursing at the little green cursor....

In mid-December, another of our fourth-floor rail people also got a new title when ED McSPE-DCN went from "rail development engineer" to "Century Rail Project manager." "I knew nothing about it," Ed told me, "and I'm not sure exactly what it all means yet." Fortunately, Manager of Finance & Administration Murphy McCalley was able to clarify matters. "Ed's still doing the same things he's always done for us," said Murph, "only now his position has been upgraded in recognition of that fact." Ed started here last January after working for the engineering firm of Gibbs & Hill, and he's got his Master's in civil engineering from an institution I can only assume is not prestigious enough to be named in his department bio. Somehow Ed managed to avoid this paper's employee-profile forms, and when I called him up to get a few personal facts for this column, he just laughed and said, "Spare me!" Reporter: "Not even a hobby or two, Ed?" "Well, I do torture small animals...."

Congratulations Ben and Ed! Your examples give hope, er, motivation, to the rest of us.

MOVING ON...

Government & Public Affairs Division on the 5th floor lost its director recently, that effervescent redhead BETTY BRINT. Betty left us last October 23 to assume a similar position with the East Bay Municipal Utilities District (known as "East Bay Mud") in Oakland. A lot of her husband's family live up there, plus she said, "They made me an offer I couldn't refuse." I hope that doesn't have anything to do with dead racehorses. Betty had been with the LACTC for two and a half years. Before she left, I made her fill out one of our infamous forms, thereby cleverly getting her to write most of this blurb herself. Here're some of her comments: Greatest accomplishment while at LACTC—"Putting together the G&PA Division and hiring all the terrific and talented people for it," (no argument in this paper on that score); Philosophy of life—"I believe we control our destinies, and it really is easier to be positive than negative." Parting words:—"If you're in the Bay area, give me a call and let's get together! (415) 835-3000." Betty, we'll miss your positive direction, cheerfulness, and fashion inspiration around the Garfield Bldg. Here's to MJD in your future!



Also moving on, just after Thanksgiving, was TOM QUIGLEY, who served as the Commission's Social Service Paratransit Coordinator for his consultant's



(What a tan!)

term of one year. Tom, or "TQ" as he liked to be called, got the ball rolling on some important programs for SS paratransit providers while he was here. Last time I talked with him, both Pittsburgh and Chicago were vying for his expertise and coordinating skills for their paratransit programs. "I learned a lot from Pay [Maekawa, our manager of paratransit programs who supervised TQ while he was here]," Tom told me. "I've really come to understand and respect how he makes his decisions."

He added somewhat wistfully, "There was so much damn potential to do more...it's like a football game, I just ran out of time." Good luck wherever you are, TQ.



NEW MASCOT



This cute little guy—a relative of our California bear—was recently designed by Leon Cooksey, Larry Gallagher's cohort in the graphics section of Government & Public Affairs Division. The as-yet nameless critter will serve as the mascot for the school safety program that is currently in the works as part of Robin McCarthy's community relations plan for the Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project. CR staffer Naomi Nightengale is in charge of the safety program, which will go out to bid to

educational subcontractors early this year. Anyone who knows someone that might be interested in designing this safety program, for grades K-9, please advise Naomi ASAP, who will put them on her bid list.

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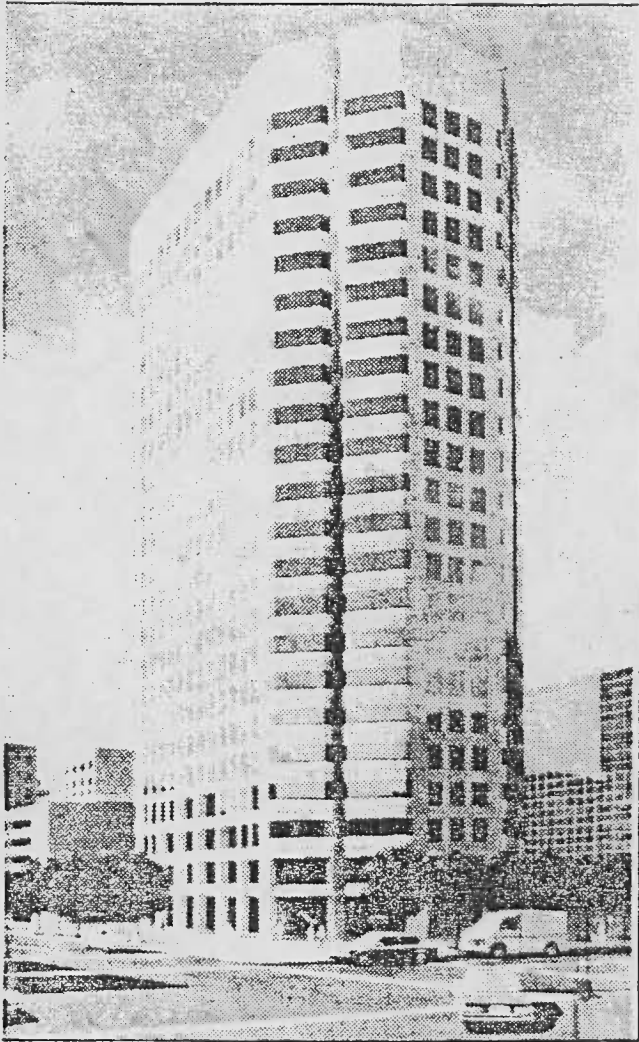
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Chase Manhattan Corp. will be the lead tenant in Grand Financial Plaza, a 22-story building under construction downtown.

Chase Manhattan to Occupy \$100 Million Building

DOWNTOWN--A new corporate logo will peer above the Los Angeles skyline next spring when New York's Chase Manhattan Corp. starts occupying a 22-story building under construction at 801 S. Grand Ave. The \$100-million facility is adjacent to the Bullock's headquarters and will house more than 200 employees of the corporation. Chase Manhattan is the nation's third largest bank with assets of more than \$86 billion and offices in 75 countries. The new offices will be known as Chase Plaza with the bank leasing 86,000 square feet of space in the 435,000 square-foot highrise. Along with Chase, Los Angeles plays host to two other top five lending institutions, Bank of America and Citibank.

LACTC Boogies Night Away at Annual Xmas Bash

by Julie Austin

Thanks to Sunshine Club President Geri Brodie, the 1985 LACTC Christmas Party proved to be an intoxicating affair. A far cry from the pot-luck soirees of Christmas parties past, this year's event featured a happy hour, a steak dinner, and drinking and dancing until midnight.

About 140 people attended this gala event on December 6 at the University of Southern California's Faculty Lounge. After dining on Chef Oscar Mendoza's steak and chocolate mousse pie, partygoers tripped the light fantastic to the Latin, samba, and R&B music of the Joe Perry Band. Commission Chairwoman Jacki Bacharach and her husband Bob were the first couple to venture onto the dance floor, and their Rogers/Astaire act encouraged the rest of the crowd to join in the fun and frolic.

Rick and Selma Richmond took full advantage of their evening away from the kids and really cut a mean rug.

John Cosby, LACTC Social Commentator, described the evening as "very nice in a sedate, Republican sort of way." The party prompted Kristine Hill to declare vehemently, "the last thing I remember was my husband dancing with my secretary."

Mary Sue O'Melia expressed some concern regarding her boyfriend's inability to pronounce the name of a guest from SCAG: "Hidoko who?"

In addition to Chairwoman Bacharach, notable guests included Commissioners Marcia Mednick and Roy Donley and their spouses.

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Commissioner Ray Remy made a brief appearance during the no-host cocktail reception; and Sacramento Consultant Tim Egan stayed long enough to eat dinner.

Santa Claus was unable to attend due to a prior engagement.

For those of you who were unable to attend or for those of you who can't remember, the evening's events were captured in photographs by Kristine Hill, Robert Minahan, and Geri Brodie. Kristine's pictures are progressively blurred, which tells a story in itself.

Jim Sims said that as he left the party, "some crazy person tried to sucker me into a limo." She said "Hey big boy, you want some candy?" When asked why he declined the invitation, Jim responded "my mom wouldn't let me." Obviously Mr. Sims had a few too many that night -- what an imagination!

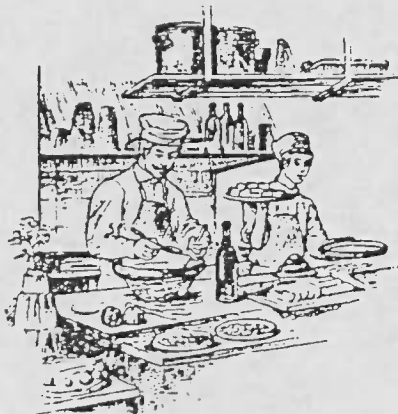
All told, the 1985 LACTC Christmas party was a resounding success. Thanks again to Geri for a job well done.

COMMISSION PROJECTS INSPIRE NOUVELLE CUISINE

by Richard Stanger

Word has it a new sandwich shop will open soon around the corner from us. Apparently spurred by the influx of rail types in the neighborhood and expecting them to make tracks to its door, the establishment has decided to name its sandwiches after Commission projects. It will specialize in both light and heavy offerings, as follows:

THE METRO RAIL - This very large 18-inch sub is packed with well-marbled cuts of pork from our own barrels. Rich in meat, it is light on lettuce; served in twin tubular rolls. \$33.09 (today) It may come in a 4-inch version at 1/3 the regular price.



THE LONG BEACH - This is a 22-centimeter light sandwich of lean ham, turkey and a hint of crow; on pita bread. Comes with locally grown lettuce, and for those less interested in weight-watching, there is a little fat on the side. \$5.95

THE CENTURY - Thin strips of meat-substitute in the middle of a 16-centimeter hard roll. Order it today, eat it tomorrow. At least \$2.16 and \$17.00 in federal food stamps.

THE EL SEGUNDO - High-tech cuts of beef militarily tucked into a spacious industrial-grade roll of indeterminant length; a great companion to the Marina. \$1.04

THE MARINA - Fit for del Rey. A 6-inch sandwich of yuppy cuts in marinara and Westchester sauce; eat it to avoid congestion -- a natural LAX-ative. Comes with coke on the side. \$1.04

THE VALLEY - Total tubular bun, stuffed to the max with choice cuts of Kosher meats on one end, brunch meats on the other. Like wow! Price undetermined.

THE PASADENA - A 6-inch tortilla stuffed with UNO slice of peppered beef in a tamale sauce -- will bring you to new finger-Lincoln Heights. Served with a side order of egg rolls. Price undetermined.



Many thanks to our two guest columnists, Richard and Julie, for their witty contributions to this issue. We hope you have started what will be a growing trend!

For those of you who would like to demonstrate your writing skills (we in turn get to demonstrate ours less), turn in your winning copy and earn a byline that's sure to make you the talk of the agency. We'll take submissions on any topic that'll earn a chuckle, a grin or perk your neighbor's ears. So, you closet Andy Rooney's, Rona Barrett's and William Safire's, set those pens in motion and help us create a publication worthy of our true motto: "All the Gossip that's fit to print."

MEET YOUR CO-WORKERS



Name: PAUL TAYLOR
 Started with LACTC: August 1981
 Current title: Deputy Executive Director
 Division: Transit Development, 4th floor
 Principal responsibilities: The transit development program, i.e., building some rail lines and financing other projects--rail and busway.
 Grew up in: Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Education: B.S., M.S. in Civil Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Home life: I live in a car within a ten-mile

radius of Culver City with Nicolas and/or Megan; occasionally with wife, Diane.
 Hobbies: Baseball, basketball and "the great outdoors."
 Secret ambition: To play centerfield.

Favorites:
 food -- Hungarian
 author -- Dorothy L. Sayers
 music -- Anything but "elevator" music.
 filmmaker -- Hitchcock
 vacation -- San Francisco
 Pet peeve: People who take themselves too seriously.
 Quote: "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these."
 --George Washington Carver

Name: LARRY GALLAGHER
 Started with LACTC: March 1983
 Current title/Graphic Artist
 Division: Govt. & Public Affairs, 5th floor
 Principal responsibilities: Keeping my associate, Leon Cooksey, busy.
 Grew up in: Bronx/Brooklyn, N.Y.
 Education: Majored in industrial design at Brooklyn Technical H.S.; 6 years hands-on training as an illustrator in the Strategic Air Command.

Home life: Live in Santa Monica with super wife Marie, 2 great kids (Matt, 17, & Kevin 13), dog (Sheba) who thinks she is human. Proud owner of one of the largest weed collections in So. Calif.

Hobbies: Drums (used to play professionally), golf, bowling, collecting--and drinking--wine (semi-professional).

Secret ambition: To work on a public transportation project that actually gets built.



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Favorites:
 food -- YES
 author -- Steve Parks
 music -- All kinds, especially Jazz.
 movies -- "Airplane"/s "Arsenic and Old Lace"
 vacation -- Hawaii & Sonoma County
 Pet Peeve -- People that have pet peeves.
 Quote -- "You can't have everything, there's no place to put it."

 VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THIS COLUMN. ANYONE WHO HIRED ON BEFORE JANUARY 1985 AND HAS NOT BEEN FEATURED BEFORE IS WELCOME. SEE ANN ON THE FIFTH FLOOR IF YOU'RE INTERESTED.

Name: ILDA M. LICON
 Started with LACTC: September 1982
 Current title: Secretary (AKA: Office Socialite)
 Division: Programming & Fiscal Analysis, Local Assistance Programs, 6th floor
 Principal responsibilities: Typing, filing, answering phone inquiries, developing filing system and section library, handling agendas, coordinating workshops with staff, working on guidelines with section, playing telephone ping-pong (with calls), playing short-stop on Commission softball team, and other things I can't remember.
 Grew up in: Los Angeles, CA.
 Education: San Gabriel High (L.A. County!)
 Home life: Live alone, no pets except for an occasional visit by my neighbor's cat. Work on puzzles, put together models. Take trips to Santa Barbara or San Diego on an adventure trip at midnight. In other words--"BORING!"



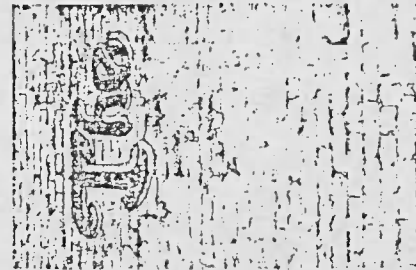
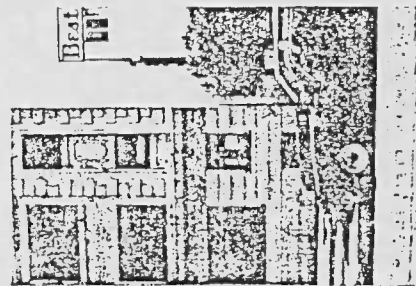
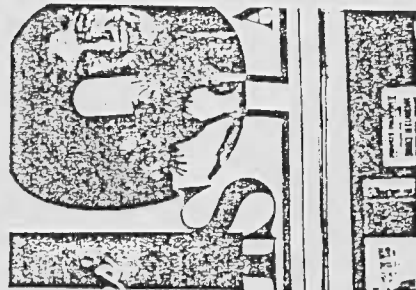
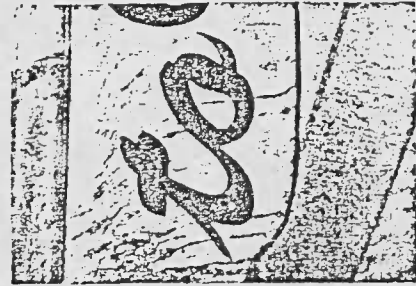
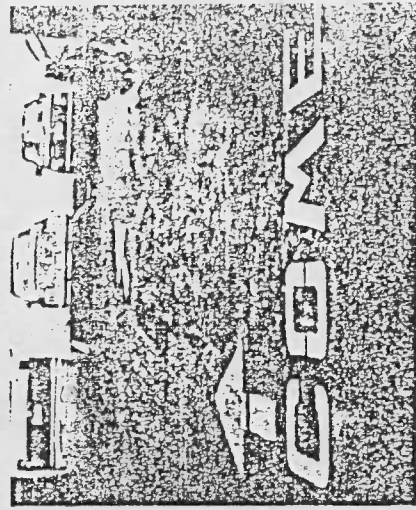
Hobbies: Listening to music, dancing, skiing, biking, racketball, tennis, going out for drinks.
 Secret Ambition: Wouldn't you like to know (hee!hee!). It's so secret, I don't even know myself.

Favorites:
 food -- ICE CREAM!!!
 author-- Stephen King
 music -- Danceable
 movie or filmmaker -- "Terms of Endearment; Spielberg
 vacation -- What's that?
 Pet Peeve: 80° weather in October and no local skiing till March!
 Quote: "Life's a!"



More "Co-Workers" on next page

Name: NORM JESTER
 Started with LACTC:
 August 1984
 Current title: Manager,
 Rail Transit Systems
 Division: Rail Transit
 Development, 3rd floor
 (Based on our last
 issue, everyone already
 knows where my "health
 club" is.)
 Principal responsibilities:
 (Editor's Note--
 significantly, Norm left
 this blank.)
 Grew up in: Runnemede,
 N.J.
 Education: Tutcn Regional
 High School, Runnemede
 N.J. (same high school
 as Judy Auge).
 Home life: Live in
 Woodland Hills (Valley Dude) with wife Pauline, son
 Chris and daughter Melissa.
 Hobbies: All sports (typical jock); jogging; anything
 which provides stress release.
 Favorites:
 food -- Italian
 music -- Top 40s
 vacation -- Maui; Miami; wherever there's a beach.
 Pet Peeve -- People who bother me before I've had my
 coffee.
 Quote -- "If you snooze you loose."



1986 Messages from urban landscape

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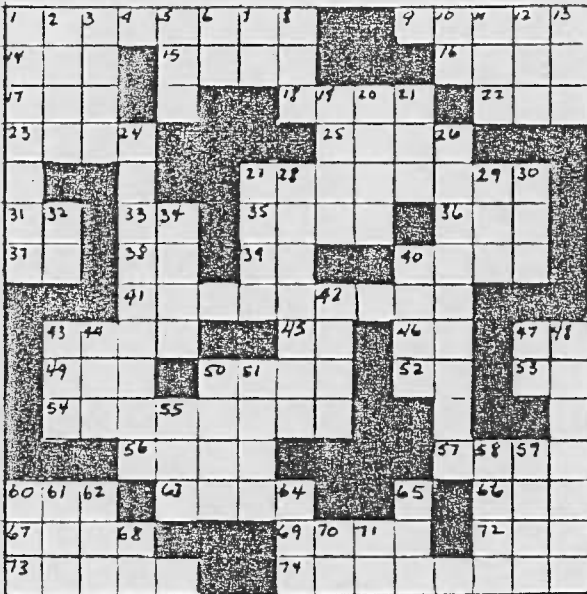


Name: SHARON NEELY
 Started with LACTC: Sept. 1982
 Current title: Manager, Transit
 Programs
 Division: Programming & Fiscal
 Analysis, 6th floor
 Principal responsibilities: Pro-
 gramming the operating and
 capital funds from federal,
 state, and local sources for
 14 bus operators in LA County;
 conduct performance studies on
 operators; administer 40 percent
 Prop. A Discretionary Program;
 develop public transit policy.
 Grew up in: La Habra, CA
 Education: Cal State Fullerton--
 graduate and undergraduate
 degrees--although majored in
 general revelry at Disneyland,
 where I worked.
 Home life: San Juan Capistrano

with husband Tim and Ryan, 7 years, and Kerry, 5 years.
 Actually this is a lie: my home life consists of living in
 my car while commuting to downtown L.A. everyday.
 Hobbies: Sailing, golf, reading, and quilts.
 Secret Ambition: Write fictional mystery novels.
 Favorites:
 food -- Mexican
 music -- Anything but Country-Western
 author -- Anything on "best sellers" lists
 movie -- Not suitable for print; check with my local
 VCR rental shop
 vacation -- What are those?
 Pet peeve: Bumper stickers
 Quote: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again!"

TRANSPORTATION CROSSWORD PUZZLE

BY JACKIE MATOSIAN OF RTD



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ACROSS

- 1 It tells you when to wait
- 9 Agency formed in 1964
- 14 Garden tool
- 15 Opp. of shut
- 16 Half a sneeze
- 17 Exist
- 18 Throw away
- 22 Choose
- 23 Seaweed
- 25 West et al
- 27 Height
- 31 Do the opposite of, prefix
- 33 Chemical symbol for radium
- 35 Actor James _____
- 36 Before, prefix _____
- 37 Harrisburg's state, abbr.
- 38 II + II
- 39 _____ vey!
- 40 Urge on
- 41 The impossible dream?
- 43 Copier
- 45 Roman six
- 46 Belonging to me
- 47 Diamond weight, abbr.
- 49 Make lace
- 50 Place to store tools
- 52 "_____ a Yankee Doodle..."
- 53 _____ else!
- 54 Interstice
- 56 Rhode Island, plural
- 57 Space agency
- 60 Pekoe or black
- 63 Something to munch on (var.)
- 66 Where rockets take off, sing.
- 67 Wise old birds
- 69 Belgian river
- 72 Sesame
- 73 A bus sent out in place of one which has been delayed
- 74 One type of fare

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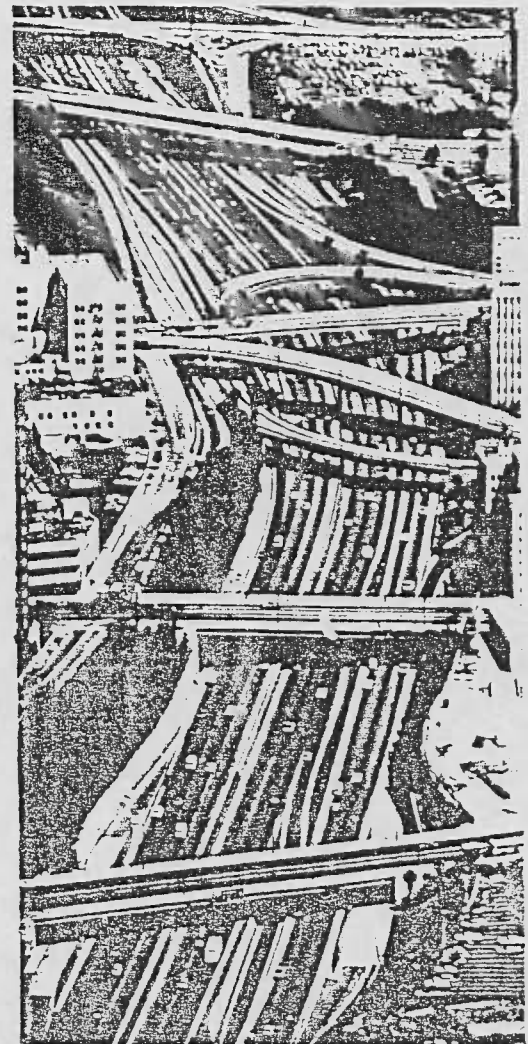
- 1 Moving the natives around
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- 3 Instruction to a dog
- 5 Buck's mate
- 6 Opposite of down
- 7 French article
- 8 Terminal
- 10 Business letter notation
- 11 Greek letter
- 12 Summit, chief
- 13 Dole's domain
- 19 Federal watchdog agency
- 20 Principal
- 21 A member of the household?
- 24 Outer limits
- 26 One who provides provisions or stores
- 27 Acidity
- 28 Designated stopover
- 29 Actress Joanne _____
- 30 Shakespeare's ever _____
- 32 Sha Na _____
- 34 Declare positively
- 40 Valley in Ventura County
- 42 What the RTD takes people for
- 43 _____ loss
- 44 Soft food for infants
- 47 Gary Hart's state, abbr.
- 48 Device on bus activated by passenger weight
- 50 Musial
- 51 Hawaiian dance
- 55 Persian money
- 58 Transit industry association
- 59 Sore (Scot.)
- 60 High, craggy hill
- 61 Female sheep
- 62 Every
- 64 Alphabet's caboose
- 65 Homophone for oar
- 68 South America, abbr.
- 70 Thus
- 71 M - O link

JUHANI'S LAW:

The compromise will always be more expensive than either of the suggestions it is compromising.

THE GOLDEN RULE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:

Whoever has the gold makes the rules.



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STOP PRESS! Two More Staffers Moving On...

The "Inside Moves" news room has just learned that two more Commission staffers are moving on in January.

KRIS HILL, analyst with the Local Assistance Program Section on the sixth floor, has landed a plum of a position with the Puget Sound Council of Governments up in Seattle, Washington, as a senior associate planner. Kris started with us almost three years ago as an assistant analyst. We hear that people in charge of local return money at cities throughout the county are wailing about Kris's decision, not to mention her office room-mate, Ralph Avila, and her supervisor Pat Van Matre. But who can blame her?



Not only is the job a substantial jump in responsibility and pay, but Seattle was chosen as "most desirable place to live" in some big survey a couple of years ago; and Kris's husband wants out of the big city too. Kris says her greatest accomplishment while here was "attending almost all the parties anyone gave." As words of wisdom, she offers, "If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you ever tried." And parting words: "Write and send me all the gossip: 801 Spring St., Apt. B-1402, Seattle, Washington 98104."



JUDY AUGÉ, secretary down in transit development just outside Norm Jester's office, is also leaving us. Judy started here last June, and she has a lot of nerve to leave just when we're all finally learning how to pronounce her last name. But in fairness, we must report that Judy's new job found her and not vice-versa. Seems she had looked for a position with Hughes Aircraft, where several of her friends work, before applying here, but nothing was open at the time. Now they've come back with an offer of an administrative assistant's slot, involving more bucks and—

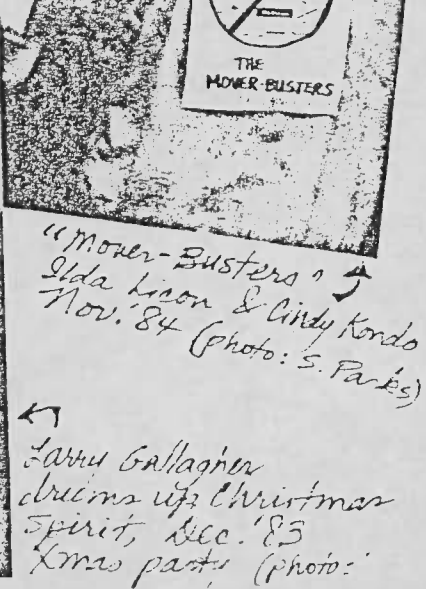
because Hughes is a much bigger organization—more opportunity. What can we do? "It was a very difficult decision," Judy said, "because I like Norm so much and everyone else has been great too." Judy says her most notable accomplishment at the Commission was "keeping ahead of the flow of paper." Her parting words to us are, "Get those trains running!"

Kris's last day will be January 10, and Judy's will be January 15, so drop by and say good-bye and good luck. Sorry to lose you both—keep in touch.

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Barbara Norris & spouse —
Xmas party '85 (Photos Bob
Miranian)



"Mover-Busters"
Olga Lion & Cindy Kondo
Nov. '84 (photo: S. Parks)

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Larry Gallagher
dreams up Christmas
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