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Rap Session Held At Division 2

Division 2 operators had a chance to meet with top RTD management and LAPD officers at a recent rap session held at the Division.

At the rap session, which was well attended by personnel from Division 2, the police officers from the Newton station were on hand to explain 'Operation Ride-Along', a joint effort between the District and the LAPD to cut down on vandalism aboard buses.

As part of the program, under cover officers ride at random on certain lines which have a high incidence of vandalism. According to the LAPD, a small group of juveniles repeatedly commit most of the crimes on buses. By apprehending these youths, the police hope to get them off and keep them off the buses.

As part of the program, the officers are unrecognized and known by the drivers or the passengers. The undercover officers in no way implicate the driver or the District.

After the LAPD presentation, Manager



Division 2 operators listen during a well-attended rap session. Featured at the rap session were two L.A.P.D. officers who explained 'Operation Ride-Along', an undercover surveillance program to stem the incidence on vandalism aboard buses.

of Operations George W. Heinle and Chief Special Agent Richard Kelso fielded

questions from the operators in a lively session of questions and answers.

Employee Recreation News

The upcoming annual Picnic and Summer Olympics on Saturday, June 12, to be held at the Jackie Robinson Stadium in Rancho Cienega Park, at Santa Barbara and Rodeo Road, promises to be a fun day for everyone who plans to attend. There is ample room to spread out your blanket and enjoy your favorite picnic food. Because no company picnic would be complete without soda pop and ice cream, there will be free soft drinks and ice cream for every one who enters the stadium. Because only RTD employees and their families will be permitted inside the stadium, we ask that each person show their RTD pass as identification.

The Summer Olympic events start at 12:30 p.m. and will continue throughout the afternoon. Every employee interested in participating in one or more events is asked to sign the registration poster in their Division or work area Recreation Bulletin Board, or complete the entry form in this issue of Headway. Registration closes June 1. No special uniform is required in order to participate but you might want to consider shorts and tennis shoes if you have them.

The second part of our big fun and sports double header is RTD Day at Dodger Stadium on Sunday, June 13. This is really two games for the price of one.

Preceding the game against the Montreal Expos will be the annual Old-Timer's Game. Come out and see all your favorite baseball greats of yesteryear.

Game time is at 12:30 p.m. Tickets, \$3.00 each, may be purchased from the Division office at each operating division.

This is your chance to bring the whole family and watch major league baseball at its finest with other RTD families and friends.

NEW PASSENGER DISPUTE CARDS ISSUED TO DISTRICT OPERATORS

District operators were recently issued a new "Passenger Dispute Card" which will make it easier for them to report problems encountered with passengers while operating their buses.

This newly designed form is part of the revised Operating Employees Service Guide Up-date, sections of which have been issued to operators, with the remaining sections to be completed within the next 30 days. In issuing the new Service Guide, a sincere effort has been made to rely on the good judgment of the operator in handling the many unusual problems that arise during the normal tour of duty. The "Passenger Dispute Card" should prove to be a helpful tool in this area.



FLOWERS FOR THE LADIES. Numerous secretaries' desks throughout the District, like those above at Transit Headquarters, blossomed with flowers during the recent National Secretaries' Week as secretaries were presented with flowers by their bosses in appreciation for their work during the year.

Park-And-Ride Commuters A New Breed

More than one-half of all commuters to downtown Los Angeles aboard RTD buses operating from 10 suburban park-and-ride lots use this form of travel to cut gasoline or other auto-related costs.

This was a major finding in a recent RTD staff survey of more than 1500 customers of RTD park-and-ride lots in the San Gabriel and San Fernando valleys, the South Bay and the southeast mid-cities area of Los Angeles. Study results were based on analysis of 1529 questionnaires completed by commuters making morning weekday trips from the park-and-ride lots.

Analysts found that the average park-and-ride customer is 36 years old, with an average annual household income of \$19,000 and economy-minded.

Upwards of 95% of the people surveyed owned automobiles. Four out of

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New, Expanded Quarters

Instruction Department Moves Into New Location 33

Like much of the District, the instruction department has also recently moved, and is now housed at the old Gas Company Building, now known as RTD Location 33, adjacent to Division 9.

For the first time, the instruction department's offices and training facilities are housed together under the same roof. Previously, the instruction department had been housed in a trailer in Division 3 and shared the instruction facilities with that Division's instruction room.

The new quarters give the instruction department two classrooms, four offices, a roomy reception area and plenty of room for audiovisual equipment, including projectors and screens.

The increased space comes just in time for the instruction department staff. At the moment, they're busy training all the new operators recently hired by the District. At the present time, two classes of student operators, with 42 in each class, go through the training sessions each week.



Superintendent of Vehicle Instruction William Packard, seated at desk, confers with some of his staff including from left: Dennis Dietz and Lorain Altig, instructors of vehicle operation, and Pamela Chattin, steno, in his new office at Location 33 which now houses the instruction department.

Division 3-10 Wins District Dominos Title

The finals of the District's first Dominos Tournament were held on Saturday, April 24, to determine the District's "Champs" in what is generally recognized to be the favorite off duty pastime throughout the District.

The final playoffs were held in the employee cafeteria on the third floor of Transit Headquarters. The matches started a little after 10:00 a.m. and were over nearly five hours later.

The winning division was Division 3-10. Winning for that division were operators Oscar Coleman and Sam Rodriguez, who

beat Division 8 operators Dale Aleshire and Andy Anderson.

The semi-finalists included Division 9 operators Frank El Fattal and Frank Corbo, and Division 12 operators Nat Castillo and Al Wise.

The 13 teams at the playoffs at Headquarters that day were the winners from 139 teams which entered at the start of the tournament over two months ago.

Each person from the winning team of each division won individual trophies — in the shape of a silver domino on a wood and marble base.



The proud winners from Division 3-10, operators Sam Rodriguez, left, and Oscar Coleman, right, pose with their trophies and with the perpetual trophy which will go to Division 3-10, with Manager of Employee Relations John Wilkens, center, who presented the winning trophies.



The second best team, Division 8 operators Dale Aleshire, second from left, and Andy Anderson, second from right, get congratulated on their effort from Manager of Operations George Heinle, right, and Manager of Employee Relations John Wilkens, left.



There were many tense moments during the tournament including such as the one above, where the spectators watched just as intently as the players.



Operator Percy Hughley represented Division 4-5 with his partner, Jimmy Bennett. Percy's family wife, Barbara, and sons Stewart, 18 months and Vincent, 7, came along to watch.



Division 12 operator Nat Castillo's family, wife Zobie and daughters Lisa, 16, and Sandra, 13, came along to watch him play. Castillo and his partner, Al Wise, played all the way to the semi-finals.

OOOPS! Right People; Wrong Picture

In the April 7 issue, Headway ran a story about the Mechanical Training Program but due to a mixup, ran a wrong picture — not the one intended. To cor-

rect the error, Headway is running the picture which matches the caption underneath.



Standing with their certificates of completion in the front row are, from left to right: Floyd Hockless, Division 1; Melvin Levine, Division 9; Ruben R. Nunez, Division 15; Vernon L. Simmons, Division 9; Manuel S. Rodriguez, Division 2 and Gabriel C. Chagoya, Division 1.

In the back row also are, from left to right: Earl Zwieble, Assistant to General Superintendent of Maintenance and Equipment; George W. Heinle, Manager of Operations; Earl Morey, Equipment Foreman I, (Earl was the instructor for the classroom portion of the training program); George Powell, General Superintendent of Maintenance and Equipment; Dan Collins, ATU Secretary, and Jerry Long, ATU President.



Representing Division 18 were J. W. Sanders, left, and Herb Scott who made it to the quarter finals.

J. W. says, "We did go a long way. We lost, but it was a tight game; we just didn't get the right dominos." J. W. and Herb are also close friends as well as teammates: J. W. is godfather to Herb's son, Raymond.

Both men hope there will be another tournament and definitely plan to enter. They say, "We had a lot of fun, all the way from the beginning."

**RTD
SUMMER OLYMPICS
1976**

The RTD Summer Olympics is designed to encourage athletic competition between employees from every work location within the District. The four events offered for competition were selected to test the physical skills and endurance of each participant. Unlike the games held at the El Monte Division 9 Open House, this year's Summer Olympics will be the *real thing*.

First, second and third place awards will be awarded in both men's and women's events, with individual awards for every one who participates.

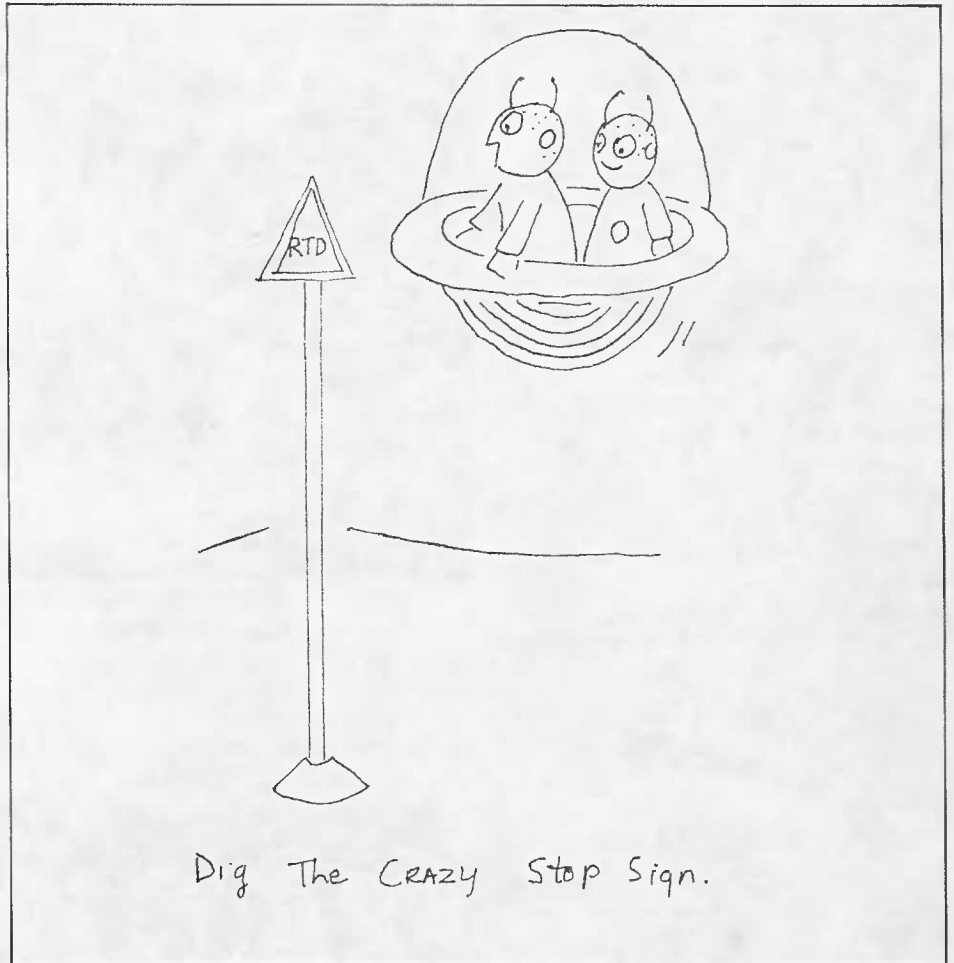
The Jackie Robinson Stadium provides the ultimate in track and field facilities and all events will be conducted according to regulation A.A.U. rules.

If you are interested in any or all events, please fill out this coupon and return it to Bill Weimer, Administration Building, 425 So. Main, or call 972-6680 to confirm your entry.

ENTER ME IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

- Shot Put
- 100 Yard Dash
- Broad Jump
- Mile Run (1/4 mile for women)

NAME _____
 DIVISION or _____
 DEPARTMENT _____
 BADGE _____
 NUMBER _____



A MAN WHO CARES — Division 9 operator Carlton Marshall is a man who believes in being involved in his community.

He recently volunteered his time to participate in a career preparation program at the William Workman High School in the City of Industry where his 17 year-old son, Theodore, foreground, is a student.

The program, held in the evening, is intended to prepare seniors for the transition from being a student to an employable person. At one recent program, Carlton talked about his job as an operator and about the District, explaining everything from equipment used, to methods of operation. He also described his typical work day.

Carlton who has been with the District since 1969, lives in Valinda with his wife, Ola, and five children. He is also involved in the Valinda Little League and is the senior division manager for the League.

Moving Up

Name	Dept.	Div./ From/To	Date
Cody Jr., Thomas L.	3209	Operator To Operator-Extra Instructor of V.O.	4/10/76
Cooper, Benjamin F.	3201	Operator To Operator-Extra Instructor of V.O.	4/6/76
Flores, Richard E.	3209	Operator To Operator-Extra Instructor of V.O.	4/12/76
Hahn, Diane L.	3399	Typist Clerk To Stenographer	4/1/76
Hale, Johnny J.	3215	Operator To Operator-Extra Instructor of V.O.	4/8/76
Henderson, Michael N.	3207	Operator To Operator-Extra Instructor of V.O.	4/11/76
Johnson, Curtis	3334	Maintainer "C" To Road Janitor	4/5/76
Johnson, Jon M.	3900	Assistant Special Agent-Extra Special Agent To Special Agent	4/18/76
Johnson, Robert F.	3209	Operator To Operator-Extra Instructor of V.O.	4/9/76
Keen, Karl D.	3399	Mechanic "A" To Equipment Maintenance Supervisor I	4/18/76
Kristoffersen, Odd	3900	Special Agent To Special Agent-Relief Senior Special Agent	4/11/76
Manuel, James (NMN)	3305	Mechanic "B" To Mechanic "A"	4/18/76
O'Regan, Irene A.	7099	Secretary II To Administrative Assistant	4/5/76

BRING YOUR FAMILY, MEET YOUR FRIENDS AND ENJOY NEW RIDES AND ATTRACTIONS DURING RTD FUN DAY at KNOTT'S BERRY FARM

on SUNDAY, MAY 16, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Specially priced tickets for RTD employees are \$4.00 for children and adults. Children under 2 years are admitted free. The price includes unlimited use of all rides, shows and 22 different attractions, except the shooting gallery and row boats.

Bring or send cash for tickets to Betty Sconce, X-6580
 6th Floor
 425 So. Main Street
 El Monte, CA 90013

Please include name, work location, home address on number of tickets wanted.

Knott's BERRY FARM

Sampson, Russell	3334	Laborer "A" To Property Maintainer "C"	4/5/76
Van Zandt, Lloyd J.	3399	Mechanic "A" To Mechanic Road Instructor	4/4/76
Wenkunas, Edward K.	3208	Operator To Operator-Extra Instructor of V.O.	4/7/76
Wicks, Robert B.	5000	Information Clerk To Information Clerk-Extra Supervisor	4/18/76

Retired

Name	Div./ Dept.	Classification	Began Retired
Bergeron, Francis A.	6201	Former Operator Transferred to Ind. Leave 11/20/75	6/27/53-4/15/76
Crawley, Earl C.	3209	Operator	6/16/38-4/13/76

In Memoriam

Name	Div./ Dept.	Classification	Deceased
Alvarez, Ernest Mario	3203	Operator	4/14/76
Phillips, Andrew	3218	Operator	4/14/76

New Arrivals



Ralph Wilson, Operations staff assistant, and his wife, Oneitha, became the proud parents of a new baby boy, their second son, Christopher, who was born on April 12, weighing in at 7 lbs. 12 ozs. He joins a brother, Eric, 2½.

The Wilson family resides in Ladera Heights.

Happy Anniversary



Thomas C. Clarke and his wife, Hazel, celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on May 2. Mr. Clarke, who is now 85 years old, went to work for the L.A. Transit Lines in 1923 as a motorman. He was promoted to supervisor in 1925 and worked in that capacity for 30 years and retired in 1955 with 32 years of service.

The Clarkes, who have four great grandchildren, reside in Inglewood.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Art Leahy, community relations representative, has been accepted for USC's School of Public Administration graduate program for this fall.

Art joined the District in July, 1971, as an operator and worked at Division 3 until August, 1974, when he became an asst. customer information representative. In January of last year, he was appointed to his present position.



Just before Sally Baum, far left, went to the Schedule Department as a clerk-typist, the Personnel Department, where she had worked since 1975, gave her a farewell party.

Among those who turned out to wish her well in her new job were, from left to right: Janet Wentz, typist-clerk; Bill Kendall, personnel analyst; Stella Mabry, typist-clerk; Mary Sacre, deputy administrator for employee benefits program; Al Rice, asst. Director of Personnel and Ruth Hutson, secretary II.

JOG YOUR DEEP AND MERRY WAY TO THE 14th ANNUAL

RENAISSANCE

RTD employees are offered discount tickets to the 14th annual Renaissance Pleasure Faire, which will be held this month during each weekend until May 30, at the Paramount Ranch at Agoura. Tickets are good for Saturdays only.

Featured will be parades, entertainments, crafts, food, games of Merry Olde England.

General admission for RTD employees is \$4 and children under 12 are \$1.25.

Make your check or money order payable to RTD. Be sure to include name, work location, home address number and type of tickets wanted and send the information to:

Betty Sconce, Ext. 6580
6th Floor
425 So. Main Street
L.A., CA 90013

Good By to Old Line 60G



Operator Robert P. Wade

Division 9 operator Robert P. Wade is one driver who misses the old Line 60G Express now that the line has been slightly modified and given a number in the 400 series as part of the San Gabriel Valley Transit Service Improvement Program.

On one of his morning runs, the 7:20 a.m. trip from the Eastland Shopping Center, in West Covina, he combined both business and pleasure, and got to personally know all his regular riders on that run. The passengers themselves, commuters who worked in downtown Los Angeles, shared the experience of the daily trip and became like one big family themselves; so much so, in fact, that on one of operator Wade's last runs on the old 60G morning express in March, his bus was the scene of a surprise baby shower for one of his passengers.

Operator Wade reports that he is going to miss this gang when he starts on a different run because he always looked forward to this particular trip. He also wishes to especially thank the mechanical department at Division 9 for filling his request by giving him a 6000-series bus that day.

Operator Wade started in 1951 working with Pacific Electric and worked out of Macy, Ocean Park, Pasadena and El Monte Divisions. He lives in Temple City.

RTD Classifieds

FOR SALE

1973 14½' cabover camper, good condition, queen size bed, sleeps four, completely equipped including holddowns, bounceaways, bumper extensions, 40-gallon water tank with electric pump, bathroom with porta-potty, carpeted, asking price \$1,395. Can be seen evenings, Saturday or Sunday by appointment. Frank Lonning, Stops and Zones, 1-714-595-6375.

A successful classified advertising column depends on the response of the District's employees. If you would like to sell or trade, or make a deal, send an ad to Headway. Keep the ad under 25 words and include home telephone number (not work location).

Send to Headway, 6th Floor, 425 So. Main Street, L.A., CA 90013.

REMEMBER! Headway is your paper.

Park-And-Ride

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five of those surveyed had at least one car in the household and two-thirds owned two or more cars.

"Considered as a whole," the report pointed out, "the typical park-and-ride customer is using the service by choice, not of necessity."

Other highlights of the survey reveal that customers are about equally divided between men and women and that they are employed mainly in clerical, professional and managerial positions.

Analysts concluded that park-and-ride customers represent a new and largely untapped part of the public transportation market here. They recommended that, if future lots are to be successful, they should be located in areas with high concentrations of younger, higher income families not now being served by comparable public transportation. •



Hugo Fanfassian, 13-year-old son of Division 8 operator Abraham Fanfassian, contributed this picture to Headway, which he drew as a class project for his 7th grade history class at George Ellery Hale Jr. High School in Woodland Hills.

The assignment was to advertise where their parents worked, and Hugo drew a bright orange and grey bus. For the driver, Hugo drew his dad.

Headway thanks Hugo for sending the picture, and suggests that perhaps Hugo might have a future career in advertising. His clever slogan says: "RTD is Going Places. Why Wait? Hop on Now."

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