



HEADWAY



Downes RTD Rep. at National Roadeo



RTD ROADEO WINNER John Downes is congratulated by his wife Jane and children Christopher and Elizabeth.

Operator John Downes' destination on September 26 wasn't his usual line out of Division 3. Instead he and his wife, Jane, were in Toronto, Canada, where he represented the RTD in the 3rd Annual National Roadeo competition.

The National Bus Roadeo, sponsored by the American Public Transit Association, is designed to test safe driving skills and knowledge as well as reward employees who maintain top driving records and attitudes.

Downes emerged as the District's 1978 Roadeo finalist during the August 19 competition at the Santa Anita Race Track. His final score of 712 points out of a possible 750, placed him ahead of second place Howard Brenchley of Division 12 with 689 points, followed by third runner-up, Roger Desgroseilliers of Division 15 with 654 points.

The operators were judged not only for their accuracy and driving skill, but for the smoothness of the ride and their speed in completing the course. Points were deducted for failing to sound the horn when backing up

and similar safe driving rules.

Personnel from the RTD, California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Alhambra Police Department, Los Angeles Board of Education and the Compton Department of Motor Vehicles, positioned throughout the course, rated their performance.

In addition, many District employees generously volunteered their time to act as scorekeepers, tabulators, and runners to insure smooth, quick proceedings.

The 15 competing finalists were selected from over 80 operators who entered the preliminary roadeo try-outs on July 29-30.

The preliminaries not only included the driving test but a safety and rule book quiz, personal appearance rating and a pre-trip bus inspection test. The highest scorer from each division and the ten top, overall scorers went on to compete in the finals.

To qualify for the competition, all operators had to have been

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Safety in numbers: 3400 awards given

The Safety Department hosted its fifth annual Safety luncheon Awards Program honoring District operators and maintenance personnel who had given or worked a complete year without a preventable accident.

At the luncheons, over 3,400 operators and maintenance

workers were presented 1977 National Safety Council Award pins marking their years of safe service, and then took part in a buffet luncheon open to all employees at the division.

The awards were presented by Director of Safety Joe Reyes and Safety Specialists John Brewer and Frank Larson, and assisting

was Barabra Swaine, secretary in the Safety Department. The luncheons were also attended by various District officials including Jack Gilstrap, general manager, Sam Black, manager of Operations, Richard Powers, general counsel, Jack Walsh, general superintendent of transportation and George Caria, acting assis-

tant to the general superintendent of Maintenance and Equipment.

Special guests at the luncheons were officers of the Los Angeles Police Department who were on hand to talk to operators and answer their questions regarding traffic and safety.



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Employees of the month honored



RTD AND GUMPERTZ, Bentley, Fried, the District's Advertising agency, were recently recognized at the 2nd Annual MARSY Awards Program for outstanding marketing of public transportation services in the Los Angeles area.

Accepting the American Marketing Association's MARSY Award on behalf of the Southern California Rapid Transit District are (left to right): Anthony Fortuno, director of Marketing and Communications; Jackline Matosian, manager of Market Research; Ted Woodson of Gumpertz, Bentley, Fried; Cornelia Ward, RTD Advertising manager and Richard Fried, Gumpertz, Bentley, Fried.

Visiting nurse program to benefit employees

Most of us never really think about what we will do if we cannot report to work due to illness or injury. How our medical benefits work, the paper work that has to be completed, how to notify our supervisor on our progress and when to report back to work are questions that only come up when we are off work and do not have immediate access to the answers.

A new program designed to benefit employees who are out of service due to illness or injury is being implemented by the Personnel Department under the direction of Byron Lewis, director of Personnel and Micheal Olivas, manpower administrator, to help in such situations.

The program will employ three full time visiting nurses whose duties will include making home or hospital visitations to those employees who are sick, injured, or on indefinite leave to determine employee's well-being; counseling and making referrals for medical treatment and/or other needed services, if needed; contacting employee's physician to determine nature of illness or injury, when necessary; encouraging employees to return to work; and advising employees concerning receiving District and non-District benefits for which they may be eligible.

This Visiting Nurse Program will be implemented in the very near future.



CONGRESSMAN GLENN ANDERSON (Dem. — San Pedro, left), and RTD President Marvin Holen discussed the pending federal transit assistance bill recently in Los Angeles as they toured the Norwalk-El Segundo Transitway in RTD's new articulated bus.



Vida Poppleton, George Pappas, and Deeb Morad were honored by the Board of Directors as the three Employees of the Month for May.

Vida Poppleton, information operator, was praised for her knowledge of schedules, routes, fares and the high number of patrons she is able to assist daily. She is especially noted for her patience and concern in helping senior citizens with their transportation problems.

Also being commended was George Pappas, Property Maintenance employee, who's been with RTD since 1946. He is a plumber in that department and is considered conscientious and cooperative. He is always willing to lend a hand wherever his skills might be needed.

Division 2 operator Deeb Morad has an outstanding driving record with a 12-year safety award. He's earned the maximum 60 merits and has never had a missout. He has received a number of letters from passengers commending him for the service he has provided.

Participating in the awards ceremony shown above are (from left): Director Donald Gibbs, Vida Poppleton, George Pappas and Deeb Morad, (in rear): Robert Williams, manager of Customer Relations; Carl Johnson, superintendent of Building and Grounds; and Paul Mahoney, Division 2 transportation manager.



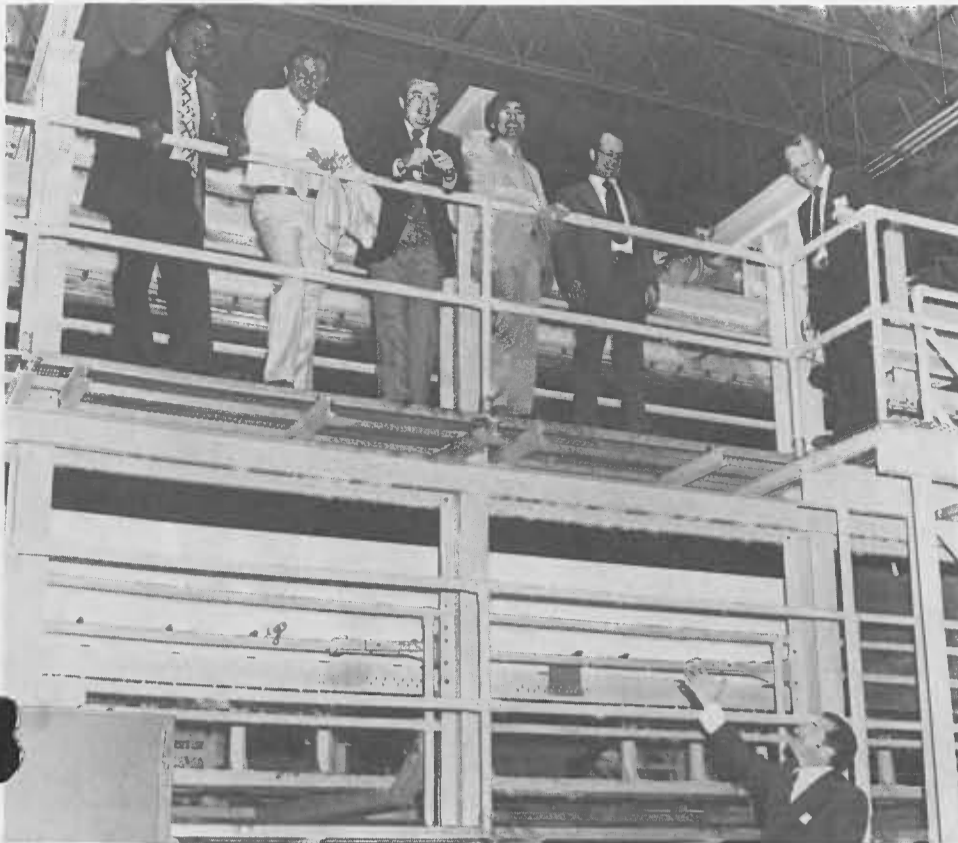
Continuing their tradition of recognizing outstanding on-the-job performance, the Board of Directors commended three District employees during June.

George Brancato of Division 12 was selected as Operator of the Month because he has an outstanding driving record with a 29-year safety award. His attendance is excellent and he has not had a missout in eleven years. Brancato is always willing to give his time to help others and takes pride in his job which is reflected by his record.

Honored as Maintenance Employee of the Month was Buddy Sutton, mail carrier in the General Services Department. During the past 18 months, he has not had a single absence or tardy and has driven approximately 23,000 miles without an accident. Sutton also encourages his fellow workers to give the company 100% and certainly sets a good example.

Pauline Kennedy has been with the District for over eight years. She exceeds the standards set for the telephone information clerk's work performance. She shows especially good ability in determining patrons needs and answering their questions in a direct yet pleasant, businesslike manner. Her fine work record earned her the honor of being Information Operator of the Month.

Shown here at the awards presentation are (from left): Director George Takei; George Brancato; Buddy Sutton; Pauline Kennedy, (in rear): Ralph Costello, Division 12 transportation manager; Harold Kelly, building services supervisor; and Robert Williams, manager of Customer Relations.



Thomas J. Bernard, Grumman Flxible President, gestures to SCRTD board and staff members standing high above on a catwalk surrounding one of the Company's two "collectors" — mobile final assembly tools used to join roof, floor and sidewall assemblies which form the body of a bus. Enjoying the view are (left to right) Thomas Neusom, Board Member; Marvin Holen, Board President; Gerald Leonard, Board Member; George Takei, Board Member; Jack R. Gilstrap, General Manager; and Samuel Black, Manager of Operations.

RTD officials tour bus plants

Key officials of the District, led by General Manager Jack R. Gilstrap and Board President Marvin L. Holen, toured the Grumman Flxible Corporation's and General Motors Corporation's bus manufacturing plants last June. The visit followed the announcement that the District will soon begin to modernize their bus fleet through the purchase, in part, of 1,000 new advance-design buses, contingent on approval of federal grants.

Accompanying Messrs. Gilstrap and Holen were Samuel Black, Manager of Operations; Thomas Neusom, George Takei and Gerald Leonard, members of the Board of Directors; and Dennis Cannon, the District's consul-

tant on transportation for handicapped persons.

The visit included a tour of Grumman Flxible's two bus manufacturing plants where both the new Model 870 and earlier model buses are assembled, and a close inspection of a new hydraulic wheelchair lift, available as optional equipment on both model buses.

When final selection of bus manufacturers is made, the bus order would be one of the largest single contracts in bus industry history, and the largest since the introduction of advance-design buses in mid-1977. Award value of the proposed contract is estimated at approximately \$100 million.



Dennis Cannon tests platform lift at General Motors plant as Directors Neusom and Takei, and a GM representative look on.

- Platform Pa
- Platform
- Deploy
- Restrai
- Park S
- Step L
- Driver De-a
- Driver Keys

Toastmasters install new officers



On September 20, 1978, the RTD Toastmasters Club #1063 held their annual installation of officers. The new officers are as follows: President, Max Zollman; Educational Vice President, Judy O'Donnell; Administrative Vice President, Maria Zurita; Secretary-Treasurer, Muriel Zollman; Sgt. of Arms, William La Russo and Don Gardner.

All employees interested in improving their oral communication skills are welcome to join the RTD Toastmasters. For further information, please call Maria Zurita, Ext. 6135.

Pictured above are Max Zollman and Judy O'Donnell, the incoming and outgoing presidents.

Keep Spooks, Goblins safe

Halloween—the night filled with hobgoblins, witches and other colorful fun-seekers—is just around the corner. It's an eagerly awaited, fun holiday for the small fry, but it can present serious traffic hazards for motorists.

The National Safety Council urges all drivers to be doubly defensive when driving on October 31. Many of the trick-or-treaters will be wearing masks that restrict their vision or cumbersome costumes that hamper movement. Moreover, the merrymaking spirit can cause youngsters to become careless.

According to the Council, the majority of Halloween accidents occur when children dart out from between parked cars. So it's advisable for motorists to drive slower than normal in residential areas. And it's also a good idea to make sure car headlights and windshield are extra clean for ample visibility.

For the parents of trick-or-treaters, the following safety tips are urged:

—Review traffic laws with the children, emphasizing they cross streets only at marked crosswalks, obey all traffic signals and wait on the curb before entering the street.

—Map out a route for them, marking stops at homes where

the residents are known;

—Encourage them to do their trick-or-treating during early evening hours when it's lighter;

—Select light-colored costumes and decorate them and their sacks with reflective tape. The costumes should fit properly without obstructing their vision;

—Try to have an adult accompany small children throughout the evening, serving as a guide and a quieting influence.

Classified

• Mustang, 1966 Classic, Green xInt cond. (1 owner); new eng. 5,580 mi., new battery, steel-bltd. rad. Call 886-6983.

• 1976 Yamaha 650. xInt. cond. Call (213) 691-2324.

• Exquisite Sapphire/diamond ring. 9 sapphires, 4.17 weight; 11 diamonds, .27 weight. Recently appraised \$2,200. Will sacrifice for \$1,300. Call Tom (213) 573-0686.

• Metal detector, 1976 Goldak; Commander 720 uses 1 9V battery (approx. 20 hrs. usage) solid state, battery check, earphone jack, visual 1/2 audio meter, accurate from 1" to 5" to 1 sq. ft. metal object 5' deep. Factory cert. Cost \$149.99 - Sale: \$85.00. Call (805) 255-7673.

• Corvette, 1978 burgandy, with black interior, 10,000 mi. exInt condition loaded with extras \$13,000. Call 231-9337.

Best bargain in town!

St. Bernard puppies in need of a good home? A 1965 Chevrolet being replaced by a newer model? A four-poster bed tucked away in the garage? Whatever you want to sell, trade or give away, let fellow RTD employees have the first chance and advertise it in Headway at no cost. Just fill out the coupon below and return it to Headway, RTD, 6th Floor, 425 So. Main St., Los Angeles, CA 90013. (Please include home telephone numbers only.)

Name: _____

Work location: _____

Description of item: _____

Price: _____ Hours to call: _____

Area code: _____ Telephone no.: _____

Roadeo

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employed from June 1, 1977, to June 1, 1978, and have spent at least 11 of those months as a full-time bus driver. He or she also had to meet requirements limiting the number of missouts, illnesses or sick days during that time, as well as have a record free of suspensions, avoidable accidents and demerits.

RTD's recognition of these top drivers was an awards banquet held at Luminarias Restaurant in Monterey Park on September 1. Besides special plaques, Downes

received a \$500 savings bond, Brenchley was awarded a \$200 savings bond and Desgroseilliers was the recipient of a \$100 savings bond. The remaining 12 runners-up all received a \$50 savings bond.

Forty-seven transit companies sent representatives to the finals in Toronto. The first prize there brought \$1,000, trophy and the esteemed title of national champion bus operator. The winning operator was from WMATA, Washington D. C. Although Downes did not win, he placed in the top 20 percent of operators from all over North America.



Top scorers congratulated. James Cinderelli, division 3 assist manager; Der Wiener Dog; Howard Brenchley; Rodger Desgroseilliers; John Downes; and Sam Black, manager of operations.



Roadeo finalist receiving awards at the banquet.



John Downes and wife Jane honored at Board meeting with Assist Manager James Cinderelli.



Retired operator Lou Velsey and the Country Gentlemen provided barbershop quartet entertainment.

Roadeo Contestants

Div.	Name	Final Score
3	J. Downes	712
12	H. Brenchley	689
15	R. Desgroseilliers	654
1	E. Patton	650
7	W. Lasdon	647
3	I. McClain	639
8	A. Guskos	599
2	G. Moncivais	597
7	J. Hardgrow	585
18	I. Arellano	573
7	J. Holland	565
9	I. Gonzales	544
3	W. Gilley	508
6	J. Adams	499
5	T. Green	467



Instructor Diaz observing contestant maneuver through the course.

Division 5 hosts "Grand Closing Party"

"Grand Closing Party" was the theme of a potluck dinner sponsored by the women of Division 5 last September 22. The women, led by Shirley Hill, did a beautiful job organizing the dinner which turned out to be a great success.

The four piece rock group 'Catharus' entertained with live music throughout the evening.

The drummer of the group was the son of Fred Joseph, Division 5 operator.

The Division slogan "Pride at 5" sure applied there, as everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. Also present was a special guest, Sam Black, Manager of Operations, and his lovely wife.



Family and friends came to cheer contestants on to victory.



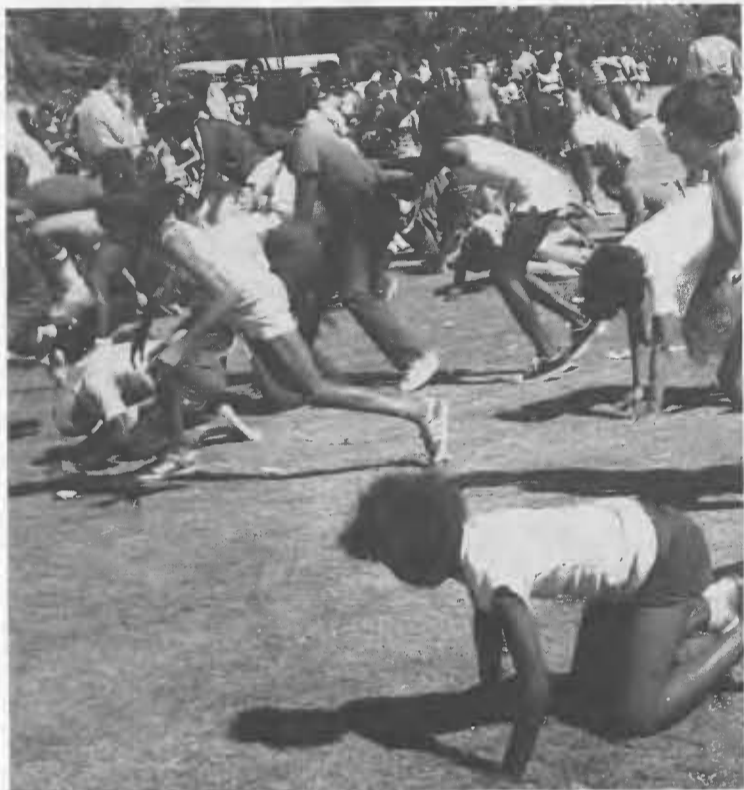
Der Wiener Dog, surrounded by balloons and children.



Roдео contestants, their Division Managers and Jack Gilstrap, General Manager at the awards banquet.



RTD Second Annual Family P



The RTD's Second Annual Old-Fashioned Western Picnic on August 27 was even a bigger success than the one last year. The nice weather brought greater participation in planned events for the more than 2,800 employees and family members who turned out at the Calamigos Picnic Ranch in the Malibu hills.

A total of 33 buses with transportation service from every division, carried the majority of the picnicgoers to the Ranch. There, 35 grassy acres offered softball diamonds, volleyball courts, a small lake with boats, large swimming pool, mechanical and pony rides for the kids, barnyard animals, hayrides, music and shaded picnic areas.

There was so much to do it was hard to decide on what to do next. Friendly sports competition and games continued throughout the afternoon including baseball,



Picnic a day of fun, food for all



football, volleyball, swimming, table tennis and horseshoes.

The ranch also organized a series of special events such as the women's nail-hitting contest. Other groups competed for candy and assorted prizes in leap-frogging, wheelbarrowing and sack races on the lawn.

RTD provided some fun of their own with a drawing for Dodger and Rams passes to lucky ticket holders.

All the fun and games worked up a hearty appetite and thirst. The picnickers consumed 5,000 servings of popcorn, 14,000 soft drinks and 7,000 ice creams, in addition to unlimited helpings of barbecued chicken and ribs, baked beans, salads, cold cuts and rolls from the chuck wagon-lunch.

Once again, the spirit of family, as well as employee interaction, made for a great afternoon.



Safety awards

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36 million miles of Safe Driving

Name	Div.	Badge	Years
Phelps, J.	1	1797	31
Meyer, E.	3	3851	31
Adkison, W.	5	12	30
Stewart, M.	7	2195	31
Cantrell, B.	9	347	31
Lyddiard, J.	9	1420	31
Barth, R.	9	115	30
Bryant, W.	9	295	30
Chevlin, S.	9	411	30
Costello, J.	9	476	30
Wood, W.	9	2548	30
Brancato, G.	12	242	30



Maintenance Top Awards

Name	Div.	Badge	Years
Benjamin, S.	1	5045	30
McKnight, A.	1	5495	31
Young, C.	1	5810	32
Alejandro, H.	2	5008	34
Alvarado, R.	2	6651	32
Henick, E.	2	5305	30
Hnorey, S.	2	5323	31
Mathis, B.	2	5479	43
Wallace, D.	2	5767	30
Ashford, R.	3	5022	31
Hicks, N.	3	5951	32
Stephens, V.	3	5710	30
Bradford, L.	5	5063	31
Collins, T.	5	5137	32
Hutcheson, S.	5	5349	31
Lewis, F.	5	5438	33
Winston, A.	5	5797	43
Content, V.	8	5143	31
Banuelos, E.	9	5031	32
Ganziukeviev, M.	9	5234	34
Hasten, W.	9	5293	33
Madrigal, D.	9	5462	30
Villegas, M.	9	5546	32
Farris, R.	12	5204	31
Atchison, S.	14	5023	31
Bage, K.	14	5028	31
Bradley, F.	14	5064	35
Davis, J.	14	5160	33
Ford, E.	14	5217	30
Foster, W.	14	5218	39
Guillebau, U.	14	5266	35
Homar, J.	14	5334	31
Johnson, E.	14	5368	37
Kelley, E.	14	5390	31
Manrriquez, S.	14	5466	31
Miller, J.	14	5508	33
Murrell, C.	14	6694	31
Nunes, M.	14	5544	32
Walker, O.	14	5766	31
York, A.	14	5809	30
Perry, K.	18	5578	32
Downing, L.	3334	5181	35
Gordon, P.	3334	6532	31
Pappas, G.	3334	6699	30
Pimentel, J.	3334	6561	40

Layover Zone:

His father was a Globetrotter

Lester W. Johnson, Jr., District Print Shop employee has several reasons to be proud of his father, but is proudest of his contribution in helping to form the original Harlem Globetrotter Basketball team.

Lester W. Johnson, Sr., started his basketball career in the early twenties being chosen to the All City and All State basketball teams from Wendell Phillips High School from Chicago.

Later in 1926 he became a member of the Savoy Big Five Basketball game that was the forerunner of the Globetrotters.

As did almost everyone in the 30's, the little known Globetrotters did everything to survive. They would play anybody, anywhere you could line up a few chairs and hang a couple of hoops.

Lester Johnson became the unwilling Evel Knievel of Basketball by virtue of a couple of heart-stopping headers from second stories. His first "death" dive occurred in Port Washington, Wisconsin, where the team was playing in an upstairs hall.

Les Johnson cut for the basket,

was given a hip and flew through the exit, bouncing down two flights of stairs. Luckily, he was only bruised. His encore was even more spectacular. During a game in Wheatland, Iowa, played in a barn hayloft for the local folks, Lester was body-blocked right out an open door, disappearing into the night air twenty-feet above ground. Everybody raced downstairs prepared for the worst but the only injury was to Lester's pride. He landed smack in the middle of a manure pile . . . and he wasn't even awarded a foul (unless you counted his fragrance).

Pioneer Globetrotters, great athletes who helped pave the way for the Trotters of today, regroup in January of 1960 at the Chicago Stadium for a special Old Timers Ceremony. In this group was Abe Saperstien, Lester Johnson and thirteen great players.

After Lester Senior's playing was over he became a Mail Carrier for the Chicago Post Office in the South Shore District, and later to be a very successful Real Estate Broker.



The Savoy Big Five basketball team in late 1926. Players, left to right: Randolph Ramsey, Inman Jackson, William Watson, Tommy Brookings, Joe Lillard, William Grant, Walter Wright, Lester Johnson. Three of these men, Jackson, Wright and Johnson, were soon to become pioneer members of the Globetrotters.

Recreation News:

Recreation Survey Results

Thanks to all that returned their employee activities questionnaires. The results will aid in planning activities for the coming year. The top vote getters, in order, were:

- Annual Picnic
- Deep Sea Fishing
- Beach Party
- Zoo Trip
- Wine Country Trip
- Children's Christmas Party
- Bowling Leagues
- TV Show Taping
- Day at the Races

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The RTD softball playoffs began October 8 and will continue through the first week in November at the Whittier Narrows Park. Seven divisional and a Headquarters team are competing, with the final championship game scheduled for November 12.

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Family day in October will be the 29th, when RTD visits Marineland. This is a first-time event for the District and should be exciting with all the new attractions Marineland has added.

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The Wiz is back in movie form. To be assured a seat without waiting in long lines and also take advantage of the group discount price, plan to attend our group night on November 2, 8:15 p.m. at the Cinerama Dome, Hollywood.

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For you sports fans, a night at the hockey games and basketball games is planned. Hockey with

the Montreal Canadians, November 16, and Basketball with the Philadelphia 76'ers, December 17.

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Theatre buffs, here's your chance to relax after a nice Thanksgiving meal. Special performance of "Annie" at the Shubert Theatre, November 23.

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Employees will have an opportunity to welcome in the New Year on another scenic island - Catalina. The New Year's Eve Catalina trip will leave during the early evening and return in the wee hours of 1979. There'll be a buffet breakfast and dancing at the historic casino to complete the celebration.

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Then on January 19, a 3-day trip to the Bahamas and the Superbowl is available. The \$675 price includes hotel, air fare, gala kickoff cocktail party and banquet, and tickets to the Superbowl in Miami Beach.

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For the true advance planners, there is the trip to the 1980 Olympics in Russia. Although final arrangements are still pending, reservations must be confirmed now to hold a place on the waiting list. The base price, including tickets to the Olympics and some meals will be approximately \$1,600.

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Further details on these and other recreation programs are available from the Recreation Department, Ext. 6580.

General Services outing brings department together



The 3rd Annual Picnic for the General Services Department on July 29 at Arcadia County Park turned out to be a real success.

Anita Allen and Harold Kelly of General Services spearheaded the organization of the event with assistance from several people within the Print Shop, Mail Room and janitorial crew.

The highlight of the picnic was a softball game played between the District, under the leadership of Harold Kelly, and the Co-op Printing Company, managed by former District employee L. "Shep" Shepard. Final score: District — 19, Co-op — 11.

There was plenty of food and games to make the General Services Picnic a fun-filled afternoon for their families and friends.

Public tribute to honest District employees

It is not often that our employees are publicly thanked for their honesty, but in the August 11 issue of the Los Angeles Times there appeared an article entitled "Old Values" in which Oahlee H. Benedict of South Gate wished to express her thanks for all the help and kindness she received after leaving her purse on one of the District's buses.

In her words, "I felt desperate because I was away from home and had no money or any iden-

tification."

At the Dana Branch Library two patrons lent her money for the telephone to call the RTD Dispatch Center. Through the Center, the driver of the bus was contacted and Mrs. Benedict's purse returned.

The District employees credited for the return of the purse were Division 9 Operator Robert Leon, Dispatcher Leon Stevenson and Supervisor William Holsberry.

Spread the good news!

Employee Name: _____
 Badge No.: _____ Work Location: _____
 Event: _____
 Date Occurred: _____ Place: _____
 Other Facts: _____

"Making Headway" is designed to publicize news about your personal achievements and those of your family, whether it concerns births, graduations, anniversaries, retirements, special awards or other accomplishments. Please use this card to forward such news to Headway, 6th Floor, 425 S. Main St., Los Angeles, CA 90013. (Return via company mail.) Cartoons, photos and other contributions are also always welcome.



Golf tournament Tees-off to a big success

It was a beautiful, warm day that greeted the 60 golfers who came out to the Pomona National Golf Course in Walnut on Saturday, September 30, to compete in the RTD Golf Tournament.

Tee-offs on the 18 hole, east course began at 9:00 a.m. with the final foursome starting around 11:00 a.m. The semi-annual event brought forth the usual searching for lost golf balls, an occasional swear word, and lots of enjoyable competition along the scenic slopes and lakes of Pomona National.

The tournament was divided into four flights, with the Callaway system used for those players without an established handicap.

"The Callaway system is based on the rules of the U.S. Golfers Association which considers the ability of the player and the difficulty of the course in establishing equitable handicaps," explained Jack Gerhardt, retired RTD Administrator for Labor Relations, who once again generously donated his time and efforts in coordinating the tournament.

Those playing under the Callaway system were divided into two groups: Flight "A" for those under 100, and Flight "B" for those golfers over a 100 strokes.

First place in Flight "A" was Bashir Mahmud with 72 1/2 strokes. Second place winner was Ray Thomas with 73. Third place with 73 1/2 strokes was Don Pierce. Alan Nishimura, Gil Ochoa, Mike Walker, Art Rankin, Jack Horton tied for fourth place with 75 strokes.

The victor in Flight B was Leslie Price with 73 strokes. He was followed by second place winner Rodger Flint with 75, third, David Gerhing with 75 (first hole score placed him behind Flint); fourth, Otis Knapper with 75 1/2 and fifth, Ray Harris with 76 strokes.

The Handicap Flight was reserved for those players who belong to golf associations and already had established handicaps. Abel Garcia was the low net winner with 67 strokes followed by Roy Perry in second place with 68 and a three way tie for third place with 77 strokes



between Nate Hubbard, L. Flynn and Walter Wadlington.

Also in the Handicap Flight the low gross winner was shared by Abel Garcia and Nate Hubbard with 74 strokes.

In the Guest Flight, the winner was Dan Jones with 76 strokes, with Mike Kardatzke the runner up scoring 77 1/2.

Honors for those closest to the hole went to C. L. Williams, number 3; Jack Horton, number 6; and Bashir Mahmud, number 15. The longest drive of the day was credited to Thomas Pea at hole number 14.

Besides plaques to many of the winners and runner ups, a total of \$375 worth of certificates for golf equipment and tickets to selected Ram games were awarded to the top players. In addition, no one went home empty handed, as each participant received a brand new golf ball at the start of the competition.

The next tournament is scheduled for May 5, 1979, at the Ontario National Course.

Winners of Spring Golf Tournament April 30 Green River Golf Course

We wish to congratulate the Spring winners who were not previously honored in the Headway.

Flight "A" Callaway - under under 100 strokes.

1st — Charles Garrett	72
2nd — Eugene Reid	72 1/3
3rd — Ray Lewis	73
Frank Cole	73
Don Pierce	73
Rich Farley	73
Walter Wadlington	73

Flight "B" Callaway - 100 to 124 Strokes

1st — Emmett Gates	72 1/2
2nd — Mike Hartpence	74
3rd — Jesse Varrie	74 1/2
4th — Ray Harris	75
Jordan Holland	75

Flight "C" Callaway - 125 or more strokes

1st — Walter Brown	75
2nd — Boyd Emrick	76
3rd — Rogers Tiffany	77

Handicap Flight

1st — Chuck Bertas	65
2nd — Earl Clark	67
3rd — Manuel Zaragosa	68
Low Gross — Roy Perry	76

Ladies Flight

1st — Paula Salido	77
2nd — Marvey Chapman	78
3rd — M. Lou Echternach	79 1/2

Guest Flight

1st — Charles Lastrapes	72 1/2
2nd — Alphonso Acosta	73

Longest Drive — Charles Lastrapes

Closest to the hole

Number 3 — Floyd Layton
Number 5 — Jesse Varrie
Number 9 — Karl Keen
Number 12 — Roy Perry
Number 14 — Eddie Callahan

Warm Farewells to RTD Retirees



DIVISION 5 HONORED RAYMOND BECKMAN with a retirement party on May 26. Mr. Beckman left the Division after 32 years of service. He plans to do some traveling and then settling down to do some occasional yard work for a few of his neighbors. Sam Black, Manager of Operations, pictured above was on hand for this happy occasion.



IT WAS A HAPPY DAY for Elmer Markles and his family as the Planning Department hosted a buffet lunch in his honor. The occasion, Elmer retired from the District with 31 years of service. Warm wishes were extended by friends throughout the District including George McDonald, manager of planning and marketing pictured above with Elmer.



MANY FRIENDS and fellow employees crowded the 2nd floor conference room on September 15 to send Marion Schneider off with good wishes. Marion retired from the District with 34 years of service. Pictured above entering the party are Rachel Suarez, Marion and Byron Lewis.



"IT WAS ONE OF THE NICEST RETIREMENT PARTIES I'VE EVER ATTENDED!" This was the most common statement made by those who attended Jack Gerhardt's party, July 17, in the Headquarters Cafeteria. Jack, his wife, daughter and two grandchildren, were the honored guests. Gerhardt retired after 36 years of service to the District and its predecessors. Pictured above are Jack and his wife, Ann.



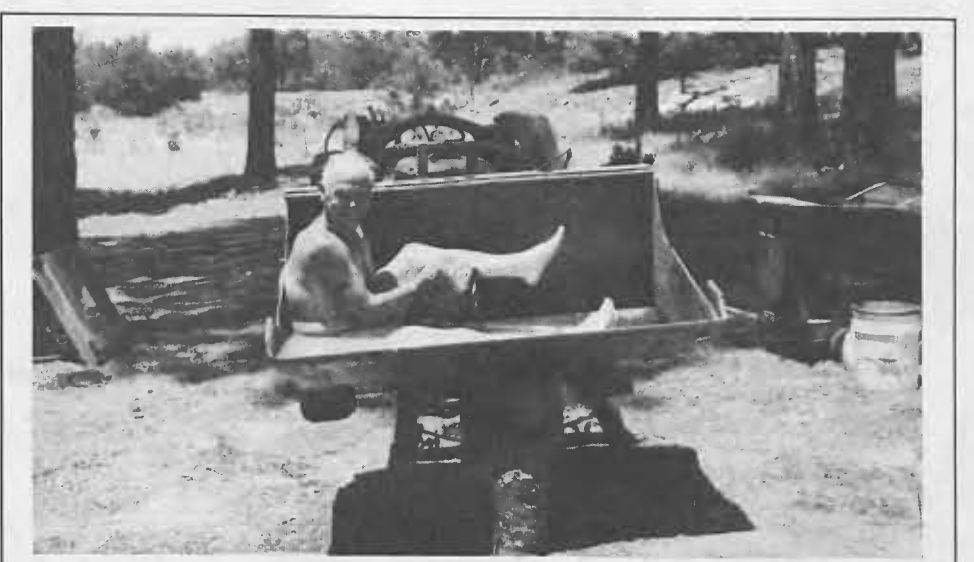
BETTY MILEY was the guest of honor at a retirement party on September 29 in the Headquarters Cafeteria. She retired from the District after serving fourteen years as secretary and administrative assistant to the General Manager. Betty is seen above at the party with former Manager of Operations George Goehler as Staff Assistant Harry Maguire looks on.



AUGUST 31 MARKED TWO HAPPY OCCASIONS for Division 5 operator Jim Wendruck. It was his birthday and his last day of service. He leaves the District after 32 years. His Division Manager, Ernie Giaquinto, pictured above, and friends at 5 wished him well at a cake and coffee affair to mark his last day.



FROM THE SMILE on Frank Lonning's face, retirement is going to agree with him. He is hosted at a retirement party in the stops and zones department on July 28. Helping him celebrate the occasion were Jim Deem, Frances Bateman, Frank and Vic Muniz. Frank leaves the District after 32 years of service.



RETIREMENT CAN BRING NEW ADVENTURES as Jack Walker, retired Superintendent of Electric and Radio Department, can attest. He is pictured taking a bath in a skiploader, the only tub available while he and his wife are building their retirement home in Mariposa, California.

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Retired Operator Reed Christiansen and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at their home last August 5. Christiansen retired from District service in 1968.

Peggy Wahl, telephone information operator, gave birth to Michael Alan, weighing 8 lbs. 7 ozs. on May 30. Grandparents are Edith Miller, PAX clerk, and Richard Miller, operator.

Sgt. William J. Chapman, son of John Chapman, radio dispatcher, recently was named the Outstanding Drill Sgt. of the Basic Training Cycle, Company E, 5th Battalion, 1st Basic Training Brigade at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Lance Petteway, son of J. C. Petteway, Division 12, recently signed a national letter of intent to play basketball for Fresno State University. Lance was described as one of the finest prep shooters in the state.

It was wedding bells for Division 3 operator Craig Curry on July 22. He and his new bride, Rondi, will honeymoon at Lake Tahoe.

Two for one was the word from Operator Joe Gonzalez, Division 8 operator, as he and his wife, Doris, became the proud parents of twin girls - Jessica Loren, 4 lbs. 8 ozs., born 11:55 p.m., July 11. Her sister, Vanessa Simone, came 20 minutes later weighing 5 lbs. even. They join a brother, David, who is 20 months.

ATU President Jerry Long and his wife, Sandy, joined the ranks of grandparents when their daughter, Cindy, presented them with their first grandson, Christopher John, born July 30, weighing in at 8 lbs., 7 ozs.

Mrs. Karen Pryce, wife of Division 8 operator Joe Pryce, is proud to announce that Joe recently made area commander in the Royal Rangers, the Assemblies of God churches' boys' program.

Operator Neil A. Webb, Division 3 and his wife, Jacqueline, have a new baby girl, Dawn Linnea, born July 23 weighing 7 lbs. 15 ozs. Dawn joins two other Webb children, Kimberly Diane and Neil A, Jr.



LATE OCTOBER is the expected delivery date of the second child of Toni Macias of the Telephone Information Department. Toni was given a surprise baby shower by her friends in the Department on September 27. From left: Virginia Escobar, Toni Teresa Quijas.

A retirement party was held June 11, for 4 of RTD's finest. Division 9 operator Steve Franich, 34 years service; J. M. Lindsay, 30 years service; H. Humphrey, 37 years service and K. C. Steinard, 30 years service. The event was held at West Covina Post of the VFW. Among those in attendance was Jack Greasby, manager of Division 9; Jack Gerhardt, John Sampson of UTU, Benny Kimball, long retired Division Manager and hosted by operators too numerous to mention.

Division 18 operator C. H. Brown and his wife, Willietta, welcomed a new addition to their family - a baby boy, Terrance Howard, born August 31. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 2 ozs. and joins three sisters and two brothers.

A new addition to the family of Operator Richard Stafford, Division 3 arrived as a son, Nathan Leon, on May 13.

Horace Johnson, Jr., son of Division 5 Operator Horace Johnson, was recently awarded a \$2,100 Martin Luther King Scholarship for the school of pharmacy at the University of Southern California.

Jim Dixon, operator from Division 2, was surprised with a card and lunch money by his passengers on his last day of service on this run. He transferred to another line at the same division.

Operator Harold Place, formerly a Division 6 operator, on his last day before transferring after the shakeup, was presented a plaque from his passengers for this good service.

Operator John Faust, Division 8, and his wife, Doris, welcome their first child a 7 lb. 10 oz. boy on June 7. Brandon Paul was born at Kaiser, Panorama City, by the Lamaze Method of natural childbirth.

It's first time grandparents for Robert Nordstrom, Division 2 operator, and his wife. Their son, Tom, and his wife, Kathy, presented them with a 7 lbs. 10 ozs. girl, Jennifer Renee on July 7.

On June 23, Division 18 hosted a retirement party for two of its operators, Dean Hall with 37 years of service to the District and Elmo Marshall, chalking up 31 years. Many friends were on hand to wish them a fond farewell.



A SURPRISE SHOWER was in order for Bill Hernandez, field representative, on September 22. His friends in the Personnel Department presented him with a frog toy chest for his new arrival. Monica Renee, Miss "7-11" as she will be known was born on October 7 at 11:00 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 11 ozs. Bill's wife, Maria Carmen, and daughter are both doing fine.

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