



HEADWAY

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District awards multi-million dollar contract for Advanced Design Buses

As part of the ongoing effort to update the District's aging fleet, the RTD Board of Directors has awarded a contract to Grumman Flxible for 230 "Advance Design" buses to be delivered by the spring of 1980.

Total cost of the new buses will be more than \$30 million, or \$130,591 each. Funds to purchase these buses are included in the budget the District adopted last June, with the federal government supplying 80 per cent of the costs.

Grumman Flxible was the low bidder for the 48-passenger, heavy duty 40-foot long buses, which will be equipped with lifts for wheelchairs. They also feature more window area and a sleeker appearance. General Motors was the only other bidder.

District officials expressed concern over the price of the buses, but pointed out there was little RTD or other transit districts could do about the price.

"Our last order for new buses went out in late 1976," explained Jack Gilstrap, general manager. "We were able to purchase 200 new buses for \$81,000 apiece. In 1974 they were just under \$58,000 apiece.

"There are only two U.S. manufacturers producing city transit buses today," he said. "Both bid on our order and there was a difference of only a few hundred dollars per unit between the high and low bidder."

As for changes District personnel can expect with the arrival of the new buses, there will be several.

According to Manager of Operations Sam Black, engines in the ADB will be essentially the same as District mechanics are accustomed to working on. However, California's stringent air pollution standards may result

in some remarkable changes in the engine.

Body maintenance will be entirely different from the present welded sections, Black explained. The ADB features body sides that are extruded, or shaped by forcing metal through a die, so they are essentially one piece.

Interior cleaning of the new

buses will be facilitated by the cantilever seating, which is attached to the walls of the vehicle as opposed to the floor. Also, there is no rear window to clean.

For the operator, the bus features power steering and a high-back, air-ride seat for comfort, Black said.

Procurement of 230 new buses is part of the plan, already

authorized by the board, calling for the purchase of 1,200 new buses over the next three years to improve the RTD's fleet. Plans for the acquisition of those new buses may be in trouble, however, as the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) has told the District that only half as much federal money may be available.



ON THE WAY — RTD has awarded a multi-million dollar contract to Grumman Flxible for 230 of these advanced design buses. The 40-foot long bus seats

48 passengers and will be equipped with lifts for wheelchairs and elderly. Delivery has been set for spring of next year.

VISITING NURSE PROGRAM

Healthy response greets unique operation

By nature people tend to be adverse to change and it is not often that a new idea or program gains immediate acceptance. However, the RTD's Visiting Nurse Program is fast becoming an exception to that rule.

As it enters its fifth month of operation, the program is registering impressive gains and, according to its top administrator, has already more than paid for itself.

In its first three months of operation, from October 17 to January 17, the Visiting Nurse Program logged more than 187 home visitations, mostly to District employees on indefinite leave. Of that number, 23 have since returned to work. At the

time most of these figures were compiled, the program was operating with only one nurse. A second was added in January and, due to the program's mounting success, a search is currently underway for a third nurse.

One of the principal purposes of the Visiting Nurse Program, according to Mike Olivas, the District's Manpower Administrator and the man directly in charge of coordinating the operation, is to assist employees who are suffering with an illness or injury—either job related or non-job related—and to help them to return to work as soon as they are able.

"The program has received a

much better welcome than we had anticipated," says Olivas, who admits there had been speculation that some employees might view the program as undue surveillance. "Most of the comments we have heard are from employees who are glad RTD is thinking about them.

"We want to try and keep the nurses uncompromised," Olivas explained. "We want them to be able to establish an honest rapport with the people they visit, to be able to work unimpaired. The nurses want nothing to interfere with their professionalism and they certainly don't want to be policemen."

Apparently, their efforts are already being rewarded. The

program, which is unique to transit agencies (although other businesses have employed similar programs successfully), is attracting considerable attention to itself.

"I don't know of any other transit agency with this type of program for its employees," Olivas says. "In fact, at the recent transit conference held in Los Angeles, we received a number of inquiries about the program from other transit operators."

Without a doubt, the program's success is due in large part to the energy and enthusiasm that the two nurses—Elia Borja and Margaret Tishler—have brought

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RTD takes guide dogs for a ride



*Gettin' on,
gettin' off,
gettin' around.*

San Fernando Valley 4-H club members recently paid a visit to RTD Division 15 in Sun Valley to put their young Guide Dog Puppies through paces that included getting on and off a bus (under the benevolent gaze of operator Steve DeLauney), and moving around the bus while the engine was revved, the doors opened and closed and the brakes fanned. With reporters and cameramen from television and newspapers recording the event, the future seeing eye dogs were taken for a ride to accustom them to bus travel (below).



As the old saying goes, "Every dog must have its day." Well, a group of 10 very special dogs and their young trainers were helped one step closer to a very important day recently at the Southern California Rapid Transit District's Sun Valley operating division.

The dogs are on their way to becoming seeing eye dogs, guides for the blind, and one of the first steps on that arduous trail is becoming acquainted with the sights, sounds and smells associated with bus travel. Blind people travel free on RTD buses and the District is one of the first bus properties to make itself available to the Guide Dog Program at this important phase of the dog's training. The recent test at Division 15 marked the third time the RTD has helped in the familiarization process.

The future guide dogs, mostly Labrador and Golden Retrievers, are bred at the kennels of Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael, California. When they are three months old, the puppies are farmed out to homes for a year of "family living" where they learn loyalty, love and how to get along in the outside world.

When they are about 18 months old, those dogs who have not washed out of the early training are returned to the San Rafael school for six months of intensive obedience and harness training with an instructor. If they pass this phase, they "graduate" and are given free-of-charge to a blind person.

For the young 4-H members, the process is both a heartwarming and heartrending experience that would shake the emotions of most adults and requires uncharacteristic maturity. Many of them travel north to attend their puppy's graduation and then follow the dog's progress with its new owner.

"My last dog is now living in Kansas City and he's probably freezing his fur off," said one 13-year-old. Would he feel bad if Paisley, the Black Labrador he is currently helping to train, were to washout? "No, not at all. If a dog doesn't make it, the kid who raised him gets first chance to get him back."





TONYA MCKNIGHT

Bright McKnight shines on quiz show

Tonya McKnight, the eight-year-old daughter of Division 12 operator Albert McKnight, recently learned first-hand the fun and benefits that can come from a good education.

Tonya was a contestant on the children's game show "Joker, Joker, Joker," a youth-oriented version of the popular adult quiz show "The Joker's Wild." Since little Tonya knew the answers to the questions, and her young opponents did not, she came away

with a list of prizes as long as her arm.

Among the prizes she captured were a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond, \$1,000 in cash, a regulation size pool table, a trampoline, a super-8 movie camera and projector, and—fasten your seat belts, please—an eight-day trip for three to Acapulco, Mexico.

Among the questions Tonya answered on the way to her windfall were "Who sailed on the Nina,

Pinta and the Santa Marie?" Or, "Hickory Dickory, Dock, I ran up the clock, who am I?" If you don't know the answers, watch for the show. It was taped January 27, but an air date has not been announced.

As for the trip to Acapulco, Tonya has several friends who are brushing up on their Spanish, but mother Lynette and father Albert say they already know who's going.

VISITING NURSE PROGRAM

New program aids District's sick, injured

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to the program. Both are registered nurses and bring to the District many years of experience in the field of community nursing.

Elia is a native Californian, born and raised in Los Angeles' environs. A graduate of UCLA, she majored in home economics and secondary education. She received her nurses' training at Pasadena City College. Prior to joining the District, Borja worked for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), a federally funded nutrition program.

The mother of six, Elia says her favorite visits thus far have been to District employees on maternity leave. "It's very easy to relate when you've been there so often," she says.

Margaret Tishler came aboard on January 2. A specialist in psychiatric nursing, Tishler was born and raised in Minnesota, but came to Southern California 22 years ago. She received her degree from the University of Redlands.

The mother of five, Margaret thinks her psychiatric background has served her well in community nursing and will continue to do so on this assignment. "For most people, suffering a physical illness or injury, there is an accompanying emotional overtone," she explains. "It is often helpful when interviewing someone to be able to sense



PALAUVER — Part of the Visiting Nurse Program is explaining the concept and procedures to division managers. At Division 5 recently, Maintenance

Manager Raoul Rodriguez, nurses Margaret Tishler and Elia Borja, and Transportation Manager Ernie Giaquinto (from left) discuss program.

this."

If you should require the services of the Visiting Nurse Program you can relax in the knowledge that you are in good hands. But don't expect one of these ladies to take your temperature or check your pulse. As Borja explains, the job does not include the type of bedside nursing you would receive in a

hospital. In fact, the program's guidelines expressly prohibit the nurse from making recommendations for medication or treatment independent of a doctor's orders.

However, the community nursing concept that the program utilizes encompasses far more than that.

When they visit an ill or injured

employee at home, Tishler and Borja do more than simply check the person's physical state or behavior. They check to see if the person has seen or is seeing a doctor, what type of doctor is being consulted and that medication is being taken properly as the doctor may have ordered.

In addition, they may recognize a need for emergency care, or they may counsel or make referrals for medical treatment or other needed services. They also provide emotional support to the employee, quite often finding themselves the only ones who are interested in the employee's well being and progress on the road back to good health.

Their job also includes advising employees about District and non-District benefits for which they might be eligible (State Disability Insurance, Worker's Compensation, etc.). They also aid the employee in completing any necessary forms to receive such benefits.

"Some people have ideas about health care that preclude their getting well," says Borja. Another problem she has found is that many times a person will not try and collect benefits they have coming because they do not want to admit to themselves that they are sick or disabled. Already she can cite numerous examples.

There was an otherwise healthy young man who had a very serious health problem. He was hesitant about returning to work and would do nothing physical or strenuous because he was overly guarded about his condition. He just did not know

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VISIT — Borja pays a visit to the home of retired traffic loader Francis "Art" Peters (second from right), and his wife, Vivian. Borja says most of the meetings

are very cordial and friendly. Also pictured is Lloyd Hall, like Peters a retired RTD employee.



Retiree recognition

Some 18 RTD employees who retired during the months of January and February were honored by the District's Board of Directors and members of the Executive Staff for their years of service during the first of what will be a monthly ceremony at District headquarters. With Director Ruth Richter presenting each retiree with a special commemorative plaque, January's retirees (top photo) included (front row, left to right) Richter, Leslie Smith, George Pitchie, Jack Hyman, Ernest Jackson, (back row, left to right) Jonah Leibowitz, Salvador Romo, David Chaney, Richard Kaspar and Bivin Thompson. Below, February's honored retirees were (front row, left to right) Gerald Ferguson, Charles Foxworth, Agnes Gibson, Cleave Paul, Lawrence Greenberg, (back row, left to right) Harold Jackson, Lester Clark, George Miller, Richter, and Bob Wick. SCRTD management proposed, and the Board of Directors recently approved, the program, which is designed to honor employees who have devoted a good part of their lives to the District. At the ceremony, members of the Executive Staff introduced the retirees under their jurisdiction, Director Richter presented them with the commemorative plaques and members of the Board and staff offered congratulations.

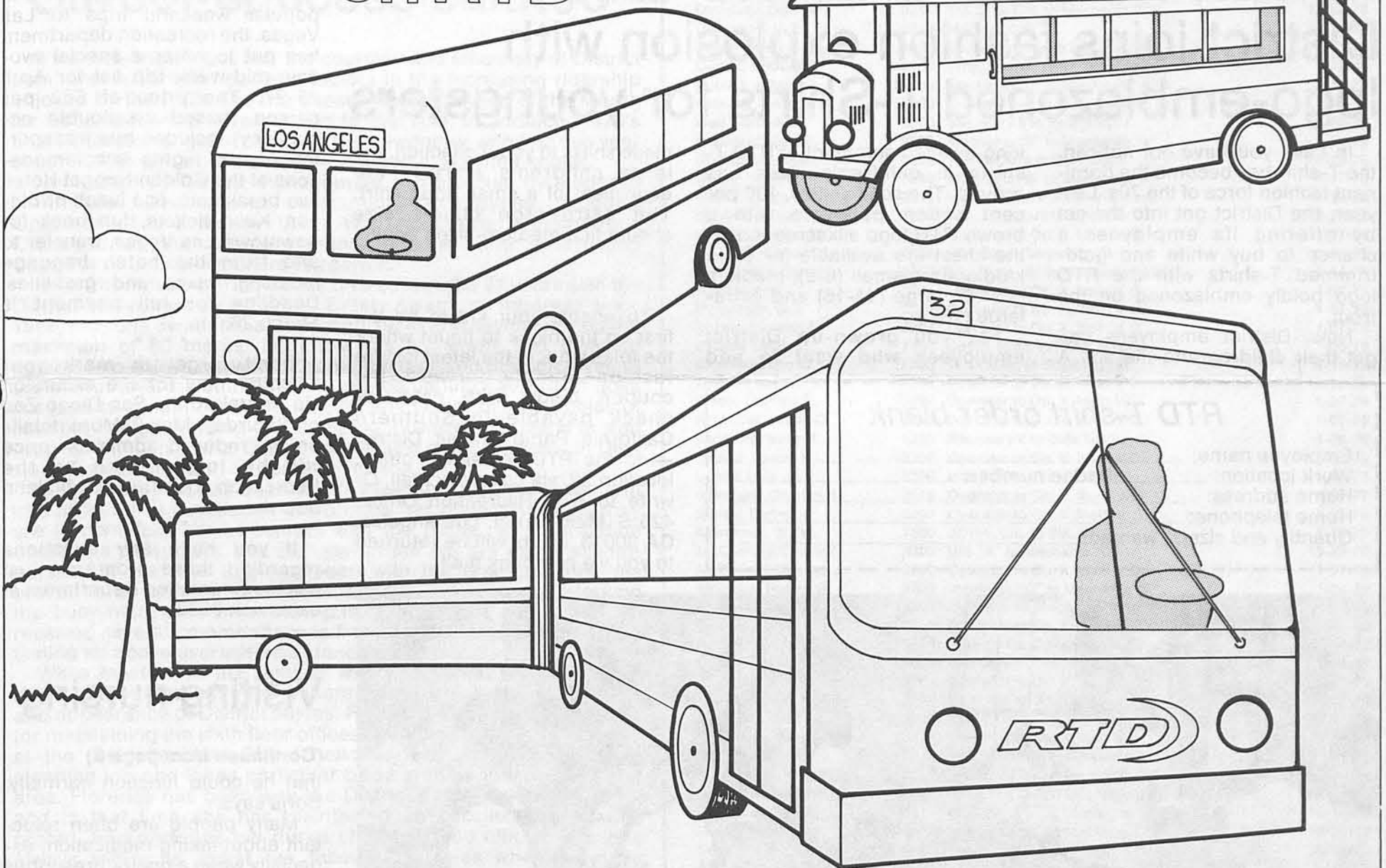


The Moneytrees were in bloom

The money trees were in full bloom recently as District employees got together to honor friends who were retiring after years of service. Above left, Bob Wick and his wife Helen prepare to distribute cake to friends who attended his retirement fete at the Maintenance Central Office. Wick, the Assistant Superintendent of Maintenance and Equipment, had 38 years with the District. Jonah Leibowitz, (above right) was feted by friends in the Scheduling Department after his 21 years with the District. Jonah, who started as a trolley car operator with the old LATL, plans to move to Lompoc and raise chickens commercially.



Show your colors
on RTD



ANNUAL COLORING CONTEST

Hey, kids! Color your way to exciting prizes

Okay, all of you budding young artists out there. If you are 14 years of age or under and your parents work for the Southern California Rapid Transit District you could color your way to a new bicycle or an exciting trip to Disneyland by entering the district-wide Color-A-Bus contest.

Entering the contest is easy. Simply color the drawing on this page using crayons, colored pencils, water colors, chalk, felt tip pens or other art materials. Send the finished product, along with the accompanying entry blank, to RTD Recreation Department, 6th Floor, 425 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013. Or, have your mom or dad return it via com-

pany mail to Recreation Department, Location 32.

All entries must be received by Monday, April 2, 1979.

Only the sons, daughters, stepchildren or grandchildren of District employees may enter, and only one entry may be submitted per child.

There will be four categories for participants to compete in: 6 years old and under, 7-8 years old, 9-11 years old and 12-14 years old. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each category.

In addition, a Grand Prize will be awarded to the best overall entry, taking into account originality, imagination and the artist's age. The prize, a new

bicycle, will be an appropriate model to suit the size and age of the winner.

First prize in each category will be Disneyland ticket books for the winner and his or her parents. Second place prizes will be tickets to Knott's Berry Farm, while third place winners will receive tickets to the Universal

Studios Tour.

The contest will be judged by the panel of impartial, professional art critics from outside the District. All drawings become the property of RTD and cannot be returned.

Hurry and start coloring today! If you need extra copies of the drawing, call 972-6580.

Coloring contest entry blank

Child's name: _____ Age: _____
 Parent/employee name: _____
 Badge number: _____ Work location: _____
 Home address: _____
 Home telephone: _____ Work telephone: _____
 Art materials used: _____



Show your colors
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Get your kids rolling in RTD coloring contest

Okay, kids! Grab your crayons, colored pencils, watercolors and brushes, it's time once again for the annual RTD Coloring Contest. If you are 14 years old or younger, your artistic skills could earn you one of more than a dozen fabulous prizes being offered in the Recreation Department-sponsored event.

Entering the contest is easy. Here's all you do. Color the drawing on this page using whatever kinds of artistic materials you like — crayons, water colors, felt tip pens, chalks, colored pencils, glitter, whatever.

Fill in the entry blank printed here and send it along with the finished drawing to the RTD Recreation Department, 425 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA, 90013. Or, have your mom or dad return it

via the company mail from their work location to the Recreation Department, Location 32.

All entries must be received by 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, 1980, to be eligible for judging.

Only the sons, daughters, stepchildren or grandchildren of District employees may enter the contest, and only one entry may be submitted by each child.

There will be four categories for participants to enter: 6 years old and under, 7-8 years old, 9-11 years old and 12-14 years old. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each category.

In addition, a grand prize will be awarded to the best overall entry, taking into account originality, imagination and the artist's age.

The grand prize will be a brand

new custom pair of roller skates purchased especially for the winner. First place winners in each category will win tickets to RTD Family Night at Magic Mountain. Second place winners will receive tickets to Knott's Berry Farm, while third place winners will receive tickets to the Dodgers-Giants baseball game and fireworks show on July 4.

The contest will be judged by a panel of impartial, professional

artists from outside the District and the decision of the judges will be final. All entries become the property of RTD and cannot be returned.

Following the judging, the winning entries will be displayed in the Main Street headquarters building employee cafeteria on the third floor. Winners will be announced in Headway.

Hurry and start coloring today. You can't win if you don't enter.

Child's name _____ Age: _____
 Parent/employee name: _____
 Badge number: _____ Work location: _____
 Home address: _____
 Home telephone: _____ Work telephone: _____
 Art materials used: _____

Recreation News

Cagers, batmen, streetcars highlight events

A full slate of exciting sports action for spectators and participants, a visit to transportations' past and some far-flung excursions highlight events arranged by the Recreation Department for the coming months.

On Wednesday, March 21, it's basketball action at the Forum as the Lakers take on the Portland Trailblazers. Recreation has \$7.50 Colonnade-level tickets available for \$5.50.

Then, on March 31, it's time for baseball action—that's right, baseball—as the defending National League Champion Los Angeles Dodgers host the California Angels at Dodger Stadium in the annual Freeway Series exhibition games. Reserved seating is available at a discount price of \$3. For many, it will be the first chance to see the

Angels newly-acquired batting superstar, Rod Carew, in action.

From there it's back to the Forum and the Lakers as they battle the Seattle SuperSonics for the lead in the Pacific Division in what could prove to be a pivotal season confrontation. The April 6 game is already a sellout, but the Recreation Department was lucky enough to grab a section early. These \$7.50 tickets will go for \$7 to the District's basketball enthusiasts.

Also on the boards for next month is the annual RTD Golf Tournament, slated for Saturday, April 28. This year's event will be held at the Ontario National Golf Club. Championship, First, Second and Third flights are being established. The \$10 entrance cost covers green fees and prize money. Golf carts are also

available. Sign-ups are being taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

RTD's own basketball season is now in full bounce, with the twice a week games played every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 8 and 9 p.m. Check the recreation board at your location for dates and playing arena.

Summer softball signups will begin in April so start forming your team now. From May through September, a series of games among an anticipated 10-team league will whittle out all but the best. Playoffs between the top teams will decide a District champion.

The Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris, California, will open its doors to District person-

nel, retirees and their families on Saturday, March 10. The hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Streetcar, interurban and caboose rides will run throughout the day. Fare for the one-day excursion into the past will be adults \$1.50, children 6-11 75 cents, and children under six are free. Bus transportation will be provided from Division 9 in El Monte Station, departing at 9 a.m.

Excursions with early deadlines that you might want to make a note of include:

—Lake Tahoe Weekend, May 18-20, with lodging at the Way Station is a \$128 adventure. A \$50 deposit is due by March 9 to insure a place on this exciting weekend.

—For District personnel whose work schedules have prevented them taking advantage of the popular weekend trips to Las Vegas, the recreation department has put together a special two-day, mid-week trip set for April 25-27. The price of \$62 per person (based on double occupancy) includes bus transportation, two nights accommodations at the Golden Nugget Hotel, two breakfasts, one lunch or dinner, Keno tickets, fun book for downtown Las Vegas, transfer to and from the hotel, baggage handling, taxes and gratuities. Deadline for full payment is March 26.

Don't forget to mark your calendar now for the excursion via Amtrak to the San Diego Zoo on Saturday, May 5. More details on the reduced admission price will be forthcoming on the Recreation Department bulletin boards.

If you have any questions regarding these programs, just call the Recreation Department at extension 6580.

District joins fashion explosion with logo-emblazoned T-Shirts for youngsters

In case you have not noticed, the T-shirt has become the dominant fashion force of the 70s. Last year, the District got into the act by offering its employees a chance to buy white and gold-trimmed T-shirts with the RTD logo boldly emblazoned on the front.

Now, District employees can get their children into the act. A

long-awaited shipment of RTD T-shirts in children's sizes has arrived. The solid yellow, 100 per cent cotton pullovers with a brown RTD logo silkscreened on the chest are available for \$2 in kiddie sizes small (6-8), medium (10-12), large (14-16) and extra-large (18).

For you grown-up District employees who want to add

these shirts to your collection, the large children's shirt is the equivalent of a small adult shirt. The extra-large child's size should fit a medium-sized adult.

To enable your kid to be the first on the block to flaunt where the folks work in the latest leisure fashion, simply forward the coupon below with cash—or check payable to Southern California Rapid Transit District—to the RTD recreation office, location 32, via company mail. Or write to RTD Recreation Office, 425 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013. Shirts will be returned to you via company mail.

RTD T-shirt order blank

Employee name: _____
 Work location: _____ Badge number: _____
 Home address: _____
 Home telephone: _____
 Quantity and size(s) wanted: _____



Monday Night Fever

District personnel have had an opportunity to practice their finger-popping, booty-shaking and five-step New York Hustle every Monday night for the past month under the direction of dance instructor Michael Dahl (standing alone above) and Gil Sanders (center) of the District Insurance Office. Open to anyone in the District, the free dance lessons are held each Monday evening from 5-6 p.m. in the second floor employment office at 425 S. Main Street.

Visiting nursing

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that he could function normally, Borja says.

Many people are often reluctant about taking medication, especially when a doctor prescribes several to be taken at the same time. The patient will take one, but not the others. This, Borja says, can hamper their recovery.

So, what does the District gain from all of this? Via follow up reports filed by the nurses after their visits, department managers can get a more accurate picture of their manpower status. They get a determination on whether or not an employee will return to work soon, or should perhaps be placed on indefinite leave.

Requesting a visit from one of the nurses is generally left to the discretion of the Districts department managers. The main guideline is that they may request a nurse visitation anytime it is sensible or humane to do so.

"We cannot stress enough that we have the employees' health and well-being uppermost in our minds," says Tishler.

Perhaps Borja sums up the program best when she says, "We're like a couple of aspirins, easy to take and we have no side effects."

RECREATION NEWS

Easter Egg Hunt kicks off spring things

Watch your children's faces light up when you tell them you're taking them to an Easter Egg Hunt.

This first-time event for the District is set for Saturday, April 5, 1980, at Griffith Park (Vermont entrance just north of the Greek Theatre parking lots.)

At 11 a.m. your children can participate in an exciting hunt for prizes given away by the Easter Bunny himself. There will be three age groups: 5 and under, 6-8, and 9-12. In each group, a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize will be awarded the finders of the special eggs. A grand prize will be given to the child who can collect the most eggs. And, of course, each child will be able to keep all the eggs they find. No child will leave empty-handed.

All you need do is call the Recreation Office, Ext. 6580, and let us know you are coming and how many kids you will be bringing. We need this information to adequately accommodate all the children. Please call before March 28.

Once you have called, just provide the child with a sack and bring them to the park.

With Easter in mind, you may want to consider taking your children to see all the new 2-hour live stage show, "Bugs Bunny in Space," on Saturday, March 15, 7:30 p.m. at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. We are offering \$6 tickets for only \$4.50. The show will feature Wonder Woman, Batman and Robin, Daffy Duck and many other of your children's favorite cartoon characters.

Get ready for, the 40th anniversary of great entertainment at the Ice Capades. This year's show features the world renowned skating couple, Oleg and Ludmila Protopopova — twice Olympic, four time world, six time Soviet Union pair champions. This event is discounted to District employees on Sunday, April 27, 6 p.m., Los Angeles Sports Arena, \$8 reserved seats for \$6.

If you have not seen the new exhibits on the Universal Studios Tour, now's your chance to do so at a real savings and a choice of dates. The \$4.50 ticket price is good for either of the following days, April 12-13 and 19-20.

The Lakers are in top form as the season draws to an end. You can see them play the Portland Trailblazers at a discount price. \$7.50 tickets for \$5.50 on the Wednesday, March 12, contest, 8 p.m., at the Forum.

RTD basketball season is going strong. With the season in its midpoint, the action is very exciting. Games are played Mondays at Whitney High School, Tuesdays at Los Angeles High School and Thursdays at Fremont High School. Consult the schedule at your division for times, teams and locations.

RTD softball players, start warming up. The season will begin in May so dust off your equipment and start checking the Recreation boards for upcoming meetings and information regarding the season.

Opera buffs, we have something new and exciting for you. The first opera entirely interpreted for the Cinema — Mozart's "Don Giovanni," featuring Ruggero Raimondi in the title role surrounded by an internationally renowned cast. This event is offered to you at a price you cannot beat. \$4 will reserve your seat in the Cinerama Dome, Hollywood on Sunday, March 30, at 4:30 p.m. Plan now to include "Don Giovanni" on your entertainment agenda.

This may be your last chance to get a future collector's item in the way of RTD T-Shirts. The District is changing its logo and there will be no more orders placed for the smiling sun bus T-Shirts. The Rec-

reation Department currently has all four colors in stock and will not be selling T-shirts with the new logo until the current supply is exhausted. The red, yellow, sand and blue colors are ideal for spring activities, so stock up now. Still only \$3 each.

One of those spring activities will be a sea-fari, On Sunday morning, May 4, the Amtrak train carrying RTD employees and their family will leave Union Station at 8:30 a.m. bound for San Diego and the Sea World Excursion. The day-long visit to this entertainment park includes six major shows and 25 exhibits. The return train departs San Diego at 4:30 p.m. and arrives back in Los Angeles at approximately 7 p.m. The ticket prices of \$22 per adult and \$11 per child (under 12 years of age) represents a substantial discount off the regular prices. Ticket prices include roundtrip train fare, transportation to and from Sea World and admission to the park's many attractions. Plan now to attend for the registration deadline is April 4. All money is due when reservations are made.

For those of you planning vacation trips this year, here is more information on two trips being offered through the Recreation Department.

— Jamaica Holiday, May 17-25, \$589 per person based on double occupancy. Trip includes roundtrip, non-stop air transportation from Los Angeles to Montego Bay, seven nights accommodations at the Turtle Beach Towers in Ocho Rios, Ocho Rios highlights and shopping tour, tour of Dunn's River Falls, welcome poolside cocktails, flight bag, luggage handling, transfers to hotel and tips and taxes. Act fast if you want to go on this one for a \$100 deposit is due March 21, with the balance due April 18.

— Sun Seeker Holiday to Hawaii, November 10-17, \$555 per person (double occupancy), \$512 (triple occupancy) or \$490 (quadruple occupancy). Trip in-

cludes roundtrip airfare, to Honolulu, flower lei greeting, airport transfers, seven nights accommodations at the Island Colony Apartments (your hotel features one-bedroom apartments with full kitchen), welcome cocktail party, baggage handling and taxes. A \$150 deposit will reserve your room. Final payment is due October 3.

For more information about these or other Recreation Department events, call 972-6580.

TRIPPERS

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one-year-old trial program. The special ticket permitted purchasers unlimited riding throughout Los Angeles County. With the demise of the program, the District's regular fare structure will be in effect throughout the service area on Sundays.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Director of Bus Planning Paul Taylor had reason to celebrate New Year's Eve. His wife, Diane, gave birth to their second child on December 31. Megan Christine, who weighed in at 6 pounds, 10 ounces and stretched 19 1/2 inches long, joins her 3 1/2-year-old brother, Nicholas.

At the same time, New Year's Eve, Cindy Munoz, a Secretary II in the Planning Department, was giving birth to her and husband Armando's first child, a 7-pound, 21-inch long boy they named Andrew Steven.

It was probably just a coincidence, but you can never be too sure when the Planning Department is involved. After all, the new additions to the Munoz and Taylor families on the last day of the year are tax exemptions for the other 364 days of 1979.

It's time to start gearing up for 1980 Rodeo

Attention all operators! It's time to start thinking about your driving records if you want to compete in the 1980 RTD Bus Rodeo.

Competing in the Rodeo gives you a shot at winning \$500 in cash plus an all-expense paid trip to the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) National Finals, which are being held in San Diego this year. There, the top prize will be \$1,000.

More details will be posted soon at your division. Until then, check the eligibility requirements below and start thinking about that trip to San Diego.

Eligibility Requirements

(Note: The "last 12-month period" referred to below is from May 31, 1979 to May 31, 1980).

1. Entrants must have been employed with the District a minimum of 12 months.
2. Entrant must be a full-time bus operator, instructors are ineligible.
3. You must have worked 11 of the last 12 months as a full-time operator (excluding vacation).
4. Must have no more than four (4) instances of illness during the last 12-month period.
5. Must have fewer than 30 accumulated sick days during the last 12-month period. On duty injuries are included.
6. Must have no avoidable accidents during the last 12 months.
7. Must have no suspensions during the last 12 months.
8. Must have no more than two (2) missouts in the last 12 months.
9. Must have no demerits placed on record during the last 12 months.



Graduation day

Four new members of the RTD security Department pose for a photo with District officials at graduation ceremonies for the Basic Police Recruit Academy at Rio Hondo College. From left to right are Director Charles Storing, graduate Carlton Little (who was elected President of the 59-member class), graduate Elston Burnley, RTD Investigator Ray Thomas, graduate Theodore Ford, General Manager Jack Gilstrap, Assistant GM for Administration Jack Stubbs, graduate Manuel Reyes and Director of Security Jim Burgess. Also graduated but unable to attend the ceremony were Craig Gunn and Michael Mendoza. Part of a program to upgrade the District's security force to Peace Officer status, the graduates completed a grueling, 15-week program. It provides 608 hours of instruction covering most major areas of law enforcement. The course is certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

Schedule changes

Moving up

Name	Div./ Dept.	Classification	Date
Alford, Gerald	3318	Utility "A" to Mechanic "C"	10-23-78
Anderson, Wade	3307	Util. "A" to Util. "A" Leadman	1-05-79
Andrus, David	3302	Stk. Shp. Clk. to Elec. Comm. Tech.	1-10-79
Angel, Bruno R.	3309	Utility "A" to Utility "A" Ldm.	12-24-78
Arroyo, Annadean	9100	Secretary II to Secretary III	12-24-78
Barron, Antonio	3314	Mechanic "A" to Mech. "A" Ldmn.	12-29-78
Bateman, Frances	4499	Typist-Clerk to Clerk	12-20-78
Bethel, Maceo M.	3202	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Bialebzeski, Stephen	3218	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Boehr, Bob E.	3302	Shipping Clk. to Elec. Comm. Tech.	12-24-78
Boucher, Norman	3309	Mechanic "B" to Mechanic "A"	1-14-79
Bouffard, Linda J.	4200	Secretary III to Staff Asst. I	12-20-78
Brewer, Yvonne	3215	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Bromwich, Gerald E.	3215	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Byrd, Veronica J.	5050	Info. Clk. to Info. Tkt. Clk.	1-08-79
Caceres, Armando C.	3296	Op. X. Supv. of V.O. to Supv. of V.O.	12-24-78
Castillo, Enrique	3309	Mechanic "B" to Mechanic "A"	1-14-79
Clark, Leonard	3315	Storekeeper to Equip. Rec. Spec.	12-24-78
Clenard, Cal R.	3309	Mech. "B" Ldmn. to Mech. "A" Ldmn.	1-14-79
Collins, Theodore	3305	Mech. "A" to Mech. "A" Ldmn.	12-24-78
Cortez, Noe B.	3208	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Coytia, Ruben V.	3303	Mechanic "B" to Mechanic "A"	1-21-79
Crawford, Johnny R.	3308	Utility "A" to Mechanic "C"	10-23-78
Dickason, Dennis	3312	Stk. Shp. Clk. to Mechanic "C"	12-32-78
Dickinson, C. E.	3303	Mechanic "B"	12-11-78
Dotson, Melvin (NMN)	9200	Svc. Attendant to Sec. Guard I.	12-31-78
Dutton, William H.	6300	Trng. Analyst to Sr. Trng. Analyst	1-22-79
Fussell, Jonathan	3309	Mechanic "B" to Mechanic "A"	1-14-79
Giessler, Richard E.	7200	Comp. Prog. to Prog. Analyst	1-08-79
Goff, Edith A.	6300	Secretary II to Secretary III	12-20-78
Gomez, Gilbert E.	3309	Mechanic "B" to Mechanic "A"	1-14-79
Gomez, Stella M.	3399	Typist-Clerk to Gen. Clk. II	12-18-79
Gross, Floyd E.	3318	Mechanic "B" to Mechanic "A"	1-07-79
Guzman, Roy G.	3314	Mech. "A" to Mech. "A" Ldmn.	12-29-78
Hardeman, James	3295	Svc. Attendant to Operator	12-17-78
Hasbini, Khaled F.	3201	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Hawkins, Gerald M.	7300	Stk. Clk. to Shipping Clk.	1-02-79
Hernandez, Carlos	3309	Mechanic "B" to Mechanic "A"	1-14-79
Hill, Eddie W.	3201	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Hunsinger, C. J.	3203	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Izinski, Florean F.	3203	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Jacobs, Uriah J.	7200	Comp. Prog. to Prog. Analyst	1-08-79
Janowick, Leo M.	7300	Tr. Dr. Clk. to Shipping Clk.	1-14-79
Jasmin, Thomas G.	3205	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Kelso, Thomas R.	3202	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Kradolfer, Jacob C.	3203	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Lacefield, Vera M.	4200	Secretary II to Data Tech.	1-08-79
Laptka, James F.	3202	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Lands, Lola	5050	Info. Clk. to Tkt. Clk. Trne.	1-17-79
Mahoney, Charles R.	3218	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Martel, Dennis	3203	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Martinez, Jr., M.	7300	Jr. Stk. Clk. to Stk. Clk.	1-16-79
McCartney, Charles	3303	Util. "A" to Mechanic "C"	10-23-78
McDonald, Charles J.	3202	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
McIntyre, Robert R.	3309	Mechanic "C" to Mechanic "B"	1-14-79
Michalek, Michael D.	3308	Utility "A" to Mechanic "C"	10-23-78
Mittelman, Jeff B.	3215	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Ornelas, Isaac V.	3201	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Ortiz, Ismael N.	3309	Mechanic "B" to Mechanic "A"	1-14-79
Page, Steven E.	3202	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Pettitt, William H.	3209	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Pierce, Donald	7200	Acting Mgr. Comp. O&C to Mgr. Comp. O&C	12-12-78
Poulos, John T.	3209	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Rodriguez, Phillip	3314	Mechanic "C" to Mechanic "B"	12-24-78
Rodriguez, George	3314	Mechanic "C" to Mechanic "B"	12-24-78
Ruiz, Jose L.	3303	Mechanic "C" to Mechanic "B"	12-24-78
Scoggins, Clyde	3314	Mechanic "C" to Mechanic "B"	12-17-78
Self, Gregory A.	3308	Mechanic "B" to Mechanic "A"	12-24-78
Serratos, Jaime	3314	Mechanic "C" to Mechanic "B"	12-17-78
Sherman, Duane	3309	Mechanic "B" to Mechanic "A"	1-14-79
Shibata, Kenneth	7300	St. Clk Tr. Dr. to Shipping Clk.	12-24-78
Shoemaker, Dennis	7200	Prog. Analyst to Sr. Sys. Anal.	1-08-79
Silver, Carolann U.	4200	Accts. Clk. to Data Tech.	1-15-79
Simmons, Vernon L.	3309	Mechanic "B" to Mechanic "A"	1-14-79
Singer, Michael J.	3314	Mech. "A" to Mech. "A" Ldmn.	12-29-78
Sloot, Robert A.	3302	Utility "A" to Mechanic "C"	10-23-78
Smith, Jr., Ozell	3215	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Smith, Ronald HI	3302	Mechanic "C" to Mechanic "B"	1-07-79
Strange, Michael L.	3309	Mechanic "B" to Mechanic "A"	1-14-79
Steens, Roy L.	3215	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Stoffik, Robert M.	3301	Operator to Mechanic "C"	12-24-78
Tannehill, Sr., R.	3309	Mechanic "B" to Mechanic "A"	1-14-79
Thibodeau, James A.	3315	Mechanic "C" to Mechanic "B"	12-10-78
Thompson, Paul A.	3205	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Thompson, Rhodona R.	2100	Secretary II to Secretary III	1-08-79
Torres, Robert	3201	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Troy, Warren J.	3309	Mechanic "C" to Mechanic "B"	1-07-79
Vaughn, Andrianna	9300	Secretary II to Secretary III	1-22-79
Villagran, Salvador	3201	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79
Wesson Jr., Irving	3334	Prop. Maint. "C" to Road Janitor	1-16-79
Wheeler, George A.	3306	Mechanic "A" to Mech. "A" Ldmn.	1-14-79
Whitney, Ronald A.	3209	Operator to Op. X. Instr. V.O.	1-07-79

Shifting gears

Name	Div./ Dept.	Classification	Hired	Retired
Bright, William K.	3209	Operator	9-26-46	1-02-79
Chaney, David R.	3205	Operator	1-06-47	1-07-79
Clark, Sherland D.	3203	Operator	3-19-37	1-24-79
Jackson, Ernest L.	3205	Operator	6-20-60	1-02-79

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PRESENTATION — Director George Takei (right) presented certificates to top employees Florence Wooley (left) and Claire Fitzgerald. Looking on are Harold Kelley (left) and Bob Williams.

Career success saluted

It's a well-known fact that the courtesy and efficiency of District personnel have been decisive factors in the increasing ridership enjoyed by the RTD. The trio chosen as Employees of the Month for December were no exception to that rule. In addition, 1978's final honorees ranged from a relative newcomer with just one year of service, to one whose selection capped a dignified career.

Nominated by District management and selected by a special committee, December's outstanding employees included Operator of the Month Bivin W. Thompson, Maintenance Employee of the Month Florence Wooley and Information Operator of the Month Claire Fitzgerald.

Bivin Thompson can look back on a successful 31 years with the District and reflect on a 26-year Safety Award, no missouts since 1966, only one avoidable accident (in 1974) and having earned the maximum of 60 merits. Described as a friendly and pleasant person who enjoys his work, Thompson received the Employee of the Month award just in time. He retired January 5th. Bivin does not plan to launch right into fulltime enjoyment of his hobbies of boating, fishing, hunting and camping, however. He plans to wait two years until his wife, Grace, who is also a bus operator at Division 15, will retire with 30 years of service.

Claire Fitzgerald has been with the District less than a year, but in that time has excelled in performing her duties. Because they are in continual, direct contact with the public, an information operator's personality and attitude on the job are especially important. In the time she has been with the District Claire has proven to be efficient, courteous, patient and accurate. Working the busy night shift from 3:30 p.m. to midnight, Fitzgerald has received several commendations from her customers while maintaining an above average attendance record.

While most of us are familiar with their work, few of us ever come into contact with the janitors who maintain the cleanliness and appearance of District offices. Florence Wooley is responsible for maintaining the sixth floor offices, including the executive area, at the District's Main Street headquarters. She does an outstanding job and takes particular pride in the appearance of her area. Florence has been with the District since November, 1971, and in that time she has maintained an excellent attendance record. She performs her duties cheerfully and efficiently and is always willing to assist her fellow employees when they are short-handed.



HONORED—Director Ruth Richter (left) is joined by Los Angeles City councilman Zev Yaroslavsky in presenting Operator of the Month award to Bivin Thompson (right) while his wife Grace, also an operator for the District, looks on.



Learning the ropes

Anyone who operates a bus for the Southern California Rapid Transit District is familiar with the scene. Snow white buses wending their way through bright orange cones simulating a city street scene on the concrete riverbed of the Los Angeles River in Southgate. That is where each of the District's more than 4500 operators are taught the do's and don'ts of driving for the RTD.

But there the familiarity ended. A quick look behind the wheel was all that was needed to indicate this was not an ordinary instruction session. Taking turns putting one of the decades old training buses through its paces were a trio of the District's community relations representatives — Mary Lou Echternach, Marta Espantman and Carol Taylor.

The three women recently spent three days at the District's instruction division in El Monte (adjacent to Division 9) going through an abbreviated version of the nine-day driver training course. They sat in on classroom lectures, learned proper radio communication techniques and practiced driving and parking on the simulated course in the riverbed.

Albert Reyes, community relations representative II, came up with the idea of having the reps go through the training and realized that idea with help from Bill Packard, the District's Superintendent of Instruction.

"One of the most common questions the public asks us regards our drivers and the type of training they receive," explains Reyes. "I felt it would be helpful and useful for the reps to know more about what an operator does and why."

All three ladies agreed that the experience was beneficial.

"Actually driving a bus helped to enhance our understanding of the situation from both the driver's and the passenger's perspective," said Mary Lou. "I would just like to commend and compliment the training department for their allowing us to do this." Echternach represents the San Fernando and San Gabriel valleys.

"It really gave me an insight into the abilities—both mental and physical — that a good operator must have to succeed," commented Marta, who represents the South Bay area and the Westside of Los Angeles.

Carol Taylor, whose area includes the mid-cities section of Los Angeles and portions of Orange County, agreed with her co-workers. "It was an eye-opening experience and I think it would be wonderful if everyone who works for the District could try it at least once so they'll know a little more about what it's like out on the streets," she said.

One thing was certain when the mini-training session was completed . . . after driving a mile in their shoes, the reps all had increased respect for the bus operator's job.



Getting a handle on a bus operator's responsibilities, the three community relations reps (from left above, Carol Taylor, Mary Lou Echternach and Marta Espantman) learned proper radio techniques. Under the prodding of instructor "Gentle" Ben Cooper (below left), Taylor puts one of the training buses through a series of maneuvers designed to simulate street driving situations. At far left below, Cooper congratulates all three of his proteges after they successfully completed the driving phase of their mini-training session.





GRADUATION—The eighth class in the Mechanic Training Program received certificates of completion and congratulations from District officials in ceremonies held in the Executive Conference Room at District Headquarters. Pictured above are (front row, left to right) President of the Amalgamated Tran-

sit Union Jerry Long, Daryl Hamerly, Richard Seaman, Winston Buchanan, (standing) General Manager Jack Gilstrap, Orville Steenbock, Steven Lightner, Jose Molinar, instructor Earl Morey and Manager of Operations Sam Black. Morey received a special commendation from Gilstrap (right).



MECHANIC TRAINING PROGRAM

District officials honor six more graduates

A graduation ceremony was held early last month for six more RTD employees who had completed the District's 38-week Mechanic Training Program. Receiving certificates of completion were Winston Buchanan, Daryl Hamerly, Steven Lightner, Jose Molinar, Richard Seaman and Orville Steenbock.

The ceremony, held in the sixth floor executive conference room at the District's downtown Los Angeles headquarters, brought to a close the eighth annual Mechanic Training Program. Twelve Maintenance Utility-As

are accepted for the program each year. After 22 weeks of classroom instruction (the class meets twice a week for three hours at a time after work hours), the 12 are split into two groups for 16 weeks of on the job training. After the OJT is finished, the group is eligible to be promoted to Mechanic-C as openings allow.

Taking part in the graduation ceremony and praising the graduates for their dedication toward self-improvement were General Manager Jack Gilstrap, ATU President Jerry Long, Manager of Operations Sam

Black, Deputy Manager of Operations Bill Foster and Equipment Maintenance Supervisor I Earl Morey, who is also the program instructor.

Morey, who has taught five of the eight classes in the program, will be stepping down from the instructor's podium. Gilstrap presented Morey with a special commendation for his efforts in making the unique program a success.

In memoriam

Miles Edwin Wright, Jr., a former Manager of Operations for the Southern California Rapid Transit District, passed away February 7.

Mr. Wright joined the District August 1, 1945, as the General Superintendent of Transportation and was promoted to assistant Manager of Operations in March 1960.

Mr. Wright was promoted to Manager of Operations June 1, 1966, the position he held when he retired November 1, 1967, to his home state of Arkansas, where he was living at the time of his death.

Mr. Wright is survived by his second wife, Lottie; a daughter, Mary Caroline Peak, who resides in Southern California; and three grandchildren.

Classified

- 1975 911S Porsche Targa. Gold, AM-FM cassette, 26,000 miles. Excellent condition. Must sell. \$14,000. Telephone (213) 429-5714 between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.
- 1976 Harvest Motor Home. 25 feet long, 17,000 miles, with 5000 generator, dash air, roof air, fully self-contained. \$13,800. Telephone (213) 778-8571 after 5 p.m.
- 15-foot Coronado Sloop and trailer. Good condition. \$950. Telephone (213) 443-2949 during the day.
- Fully-equipped hitching camper or trailer home (1970) like new, sleeps six, has stove, refrigerator, kitchen sink, large storage space, can use Butane or electricity. Asking \$1,200. Call (213) 876-6371 between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., ask for Jordan.

Club changes meeting time

In an effort to bolster its membership, the RTD Toastmasters Club has switched from evening meetings to a lunchtime meeting format for its twice-monthly get togethers. At one time nearly 30-strong, only five members attended the first noon-hour meeting held February 7 in the 5th floor conference room at District headquarters.

"Toastmasters gives us a chance to improve our public speaking skills in a friendly environment with constructive criticism," explains Paula Salido, an administrative secretary and the chapter's charter president.

But, the club is not only for those who find they frequently are called upon to make a speech. As Salido points out, knowing how to organize your thoughts and plan what you want to say, increasing your self-confidence in public speaking situations and improving your ability to persuade others can be helpful in meetings, when making presentations and so on.

The club meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at noon in the fifth floor conference room. Membership is open to all District employees and interested persons are invited to drop by any club meeting.

What's happening!

What's happening in your corner of the company? Are you or your fellow employees engaged in some activity that would be of interest to others? District employees with an unusual or interesting hobby or skill—whether it is raising snakes or collecting stamps—are invited to fill out the card below and return it to Headway, Location 32, via company mail for possible future feature story coverage.

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MAKING HEADWAY

Families in the RTD family continued to grow in recent months as employees celebrated births, births and more births. Without a doubt the District's first baby of the new year belongs to Division 5 operator Terrell Davis, whose wife Melrose presented him with a new baby girl on January 2. Named Jamilla Nate, she weighed in at 4 pounds, 11 ounces and joins a seven-year-old brother, Reggie.

Meanwhile, Frederick and Theresa Hidalgo welcomed a new addition to their family with the arrival of the couples' second son, Erik Allen. Born November 21, 1978 Erik weighed in at 8 pounds, 10½ ounces and has a three-year-old brother, Daniel. Operator Frederick works at Division 1.

Division 2 operator Burnetta Jones gave birth to a new baby girl on November 6. Janai Davett, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces, was welcomed by father James, and brothers George and Jerome.

Division 1 operator Armando and Irma Jimenez welcomed the latest addition to their growing family with the arrival of 7 pound, 14 ounce Stephanie. The 21½ inches long little girl joins an older sister Sonja (5) and brother Armando (3).

And the Jerry Swains have their first child. She's a 7 pound, 1 ounce baby girl that they have named Amberleigh Marie. Jerry is a mechanic at the District's El Monte division.

Kari Jane joined the family of Division 18 operator Daniel A. and Mindi Bocek on September 27 at 5:34 a.m. The couples second child, Kari



The bells are ringing

Wedding bells rang on January 13 for Doug Johnson of the Personnel Department and his friends at headquarters welcomed him and his new bride back with a surprise party. Watching as presents are opened were (from left) Fannie Jarvis, Julie Smothers, Pam Nieves, Lucille Torres, Linnea Musser, Doug and his bride, Karen.

Jane tipped the scales at eight pounds, six ounces and stretched to more than 20 inches in length. Kari joins sister Lora Christine, who is now almost 18 months old.

Division 3 operator Andy Ramirez welcomed his first child, a boy, at 1:27 a.m. on November 29. The little guy weighed in at 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Anniversaries were also celebrated in recent months, the Gold and Silver type. Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Robbins welcomed about 50 guests to the celebration of their 50th



MR. & MRS. ROBBINS

wedding anniversary, given by their daughter and son-in-law. Charles is a retired (March, 1973) operator who spent 25 years at Division 6 and four years at Division 10. The couple now live in Imperial, Missouri, and say they don't even mind the 10 inches of snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cerqua celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage the day after Christmas, December 26. Larry, a storekeeper at Division 8, has two married children and two grandchildren. He and his wife celebrated the silver anniversary with a family get together.

Schedule changes

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Kaspar, Richard F.	3209 Operator	1-15-49	1-18-79
Leibowitz, Jonah	4600 Mileage Calculator	4-22-57	1-19-79
Losey, Ralph E.	3209 Operator	11-07-46	1-06-79
Pitchie, George R.	3209 Operator	4-03-42	1-12-79
Smith, Leslie E.	3209 Operator	2-24-45	1-01-79
Thompson, Blvin W.	3215 Operator	3-17-47	1-05-79
Thompson, Mark	3202 Operator	7-09-47	1-02-79

In memoriam

Name	Div./ Dept. Classification	Deceased
Alexander, William E.	3218 Former Operator Retired 2-1-77	10-02-78
Chavez, Florentino	3334 Former Mechanic "C" Retired 6-1-55	1-13-79
Roberts, Virginia G.	5050 Former PAX-Information Clerk, Retired 10-13-73	12-28-78
Shelton, John H.	3299 Former Flagman Retired 3-1-62	12-30-78

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

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