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Cadelli Voted Riders' Favorite Bus Operator

by Usha Viswanathan

Balloting from the first quarter Riders' Choice program ended with a total of nearly 1,300 votes tabulated. Twelve operators, each of whom received the highest votes in their divisions, were selected as the riding public's favorite operator.

Division 6 Operator Rick Cadelli, a 12-year District employee, received the highest number of votes of all operators and is the quarter's grand prize winner.

All 12 winning operators received two season tickets to Los Angeles Clippers games at the Sports Arena. Cadelli also received an autographed basketball from the Clippers; membership in the Clipper Club; and a VCR from FEDCO Membership Department Stores, co-sponsor of the first quarter's Riders' Choice program.

"Bus operators are being chosen by passengers in recognition of their professionalism," said Promotions Manager Alice Wiggins of the RTD Marketing Department. "The Riders' Choice program allows passengers who ride with an operator on a regular basis or who ride occasionally to commend operators who demonstrate care and dedication to service."

Ballots for the program are distributed

on board buses in "Take-one" boxes and at all Customer Service Centers. Approximately 330 operators received one or more votes during the first quarter.

At the end of each quarter, an outside panel of judges is gathered to make a final determina-

tion of winners, and a program sponsor provides a prize to each operator with the grand prize winner receiving a prize of the highest value. Winners from the second quarter Riders' Choice voting, currently underway, will be announced some time in early March. The following operators were the first quarter winners: Edward Henderson, Division 1; Rick Ortega, Division 3;



Division 6 Operator Rick Cadelli was chosen the favorite RTD bus operator by the riding public in the first quarter Riders' Choice program initiated by the Marketing Department in July 1987.

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Robert Wilson, Division 5; Rick Cadelli, (Grand Prize Winner) Division 6; Theodore Williams, Division 7; Les Vance, Division 8; Charles Johnson, Division 9; Sharron Thompson, Division 10; Darrell Gibson, Division 12; Bruce Erlenmeyer,

RTD, LACTC Approve Joint Powers Authority Plan

The RTD Board of Directors and the LACTC Commissioners together approved a plan to merge rail planning and operations under one major auxiliary agency administered by both agencies. The RTD and LACTC deliberated the plan at a special meeting held November 23, 1987, at the Hall of Administration.

The meeting constituted a transportation "summit" between the agencies whose relationship has been described as "rivalrous" in the last several years. The session was called immediately following the Governor's veto of the Reorganization Bill—AB 18 by Mayor Tom Bradley to discuss remedies for the transportation challenges facing Los Angeles County.

The RTD Directors and LACTC Commissioners voted to form a committee to investigate the potential of a third jointly controlled transit agency that would oversee the construction of Metro Rail and the Long Beach-Los Angeles Light Rail. Presently, the RTD controls Metro Rail while the Commission administers the Light Rail line.

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separating out the responsibilities, the District's bus operations would receive increased attention leading to the end goal of improving services.

The officials also voted to explore the possibility of having elected representatives rather than appointees serve on the Transportation Commission.

Mayor Bradley declared the meeting "a historic event" as the two agencies successfully suspended their cold war and sat down in a spirit of cooperation. Those in attendance at the meeting included the members of the RTD Board: President Jan Hall, Vice-President Carmen Estrada, Directors: Nick Patsouras, Marvin Holen, Gordana Swanson, Jay B. Price, Joseph S. Dunning, Erwin N. Jones, Charles H. Storing, Kenneth R. Thomas, and General Manager John A. Dyer. Representing the LACTC were: Commission Chairman—Mayor Tom Bradley; Commissioners: Supervisor Kenneth Hahn; Supervisor Mike Antonovich; Supervisor Edmund Edelman; Councilman Michael Woo, City of Los Angeles; Mayor Christine Reed, City of Santa Monica; Councilwoman Jacki Bacharach, City of Rancho Palos Verdes; Marcia Mednick, City of Los Angeles; and LACTC Executive Director Rick Richmond.

A Special Joint Committee on Govern-

A First Hand Look at District's Competition

by Dan Miller
Operations Staff
Superintendent

District staff inspected a new Gillig bus on November 16, 1987, at the Central Maintenance Facility (CMF). Through cooperation of Laidlaw Transit, Inc., the Gillig bus was brought to the CMF for comparison with the District's new suburban Neoplan buses.

Both the Gillig bus and the District's new 1100 series Neoplan buses have high back seats for additional passenger comfort on longer distance passenger trips. The 1100 series bus has one door and 47 seats and the Gillig bus has two doors and 43 seats.

Assistant General Manager for Operations Robert Korach said the District is interested in the purchase of additional buses with high back seats with two doors, and noted, "In order to retain and enhance long distance services, we need to

mental Relations met December 2, at the Department of Water and Power to consider common RTD and LACTC state and federal legislative goals for 1988.



Might the Gillig Phantom overtake the RTD-operated Neoplan? In this case the race is not always to the swiftest but rather to the most cost efficient.

improve the level of passenger comfort, which includes more comfortable seats."

The full-size Gillig buses are currently operated by the Laidlaw Company on nine former District express bus lines canceled in October 1987, through contract to the City Department of Transportation (LADOT). The same full-size Gillig buses are in service on two former District bus lines canceled in November 1987, and operated by Embree Bus Company through contract to the County of Los Angeles. Small Gillig buses are being operated by Laidlaw on the former District circulation routes, Lines 147 and 208, following District cancellation of these lines.

Finally, in December 1987, plans called for Laidlaw to start operation of the District's four Pomona Valley local lines using small EMS Falcon buses. The City and County Contract services are jointly funded by the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC) and the City or County, respectively. The District canceled these services in accord with the RTD Board of Directors' adopted service deployment policy which provides the option for cancellation of low ridership bus lines when financial restraints require cuts in service.

This transfer of service from public to private operation is

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Bus Lines Rerouted to Bypass Construction

Twenty-one bus lines are being rerouted around Metro Rail construction along Hill Street at First and Fifth Streets in downtown Los Angeles on weekends and some weekday nights only.

The detours affect lines operating in the vicinity of First and Hill Streets and will continue through January 11.

Hill Street will be closed to through traffic between Temple and Second Streets. In addition, First Street between Olive and Broadway also will be closed.

Weekday night closures will occur on the following dates: January 4-7 and 11-14. Weekend closures will occur on January 2-4 and 8-11.

The closures are

necessary to accommodate Metro Rail construction activities along Hill affecting both the Civic Center and Fifth and Hill Stations.

The following lines operating southbound on Hill will be detoured along Spring Street during the weekends and on some weekday nights: Lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 81, 420, and 424.

Weekend closures will begin at 8:30 p.m. on Friday and continue through 5:30 a.m. Monday morning. Night closures during the week will start at 8:30 p.m. and run through 5:30 a.m. the next morning.

The following lines operating along First between Olive and Broadway also will be affected by the closures: Lines 76, 78, 79, 401, 444, 446, 480, 483, 484, 485, 487, and 490. These lines will be rerouted to Temple Street and Grand Avenue before resuming their regular routes.

RTD TOSs Take Charge in Wake of Chemical Fire

The quick actions of District personnel during a recent chemical fire not only safeguarded the health and safety of Division 10 personnel but also kept service operating.

The noxious fumes from the nearby Witaker Petroleum Company fire on November 9 caused considerable physical distress such as eye, nose, and throat irritation, and nausea. Many employees were overcome by the fumes and had to be hospitalized. Schools in the vicinity were

evacuated to avoid further injury to the students. The cause of the fire and subsequent pollution resulted from a vat of paint that caught fire in the early morning hours and resisted extinguishment until the following day.

TOS-VO Armando Caceres said that a citizen had informed him that smoke was billowing out of a building at the corner of Mission and Richmond Streets. "I observed fumes coming from the roof and then immediately notified the radio dispatcher. The fire department responded and soon after we began evacuating personnel from Division 10," said Caceres.

Transit Operation Supervisors, Transit Police, and Maintenance
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District's Competition

... continued from page 3 currently referred to as privatization. As part of the present federal administration's policy, the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) is requiring that public transit operating agencies take steps to provide for private operation of existing

publicly operated services in some instances. Specifically, selected bus lines are required to be contracted to private companies, in situations where comparable service can be operated at reduced cost.

Director of Transportation Leilia Bailey, who attended the Gillig bus inspection, noted that there are proposals for major expansions in private operation of services currently oper-

ated by the District.

Similarly, Director of Equipment Maintenance Rich Davis stated, "The projected cost savings between public and private operation needs to be carefully monitored so that all costs are accu-

The Gillig was brought to CMF for comparison

rately reported. The private companies should gradually experience the real world pressures of the public transit operating agency and have to play under the same rules. However, in the short term, it appears the District must find a way to operate consistently good service and be cost competitive in order to avoid the possibility of major transfers of service to other operating entities."

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Director of Transportation Leilia Bailey presented certificates of merit to District personnel who assisted with the evacuation of Division 10 following a nearby chemical fire in November 1987. Front row, from left to right: Leilia Bailey, Jesse Castorena, Velma Breaux, Howard Johnson, and Jesse Quezada. Second row, from left to right: Hector Rojas, Richard Pingarron, Mark Saberola, Noel Price, Armando Caceres, Lee Dorsett, Lon Harris, Robert Delgadillo, and William Bennett. Third row, from left to right: Randolph Vaughn, William Packard, Ralph Wilson, Laurence Cosner, Gary Burrencia, Robert Holland, Luke Fuller, Philip Suchowski, and Randal Schamel.

personnel worked with the fire department to provide medical attention to employees who had inhaled the fumes. They also assisted in transporting those overcome by the fumes to a nearby hospital.

The Transportation Operations Supervisors directed all Division 10 personnel to Terminal 31 to set up a temporary emergency operation. It was at this location that all Owl service and all pull-outs originated. The supervisors detoured bus service to prevent injury. Buses were fueled and serviced at Divisions 1

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and 3 to prepare for the morning roll-outs. This action prevented assignment cancellation and service delay.

In a special ceremony on November 20, Director of Transportation Leilia Bailey presented certificates to those employees who assisted in the heroic measures. "My personal

thanks to each of you for demonstrating top efficiency during a period of emergency and great concern. The District is extremely proud to have you as a part of its team," said Ms. Bailey.

Those employees recognized included: Senior TOS-VO Jesse Castorena, TOS-VO Armando Caceres, TOS-VO Lee Dorsett, TOS-VO Paul McWaters, TOS-VO Robert Holland, TOS-VO H. E. Johnson, Senior TOS-VO Laurence Cosner, TOS-Com. William Packard, TOS-Com. Robert Bennett, TOS-Com. J. B. Mittelman, TOS-Com. Ethel Fields, TOS-Com. Randolph Vaughn, TOS-Div. Gary Burrencia, TOS-Div. Lon Harris, TOS-Div. Shirley Thompson, Transit Police Officer Janice Hart, Transit Police Officer Randal Schamel, Transit Police Officer Velma Breaux, Transit Police Officer Luke Fuller, Transit Police Sergeant Simon Hairston, Transit Police Officer Robert Delgadillo, Transit Police Investigator Philip Suchowski, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor Hector Rojas, Equipment Service Supervisor Richard Pingarron, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor Noel Price, Equipment Service Supervisor Marcial Saberola, Mechanic A Leader Johnny Vergara, Mechanic A Jesse Quezada, Mechanic A Tony Pingarron, and Mechanic C Jaime Genova.

Leaseback Agreement Through CitiCorp Yields \$1.3 Million

The RTD Board of Directors on November 12 approved a leaseback arrangement through CitiCorp under which the District will sell 90 new Neoplan buses and lease them back from the buyer at no net cost to the District.

Cash will be applied to the District's Capital budget

Once the sale is completed, the District will receive a cash payment of \$1.3 million and retain the use of the buses. No other sums will change hands. The cash will be applied to the District's capital budget to purchase new buses.

Referred to as a "tax-benefit transfer," the transaction is allowed under IRS Code Section 168, which expired December 31, 1987. The loophole provided inducements to the public and private sector to transact to the mutual benefit of each. As a non-profit organization, the RTD cannot use such tax write-offs as depreciation allowance, but a private sector corporation can. In exchange for the write-offs, the District received a cash payment.

Anti-Gridlock Act Becomes Law

The Anti-Gridlock Act of 1987 has been added to the California Vehicle Code and became effective on January 1.

The new law states that a driver will not enter an intersection or marked crosswalk unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the

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LAPD Lt. Rick Dyer, Traffic Sector Coordinator, points out the area for enforcement of the anti-gridlock plan for downtown Los Angeles.

intersection or marked crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle driven without obstructing cross traffic. This also applies to the driver of a vehicle making a turn at an intersection who is facing a steady circular yellow or yellow arrow signal.

Drivers found in violation of this law can be fined as much as \$100 on the first offense, and double that amount for a second offense within a year's time. Drivers in

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violation for the third or any subsequent offense within a two-year period can be fined up to \$500 and may have their driver's license suspended for up to 30 days.

Director Appointed to National Task Force

RTD Board Director John F. Day was recently appointed to the American Public Transit Association's (APTA) Task Force on Elderly and Disabled Services by APTA Chairperson Reba Malone.

Day will be assisting the task force by assessing the status of the transit industry's service to the elderly and disabled and the transit systems' compliance with federal regulations (UMTA 504), and by meeting with organizations representing the elderly and disabled to exchange information vital to the extension of services to this group.

On the RTD Board of Directors, Day represents RTD's northern service area including the cities of Glendale, Burbank, San Fernando, Hidden Hills, La Canada-Flintridge, Agoura, and Westlake Village. He was elected to the Board in 1982.

Day concurrently serves as a councilman for the City of Glendale, where he is now serving his third, four-year term.

Since his election to the RTD Board, Day has been the moving force behind District improvements in accessible service. At his urging, an Ad Hoc Committee on Accessible Transportation, composed of four



RTD Director John F. Day

other board members, was formed in 1983. At that time, the District was operating accessible buses on 147 routes.

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Since then, accessible transportation has become a priority item among the District's goals and objectives. Today, the District has well over 1,781 accessible buses. Out of 209 total lines, 189 are designated accessible routes.

The Almost Noiseless Welded Rail

"Clickity-clack-clickity-clack..." Nope. We aren't rewriting the beginning of the *The Little Engine That Could*, just offering the familiar sound associated with trains. However, the latest innovations in light rail construction may just

**Light rail
passengers won't
suffer from any
of those noises**

Service Provided to New South Bay Galleria Transit Terminal

Four bus lines (lines 40, 210, 211, and 442) serving the South Bay were rerouted into the new South Bay Galleria Transit Terminal beginning November 8, 1987.

A grand opening ceremony for the transit terminal, located on Kingsdale Avenue just south of Artesia, was held November 6. Officials from Redondo Beach and RTD and other participating carriers attended the dedication.

"This new transit terminal is a more convenient drop-off point for shoppers going to the South Bay Galleria," said RTD Board President Jan Hall. "The terminal is set in from the street. It should help relieve traffic congestion."

The exact design of the terminal is described as "sawtooth," said Senior Planner Joe Lyle.

Lyle represented the RTD as operations planner for the project which was conceived in 1981. "Originally, the contract architects wanted to construct bays that would require a reverse back-up movement. That would have meant pulling in with a blind right side. The sawtooth design we are using at South Bay is identical to the RTD Lot C at LAX. The movement is south to north heading in and pulling away sharp to the left," said Lyle. The sawtooth bays also allow more buses to fit into a confined space.

Other transit properties serving the terminal include Torrance Transit, Gardena Municipal Bus Lines, WAVE—a local circulation service, and the Lawndale Trolley.

change the audio portion of your perception of trains. The latest report from the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project states that the new light rail passenger trains won't suffer from any of these noises. The clamor can be blamed on joints connecting the track rails. The rails for the new line says Rail Superintendent-Transportation Ed Vandeventer will be continuously welded to provide a smooth, quieter ride without jointed connections and the clickity-clack noise of the rail and trolley lines of the past. "Normally, a single, jointed rail is 39 feet long. Now, we will weld the rails up to a quarter

mile in length," said Vandeventer. The rails are welded by an electrical heating process and then placed on the trackbed. Those strips are then joined by a chemical welding process while in place on the trackbed.

The first rails of the system are presently being placed along the 16-mile mid-corridor section of the Long Beach to Los Angeles line, from Washington Boulevard and Long Beach Avenue in downtown Los Angeles to Willow Street and Long Beach Boulevard in the City of Long Beach.

Construction crews are now installing the concrete and wooden ties which support the rails, placing the final 12

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A ballast tamper and track leveler machine on the right-of-way along Long Beach Avenue lifts the rail previously laid and levels rail using a laser device while simultaneously re-tamping the ballast underneath the rail to ensure a firm foundation and to prevent settling.

Brotherhood Crusade Holds Third District Campaign

The District began its third charitable-giving campaign supporting the Brotherhood Crusade on November 30 which continued through December 11.

In 1986, the RTD raised over \$142,000 in pledges and payroll deductions from employees.

Members of the campaign steering committee were on hand for the kickoff meeting held November 25 in the Headquarters Building along with division and department representatives. The committee was chaired by Assistant to the General Manager David Dominguez with members including Secretary Liz Silva, Mike Bujosa from the ATU, Cora Jones representing the UTU (and who also

Human Resources Analyst Jeannette Bell from the Personnel Department, and Leo Gray, Account Executive from the Brotherhood Crusade.

Brotherhood Crusade Executive Director Pamela Brooks was on hand at the kickoff to recall the excitement 1987 held for her and its challenge to the organization. "The Brotherhood Crusade was able to mobilize and help the homeless during the January 1987 cold spell," she said. After contacting other organizations, the Brotherhood Crusade was able to pick up as many as 300 a night and house them in churches and synagogues. These people were given shelter and food for six weeks. Eventually, the City of Los Angeles asked the Brotherhood Crusade to run a center for the homeless in one of their downtown buildings. "Our ability to do this was a result of the help and generosity RTD employees displayed in the 1986 campaign," said Ms. Brooks.

The Brotherhood Crusade, founded in 1968, is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization which has been built on the principles of self-help and mutual aid. Its primary mission is to assist in creating quality educational, health, social, economic, and

cultural programs in the community that do not "qualify" for one reason or another for seed money or maintenance from the traditional funding sources such as United Way, federal, state, or local funding sources, or private

Brotherhood Crusade has also assisted community agencies such as the Hispanic Business Association, Pasadena Neighborhood Housing Services, the Community Youth Gang Services, and the East Los Angeles Shelter for Battered Women.

Over the last 19 years the Brotherhood Crusade has enabled



A trio of celebrities helped Brotherhood Crusade Executive Director Pamela Brooks, Leo Gray, and David Dominguez kick off the 1987 RTD Brotherhood Crusade Campaign.

donations.

A few of the many organizations that have received start-up funding in the past year from the Brotherhood Crusade include: Big Brother/Big Sister Program, Minority Aids Project, W.A.T.E.R. (Water Awareness, Training, Education, and Recruitment program to encourage inner-city youngsters to pursue water-related careers), Bridge Back Drug Abuse Center, Challengers Boys and Girls Club, and Jenesse Center for Battered Women. The

much-needed community services to keep their doors open when dwindling public resources threatened to shut them closed. The motto of the Brotherhood Crusade is "Helping People Help Themselves."

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"Helping People Help Themselves"

appears on this month's cover), Operator Michele Taylor from Division 3, Transit Police Sergeant Gene McRiley representing the Transit Police Officers Association and the Teamsters, Howard Crawford from the Payroll Section, John Brewer from the Office of Risk Management,

Patricia Winston Named Operator of the Month

Division 6 Operator Patricia Winston of Los Angeles has been named RTD Operator of the Month for October. She received a certificate of merit from the RTD Board of Directors on November 19, 1987.

Ms. Winston has been an operator for more than five years. Her attendance record is exceptional and she has received the maximum amount of merits awarded to an operator with an outstanding performance and safety record, as well as numer-

ous letters of commendation from her division manager and the public.

Ms. Winston works the 33 line, which runs along Venice Boulevard from the ocean to downtown Los Angeles. Her main hobbies include gospel singing and volunteer work.

The Operator of the Month award is presented in recognition of courtesy displayed, excellence of operating, and in appreciation of the goodwill such courtesy and thoughtful service create for the District.



*Operator
Patricia Winston*

A Time Of Change

Mothers, if you have teenage daughters, it's time to think about ways you can help protect their health and guard against cancer.

"A Time of Change" is a photonovella that will give your daughter helpful information on health and cancer.

Call today for your free copy:
1-800-4-CANCER

 **Cancer
Information
Service**

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as a public service by this
publication.*

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inches of gravel ballast atop the trackbed, and constructing rail crossings at Wardlow and Spring Streets in Long Beach. The trackwork will be finished by January 1990.

Most of the work is taking place within the rail right-of-way so motorists will find little to no impact on the flow of traffic.

Construction taking place downtown is another story, however. The work is continuing on a half-mile tunnel that leads to a station at 7th and Flower Streets where the light rail line will

intersect with the Metro Rail line. Work crews are opening the street to construct a gradually sloping ramp and a short tunnel that will go from 12th Street and Flower Street (at grade) to 8th Street and Flower Street (underground).

Because the work requires heavy earthmoving equipment, some motorists' fur will inevitably fly dealing with the inconvenient disruption of traffic.

The tunnel will be about 40 feet underground and measure approximately 20 feet high by 30 feet wide allowing for two tracks. The tunnel construction method is the so-called "cut and cover" process.

Once the first stage of digging is completed, the street is covered over with wooden planks. This procedure allows traffic to run at street level while work crews continue construction underground. Although the subway is only a few blocks long, it will be

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equipped with three emergency exits that lead to the street.

At the underground station, riders will have the option to transfer to a Metro Rail train that will run along an east/west route in downtown. Riders who have reached their destination at that station will reach the street by taking an escalator or stairway up to the lobby of the Roosevelt Building on the northeast corner of 7th and Flower Streets. Construction on this underground station is a separate building project that will begin in early 1988.—Source: *LACTC Railway Construction News*

TOP OPERATORS

For October



The awards for the Operator Recognition Program for the month of October 1987, were announced in the latter part of November. The presentations include the Manager's Award which is accompanied by a \$35 check and the Sweepstakes Award which offers a windfall of \$50.

To recognize the many operators excelling in their pursuit

The program has as its purpose to recognize and reward the many bus operators who consistently perform in an outstanding manner. The theme of the program is "In Pursuit of Excellence." Those operators excelling in their pursuit are listed below.

Manager's Award

- 3201 Leroy Carter
- 3203 Lydia V. Mazariegos
- 3205 Thomasina F. Corbin
- 3206 Harold Kenneybrew
- 3207 Nathan Weathersbee
- 3208 Ronald E. Negri

- 3209 Bacilio A. Cortez
- 3210 Thomas L. Mattocks
- 3212 Gerald White
- 3215 Salvador Flores
- 3216 Annie L. Livingston
- 3218 James T. Amos

Sweepstakes Award

- 3201 Johnny Jimenez
- Efrain Rangel
- R.W. Schlumpf
- William Shade
- Gerald Durant
- Willie Hall
- Jo Godfrey
- Jose Gonzalez
- Mike Licon
- Juan Arce
- Rafael Gutierrez
- 3203 Frank Hooks
- Rudolph Lagunas
- Vernon Simmons
- Michael Walton
- Jerome Smith
- Lester Hollins
- Ivan Miller
- Richard Gomez
- Andres Mejia
- Jose Ulloa
- Daniel Sullivan
- Sabrina Sparks
- 3205 L. C. Galloway
- William Jarvis
- George Jefferson
- Mary Johnson
- Elijah La Cour
- Gerald Luke
- Dana Mitchell
- Alpha Marshall-Goodall
- Louis Pine
- Phyllis Smith
- Vardell Solomon
- Homer Thomas
- 3206 Dora Alvarez
- Henry P. Scott
- Deborah Johnson
- German Suarez
- Patricia Stewart

- Charles Hagen
- Raymond Sellers
- Ronnie Buggs
- 3207 James Anderson
- Lee Peppers
- Timothy Del Cambre
- Walter Johnson
- Ronald Jefferson
- William Thomas
- George Spencer
- Delbert Brown
- Dudley Wed-daburne
- Carlos Iglesias
- Robbie Browne
- Raymond Duncan
- 3208 Eldon Hoffman
- Jeffrey Herman
- Nocona Hudson
- Robert Daubney
- Gerald Maizland
- Jack Skiles
- Marshall Long
- Gordon Stevenson
- Terry McCrary
- James Dickey
- Charles Blatt
- Steven Landis
- 3209 Armando Medina
- William Altemeier
- Richard Carbone
- Hector Carbajal
- Vernon Ebert
- Danny Ennis
- Curtis Jones
- Newitt Lawson
- Alexander Martinez
- Michael Ray
- James Roberts
- Jerry Schroeder
- 3210 Lee Crowe
- Herbert Orange
- Jimmy Williams
- Richard Flores
- Walter Venegas
- Robert Chasco

- Julio Gallo
- Michael Avalos
- Martin Schempp
- Charles Cannon
- Edmundo Oliver
- Alfreda Lanoix
- 3212 Robert Brown
- Natividad Castillo
- Adam Gandara
- Jesse Gomez
- Elton Hoffman
- Jesus Ruiz
- Joseph Santoyo
- Marvin Stewart
- 3215 Gilbert Felix
- Joe Flores
- Patrick Hart
- Juan Hernandez
- William Liddell
- Eusebio Martinez
- Larry Moore
- Bellenger Morgan
- William Motherspaw
- Ronald Osby
- Nicholas Tummolo
- Lester Williams
- 3216 Joseph Bailey
- George Craver
- Tommie Dunsmore
- Luduvico Castro
- Willis Jones
- Randall Moore
- Paul White
- George Zumkley
- 3218 Mangle Moody
- Ulysses Johnson
- Eldora Lay
- Bernice Derden
- James Everett
- Ignatius Arellano
- Robert Voss
- Beverly Keyes
- David Hudson
- Mary Delgado
- Tonny Lindsey
- Laura Marie



PUBLIC COMMENDATIONS

Dear RTD Supervisor:

I have been riding bus #498 to get to work for more than 7 years. During these years I met a few wonderful bus drivers. But I am very happy to have found one of the best recently.

Her name is Rose L. Todd. Number 1, she is very punctual. Number 2, she is a good, steady driver. Also she is cool when she is driving. Number 3, she is kind and polite to everybody.

However, I didn't know that she is more than the above mentioned. She is very honest! One day I left my expensive reading glasses on the seat. But I knew that I'd get them back, if she noticed them. She did and gave them back to me, even though she doesn't know me by name.

Dear RTD, you can really be proud of having an honest, pleasant, and hard-working driver like Rose L. Todd! I enjoy riding RTD as long as I can have a driver like her!

Thank you very much,
Eimi Isaka

Mr. Tom Horne
RTD
425 S. Main St.
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Dear Mr. Horne:

I wish to comment on the performance of your driver (Larry T. Tortuya) who drives your bus line #178 to Cal Poly at 3:37 and 6:41 in the afternoon.

He is always pleasant and courteous to passengers. The unique thing about this driver is the **consistency** of his performance. Even when he has a bus with no windows and broken air conditioners and is soaking wet, he **still** is courteous. Even when he is visibly tired, he continues with a pleasant attitude towards his passengers.

It is my personal opinion that this driver gives service "above and beyond the call of duty."

Sincerely,
Jo Ann Underwood
Nunez

RTD
Customer Relations
425 S. Main St.
Los Angeles, CA
Ladies/Gentlemen:

I have been intending to write to you for quite some time to commend the driver on line 448, Rodney Bowen, who drove the second bus in the morning into Los Angeles. He was always on time, always pleasant and courteous, and was a great driver. I really

looked forward to seeing him in the morning and if I went in later and took another bus, I felt that I hadn't started my day off right. It's hard getting used to the service now provided by Laidlaw because we haven't had any drivers who are as personable as Rodney. People that I have spoken to at the bus stop felt the same about him. He should truly be commended. No one could do a better job!!

Please provide his supervisor with a copy of this letter as well as Rodney. Also, tell Rodney that we miss him and wish him the best of success at RTD and his future. He is a gem!!!!

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Doran B.
Richart
Rancho Palos Verdes

Customer Relations
Department
Dear Sir:

Since I do not wish to own or operate a motor vehicle in the boiled-spaghetti mess of Los Angeles traffic, I am almost entirely dependent for transportation on the RTD with which I am quite satisfied.

In Hollywood, I board the 2 or 3 westbound on Sunset to Highland, where I transfer to the northbound 420 to North Hollywood.

One evening, recently, I stood on the northwest corner of Sunset and Highland waiting for the green light so I could cross to

the next bus stop.

Across the street the 420 was also waiting for the green light. The second the light changed, my shopping bags and I started flying, and the dear, sweet driver (George Melanson) waited for me.

As we wended our way northward I observed this gentleman's quiet courtesy and efficiency. He is kind to elderly ladies, and we certainly appreciate that.

It occurred to me that I was very comfortable and relaxed, more as if I were sitting in an armchair at home than riding on a bus.

Because of frequent stops along the route with some less skillful drivers, I begin to feel like an egg nog before I reach my destination. Driver #395 (George Melanson) has mastered the art, while maintaining necessary speed, of gently and smoothly stopping and starting a large vehicle so one hardly notices the motion at all.

Riding on his bus is a very peaceful and comfortable experience.

Yours truly,
(Mrs.) Priscilla A.
Robinson

Thanks for a Job Well Done !

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Raya, Joseph J.

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Cobbs, Earl
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Chavarria, Michael A.
Coleman, Juanita L.
Jeffery, Kevin L.
Martin, Linda J.
Mullins, Gwendolyn M.
Whitehead, Masco
Williams, Germaine T.

Division 6

Ephriam, Charles E.

Division 7

Egardo, Charles L.
Hejjawi, Maria H.
Musgrove, Herb

Division 8

Arancibia, Margarita
Blumberg, Arthur B.
Fulton, Thomas
Grayson, Vester M.
Hawkins, Raymond
Piche, Richard M.
Melanson, George E.
Schneider, Paul T.

Division 9

Bauman, Leslie
Gentry, Gary
Gutierrez, Jose D.
Legans, John E.
Pelaez, Hector M.
Tortuya, Larry T.
Villa, Rosa M.
Wharry, Charles A.

Division 10

Porter, Liziellen L.

Division 12

Neal, Emery L.

Division 15

Martinez, James V.

Division 16

Dine, Clarence D.
Todd, Rose L.

Division 18

August, Calvin
Bowen, Rodney
Lakis, George J.
Shamsid-Deen, John T.

Smokers Survive the Great American Smokeout

Gloria Mitchell of Division 3318 proudly reports that an even dozen maintenance employees survived the Great American Smokeout Day by not smoking for 24 hours! They include: Dennis Ervin, Horace Wooten, Kenneth Perry, Melvin Dunbar, Harold Peterson, Oscar Plascencia, Luke Logan, Kurt Alston; and representing the women were Juanita Lee, Vernice Harris, and Margie Pye.

Cheryl Breaux served as Wellness Representative at Division 3205 and reports six operators and one stenographer survived the day in great shape! Their names are Robert E. Jones, Charles L. Jenkins, Willie G. Jamerson, Gwen Mullins, L. C. Galloway, and Linda Martin representing the operators and Pat Swift representing the stenographers.

Wellness Representative E. L. Paternoster of Division 3212 reports Howard Brenchley, Al Wise, and Ben Iverson as survivors.

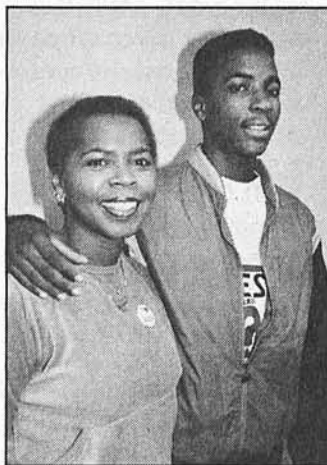
Those of you who were wondering if it helped for non-smokers to adopt and care for and encourage adoptees to make it through the Great American Smokeout Day without smoking, may find a good example set by Division 3216. Three people, Victor M. Castro, Paul Brooks, and Ray O. Hart

were adopted by E. E. Townsend, William Tibbitt, and Milton D. Jackson, respectively, and all three of the adoptees succeeded in abstaining for a day. In addition, E. E. Townsend made it through the day.

Congratulations to all of you!

—Luanna Urie

Bryant and Son Are a Team



Staff Assistant Sophia Bryant and her star athlete son, Victor Prince II.

Staff Assistant Sophia Bryant (no relation to the Crimson Tide's Paul "Bear" Bryant, unless you consider their strikingly similar abilities in bringing up star athletes) started working at the RTD when her young son Victor was four years old.

"My son and I have grown up at the RTD," said Sophia. Victor Prince II is now 17 years old and a senior at Hawthorne High School. Around campus Victor is known as the "prince of football." He is a wide receiver on the varsity team and also plays left-field on the varsity baseball team. Last year Victor was third in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and hopes to take his team to the CIF 4A championship this year.

Both mother and son are now considering which colleges Victor should attend. He hopes to continue playing as an athlete at a major college or university while pursuing his interest in journalism. At this time Victor says he is looking favorably on Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

When not on the practice field or hitting the books, Victor's favorite past-time is watching Monday night

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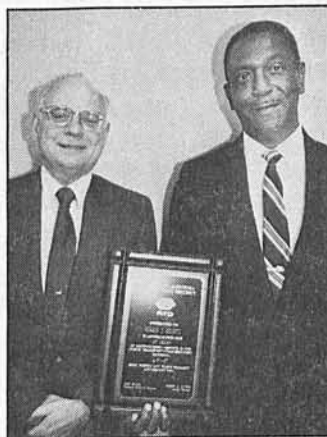
football when the Raiders or Patriots are playing.

Victor's mother works for Maintenance General in the Quality Assurance Section.

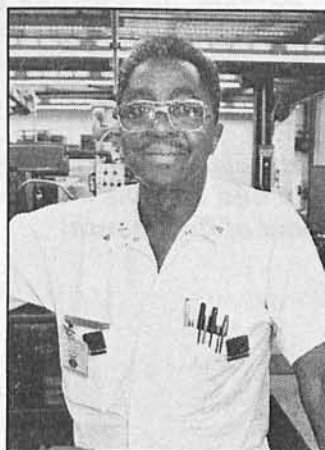
COMMENDATIONS



Mail Carrier Doris Brown was selected the General Services Employee of the Quarter for the third quarter of 1987. Doris has worked 18 years at the District. She has been in the Mail Services Section for 12 years, and was promoted in 1983 to Mail Carrier. Doris is the first and only female to hold this position. Her supervisors feel she is someone they can count on to provide quality service and is a leader in her own right. On November 18 her supervisors presented her with a plaque and a \$50 U. S. Savings Bond. Doris was told the recognition was long overdue for someone so deserving.



Division 5 Operator Mark J. Scott (right), whose official date of retirement was April 30, 1987, was recognized at the District Board Room on November 12. Scott began with the company in 1962. He was presented his plaque by Assistant General Manager for Operations Robert Korach (left).



Certificates of Merit were presented to the October Employees of the Month at the November 19 Board of Directors' Meeting by RTD Director Joseph Dunning. Those employees included, front row, from left to right: Division 6 Operator Patricia Winston, Telephone Information Operator Ambrose Hale, and Division 1 Mechanic A Marvin Hammond. Back row, from left to right: Division 1 Maintenance Manager John Adams, Director Dunning, Division 6 Transportation Manager Eugene Hamilton, General Manager John A. Dyer, and Director of Customer Relation Robert Williams.

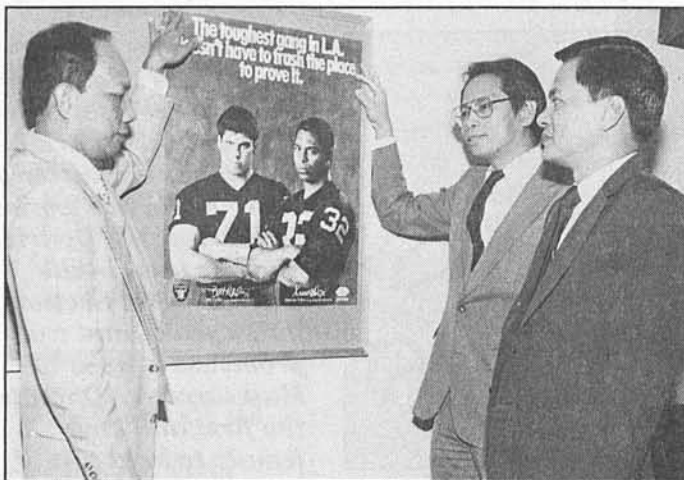
Machinist A Albert R. Sampson was chosen the South Park Shops-Central Maintenance Facility Employee of the Month for September. His supervisors regard him as an excellent employee with good common sense. When managing the Machine Shop, he does so in an efficient manner. He communicates with his co-workers effectively and motivates them to get the job done. Sampson has worked for the District for 31 years.

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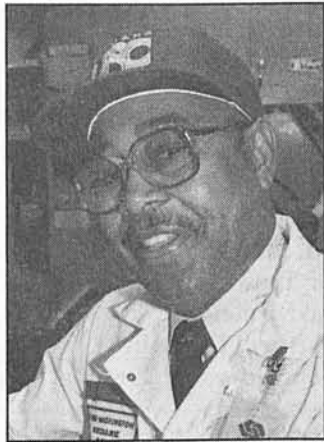


The Conference of Minority Transportation Officials—Los Angeles Chapter recently held an election for the 1988 officers. The new officers were introduced at the November 18 meeting. They include: from left to right: Treasurer Keith Killough, President Cherri Williams, Vice-President James Jackson, and Secretary Edith Goff.

Mechanics from Division 10 offered their time and efforts to the Salesian Boys and Girls Club's Fifth Annual Casino and Vegas Night held November 14. The mechanics volunteered as croupiers and dealers at the casino games which included black jack, craps, wheel of fortune, poker, and roulette. The fundraising event benefits the youth club located in East Los Angeles. The mechanics contributing to the worthy cause included Tommy Elisaldez, Mike Ortega, Miguel Enriquez, Marco Pedemonte, Tony Pingarron, Steve Johnson, Armando Urena, and John Hirth.



RTD Filipino Association members have chosen as a project to spread the word about RTD's second annual Anti-Vandalism Campaign. They have been distributing posters at various Filipino businesses and storefronts in Los Angeles. Here, Immediate Past President of the Filipino Association Emilio Estepa (far left) and current President Joe Vicente (far right) present one to Deputy Consul Willy C. Gaa (right center) from the Philippine Consulate in Los Angeles. The message the association hopes to impart "The toughest gang in L.A. doesn't have to trash the place to prove it." The year's RTD public service campaign features running back Marcus Allen and defensive tackle Bill Pickel of the Los Angeles Raiders. In addition to storefronts, nearly 700 outdoor billboards are on display around Los Angeles County with 200 billboards installed on the exterior of RTD buses. Five thousand posters were distributed to local schools in the area, targeted primarily at youths between the ages of 12 and 16. The campaign will run through the end of this month.



Mechanic A Flood Washington was selected the South Park Shops-Central Maintenance Facility Employee of the Month for October 1987. Washington is a conscientious worker who consistently produces the highest quality work in a timely manner. His friendly attitude and his good, steady work habits help to create an atmosphere conducive to high quality productivity. Washington works in the Upholstery Shop and has been with the District for 32 years.



Electrician Leader Naguib Yacout was selected the Facilities Maintenance Employee of the Month for October 1987. Yacout is the leader on the swing shift at Vernon Yard. He was singled out for his outstanding efforts after the October earthquake in handling the numerous trouble reports. His supervisor praises his leadership abilities and his demonstrated performance in making the swing shift a success. Yacout has been with the District for three years.

The Facilities Maintenance sweepstakes winner was System Electronic Communication Technician Leader Bob Skarseth.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Alatraste, Javier, from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.

Aviles, John, from Information Clerk to Supervisor of Telephone Information.

Ball, Bertrand, from Operator Trainee to Operator.

Beckett, Emily A., from Typist Clerk to Stenographer.

Beebe, Frank D., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.

Brady, Walter W., from Operator Trainee to Operator.

Brizuela, Miguel A., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.

Cambron, Roxye M., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.

Chandler, Mark E., from Accounts Payable Clerk to Cash Clerk/Mopper Waxer.

Chavez, Darcy L., from Operator Trainee to Operator.

Coleman, Andy R., from Mechanic A to Mechanic A Leader.

Coles, Lottie E., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.

Crockett, Brian K., from Operator Trainee to Operator.

David-Richard, Linda,

from Operator Trainee to Operator Part-time.

Delgadillo, Robert G., from Security Guard II to Transit Police Officer-Trainee.

Downs, William J., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.

Dytuco, Ronaldo R., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.

Edgeston, Eddie T., from Truck Driver Clerk to Storekeeper.

Estrada, Julio J., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.

Estrada, Raul A., from Stock Clerk to Storekeeper.

Farmer, J., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.

Fernandez, Luis O., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.

Garcia, Rhonda R., from Staff Assistant to Supervisor of Telephone Information.

Girardi, David, from Operator Trainee to Operator Part-time.

Granger, Gary E., from Cash Clerk/Mopper Waxer to Cash Clerk/Relief Vault Truck Driver.

Greene, John D., from Schedule Maker II to Schedule Supervisor.

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Grijalva, Enrique A., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.
Holmes, Ambrosia M., from Staff Assistant to Acting Office Supervisor.
Houze, Cassandra R., from Operator Trainee to Operator.
James, John M., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.
Johnson, Johnnie L., from Assistant Vehicle Operations Manager to Acting Operations Manager.
Junyck, Michael J., from Mechanic C to Mechanic B.
Langley, Betty L., from Pass Service Representative to Acting Staff Aide.
Lim, Isaac S., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.
Little, Jody M., from Word Processor Operator I to Secretary.
Lopez, Gilbert H., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.
Lopez, Leonard M., from Assistant Auditor to Auditor.
Lumbattis Jr., Garrett, from Stock Clerk to Storekeeper.
Macklin, Rosa L., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.
McGee Jr., Emmitt, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A.
Micheline, Maureen A., from Staff Aide to Acting Staff Assistant.
Montenegro, Raul N., Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.

Morris, Carrie V., from Division Stenographer to Secretary.
Ochoa, Gil S., from Acting Building & Grounds Maintenance Supervisor II to Building & Grounds Maintenance Supervisor II.
Ott, Donald E., from Assistant Administrative Analyst to Administrative Analyst.
Paz, James A., from Mechanic A to Mechanic A Leader.
Peterson, Maurice E., from Mechanic C to Mechanic B.
Pisciotta, Jack, from Relief Stock Clerk to Truck Driver Clerk.
Pouliot, Thomas P., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.
Rickenbacker-Gill, Linda, from Mail & Duplicating Clerk to Data Entry Operator.
Rodriguez, Milton M., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.
Rodriguez, Oscar R., from Electrician to Electrician Leader.
Rodriguez, Thomas S., from Mopper Waxer to Temporary Messenger Clerk/Relief Mail Carrier.
Rougeau, Glenn A., from Operator Trainee to Operator Part-time.
Sao, Yuko, from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.
Schneider, Thomas M., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.
Solis, John V., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.
Stacks, Daniel D., from Operator Trainee to

Operator Part-time.
Stafford, George C., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.
Storey, Harold E., from Acting Director of System & Construction Safety to Director of System & Construction Safety.
Stroup, Jane M., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.
Sweaney, David E., from Mechanic B to Mechanic A.
Taylor, Melvin L., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.
Thomas III, Clarence, from Operator Trainee to

Operator.
Valencia, Alvaro J., from Operator Trainee to Operator Part-time.
Valenzuela, Steven, from Operator Trainee to Operator.
Villanueva, Edith D., from Typist Clerk to Division Stenographer.
Vo, Duc V., from Operator Trainee to Operator Part-time.
Waters, Pamela P., from Operator Trainee Part-time to Operator Part-time.
Whaley, Lucien A., from Operator Trainee to Operator.
Yoshimoto, Wayne H., from Mechanic B to Mechanic A.

SHIFTING GEARS



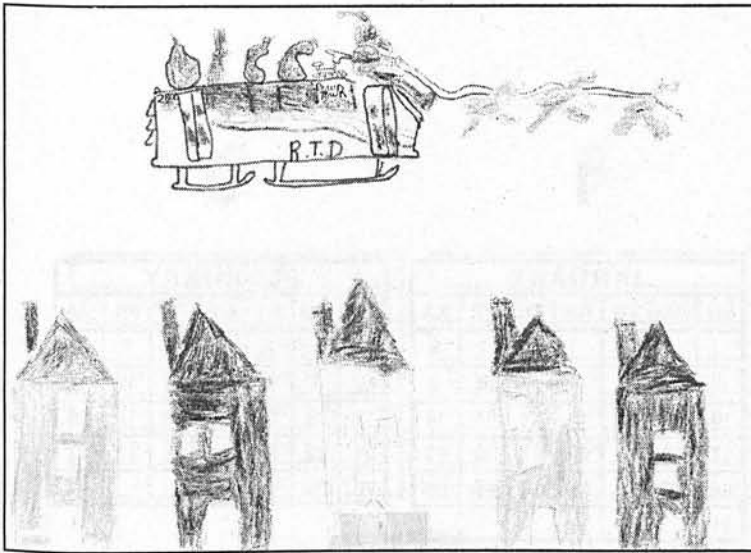
Abston, Henry C., began with the District on August 5, 1961, retired as an Operator on October 27, 1987.
Cubie, Clarence, began with the District on June 25, 1974, retired as a

Utility A on October 25, 1987.
Novak, Theodore, began with the District on May 23, 1965, retired as an Operator on August 23, 1987.

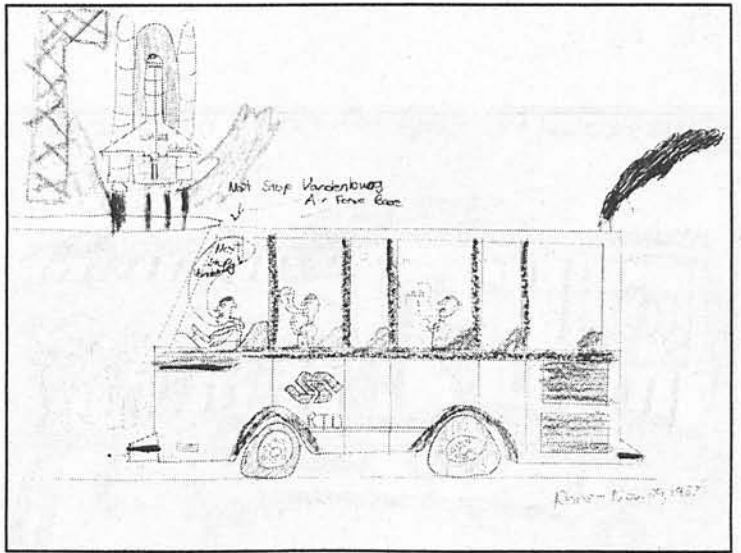
IN MEMORIAM

Damron, William S., began with the District on June 8, 1944, passed away on October 7, 1987.
Munoz, Salvador, began with the District on November 3, 1922, passed away November 3, 1987.

Skidmore, John R., began with the District on March 2, 1945, passed away October 3, 1987.
Wiley, Anthony B., began with the District on July 2, 1979, passed away on October 28, 1987.



Brian Pinon



Jesse Padilla, 11



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Michele Nieves



by Michele Nieves

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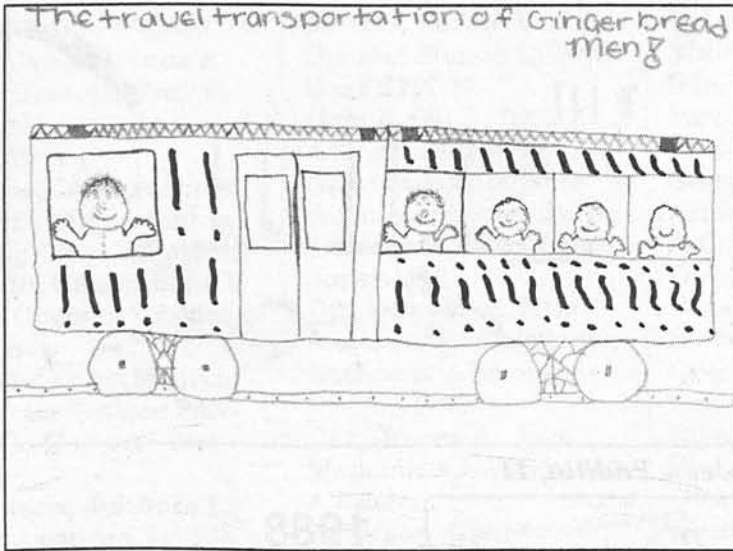
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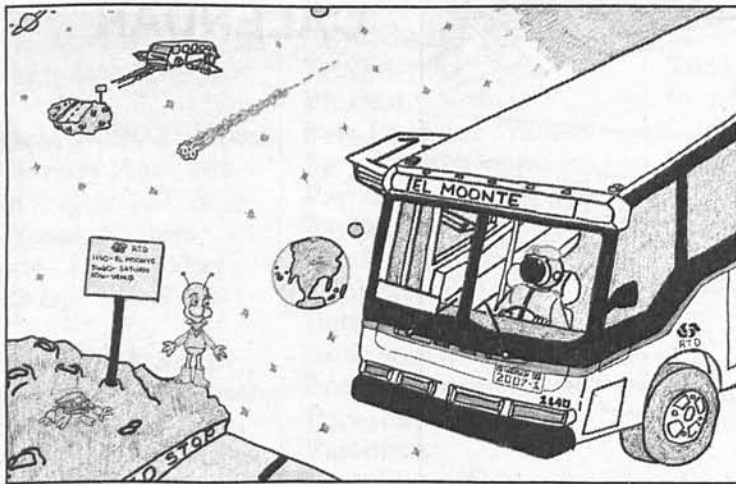
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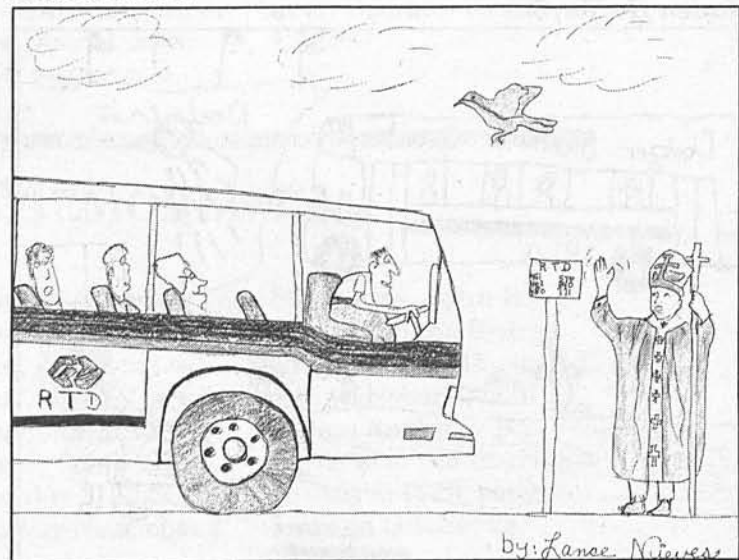


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Lance Nieves



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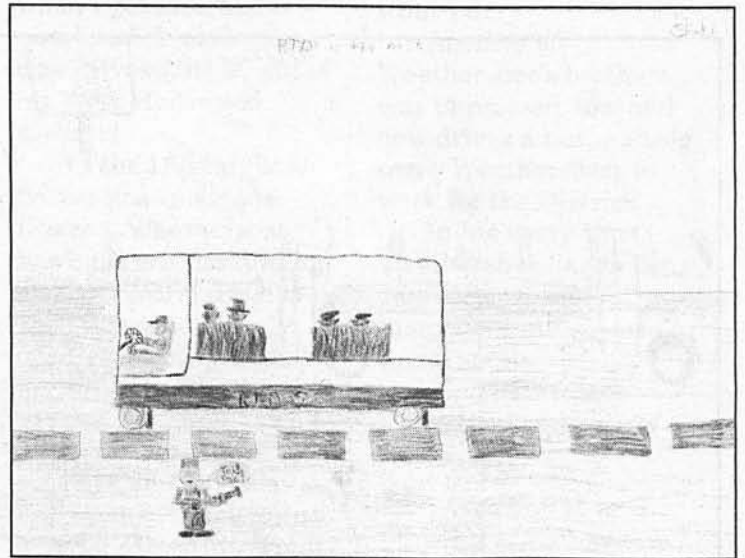
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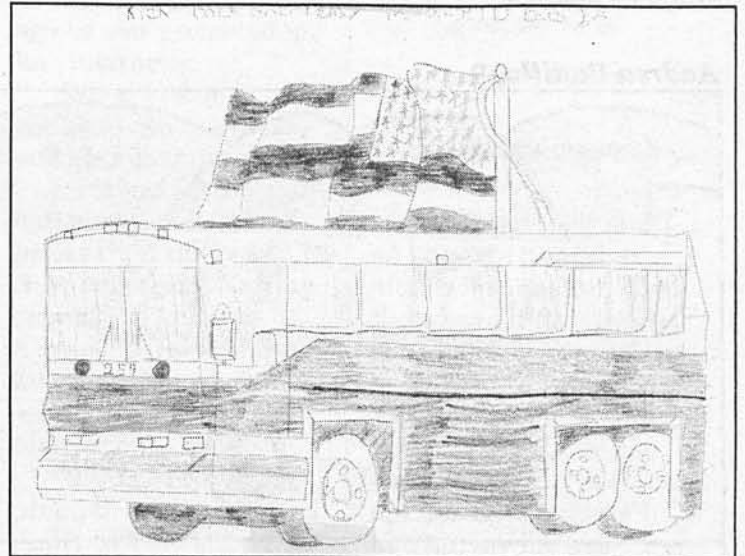


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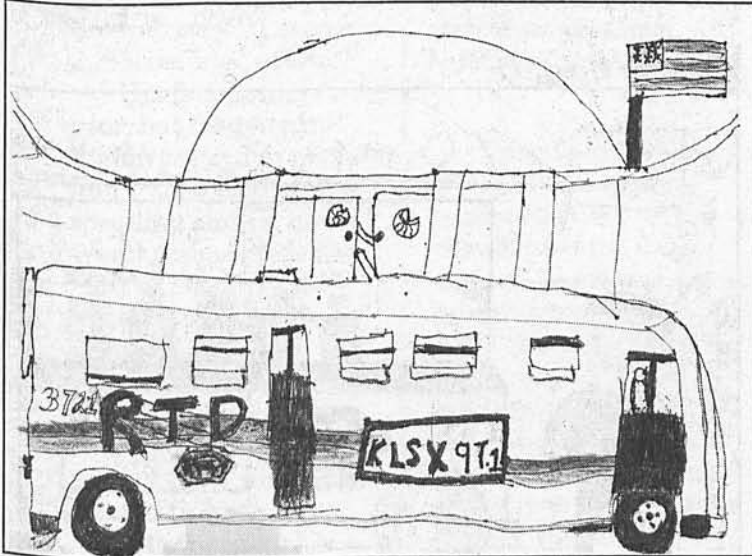


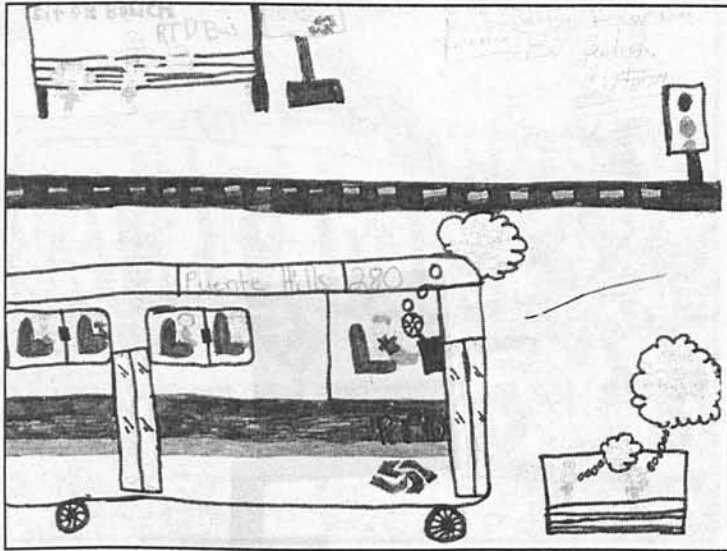
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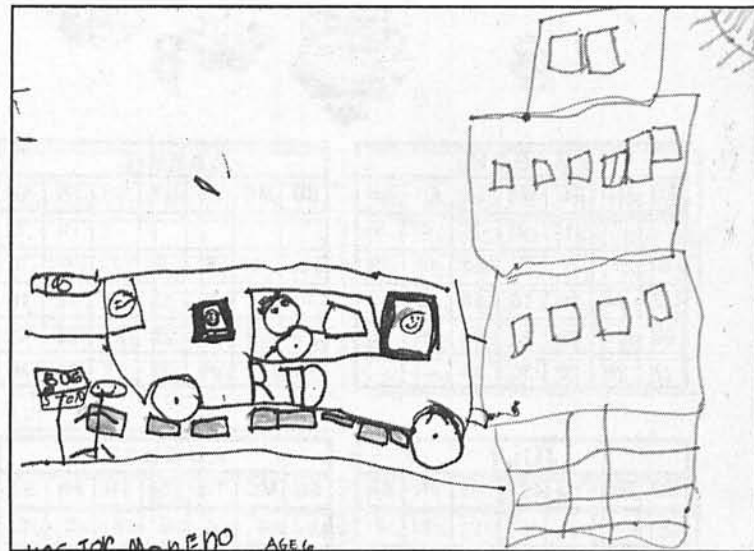


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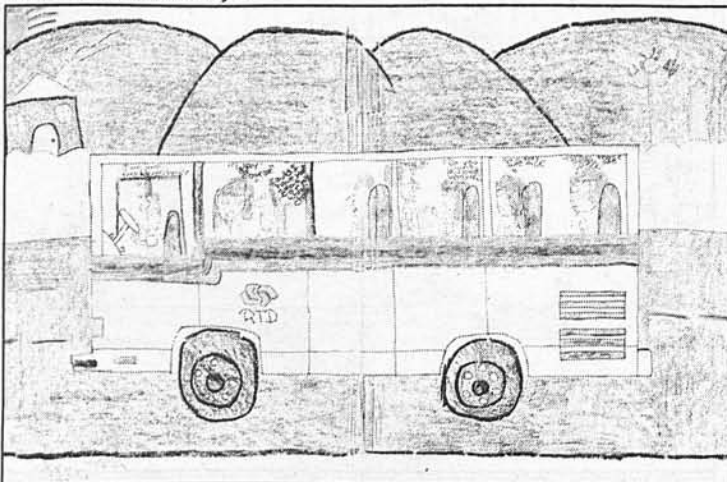
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Boyhood Farmer Now Drives Big City Bus

by John Hyde, RTD News Bureau Representative

Division 7 Operator Handy Weathersbee has come a long way since his childhood days on the family farm near Williston, South Carolina. Helping his father plant and harvest cotton, corn, and soy beans back in the 1950s, Weathersbee might as well have been a million miles from Hollywood, where he now lives.

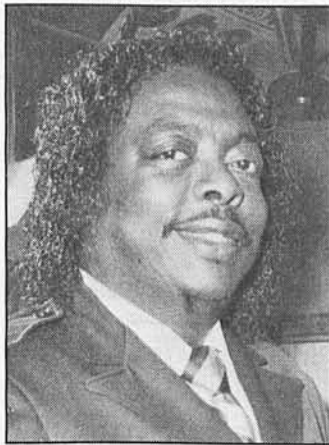
As a youngster, he liked the farm life, but dreamed of new challenges. When he turned 16, he began driving a school bus for the state, driving kids 50 miles back and forth along country roads to Williston schools, little realizing that one day he would drive a bus for RTD—the nation's largest all-bus transit system.

"I really got a kick out of being a kid on the farm. I always liked the fresh air, running around, staying active in a relaxed kind of way."

His family wasn't poor, but his parents couldn't afford to provide him trendy clothes and spending money, and Weathersbee made the most of his pay—\$35 a week. Moreover, the young man looked forward to climbing behind the wheel of a bus, meeting people, and getting them where they wanted to go.

After earning his high school diploma, he

served a tour of duty in central South Vietnam with an army motorpool. Though he didn't see combat, he wasn't far from the action that made the nightly newscasts.



One of RTD's Finest—Division 7 Operator Handy Weathersbee gets ready for roll-out. Handy grew up on a farm, started driving a bus at age 16, and served in Vietnam before joining the RTD.

Despite the stress, Weathersbee kept a positive outlook. As he chauffeured top brass around, he grew to enjoy driving even more.

A few years later, he was a civilian again, looking for work, and he had two small children. One of his brothers, an RTD driver, told him the District was hiring operators.

He rushed to take the written test, passed it, and began another two months of boot camp, RTD-style. He started driving the extra board.

"It was a great start. I liked the excitement and helping people, and the pay was regular. I was happy later, too, when I got assigned my own line." Weathersbee now drives Line 20 out of his West Hollywood division.

In the 18 years that he has driven for the District, Weathersbee has built an outstanding driving record. He has been late to work only once, and that was back in 1972, when he caught the flu. He also has had only one chargeable accident, in 1969, his first year with the District. Over his career, Weathersbee has logged more than a quarter of a million miles. Ten years ago he was promoted to line instructor.

Weathersbee is popular with the public and his supervisors. He has received 20 commendations—five letters of praise from riders and 15 from managers. During July of 1987 he was named Operator of the Month and in the fall he was also recognized as a Meritorious Operator.

"I was so happy and proud to be chosen. I really like my job. After all these years I try and

greet each day with a smile," he said.

His daughters, Sheila, 18, and Charlotte, 19, are proud of him, too.

"My kids are always telling their friends about me. When I meet them, I never know what to say, but I sure feel good knowing my girls like what I do."

Another of Weathersbee's brothers was impressed, too, and now drives a bus, putting three Weathersbees to work for the District.

In his spare time, Weathersbee likes to fish, play softball, and follow "just about all" professional sports.

***Weathersbee
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"You know, as much as I like driving a bus, after a few weeks behind the wheel, it feels really good to get outdoors," he said. "There's nothing like fresh mountain air and a deep blue lake, especially when the trout are biting. I guess, all and all, my life has turned out pretty fine."

Your Social Security Earnings

by Ed Paull Benefits Manager

Each and every employee is encouraged to check with the Social Security Office at least once every three years to see if their earnings history has been properly recorded to their account.

If your earnings history is not properly recorded, this is the beginning of the process by which corrections can be made. It is estimated that the Social Security Office has not properly recorded earnings for over 9 million employees in the United States. If YOU are one of the individuals in which YOUR earnings have not been recorded, YOU will lose out on your legal entitlement to a higher level of Social Security benefits when you retire.

It is very easy to check your earnings level. Simply fill out the form accompanying and mail it to the following address:

Social Security Administration
Salinas Data Operations Center
100 E. Alvin Drive
Salinas, Ca 93906

The earnings history report from social security is provided free.

Note: It is not unusual for the Social Security Administration to be 1 1/2 years behind in posting earnings, so do not be too concerned if

the 1986 earnings are not yet posted to your account.

Additional forms to request earnings information are available at your local Social Security office or in the Personnel Department, (213) 972-6173 or extension 6173.

For Sale

For sale by owner, 9-year-old home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, sprinklers, built-ins, open patio, \$113,000 in Rancho Cucamonga. Call Rose Ramirez, days, 818/914-5713 or evenings, 714/599-9588.

Ladies slacks—size 8, Levi Bendovers, never worn. Contact Sherry Gray on extension 6500 between 7a.m. - 3 p.m.

In Las Vegas, 5 furnished apartments, car port parking. South 11th Street. \$138,000, \$25,000 down. Yearly gross: \$17,000 plus. Please call 702/387-6460.

Let's Get Together

Horse lovers and horse owners. Are you interested in starting an RTD Horse Club? Call Richard at extension 6348.

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“A Day in the Life” Needs You

The relationships between bus operators and their passengers are raw material for many good yarns or harrowing accounts depending on the circumstances. We invite all operators who have had unusual, bizarre, funny, ironic, touching, heart-warming, or even frightening experiences, (or any other kind of situation I didn't think of) while driving to share them in the *Headway*. We want to print your stories in the *Headway* for the benefit of all of our readers who have no idea what a day in the life of an operator is like. We are not

looking for award-winning compositions in terms of English grammar, just an interesting story. You do not have to sign your name if you prefer to remain anonymous. We encourage all operators to send in at least one story. We are hoping that the stories we receive will comprise a new column entitled, “A Day in the Life...” Write us and send your stories through company mail or to RTD, Headway, 2nd Floor, 425 S. Main St., Los Angeles, CA 90013. Thanks, we look forward to hearing from you.

—*The Editor*

He's Rebuilding His Life One Day at a Time

An RTD mechanic who we will call Patrick feels his life is very full and rich with more opportunities opening every day. Patrick, thirty-something, is the father of two children with whom he has a great relationship. This fall he was promoted to mechanic A.

Near the date of his promotion, Patrick had something else to celebrate—two years of being clean and sober from drugs. He approached the *Headway* in order to share his story so that it might help someone. Even if it helped just one person, it would be worth it he said. He firmly believes that in

order to keep what he has, he has to give it away.

Patrick, not his real name, requested anonymity because it one of the requirements of the 12-Step Program he practices daily to maintain his sobriety.

His story, a sad commentary on our times, is, by now, fairly typical. He started using alcohol at age 16. “From there I went on to pot (marijuana). The people I hung out with were ‘loadies’. We used pot, acid, mescaline...we couldn't afford coke or heroin. That was mainlining.”

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The District is fortunate to have many excellent employees who are committed to delivering a quality transit product to the public. These people work hard to “get it done” and do so without fanfare, celebration, or public acclaim.

I would like to thank and commend a group of employees whose work, though not well understood or appreciated, is central to the RTD's goals of providing quality public transit. These people work “behind the scenes” in the Operations

Department to ensure that District service is reliable and cost-effective.

I am referring to the TCU (BRAC), ATU, UTU, and Non-contract employees of the Scheduling Department. These people typically work under adverse conditions with extremely tight implementation deadlines, and very difficult financial constraints, yet they consistently achieve their production objectives. Like people in other departments, these employees often work 10 to 15 hours per day and

will go weeks without a day off. The personnel of the Scheduling Department consistently maintain a “can-do” attitude even when faced with the most demanding projects under the most unyielding, and sometimes, nearly impossible deadlines.

As Director of Scheduling, I appreciate the assistance and cooperation we receive from other departments. I am also very proud to be associated with the women and men of the Scheduling Department.

Sincerely,
Arthur T. Leahy
Director of
Scheduling

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Patrick smoked pot mostly. He had no goals and began to drift. He dropped out of high school and got married. To support himself and his new wife, he got a job in construction. "I used to get high with the other workers. I tried a little coke then, but it was still too expensive. My job wasn't high-paying." He went into the service soon after and found that drugs were plentiful. After mustering out of the army, he became a truck driver and discovered 'bennies'—amphetamines that could keep him alert for long-haul distances. He had friends in Northern California that would supply him with marijuana.

"Any time I had free time I would get loaded. It was my way of socializing with people. I was allergic to alcohol, so I used pot. But I never felt like I had a drug problem because I always worked."

Five years ago, Patrick came to work for the District. "Working here enabled me to buy coke. I made more money than I ever had." His rule was to use only on weekends. His weekends usually began on Friday and ended on Tuesday.

"I was told you couldn't get physically hooked on coke. I believed them. Cocaine took control of my life and it wouldn't let go. I believe if any country wanted to take over the

U.S. all they would have to do is flood the country with cocaine....It's an illness."

The weekend binges Patrick indulged in could cost him as much as \$1600 worth of cocaine. His habit grew to a rate of \$250 a day. "I discovered crack (rock cocaine) and began free-basing (essentially cooking the rock cocaine in an alcohol base and inhaling the fumes) which was my downfall. With the people I hung around with it was easy to become more involved, even to start selling drugs."

His 13-year marriage became strained by his increased drug use. Eventually, his wife left him and he could not cope with it. He used more to cover up the pain. "It was a real crazy time in my life. I went to single bars and found out that the fastest way to meet women was to offer to get them high. I had no morals then. I would go to bed with anyone—my friend's girlfriend, my best friend's wife."

Patrick admits that cokeheads tend to brag about their sexual exploits. "When I hear them today, I know they are lying. On cocaine, sex is the last thing on your mind. Your body becomes dysfunctional."

At this juncture of his life, Patrick felt like he was on an emotional seesaw. All he knew to do was to get loaded. But, he couldn't stand getting loaded nor could he cope with staying sober. "At that time I

would look at my paychecks and see how few hours I worked. My supervisors would counsel me, but nothing scared me. In the last three months of my using it was all falling apart. It affected my relationship with my children. I didn't care about myself and cared less about others."

"People have asked me if I realized the physical damage I was doing to my body at the time I was using. To them, I answer, who cared? I just wanted to get high. You don't worry about your health or financial aspects when your main concern is getting high."

Most of the time he felt suicidal. He kept a gun next to him but could not use it. "I also tried the 'Richard Pryor' way out, hoping to burn myself up, but that didn't work either."

He had no goals and began to drift

One of the things that pushed Patrick over the edge into recovery was stealing from his father. "When you are getting loaded, you are always broke and you steal from everybody—either time or money—from your employer, your family. If you call in sick and stay home getting loaded and they pay you for that sick day, that's stealing."

The other incident that helped him reach his

bottom, was the Richard Pryor movie *Jo-Jo Dancer*. "Pryor talked about how the (free-basing) pipe talks to you, telling you everything's going to get better after a coupla' hits. It doesn't, it gets worse. It gave me a perspective."

Taking the first step despite all his misery was a struggle for Patrick. He talked to his shop steward who told him about the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). He referred himself to the program and after four counseling sessions he was introduced to the 12-Step Program he practices today. "I am not trying to promote the EAP, but they did give me a foundation to hope."

Although he is "jazzed" about being sober, Patrick admits he was a real slow starter. "All the damage catches up with you—bill collectors, your ex-wife, your children growing up and you've missed it!"

Initially, he thought that by becoming sober everything would straighten itself out magically. "No, it doesn't work that way. You have to take care of one problem at a time. All the bills I ran up while I was out there getting loaded forced me into bankruptcy. I am paying the consequences now. All the people I hurt, I had to make amends to. I haven't finished doing that yet."

Besides clearing up the wreckage of his past, Patrick has found he has
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...continued from page 24 to reckon with something he tried to avoid—growing up. “When you sober up, you start off where you left off. I began using and stopped growing when I was 16. I was stuck.” With his two years of sobriety under his belt, Patrick contends this matured him to the emotional age of 18.

“Take relationships. I didn’t know they were so hard to deal with. When I was loaded it was either my way or no way, that was the bottom line.”

Patrick says getting sober takes effort, but if

you put in half the time you put in getting high, your chances for recovery are good and the rewards are well worth it. “Today, I don’t rise to the bait as easily as I used to. I don’t let things aggravate me. I’ll say the ‘Serenity Prayer’ and I find I can change that rough feeling and make it work to my advantage. I can’t change a lot of things. I’m the only one I can change. I have to accept things the way they are.”

In order to change, Patrick had to find a higher power. That is, a power greater than

himself that he could turn to in time of need. He says he found this power through his 12-Step Program. Today he enjoys coming to work and he looks forward to the day. He takes pride in his work and he tries to find a solution that no one else has found.

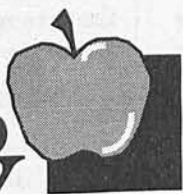
He has dreams today and a purpose to his life. “My first priority is to stay sober, because without that I have nothing. I am getting closer with my children and I enjoy that. I’m in the process of making amends to my ex-wife.”

As for the future,

Patrick maintains that he only lives one day at a time. It works for him. He does plan to go back to school because he would like to learn how to work with teen-agers “because they have it so tough.”

“When I read articles like this, (holds up the Times pointing to a headline ‘Drug-Peddling Street Gangs Hold Neighborhood in Fear’) I want to do something about it.” He folds his hands, and earnestly repeats, “And, the only way I can keep what I have is to give it away...”

TO HYOUR HEALTH



Heart Disease

by Elia Hager Visiting Nurse

Heart disease is still the number one killer in the USA. Even with all the talk of other many spectacular diseases, heart attack poses as the greatest death threat to those living the good American life. Heart attacks strike 1.5 million people in this country and approximately 540,000 died as a result of an attack. This represents a 36 percent mortality rate!

Twenty years ago the mortality rate was 47

percent. This decline in two decades is due to three factors; increased awareness about cholesterol, increased compliance in using anti-hypertensive drugs, and the steady decline in smoking among middle-aged men. (Although these statistics will change because smoking is up with middle-aged women).

Americans have been overly fond of high fat containing foods—among the worst offenders are

fast foods like hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, and snacks like ice creams, chocolate candy bars, cakes, and pies. These also are full of empty calories and the last half of the list is also high in sugar which has been linked to the rise of the “bad” cholesterol forming factor in the blood called triglycerides.

In early October, federal health professionals and experts were brought together by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. They together with many other health agencies have set a national goal of conquering heart disease. As stated earlier, smoking is on a gradual decline; awareness to the care of hypertension is on the rise, we are in an exercise mode nation-wide and 72 percent of all laypeople think that cholesterol is a heart disease hazard. All

of these are positive indicators that the national goal can be reached, but until heart disease is no longer the #1 nationwide killer it is today, we all need to practice prudence in exercise, our medical care, and total eating habits.

What Can We Do?

1. Start with getting your blood analyzed for cholesterol. Everyone should start at age 20. The cholesterol range should be under 200.

a. Desirable: Under 200. Recheck lipoproteins every 5 years

b. Borderline: 200 - 239. Reduce fat intake by reducing intake of saturated and animal fats. Recheck lipoproteins annually

c. High: 240 and over. Drastic reduction of total fat intake. No eggs, no butter, no oils in diet except for 100
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percent corn, 100 percent safflower and olive oil.

What is Cholesterol?

This is a fatlike substance which is produced by the liver and is a valuable, indispensable component in the manufacture of hormones within the body. When the body has too much cholesterol and cannot rid itself of the excess then it begins depositing the waxy substance on the sides of arteries and unfortunately the heart and aorta are the first areas in the circulatory system and prime targets for this build up. This build-up is usually silent and gives no symptoms

until chest pains (angina) or a heart attack strike.

What else can we do?

Don't be fooled by the "clever" advertising words of cholesterol-free or sugar-free. Look beyond the buzz words for total saturated fats and total sugars.

-Cooking oils and baked products may be cholesterol-free but they may include oils high in saturated fat such as palm or coconut oil. (These are the bad guys of the oil family).

-Beware of products claiming to be Health foods - check the label for total fat content and for type of fats used.

-Milk as it is delivered from the cow has 3.3 percent fat.

Low-fat is 2 percent milk which is not much different - 1.3 percent lower in fat compared to skim milk which contains only a trace of fat.

Don't be fooled

by "clever" advertising

Low-fat milk is not for a healthy heart.

-Cream, Half and Half, or coffee whitener? The whitener contains sugar, as well as partially saturated (hydrogenated) oils, and coconut and palm oils which are saturated oils.

-Sugar is corn syrup solids, sucrose, fructose, corn syrup, and lactose.

Sugar is the bad guy of carbohydrates, eliminate or at least cut way back.

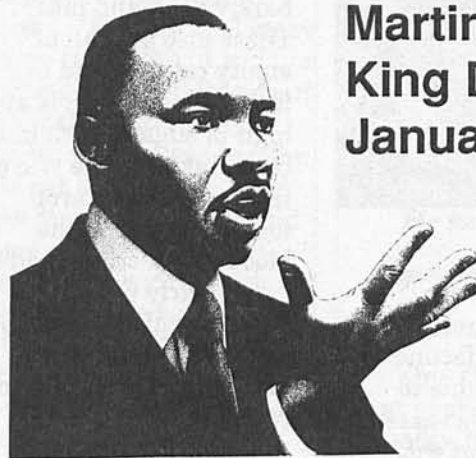
-Breast feed your babies! People who were breast fed as infants appear to have an ability to maintain normal blood cholesterol levels in adulthood, even if they don't have perfect diets.

-Olive oil, although not listed under polyunsaturated oils appears to reduce cholesterol levels in humans. It also adds calories so eat/cook with a light hand. Be wise when you choose oils to cook with and a table spread to flavor your toast or vegetables.

If you have any questions, please send them to me in care of the Personnel Department.

Nearly twenty years ago the world reeled in shock when the youngest man ever to win the Nobel Peace Prize was assassinated. The Baptist minister, civil rights leader, renowned author, Time magazine's 1963 "Man of the Year," and eloquent dreamer of dreams was dead. Only one national holiday honors a private citizen: Dr. Martin Luther King, a man with a dream. His great achievements will be honored this year on Monday, January 18.

Born on January 15, 1929, King rose to national prominence in 1955 when he led a bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama, and inspired generations of Black Americans to insist on being treated as first-class citizens. Through



Martin Luther King Day January 1988

his leadership, a local protest over a moral issue was converted into a national crusade. He appealed to white Americans' consciences and sense of justice. In turn, there was political leverage on the country's leaders. As a result, black citizens reaped the benefits of better housing, better education,

better jobs, enabling the descendants of slaves to finally have a fair chance to join in the American dream.

The man who preached and practiced non-violence died a violent death. But he left a legacy that lives today. More than equal rights, King wanted to generate a sense of pride and

dignity in Black Americans. He wanted to plant the seeds of mutual trust in all of us. His dream—"That one day this Nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal'"—lives on in each of us.

"When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'"

Where To Turn for 1987 Tax Advice

January 1—Out with the old and on with the new. But before you finally wave 1987 good-bye, you'll need to settle things with Uncle Sam. Yes, taxes.

With the sweeping reforms in the tax laws, this year might be a good one to pass on the headache of figuring out your taxes to a professional. But before you hire someone, be aware that the range of tax preparation services offered by different types of tax preparers depends on their education and training. What you need depends on your income situation.

If your return contains only W-2 and small investment income with basic itemized deductions, you can go to any reputable tax preparer for help. That includes Public and Non-Certified Accountants, as well as other tax experts, such as national firms or local individuals.

If your return is more complex, you should consider consulting a more highly trained individual, such as a Certified Public Accountant or an Enrolled Agent.

A Certified Public Accountant (CPA) will advise you on alternate ways to prepare your tax return, and can represent you before the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). CPAs are governed by the code of ethics of a professional organization, which requires that each

CPA pass a stringent initial exam, and then continue earning education credits on a yearly basis.

An Enrolled Agent is also authorized to represent you before the IRS. Enrolled Agents are certified by the IRS after passing a government exam or after working five years as IRS auditors.

If your tax situation becomes involved and threatens to take you into federal court, CPAs and Enrolled Agents will recommend a Tax Attorney, who specializes in tax problems. Attorneys—with or without tax training—can represent you before the IRS.

Before hiring a tax service to prepare your return, here are a few things you should ask:

- How much will preparing my return cost?
- What kind of accuracy check will be made on it?
- Will it be reviewed for mathematical errors only or also for errors in tax law interpretation?
- Is the preparer willing to sign my return and provide his or her Social Security or Federal Identification Number on the return?

• Will the preparer represent me if the IRS audits my return? If so, will there be an extra charge?

The preparer should not guarantee you a refund before completing

your return nor suggest that you take non-existent deductions or commit other dishonest acts. The preparer should not ask you to sign a blank return or one completed in pencil.

And remember, although you hire someone to prepare your return, you are personally liable for any additional tax, interest, or penalty. That threat alone should spur all taxpayers to hire the most competent and honest tax preparer available for the money!

Call on the IRS for FREE Tax Help

- **Toll-Free Hot Lines:** Call the toll-free number, listed in your income tax packet for an answer to any question. They won't ask your name, so anonymity is guaranteed.
- **1-800-424-FORM:** Call for forms or free publications on more than 90 tax topics. Highly recommended are IRS Publication 920 "An Explanation of the Tax Reform Act," and IRS Publication 17 "Your Federal Income Tax." (You'll also find an order blank for forms and publications in your tax packet.)
- **Tele-Tax Service:** Check your tax packet for the Tele-Tax Number

in your area. The toll-free Tele-Tax Service gives you access to about 150 recordings on various tax topics.

• **Walk-In Service:** Feel free to drop in at your local IRS District Office to ask questions or to attend self-help classes. The IRS operates more than 500 walk-in offices.

• **VITA:** If you know a senior citizen needing tax counseling, call your local tax assistance number to enlist the help of a local, specially trained community-service volunteer.

• **IRS Service by Mail:** If you make under \$50,000 per year, you can send your signed return to the IRS with your W-2 wage statement attached, and income and expense information filled in. When you mail your return by April 15, the IRS will figure your taxes for you. Check your tax packet for details.

Free Tax Assistance

As a service activity sponsored by the RTD Filipino Employees Association, Accountant Emilio Estepa will again offer free tax assistance to employees. He will be available on weekdays from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. at 818/508-4129. After office hours, Emilio will be available from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at 213/463-5209.

RTD GOES TO THE MOVIES

Our Rating System

- ***** - A classic
- **** - Excellent; worth standing in line for
- *** - Average; doesn't rise above the crowd
- ** - Fair; decidedly flawed
- * - Poor; a complete waste of time

BOMB - *Zombies of the Stratosphere*; Leonard Nimoy as a Martian.

Hello Again — ***

This is cute. Shelley Long plays the perfect wife and mother, who dies, only to find herself resurrected a year later by her flaky sister. The catch: she must find true love within a month, or return to her grave. There's a bit too much setup before she goes, and a few too many plot devices after she returns, but it's an enjoyable little story about how what we think is constant can change in so short a time. Points also to the writers for coming up with an original ending that makes us forgive one or two of their plot devices. Corbin Bernsen, best known as Arnie Becker, that delightful divorce lawyer on *LA Law*, almost steals the show as the husband, who wastes no time in finding solace for his dear departed. If you see this in the video store for a buck, it's a

good bet.

Date With an Angel - *

Danger, danger. Bad movie alert. Stupid plot, annoying characters, contrived comedy, far too long at two hours, you can see the outcome of this one coming from a mile away, and know that it's just a matter of time. Danger, danger. Complete waste of time and money. Avoid, avoid.

Three Men and a Baby

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Of all the films released during the holiday season, this one has, without a doubt, the highest ratio of box-office names. It also happens to be one of the funnier comedies this season. I mention this, because the two don't often go together.

Tom Selleck, Steve Guttenburg, and Ted Danson play three bachelors in New York who share a luxurious penthouse apartment. Selleck, an architect, has a steady lover. Guttenburg, an artist, never does well, because he always manages to patch up the girls' previous relationships. Danson, an actor, roams the world during his work, and leaves a trail of broken hearts and men's briefs behind him. Imagine Selleck and Guttenburg's surprise when the result of their roommate's

indiscretions shows up in a basket on their doorstep.

There is something inherently funny about men and small babies. It's probably because the stereotypes we're given as children do nothing to prepare men for that little bundle. Unlike Diane Keaton in *Baby Boom*, where her life fell completely to pieces, the men manage to handle the baby fairly well, once they stop panicking. Still, the first time they change a diaper is one of the funniest scenes I've seen in a movie this year.

Aside from a slightly contrived subplot, this movie flows together well. Leonard Nimoy directed, his first feature directorial effort outside the *Star Trek* series, and proves that he has a fine gift for comedic timing. This isn't Chekov, but it's an enjoyable two hours.

Clockwise - ***

This movie came out for only a few weeks last year in a very limited release, disappearing before I had a chance to catch it. Thank heavens for video stores.

Clockwise is a treat for Monty Python fans, and those who enjoy things that are neatly planned. John Cleese is a British schoolmaster, a fanatic for timetables. This man has every activity in his school planned down to the second, and binoculars to help ensure that the students are keeping to the schedule. He's become quite famous for this; so famous, that he's

been invited to be chairman of a prestigious association of schoolmasters. All he has to do is get from his school to the conference in Norwich.

This isn't as easy as it sounds. One after another, things go wrong, pushing him further and further behind in his carefully planned schedule. Many times, he misses things by such a close margin, you can't believe that it actually happened. The beauty of this is that none of these instances ever seems contrived. Absurd, perhaps, but still close enough to the realm of possibility that we can believe it. Of course, the situations grow more and more absurd until we reach the final punchline.

It's not a film that everyone's going to enjoy. The humor is very dry, very British, and there are a few things I'm not certain why they're supposed to be funny. Some people will probably not understand it. However, if you're in the mood for something funny, but want something a little different, I strongly suggest that you give this a try. It will beat NBC's *Alf* any night.

Nuts—****

When I went to see *Nuts* I was looking forward to another zany yet clever comedy starring Barbra Streisand. *Nuts* is not a comedy. It has its moments, but it is definitely not a comedy. What it is, is a tour de force for Streisand's powerful ability as an

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actress. In a nutshell, no pun intended, the plot opens with Streisand facing a competency hearing in a New York court. Should she be found competent, she will then be able to stand trial for manslaughter. She was charged with the death of one of her johns. It all gets very complicated and our star as we discover is no simple woman. Streisand is a high-priced hooker from an affluent family who kills one of her customers in self-defense.

After beating her original attorney senseless in the court room when he wants to plead her incompetent, the court assigns her a public defender played by Richard Dreyfuss. In this movie, however, no one defends Streisand—she is the one-woman show who takes on the world, alone. She is supported by Karl Malden and Maureen Stapleton who portray her loving, supportive parents. James Whitmore is the judge who makes the final determi-

nation.

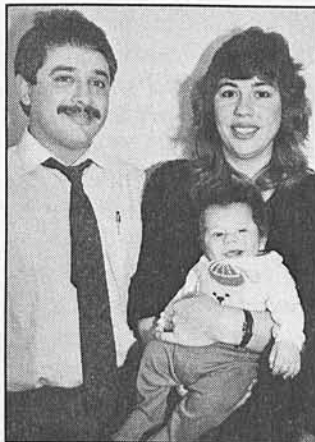
This is a very disturbing film because of the serious issues that are served up and aired. Streisand portrays a woman infuriated at the notion that anyone has the power or right to declare her or anyone else for that matter, sane. She fights for her rights in the most feisty and obnoxious way. For women, this screen portrayal is an image of raw, animal courage and strength—a stirring model. I celebrate Streisand for producing this film. The issues raised cry out for expression that few are brave

enough to create let alone put their money into production of it. I warn you, this is not a film for those who want light entertainment, it is provocative and intense. And, in a performance of great stamina and endurance, Streisand double-dares you not to forget or to try to cover those issues up. Brace yourself.

That's all for this month, the first column for 1988. Next month, we'll be dealing with the rest of the holiday movies, and I'll play host to the Third Annual RTD Goes to the Movies Rubber Chicken Awards.
—Carolyn Kinhead

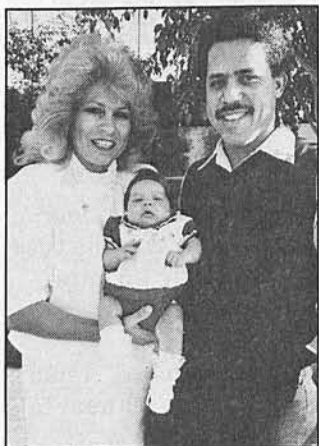
BIRTHS

Born to Staff Assistant Anne Zavala and her husband, Mario; their first child, **Michael Joseph**, September 4, 1987 in Anaheim. Michael weighed 6 lbs, 1 oz. at birth. Mother and father said Michael is a real good boy. "He's our future little leaguer. We take him to all the

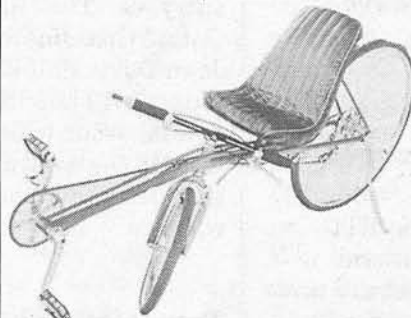


games," said Anne who is an avid softball player.

Born to Division 15 Operator John Maynor and his wife Noreen; a girl, **Noreen Raquel**, on October 18, 1987 in Mission Hills. At birth Noreen Raquel was 8 lbs., 1 oz. and 20 inches long. She is the Maynors' fourth child.



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RTD Fast-Pitch Softball League Update

The RTD Fast-Pitch Softball League had its first reorganizational meeting in December at the Headquarters Building cafeteria. The following Transportation/Maintenance divisions were represented: R. Ramirez and E. Kirkwood, 3201; H. Musgrove and P. Simms, 3207; T. Hill, 3218; I. Espinoza, 3209; M. Canales, Maria Cepeda and D. Vargas, 3310; C. Guevara, 3212; P. Smith and A. Mays, 3318; and John Dover and Emmitt Pippen, Headquarters.

Planning for an all-

Planning for an all-star game...

star game at an RTD company picnic and awards banquet are some of the things under consideration. At our next meeting we expect a team representative from 3215, 3208, 3205, and 3203 to have full representation. Please contact Herb Musgrove at 3207 for any information concerning joining the league. This year's fee will be announced at a later meeting.

Second Annual RTD Chess Tournament

The annual chess tournament will com-

mence March 6 at all Transportation divisions and the Headquarters building for Divisional First Round Play. The Swiss System—one hour, twenty minutes for forty moves will be enforced. There will be first-, second-, and third-place winners qualifying to go to the finals. Every division should select an alternate to represent their division in case of any absentees or emergencies.

Sign-up entry forms will be at all divisions and work locations beginning this month and the deadline is January 31, 1988. There is a \$5 entry fee. The OCS-Gators Coordinators John Dover and Emmitt Pippen will host this annual event which will include the awarding of trophies and prizes for all winners.

Transportation Family Bowling

All those interested in bowling with your transit buddies and families can meet at the West Covina Bowl on January 24 at 10 a.m. There is a \$10 entry fee and a three-game scratch. There are sign-up sheets at all the Transportation divisions and work locations. Contact Rick Flores at 3218 for more information.

Sic Transit. . .

by Carl Motley



The Shock of the Century: A Series

Editor's Note: Shortly before the October 1, 1987, earthquake radio station KFWB started an earthquake preparedness series entitled, "The Shock of the Century: What To Do When the Big One Comes." Following the earthquake, interest, obviously, increased as well as the immediate relevance of the information. The Headway is pleased to run the radio series in print for our readers. The first two segments appear below courtesy of KFWB News Radio.

What actually happens during a major earthquake was perhaps just speculation in the minds of some Southern Californians before Thursday morning, October 1, 1987. Here

are some of the first few live, first-person accounts broadcast on KFWB just after 7:42 a.m.

"There's some glass outside the Hollywood Equitable Building, and, would you believe it, people are still standing underneath the windows here. If another one hits, there's going to be more glass falling..."

the big one

will last

3 to 6 minutes

"So I ducked underneath my desk. The tiles on the ceiling up here have been shaken loose..."

"I was in bed. I had two lamps go off next to continued on page 31..."

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me. Things were falling right and left. One or two pictures came off the wall..."

"All the electricity in Downtown Los Angeles is out..."

"On the phones, what happened was that we had a delayed dial tone. It would seem as if the phones were out of order..."

"Cars jumping around in lanes here in Santa Ana. One person has just fainted from the experience..."

"Palm fronds are littering the streets. One tree is down, completely blocking the road we had to come across..."

"The market has continued to trade during this interruption as far as traders are concerned. There was a great deal of rolling, a great deal of shaking here at the Pacific Stock Exchange..."

"My first thought was that I had a flat tire. I couldn't figure out what was wrong with my car. Then I looked around, and saw all the other cars dancing about the freeway. You could clearly

see the ground rolling as though it were the ocean..."

"Get them away from this building where these windows might pop because Dr. Hutton says there is a 5 percent chance that this is only a foreshock to a larger earthquake. One chance in twenty that there might be a bigger one yet to come..."

"This wasn't the big one, but it was big enough..."

During this series, we'll discuss all these hazards for you, and how to deal with them, including business and psychological effects.

The next time, the rumbling may start five miles beneath the San Gabriel Mountains, then erupt at the surface of the earth with a roar as California splits diagonally. It's an 8.3 Richter magnitude earthquake along the Mojave section of the San Andreas Fault, more than 100 times the ground motion of the Whittier Narrows Quake of 1987. The big one will last not for 15 to 30 seconds, but 3 to 6

minutes.

The fact is, such a great earthquake happens here every 130 years, give or take a century, and the last one was 130 years ago. Los Angeles Firefighter Henry Johnson says there are two great problems in our planning for such a great quake.

"The people of our city and state believe that the emergency services can handle this earthquake for them. Problem two is that the emergency services of our city and state feel that we can handle it for them. We only have 98 paramedics in the city of Los Angeles on duty any given day. While just for those who live here, that's 31,000 people per paramedic, to be serviced by an ambulance that might not survive the earthquake because of damage, or the road system is so bad, they just cannot transport. Not only to get to you, but get to the hospital. There are only 778 firefighters on duty. Eventually, you'll see the emergency services

personnel once they've cared for their families, which is going to be their first concern, just like anybody else."

Dr. Kerry Seigh of Cal Tech is the foremost authority on the Mojave Section of the San Andreas Fault.

"We're definitely going to have a big earthquake; the only question is when. Some people, using my data, have come up with figures of 50 percent chance in 30 years. I think that the chances are less than that, but still substantial when you consider the tens of billions of dollars of property damage and economic dislocation, loss of life, and so on. It would be the greatest natural calamity we've ever experienced. We could lose as many people as we lost in the Vietnam War in it."

During this series, we'll learn the lessons of the moderate earthquake of Mexico City, Coalinga, Sylmar, and now Whittier Narrows. — Jack Popejoy for "The Shock of the Century."

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21 Detroit—\$10
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