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13 Grandchildren are Bus Operator's 'Stars' These Days

By RICH MORALLO

(March 4, 2004) In the past, Metro Bus Operator Dennis Trapp mingled with superstars like John Travolta and the Rolling Stones.

That was when he was a limousine driver ferrying pilots, flight attendants and celebrities from LAX to their hotels. Outgoing and friendly, Trapp joked with them and got the autographs of the entertainment stars.

And at one time, Trapp delivered a mean right cross when he was a boxer back in his native country of Belize. He won a silver in the flyweight division at the 1965 Pan American Games in Jamaica.

Today, Trapp drives Line 108 out of Arthur Winston Division 5 and he has achieved yet another distinction. A relatively young grandfather, he has, count 'em, 13 grandchildren.

'Feel like I'm 35'

"I turn 56 on April 11, but I feel like I'm 35," says the trim-looking Trapp, who keeps in shape by eating only twice a day and jumping rope.

Trapp has four children. One daughter blessed him with seven grandkids and a son gave him two more.

Four more grandchildren from his wife's two sons bring the total to 13, ranging in age from 11 years to one month.

Trapp's Metro job and another as a pastor helping the homeless in downtown Los Angeles keep him busy. He barely has time to visit his grandchildren once a month. "But, they all get presents on their birthdays."

Does he miss the days when he hobnobbed with Hollywood celebrities as he drove them around town?

Trapp shakes his head. "Today, my only stars are my grandkids."



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Metro Bus Operator Dennis Trapp has switched his focus from VIPs to his 13 grandchildren.

