



# HEADWAY



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## RTD improves 25-cent service

As the final four miles of the El Monte-Los Angeles Express Busway begin operation this week, RTD brings another transit innovation to Los Angeles County commuters.

Two additional Park and Ride facilities begin operation this week as the District continues its all-out effort to increase service in support of the 25-cent flat fare experiment. In an agreement finalized April 25 by the District's Board of Directors, the La Mirada Drive-in and the San Gabriel Drive-in will be utilized during the day by RTD commuters who will be picked up by Freeway Flyer lines traveling into the central business district. Line 58 will service the La Mirada Drive-in, and

Lines 52 and 53 will service the San Gabriel Drive-in and provide access to the El Monte-Los Angeles Express Busway by the Del Mar ramps.

Three additional theaters are expected to be utilized for commuter parking by May 15. Line 37 will serve a Park and Ride lot at the Vermont Drive-in near the junction of the Harbor and San Diego Freeways; Line 121 will serve the Van Nuys Drive-in; and Line 24 will serve the San Val Drive-in in Burbank. Four of the locations belong to Pacific Theaters Inc. and the La Mirada Theater is owned by the Sterling Recreation Organization. Each facility is making 500 parking

spaces available initially to RTD patrons.

The District is assigning eight buses to each drive-in for peak hour trips. Initially they will be scheduled at 15 minute headways over a one hour and forty-five minute peak period.

A flat monthly rate of \$2 covers parking for RTD patrons at the newly-incorporated facilities with a daily charge set at 25 cents. The \$10 monthly pass is expected to be the most common fare used by the riders.

The physical layouts of the five theaters lend themselves well to the Park and Ride operations. They all have adequate loading and unload-

ing areas with entrance and exit gates. Box offices are ideal both for ticket sales and control, and will be made available for RTD's use.

The District has long been a leader in innovative transit programs within the industry, and in fact pioneered the Park and Ride concept. Ten years ago, a pilot program was instituted utilizing the Hollywood Bowl as a parking area with express service into the central business district. Since then, RTD has instituted Park and Ride facilities in El Monte and at the Los Angeles Convention Center, and both have met with unqualified success.

## District begins second phase of employment recruiting

As the 25-cent flat fare experiment begins its second month in Los Angeles County this week, the District is wrapping up its initial phase of employment recruiting. In just five weeks, RTD's Personnel Department has hired nearly 300 operators and 45 maintenance employees, the number needed to activate 150 retired and spare buses from the District fleet. As RTD acquires additional equipment in support of the program, Personnel will hire more operators and maintenance employees.

To accomplish the monumental task, the District has established a decentralized recruiting campaign. "We advertised for operators in local newspapers throughout Los Angeles County to recruit applicants representative of the communities we serve," said Byron Lewis, director of personnel. "Through an agreement with the State's Employment Development Department, we were able to conduct testing in EDD facilities in seven local communities in addition to our Transit Building employment office."

By establishing a temporary interviewer position, filled by Joy Kennedy of Personnel, and by borrowing Jim Muchmore and Nate Lavelle from the main instructional staff, RTD's employment staff was able to test all 3334 applicants and



APPLICANTS continue to flood the District's employment office as RTD begins its Phase II recruiting.

interview the suitable candidates who passed the tests. The District was thus able to recruit more than three times as many applicants as would normally be possible, which Dorothy Langlois and Donna Hockenbury, the employment office's regular interviewers, could not have handled alone.

"Due to the amount of publicity and public interest generated by the program, hundreds of people turned up at our Transit Building employment office instead of the EDD offices indicated in the ads," explained Bill Chaney, employment supervisor. "We just don't have the space to accommodate all the people who showed up on top of our regular recruiting load. All of the hiring for new maintenance positions was conducted through that office in addition to the processing of new non-contract personnel."

Not only did RTD's employment mechanism perform admirably under the strain, but according to Lewis, "the District is extremely pleased with the quality of the new employees."

Back in March, the subsidization of the flat fare by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors hinged on RTD's ability to acquire the fuel, equipment and manpower necessary to implement the program. The fuel for the three-month (continued on page two)

## Division 9 meeting results in route change

Nobody knows a route like a schedule maker, but nobody knows the people who ride the route like an operator. When the two blend their expertise, the District is able to form a responsive combination that provides the best possible service for the riding public.

Thanks to the suggestion of a Division 9 operator, the District

has responded to the needs of passengers in the East San Gabriel Valley, and has rerouted Line 401 to serve the campuses of Mt. San Antonio College and Cal Poly Pomona.

The route change was suggested to members of the management staff during the March 8 "rap session" in El Monte. The

merits of the driver's suggestion were brought before the New Services Review Board, and the change went into effect April 21.

Line 401 which runs from Los Angeles to Pomona via the Busway and Valley Boulevard, now runs north on Grand Avenue in the City of Walnut to Mt. SAC, east on Temple Avenue to Cal Poly, then runs south and con-

tinues on its original route east Pomona Boulevard.

The new route thus provides direct service to both campuses from Pomona and points west, and by interfacing with other District services in El Monte and Pomona, permits relatively direct travel from many points within the San Gabriel Valley.

## Communities get crack at MRT plans

Attendance is up and interest is high as RTD's consultants bring their Phase III recommendations for rapid transit back into the community in a new series of public meetings. The Phase III plans, which incorporate input received from nearly 1000 local governmental and community meetings during Phase II, are being presented to the public throughout Los Angeles County.

Before the District's Board of Directors adopts any of the consultants' recommendations, a public hearing will be held June 6 when the public will have an opportunity to formally provide their input to Phase III planning.

RTD employees and the general public are invited to attend any of the remaining Phase III community meetings. The following meetings have been scheduled prior to press time:

Tuesday, May 7 — 7:30 p.m.  
John Burroughs Jr. High School Auditorium, 600 S. McCadden Place, Los Angeles;

Wednesday, May 15 — 7:30 p.m.  
Long Beach City Council Chambers, 205 W. Broadway, Long Beach;

Thursday, May 16 — 7:30 p.m.  
La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Blvd., La Mirada.



AN INTERESTED citizen voices his opinion on transit improvements during the April 18 community meeting in Long Beach.

## Recruiting

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experiment was soon guaranteed by the Federal Energy Office in Washington, D.C., and since then the District has succeeded in buying 89 used coaches to meet the growing demands of the program.

Now the Personnel Department is continuing its recruiting effort to hire employees to maintain and operate the additional coaches. As in the initial phase of recruiting, the District has placed job orders with the Human Resources Development Institute, Service Employment & Redevelopment, the Mexican-American Opportunities Foundation, Oriental Services Center, the Urban League, and the EDD. According to a spokesman for EDD, the District has placed one of the largest job orders the State has ever received.

After the record-breaking first week of the program, the District experienced a slight lull in ridership during Easter Week but has since recorded further ridership increases.

## Energy conservation

### Jim Wood, Division 6 Transportation

"The main thing we've been able to do is turn off the lights where they are not needed. For instance, there are three lights in my office, but I only have tubes placed in the fixture over my desk. We have even turned off the gas heaters when they're not needed."



### Art Issoglio, Transit Building, 5th Floor

"Everyone on the fifth floor is very good about turning off lights when they are not in use. Since their work often takes them away from the office, they save quite a bit of electricity by turning off the lights as they leave."

### Tex Lawson, Division 6 Maintenance & Equipment

"When we find that only one light in a three-tube system is necessary, we have removed the tubes from the others to save the electricity. Everyone is very conscious of our conservation effort."



## Japanese Village discounts

RTD employees will flip when they hear what Japanese Village in Buena Park has in store for them May 13-19. District personnel will be able to enjoy the talents of seven Karate masters and all the other village attractions at a 20 percent discount. The normal admission price of \$3.75 for adults and \$1.75 for children have been cut during this special week to just \$3 and

\$1.40 plus 50 cents for parking.

Tickets will be on sale May 1 through May 17 at the cashier's office, Room 722 of the Transit Building. The program is being sponsored by the District in cooperation with the United Transportation Union, the Amalgamated Transit Union, and the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

# RTD's South Park Shops: Miracle on 55th Street



Goodbye Fort Worth, hello RTD. OSCAR ZAMORA sands off old logo and prepares former Fort Worth coach for painting.

Used coaches from all over the country are literally being transformed by RTD's specialists at South Park Shops and thrust into active service during the 25-cent flat fare experiment in Los Angeles County. The difference between the "before" and the "after" appearance of the refurbished buses borders on the miraculous.

According to Bob Falvey, superintendent of South Park, the buses undergo a series of steps during the refurbishing effort, with the safety of passengers and driver the primary concern.

First, the engines are steam cleaned and inspected to determine what work needs to be done. After the diagnosis, engine accessories are rebuilt and installed as necessary, and all electronic and mechanical systems are reconditioned and updated to meet RTD and State standards where necessary. The brakes are inspected and relined as necessary, and the tires are replaced.

Then the needed body work is performed, including any upholstery and glass work, and both the exterior and interior are prepped for

painting. Before the coach receives its coat of white paint, it is trimmed out—RTD's standard farebox and stanchion are installed, new headsign and route box mounted, plus RTD's ticket and transfer box, mirrors and other hardware.

Due to the urgent need for these buses on the streets, Falvey said that most of the steps involved in refurbishing them overlap, and are often completed simultaneously rather than strictly sequenced according to those steps.

"Everyone has taken a great deal of pride in their work during the refurbishing program," Falvey said. "Mechanical work to us is very much like painting to an artist. An artist is able to see the results of his efforts right away. Many people are not able to see such tangible results of their work. It's very rewarding.

"And beyond that," Falvey said, "we know how important getting these buses out on the streets is to the success of the 25-cent flat fare program. Everytime we see one of those white buses out on the street, we feel pretty good."



As new services are added during the 25-cent flat fare experiment, new inserts for headsign curtains must be made. FRED WASHINGTON takes dry insert down to splice it into updated headsign.



ERNEST HEGGINS prepares an engine for its diagnostic run in the first step of the refurbishing.



ELDON KELLEY installs rear door mechanism which meets RTD's safety standards.



In the last step of engine work, WILLIE REESE hooks up a freshly-mounted gasoline engine in a former Pomona Valley coach for its first run with the reconditioned engine.



A Fort Worth coach gets a new set of brakes, compliments of JOE CURTIS.



Leadman EDDIE JOHNSON inspects spare parts purchased with the 14 Fort Worth buses.



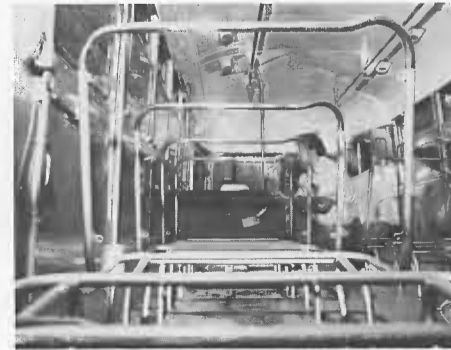
Still displaying its last destination, a Fort Worth bus receives new front body panels from MELVIN DESY (left) and OLIVER WALKER (right).



MELVIN CALLIHAN puts the finishing touches on a new seat cover for an Atlanta bus in the upholstery shop at South Park.



In the sheet metal shop, PETE QUINONES completes another ticket and transfer box for use in an Atlanta bus.



With the interior gleaming from a fresh coat of paint, LOUIS CARREON begins to install reconditioned seats in a refurbished coach.

# Making Headway...

□ Division 1 proudly announces the marriage of operator Carlos Conejo March 8 to Cirlei de Abreu. Cirlei hails from Brazil originally.

□ Operator Gerald Champagene of Division 11 was married March 11 to Emma Carrillo. Congratulations to both.

□ Doris Darby, secretary in Safety, reports the April 21 birth of her niece, Heika Yarbrough. Heika's mother, Marilyn, is stenographer in the Instructional Department, and father, Chuck, is service director at the El Monte Station. Heika, and her six-year-old sister Charna, are expected to join the District as soon as they can reach the pedals.



ROSEMARIE Cendejas and Carrie Okimoto beam with anticipation during their baby shower in the PAX room March 29.

## Retired

Name	Classification	Div./ Dept.	Date Employed	Date Effective	Name	Classification	Div. Dept.	Date Employed	Date Effective	Name	Classification	Div./ Dept.	Date Employed	Date Effective
Jones, Evelyn B.	General Clerk #2	3399	1/7/46	1/7/74	Hauk, Clarence G.	Operator	3207	11/19/36	11/10/73	Tolley, Cline Antone	Supvr. of Trans. Stat.	3270	12/27/60	7/27/73
Wright, Therial E.	Mechanic "A"-trans.	3801	5/10/56	1/1/74	Lee, Oliver N., Jr.	Operator	3209	11/14/40	11/11/73	Proud, Paul D.	Former Operator-trans.	3801	6/12/45	7/24/73
Banks, Paul R., Jr.	Ind. Lve. 10/18/73				Durden, Vincent E.	Operator	3213	10/5/43	11/10/73		Ind. Lve. 4/6/73			
Gallas, Henry	Former Operator-trans.	3801	12/30/42	1/1/74	Page, Joseph P.	Operator	3202	5/6/47	11/7/73	Wolfenbarger, Lester M.	Operator	3208	5/31/41	7/21/73
Fitzpatrick, Wayne T.	Traffic Loader	3221	12/18/46	1/18/74	Fierro, Guadalupe S.	Utility "B"	3302	7/23/43	11/7/73	Rankin, Manuel	Mechanic "B"	3314	9/18/34	7/16/73
Dravis, Cora M.	Former Mechanic "A"	3801	5/31/46	2/1/74	Whiteside, Walter E.	Foreman II	3334	7/2/28	11/3/73	Olufson, Oscar I.	Former Operator-trans.	3801	1/14/44	7/15/73
Krebsbach, William N.	Trans. to Ind. Lve.				Avila, Donato L.	Mechanic "A"	3209	4/10/56	10/30/73		Ind. Lve. 2/6/73			
Robinet, Arthur H.	Operator	3204	1/8/51	2/1/74	Schaefer, Edward (NMN)	Operator	3209	10/21/41	10/27/73	Barry, Louis E.	Former Mechanic "A"	3801	6/7/37	7/11/73
Studer, Chester G.	Operator	3209	3/16/37	2/1/74	McKnight, Virgil L.	Operator	3204	5/11/44	10/26/73		Trans. Ind. Lve. 1/5/72			
Curovich, Mathew A.	Operator	3212	11/15/35	2/7/74	Miser, Samuel R.	Operator	3204	5/11/44	10/26/73	Evans, Arthur G.	Tariff Supervisor	3299	2/1/36	7/11/73
Gilmartin, John F.	Former Operator	3209	6/9/53	2/11/74	Roberts, Virginia Grace	Information Clerk	3100	10/12/53	10/13/73	Picovsky, Abe	Former Operator-trans.	3801	7/10/52	7/9/73
Brugmann, Lloyd H.	Trans. to Ind. Lve.				Nicoletti, Frank Joseph	Operator	3211	7/8/47	10/2/73		Ind. Lve. 1/27/73			
Medsker, Howard A.	Former Mechanic "A"	3801	9/24/60	2/12/74	Dodge, Lonnie L.	Former Traffic man	3801	11/27/34	10/2/73	Joseph, Donald Wesley	Special Agent	3239	8/10/59	7/9/73
Levine, Moe N.	Operator	3210	2/12/63	2/14/74	Watson, Elodias (NMN)	trans. Ind.Lvd. 4/11/73				Lucas, Jesse O.	Operator	3206	4/1/43	7/8/73
Lester, Alfred H.	Division Manager	3299	10/31/35	2/15/74	Scarlett, Jarvis G.	Former Operator-trans.	3801	2/2/59	10/1/73	White, David Baldwin	Operator	3210	10/29/43	7/1/73
Wood, Benjamin R.	Former Mechanic "A"	3801	2/16/60	2/16/74	Hauze, Stanley C.	Ind. Lve. 2/18/72				Meek, Earl E.	Former Traffic man	3801	8/6/57	7/2/73
Strobel, Kenneth G.	Trans. to Ind. Lve.				Beard, Clarence Merton	Former Operator-trans.	3801	9/24/46	9/30/73	Parsley, Bernard M.	trans. Ind. Lve. 4/12/73			
Larriva, Manuel	8/23/73				Holcomb, Homer S.	Ind. Lve. 2/8/72				Long, Percy	Former Operator-trans.	3801	8/6/57	7/2/73
Richardson, Edward C.	Operator	3202	6/14/56	2/18/74	Martin, William David	Mechanic "A"	3314	5/2/39	9/29/73	McDaniel, Curtis A.	Ind. Lve. 10/3/72			
Griggs, Floyd A.	Operator	3202	11/2/45	2/21/74	Spiller, Paul William	Sheet Metal Worker	3314	5/4/36	9/29/73	Boyce, John Charles	Former Sheet Metal	3801	9/18/46	7/2/73
Hobaugh, Charles H.	Instructor	3299	6/2/39	2/24/74	Attaway, Elbert Y.	Former Operator-trans.	3801	3/29/35	9/27/73	Duvigneaud, Michael W.	Worker trans. Ind. Lve.	3399	11/26/34	7/2/73
Jensen, Leonard E.	Operator	3209	5/29/35	3/1/74	Lammers, Edward O.	Ind. Lve. 6/13/72				Hudson, Nathan	Supervising Clerk	3399	11/26/34	7/2/73
Strong, Willie	Former Mechanic "B"	3801	10/24/45	3/1/74	Shettles, Therman C.	Former Operator-trans.	3801	6/11/47	9/11/73	Sharpe, Willard H.	Former Mechanic "AA"	3801	9/5/46	7/2/73
Randall, Thomas H.	Trans. to Ind. Lve.				Gonzalez, Ignacio G.	Ind. Lve. 4/13/72				Parks, Helen	Utility "A"	3302	6/6/40	7/1/73
Dennis, Hubert S.	6/4/73				Cherry, Howard M.	Checker, trans. Ind. Lve.	5/6/73			Rothermel, Raymond C.	Former Operator-trans.	3801	9/26/45	6/25/73
Mendoza, Julia S.	Former Mechanic "A"	3801	2/9/53	3/1/74	Ashley, Preston E.	Operator	3209	10/18/55	9/6/73	White, Walton Vernon	Ind. Lve. 1/4/73			
Thompson, Oscar J.	Trans. to Ind. Lve.				Powell, Herbert William	Mechanic "A"	3303	6/16/43	9/5/73	Balthrope, Otis C.	Former Utility "B",	3801	2/24/43	6/15/73
Gillespie, David E.	1/13/74				Webers, Walter Alexander	Former Operator-trans.	3801	11/8/46	9/2/73		tran. Ind. Lve.			
Carlson, Carl Everett	Operator	3208	7/17/46	3/3/74	Howell, John Mark	Ind. Leave				Sederholm, Bernard J.	Operator	3211	10/21/52	6/9/73
Sobert, Harry J.	Former Operator-trans.	3801	9/19/34	12/31/73	Saunders, Roosevelt D.	Div. Clerk	3209	11/14/46	9/2/73	White, Walter Vernon	Operator	3207	11/15/40	6/8/73
Graham, Fred H.	Ind. Lve. 10/25/73				Crouch, Thomas	Patrolman	Special	5/29/59	9/1/73	Balthrope, Otis C.	Former Mechanic "A"	3801	2/15/46	6/6/73
Bacus, Francis Albert	Vault Truck Driver	3302	5/20/54	12/17/73	Disney, Leroy B.	Agents	3399	11/13/27	9/1/73		trans. Ind. Lve. 10/19/72			
	Operator	3209	11/4/42	12/8/73	Parks, Donald Roger	Former Mechanic "A"	3801	2/14/47	9/1/73	Vaden, Herman R.	Former Mechanic "B"	3801	10/1/59	6/6/73
	Utility "B"	3303	5/1/41	12/4/73	Stors, Marvin James	trans. Ind. Lve. 2/21/73				Erhardt, George M.	trans. Ind. Lve. 3/5/73			
	Mechanic "A"	3305	1/3/44	12/1/73	Archer, Hayes L.	Operator	3202	7/4/60	9/29/73	Sloro, Stanley	Asst. Div. Manager	3203	9/3/41	6/3/73
	Chief Supervisor & Dispatcher	3299	5/8/34	11/23/73	Hartwell, Kermit L.	Mechanic "A"	3309	5/3/37	8/18/73	Menges, William H.	Operator	3208	2/6/51	6/2/73
	Former Operator-trans.	3801	12/1/34	11/20/73		Former Operator-trans.	3801	8/14/45	8/14/73	Bailey, Leo Ernest Jr.	Former Operator-trans.	3801	9/2/47	6/2/73
	Ind. Lva. (Union)	1/8/63				Ind. Lve. 5/15/73					Ind. Lve. 1/30/73			
	3299	2/19/41	11/20/73			Chief Instructor	3212	5/26/41	8/12/73	Thagard, James T.	Electrician Leadman	3302	5/16/39	6/2/73
						Storekeeper	3299	11/27/34	8/3/73	Kohl, Harold F.	Former Operator-trans.	3801	2/25/47	6/1/73
						Traffic Loader	9700	10/1/42	8/3/73		Ind. Lve. 4/28/72			
							3221	2/27/46	7/30/73					

## Transfers & Promotions

Name	Classification	Div. Dept.	Date Effective	Name	Classification	Div. Dept.	Date Effective	Name	Classification	Div. Dept.	Date Effective	
Gagner, Lola	Supervisor	3100	12-23-73	Henderson, Mildred J.	Asst. Passenger Serv. Representative	4400	1-14-74	Espantman, Marta	Customer Information Representative	4400	2-17-74	
Little, Bobby R.	Operator-Extra	3209	1-3-74	White, Charles T.	Operator-Extra	3206	1-14-74	Fuller, James H.	Operator-Extra	3204	2-21-74	
Fulbright, Metters C.	Supervisor	3205	1-4-74	Neal, Jr., John W.	Instructor	3210	1-11-74	Siedenburg, Willem F.	Supervisor	3210	2-22-74	
Moody, Joe W.	Operator-Extra	3202	1-5-74	Hartman, Ludwig Adam	Operator-Extra	3314	1-14-74	Villalobos, Ray J.	Operator-Extra	3201	2-23-74	
Smith, Nathaniel	Supervisor	3202	1-6-74	Brazzle, Jr., Johnnie	Instructor	3303	1-13-74	Williams, Willard D.	Supervisor	3299	2-24-74	
Daniels, Charlie	Operator-Extra	3204	1-9-74	Powells, Hattie Jean	Utility "A" Leadman	3270	1-20-74	Wilson, Clarence	Supervisor	3299	2-24-74	
Fowler, Glendon H.	Supervisor	3212	1-9-74	Yarbrough, Charles D.	Varietype Layout Opr.	3216	1-20-74	Sprows, Jeannette Agnes	Inf. Clerk & Temp. Supervisor	3100	2-24-74	
Taylor, Carol Jean	Operator-Extra	3212	1-9-74	Hampton, Ollie Jean	Temp. Payroll Clerk	7000	1-21-74	Jenkins, Charles R.	Supervisor	3299	2-24-74	
Walling, Richard N.	Supervisor	3210	1-10-74	Kelley, Alvin Renay	Temp. General & Ticket Clerk	3280	1-6-74	Haynes, Tommy L.	Supervisor	3299	2-24-74	
Gardner, Samuel	Operator-Extra	3212	1-7-74	Reyes, Raymond	Temp. Payroll Clerk	7000	1-28-74	Johnson, Johnnie L.	Supervisor	3299	2-24-74	
Dixon, George A.	Asst. Passenger Service Rep.	4400	1-9-74	Miller, Edith Marie	PAX Inf. Clerk	3100	1-27-74	Everett, Walter B.	Operator-Extra	3202	2-24-74	
Morentin, Arthur	Operator-Extra	3210	1-10-74	Purcell, John F.	& Temp. Supervisor			Aranda, David	Supervisor	4400	2-24-74	
Hardimon, Freddie Milton	Instructor	3308	1-13-74	Gray, George	Schedule Checker	3299	2-3-74	Winston, Carl L.	Customer Inf. Rep.	3204	2-25-74	
Wilson, Willie	Operator-Extra	3305	1-13-74	Dunlap, James Robert	Mechanic "A"	3314	2-10-74	Leahy, Michael Odell	Operator-Extra	3100	2-25-74	
Harris, Jimmie Ray	Supervisor	3305	1-13-74	Harders, Allen L.	Mechanic "A"	3313	2-10-74	Komora, Rinda Lou	Supervisor	3216	2-24-74	
Holt, Melvin M.	Operator-Extra	3307	1-13-74	Taylor, Carol	Operator-Extra	3209	2-10-74	Falcon, James A.	PAX Inf. Clerk	3100	3-4-74	
	Instructor	3207	1-13-74	Dunbar, Jr., Melvin A.	Schedule Checker			Boos, George H.	Asst. Chief Supv. & Dispatcher	3299	2-17-74	
				Prizzi, Cataldo Frank	Customer Information Representative	4400	2-10-74	Gillilan, Esther	Secretary III	8000	2-28-74	
				Robinson, Larry E.	Representative			Selby, Sheila E.	Shop Clerk	3302	3-10-74	
				Lewis, Kenna Edward	Mechanic "A"	3305	2-10-74					

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