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RTD Line Changes Ease Congestion

A number of route changes went into effect during late March and early April in the busy downtown Los Angeles business district.

On Sunday, March 28, Lines 7, 4 and 25, which previously ran down Broadway, and Lines 8 and 75, which used to travel on Main Street, were all shifted to Spring Street, and now travel in both directions down Spring Street, using the contraflow lane in the northbound direction. The route changes will effect only points between Sunset and 9th Streets. Past those two points, the routes will remain unchanged.

The second set of changes went into effect on April 11 as part of the implementation of the San Gabriel Valley Service Improvement Program. Eight RTD lines, which previously ran down the Spring Street contraflow lane were shifted to Olive Street and were given numbers in the 400 series.

In addition, a total of 23 lines that will continue to operate on Olive and Spring Streets were renumbered to fit into the 400 series and one totally new line, 493, was added. The even-numbered lines in the 400 series will run east-west while the odd-numbered lines will run north and south. All lines in the San Gabriel Valley Service Improvement Program will be in the 400 series.

According to the Operations Department, the changes were designed to avail RTD patrons of more regular service through the use of the contraflow lane and to aid in relieving congestion on the heavily travelled Broadway and Main streets. The shift in routes from Spring Street to Olive also reflect a commercial growth in the Los Angeles central business district along Olive, Flower and Figueroa Streets.

Rapid Transit Proposal To Be Placed On June 8 Ballot



On March 26, RTD Directors, who gave preliminary approval to the rapid transit proposal to be put on the June 8 ballot, wait while the vote 8 - 0 is duly recorded. The preliminary action was the first step in placing the proposal on the June ballot, and authorized the transmittal of the ballot language to the County Clerk and Registrar of Voters. The second consideration came at the April 7 board meeting, which passed the proposal by an 8 to 1 majority.

Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley made a surprise personal appearance at the March 26 meeting of the board to express his support for the county-wide rapid transit project, the "Sunset Coast Line."

The RTD Board of Directors has authorized the placing on the June ballot of two one-half cent sales tax measures to support building the "Sunset Coast Line."

The Sunset proposal, as advanced by Los Angeles County Supervisor and RTD Director Baxter Ward, calls for building a 232-mile rail system serving virtually all parts of the transit district.

If passed by a simple majority of the voters in June, the extra penny in sales tax would be used to build the system over a 30-year period on a pay-as-you-go basis. The funds generated by the sales tax would be sufficient to complete the

system; however, federal funds, as available, will be sought to assist with the project.

The two propositions are scheduled to be lettered "R" and "T" on the June ballot. If successful, the sales tax in the transit district (generally, those areas of Los Angeles County south of the San Gabriel Mountains, with the exception of island areas) would increase by one cent. Both half cent measures would have to pass for any sales tax proceeds to be collected.

The main line of the system will directly serve 44 cities in the county. Within 12 to
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Recreation News

Perhaps some of you missed the coupon in the last issue of Headway encouraging you to express your interest in a RTD Day at Busch Gardens. We are considering tentative dates of Saturday and Sunday, September 25-26. In order to secure these dates, or any other date for that matter, we must know within the next two weeks how many employees and their families plan to attend.

The Busch Gardens coupon inadvertently promised exclusive use of the park if we had 1,000 interested people. That is not true. We have been told, however, that the park should be considerably less crowded than during the summer. If you plan to attend, please give us your name immediately by clipping out the coupon on page 3.

Twelve softball teams have been formed to date and each team has a manager. As soon as the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks sends us our league schedule, we will publish it in Headway so you can come out and support your local team. We are in the process of securing team shirts and hats for each player and we hope they will be available for the first games.

Two important events have been scheduled for June 12 and 13 that most of you will want to include in your plans. Saturday, June 12, is the date of the annual picnic and Summer Olympics which will be held at the Jackie Robinson Stadium in Rancho Cienega Playground, located at Santa Barbara Avenue and Rodeo Road in Los Angeles. This is an all day event with the highlight of the day being competitive track and field events between divisions and work locations. Unlike the last Summer Olympics that were actually a spoof of real athletic events, this year's competition
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CHANGES — When RTD's recent service changes on a number of lines in downtown Los Angeles went into effect, an information program was launched to inform patrons of the route changes.

The Department of Marketing and the trafficmen were in the forefront on the information program. The week before the first service changes went in, Henry Ross, left, customer information representative, and Alvin Kelley, right, asst. customer information representative, exchange notes on how the information program was going with trafficman Joe Gentry at the corner of 7th and Main Streets, one of the 33 stops affected by the changes.



GETTING BRIEFED — RTD's two directors, County Supervisor Peter V. Schabarum, left, and Adelina Gregory, who represent the San Gabriel Valley communities on the board, came to Headquarters to get briefed on the details of the San Gabriel Valley Transit Improvement Program from Steve Parry, right, project manager for the program.

Another Successful Blood Drive For The District

The RTD Blood Bank is 127 pints of whole blood richer as a result of the Bloodmobile held at 425 South Main, on March 29, 1976. But the RTD Blood Bank works more like a household budget than a savings account — there is never enough to pay all the bills, so states Bill Kendall, Chairman of the RTD Blood Bank. Forty pints of whole blood have already been released to District

employees and their families since March 29, 1976. One of these employees, Division 7 operator Chung Cho has a one-year-old child with leukemia. The Cho family expresses its thanks for thirteen pints of whole blood and is comforted in the knowledge that, thanks to District blood donors, there will be ample supplies of blood if the need arises again.



After filling out the paperwork, employees wait their turn as donors. From left are: Massoud Javadizadeh, advance planning analyst; Simkie Hundel, schedule typist; Charles Beatty, schedule production supervisor; and Jon Hillmer, schedule analyst.

District Management thanks those who donated their blood March 29, 1976; those employees who volunteered, but didn't quite make it; and the many employees who donate throughout the year at various outlying donation stations set up by the American Red Cross. But special thanks go to the people listed below, who brought the message to the would-be donors, answered their many questions and coordinated their schedules on March 29, 1976:

- Rosemarie Cendejas — supervisor of telephone operations
- Patty Kelly — supervisor of inventory control
- Fred Ferrell — staff assistant II
- Art Rahmani — labor relations associate
- Jack Gerhardt — Transportation Project Development Administrator
- Peggy Stevens — secretary III
- Neil Bjornsen — assistant surface planner
- Diane Anderson — secretary II
- John Anaya — engineering drafting technician
- Janet Clark — secretary III

- Steve Sigurdson — computer programmer
- Marlene Allen — insurance representative
- Geraldine Thome — information operator
- Marta Espantman — community relations representative I
- Francis Honda — administrative assistant
- Don Grayson — relief division dispatcher
- Fred Bader — staff assistant II

All District employees are encouraged to continue taking advantage of Bloodmobiles throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties. A monthly schedule of these Bloodmobiles is posted on all bulletin boards, and extra copies may be obtained at the Personnel Department, Second Floor, 425 South Main. Consult your monthly Bloodmobile schedule; more than likely, there will soon be one in your own neighborhood. The RTD Blood Bank is for all District employees and their immediate families. Let's all roll up our sleeves and support this life-giving plan.



The screening process included answering a few questions; getting a blood pressure reading; and having a blood sample taken from the ear lobes.



The actual time to donate a pint of blood was about 15 minutes, and the donors got a lot of TLC (tender, loving care) from the Red Cross nurses.

Division 1-11 Employee Parking Expanded

After lengthy negotiations, the District has been successful in obtaining a parking lot for the employees of Division 1, 11 and 21.

The parking lot is located at 647 So. Central directly across the street from Division 1-11, and operators will be permitted to park free of charge by displaying the RTD Division 1 parking permit.

The maintenance department will be reconditioning the parking area by restriping and repairing the fences and installing RTD Employees Only parking signs. When completed, the lot will provide parking for 100 automobiles.

It is most important that those employees using the lot display their parking permit on the dashboards of their automobiles, according to Jack Gerhardt, Transportation Project Development Administrator.

Rapid Transit

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14 years, lines will be operating to West Covina, Encino, Pasadena, Paramount, Long Beach, Santa Monica, and Los Angeles International Airport, plus a connecting line from Redondo Beach to Van Nuys. However, that is less than half the ultimate system.

Recreation

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will be the "real thing". The Summer Olympic games will include four events: 100-yard dash, broad jump, shot put, and mile run (1/4 mile for women). Each of these events is open to both men and women and sign up notices will be at each work location very soon. With the Summer Olympics planned for the afternoon, all employees are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch for the whole family and plan to spend the day.

Sunday, June 13, is RTD Doubleheader Day at Dodger Stadium. Preceding the regular Dodger game with Montreal will be the annual Old Timers' game featuring many of baseball's greats in action. This year's tickets will be available at each division and the administration building starting early in May. Price of the tickets is \$3.00.

As President Truman told it, he had very weak eyes as a boy and couldn't see well enough to play baseball. "Since I couldn't see the ball, they gave me a special job," he said.

"What was that, Mr. President?" somebody usually asked, "Cheerleader?"

"No," he replied. "Umpire."

El Monte Busway Wins Award



RTD's El Monte Busway has received an award from the Institute for the Advancement of Engineering (IAE).

The award, one of four, was made for "originality, evidence of engineering creativity and contribution to human advancement."

Above, Laurel Parter, center, chairman of the Honors for Award Committee of the IAE, presents the award to RTD vice-president Thomas G. Neusom, left, who accepted the award on behalf of the SCRTD.

At right is Richard Gallagher, Manager of Rapid Transit/Commuter Rail, to whom the award was presented at the IAE Awards Banquet held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Los Angeles during national Engineers' Week.

RTD Day At Busch Gardens Planned

RTD's Employee Recreation Program needs a show of hands for a proposed RTD Day at Busch Gardens to be held this September during the Octoberfest. To make sure that we can reserve the dates, we must know now how many of you plan to attend with your families.

If you and your family are interested in going, please fill out the coupon below and send it in as soon as possible so that we can know how many employees and their families we can expect.

To Bill Weimer, 6th Floor, 425 South Main Street

Name _____ Badge No. _____
 Location _____ No. of adults _____
 No of Children _____

Note: Do not send money. Tickets will be on sale in July and August at \$3.75 for adults and \$2.75 for children. •

Marie Fulkman Retires



Marie Fulkman, who retired in April after 20 years as a telephone information operator with the District and its predecessor agencies, recently returned to transit headquarters for a retirement party in her honor.

Among those attending Marie's party were many of her friends, including some that came downtown especially for her retirement party.

Above, Marie poses with some of her friends, from left: Dorothy Styffe, who worked as a telephone information supervisor until 1973; Jean Betty Johnston, asst. chief operator; Elfreda Becker, telephone information instructor; Marie; Ruth Rogers, information operator; Veda Bowman, information operator; and Melba Sarris, ticket clerk.

Marie's retirement plans include "just taking life easy, and watching television." Marie's late husband, John M., also worked for the District and retired as a storekeeper in 1966.

Marie, who resides in La Palma, has four daughters, two sons and two grandchildren, ages five years and six months.

Moving Up

Name	Div. Dept.	From/To	Date
Baum, Sally	3500	Typist Clerk (Temporary) To Schedule Typist	4/1/76
Biddings, Willie J.	3296	Operator-Extra Supervisor of V.O. To Supervisor of V.O.	3/28/76
Cheney, James H.	7300	Junior Stock Clerk To Shipping Clerk	3/29/76
Harrison, Leon	3296	Operator-Extra Supervisor of V.O. To Supervisor of V.O.	3/28/76
Johnson, Herbert L.	3299	Maintainer "A" To Maintainer "A" Leadman	3/28/76
Link, Wayne H.	3500	Operator To Schedule Checker	3/14/76
Loftis, Patricia G.	7300	Typist Clerk To Key Punch Operator	3/22/76
Maguire, Harry P.	3299	Staff Assistant II To Senior Staff Assistant	3/21/76
Martinez Jr., Martin	7300	Information Clerk To Junior Stock Clerk	4/4/76
Nedelcoff, Robert	3296	Operator-Extra Supervisor of V.O. To Supervisor of V.O.	3/28/76
Payne, Yvonne	3219	Ticket Clerk To Service Director Trainee	3/24/76
Pedemonte, Luis I.	3303	Mopper/Waxer To Utility "A"	3/28/76
Seals, Warnie G.	7200	Janitor To Messenger Clerk	3/29/76
Vicente, Joseph T.	3500	Schedule Analyst To Schedule Maker	3/24/76
Wilson, Emmanuel L.	3296	Operator-Extra Supervisor of V.O. To Supervisor of V.O.	3/28/76
Zembik Jr., Joe	3314	Mechanic "A" To Mechanic "A" Leadman	3/28/76

Retired

Name	Div. Dept.	Classification	Began	Retired
Bull, Clinton H.	3208	Operator	3/25/40	3/27/76
Duckworth, Ronald Walter	3201	Operator	11/25/57	4/1/76
Emanuel, Bruce Wieble	3314	Mechanic "A"	10/1/58	4/1/76
Tiger, Eugene	6201	Former Utility "A" Transferred to Ind. Leave 11-19-74	12/20/65	4/1/76

In Memoriam

Name	Classification	Deceased
Bowman, Robert A.	Former Operator 3212 (Ret)	3/16/76
Fitzpatrick, Hilda M.	Former Information Clerk 5000 (Ret)	3/15/76
Lipary, James Scott	Operator 3205	3/18/76
Rondel, Jerome F.	Former Operator 3207 (Ret)	3/11/76



About Our Cartoonist

Information Operator Jacalyn Scott, who contributed this issue's cartoon, has been with the District for about one year, and enjoys doing free lance sketches and fashion designing in her spare time.

Jacalyn, who has a six-year-old daughter, lives in West Los Angeles, and has an associate of arts degree from Los Angeles' Fashion Institute where she studied fashion illustration.

Jacalyn can't explain how she gets ideas for her cartoons. She says: "I just sit there with the drawing paper and they just come to me."

Look for more cartoons by Jacalyn in future issues of Headway.



NEXT PLEASE! — Richard Kelley, who works as a Utility "A" at Division 2, takes a number for service in the Transit District Employees Federal Credit Union, located on the 3rd floor of the Transit Building. The Credit Union has enjoyed a membership growth and instituted the number system in order to be able to help credit union members more quickly and efficiently.

The credit union is open weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. but is closed the first business day of each month. The telephone numbers are 972-6183 and 629-4963.



Cartoonist Jacalyn Scott



TAKING A BREAK — Division 15 operators, like those above, are enjoying their recently remodeled and expanded trainroom, a big improvement over their previously cramped quarters. The new trainroom has enough space, tables and chairs to accommodate all the operators at the division, which has undergone a fairly large and rapid expansion in personnel recently and now houses 385 operators.

Happy Anniversary

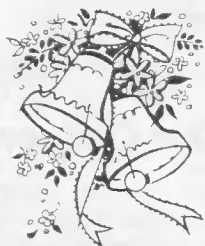


Division 3 operator Robert Blake and his wife, Katherine, marked 23 years of marriage on April 5. The Blakes have one son, 21-year-old Michael, and reside in Los Angeles.

Daniel Rodriguez, Division 1 Mechanic "B" and his wife celebrated their 6th wedding anniversary on March 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez, who reside in Yorba Linda, have two children: Daniel, Jr., and Thomas Anthony.

Wedding Bells



Division 6 operator Hugh (Mickey) Biggs and Christina Garrall, formerly of New Zealand, were wed on November 1 in Santa Monica, and after a honeymoon in San Diego, are at home in Culver City.

Hugh has been with the District since 1964. Christina is a pattern maker for a dress designer.

AN ANNIVERSARY AND A NEW ARRIVAL FOR THE TIM MILLERS

Division 9 operator Timothy Miller and his wife, Deana, celebrated their third wedding anniversary on April 6. Tim and Deana, who live in Pomona also announced the birth of their first child, a girl, Brandy Marie, who was born on December 29 and weighed 8 lbs., 2 ozs.

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Headway always tries to have something for everyone, even those people who are always looking for mistakes.



APRIL IS FOR SHOWERS — wedding showers, that is, and information operator Fred Ybarra was recently feted with one by his co-workers in the Telephone Information Department.

Fred was given all the traditional trimmings of a shower: cake, refreshments and assorted gifts that he and his bride, Genette Dominguez, will find helpful in their first home.

Above, Fred poses with some of his friends. From left to right are: Sara Romero, secretary III in Customer Relations and Fred's aunt; Barbara Hagen, chief of telephone operations; Doug Anderson, telephone information supervisor; Susan Minder, telephone information operator; Fred; Pauline Kennedy, telephone information supervisor; Eugene Dominguez, Genette's brother, (in the background); Brenda Miley, a telephone information operator and Jean Betty Johnston, asst. chief telephone operator.

The flowers on the table were brought by Barbara Hagen, who grows roses as a hobby. Information operator Brenda Miley arranged the shower.

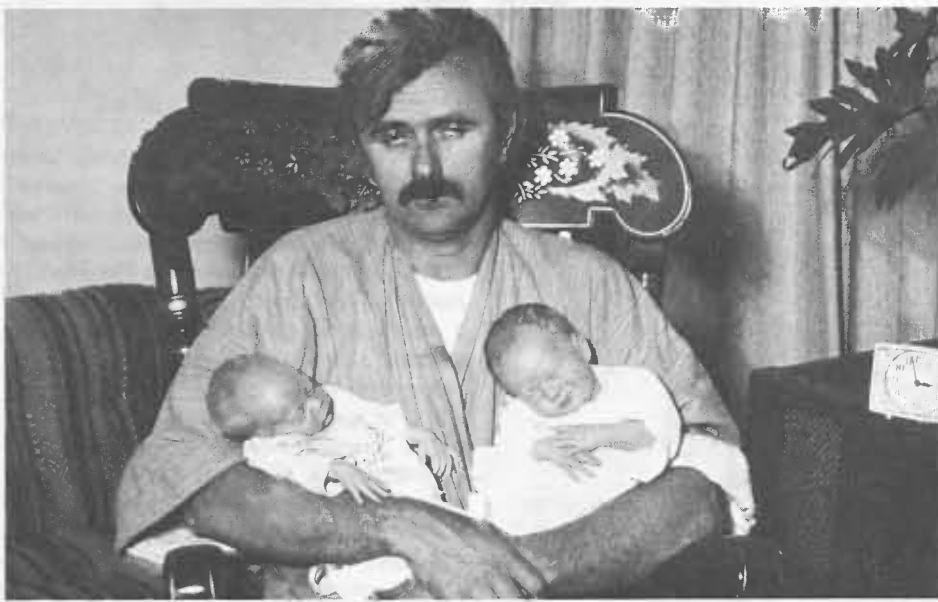
The wedding took place a few days later on Saturday, April 3, in an afternoon ceremony at St. Benedict's Church in Montebello. Eugene was one of the ushers.

Son of Division 11 Operator Logan on Junior All-Star Team

Division 11 operator James Logan and his wife are proud to announce that their son, James, Jr., has been selected to the All-Star team and will play in the Junior Prep International Basketball Championship in Phoenix, Arizona. While playing in Phoenix, the team will be the guest of the NBA Phoenix Suns.

Picnic For Former P.E. Employees Planned

Former employees of Pacific Electric will hold their semi-annual get-together on Saturday, May 8, at a luncheon on the S.S. Princess Louise, Berth 236, Terminal Island. There will be a social hour at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at 12:30 p.m. Reservations are \$5.00 per person and must be made prior to May 4 by calling Louis N. Velzy at (714) 338-1592.



The two little adorable babies in the picture are twins Darin and David Calwell. The tired-looking man in the picture is their father, John, a service director at RTD-Greyhound who sent in this humorous picture to Headway.

The twins were born to John and his wife, Barbara, on December 27 and gives the Calwell's 11-year-old daughter, Terry, two brothers all at once. The family resides in Long Beach.

A Liberated Lady



Suzanne Onderco

Suzanne Onderco, 16, daughter of Division 9 operator Philip Onderco, is a liberated young lady. She recently completed training in the Law Enforcement Explorer Academy in Arcadia and is now serving as a Law Enforcement Explorer at the El Monte Police Department. Suzanne hopes to become a police cadet and then go on to be a police officer.

The Onderco family resides in El Monte.

RTD Retirees Are An Active Group

Louis Velzy, who retired as a Division 9 clerk in 1971 and who now is head of the Riverside RTD Retirees Social Club and editor of their newsletter, wrote to tell Headway that there are four very active retiree groups in existence in the San Gabriel Valley, Riverside and Long Beach areas. Louis thought this might be of interest to RTD's retirees and old timers interested getting in together. The clubs and the meeting times are as follows:

The LONG BEACH CLUB meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Forum Cafeteria, Lakewood Center, east of Rosemead Blvd., of Candlewood.

The RIVERSIDE GROUP meets on the second Wednesday of the month at Remek Center, Hunt Park, 4015 Jackson Street, Riverside, which is two blocks north and two blocks west of Van Buren and Magnolia, the main center of what used to be Arlington. Meeting time is 12 noon and there is a potluck luncheon.

The HEMET GROUP meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. at Sir George's Restaurant on Florida Street, about five blocks east of the center of town at State and Florida.

The ARCADIA GROUP meets on the last Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at Sir George's restaurant at Santa Anita and Live Oak, where the Las Tunas joins Live Oak in Arcadia.

Velzy writes: "Any and all retirees are most cordially invited to attend any one or all of the gatherings, become acquainted with other retirees, have a good lunch and an enjoyable time meeting with former working buddies."•

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