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## Operators' actions smooth fare increase



Operator Benjamin Morris stocks literature box with fare increase pamphlets.

District operators have been praised for their smooth handling of the July 1 fare increases by Jack Walsh, general superintendent of Transportation.

Walsh noted that the drivers, in filling their front-line role as the District's representatives to the riding public, did an excellent job in handling customer questions with finesse and diplomacy.

"The new fare increases have become effective with a minimum of complaints and incidents," Walsh said. "This is an outstanding example of our operators handling their responsibilities in a workmanlike and professional manner."

The fare increases became ef-

fective with the start of the 1978-1979 fiscal year and were adopted by the Board of Directors in order to prevent further cuts in personnel and service.

Under the increases, the basic fare was raised by five cents to 45 cents; and the fare for the elderly and the handicapped was increased from 10 cents to 15 cents. The monthly pass for the elderly and the handicapped remains at \$4.

The regular monthly pass was increased from \$18 to \$20, and the student pass was increased from \$12 to \$14. Commensurate increases were made in Park/Ride and freeway express services.

### Divisions score in safety

Reducing the likelihood of accidents is an especially important goal for a public transit agency, affecting not only employees but also bus passengers and the occupants of other vehicles on the road.

After compiling the latest safety statistics, the District commended four divisions recently for their performance records.

Among the maintenance departments, Division 6 received the fourth quarter 1977 safe performance award and Division 2 earned the overall safety award for the entire year of 1977.

These two divisions were instrumental in helping the maintenance departments reduce lost-time industrial accident reports by 32 per cent and first aid reports by 50 per cent last year, while the system maintenance staff-hours worked rose by 17 per cent.

For the transportation departments, Division 18 was awarded the fourth quarter safety award for 1977 and Division 3 achieved the best safety record for the entire year, based on the lowest frequency of chargeable accidents. Division 3 has been the overall winner during both years that the District's Safe Performance Award Program has existed.

With the contributions of both Divisions 18 and 3 in traffic and passenger safety, RTD reduced its accident frequency rate by 16 per cent, while the miles operated grew by 10 per cent during the same period.

Board President Marvin Holen presented certificates and congratulated the division managers and their personnel for helping insure the safety of employees and the citizens RTD serves.



Accepting the safety awards are Frank Abrosion, Paul Mahoney, William Boyett, Marvin Holen and Art Begg.



Mechanic Larry Murai affixes fare change stickers to far box.

### RTD brightens youths' summer

An innovative new Summer Pass for students is putting added zest and fun into the lives of thousands of Southland teenagers.

Whether their interests are school, work or play, Southland students 18 years of age and younger are finding the RTD an economical and convenient way for unlimited travel to class (for those who have summer school), to work, and to the beach, recreation sites, or amusement parks.

For these teenagers, the new Summer Student Pass represents an unprecedented bargain — three months of unlimited travel for \$20. The passes went on sale June 19 and have generated an enthusiastic response. Approximately 10,000 teenagers purchased the three-month passes in the first three weeks after they went on sale, and many more are expected to buy passes before the August 10 deadline.

The passes are good through

September, and will be honored in that month as the regular Student Monthly Pass. The passes are on sale at more than 200 RTD sales outlets and tickets offices.

Demonstrating that the RTD is truly youth-minded, the District also has established its Surf and Sun Service to enable surfers to respond easily to that electrifying call — "Surf's Up!"

More than 30 lines provide regularly scheduled service to 14 beaches from Seal Beach to Trancas. A bonus for Surf and Sun Service riders is that they don't have to fight traffic congestion nor scrounge for parking.

In addition, five lines — Nos. 175, 829, 846, 869 and 873 — will transport surfers complete with surfboards. The only requirements for taking a surfboard on board the bus are that the board be no longer than the height of the door opening on the bus and that the surfer place the board on end on the floor in his or her seating space.

## Employees of Month praised



The three Employees of the Month honored by the Board of Directors during April were Linda Huffer, Hiromu Hironaka and Joseph Pencak.

Information Operator Linda Huffer has often been complimented by the callers for her politeness, patience, and trustworthiness in providing accurate instructions. She has been with the District for four years and has always had above average attendance.

Hironaka, Division 2 Mechanic A Leadman was selected as Maintenance Employee of the Month because of his dependability and the quality of his automobile and truck repair work. He is always courteous and helpful to everyone.

Operator Pencak of Division 1 was honored as Operator of the Month for his outstanding driving record. He currently holds a 23-year safety award, has never had a missout, and has maintained an excellent attendance record. Pencak has been an RTD employee since 1951.

Participating in the monthly employee salute are (from left): Art Begg, transportation manager, Division 1; Pencak; Director Gerald Leonard; Huffer; Hironaka; Raul Rodriguez, maintenance manager, Division 2; and Robert Williams, manager, customer relations.



"Employment specifications and job descriptions can outline the basic qualifications for a position, but they can't cover other equally important qualities like enthusiasm, loyalty and dedication," remarked Marvin Holen, RTD Board President.

"This afternoon we are honoring three RTD employees who embody those traits," he said as he opened the Employee of the Month Awards ceremony recently.

The Telephone Information Operator being honored was Dorothy Hoccom, whose genial disposition and careful work had previously earned her the Telephone Information Operator of the Month honor in July, 1976. Besides her ready smile and helpfulness to co-workers and callers alike, her consistently high on-the-job attendance record was cited.

Bus Operator Hugh O. Van Patten of Division 12 was commended for his absence of missouts and late-for-work reports since he was hired on April 22, 1946. Moreover, his courteous disposition has earned him the admiration and trust of both his passengers and the transportation managers at the various divisions where he has worked over the years.

Maintenance Employee of the Month was Equipment Records Specialist Calvin K. Karlson, whose meticulous recordkeeping has helped keep Division 18 operating smoothly. Besides answering the road calls, locating buses for coach assignments and functioning as the liaison with headquarters, this 15-year veteran is always willing to help a co-worker locate the proper insurance or sick pay form.

Director David K. Hayward presented each employee with a certificate of appreciation, two complimentary dinners and box seats at a Dodgers game, and a handshake on behalf of the District.

From left are: Van Patten; Division 12 Manager Ralph Costello; Hoccom; Division 18 Maintenance Manager Milton Spencer; Karlson; Bob Williams, Manager of Customer Relations; and Hayward.



A CLOSE-UP VIEW of the reclining seats, luggage compartments and other features of the sleek, silver bus bearing an RTD logo was offered District personnel last April during a brief stopover outside the headquarters building. The MC-8 Crusader, manufactured by Motor Coach Industries, began its two-week demonstration run along Airport Express Line 776 on April 17. The performance analysis was part of the preliminary testing and preparation as the District plans to acquire new buses which include new interurban buses for the Airport Express Service, and other long-distance trips.

## Tourist pass, a better way to go

Tourism has often been called Southern California's largest industry, and the RTD is going after a larger share of this market by offering a new Tourist Pass tailored to the needs of Southland visitors.

The new pass will provide the millions of tourists who visit the District's service area with an attractive, economical transportation alternative.

The Tourist Pass, which went on sale on July 1, is valid for unlimited travel on all RTD local and express service, including the

Downtown and Westwood Minibuses. It is also good for 50 cents towards the \$3.50 RTD Airport Express fare. The cost is based on a \$1-per-day charge, with a 3-day minimum and 15-day maximum.

These passes are distributed through the ground transportation ticket booths at Los Angeles International Airport and all RTD-operated ticket locations. Purchasers are required to provide proof of residence outside of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.



RIDING IN HIGH STYLE are these District employees conducting a "test sitting" of three bus seat models temporarily placed inside the headquarters building last April for demonstration purposes. Two of the models were high-back, interurban designs intended for coaches assigned to Airport Express Service or other long trips. The third type is a suburban model for the standard buses. Among third innovative features are cantilevered seats, reclining backs, fabric upholstery, removable coverings for faster cleaning and repair, footrests, and other comfort, maintenance and safety factors. All three were developed by the American Seating Company. At far left, Jim Sowell of Planning records his comments while watching (from left), George Wells, head of the Maintenance Department; Ralph de la Cruz from Administration; and Frank Larson of the Safety Department.

# Second Annual RTD Employee Picnic

This is your invitation to a real western party



## Who, what, when, where, why and how of employee picnic

- WHEN:** SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 1978  
10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Calamigos Picnic Ranch - Malibu, California
- WHY:** Just Plain Fun!
- WHO:** Married employees, their spouse and children -  
Single employees, their children, and/or date-  
Retired employees and spouse
- COST:** Adults - \$3.50; Children, 5-10 \$2.00; Children  
under 5 - Free. (No admittance without a ticket)  
NOTE: The admission price is limited to  
immediate family members. Friends or relatives  
are not included.
- STUFF TO EAT:** Chuck Wagon-Style BBQ Dinner including: BBQ Ribs  
and Chicken, served with baked beans, potato salad,  
buffet of cold luncheon meats and cheeses, fruit  
salad, tossed green salad, relish platters with pickles,  
olives, carrot and celery sticks, rolls, coffee  
and dessert, SECONDS and THIRDS available . . .  
PLUS soft drinks, ice cream and popcorn.
- STUFF TO DO:** Games and Contest Prizes for all Ages/Music  
for listening/Mechanical Kiddie Rides/Ponies to  
Ride/Giant Moon Bounce/Hayride/Swimming/Boating/  
Fishing/Sports Activities/Ballgames/Horseshoes/  
Frisbee Golf Course/Barnyard Animals.
- STUFF TO REMEMBER:** Sorry No Pets Allowed/Fishermen, bring your own  
Equipment/No admittance without a ticket/Bring  
your Drawing Ticket/Caps required for long haired  
swimmers/Bus service from most Divisions.
- PLUS:** Drawing for 200 Dodger Baseball Tickets. Bus  
Service Available from most of the Divisions.  
(Call Ext. 6580 for exact information). Buses are  
scheduled to leave for the picnic at  
9:00 a.m.
- TICKETS MAY BE OBTAINED  
FROM BETTY AT EXT. 6580  
(Make all checks payable to RTD)

# System shake-up: 14 days,



All available schedule department personnel chip in to proof-write maps and make sure that each set is correct and complete.

The annual master shake-up that operators look forward to every year, and one of the important events in their working lives, requires a lot of background support from the District's Schedule Department, which develops the statistics, organizes the data and takes care of the myriad of details that go into making the system shake-up go smoothly. This all adds up to a lot of paperwork for the Schedule Department and normally requires up to six months of continuous effort.

Ken Webster, superintendent of schedules says, "everyone in the department sets aside their normal routine and helps to get ready for the shake-up." This year, it took about 77 days of concentrated teamwork just to organize and package the mountain of printed material that is necessary.

During this year's shake-up, it took 14 days for approximately 4,100 operators to bid on 2,700



Schedule Department personnel were literally surrounded by paperwork during the days before the shake-up.



Bob Holland looks over the mounds of complete sets of material before being distributed throughout the system.



Harry Maguire calling out the names on the first day of the shake-up.



Max Steward, third on the seniority roster, shakes hands with John Walsh, General Superintendent of Transportation.

# 4,100 operators, 180,000 pages

regular runs and 1,400 extra board positions.

This meant that the Schedule Department had to project all known service requirements for the entire system and had to come up with a final package that represented all the service to be operated effective June 25.

All that paperwork amounted to a whopping 180,000 pages for distribution across the District including 38 sets of work runs, 25 sets of paddles and 30 sets of system route sheets and maps.

There must be completed sets for the operators at all the Divisions, as well as working copies for the Division Dispatchers and Instructors, and several sets of work runs for the Control Accounting Department.

All materials had to be assembled, checked for accuracy, stapled, punched and ready to be shipped out seven weeks before the effective date of the shake-up.



Helping out at the shake-up atop a platform were from left: Eugene Anderson, assistant chief instructor; Fred Ferrell, staff assistant; Tish Namatame, senior staff assistant; Ron Reedy, acting staff assistant, and Harry Maquire, senior staff assistant.



Lelia Bailey checks over paddles as George Michaels looks on.



Division 3 operator Harley Colburg looks over work runs.

NAME	DIVISION	SENIORITY
Clark, Sherland D.	3	3-19-37
Morrissey, Henry W.	1	7-05-39
Stewart, Max B.	7	10-25-39
Veeh, Richard J.	8	10-25-40
Moberly, H. J.	8	1-16-41
Michael, M. A.	15	4-15-41
Cross, Earl L.	9	5-07-41
Hall, Dean R.	18	5-21-41
Gappae, L. P.	8	2-26-42
Lilley, Frank K.	5	3-26-42
Pitchie, G. R.	9	4-03-42
Chevlin, S.	9	5-20-42
Levitt, G. N.	6	9-09-42
Frey, Lowell W.	5	9-12-42
Brancato, G. J.	12	9-23-42
Moser, Howard D.	3	1-12-43
Montgomery, T.	9	2-04-43
Meyer, E.A.	3	2-12-43
Andre, D. E.	1	5-04-43
Pogue, N. C.	3	5-19-43
Cross, R. R.	3	5-19-43
Colberg, H. C.	3	5-27-43
Lafond, Joseph J.	9	9-14-43
Thommes, E. P.	9	9-28-43
Pruett, M. J.	9	12-17-43
Paris, Stanley M.	6	1-14-44



All the division managers and personnel from the Scheduling and Transportation Departments were on hand during the shake-up.

## Bus riders, a close clan

Riding a bus instead of commuting to work can reap other benefits besides saving gasoline, auto wear-and-tear, and the driver's frazzled nerves. It can also bring companionship and new friends, as one group of loyal RTD customers prove.

Known as the 122 Club, this group of about 20 women and one man ride Line 122 each workday from the Burbank area into downtown Los Angeles. Over the past few years, they've become fast friends and plan outings and get-togethers regularly.

As pictured here, 122 Club members held a house-warming party and baby shower last April for one of their clan who had moved to Palmdale. This summer they'll be going out with their spouses to see Frank Sinatra at

the Amphitheatre and then they'll make a group trip in September to Las Vegas.

They said they didn't meet one another until they began riding the bus and they're grateful to RTD for bringing them together.

Barbara Swaine, Secretary II in the Safety Department, belongs to the 122 Club. "They're a swell bunch. They never complain about RTD . . . except if the bus is late, early, old, new, if the air conditioning is on or off, if the bus is going too fast or too slow," she said, laughing.

"Actually, they really enjoy riding the bus. It's a good start to the day to be able to nag in pleasant company and to relax after the day ends by letting someone else hassle the traffic," she said.



GETTING THE ONCE-OVER from District personnel is a Renault bus. The vehicle is a 41 passenger, transit type powered by a six-cylinder Renault diesel engine. It was on display outside District headquarters on April 24 for management and staff alike to inspect both its eye-catching exterior and interior.



A WELL LIKED, very familiar face around the District was William "Bill" Weimer who retired June 1. Many friends crowded into the Personnel conference room to wish Bill and his wife, Vicki, a happy retirement. Among the gifts were a money tree, stetson hat, (as Bill will be raising horses up in Washington), and framed picture from Bill's earlier years in Marketing Department. Weimer, who started with Asbury Rapid Transit as operator in 1946 ended his District career as Employee Activities Coordinator.

## District BEEPing workers

To many employees of Hughes and Rockwell at El Segundo, "BEEP" has a special meaning — it is the acronym that stands for a new and inexpensive way to get to and from work.

BEEP stands for Bus Express Employee Program. Inaugurated by the District, June 1, BEEP provides Centinela Valley and South Bay employees of Hughes and Rockwell daily bus service from their home neighborhoods to and from El Segundo.

Fourteen customized bus routes provide express service to residents of Inglewood, Gardena, Hawthorne, Culver City, the beach cities, Torrance, and the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Fares are computed at approximately five cents per mile and may be paid in cash or with refundable tickets.

BEEP has been funded as a demonstration project by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

### Recreation news:

## Sunday softball league moving

While the baseball fever is in the air, you can enjoy our inter-divisional softball league games every Sunday at Whittier Narrows Park. There are four games scheduled each Sunday. Come root your division, South Park or the Headquarter's teams onto victory. Check the recreation boards for starting times.

A season of concerts and plays is scheduled throughout the summer that will appeal to a wide cross section of RTD employees. Upcoming events are:

August 4 - Lou Rawls in concert at the Greek Theatre

August 17 - Pal Joey 78 with Lena Horne - The Ahmanson Music Center

September 3 - The Colored Girls - Huntington Hartford Theatre

September 19 - Diana Ross in concert at the Amphitheatre

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It's time to make plans to attend the 2nd Annual Company Picnic August 27, (see the full page notice for details).

For the tennis buffs, a night of world team tennis featuring the

L.A. Strings vs the N.Y. Apples is set for August 9. The matches will be played at the Forum in Inglewood.

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Take a trip to San Simeon to see the famous Hearst Castle the weekend of August 12. Trip includes a stopover at the Danish town of Solvang.

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Also occurring next month is a Summer Par 3 Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 12. This first time event will take place at Heartwell Golf Park in Long Beach. No established handicap required. The \$5 entrance cost covers greens fees and prize money.

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RTD's tee-shirts emblazoned with the familiar company logo are still on sale in the Recreation Department. These cotton & polyester shirts come in extra large, large, medium and small sizes and are still the best bargain in town at just \$2 each.

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The Recreation Department will be happy to answer any questions on these programs through extension 6580.



"A FAMILY AFFAIR" is an apt description of the baby shower given RTD Telephone Information Operator Peggy Wahl on April 21. Not only are her mother, Edith Miller, and sister, Liz West, also information operators for RTD, but her father, Richard Miller, is a Division 9 driver. As pictured here, Peggy's other sisters also joined the party hosted by co-workers from the Telephone Information Department. From left are: Kathy Miller, Denise Miller, Edith, Peggy, Liz, and Charlotte Miller. Expected delivery date of the first child of Peggy and her husband, Stan, was May 31.

# RTD All-stars run over KLAC team

Amid wild cheering and applause, RTD's top basketball players defeated Johnny Brown's KLAC All-Stars on April 29 by 118 to 113.

The Second Annual All-Stars Basketball Game at Van Nuys High School between RTD and KLAC was a grueling, tough match. Throughout the first three quarters, the District's players trailed behind the KLAC team by just a few points.

But during the final quarter with just over six minutes left, RTD's All-Stars closed the gap by evening out the score 98 to 98. Tension mounted as the two teams played neck to neck, with the final few minutes showing a turnaround as the RTD team forged ahead with a one or two point lead.

Then with just over three minutes to go, RTD increased its lead to 107 points over KLAC's 104. That several point gap continued up until the end, with RTD responding each time KLAC tried to edge upward.

The victorious RTD All-Star players were Ray Thomas from Headquarters; Stanley Mixson and Vernon Holloway from Division 3; John "Dr. J" Howard, Jr. from South Park; Anthony "Dr. Rock" Washington and Glen Newton from Division 7; Lester Charles, Curtis "Cadillac" Rowe, Robert Voss and Johnny McKinny, all from Division 18; C. C. Thompson of Division 6; and Anthony Melton from Division 2.

The rigorous celebrity opposi-

tion they faced that evening consisted of Johnny Brown, Bernie Casey, Rudy La Russo, Doug Johnson, Orlando Lee, Jerry Chambers and Charlie Dierkoph.

RTD Sports Commissioner Bill Hernandez described the game as "very physical." He and the team players cited several factors contributing to their victory.

"In the beginning, our strategy was to run. We discovered Washington and Charles were ideal for a running gun type of defense with Melton applying pressure to the ball handler," Hernandez explained.

"Throughout the first half, we were trying to determine who would be our best offensive and defensive team to stop La Russo and Lee, KLAC's toughest and top professional players," he continued. "During the middle of the second quarter, we put Cadillac on La Russo and Howard on Lee, with Mixson rotating on a two-one collapse defense tactic."

"We also switched to a full court press at the end of the third quarter and that was very effective," the sports commissioner reported.

The final score sheets showed Mixson scoring 18 points and 12 rebounds, Howard tallying up 18 points and 7 rebounds, Rowe with 23 points and 8 rebounds, Charles responsible for making 17 points and 2 rebounds, Melton scoring 14 points and 5 steals, and Voss with 12 points and 10 rebounds.



RTD All-Star Mixson cited another incentive helping bring his team to victory — vigorous support from the sidelines where a heavy turnout of RTD employees and families applauded and cheered wildly at each winning move.

The team's success was especially heartwarming following RTD's defeat to the KLAC All-Stars last year by a score of 100 to 92.

Another advantage enjoyed by the District team this year was that each player knew his teammates' strengths and weaknesses from previous games and played accordingly. RTD All-Star McKinny commented that they entered the game in a victorious mood, relying on running and shooting freely to enable them to tire out the opposition.

RTD's players left the courts jubilantly yet thoroughly exhausted as several of the team members had worked their regular shifts earlier that day.

At the conclusion of the game, Scorekeeper Ken Ferris, former Sports Commissioner Warren Meats and Moderator Jack Brown chose Mixson as the recipient for the Most Valuable Player trophy.

Helping root the team to victory throughout the evening were RTD's dedicated cheerleaders led by Diane Moran. Sheila Du Vernay, Marta Espantman, Peaches Fraise, Linda Huffer, Sharon Knapp, Michelle

Kochuba and Gil Sanders performed the yelling, kicking and jumping to help bolster team spirit.

Musical entertainment was provided by the talented RTD employee music group. Willis Crenshaw, William Diaz, Dennis Fiss, Jordan Holland, Purvis Johnson, Fred Lawrence, Steve Parry, Jim Rice, and Ed Vandeventer, under the direction of John Jackson, played and sang a variety of tunes to add to the mood, including the "Star Spangled Banner."

Other thanks go to Jack Brown of Division 8 who served as moderator and all-around assistant throughout the event, and to hostesses Rachel Suarez, Olivia Lopez and Ambrosia Suma who, among other services, supplied refreshments to team members cooling off on the sidelines.

Another accolade in absentia was paid to Bill Weimer, recently-retired Special Projects Manager of RTD's Recreation Department whose work had helped make the games possible. "Prior to the game, I informed the team that we were dedicating it to Bill Weimer and they responded with the most exciting victory of our short history as the All-Stars," Hernandez remarked.

It was also announced at the event that the next All-Stars game would take place on May 13 against the Los Angeles Police Department and it may be an even tougher match.





# MAKING HEADWAY

Art Lopez and Sandra Baker, Division 3 Operators celebrated their first wedding anniversary May 19. They met four years ago as RTD employees and their friendship culminated in marriage.

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Shirley Crowder and George Roessner, Division 1 Operators were wed on May 15 in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

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Brenda Miley, telephone information operator and daughter-in-law of Betty Miley, administrative assistant, gave birth to a 8 lb, 10 oz. girl, Devin Ion, June 8. Mother and daughter are both fine.

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Steve Espantman, husband of Marta Espantman, community representative, graduated in June from the University of Southern California with honors, with a degree in Pharmacy.

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Tim Miller, Division 9 operator and his wife welcomed a new addition to their family, a baby girl — Summer Nichol — born April 12. She weighed 9 lbs. 5½ oz. Summer joins a sister, Brandy Marie, 2 years old.

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Operator Charles Reed, Jr. of Division 5 and his wife, Yvette, joined the circle of parenthood when their first-born arrived on May 4 at Kaiser Hospital. Both father and son are proud Taurus' who share the same birthday. That's right, Charles III was daddy's birthday present from mommy.

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It was a 6 lb. 14½ oz. boy for Division 2 Operator Francisco Aldoney and his wife, Linda. Bryan Roberto was born on May 18 at Valley Presbyterian Hospital.

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It was the third birth, first daughter for Robert F. Arenas, Division 3 Operator and his wife. Angela weighing 6 lbs. 12 ozs. at birth joins her brothers Alex, 5 years old, and Gabriel, 2½.

Ramon Meza, Jr., Division 12 Operator and his wife Caroline, became the proud parents of their first son, Ramon III on March 9 weighing in at 6 lbs. 11 ozs. He has a 3 year old sister Christina.

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Jennie Marie Porter, daughter of Jim Porter, business representative for ATU, and Harriett Porter, Division 2 Utility B recently wed Jerry Homesly, Jr. at the Porter home in Walnut. The happy couple will made their home in Northern California.

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Division 3 Operator Richard Hart was married on May 14. He and his wife Gloria will reside in Los Angeles.

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Retired Division 12 Operator Marcellus Pettler and his wife Lydia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a Caribbean Cruise that included a trip through the Panama Canal. Their anniversary was June 23 and they are both in excellent health.

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Carla De Guire, daughter of Carl De Guire, Schedule Department, was the \$300 grand prize winner in the 3rd Annual San Gabriel Valley Tribune Cookbook Contest. The final judging was held at a cook-off on May 20. Carla, a Covina Royal Oak High School freshman credits her mom for teaching her how to cook.

Division 8 held a grand celebration June 9 to honor four retiring employees, each with over thirty years of service. Retiring were Operators Roland Anderson, Edward B. Hughes, and William T. Cummings and Instructor Harold Reinink.

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Jim Stinson, Division 9 Maintenance Manager was feted by co-workers and friends at a surprise retirement party on June 2. Jim, with 31 years of service, was presented with a router and bit set.

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Operator Bill Sawyer, Division 2, has two good reasons to be a proud father. His older son, Lloyd, graduated from basic training at Fort Gordon, Georgia and will be assigned to Tele-Communication training.

His younger son, Tran, was invited to attend the Sports World Superstar Invitational Basketball Camp in San Diego this month to compete with top 150 high school players from the West Coast for college scholarships.

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Operator Joe Hurley, Division 22, was surprised by his regular passengers on Line 800. He received a goodbye card and remembrance of money on his last day before transferring to Division 9.



IT BEGAN ON August 21, 1947 when Mona Seyferth (seated at far left) was hired by Los Angeles Transit Lines to work at the 16th Street maintenance facility. Her 31-year service record ended on April 18, 1978 when she retired as a Clerk in the General Accounting Department. So her retirement party inside the headquarters building during her final day working for the District brought together employees from several departments and divisions. As shown here, Seyferth received some parting words of advice and gratitude from two of her former supervisors. Standing at far right is George Powell, now-retired chief of RTD Maintenance, and Frank Carr (standing, far left), Assistant Controller-Treasurer-Auditor.

April 15, the traditional income tax deadline date, brought two very special tax deductions for Division 3 Operator Eugene D. Perez. On that date, his wife, Rebecca, gave birth to twins—one boy, Eugene Jr., and one girl, Andrea. The new additions make a total of four children for the Perez family.

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Two-year-old Justin Mena, son of Division 10 Operator Larry Mena and his wife, Lee, has a new baby brother. Joel Francis was born on March 10 at Kaiser Hospital, tipping the scales at 6 lbs., 10 oz.

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April 25, 1978 was the birthdate of Judith Monette, whose parents are Division 6 Operator Douglas R. Carter and his wife. The baby girl was born at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

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Twenty years of being married were celebrated last May 18 by M. J. Smith, Division 5 Foreman, and his wife, Edith. The couple have three children: Stephanie, 18; De Marcus, 14; and Michael, 12.

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Albert Reyes, new section head in the Community Relations department, graduated with honors from Cal State University, Los Angeles, Public Administration, June 9.

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Harold V. Anderson, Division 5 Operator, and his wife, Connie, proudly announce the birth of their first son, Harold Vincent Anderson II. He has one sister Ebony Tenia Marie 1½. The new addition arrived on January 17, weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19½ inches. Harold proudly announces that he assisted his wife in the delivery of their first son through the lamaze process.

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Last March 17 went down as an important day for the family of Oliver Small Division 5 Equipment Foreman, and his wife, Fayell. On that date, their son, Tyron, graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard in Oakland, California and was presented with a certificate recognizing his service in the Honor Guard. Tyron is a Los Angeles High School alumnus.

## HEADWAY

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