

# Basketball, Dominos, Golf results inside

Southern California Rapid Transit District



## HEADWAY

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### Glendale City Councilman Carl Meseck replaces Cook on Board of Directors

Carl Meseck, a Glendale City Councilman, has been sworn in as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District.

Meseck was named by the Corridor C subcommittee of the City Selection Committee to the 11-member RTD board to fill the position vacated by Byron Cook, former Mayor and City Councilman of Burbank. (Corridor C consists of the cities of Glendale, Burbank, San Fernando, Hidden Hills and La Canada-Flintridge).

Meseck, who is general manager of the Glendale YMCA, has been on the Glendale council since 1971 and served as mayor in 1974 and 1975. Prior to his council service he served for five years on the Glendale Parks and Recreation Commission.

He is chairman of the Glendale Redevelopment Agency and has been actively involved in major projects in the city including the Glendale Galleria. He was also active in efforts to keep the Hollywood-Burbank Airport from closing. He currently serves as secretary on the policy-making and operating body for the facility, now officially known as the Burbank-Pasadena Airport.

Meseck, who resides in Glendale with his wife and children, has been a YMCA executive in



#### Changes

Bowing out after nearly seven years of service, Director Byron Cook (right in photo at left) receives a special commendation from the RTD Board of Directors, presented by board president Marvin Holen, expressing appreciation for Cook's contributions to public transportation. Preparing to take Cook's place is Carl Meseck (right in photo at right), being sworn in by District Secretary Richard Kissick.



the Glendale area for 27 years, joining the organization just after receiving his B.S. from UCLA. A native of Wisconsin, Meseck also attended the University of Wisconsin.

Cook, during his nearly seven-year tenure with the board, was chosen by his fellow directors to two consecutive terms as President in 1975 and 1976.

Also, Cook has served as Chairman of the Executive and Administration, Efficiency and

Economy committees, and as a member of the Advance Planning, Surface Operations, Personnel and Rapid Transit committees.

Among some of the achievements recorded by the District during Cook's tenure with the board were strides in the area of legislation, Park and Ride and Subscription bus programs and the implementation of the major sector expansion and improvement programs.

A longstanding member in the Burbank political community, Cook was elected to the Burbank City Council in 1971. In May of 1973 he was elected Mayor of Burbank and was elected mayor again in 1978.

Cook has long been active in various professional, fraternal and civic organizations, which include the Burbank Rotary Club and the Burbank Elks Club. He is also a member of Toastmasters International.

#### Five is #1

The Division Five basketball team, coached by Levada V. Brown, Jr. (center), proudly display the first place trophies they claimed as victors of the RTD Districtwide Basketball Championship. Bumped into the consolation bracket of the double elimination playoff tournament, the Division Five cagers stormed back to narrowly defeat Division Three (the team that had knocked them into the losers' bracket) in the finals. For playoff details and more photos, please turn to page 4.





## Operator's actions prevent possible disaster

The cool, calculated, courageous actions of an RTD operator averted what could have developed into a rush hour tragedy on the San Bernardino Freeway.

Operating Line 489 out of Division 9, Hector Alegria entered the El Monte Busway at Del Mar heading west with a busload of early morning commuters. Immediately, he noticed a small foreign car in the fast lane with sparks and smoke shooting out from beneath the car.

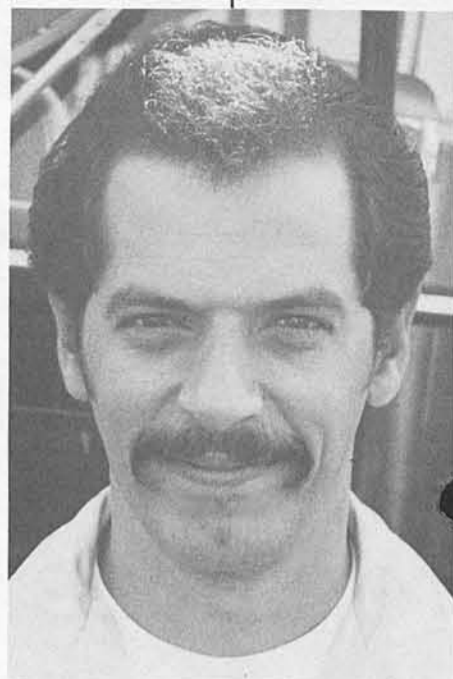
"Since I was driving an 8100 I pulled up alongside the car and told the driver, a lady, that her car was on fire and to stop," Alegria recalled.

According to eyewitness accounts, Alegria pulled his bus to the shoulder so as not to obstruct the Busway, grabbed the fire extinguisher and raced back to the burning vehicle, where he was successful in putting out the fire under the car and in the engine compartment.

Then, with the help of a male passenger from the bus, he pushed the car out of the traffic lanes, returned to the bus and notified the dispatcher to call the California Highway Patrol about the disabled vehicle. Then he proceeded with his run.

However, Alegria's actions did not go unnoticed. The District's Customer Relations Department received several letters from passengers on the bus and passersby who witnessed his actions and felt he should be commended. Some of their comments: "Nowadays it is really appreciated that there are people who are willing to help others when a need exists. I want to thank you for having such people working for your company." "With all the excitement, I still arrived to work on time and safely." "You can be proud of responsible drivers like (Hector Alegria) and we, the passengers, are proud of him, also."

And if Alegria seemed to take it all in stride as part of a day's work, well it practically was. This was the sixth time in the eight years that Hector has worked for the District that he has assisted in putting out an automobile fire.



HECTOR ALEGRIA

## Career success saluted

Based on the principle that the best management in the world would be valueless without the hard work and dedication of its rank-and-file employees, the Employee of the Month program is designed to recognize personnel who are an attribute to the Southern California Rapid Transit District. Three more names were added to the District's growing honor role for March.

Elnora Darlyne Adams has been a Telephone Information Operator with the District for one year and in that time she has consistently demonstrated an ability to exceed the standards set for the telephone information clerk's work performance. She has a thorough knowledge of all District routes, schedules and fares. She works quickly, but is also patient, listening attentively to her callers and showing much tact in dealing with patrons. She has received numerous commendations from customers, who have taken their time to write to the Manager of Customer Relations about Elnora's precise and courteous service.

Salvador Quesada, who works at Division 15 in Sun Valley, was chosen the Maintenance Employee of the Month. Salvador has worked for RTD as a Utility-A since March, 1975. During this period of time he has had an excellent record with regard to attendance and punctuality. Quesada is described by his supervisors as most cooperative when asked to do any type of job, he never complains and is quick and efficient in carrying out his assignments. He has a positive attitude toward work and will work overtime whenever needed. His fine character and high caliber of dedication influence his fellow employees.

Louis P. Alvarez has been employed by the District and its predecessor agencies since October 3, 1947—always as an operator. He currently works out of Division 9 in El Monte. In his 31 years of service, Louis has never had a chargeable accident. He has a 29-year safety award as well as an excellent missout and sick record. His attitude, disposition and character are all above reproach, according to Division 9 Transportation Manager Ben Lynum. But, perhaps the facet of Alvarez's career that best indicates why he was selected Operator of the Month is that he has never received a passenger complaint since joining the organization.



HONORED — Receiving Certificates of Merit from Director Thomas Neusom (right) were Employees of the Month (front, left to right) Elnora Adams, Louis Alvarez and Salvador Quesada. Taking part were (from left, rear) Manager of Customer Relations Bob Williams, Division 9 Transportation Manager Ben Lynum and Division 15 Maintenance Manager Cliff Lawson.

## Commendations

(Editor's note: Quoted below are excerpts from letters received by the RTD Customer Relations Department commending operators for the performance of their duty. All such letters are reported to the operator by his division manager and then entered in the operator's personnel file).

—Bob Miller, Division 9: "Part of our program at San Jose School for the trainable mentally retarded is bowling. We bowl every Friday and use RTD to reach the bowling alley. We want to thank you for the services provided to our students. As our children are severely handicapped, it sometimes takes extra time getting on and off the bus, but your driver is very considerate of our needs. He goes out of his way to make us feel especially good. He is an excellent representative of your company."

—Samuel Garrett, Division 3: I left my briefcase on the bus and realized this just as the bus pulled away. I was wondering how I would ever retrieve it when I noticed your driver across the street waving my briefcase at me. He had discovered it, stopped the bus (quite legally) and was personally bringing my briefcase back to me. Not a regular bus rider, I am considering riding the bus whenever I can thanks to this favorable experience."

—Benjamin B. Bailey, Division 12: "Too often we are quick to pick on bus drivers and overlook a number of them who extend themselves to provide deluxe service. (Mr. Bailey) was polite, displayed good rapport with his passengers, announced various stops with connecting lines and even provided bus schedules to those unfamiliar with the bus lines."

—Robert C. Buchanan, Division 8: "This bus driver is at all times courteous to his passengers, conscientious of the needs of those who may be taking a bus for the first time or do

not know how to reach their destination. He remembers to call people's stops when requested to do so, has knowledge of many bus routes outside his own and extends the courtesy waiting for those running to catch the bus."

—E.M. Wilkerson, Division 5: "Three young men crowded around me to rob me. Your operator spotted it in his rearview mirror and, with a few determined words, stopped them from carrying out their intended crime. I thanked him and want to thank RTD for having kind and responsible men like him serving the public."

—Donna M. Summers, Division 8: "The driver was a lady, in the best sense of the word. Extremely helpful, polite, she drove smoothly and well, and what to me was most unusual, she called out not just the street names, but also where the different buses connect. In the 30 years I have lived here I have never experienced this. What a pleasure!"

—Tony Moreno, Division 3: "I have ridden the bus a good long time and this driver is really good."

—Chris Sharpe, Division 2: "A good, safe driver, he is also polite, extending extra thoughtfulness to three handicapped passengers who regularly ride the bus."

—Albert Evans, Division 7: "Courteous, kind and patient, he calls every stop and is always anxious to help people find the right street."

—M. Bradford, Division 12: "She is an excellent driver, being very careful with the bus, and is polite and helpful to all the passengers."

—Ralph Washington, Division 7: "I find it most commendable that you have in your employ men and women of this caliber, showing concern for others and willing to take the time to help."

—Larry Jarman, Division 6:

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The  
eyes  
have it

The Tut Bus (above) a special graphic design applied to the exterior of 10 District buses which operated service to the King Tut exhibit at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art last year, has won an award. The American Advertising Federation judged the design the "Best in the West" Sweepstakes Award winner in the Transit category. Below, Jack Jost (left) of Transit Ads, Inc., the company that handles all advertising on District buses, presents the award to board president Marvin Holen.



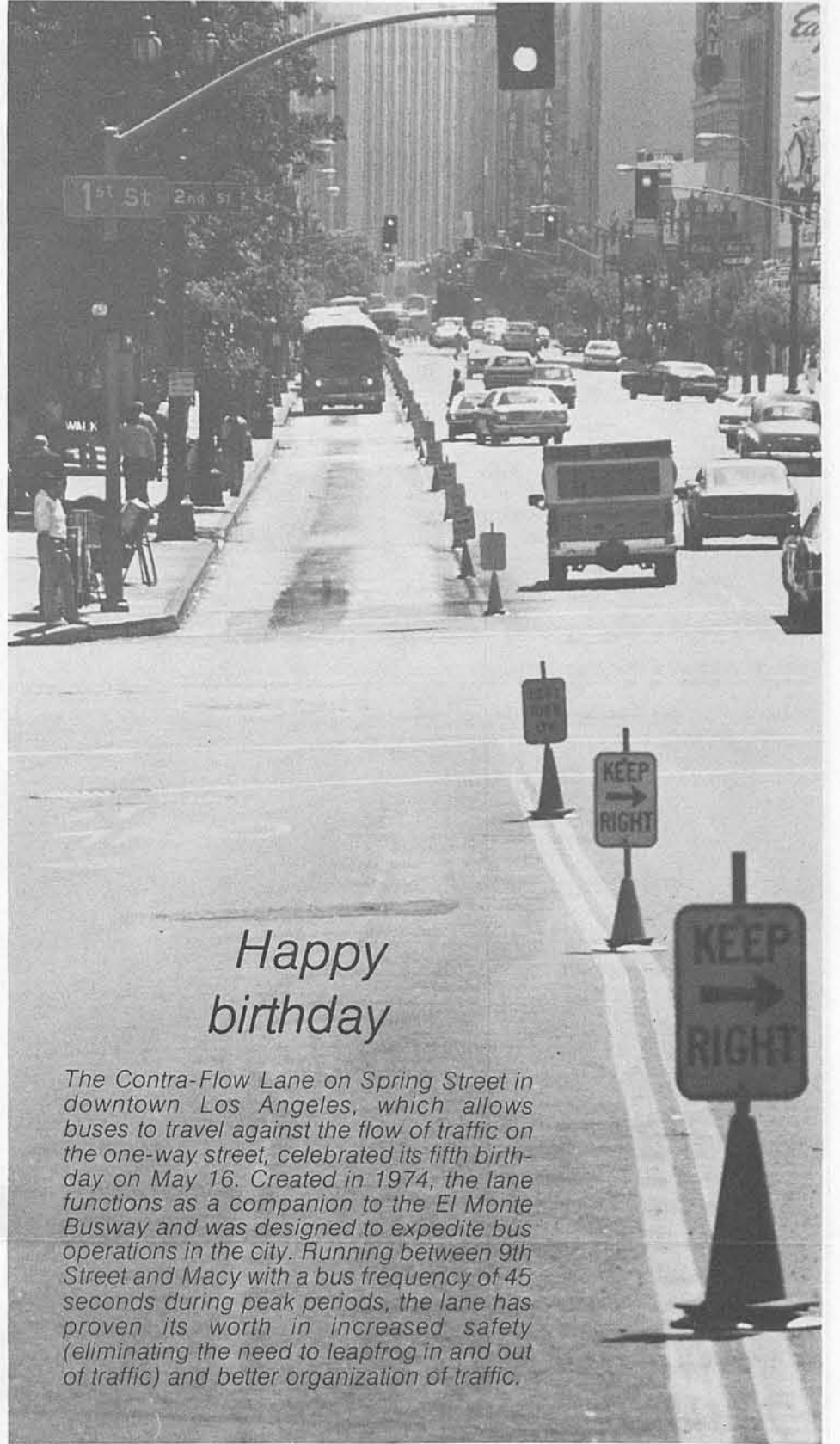
**AT ANNUAL BANQUET**

**Four District departments net safety awards**

Each year the National Safety Council sponsors an awards contest which is open to all facets of business and industry. Winning one of these awards is a major accomplishment since more than 300 organizations in the Los Angeles area are in competition with each other for top honors.

For their achievements in safety, four Southern California Rapid Transit District departments recently received awards from the National Safety Council. They are the General Services Maintenance Department, the District Print Shop, Division 12's Transportation Department and Division 2's Maintenance Department.

Perfect Awards, signifying the completion of an entire calendar year without a reportable industrial injury, were garnered by the General



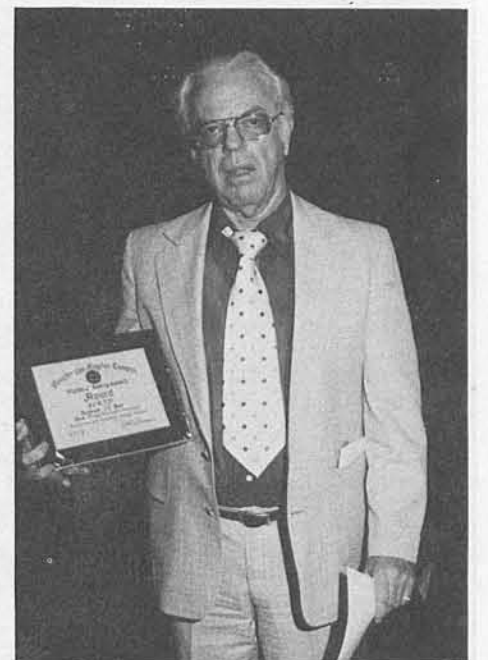
Happy  
birthday

The Contra-Flow Lane on Spring Street in downtown Los Angeles, which allows buses to travel against the flow of traffic on the one-way street, celebrated its fifth birthday on May 16. Created in 1974, the lane functions as a companion to the El Monte Busway and was designed to expedite bus operations in the city. Running between 9th Street and Macy with a bus frequency of 45 seconds during peak periods, the lane has proven its worth in increased safety (eliminating the need to leapfrog in and out of traffic) and better organization of traffic.

Services Department, under the direction of Harold Kelley; and the District Print Shop, run by Al Moore.

In the Bus Transportation category, a second place award was presented to Ralph Costello, Transportation Manager of Division 12; while a third place award went to A.C. Howard, Maintenance Manager at Division 2. The place awards represent the District's final standings as compared to more than 50 other transportation companies in the Los Angeles County area.

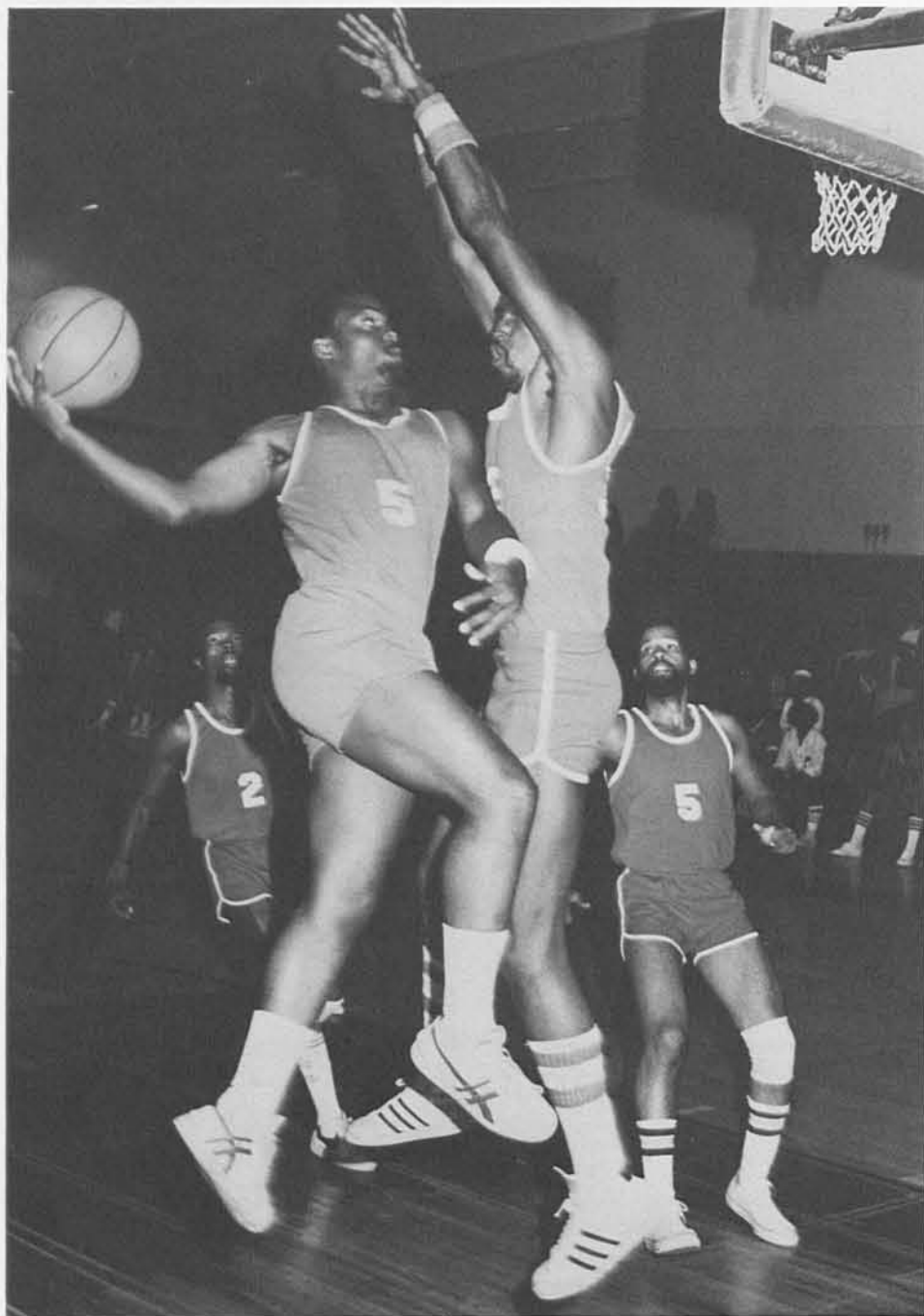
The awards were presented at the annual Safety Awards Banquet of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council. Also, the recipients were again honored by the RTD Board of Directors at a later ceremony.



LOOK MA, NO ACCIDENTS — Picking up awards at the National Safety Council Los Angeles Chapter's annual banquet for the safe operation of their departments were RTD employees (from left) A.C. Howard, Division

2 Maintenance Manager; Harold Kelley, Building Services Manager; Al Moore, Print Shop Manager; and Ralph Costello, Division 12 Transportation Manager. Kelley and Moore received Perfect Safety Record awards.





## Division 5 cagers net come-from-behind win

Paced by well-balanced scoring and a never-say-die attitude, Division 5's basketball team scored a 53-50 victory over an unheralded Division 3 quintet to claim the 1979 RTD basketball championship.

It was a come-from-behind win for coach Levada Brown's cagers, who had finished third in league play with an 11-3 record and then been dumped into the consolation bracket — by Division 3 — in the second round of the double elimination playoff tournament.

The fact that coach Carl Jones' Division 3 netters were in the finals in the first place was something of a Cinderella story. Finishing the league season with an unimpressive 6-8 slate, the Highland Park hoopsters barely qualified for the playoffs. Once there, however, they got their act together and sailed undefeated into the finals. Along the way they dispatched Headquarters/South Park, 57-49, setting up their second round meeting with Division 5, which they barely survived 37-35, to qualify for the finals.

Five, meanwhile, faced Division 18 (which finished league play with the best record, 13-1) for the other final berth and won 51-45. Division 5 had handed 18 a first-round loss, 47-38.

Division 5 won the first cham-

pionship meeting 47-43, necessitating a final, decisive confrontation.

In that game, high-scoring honors were shared by Division 5's Steve Woods and Division 3's Stan Mixon, who both tallied 20 points. But 5 had two other players in double digits — Charles Burke (12) and Herb Moore (11) — and that appeared to make the difference.

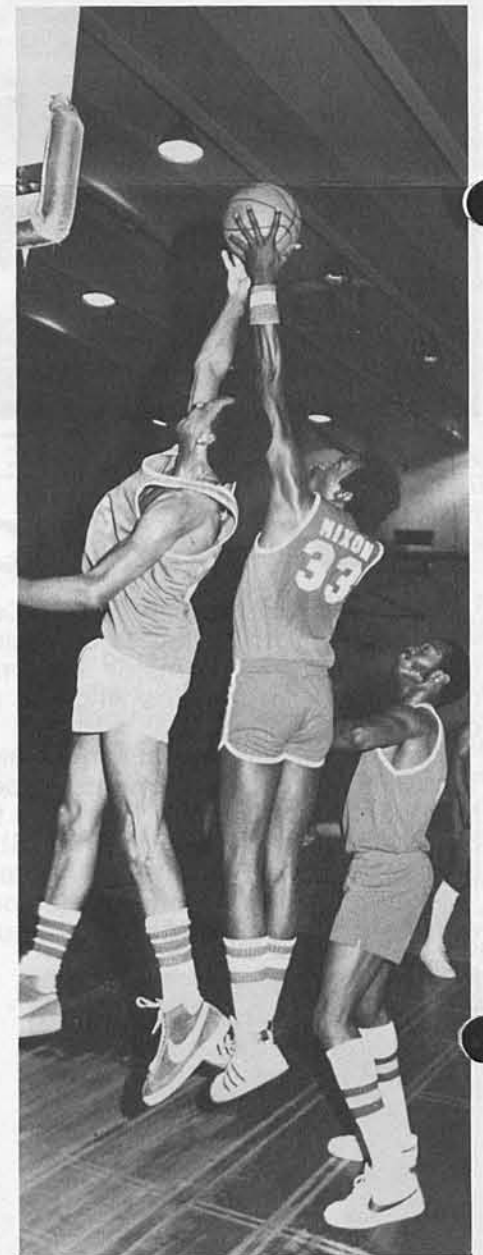
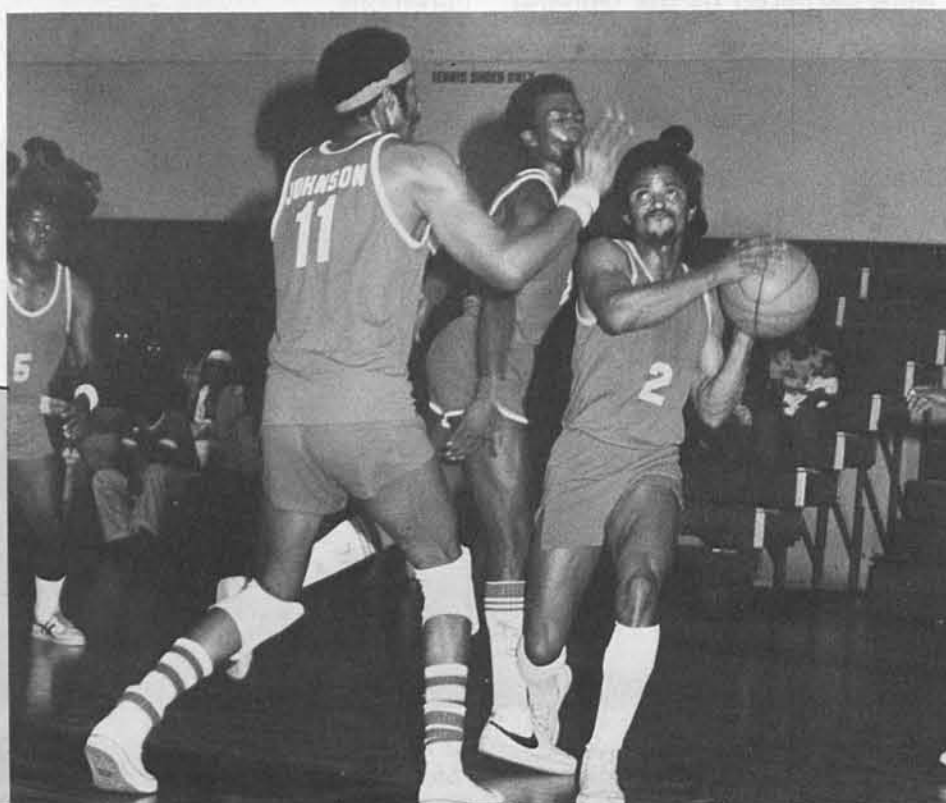
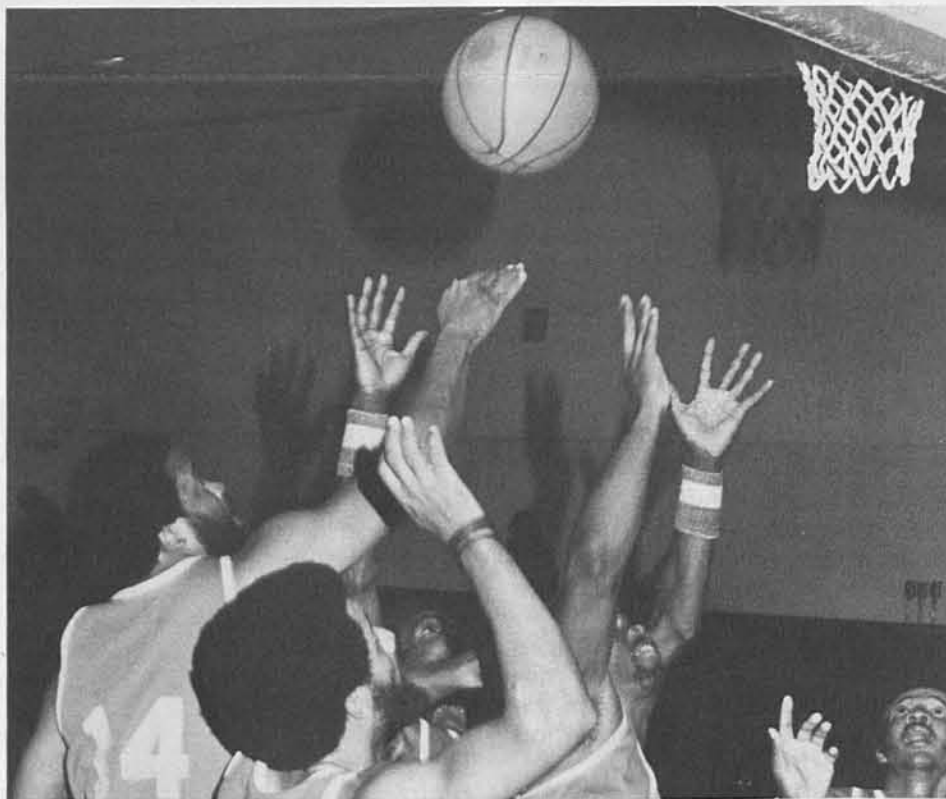
Other members of the championship team and their points in the final game were Phillip Thomas (6), Melvin Jones (2), Bruce James (2) and Fred Smith, Gerald Goundy, Dwayne Johnson and Chris Carter.

In addition to Nixon, Division 3 included Tommie Harris (12 points), William Robinson (9), Eric Johnson (7), Foster Taylor (2), Michael Barard, Harold Hollis, Oliver Mathews, Eugene Keyes, Vernon Holloway and William Jackson.

Final season standings, including playoff games, were Division 5: 15-4, Division 3: 8-10, Division 18: 14-2, HQ/SP: 12-4. Final league standings for the other teams were Division 7: 5-9, Division 6: 4-10, Division 2: 4-10 and Division 1: 1-13.

### Roundball tussle

Members of the Division 5 and Division 3 basketball teams took it to the hoop May 15 to determine who was the best, and championship play highlighted the encounter. Above, Division 5 forward Herb Moore (5) drive's for the basket in a three-on-one situation against Division 3's Tommie Harris (2), Stan Mixon and William Robinson (5). Outstretched arms and upturned faces follow the progress of the elusive roundball under the boards (top, right), while Five's Phillip Thomas (2) fights his way toward the hoop past Three's Eric Johnson (11) below, right. The big men for both squads in the championship foray (far right) were Three's Mixon (33) and Five's Steve Woods (light trunks), shown fighting for a rebound under the basket. The two shared high-point honors in the final confrontation with 20 points apiece, in addition to controlling the boards at their respective ends of the court and sparking their team's defensive performance.





# District golfers have a blast

Overcast skies and temperatures in the low 70s (which is where everyone was hoping his score would be) greeted the 75 Southern California Rapid Transit District employees and their guests who took to the fairways of Ontario National Golf Course in the RTD Spring Golf Tournament.

When the final divot was replaced and the last putt was tapped into the cup, Divison 9's Abel Garcia had covered the 18-hole, 6,621-yard course in an even par 71 to capture first place and Low Gross honors. Garcia, who was the defending Low Net champion from the Winter Golf Tournament last September, again took Low Net honors in the Handicap Flight with a 63.

(The Handicap Flight is reserved for those players with established Southern California Golf Association handicaps. For example, Garcia plays an eight handicap which, when subtracted from his gross score of 71, yields a net score of 63).

Division 9 dominated the Handicap Flight as their Ronald Woods finished second with a 63 (net) and Bob Pearce came in third with a 64. (Incidentally, ties were broken by comparing which player had the better score on the first hole).

For those tournament participants who did not have a current SCGA handicap, the Callaway System of handicapping was used. Two flights were established, Over-100 and Under-100.

"The Callaway System is based on the rules of the USGA and takes into account a player's ability and the difficulty of the course to establish an equitable handicap for players without established handicaps," explained Jack Gerhardt, retired RTD Administrator of Labor Relations, who again volunteered his time and expertise in coordinating the semi-annual event. Gerhardt, by the way, finished fourth in the Handicap Flight with a 66.

In the Callaway Flight Over-100, Dave Biehn of the South Park Shops and Jack Purcell of the Schedule Department tied with a 76, but Biehn was awarded the first place trophy on the strength of his better showing on the first hole. Art Leahy of Administration was a close third place finisher in the flight with a 76½.

In the Callaway Flight Under-100, top honors went to Jack Horton of South Park for his 73-stroke effort. Bobby Hairston of Division 7 was second at 74, while Bashir Mahmud of Division 8 finished third with a 74½.

In the Guest Flight, Kevin Leach, son of Joe Leach, took the top prize with a 72. Young Kevin, who plays with a six handicap (one of the lowest in the tourney) burned up the par-71 course by firing a 78. Finishing second was Don Pierce, Sr., father of Data Processing's Don Pierce, Jr., who shot a net 72½.

In the Ladies Flight, Muriel Small of Customer Relations barely edged Community Relations Representative Mary Lou Echternach for top honors. Small finished with an 82, just half-a-stroke ahead of Mary Lou.

The tournament also featured four Closest-to-the-hole competitions and a Longest Drive competition. The winner of each of these contests received a pair of Dodger tickets.

In the Closest-to-the-hole, Division 8's Bashir Mahmud won on Hole 13, and Division 2's John Dancy was the winner on Hole 16.

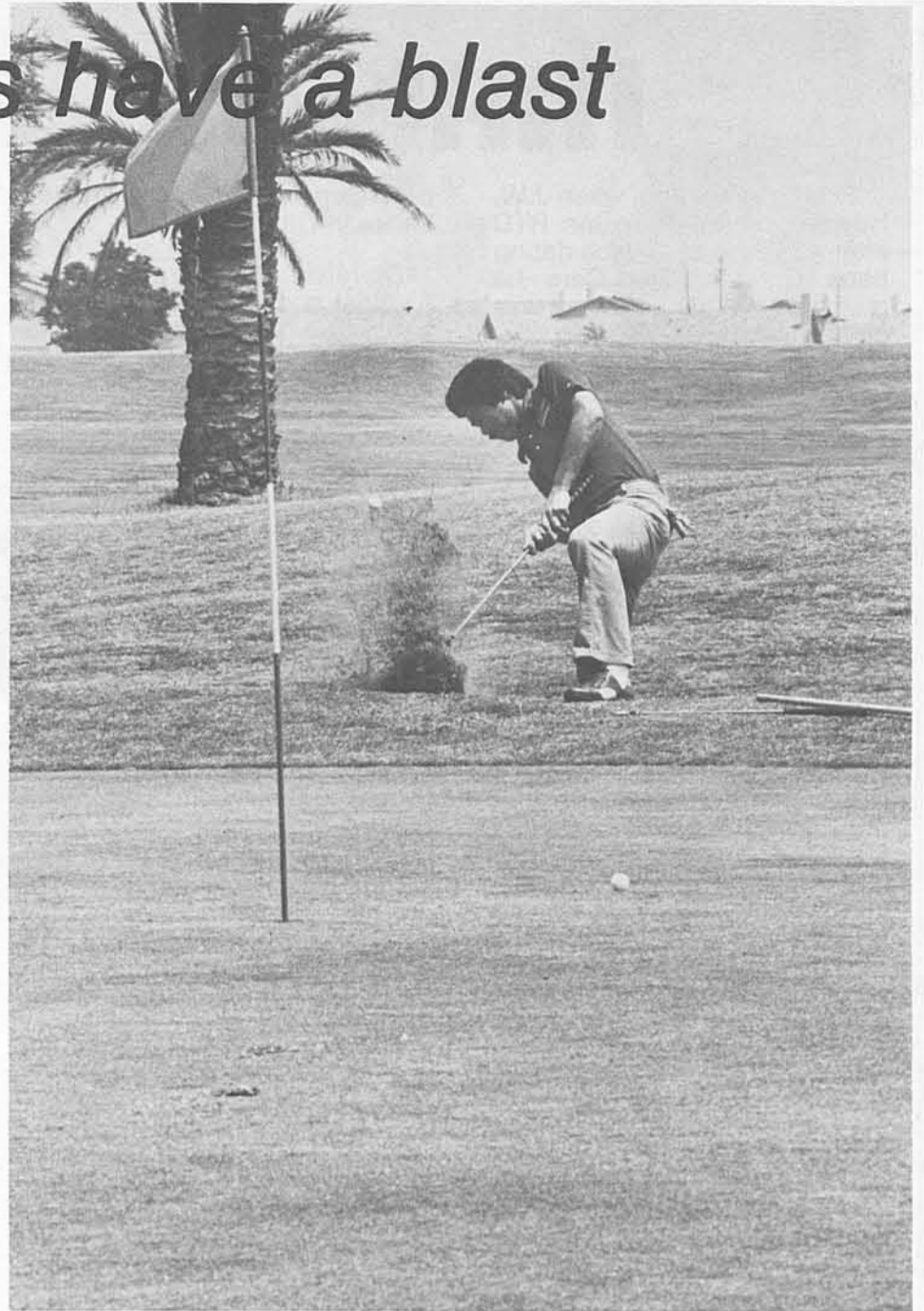
The Longest Drive competition was won by Nate Hubbard, a Division 8 operator. Hubbard, incidentally, was second in the Low Gross category with a score of 74, but was handicapped by the fact that he had the lowest handicap in the tournament (4). Hubbard and Garcia had tied for Low Gross honors in the winter tourney.

In case you are wondering why so many of your fellow employees went to such lengths so early in the morning (tee-off times started at 8 a.m.), well there were several prizes at stake.

In the Handicap and both Callaway Flights, first, second and third place trophies were awarded. In addition, first place received a \$40 gift certificate to the Ontario National Golf Course pro shop, second place a \$20 gift certificate and third place a \$10 gift certificate.

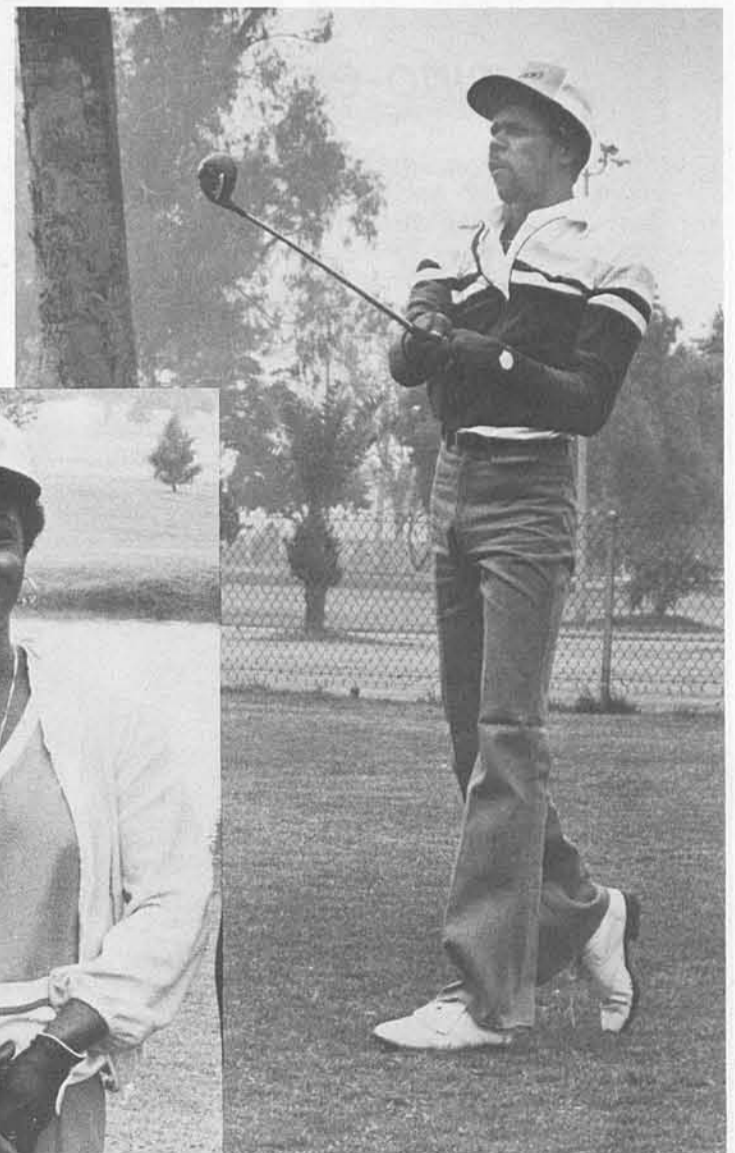
In the Guest Flight, in addition to trophies a \$20 and \$10 gift certificate was presented to first and second place, respectively. In the Ladies Flight, first place received a trophy, while second place was awarded a pair of Dodger tickets.

If you missed out on the fun this time around, now is the time to get your game in gear for the Winter Golf Tournament.



## On the ball

Hackers, duffers and near-scratch players from throughout the District competed for prizes and trophies in the RTD Spring Golf Tournament. Not everyone came away with a trophy, but all had some good times to reminisce about after the tourney. For instance (in photos clockwise from above) Principal Administrative Analyst Alan Nishimura blasted out of a sand trap on the 18th with all the aplomb of a Nicklaus or Palmer . . . there was Nate Hubbard watching the drive that won him the Longest Ball trophy . . . there was Muriel Small beaming about winning the Ladies Flight . . . and there was Abel Garcia proving he is as adept at golf as he is at Dominos by capturing the Low Gross and First Place trophies. Garcia's foursome included (from left) Garcia, Armando Rodriguez, Toby Gallegos and Albert Van Haarlem.





# MAKING HEADWAY

Fifteen years ago, when J.W. Howard retired from the RTD after 42 years of service dating back to the big Red Cars, he made up his mind that he was going to enjoy his new life. Now, at 80, Howard feels he has succeeded and would like to pass along some words of advice to his fellow retirees and those who are soon to retire.

"I started several new hobbies," Howard reports from his home in LaVerne, California. "I had never danced in my life so I started taking Ball Room Dancing lessons. This is the best kind of exercise and an excellent way to meet people."

Travel also occupies a lot of Howard's time. He joined the Roamers Club, sponsored by the City of Pomona, and has traveled to the Hawaiian Islands, throughout Canada and recently returned from a 27-state tour of America.

"You are only as old as you feel," states Howard. "I believe what the 100-year-old golfer said. 'You don't quit playing when you grow old, you only grow old when you quit playing.' My advice to my old friends is to keep playing, live and enjoy each day to its fullest because none of us is guaranteed tomorrow."

Howard would like to hear from any of his old friends, or even some new ones, and can be reached by writing to 4095 Fruit Street, space 615, LaVerne, CA 91750.

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Clyde "Jerry" Willoughby, Division 8 mechanic, bowled his first 300 game in league play on Monday, April 9. Jerry, who has a book average currently of 172, rolled the

perfect game at the Granada Lanes in Chatsworth.

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Division 6 operator Roy Aronds and his wife recently welcomed the arrival of their first son, Kevin Roy. Little Kevin made his debut on April 27, weighing in at 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

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Linnea Musser, a pension and insurance clerk in the District's Personnel Department, will wed Jim Fletcher of Malibu on Saturday, June 23, at 11 a.m. at the Malibu Presbyterian Church. Everyone is invited. Linnea means that literally. She hopes everyone she knows will come and share this joyous occasion with her and stay for the reception following the ceremony. No presents are required. The church is located at 3324 Malibu Canyon Road.

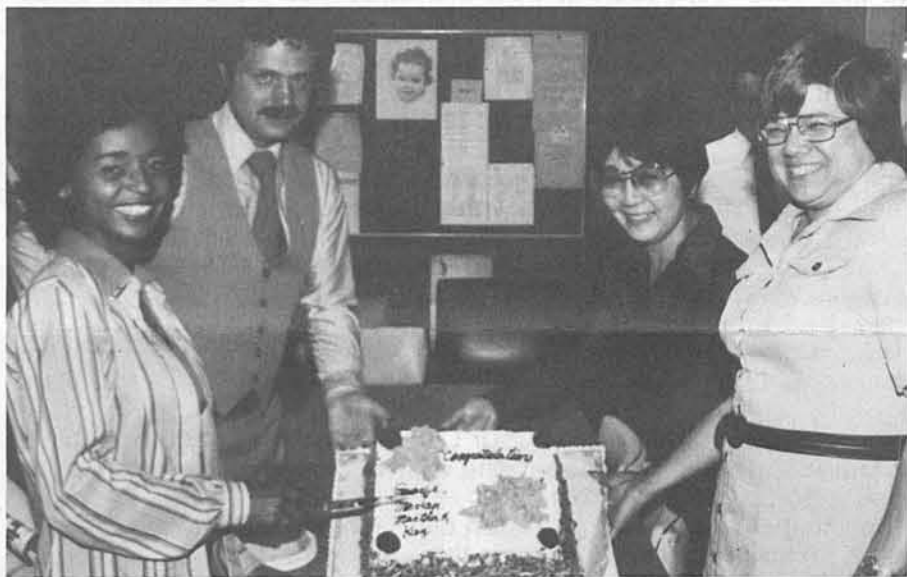
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RTD is a growing company and promotions within the ranks are not uncommon. Still, there was cause for celebration recently when four members of the Maintenance General Office found themselves upwardly mobile. Feted at a party in the maintenance offices at Division 2, and pictured here from left to right, were Marian Sanders, George Caria, Kazue Woshitomi and Martha Curtis. Marian was promoted from Secretary II to Staff Assistant in Bus Facilities Engineering. George went from Transportation System Coordinator to Superintendent of Maintenance and Administrative Services. Kazue, a former Chief Clerk; and Martha, a former Planning Analyst; were both promoted to Staff Assistant II.



## Right on schedule

After nearly a nine-month headway, the imminent arrival of Simkie Upal's first child was cause for celebration in the District's Scheduling Department. Prior to her departure for maternity leave, Simkie's co-workers threw a shower for her. Waiting in line for a piece of cake were (from left) Wanda Bell, Cindy Munoz, Scarlett Chien, Faith Crudup, Darline Velasco, Simkie, Lil Moore, Ambrosia Suma and Ricki Vester. A Schedule Analyst, Simkie will celebrate her fourth year with the RTD at about the same time the baby is due.



## Domino-ers fall

Employees from throughout the District came together early Saturday morning, May 12, in the Administration Building cafeteria (below) to determine who was RTD's best Dominos team. When the dust had settled six hours later, Division 9's Dynamic Duo (top right) of Abel Garcia (right) and Frank El Fattal collected the first place trophies from Employee Activities Coordinator Diane Moran. The champs narrowly defeated runners-up D.K. Brown and Harold Fields of Division 7 (below, right) in the championship finals. As El Fattal observed upon winning, "I told 'em we were the best and now we've proved it!"





## Coloring contest winners collect prizes



Every color in the rainbow — plus a few previously unknown — was used to adorn entries in the Second Annual Districtwide Coloring Contest, open to the children and grandchildren 14 years of age and younger of RTD employees.

After a careful evaluation of the more than 100 imaginative entries received in the four age categories, the panel of outside judges selected the entry of Walter Sample, III, the 13-year-old son of Division 18 operator Walter Sample, as the grand prize winner.

In selecting young Walter's work as the best overall, the judges said, "his expression and imagination, combined with his continuity of color and content, made this the best of a very good field."

As the grand prize winner in the Recreation Department sponsored contest, Walter was awarded a brand new 10-speed bicycle during a break in the action at the recent RTD Domino Tournament in the Ad-

ministration Building cafeteria downtown Los Angeles.

In addition, 12 other prizes were awarded to youngsters who responded to the black-and-white drawing that appeared in the March issue of *Headway*. The drawing depicted a history of transit vehicles, including an old stage coach, a trolley car, an old-fashioned double-deck bus, an "old look" bus and one of the District's newly-acquired articulated "bendable" buses.

The young artists were not limited to what materials they were allowed to use in coloring the drawing and those materials ran the gamut from colored pencils, felt-tip pens and water colors to cotton swabs, glitter and peanut butter (Chunky Style).

The contest was judged on originality, imagination, composition and use of materials. The trio of judges included an elementary school art teacher, a high school graphic design teacher and a local independent artistic design specialist.

First, second and third place prizes were presented in each of the four age categories: Six-and-under, 7 to 8 years old, 9 to 11 years old and 12 to 14 years old.

First prize in each category was a set of three tickets (for the winner and his or her parents) to RTD Night at Disneyland on May 20. Second prize was a similar set of tickets to Knotts Berry Farm and the third place prize was a set of three tickets to the Universal Studios Tour.

A complete list of the winners in each age group follows.

### 12 to 14 years old

First place: Gary DeGuire, 13, son of Schedule Checker Carl DeGuire. Second place: Lori Gassner, 13, daughter of Division 12 operator Wilfried Gassner. Third place: Troy Daniels, 14, son of Division 5 operator Ron Newble.

### 9 to 11 years old

First place: Cherie Cavette, 11, daughter of Division 6 mechanic John R. Cavette (Cherie was a first place winner

last year as a 10-year-old competing in the 7-11 years old category.) Second place: George Rodriguez, Jr., 10, son of South Park maintenance employee George Rodriguez. Third place: Ana Acuna, 10, daughter of Division 3 operator Jorge Acuña.

### 7 to 8 years old

First place: Heather Consoli, 7, daughter of Division 9 operator Michael J. Consoli. Second place: Tammy Rose, 8, daughter of Division 6 mechanic Russel Rose. Third Place: Derrick Powers, 8, son of Division 3 maintenance employee Mary Powers.

### 6-and-under

First place: Marcella Rodriguez, 4½, daughter of George Rodriguez (and sister of George, Jr., who was second in the 9 to 11 years old division this year). Second place: Lee Ann Fisher, 6, daughter of Division 1 operator Leonard Fisher. Third place: Daniel Hidalgo, 3, son of Division 1 operator Frederick Hidalgo.



## Color them happy

The Grand Prize winner of the Annual RTD Coloring Contest, Walter Sample, III, straddles his prize (top photo) surrounded by his family (from left) brother Reginald, mother Alwena and father Walter Sample. Lee Anne Fisher, with mother Joan and father Leonard (above, left) was the second place winner in the 6-and-under division. In the 9-11 category (above, center) George Rodriguez, Jr., won second place. His parents are George, Sr., and Margaret. His younger sister, Marcella (in dad's arms) was the first place winner in the 6-and-under category. In the 12-14 age group (above, right), Gary DeGuire, with father Carl (right) won the first place; while Troy Daniels, with mother Reatha, took third. All three winners showed up to collect their prizes in the 7-8 age group. They include (from left) Tammy Rose, second place; Derrick Powers, third place, and Heather Consoli, first place. The parents are (from left) Russel and Diana Rose, Mary and Mike Powers, and Michael and Patricia Consoli.







### Retiree recognition

It was wall-to-wall people in the Marketing Department as friends of Eileen Halpern (in white in top photo) stopped by to bid farewell at her retirement party. Eileen, who worked for the District and its predecessor agencies for 23 years, was a Secretary III to Director of Marketing and Communication Tony Fortuno. Below, Director George

Takei (left) presented Certificates of Appreciation on behalf of the District to Utility-A Alex Ward (next to Takei) and Director of Purchasing Earl Stanley, who were retiring after 26 and 38 years of service, respectively. Looking on were (from left) Mrs. Candis Ward, Manager of Operations Sam Black and Treasurer Joe Scatchard.

# Schedule changes

## Moving up

Name	Div/ Dept.	Classification	Date
Arian, Fakhar, D.	3315	Mechanic "A" from Mechanic B	4-01-79
Barrios, Armando	3309	Mechanic "A" from Mechanic B	4-01-79
Beard, Wilbert	5050	Supv. Tel. Info from Info. Clk. X, Supv.	3-25-79
Bkankenship, Frank	3315	Mechanic "A" from Mechanic B	4-01-79
Bottone, Michael A.	3315	Mechanic "A" from Mechanic B	4-01-79
Buss, Carol A.	7200	D.P. Con. Coord. from D.P. Oper.	4-08-79
Byrd, Alfred L.	3308	Mechanic "A" from Mechanic B	3-25-79
Caldwell, Edward	3303	Mechanic "A" from Mechanic B	3-18-79
Caria, George G.	3399	Supt. Maint. Admin. Svc. from Transp. Sys. Coord	4-17-79
Carrillo, Armando A.	3302	Acting Elec. Supt. from Elec. Maint. Supv.	4-09-79
Cayafas, Nicholas G.	9200	Sec. Guard III from operator	4-01-79
Curtis, Martha J.	3399	Staff Assist. II from Planning Anal.	4-02-79
Davis, Darrell	3305	Mechanic "A" from Mechanic B	3-18-79
Dzierlatka, Verana	4445	Tkt. Clk from Tkt. Ofc. & Rpts. Clk.	3-05-79
Eley, Patricia	3302	Stk. Shp. Clk from Svc. Attnnd.	3-12-79
Enriquez, Javier S.	3303	Utility "A" from Utility B	4-01-79
Falcon, James A.	4600	Sch. Analyst from Mileage Calcul.	4-16-79
Forell, Dwight D.	3303	Utility "A" from Utility B	4-01-79
Frederick, William	7300	Jr. Stk. Clk from Mopper-waxer	4-14-79
Garlick III, Arthur	7300	Tr. Dr. Clk. from Mopper-waxer	3-29-79
Gero, Jr., Andrew J.	7100	Payroll Clk. from Rec. Clk.	3-29-79
Graves, Patrick	3309	Mechanic "A" from Mechanic B	4-01-79
Greene, John D.	4600	Sch. Analyst from Accts. Clk.	4-16-79
Guzman, Francisco	3309	Mechanic "B" from Mechanic C	4-01-79
Hernandez, Carlito	7300	Tr. Dr. Clk from Mopper-waxer	3-29-79

Halcomb, Jim G.	3308	Mechanic "A" from Mechanic B	4-01-79
Howard, Hardistene	3302	Mechanic "B" from Mechanic C	3-18-79
Jones, Dari	3302	Stk. Shp. Clk from Svc. Attnnd.	3-05-79
Kelley, Alvin R.	4600	Sch. Analyst from Mileage Calcul.	4-16-79
Kirshner, Frank J.	3400	Act. Dept. Admin. of Equip. from Supt. Shps./Auto Equip.	3-26-79
Lee, Pauline	9100	Staff Ass't I from Sch. Analyst.	4-16-79
Lyons, Wayne A.	7300	Rif. Trk. Dr. Clk from Mopper-Waxer	4-08-79
Molina, Jesus M.	3309	Mechanic "A" from Mechanic B	4-01-79
Morris, John	3312	Mechanic "A" Ldmn from Mechanic B Idmn.	3-18-79
Mutchnik, Carol J.	7100	Supv. A/C. Pay. from Accts. Clk.	4-19-79
McCracken, Patricia	4600	Sch. Analyst from Svc. Analyst	4-16-79
Owen, Lyle H.	3315	Mechanic "A" Ldmn from Mech. A	3-26-79
Owen, Lyle H.	3302	Mech. Rd. Supv. from Mech. A Idmn.	4-15-79
Pine, Robert	3309	Mechanic "A" from Mech. B	4-01-79
Pippen, Emmitt L.	3298	Rad. Disp. from Op. X. Supv. X. Rad. Disp.	4-15-79
Presler, Robert	3302	Sys. Elec. Comm. Tech. L.M. from elec. comm. tech. I.m.	3-18-79
Quinata, Jose	3318	Mechanic "A" from Mechanic C	3-18-79
Reedy, Ronnie A.	3299	Staff Assist. II from Op. X. Di. Disp.	3-25-79
Sarmiento, Jose	3308	Mechanic "A" from Mech. B	3-25-79
Schroeder, Gerald	3309	Mechanic "A" from Mech. B	4-01-79
Serran, Elias	3314	Sheet Metal Wkr. from Mech. A	2-22-79
Sterling, Sharon S.	4412	Tkt. Ofc. & Rpts. Clk from Tkt. Clk.	2-11-79
Timberlake, Geraldine	6300	Trn. Analyst from Sr. Pass. Svcs.	4-09-79
Thibodeau, James A.	3315	Mechanic "A" from Mech. B	4-01-79
Thomason, James H.	3299	Staff Assist. II from Equip. Rec./Stores Coord.	3-12-79
Urasaki, Charles	3302	Sys. Comm. Tech. L.M. from Elec. Comm. Tech. L.M.	3-18-79
Walsh, Edward M.	3399	Supt. Elec. & Tele. from Elec. Supt.	4-09-79
Yoshitomi, Kazue	3399	Staff Asst. II from Chief Clk.	4-01-79

• For sale. Honda Accord 1977. Grey, mag. wheels, air condition, FM/AM cassette tape. Automatic transmission. Total \$5,700. 34,000 miles. Call Walter Beard, 294-0806.

## Classified

### Best bargain in town!

St. Bernard puppies in need of a good home? A 1965 Chevrolet being replaced by a newer model? A four-poster bed tucked away in the garage? Whatever you want to sell, trade or give away, let fellow RTD employees have the first chance and advertise it in Headway at no cost. Just fill out the coupon below and return it to Headway, RTD, 6th Floor, 425 So. Main St., Los Angeles, CA 90013. (Please include home telephone numbers only.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work location: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Description of item: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Price: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours to call: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Area code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone no.: \_\_\_\_\_

## Shifting gears

Name	Div./ Dept.	Classification	Hired	Retired
Crowe, George C.	3202	Operator	7-24-47	4-26-79
Foster, William J.	3314	Mechanic "C"	2-16-38	3-20-79
Halpin, Eileen Margaret	4410	Secretary III	1-30-56	4-27-79
Nunes, Antonio M.	3314	Mechanic "A"	7-05-45	4-05-79
Tooley, Harley M.	3205	Operator, Transferred to Ind. Lve. 8-05-77	10-16-57	4-25-79

## In memoriam

Name	Div./ Dept.	Classification	Deceased
Calvo, Evelio	3301	Mechanic "A" Transferred to Ind. Lve. 9-10-78	4-15-79
Carpenter, Calvin J.	3301	Mechanic "C"	4-01-79
Demus, Wiltra Welton	3202	Operator	4-10-79
Guinn, Milo F.	3299	Former Transportation Supv. Retired 6-1-69	3-28-79
Murray, John Eugene	3208	Operator	4-11-79
Nunez, Ynez R.	3334	Former Mechanic "B" Retired 4-20-75	4-24-79
Pruitt, Ray Earl	3218	Operator	4-21-79
Smith, Jared L.	3700	Former Director of Purchasing & Stores, Retired 5-22-71	4-07-79
Snyder, Arthur H.	3399	Former Mechanic "A" Retired 2-28-62	3-30-79
Tiger, Eugene	3312	Former Utility "A" Retired 4-01-76	4-24-79



RECREATION NEWS

# Tickets available for summer concerts

Summer concerts under the stars are atop the recreation menu this month as the Universal Amphitheatre and Greek Theater prepare for their summer seasons. For your listening pleasure, the Recreation Department has scheduled a wide variety of concerts, many at discount prices for the best seats in the house.

**UNIVERSAL AMPHITHEATRE**  
Monday, June 11 — Opening Night, Frank Sinatra, \$17.50 (no discount) 8 p.m.

Sunday, July 1 — Robin Williams (Mork) \$9.50 (no discount) 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 8 — The Doobie Brothers, \$12.50 tickets for \$11.50. 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 22 — Chuck Mangione, \$10.50 tickets for \$9.50. 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 9 — Donna Summer, \$15.00 tickets for \$14.00. 8 p.m.

Wednesday, September 5 — Kris Kristofferson and Rita Coolidge, \$10.50 tickets for \$9.50. 8 p.m.

**GREEK THEATRE**  
Friday, June 22 — Aretha Franklin, \$15.00 tickets for \$14.00. 8 p.m.

Friday, July 6 — Johnny Mathis, \$15.00 tickets for \$14.00. 8:15 p.m.

Friday, July 13 — Peabo Bryson, \$10.50 tickets for \$9.50. 8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 18 — Harry Belafonte, \$15.00 tickets for \$14.00. 8 p.m.

Friday, July 27 — George Benson, \$12.50 tickets for \$11.50. 8 p.m.

Sunday, September 2 — Natalie Cole, \$12.50 tickets for \$11.50. 8:15 p.m.

Friday, September 7 — Teddy Pendergrass, \$12.50 tickets for \$11.50. 8 p.m.

Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations will be held for two days only. Money must be forwarded at time of reservations. Tickets will be sent at least five days prior to concert. Act now as the tickets will go fast.

The delightful musical "Annie" will be offered again this July 14 at 8:30 p.m. at the Shubert Theatre in Century City. Regular-

ly priced \$20.00 orchestra seats are available for \$19.00.

Take a cruise — and spend the day — on scenic Catalina Island, July 21. The \$16.25 for adult, \$9.50 for children 5 to 11, and .80 cents for under-5 prices include round-trip crossing, bus trip around the island and a glass bottom boat tour. Reservations and money are due by June 29.

On June 10, a Sunday, at 6:45 p.m., RTD employees will be able

to attend a jazz concert at Eagle Rock High School and save a dollar in the bargain. The regular admission price is \$3.50, but District employees can get in for only \$2.50. Several District employees have attended these regularly scheduled concerts in the past and report it is an excellent opportunity to see distinguished jazz musicians, as well as promising newcomers, perform.

tempting to form an RTD Golf Club. The Industry and Services Golf Association has already indicated it will help formulate tournaments and establish handicaps. The club is open to any District employee, male or female. For information, contact Tiffany at ext. 6286 between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., or at 866-5768 after 5 p.m.

For more information about these events or activities, please contact the Recreation Department at extension 6580.

## New rec advisory council planned

Due to the ever-increasing variety of clubs and activities which the District's Recreation Department is asked to organize and sponsor, it has become necessary to ask interested employees to volunteer to join the Recreation Advisory Council, Employee Activities Coordinator Diane Moran announced.

what District employees like or dislike about the events provided, what new activities they would like to see and ways to keep the recreation program a strong and integral part of District activity, Moran said.

When the council is formed, it will meet regularly on the third

Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Headquarters' cafeteria.

If you are interested in the program and are willing to help, the Recreation Department would like to hear from you. Please fill out and return the coupon below.

Yes! I am interested in belonging to the Recreation Advisory Council.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Work location \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Home address and telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Recreation Dept., Location 32; or Diane Moran, 425 S. Main Street, L.A. 90013.

"We need people to help organize and run events such as golf, domino, ping-pong and pool tournaments; clubs of all kinds; team sports and leagues and a variety of social activities," Moran explained.

The council would also provide the rec department with input on

## Commendations

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"Called out all the stops and went even further for other passenger inquiries with great patience and good humor."

—Ellie Holloway, Division 1: "Very pleasant, helpful person and an excellent operator. Very careful and deserves to be called an asset to the RTD."

—R.C. Thompson, Division 6: "Concerned about the passengers and especially collecting proper fares for SCRTD. He challenged transfers and checked passes and money paid."

—Jimmy Shorters, Jr., Division 7: "Gives just a trifle more to his passengers by starting their day with good humor."

—A. Claiborne, Jr., Division 6: "I was impressed by his kindness to an elderly foreign man who was quite bewildered about getting to a certain address."

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## INPUT EVALUATED

# Public reacts favorably to improvement plan

Public acceptance of the Southern California Rapid Transit District's proposed 1980 Sector Improvement Plan has been running high, according to planners and community relations representatives who have been introducing the plan at a series of public meetings in recent months.

According to Steve Parry, principal planner on the project, more than 7,000 of the maps detailing the proposal have been requested by District patrons, mostly via the Rider Bulletins available on buses operating in the area to be affected by the plan.

"We want public interest to remain high and we are encouraging every interested person to study the proposal and respond with comments to our planning department," said George McDonald, the District's manager of planning and marketing.

Meetings to discuss the proposal and receive input on the plan were begun in mid-March between planners and operators and between District reps and the public. Held throughout the District's service area, at high schools, community halls, churches, business offices and even at the RTD Board Room downtown, the meetings concluded at the end of April.

According to Parry, public comments were accepted up to June 1, 1979. Comments will be evaluated by the Planning Department for possible incorporation into the plan. A revised 1980 Sector Improvement Plan will be submitted to the District's Board of Directors for approval in November. The revised plan then would be implemented in June, 1980.

Briefly, the proposal impacts the most densely populated section of the RTD's service area and is designed to enable the District to attract more riders. It also completes a county-wide grid system begun with the 1975 and 1976 sector improvements, makes the system easier for passengers to understand, implements a new numbering system and reduces overcrowding on some 20 major streets.

"I'd say the plan has been very well received," commented Parry, who, with Assistant Planner Frank Schroder, has been representing the Planning Department at the public meetings and in sessions at the operating divisions affected by the plan. "Most of the patrons attending the meetings think it is about time these improvements were made and the operators response has been an overwhelming 'Yes!'"

## Ridership figures continue to climb

Every cloud has a silver lining, as they say, and while the gasoline shortage has been a burden to virtually everyone, it has been a boon to Rapid Transit District ridership figures.

District buses recorded a record 8,220,000 boarding passengers for the week of Friday, May 4, through Thursday, May 10, General Manager Jack Gilstrap has announced.

The busiest single day in the history of RTD took place during the week on Monday, May 7, when 1,440,000 boardings took place. Single-day records for Saturday and Sunday ridership also occurred during the period.

Average ridership for the five weekdays was 1,382,000. By way of comparison, one year ago the average daily ridership was 1,140,000.

### MALIBU LINE 175

## RTD rides to the rescue of slide victims

Tons of falling rocks and dirt forced the closure of Pacific Coast Highway in the Malibu area. But, while the landslide disrupted life in the coastal community, it did not present an insurmountable obstacle for RTD service to the area.

Within days of the emergency, the District, working in coordination with the California Highway Patrol, the Los Angeles County Road Department and Caltrans, re-established Line 175 between Santa Monica and Trancas Canyon, which is located in the northern end of Malibu.

While the instability of the cliffs and state geologists' predictions that a major slide was inevitable prevented re-opening the highway to vehicular traffic, pedestrians were allowed to walk the approximate 300 feet around the designated danger area.

To re-establish Line 175 service, considerable effort was required by the District to secure permission from the various agencies to allow a bus to pass through the restricted area each morning and each evening. Then, one bus operated the north portion of the line, while another operated the south portion.

Under the devised system passengers were discharged at the slide, crossed the restricted area by foot, and reboarded a waiting bus on the other side. In addition to transfers, all passengers were

issued a written warning that crossing the danger area was done at their own risk.

"The fact that we responded well to assist the people of Malibu

in a crisis situation is in keeping with the District's responsibility as the regional carrier," said General Manager Jack Gilstrap, who pointed out that there had

been numerous favorable comments about the emergency service both from residents of the area and by persons who require access to the area.



**FILLING THE GAP** — Chief Supervisor Rocky Stone confers with Division 6 operator Gus Levitt on the eastern side of the Malibu slide as they wait for Line 175 passengers to cross through the danger area

from another Line 175 bus in the background. The emergency service was instituted by the District to help Malibu residents and workers in the wake of the closure of Pacific Coast Highway.

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