



TRAVELIN' MAN — Jackie Byrd, the irrepressible Arkansas Traveler, says he posed for this photo sometime in 1939 or 1940, probably just after he won one of his two Golden Glove championships.

"Arkansas Traveler"

Former champ still a champ

If you remember boxing in the 30's and 40's, or if you're a student of boxing history, the name Aaron "Jackie" Byrd should ring a bell. If it doesn't, maybe his ring name, The Arkansas Traveler, will set that bell to ringing. To the folks he's worked with for the last three decades though, he's just plain Jackie.

The 63 year old Byrd, a Mechanic "A" in the frame shop at South Park Shops where he's worked since 1959, just celebrated his 30th anniversary with the District last September. In his time though, he was one of the true terrors of the lightweight boxing world.

Byrd, who hails from Blythesville, Arkansas, was a top-ranked contender for the world welterweight title in the early Forties. Byrd started his boxing career when one of his teachers told her husband, a dairy farmer, about him. Jackie went to work for the man, hand-milking cows, while he learned the

rudiments of the sport. At the tender age of thirteen he began boxing. By the time he was a teenager, Byrd had won two consecutive regional Golden Glove titles (1938 and '39) and by 1941 he was the Arkansas state welterweight titleholder. By 1941 he had also turned professional.

Today, still within ten pounds of his fighting weight of 147 pounds, Byrd still moves like a boxer. He sits back, relaxed, in his chair only to lean forward suddenly, punctuating his conversation with short powerful righthand jabs as if the words were one more opponent in the ring to knock down. "I love boxing," Byrd says grinning. "Everything about it. I still miss the excitement, the crowds shouting, the glory. And, yup, the money," he says with a lopsided smile. Even after all these years here Byrd still speaks in a drawl as thick as homemade molasses, pungent with the flavor of pine woods and riverbot-

tom mud. "I ain't complainin', mind ya, I got a good job here. I like it, and my boss and the people I work with. Always have. But I still miss boxing," he adds almost wistfully.

In his run for the world welterweight title, Byrd KO'd number one contender Reuben Shanks, breaking his jaw, and defeated Lew Jenkins, former world lightweight champ. Hammerin' Henry Armstrong finally stopped him in February 1944 when he knocked Byrd out in the fourth round of a ten round main event. Byrd's defeat was nothing to be ashamed of, since Armstrong was world champion simultaneously in three weight classes: featherweight, lightweight and welterweight.

Byrd moved to the West Coast in 1941 to fight Jack Chase, a top-ranked contender at the time. Knocked down seven times in the eighth round by Chase, the referee

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Old fashioned gala marks new division opening March 20

It will be an Old Fashioned Open House at the District's newly opened facility at 1551 E. Mission Blvd. in Pomona. A day of "Then and Now" on Sunday, March 20, 1983 from 1:00 p.m. until 4 p.m. will feature antiques and artifacts of the days gone by in contrast with the RTD of the future.

Turn-of-the-Century Costumes, games, and food, will help welcome the Pomona location into the district. The event and all of the activities are free to all RTD employees, retirees, and the general public. So, bring the family and friends out for a day of fun, fellowship and remembering.

Managers experience Behavior Modeling

By the end of this summer all of the District's transportation managers and assistant managers will have taken part in a communications class designed to help them increase their counseling skills.

Through the use of Behavior Modeling, a state-of-the-art

method of teaching communication and interpersonal skills, transportation managers and their assistants will learn and observe and then practice specific steps for creating behavior changes through more effective counseling.

Working with a consultant, the

Employee Development and Transportation departments developed scripts and videotaped situations using District operators and managers as the actors for each part. Once produced, these videotapes serve as the "models"

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Community input marks Metro Rail progress

RTD unveiled drawings and sketches of Metro Rail station designs at a series of community meetings this month. Residents from each of the six communities along the Metro Rail alignment route were able to peek into the near future and see what their neighborhood station(s) will look like in 1990. That's the year the system is scheduled for initial operation.

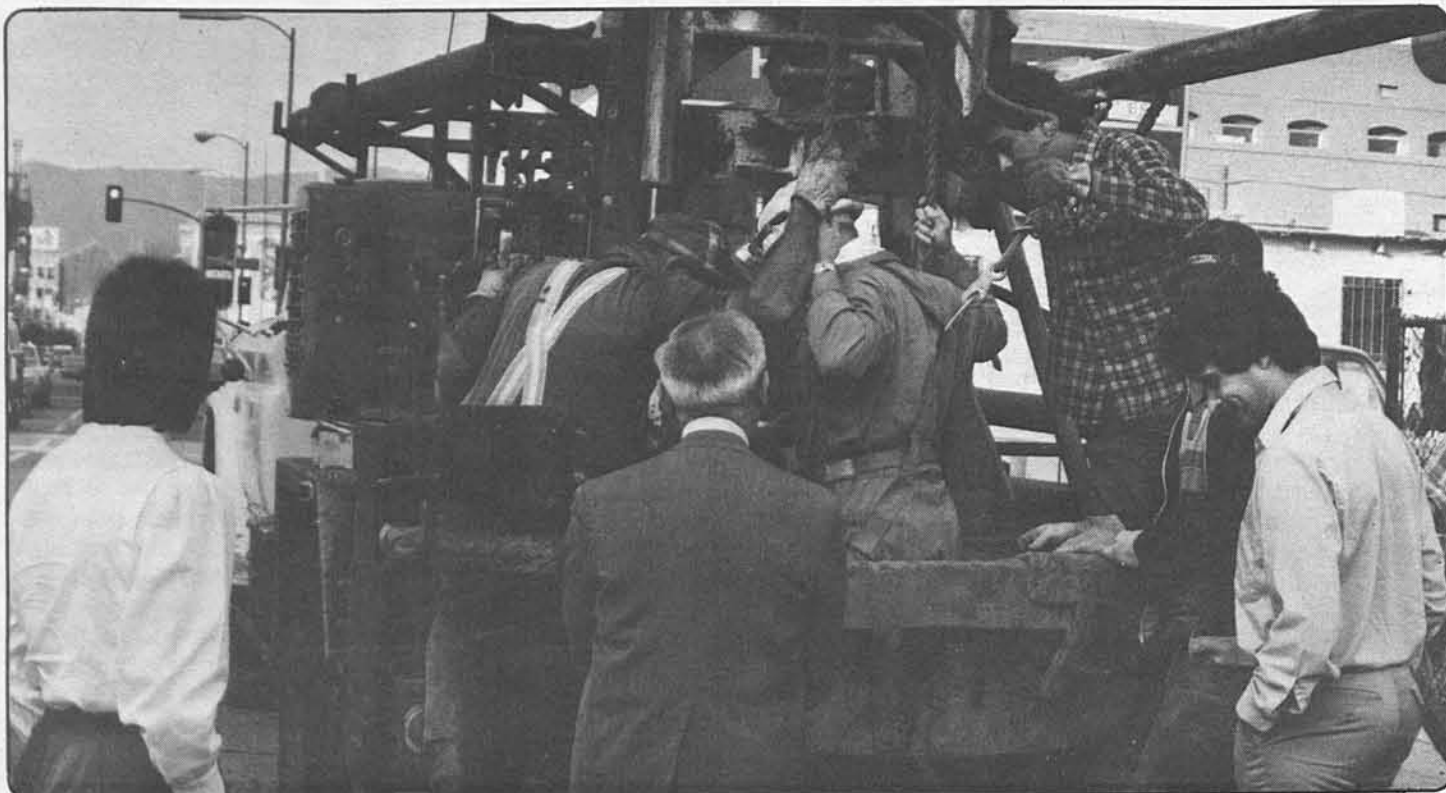
This important milestone represents the tenth major design issue that requires adoption by the RTD Board of Directors. Only two more

preliminary engineering issues (the system cost estimate and final system definition) remain to be reviewed by the public and adopted by the Board. Decisions on these 11th and 12th milestones are expected to be made by July, thus signaling the end of the Preliminary Engineering phase of the Metro Rail Project.

"Public support of the project is mounting," notes RTD General Manager John A. Dyer. "At the end of this phase, we will submit our critical *Environmental Impact Statement/Report* and grant ap-

plication for construction funding to the appropriate governmental agencies. Once we get the funding commitments, we hope to begin construction of the subway next year."

These agencies have ranked Metro Rail a priority project, having allocated more than \$90 million for engineering and design work since 1980. The 18-mile subway line, with 16 stations, will link downtown and the San Fernando Valley and carry more than 300,000 passengers a day during its first year of operation.



METRO PROGRESS — Metro Rail engineer Buzz Spellman is about to descend 100 feet down into an observation hole drilled at the site of a future Metro Rail station near Sunset Blvd. and Cahuenga Blvd. Drilling crew, engineers and Suzanne Rothlisberger from the District's News Bureau, watch as Spellman, outfitted in overalls, safety harness and a miner's helmet and lantern, climbs aboard a swing for his 'Journey To The Center Of The Earth.'

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Behavior Modeling emphasizes skills

in the training program demonstrating specific steps to use for effective employee counseling. By also using transportation superintendents and Employee Development personnel as instructors for

Most importantly, Behavior Modeling techniques emphasize skills rather than just ideas or the rote memorization of information.

As designed and implemented, the District's Behavior Modeling

the specific skills demonstrated on the tapes, under the guidance of a trainer. (3) Reinforcement—managers receive reinforcement in the form of praise, reward, support, and constructive criticism whenever

session.

One recent graduate of the program, Division 1 manager Roy Starks, calls the program "Fantastic." "Since this program is designed specifically for RTD managers and employees it fits well and is extremely easy to use," Starks says. "Not only is it easy to use," he adds, "but it is very effective in dealing with people as well. The combination of classroom instruction and practicing the skills before using them on the job makes the whole program easy to employ."

"A lot of effort went into putting this program together and we're pleased that the results have been so encouraging," says Byron Lewis, Director of Employee Development.

"Our managers learn what to do, how to do it, why to do it and where and when to do it," adds Bill Dutton, one of the class instructors.

The program is also designed to develop skills in three areas identified by a Transportation/Employee Development task force as the most common counseling situations: dealing with rule infractions, resolving disagreements with employees and handling formal corrective actions.

"The function of these classes is to improve manager/employee relationships by opening up communications and permitting people to review appropriate responses in various situations," says Roland Krafft, Director of Transportation.



BEHAVIOR MODELING — Art Leahy (Center) and Bill Dutton (Right) go through the class workbooks with, from left to right, J.J. McCullough, Div. 12; James Cenderelli, Div. 9; Marcus Johnson, Div. 3 and Roy Starks, Div. 1, all from the second Behavior Modeling class.

the program, an entirely in-house product has been created.

Behavior Modeling differs from conventional instruction methods, like those used in public school systems, in a number of ways.

program consists of four steps: (1) Modeling—the manager watches a videotape of other managers successfully handling manager/employee relations. (2) Skill Practice—the manager practices

er the skills are used; in the classroom or on the job. (4) Transfer of Training—using a Skill Use Plan, managers make a commitment to practice the skills they've just learned before the next classroom

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Still the champ

finally stopped the fight. "Well, I'd been on a train for seven days straight when I stepped into the ring to fight Chase," Byrd says. "All of that time, just a sittin' on my suitcase and my legs cramped up. He kept knockin' me down 'cause my legs were too pooped to hold me up."

By 1949 Byrd had given up boxing for good. "Who knows," he says, "if I'd a married my last wife first, I mighta gone all the way. She always supported me in what I wanted to do, and that mighta made all the difference in the world."

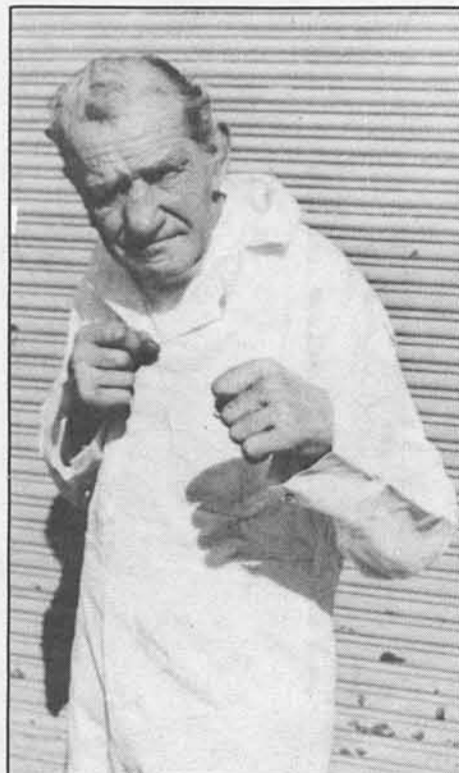
For the several years between the Armstrong fight and his last one in '49, Byrd fought all over the Southland. "They were good days for boxers," he says fondly. "I was on the first card ever shown on TV from the Olympic here in LA and once, in Long Beach just after the war, I fought a match that Joe Louis refereed. That was somethin' to see," he adds.

Often told that he had the hardest punch, pound for pound, of any boxer in the world, a manager once told him that if he were heavy enough and could hit like that he'd be heavyweight champ of the world. Byrd always enjoyed playing to the crowd, he says. "When I'd throw a punch and miss, my manager would shout at me, 'Hey, Jackie, quit wavin' at that pretty girl in the audience'. Always liked that line," Byrd says smiling.

After breaking his nose four times, from running into fists that were harder than his face, and breaking his knuckles and the bones in his hands, Byrd turned to sparring to keep himself in the game he loved so much. "I sparred

with the big fighters, guys like Pat Kaminsky, because I was so fast," he says. "Sparring with me gave 'em a chance to sharpen up their reflexes. Besides, there wasn't a fighter around that was my own weight that would fight me," he adds. "I guess I hit 'em too hard. Besides, it's a young man's game and I was just gettin' too old."

"I really miss it," he says as he gathers up his trophies and scrapbooks full of yellowing newspaper clips. "If I had it to do all over again, I think I'd stick with the boxing. Sometimes I can't help but wish that I was young enough to go back and do it all over again."



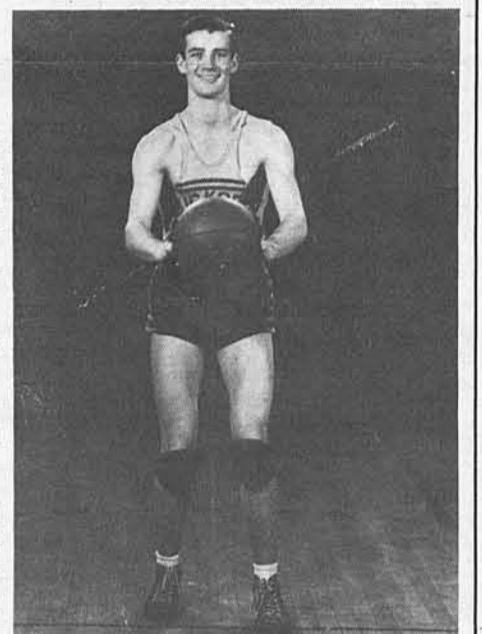
CHAMP — Today, 40 years later, Jackie Byrd still has the form that once made him a champion. Photo by Lee Cayon

GUESS WHO?

This month's mystery guest swears this photo was taken in 1943 in Hickory, Pa. Today, 40 years later, you'll find him surrounded by buses and operators. Anyone care to guess who?

Our winner last month was Adrienne Rogers from Marketing, who guessed correctly that December's Guess Who was Ruth Manus from Personnel.

Remember, all correct written guesses will be placed in a box and a drawing will be held to determine the winner. Get your guess in the mail today.



GUESS WHO?

RTD BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

FEB. 23	8:00 PM	Headquarters vs Orange Crush	
WED.	9:00 PM	Runnin Rebels vs Lacandones	Bethune Park
FEB. 24	8:00 PM	Division 12 vs Rapper's Delight	
THU.	9:00 PM	Raiders vs Cruisers	Bethune Park
MAR. 2	8:00 PM	Lacandones vs Headquarters	
WED.	9:00 PM	Orange Crush vs Rapper's Delight	Bethune Park
MAR. 3	8:00 PM	Runnin Rebels vs Cruisers	
THU.	9:00 PM	Division 12 vs Raiders	Bethune Park
MAR. 9	8:00 PM	Headquarters vs Rapper's Delight	
WED.	9:00 PM	Lacandones vs Cruisers	Bethune Park
MAR. 10	8:00 PM	Orange Crush vs Raiders	
THU.	9:00 PM	Runnin Rebels vs Division 12	Bethune Park
MAR. 16	8:00 PM	Cruisers vs Headquarters	
WED.	9:00 PM	Rapper's Delight vs Raiders	Bethune Park
MAR. 17	8:00 PM	Lacandones vs Division 12	
THU.	9:00 PM	Orange Crush vs Running Rebels	Bethune Park
MAR. 23	8:00 PM	Division 12 vs Cruisers	
WED.	9:00 PM	Raiders vs Headquarters	Bethune Park
MAR. 24	8:00 PM	Orange Crush vs Lacandones	
THU.	9:00 PM	Rapper's Delight vs Runnin Rebels	Bethune Park
MAR. 30	8:00 PM	Runnin Rebels vs Raiders	
WED.	9:00 PM	Headquarters vs Division 12	Bethune Park
MAR. 31	8:00 PM	Cruisers vs Orange Crush	
THU.	9:00 PM	Lacandones vs Rapper's Delight	Bethune Park
APR. 6	8:00 PM	Headquarters vs Runnin Rebels	
WED.	9:00 PM	Orange Crush vs Division 12	Bethune Park



TO YOUR HEALTH

By Elia Borja, RN
Visiting Nurse

Stress exercise for the active

INTRODUCTION

For those who are action-oriented and need more direction in dealing with stress, the following exercise may be for you. The exercise is different from meditation in that there is a definite checklist to follow. This exercise is called Progressive Relaxation.

HISTORY

In 1908, Edmund Jacobson, a scientist at Harvard University, wrote of "Progressive Relaxation". In his study he states that a person can achieve a state of relaxation by voluntarily relaxing the body's major muscle groups. He found this type of relaxation technique could have beneficial results for persons with stress related illnesses such as esophageal spasm, colitis, and headaches. Progressive relaxation techniques get you in tune with your body and to the feelings in different areas of your body. Practicing the technique makes relaxation easier and perhaps for the first time allows you to know what it feels like to identify a truly relaxed body, area by area.

THE EXERCISE

First choose a comfortable chair and assume any comfortable position, now make yourself as relaxed as possible. Remove your shoes, loosen your collar, belt, or any constricting piece of clothing and now close your eyes. Make a mental map of your body. The 16 areas to concentrate on are:

1. The hand and forearm with which you write (the dominant side)
2. The upper arm on the domi-

- nant side
3. The hand and forearm on the other side
4. The other upper arm
5. Forehead and scalp
6. Your nose and cheeks
7. Lower jaw and cheeks
8. Neck muscles
9. Upper neck, chest and shoulders
10. Stomach muscles
11. Thigh on the dominant side
12. Calf muscles on dominant side
13. Foot on the dominant side
14. Thigh on the other side
15. Calf muscles on the other side
16. Foot on the other side

Picture each of the 16 areas and tense one area at the time as hard as you can for 30 seconds, then release the tension and relax the area for 60 seconds. You can encourage the area to relax by saying to yourself, "let go, let go, let go". (Do this tensing twice in each area). Tense each area separately and do not tense an area again after it has been relaxed. After the exercise stay still for a few seconds and review your body. Refresh yourself in your new found sense of relaxation and of overcoming stress.



South Park Shops

Inouye named first Man of Month

By Ira Trachter

A 16-year veteran with the District was selected as the first recipient of South Park Shops' Maintenance-Employee-of-the Month award, an ongoing program which recognizes our best employees.

Each month a maintenance employee is selected from among those nominated by their supervisors. Nomination and selection are based on outstanding ratings in performance, initiative, mechanical knowledge and craftsmanship, attitude, safety habits, and attendance. The Maintenance Employee of the Month receives a savings bond and a Certificate of Achievement. In addition, two plaques displaying the name and photo of the current month's recipient and one Honor Roll of previous winners are prominently displayed within the Division.

Stan Inouye, the leadman in the engine line section, was selected as February's Maintenance Employee of the Month. He received the award from Superintendent Bob Falvey and Supervisor Charles Dello on Tuesday, Febru-

ary 1, 1983, at his work location in the company of his fellow workers in the engine section.

First hired aboard in 1966 as a Mechanic "C", Stan worked at Division 2, and by the end of 1969 he had already advanced to Mechanic "A". Except for a brief stint at Division 7, Stan remained at Division 2 until 1974, when he transferred to South Park. He worked in the brake and running repairs sections before moving to the engine line, and in May 1980 he was promoted to relief leadman. In January 1982 he advanced to leadman, his current position.

In addition to the high standards of work that Stan demonstrates during the day-to-day work schedule, he has shown initiative by designing a device to catch broken parts that cause gear train failure and engine block cracks; this has proved to be a considerable cost-saving device.

Congratulations to Stan Inouye, South Park Shop's Maintenance Employee of the Month for February 1983 and its first recipient.

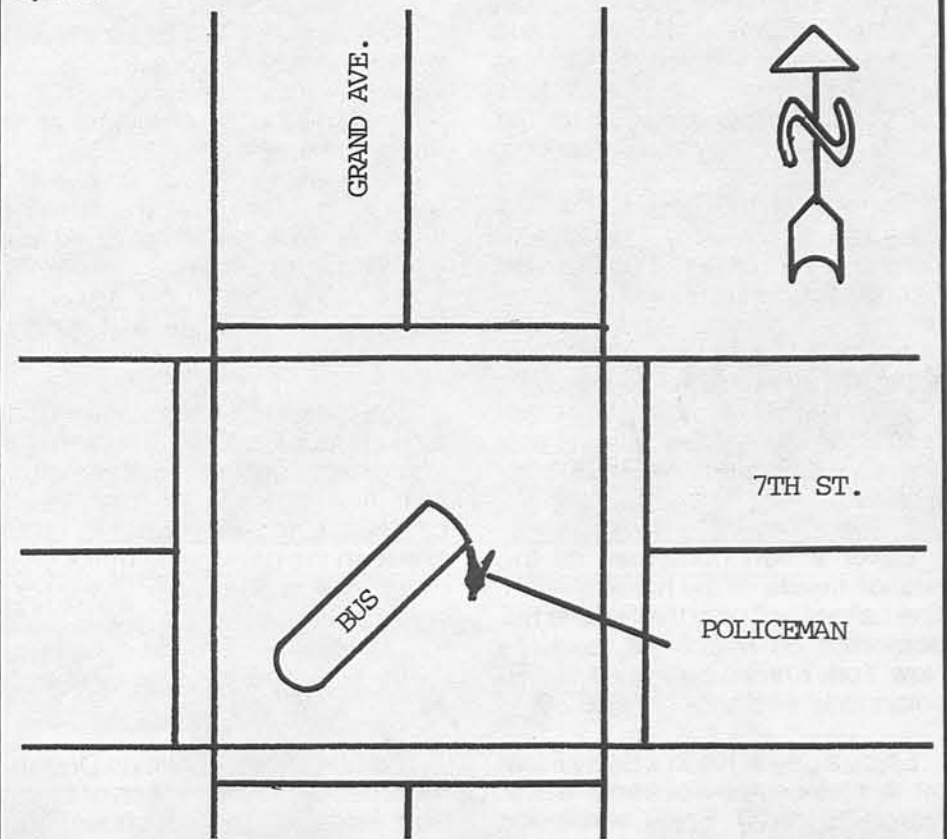


You be the Judge

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to a printers error, last month's You Be The Judge was inadvertently mixed up with November's column. To correct the error we are running the corrected column in its entirety this month.

OPERATOR'S STATEMENT:

As the bus operator approached the intersection where he intended to make a left turn, a policeman signaled the operator to proceed with the turn. As the vehicle passed the policeman, he stepped backwards into the left rear corner of the bus. The operator observed the policeman backing into the bus, but he was unable to stop in time and the officer was injured.



ANSWER: Although the police officer was struck by the bus, the review committee felt a police officer directing traffic is not an ordinary pedestrian and should have been aware of the bus. For this reason the accident was judged non-preventable.

Hand injuries on the increase

Hand and finger injuries are on the increase according to the latest available national safety figures and they are occurring at a record pace, ranking hand and finger accidents in the top three accident categories.

Most of the injuries appear to stem from carelessness, experts say. Accident descriptions also indicate that most recent injuries were, in fact, preventable.

How do you protect your hands? The answer for many people, the report points out, is "not very well." To increase the chances that your hands will last at least as long as the rest of your body, you might follow these basic principles.

If you have any kind of hand injury on the job, obtain first aid as quickly as you can. All injuries, regardless of their nature, should have appropriate medical attention.

Use your head before using your hands. Don't stick them where it looks as if they will not fit.

Make sure your hands have room to move. Hands forced into small places are prime candidates for scrapes, scratches and cuts.

Use gloves on the job only when you need them. Gloves are not always protective. Sometimes they actually cause accidents by getting caught in moving machinery, etc. On the other hand, they provide excellent protection against solvents, caustics and other chemical agents.

Insists that all machine guards be in place before you operate any

machinery.

Don't take chances. Anyone who blocks out a protective guard or other safety device is taking unnecessary chances with his own safety as well as yours.

Don't let your mind wander while you work. Even little daydreams and distractions can cause big accidents. A wandering mind is your worst enemy.

According to the latest figures compiled by the District's insurance department, hand, wrist and finger injuries represented 11 percent of all Transportation Department injuries in 1981. For the period of January through June 1982, transportation personnel experienced 64 hand, wrist or finger injuries. This compares favorably with 107 similar injuries during the same time period the year before. Among the most common causes were hands caught in steering wheels, closing windows, using hand brakes and hitting fare boxes.

For maintenance personnel, catching their hands in doors, engine housing doors and brakeline accidents headed the list of hand, wrist and finger injuries in 1981. For the period covering January through June 1982, Maintenance personnel suffered 55 hand, wrist or finger injuries as opposed to 68 during the same period the year before, representing 14 per cent of all maintenance injuries in 1981.

Remember: Your hands are your most valuable tools; they should be treated that way.

RECREATION NEWS

Circus Vargas is presenting its all-new 1983 edition now through April 17 at several locations in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas.

This exciting event combines century-old circus tradition with space-age technology to present Clifford E. Vargas' most spectacular show ever. Featuring over 100 International Circus stars and 150 exotic animals under the largest big top in the world, "America's Big Top Giant," brings an exciting, humorous and awe-inspiring spectacle to "Children of all ages."

You can enjoy this fabulous event at a very special discount price: \$8.50 front-preferred tickets for \$5.00. Tickets are valid for the first show each day at all locations.

For one of the best basketball bargains of the year, you should consider the Pacific Coast Athletic Association championship game for the first time at the Forum on March 12. \$12.00 ground level seats are available for \$6.00. Eight of the nine PCAA teams will compete in the tournament with the winner advancing to the NCAA regionals.

Laker action continues as the season heads for the home stretch. The Lakers will play the Seattle SuperSonics on March 22, and the New York Knicks on April 1. \$8.50 colonnade seats for only \$6.50.

Enjoy a day at Knott's Berry Farm on a choice of weekend days, March 19 or 20. Enjoy admission and unlimited use of all park attractions, (except pan for gold and shootin' gallery). All for only \$7.25 per person, (children 2 years and under, FREE). The regular price is \$9.95 so you can save if you take advantage of this offer. Bring the kids to see Snoopy.

After months of waiting, you can now see the Tony Award winning play, "Dream Girls", at the Shubert Theatre in Century City. Orchestra seats available (starting at row N) for the following performances:

Sunday, March 27, 7:30 p.m. \$35.00 tickets for \$31.50; Sunday, April 10, 7:30 p.m. \$35.00 tickets

for \$31.50; Friday, April 15, 8:30 p.m. \$40.00 tickets for \$35.00; Sunday, May 8, 2:30 p.m. \$35.00 tickets for \$28.00; Thursday, May 19, 8:30 p.m. \$35.00 tickets for \$31.50.

It may seem impossible but it's time to think "baseball". The annual freeway series between the Dodgers and the Angels is on April 3 at 1:05 p.m. at Dodger Stadium. Also enjoy the Dodgers vs. Montreal on April 9, 12:50 p.m. \$5.00 reserved seats for \$4.00.

It's Liza with a "Z" as Liza Minelli brings her show back to the Universal Amphitheatre on Friday, April 8. The \$25.00 orchestra seats are on sale now for \$23.00.

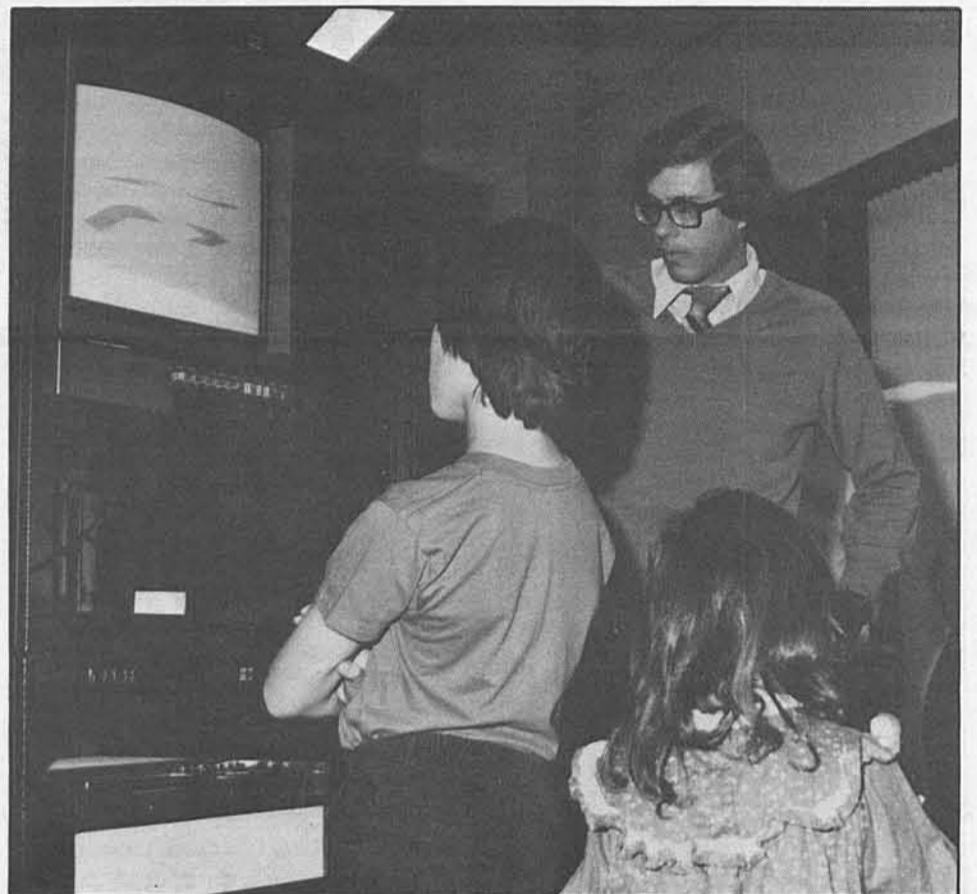
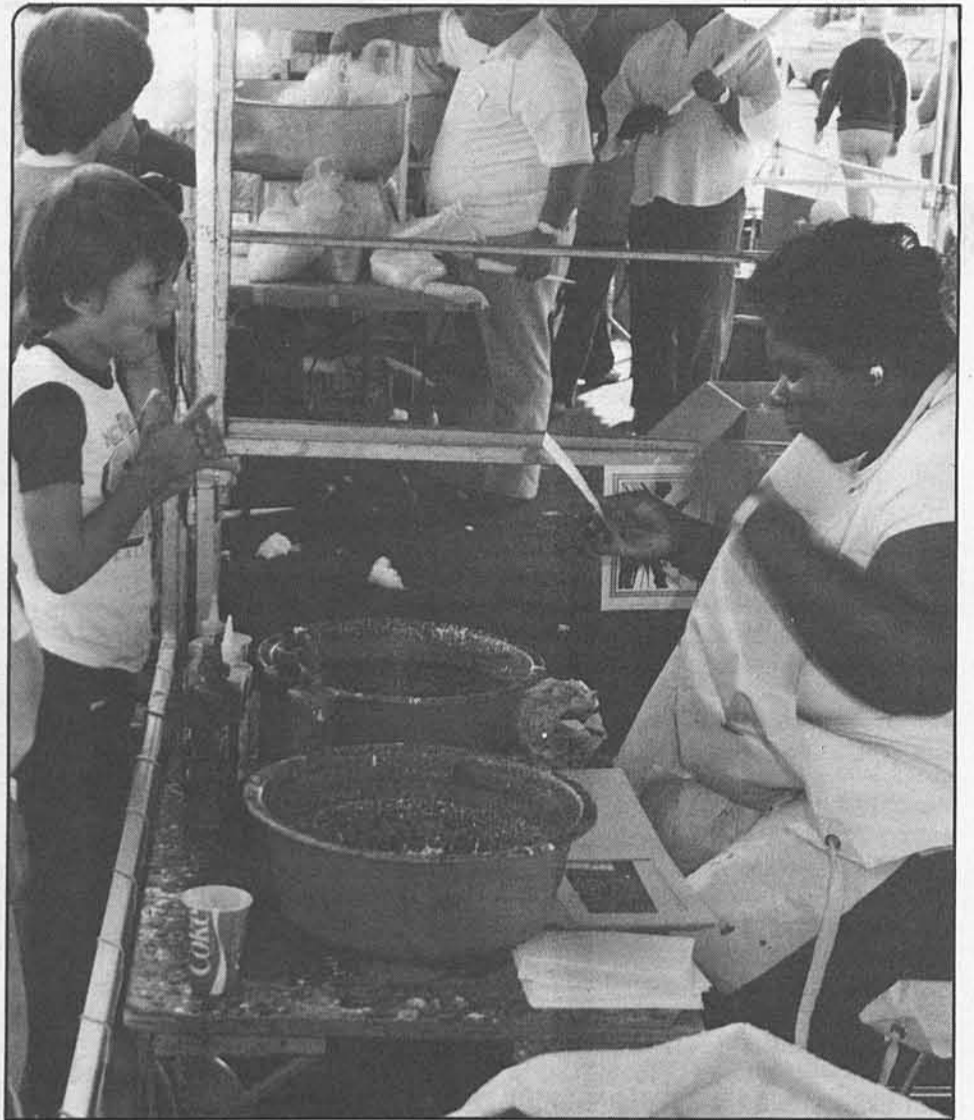
You can also plan to see the American Music Award winning team of Hall and Oates at the Amphitheatre on Friday, April 29. Their \$15.00 orchestra seats will be selling fast at the \$14.00 discount price.

Don't forget that the Easter Bunny is scheduled to "hop" on April 3. You can delight your Easter friends with fine chocolates from See's candies. Choosing from the order blank on the back page make your selections and forward the order and check payable to SCRTD to the Employee Activities Department. Deadline to order is **March 18**.

The Employee Activities Department has quite a selection of baseball jerseys, sweat shirts and pants, caps and many discount programs that you may be missing out on.

Stop by and learn about all that is available to stretch your paycheck. We are located on the 4th floor of the Headquarter's Building on the Spring Street side. Our extension is 6580.

On a serious note, the Activities program has experienced so many problems with returned checks that it has become necessary to impose a \$10.00 service charge on all returned checks. This is now in effect and we hope it will help eliminate the problem.



RTD and Circus Vargas held a tug-of-war between a double-decker bus and two elephants Feb. 2 in Hollywood to kick off a promotion aimed at helping bus riders stretch their buying power.

RTD is currently distributing free discount coupons good for a \$2 savings on preferred seating for Circus Vargas performances during

the current 1983 Southland tour of America's big top giant. These tickets regularly sell for \$8.50 apiece.

Discount coupons and a schedule of Circus Vargas shows are available at any of the 10 RTD Customer Service Centers and other outlets where RTD monthly bus passes are sold.

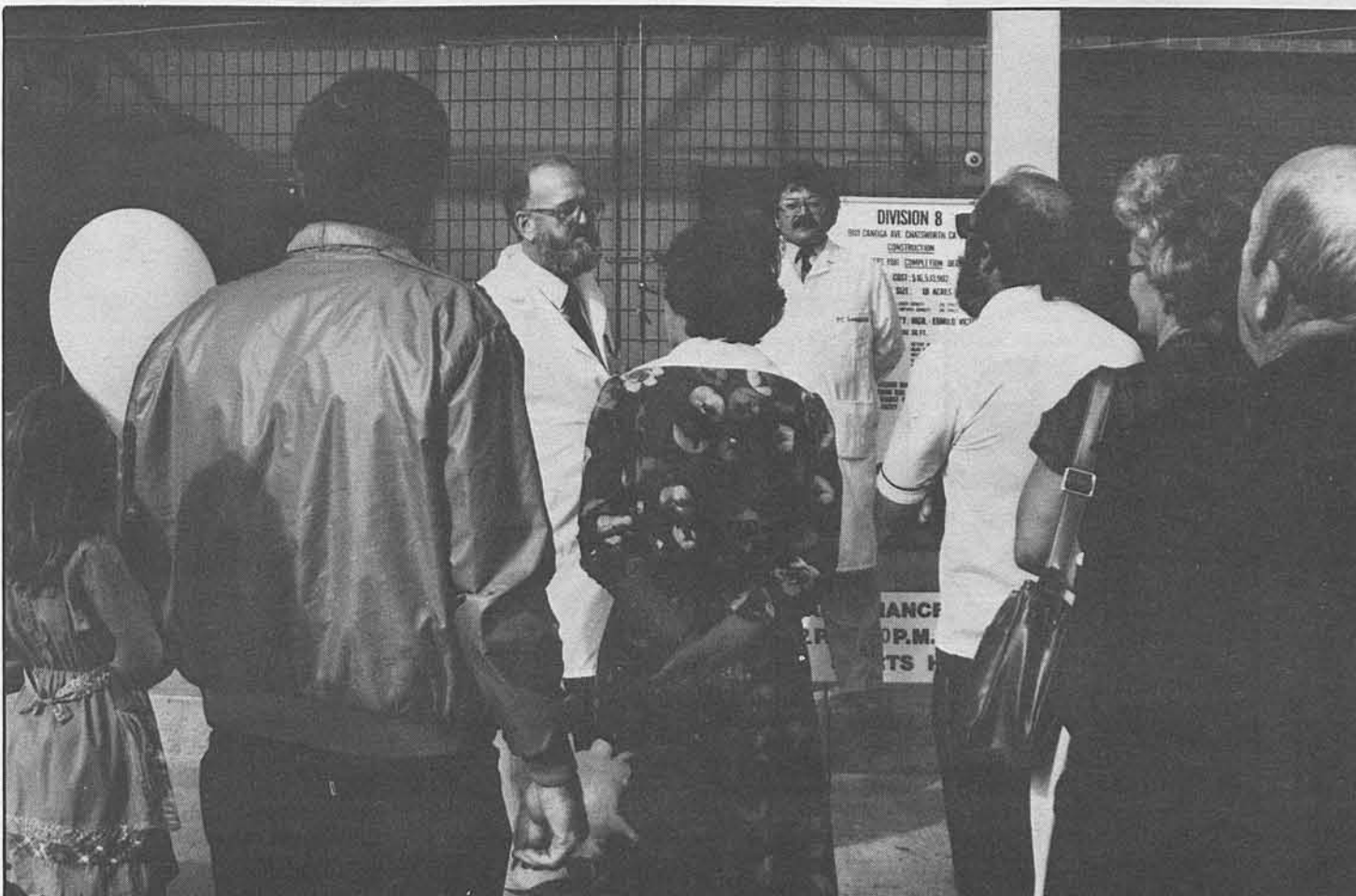
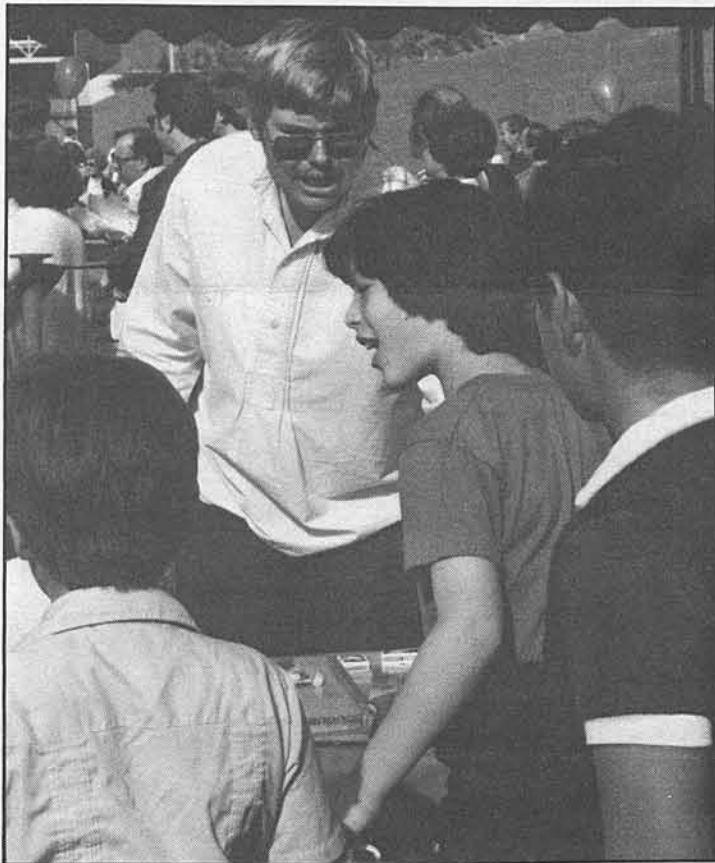
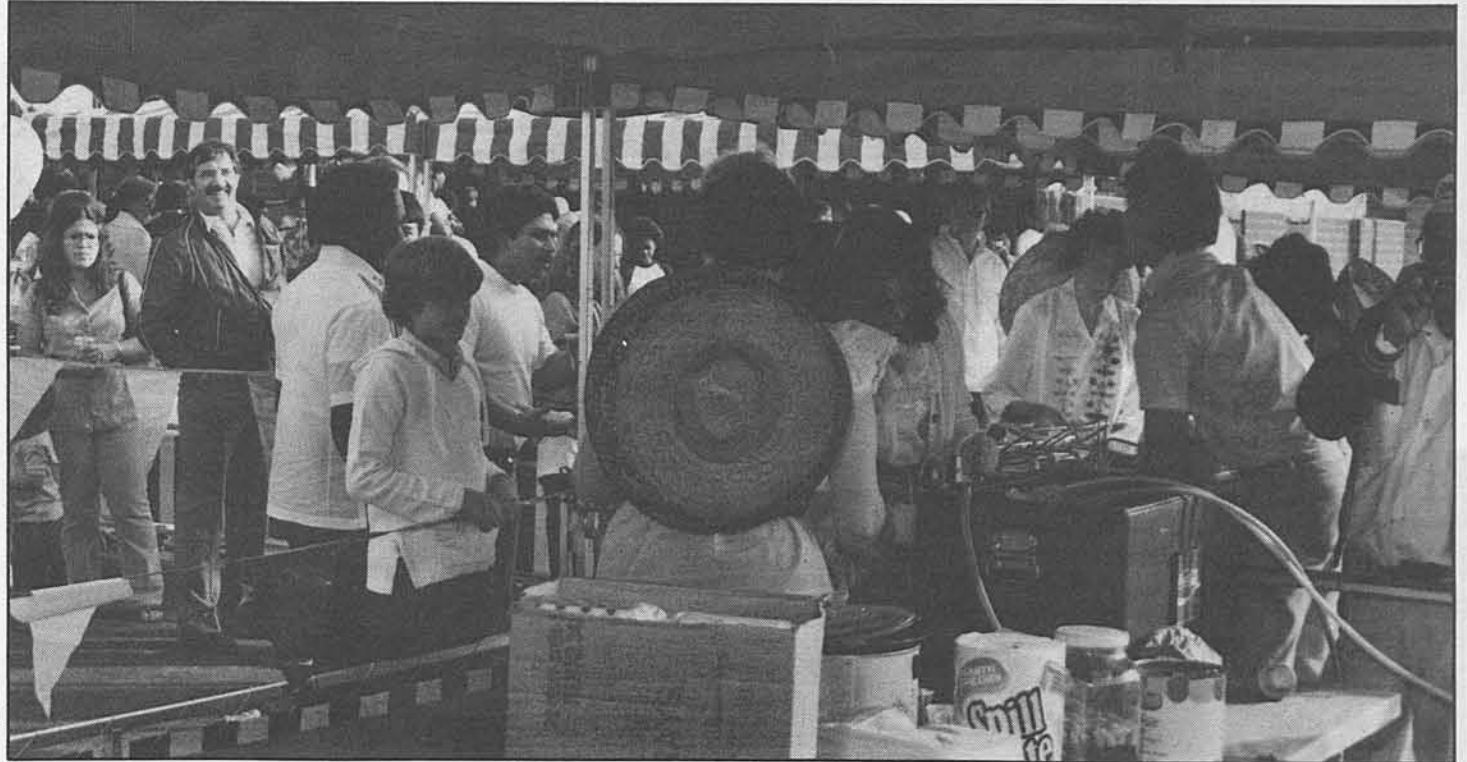
Ole—Div. 8 Fiesta big success

A fiesta atmosphere prevailed as an estimated 1,000 people crowded into the new facility at Division 8 on Jan. 16 to share in the fun. There were games and bands, tours of the facility, even a pinata for the kids.

mingled as the mariachi band played, and the kids played slot cars, fooled around with the spin art and gorged themselves on cotton candy and taquitos. While the kids played, the folks took tours of one of the most modern bus facilities in the country, viewed buses, examined departmental displays and enjoyed the fresh air and sunshine.

RTD employees and residents from surrounding communities

(Above Left) Monica Ingram, from Metro Rail, supervises the spin art booth for aspiring artist. **(Center Left)** Mark Littman, News Bureau representative, shows some young guests "Meeting the Challenges", a 10½ minute videotape that provides an overview of the District's entire operation, including Metro Rail. **(Lower Left)** Frank Ceballos, a Mechanic "B" at Div. 8, takes a break from his job to sing a few songs with the band, 'Mariachi Atotonilco'. **(Right)** Crowds of visitors line up for their share of taquitos with guacamole sauce, cotton candy and soft drinks.



(Above Left) Paul Sconce, a volunteer, explains the rules of slotcar racing to some young enthusiasts. **(Above)** Transit Police Officer Sue Miller gives 11 year old Maryanna Pisterman a sit-down tour of a patrol car, one of the displays at the Open House. **(Left)** Pablo Gonzales (R) and Jim Findley, both Equipment Maintenance Instructors, take visitors on a tour of one of the country's newest and most modern maintenance facilities at Div. 8.



FILM AWARDS — Greg Bonann, of JJJ Productions, presents the Golden Eagle and Chris awards recently awarded to the RTD production "Starting Under" to Board of Directors President Mike Lewis (R). These awards rank as two of the highest available to non-commercial films in the country and make the film now eligible for international competition.



EXCELLENCE — Clifford W. Brown was recently named Personnel Employee of the Quarter for Fall 1982.



EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH — For January were: Thurmon Green, Bus Operator; Gary Okun, Information Operator and Michael Walker, Maintenance. Also shown are Board member Jay Price, General Manager John Dyer, Ken Miller, Div. 9; Bob Williams, Manager of Customer Relations and Jack Farley, Div. 5.



RETIREES — January retirees included, from left to right, Harold Quibell, Juan Pollard, Frank Carr and Doc Jones. In the second row are: Board member Jay Price, General Manager John Dyer, Board member Marv Holen, retirees Dick Kelso and Jessie Tolbert and Board member Thomas Neusom.

TRIPPERS

Frankie Albright stars on 'Jefferson's'

On Feb. 20 Frankie Albright, wife of A.D. Albright in the Mail Room and mother of Sophie Bryant, a staff aide at Div. 4, appeared on an episode of the popular TV show, The Jefferson's. Frankie, an actress for several years, also

appeared in the 1978 movie "Jennifer". Frankie has studied at Crossroads Academy Drama School, owned by Marla Gibbs who plays Florence on the Jefferson's, for the last few years.

Skip Harrell wins free car for year

Alton "Skip" Harrell, a 39-year old bus driver from the Los Angeles suburb of Inglewood has won the free use for one year of a BMW 320i from Century Motor Sales of Alhambra, California, America's top selling BMW dealer.

Free use of the BMW was awarded for the sixth consecutive year as part of Century's display at the recent greater Los Angeles Auto Show. Harrell's name was selected from more than 20,000 auto show visitors who registered for the drawing.

Harrell is a Division 2 bus driver with routes covering the East Los Angeles area. "I enjoy working with people," Harrell notes. To that end,

Harrell is active in the Greater True Light Baptist Church.

"I couldn't believe it when they called to tell me I had won. I thought she was kidding," commented Harrell. "I am excited about driving a fine automobile like the BMW 320i in the coming months."

A native of Florida, Harrell moved to Southern California nine years ago after spending two years in the Army where he was active in the Military Police and Special Services. A former three-time, all-state high school lineman in Florida, he received his Associate Arts degree in Electronics from Los Angeles City College.



FREE CAR — Skip Harrell accepts the keys to his free car from Patricia Ann Peskin, wife of Leon Peskin, owner of Century Motor Sales.



FUN RUN — The Transit Police fielded a team on Jan. 23 to take part in a charity 10 kilometer run in East LA sponsored by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office. Team members included: (Front, left to right) Ernie Munoz, Linda Smith, Gene McRiley, Gil Rascon; (Rear, left to right) Al Magallon, A.C. Cox, Mario Casas, and Jay Ramos.

COMMENDATIONS AND SCHEDULE CHANGES

Bobby Holmes, Jr.; Div. 8 —

I would like to commend one of your RTD drivers for his clear-thinking, professional reaction to an accident.

On Friday, January 21 at about 4:10 p.m., a small boy was hit by a car while riding his bike on Ventura Blvd. in Encino. The child was evidently badly injured and could not be moved from the street where he lay - a few feet from the curb in front of the driveway to Plaza de Oro Shopping Center.

I did not witness the accident, but was inside a shop when a lady came in asking someone to phone the paramedics. As I left the shop I noticed an RTD bus blocking the entire driveway. I noticed also that it was, in effect protecting the little boy—both from passing automobiles on Ventura Blvd., and from any car that may have tried to enter or exit the driveway. The driver was asking bystanders if anyone had witnessed the accident and had paper and pencil to write the information down.

It's wonderful to know there are still such caring, responsible people in this crazy world, who are not afraid to be a good samaritan.

Sincerely
Mrs. R.S. Kramer Jr.

Steve Kaufman, Div. 3399 —

I would like to take this opportunity to commend one of your RTD drivers, Mr. Steve Kaufman, for coming to the aid of a woman who had just been 'mugged' in a parking lot at 12th and Grand in Los Angeles.

Mr. Kaufman pursued the mugger and, with the help of another

concerned young man, apprehended him and returned the purse intact.

I am the very grateful woman who Steve Kaufman helped and I wish to call this brave action to your attention.

Steve Kaufman is a tribute to the human race and to the RTD.

Respectfully,
Lou Ann Thuermer

Raymond A. Hart, Div. 9 —

On 1/5/83, I rode the 440 bus that left Raymond and Walnut for Pomona, at 3:30 in the afternoon.

At Azusa Avenue, a middle-aged man got on the bus. He walked towards the back of the bus, and started yelling and cursing three young teenagers sitting on the back seat, demanding that they move. As they quickly left, the man swung at them but did not touch them.

The driver had immediately stopped the bus, and opened the back door. He demanded the passenger (who apparently was either crazy, drunk, or hallucinating) get off the bus, and leave his passengers alone. The driver insisted, and talked the passenger out the rear door, despite much arguing by the passenger. The passenger was a strong-appearing, violent person. The RTD driver was a courageous man, that handled the situation with great skill. He did not abuse the passenger, but insisted only that he leave the bus; he did not touch the passenger (although it was certainly warranted).

All the other passengers on the bus, I am certain, share my feeling that the RTD bus driver handled a potentially dangerous situation

with great skill and courage. He is a great credit to RTD in particular, and the human race, in general.

I hope you can trace who the driver is from your records. He surely deserves your commendation.

G.N. Tyson

MOVING UP

Abeyta, Josephine, from Chief Clk to Ticket Office & Reports Clerk

Aguerrebere, Anne L. from Secretary to Sr. Secretary

Alford, Gerald L., from Mechanic B to Mechanic A

Alvarado, Romaldo C., from Mechanic A Lead to Mechanic A

Anzures, Gilbert, from Utility B to Laborer A

Arritola, Denise, from Equip. Rec. Specialist to Assign Coord Clerk

Blackburn, Joseph E., from Mechanic C to Mechanic B

Borjorquez, Diane T., from Ticket Clerk to General Clerk

Brennan, Patrick, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A

Clark, Curtis, from Mechanic B to Warranty & Equip Mech.

Cormier, Walter J., from Mechanic C to Mechanic B

Diehl, David C., from Mechanic C to Mechanic B

Girod, Eustace, from Mechanic C to Mechanic B

Gudino, Ernesto I., from Mechanic B to Mechanic A

Guerra, Edward H., from Mechanic C to Mechanic B

Hironaka, Hiromu, from Mechanic A to Mechanic A Leadman

Hollis, Coleman, from Mechanic C to Mechanic B

Hudson, Zellie, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A

Huffman, Gerald, from Info Clerk to Messenger Clerk

Kuykendall, Rex, from Equip Maint Supv II to Equip Maint Supv I

Mirabel, John, from Mech B to Warranty & Equip Mech

Mitchell, Claude, from Mech B to Mechanic A

Nakauchi, Jerry J., from Mech B to Mechanic A

Perez, George, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A

Reyes, Armando, from Mechanic C to Mechanic B

Rodriguez, Elias, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A

Sanchez, Marco, from Laborer A to Prop Maint B

Taylor, Phillip, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A

Triche, Nadine, from Info Clerk/Ex Supvr of Tele. Information to Supv of Tele Information

Tyvog, Wesley, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A

Villegas, Nicanor, from Mechanic B to Mech A

Wilson, James T., from Mechanic C to Mechanic B

Wilson, Ralph, from Acting Transp. Supt to Div Trans Mgr

SHIFTING GEARS

Anderson, John R. Operator has retired after 36 years of service

Bowman, Veda, Info/Schedule Room Clerk has retired after 20 years of service

Bustle, Sara L., Sr. Accts Payable Clerk has retired after 31 years of service

Carr, Frank M., Director of Finance has retired after 44 years of service

Doman, Raymond E., Operator has retired after 31 years of service

Forrest, Harry, Asst. Div. Mgr. has retired after 36 years of service

Gardner, Donald M., Supvg. Engineer has retired after 11 years of service

Hoover, James H., Operator has retired after 37 years of service

Howe, Marvin M., Storekeeper has retired after 42 years of service

Hower, Thomas J., Mech. A has retired after 19 years of service

Ige, Seichi C., Mech. A Lead has retired after 27 years of service

Jones, Doc, Operator has retired after 10 years of service

Kelso, Richard W., Operator has retired after 36 years of service

Kochanski, Vincent W., Operator has retired after 30 years of service

Lyons, Evon C., Operator has retired after 16 years of service

Martinez, Jesus, Equip. Maint. Supv. II has retired after 31 years of service

McCoy, Jeney, Operator has retired after 23 years of service

Mejia, Daniel R., Operator has retired after 10 years of service

Pollard, Juan G., Operator has retired after 31 years of service

Quibell, Harold K., Operator has retired after 31 years of service

Rabb, Pink C., Sched. Checker has retired after 36 years of service

Riley, Gordon H., Operator has retired after 25 years of service

Sermons, William L., Operator has retired after 23 years of service

Shea, John F., Operator has retired after 29 years of service

Tezak, Thomas K., Operator has retired after 27 years of service

IN MEMORIAM

Anderson, Arthur P., Operator since November 1, 1934 passed away January 6, 1983

Dyer, Johnny E., Security Guard since December 30, 1980 passed away December 22, 1982

Jenkins, Rodger D., Operator since September 21, 1973 passed away January 29, 1983

Price, Leslie V., Div. Dispatcher since June 24, 1954 passed away December 27, 1982

Woodie, Hubert C., Operator since April 23, 1943 passed away January 1, 1983

ABOUT THE COVER

On February 9 engineers sank a 100 foot deep observation hole near Sunset and Cahuenga Blvds., at the site of a planned Metro Rail station. Thirty six inches in diameter and lined with aluminum conduit, this hole, just one of several, allows engineers to get a first hand look at the geologic formations they are drilling through and upon which future stations will be built. This shot was taken from about 35 feet down in the hole, looking back up at crew members and observers lining its edge.

The following individuals also received commendations last month:

DIVISION 1

James A. Ross
Louise C. Burnes
Jesus H. Madrid
James Stuthrum
Alphonso G. Ross
Robert E. Baynham, Jr.

DIVISION 2

Gloria Weston
Henry J. Madrid
Hilton Lavalas
Harold Jordan, Jr.
Albert E. Troy
Gloria Wesley
Gabriel Merritt
Connie Amstone (2)
Albert Evans

DIVISION 3

Ronald W. Valdes
Lee V. Hunter
Robert A. Audelo
Alfonso Alvarado

DIVISION 5

Frank H. Lambert
Ronald J. Hughes
James E. Muhammad
Eleanore Craven
Marie Vines
Donald Hurston
Lea Taylor

DIVISION 6

A. White
Ben Ethridge
Wayne L. Scott
Garrett J. Poindexter
Albert Medina
Martin Crespi
Meredith Sidney
Todd D. Brules
Frances B. Dawson

DIVISION 7

Nathan Weathersbee
Charles R. Frisch

Frank T. Wood
George Anderson
Eddie Outlaw
Larry Blackwell

DIVISION 8

Daniel L. Feil
John D. Woods
Carlyn T. Charles
A. Taylor

DIVISION 9

Ernesto Montelongo
Rogelio Valdez
Earl J. Hennessy
Joshua C. Torres
Mitchell Hirsch
Johnny M. McKinney
Theodore Pride
Dale T. Parks
Jerry Gardner
Theodore Pride
Josephine Drew
David Reyes

DIVISION 12

William A. Gerbold (2)
Paul A. Tumminieri
Bobby Tift

DIVISION 15

Leonard R. Schmidt
James E. Brown
Hugh L. Coleman
Terrence C. Dallas
Stephen W. Glaser
David Wesson
Morris W. Taylor
L.A. Darling (2)
Henrietta Caldwell
Leonard Henderson
Ernest J. Marshall
Irving C. Gill

DIVISION 18

Ignatius Crellano
Thomas L. Beard
Barry Brown

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COMPUTER CLUB

All personnel interested in joining an RTD employees Apple Computer Club, please contact Mike Peterson at 979-1391 or ext. 6311/6511 for information and registration details.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

(1) 18K "Lion's Head" gold ring, \$125 or trade?
(2) Pachmayr black neoprene grips for Ruger Security Six, \$8. (3) '75 Husqvarna Motocross 250. Gobs of HP, solid state ignition, alum rims, Koni shocks, original bore, mag crankcase, VERY CLEAN. \$475. Call Richard (213) 831-8698.

FOR SALE

1976 19' Ranger Mini-cruiser ski boat. 460 ci Ford, 320 HP, new carb. Blue over silver with matching tandem trailer. Like new, \$6,000. Call (714) 596-3742 after 5:30 pm.

FOR SALE

Brand new sailboat. 12' AMF Alcott Minifish. Won from game show, never used. Worth \$1,100, asking \$750. Call 432-8927.

FOR SALE

1975 Cadillac CDV. Loaded. A little TLC will let you drive in elegance for only \$3850. Call Jackie at 799-5742 eves or weekends.

FOR SALE

1974 12' flatbed, 4 spd, new paint, carries 80 bales of hay. Call 330-1915 AM or PM.

FOR SALE

Combination in-dash 23 channel CB, AM/FM 8 track stereo player. Fits most cars. Still in the box. \$175. Call (213) 794-4747.



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Dennis Dobson, Editor

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5 Lb.	05		\$23.00	
1 Lb. NUTS AND CHEWS	14		\$ 4.60	
2 Lb.	15		\$ 9.20	
SPECIALTY ITEMS				
SPECIAL FANCY BOX - 2 lbs.	60		\$15.00	
BOX OF 60 LOLLYPOPS (No Mailer)	68		\$ 9.00	
SEE'S EASTER BASKET - 14 oz.	84		\$ 6.75	
CHOCOLATE RABBIT - 10 oz.	85		\$ 3.80	
EASTER ASSORTMENT - 13 oz.	86		\$ 5.70	
SEE'S EGG QUARTET - 12 oz.	87		\$ 4.00	
TEN CHOC-MARSHMALLOW EGGS	88		\$ 3.45	
TEN CHOCOLATE BUTTER EGGS	89		\$ 3.45	
SEE'S BIG EASTER EGG - 20 oz.	90		\$ 7.25	
SEE'S ROCKY ROAD EGG - 6 oz.	91		\$ 3.00	
EASTER FANCY BOX - 1 lb.	92		\$ 8.80	
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