

Grumman Flexible settlement means new engines for 230 buses

A settlement was approved on Sept. 12 by the Board of Directors with Grumman Corp., providing for the replacement of defective engines, air-conditioning units and radiators on 230 Grumman Flexible buses purchased in 1979.

About 140 of the District's Grumman buses have suffered gear train failures in the past year, while yet more break down each week.

The District hopes to start phasing the sidelined buses back into operation this Fall and expects the complete retrofit program for the defective buses to be complete in time for service during next summer's Olympics.

The factory-installed engines on the Grumman's will be replaced with six-cylinder diesel engines

proven reliable in the District's 940 General Motors RTS-II buses, District officials said. The replacement engines also meet current California air pollution standards.

In addition to their proven reliability, the new six-cylinder engines should also save the District \$1 million in fleet fuel costs over the next decade due to their increased fuel efficiency.

Maintenance costs are expected to decrease as well with the addition of new airconditioning units and radiators on the Grummans. Officials point out that the District has experienced more problems with this equipment than with any other in the fleet.

"It's critical that we restore full

service as quickly as possible to handle record ridership today and to prepare for the upcoming Olympics," General Manager John Dyer said. "We will also be able to provide better service to the handicapped community as we put the wheelchair equipped Grummans back on their regular routes," Dyer added.

The federal government has sanctioned the agreement between RTD and the Flexible Corporation, which purchased the former Grumman Flexible Corporation, last June. The agreement was also signed by the Grumman Ohio Corporation.

Terms of the agreement stipulate that RTD will receive \$900,000 in parts-credit, and that engines

and other parts needed for repairs will be furnished at special reduced prices.

RTD plans to use the manufacturer's contribution and funds from the Urban Mass Transit Administration (UMTA) to replace the engines and air-conditioning systems, thereby reducing operating costs and increasing reliability for this series of buses.

An engine manufacturer, Detroit Diesel Allison, has assured the District that it can deliver the needed 230 engines before the end of 1983. The engines will be installed by RTD mechanics beginning this month and the bulk of the work will be completed by next Spring when the full supply of additional replacement parts are delivered.

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District and community efforts make Operation Teamwork a success

Community involvement is the key to the success of the District's crime prevention program, Operation Teamwork, says Community Relations staffer Ottis Hendricks. "By getting communities involved we've not only helped reduce crime on buses, but the crime rate around a number of bus stops has dropped as well," Hendricks said.

Inaugurated in the Fall of 1981, Operation Teamwork is a two-year pilot project designed to pool the resources of law enforcement agencies, business and community leaders, educators and the District in a concentrated effort to fight crime.

Initially established in the Hyde Park and Boyle Heights area of the city in 1981, Operation Teamwork will also be in full swing in the Inglewood school district sometime this Fall, Hendricks noted. "The youth-oriented crime prevention program we've established at nearly a dozen schools in the target neighborhoods are particularly important to us," Hendricks added. "By involving the students through poster and essay contests and classroom presentations, we're making them aware of their responsibilities to their communities in a positive and interesting manner. With any luck, these kids will carry the message to their

friends and create a ripple-effect of crime prevention awareness."

Operation Teamwork is the brainchild of recently deceased RTD Board member Thomas Neusom. "Everyone has a stake in fighting crime because it affects us all," Neusom said of the program last year. "If the entire community works together, we can make our homes, businesses, schools and public transportation safe," he added. Since then, more than 4,000 homeowners, business people and civic leaders have attended crime prevention workshops and meetings and more than 5,000 students from 11 diffe-

rent elementary and secondary schools have participated in anti-crime and vandalism programs. These programs include presentations, tours of SCRTD facilities, and recognition of students through very successful essay and poster contests.

"I am pleased to announce that our crime prevention programs are producing results," RTD Board president Mike Lewis said at a June 1 recognition ceremony for secondary school winners in the second annual Operation Teamwork Poster and Essay Contest. "Our transit police officers report the public is becoming more informed regarding security on buses and that this is a big help in suppressing crime. Informing the public is exactly what Operation Teamwork is all about. That's why Operation Teamwork is such an important part of our overall anti-crime program," Lewis added.

In addition to working closely with local schools and Neighborhood Watch organizations, Operation Teamwork staff members are also working with such community groups as the Urban League, Crenshaw and East Los Angeles Chambers of Commerce, local Optimist, Lions and Rotary clubs, area homeowner associations and senior citizen groups.

In addition to working with Neighborhood Watch groups, the District supports the "We Tip" anonymous crime witness program and the nation-wide "Take A Bite Out of Crime" effort sponsored by the federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, the National Council On Crime and Delinquency, and the Advertising Council.

"Organization is the key to successfully fighting crime in our neighborhoods," Hendricks pointed out. "If we're all watching out for each other and get concerned about what goes on in our communities, we can effectively reduce crime." Hendricks added. "It's that simple."



POSTERS—An interested observer browses through the Operation Teamwork poster display.

After early failure

Prop. "A" passage meant Metro Rail could be built

The RTD carried out its assignment promptly. After an in-depth study, in 1968, it proposed an 89-mile, five corridor system costing \$2.5 billion. Its design standards were based very much on the Bay Area system, which was considered state-of-the-art for rapid transit at the time. Because public

country so wedded to the private automobile, this was a radical step, but the people went for it. Thereafter, rail transit advocates were no longer just the have-nots.

After the 1974 election setback, the RTD turned away from comprehensive rapid transit plans. There were still some, though, who be-

lieved that the people would buy them if they were comprehensive enough. One such person was former County Supervisor Baxter Ward. In 1976, he proposed a 230-mile, \$7.2 billion "Sunset Coast Line", the "Route of the New Red Cars". The voters rejected his one-cent sales tax to finance the Coast Line. Baxter Ward persisted, coming out in 1978 with a more modest "Sunset Limited." By this time, however, more serious, and eventually more fruitful, rapid transit planning efforts were under way.

In September of 1976, the City of Los Angeles and the SCRTD jointly submitted an application to the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) for preliminary engineering on all elements of the

1951 monorail corridor. Within and around the strip, the committee members evaluated various combinations of buses, light rail and heavy-duty rapid transit. Their efforts marked the beginning of the seventh era, "The Era of Alternatives Analysis". Its first product was a multi-modal "Regional Transit Development Program" (RTDP). In this program, rail transit was to be limited for the immediate future to a high density, right-angled corridor from downtown Los Angeles, out Wilshire Boulevard and up through Hollywood to North Hollywood. More widespread high-speed service would be rendered by buses on freeways, later called "Freeway Transit". Other elements of the RTDP included improved local bus service, called "Transportation Systems Management", and a Downtown People-Mover for Los Angeles.

1980 was a banner year for public transportation in Los Angeles in another way. For the first time ever, local voters approved county-wide tax to support transit. The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC) put Proposition A, a one-half cent sales tax increase, on the November ballot. Against a generally conservative drift, the measure passed by a comfortable 54 per cent.

Because the constitutionality of the simple majority was not certain, the matter was referred to the courts, and RTD staff and consultants carried on preliminary engineering on the rail line, which had been named the "Metro Rail Project". After a while, local transit offi-

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the last in a series written by Bob Sechler describing the history of rapid transit in Los Angeles.

hearings had revealed that property taxes would not be an acceptable means of financing the five-corridor system, the RTD substituted a one-half cent sales tax. Placed on the November, 1968 ballot, it was soundly rejected, by a vote of fifty-five percent to forty-five percent. Blame for the defeat was placed, officially, on the public's dislike of higher taxes, not hostility to rapid transit itself. Blame was probably shared by an antipathy to more taxation, and a general feeling, still prevalent, that Los Angeles was an autopian, decentralized garden city with no place for rail transit. There were some influential voices which continued to encourage this line of thinking.

In spite of the setback at the polls, the rapid transit planning effort continued. In 1971, SB 325 dedicated part of sales tax revenues to subsidize transit systems. Federal aid was also increasing. So, with these funding sources in mind, the RTD made plans for a "Starter Line" from downtown Los Angeles to Long Beach. There were high hopes that this south central corridor would see the first rapid transit trains; however, disagreement between the City of Los Angeles and the County over corridor priorities frustrated these attempts.

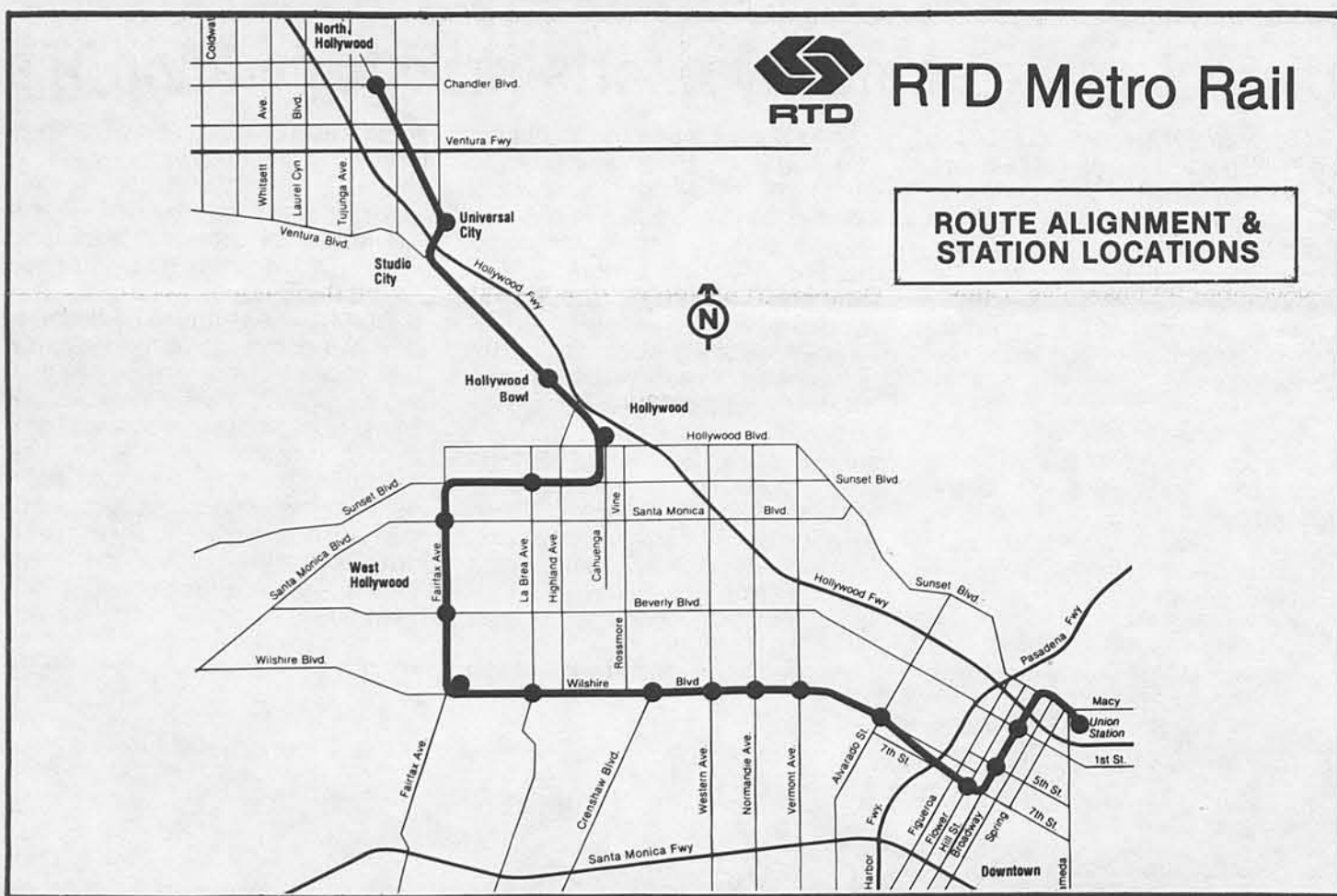
Political and financial support for public transportation increased nationally during the early 1970's. Sensing the better climate, the RTD and its partner agencies decided that the time was ripe to see if the people would do what they had refused to do in 1968 - vote for a tax to build a rail system. An extensive corridor study was undertaken, the result of which was a Master Rapid Transit Plan with a 145-mile, \$6.6 billion first stage. To help pay for this system, whose technology was not specified but subject to further evaluation, the RTD put a one-cent sales tax increase on the November, 1974 ballot. It too was defeated, but by a smaller margin than in 1968: 47 per cent for, 53 per cent against, and a majority favoring in the City of Los Angeles and a few other cities.

1974 was not totally disappointing for mass transportation. The El Monte Busway was opened. Whatever one may think of buses as rapid transit, this facility was the region's first private right-of-way for public transit vehicles since the Long Beach rail line had ceased operations. Another thing was a big financial boost for rail. California's power brokers decided to cut up a large tax pie to provide more money for rapid transit. With the Highway Lobby licking its wounds after the oil embargo, the legislators placed upon the spring ballot "Proposition 5", which would have allowed diversion of some gasoline tax revenues to fund fixed guideway construction. For a part of the

final gasps of the Second Era of Grand Designs. Meanwhile, the established transit agencies of Los Angeles had recognized the fact that entire rapid transit systems could not be financed at the same time. Accordingly, they changed their policies to emphasize incremental construction, beginning with a single line in the area of greatest need. Finding agreement on this area, while simultaneously addressing the demand of the entire region for high quality public transportation, would not be easy, as the 1971 Starter Line experience had shown. Therefore, in 1975, representatives of elected officials and the RTD formed a "Rapid Transit Advisory Committee" to arrive at a consensus.

This committee designated a "Rapid Transit Starter Line Corridor", which curved through the San Fernando Valley and down to Long Beach, very similar in fact, to Baxter ward's schemes were the

FINAL ALIGNMENT—Earlier this summer the final alignment for the first 18.6 miles of the Metro Rail project, shown above, was approved by the Board of Directors.



RTDP. UMTA's response three months later was to approve preliminary engineering on the bus elements and the people-mover, but to consider only more bus vs. rail "alternatives analysis" on the regional core element. Therefore, in the middle of 1977, the RTD rail planning staff and a handful of consultants began working on this compulsory sober second thought.

After two years, preliminary findings showed that a rail line was a clear front runner, and the RTD Board of Directors selected a "Preferred Alternative", an approximately 18-mile rapid transit line from Union Station, through downtown Los Angeles, out Wilshire Boulevard to Fairfax Avenue, then north, doubling back into Hollywood, and then out to North Hollywood, paralleling the Cahuenga Pass.

After evaluating the Alternatives Analysis and Environmental Im-

cialists began to sit on the edges of their seats. The first months of the Reagan Administration did not produce good vibes for mass transit. The Downtown People-Mover case was killed, the Stockman budget proposed to phase out operating subsidies, and for a while, even the Metro Rail Project was not a sure thing. With the passage of time, however, Administration officials and members of Congress warmed up to the Los Angeles subway, and more preliminary engineering money came forth. In the spring of 1982, The California Supreme Court upheld the validity of Proposition A, and some \$200 million annually began to come in to help out local transit systems. With this bonanza in mind, the County transportation commission began preliminary engineering on a rail project of its own, a light rail line from Los Angeles to Long Beach

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RECREATION NEWS

The Lakers are back! Enjoy Colonnage seating to selected games at a reduced price. \$9.50 seats on sale for \$7.50 to the following games:

- November 17 Lakers vs. Cleveland
- November 22 Lakers vs. Utah
- December 2 Lakers vs. Dallas
- December 4 Lakers vs. San Diego
- December 8
Lakers vs. Kansas City
- December 16
Lakers vs. San Diego

There are still a few precious seats available for Noel Coward's "Private Live's," starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. Sunday Matinee November 6, 3:00 p.m. at the Wilshire Theatre 8445 Wilshire

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on the old Pacific Electric right-of-way.

Metro Rail preliminary engineering and final design will be followed by construction, hopefully in 1984. The target date for opening the entire subway is July 4, 1990. A big push, however, will be made toward putting a segment between Union Station and Western Avenue into service as early as 1987. Because of its greater simplicity, it is likely that the Long Beach Light Rail Line will be moving people before any Metro Rail trains. Thus, the last shall be the first for rail transit in Los Angeles!

When the Metro Rail Project and the Long Beach - Los Angeles Light Rail Line are running over their entire lengths, they, together with the El Monte Busway, will provide fast, reliable mass transportation over most of the 1959 rapid transit corridors. They will constitute the initial segments of a 160-mile regional rail system, half of which is hoped to be in service or under construction by the year 2000. From the seven eras which, for over three quarters of a century, generated little more than paperwork, Southern California will advance to an eighth "The Era of Achievement".

Bld. \$38.50 seats are on sale for \$36.50.

Plan now to take a pre-holiday break to Las Vegas December 9-11. Stay at the Sundance Hotel in Downtown Las Vegas. Your \$50.00 per person, based on double occupancy, will include transportation via air conditioned buses departing from Headquarters and El Monte; hotel accommodations for two nights at the Sundance hotel, baggage and handling gratuities, and taxes. There will be no casino stops in or out of Las Vegas. Triple occupancy \$43.00, Singles will be \$68.00.

Reservations and money are due by November 18. Don't hesitate, you may miss out on all the fun.

Now is the time to order Christmas goodies at a real savings. This year the Employee Activities Department is offering discounts for Knotts Berry jellies and gift packs, Grandma's fruit cake, Charlie Chip Cookies and See's Candy. Contact our office for order forms.

The fabulous Sarah Vaughn and Count Basie will appear together at the Beverly Theatre on November 10. The 7:30 p.m. show's \$25.00 tickets are on sale for \$23.00.

The Beach Boys will delight you with songs from the 60's through the 80's at the Universal Amphitheatre Thursday, November 17. \$14.00 orchestra seats for \$13.00.

Magic Mountain discount days are here. Save \$6.00 on general use tickets Saturday or Sunday November 19 and 20 or Thursday through Sunday, November 24-27. Park opens at 10:00 a.m. Only \$6.95.

It's billed as the "Blast from the Past" featuring the Platters, the Diamonds, the Shirelles, the Coasters and Donny Brooks at the Beverly Theatre December 2 at 7:30 p.m. \$14.50 tickets for \$13.50.

Starting December 1, the Employee Activities Department will be sponsoring and employee store

for Christmas items. It's not too late to submit your items for consideration. Here's how the program will work: We will advertise and market your homemade items to employees of the District. The recreation program will charge 5 percent of your selling price as a service fee. Items will be on sale until December 24. Food items cannot be accepted. All items must be available and delivered to the Employee Activities Department by November 28.

Take advantage of the many new exciting Logo items available at fantastic prices. The Employee Activities department now offers short-sleeve sweat shirts in many fashion colors; nylon unisex running shorts in red, black, or white; long sleeve sweats in navy and white, sweat pants to match navy and white tops; tee shirts; scratch pads; mugs, gym bags and caps. You must come in to appreciate the selection. All available through the Employee Activities Office, 4th floor of the Headquarters building, Ext. 6580.

New logo sportswear

Now you can shape up in RTD style

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LOGO ITEM SELECTION—From left to right in the photograph above: **Frances Rosano** (White short sleeve sweatshirt, \$8, and matching sweatpants, \$7 and Gatsby Olympic cap at \$7.) **Pat Coble** (Black Jersey, \$6) **Dennis Gary** (RTD tie, \$1) **Tom Swann** (RTD cap, \$5 and black running shorts, \$7) **Suzanne Rothlisberger** (Striped T-shirt, \$5.50 and white sweatshorts, \$6) **Sharon Sterling** (RTD cap, \$5. and Employee Activities T-shirt, \$5.50) **Edith Goff** (Short sleeve black sweat-shirt, \$8, white running shorts, \$7 and RTD scratch pad, \$3.50) **Olivia Jimenez** (Shortsleeve pink sweatshirt, \$8 and RTD coffee mug, \$5) **Rosalyn Gladney** (Visor cap, \$4, red Jersey, \$6 and white sweat shorts, \$6) **Cathy Martin** (Navy blue sweatshirt, \$9, Ladies Employee Activities T-shirt, \$5.50 and Navy sweatshorts, \$6) **Adrienne Rogers** (RTD cap, \$5 and magenta sweatshirt, \$8) and **Duane Johnson** (Navy sweatshirt, \$9 and Navy sweat-pants, \$7)

To Your Health Q & A

1. Q: WHAT'S WRONG WITH SMOKING DOPE?

A: It's against the law and if you use marijuana at your work location or when subject to duty, you are risking discharge. The District considers the use of illegal or illicit drugs misconduct and when you are discharged for misconduct, the State of California will hold that you are not eligible for Unemployment Insurance benefits.

able indicates that the spread of this form of herpes is decreasing, as are other forms of venereal disease.

5. Q: WHAT IS AIDS?

A: AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) is a disorder that has been called the disease of the young and promiscuous. AIDS is increasing in drug abusers who inject their favorite substance into their veins; in the homosexual population;



TO YOUR HEALTH

By Elia Hager, RN
Visiting Nurse

2. Q: I WAS DISCHARGED FOR HAVING PCP IN MY SYSTEM BUT I NEVER, EVER TOOK THAT DRUG. COULD THE ANALYSIS BE WRONG?

A: No, the analysis was not wrong. What probably happened was, you bought a substance that you thought was cocaine or marijuana and what you really purchased was:

1. A white crystal that was actually novacaine and PCP, or
2. Oregano or parsley sprayed with PCP.

blood used in transfusions; and in the Haitian community. This is a disorder that also poses a health threat to hospital personnel. It poses a threat to any person who has direct intimate contact with an individual with AIDS, as well. So far, the average mortality rate from AIDS is about 40%. One of the horrifying aspects of AIDS is its long incubation period, six (6) months may pass after contact before the first symptom appears.

3. Q: I FEEL GREAT! CAN I STOP TAKING MY BLOOD PRESSURE MEDICINE?

A: You feel great *because* you're taking the medication the doctor prescribed. These medicines keep your blood pressure under control. You must keep taking your medicine as long as your doctor says to, whether you feel well or not.

4. Q: WHAT IS HERPES?

A: Herpesvirus is a group of various viruses among which some cause canker sores, shingles, cold sores and chickenpox. The form most written about lately, and the one you are referring to, is Herpes Genitalis. This form is contracted in an intimate (sexual) and direct manner. Herpes Genitalis cannot be cured. It is not fatal and the management of Herpes includes soothing ointments and rap sessions with counselors and other Herpes victims. All information available through AIDS contaminated

6. Q: WHAT CAN I DO TO PROTECT MYSELF FROM AIDS OR HERPES?

A: Both AIDS and Herpes are transmitted by sexual contact. AIDS can also be contracted from dirty needles and AIDS contaminated blood. So to protect yourself, stay free of street drugs, avoid casual sex, and know your partner.

It is difficult to trace the source of donated blood. So you need to rely on your health provider to keep it free of contamination.

7. Q: SHOULD I TAKE VITAMINS?

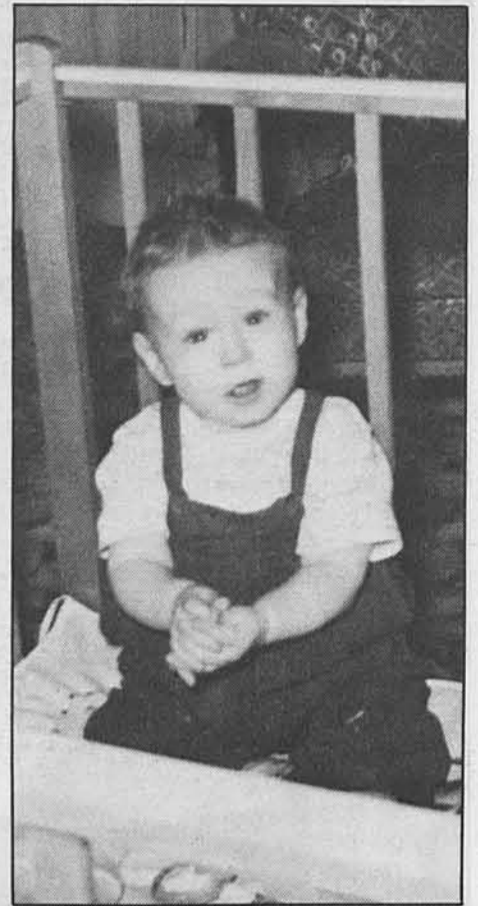
A: I personally believe in vitamin supplementation - taking vitamins is part of my daily activity. I also believe that taking vitamins is no substitute for a well-balanced diet.

There are many in the health community who believe that vitamins are not necessary when you have a well-balanced diet. You will have to make the final decision.

ABOUT THE COVER

LARRY, a horse of a completely noxious color, makes time with Superintendent of Instruction Bill Packard during a skit performed at this year's Rodeo Awards banquet at Knott's Berry Farm. Otherwise known as Harold Hollis and Don Karlson, LARRY (whose name is an obscure reference to the old Los Angeles Railway) managed to completely avoid being put through his paces by Ringmaster Leila Bailey. LARRY, it seems, much preferred nuzzling the guests over performing for his daily bread.

GUESS WHO?



Dolores Jimason, from Division 7, guessed correctly last month's mystery guest when she said it was Maureen Esquibiz, Division 6 typist clerk. Dolores is now entitled to two free tickets to the undersold event of her choice through the Employee Activities Department.

This month's Guess Who has been with RTD for almost five years and has a relative who works for the District also. Although he's not often seen out at the divisions, his job at headquarters keeps him moving all of the time. Can you "Guess Who?"

Remember, write your best guess down and send it to Guess Who?, Headway, location 32. Be sure to include your badge number, work location and extension number.

Guess Who?

TRIPPERS

Ward wins ARCO Plaza contest

Connie Ward, who works in the Marketing Department, was the top winner in the "I Like ARCO Plaza"

contest which ran in the June-July **Plaza Pulse**. Her \$50 first prize entry stated, among other things, "I like ARCO Plaza because where else can you eat, bank and buy a bus pass . . . all on a lunch hour?"

Elia Borja marries

Elia Borja, the District's Visiting Nurse and **Headway** columnist, was married on August 6, 1983 to Ronald Hager, a Pasadena attorney specializing in medical malpractice. The Hager's were married on board the "Woodwind", a 41 foot catamaran on Lake Tahoe. "It was a truly memorable ceremony," Elia commented.

Hernandez appointed to public procurement advisory board

Natalie Hernandez, a Human Relations representative and Minority Business Enterprise Expert, at headquarters, was recently named to the Public Procurement Advisory Committee by Speaker of the Assembly Willie Lewis Brown, Jr.

Hernandez received her A.A. from Los Angeles Metropolitan Junior College and a B.A. from California State University, Los Angeles. She has served as Program Assistant for Mexican American programs at the University of Southern California and is a member of the Hispanic Public Affairs Committee for the Lockheed Corporation. She was also named Mexican American Woman of the Year for 1982 by the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation.

Hernandez will serve on the committee as a nationally recognized leader from the procurement community in California. The committee studies, investigates and analyzes state public procurement of goods, services, and construction in California and submits recommendations to the Governor and state Legislature.

Mons' anniversary noted

October 9th marks the six-month wedding anniversary for Frank and Betty Mons. Frank is a machinist at South Park Shops and Betty works in Employee Activities. It's odd, but they're both still carrying on like newlyweds.

Brinkley appears on The People's Court

William Brinkley, a dispatcher at Division 7, appeared on 'The People's Court' for the third time on Friday, October 31 at 7:30 pm on channel 13. Brinkley, who works on the side as a licensed private investigator, prosecuted his ex-father-in-law over a matter involving a discharged firearm and an automobile.

Open enrollment set

Open enrollment for all Non-Contract, UTU and BRAC employees wishing to switch from their current medical/dental plan to another will be held in December, the Personnel Department advises. ATU employees take advantage of the same program each August.

Any changes made during December's open enrollment become effective on January 1, 1984. Descriptive materials concerning the various health plans will be made available during December.

'Professionalism and Your Job' a success

A very successful training program, 'Professionalism and Your Job', was sponsored by the Employee Development and Training Department during May. Especially developed for BRAC employees, the program was designed and conducted by Vicki Dauber of Dauber Associates. Dauber previously conducted a program for RTD secretaries and stenographers.

Specific objectives of the program included increasing communication skills, increasing awareness of effective interpersonal relations, identifying appropriate professional behavior and studying and practicing time management skills.

A total of 39 BRAC employees attended the training program from

departments such as Accounting, Print Shop, Transportation, Personnel, Customer Relations, Telecommunications and Equipment Engineering." There was so much interest in the program, we conducted two sessions so everyone who wished could attend," commented training coordinator Michelle Caldwell.

"I really enjoyed the course. I think it would be a good course for any employee," commented one attendee. "It gave me ideas on how to work and and achieve goals," added another.

"This was an enjoyable class," Caldwell said. "The participants were so enthusiastic, they worked extra hard at learning the information," she added.

Wiedlandt named August South Park Employee of the Month

Frans Wiedlandt, a Mechanic "A" in the Electrical shop, was named South Park Maintenance Employee of the Month for August. With the District for nine years,

Wiedlandt is accomplished in all areas of electrical repair, follows instructions well and often finds a better way to do a job, his supervisors say.

Duell captures September South Park Employee of the Month Honors

Mechanic "A" Leo Duell was named South Park Maintenance Employee of the Month for September. The 13-year District veteran has assumed, in addition to his regular shop duties, responsibility

as a parts expeditor in support of the Body, Frame, Trim, Upholstery and Sheet Metal shops. As his supervisor says, "His leadership abilities have earned him the respect of his fellow employees."

October South Park kudos go to Hernandez

Danny Hernandez, a Mechanic A Spray Painter, has been named South Park Maintenance Employee of the Month for October. With the District since March 1981,

Hernandez is characterized as a "team player" and has earned a reputation for never-failing good humor and cooperation.

Unique program solves Olympic funding shortfall

In an unprecedented three-way agreement between the District, the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee and Marketcom, Inc., RTD has been given exclusive rights to market a unique set of official Olympic bus tokens.

Sale of the special brass-finished tokens, illustrating sports of the 1984 Olympic Games, is expected to at least meet, if not exceed, the \$1.7 million shortfall in necessary funding for special RTD bus service to next summer's Olympic Games.

"We anticipate the sale of tokens will generate at least \$1.7 million in net revenues, completing the funding package for special RTD bus service to the Olympic Games next summer," said Board president Mike Lewis.

The tokens will go on sale in November at RTD outlets and selected retail stores throughout Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Diego counties. RTD officials expect a set of 24 tokens to cost about \$20.

This fall the District will begin selling the 24-token sets commemorating the XXIII Olympiad. Tokens will also be sold to the public for payment of the 50-cent one-way fare on RTD regular service lines.

A second set of three larger \$2 tokens will also go on sale soon. These can be used to pay fares on RTD special Olympic bus lines, or they can be purchased in souvenir sets.

The token sales program will also provide financial support for the District's 11.7 million tab for special Olympic bus service. Once token sales have generated the needed \$1.7 million, revenue profits will be shared three ways by RTD, LAOOC and Marketcom.

District Olympic service plans call for three types of service; shuttle buses, express and Park n' Ride service to be provided directly to most of the major Olympic venue sites. RTD anticipates between 84,000 and 326,000 passengers will utilize the special bus service daily during the 16 days of the Games.

"A special RTD bus service preparation program will now go into high gear to ready 475 buses to serve the Games," said RTD General Manager John Dyer. "This special program calls for the hiring of 400 temporary bus operators, most of whom will be hired in the spring and summer of 1984," Dyer added.

"This agreement shows what can be accomplished when there is a spirit of cooperation between the public and private sector," said LAOOC General Manager Harry L. Usher. "We're very happy that we were able to bring together the RTD and Marketcom in a project that will benefit the people of Southern California," he added.

"We are quite pleased as a member of the private sector to be able to contribute to a solution to this important issue," said Marketcom's regional marketing director in California, Dan Donahue.



EMPLOYEES—July Employees of the Month were Operator Bruce Smith, Maintenance employee Edwin Ziegler and Information Operator Hazel Eremento. Also shown are Director John Day, Division 18 Manager John Adams, acting Division 1 Manager Jack Farley and Manager of Customer Relations Bob Williams.



MORE EMPLOYEES—August Employees of the Month were Arthur Winston (Maintenance), Kimberle Mitchem (Information) and Operator Ronald Neill. Also shown are Division 5 Maintenance Manager Mel Purkeyple, July Maintenance Employee of the Month Roland Glass, Director Ruth Richter, Division 15 Manager George Marsala, Division 6 Maintenance Manager Ray Kunkle and Manager of Customer Relations Bob Williams.



EMPLOYEES—September Employees of the Month were Frank Perez, Operator Rogeile Chacon and Information Operator Kevin Tate. Also present were General Manager John Dyer, Director Nick Patsaouras, Division 12 Manager Gerry Woods, Manager of Customer Relations Bob Williams and Jules Gauthier.



RETIREES—August retirees included, from left to right; Carroll Tinker (24 years), Irvin Murray (26), Virgil Nesbitt (36), Johnnie Brazzle (20), Raleigh Farris (36) and Paul Cole (27). Also shown are Director Jan Hall and General Manager John Dyer.



RETIREES—Among September's retirees were, from left to right; Rufus Bias (36 years), John Hansen (30) and Michael Keller (31). Also present were General Manager John Dyer and Director Charles Storing.

Lion Country Safari Hosts Annual Employee Picnic At



BUSY — A variety of booths offered everything from membership to refreshments. Here, the Employees pick up items to eager employees, while in the background, they are escaping the noonday sun.

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PROWLING—Sam Harper, an operator from Division 2, takes a long, leisurely, **safe** look at a pride of napping lions while he drives a tour of the park.

(RIGHT)

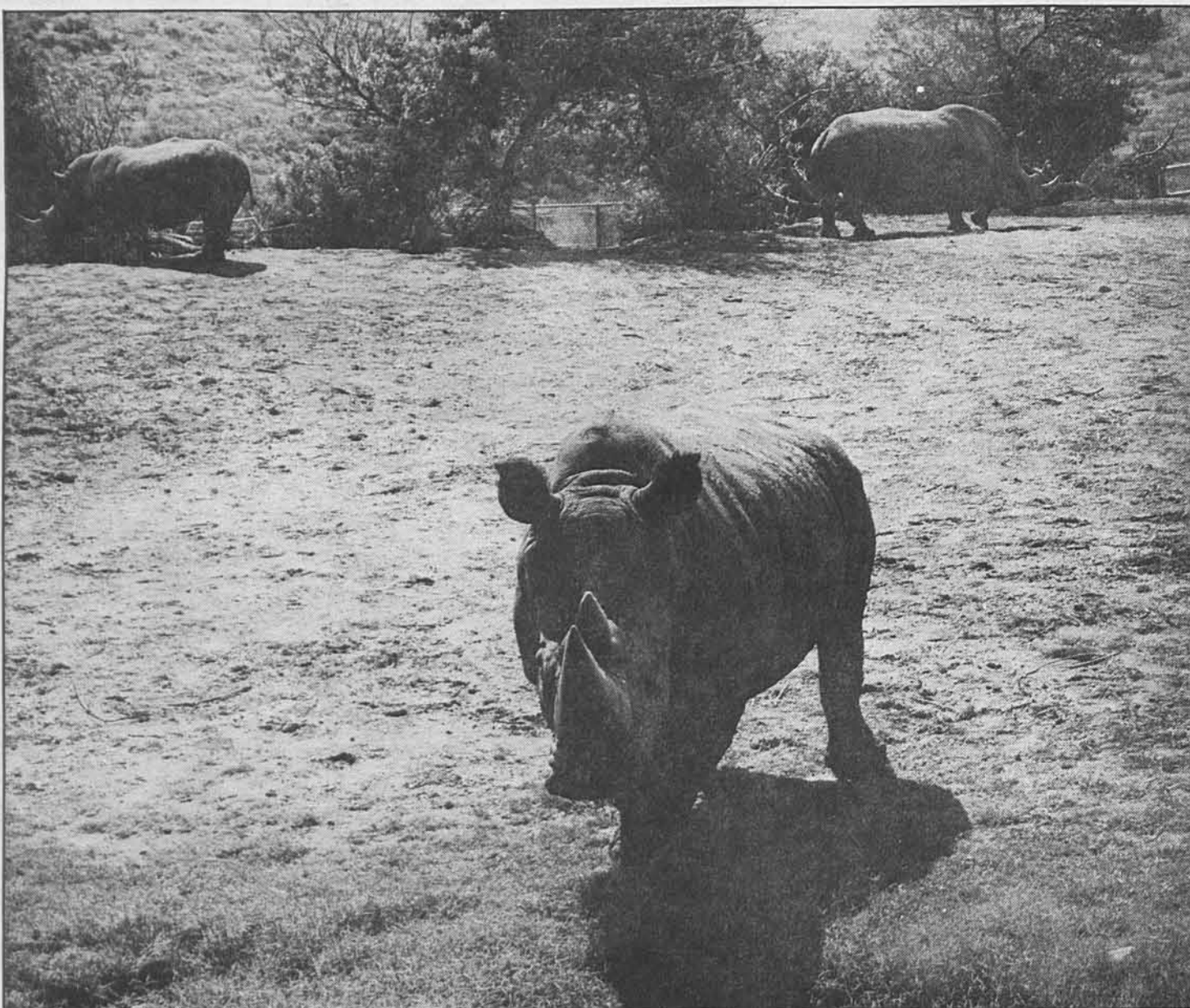
CAT NAP—As mid-afternoon approaches, this pride of lions seeks the cooling shade of a tree. As the sun moves through the sky the lions will follow the slowly shifting patch of shade as it creeps, inch by inch, around the tree.

(BELOW)

SAY "CHEESE"—Looking just like three revelers at a party searching for a dropped contact lens, this rhino and his buddies plod along their separate ways.

(BELOW CENTER)

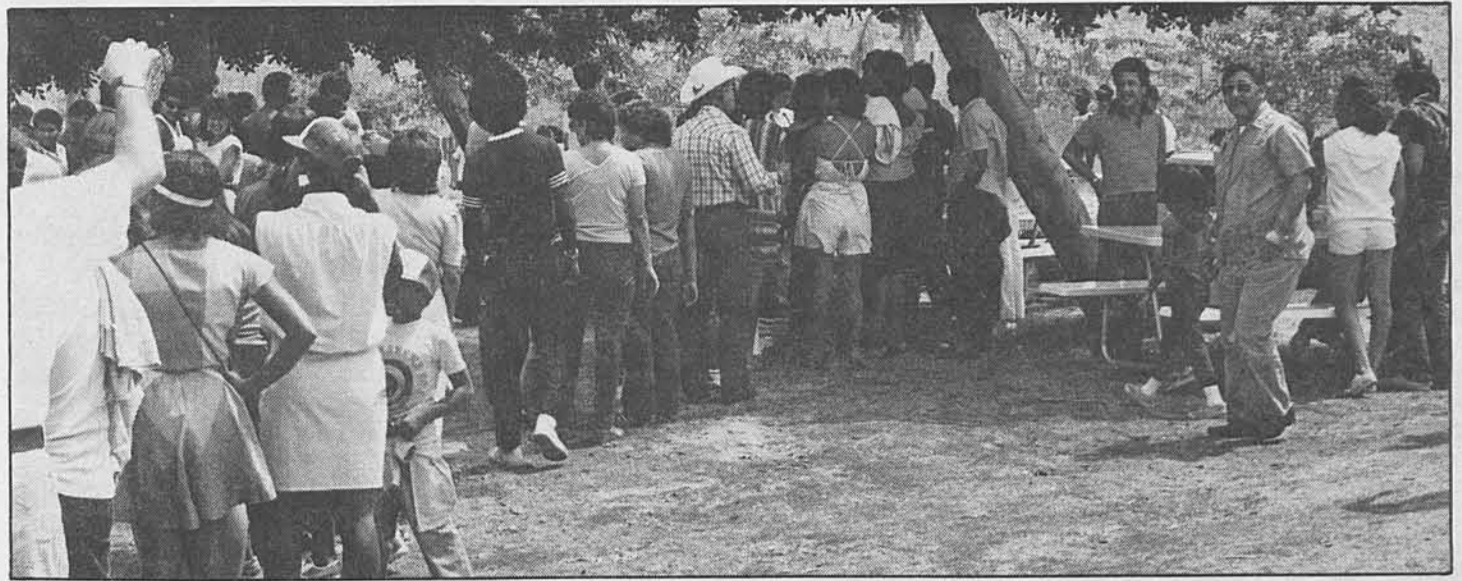
LUNCH TIME—As we wheel around a bend in the road everyone gets a good look at a herd of grazing zebras.



Annual Gala Attracts Crowds



...hing from information concerning Credit Union
Employee Activities Department sells RTD logo
background, the pavilion is full of picnickers



(ABOVE)

IS IT SOUP YET?—While lunch lines were long, there was plenty of food for everyone. And while it may have seemed to take forever to get served, at least it provided one more opportunity to socialize.

(RIGHT)

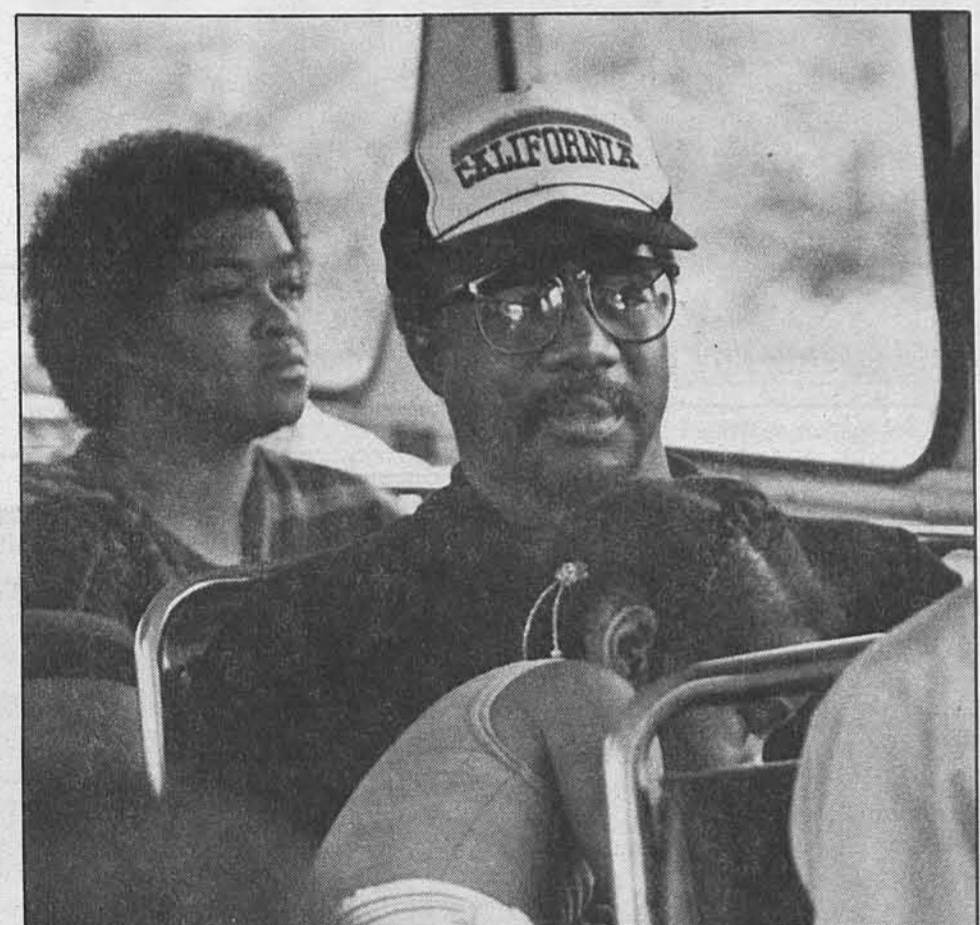
SYNCRONSITY—The amphitheater was alive all day long as hundreds danced and spectators watched from the stands. (Photo by Dave Nicholson)

(BELOW RIGHT)

A LONG DAY—For some, like 5 year old Ebony Madison and her father Doug, the trip home was a time to pause and recharge your batteries.

(INSET)

OH, WELL—Then again, sometimes your batteries need more charging than others.



Would you hire you?



As an employee, are your ways with work more winning than sinning? To find out, read the following dozen questions and circle the **yes** and **no** replies honestly:

(Yes) (No) 1. When things go wrong, do I take my share of the blame? (Some people never goof, for they either have a good alibi or they blame somebody else.)

(Yes) (No) 2. Am I always — barring illness or accident — on the job on time and ready to work? (The person who is seldom on time is one who must be watched or the work scheduled will not be completed.)

(Yes) (No) 3. Can my boss depend on me to come through in a crisis? (Everyone knows the person with a *what's-in-it-for-me* attitude or a *I don't do any more than I'm paid to do policy*.)

(Yes) (No) 4. Do I pay careful attention to personal hygiene? (At work, one should neither smell

like a rose nor like a locker room after a football game.)

(Yes) (No) 5. Is my clothing appropriate for the job? (The *femme fatale* on the assembly line or in the office is as out of place as is the surgeon performing an operation with grimy hands.)

(Yes) (No) 6. Am I courteous to the boss as well as to my co-workers? (*Please* and *thank you* as well as consideration for others help make working conditions more pleasant.)

(Yes) (No) 7. Am I a friendly person? (To many people reserve their sweet smiles and cordial greetings for their superiors and completely ignore the janitor and the newly hired clerk.)

(Yes) (No) 8. Can I control my temper? (Things do go wrong, but some remain calm, helpful while others fly off the handle and reveal their personal likes, dislikes, and prejudices.)

(Yes) (No) 9. Do I take good care of my working area and the equipment entrusted to me? (Though there are common sense safety practices and good housekeeping rules, there are office workers who let files accumulate on their desks and shop people who hammer with a wrench.)

(Yes) (No) 10. Do I repeat gossip? (Wherever there are people, there are rumors. And the older the rumor, the greater its alteration.)

(Yes) (No) 11. Am I in good physical health? (Good diet, appropriate exercise, and sufficient sleep are musts for everyone who doesn't want his or her family to collect that life insurance prematurely.)

(Yes) (No) 12. Do I realize that I

represent the entire organization when I deal with an outsider either on the phone or in person? (All employees probably realize this, but outsiders judge by one stupid comment or act.)

Now, rate yourself, Give yourself two points for every **yes** circles and deduct one point for every **no**.

If you scored a perfect 24 or even 20, either recheck your answers or get measured for a halo. You're probably too good to be true!

But if your score was 15-18, you are a definite asset to your group. A score of 6-12 is about average. Below 6? You need professional help

SPECIAL CLIP 'N SAVE SECTION

Family safety starts in the home

The Safety Department has provided this special Clip 'n Save safety section, in cooperation with the Red Cross, for you to post in your home for ready reference in the event of an emergency in the home.

In addition, Safety is sponsoring a number of Safety Day presentations at various locations. These events include lunch and a movie about safety, basic first aid and CPR. While they are not the official Red Cross certified classes, they do provide necessary basic information. You can contact your division manager for details concerning Safety Day at your work location.

First Aid At A Glance

AILMENT	SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS	FIRST AID
1. POISON	Symptoms vary greatly. Aids to determine whether poison was swallowed: a. Information from victim or observer b. Presence of poison container c. Condition of victim (sudden onset of pain or illness) d. Burns around lips e. Breath odor f. Pupil contracted to pinpoint size	ALL VICTIMS Call Emergency Rescue Squad Call Poison Control Center Save label or container for I.D. Save sample of vomitus material CONSCIOUS VICTIMS Dilute the poison with milk or water Do not neutralize with counteragents Do not give oils UNCONSCIOUS VICTIMS Maintain open airway (victim on side) Give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation or CPR if necessary Do not give fluids. Do not induce vomiting CONVULSIONS Do not restrain victim Loosen tight clothing Watch for airway obstruction Do not give fluids Do not induce vomiting
2. SHOCK	1. Skin pale (or bluish), cold to touch; possibly moist or clammy 2. Weakness 3. Rapid pulse (over 100) 4. Rate of breathing usually increases; may be shallow or deep and irregular	Keep victim lying down. Cover him only enough to keep him from losing body heat; obtain medical help as soon as possible
3. FRACTURES AND DISLOCATIONS	1. Pain and tenderness 2. May have difficulty moving injured part 3. Obvious deformities — swelling and discoloration	Keep broken bone ends and adjacent joints from moving, and give care for shock Call for medical help
4. BURNS	Skin is: 1. Red — 1st Degree 2. Blistered — 2nd Degree 3. Charred — 3rd Degree	Pain of first degree and of a small second degree burn can be relieved by excluding air. Three ways to exclude air from 1st or 2nd degree burns only: 1. Submerge in cold water (do not use ice!) 2. Apply a cold pack 3. Cover with a thick dressing. DO NOT apply grease or ointment. For a 3rd degree burn, cover with dry clean cloth and call for medical help. If any burn occurs to the victim's face area, watch for possible need for artificial respiration
5. HEART ATTACK	Two principle symptoms: 1. Acute pain in chest, upper abdomen or down left arm and shoulder 2. Extreme shortness of breath 3. Absence of pulse and breathing in an unconscious person	Place victim in comfortable position, usually sitting up. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If no pulse is present administer CPR. Call for medical help and give prescribed medication, if any. DO NOT give liquids to unconscious victims. Take a CPR class, available through the American Red Cross
6. LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS	Unresponsive	Keep victim warm and lying down, head turned to one side. If consciousness is not regained quickly, send for medical help. If breathing stops, give artificial respiration. Never give an unconscious person food or liquids

The following informational books and pamphlets are available at your local Red Cross chapter.
 • Drugs and their Abuse
 • First Aid for Poisoning
 • First Aid for Snakebite
 • First Aid for Foreign Body Obstruction of the Airway
 • Heart Attack (CPR)
 • Safety and Survival in an Earthquake
 • Standard First Aid and Personal Safety (textbook)
 • Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care (textbook)

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST AID AND CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) CALL YOUR LOCAL RED CROSS CHAPTER

CLIP 'N SAVE

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Rescue Squad _____

Fire Department _____

Police _____

Physician _____

Hospital Emergency Room _____

Life Support Unit _____

Poison Control Center _____

Additional Numbers _____

(RIGHT) Banquet guests, including General Manager John Dyer (center), view a video tape of the Rodeo finals produced by the Training Department.

(BELOW LEFT) 1983 RTD Rodeo First Place winner John Downes accepts congratulations from General Manager John Dyer (right) and Manager of Operations Sam Black (left). In taking First Place in the District-wide competition, Downes received \$750 in prize money and will travel to Denver in late October to attend the annual APTA conference and compete against the best drivers from other properties throughout the country in the National Rodeo Finals.

(BOTTOM LEFT) Guests, attired in Western costume for the BBQ-style award banquet, check in as they arrive.

(BOTTOM RIGHT) Red River Dave, a character of some local renown, entertained guests during the social hour.

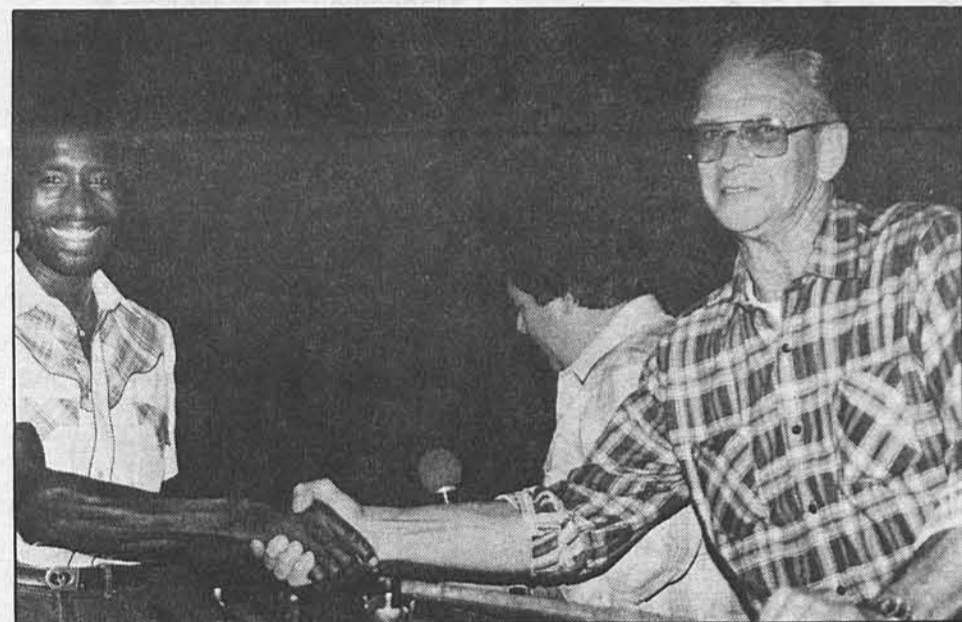


Knott's Berry Farm hosts Rodeo awards banquet

Bar-B-Que was the main course and Western attire the uniform of the day as finalists in the 1983 RTD Bus Rodeo and their families joined Rodeo planners and officials for the Annual Awards Banquet. Hosted at Knott's Berry Farm, banquet guests were treated to full run of the amusement park in addition to the complete bar-b-que dinner and entertainment.

In addition to the awards ceremony itself guests were entertained by the frantic, if somewhat disjointed, antics of LARRY. A horse of dubious parentage, LARRY (whose name is an obscure reference to the old Los Angeles Railway) made his entrance at the end of the evening's program outfitted smartly in burlap from head to hooves. Like a pair of benevolent Dr. Frankenstein's, Harold Hollis and Don Karlson took credit for breathing

life into LARRY while Leila Bailey, apparently stretched to the limits of her supervisory abilities, acted as Ringmaster. Pushed well past even her saintly limits of a patience, Bailey eventually walked off the stage in disgust over the wanton equine's disregard for her commands. Onlookers heard her mutter something about a "... glue factory," as she exited the arena. No subsequent word has been received of LARRY since his last, and apparently only, performance. (LARRY appears on this month's cover.)



CONGRATULATIONS—Second Place winner Joe Swift accepts congratulations from Acting Director of Transportation Jeff Deihl.



COMMENDATIONS AND SCHEDULE CHANGES

MOVING UP

Angel, Bruno D., from Jr. Stock Clerk to Stock Shop Clerk
Alvidrez, David N., from Mechanic B to Mechanic A.
Barron, Robert O., from Stock Clerk to Shipping Clerk
Bermejo, Jose, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A.
Bihr, John W., from Relief Jr. Stock Clerk to Relief Stock Shop Clerk
Brewer, Irvin, from Mechanic C to Mechanic B
Brown, Timothy, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A
Burke, Timothy, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A
Cady, Ralph L., from Personnel Analyst to Sr. Personnel Analyst
Caldwell, Cecil E., from Mechanic B to Mechanic A
Campbell, Douglas E., from Mechanic B to Mechanic A
Carter, James F., from Jr. Stock Clerk to Storekeeper
Castro, Frank, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A
Chavez, Enrique, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A
Chavez, Manuel, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A
Cormier, Robert J., from Mopper/Waxer to Relief Equip. Records Spec.
Conoza, Arturo S., from Mechanic B to Mechanic A
Culton, Jerri L., from Mechanic C to Mechanic B
Curtin, Joanne W., from Secy to Sr. Secretary
Davie, Terrance N., from Mechanic B to Mechanic A
Dayrit, Gilbert, from Mechanic C to Mechanic B
Dear, Marsha A., from Accts. Payable Clk to Pension & Ins. Clk.
Delgado, Pedro, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A
Douglas, Gerald, from Cash/Payroll Clk to Accts Payable Clerk
Flowers, Percy "Lee" from Secretary to Sr. Secretary
Forrest, David D., from Accts. Payable Clk to Staff Aide
Fragosa, Gilbert M., from Data Proc. Oper II to Lead Data Proc. Operator
Fuentes, Jose from Utility A to Junior Stock Clerk
Fukagawa, Dale R., from Data Proc. Oper II to Lead Data Processing Operator
Garcia, Ralph W., from Mopper Waxer to Mail & Duplicating Clk
Garcia, Theodore, from Mech B to Mechanic A
Gauss, Rudolph, from Lighting Servicer to Electrician
Giessler, Richard E., from Programmer Analyst to Sr. Programmer Analyst
Gladney, Rosalyn R., from Programmer to Programmer Analyst
Gomberg, William R., from Comm. Relations Rep to Sr. Planner
Gomez, Raymond F., from Stock Shop Clerk to Equip Rec Spec.
Green, Cheryl A., from Data Proc. Oper II to Lead Data Proc. Oper.
Haddon, Frank R., from Telecom Engineer to Sr. Telecom Engineer
Harold, Richaard E., from Typist-Clk to Equipment Rec. Specialist

Hiatt, Patricia M., from Data Entry Oper to Cash Clerk
Huffer, Raymond G., from Storekeeper to Equip Records Spec.
Humberstone Jr., Frank, from Mechanic C to Mechanic B
Hustava, Jr., Theodore, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A
Iborogu, George A., from Mechanic C to Mechanic B
Iloff, Frank R., from Accts. Payable Clk to Acting Supvg Accts Payable Clerk
Jensen Jr., Harold R., from Systems Elec Comm Tech to Systems Elec Comm Tech Leadman
Johnson, Marcus, C., from Asst. Division Manager to Division Manager
Johnson, Robert L., from Mechanic B to Mechanic A
Jones, Vickie M., from Cash Clerk to Equip. Records Spec.
Kovach, William A., from Asst. Stores Supv. to Div. Stores Supv.
Kwon, Hyok C., from Mechanic B to Mechanic A.
Larios, Jose L., from Truck Driver Clerk to Stock Shop Clerk
Lee, Eugene D., from Transit Police Sgt. to Transit Police Investigator
Logan, Luke, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A
McCoy Jr., Edward D., from Mechanic C to Mechanic B
Malonzo, Carmelita C., from Typist Clk to Accts Payable Clk
Mandl, John J., from Mechanic C to Mechanic B
Marshall, Ronald V., from Jr. Stock Clk to Stock Clk.
Martinez, Gabriel A., from Mechanic B to Mechanic A
Mastian, Shahin, from Programmer Asst to Programmer
McComie, Joseph, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A
McLin, Edward, from Mechanic C to Mechanic B
Nguyan, Thu, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A
Orovecz, Louis A., from Elec Comm Tech to Digital Tech.
Ortiz, Audrey J., from Asst Div. Mgr to Division Mgr.
Perez, Viente E., from Jr. Stock Clk to Shipping Clk.
Perkins, Junius C., from Jr. Stock Clk to Storekeeper
Pruitt, John L., from Elec Comm Tech to Digital Tech.
Reed, Linda C., from Secretary to Sr. Secretary
Richardson, Daniel, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A
Rodriguez, Antonio, from Mechanic C to Mechanic B
Rodriguez, Ralph, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A
Rogers, Ruth H., from Telephone Info Clerk
Schedule Room to Pass. Service Representative
Rose, Billy L., from Mechanic C to Mechanic B.
Sharp, Charlotte Y., from Cash Clerk to Relief Equip Rec Spec
Sorci, Judith K., from Programmer to Programmer Analyst
Tilley, Larry, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A.
Torres, Raymond, from Data Proc. Oper II to Lead Data Proc Oper
Trautman, Diane M., from Photocopying Mach Oper to Info Clerk

Ulmer, Edwina J., from Records Clerk to Equip Records Spec.
Villalon, Teresa I., from Prt Shop Clerk to Equip Rec Spec.
Villicana, Sergio Y., from Shipping Clerk to Truck Driver Clk
Walker, Jonathan, from Mechanic C to Mechanic B
Williams, Vivian, from Info Clerk to Ticket Clerk
Yacobucci, Victor J., from Mechanic C to Mechanic B
Zepeda, Joe P., from Utility A to Utility A Leadman

SHIFTING GEARS

Bowman, Veda, Info/Sched Rm Clk has retired after 21 years of service
Davis, Donald L., Security Guard II has retired after 10 years of service
DeBano, Raymond A., Operator has retired after 30 years of service
Fees, Virginia, Div. Steno has retired after 30 years of service
Gonzalez, Manuel, Traffic Loader has retired after 20 years of service
Johnson, Glover, Operator has retired after 12 years of service
Krafft, Roland W., Director of Transportation has retired after 41 years of service.
Lopez, Alex K., Operator has retired after 31 years of service
Murray, Irvin R., Operator has retired after 27 years of service
Risola, Ralph, Div. Dispatcher has retired after 26 years of service
Robb, Carl S., Operator has retired after 18 years of service
Sakata, Stephen, Mechanic A has retired after 25 years of service
Tinker, Carroll, Operator has retired after 24 years of service
Upton, Jimmy D., Stops & Zones Supv. has retired after 20 years of service.

IN MEMORIAM

Beauchamp, Noel P., Operator since 12-26-06 passed away July 4, 1983
Bustos, Robert V., Property Maint. since May 19, 1958 passed away July 27, 1983
Doig Jr., Andrew H., Operator since May 11, 1934 passed away October 17, 1982
Evans, John H., Operator since March 13, 1982 passed away July 20, 1983
Fox, Robert, Quality Control Analyst since January 28, 1972 passed away August 16, 1983
Gere, Lloyd L., Operator since February 27, 1935 passed away July 13, 1983
Juarez, Thomas, Trafficman Ret. passed away July 18, 1983
Landers, Auburn E., Operator since August 14, 1925 passed away August 8, 1983
McBrayer, Martin W., Operator since April 15, 1973 passed away August 20, 1983
Nicoletti, F.J., Operator since July 8, 1947 passed away July 18, 1983
Robinson, David L., Operator since August 19, 1981 passed away July 27, 1983
Robinson, Rodney U., Operator since October 1, 1968 passed away July 5, 1983
Sermons, William L., Operator since August 3, 1959 passed away July 14, 1983
Taylor, Michael J., Operator since July 11, 1982 passed away August 30, 1983

COMMENDATIONS

Cooperation Pays

INVESTIGATOR MARVIN MERRIWEATHER, TPD—

I am writing to commend the performance of Investigator Marvin Merriweather, Transit Police Officer of the Rapid Transit District (RTD).

As you know, Investigator Merriweather served as the liaison officer for your department and attached to the newly implemented Transit Policing Team for the City of Inglewood from January 31 through June 30, 1983.

During his tour of duty as liaison officer, Merriweather did an exemplary job of interfacing our team with the RTD, by obtaining and providing resources and training materials, updated route information and crime statistics information.

Investigator Merriweather shared his personal expertise as an RTD policeman, by working with our team in the field in uniform and in plainclothes deployment. This personal sharing of knowledge by Marvin expedited the transition of the team from the training/learning state to that of a fully functional Transit Policing Team.

When asked to assist the team's sergeant in the multitude of details involved common to the activation of any new policing unit, Marvin's attitude was one of total cooperation. Any materials, information or reports requested from him were provided promptly.

In short, Investigator Merriweather's performance, both administratively and in the field, has been highly professional and of the highest caliber.

During his time with the Transit Policing Team, the officers came to accept Merriweather as a team member. His enthusiasm and presence will be missed by the team.

Sincerely,
 JOSEPH T. ROUZAN, JR.
 Chief of Police

Wallet Retrieved

ALBERT EVANS, DIV. 1—

On Friday, July 22, 1983 at approximately 3 pm, I was intending to board the RTD bus #7259 of the 75 line at the corner of 4th and Spring Streets. A team of two men working together were able to steal my wallet out of my partially zipped purse without my noticing it.

The driver, Mr. Albert Evans, asked me upon boarding the bus, if I still had my wallet. I found it was gone and told him so. He then jumped out of the bus, ran down Spring Street and a short while later came back with my wallet, nothing missing from it.

I would like to express my appreciation in writing. In the past, I rode several times on a bus with Mr. Evans being the driver and I was always impressed by his helpful and courteous manners. This time, however, he helped above and beyond the call of duty and I am just glad that he did not get hurt or in a fight, when he retrieved the wallet.

Again, I'd like RTD to know that Mr. Evans has been extremely helpful and if there exists such a

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system at RTD, I would like to nominate him as driver of the month or the year.

Sincerely,
Sabine Bestier

Operator Assists LAPD

CYNTHIA FRANKLIN—DIV. 3

On Saturday, September 3, 1983, at 6:01 p.m., while operating RTD Bus #9098 in normal line service, you observed some police action (L.A.P.D.) at Figueroa and Olympic.

You further observed a possible suspect, whom the L.A.P.D. officers were looking for, board the bus you were driving. He was carrying approximately ten (10) bottles of liquor which he hadn't legally purchased.

You continued in service and notified the RTD Dispatch Center and Transit Police units were dispatched. Due to your keen watchfulness, the suspect was taken into custody at Figueroa and 23rd Street. He was positively identified as the person who had illegally taken ten (10) bottles of liquor from a business establishment located at 956 South Figueroa Avenue.

You are, hereby, commended for your professional effort in alerting the police who subsequently were successful in apprehending a fleeing suspect. Your action has brought credit to yourself and to the Southern California Rapid Transit District.

Sincerely,
Harry L. Budds
Assistant Transit Police Chief

Quick Thinking Saves Life

DEAR SIRs:

The operators of General Telephone Company, Santa Monica, would like to commend and thank driver Jowette Mason for his brave deeds and courageous actions on the night of June 15, 1983. Alyce Brison, our friend and co-worker, is alive today because of Mr. Mason's quick thinking and selfless actions. His display of valor is inspirational to all of us.

The example Mr. Mason sets makes him an asset to your company as well as our community. It's a relief knowing you drivers are there for us, the public, willing to risk their lives for our safety. There are no words to thank someone for the saving of a human life. We only wish there were more people like Mr. Mason in these troubled times. His actions remind us that we as human beings must do for each other what we can in order to make this world a better place to live.

Our sincerest thanks and deepest appreciation,
The Telephone Operators of
Santa Monica T.S.P.S.
73 Signatures

Car Fire Extinguished

JOHN KIRKHAM—DIV. 15

May I commend Operator #406 for his alertness and expediency in extinguishing a car fire last Saturday morning? Never in all my bus riding days in the Los Angeles area have I seen an Operator respond so quickly to an emergency.

As the bus pulled up to the north bound stop at 3d and Spring, considerable black smoke was emerging from around the corner. With-

out hesitancy, your Operator grabbed his extinguisher and ran to the blazing car, the driver of which was standing by helplessly watching the flames.

All of this incident was over in a few moments — never did see the owner of the car thank your driver. He calmly got back onto his bus and we were again headed on 'our merry way'.

No doubt this incident is "all in a day's work" for your employees but I consider this "above the call of duty". You should feel very proud of Operator John Kirkham.

Sincerely,
Gertrude Bonner

The following individuals also received commendations last month:

DIVISION 1

Albert Evans
John Downes
Robert Zelden
Gary Konior

DIVISION 2

Mamie Thompson (2)
Harold Jordan, Jr. (2)
Dwann Graham
Eric Cengiardo
Marilyn Hudson
Marietta Butler
Nelson Bagsby
William Smiley
Elliott Forrest
Jesse Arredondo
Patricia Dixon (2)
Huie Allen

DIVISION 3

Manuel Hernandez
Henry Garcia
Michael Moore
Kevin Morrow
Rodney Shorts
Johnny Rios
Claudio Vidana
Gerald Alexander
Kimberley Bryant
Dwayne Graham

DIVISION 5

Floyd Smith
Robert Solomon
William Fitzgerald
Jack Blakey
Charles Pope
Thurmon Green
Claude Haukins
Donald Hurston

Benedict Marton
Gail Anderson
Marie Vines
Nelson Tudkins
John Jones
Mary Collins

DIVISION 6

Martha Hernandez
John Jones
Jeffrey Rowland
Roderick Montgomery

DIVISION 7

Jowette Mason
Mingo Jones
Arthur Hampton
Alonzo Wright
Faith Sims
Charles McMillian (2)
Erwin Meeke, Jr.
Eddie Outlaw
Frances Coleman

DIVISION 8

John Maynor
Leroy Hutchings
Donna Summers (2)
Ray Smith
C. Cash

DIVISION 9

Lewis Thompson
David Cruz
Georgia Williams
Josephine Drew (2)
Jay Harvey
William Hansen

DIVISION 12

Thomas Weihert
Robert Ferrel
F. Aldoney
Darrell Gibson

DIVISION 15

Paul Harris
William Purcell
John Kirkham
John Baber

DIVISION 16

James Criswett

DIVISION 18

Charles Porter
Robert Shelton
Thomas Beard
George Nahra
Sabrina Sparks
Leroy Eley
Jose Perez

TRANSIT POLICE

Marvin Merriweather

RTD Productivity On The Rise

The Southern California Rapid Transit District will set new records for productivity and cost-effectiveness in the fiscal year ending this June 30, Michael W. Lewis, RTD Board President, announced recently.

High patronage levels resulting from the 50-cent subsidized basic bus fare plus budget-conscious management practices have enabled the RTD to register a 7% reduction in per passenger operating costs and other important improvements in operating efficiencies, Lewis added.

"We are serving 1,450,000 boarding passengers per day, a 400,000 daily increase over a year ago. We also have installed cost controls that will enable us to complete the current fiscal year significantly under our authorized budget," Lewis said.

Lewis said better utilization of bus capacity has reduced the operating cost per passenger boarding to 94 cents from \$1.01 a year ago. RTD buses are carrying 61.8 passengers per vehicle service hour today compared with 52.7 passengers per vehicle hour a year ago.

"Ironically, a year ago the RTD faced a serious financial problem because reduced subsidies had forced us to raise our basic fares to an historic high of 85 cents," Lewis recalled.

"High fares drove many of our customers back to their cars. As a consequence, our unit costs rose, and preparations were well along for massive service reductions with the attendant lay-offs in all work categories," he continued.

"All of this changed dramatically with the implementation of Proposition A and the introduction of the voter-mandated 50-cent basic bus fare on July 1, 1982," Lewis declared.

"Proposition A thus has meant a bonanza for bus riders, but from the day the new fares were authorized, we have been preparing for the tremendous problem that will arise in 1985 when, under terms of Proposition A, transit subsidy funds will be re-allocated," Lewis said.

You be the Judge

OPERATOR'S STATEMENT:
I was traveling southbound on Olive Street and entered the intersection at 4th Street on the green light. The light then turned red but I couldn't move out of the intersection because of traffic ahead of me. After about ten seconds I felt an impact at the back of the bus. Apparently, a motorist tried to squeeze behind me and struck the right rear of the bus.

ANSWER:
The motorist was clearly at fault for running into the stationary bus. However, the operator should have used better judgment when entering the intersection. By entering the intersection when he did the operator was caught by the signal, blocked the intersection and contributed to the accident. Therefore, this accident is judged preventable.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Employees and retirees of RTD may use this column free of charge. Ads will be limited to one per person each month and will not be held over for repeat. Ads should be submitted either typed or printed. Include your name, work location and company phone, and home telephone number. District policy prohibits ads for commercial ventures and such will not be published or returned. Send ads to Headway, Location 32, 425 S. Main St., L.A. 90013.

FOR SALE

1969 Mustang 302 ci, A/T, new brakes, shocks, 77,000 original miles. \$1,500 call (213) 860-5210 after 6 pm.

FOR SALE BY OWNER

3 br, 1 ba., nice location in Azuza, well-kept older home, room for apts., assume new FHA loan at 13½%. No closing costs, no escrow. Discounted price of \$72,000. Owner will consider carrying part of down payment. Call (213) 914-5713 days and (714) 599-9588 eves.

FOR SALE

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FOR SALE

'78 Honda Super Sport motorcycle. Red with gold pin striping, black racing fairing. 12,000 miles. \$1,100, call (213) 794-4747.

FOR SALE

R-3 lot, 105' x 175', in 29 Palms. Call 763-0342.

HOUSE FOR SALE

Two bedroom w/garage, huge yard, R-4 in North El Monte. New paint in & out, w—w carpet, bronze sliding windows, \$79,000. Call Fredia Sanderlin at 443-5761.

FOR SALE

1977 Triumph Spitfire Convertible, rebuilt engine, new top, body in good cond. Red w/ black int. Cassette stereo, \$2,200. Call 293-0500 or 293-8974.

FOR SALE

1977 Shasta 27' travel trailer, excellent condition, \$5,000 or best offer. Call 293-0500 or 293-8974.



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