

# HEADWAY

*Top Operators*

**RTD's  
Master  
Computer**

**LACTC  
Leaders**

**Day  
Retires**

**Top  
Operators**

**Hero  
Stops  
Bus**



Operator Recognition



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## RTD Ridership, Revenues Higher Than Forecast

RTD is in a highly stable and sound financial condition in mid-year of its fiscal operation, announced General Manager Alan Pegg in mid-February.

This is the result of RTD ridership and passenger revenues having been higher than anticipated during the first half of fiscal year 1989. With these trends continuing through June 30, RTD will finish FY 1989 with a balanced budget, Pegg said.

"System-wide patronage was up almost 12 million riders to 201 million during the first half of FY 1989, compared to a projected 189 million passengers," he said.

As a result, RTD passenger revenues increased \$8.1 million to \$113 million, as compared to the forecast of \$104 million in the same period, he added.

Pegg noted other highlights regarding patronage and revenues since the new fare structure started on July 1, 1988. "While there was a slight decline in overall boarding of 3.9 percent, or 8.2 million passengers, there was at the same time a net increase in passenger revenue of 24.8 percent, or \$22.5 million," he said.

In recent years, the third quarter of the fiscal year has been a period when the RTD faced possible fare increases and service reductions to balance its budget by year end. This year RTD riders can look forward to the same level of service and fares through June 30, Pegg said.

## Marathon Runners Strut Your Stuff

Every year for the last four years that the Los Angeles Marathon has rerouted all our inner-city lines, the District has had a fair number of employees running in the race. Last year we ran the names and times of all those employees who cared to share that information with us. If you ran the 1989 marathon, please call the *Headway* and let us know. We would love to hear from you and brag about you in our next issue. Call 972-7165 to reserve your deserved space in the *Headway*.

# MASTER COMPUTER TO CONTROL METRO RAIL

by Greg Davy,  
News Bureau Representative

When Metro Rail trains start running in 1993, a real pro will be in the control room. The Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA), the computing software for the subway, is a proven veteran in the transportation business.

The SCADA program is the latest version of a well-tested system which is currently running subways in Paris, Caracas, Montreal, and Mexico City. It is being brought to Los Angeles by Sondetag-TAI, a French subsidiary of the international corporation Thomson-CSF through their local subsidiary, AXYAL. This team was put together by Bechtel Civil Inc. of San Francisco, the prime supplier of communications systems for Metro Rail.

The system's "omniscient" brain, consisting of a pair of identical Gould Model 32-67 computers, is one of the major components of a \$35 million communications and central control

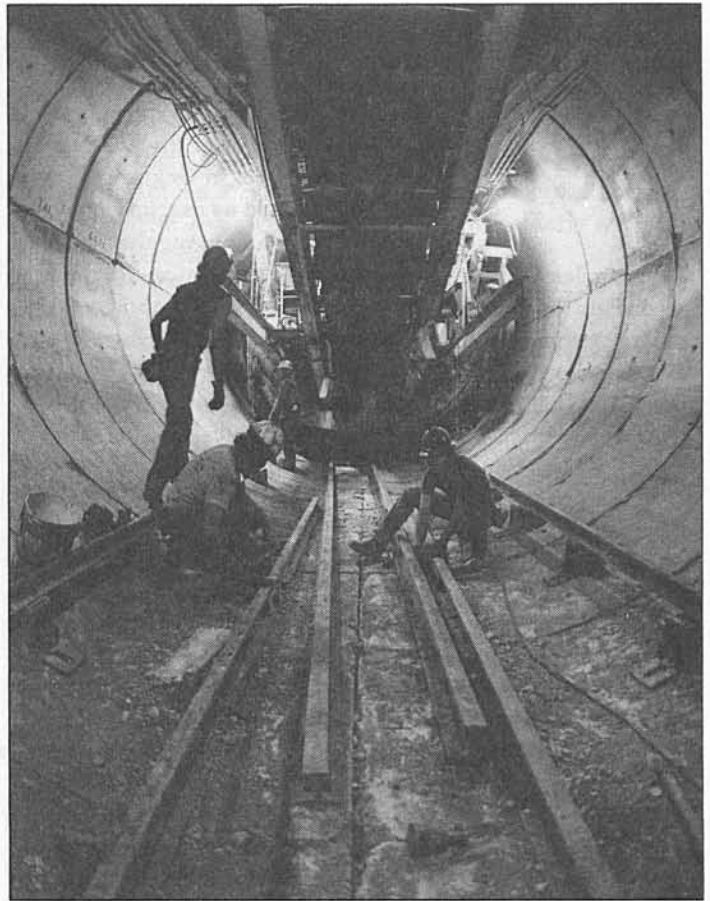
package, which includes all of the software and hardware necessary to monitor and operate the trains and peripheral systems.

SCADA will use thousands of sensors throughout Metro Rail's first 4.4 miles of tunnels and five stations to monitor conditions. It will then display the information for humans to use to make decisions. All components of Metro Rail, from huge ventilation fans and sprinkler systems to the amplifiers in station loudspeakers, will be under its constant scrutiny.

The information gathered from the array of sensors will be displayed on TV screens where operators can make minute-to-minute adjustments in system operations.

As an example, braking and acceleration rates for trains approaching and leaving stations can be reduced during off-peak hours. That saves energy and, therefore, money.

The length of time that



doors are held open at each station can be adjusted to improve efficiency. Train speed and the distance maintained between trains can be altered.

But SCADA will not be the ultimate authority on the trains. A second hardware system, the Automatic Train Control System, will monitor the position and speed of trains at all times. If an operator using SCADA should attempt to make an operating change that is contrary to safety parameters, this automatic system will not allow the change to be made.

SCADA will stay on the job even during emergencies. For example, if there should be systemwide loss of

electrical power, the Metro Rail communication system has eight hours of battery backup. The automatic train control system and lighting in stations and tunnels are backed up for two hours, sufficient time to move trains to exits and evacuate.

Because SCADA has been improved during years of operation in other cities, the Los Angeles version of the system will have more comprehensive safety features than any of its predecessors.

When Phase 2 construction begins, the SCADA system will be expanded to cover all 16 passenger stations along 17.3 miles of track.

# Reed Takes Chair of LACTC

Los Angeles County Supervisor Pete Schabarum, outgoing chairman of the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC), passed the gavel January 11 to Santa Monica City Councilwoman Christine Reed.

Supervisor Ed Edelman was elected unanimously as the LACTC vice chairman for 1989. In taking over as chairwoman, Reed pledged

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to implement the eight-point plan worked out between the LACTC and the District to streamline county transit services.

She also vowed to ensure the full implementation of the newly developed San Gabriel Valley Transit Zone, which is designed to take over 19 RTD lines. Other changes in this year's LACTC membership include the addition of Los Angeles City Councilman Nate Holden, who will replace Councilman Mike Woo.

## LACTC Gets New Head

Neil Peterson, 44, most recently the interim general manager of the AC Transit District in Oakland, was named as executive director of the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC) on January 25.

In announcing the appointment, LACTC Chairperson Christine E. Reed said, "Mr. Peterson brings over 20 years of experience in building and managing organizations, particularly those which are people intensive and service oriented. We have found the right person to lead the Commission in the years ahead."

Peterson ran the Seattle METRO system from 1977 to 1983. METRO is the regional agency responsible for planning and operating transportation and wastewater services in the Seattle area. In 1983, the system was recognized by the American Public Transit Association as the nation's best-managed transit district. Seattle has an extensive bus fleet including the largest fleet of articulated buses in the United States and operates a trolley system which includes monorail and street cars.

In a press conference following his appointment, the new executive director listed various reasons he accepted the multi-year contract with the LACTC. Among those cited were the transportation challenges posed by Los Angeles. Another influence was proposed state legislation

that could merge the LACTC and the RTD. He also commented that he hopes to continue the "de-escalation" of the rivalry between the two agencies.

Peterson said he would allocate local tax money to the RTD and several smaller public bus systems in ways to encourage competition within the public sector. He sees this as a means to catalyze the "balkanized" Los Angeles transportation system into better serving the public.

Peterson is a former vice president and member of the Executive Committee of the American Public Transit Association. He is a graduate of Williams College, and holds a masters degree in public and international affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. Peterson has served as city manager for New Brunswick, New Jersey, and a division director for the state of Washington's Department of Social and Health Services. Following his success at Seattle's METRO, Peterson headed his own company, Executemps, which provided interim management services to private companies and government agencies. While the interim manager of the AC Transit District in Oakland, he is credited with improving performance and reversing a projected \$7 million deficit into a surplus. Prior to his tenure, Oakland's poor

performance and financial mismanagement led to a grand jury investigation.

His five-year contract with the LACTC includes a base salary of \$125,000 per year and, among other benefits, a housing allowance to help relocate his family from Seattle to Los Angeles.

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## Annual Report Issued for FY 1987-88

The District published in January the annual report covering its operational and financial highlights for fiscal year 1987-88.

The 16-page, two-color booklet reports on key events in the progress of Metro Rail construction and bus operations, plus financial statements and overviews of the past fiscal year.

"This annual report reflects a year of transition at RTD," said General Manager Alan Pegg. "Many positive changes occurred during FY 1988 and this booklet highlights them."

The attractively packaged report was prepared by the Marketing and Communications Department and distributed to employees, local government and community leaders, public transit agencies, and libraries. If you have not received your copy, contact the Marketing Department at (213) 972-4400.

# Director Day Retires from RTD Board

RTD Board Director John F. Day announced that he will retire from his position on the RTD Board by virtue of the fact that he will not seek re-election in April to the Glendale City Council. Mr. Day's seat on the council allowed him to represent the Corridor C subcommittee of the City Selection Committee on the RTD Board.

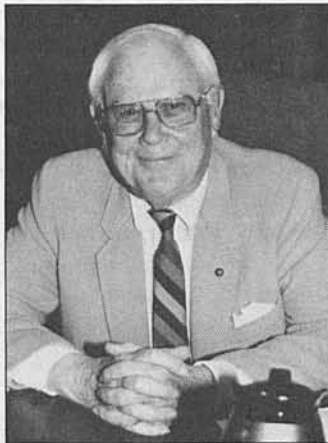
Mr. Day was first elected to the Board in 1983 representing the District's northern service area which includes the cities of Glendale, Burbank, San Fernando, Hidden Hills, La Canada-Flintridge, Agoura, and Westlake Village.

During his tenure on the Board, Mr. Day has committed much of his time and efforts toward upgrading the District's accessible service. Through his stewardship, accessible transportation has become a priority item among the District's goals and objectives.

When Mr. Day was first elected to the Board, the District was operating accessible buses on 147 routes. Today, the District has well over 1,781 accessible buses. Out of 194 total lines 180 are designated accessible routes.

In April, Mr. Day will have been on the Glendale City Council for 12 years. "I think that's long enough, maybe too long. It will be good to have new blood, new ideas to keep the vitality of the city up," Mr. Day said.

Last year Mr. Day was appointed to the American Public Transit Association's



*RTD Director John F. Day retires from service on the Board.*

Task Force on Elderly and Disabled Services. The task force assessed the status of the transit industry's service to the elderly and disabled and the systems' compliance with federal regulations.

"I want to continue my interest in the elderly and the disabled from a mobility standpoint," he said, "and in other areas that affect their daily living. I will miss the ability to influence the people in transit as a member of the APTA task force. I have been to Washington, D. C. to develop policy on this. I regret not being able to see this through." Mr. Day is also concerned that the progress made by the elderly and disabled on the Board be continued. "I would like to see the Ad Hoc Committee on Accessible Service be made a permanent committee. It developed out of the realization that we had to do more than we were doing."

In addition to his involvement in local government, Mr. Day is an active member of the Holy Family Catholic Church. In recognition of his services to the church, he was awarded the papal decoration of Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, an ancient order of knighthood dating back to the year 100. He is also an active member of the Sierra Club.

"I want to say that I am not retiring by any means, I'm just changing fields. I want some input in the state park systems and to get involved in other environmental issues. My family

uses state parks a lot; I want to make whatever contribution I can to make them more accessible to the public. We could make our park grounds more accessible to the elderly and disabled."

Mr. Day also admits that by changing fields he hopes he will have more time to play with his family. Two years ago, Mr. Day married Charlene Thee.

"It is with great regret that I have to leave this organization. You have got so many good people here who are not recognized, and should be. My going is bittersweet."

## TOP OPERATORS

December 1988

The awards for the Operator Recognition Program for the month of December 1988 were announced in January 1989. The presentations included the Manager's Award given to full-time operators.

The program has as its purpose to recognize and reward the many bus operators who consistently perform in an outstanding manner. The theme of the program is "In Pursuit of Excellence." Those operators succeeding in their pursuit

are listed below.

### **Manager's Award Recipient**

3201	Curtis J. Wyrick
3203	Cruz C. Bobadilla
3205	Teddie E. Cheaves
3206	Melvin E. Braxton
3207	Reginald V. Foster
3208	Jerrold B. Abramson
3209	Arnold L. Van Gordon
3210	Don W. Hicks
3212	George W. Dailey
3215	David E. Hemion
3216	Theodore R. Long
3218	Clyde Corbitt

## Moving the Post Office

The U.S. Postal Service located on Alameda Street in downtown Los Angeles, otherwise known as Terminal Annex, moved lock, stock, mailboxes, and its 4,500 employees on February 18. But, they couldn't have done without the RTD.

The new facility, known as the General Mail Facility

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have done it  
without the RTD*

or GMF, is located at 7001 S. Central Avenue at the corner of Florence Boulevard, formerly occupied by the Goodyear Plant.

Shortly before the big moving day, RTD Board President Gordana Swan-



*Lining up for information before their big move, from left to right: (partially seen) James Harris, USPS manager of GMF operations; Walter Turner, GMF Tour-2 Superintendent; RTD President Swanson; Neidra Sanichan, USPS transportation analyst; Ed Langer, and David Wilson.*

son, and Marketing Representatives David Wilson and Ed Langer set up shop in the lobby of Terminal Annex dispensing bus schedules and giving postal employees information about how they could get there from here, and from their homes to the new GMF. They also consulted with Neidra Sanichan, the Postal Service's transportation requisition analyst, who is coordinating the parking and transportation needs of the postal workers at the new GMF.

While all the major production components of Terminal Annex have been relocated to the GMF, the lobby support area of the old post office remains open for business.

## Vaughn Named Operator of the Month



*Operator Thomas Vaughn.*

Division 6 Operator Thomas Vaughn was chosen the Operator of the Month for November, 1988.

Vaughn has received the maximum number of merits in his career, and has had only one avoidable accident in the last 10 years. Because of his exemplary record, Vaughn earned the status of line instructor in 1973 and has received numerous letters of commendation.

"Thomas Vaughn is a model employee," said General Manager Alan Pegg. "His outstanding record of service over the years sets a standard of excellence for all our operators to follow."

Vaughn operates Line 414 through Santa Monica and Malibu. He lives with his wife, Lillian Rose, and their four children in Santa Monica. He is a movie trivia buff who spends much of his spare time viewing films as well as traveling.

## Blood Donor Honor Roll

The American Red Cross issues this honor roll to thank those donors listed below whose efforts enabled many surgery patients, cancer patients, and traumatic injury victims to recover from life-threatening situations. The next blood drive will be held March 10 at the Headquarters Building. Give the gift of life!

Jeannette Bell  
Susan M. Carter  
Nancy E. Chester  
Peggy Claiborne  
Darlene D. Daniels

Susan J. DeSantis Hillman  
Richard B. Dimon  
Claire Fitzgerald  
Joseph L. Gay  
Frank A. Harris  
Robert T. Ketring  
Vicki R. Louis  
Myles Nelligan  
Cynthia J. Pollan  
Joann Y. Rico  
Max Salazar  
Shaker M. Sawires  
Nancy L. Spear  
Joshua C. Torres  
Laraine C. Webb  
Joel Woodhull  
David A. Carroll  
Liliana Chavez  
Richard Christie

Sharon L. Cooper  
Yvon S. Davis  
Sandra Diggins  
Ramona C. Escareno  
Ellen G. Friedman  
Suzanne B. Gifford  
Daniel Ibarra  
Robert Larob  
Larry W. Morris  
Maria Palomino  
Theresa Ramirez  
Jacquelyn A. Roberts  
David H. Sanson  
Bruce E. Shelburne  
Vasan R. Srinivasan  
Luanna M. Urie  
Deborah K. Williams  
Allen S. Yeh  
Max Zollman

## Vasquez Chosen Info Operator of the Year



Telephone Information Operator of the Year Alicia Vasquez.

Alicia Vasquez was named the Telephone Information Department's Operator of the Year for 1988. Ms. Vasquez has been with the department for 3 years. In that time she was selected Operator of the Month twice.

Her perfect attendance, numerous commendations, and system expertise, in part, garnered her this honor. Other attributes that her supervisors say contributed include her conscientiousness, politeness, and unflappable attitude when dealing with the crankiest customers. "She's the kind of person you want to talk to when you call up for information," said Supervisor John Cohen. "She's one of the most generous and giving persons in the department. She really cares, she has a beautiful personality," said Supervisor Will Beard.

A native of Juarez, Mexico who was educated in

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El Paso, Texas, Ms. Vasquez is masterfully fluent in English and Spanish and dispenses RTD information in both languages depending on the needs of the customer.

Ms. Vasquez resides in La Puente with her husband and two sons, Emmanuel, 11, and Adrian, 9.

## "Fresh Savings" Kick Off At Glendale Galleria

Entertainment, prizes, and an appearance by Alitza Weiner of NBC's "My Two Dads" helped officially launch RTD's "Fresh Savings" discount shopping program on January 28 in the Glendale area.

Festivities began in the Center Court of the Glendale Galleria. Miss Weiner, who has a recently released single featuring the songs "Primera Vez" and "La Consentida," and often performs in Spanish, sang and danced for the shoppers. Also dancing and singing hits from the '60s were Elisabeth Howard's Hollywood Hotshots.

Free gifts and door prizes from RTD and co-sponsor Santa Cruz Skateboards were available to audience members. A skateboarding video, "Wheels of Fire," was shown along with RTD's "Clean

Team," an anti-graffiti music video.

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The free "Fresh Savings" directory, now available at participating merchants and aboard RTD buses lists L.A. County merchants that offer discounts as a bonus to students who buy the RTD monthly bus pass.

## Free Discount Coupons to Circus Vargas

RTD bus passengers can save \$2 each on tickets to Circus Vargas. The circus began playing in Los Angeles County on February 10 and will continue through April 23 at numerous locations within Greater Los Angeles.

RTD riders can find discount coupons in take-one brochures on buses and in District customer service centers. The coupons are good for \$2 off each for up to

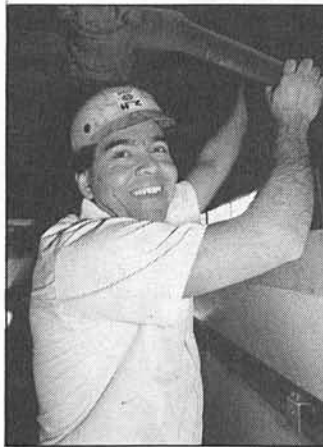
four "front-preferred" tickets.

With one coupon, for example, a family of two adults and two children would pay \$34, a savings of \$8 from the regular price of \$42. Regular adult prices for front-preferred seats are \$12.50 each, for children \$8.50 each. Larger groups can enjoy the discount by presenting more than one coupon.

# COMMENDATIONS



*Certificates of Merit were presented to the December 1988 Employees of the Month at the January 26, 1989 Board of Directors' meeting by RTD Director John F. Day. Those employees included, front row, the first three from left to right: Information Operator Raquel Pena, Division 9306 Mechanic A Jose Medrano, Division 12 Operator Jose Aguirre, and Division 12 Manager Eugene Hamilton. Back row, from left to right: Director Day, General Manager Alan Pegg, Division 6 Manager Jim Lukens, and Director of Customer Relations Robert Williams.*

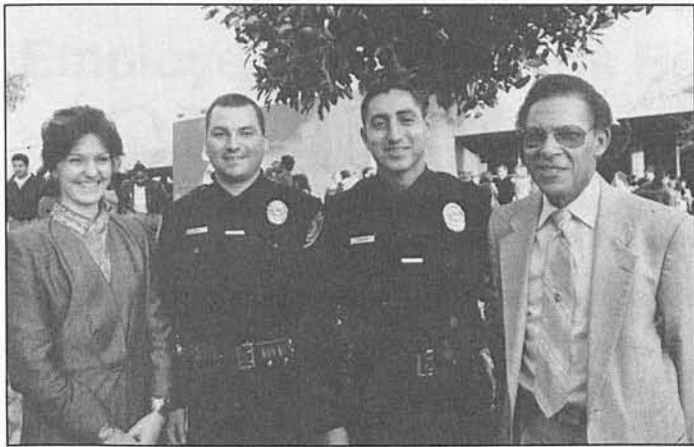


*Mechanic A Hector Covarrubias was selected the CMF—Maintenance Employee of the Month for October 1988. Mr. Covarrubias is an excellent mechanic with a high degree of knowledge and skill. He possesses a positive attitude toward his job and supervision, accepts all job assignments cheerfully, and completes them in a timely manner. The quality of his work is excellent. Not afraid to make a decision, Mr. Covarrubias can be counted on for displays of initiative. Mr. Covarrubias is the relief leader for the Running Repair Shop and has been with the District for 9 years.*

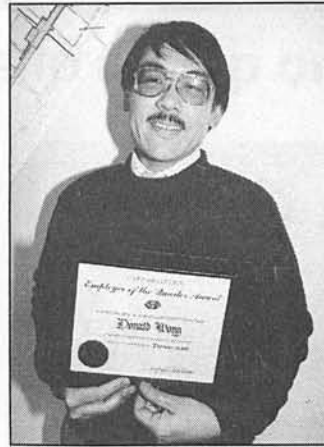


*Property Maintainer A Leader George F. Pelley was named the Facilities Maintenance Employee of the Month for December 1988. Mr. Pelley is especially commended for the excellent manner in which he performs his duties and his willingness to accept additional responsibilities. He manages to keep trouble calls to a minimum by doing additional preventive maintenance checks and follow-ups between scheduled preventive maintenance periods. Mr. Pelley is assigned to El Monte and has been with the District for 4 years.*

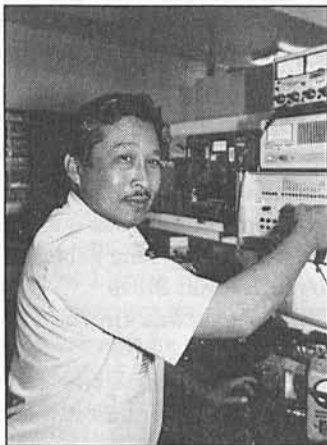




The RTD Transit Police celebrated as two of their newest members graduated from the rigorous 16-week program at the Rio Hondo Police Academy on January 13, 1989. Transit Police Officers Angel F. Frias and Eduardo Luevano were presented their certificates at a ceremony held at the Rio Hondo campus. Both officers were members of the Academy Class No. 91. All smiles after the graduation were, from left to right: Acting Assistant Police Chief Sharon Papa, Officer Frias, Officer Luevano, and Sgt. Gene McRiley.



Senior Program Control Analyst Donald Wong was selected Program Control's (of Transit Systems Development [Metro Rail]) Employee of the Quarter. Mr. Wong has consistently performed in a superior manner on all his duties. He greets all project personnel with a friendly attitude and is always willing to assist with microcomputer and mainframe computer questions. He has made an outstanding contribution to the Metro Rail Project in the development of simple-to-use, powerful, and cost-effective microcomputer project management systems.



Electronic Communications Technician Leader Alejandro Bigno was chosen the Facilities Maintenance Employee of the Month for November 1988. Mr. Bigno is commended for coordinating a very heavy workload in his section and for assisting the junior technicians assigned there. He has been the depot leader for several years and always performs his tasks in a professional manner. He treats others with respect and courtesy and can be depended on to perform well under any circumstances.



Safety Engineer Rufus Francis was selected Risk Management's Employee of the Quarter for the second quarter. Francis has been with the District for 1-1/2 years. In that time he has worked with bus operators to investigate and assess hazards detected by operators. Many of these hazards have been referred to appropriate agencies such as Caltrans for correction. He has also worked with Stops and Zones to ensure safer placement of bus stops. Francis was presented with a check for \$100 from the Risk Management bonus fund.

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The Department of Risk Management honored other department personnel for helping Risk Management meet their objectives in the last quarter. These employees included Susan Hillman from Personnel for her assistance in controlling workers' compensation claims; Don Patterson from Customer Relations and his detection assistance to the PI/ PD Fraud Unit; Bill Hesser from Payroll for his help in making it look so easy; and Terry Padgitt for coordinating Risk Management's data processing needs with MIS. From left to right: Director of Risk Management Barbara Anderson, Susan Hillman, Don Patterson, Ken Irvin, representing Hesser, and Terry Padgitt.



Risk Management singled three employees out for special recognition of achievement during the quarter. They included, from left to right: Safety Specialist John Vandercook, Security Recorder Dan Hon, and Data Technician Tom Forstreuter.

# PUBLIC COMMENDATIONS

## Thanks For A Job Well Done!

### Division 3201

Jackson, Randolph  
Perez, Elvira

### Division 3203

Bunch, James E.  
La Curan, James R.

### Division 3205

King, Daniel G.  
Pierce, Felix

### Division 3206

Collins, Mary  
Greider, Laurie L.

### Division 3207

Feldra, Larry F.  
Koltes, Irene E.  
Parker, Christopher  
Washburn, Dennis

### Division 3208

Blumberg, Arthur  
Castrellon, Jose  
Clancy, F. T.  
Smythe, William

### Division 3209

Cushman, William S.  
Santos, James D.

### Division 3210

Hubler, Michael  
Salas, Tony N.

### Division 3212

Coleman, James A.

### Division 3215

Hernandez, Ruben  
Hill, Timothy  
Niggl, Sharon A.

Perez, Rafael  
Williams, Barbara  
Williams, Lester E.

### Division 3216

Pages, Carlos  
Powell, Thomas

### Division 3218

Doakes, Nathaniel W.  
Williams, Effie

Gentlemen:

I got on the bus at Kaiser Hospital in Panorama City and was greeted by a very friendly driver by the name of Rafael Perez.

I was most impressed by his kind and friendly manner to all the passengers. I was sitting at the front of the bus, so I was able to see and hear all the people who were arriving and leaving.

It really made my day, after leaving Kaiser, to see such a kind attitude, and I

*It really*

*made my day...*

wanted you to know this.

Then I changed to a No. 420 bus on Burbank Blvd. to my final destination on Corteen and Chandler Blvd. I was only on this bus a very short while but long enough to realize that Steve Kishner also was kind and helpful to me.

Please let these two young men know that it was good to ride on their route.

Wishing you and all your staff a very happy and healthy New Year, with Peace and prosperity for us all.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Monty Isaacs

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# Employee Rider Brings Bus to a Stop on Freeway

For Telephone Information Operator Nancy Spear, 44, Christmas Eve day meant, amid the usual hectic holiday activity, getting to work downtown by 2:30 p.m. It was raining the morning of December 24, 1988. Looking out the window, Nancy knew she'd have to

make an earlier start to get to work on time. She had no way of knowing then that by taking that earlier bus her courage and cool head would lead to her commanding that bus in order to avert what could have been a certain freeway disaster. Nancy takes line 401



*What does a hero look like?—Nancy Spear at her console in Telephone Information.*

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Dear Mr. Horn:

Last Wednesday December 28 I was waiting for the 220 bus on Pershing and Manchester that arrives at 6:51 a.m. I happened to turn and saw a bus driver (Daniel King) walking toward me. He told me that he had trouble with his bus and had to get another one and had to drive on Manchester instead of Pershing. As he was making the turn on Pershing he saw me waiting at the bus stop. He went out of his way, crossed the street and told me it was too cold to wait for an hour before the 7:50 bus came. I was really surprised and thanked him for his consideration.

I get off at Wilshire and several times the Wilshire bus operator would pass me up because he was late even though his bus was not crowded. I asked the considerate driver for his name but he said forget it so I took his number. He is very clean in appearance. I want to compliment the personnel office in using good judgment in hiring people like him.

Yours truly,  
Jean Stark

Gentlemen:

This is to bring to your attention the following facts with regard to Operator James E. Bunch on the evening of November 23, 1988:

1. He is courteous and greets all boarding passengers with a pleasing smile.
2. He is very considerate, especially to aged passengers and answers their questions in a very polite manner.
3. He is cheerful and does not make abrupt stops.
4. He became the subject of my conversation with other passengers who got off at the intersection of 1st Street and everyone agreed that the bus driver is well-bred and is worthy of commendation.

I don't know if my co-passengers did find time to write to you about Mr. Bunch. I speak for myself and I definitely feel that this is well worth writing about.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,  
Luis De Santos

everyday, which travels down the Pasadena Freeway, to get to work. That day she boarded bus 4308 being driven by Operator George Perteet. He drove at a reasonable speed for a rainy day, approximately 35 to 40 miles per hour. "There are a number of dangerous curves on the Pasadena Freeway that are made more hazardous when it rains," said Nancy. She was apprehensive, particularly, about the Avenue 64 turn. "We were in the far left lane as we approached it. When it rains there are always accidents in this area. Sure enough, as we got near the Avenue 64 on-ramp and the Santa Fe railroad bridge I saw that a car had spun out in the far right lane."

Operator Perteet had noticed it as well and braked as the traffic slowed. However, this time as he braked, the brakes locked causing the bus to skid. Perteet maneuvered the bus away from traffic toward the left embankment. The

sudden movement caused the bus to rock violently. "I was afraid the bus was going to tip over," Nancy said. As she sat three seats opposite the driver with her back to the window, she noticed that his foot was not being applied to the brake. "I called to him. I asked him if he was ok, but I got no response."

Nancy sprang to action. Running up to the driver's seat she saw that Perteet was unconscious. Apparently when the bus was rocking, Perteet's head had been soundly knocked against the window. When Nancy made the discovery the bus was still moving. She immediately put her foot on the brake. Another passenger took the driver away from the seat. "I think the driver was doing his best before he hit his head," said Nancy.

Nancy picked up the radio phone. She fumbled a moment in frustration

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# SHIFTING GEARS



## ...Employee Rider

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because she did not know how to use it, but after a few minutes found the lever you depress to activate it.

"I got the Dispatch Center and talked with Billy Morton and Charlie Jenkins. At first they couldn't understand me, then they couldn't locate me. But eventually, they calmed me down and told me how to secure the bus." The dispatchers alerted the paramedics, highway patrol, and the transit police.

Fortunately, only one passenger and the driver sustained injuries, the majority of the 25 passengers, although excited by the incident, were in good physical shape.

With the bus secured, Nancy was then able to administer first aid to Operator Perteet. "By then the paramedics, highway patrol, Transit Police, and road supervisors were there. I think the dispatchers were very helpful, I couldn't have done it without their help. They asked me if I would like to start driving," she said with a proud smile. The road supervisors took Operator Perteet to the hospital.

"TOS Georgina Cervantes was great. She drove the bus off the freeway and calmed everyone down. She spoke in English and Spanish. All the passengers were transferred to another bus, and all of this took place within an hour's time," she said. In spite of all the excitement, yes, Nancy made it to work on time.

Afterwards, Nancy admits to feeling unsettled and anxious. "But, I was

relieved that nothing worse had happened and that the driver was all right."

Operator Perteet is fine and back to driving; and, so is the bus.

In a special letter of commendation, Nancy was credited with avoiding a far more serious situation by Director of Transportation Leilia Bailey:

"Your actions took a great deal of courage and stamina. The fact that you were able to provide the dispatcher with information regarding the incident helped to ensure a prompt response by the emergency personnel....The quality of our service depends on the work of everyone. Your quick action in averting a major incident demonstrated the finest type of team effort. You are a credit to the District."

When the emergency arose, Nancy said she was aware of a great sense of alarm, "because we thought the bus would tip over from the rocking. But for some reason I was able to call up this calm focus. It didn't seem courageous at the time,...just logical. Something had to be done. I am glad to have responded so quickly." This from a woman who had never driven a bus in her life before that fateful day.

Nancy has worked in the Telephone Information Department for one year and in that time has been selected as an Operator of the Month for September 1988. She says she enjoys talking to people and helping them deal with the fundamental aspects of their lives.

Nervous with all the

**Bray, Bobby N.**, began with the District on July 31, 1964, retired as an Electrician Leader on January 7, 1989.

**Dacosta, Philip K.**, began with the District on January 16, 1975, retired as a Bus Operator on October 20, 1988.

**Dailey, James R.**, began with the District on September 21, 1963, retired as a Bus Operator January 4, 1989.

**Diamond, Elizabeth A.**, began with the District on October 9, 1978, retired as a Bus Operator on December 1, 1988.

**Evans, Will R.**, began with the District on May 18, 1973, retired as a Bus Operator on November 3, 1988.

**Hammond, Joe L.**, began with the District on October 26, 1987, retired as a Bus Operator on December 27, 1988.

**Hardgrow, John F.**, began with the District on November 3, 1962, retired as a Bus Operator on January 3, 1989.

**Kilgore, William R.**, began with the District on July 21, 1972, retired as a Bus Operator on January 9, 1989.

**Lego, Ted E.**, began with the District on June 20, 1974, retired as a Bus

Operator on September 24, 1988.

**Marshall, Robert**, began with the District on April 4, 1976, retired as a Bus Operator on August 9, 1988.

**Mason, Maso**, began with the District on December 18, 1965, retired as a Bus Operator on December 19, 1988.

**Nunez, Aurora L.**, began with the District on December 18, 1978, retired as a Bus Operator on January 3, 1989.

**Patton, James A.**, began with the District on August 8, 1964, retired as a Bus Operator on January 3, 1989.

**Peretz, Joshua**, began with the District on May 6, 1961, retired as a Transit Operations Supervisor on January 3, 1989.

**Pflughoft, Robert H.**, began with the District on November 4, 1974, retired as a Transit Operations Supervisor on December 23, 1988.

**Ristitch, Raymond**, began with the District on November 9, 1978, retired as a Bus Operator on November 16, 1988.

**White, James K.**, began with the District on September 4, 1957, retired as a Transit Operations Supervisor on December 31, 1988.

attention she was getting, Nancy made it clear that the incident was totally unexpected. "I've never done anything like this before." She hopes she doesn't have to again and thinks that

mishaps such as this can be prevented if warning signs were placed on the freeway, alerting drivers to slow down when approaching the more precarious curves.

# SCHEDULE CHANGES

**Alexander, Vincent**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Aparicio, Richard J.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Ballard, Famale R.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Banks-Byrd, Elnora D.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Full-time to Bus Operator Full-time.

**Barberic, Shari V.**, from Transit Police Investigator to Transit Police Sergeant.

**Campos, Ernest A.**, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A.

**Castellanos, Ralph J.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Childress, Clorinda**, from Typist Clerk to Accounts Payable Clerk.

**Chmielewski, Norman**, from Storekeeper to Materials Management Systems Supply Analyst.

**Christiansen, Kurt E.**, from Planning Assistant to Planner.

**Cortez, Rodolfo U.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Durant, Leslie S.**, from Project Engineer to Systems Engineering Manager.

**Eutsey, Ronald D.**, from Transit Police Sergeant to Transit Police Lieutenant.

**Garcia, George T.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Gilpin, Jami L.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Goms, Dennis W.**, from Mechanic A to Mechanic A Leader.

**Graves, Patrick V.**, from Mechanic A to Mechanic A Leader.

**Greene, Scott D.**, from Planning Assistant to Planner.

**Guerrero, Antonio**, from Mechanic C to Mechanic B.

**Henderson, Sandra R.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Hubbell, Cathy R.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Jones, Linda A.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Kindred, Gea R.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Medina, Luis M.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Mockler, Michael T.**, from Systems Electronic Communications Technician to Electronic Maintenance Supervisor I.

**Mota, Ramiro E.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Full-time to Bus Operator Full-time.

**Padilla, Andres J.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Patron, Gonzalo**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Petersen, Warren G.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Pierovich, Blaise**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Pollan, Edward B.**, from

Supervising Systems Analysis Engineer to Systems Engineer & Analysis Manager.

**Rodriguez, Everett J.**, from Transit Police Officer to Transit Police Investigator.

**Reyes, Paz L.**, from Information Clerk to Accounts Payable Clerk.

**Seja, Raymond**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Senteno, Sandra C.**, from Service Attendant to Service Attendant Leader.

**Shannon, Lenard D.**, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A.

**Singh, Manjit H.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Soto, Bernardo V.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Stonehouse, James L.**, from Transit Police Officer Trainee to Transit Police Officer.

**Thompson, George W.**, from Transit Police Officer to Transit Police Investigator.

**Trujillo, John G.**, from Truck Driver/Clerk to Stock Clerk.

**Villanueva, Jose G.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Full-time to Bus Operator Full-time.

**Watson, Travion M.**, from Service Attendant to Service Attendant Leader.

**Williams, Deborah D.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Wong, Timothy R.**, from Mechanic B to Mechanic A.

**Yepiz, Ubaldo E.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

**Zamorano, Miguel A.**, from Bus Operator Trainee Part-time to Bus Operator Part-time.

## About the Cover

Those attractive people on the cover are two valued employees from Division 1 who just received their honors from the Operator Recognition Program. Patricia Guerrero has been driving for two years and was just presented with a Meritorious Operator award. Patricia lives in Rowland Heights. She has five children and says she loves to drive, "honestly."

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Patricia used to run a day care center before she came to the RTD which probably gave her just the perspective she needs when dealing with the public. Eugene H. Williams has been an operator for 29 years and accepted his award for Outstanding Operator. Eugene says he likes people that's why he's been able to drive all these years. "People are a challenge, no two are alike," he said. Eugene is retiring next year and hopes to indulge in his favorite sports which include hunting and fishing. RTD salutes all its Outstanding and Meritorious Operators!

## Top Operators for 1987/88

Full-time and part-time operators during the period of July 1, 1987 through June 30, 1988 who qualified were issued awards during Winter 1988 in the categories of Outstanding Operator, Meritorious Operator-Attendance, and Meritorious Operator-Operations.

In order to receive the Outstanding Operator award, the most exacting standard, qualifying operators should have had no more than 2 instances of sick, missouts, or unexcused absence totaling 5 days. They must have had no suspensions, no chargeable accidents, no chargeable passenger complaints, no chargeable safety violations, no more than one minor rule violation, and no indefinite leave during this period. Outstanding full-time operators received a cash award of \$150 along with a framed certificate, patches, and a lapel pin. Outstanding part-timers received a \$50 cash award and the same additional awards.

Meritorious Operator-Attendance received recognition by accumulating no more than 2 instances of sick, missouts, or unexcused absence exceeding a combined total of 5 work days. Other criteria included no suspensions or indefinite leave during this period.

Meritorious Operator-Operations awards required that drivers have no chargeable accidents, no chargeable passenger complaints, no indefinite leave during this period, no suspensions, no absences exceeding 30 days, no more

than one chargeable safety violation, and no more than two minor rule violations. Full-time operators in this category received a cash award of \$35, a certificate, and a lapel pin. Part-time operators received a \$15 cash award and the same additional awards.

This program has as its purpose to recognize and reward the many bus operators who consistently perform in an outstanding or meritorious manner. The names of those operators who have proved their mettle on and off the road appear in the lists that follow.

### Division 3201

#### Outstanding Full-time

Lonnie Anders  
James T. Arend  
James H. Belt  
Alvaro T. Bolanos  
Leroy Carter  
Benjamin F. Cupid  
Alberto G. Garcia  
Peter M. Gerrits  
Gilbert Gutierrez  
Manual Guzman  
Celophus Hicks  
Lester Lopez  
Curtis J. Wyrick

#### Outstanding Part-time

Mac H. Baldrige  
Abdul K. Khalil  
Noe Martinez  
Francisco N. Sandoval

#### Meritorious -

##### Full-time - Operations

Robert Arenas  
Leroy Balag  
Ralph Barragan  
Gregory Brown  
Antonio Cabada  
Manual Cabada  
Joe Contreras  
Richard Cuevas  
John Dawson  
John Downes  
Julio Figueroa  
Joseph Garcia  
Robert Gardner  
George Garrison  
Carl Gilbert  
James Graham  
John Grant

Steven Haas  
James Haines  
Albert Hawthorne  
Alberto Hinojos  
Bernabe Ibarra  
Douglas Jackson  
Connie Johnson  
Earnest Kirkwood  
Elizabeth Lawrence  
Clara Lear  
Keith Linton  
Oscar Luna  
Gilbert Mascorro  
William Matthews  
Henry Mencias  
Amadeo Montoya  
Joaquin Navarro  
Lorena Nunley  
David Ojeda  
Antonio Palacios  
Edward Penalber  
Alfred Portillo  
Enrique Quezada  
Ruben Ramirez  
John Rodriguez  
Edwin Romeo  
Juan Salcido  
Calvin Sanders  
David Sanderson  
Ernest Scott  
Claudio Solis  
Oscar Sosa  
Donald Stevens  
Brenda Thomas  
John Thomas  
Walter Venegas  
Gilbert Vialpando  
A. V. Washington  
Ivan Webb  
Ralph Willys  
Samuel Wood  
Robert Zelden  
Dee Zeller  
Donald Davis

#### Meritorious -

##### Part-time - Operations

Saturday Aisuan  
Roger Banks  
Sylvia Huerta  
Linda Leal  
Francis Mauliola  
Joseph Raya  
Gerardo Vazquez  
Nicanor Castillo  
John Celaya  
Patricia Cordova  
Patricia Guerrero  
Vicky Maes  
Glenn Rougeau  
Alice Verela  
Luis Zeledon

#### Meritorious -

##### Full-time - Attendance

Juan Arce  
Victor Arriola  
Thomas Bell

Jewell Blake  
Jorge Brett  
Robert Duarte  
William Erickson  
Wallace Gholston  
Rafael Gonzalez  
Gilberto Hernandez  
Bernabe Ibarra  
Jesus Jimenez  
Robert Larob  
Jacinto Lazo  
Waldemar Mazzoni  
Amadeo Montoya  
Joaquin Navarro  
Lorena Nunley  
Guillermo Perez  
Alfred Portillo  
Teddy Sanders  
Cesar Taino  
John Thomas  
Joe Venegas  
Walter Venegas

#### Meritorious -

##### Full-time - Attendance

A.V. Washington  
Ivan Webb  
Eugene Williams  
Robert Zelden  
Carlos Banuelos

#### Meritorious -

##### Part-time - Attendance

Gerardo Vazquez  
Dalbir Brar  
Nicanor Castillo  
Katherine Carlton  
Vicky Maes  
Paul Roybal  
Gary Gentry  
Dinh Tran  
Tat Tong Mark

### Division 3203

#### Outstanding Full-time

Rosie L. Banks  
Billy R. Bennett  
Cornelius L. Bradford  
Larry Busby  
Thomas J. Byrd  
Dave J. Capmbell  
Mario V. Cancio  
Walter J. Carmier  
Tom Chung  
Ramulo Contreras  
Lila A. Estrada  
John H. Fangon, Jr.  
Jorge A. Galvan  
Richard A. Gomez  
Frederiak G. Hall  
Daniel R. Keen  
Shingya Ma  
Cesar M. Maruffo  
Dwight M. Martin  
Andres Mejia  
Carlos G. Mendizabal  
Gabriel J. Merritt  
Ricardo Perez

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Joseph V. Reichert  
Armando V. Rivas  
Miguel A. Rukos  
Nick Sifuentes  
Walter R. Skinner  
Juan Uehara  
Alberto G. Velasco  
Joseph R. White  
Frank R. Zamora  
Willie R. Randle  
Johnny Color  
Jorge H. Nilo  
**Outstanding - Part-time**  
Angelo J. Arnone  
Jorge E. Baltazar  
Francisco T. Cardenas  
Arturo E. Hernandez  
Delfino Rodriguez  
Elias D. Soria  
Eleanor A. Stone  
Phillip Yu  
**Meritorious - Full-time - Operations**  
Arthur Alva  
James Adams  
Rebecca Alvarez  
Socorro Alvarez  
Ruben Arias  
Richard Arroyo  
Juan Sugspurger  
Carlos Beltran  
Carlos Bonilla  
Thomas Brown  
Rene Carrera  
Edward Carter  
Michael Chavarria  
Paxton Chew  
Earl Boccs  
Rudy Cruz  
Jesse Curtis  
Ralph Dawson  
Robert DeLaFuente  
Henry Dixon  
Carlos Domenech  
Frank Espinosa  
Charles Essex  
Gerardo Farias  
Sandra Fletcher  
Debbie Flores  
Howard Franklin  
Robert Galindo  
Andrew Garcia  
James Gardner  
Salvador Gonzalez  
Raul Granados  
Hector Guerrero  
Jose Guerrero  
Robert Gullart  
Marcos Gutierrez  
Jerry Haro  
Charles Helton  
Stephanie Houdashelt  
Jesus Huizar  
Moses Jackson  
William Jackson  
Gabriel Jimenez  
Daniel Keosababian  
Christopher Klein  
Rudolph Lagunas  
Tommy Lambert

Robert Legier  
David Luna  
Roberto Marin  
Alexander Martinez  
Ponciano Maya  
James Mayes  
David Mayo  
Lydia Mazariegos  
Scott Mercer  
Louis Morales  
Joshua Nash  
George Novelo  
Roberto Olivas  
Manual Padilla  
Maria Pena  
Eliseo Perez  
Larry Pollard  
Carolyn Proctor  
Michael Quesada  
Rosendo Reyes  
Gerald Ritter  
M. Robertson  
Salvador Rojas  
Evangelina Rojo  
Howard Root  
Guillermo Rosales  
William Rusnak  
Jaime Saenz  
Charles Sailor  
Philip Salcido  
Braxton Shankle  
Cynthia Ransom  
Kris Sharp  
Rhodney Shorts  
Rudolfo Sifuentes  
Jerome Smith  
Sabrina Sparks  
Clyde Spears  
Bienvenido Suarez  
Foster Taylor  
Michael Thomas  
Moses Tolbert  
Richard Torres  
Louis Trammell  
Jose Ulloa  
Ruben Villagran  
Robert Wageman  
Charles Wilt  
Robert Young  
Jose Gutierrez  
Jess Miyagishima  
Octavia Shelton  
**Meritorious - Part-time - Operations**  
Albert Moraga  
Joseph Andes  
Gloria Areu  
David Bernal  
Sharon Best  
Elmer Briscoe  
George Brown  
Jesse Celaya  
Alfonson Chaves  
Willie Dee  
John Fletcher  
Dwayne Flowers  
Manote Kongthong  
Benjamin Leyva  
George Lizaola  
Manual Lopez  
Ramon Peniche  
George Perteet

Emelina Ramirez  
Lucille Rhodes  
Josephine Robles  
Benjamin Sao  
Margaret Siguentes  
Robert Wells  
Cornelius Williams  
Alexander Dexter  
Julio Soto-Peres  
**Meritorious - Full-time - Attendance**  
Harold Hopkins  
Samih Abu-Hajer  
Alexander Adame  
William Bethke  
Peter Bueras  
Paxton Chew  
Earl Cobbs  
Manual Hernandez  
Joann Johnson  
James La Curan  
Rudolph Lagunas  
James Noss  
Salvador Rojas  
Andres Saunders  
Braxton Shankle  
William Stelly  
Roberto Martinez  
**Meritorious - Part-time - Attendance**  
Daniel Frias  
Rogelio Nino  
Cornelius Williams  
Alexander Dexter  
Philip Mercer  
Eduardo Uvals  
**Division 3205 Outstanding - Full-time**  
Gerald F. Luke  
Jimmy L. Brown  
Jesse J. Davis  
Joe F. Eiland  
Hansel Flowers  
Robert L. Foreman  
Gary E. Gaines  
Thurmon A. Green  
Hilton H. Hackley  
Sterling J. Hampton  
Doris E. Harris  
Jerry Jenkins  
Tommie L. Johnson  
Robert Perkins  
Claude L. Pilgrim  
Charles I. Pope  
George B. Rucker  
Kermit Thornton  
Lovell J. Ventry  
Cue O. White  
Carl L. Winston  
**Outstanding - Part-time**  
Kevin T. Devlin  
**Meritorious - Full-time - Operations**  
Charlene Bledsoe  
William Brinson  
Teddie Cheaves  
Lester Ellis  
John Green  
Henry Holmes  
Samuel Humphery  
Curtis Johnson  
Mary Johnson

Dora McAfee  
Richard Powell  
Barbara Randolph  
Elbert Richardson  
Robert Richardson  
Earl Roberts  
Billy Robinson  
Lewis Robinson  
Curtis Shelby  
Phyllis Smith  
Harry Stanberry  
Albert Standberry  
Albert Stanislas  
Alfred Taylor  
Odell Walker  
Theron Watkins  
Ricky Wedlow  
Billie Wharry  
Masco Whitehead  
Booker Whitlock  
Huletishe Wiley  
Ricardo Miranda  
**Meritorious - Part-time - Operations**  
Manual Gonzalez  
Warren Lampkin  
Richard Viramontes  
Nathan Young  
Arthur Gallegos  
John Hale  
Donald Long  
Tomy Martin  
O'Wendell Price  
Edmond England  
**Meritorious - Full-time - Attendance**  
Rodrigo Blas  
Charlene Bledsoe  
Teddie Cheaves  
Ricahrd Curry  
Lester Ellis  
Billy Ferguson  
William Fitzgerald  
Emmanuel Gladden  
Louis Hobbs  
Frank Hollingquest  
Ricardo Miranda  
Samuel Humphery  
Curtis Johnson  
Joshua Jones  
Alonzo Kelley  
Timothy Kornegay  
Leroy Kyles  
Ernest Miller  
John Mitchell  
Jesse Montgomery  
Gwendolyn Mullins  
Elbert Richardson  
Robert Richardson  
Earl Rioberts  
Elmore Tircuit  
Bruce Williams  
Elias Goldblatt  
Wayne Davis  
**Meritorious - Part-time - Attendance**  
Manual Gonzalez  
Richard Viramontes  
John Hale  
Donald Long  
Willie Wright

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Melvin Chaney  
Gregory Smith  
**Division 3206**  
**Outstanding - Full-time**  
Reginald D. Ables  
John Barberio  
Sherman H. Dorsey  
Raymond C. Sellers  
Daniel Wilson  
Oscar Solomon  
Mark Coleman  
**Outstanding Part-time**  
No Winners  
**Meritorious - Full-time - Operations**  
Gabriel Benitez  
Ira Camp  
Donald Cleveland  
Victor Fenty  
Hector Gutierrez  
Johnny Hardwick  
Sandra Harris  
Gregory Hughes  
Harold Kenneybrew  
David Monroe  
Ronald Murphy  
Philip Powers  
Lucious Shepherd  
Thomas Vaughn  
Jackie Davis  
Antonio Roxas  
**Meritorious - Part-time - Operations**  
Alvaro Valencia  
Gabriel Benitez  
Herbert Block  
Willis Caffery  
Donald Cleveland  
Johnny Hardwick  
William Long  
Dan Bora  
Jackie David  
**Meritorious - Part-time - Attendance**  
David Resendez  
Charles Epharim  
Rudy Krause  
Sylvia Lopez  
Samson Gessesse  
**Division 3207**  
**Outstanding Full-time**  
Benorce Blackmon  
Charles Bledsoe  
Columbus Burnette  
David L. Doakes  
Harris L. Douglas  
Freddie J. Fair  
Tyrone Fordham  
Reginald B. Foster  
Harold L. Hadley  
Martin C. Jurado  
Yandell C. Lister  
William E. Matthews  
James W. McDuffie  
Carter M. Norwood  
James R. Phillips  
Eddie R. Razo  
Simmie L. Sanders  
Michael Q. Qladen  
Nathan Weathersbee

Raymond L. Santee  
**Outstanding - Part-time**  
Nelson Torres  
**Meritorious - Full-time - Operations**  
Dolores Adams  
Eugene Adams  
Steve Aguilar  
Louis Arthur  
Pete Avila  
Charles Bateman  
Savanah Bowers  
Steven Bragg  
Michael Chapel  
Timothy Del Cambre  
Patricia Dixon  
Francisco Escobedo  
Yucle Eubanks  
Willie Franklin  
Hardie Gillie  
Ralph Gilmer  
Larry Hale  
Leo Holland  
William Hudson  
Carlos Iglesias  
Alfonso Jaramillo  
Bobby Johnson  
George Johnson  
John Johnson  
Marving Johnson  
Otis Johnson  
Sidney Johnson  
Mingo Jones  
Robert Jones  
Dale Kinkade  
Michael Lespron  
Jon Linton  
Barrion Marsh  
Richard Martin  
Matthew Mattered  
Anthony Melton  
Gregory Mills  
Joe Oliver  
Arthur Perez  
Qesley Price  
Stephen Rank  
Johnny Robles  
John Saunders  
Meredith Sidney  
Johnny Smith  
Lawrence Smith  
Robert Solomon  
Bobby Taylor  
Thelma Thierry  
Leslie Thompson  
Lucy Turner  
Alton Williams  
Thomas Williams  
Lewis Willis  
Phillip Winston  
Elmer Witcher  
James Wright  
Larry Youn  
Nafi Wah-Hab  
**Meritorious - Part-time - Operations**  
Walter Brady  
Leonard Andico  
Jimmy Eiselstein  
Orlando Lopez  
Rick Morrissey  
Albert Navarro

Tony Byone  
**Meritorious - Full-time - Attendance**  
Joshua Alvarez  
Louis Arthur  
Savanah Bowers  
Berkeley Burrell  
Rick Cadelli  
Garland Claybourne  
Larry Crane  
John Escher  
Raymond Hollowell  
Rone Hansen  
Robert Higbee  
Carlos Iglesias  
John Jung  
Michael Lespron  
Jon Linton  
Aubrey McGlory  
Orlando Medrano  
Anthony Melton  
Ibrahim Mia  
Dana Mitchell  
Carl Motley, Sr.  
Juan Pena  
Wesley Price  
Glen Rey Ervin Richardson  
Harry Simmons  
Robert Solomon  
William Thomas  
John Villagran  
Bernard Warren  
Handy Weathersbee  
Alton Williams  
Lewis Willis  
**Meritorious - Full-time - Attendance**  
Frank Wood  
James Wright  
George Zamfirescu  
Ronald Price  
**Meritorious - Part-time - Attendance**  
Bhupinder Brar  
Jimmy Eiselstein  
Charles Jackson  
Walter Morgan  
Rick Morrissey  
**Division 3208**  
**Outstanding - Full-time**  
Martin Crespi  
Jerrold B. Abramson  
Francisco J. Aldoney  
Ronald E. Blake  
Ralph A. Bruno  
Steven R. Churchill  
Cesar S. De Guzman  
Jose E. Galvan  
Vester M. Grayson  
Oscar J. Londono  
Alan N. Luke  
Gerald G. Maizland  
Isidoro T. Moreno  
Richard Padilla  
Charles E. Ravens  
David I. Singer  
John w. Walth  
James C. Sherman  
George L. Elks  
Terry J. Davis  
**Outstanding Part-time**  
Carrol Carmichael

Ronald M. Davenport  
Beverly A. Petty  
Michael G. Reed  
Juan D. Rosas  
**Meritorious - Full-time - Operations**  
Vharles Blattt  
Robert Cormack  
Efrain Gomez  
Mark Holland  
Michael Kochanski  
Steven Kusher  
Travis Robertson  
Walter Roby  
Paul Schneider  
Gordon Stevenson  
Fred Zwick  
Ralph Smith  
Steven Stark  
Terrence Strutt  
Jay Tayrien  
Albert Thacker  
Leslie Vance  
James Madden  
Robert Powell  
Steve Sarak  
Leonard Schmidt  
Victor Arancibia  
Carl Benyo  
David Buell  
Lilliam Ford  
Benny Fox  
Ruth Gaitanis  
Candelario Gomez  
Verne Greenwood  
Eddie Gustin  
James Hawkes  
W.Y. Kobashigawa  
Penny Landis  
Steven Landis  
Joseph Levi  
**Meritorious - Part-time - Operations**  
Joyce Antill  
Robert Bair  
Milton Epperson  
Berkeley Fielding  
Allan Hernandez  
Phillip Lockwood  
Anthony Marques  
Pablo Acosta  
Charles Blatt  
Robert Cormack  
Efrain Gomez  
Michael Kochanski  
Steven Kusher  
Paul Schneider  
Gordon Strassburg  
Peter Thomsen  
Ernesto Trinidad  
Marshall Long  
George Melanson  
Robert Nidetz  
Alfred Sassano  
Carl Benyo  
Danny Garcia  
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**Division 3209**  
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William Altemeier  
John E. Angeski  
Jose S. Arizmendi  
Walter R. Bell  
David Crevantes  
Wric C. Congiardo  
Bacilio A. Cortez  
William S. Cushman  
Arle E. Davenport  
Jerry D. Duncan  
Vernon H. Ebert  
Joe S. Ellis  
John J. Flechas  
Roberto J. Franco  
Jesus E. Galang  
Gabriel Garcia  
James F. Gowins  
William R. Hines  
Felipe Huante  
Loren H. Hubler  
Paul E. Lajoie  
Hugo C. Lopez  
Jaview Lopez  
Carlton J. Marshall  
Johnny M. McKinney  
Deeb Morad  
Victor O. Ortiz  
Ignacio M. Remus  
John E. Steyn  
Joe V. Swift  
Roberto Trejo  
Arnold L. Van Gordon  
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Angel Miranda  
Fausto Gonzalez  
James J. Lueken, Jr.  
**Outstanding - Part-time**  
Harry C. Oswald  
Michael C. Palmer  
Jesus Perez  
Judge Adams  
Martin Ahlstron  
Robert Apodaca  
Doanld Avila  
William Amey  
William Ballard  
Reymundo Barrasa  
Andrew Bernstein  
Ronald Bowen  
Mildres Bradford  
Harry Bayless  
Hector Carbajal  
Georggina Cervantes  
Donald Clark  
Francisco Cordova  
Daniel Creal  
Ralph Cunningham  
Frank Demascio  
Charles Dreier  
Kiumars Elhami  
Clifford Ellison  
Frank Flores  
Kennedy Franklin  
James Garcia  
Carlos Garcis

Jesse Garcia  
Hisaias Gonzales  
Joseph Griego  
Ruben Guerra  
Carlos Gutierrez  
Robert Hall  
James Harvey  
Roy Hawes  
Robert Hiatt  
Frederick Hidalgo  
Wilbur James  
Larry Jessie  
William Johnson  
Clarence Jones  
Dawud Karriem  
Newitt Lawson  
John Legans  
Sally Lemkuhl  
Lowell Lewis  
Jerry McDaniel  
Warren Mitchell  
Manual Narvaez  
Stanley Oawster  
Ardell Olsen  
Frederick Owens  
Richard Patterson  
Manuel Perez  
John Poulos  
Feodie Powers  
Charles Poke  
Alfred Ramirez  
Felipe Ramirez  
Arturo Rangel  
Robert Rauchfuss  
Lorenzo Rivera  
Louis Rivera  
Youssef Rizkallah  
James Roberts  
Armando Rodriguez  
Lionel Romero  
Jonas Rudolph  
Ralph Ruiz  
Richard Salcido  
Laurence Sena  
Enrique Serrano  
Jose Serrano  
Walter Shelby  
Hillery Sheppard  
Leoncio Sia  
Doanld Sinkfield  
Larry Smith  
Charles Sugarman  
Travis Trujillo  
Dan Urban  
Hubert Usher  
Jerald Vallier  
Gary Vance  
Benjamin Welch  
Lenard Wilkes  
Virgil Wilson  
Kennthe Wilkerson  
Marcos Rodriguez  
Rafael Rojan  
Alex Hernandez  
Ernest Pasini  
**Meritorious -**  
**Part-time - Operations**  
Carolyn Alsdurf  
Grace Arevalos  
Philip Banks  
Jose Berumen  
Martha Cenicerros

Harry Fradejas  
Cathy Hardway  
John Johnson  
Alice McDonald  
Jeffrey Newman  
Laurence Presser  
Irene Rodrigues  
O.P. Strilecki  
Mario Villegas  
Luis Zamudio  
**Meritorious -**  
**Full-time- Attendance**  
Oscar Aguayo  
H.C. Alvarez  
Reymundo Barrasa  
Bennie Bedford  
Harry Brame  
Michael Brown  
Leonardo Camacho  
Felipe Castillo  
Francisco Chavez  
Edmundo Colchado  
Ralph Cunningham  
James Dailey  
Danny Ennis  
Mike Estrada  
Carlos Garcis  
Vincent Garcia  
Hisaias Gonzales  
Vicente Gonzalez  
Robert Gonzalez  
David Gehring  
David Hamilton  
Egils Jagers  
Larry Jessie  
Frederico Jiminez  
William Johnson  
Dawud Karriem  
Richard Kearney  
Lowell Lewis  
Damiam Lopez  
Fred Martinez  
Alfred Mendoza  
Luis Moreno  
Tomas Ocasio  
Richard Patterson  
Joseph Palmisano  
Ricahrd Perez  
Felipe Ramirez  
Philip Ramirez  
Arturo Rangel  
Jimmy Rayford  
Lionel Romero  
Carlos Sahagun  
Gonzalo Sanchez  
James Santos  
Sam Saunooke  
Enrique Serrano  
Jose Serrano  
Larry Smith  
Santiago Ulibarri  
Billie Underhill  
Hubert Usher  
Merlin Waring  
C.L. Wilkerson  
Larry Williams  
Richard Bryant  
Marcos Rodriguez  
John Poulos  
**Meritorious -**  
**Part-time - Attendance**  
Leonel Alcazar

Ramonda Bowser  
Dolores Fernandez  
Harry Fradejas  
Alice McDonald  
Rafael Salas  
**Division 3210**  
**Outstanding - Full-time**  
Mark G. Allman  
Charles H. Anderson  
Armando J. Carbajal  
Luis A. Cardenas  
David M. Caudillo  
William E. Durazo  
Melvin Garrett  
Jose N. Guzman  
Donald H. Lee  
Edward A. Moorefield  
William Padilla  
Ernest Paredes  
Jose R. Perez  
Narcizo M. Peres  
Robert J. Pitts  
Alberto Rivadeneyra  
Juan M. Rosales  
William Rowser  
George Samoylenko  
Jimmie Shorters  
Jimmy L. Williams  
Ellis E. Wilson  
Jerry L. Woodson  
**Outstanding - Part-time**  
Walter T. Andersen  
Andrew Barbosa  
Robert B. Davis  
Raymond High-Wolf  
Irene M. Lewton  
Daniel B. Saldana  
Rogelio U. Castro  
Ramon Alvarez  
Surinder Mohan Toor  
Ronald J. Figueroa  
John C. Dwyer  
Mario A. Chavez  
James D. Gonzales  
Scott G. Lee  
Don W. Hicks  
Richard Adams  
Jeffrey Aemmer  
William Alexander  
Guillermo Anaya  
David Aufmuth  
Donald Autry  
Michael Avalos  
Ramon Baluyot  
James Bass  
Theartis Blue  
Robert Biedron  
Gerald Bingham  
Beatrice Brooks  
Encarnacion Cabrera  
Jesse Carrasco  
Alberto Casillas  
Robert Chasco  
Stephen Cruise  
Jose Cruz  
Romel Deloatch  
Richard De Los Reyes  
Dewitt Duke  
Gloria Duke  
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Robert Donaldson  
Guadalupe Fuentes  
Emmett Gates  
Jeska Gilder  
Francisco Gomer  
Gonzalo Gutierrez  
Odis Hamer  
Juventino Hernandez  
Samuel Hill  
William Jackson  
Edward Jaramillo  
Elroy Johnson  
Anthony Jones  
Syed Kamal  
Pete Kordi  
Hilton Lavalas  
Maxine Lewis  
Ernest Martinez  
Javier Martinez  
Mary Mathis  
Thomas Mattocks  
Semmie McCoy  
Chalres Miles  
Gloria Mims  
Gabriel Munoz  
Donna Murdock  
Paul Nelson  
Herbert Orange  
William Peterson  
Thomas Reclusado  
Aaron Ricahrdson  
Leroy Robinson  
Cresencio Rodriguez  
Lilliam Rodriguez  
Abdul Saafir  
Robert Scanu  
Beauford Scott  
Paul Scott  
William Shade  
Harbaksh Singh  
Don Smith  
Jose Solano  
Nestor Soto  
Stella Srour  
Werner Thatje  
Jacob Tuason  
Thomas Turner  
Russell Urmanski  
Jesse Westhersbee  
George Wiley  
Patricia Zasadil  
Jesse Zimmerman  
Eugene Keyes  
Ben Ethridge  
**Meritorious**  
**Part-time - Operations**  
Alejandro Cazarez  
Daniel Elzey  
Hau Nguyen  
Timothy Pledger  
Guadalupe Vela  
Kathy Aguilar  
Bunni Barr  
Hugo Bonini  
Ruben Espinoza  
Pankajkumar Radia  
John Santiago  
Alex Gallegos

Robert Daniel  
**Meritorious -**  
**Full-time - Attendance**  
John Alarcon  
William Alexander  
Tommy Armstrong  
Jose Barbosa  
James Bass  
Alvin Benard  
Walter Bueno  
Jose Camacho  
Charles Cannon  
Robert Chasco  
Rowan Curtis  
Dewitt Duke  
Rafael Espinosa  
Winston Fisher  
Richard Flores  
William Freeman  
Julio Gallo  
Sheila Grover  
Gonzalo Gutierrez  
Odis Hamer  
L.M. Hamilton  
Hector Hernandez  
Juventino Hernandez  
Samuel Hill  
Clarence Jack  
Jin Kim  
Hilton Lavales  
Freddie McGee  
Alfredo Miranda  
Bruce Montgomery  
Ralph Patterson  
Fred Perry  
Mary Small  
Salvador Ramirez  
Andre Reed  
David Seelig  
Jose Solano  
Rodney Tatum  
Jacob Tuason  
Margaret Tucker  
John Urrutia  
Benjamin Walker  
Darnell Williams  
Pauline Bradford  
**Meritorious -**  
**Part-time - Attendance**  
Gilberto Comacho  
Mario Garcia  
Gail Gilmer  
Hau Nguyen  
Hugo Bonini  
Darryl Castile  
Sergio Chavez  
Jose Holguin  
George Lakis  
Neal Moore  
Daniel Onopa  
Tony Salas  
Alex Gallegos  
Manual Garcia  
Tadeo Vasquez  
Jeffrey Bingley  
Robert Daniel  
Joe Gonzalez  
**Division 3212**  
**Outstanding - Full-time**  
Wendell L. Agee  
Jose A. Aguirre  
Jack A. Bailey

Jorge A. Barreda  
George W. Dailey  
Doanld R. Dube  
Pate A. Earnest  
Adam Gandara  
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Jesse G. Gomez  
Robert R. Kennie  
Leo W. King  
Patrick J. Monaghan  
Miguel V. Moran  
Don W. Osborne  
E.L. Paternoster  
Liviú Radu  
Jimmy G. Rodgers  
Ramon Rodriguez  
Eugene Rollins  
Milo Starts  
Michael J. Streppone  
Joseph A. Symons  
Harold V. Williams  
Algernon A. Wise  
Crisanto P. Simbulan  
**Outstanding - Part-time**  
George Damian  
Joel F. Fradejas  
Richard R. Martinez  
**Meritorious**  
**Full-time Operations**  
Eduardo Acuna  
Robert Baxter  
Howard Benchley  
James Broaddus  
M.S. Campaniello  
Peter Cardias  
Jesus Carrasco  
Luis Centeno  
Rogelio Chacon  
Emiliano Chavez  
Arthur Clary  
Ricahrd Coleman  
Carl Corde  
Kirk Davis  
John Fernandez  
Hardy Fondreaux  
Arthur Fontanez  
Daniel Gavurnick  
Richard Gebauer  
Catarino Gonzalez  
Harley Haas  
Arthur Hernandez  
Seferino Holguin  
Lee Hutchinson  
Delores Isom  
Homer Jenkins  
Edward Johansson  
Albert Johnson  
D. Johnson  
Michael Jones  
Matthew Kim  
Elijah La Cour  
Lester Lewis  
Samuel Licon  
Michael Martinez  
Major McKay  
Andre Molette  
Rafael Murillo  
Tuan Newton  
Ruth Paul  
Richard Pedroza  
Joseph Poche  
Antonio Rendon

John Reynolds  
Elliot Ribeiro  
Joe Rodriguez  
Joseph Santoyo  
Zachary Schuster  
Albert Scott  
John Speigel  
Gary Stone  
Monte Stratton  
**Meritorious -**  
**Full-time - Operations**  
Bobby Tift  
Bernardo Torres  
Raymond Tuggle  
Oliver Underwood  
Rodolfo Velasquez  
Walter Wadlington  
Gerald White  
Augustus Williams  
Willie Williams  
Jeffrey Wolfson  
Frank Houseton  
**Meritorious -**  
**Part-time - Operations**  
Terri Aitken  
Earl Chandler  
Jerome Limmer  
James McGranor  
Stephen Puckett  
**Meritorious -**  
**Full-time - Attendance**  
Eduardo Acuna  
Ronald Billingsley  
George Borner  
Rogelio Chacon  
Emiliano Chavez  
Penny Clark  
Julio Fontoura  
Edward Gomez  
Catarino Gonzalez  
Eddie Goss  
Harley Haas  
Elton Hoffman  
Albert Johnson  
D. Johnson  
Matthew Kim  
Elijan La Cour  
Ca Quan Lam  
Fred Lawler  
Hung Xuan Le  
Ralph Lee  
Victor Markovich  
Major McKay  
Hector Moreno  
Rafael Murillo  
Tuan Newton  
John Panneck  
Joseph Poche  
Antonio Rendon  
John Reynolds  
Elliot Ribeiro  
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Joseph Billingsley  
Robert Dennis  
Sandra Fitzhugh  
Ernest Holguin  
Joseph McDaniels  
James McGranor  
Stephen Puckett  
Eliseo Villanueva  
Delwin Morris  
**Division 3215  
Outstanding - Full-time**  
Alfred M. Alderete  
Rolando B. Filoteo  
John S. Baber  
Parry H. Benjamin  
Marcial Blanco  
William a. Chatelain  
Donald H. Corton  
Thomas R. Cowan  
William B. Craig  
Eunice L. Culbert  
Roger Desgroseilliers  
John J. Halyak  
Andrew Harris  
William Harris  
David E. Hemion  
David S. Iglesias  
Steven E. Jeffries  
Donald L. Johnson  
Ursula M. Johnson  
Earl M. Jones  
Jesse L. Kirkland  
Martin R. Long  
Nasir D. Mia  
Gary L. Miller  
Russell J. Modell  
William C. Motherspaw  
Raymundo Najera  
Francisco J. Perez  
Eduardo Peza  
Joel C. Potts  
Roy Reed  
Bert J. Tetley  
Nicholas T. Tummolo  
Dainton L. Urso  
Carmine A. Zeccardi  
Anthony Amatuzzo  
**Outstanding - Part-time**  
Maria H. Antonowicz  
Roberto Chavez  
Helen I. Cruz  
Betty J. Liddell  
Douglas Y.D. Park  
Jawahar S. Sira  
Patricia R. Stewart  
Victor J. Mironas  
Jesus J. Serrano  
**Meritorious -  
Full-time - Operations**  
Dora Alvarez  
Jerry Babbitt  
Darryld Baabcock  
Robert Bogenberger

Charlid Bolden  
Ricardo Botello  
Raul Briones  
Robert Buchanan  
Signh Butalia  
Patrick Byrne  
Henrietta Caldwell  
Luis Campos  
Forest Churchill  
Alice Colantonio  
Eric Collins  
Hilarion Corpus  
Donald Cullom  
Odessa Davis  
Purcell Davis  
Arturo Delgado  
Glenn Ford  
Jeffrey Foster  
Barry Glendenning  
Porfirio Gomez  
Guillermo Gonzalez  
Jose Guadalupe  
Gaylord Hamm  
Paul Harris  
Patrick Hart  
Juan Hernandez  
Robert Holiday  
Carlos Iglesias  
Charles Jackson  
John Kirkham  
Larry Lewis  
William Liddell  
Arthur Lloyd  
Louis Lucero  
Chan Maq  
Cristobal Medina  
Charles Moore  
Robert Moore  
Eddie Nava  
Emenuella Northington  
Neil O'Brien  
Robert Owens  
Gary Padilla  
Harvey Parnell  
Danilo Parra  
Phillip Patton  
Rafael Perez  
Bruce Pohja  
Joe Polina  
Tino Rodriguez  
George Roessner  
Jon Rossiter  
Richard Sanchez  
Jesse Sanders  
Henry See  
Glen Steele  
Alfredo Stephani  
John Swinford  
David Swinton  
Donald Van Dyke  
Jose Vasquez  
Francisco Vigil  
Arthur Wake  
Solester Watts  
David Wesson  
Barbara Williams  
John Williams  
Lester Williams  
Robert Williams  
Jessie Wilson  
Barbara Winner  
Ronald Woods

Donald Worten  
**Meritorious -  
Part-time - Operations**  
Lynn Bevill  
Julie Covarrubias  
Dennis Duquene  
Odilia Marich  
Linda Navarro  
Merwin Saxe  
**Meritorious -  
Full-time - Attendance**  
James Anderson  
Edward Blancarte  
Miguel Brambila  
Luis Campos  
Louis Castellanos  
Marco Conde  
Donald Cullom  
Marvin Deuser  
Jose Festejo  
Mauricio Flores  
Elliott Forrest  
Walter Fujimori  
Roger Galland  
Stephen Glaser  
Clara Grabowski  
Rodrigo Guzman  
Clarence Hagan  
Elizabeth Harvell  
Porter Henry  
John Jackson  
Luanao James  
Jorge Jativa  
Rosset Kogen  
Edward Lavizzo  
Arthur Lloyd  
Claude Lujan  
Bellenger Morgan  
John Moya  
Oscar Najarro  
Joe Polina  
Ernest Redmond  
Percy Rhodes  
Frank Robinson  
Luis Rodriguez  
Errol Rousseve  
Salvatore Russo  
Arthur Sheldon  
Daniel Simon  
Suresh Singh  
Susan Tompkins  
Michael Turner  
Erik Von Wendlandt  
Ronald Weckbacher  
Jessie Wilson  
Paul Zablocki  
**Meritorious -  
Part-time - Attendance**  
Ramon Alarcon  
Alma Albarran  
Jim Garcia  
Steven McAdams  
Jose Prado Mildred Rogers  
Guillermo Valencia  
Roy Rembert  
Theresa Jajola  
**Division 3216  
Outstanding - Full-time**  
Donald S. Delay  
Dale K. Aleshire  
Richard Z. Alvarado  
Angel A. Alvarez

Joseph Bailey  
James I. Beam  
John H. Boles  
Todd D. Brule  
John H. Calwell  
Luduvico M. Castro  
Brownlee Cromwell  
Francis T. Davie  
Robert A. Descombes  
Julio E. Diaz  
Herman W. Douglas  
Lloyd M. Sharrow  
Charles J. Warde  
Thomas A. Weihert  
Alfonso G. Garcia  
Allen L. Harders  
John F. Hardgrow  
Wilmer E. Johnson  
Theodore R. Long  
Thomas E. Loper  
K.M. Lucas  
Lionel Manuel  
Joseph a. McDonald  
Randall R. Moore  
James W. Murphy  
Jimmie L. Prince  
Milton R. Saa  
Corval R. Sattler  
Lester J. Albert  
Herman Koenekamp  
**Outstanding - Part-time**  
Alex S. Pages  
Donna M. Quay  
Eric D. Thomas  
**Meritorious -  
Full-time - Operations**  
James Davis  
Lamar Ball  
Earven Brittenum  
Paul Brooks  
Jasper Bullock  
Sampson Butler  
Richard Croston  
Herbert Dickson  
Morris Donald  
George Douglas  
Robert Fisher  
Raymond Hart  
Clarence Henderson  
Larry Jarman  
Leslie Jones  
Robert Jones  
Dexter Kern  
Harold Litz  
Annie Livingston  
John Madril  
Michael Mathieu  
Lawrence McCrary  
Robert McMorris  
David McReynolds  
Ogle Menees  
Billy Morton  
James Blackston  
Herman Hall  
Robert Nordstrom  
Charles Olivias  
Carlos Pages  
Leslie Park  
Dale Parks  
Leroy Edwards  
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Ronald Reolle  
Billie Rowe  
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Wallace Slaughter  
Shirley Thomas  
William Tillitt  
Patrick Turner  
Earl Weingartner  
Paul White  
Van Williams  
Reese Withers  
**Meritorious -  
Part-time - Operations**  
Debbie Everett  
Eduardo Moncada  
Rose Todd  
Carmen Vagenas  
**Meritorious -  
Full-time - Attendance**  
James Blackston  
George Zumkley  
Nelson Grant  
John Dinwiddie  
**Meritorious -  
Part-time - Attendance**  
No Winners  
**Division 3218**  
**Outstanding - Full-time**  
James T. Amos  
Don L. Bradford  
Clyde Corbitt  
John W. Dawson  
Willie Dixon  
Sharon a. English  
Jerrel J. Hunter  
William D. Jordon  
Wallace H. Moore  
Willie C. Norwood  
Renard M. Perkins  
Richard D. Randall  
Michael L. Ransom  
William D. Reddick  
Alvin A. Reid  
Michael L. Reid  
Michael L. Ross  
Hun Sang  
Charles L. Steppes  
Paul Charles  
**Outstanding - Part-time**  
Bobby L. Staves  
George W. Geary  
Thena Thomas  
**Meritorious -  
Full-time - Operations**  
Nasser Abu-Kalaf  
Arthur Adams  
Ignatius Arellano  
Calvin August  
Albert Bailey  
Donald Bowman  
Walter Bowman  
Louis Brown  
JoAnn Bynum  
Donald Cather  
Elliott Chavers

Diane Cole  
Predester Collier  
James Craig  
Brenda David  
Clara Dunn  
Billie Green  
John Guzman  
Charley Hardy  
Hubert Hayes  
Toni Hill  
Cary Hogan  
Larry Horn  
Donna Humphrey  
Marvin Fite  
Gene Freeman  
James Gavin  
Roger Gilds  
Robert Johnson  
William Kelso  
Cornelius Lowery  
Geraldine Payne  
Robert Markham  
Dwight McLaughlin  
Eddie Mitchell  
Michael Nimmers  
John Peterson  
Rosalie Pulliam  
Vilma Ramos  
Carl Rems  
James Shanklin  
Anna Simpson  
James Smith  
Maurice Smith  
Printicen Smith  
Michael Squalls  
Althonia Stokes  
Andrew Stubblefield  
Anita Sykes  
Jose Velasquez  
Hillard Vickers  
Johnnie Wilkerson  
Bobby Williams  
Freddie Williams  
Tamra Williams  
Steve Woods  
Prince Williams  
Willie Williams  
Larry Water  
Chanh Tran  
Phillip Samuels  
**Meritorious -  
Part-time - Operations**  
Christina Johnson  
Irma Limon  
William Walls  
Rafiq Muhammad  
David Farrington  
**Meritorious -  
Full-time - Attendance**  
Nassar Abu-Khalaf  
Gregory Branch  
Louis Brown  
Aaron Cain  
Juan Cardoza  
Elliott Chavers  
James Craig  
Brenda Davis  
Houston Gregory  
Shelton Griffin  
Alton Harrell  
Hubert Hayes  
Larry Horn

## Just the Break He Needed

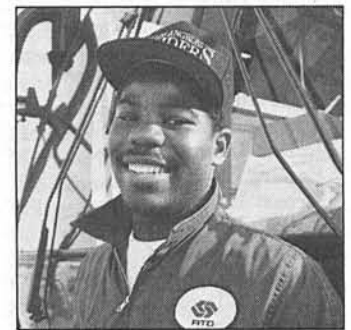
Two years ago Travion Watson started at the District as a youth worker in the Graffiti Program funded by County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn. The program offered youth in Hahn's Second District employment for a limited period cleaning graffiti off of RTD buses.

Today, Travion, 21, is a Service Attendant Leader out of Division 9318.

Youth Coordinator Elvira Valdez said she spotted Travion's talent early. "He is a very responsible, conscientious young man, a model employee. He is very mature for his age. I wish everyone were like him," she said.

Travion is a graduate of Verbum Dei High School in Los Angeles. Following graduation, he attended ITT Business College. "I took the job at the RTD to pay back my college loans. RTD Planner Michael Brewer told me about the openings," Travion said.

He says it feels good



*Service Attendant Leader Travion Watson coming up from the ranks.*

having secured his current position, his face lights up with pride. "I help those I supervise to be better workers," he said.

Things are definitely looking up for Travion. He and his mother recently bought a home in Compton. But, despite all the benefits that come from promotions, Travion is also discovering like all others who have gone before him that in the beginning responsibility can be a little overwhelming. "I do get kind of nervous about all the changes, though," said Travion.

Leopoldo Fajardo  
Ennis Finley  
Marvin Fite  
Joseph Francis  
Jesse Gardner  
Brian Gaw  
Charleston Grantham  
Johnny Huntley  
Dexter Jennings  
Clence Barry  
David Lane  
James Logan  
Robert Markham  
Gregory McCoy  
Felton Moore  
Thinh Nguyen  
B.W. Robertson  
James Shanklin  
James Smith  
Althonia Stokes  
Damascus Strong  
Hillard Vickers

Johnnie Wilkerson  
Effie Williams  
Freddie Williams  
Lee Gilbert  
Jesus Macatiang  
Chanh Tran  
**Meritorious -  
Part-time - Attendance**  
Sherman Anderson  
Ezequiel Olivo  
David Imaye  
Nho Van Le  
Ronnie Huerta  
John James  
Paul Inocencio  
Joyce McKenzie  
Wilbert Vander-Ploeg  
William Walls  
Rafiq Muhammad  
Melvin Taylor

## Art Types His Last Schedule

Layout Supervisor Art Issoglio said his good-byes after 30 years with the District at the Velvet Turtle restaurant in Chinatown on January 27.

Many of his friends, family, and Print Shop and Schedules staff members were on hand to celebrate the moment.

Acting Assistant General Manager for Operations Art Leahy told the audience that achieving 30 years at the RTD is not an easy task. "Anyone who makes it deserves a lot of credit. I want to thank you, Art," said Leahy. The acting assistant general manager presented Issoglio with a gift certificate to the Touch of Oak furniture store.

Richard Dimon acted as master of ceremonies for the event. Adding personal notes of appreciation and good wishes were Michael Laichareonsup and Dorothy Benninghoven.

Art's son Sparky paid tribute to his father at the ceremony. "My impression of my father has always been one of perseverance and self-sacrifice. I have always thought that each morning when I saw him get up for work and go catch his bus."

Joe Vicente presented Art with his own timetable and his very own bus stop sign 7591. "It took us 30 years to download schedules into Art's varityper machine. I'm just sorry he won't be around to see it," said Vicente.

Print Shop Supervisor Carl McKnight recounted humorous anecdotes



*Layout Supervisor Art Issoglio and his wife Lylene at his retirement dinner.*

surrounding his worklife with Art, but foremost, he remembered Art's fatherly way with him when he joined the District. "I just want to say 'thanks' Art, that meant a lot to me."

Art's wife Lylene told the audience of mostly RTD employees and retirees what it was like to be married to the RTD. "I have some very good memories. I feel like I know most of you. My memories include scenes like Joe Gay bringing my husband home when we had an emergency with Sparky (who suffered an asthma attack)." Lylene paid tribute to the "other woman" in Art's life, his assistant Jean Williams, and presented her with a gold watch. Art, in a tearful farewell, thanked Jean for the years of assistance and friendship.

In his swan song, Art Issoglio congratulated all his supervisors who gave him pay-for-performance evaluations that were superior or better. "I commend you on your good judgment. To all the rest of you who gave me a 'Meets' or less—go to h—. Gee, that felt real good. I love you all. Good bye, I'm gone."

## Looks Like a Good Investment



*General Manager Alan Pegg opens his new share account with the help of Credit Union Manager Chris Cairns and Credit Union Manager Hyla Howard.*

General Manager Alan Pegg took a few minutes out of his busy day to join the Transit District Employees Federal Credit Union in February. Mr. Pegg opened a savings account with a \$50 minimum share deposit and a \$5 fee yielding 5 percent interest. His deposit will be automatically deducted from his payroll check and credited to his account.


This is just one of the many services offered by our Credit Union. Making banking as convenient as they can, they offer a bank-by-mail service, sponsor

periodic car sales, provide money orders/travelers checks/gift checks, insurance, a bill payer service, checking accounts with no monthly service charges, and QUE—an audio response (24 hours) available for balance inquiries, transferring money from one type of account to another, and other information you may want just by using a touch tone phone and a personal identification number you provide. Open your account today, it looks like a good investment in your future.

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# TO HY YOUR HEALTH

## Replace the Terrible Three: Sugar, Fat, Salt

### March is

#### Good Nutrition Month

Remember when you munched on fudgy cookies dunked in whole milk just before your Mom or Dad tucked you into bed? Or how you celebrated every holiday with chips and dips, homemade candies, pies, and cakes a la mode?

We all have fond memories of foods shared with family and friends. But what we didn't know then was that many of these treats were loaded with sugar, fat, and salt—and that all three can lead to obesity, health problems, and a quicker end to life.

Few of us are willing to dramatically change our eating habits—it may take a heart attack to scare us into shape. But we can make some gradual and simple changes that will help us feel better, and teach our children the importance of sound nutrition.

#### 1. Cut Back on Fat.

Fat is full of calories and usually cholesterol. Not more than one-third of our calories should come from fats. To reduce fat, eat foods raw, steamed, poached, broiled, or baked instead of fried. Find a vegetable-fat margarine that tastes good and use it sparingly instead of butter. Drink skim milk.

Instead of bacon, sausage, ham, hot dogs, hamburgers, or steaks, choose fish and poultry. Eat fresh fruit for dessert rather than pies and other hidden-fat confections.

#### 2. Plan Balanced Meals and Snacks.

For every meal, pick foods from each of the four food groups (see box at right) and prepare them without a lot of added fat, sugar, or salt.

#### 3. Shop Wisely.

If you don't keep foods from the Terrible Three groups around the house, you and your children can't eat them. Read labels to look for the Terrible Three hidden in so many prepared foods. Most spaghetti sauce is loaded with sugar or corn syrup, for example. Children will select nutritious foods—all too often only if they have nutritious foods to choose from. Save money, too: Fresh foods are generally far less expensive than heavily processed, vitamin-enriched, sugar-saturated clumps.

#### 4. Make Your Own.

You know what's in your recipes, and it's probably not nearly so much of the Terrible Threes you'll find in prepared meals and snacks. You can even alter your recipes by replacing butter with margarine, eliminating most of or all of the salt, and

reducing the amount of added sugar. By the way, sugar is sugar, whether it's honey, molasses, or the powdery or granulated white stuff.

#### 5. Substitute.

Your taste buds and your digestive system will soon adjust to better choices, and you'll wonder how you ever managed to swallow some of those gooey, greasy, grimy goodies. Low-fat frozen yogurt is a delicious alterna-

tive to ice cream. Branch out with breads—choose whole wheat, oatmeal, pumpernickel, corn, pita, or tortillas. Read the cereal box and buy only unsweetened products.

Make just a few of these changes, and you'll find yourself feeling younger, full of energy, and trim and fit. March is *your* Good Nutrition Month. Make healthy foods a way of life for you and your family.

## Four Food Groups

### Fruits and vegetables

Choose fresh, crisp items; 100 percent real juices; foods packed in water or their own juices.

### Breads and cereals

Look for whole grains

### Milk

Select skim milk; low-fat cheese, and yogurt

### Fish/Poultry/Meat and other Proteins

Stick with fish, poultry, and lean cuts; canned meats packed in water; remove skin; trim fat.

### Low-fat Dessert

#### Strawberry Cream

3/4 cup low-fat cottage cheese  
1 cup frozen unsweetened whole strawberries  
1 cup vanilla ice milk  
1 teaspoon frozen, finely shredded orange peel  
Assorted fresh fruit (optional)

#### Directions:

- Place cottage cheese in a blender container. Cover and blend till smooth. Add frozen strawberries, ice milk, and orange peel. Cover and blend till smooth, stopping to scrape down sides as necessary.
- Pour strawberry mixture into 4 stemmed glasses and serve at once. Garnish with a small piece of fresh fruit, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

#### Per serving

Calories	97
Protein	7 g
Carbohydrate	12 g
Fat	2 g
Cholesterol	8 g
Sodium	198 mg
Potassium	163 mg

Total preparation time: 10 minutes

# Marriage Counseling: What Is It? What Good Is It?

by Luanna Urie, Wellness Coordinator

*Marriage Counselor:* "It seems as if everyone has questions about marriage counseling. Some people want to know if everyone shouldn't work their problems out by themselves." My response is as follows: in this day and age we consult experts. Today people consult financial planners, attorneys, gourmet cooks, physician specialists, architects, and so on.

Why do we think we should handle anything as complex as marriage and or family problems without any assistance? Today life is much, much more complex and stressful and contains more problems than it did even twenty-five years ago. There are more strains on a couple and/or family relationship than at any other time in history, yet many people expect that they should instinctively

know how to work it all out without any advice or help from anyone.

Years ago a young married couple could expect to live in a neighborhood where everyone knew everyone else and everyone else's children. There was usually a close affiliation with a church. Other family

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members lived near by, including those from an older generation with life experiences, perspective, and wisdom to offer younger couples and families. Many wives and mothers did not have to work. Husbands and fathers did not have to commute. Almost all meals were eaten at home with

everyone present, and many families even shared the noonday meal.

Now life is different.

Couples have to face more demands and more responsibilities than ever before. Today, couples have fewer resources and even less time to meet those demands. Many of us, if not most, could use a little help from a third party from time to time.

A marriage counselor can be useful. It is very helpful to have an objective, professionally trained person assist with the interaction between the parties. A trained marriage counselor will help couples and families communicate more clearly. It is easier to talk to a loved person about a serious problem if there is a third party present. The third party or counselor ensures that each side will be fully heard and fully understood. Difficult points will be made clear to each person. Couples will learn to truly listen and understand what the other person is trying so hard to say.

Misunderstandings will be cleared away. Many times a couple will discover a misunderstanding is at the root of their problem. A marriage counselor helps a couple to share their troubles, worries, and pain with one another. Couples learn to hear one another. They learn to trust one another. They learn to listen and understand each other in a new and better way.

The trained, licensed professional marriage counselors available to you through your Employee Assistance Program are experts in helping couples and families with marital and family problems. Take advantage of this service.

Remember from one to three sessions are free and then the service will help you with your benefit plan to make the best use of it to pay for whatever counseling you would like. This service is completely confidential. Just dial (800) 221-0942 and speak with the people at Employee Support Systems Company.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Bauer, Anton R.**, began with the LARY in the 1930s, passed away October 23, 1987. He was an operator and division clerk.

**Dietrich, Wray**, began with the District on March 2, 1964, passed away on December 24, 1988.

**Jensen, Lars**, began with the District on January 22, 1958, passed away December 17, 1988.

**Pantera, John F.**, began with the District April 22,

1941, passed away December 13, 1988.

**Pegues, Murray**, began with the District on December 18, 1958, passed away November 25, 1988.

**Smith, Leo H.**, began with the District May 29, 1935, passed away December 27, 1988.

**Thorne, Edgar D.**, began with the District on March 13, 1936, passed away November 26, 1988.

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# Self-Help Groups: Grapevines in Action

You've finally admitted to yourself that you don't handle your finances wisely. Or you recognize you're addicted to food. Or your physician tells you that you have high blood pressure. Whatever your problem is, you're not alone.

Every day, thousands of people come together in small groups to help each other deal with difficulties including stress, addictions, health problems, and similar painful realities of life.

You, too, can easily become involved in one of these volunteer grapevine networks. There are more than half a million self-help groups across the country—some tiny gatherings, others part of a nationwide network—but in each one, the emphasis is on sharing.

You've undoubtedly heard of AA, Alcoholics Anonymous, one of the first self-help groups. Many new self-help groups are patterned after AA's successful 12-step recovery program. If you join a self-help group that matches your needs for support in a difficult situation, what can you expect to happen?

At first, you will sense a great comfort just in knowing that others are struggling with similar problems. It's heartening to talk with others who have accepted, compensate for, or overcome their problems. Misery does love company; but wallowing in self-pity is not the goal of these groups.

You'll also discover a

wealth of information. Self-help group members are willing to pool their experiences, make honest recommendations, and suggest strategies for action. For example, parents of children with disabilities can find out what to expect as their child grows older or where to go for the best medical help and education. Newsletters, tapes, videos, and brochures are commonly available.

One thing you won't find in a self-help group is criticism or put-downs. People in these gatherings, understand how you feel and what you're going through. They won't blame you for your troubles, or ask

harsh questions, or treat you with a cold shoulder. Self-help groups will do everything they can to make you feel comfortable and welcome.

Confidentiality, respect, and encouragement are the keys. You can proceed at your own pace. Before you know it, you may well find yourself using your newfound strength to offer support to newcomers. That's how good self-help groups evolve and grow.

You are not alone. Whatever your struggle, others are facing a similar situation. Locate your grapevine, and find new resources within yourself.

## Where to find the self-help group for you

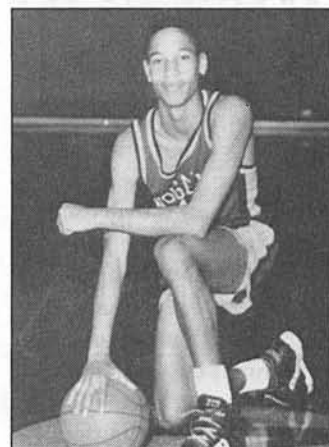
### *National Self-Help Clearinghouse*

25 West 43rd St., Room 620, New York, NY 10036.  
(212) 642-2944, Will refer you to your state clearinghouse if one exists, or check national directories for the name of a group that can respond to your need. Call or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

### *New Jersey Self-Help Clearinghouse*

St. Clares-Riverside Medical Center, Pocono Rd., Denville, NJ 07834. (201) 625-7101. Publishes the THE SELF-HELP SOURCE BOOK (\$8 third-class, \$9 first-class), a national listing of self-help groups and how to form one yourself. Call or write for information about a self-help group near you.

## Son Gets Scholarship



*Corey Rogers*

The parents of Corey Rogers are proud to announce the 4-year athletic scholarship awarded their son to Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Adrienne Rogers, an Administrative Analyst in the Marketing Department and her husband, Bernard, thank God for Corey's

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*at Nogales High*

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athletic ability and the opportunity of receiving an education at a Division 1 school.

Corey is a senior at Nogales High School in West Covina and will be attending NAU in the fall, majoring in Business Administration.



# Someone's Trash is My Treasure

File this story under the heading—"It Should Have Happened To Me." Security Guard II Al Ratner got off work at his usual time on January 22. On his way home he noticed a woman laying articles and appliances out on her lawn for a garage sale. Intrigued, Ratner stopped to check it out in hopes of finding some bargain.

One of the objects she put on her lawn was an ornately carved ivory vase. Ratner picked it up and asked how much it was. The woman who spoke only Spanish ignored him. Ratner then asked her in Spanish how much the vase cost. She looked at him then at the vase and said \$2. He paid for his vase and took it home.

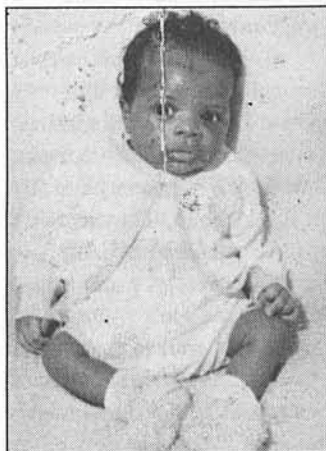
It wasn't until he got home that he noticed an odd Chinese inscription on the bottom of the vase. "I fully expected it to say made in Taiwan or Hong Kong or something like that. But, no,



A \$2 vase now valued at \$50,000.

this lettering was carved on the base," Ratner said. Curious about the vase's origin and value Ratner showed it to RTD Investment Manager Mel Marquardt. Marquardt told him to go to Butterfield's, an auction house in West Los Angeles. Ratner followed up on the suggestion.

The appraiser at Butterfield's made Ratner an offer of \$50,000 after examining the vase. Not bad for a \$2 investment.



## Mystery Baby Contest

Can you recognize who this RTD staff member is from this baby picture? If you know who it is and you are the first person to call the *Headway* office you will win a complimentary prize courtesy of the Employee Activities Office. Call in your guess at 972-7165.

# Axel's Green Thumb

by Axel Heller

## Fruit Trees & Shade

Early spring is the best time to plant deciduous fruit trees and shade trees. (Deciduous trees are those that lose their leaves seasonally). These trees have the advantage of providing cooling shade in the summer and allow the warming sun rays to pass through during the winter months after their leaves have fallen.

Before purchasing a tree or plant of any kind, consider the final location. Planting a tree near the house may, in the future, damage the drainage pipes, crack the driveway, and uplift the house foundation. Also consider whether the tree requires full sun light or some shade. Lastly, final growth size is very important. The size of the tree or plant in 10-15 years will be quite different from the size that it is today.

If you have limited space, such as a garden, dwarf fruit trees are very desirable. The tree provides some shade in the summer and also produces fruit for the table. The dwarf varieties will grow from 5 to 15 feet high or higher, depending upon the type that is selected. The most common fruit trees that do well in our climate are: plum, apricot, peach, nectarine, orange, and lemon. Apples and pears require a cold spell to bear fruit, but there are some varieties that are sold in this area that will bear fruit with a shorter cold spell.

These trees can be purchased two ways, as "bare-root" or in a container. These types are easy to plant. The bare-root trees are available from January through March, but the container plants are available all year round at your local nursery or hardware store. Bare-root trees are normally sold with their roots in a plastic wrap that is filled with damp sawdust.

In order to plant a bare-root tree, dig a hole that will allow the roots to be spread out evenly. This hole should be slightly larger than the root area. Loosen up the soil and mix some amendments with the soil and add it back into the hole. The hole should be deep enough to compensate for this "back-filling." Spread the roots out evenly in the hole and make a note of the previous soil level on the stem. You do not want to have the new soil level to be above this mark (there should be a slight discoloration at this point on the stem). Hold the tree firmly and back-fill the hole with a mixture of soil amendments and the soil that was dug out. Tap the soil to pack it and add more soil mixture until the soil is level all around the base. Then build a ring to keep the water from running off. Soak it thoroughly.

In order to plant a tree that is in a container, such as an orange or lemon tree, the procedure is similar to a

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bare-root tree. Dig the hole deeper using the container as a guide. Water the containerized plant very well and then remove the plant. Loosen the root ball a little so that the roots can spread out and to make sure that the plant has not become root-bound (the roots have become so packed together that they could "strangle" the plant in the future).

For the really small garden, several of the different varieties of fruits can be grown in a single tree of the family by "grafting." For example, you can have oranges, lemons and grapefruit all on the same tree. You can also have avocados all year round by having different varieties that fruit at different times of the year. Grafting is done on a "root-stock" that is resistant to diseases and a good fruiting stock. The seedless navel orange, reproduced in this manner was discovered accidentally.

### Next Month's Preview

When you purchase any type of fertilizer, you will notice that there are three numbers that are listed on the bag or box. These numbers relate to the percentages by weight of the three major nutrients that are required for proper growth. These nutrients are nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. An example would be 10-15-10, the first number gives the percentage by weight of the nitrogen content, 10%; the second is the percentage of the phosphorus content, 15%; and the third is the percentage of the potassium content, 10%. There are

several different combinations, and the choice of fertilizer depends on what is required for plant growth of either a green lawn or fruits and vegetables.

Next month I will discuss these different combinations along with the other nutrients that are required for proper plant growth (there are a total of 16 essential nutrients).

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*Axel Heller is a digital technician with the Facilities Maintenance Department. He has a bachelor's of science degree in park administration/ornamental horticulture from Cal Poly Pomona.*

## Pvt. Crawford Completes Training

Private Tiffany Crawford, the daughter of Division 18 Operator Lois Crawford, visited her mother and her brother, Larry Joshua Crawford for the holidays.

Private Crawford is in the U. S. Army. Private Crawford completed her rigorous training at Fort Dix, New Jersey on November 18, 1989. During the commencement exercise, she was decorated with two medals, one for sharpshooter and the other for hand grenades. On February 10, she left for a tour of duty in Germany where she



Private Tiffany Crawford

will be trained in hospital administration.

Family and friends wish Private Crawford the best of luck in her endeavors and an abundance of love.

## Old Habits Are Hard To Break

by Forest N. Churchill, Division 15

After working 37 years for RTD, I find that I have developed certain habits. Here are just some of my acquired idiosyncrasies:

1) Many times I find myself following my old bus routes whenever I'm driving my car around town. If I don't do this, I'll get lost.

2) If I am driving my car in an area where I used to have a bus route a long time ago and have forgotten the streets, I am inclined to get lost.

3) I tend to drive in the far right lane when driving in my car.

4) Because I am in the right lane, I also notice people at the bus stops.

5) Without thinking, twice I pulled over to a bus stop, put my hand on the

passenger handle, and almost picked up passengers in my own car. I also got a lot of weird looks from the people.

6) One time in my car,

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*"Without thinking,*

*twice I pulled over*

*to a bus stop,*

*put my*

*hand on the*

*passenger handle,*

*and almost picked*

*up passengers in*

*my own car."*

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I even stopped at a railroad crossing before a green light and almost got rear-ended.

7) Sometimes I use my left leg to turn on the right or left signals in my car like you do on a bus.

8) Whenever I am watching television, I always notice RTD buses in the background of some programs.

9) I have become very time conscious over the years. I have 7 clocks in my bedroom, 3 in the bathroom, 5 in the living room, and 2 in the kitchen. They are all synchronized by the phone time. Naturally, I am always on time.

10) Of course, I never cut in front of a bus, even though at times they have cut me off.

# Tommy the Shoeshine Man

Across from the District Headquarters Building on Main St. stands a fixture on the landscape that's been there as long as this reporter can recall: a modest shoeshine shelter with four chairs for customers. Coming out of the building everyday, I'd pause for the crossing light and absently gaze at the man's back stooped over as he shined the shoes of his customers.

As soon as I'd crossed the street the image would fade and I'd go about my purpose for the moment.

Recently I'd gotten my shoes repaired at the La Fe Shoe Repair Shop down the street. Walking around in my newly patched-up shoes I noticed how dull they were. I felt kind of guilty because as an ex-Army brat I had been taught to shine my shoes every week. I think since I left home umpteen years ago I've shined my shoes once, maybe twice. Talk about rebellion. Anyway that's when I began to think about the shoeshine stand across the street.

I must admit that in the beginning I was daunted by the thought of it. I had never seen a woman get her shoes shined in public in my whole life. I think I had accepted shoeshine stands as male bastions. But these shoes needed shining and I knew I'd never get around to it. So, across the street I marched. Tentatively, I asked the shoeshine man if he shined ladies' shoes. I know that some of you who know me might find that question a little presumptu-

ous, but I think I was intimidated by the three men already seated in the stand. The shoeshine man, I found out is Elton Thomas. He likes to be called Tommy.

Tommy said yes to me and offered me a seat. I sat next to a plainclothes policeman. The cop turned to me and said: "I've never seen a woman get her shoes shined before." Thank you Mr. Cop, I surely didn't need to feel anymore conspicuous than I already felt.

Tommy said he had some woman customers, a lot of them were bus drivers. He smiled up at me and said, "Women are a lot better tippers than men." My hero, I thought as I smiled back at the cop.

Tommy, 56, wears a heavy overcoat over his blue smock and a hat during winter to keep the cold away. He has been working on this same corner for the last 18 years. When asked why Main St., Tommy answered, "Somebody's got to work somewhere, not everybody can work in Beverly Hills." He has a license and pays \$300 a month rent to keep the stand open.

Monday through Friday, Tommy is out on the street from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tommy's the unofficial historian of Main St. He's seen just about everything that has passed in his time here. "This neighborhood used to be nice, had a lot of class. Down the block you had Jeffries Banknote, the



Elton "Tommy" Elton gives a shiner to RTD Personnel Analyst Luanna Urie.

bank across the street, the Stock Exchange on Spring St. It got slummy about 13 years ago." But, one thing is for sure, Tommy is never bored, nor can he report any dull moments in his shop.

"It's a live movie out here. When I go home I don't have to turn on the TV. I've seen enough for the day," he said.

But despite the drug addicts, drunks, prostitutes, panhandlers, and assorted crazies that comprise our neighborhood, Tommy reports that he is never bothered by them. "I know how to handle all kinds. I got a line for all of them. The baddest things here are the winos, they just afraid of running out of wine. Crack dealers? Don't bother me, I don't bother them. Sometimes the homeless ask me for money, but they know I don't go for that c—."

Tommy has had somewhat of a peripatetic work career. Originally from the Houston-area of Texas and one of 11 children, Tommy has worked in the

rice fields, supermarkets in Washington, D.C., and done farmwork in California. He learned to shine shoes by watching other people.

By the end of the day his hands are stained by all the colors he has used. "I use a mixture of ajax and lava soap to get the shoe polish off. I really take my time to do it."

The day I got my shoes shined was Inauguration Day—January 20. Naturally, the conversation turned to politics. "What do you think of Bush?" I ask.

"Bush will be ok. It's got to get better. Can't depend on him, though, got to get it done yourself...Republicans or Democrats, who are better for business? I can't hardly tell the difference, to tell you the truth."

He does remember all the commotion the day the First Lady, Barbara Bush, visited the Midnight Mission during the election campaign. Politicians are not strangers to Tommy. He has done the shoes of a few local notables including City Councilman Nate Holden, the Mexican Consul, INS Regional Commissioner Harold Ezell, and secret service agents.

The conversation trails off and Tommy greets folks who pass by on the sidewalk, "How you doing?"

"Hey, que paso?"

As he buffs the leather on my shoes he restores the luster I vaguely remember from the day I bought them. They look nice, presentable. I think my father would be proud. Tommy helps me down. He charges \$2 for shoes and \$2.50 for boots. Of course, I leave him a nice tip.

—Mary Reyna

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# TRIBUTE TO OUR BUS DRIVERS

—composed by Anita Gabel,  
a bus rider from Duarte,  
California.

*Here's to our Bus Drivers,  
Far and wide,  
Who carries their cargo,  
With the greatest of pride.*

*Here's to our Bus Drivers,  
What a style!!  
Steadily adding mile after mile.  
Courteous and thoughtful,  
All the while,  
While giving service,  
With a smile.*

*Always dependable,  
And, always, on time,  
Putting their very lives  
on the line.*

*Here's to our Bus Drivers,  
so fine and trim,  
Fighting a battle, they, too,  
must win.*

*Constantly administering,  
to our needs,  
By silently contributing,  
With many good deeds.*

*Careful and cautious,  
Mile after mile,  
Thinking of their passengers,  
all the while.*

*Here's to our Bus Drivers,  
Great their fight,  
Giving Service,  
Both Day and Night.  
Entrusted with many a life,  
Each Day,  
Gallantly, and safely,  
Go on their way.  
Delivering all  
For, both work and play.*

*Medals are earned,  
By many a hero,  
Let's pin one,  
on an un-sung hero!  
Why have we waited,  
so long to see,  
What they have done,  
For you and me?*

*It's time we recognized,*

*Heroes, as these,  
Who, daily, contribute,  
to our ease.*

*Who constantly give,  
Of their souls, and worth,  
Making it easier,  
For us, on Earth.*

*Deserving the finest,  
That we can give,  
Worthy of all,  
For which they live.*

*So, 3 cheers for the Bus Drivers,  
And medals, galore!!  
For they have earned plenty,  
Of them, and, more!*

*And, when on Earth,  
Their task is done,  
And they stand before  
The Almighty One;  
A special place,  
There'll be set apart,  
For God will take them  
To His heart.*

*They'll be received  
With open arms,  
And shielded from  
All Earthly harm.*

*They'll hear the words,  
"Your task,—Well Done!  
A G-R-E-A-T-E-R Medal,  
you have won."*

*"You've done for others,  
Everyday!"  
No greater honor,  
can I say,"  
"Enter in, you're home to stay.  
Where you'll be happy,  
Everyday."*

*So, Give the Medals,  
Far and Near,  
While all these Heroes  
Yet, can hear  
Bouquets and Medals,  
Should be given  
While the Heroes  
are still livin.'*

# Restaurant Review

by Susan Harvey, Div. 15 Asst. Manager

There are many good Chinese restaurants in the Los Angeles area, some of the best are in Chinatown. We are fortunate that within Los Angeles all the many styles of Chinese cooking are available to us—Cantonese, Mandarin, Szechuan, Hunan, etc.

In Hong Kong *dim sum* (tea cakes) are world famous. In both Chinatown and Monterey Park you can get some the best dim sum in the world. My favorite restaurant for dim sum is Tai Hong on North Broadway. Tea cakes are filled with a variety of foods such as shrimp, chicken, beef, pork, and an unusual selection of vegetables. They are prepared in different ways: steamed, fried, baked, and barbecued.

What I really enjoy in Chinese food is that it uses seafood in so many different styles of cooking. One restaurant that we enjoy going to is the Regent Seafood Restaurant in Chinatown, right across the street from Phillippe's on North Main Street.

The food at the Regent is excellent and affordable as well. The lunch specials are about half the price of dinner and good quality for the price. The dinners are outstanding. Let us start the meal with soup: we like the *Seafood Special Soup* or the *Winter Melon Soup* which should be ordered in advance. The *Shredded Chicken Salad* is very good and tasty, also, we usually like to have the whole *Crab*

with *Garlic Sauce* and the stir-fried whole *Shrimp with Spicy Salt*. Anytime that you see *Kung Pao* remember it's spicy, it's made with peanuts and *don't* eat the chile unless you want to wake up your taste buds! Try the *Catfish* steamed with garlic sauce. Also, the crispy *Fried Chicken* is exceptional, the skin is crisp and the chicken is very moist. Try the *Minced Squab* wrapped in lettuce. Don't forget when ordering Chinese food, always order at least one vegetable dish. Depending on the season *Snow Peas with Mushrooms* or *Broccoli* are good.

“...some of the best are in Chinatown...”

Most of us were raised going to Chinese restaurants where you ordered pre-set dinners, so you made no selections. If you have never tried ordering on your own, ask the waiter for help. If you want to try remember one main dish per person including your vegetable dish and be sure to order rice. Try to get a variety of dishes, one chicken, one seafood, one beef, etc. Also, don't order all spicy or all garlic sauce, try to mix and match. Remember, variety is the spice of life.

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# RTD MOVIES GOES TO THE MOVIES

## Our Rating System

- \*\*\*\*\* A classic; *The Philadelphia Story*
  - \*\*\*\* Excellent; well worth seeing
  - \*\*\* Average; s'okay
  - \*\* Fair; decidedly flawed
  - \* Poor; don't bother
- BOMB**—*Mother Carey's Chickens*; the reason Katherine Hepburn knew it was time to leave RKO.

## Working Girl - \*\*\*\*

One of the biggest losses with the end of the “Golden Age” of Hollywood was the death of the romantic comedy. Back in the 30's and 40's, when the Hayes Code declared even married couples must have separate twin beds, the emphasis was on the chase, not the consummation. Dialogue had to take the place of these slow-motion, artsily lit and filmed love scenes that are currently popular. You know the ones I mean.

*Working Girl* is a refreshing comedy that harkens back to those earlier days. The plot is contemporary, yet classic; a secretary, trying to get the big break, goes to her boss with an idea. After due consideration, she's told, “No go, but nice try, kid,” only to discover that the boss is promoting the idea as her own. With the boss away, the secretary decides to do her own promotion. Presenting herself as part of

her boss' staff (which is technically true), she connects with the man with whom her boss wanted to work, and cuts the deal herself.

You have a good idea how everything is going to turn out when you enter the theater; you know our intrepid heroine will make it and find true love, our hero will learn love is more than closing a deal, and the boss will get her comeuppance. The pleasure is how it's done, what twists and turns they encounter along the way.

Melanie Griffith plays Tess, a girl from working-class Brooklyn who's gone to night school to get her degree, taking speech lessons to improve her oral presentation, and keeping her eyes and ears open for anything useful. Griffith won a Golden Globe for this role, and I believe she deserves an Oscar nomination. Watching Tess, listening to her, she could easily fit into the offices here without causing any comment; in short, totally believable as a secretary.

I know a number of people who have been Ford Fanatics since *Star Wars*. Since then, people have come to realize that he is actually a good actor, but his mainstream roles have never capitalized on the comedic talents that are apparent in his roles as Han Solo and Indiana Jones.

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Here, he's a former fast-tracker who seems to be suffering from burnout, desperately looking for the deal that will get him back on top. When Tess hooks up with him, he likes her idea, but isn't too sure about her methods, especially when they crash a wedding to meet with someone. It's a fine performance, and will hopefully inspire some people to find more like it for him.

The other member of the triangle is probably also going to be an Oscar contender, although not necessarily for this role. Sigourney Weaver moves from the drama of *Gorillas in the Mist* to the role of "the boss from Hell." She's charming, smooth, and convinces you that she's your friend even as she stabs you in the back. I've had bosses like this (No, Ed, not right now).

I'm recommending this one highly. It was funny, fast-moving, and entertaining. It's just the type of movie I wish they'd make more often.

### ***Dangerous Liaisons* - \*\*-1/2**

I thought for a while before giving this movie that rating. For three quarters of the film, I found it entertaining and witty. Then they mucked it up. Much has been made of Glenn Close's performance here, and with good reason. Although she plays an eighteenth century French marquise, there's no feeling with her that this is a period piece. She has a plum role as a manipulator and schemer, and she does

it wonderfully, while putting the audience firmly in her court. And that is the primary reason to see this film.

Based upon both a stage play and a novel, *Dangerous Liaisons* is the age-old story of the battle between the sexes, and between virtue and vice. A marquise, seeking revenge upon a former lover who jilted her, asks another former lover to help her by seducing the convent-raised girl the first lover intends to take to wife. Her co-conspirator replies that the idea is too easy, not worthy of his talents, and offers another bargain; he's going to seduce a married woman famed for her virtue. If he does so, and gets proof in writing, the marquise will grant him one night with her. She agrees, and he sets about it, managing to seduce the virgin along the way.

Now, you know with a setup like this, someone is bound to get hurt, but there is a moment when the play shifts from a combination of farce and drama to simple melodrama. Almost everyone dies, with last words that say that this is the punishment for their sins. The marquise is exposed, and becomes a social outcast. Severe depression. I know the filmmakers were trying to say something about life, love, and virtue, but it got lost in the death-bed confessions and exposures. I'd actually recommend you might want to wait for the video to come out on this one; don't pay the money for the theater.

For those of you who've already seen the film, and were disappointed as I by the ending, take heart. Even now, John Milius is finish-

ing his own version of the tale which will hit the theaters later this year. The differences between the two interpretations should be interesting.

Time for Oscar predictions. Once again, this is being written before nominations are even announced, so I'm shooting in the dark. I've had a pretty good track record though, but not that much has struck me this year as true Oscar potential. Here are a few suggestions, though, of who I'd like to see.

*Rain Man* will probably get the Best Picture nod. It's the type of film the Academy likes, although comedies like *Working Girl* and *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* at least deserve a nod. Dustin Hoffman will probably cop his second Oscar for his role as the autistic savant in *Rain Man*, and with good reason. For Best Actress, Sigourney Weaver and Melanie Griffith may go head to head, as both won Golden Globes, Griffith for comedy, Weaver for Drama. On the other hand, they may cancel each other out. The one I feel most strongly about this year is Best Supporting, for which Martin Landau deserves at least a nomination for his fine work in *Tucker*. He's a very talented actor who's been severely underrated all these years.

That's it for this month, and for the Oscars. Summer's just around the corner, and it's going to be a big one this year: *Star Trek V*, *Ghostbusters II*, *Beverly Hills Cop III*, *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, and those are just releases from Paramount Studios. Also, *Gone With the Wind* is fifty

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Carolyn Kinhead

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- 31 Lakers vs. Dallas - \$6.00 Senate Seats

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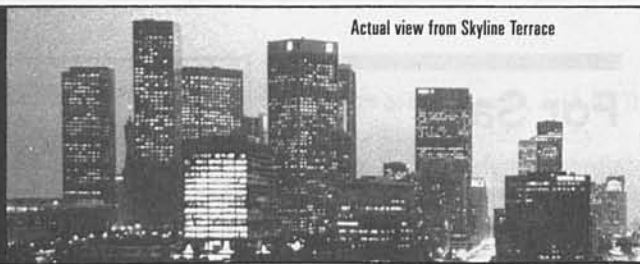
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