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By ARTE DEE

One of the newest additions to this wonderful hunk of real estate we call the Southland is the Orange County Convention Center. My first impression of it was "WOW!" I am sure you will react the same way. The RTD has bus lines serving this ultra-modern building from virtually every direction. The exciting events scheduled for the center include the permanent home of the newest pro basketball team, the Amigos. Keep an eye on this spot because they have something cooking for everyone. The system map available to all who write in or call will give you a complete picture of all RTD lines serving this fun spot.

Los Angeles County is blessed with many fine medical institutions. One being the UCLA Medical Center on campus in Westwood. Two bus companies offer service to the campus and the medical center RTD with three lines. Santa Monica City Line with three. The RTD has the Wilshire 83 Line from Los Angeles crossing many connecting lines. Another is RTD's 76 Line on Sunset from Pacific Palisades to Los Angeles, serving the areas of Hollywood and West Hollywood.

The newest route to the Medical Center by RTD is Line 88, the direct route over the pass from San Fernando Valley. This offers connections from almost all service in the Valley. Santa Monica's three lines serve the campus from several areas of Santa Monica, Ocean Park and Venice. For your specific needs drop me a line and I'll see that you receive detailed information.

Retirement communities for people in the golden years are becoming increasingly popular these days. RTD serves two of these fine places. One is in Seal Beach; the other is in Laguna Hills, below Santa Ana. Remember, age isn't something that only happens to the other guy. This fellow, Ponce De Leon, really didn't find the fountain of youth; it was a broken water main.

Q. How much time would I need to ride the bus to Los Angeles from El Segundo? I will be working downtown very soon and if I can use the bus, I will. T.R.

A. How does 55 minutes sound to you, T.R.? This would be one of the 51 Line RTD freeway flyers. Check the timetable you'll be getting and subscribe to a good magazine full of short stories.

Q. Please tell me how to get to Marineland by bus; I live in Inglewood near the race track. James R.

A. You can catch the 51 Line bus on Manchester and Prairie at 8 a.m. going east, get off at Figueroa and walk to the bus stop by the freeway. The 37 bus is due at 8:28 for the Marineland connection in Wilmington. Take a coat, it gets a little cool down there this time of year.

Q. Aren't buses supposed to have timetables on them for the line they're on? Mrs. C.W.

A. Yes, but let me explain. Much of the equipment the RTD has is used on more than one line during the day and sometimes the bus operators get a little behind in their details. They'll try harder.

Q. Would you send me a timetable of the Line going to Los Angeles from Gardena? I have a new job and will be needing transportation. Joan.

A. The RTD 6 Line leaves from 120th and Vermont about every 12 minutes for Los Angeles. Congratulations!

Q. Is there any bus service from Loyola University in Westchester? I live in Inglewood near Manchester and Prairie. B. M. F.

A. The former Inglewood 2 Line serves the university. This system now belongs to RTD so I'll get some detailed information to you with your map.

Send your questions to transportation editor, Arte Dee, care of this newspaper. All questions will be answered in this column or by mail. A system map will be sent free to each person submitting a question—or call 747-4455 for detailed information.



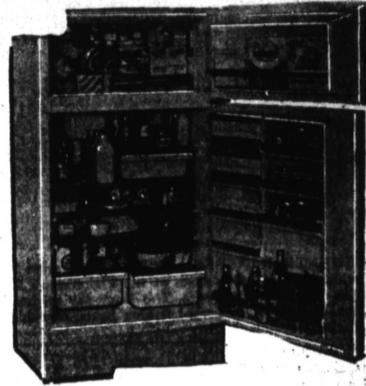
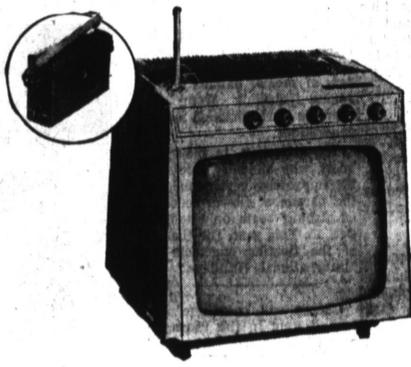
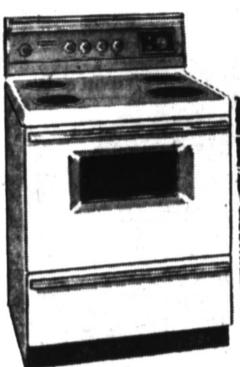
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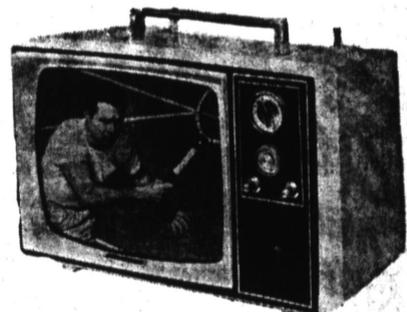
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