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Dear Judge William,

Mother and I were so thrilled to see you on TV last night — we think it's wonderful.

And so are you, for getting that information we needed from Sacramento.

I am so grateful.

Sincerely,

Merrill Southwell

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January 21, 1966

The Honorable Earl B. Gilliam
Judge of the Municipal Court
220 West Broadway
San Diego, California

Your Honor:

CONGRATULATIONS upon your selection as San Diego's "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

I know that you will "wear the shoes" of this latest achievement with great honor and distinction.

Yours truly,

A. L. Montgomery

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January 21, 1966

The Honorable Earl B. Gilliam
Judge, San Diego Municipal Court
San Diego County Court House
220 West Broadway
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Judge:

Please accept our sincerest and heartfelt congratulations on your being selected as "outstanding young man of the year" of the City of San Diego.

We concur that the Committee could not have done better than to select you for this honor.

Very truly yours,

MATHEWS, LEWIS, BERGEN & HENDERSON

By Donald G. Lewis
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January 21, 1966

Judge Earl Gilliam
Municipal Court
220 W. Broadway
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Judge Gilliam:

Sincere congratulations from all of us at the Boys' Clubs of San Diego on your selection as Man of the Year. We heartily agree with the Jaycees, for we feel you are most deserving of this honor.

We are proud of the fact that you were a Boys' Club member at our William J. Oakes Branch for a period of six years, and hope that this association helped in some small way for you to attain this goal.

We sincerely hope that your busy schedule will permit you to visit our Boys' Club again to see how we have grown in the past years, and to visit a little with some of our present members.

Again our sincere congratulations on this well-deserved honor. Enclosed is a copy of our last annual report.

Sincerely

David Garfield
President

DG/mw

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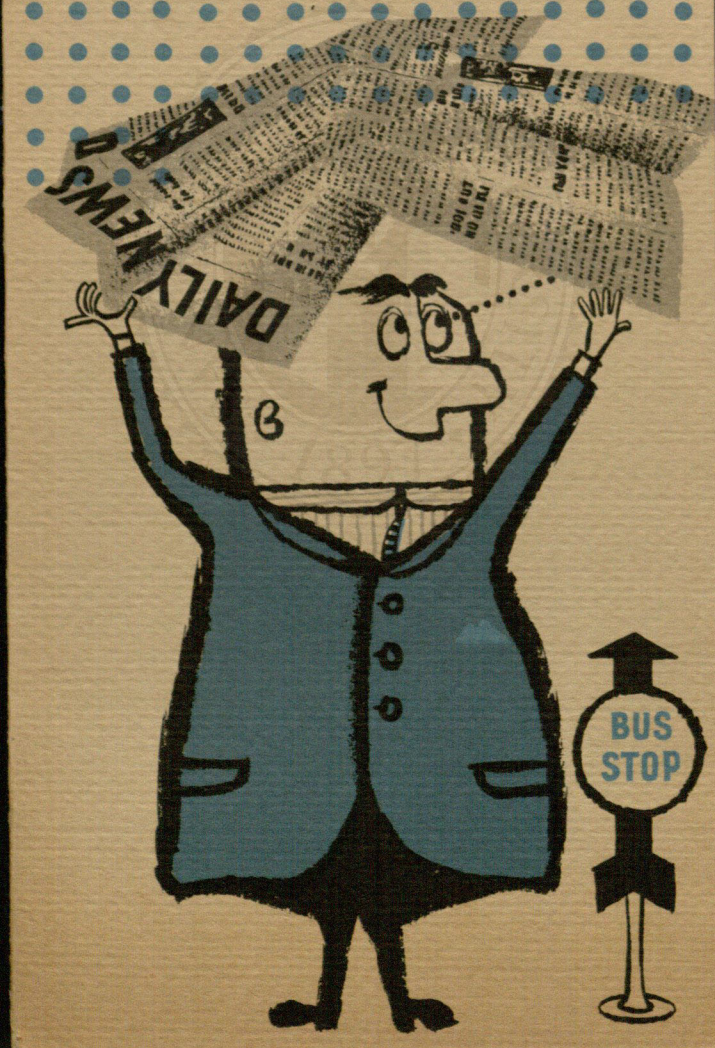

Congratulations Earl.

perhaps you would like to have this extra clipping for your files

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City's Outstanding Young Man Picked

Jaycees Honor Judge Earl Gilliam, 34; Also Name Year's Top Educator, Boss

A 34-year-old Municipal Court judge was named San Diego's "Outstanding Young Man of 1965" last night at the 18th annual Junior Chamber of Commerce distinguished awards banquet.

The Jaycees also selected an "Outstanding Young Educator" and the "Boss of the Year" at ceremonies at the U. S. Grant Hotel Palm Room.

Earl B. Gilliam, who was named by Gov. Brown to the municipal bench six years after he was admitted to the bar, was selected for the outstanding young man honor by a five-judge panel.

The educator award went to Dr. Alfred E. Friedl, 34, who is science consultant and curriculum coordinator for the county Department of Education.

Boss of the year is William B. Beckett, 51, a district plant manager for Pacific Telephone.

Gilliam, a native of Clovis, N.M., attended San Diego schools and is a graduate of San Diego State. He received his law degree from the University of California in June 1957, and was admitted to the state bar in December of that year.

He joined the San Diego County District Attorney's office, first serving as an investigator and later as a deputy district attorney. In 1961 he entered private practice, and in December, 1963, he was appointed to the municipal court.

Gilliam was one of three finalists and was selected by a panel of judges composed of Mayor Curran; De Graff Austin, chairman of the county Board of Supervisors; Superior Court Judge Roger Ruffin; Dr. Herbert C. Peiffer Jr., dean of students at San Diego State, and Gordon C. Luce, vice president of Home Federal Savings and Loan Association and president of the Downtown Association.

The other finalists were the Rev. George D. McKinney and Thomas A. Shannon.

Friday, January 21, 1966

—San Diego Union Staff Photo

Jaycee award winners admire plaques. From left are William B. Beckett, Dr. Alfred E. Friedl and Municipal Judge Earl B. Gilliam.

EDWARD O. ANDERSON
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January 21, 1966

Judge Earl Gilliam
Municipal Court
San Diego, California

Dear Judge Gilliam:

One year ago today, I appeared before your bench on a traffic violation for making an illegal right hand turn. You fined me $10.00, suspended for a period of one year. By coincidence, the suspension expires today, and after careful driving and obeying the laws, I have not had any adverse contact with the law.

I do thank you for your very courteous attitude from the bench, and congratulations to you for making the San Diego Man of the Year.

Sincerely,

Edward O. Anderson
Edward O. Anderson
Special Agent

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JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

January 21, 1966

Hon. Earl B. Gilliam
Judge of the Municipal Court
2nd Floor, Courthouse
San Diego, California

Dear Earl:

Congratulations on being selected as Young Man of the Year.

If I were ever on such a committee I would vote for you too.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Kilgarif

JOSEPH A. KILGARIF

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Rabbi and Mrs. Morton J. Cohn

Dear Earl:

Sally and I were delighted to read of your selection as Young Man of the Year by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and we add our congratulations to those of so many others who admire you.

Never was a wiser choice made, and we are proud of all you have meant and will mean to San Diego.

People in public life are constant targets for every conceivable brickbat of criticism, and it so refreshing a change of pace when a community pauses

to say "You're quite a guy! — thank you for adding to the stature of the human race."

Fondest greetings from house to house!

Devotedly,

Morton Gleason

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January 24, 1966

The Honorable Earl Gilliam
Judge of the Municipal Court
San Diego Courthouse
220 W Broadway
San Diego, California

Dear Earl:

I join with your many friends in congratulating you on being selected San Diego's "outstanding young man of the year" by our Junior Chamber of Commerce. You clearly deserved the honor. It is a fitting tribute to the fine work you have done in our community over the years.

Very cordially yours,

Tom.

THOMAS A. SHANNON

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January 24, 1966

Honorable Earl B. Gilliam
Judge, Municipal Court
220 W. Broadway
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Judge Gilliam:

Sincere congratulations from we of the Salvation Army upon your being selected as the outstanding Man of the Year in San Diego by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

We have been very happy to have you associated with our Advisory Board and we trust that we shall continue this association. We feel that the Chamber has made a wise choice and a deserving one.

God bless you.

Sincerely yours,

Howard Sloan

Brigadier Howard Sloan
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January 24, 1966

Hon. Earl B. Gilliam
Municipal Court
2002 Courthouse
San Diego, California

Dear Sir:

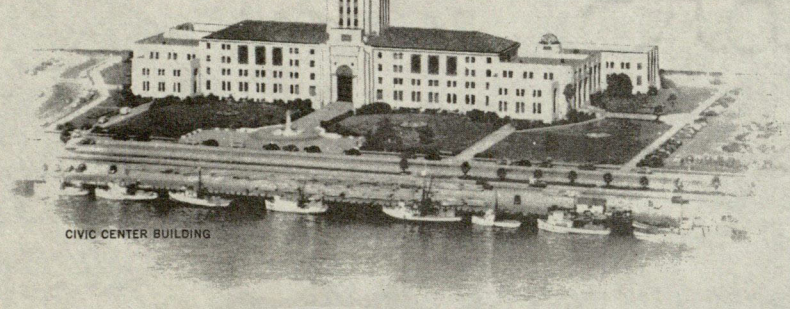
CONGRATULATIONS on winning the recent Jaycee award!

Best regards,

F. James Bear

jg

County of San Diego



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January 25, 1966

Honorable Earl Gilliam
Municipal Judge
220 West Broadway
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Earl:

Congratulations, Young Man of the Year. It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy and to one more worthy of the honor.

I am greatly pleased that you were selected to receive this award and know that the Junior Chamber of Commerce made a wise decision.

I look forward to seeing you soon at Alumni Association, YMCA Board, and Salvation Army meetings in the future.

Sincerely,

Dan

Daniel W. Hale
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January 27, 1966

Honorable Earl B. Gilliam
Municipal Court
Courthouse
San Diego, California

Dear Earl:

Please accept my sincere congratulations on being named San Diego's "Outstanding Young Man of 1965" by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The panel of judges who made this decision used excellent judgment as I can think of no one more deserving of this honor.

Very sincerely,

Jim

JAMES R. MILLS

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January 27, 1966

Judge Earl B. Gilliam
San Diego County Court House
220 Broadway
San Diego, Calif. 92101

Dear Earl:

Congratulations on your recent Junior Chamber of Commerce award as Outstanding Young Man of San Diego. We were pleased to read of some of your biography and are proud to have you as a member of our Board of Managers of our Downtown YMCA.

Sincerely,

Chuck

Charles E. Chapman
Executive Secretary

CEC/md

Youth will benefit from Gifts and Bequests to the YMCA Endowment Fund

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1965

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January 31, 1966

Dear Judge Gilliam,

I would like to add my personal congratulations to you upon your receiving the 1965 Outstanding Young Man award from the San Diego Junior Chamber of Commerce.

I was particularly impressed by your giving credit to those who had been especially helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Bob.

Robert J. Miller.

EVENING TRIBUNE
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
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AWARD WINNERS—Honored as outstanding San Diegans by Junior Chamber of Commerce last night are, from left, Dr. Alfred Friedl, Outstanding Young Educator; Municipal Court Judge Earl Gilliam, Outstanding Young Man, and William Beckett, Boss of the Year.—Photo by Phil McMahan

Jaycees Name Gilliam Top Young Man

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Jaycees Name Gilliam Top Young Man

Broad - shouldered deep-voiced Judge Earl B. Gilliam, 34, an outstanding tackle in his days at San Diego High School, tackled his second big "first" last night.

Gilliam, who two years ago became the first Negro named to the bench in San Diego, became the first of his race to be named San Diego's Outstanding Young Man.

The award was accorded by the Junior Chamber of Commerce at a banquet last night at the U.S. Grant Hotel.

Two Others Honored

In the two other awards that share the annual Jaycee limelight, Dr. Alfred E. Friedl, also 34, science consultant and curriculum coordinator for the county Department of Education, was named Outstanding Young Educator, and William B. Beckett, 48, a district plant manager for Pacific Telephone, was named Boss of the Year.

Like a modest halfback who made the winning touchdown, Gilliam told the banquet he'd gotten such good blocking he shouldn't be getting the credit.

Helpers Singled Out

He singled out several persons at the dinner he said had been especially helpful in his career as student, attorney and Municipal Court judge:

Dr. J. J. Kimbrough, Municipal Court Judge Wesley Buttermore, attorney Jack Levitt, Dist. Atty. Don Keller, Justice Vincent Whelan of the Fourth District Court of Appeal, attorney D. Stephen Boner, educator Edward S. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Gilliam, his parents, and his wife, Barbara.

The Gilliams have two boys, Earl Kenneth, 8, and Derrick, 2. They live at 4571 Borner St.

Friedl, a native of Stearns, Minn., attended a one-room school for the first eight years of his education. He has never been far from the classroom since then.

He received his doctor of philosophy from Colorado State University in 1960. The state Department of Education brought him to San Diego the same year as a special consultant to the county, where he was the youngest member of the 45-man staff.

He has pioneered a program to keep teachers current with latest scientific developments. The program, started here, has become virtually nationwide.

Produced Study Material

Friedl has produced television programs, film strips, study guides and charts and written several books to link pupils here and across the country with the scientist in the laboratory.

In 1963, Friedl won the Columbus Award of the Institute for Education by Radio and Television for "the best locally produced educational television program in the United States."

Friedl, his wife and their two sons, Stephen, 3, and Michael, 2, live at 4809 Sparks Ave.

'A Positive Leader'

Here's what one of his subordinates says about Beckett:

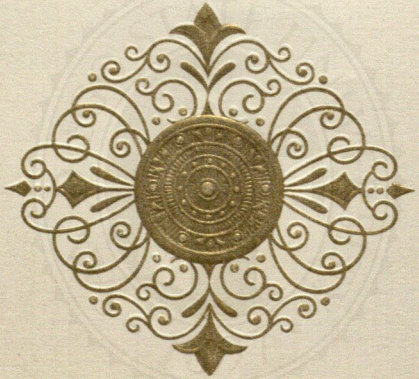
"Bill is a positive leader in the broadest meaning of the term. He never has to drive his people to achieve results. Instead, he motivates them to such a degree that they are more than willing to do their best, and more. He need only ask."

And another:

"In my opinion this man is the finest boss I have ever reported to, and in my 24 years with the telephone company I have reported to a good many of them."

Beckett, a 28-year employe of the firm, and his wife have a married daughter, 22, and a son, 19, who attends Palomar College. They live at 473 Glencrest Drive, Solana Beach.

Bob Arnhym, Jaycee director of special events, served as master of ceremonies for the third year. Boner was in charge of the program. Awards were presented by Jaycee President Bill Kellogg.



July 1, 1967

Dear Judge and Mrs Gallison

Thank you for storing in my TV retirement gift!

What a surprise to me!

The TV plays perfectly in our camper, and I know each time we play it we shall have fond memories of our friends who made it possible.

We were sorry you were unable to attend the party. You were missed.

Congraduations! I think this is wonderful.

Thought you might like an extra copy.

Doris Rogers
El Cajon Municipal Court

Dear Earl -

Congratulations on being chosen San Diego's "outstanding Young Man of 1965."

I can't think of anyone that deserves it more than you.

Very best wishes,
Sandy Driver

The Superior Court

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DEAN SHERRY, JUDGE
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DEAN SHERRY
1275 Pacific Beach Drive
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Dear Earl:
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Dear Judge Gilliam:

May I belatedly but none the less sincerely offer my congratulations to the hundreds you have already recieved.

It couldn't have happened to a more deserving person or a nicer guy.

Most sincerely,

Jerry.

Jerry Lee Pecht.

PLUTO AT WHEEL

Movie Precedes Traffic Trials

By JOHN FARINA
EVENING TRIBUNE Staff Writer

The lights dim and a white screen operated by remote control rolls down from the high ceiling.

Before it sit about 100 persons, waiting to see a movie.

Today Pluto is featured, Walt Disney's famed dog character.

At the rear of the darkened room is seated a large youth with a motorcycle helmet in his lap.

He's drumming the floor with the heels of his black boots.

A couple enter. He hand-signals to two empty seats and they grope toward them. She's munching potato chips.

Many Are Young

Many in the room are young.

A flow of light from a film projector floods across the long room and strikes the screen. Music is heard.

The place? Traffic Court.

The movie is beginning. But already one man is asleep against the wall, his head draped in the palm of his hand.

Everyone else seems to be awake, watching the film.

The title? "Hazards of Freeway Driving."

Pluto at Wheel

It's in color. There's slap-happy Pluto at the wheel of a red convertible, zipping down the highway, his ears flattened by the racing wind.

Back in the audience, a woman finds she has just enough reflected light from the wide screen to illuminate a magazine she's reading, if she angles the magazine just so.

On the screen, Pluto is making some rather stupid driving mistakes, crashing into cars and buildings. You can hear metal grinding and glass shattering in a crunchy, grinding, sickening noise.

Suddenly there's another sound. The man sleeping against the wall is snoring. Someone giggles.

Nudged by Bailiff

A court bailiff standing in a corner of the room slips up behind the sleeper and nudges him. The man straightens and squints his eyes against the glare of the screen.

A girl not far away is engrossed in the movie. Whenever Pluto crashed into someone, she sympathetically jerks back her head to keep it from bouncing into the windshield.

Despite the horrible effect of inattentive driving (property damage, human suffering and death), a point Pluto makes throughout the film, he is funny, too.

The laughter his driving antics bring from the audience is irrepressible. There is a smile on the face of everyone watching when he turns to bawl out a slow motorist and then drives blissfully off the bridge.

Judge Enters

When the show is ended, the room lights return, the screen goes back in the ceiling and a robed judge solemnly strides into the courtroom.

He is Earl B. Gilliam, who presides.

The "audience" is a group of motorists who have been ticketed for traffic violations and are there to enter pleas—guilty or not guilty.

If they admit guilt, they take their punishment, usually a fine.

If they plead innocent, Gilliam schedules a trial.

But first they see a movie on traffic safety.

Twice Daily

Municipal Court has a number of films that are shown twice daily, Gilliam said. One showing is at 9 a.m. and the second at 1 p.m. Each film is 25 minutes long.

The idea for the film showings came from Northwestern University's Traffic Institute and the American Bar Association some years ago.

There have been favorable comments from ticketed motorists who see the films and profit from them, Gilliam said. A few others couldn't care less.