

# BART Workers Ignore Transit Driver Pickets

**TEMPERATURES**

San Rafael at noon today	57
Yesterday	High 57 Low 38
San Rafael	72 54
Novato	67 38
Sausalito	53 34
Woodacre	68 54

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**FORECAST**  
 Bay Area: Variable cloudiness through tomorrow with highs in upper 50s and 60s. Light westerly winds.  
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A cement truck splashes through puddles on Anderson Drive in San Rafael this morning as commuters on Highway 101 cope with snarled traffic in an unprecedented storm. (Photo by Bill Neel)

## Legality Of Nixon's Subpoenas Argued

### High Court To Decide Constitutional Issue

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Special prosecutor Leon Jaworski told the Supreme Court today that if President Nixon insists on defying court orders to yield Watergate information, America's constitutional government "is in serious jeopardy."

But White House lawyer James D. St. Clair countered by charging that Jaworski by design trying to intrude the Court into the legislative impeachment process—and that was not proper.

Jaworski and St. Clair brought to the Supreme Court their arguments on whether Nixon is protected by executive privilege from federal court orders in connection with Watergate.

Only eight justices heard the case because one, William H. Rehnquist, disqualified himself because of his former associations with those charged in the case. Should there be a 4-to-4 tie on the matter, Jaworski's subpoena would remain in force along with the grand jury's subpoena in a criminal case.

Jaworski, leading off the hearing arguments in the packed chamber, said "This case goes to the heart of our basic constitutional system. In our view, this form of government is in serious jeopardy."

The prosecutor, appointed by Nixon to handle the investigation into the nation's most on-compassing political scandal, said the backdrop issue in his efforts to obtain 44 presidential tapes and documents for the Watergate cover-up trials scheduled for September is "who is to be the arbiter of what the Constitution says."

St. Clair countered with the argument that Jaworski's case should be dismissed on grounds

Charges that could lead to the firing of Wallace K. Shepard as executive director of the Marin County Housing Authority and Redevelopment Agency will be heard in public at a special meeting of the two agencies' boards at 8 p.m. Thursday in the supervisors' chamber at the Marin County Civic Center.

The public hearing was demanded last month by Shepard after he again came under fire by Housing Authority Commissioners Philip S. Ehrlich Jr. and Robert Jones, during a closed meeting from which Shepard was excluded.

The notice of the special meeting Thursday indicated that the discussion would deal with Ehrlich's charges that Shepard is "incompetent" and that he "intentionally purposed to terminate the employment of two employees in 1970 and 1971."

In addition, Colleen R. Gaines, chairman of the redevelopment agency, announced the joint meeting also would hear another commissioner's written charges against Shepard, providing they were delivered to her by yesterday.

Mrs. Gaines could not be reached by the Independent Journal today to learn if any additional charges were received.

Ehrlich quit as chairman of one housing authority board following a closed session July 22, 1973 in which he leveled undisclosed charges against the director.

Shepard was promoted to executive director of both the housing and redevelopment agencies in December 1970. He had served as assistant director, and earlier was a field representative for the Marin County Human Rights Commission.

Shepard, his wife and three children live in Novato.

## Housing Head Subject Of Open Hearing

## What Is So Rare As Rain In July?

### Records Are Broken By Bay Downpour

By MARY LEYDECKER

An unprecedented and record-breaking July storm today dumped buckets of free water on Marin and Southern Sonoma County gardens but also brought morning commute traffic to a mid-winter-type snarl.

The southern attributed the unusual weather to a large offshore storm and said there was a 20 per cent chance rain would continue tonight and tomorrow.

"The culprit is a large area of low pressure aloft off the state's northern coast," a spokesman for the U.S. Weather Service said.

The rainfall, which measured almost 2 inches on Mount Tamalpais, broke all records in Marin, according to Crocker Bank in San Rafael, where rainfall records have been kept since 1908.

During the past 98 years, most Julys have been dry as dust with only bits of summer fog shrouding the lower hills of Marin County. Some years there were traces of rain, and the highest previously recorded rainfall in San Rafael was in 1911, when half an inch fell in the month of July.

By noon today, 1.67 inches of rain had fallen in San Rafael in 24 hours.

Other amounts of rainfall recorded in various communities in the 24-hour period ending at 8 p.m. today included:

Belmont, .96 of an inch; Mill Valley, .54; Tamalpais Valley, .32; Woodacre, .32; Throckm-

ton Ridge, 1.92; Point Reyes, 1.77; San Anselmo, .60; Marinwood, .50; Novato, .35; and Petaluma, .74.

Other weather stations caught unware of the unusual storm failed to put out their gauges or had broken equipment.

The storm brought the damage to Marin and Southern Sonoma counties, with only a few tree branches reported down and some clogged storm drains.

On Highway 101, however, Monday morning commuters, many of them returning to their jobs after a four-day holiday, found the highway closing all the way from Santa Rosa to

## Two San Franciscans Held In Forest Knolls Stabbing

Two San Franciscans were arrested at their homes yesterday in connection with the stabbing death of a Forest Knolls student on Friday.

No motive for the killing of James Michael Torrey, 27, has been discovered, said Lt. James Schwedhelm in the Marin Sheriff's Department.

Held at San Francisco city prison on suspicion of murder

Jaworski's appeal in the subpoena matter brought before the Court the parallel issue of whether the Watergate grand jury was within its rights in naming Nixon an undicted coconspirator in the Watergate cover-up.

The eight justices hearing the case questioned both Jaworski and St. Clair at length on their legal positions in the matter. One issue raised concerned St. Clair's argument that the legal dispute was between two arms of the executive branch—and

## Ehrlichman Says He's Innocent

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Former White House aide John D. Ehrlichman today testified that President Nixon ordered him to keep hands off covert White House "plumbers" operations two months before the Ellsberg break-in.

Ehrlichman testified on his own behalf today in his trial with three other defendants on charges of conspiring to break into the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist. He answered friendly questions by one of his four attorneys for 45 minutes.

Ehrlichman, who steadfastly

## BART Workers Ignore Transit Driver Pickets

OAKLAND (AP) — Striking AC Transit bus drivers attempted to shut down the Bay Area Rapid Transit system early today, but BART employees refused to honor the drivers' picket lines.

It was the second time in a week that bus drivers tried to expand their picketing to BART in an effort to break a bargain-er's deadlock with the AC Transit District. Both times, BART employees stayed on the job.

"If it takes all our efforts going to jail for picketing, we're willing and ready until we can get the responsible AC people to negotiate a new contract with us," said Ed Cordeiro, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Division 192.

Cordeiro threatened to picket the San Francisco Municipal Railway and Golden Gate Transit District if we don't get any movement from management on a new contract by Tuesday or Wednesday.

The AC Transit strike so far has stranded 20,000 San Francisco East Bay bus riders, including 12,000 people who commute daily between Oakland

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## Interest Rates Creep Upward

NEW YORK (UPI) — First National Bank of Chicago today held the interest it charges top-rated corporate borrowers below the 12 1/2 per cent called for by its guidelines in an effort to stabilize, but Central National Bank of Cleveland, a smaller bank, boosted its prime rate from 12 to a record 12 1/2 per cent.

The Chicago bank, ninth largest in the nation, raised its prime rate from 11 1/2 per cent to the prevailing 12 per cent, according to the second week in a row guidelines which called for a higher figure.

## Comic Dictionary

**DRUNKEN DRIVER**  
 A motorist reckless enough to take a curve at high speed, even when there isn't any curve.

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  - JULY 16 Two - MILL VALLEY Corp Yand Swanson-Cannino Alto
  - JULY 19 Two - WOODMERE Fire House End of Railroad Ave
  - JULY 21 Two - COBALT MADERA Safety Bldg Tamalpais-Poly
  - JULY 23 Two - SAN ANSELMO Thomas Ross & Sonwood
  - JULY 27 Two - SAN RAFAEL City School Admin Bldg 3rd E St.
  - JULY 30 Two - PT. REYES STATION Fire House 2nd & St.
  - AUG. 1 Two - BOSS Ross School Laguna Hills
  - AUG. 6 Two - MILL VALLEY Corp Yand Swanson-Cannino Alto
  - AUG. 8 Two - SAN RAFAEL City School Admin Bldg 3rd E St.
  - AUG. 13 Two - NOVATO Marin School 1705 Marin Ave.
- TIME: Tues. & Thurs. 6 PM-8 PM, Sat. 9 AM-11 AM  
 Vaccinations require a \$2.00 fee. \$2.00 fee. Vaccinations done after Jan. 1, 1973 will good this year. Dogs must be held for 10 days. Children allowed at clinics. Fee \$2.50 per dog.  
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