

Speak Out Now at BART (4/8/2024)

Scheduling?

Line bids are underway and Station Agents are figuring out how their summer will be organized. Again, for lower seniority people – preferred days off vs. a regular pattern of life.

Making a schedule for a system this size with different schedules on weekdays and weekends is a challenge. But still, the random a\$\$ schedule that emerges doesn't make sense. Why jack people's sleep schedule around with early starts and later starts? Any way you look at it, that's not healthy.

Life brings enough turmoil each day, no one needs this. Apparently, those who set schedules for BHQ know this. Most have a five-day week schedule with the same daily start time, and weekends off.

Safety?

BART has created all sorts of jobs to give riders a sense of safety. And people working at BHQ have some protection. When Management held a retirement celebration at BHQ, they assured people attending that escorts were available to accompany people to the 19th St. station.

But what about the people who open and close the stations? Now, some stations which only have one person opening, will be getting a second opener. Sounds nice, but there is still the question of getting to the station to open or leaving at night after closing. Safety is still left to the workers, whether in the stations or operating the trains.

Getting Your Steps In

While working a 16 hour double shift, some System Service workers are tracking the amount of steps they're getting in during this time going all around to clean stations.

The number of steps for some people almost looks like an Olympic athlete or marathon runner! It's a shame this society makes us take so many steps just to try and get ahead...

Mark your calendar! -

Sat, April, 13 @ 4pm

Join us to hear **Voices from the Sacrifice Zones in the U.S.** – areas where workers and their families have been poisoned by corporations but are fighting back

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Declining Standards?

While working at BART, you can see many of the worst aspects of Bay Area society every day. With the possibility of experiencing erratic behavior or assaults each day, it can seem like no one even bats an eye anymore and this has become expected.

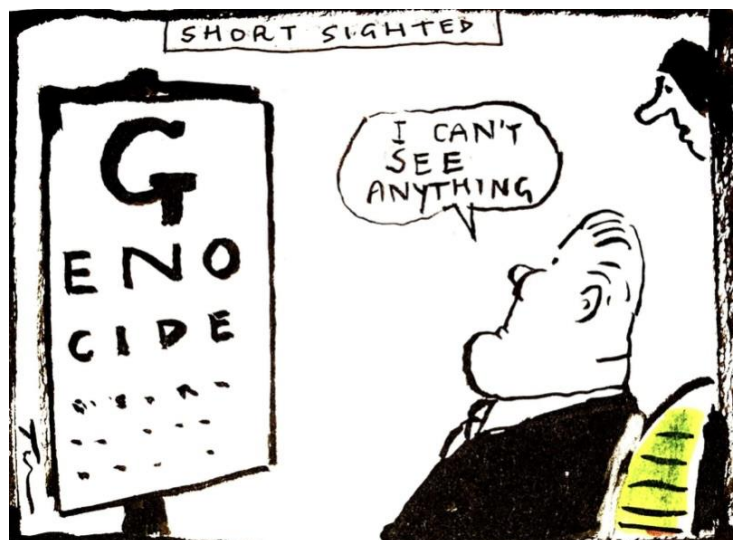
Some days it just seems like this is just the way it is and we have to accept it. Other days, it's just too much and our anger gets directed at people who are barely surviving in this world.

But who should we hold accountable as the root cause of this situation? Is it really the people who have been pushed aside by society that are responsible for their situation? Or are the politicians and corporate heads that run the Bay Area and maintain a system that generates the inequality and gentrification of housing and the lack of resources the real problem?

Not In Our Name!

Wednesday, April 10 is Eid al-Fitr, the day when the month-long fast of Ramadan ends for practicing Muslims. During that time the Israeli government didn't launch a military attack on the more than one million Palestinians it has pushed into the small city of Rafah, but bombed other areas. It shifted its attacks to blocking shipments of food, water, medical supplies and other necessities. In addition to being bombed, children are dying of starvation, adding to the 14,000 children that have been killed by military forces.

The U.S. government is responsible for this humanitarian crisis. It has continued to ship bombs and other weapons while announcing its opposition to the blockades of shipments. We cannot allow this genocide to be carried out in our name.



Congress examines the situation in Gaza