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Friday's Fickle Finger

SCOOPS DU JOUR: The threat of a Muni Railway strike (over \$\$\$, what else) grows stronger by the minute — although when you stand on a windy corner, waiting for buses that never come, you are to be forgiven for thinking that the strike has already begun ... Sorry to ruin YOUR breakfast, Mel Swig, but don't hold your breath waiting for a Yerba Buena sports arena to get off the ground, or wherever it's going. More litigation is a cinch, with the first blow coming from that Master Litigator, Atty. Sid Wolinsky. The city still owes him and his Public Advocates \$223,000 in legal fees — the terms agreed upon in the "historic" YBC settlement that settled nothing — and even though Sid graciously deferred payment till last June 1, here it is August and no bread yet . Don Kendall, board chairman of Pepsi-Cola, has been in and out of the area several times recently on secret missions to China, for the reason obvious: having brought Russia into the Pepsi age with a plant there, he wants to do the same for the people who believe Things Go Better With Mao . . . Even more locally, Kendall and his S.F. counsel, Lawyer Don Richards Stephens, have bought an apt. bldg. in the 1400 block on Sacramento. Remodeling begins with the installation of a Pepsi machine - free to friends, guests, and even guests of guests.

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