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this is a publication.

this is about raising awareness about issues that the contributors feel are important to all our lives.

this is about offering solutions to those issues.

this is not only informative, this is an effort towards mutual learning.

this is not about the contributors only.

this is not for students only.

this is about all of us. everyone, this is about life.

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this is open to everyone.

this is not about the contributors thinking they are "better" than you.

this knows that, upon reading its articles, you will have a response.

this encourages you to voice that response.

this encourages you to contribute.
this is taken seriously by those who contribute.
this should be taken seriously by you, too.
this, when you are done reading, would be much better off in the hands of a new reader or on the table where you found it, than in the garbage.
this is about how you respond, how you write, and what you find in it.
this is the effort you put into it.

this is channel zero, welcome.

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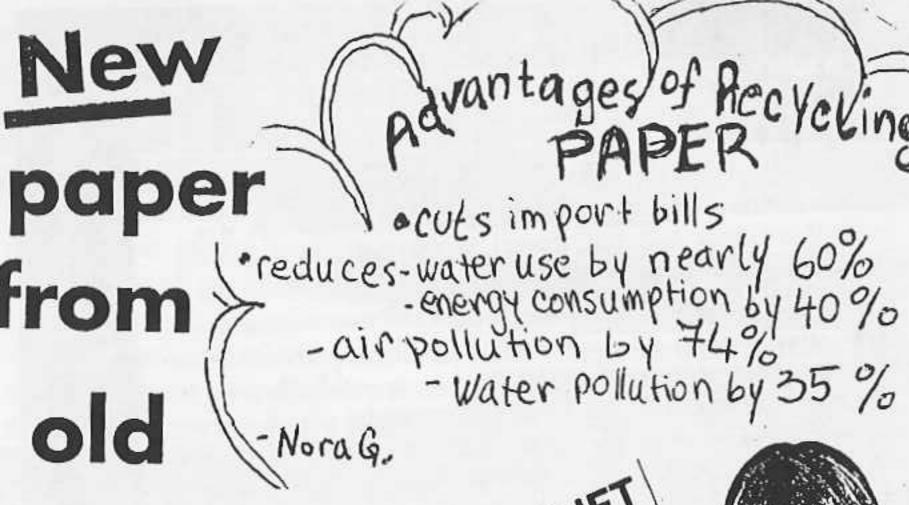
hey there!

Welcome to Channel ZerO. This issue is about garbage, you know, that stuff we Americans throw away 450,000 tons of each day (Merrill 1994). Now we all know that saving the environment is a good idea. How could we not know that and still consider ourselves functioning members of modern culture? But how many of us are actually out there doing something positive for our earth? My point is that there is so much potential for doing good in this school, so many opportunities to take hold of, that it just kills me to think of the students who are sitting on their rear ends wasting their time. Think of the last issue of Channel ZerO, apathy. Now here is a perfect way to stop being so indifferent to the rapidly changing world. Consider all of the facts and ways to get involved that we spit at you. Remember that only you can control your actions but when united, we have the power to control the fate of the earth.

Sincerely,

Susan Long





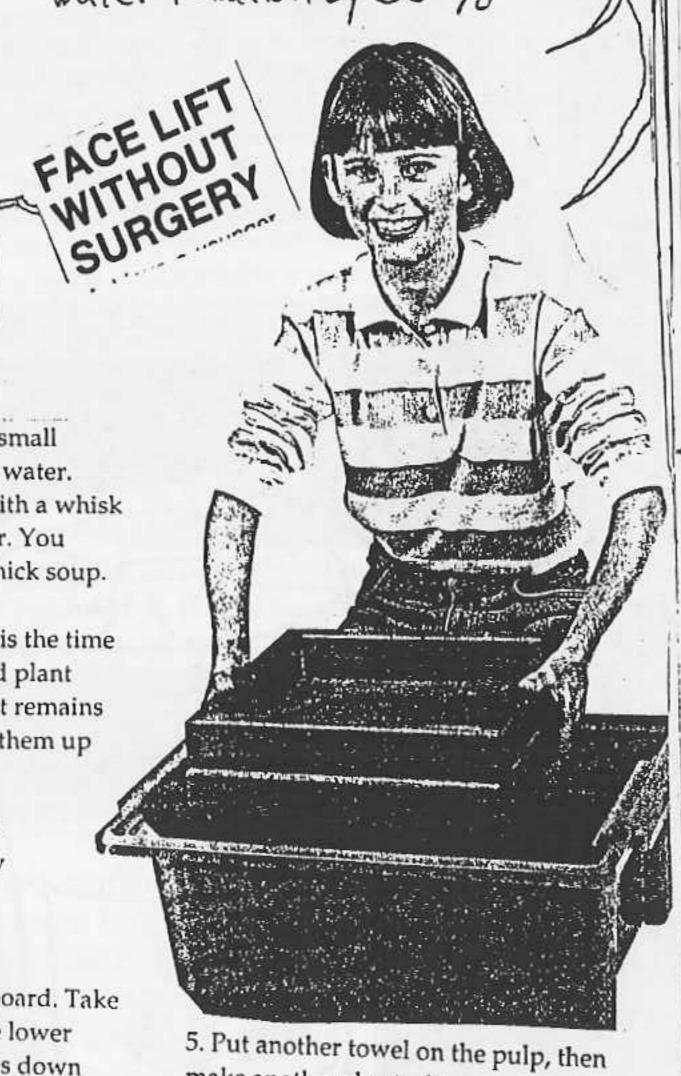
1. To recycle your own paper ask a grown-up to help you to make two square frames like the ones shown here. They should be about the size of this book and fixed firmly with nails and glue.

On one of the frames stretch and fix some fine fabric such as old net curtain

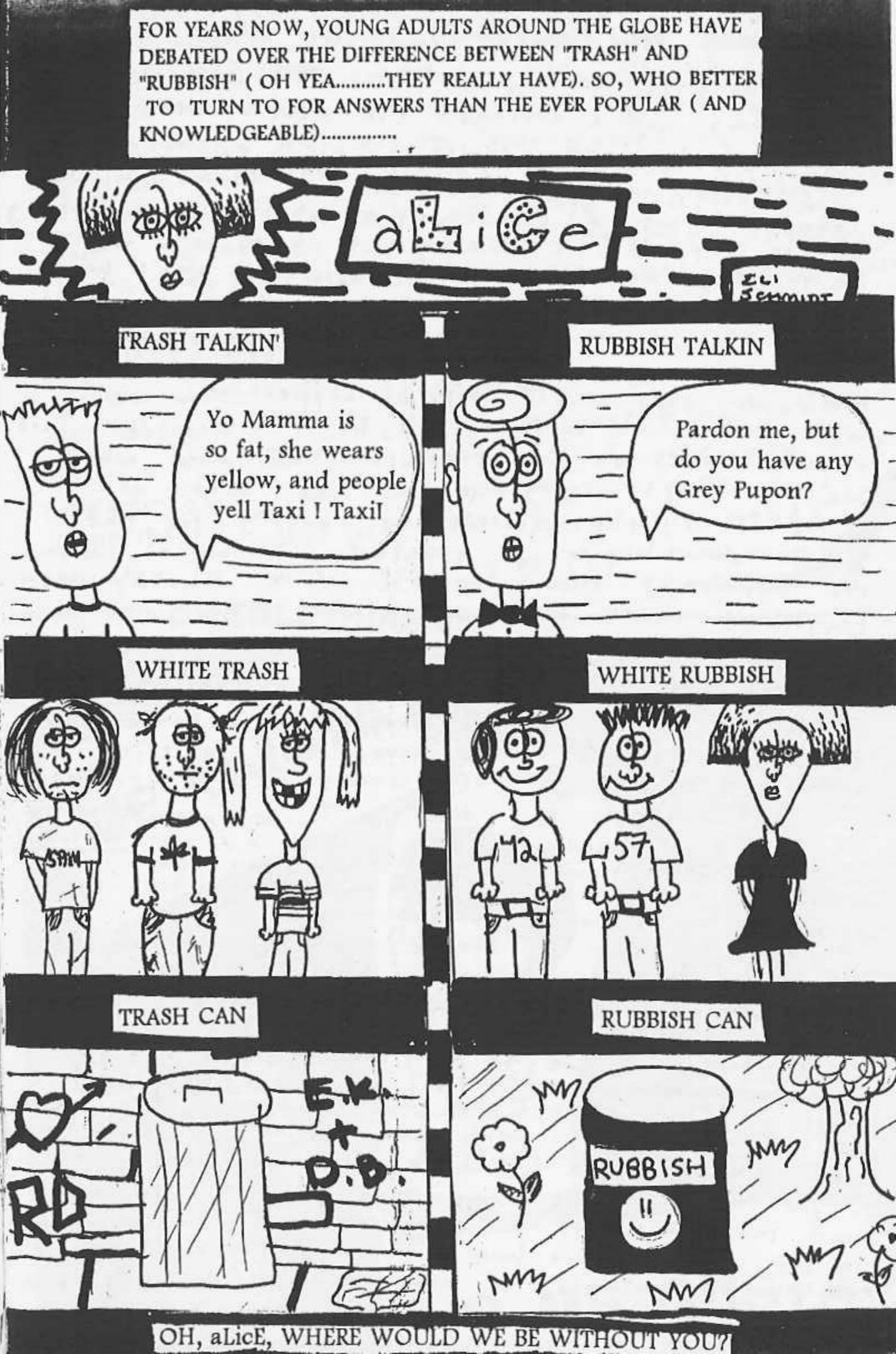
2. Tear up some white paper into small pieces and put it into a bowl with water. When it has soaked, mash it up with a whisk or fork. Drain off any excess water. You should aim to get a mixture like thick soup. This makes the pulp.

If you want scented paper now is the time to mix in some mashed up scented plant leaves. If you want to see the plant remains in the finished paper, don't mash them up

- 3. Slide the frames into the pulp with the net frame underneath. Lift out the frames while shaking gently side to side. The aim is to get an even thickness of paper on the net
- 4. Put a piece of paper towel on a board. Take off the top pulp frame and turn the lower frame over so the layer of pulp goes down onto the paper towel. Rub the net so the pulp is pressed onto the towel, then lift the net and frame away, leaving the pulp on the towel

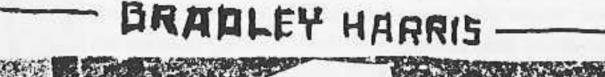


5. Put another towel on the pulp, then make another sheet of paper and put it on the towel. Repeat until you have several sheets. Then put a board on top and stand on the board to squeeze out the water. The sheets can be



Sasially the consumers control what type of gar bage socrety makes. The Consumer demand ! nitiates and encourages the development of new products and services which buisness and corporations will create. When we look at the cataloges which show us all the "wonderful" things ue can buy, we are looking into a mirror. We see things we desire things we appearantly about have. the grass is greener on the other side so we feel need to get the things we don't know "about. In ther words once we get the things in the catalogues arely do they truely matte us happier than we were before we bought them, in the long run. This usually leaves us in the state of mind where we're always trying to get the best new thing, Thus I the disease of buying for the action of buying is created. We cannot blame the catalogues though, because we've already been taught to think that way from school and home life. This endless striving for "progress" can never eave people with a feeling of content ness. Always wanting more and never being satisfied means the basis of our economy is the endless pursuit satisfying our desires. To be more specific cur economy is based an the pursuit of our personal legines. This is evident as seen when cars, legines are used televisions, computers, and other technologies are used as entertainment not as use FOIL tools -If we want to change the way our system leals with issues such as i hunger i homelessness, faruation, transportation ect ... It is our duty to send a message to the corporations and buisnesses telling them that we are not interested in their and false promises. there is hardly any need for the thrings we buy " nost of the time. Next time you purchase somethin nink about it, is it worth what they're asking, to you need it, do you already own it or something that can substitute it, what is its life span, what cind of impact will it have on the environmenta Buy knowing the answers to these questions and to the nany other questions you will develope as you begin ic fuin into a more conscious shopper, you will

purchases that aren't really needed. Some so. people might say ", we'll its not my money, "! My response is some day it will be your mon and the earlier you begin to think about to things you are brying the easier it will be to control those desires when you are older. This will not only discourage corporations and buisnesses from producing more needless items but, it will also ease the garbage proble chances are the same products which are needless accessories are also the products vith short life spans and excessive packaging. of course this is all easier written than done , but inorder for there to be any true improvement with the quality of life experienced by all the people in that's country we all must give up somethin





Young Men In Nice Clothing

by: Evan Belgrade

"Sir! May we speak with you for a moment?" called the young man in the nice clothing.

The giant animal chained at the side of the man on the receiving end of this call barked savagely and pushed itself forward with its grotesquely muscular hind legs.

"Shut that noise up!" the old man ordered. The beast shut that noise up.

"Sir, may we have a word with you?" inquired the approaching man who had spoken before. His silent partner walked beside him and was dressed just as nicely.

"Not from that distance, boy. But if you want to hike on over here, you can talk as much as ya like."

The two younger men walked with long strides toward the elderly man, his aluminum shack, and his giant pet. The filthy, sweet/fourl-smelling wind blew their ties over their shoulders. The old man watched as they came to a halt about fifteen feet in front of him, then he cracked open the warm beer he'd been holding. It foamed. He leaned back in his tattered lawn chair.

"Money?" asked the old man, sizing up his visitors through squinted eyes. "Pardon..."

"I'm asking if I owe you boys any kinda money."

"No. No, sir. You have the wrong idea. We onl ... "

"Don't tell me what I have, son."

"I'm sorry, sir. I didnt' mean any dis..."

"What about you, son? You ever say anything?" the old man coughed at his somehwat less talkative guest, then spit out a wad of phlegm at the end of his inquiry.

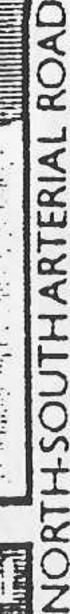
"We came to make you an offer on your land, sir," the second nicely dressed man responded as confidently as he could.

"Hmm. Now what would two nice kids like you fellas have planned for an ol' shohole like this?" spoke the old man, scratching his armpit, and observing the mounds of garbage that surrounded him.

The man who had sopken first produced a large, rolled up sheet of paper from what seemed to be nowhere and began moving toward the old man as if to hand it to him. The giant mammal to the old man's left took strong exception to this action and barked and snapped, wildly tugging on its chain. The frightened stranger jumped back at the terrible noise. The old man laughed a wheezy old man laugh and made a "give me that rolled up paper that you pulled out of nowhere" gesture with his worn, chapped hands. The young man cautiously stepped forward and placed the roll in those hands then quickly retreated to the edge of his buffer zone next to his associate. The old man petted his animal's knotted fur as he unrolled and inspected the paper. .

"Coyote Canyon. Now what in the hell is Coyote Canyon?" the old man chuckled after a minute of reading.

"Well, sir, it's an amusement park, complete with all the attractions. Roller-



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coasters, mazes, 3-D movies, cotton cand..."

"And how much are you jumpin' young fellers offering to pay an old man like me for my home?"

"Enough for you to buy a brand new place to live."

"Something wrong with the place I got?"

"No. No. But, we..."

"But nothing. Now, I don't think you boys are going to be able to supply me with a reason why an old coot like me should pick up and move to a new location at my age, so, I think it'd be best if you kids scurry along home and let me to my peace."

"Sir, I don't feel you're being reasonable."

"I don't give a damn what you feel. Matter of fact, I don't give much of a damn 'bout anything but my place and this here old dog. They both may be ugly, but they stick up for me and I do my best to take care of them."

"i'm not sure you realize what kind of money we're talking about here," the second man piped up again.

"We're done talking."

The young men were upset by this comment, but they were defeated by it nonetheless. They bid the old man several obscenities and let him know what a foolish, uneducated piece of trash they considered him to be. They made comments as they walked off entailing how they would acquire this property when the old man died and how soon they thought this would occur. The old man was leaving his landfill/autoyard property to his daughter, of course. Naturally, the young men were unaware of this. She was an attorney and she visited her father every Sunday. The young men didn't ask. they were gone out of vision.

"You want to go inside and watch some t.v., Wilma?" the old man inquired of his dog as he unhooked the chain. She wagged her tail.

The old man slowly limbered into his aluminum shack. He wiped his feet on the doormat, crossed the room, and collapsed on his pull-out Eddie Bauer sofa. Grabbing the remote control, he flicked on the Chicago Blackhawks game on his sony 48-inch color television and leaned back into the soft cushioning.

"Who were those guys, dad?" asked the old man's young daughter.

"Some guys who threw away something they never intended to."

"Could you give it back to them?"

"No. There's no way to find it in this old place."

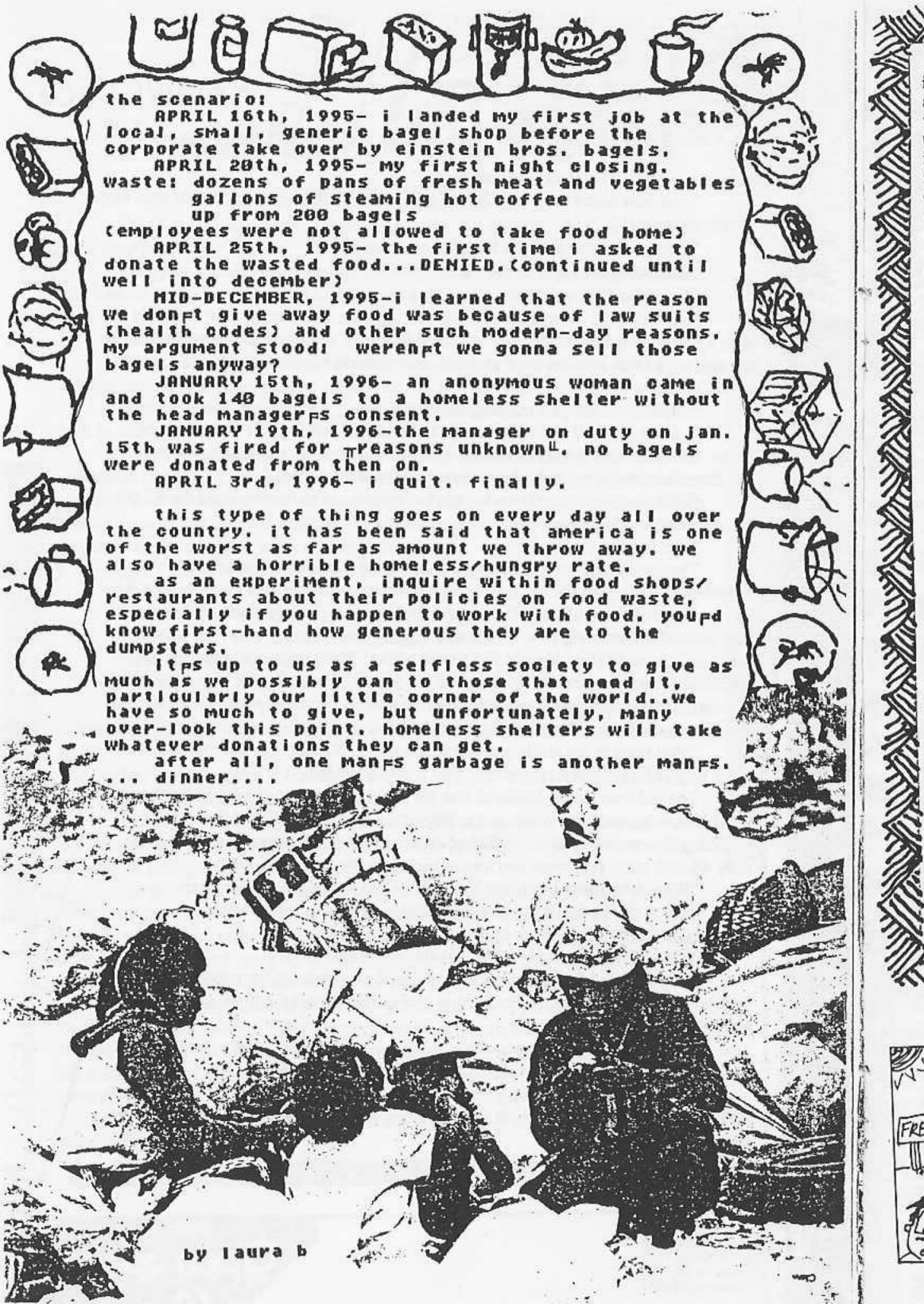
Wilma circled for a moment then plopped into place at her master's feet. She strained her head backward to look up at him and he patted the thick of her neck. Her tail wagged.

"People shouldn't be so cavalier about what they toss in the garbage," said the old man's daughter before she took a sip from her Diet Pepsi.

Outside the shack, a small breeze blew against a rolled up piece of paper that lay on the packed-dirt ground. It skidded along for a few feet and then came to rest again.

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Society is an incredible problem solver while it is also capable of working incredibly diligently to achieve a goal. Man has invented machines to help solve almost any problem. These immense capabilities are evident in time of war. During a war, all of society decides to work together for the common goal of winning. This unity accomplishes an enormous amount while the desire to beat the enemy sparks ingenuity amongst individuals. With all the power and capabilities society possesses, it is rather surprising that society can not provide all of mankind with food, clothing, shelter, and an education. These basic needs could easily be provided for if society worked together and truly wished to win this war against poverty. In our suburban lives we often are not aware of hunger or even physical discomfort that other humans are faced with. It is then true then, that society does not want to win the war against poverty since we seem to care very little about it and put forth almost no resources.

In our society progress is equated wit an increase in convience. It seems as though man has learned time and time again that convience does not determine happiness. Since this has already been discovered, society must change its definition of progress.

In order for progress to be worth it's price, the advancement must help to achieve the basic necessities for a greater number of humans. A tractor, which increases the amount of food produced, is worth it's negative aspects and should be considered progress. But, television which has several negative aspects, is not progress since it does nothing to clothe, feed, shelter, or educate people.

There is absolutely no reason to work for advancements that do not increase the number of people who have their needs met. Cars, like television do not help the hungry nor do they make the wealthy any happier. Drugs also do nothing to help others and surely do not make the users life any happier or more enjoyable to live. There is no reason to believe that people who drive cars; watch television, or use drugs are any happier than those who do not. These advancements do nothing for the impoverished and do not make our suburban lives any happier. If society were to concentrate on advancements which more easily allowed other humans to attain the necessities of life, each member of society, and society as a whole would be happier.

Why can't we rid physical discomfort and provide people with their basic necessities? The answer to this question is that society does not want or feel the need to help others attain physical comforts. This problem stems from the idea that it is very easy for people to fight or blame others (like war). In contrast, it is very difficult for an individual or an individual society to find fault in itself. Society does not see that it has any serious problems and therefore does not feel the need to provide basic necessities. If society were to provide these basic necessities the impoverished could then help themselves. Why do you, not challenge what society has taught us about acquiring material things? Why do you, want to buy things that will only be thrown out, when there are people who are experiencing a great deal of physical pain?

This is my challenge to society and the world. Eradicate physical discomfort for humanity and then, only then, we can all buy garbage and spend our time having "fun".

Thank you Mrs. Osborne and I invite absolutely anyone to come talk with me.

WHO'S TO SAY TRASH IS REALLY TRASH?



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Right now, trash seems to be almost everywhere. But for now, let's just not talk about man made material trash - but of natural garbage that is thrown out once or twice a week: grass clippings, leaves, stems, roots, etc. It seems that a lot of people can agree that something needs to be done about the buildup of garbage. Something that almost everyone who is living in a house can partake in - composting. It is an easy procedure that involves you, the land wonder, to get acquainted with mother earth, and also help with your lawn and community. If you want to take a stand on this issue of garbage, just follow along this easy eight step method to succeeding in composting:

1. This step is to basically figure out a place where you can keep a compost pile. It isn't very difficult because anywhere in your yard is fine. Just keep into consideration if the heap is easily accessible to throw your weeds, clippings, etc. A lot of people prefer their heap in the back of their house so they don't get complaints from their neighbors.

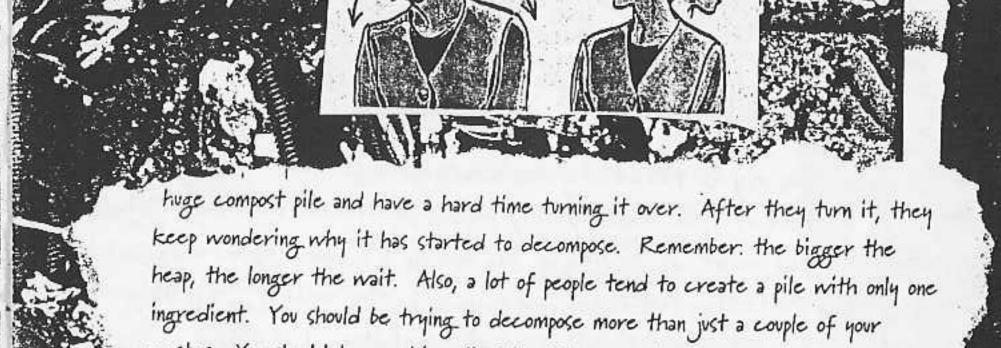
2. This step involves gathering all of your materials that are to be made into compost. Grass from your lann monver is a prime source of compost. So are weeds and flower clippings.

3. Now that you have all of your materials, lay them on the lawn and run your lawn moner back and forth over them. This shreds the material, thus creating compost much faster. But, if you are old fashioned, scissors are a fine way to cut things up.

4. After your materials have been properly shredded, put then, in your designated compost heap and water it. Soak it down good, because moisture is the key ingredient in composting. You want to water it at least twice in the first four days and then twice a week after that.

5. Ok, your compost has just been natered, now you want to turn the whole compost pile over. Pitch forks are a good tool in doing so. Just follow the guide on when to water it and right after . you water it turn it over. It's simple!

6. This step has some varnings on how to avoid mistakes.
One common mistake is that people go overboard. They create this



Nostes. You should try on doing all of it. It's better in the long run.

7. Judging when your heap is done is very simple. The pile should not be soggy and green, but brown and crumbly. It's better to have waited longer and your compost be of a finer grain, than to rush into it and not have the best you can possibly get.

B. When you are satisfied that your compost is complete, shovel it into a wheelbarrow of some sort for easy distribution. You want to use the compost in gardens and other places where you are in need of soil. If you are planning on planting anything on this compost, lay the compost down and wait about three weeks until you plant.

Amazingly enough, compost is actually good for humans and animals. There is no harmful organic substance created in this process. This is one of the first steps on practicing good habits to make this world a better and cleaner.

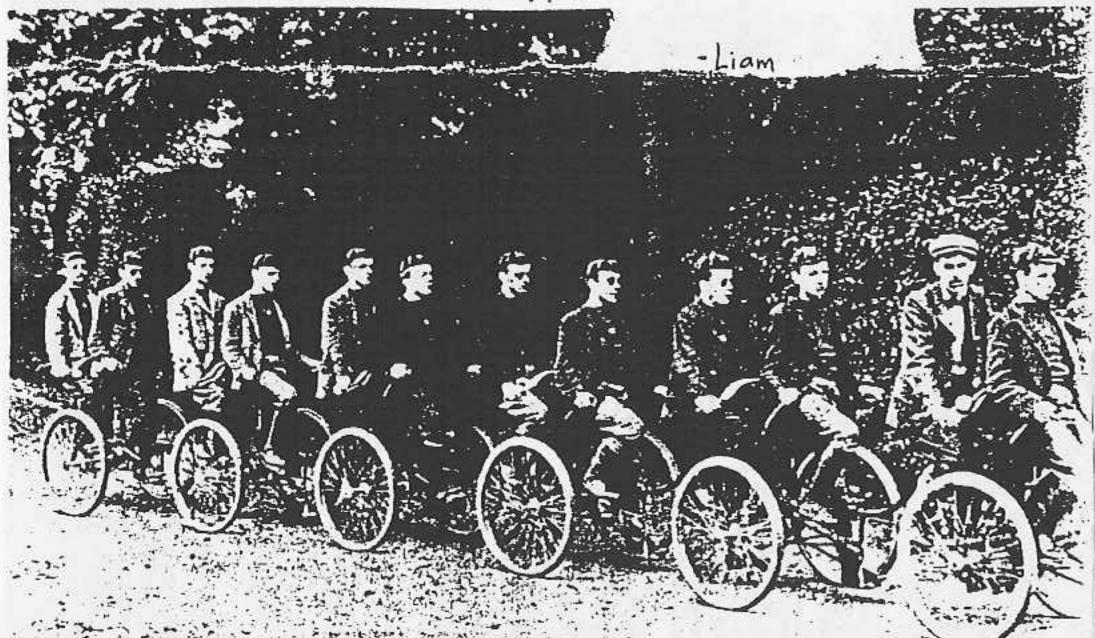


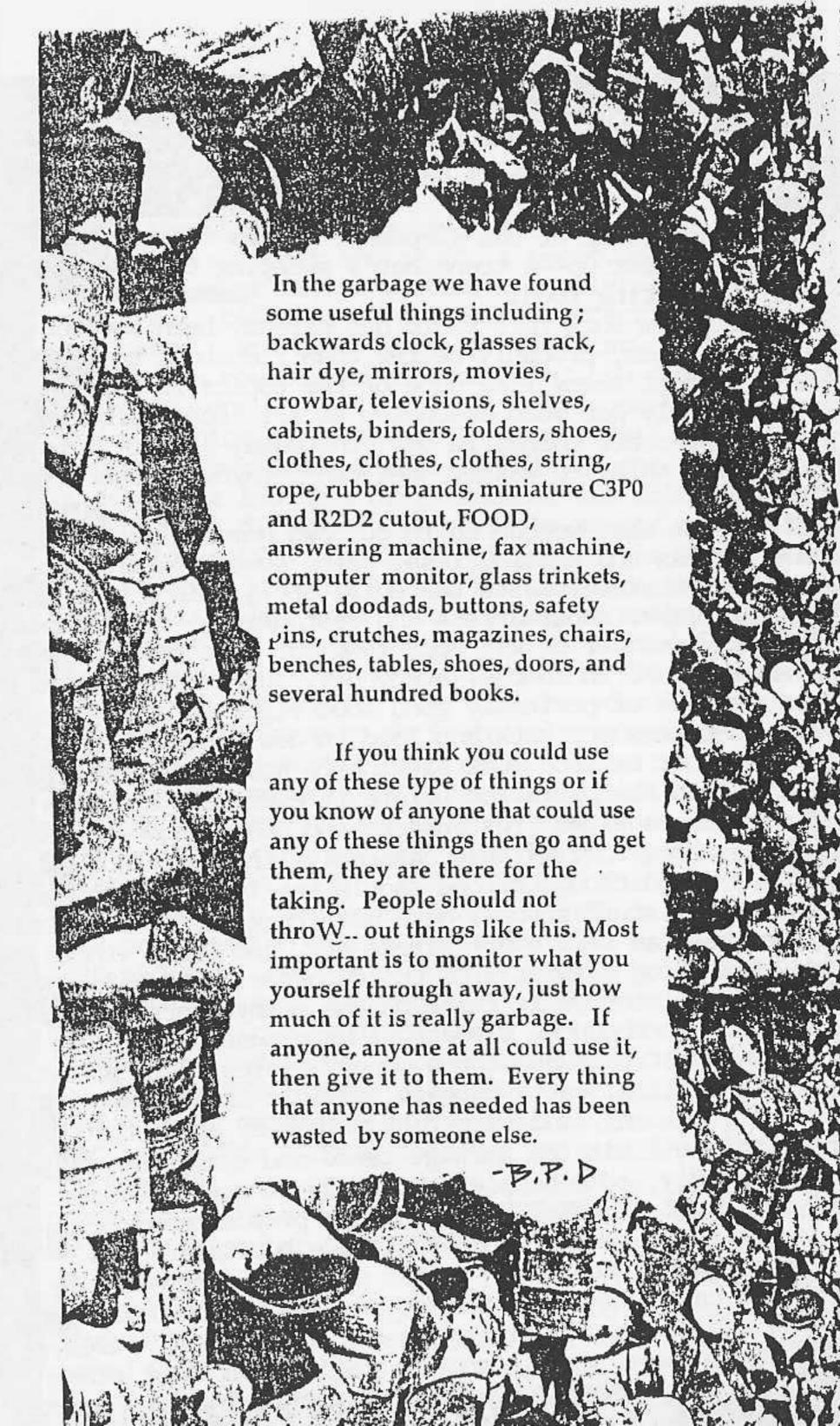
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No Matter how much reducing, reusing, and recycling occurs, there will always be a contain quantity of Waste. This is accepted. People produce - garbage is a result. The problem is that there is an abundance of garbage - much of it unnecessary. Society is producing much more garbage than reasonably required. Much of this waste is aby product of overmateriulism. What's the point of buying a Big Screen TV, when you already own a perfectly functional Television set. What will become of the old one. Will it sit in an affic, collecting dust? Will it be given away? Will it become carbage? What happens when the Big Screen TV just isn't big enough! Will the come garbage too? Fashion causes waste. The market becomes floaded with the latest styles, so quickly consumed, only to be found in a closet or abox only months later. More waste. Restraunts throwing away food every night at closing time, millions of

Pounds a year. All wasted. Unnecessarily wasted.

True, it's society's right to spend their money however they want to. But is a consumer really sacrificing any personal freedom by consuming less?





"it's all money." -brad harris

in an episode of the simpsons, amnews report cracked, "next up—a trendthat's sweeping the nation—wasting food."

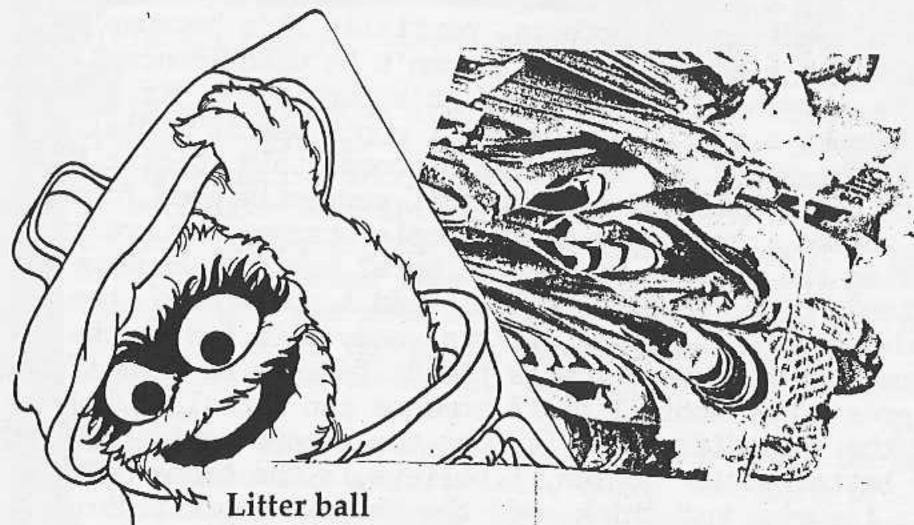
well, i'm sure this topic has already been covered in this issue, probably better than i'm about to here, but it seems like none of the topics in this issue really get much attention at all. food, along with most other things in our "throwaway sochety", is a popular thing to waste. just can't throw enough of if out.

besides what we can do in our own homes, like buying less and wasting less, doing something productive with whatever waste thereais, etc., things seem pretty bleak. supermarkets and restaurants, for example , supply most of us with our food but also waste more than we could in months. everydday, supermarkets clear out shelves of perfectly good food right into the big fat dumpsters out back and load in new products. it's either that or food just sitting in storage in the back, food that will rot before it even gets a chance to see the shelves. restaurants and other food shops do the same, for instance, assembly-line fast food joints (even though no one should really be eating that awful stuff anyway) make more burgers 'n' burritos than they can sell every single day, and every single day that food surplus hits the dumpster. and why? brad's explanation is right on the money (sorry, i didn't mean the pun, i swear, i hate puns). "it's all money." just because of the money, aisles of food that aren't selling, extra burgers, day-old bagels (see laura's column), and half-full plates of spicy tofu and rice all hit the garbage cans. and every day, undoubtedly, some people need food. it could be used. 'what? eat? for FREE?'' the idea is preposterous to to the people who are running these businesses and taking in the profits."you can pay like everyone else or you can starve. its not my problem if you don't have the money, i'm trying to run a business." people have just forgotten how to care about other

people. it's really nothing but sad that it's so logical, but no one bothers. partially it's because of the "if i can't use it, it can't be used" concept of the throwaway society, and it's partly the "if il can't make a profit off of it, i won't use it" ideal. well, the point is, it's stupid. completely idiotic. every year, billions of poundstof perfectly good food are wasted, and every year, people starve. Why are we missing the obvious connection here? how dumb have we gotten? no one loses if we just add A and B here. the food was going to waste, it's already paid for by the company or business, what's the difference to them if it goes to a landfill or if someone can actually use it? the only difference is that the second option is the better option (which, i believe, is the theme of this issue). just think, add the kink two negatives [people could use food + food going to waste], and positive, no more hungry people or wasted food. you've seen guilt-trip infomercials about hungry people, but don't waste your time or your 79¢ per week, because all we have to do is to take this food that no one is using anyway, and redistribute it to whoever needs it. if you work in a restaurant, bakery, supermarket, 7-11, etc., talk to your boss or whoever it takes, write letters, lobby for change, get people together, or (GET READY FOR A BLATANT PLUG) support your local Food Not Bombs chapter. FNB is a nationwide organization with several chapters spread around that picks up food that would otherwise go to waste from supermarkets, restaurants, etc., whip up whatever they collect into goodfood, then set up shop in a park or wherever and serve it to whoever needs it for free. the chicago FNB chapter actually isn't affiliated with the national organization, just stole the name, and its just a few kids working together on saturdays collecting , preparing, and serving food. if you are interested, contact mike "the vegan warrior" smith or natalie "sailor gnat" carpenter for info. they are experienced Food-Not-Bombers. Mall The Control of t

remember, this isn't just about food either. this is about not wasting what others can use. once it's packed into a landfill, no one can use it. we tend to forget that when throw things out.

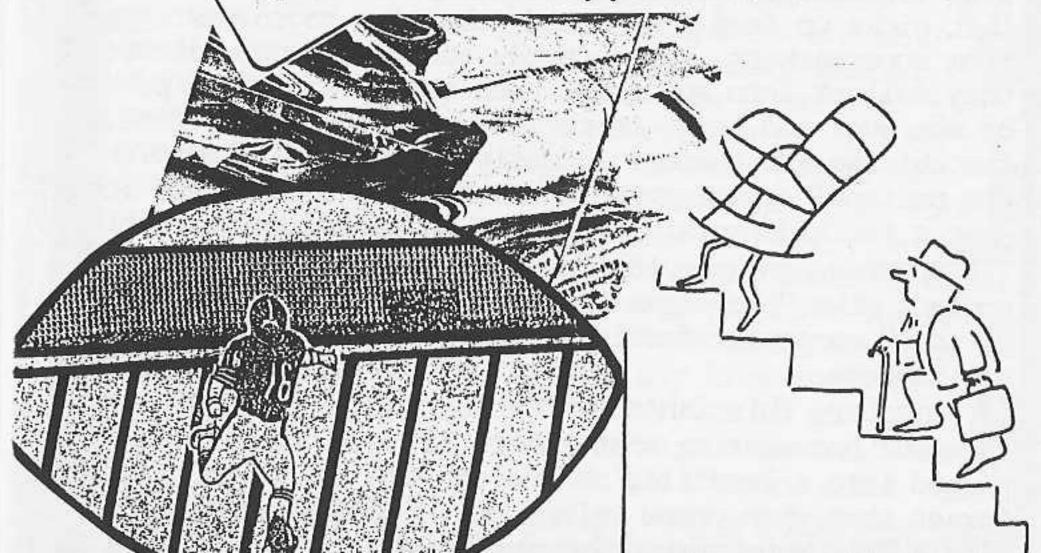
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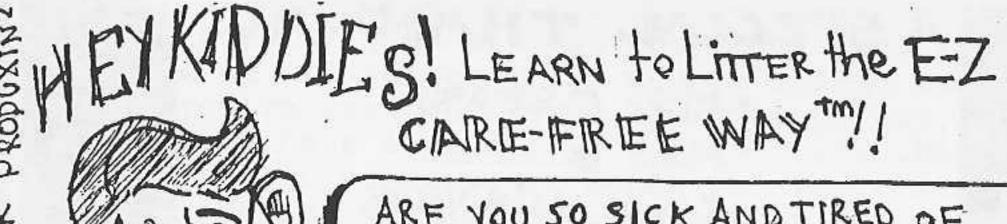


One way to test a wastebasket is to make a game of litter ball. Crumple a piece of paper into a tight ball Now try to throw the litter ball into the wastebasket.

How far away can you go and still get your ball in the wastebasket each time? Give a wastebasket a scon-If you can stand two feet from the wastebasket and go your litter ball in first time award 1 litter ball point.

Now stand three feet away and try again. If you can get the ball in give two litter ball points. Give more points the further away you can stand.





ARE YOU SO SICK AND TIRED OF PEOPLE CONSTANTLY TELLING YOU HOW YOU CAN SAVE THE ENVIRON WENT?

DO YOU ACTUALLY SUBSCRIBE TO THE WASTE-MORE-WANT-MORE SCHOOL OF THOUGHT? WELL, then-why not experience the joy of being wastefui RIIGHT NOW? 13) HERE'S HOW:

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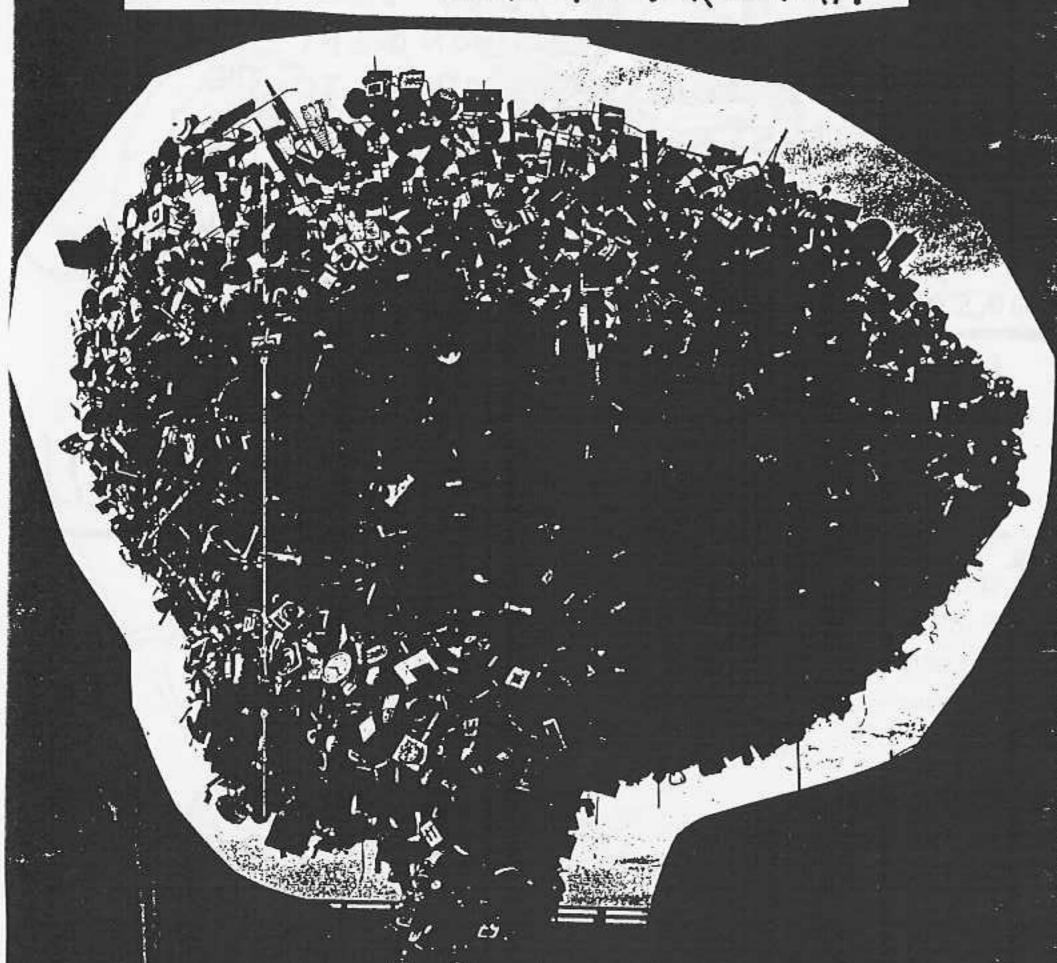
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Sculptor Nancy Rubins created her artwork, a sculpture called Worlds Apart, from thousands of appliances. It was exhibited in front of the Watergate Apartments in Washington in the 1980s.

ok. It's done, thanks for taking the time to read xx this. hopefully it offered something for you to take from it. to reiterate as couple things from the intro: you've read what some kids had to say, and you probably have a reaction. please voice that reaction, be it positive or negative. in creating this publication, we wanted to create a dialogue; real communication between writer and audience, not just the contributors talking to the audience, or, worse yet, themselves, so please let kaxka it be known what this issue made you think or feel. to do this, write to the address below, or speak with one of the contributors in school, if you have a question or comment concerning one of the pieces in particular, speak with (or write to) the person who wrote the article, all of those who contributed their writing are individuals, the opinions

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