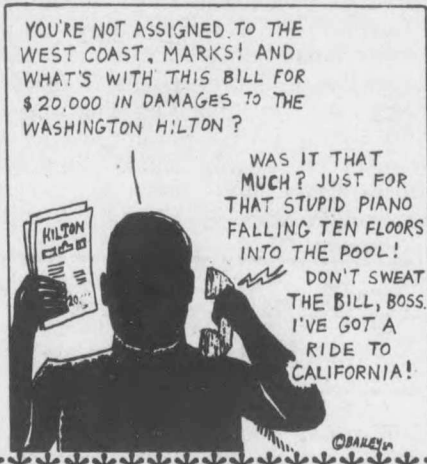


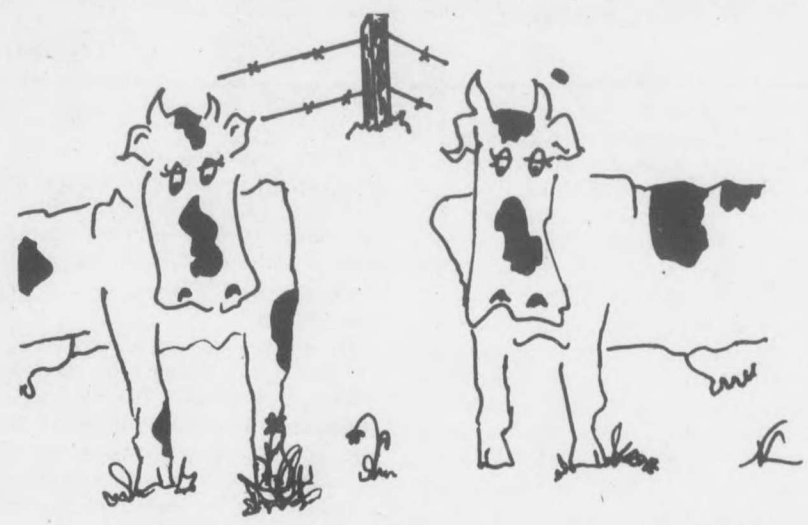
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Canadian poets can now enter a new poetry contest with \$11,000.00 in prizes. The Grand Prize is \$1,000.00 and the First Prize \$500.00. In all, 152 poets will win awards plus publication in a major anthology. The contest, sponsored by the American Poetry Association, is open to the public and entry is free.

"Canadian poets have been winners in our contests every time. We'd like to see more Canadians' poetry. It has a distinctive quality of its own," said Robert Nelson, publisher for the Association. "This year our winners will be published and publicized to the utmost of our power. We want to find unknown poets and give them the recognition they deserve."

Poets may enter the contest by sending as many as six poems, each no more than 20 lines, name and address on each page, to American Poetry Association, Dept. CT-17, 250 A Potrero Street, P.O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, CA 95061-1803. The contest remains open until June 30. Poets who enter early will be invited to another contest with another \$1000.00 Grand Prize.

Each poem is also considered for publication in the American Poetry Anthology, a leading collection of contemporary verse.

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Note from the editor:

I wish to apologize to the author of the poem "Stars" appearing in the January 13/88 (should've been 1989) issue 2 weeks ago. The author was Jason Dean, not Jason & Dean. Sorry! - the smell of all this newsprint sometimes does this to me!

Darbot

We have observed him
sightless
Deaf and dumb
We have seen him
piteously hopping
Hobbling and crawling.
Still we ignore the gnarled
palm
Still we pore over the drab
pavement
Perhaps he is blind
Pitiful.
Yet he misses not every
proffered coin
Though the gesture is silent.
Perhaps he can see?
So we stalk past, so we
ignore old age
So we condemn bare
poverty!

I sit drinking coffee having
given a beggar a penny
Now I am worried on a
subtler score;
Did I bribe him to vanish?
Is my shudder a mark of
compassion as I order
another coffee
Or do I feel suffering valid
provided it's in the next
street.

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