

Students nix change to school schedule

Summer Holiday

I feel that changing the school schedule now isn't such a good idea. Kids need to have a break too. If we don't have a nice relaxing break we will be stressed out and won't be able to concentrate. Summer holidays are sometimes the only time some families get to spend valuable time together. Even if we did lose a bit of memory of what we worked on in school, a quick review in September and our recall is back. And besides summer holidays provide a chance to have a summer job and get extra money for ourselves, feel self-confident, meet new people and have a responsibility. Having a summer job is a great start in life, in the great job hunt and that's why I feel it is more beneficial to have a holiday in the summer.

Signed: Concerned Student
Erin Gourley.

This new school calendar

I have heard of a proposal to change the school calendar. Instead of having a long summer vacation we would have a month at Christmas and a few other week long breaks at holidays around the year.

Part of the reason for his they say is because students forget too much after the summer. All that we forget we recall with a quick review. So I don't think that is a valid reason. Plus over the summer people go to cottages, camps and some others get summer jobs. I've asked some kids at my school if they like this idea and no one does. Some people might agree with this proposal but most of those who do aren't even in school.

Jill McMenemy

So much for the summer

I heard from my teacher that the Halton School Board is considering a shorter summer but they will not extend the school year. They will have odd amounts of weeks throughout the school year. The main problem is that students will not be able to get jobs during the summer break. The companies would probably rather have people working for a few months at a time.

Then there is the problem about the holidays. The students holiday would not be as long and do not forget the teachers they also lose their holidays. We can miss school, they can not. But when we are in higher grades we get a lot of homework and when we miss too much school we get too much homework, and we get our report cards sooner than I like.

Seriously,
William R. Harper.

Bye bye summer

The school board is thinking about getting rid of the summer holiday because they say that the students forget what we learned the year before. We get it right back in a few weeks. They say that they might give us a few weeks here and there. If we went to school in the summer we would sweat and be lazy because it's so hot. Summer vacations would get ruined so what's the sense in having cottages. Canada's Wonderland and Marineland would not get as many people going there. In the winter some kids don't like to go outside so they would probably bug their parents until they go mad.

Sincerely, James Montearth.

School dates are fine the way they are

There's a school board in Northern Ontario that is looking at changing the vacations. It seems this school board is trying to change the days we go to school. I think they were talking about 3 weeks off in July, a couple of weeks off in September and 3 weeks off in December.

They're trying to do this because they say kids forget a lot of stuff that they learned the previous year. That may be true but in a couple of days our brains kick right back in again.

Personally, I would hate the idea of having to have my vacation in the winter when it's way too cold to go outside. My mother would hate it even more, I would be trapped inside all day making my mom go crazy, and I believe this would happen in any sane house.

The present system has worked for years. To sum it up don't try to fix something if it's not broken.

Thanks, Scott Teeter.

Give us a Break

Up in Northern Ontario the Boards of Education say there should be no summer holidays instead there should be longer Christmas holiday, Easter break, March break, and maybe 3 weeks in the summer. My opinion is the holiday should stay the same. I agree with the board of education when they say students are not as smart when we get back from the holidays. But we pick it up quickly with a brief review. In the summer we get time to relax and get time to go out with our friends and also time to visit our relatives that live far away. What about summer jobs? Kids won't be as reliable when they have their permanent job because they will not have had any practice with summer employment. If they have no summer break kids wouldn't have time to get a job during the Christmas break. I don't want to walk in the snow to work thank you. It might be good for the parents but I say "Give us a break."

Tyler Patriquin

work harder with blaring sun, heating the room to forty-five degrees Celcius then they've got another thing coming!

All my friends and I agree that they shouldn't take away our right to a two month holiday in summer.

Besides, how would someone if they needed it, get extra help to pass in summer school, if we're already in there!

By Cory Schmelter

Summer is the best

I think that the summer vacation or any other school holidays should not be changed like the school board is thinking about doing. If we were going to change any holidays I think we should make the Christmas vacation three weeks by not having the March Break. I think we should keep the summer vacation the way it is because the summer is when a lot of people go on long vacations and also summer is the best season for sports.

Derrick Cayley.

No summer holidays

Halton Hills education is talking about making us go to school during the summer holidays but we get a month off in the summer or less. Then we get a month off for Christmas. We also get a longer holiday for Easter than what we do now. I don't think too many people would come to school in the summer on a really hot day. People will be too hot to come. They are planning this in a couple of schools already north of here. I don't think it is a good idea. They have trouble making some kids come to school now. It will be worse in the summer.

By Ryan Martin

Summertime blue

What does summertime break mean to you? To me it means relaxing, vacationing, and enjoying the sunshine. What would it mean to you if they took it away from you, making three week holidays after every twelve weeks.

School kids need that summer break to recuperate from a year of hard work in classrooms. But there is also the other side to it, the side that says we'll get more work done that way. Yeah right!!

If the school board thinks we'll


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The Halton Board of Education is considering shortening our summer holiday but I don't understand what good it would do.

People would not be able to go on vacation or not go so far. And people (teenagers) would have a hard time getting a summer job for a month. That is too short a time. I hope they (Halton Board of Education) don't shorten our Summer.


Sincerely, Rick Vivian.

By: Melissa W. -CMS-

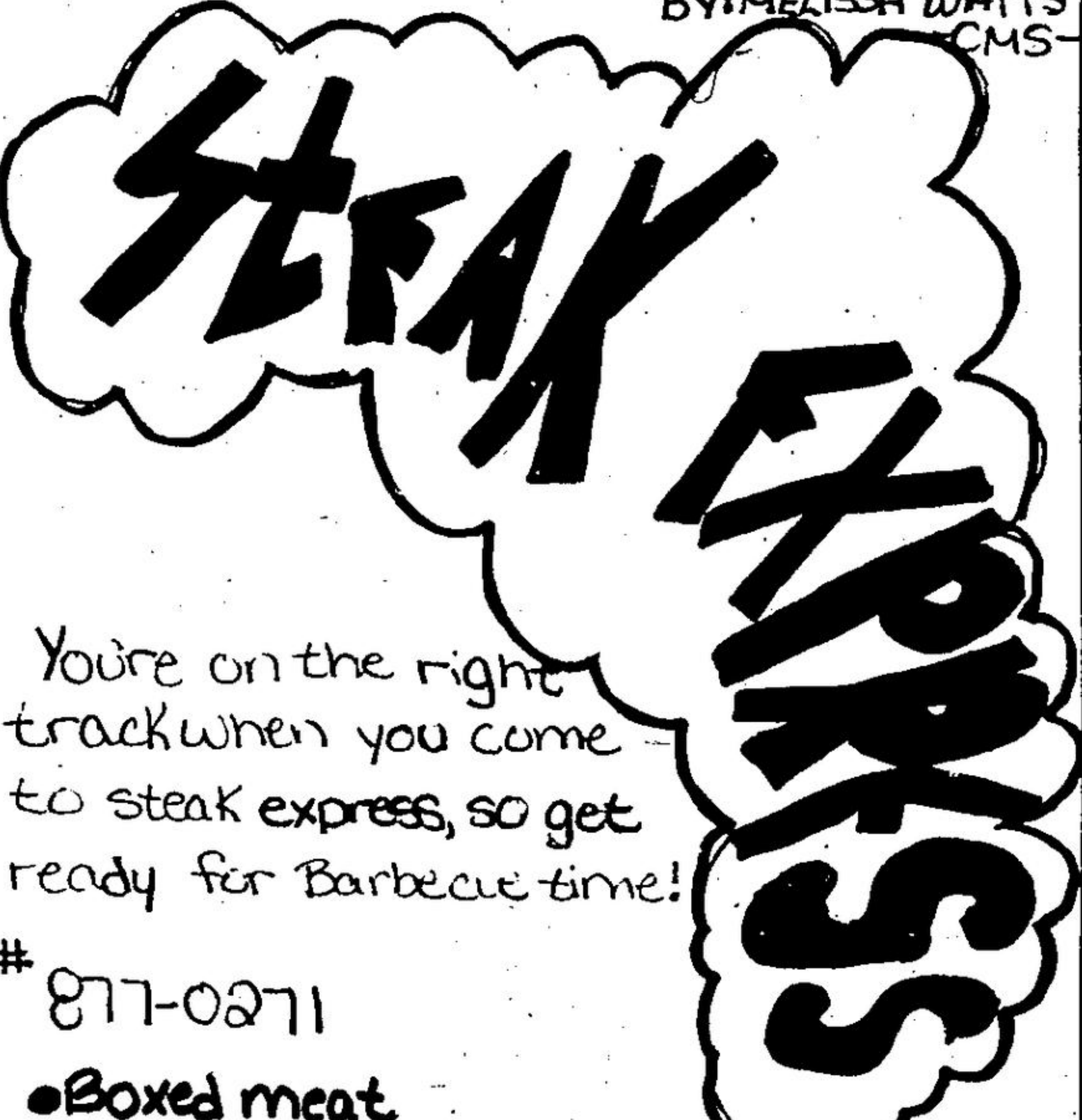


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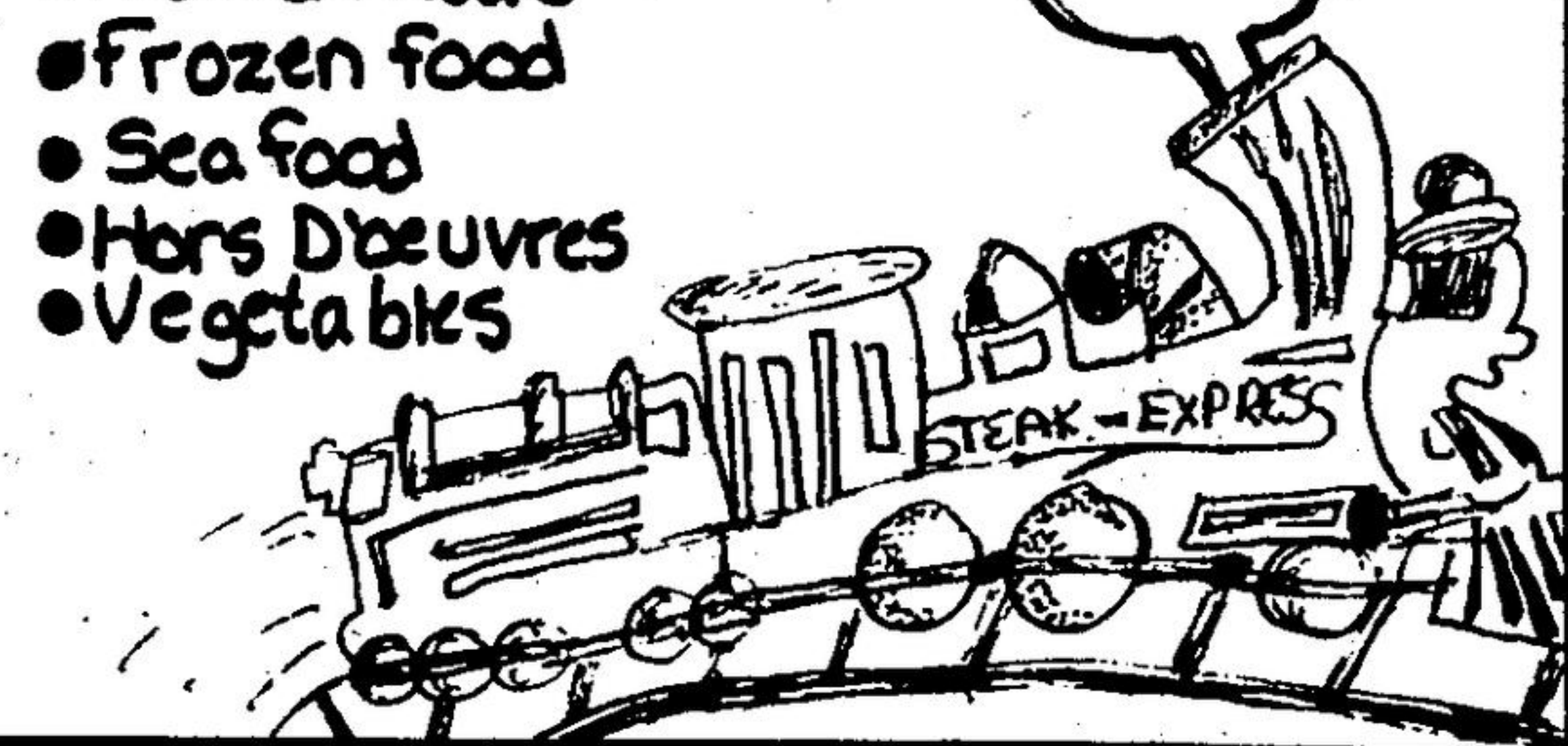
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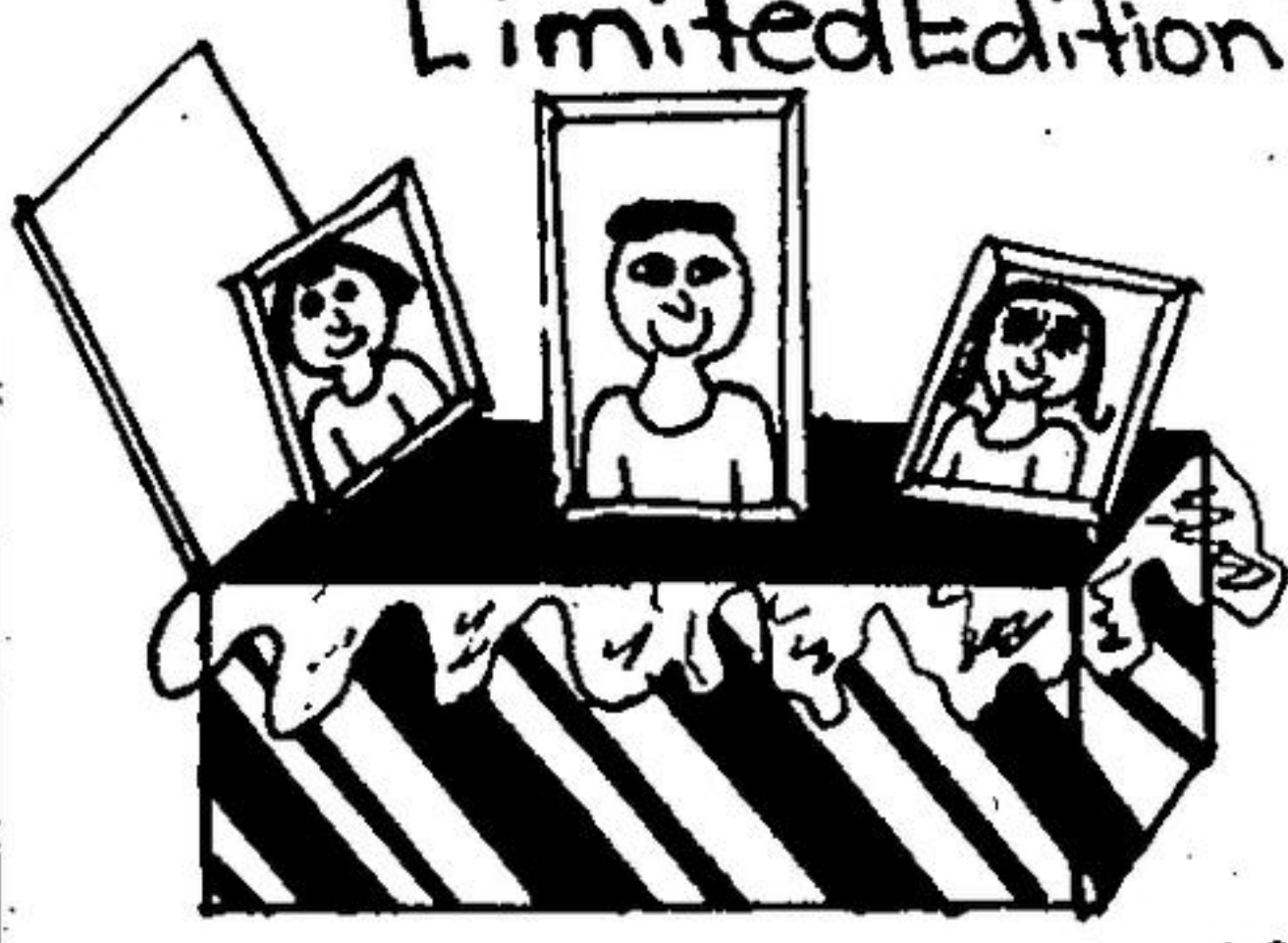
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