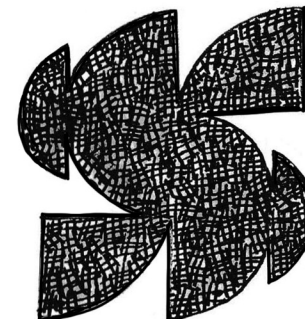


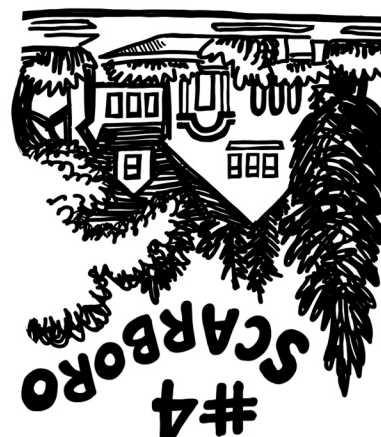
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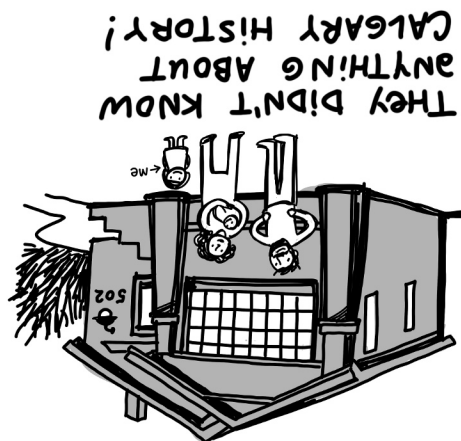
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Curious
CALGARY



my parents bought
their 1926 house on
scarboro ave. sw in
1976 for \$60,000.
they were new to
calgary.



scarboro was designed
by the landscape
architect j.c. olmsted,
from the firm that
co-designed nyc's
central park!
instead of a grid,
the streets follow
the natural curves
of the land.

part of the 1910
olmsted design
included pathways
between houses.
there's still one on
scarboro avenue.



today, it's a quiet
little village of a
neighbourhood!

but in the '70s, there
was a lot of commuter
traffic cutting through!
my parents were part
of a group that
lobbied to
barricade
17th avenue.



today,
there
are
landscaped cul-de-sacs,
but when i was a
kid, there were
concrete barricades.

many scarboro houses
have interesting
histories! like this
little house on
scotland street...



after wwi, it was
repurposed as a
fire hall! when i was
a kid, it was a public
health clinic! today,
it's a house again.

in 1977, my mom was
part of a then-new
scarboro book club.
that book club is
still around today!



there's lots of
interesting scarboro
history at
scarborocommunity.com