

### I bought an eighth of smoke

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I bought an eighth of smoke from a neighbor  
A six-pack and some chocolate from the store  
on the corner.  
I am an old gypsy now  
One who looks at maps and smiles  
Happy with where I've been and not been.

My thumb is no longer a ticket.  
I no longer fall in love with waitresses in sad cafes,  
Or shave in service-station bathroom mirrors.  
I no longer cook fish on beaches by campfire,  
Or rise out of the tall grass from a sleeping bag cocoon.  
I no longer wait out rainstorms in Laundromats,  
Or write letters from strange libraries.

I remember a sign in a window that said:  
NO BEATNICKS.  
Fifteen years later it said:  
NO HIPPIES.  
Time passes. Each day we are older.

I smoked the last roach from the abalone shell ashtray  
on the bureau.  
I ate the last piece of chocolate from the cupboard.  
I drank the last Corona from the fridge,  
And waited for the world  
Like one pig waits for another.



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## West crumbles under wrecking ball

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**T**he West Hotel, a single resident occupancy (SRO) hotel built in 1905 and which provided housing to 27 low-income people, is officially no more.

A seven-story building with 42 studio apartments affordable for people with incomes at or below 45 percent of median family income will replace it. The building will be owned and operated by the Macdonald Center, a Catholic-inspired assisted living facility and social-service agency located directly next to the construction site (on the other side of the construction site is Sisters of the Road Cafe). The first floor of the building will house the Macdonald

Center's expanded outreach and support services.

The project cost is just over \$10 million dollars, funded by state tax credits, the Oregon Housing Trust Fund and private money raised by the Macdonald Center. The Macdonald Center has owned the property that was the West Hotel since October 2008. Originally, the Macdonald Center planned to simply renovate the West, but it would have need extensive, and costly, repairs.

The West was originally scheduled to be demolished in January. It's low-income residents—many of whom are elderly, disabled, mentally ill, felons, or registered sex offenders, were relocated over the period of several months.

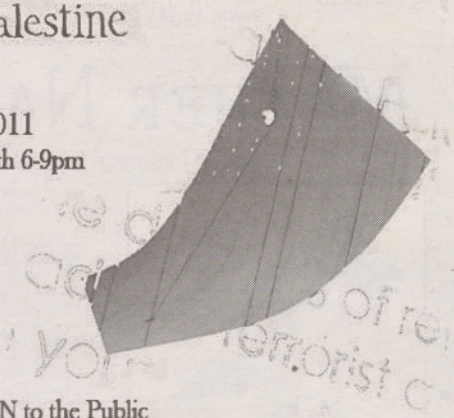
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