

Clarke Quay and Boat Quay -- Where Two Meets One

by Rabeth Khan

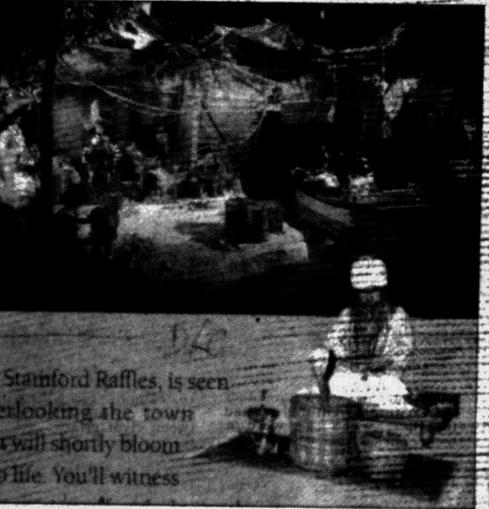
It sounds very romantic. And believe me it is, especially at night. Since my arrival to this small but artistic country, I have been to these two places at least three to four times. It does bring back those lovely memories.

There is a bridge on top of the river which separates the two places. Clarke Quay is on one side of the bridge and Boat Quay is on the other side of the bridge. The difference between these two places is that the first one is for people who are in their late twenties or early thirties while the latter one is for the energetic youth. In both the quays, there are pubs, restaurants and discotheques for the people to enjoy. For people, specially couples there are provisions for them to sit outside, just beside the river to have food and share their sweet dreams.

Clarke Quay which is the bigger tourist attraction of the two has a few more added attractions. It has an arena where musical bands and famous local solo artists have live concerts. No one can also miss the Clarke Quay adventure ride. It is a tour deep inside a building on automatic vehicles depicting the history and lots of fun concerning

of all the real happenings. All the young hearts with friends and loved ones go to this place to feel the essence of fun. They talk, have fun, dance till around two-thirty at night. Alcohol is not allowed for people under the age of eighteen. Police patrols are always present there to keep things in order and to check the IDs of the people who they think is under the age of eighteen. A lot of young people also bicycle through the pathways of Boat Quay.

The most attractive feature of these two places is that both of them have tall skyscrapers behind them making the whole scenario really splendid. At night the two places are lit up and wear a festive look. The collections of the lights falling on the river is breathtaking to see. Just opposite the Boat Quay on the other side, there is the parliament buildings with a statue of Sir Raffles in their midst. Sir Raffles is the man after whom the Raffles hotel has been named. You can easily spot young lovebirds on the benches and resting on the rails just beside the parliament buildings along the banks of the river. No wonder I went there four times but of course alone without



Clarke Quay

Clarke Quay and Boat Quay are places... you wouldn't want to miss if you're in Singapore. It is a place where two meets one, be it the quays or the romantic endeavours.

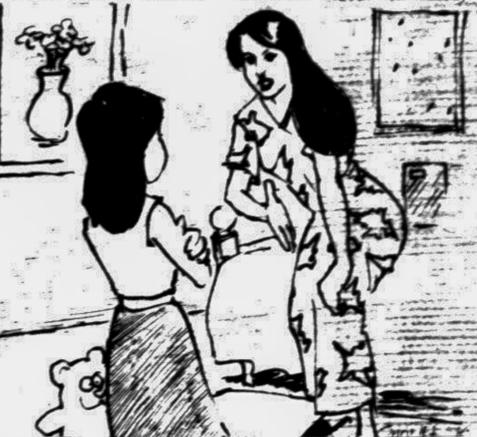
Tips On How To Spend Your Summer Vacation

by Inshirah Kishwar Sakhawat

- 1) If you have dogs that would be interesting to spend your time by giving them a bath, brushing their fur, taking pictures of them in case they get lost, or maybe run around with them on the streets just to scare people to death!
- 2) If you don't have a dog, this could be your perfect opportunity to beg your dad to buy you one.
- 3) If you have a hoop for basketball, invite your friends or cousins over, for a game or two.
- 4) If you don't have hoop for basketball, washing your fa-

look at all that's in your computer if you haven't already. You can find lots of cool stuff which you didn't know was in your computer.

6) If you're interested in nothing but TV, there are a few really cool movies you should watch. Interview with the Vampire is a really good movie to watch. It stars Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt and Antonio Banderas. Apollo 13 is also a good movie. It stars Tom Hanks. For action you should watch True Lies, Blown Away, Point Break, Drop Zone, Kickboxer 2 and Outbreak. If you like comedy



- 5) If you've got a computer great in your spare time
- 6) On a hot day, this tasty drink will either relax you or poison you! If you are familiar with Hajmola, good. After you've got the Hajmola take five or six tablets and ground them until they are powdery. Take this powdered Hajmola and put it into a glass pouring half a glass of cold water. Then squeeze two to three pieces of lemon and add two ice cubes. Mix well and taste it.
- 7) If you find all of these suggestions not up to your liking, do what I did - start writing in the newspaper!

you should watch Richi Rich, Little Rascals, Santa Claus, Son of Pink Panther, Duffman Checks in, Blank Cheque, Camp Nowhere and Casper. Stroke of Midnight is a very beautiful movie. It's quite the Cinderella type movie but I thought it was very nice and funny. Shallow Grave, Jennifer 8 and When the Bough Breaks are scary movies. These films are also full of suspense but I didn't like them much. Batman Forever wasn't bad but a little silly. Copcon was really excellent! You can spend most of your summer vacation watching these movies.

THE OLYMPIC CENTENARY GAME From Athens to Atlanta

By Ishrak Ahmed Siddiky

Man by nature wants to meet together. He is a social animal and hence this desire is strong in him. From time immemorial this longing for meeting together has been manifested. The Olympic Games held every four years in a new country, gives the citizens of the world a chance a golden chance of meeting together.

In Greece the Olympic Games were celebrated every four years during the Summer at Olympia a district in Elis, also the city of Pisa - in honour of the chief of the God Zeus. It is the greatest of all festivals, and the Greeks liked it very much. The winner was given the garland of wild olive.

The Olympic Games is a quadrennial amateur sports contest. The modern game derives from the ancient Greek festival held at Olympia. However, it was banned in the Roman times by Theodosius the Great in 393 AD. It was revived again in Athens in 1896, largely through the efforts of Pierre de Coubertin, a French educator, who wished to improve the national and international understanding through sport. The games are now governed by the International Olympic Committee. Although officially a contest between individuals, the games are often seen as the competition between countries. Modern Olympic games are now the greatest show on earth. All the countries of the world participate here, to enhance their friendship. This year the games will be held in Atlanta.

competition. To this day he is a legend.

Stockholm 1912
Stockholm the capital of Sweden hosted the 5th Olympic games. 2,141 participants of 28 countries fought for the medals. 6th July Sweden's king Vostavo, opened the games. Sweden became champion with 24 goldmedals, while USA was second with 23 golds.

Antwerp 1920
Antwerp a city in Belgium hosted the 6th Olympic games. 14th August 1920 the games



The cute Olympic mascot Izzy, games start from July 19

were opened. 2,606 participants of 29 countries took part in all the categories. There were 63 women athletes USA became champion with 41 goldmedals, followed by Sweden with 19 goldmedals.

Paris 1924
In 1924 Paris for the second time hosted the Olympic Games. 44 countries took part. 3,092 participants contested for the gold medal of whom 136 were women. France became the champion with 28 goldmedals USA was second with 22 golds.

Amsterdam 1928
8th July 1928 King Hendrick of Holland opened the games in presence of 75 thousand people 46 countries 3,015 participants took part of whom 290 were women. USA became champion with 22 gold medals followed by Germany with 8 gold medals.

Los Angeles 1932
30th July 1932 in presence of 1 lakh 5 thousand people the games were opened. 37 countries took part. There were 1408 participants of whom 217 were women. USA became champion with 41 goldmedals Italy was second with 10 gold medals.

Berlin 1936
1st August 1936 Adolf Hitler in the Rihk Sports field stadium opened the games. 49 countries 4,069 athletes took part of whom 328 were women. Germany became champion with 33 goldmedals, USA second with 12 gold medals.

London 1948
London Again for the second time hosted the games. 30th July in presence of 70 thousand people the Olympic Games started. 59 countries 4,468 athletes took part. There were 438 women USA again became champion with 38 gold medal followed by Sweden with 17 gold medals.

1952 Helsinki
Finland's capital Helsinki hosted the next Olympic

Games. 69 countries 5,867 participants took part in the games of whom 573 were women. USA became champion with 40 goldmedals followed by Russia with 21 goldmedals.

Melbourne 1956
22nd November in the city of Melbourne the games were opened. 68 countries 3,184 athletes took part of whom 371 were women. Russia became champion with 37 goldmedals followed by USA with 32 gold medals.

Moscow 1980
28th July 1980 in Russia's Lenin stadium the 22nd games were opened. 80 countries 5 thousand athletes took part. Among them 1247 were women. Russia became champion with 80 gold medals.

Los Angeles 1984
On 28th July the 23rd Olympic Games were opened. 140 countries 12 thousand athletes took part. USA became champion with 83 gold medals, Romania was second with 20 golds.

Seoul 1988
17th September the 24th Olympic Games started. 161 countries 12 thousand athletes took part. Russia that year also became champion, followed by USA with 36 gold medals.

Barcelona 1992
17th August in the Italian capital the 17th Olympic Games were opened. 84 countries 6 thousand athletes took part. Russia became champion this time also.

Tokyo 1964
Tokyo is the first Asian city to hold the meet. The games began on 10th October. 6 thousand athletes from 94 countries took part.

Mexico city 1968
12th October in Mexico's Olympic stadium the games were opened. 112 countries: 7-2/1 thousand athletes took

part. In Hockey Pakistan beat India and won gold.

Munich 1972
In Munich the 20th Olympic Games were opened. 130 countries almost 8 thousand athletes took part. Russia became champion while USA became second.

Montreal 1976
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Atlanta 1996
In this year's Olympic many new events are added. Women's softball, women's soccer, beach volleyball are a few.

One thing should be clear. Though the motto of the Olympic Games is good, the bond of friendship has been shaken many times, because of the lack of understanding between nations. If this continuation in holding the meet, I hope everyone will enjoy this year's Olympics.

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Leaving My Beloved Country

by Tazeen Helali

As any Bangladeshi, I love my country dearly. I was born here and I grew up here apart from the years when I lived in Nigeria. I went there when I was hardly a year old and came to visit off and on during the intervening years. I came back permanently in 1989 and I've been here since. It was during this time that I grew to love my country. I realise the depth of my feelings much more now because I shall be going abroad for my studies in about two months. How I can leave my precious country, I don't know for my country is the land whose richness in nature's beauty and its people's capacity to love and care fills me with a fierce love for it and its people. As each day passes, it saddens me more and more. I stand on the veranda and stare at the trees gently swaying at the light breeze with a heavy heart. I look at the crows coming, the little birds chirping and pecking away at the grains I leave for them. Then I simply



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- Answers (12.07.96)
1. John Grisham
 2. International Labour organisation
 3. Lusaka
 4. 88 48mm (approx)
 5. August 6, 1945
 6. 7111c
 7. Taking food into the mouth
 8. The bending of the spine into a shape in the front-back direction.
 9. United Nations Educational, scientific and cultural organisation.

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1. The name of the protagonist of the book, Resurrection, by Tolstoy, is.....
2. Who is the writer of the book, the Pickwick Papers?
3. Lhasa is the capital of.....
4. The second largest river in Africa.....
5. The state religion of Mozambique is.....
6. When did Hosni Mubarak become the president of the republic of Egypt?
7. Amadeus Mozart was citizen of.....
8. The speed of first supersonic passenger plane, concord is.....
9. What is hydrophobia?
10. What is negative resistance?



A Forgotten Chapter from the Ongoing Connotations Between Metal Music and Suicides

by Shazaad Ahmed

ON the day after Christmas, Mas. Detectives David Zarubi and Robert Cowman of the Sparks Police Department, arrived at the Washoe Country Medical Center in order to question Jay Vance regarding the incident on the night of December the 23rd. When the officers asked him why his best friend wanted to kill himself, Vance, unable to speak due to the extensive nature of his wounds, put aside the clipboard and the pen the detectives had provided him with and instead questioned him with more than a simple nod, raised his hand and with his index finger, began to draw letters in the air. At first they had trouble understanding. But after a while one of them figured out Vance's answer: 'LIFE SUCKS'.

3 months later after undergoing hundreds of hours of reconstructive surgery at Stanford University, and after extensive therapy and psychological evaluation, Jay Vance was about to start a new chapter in his life. He claimed that he had found Christ and as a born-again Christian like his mother, he actually stopped his intake of drugs and alcohol for a few months. He reunited with his former girlfriend Lisa Davis, and on September 1987, she gave birth to his daughter Athena.

But even a near death experience and a new-found devotion to Christianity, a child he had helped bring into the world and the loss of his best friend was not able to change the nature of a man, who as a boy pointed a pistol at his mother and threatened to shoot her.

Months after his suicide attempt, Jay had gone back to shooting drugs, this time concentrating primarily on cocaine. After being hospitalized for severe depression, he admitted himself into the psychiatric unit at Washoe Medical Center in late 1988. A suicide watch was ordered and his medication included heavy doses of antidepressants and painkillers, including methadone.

During the early hours of November the 24th, he stopped breathing. Jay Vance died six days later.

The End