

SHOPPING BAG ANNA

one night a worker
found something wrapped
in newspaper near the
dock it was a

leg during the
next days a furniture
store owner went
to his back door and

found a thigh a
dock worker on goose
island found a
hip this is the

work of a fiend
police said so no
one would think
the boy scouts

had done it then
they noticed a
pattern all the
legs were wrapped

in polish newsprint
all from the same
newspaper then
they found a

hand chicago daily
zgoda it was a factory
worker named tony
his wife was

called asked if she
knew who could do
and she did anna
said she was

glad of it she was
wearing a flowered
hat black dress
she looked like

a grandmother after
a few sobs she told
how he'd been
boozing punching

her around i went
and got a hammer
anthony's last earthly
words were "oh my

head" but he was
too big to get
rid of i couldn't
drag him by his

heels thru town i
sawed him up it took
all night eight
trips on foot to

get him scattered
thru chicago after
90 minutes the jury
found her not guilty

IT CAME SCREAMING
THRU THE BRANCHES

leaving the plane
a swayback bird
sunk in the torn
house all
night cutting
the dead and
moaning out
snow falling
now these
oranges in the
bloody snow
gasoline strips
of polaroid
people park
cars walk
up the roped
streets with
cameras stand
in front of the
twisted tail
holding their
children tight