

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens

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From the Editor:

Dear Houston Senior Citizens and Friends:

I want to say thank you for sending me more news for the July Issue. I am sure everyone is pleased reading the interesting stories.

For August 2004 Issue – it is possible the newsletter will be short, as I will be on vacation. I will do my best as much as I can...I'll be leaving for New Orleans on the 30th of July before starting to travel. And if you already have any news, clippings, 50th anniversaries, etc and want to share, you can send them during this month before July 25th. That will give me time to type up until the 29th. Thank you in advance.

I am excited and can't wait for my vacation. First two weeks of August I'll be traveling to Canada, tour several historic towns with my sibling family, especially in Nova Scotia for the Leger Association Reunion/Family tree.

Have a good summer!

Audrey

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Please send any news, information, jokes, pictures, recipes, sports or anything that you want to share with Senior Citizens. **Please keep articles to less than 250 words, due to limited space on the newsletter.** Please note that the editor may, at her discretion, edit articles or news items for brevity and to correct errors. **The deadline is on the 15th of each month.** Items received after the 15th will be held until next issue.

NOTE: Unpaid subscriptions are discontinued after three months. In order to serve you better, a reminder will be sent during the second month.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at 281-437-6224 TTY or fax at 281-416-0799 or e-mail us at hdsnews@yahoo.com.



**Flash News for next Field Trip
Hallettsville & Moulton/Schulenberg, TX**

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point Rd, Houston, TX on Friday, July 9th at 7:15 AM. The bus will depart no later than 7:45 AM.

10:15 – 11:30 AM – TX Championship Domino Hall of Fame, TX Fiddlers Hall of Fame - no fee, donations accepted –
& Lavaca Historical Museum or Courthouse (fee – TBA)

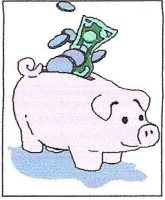
Lay-Bozka House (drive-by viewing only)

12 or 12:30 PM – Buffet lunch

2 - 4 PM – St Joseph's Catholic Church – no fee, donations accepted
Included in Schulenberg's Painted Churches Tour (fee – TBA)

If you are interested in going on the field trip, please contact Audrey Leger at 281-437-6224 before the 8th. Come and let's have fun together. See you on the 9th.

From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:



We wish to thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND**: Arlene Benham, William Hebert, and Jenice & Tommy Wells

Anyone who wishes to donate **\$\$\$** to **LOVE FUND** should please make a check or money order payable to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens - Love Fund. Please mail to:

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THANK YOU NOTE

Contributed by Betty Jo Quinn '58

Thank you very much for all your thoughts, prayers, visits, and get-well cards you sent to Jerrell Quinn and also helps you have done for me. Jerrell had a massive stroke (99%) last march 3rd. He has been under the care of rehabilitation staff for physical therapy and hygiene care. He has shown some improvements except that he is in a wheelchair and hopefully he will walk one day.

Jerrell had angioplasty in his legs Friday, June 18th hoping that it will improve his physical problems. Please continue praying for him and his family. Thank you again.

NEW SUBSCRIBER:

Welcome to our new subscriber: Ray Dean & Nimm Shelton, gifted by William Buchanan

RENEWALS:

Thank you for your renewal: Rita Aguilar, Martin & Mabel Bienvenu, Kenneth & Dinah Burkett, H.C. & Minnie Collins, William & Billie Dover, Ellen V. Konoski, George E. Lewis, Louise Nantz, and Madeline Watkins.



Planned field trips for Houston Deaf Senior Citizens for the next six months:
(Attention: those places or dates may be changed if unable to reserve or time permits)

- ❖ August 13, 2004 (Friday) ~~ Moscow & Livingston, TX ~~ Historical Museums
- ❖ September 10, 2004 (Friday) ~~ Cuero & Victoria, TX ~~ Historical Museums
- ❖ October 8, 2004 (Friday) ~~ Coldspring & Huntsville, TX ~~ Historical Museums
- ❖ November 12, 2004 (Friday) ~~ Cameron & Rockdale, TX ~~ Historical Museums
- ❖ December, 2004 ~~ date and places -- to be announced

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2, 2004 (Friday)



FRAT will have a meeting and luncheon at 11 AM Friday, July 2nd at Golden Corral Restaurant (get off Hollister exit from North 290, and make a U-turn. Restaurant is on your right.

July 2, 2004 (Friday)



ASL Social will be at Hard Rock Café, 502 Travis Ave, Houston, TX 77002 Friday, July 2nd from 4 PM to 1 AM? Come to meet your old and new friends. Any questions please e-mail to Earl Johnson at ejohnson127@houston.rr.com.

July 6, 2004 (Tuesday)



Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will be held on Tuesday, July 6th at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point Rd. Houston at 7 PM. The presentation will be: This month we are honored to have the Houston Police Department's Artist. She has been instrumental in creating the drawings that have led to the capture of many criminals. Come and enjoy this excellent presentation. Refreshments will be served. Interpreter & captioning will be provided.

July 9, 2004 (Friday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip to Hallettsville & Moulton, TX Friday, July 9th. Meet at Woodhaven Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point Dr, Houston, TX by 7:15 AM. Let's join us and enjoy ourselves. (See editor page 2, for more information).

July 13, 2004 (Tuesday)



Chief's Citywide "PIP" will have a meeting Tuesday, July 13th, 7 PM in downtown at 1200 Travis. The presentation will be: The presentation will be: This month our format is a Questions and Issues for the Chief. Come hear chief of Police Harold L. Hurtt as he shares his ideas for the police department. Interpreter and captioning will be provided.

July 14, 2004, 2004 (Wednesday)



Houston Senior Citizens will have a general meeting at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston from 9 AM to 1 PM. Come and enjoy chatting with friends!

July 15, 2004 (Thursday)































Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a fellowship and potluck at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point from 9 AM to 1 PM. If you wish to bring a covered dish, please contact Gertrude Sessions at (281) 447-7575 TTY or Jenice Wells at (281) 442-8015 TTY and let them know what you will bring.

July 28, 2004 (Wednesday)



Houston Senior Citizens will have a meeting at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston from 9 AM to 1 PM. Come and enjoy chatting with friends!

July 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>4 Happy 4th  Early McVey </p>	<p>5 Homer/Joan West—1963 </p>	<p>6 PIP MEETING  William Lambert </p>	<p>7 Rubin/Faye Sims-1956 </p>	<p>1 Montie Strother  Eugene/Opal Piercy Albert/Joyce Hammon Both 1944 </p>	<p>2 ASL SOCIAL HARD ROCK CAFE </p>	<p>3 Joyce Hammon </p>
<p>11 Thelma Jo Hays </p>	<p>12 Z X Curry </p>	<p>13 Lowell/Ruth Montgomery 1955  </p>	<p>14 S.C.M.M.S.C. </p>	<p>15 Arlene Benham </p>	<p>9 Field Trip Moulton & Hallestville  James Spaulding Audrey Leger </p>	<p>10 Lynnwood Davis </p>
<p>18 Clyde Clark </p>	<p>19 Dewey Adams  Joe/Lennie Morton-1941 </p>	<p>20 S.C.M.M.S.C.  Alma Whittemore </p>	<p>21 WOODHAVEN </p>	<p>22 S.C. SOCIAL WOODHAVEN </p>	<p>23 Marlene Hanks </p>	<p>24 Roger Spivey </p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 S.C.M.M.S.C.</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

NEWS

Letter from Ms Louise Nantz's daughter, Ms Cherry Louise Castaneda

Dear Houston Senior Citizens and friends, and a big hello to all of you,

My mother Ms. Louise Lee Nantz asked me to write to you; as the tips of her fingers are numb and she is not able.

September 5, 2003 she fell and twisted her ankle very badly. She had to wear a special cast boot for 2 months. Then on February 27th of this year I took her to the Golden Corral to eat. We sat down then she took a bite of sweet potatoes. She was signing to me that she felt nausea then dizzy. All of a sudden she had a seizure, fell on the floor and was passed out for a few moments. The ambulance came and took her to the hospital. They took several tests: MRI - EKG, etc for 5 days while she was in the hospital. They found bacteria in her colon. Thank God I was with her. I am telling you I was scared and prayed to God to save my mother's life that day.

When she hurt her ankle in Sept, 2003 she was wearing a Life Line around her neck, which saved her life. They called me and my sister at the job. Life Line is a necklace with a button to push for help from the Mother Francis Hospital.

We have written several times to Elisa (Brooks) Neve even to her sister. We were sad to hear that she is in a nursing home in Graham, TX. She is blind in her left eye. She has problems with her legs and can not walk. She has been in the nursing home since October 2003.

Soon we plan to go to Graham, TX to visit Elisa and also Donald Bryan. They have been friends of my mother many years. No more letters from them -- that makes my mother sad not to get letters from them. I guess they do not have anyone to write for them. We pray they both are in good health.

My mother Ms. Nantz will be 86 on September 9, 2004. To me she looks younger than she did 10 years ago. Praise God.

My mother enjoys reading the Houston Senior Citizen Newsletter. She's so happy when it gets to the Post Office.

You all take care! Your friends, from Tyler, TX –

Ms. Louise Nantz & daughter Ms. Cherry Louise Castaneda

NEWS by Nellie Bishop

My son Leon Ray Bishop's wife Anita whose mother Leigh E. Thompson passed away May 21, 2004. (See obituaries page 11). My daughter Shirley Plaster took me to the Waltrip Funeral Home Sunday afternoon, May 23rd. The funeral was Tuesday, the 25th at the Houston National Cemetery. But due to health reasons I was unable to make it.

Although the Drs say I am still strong, I don't think I am up to riding Metro any longer. Which means I will not be able to attend the Senior Citizens meetings.

Houston Senior Citizens, I love you and know I will miss all of you very much. . Hopefully one day I will get a ride to a meeting and visit with you all.

BRIEF NEWS by Hazel Richard

Billy and Jeanette (Fitch) Turnham of Dallas celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at the DAC Country Club on La Prada Drive in Mesquite on June 12, 2004 from 1 – 4 PM, given by their sons and their wives.

The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers; light hors d'oeuvres and punch were served. The guests from Houston were Jack and Hazel Richard (a sister of Jeanette), Christine McKinnon and Janice Caraway; from Corpus Christi were Willie and Evelyn Floerke (also a sister of Jeanette).

BRIEF NEWS by Maurice Ford

My sister, Geneva asked me how about visiting Gordon and Ruenell, our niece Ginny and three nephews at Crossroads near Malakoff, TX. I said that's fine. So we rolled up there on May 29 and they were happy to see us, because it's been a long time.

We stayed with them for 2 nights. They bought 3 acres and 2 double Mobile Homes --- very pretty with their landscaping. We enjoyed it there and returned home safely.

ALAMO HEARING IMPAIRED SENIOR CITIZENS MERGED WITH CSD OF TEXAS – SAN ANTONIO!

Submitting by Mary Corley



Here's the big news! After all the hard work and negotiation, the AHISC (Alamo Hearing Impaired Senior Citizens) has finally merged with CSD of TX (Communication Service for the Deaf). Thanks to Peter Bailey, CSD of TX Division Director, for working with me to make it happen. I am forever grateful for his help as well as the CSD people. Now our Senior Citizens will be in a better place after CSD move to a new office building in July or August. I hope you all will be pleased after you see the new office. I look forward to seeing many happy faces and big smiles. Right now, I am still at the Villa Tranchese office on a month-to-month basis until our new office is ready.

Mary Corley, Senior Citizen Program Coordinator

Death Notice: Write by William Buchanan

Charles Wayne Missildine, 74, of Minnerville, OR. died from cancer which had spread out from his neck thru lung to stomach. He had been treated for a year by chemo and radiation until March 23, 2004. He was a resident of Minnerville for about 14 years.

He was born in Jacksonville, TX on March 14, 1930. Then his family moved and resided in Ft Worth for a long time. He withdrew from TSD in 1950. He married Garcia Gonzales in Mexico and later left her to attend California School for the Deaf in Berkley, CA and graduated in 1951. He attended Gallaudet University for a year and then returned to Ft. Worth. He married to Sandra Turner, a deaf daughter of a NFL Hall of Fame, Clyde "Bulldog" Turner, who played as a center for Chicago Bears for 10 years. They divorced in March 14, 1983. They have three sons: Odell Douglas Missildine, Ivy Wayne Missildine and Charles Wayne Missildine Jr. and 5 grandchildren.

He was a part-time secretary for TSD Alumni Association (TAD) from 1985 to '86. He was involved with a committee for TAD 100th Anniversary celebration in 1985.

He requested his (cremated) ashes to pour over his property in the mountain among some tall trees.

NEWS by Audrey B. Edgley

Dorothy McCain, a formerly student and a House Mother for the teen boys at Louisiana School for the Deaf, passed away on May 25, 2004. We are sad to see her gone (See obituaries page 11) but she is joining her husband now.

We really miss them very much, because they always visit us after stopping by the restaurant. We've enjoyed visiting with them. Dorothy's husband Wilfred was so funny, always full of laughs and fun to be with. Now we are lonely for them.... They will be greatly missed.

By the way our CDC (Catholic Deaf Center) will have a picnic Sunday, July 11, 2004 in Lake Charles, LA. We will have BBQ dinner and lots of fun all day.

BRIEF NEWS by Thelma Jo Hays

It's really neat! Can you see it? A man's profile! I found this in my mother's diary. The number 1 - 9 were drawn by her teacher, Jesse E. Fox from University of Texas at Austin. The date was June 3, 1923.



Yes, he used to be a teacher at TSD (Texas School for the Deaf).

OUR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY by Zelma Curbello

On June 15, 2004 Gus's sibling families and we in 3 separate cars followed to Kinder, La for casino. Later that evening a Big Surprise 50th Party was held for us from other families. Everyone had a fun time at casino. Everybody won and lost some, too.

On June 17th all of us followed on the way back home and the families wanted to see our granddaughter and great grandkids. So we all stopped by her place, not knowing there was another surprise party for us, and were shocked to see so many cars there. Then we went inside and found out many deaf people and more families there, too.

We will never forget what a wonderful 50th Wedding Anniversary we had. I got a beautiful diamond ring from my husband, Gus. *Zelma & Gus*



A GROUP ON A FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday, a beautiful day of June 2nd, we went on a field trip to a nice town in Crockett, TX and toured two historical houses (see pictures next page with the details).

The picture at left was taken when we took a pleasure break and relaxed on the steps before a tour the second house.

We were really stunned and amazed that one of those houses has several fireplaces and pianos, including lots of beautiful antique furniture.

Field Trip to Crockett, TX

Historical & Cultural Activities Center of Houston County Texas, Inc

June 2, 2004

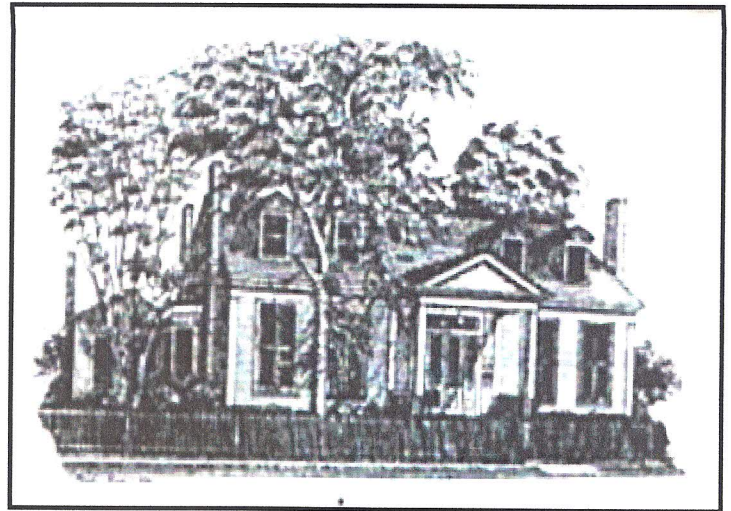


Downes-Aldrich House

The Downes-Aldrich House, built in 1893, is an outstanding example of a combination of Eastlake and Victorian and Queen Anne architecture. It was accorded in 1972 and was listed in the National Registry in 1978.

It was built by James Elbert Downes, a Crockett merchant, who secured the plans from George Barber and co., Knoxville, Tenn. Downes made many changes in the original plans to suite his own likes, desires, and life-style. The curly pine paneling in the entry hall and the second floor landing, where even the ceiling has this treatment as well as in the dining room, was imported from Mississippi. The stained glass and beveled and etched windows were also brought in from Mississippi.

Downes lived in this house with his family until 1910 when he sold it to Armistead Albert Aldrich, lawyer, judge, distinguished civic leader, and historian. The Aldrich family occupied the house until 1977, when Miss Mary Aldrich, a daughter, and other relatives left it to the state of Texas for preservation. On March 20, 1980, the Texas Conservation Foundation passed the Conservatorship to the tax exempt and chartered Historical and Cultural Activities Center (HCAC) of Crockett, TX.



Monroe-Crook House

The Monroe-Crook House was built in 1854 by Armistead Thompson Mason Monroe, grand nephew of James Monroe, fifth president of the United States. Mr. Monroe came to Texas from Charlottesville, Albermarle County, Virginia, the home of the great exponent of Greek Revival Architecture, Thomas Jefferson.

This house is recognized as one of the finest early Greek Revival houses in Texas. It has splendid proportions, four free standing chimneys, handsome large windows of twenty four panes of hand poured glass, fourteen foot ceilings and an impressive hall, all of which gives it a sense of scale and grandeur unsurpassed by any other Greek Revival house of its size in Texas.

Other features are brick-filled walls reaching the eaves of the outside walls and over head high in the inside walls, hand planed ceilings, doors, window frames, walls, etc.

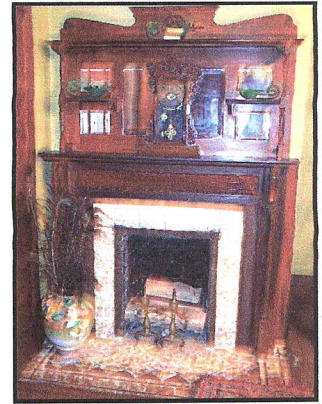
Built within twenty years of the time that East Texas was sheer wilderness, reached by the most primitive roads, the house reflects the Virginia background and culture that Mr. Monroe enjoyed and represents the determination, ambition, industry and resolute character of the men who came early to establish homes and make Crockett one of the most charming towns in East Texas.



Piano with a hutch



Fireplace with a hutch



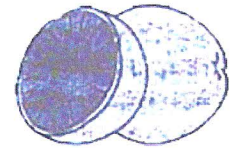
A Nation united can never
be conquered.

.... *Thomas Jefferson*

HEALTH TIPS

Potential Drug Interactions with Grapefruit

Source: MayoClinic.com



Grapefruit is a word that is becoming frequently used in pharmacies. This is because as little as eight ounces of grapefruit juice or one grapefruit can interact with many medications.

Researchers first discovered an interaction between grapefruit juice and drugs used to treat cardiovascular disease. Later studies showed that grapefruit juice alters the blood levels in many other drugs as well. Chemicals in grapefruit can interfere with certain enzymes that break down certain drugs in your intestinal tract and liver. This can result in higher-than-desired blood levels of the drug and an increased risk of serious side effects.

Drugs that are known to have potentially serious interactions with grapefruit products include:

- Antiseizure drugs such as Carbamazepine (Tegretol)
- Benzodiazepines such as Diazepam (Valium) and Triazolam (Halcion)
- Antidepressants such as Sertraline (Zoloft)
- Calcium channel blockers such as Felodipine (Plendil)
- HMG_CoA reductase inhibitors such as Atorvastatin (Lipitor)
- Immunosuppressant drugs such as Cyclosporine (Neoral, Sandimmune)
- Antiarrhythmic drugs such as Amiodarone (Cordarone)
- Sildenafil (Viagra)
- Estrogens
- Simvastatin (Zocor) & Fluvastatin (Lescol)
- Alprazolam (Xanax)
- Fexofenadine (Allegra)
- Caffeine

Even waiting to take these medications up to 24 hours doesn't prevent an interaction. The best advice is to avoid grapefruit products if you take any of these drugs, unless your doctor or pharmacist approves.

To play it safe, always double check with your doctor or pharmacist, and avoid grapefruit and grapefruit juice entirely if your medication is one that potentially interacts and is listed above.

REST IN PEACE

OBITUARIES



Leigh E. Thompson, 82, passed away in New Braunfels, TX on Friday, May 21, 2004.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom (CDR, USN), granddaughter, Stephanie and her brother, J.A. Edmiston. Survived by her daughter, Anita Bishop and husband Ray (Nellie Bishop's son); son Dale and wife Janet; grandchildren, great-grandchildren; sister Nita Brantley and numerous other relatives and friends.

Visitation with the family was held from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., Sunday, May 23, 2004 at Waltrip Funeral Directors at 1415 Campbell Road. Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 25, 2004 in Houston National cemetery.



Dorothy Jean McCain, 77, died at 9:45 P.M. Tuesday, May 25, 2004, in a local care facility.

She was born in 1927, in Pineville, to Andrew and Dorothy O'Neal and graduated from the Louisiana State School for the Deaf in 1945. She lived the remainder of her life married to Wilfred "Mac" McCain in Lake Charles. She was a member of the Catholic Deaf Center of Lake Charles.

Survivors include two daughters, Pam McCain and husband Bruce Cochran of Frisco, Colo., and Dorothy McCain and husband John E. Brown of Lake Charles; one son, Andy McCain and wife Brenda of Moss Bluff; one granddaughter, Jessica Brown, and three grandsons, Jackson Brown and Brandon and Nathan McCain. She is preceded in

death by her husband, Wilfred McCain; brothers, Harold and Mitchell O'Neal; and sister, Inez O'Neal.

Visitation was held 4 – 9 p.m. Thursday, May 27th with rosary at 7 p.m., and from 8 a.m. Friday, the 28th. Her funeral held at 3 p.m. Friday, May 28, in Johnson Funeral Home. Burial held in Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery.



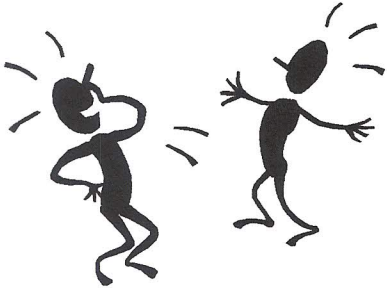
Amelle Boutte Mouton, 98, of Port Arthur, TX, passed away June 1, 2004 at Cypress Glenn in Port Arthur. She was born December 13, 1905 in Loreauville, Louisiana to Albert Boutte and Celima Ronosonette Boutte. She moved with her family to Port Arthur in 1916.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Aurelian (Eddie) Mouton and her deaf son, Hershel Mouton. She is survived by her two granddaughters, Lorna Riff of California and Pattie Sakal of Hawaii, and four great-granddaughters. She is also survived by four nephews, Dewey J. Prince of Port Arthur, Mervin Primeaux of Nederland, Ted Primeaux of Brookeland, TX and Larry Boutte of Port Neches.

Visitation held on Thursday morning from 10:00 a.m. till service time at Clayton Thompson. Funeral service held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday at Clayton Thompson Funeral Home with Rev. Stephen McCrate, officiating. Burial was followed at Greenlawn Memorial Park.



LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE



ON THE FIRST DAY of college, the dean addressed the students. He stressed one rule: "The female dorm is off-limits for male students, and the male dorm for females. Anyone who breaks this rule will be fined \$20. Anyone caught a second time will be fined \$60. Third offense, \$180. Questions?"

A young man raised his hand. "How much is a season pass?"

Submitted by E.T. Thompson --- Reader's Digest of July 2004



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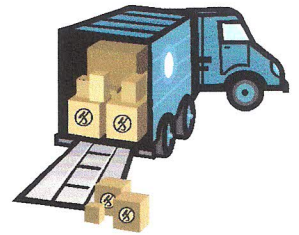
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