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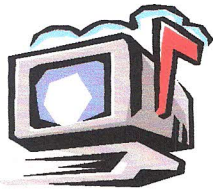
## Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo March 2 - 21, 2004 at Reliant Stadium



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PATRICK'S  
DAY  
The top o' the  
mornin' to you  
and may this  
shamrock bring  
you good luck.

March 17, 2004





*From the Editor:*

Dear Houston Senior Citizens & Friends:

Hello everyone. I hope you all are keeping warm and doing well during this winter time. We had bad rain and cold most of the time. Finally we have some sunny and cooler weather for several days.

We received email messages and letters of an obituary with different stories about the same person, which causes confusion. We would appreciate for you to send us original newspaper clippings of obituaries or website addresses....

Thank you,

*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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.** Items received after the 15<sup>th</sup> will be held until next issue.

Note: Subscriptions are not paid within three months after the due date will be removed from our mailing list.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Audrey at 281-437-6224 TTY or fax at 281-416-0799 or e-mail at [audright@ev1.net](mailto:audright@ev1.net).



***Flash News for next field trip  
El Campo & Danevang, TX***

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM. The bus will depart no later than 8 AM.

10 AM – El Campo Museum of Art, Science & History - \$2.00 a person

11:30 AM – Lunch at McKeskas' Barbecue & Buffet

1 to 4 PM – Danevang Cultural Center: 3-acre museum complex include the following exhibits:

Pioneer Home, Hansen Shed and Danish Cultural Museum---

If time permits, tour Danevang Lutheran Church - \$3.00 a person

If you are interested in going on the field trip, please contact Audrey Leger at 281-437-6224 before the 11<sup>th</sup>. Come and let's have fun together. See you on the 12<sup>th</sup>.



# NEWS

## **Renewal of Wedding Vows by Vernon Pate**

After 15 years of marriage, Vernon Pate and Joan Pate renewed their wedding vows on August 2, 2003, during a sunset along a beach in Honolulu, Hawaii. They also visited the island of Maui for several days, and enjoyed luaus, swimming on the beach, and a helicopter tour of the island. It was their first time to Hawaii as well as Vernon's first airplane ride and beach experience. Hawaii has left both Vernon and Joan with many beautiful memories.

## **Love of a Lifetime: submitting by Vernon Pate**

Joan Pate's daughter Linda Morado and Bob McMahon were blissfully married barefoot on the beach, with a romantic sunrise at Kapaula Bay Maui, Hawaii on August 5, 2003. The two toured Oahu, Maui, The Big Island, and Kauai in Hawaii. They went parasailing, scuba diving, and surfing. They observed a live volcano, had a helicopter tour, and attended several Luaus. Upon their return August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Boulder Ridge Clubhouse, they were greeted by family and close friends; some who had traveled from Arizona, Oregon, California and Florida. A Luau-styled reception was held with cocktails and dinner. Jerry Hassell performed the unity candle ceremony and stated "It was the most beautiful and eventful ceremony I have ever been to." Live Hula dancers came to perform and also stayed to celebrate along with the guests.

E Hoo man Maua Kealoha, Hawaiian's language means – May Our Love Last Forever

## **News by Tennie Sessions**

James Seale's family invited us for James' 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at La Vista Community Center on January 24<sup>th</sup>. His family fixed food for lunch, served a white cake decorated with "80" and a chocolate cake. They set down dominoes around the table edges and between the two cakes. We thought it was a very good idea because James loves it. He was shocked because his family surprised him. Also, he has not seen his nephew and wife for 10 years. They live in Menard, TX. He was glad to see all of his family, and cried and hugged them. The food was delicious. James got many birthday cards, money and several lovely shirts. He enjoyed it very much. The party was wonderful!

## **The Walkers' Retirement Party**

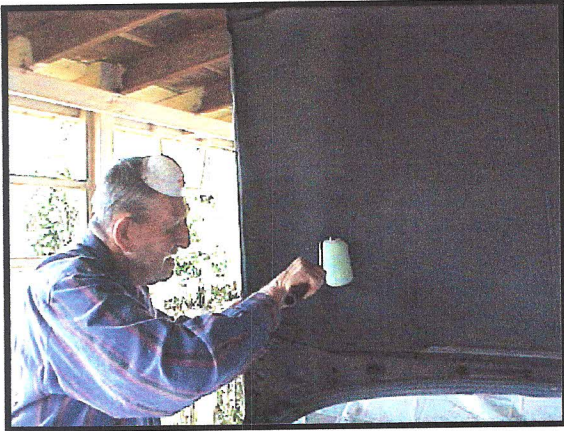
On January 30, 2004 Robert & Patsy Walker retired from University of Houston. They both worked there in different departments. Robert had been there for 23 years and Patsy for 22 years.

Their children, Lisa, Tracy and Donny provided a retirement party for their parents on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Meadowbrook Mobile Home Park clubhouse and invited their family and friends. They provided foods, drinks and cake. They also gave a small skit and made their parents wear summer clothes for beach, gave them hobbies to do, and fun things for trips. At end of skit Tracy gave them a toy boat and inside surprised them with the tickets of a cruise from Galveston to Cozumel. Patsy was shocked and happy tears. It was gifted by Patsy's father, Early McVey and on behalf of their family and grandchildren for their retirement trip for four days in April. Friends donated the money for their trip. There was a good crowd about 45 people showed up, and all had enjoyed the party. Afterward some of their friends were invited to their mobile home for visiting and chatting until late evening. They all had great time. Tracy, Lisa and Donny would like to thank everyone for coming and making a great day for their mom and dad. You are all very special friends to them.

## Jack Richard

On January 10, 2004 at noon Jack Richard was taken to the emergency room at Bayshore Hospital in Pasadena, TX by his wife, Hazel and had some tests run. The Surgeon removed Jack's gall bladder. An infection spread out through his body, making him very ill for three weeks. A week later, he was sent home on Wednesday, February 11. We are glad that he is doing well.

## Maurice Ford

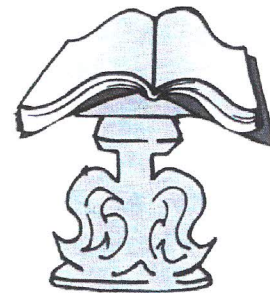


On Friday, February 20, 2004, Maurice Ford and his friend and house mate in Abilene, TX took advantage of pretty weather to do a minor repair to Maurice's car. As most of you know, last year he bought a really nice little old Mercedes Benz diesel sedan. The foam pad under the hood had become very dry and brittle over the years, so Maurice purchased a replacement hood pad. It was a very simple job. Maurice and Cliff use metal paint scrapers to remove the old foam pad, then used a spray trim adhesive (glue) and put 3 coats on the back of the pad and the underside of the hood. After letting the adhesive dry for about 10 minutes, Maurice and Cliff put the pad against the glue on the hood, and Maurice used a small paint roller to roll the pad (see picture on the left), making sure it was secure. In all, the job took about 45 minutes and now Maurice's car has a brand new hood pad.

## 10 Ten Ways to Continue to Learn

Source: adapted from Autodidactic Press

Continue to learn as much as you can, whenever you can. Take advantage of your free time and try to learn something new every day. Here are a few suggestions:



1. Visit a museum or gallery.
2. Every morning, look up a new word in the dictionary and figure out how to use it three ways.
3. Read a book... check out Oprah's Book Club recommendation.
4. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper and voice your opinion on a current event.
5. Go to a foreign movie, or if you can afford it, to a foreign country.
6. Watch an hour of public television (or the Discovery Channel) each night.
7. Choose a prominent figure in history and learn more about him or her.
8. Attend a lecture.
9. Spend a week reading material with which you strongly disagree.
10. Sign up for a night class or seminar.



## DEAFDIGEST GOLD – FEBRUARY 15, 2004

### DEAFHISTORY – LOOKING BACK:

Q. How many buildings and facilities in USA have been named after deceased deaf persons?

A. Hard to tell but it is estimated into 100's.

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## DEAFDIGEST BLUE – FEBRUARY 15 2004

### RALPH LIN WEBER'S FORGOTTEN ROLE

Ralph Lin Weber, now deceased and a graduate of Ohio School for the Deaf, pursued baseball research as a hobby. He was one of the founding contributors to the Baseball Encyclopedia and was Baseball Historian with the Toledo Mud Hens professional baseball team. He operated his own baseball library, acclaimed as the best in the world, out of the living room in his house.

Anyway way back in 1947 when Jackie Robinson was lauded as the first black to play major league baseball. Ralph repeatedly pointed out to baseball writers that it is wrong – that two blacks played major league baseball briefly in 1884. He was correct but never got credit for it.

It was mentioned recently in the newspapers that William Edward White may have been the first black to play in the majors – way back in 1879.

Baseball researchers are working on this task – to see if this revelation is correct.

Too bad Lin Weber is not around to assist with this task.

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## HEALTH TIPS

### HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH:

"Feeling our Oats" - Oat Bran is good for us. You may have noticed that oatmeal packages now say, "Three grams of soluble fiber from oatmeal daily, in a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol, may reduce the risk of heart disease." The FDA has approved this health claim, based on scientific studies. In other words, you'll be doing your body a favor by eating a bowl of oatmeal or an oat bran muffin every morning. In addition to the bran, you're ingesting complex carbohydrates that will keep you satisfied until lunch. Organizations such as the American Heart Association and the National Cancer Institute recommend eating anywhere from 20 to 30 grams of total fiber a day. Soluble fiber is especially beneficial; a serving of oatmeal supplies approximately 2 grams. If you've been turned off by oatmeal in the past, try it again. Appropriately prepared and embellished, it makes a great breakfast. Top with fresh fruit, raisins, honey, or maple syrup for a sweet, healthful start to the day.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## March 2, 2004 (Tuesday)



**Positive Interaction Program (PIP)** will be held on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point Dr. Houston at 7 PM. The presentation will be: Have you ever known someone was lying to you but weren't sure why you knew it? Officer Dwayne Wright with the HPD Academy Staff will be with us this month to share Detecting Deception in Interviewing. Come join us! Refreshments will be served. Interpreter & captioning will be provided.

## March 5, 2004 (Friday)



**FRAT** will have a meeting and luncheon at 11 AM Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at Golden Corral Restaurant (get off Hollister exit from North 290, and make a U-turn. Restaurant is on your right).

## March 5, 2004 (Friday)



**ASL Social** will be at **Joe's Crab Shack Restaurant, 601 2<sup>nd</sup> Street #5, Kemah, TX 77565 (Kemah Boardwalk)** Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM to 9 PM. Please e-mail to contact Roger Spivey at [spivey39@ev1.net](mailto:spivey39@ev1.net).

## March 9, 2004 (Tuesday)



**Chief's Citywide "PIP"** will have a meeting at 1200 Travis on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The presentation will be: This month our format is a Questions and Issues for the Chief. Come meet Acting Chief Breshears. Interpreter & captioning will be provided.

## March 10, 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!

## March 12, 2004 (Friday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip to El Campo and Danvang, TX. Meet at Woodhaven Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point Dr, Houston, TX by 7:30 AM. Let's join us and enjoy ourselves. (See editor page 2, for more information).

## March 18, 2004 (Thursday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have 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 Evelyn Autry at (713) 984-8186 TTY or Gertrude Sessions at (281) 447-7575 TTY and let them know what you will bring.


















## March 24, 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!



# March 2004

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
	1 Glynn & Alma Whittemore-1947 	2 PIP MEETING 	3	4	5 ASL SOCIAL Joe's Crab Shack Kemah 	6
7	8	9 CHIEF'S CITYWIDE 'PIP' MEETING 	10 S.C.M.M.S.C. 	11 Annie McFadden 	12 FIELD TRIP Dane Vang & El Campo Gertrude Sessions Betty Telfer 	13
14	15 Zelma Curbello 	16	17 St Patrick's Day  Albert Hammon 	18 S.C. SOCIAL WOODHAVEN 	19	20
21	22	23 I.D. Wicker 	24 S.C.M.M.S.C. 	25 Frank & Margaret Shaw-1954 	26	27
28	29 Tom Holloway 	30 Raymond Wilson 	31 Rufus Chappel 			



# Reliant Stadium

February 11, 2004

On Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> after the S.C. meeting, Senior Citizens had a field trip to tour Reliant Stadium in Houston, TX on a cold and rainy day. However, they all enjoyed sight-seeing the stadium.

The Club Level and Party Suite are amazing places to view events in the stadium. To rent the Club Level for a game is \$250.00 and \$10,000 for the Party Suite. There is also a special Party Suite room for \$13,000.00 a game.

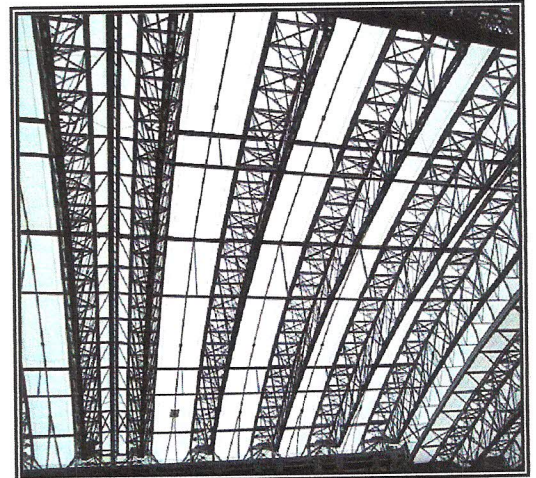
## SEEING IS BELIEVING

If you just looked at pictures of Reliant Stadium you'd be duly impressed. It is a splendid architectural achievement of style, sophistication and ultra-efficiency.

And just as its forefather, the Reliant Astrodome, was the first domed stadium, Reliant Stadium is also a pioneer of sorts as the national Football League's first retractable-roof stadium. But the best way to truly appreciate this exceptional facility is to visit it yourself



Front of Reliant Stadium



Retractable-roof stadium

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

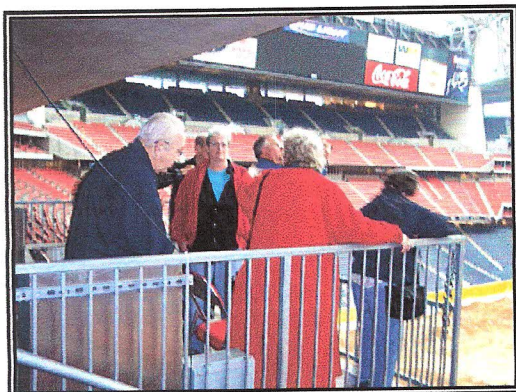
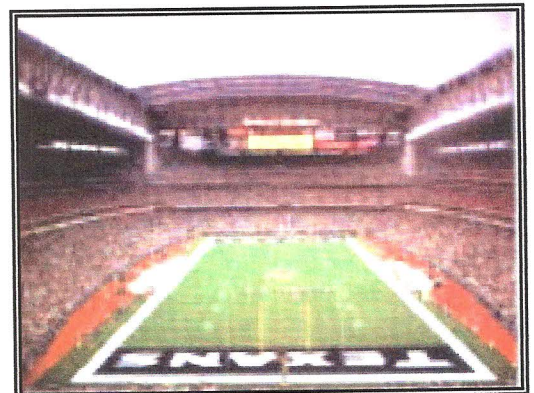
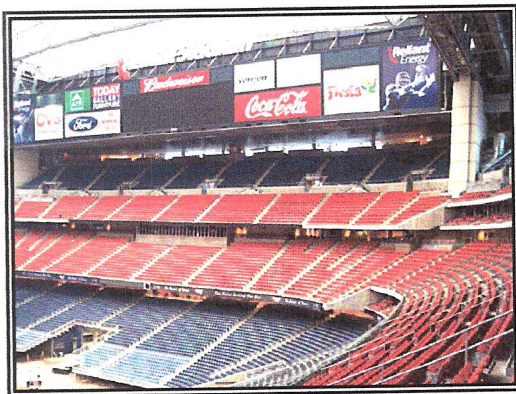
Introductory video

Field side view of NFL's first retractable roof

Field side view of NFL's only removable natural grass field

Premium seating areas:  
Club Level & Party Suite

Visiting NFL Team Locker Room/  
Rodeo Houston Star Dressing Room



←  
The group was in awe as they stood on the balcony and looked down at the football field.

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We are happy that Marie Hays was able to join us. Her interpreter-for-the-day was Pedro Solis. She really enjoyed learning more about Reliant Stadium and thought Pedro did a great job.







**From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:**

We wish to thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND**: Nellie Bishop, Gus & Zelma Curbello, Josephine Davis, Thelma Jo Hays, Audrey Leger, Roger Spivey, Paula Szablowski, and Ruth Young.

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:

**Mrs. Zelma Curbello  
9623 Tiltree  
Houston, TX 77075-4042**

**NEW SUBSCRIBERS:**

Welcome to our new subscribers: *W. Leon & Dorothy Balzer, Margie L Bridges, and Mario & Charm Montalvo, gift by Tennie Sessions.*

**RENEWALS:**

Thank you for your renewal: *Joyce L Adams, Regina C Behne, Hazel Benefield, Ellen & Billy Crochet, Palmer E Gissler, Earl Johnson, Ina Jean Martin, Nancy J Morris, Don J Sowell and Burba Thornton.*

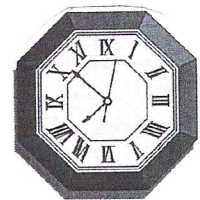
**Planned field trips for Houston Deaf Senior Citizens for the next four months:  
(Attention: those places or dates may be changed if unable to reserve or time permits)**

- ❖ April 21, 2004 (Wednesday) ~~ Katy & Columbus, TX ~~ Forbidden Garden & Historical Museums
- ❖ May 14, 2004 (Friday) ~~ Galveston, TX ~~ Bishop's Palace, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Moody Mansion/Museum & Lone Star Flight Museum
- ❖ June 2, 2004 (Wednesday) ~~ Lufkin, Weches & Crockett, TX ~~ Texas Forestry Museum, Downs-Aldrich House & Monroe Crook House

**Better to Give**

Source: adapted from Self

A new study shows that the more you give through volunteering, the longer you'll live. A University of Michigan study found that people who go out of their way to help others – whether it's cleaning up somebody's house, collecting clothes for a shelter or volunteering at the local soup kitchen – are more likely to live longer than those who don't.



**Humor:** submitting by Esther Brownalenoir

I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks so I wondered what do Chinese mothers use? Toothpicks?



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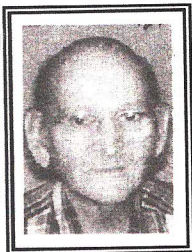
## OBITUARIES



**Richard Bruce Gabbard** passed away early Saturday morning, January 31, 2004 due to complications from his surgery on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. The funeral was held graveside in College Station Cemetery at 2 PM on Monday, February 2, 2004. An interpreter was provided for the Deaf. There was no viewing; only graveside service, which is what Bruce wanted. Bruce had helped so many Deaf people. Bruce believed in the Deaf Council and had remained very active in the Council until his death. Instead of sending flowers, please send donations to Deaf Council of the Brazos Valley, Inc. Here is the address for the Deaf Council:

Deaf Council of the Brazos Valley, Inc  
219 North Main, Suite 405  
Bryan, Texas 77803

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**Earl Clarence Luther SR., 76**, passed away Wednesday, February 11, 2004 in Houston, TX. He was born in Sour Lake, TX on June 17, 1927. Proceeded in death by his wife Olivia Gonzales Luther. Mr. Earl Luther and Olivia Gonzales made Diocese Gal-Hou history by becoming the first deaf couple to get married in sign language in St Joseph Church.

He is survived by son Earl C Luther Jr and wife JoAnn; daughters Nancy Amador, Rose Valle and husband Arthur, Delia Lopez and husband Rogelio and Molly Luther; brother Elgin Clarence Luther, half-brother Charles Luther; brother-in-law Deacon Sonny Gonzales; 17 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and 3 on the way.

Visitation was held Thursday, February 12, 2004 from 12 PM to 9 PM at Crespo Funeral Home – Navigation Chapel with a rosary at 7 PM. The procession departed the funeral home at 12 PM for a 1 PM church service at St Dominic Center on Friday, February 13, 2004. Interment was to follow at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

### **Dorlene Patricia (Tyler) Derstine:**

Private burial services for Dorlene were held at Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, Texas on February 11, 2004 officiated by Joe Kaplan and Curtis Bentley of Abilene. Coral Kaplan provided the interpretation. A memorial service will be held at Lubbock Community Services for the Deaf on Feb 28<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. Joe and Coral Kaplan will conduct the service.

Dorlene peacefully departed this life on February 8<sup>th</sup> at her home.

Dorlene was born March 30, 1935 to the late Doyle and Dorothy Tyler in Amarillo, Texas. She graduated as valedictorian from Texas School for the Deaf in 1954. She married Sam Derstine on March 17, 1957 in Austin. She retired from data processing after 30 years.

Throughout her life, she educated others on communicating with Deaf people using sign language and written correspondence. She was a true blessing to all of us with her unconditional love.

She is survived by her husband, Sam; three children, Don Derstine of Merkel, Debra Derstine and Dorothy Derstine-Nance of Lubbock; mother-in-law, Opal Derstine, and three grandchildren, Lyndsey, Ashley, and Travis, and other relatives, Trudy Tyler and Evelyn Steiner.

Memorials can be sent to:

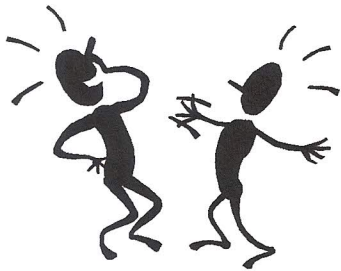
Lubbock Community Services for the Deaf,  
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[www.ovariancancer.com/donations.asp](http://www.ovariancancer.com/donations.asp)



## LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE -- HELICOPTER HUMOR



JOE HAD ALWAYS DREAMED OF flying helicopters, so he bought one and took lessons. During his first solo flight, the helicopter went up, up, up. And then it went down, down, down---hard.

"What happened?" the instructor asked as Joe climbed out of the wreckage. "It's like this," Joe said. "I took her up to 1,000 feet. No problem. So I took her up to 2,000 feet. No problem. Then I took her up to 3,000 feet and it started getting a bit chilly, so I turned off the ceiling fan."

Reader's Digest - March 2004; submitted by BILL ADLER



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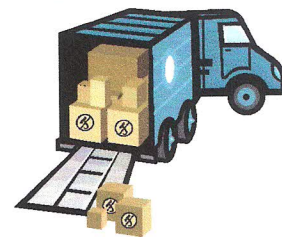
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