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Happy Easter



The Old Rugged Cross
GEORGE BENNARD

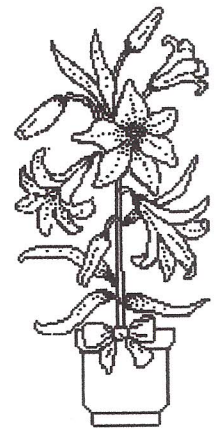
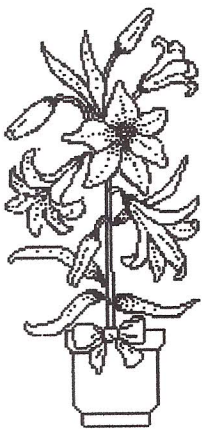
1. On a hill far a-way an old rug-ged cross, The ar-mies of
2. O that old rug-ged cross, that the world has a won-d'rous at-
3. In the old rug-ged cross, there's a blood so di-vine, A won-d'rous
4. In the old rug-ged cross, there's a love that ev-er be true, Its mes-sage and re-

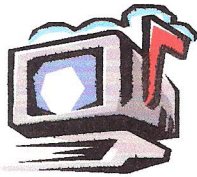
...-ring and name; And I love the old cross where the dear-est and best
...-tion from; For the cross where the dear-est and best
...-ness; For the cross where the dear-est and best
...-ch glad-ly bear; Then I'll love the old cross where the dear-est and best

Chorus
For the old cross where the dear-est and best
I'll love the old cross where the dear-est and best
To the old cross where the dear-est and best
Whose name I'll share. So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged
cross, the

... will cling to the
... And ex-change it some day for a crown.
... the old rug-ged cross,

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From the Editor:

72-Hour Emergency In Case Of Biological Chemical or Nuclear Attack
Received E-mail from friends

RED Alert to family & friends in America with event of War 72 hours emergency in case of Biological chemical or nuclear attack:

Gather up items into one room only with fewer windows for household families.

- Toilet Papers, famine pads, bags for human waste or 40 size Tupperware with lid for potty.
- 10 gallons of fresh drink water & plastic drink bottles.
- Dutch tape & large clear plastics sheet for one-room windows & sealed around the windows tight shut. Also tape & plastic sheet to cover the room door.
- Gather your choices for 3 days worth of meals --- canned pork 'n beans, peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, apricots, applesauce, cereal bars, granolas bars, gums, hard candies. (Don't forget can openers, spoons, bowls).
- Transistor radio & 3 days worth of batteries.
- Flashlights or lantern & 3 days worth of batteries.
- Blankets or sleeping bags & pillows.
- Clothes for 3 days & personal items.
- Games or toys to keep form boredom.
- Baby wipes, large bowl for small amount of water, wash clothes, towels body wash.
- Medicine for health needs.
- Clock or watch, mark down time period of stay in enclosed room for 72 hours.
- Don't forget your pets, litter box & food.

No Candies as they suck up the oxygen in the air of an enclosed room.

No propane gas stove or lantern as it would suffocate you of enclosed room.

In emergency you would not have electricity, gas heat, or water sources. Within 72 hours you must stay in one closed room with all windows & door taped cover plastic to prevent of Biological chemical or nuclear attack.

Don't forget to pray for 3 days ----- God Bless America & keep all of us safe.

Frank Shaw

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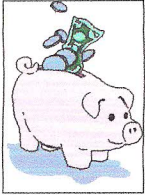


Flash News for next field trip
Austin, TX – April 11, 2003

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point Drive at 7 AM. The bus will depart no later than 7:30 AM. The group will visit one or two historical museums. (**NOTE: the field trip destination may be changed and it will be announced at next meeting on Wednesday, April 9th.**)

If you are interested in going on the field trip, please contact Audrey Leger-Wright at 281-437-6224 before April 9th. Come and let's have fun together. See you on the 11th.

From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:



We wish to thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND**: Arlene Benham, Karen Clifton, Zelma Curbello, Thelma Jo Hays, William Hebert, Audrey Leger-Wright, Elnora Morgan, Pernella Smith, Mary Jo Stevens, Betty Tefler, Raymond Wilson, and Damon Wright.

Nellie Bishop, thank you for your donation to **LOVE FUND** of a set of goose figurine to be sold, and Pernella Smith won.

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Zelma & Gus Curbello and Hazel & Jack Richard, thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND IN MEMORY OF SAMUEL "SAM" MANGUM.**

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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NEW SUBSCRIBERS:

Welcome to our new subscribers: Rita D. Aguilar, and Nicholas J. Martz.

RENEWALS:

Thank you for your renewal: Rickie & Dianne Boutte, Larry Butler, Truitt L. & Mary M. Dunagan, Troy & Margie Graham, Lola F. Justiss, Mary Longmore, Olon Lowrence, Evelyn F. Marek, Ernest H. Morgeson, Shirley Pacetti, Connie Patterson, Mary Ann Ryba, Frances & Lottie Sevier, Kennedy Slavin, Sydna F. Smith, Robert E. Southwell, M/M W. Westmoreland, and Mary M. Watkins.

*50th Wedding Anniversary of
James and Lavern Fair*



Donna Myers, Barbara Sutherland and David Fair invite you to join us for this joyous afternoon in celebration of our parents *Golden Wedding Anniversary* on Saturday, May 10, 2003 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive. The celebration will be held in the Chapel. If you are unable to join us, please remember us in your thoughts and prayers. No gifts, please.

Directions: I-45 south, exit Bay Area Blvd (toward University of Houston Clear Lake). Continue on Bay Area for several miles. Left on Middlebrook Drive. The church will be on the right.

Field Trip

March 14, 2003

The Pasadena Historical Museum

On March 14th, Friday on a warmer, sunny day we, the Senior Citizens, went to Pasadena, TX on a field trip. We were touring the Pasadena Historical Museum, San Jacinto Monument & Museum, and the Battleground State Historical Park. We enjoyed the sightseeing and the trip.



The Parks House

City of Pasadena

This area has progressed from Indian Territory to Pioneer Ranch land to space-age Pasadena. Known at one time for its strawberry patches. It is now acclaimed for its oil and chemical industries. The Vince brothers, members of Stephen F. Austin's original 300 settlers, developed area as ranch land. The armies of both Sam Houston and Santa Anna traveled through what is now Pasadena in 1836, to San Jacinto to decide the future of Texas. "Deaf" Smith destroyed a bridge on the Vince Ranch to block possible escape by the Mexican Army. After the brief battle, Santa Anna eluded the victorious Texas Army on a horse stolen from Allen Vince. He was captured approximately one mile from this marker. Site of the bridge and capture may be seen by following signs to the north. In 1850, surveyors of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railroad called the area "Land of Flowers". Col. J. H. Burnet, a land developer from Galveston, founded Pasadena in 1895. He said, "Pasadena will be the hub of a vast rich agricultural area." The area fully justified his vision, for by 1908, "Delicious strawberries, figs, oranges and vegetables" were the boast of Pasadena.



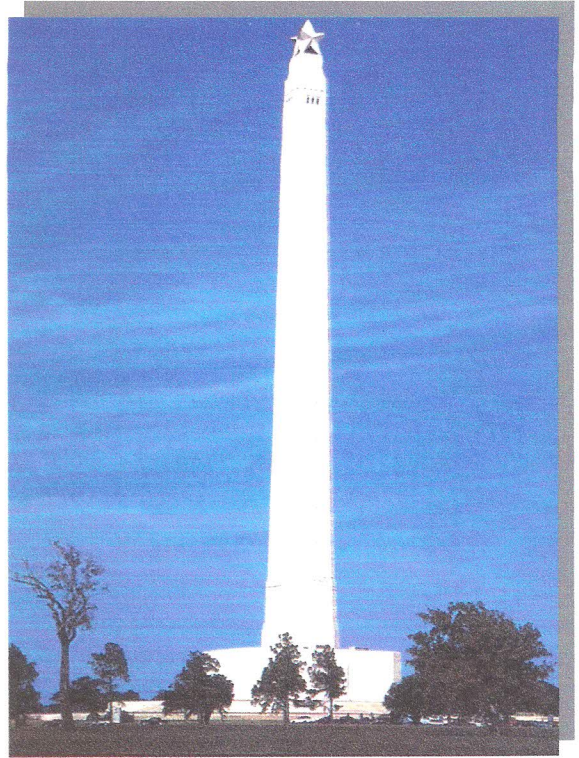
This room arrangement with crib from 1885.



Strawberries - Pasadena's historical farming reputation as "The Strawberry Capital of the Gulf Coast," early 1900's.

The San Jacinto Monument and Museum

Rising 570 feet above the Battleground, the San Jacinto Monument honors all those who fought for Texas independence. Built for the Battle's centennial in 1936, the Monument remains the world's tallest memorial tower. The elevator in the building is up to 489 feet. The San Jacinto Museum of History, located in the base of the Monument, tells the exciting story of the battle and introduces visitors to over 400 years of history.



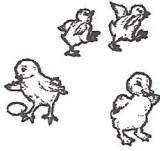
Battleship Texas

The Battleship Texas, commissioned in 1914, is the only surviving battleship to have served in both world wars and is the last surviving Dreadnought. The Texas served as flagship for the D-Day invasion of Normandy and earned seven ribbons for her service during World War II. Come aboard and experience what life was like for thousands of American sailors and Marines.

San Jacinto Battleground State Historical

On April 21, 1836 Texas won its independence when an outnumbered Texan Army heroically defeated Mexican forces on the plains of San Jacinto. Today the San Jacinto Battleground State Historical Park covers over 1,000 acres of rolling green meadowland and is home to the Battleship Texas and the San Jacinto Monument and San Jacinto Museum of History.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April 4, 2003 (Friday)



FRAT will have a meeting and luncheon Friday, March 7th from 11 AM to 2 PM at Golden Corral Restaurant (get off Hollister exit from North 290, and make a U-turn. Restaurant is on your right. Come, and you can find out how you can become a FRAT, and have many more savings, as well as a discount toward your birthday or wedding anniversary. Besides getting all you want from the buffet, you can also find out who is getting the discount!

April 4, 2003 (Friday)



ASL Social at West Oaks Mall at Food Court, Highway 6 South at Westheimer Pkwy, Houston, TX 77082 from 5 PM to 9 PM. Come and join us to meet old & new friends! Please e-mail to contact Roger Spivey at spivey39@ev1.net before 30th of March.

April 8, 2003 (Tuesday)



Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will be held on Tuesday, April 8th at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point at 7 PM. The presentation will be: HPD MOUNTED PATROL. Refreshments will be served. Interpreter & captioning will be provided. Come and join to celebrate.

April 9, 2003 (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. Closed Captioning will be provided. Come and enjoy chatting with friends!

April 11, 2003 (Friday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip in Austin, TX to tour some historic museums. Please be at **Metropolitan Multi-Service Center** at 1475 West Gray, Houston at 7:00 AM. Let's join us and enjoy ourselves. (See editor page 2, for more information).

April 15, 2003 (Tuesday)



Chief's Citywide "PIP" meeting at 1200 Travis – 22nd Floor will be held Tuesday, April 15th at 7 PM. Captioning and an interpreter will be provided. Come and join us

April 23 , 2003 (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!

April 24, 2003 (Thursday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at **Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church** at 9920 Long Point from 9 AM to 1 PM. There will be potluck lunch. 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.

April 2003

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 PIP MEETING 	2 JAMES/NADINE MOORE-1982 	3	4 ASL SOCIAL WEST OAKS MALL 	5
6 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME FORWARD 1 HOUR GUS CURBELLO  	7 VIRGINIA MEAD 	8	9 S.C.M.M.S.C. 	10	11 FIELD TRIP AUSTIN  TRAVIS/GERTRUDE SESSIONS-1953 	12
13 PALM SUNDAY 	14	15	16	17 S.C. SOCIAL WOODHAVEN 	18 GOOD FRIDAY FLOYD WICKER  	19
20 HAPPY EASTER'S DAY 	21	22	23 S.C.M.M.S.C. ROBERT SMALL  	24 ESTELLA CAMERON 	25 ANN EDGLEY 	26
27	28	29	30			

NEWS

NEWS from Connie Patterson

I had my left eye surgery recently to put lens in it. Now the left eye is okay, and I am doing fine. The doctor says maybe in about one or two months later will have another one on my right eye. Hope everything will be OK. *Connie*

E-MAIL MESSAGE from Jerry Hassell: submitting by Frank Shaw

Hello friends who are on my personal Internet, I'd hate to tell you that kind of news at this time, but at the same time I would prefer that you hear it directly from me rather than from others, as the misunderstandings could have occurred that way.

Last Friday (February 14th) I started to feel nauseated and at the same time did not feel that my heart beat the way it always did yet without pain. It continued to beat irregularly, but I thought it would go away sooner or later...yet it continued till Tuesday (Feb. 18th) when I thought it would be a good idea for my heart doctor to check on it.

He tested my heart and told me that I would need a pacemaker. Can you imagine how I felt upon getting the news? I told him that I was definitely in a state of shock, but he insisted that it was really very common for people to have it nowadays. At this point I think I will get used to it later on. He inserted it in my chest on Tuesday, Feb. 25th. Pray for me.... God bless you, *Jerry*

News about Rickie Boutte by Dianne Boutte

Pictured - 3/16/03



My husband, Rickie Boutte, had a stroke, which caused bleeding in the brain on early Sunday morning, March 2, 2003. He was in Galveston, where he went for Mardi Gras with some friends while I stayed home. Our daughter, Lara, was spent spring break with her Aunt Alecia in Baton Rouge, LA at that time. He had pain in his head and fell over, so his friends called 911, and the medics brought him to the ICU in UTMB, the hospital in Galveston. Two policemen from Houston came to my house and informed me about Rickie. I was scared and shaken. Our friend, Steve Pustka, was kind enough to drive me to see him that day. He couldn't move his right side. He had a breathing tube and was restrained, so he couldn't communicate. He also had a drain in the brain area for the blood to drain out. He was weak and his blood pressure was climbing too high while somebody visited him. So the family and hospital wishes for no one to visit him except immediate family until he moved to a room. He had been in ICU for 8 days before

moved to a room until Friday evening, March 14th. He was transferred to Spring Branch Rehabilitation Center in Houston for therapy. A few of our friends visited him at the Rehab Center last Sunday, March 16th and he is improving and doing better. He's a Great Spirit and a Fighter! The visiting hours are from 4 PM to 8:30 PM, Monday through Friday, and from 2 PM to 8:30 PM, Saturday & Sunday at Spring Branch Rehabilitation Center, 1501 Perch Rd, Houston, TX 77055. Thank you for your support and prayers. Love always, *Dianne & Lara*

Senior Citizens White Elephant: by Esther Brownalenoir

Do you have some beautiful things like vases, clocks that you no longer want? Bring them to the next Senior Citizens meeting and we will sell them at ASL Social at Greenspoint Mall Food Court on Friday, May 2nd. The money will go to Senior Citizens Love Fund.

Suit to get theaters to show more captioned films falters: From Houston Chronicle of 3/8/03 by Rosanna Ruiz; submitting by Zelma Curbello

A federal judge has thrown out key elements of former City Councilman Rob Todd's lawsuit seeking to force movie producers and theater operators to produce and show more closed-captioned films.

Todd filed the class-action suit in May on behalf of his hearing-impaired son, Robert Preston.

U.S. District Judge Kenneth M. Hoyt dismissed Todd's Americans with Disabilities Act claims against the movie producers and his civil rights claims against the producers and theater operators.

Marian Rosen, Todd's co-counsel, said she is going forward with the ADA claims against the theater companies. She is also pursuing a similar ADA case that seeks to force airlines to show inflight movies with captions.

Rosen said theaters should be considered public places of accommodation under the ADA — a landmark 1990 civil rights law best known for requiring wheelchair ramps at public buildings.

Laura Marie Franze, a Dallas lawyer representing AMC, Cinemark and Regal theater companies, said she will file a motion for a summary judgment and is confident the case will be dismissed.

"It's wrong to ask the operators to take on responsibility for captioning, because operators do not produce movies," Franze said. "They are merely a venue for viewing movies."

Hoyt ruled Wednesday that, under the ADA, movie theaters, perse, are not places of public accommodation. He noted that the act does not regulate how goods or services are presented to consumers.

While the ADA seeks to provide equal access to public places, Hoyt said, it does not define equal access to include equal enjoyment. He also said no First Amendment violations had been properly asserted.

Esther Brownalenoir writes Senior Citizens' memoirs

Nellie C Bishop says, "I REMEMBER"

When I became deaf, it was hard to learn to sign or speak English because my Italian mother could not read English but could speak some English, while my Italian father could read English but could not speak English. It was Ruth Fielder's father who told my parents about T.S.D. (Texas School for the Deaf). So at the age of 11-years old, I went to TSD. Sign Language was not allowed then. Students were taught the oral method in the Middle School. Remember when there were three campuses: one each of elementary, middle and high school? After a few years, Mr. Scott suggested that I move to High School campus where there was Sign Language. However, the TSD principal would not let me go. If I was able to read many books, I would have passed to graduate. Now, things are so much better; we have better books and Sign Language for all—even for preschoolers at TSD!

I.D. Wicker recalls, "I REMEMBER"

When the oral method was used at the deaf Blind Orphanage in Austin in 1950, I kept my mouth shut, and refused to talk. The Superintendent must have thought I was dumb. He put me in the kindergarten with the little ones --- me, a big girl, sitting in a small chair! One day a little boy started to push me and flicked my hair. I got so angry that I yelled, but what I said I do not remember. My teacher was surprised that I could talk. She took me to the Principal's office and got me to read aloud these books from 1st to 6th grades. At the 7th grade book, I stumbled, so the Principal put me in the 6th grade.

But I still would not talk. Finally the teacher sat down and asked me why. I told her that she moved her lips too small for me to understand. Well, that teacher finally wrote on the blackboard for me.

Other students were generally mean to me because I would not sign nor learn to sign. There was a girl who took pity on me and tried to help. Very slowly I learned the spell of alphabet during those nine months at school. Maybe if there were Sign Language books, I might have tried better. It took a reunion and graduation to when I met my future husband to get me to sign!

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank You Note from Evelyn Autry

To Houston Deaf Senior Citizens,

The family of Jack Autry, Jr. acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you very much for your generous donation to Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church in memory of Jack Autry, Jr. Love, *Evelyn*

Letter to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens from Pastor Arthur Craig

Dear Friends,

Your gift to Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church in memory of Jack Autry is a loving expression. Thank you for giving and be assured that the gift is one that will be used in the Lord's work. God always blesses those who give to His church out of their resources.

....."for God loves a cheerful giver."

II Corinthians 9:7B

May God bless you as you serve Him under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. In His service, *Arthur Craig, Pastor to the Deaf*

Thank You Note from Sam Mangum's wife, Billie: submitting by Zelma Curbello

Billie Mangum wrote us a card to thank us:

"Ms. Zelma C.,

Thanks so much to you and all our Deaf friends for remembering Sam at the time of his passing. He loved all of you, and was grateful for all the help & encouragement you gave him, as he studied sign language.

Sadly, his heart was just gone out. Thankfully, he lived to be 77, and all of us are grateful for that.

Thanks again, we love all of you. *Billie R. Mangum*"



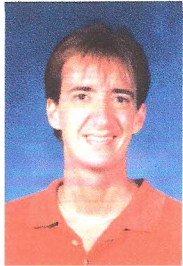
Some of the Senior Citizens were in good spirit wore any green for St. Paddy.



March Birthdays from left to right:
I. D. Wicker, Zelma Curbello, & Betty Tefler

REST IN PEACE

OBITUARIES



Jim Carl Fincher, Dec. 4, 1962 – Jan. 19, 2003

A memorial service for Him Carl Fincher, 40, of Bryan was held for 10 AM Thursday, January 23rd at St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

The Rev. Wayne Flagg was officiated and the burial was held at Rosewood Cemetery in Humble at a later date. Arrangements were under the direction of Callaway-Jones Funeral Home. Mr. Fincher died Sunday, January 19th in Navasota Nursing Home and Rehabilitation. He was born in San Jose, Calif. He was an interpreter for the Deaf with Communications Access Interpreting.

Survivors include two brothers, Paul Fincher of Hearne and Dennis Schumacher of Houston; and his mother, Virginia Mead of Houston.

Memorials may be made to the Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, c/o Zelma Curbello, 9623 Tiltree, Houston, TX 77075-4042.

Samuel "Sam" A. Mangum, 77, passed away on February 25, 2003. He served in the Navy and belonged to Walter Pierson Masonic Lodge, Arabia Shrine Temple and the Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife Billie R. Mangum, two daughters, Maxie Mangum Baldwin, and Nancy Mangum McCaslin and six grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children. Visitation was held from 6 – 9 PM on Wednesday, Feb. 26th at Miller Funeral Home in Houston. Graveside Service at 11 AM Thursday, Feb 27th at Sealy Cemetery in Sealy, TX.

Dr. Clayton L. Valli, 51, American Sign Language Poet, Teacher, Linguistics Professor, formerly of Seabrook, N. H., died Friday, March 7, 2003 at the Baptist Hospital, in Miami, Florida. Born in Newburyport, MA on May 25, 1951, he was the son of the late Frances S. Valli, Jr. He was a 1971 Graduate of Austine School for the Deaf in Brattleboro, Vermont. He graduated with a B.A. Degree in Social Psychology in 1976 from the University of Nevada-Reno, and with an M.A. Degree in Linguistics in 1985 from Gallaudet University in Washington, DC. He completed his doctorate in Linguistics and American Sign Language (ASL) Poetics at the Union Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1993 and worked as a professor, a consultant, a presenter, and a trainer related to ASL poetry and linguistics, at Gallaudet University. He was the co-author of 4 books and numerous articles relating to the structure and use of ASL. After his retirement, he continued to work as a part time editor for the Gallaudet University Press and enjoyed traveling around the world as a Lecturer. A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 22nd at 11 AM at Remick & Gendron Funeral Home in Hampton, NH. A memorial also was held at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC at later date. Burial was held in Wildwood Cemetery of Seabrook, NH. In lieu of flowers a Scholarship is set up for Deaf students wanting to continue their education. Memorial donations may be sent to the Dr. Clayton L. Valli Scholarship Fund, c/o Frances Eaton, 37 Folly Mill Terrace, Seabrook, NH 03874.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS REMINDER



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___ Betty M.,
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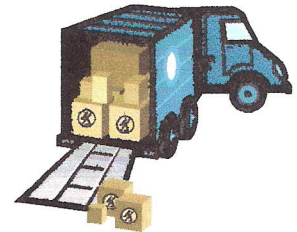
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