

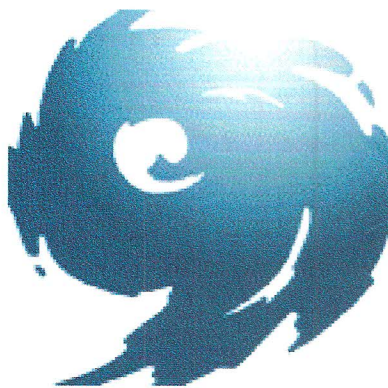
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A HURRICANE SEASON IS AROUND THE CORNER



What is a Hurricane?

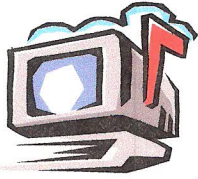
In terms of their potential for destruction, hurricanes are the most violent storms on Earth. Most of these storms are born in the meteorologically tranquil regions of the tropics during the late summer. Tropical storms that become U.S. hurricanes can begin either far out in the Atlantic Ocean, in the Gulf of Mexico, in the Caribbean Sea, or close to the shore off the Atlantic Coast. A great number of the strongest storms begin far out in the Atlantic near Cape Verde, the islands near the coast of West Africa.

Hurricanes are like huge heat engines that convert warm oceans and air into winds and waves. The heat released when water vapor condenses into water droplets provides the energy to power a hurricane. In a single day, a hurricane can release the amount of energy necessary to supply all of the United States' electrical needs for about six months.

Easier - A hurricane is a very powerful, sometimes violent storm with strong winds and heavy rains.

Harder - A hurricane is a powerful, spiraling storm that begins over a warm sea, near the equator. When a hurricane hits land, it can do great damage through its fierce winds, torrential rains, inland flooding, and huge waves crashing ashore. A powerful hurricane can kill more people and destroy more property than any other natural disaster.

Taken from a website



From the Editor:

Houston Deaf Senior Citizen Newsletter

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The editorial board and I are excited to see more senior citizens enjoy the newsletter and this year the number of subscribers has increased. It would be helpful if you can fill out an address form from the back page along with your check when your renewal is due so we can update our records.

Karen Clifton and Audrey Leger-Wright visited Mary Jo Stevens on July 13, 2002. She is in good health & good spirit. She was very happy to have their company for the entire day. She has three more chemotherapy sessions to be done. Photo on the right is her mother and Mary Jo.



Please send any news, information, picture or recipe that you wish to share Senior Citizens. **We would appreciate if you could write no more than 250 words of any news due to limited space on the newsletter.** Please note that the editor may at his discretion edit articles or news item for brevity and to correct errors. Mail to: Houston Deaf Senior Citizens, 9954 Kirkshire Drive, Houston, TX 77089, email to hdsnews@yahoo.com, or fax to (281) 416-0799 or (713) 781-4576. **The deadline is on 15th of each month.**

Note: If your subscription is not paid within three months from the due date, your name will be removed from our mailing list.

Thank you,

Frank Shaw



Flash News for next field trip
New Braunfels – August 16, 2002

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point Drive at 7:30 AM. The bus will depart no later than 8:00 AM. The group will visit Sophienburg Museum & Archives and Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture. For lunch there will be a buffet style restaurant in New Braunfels.

Fee is \$4.00 per person at Spohienburg
\$4.00 per person at Texas Handmade Furniture
and plus lunch expense.

If you are interested in going to the field trip, please contact Audrey Leger-Wright at 281-437-6224 before the 16th. Come and let's have fun together. See you on 16th.

News



News from Opal Piercy

So many of you have asked us what was wrong with Eugene. It's a long story, but I will make it short, and hope you understand just what was wrong with him. I wrote an article for the newsletter, but somehow it got lost and was never printed, so was asked to do it again. Eugene started feeling bad in March, so I took him to a doctor. The doctor sent him to the hospital for X- rays. The doctor was not happy after getting the results, so he sent

Eugene for a CAT scan. Three days later, the doctor got the films back. He called us right away and wanted Eugene to see a specialist. So we went to a new urologist and he looked at the CAT scan films. He said many things were wrong. Eugene had a tumor in his kidney, a hernia, and an aneurysm; therefore, the surgery should be done as soon as possible. This doctor suggested we find another doctor who could do it all at one time. Polly, our daughter, was with us and immediately checked with Dr. Noon, the one who removed my aneurysm several years ago. We went to see Dr. Noon, and he said he would be glad to do it all at one time with the help of the urologist. On April 18th, Eugene entered Methodist Hospital, and the surgery was done on the 19th. It was a long operation, but the doctor thinks he got it all. He said there was a 60% chance of the tumor coming back, so he advised us to go to MD Anderson Cancer Hospital to talk with a cancer doctor.

Eugene had some tests at MD and the results were good. The doctor at MD Anderson advised us that chemo and radiation would not do any good with the kind of cancer Eugene has, so Eugene chose to take medicines. He goes to MD Anderson every three months so the doctor can keep an eye on the results.

So far Eugene is doing real well. We went to Austin for the Seegers' 80th birthday bash. Eugene enjoyed the trip, and drove all the way forth and back by himself. Everyone was so surprised to see him as they had heard he was very sick, and wanted to know why I had not put the news in the newsletter, so here it is.

Before I close let me say Thanks to all of you who sent cards, brought fruit, stopped by to visit and most of all your prayers, and if I'm not asking too much, keep us in your prayers.
God Bless You All. Opal & Eugene

"I REMEMBER" by Esther Brownalenoir

At Home one weekend, I asked Mom to send me a package of sweets just like the other girls at Flint, Michigan School for the Deaf. That was in 1940. To my delight, I received a box. Only my house parent would take my box after telling me I could have only one piece. I came up with an idea. When it was time again for my house parent to give me my box, I pointed her to another girl. I grabbed all the candy I could put in my pockets and inside my blouse before my house parent could catch me. I went up to my locker and hid my candies between my folded clothes. This was a dormitory bedroom of approximately 60 girls. That night I asked 3 girls if they would like to share my midnight snacks. The problem was they just could not wake up, so I asked another 3 girls who were not fully asleep. We tiptoed to a lighted bathroom. One girl, originally the guard, beckoned a boy who came from the opposite bathroom and who became our guard to warn of anyone coming. Our candy wrappers were stuffed inside our pajamas when we finished with our treats. Suddenly that boy waved frantically, and we all ran and dived into our beds, laying still. Our house parent did catch the boy, but he did not tell. I do not remember any of the girls or boy's names, I wonder if any remember the incident.

Lennie (Benefield) Morton by Christine McKinnon

Lennie had her right knee and leg surgery on July 1, 2002, and the surgery was successful. She went home on 11th of July. She is taking therapy three times a week for a month. She is in a lot of pain, but is doing fine. Hope she will feel much better pretty soon.

Proud Grandparents: Homer & Joan West

Our son, David Lee West, and his wife, Anna, have a baby boy, Hunter Lee, born on July 1, 2002, weighing 5 lbs. 11 oz. He has light brown hair just like his Mommy, and he looks so much like his Daddy. They have a four-year old daughter, Sydney Ann, and she is excited to have a brother. We're proud to have a grandson.

First Grandparents: Tony and Sue Ramirez, submitted by Zelma Curbello

Tony and Sue (daughter of late Mildred Owens) Ramirez's daughter, Marla gave birth to a son, Jayden, on July 2, 2002, weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz., and is 19 inches long. Marla and Jayden are doing fine. He is a beautiful baby. Tony & Sue are excited to become first grandparents, and are proud of him. They said they are sure they will spoil him very much. Ha.

Julius Seeger's 80th Surprise Birthday party: submitted by Christine McKinnon



On July 7, 2002 Julius Seeger walked into a Townlake, TX Holiday Inn. He thought a special meeting was scheduled but was fully surprised to find a big crowd of about 90 people in the room to wish him Happy Birthday. Before the party Mark Seeger, his son, requested Julius to write some highlights on the Deaf Community for the meeting. Ruth, Julius' wife, prepared the big surprise party. John T. Jacobs gave some cute skits especially "Train and Cowboys" which are Julius' favorite ones. Julius really had a blast on his special day. Opal & Eugene Piercy, Janice Canaway, and Christine McKinnon attended the party and they all had a wonderful time.

Jack Autry's condition: submitted by Gus & Zelma Curbello

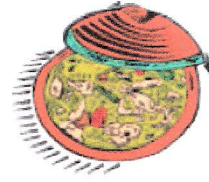
On June 4th Jack Autry fell on the sidewalk near where they live. He broke his hip and was sent to the Memorial City Hospital, and then he had a hip surgery on the 6th of June. He stayed there until June 12th before he was transferred to other hospital on Gessner.

On July 5th he fell down from the bed in the hospital; the nurse found him that morning. He had his left shoulder x-rayed and a small fracture was found. His doctor wants to see how it gets better through the exercises.

On 18th of July that night Evelyn, his wife, asked Jack if it still hurt him and he said no. Poor Jack, he wants to go home so badly, but he will be discharged on 26th of July. He is still in Memorial Hermann Rehabilitation Hospital on Gessner that is several blocks from where they live. He still takes therapy twice a day on weekdays and once on Saturdays.

Recipe

EASY CHICKEN CASSEROLE



3 cups - chicken, cooked and shredded
1 can - cream of mushroom soup
1 can - cream of celery soup
1 cup - water

½ cup - sliced mushrooms
1 cup - cooked rice
½ cup - chopped almonds (optional)

Combine all ingredients except almonds in a long bowl.
Mix well.

Pour into a greased casserole bowl.
Sprinkle almond pieces evenly on top.
Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 30 minutes.

Serves 6

Submitted by Marlene Hanks

REST IN PEACE

OBITUARIES



Frank Ray Simpson Sr, 78, passed away Thursday, June 27, 2002 after a long illness. Memorial service was held at Private in Greenwood Mausoleum of Fort Worth, TX.

He is survived by wife, Mary Jane (Cooper) Simpson; children, Anna Belle Easley and Annette Jane Daniels, both of Fort Worth, Frank Ray Simpson, Jr and his wife, Shirley of Marble Falls; eight grandchildren, Frank Ray Simpson III, Kristina Simpson, Dennis Daniels, Coit Daniels, Sterling Daniels, Jay Easley, Michelle Easley, and Mary Easley; and four-great grandchildren, Erik Simpson, Kirk Simpson, Jay Easley, and Kellie Easley. Frank was a TSD alumnus.

Mary Lee Williams, 96, daughter of pioneer Austin family John Henry Williams and Annie Mary Gruber Williams died July 7, 2002. She was born in Austin, Texas on August 21, 1905. Miss Williams was a teacher of Homemaking at the Texas School for the Deaf for over 42 years. She attended the Austin Public schools and graduated from the University of Texas and Columbia University in New York City. Miss Williams' kindness, devotion and generosity over the years impacted the lives of many of her students, friends, and family. Her four brothers, Edward, Harry, Austin Joe, and Adolph; and her three sisters, Marguerite, Lucille, and Edith preceded Miss Williams in death. Miss Williams is survived by her sister-in-law, Mary O. Williams, of Austin, TX; nephews, Joe Steve Williams and wife, Nancy of Naples, Florida, Edward Williams and wife, Martha of Dallas, TX; nieces, Annette Williams of Little Rock, Arkansas, Ann Williams of Dallas, TX, and Barbara Siple and husband, Charles of Diamondale, Michigan and Vero Beach, Florida. Miss Williams was a lifelong member of the St. Austin's Catholic Church, Austin, TX. The family received friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 12, 2002, at Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home. Graveside services at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 13, 2002, at Capital Memorial Park, with Reverend Harold Zink, C.S.C. officiating. Arrangements by Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home of Austin.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



August 1, 2002 (Thursday)

Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will be held on Thursday, August 6th at Woodhaven Church for the Deaf at 9920 Long Point at 7 PM. The presentation will be: HPD started a Traffic Enforcement Unit to help with the flood of Complaints the Chief is receiving about traffic violations. The refreshments will be served. Interpreter & captioning will be provided.



August 2, 2002 (Friday)

FRAT will have a meeting and luncheon Friday, August 2nd 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!



August 2, 2002 (Friday)

ASL Social at FoodBrand Food Court at Katy Mills, 5000 Katy Mills Circle, Katy, TX 77494 (exit # 742, US-90 W from Katy Freeway (I-10), left & go South on Roesner Rd; right on Katy Mills Dr; right on Katy Mills Circle) from 5 PM to 9 PM. Come and join us to meet old and new friends! Please contact Earl Johnson at (281) 487-2921 TTY / Relay TX (voice), either 711 or (800) 735-2988; e-mail to Roger Spivey at spivey39@ev1.net before 28th of July, so they can inform the restaurant the number of people.



August 4 - 6, 2002 (Sunday - Tuesday)

Open Captioned movie: "**Minority Report**", Rated: PG-13, at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer.



August 11 - 13, 2002 (Sunday - Tuesday)

Open Captioned movie: "**Spy Kids 2**", Rated: PG-13, at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer.



August 14, 2002 (Wednesday)

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



August 15, 2002 (Thursday)

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at **Woodhaven 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.



August 16, 2002 (Friday)

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip to New Braunfels, TX to tour the Historic Museums. Please be at Woodhaven Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX, at 7:00 - 7:30 AM. Let's join us and enjoy ourselves. (See editor page 2, for more information).



August 28, 2002 (Wednesday)

Houston Senior Citizens will have a meeting at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX from 9 AM to 1 PM. Volunteers are needed to help with folding Senior Citizens newsletters. Your help is greatly appreciated.

August 2002

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Social Meeting

Birth Day

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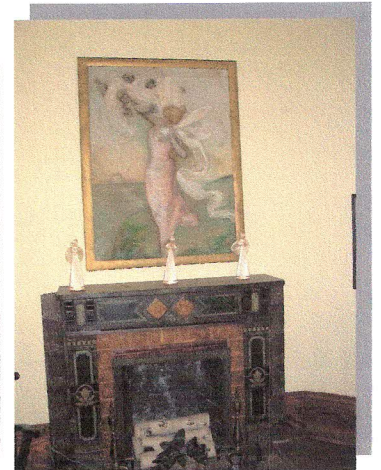
Field Trip to Navaosta

On July 19, 2002, it was a beautiful day, but quite hot. The Houston Deaf Senior Citizens had their field trip to Navaosta and Independence – touring Horlock History Center, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, John P. Coles' Home, and Texas Baptist Historical Center & Museum. They ate a good buffet at Guadalajara Restaurant for lunch. On the way home they stopped at McDonald's for ice cream to cool off from the heat of the day. They looked exhausted when returning home, but they had a blast!

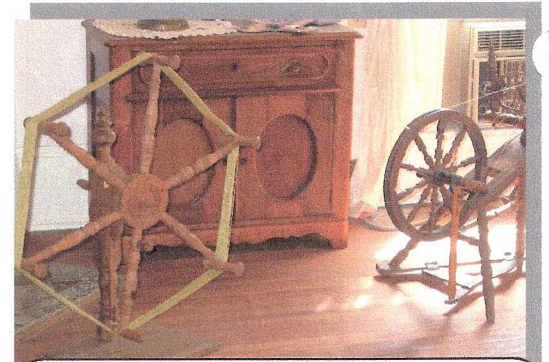


← The Horlocks' house was built in 1891. Robert A. Horlock was markedly good-humored man who loved kids and laughter. He was a leader in the community and promoted Navasota during the early 1900's as a partner in trade with the city of Houston.

⇒ This room is called Ladies' room – the ladies gathering to sew or drinking tea/coffee, and to chat with each other. The beautiful picture on the wall is painted on corduroy fabric.



← An original piano since 1894 – The Horlocks played and enjoyed piano music, but one Sunday a musician was thrown out for breaking a Sunday rule: hymns only. Jazz & ragtime allowed only on weekdays.



Mrs. Horlock using spinning wheel to make threads. Navaosta became cotton processing & shipping center for the region.



Montie Strothers laughing when she tries on Mrs. Horlock's pair of shoes.



An attractive bed is made of solid walnut wood & hand carving. The canopy usually holds a mosquito net veil over the bed.



WOW!!! Roger Spivey "listens" on an old fashioned phone to interpret to Arlene Benham.

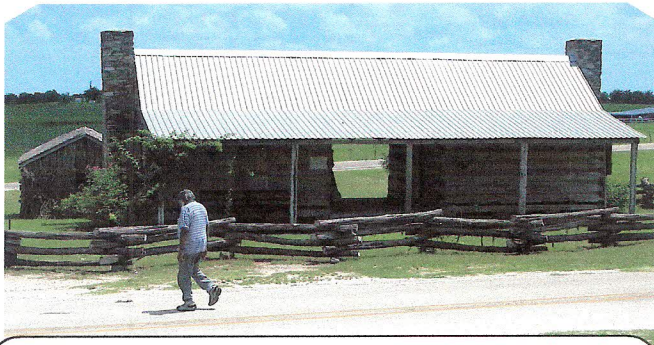
Independence



St. Paul's Episcopal Church was built in 1891. Mr. Horlock served as Sunday School Superintendent at this church for many years.



John P. Cole House – This is the oldest house in Washington County that was built in 1824. Judge John Cole brought his family to Texas in 1821.



Asbury Daniel House – A two room log cabin probably was built by settler Jesse L. McCrocklin about 1830. It has breezeway between two rooms to get some cool. Attorney Asbury Daniel resided there during the 1850's to 1870's.



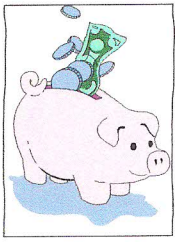
Ruins of Baylor University – These columns mark site of Baylor Female College. Men attended Baylor University on the hill to the south across the "River Jordan". It was opened in 1846 & located there for 40 years before moving to Waco in 1886



Independence Baptist Church was organized in 1839. Sam Houston was converted & baptized there in 1854. The church building was burned down leaving only the bell tower. The current building behind the tree on the left (not shown in picture) was erected in 1872.



The Houston Deaf senior citizens group arrive at the parking lot of the Woodhaven Deaf Church from the field trip.



From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:

We wish to thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND:** *Arlene Benham, Karen Clifton, Zelma & Gus Curbello, Margie & Troy Graham, Thelma Jo Hays, Audrey Leger-Wright, Elnora Morgan, Montie Strothers, Dennis Tucker, and Damon Wright.*

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Another special thanks to *Janice Caraway, Christine McKinnon, and Hazel & Jack Richard* for your donations to **LOVE FUND: IN MEMORY OF ROY ADAMS AND BRIAN CRAIG.**

Anyone who wishes to donate \$\$\$ to **LOVE FUND** should please make 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: Lottie Marks, Mrs. Jessie Mae McCanlies, Leonor Royce, and Ellen M. Sias.

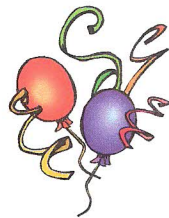
RENEWALS:

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Homer & Joan West

July Anniversaries



July Birthdays

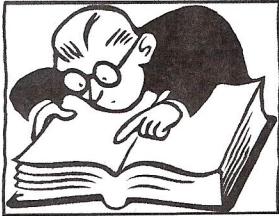


Faye & Rubin Sims



Front left to right:
Audrey Leger-Wright and Early McVey

Back left to right:
Z.X. Curry, Marlene Hanks, Thelma Jo Hays, Arlene Benham, Raymond Wilson, and William Lambert



Information from Deaf Digest

* DeafSportsHistory - DEAFDIGEST GOLD - JULY 14, 2002

Year 1939: Arkansas SD defeated Texas SD 27-19 in a football game that took place at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. Admission to the game was just 55 cents!

A DEAF DOOR-TO-DOOR SALESMAN

A movie aired last week on the TNT cable network "Door to Door" portraying the true story of a disabled hearing salesperson having a successful sales career, knocking on doors to spiel his products.

Way back in the 1930's right up to the 1970's Marvin Kruger, a deaf man, went door to door, or rather office suite to office suite in Manhattan's Wall Street district, selling office supplies. What you are seeing right now at Office Depot and Staples is the same as what Marvin was selling for years.

Marvin had no speaking skills; instead he relied on pad and pencil to take orders. It wasn't easy at the start as he overcame resistance from office managers but once the barrier was bridged, he had it made for the rest of his life!

SHOULD DEAF CANDIDATES USE INTERPRETERS?

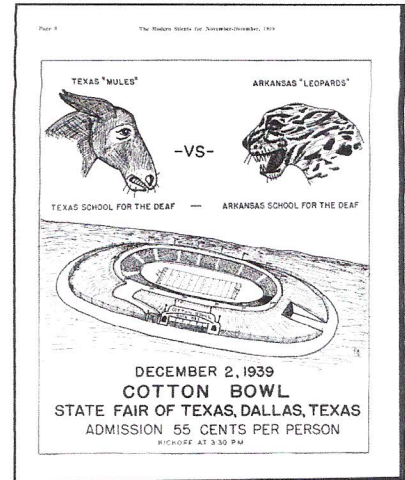
A deaf candidate for a public elected office wanted to know if he should speak, using his voice in political speeches or use ASL interpreters?

A political consultant said "it is a good idea to use an ASL interpreter as long as you have a popular message and other resources to go with it."

Gary Malkowski, the world's first sign language legislator, said "I once tried campaigning without an interpreter, but felt like a complete fool. It turned people off because I couldn't communicate with them."

DEAFHISTORY - LOOKING BACK:

1000 BC - Egyptian laws forbade the deaf from owning property or to engage in business deals; on the flip side, the deaf were exempt from punishment if they did something wrong!
DEAFDIGEST GOLD - JULY 21, 2002

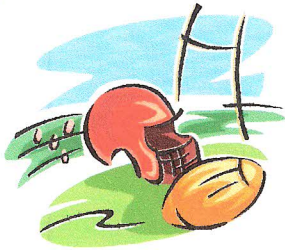


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September 28, 2002
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Tentative Schedule/Events:

- TSDAA Meeting
- TSD Drama Club Performance
- TSD Tour
- Booths
- Carnival
- Football game versus
Forth Worth Calvary Academy

Spike-Out
IV Volleyball Tournament
(Sept. 27-28)

Spike-Out Participating Teams:

- California School for the Deaf, Fremont
- Indiana School for the Deaf
- Jean Massieu Academy (Dallas)
- Louisiana School for the Deaf
- Maryland School for the Deaf
- Model Secondary School for the Deaf
- Texas School for the Deaf



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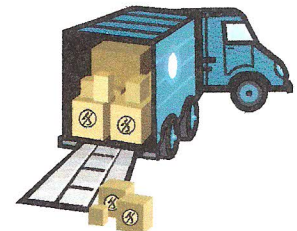
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