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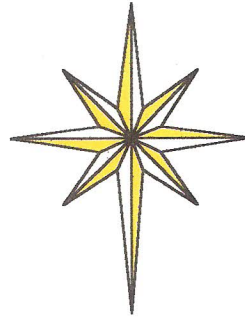
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The editorial board would like to thank those subscribers who generously donated some extra with their renewals.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday. Be sure to drive carefully if you travel during the holidays.

Thank you,

*Frank Shaw*



**Flash News for next field trip**

*Bryan, TX, December 13, 2002*

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church, 9960 Long Point, Houston at 9:30 AM. The bus will depart no later than 10:00AM. The group will visit The Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History at noon and Santa's Wonderland at 6:00 PM. For early dinner around 3:30 PM it will be at Barnhill's Buffet. It is possible to return home around 9:30 PM.

Fee is \$4.00 per person at the Brazos Valley Museum.  
\$5.00 per person for touring Santa's Wonderland and plus buffet.

If you are interested in going on the field trip, please contact Audrey Leger-Wright at 281-437-6224 before the 11<sup>th</sup>. Come and let's have fun together. See you on 13<sup>th</sup>.

# NEWS

## News from Miriam Thumann:

My sister-in-law, Gertrude Bredahl of Mobile, Alabama, passed away Friday, October 18, 2002. On Sunday I flew over there for the wake and graveside service. I spent four days with my brother, Carl (Gertrude's husband). Carl's daughter, Phyllis, took both of us to Pensacola, Florida to visit our oldest sister, Gussie. We really had enjoyed visiting with Gussie. She lives in a nice and beautiful retirement place. I flew back to Houston Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> to spend time with my son Chris and his wife, Cathy including the triplets. I have enjoyed spending more time with them.



## News by Zelma Curbello:

Our best friends, Pauline & Ed Wood of Baton Rouge, LA. are proud grandparents. A baby boy, Nathan Gerard weight 6 lbs. 15 oz. and 20 inches length; born to their daughter, Sophia & Rory Bell on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Pauline & Ed, thanks for your thoughtful to send us a picture of the baby. He's so darling! Congratulations!  
Love, *Zelma & Gus*

## Proud First Great-Grandparents: Lennie & Joe Morton:

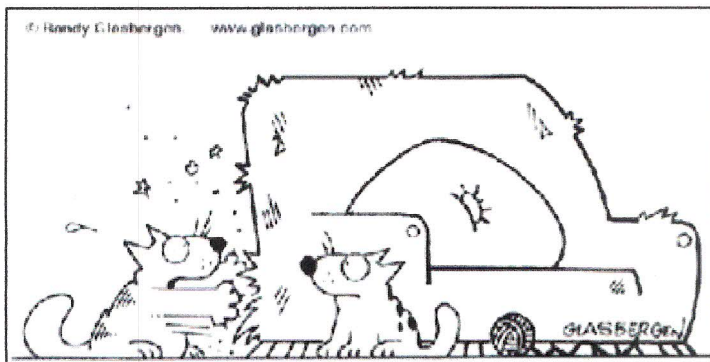
Our grandson, Darrell & his wife, Joy Engelbrecht has their first son, Jake on November 9<sup>th</sup>. He weighs 7 lbs. 3 oz. He's a darling baby. We're exciting and proud of first great-grandparents.

## Kenneth Pacetti Sr., ex-justice of peace: submitted by Audrey Leger-Wright

Mary Ella Redman's sister, Shirley's ex-husband, Kenneth Pacetti Sr., who served two decades as a Harris County justice of the peace, died of cancer Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Park Plaza Hospice in Houston. He was 75. Pacetti was born July 2, 1927, in Florida. His parents moved to Galveston just a few weeks later and then to Houston around the time he started elementary school. At 16, he dropped out of Jeff Davis High School, lying about his age so he could enlist in the U.S. Navy. He was stationed aboard the USS Card during World War II. After the war, he returned to Houston, earned his GED, and completed a bachelor's degree in history at the University of Houston. He started law school there but left to join the Air Force during the Korean War, working in the Office of Special Investigations.

Shirley Pacetti, his wife at the time, said he developed heart problems and his doctor told him to get out of private practice because it was causing too much stress.

Shirley said he was a reluctant judge at first. "He said many times, 'I just never thought I'd enjoy being on the bench.'" She said. "But he loved it."



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## REST IN PEACE

### OBITUARIES



#### **Gertrude Freeman Bredahl (Miriam Thumann's sister-in-law):**

Mrs. Gertrude Freeman Bredahl--Born August 18, 1924 in Columbus, GA, died Friday, October 18, 2002 at a local hospital. She was an active member of St. Mark's Church for the Deaf, serving in many capacities such as layreader, choir soloist, church secretary and President of the E.C.W. Mrs. Bredahl was past-president of the Alabama Association of the Deaf. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Carl O. Bredahl; two daughters, Phyllis B. Lofton of Pensacola, FL and Gloria B. Simon of Mobile; 4 granddaughters, Laurie (Charles M., Jr.) Walthall of Pensacola; Kimberly Clayton of Mobile, Katherine s. (Matthew D.) Bean of Mobile and Kristina E. Simon of Mobile; one great-grandson, Andrew C. Walthall; one sister, Sally F. (Ellis) Satterwhite of Charlotte, NC; two brothers, Carlton E. Freeman of Smiths, AL and Jimmy N. (Mary Ellen) Freeman of Deatsville, AL, other relatives and friends. Visitation was held from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday, October 20 at Pine Crest Funeral Home. A graveside service was held at 12 noon Monday, October 21 in Pine Crest Cemetery. The family wishes to especially thank Dr. Daniel Pollman for his dedication and kindness to our mother and our family; and to Dana Southerland, RN, and the nursing, respiratory, pulmonary, physical and occupational therapy staff of Providence Hospital. Arrangements by PINE CREST FUNERAL HOME, 1939 Dauphin Island Parkway, Mobile, AL.

#### **Kenneth Pacetti Sr: (Mary Ella Redman's sister, Shirley's ex-husband)**

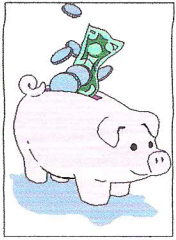
Kenneth M Pacetti Sr. died of cancer Tuesday, October 22, 2002 at Park Plaza Hospice in Houston. He was 75. His wife, Ellen; daughters Rebecca Pacetti of Los Angeles and Linda Morin of New Orleans; son Ken Jr. of Houston; stepdaughters Rendy Kerr of The Woodlands and Cindy Stokley of Humble; stepson Cary of Houston; 17 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren survive him. A son, Mark, preceded him in death. A visitation was held on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. The services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist Church, 7401 Katy Freeway. Burial was followed at Woodlawn Garden of Memories, 1001 Antoine of Houston.

#### **Salle Catherine Sealey: (Thelma Jo Hays' mother)**



Sallie Catherine Sealey, 96, died Sunday, October 20, 2002 in a nursing home in New London, TX. She was born April 29, 1906 in Mooreville to the late Joe Houston and Bertha Smith Neeley. She moved to the New London area in 1931 from Corsicana and was a nurse at the Overton Memorial Hospital for 25 years. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the New London Methodist Church.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Clyde F. Sealey; two brothers, Truman Neeley and Houston Neeley; a son, C. F. Sealey; a grandson Bubba Tyra, and a great-granddaughter, Haley Bertsch. She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Travis & Pat Sealey, Longview; three daughters and two sons-in-laws, Molly & James Ward, New London, Thelma Jo Hays, Houston, and Bobbie & Howard Preslar, Overton; one brother, Leon Neeley, Bryan; one sister, Doris Sealey, Burnett; fifteen grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Grandson and great-grandsons served as pallbearers. The family received friends at the funeral home Sunday evening from 6 PM until 8 PM. Funeral services were held at Cottle Pearson Funeral Home Chapel with Reverends Mac Vaughn and Gary Chalk officiating at 1 PM Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Burial was followed in the Lakewood Cemetery, Henderson.



**From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:**

We wish to thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND:** Joyce Adams, Arlene Benham, Zelma Curbello, Margie & Troy Graham, Thelma Jo Hays, Darwin Hill, Audrey Leger-Wright, Faye & Rubin Sims, Roger Spivey, Mary Jo Stevens, Paula Szablowski, I. D. & Floyd Wicker, and Damon Wright.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### December 3, 2002 (Tuesday)

**Positive Interaction Program (PIP)** will be held on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point at 7 PM. Asst. Chief N. D. Wong will be a guest speaker. There will be a Christmas party afterwards. The refreshments will be served. Interpreter & captioning will be provided. Come and join to celebrate.

### December 6, 2002 (Friday)



**FRAT** will have a meeting and luncheon Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

### December 6, 2002 (Friday)



**ASL Social at Baybrook Mall, Food Court, Hwy 45 South at Bay Area Blvd, Houston, TX 77058** from 5 PM to 9 PM. Come and join us to meet old and new friends! Please e-mail to contact Roger Spivey at [spivey39@ev1.net](mailto:spivey39@ev1.net) before 1<sup>st</sup> of December.

### December 11, 2002 (Wednesday)



Houston Senior Citizens will have a general meeting and Christmas potluck lunch at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston from 9 AM to 1 PM. If any interest in bringing potluck, please contact Christine McKinnon at **713 649-0033** before December 6<sup>th</sup>. Closed Captioning will be provided. Come and enjoy chatting with friends!

### December 13, 2002 (Friday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip to Bryan, TX to tour the History museums and Christmas decorations & Santa's Wonderland. Please be at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX, at 9:30 AM. Let's join us and enjoy ourselves. (See editor page 2, for more information).

### December 19, 2002 (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.


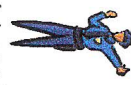















### December 25, 2002 (Wednesday)

**Attention:** There will be no general meeting at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center on Christmas Day.

*Happy Holidays*



# December 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Jack Richard 	3 PIP Meeting 	4	5	6 FRAT ASL Social 	7 Rubin Sims 
8	9 Jack Autry 	10	11 S.M.M.S.C. Christmas Party, Billy Buza 	12	13 FIELD TRIP Bryan, TX 	14
15 Marie Hays 	16	17	18	19 S C Social- Woodhaven 	20 Tom & Jenice Wells—1961 	21
22 Joan West  Zx & Dorothy Curry—1940 	23	24 Sam Mangum  Raymond & Ann Edgley-1977 	25 Christmas' Day S.M.M.S.C. No Meeting Tom & Billie Holloway-1963 	26	27	28 Eugene Piercy 
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# Field Trip

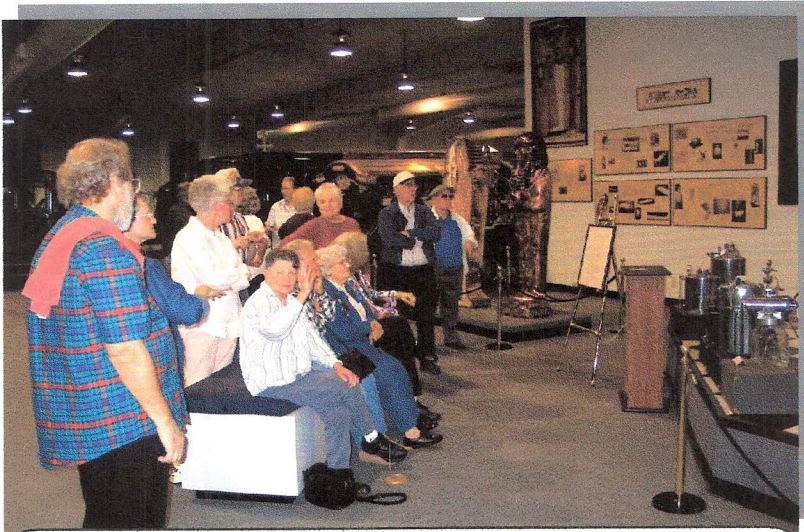
On November 8, 2002, Houston Deaf Senior Citizens group found two very interesting places to tour: National Museum of Funeral History and The Museum of Printing History. National Museum of Funeral History in Houston is the world's largest funeral memorabilia. Many fascinating artifacts and information on a variety of political and famous people, including Princess Grace of Morocco, John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Frank Sinatra, Kirk Alyn, the original superman, Presidential funerals, etc are exhibited. The museum also has a collection of antique horse-drawn hearses as early as 1832 to other variety of funeral service vehicles.



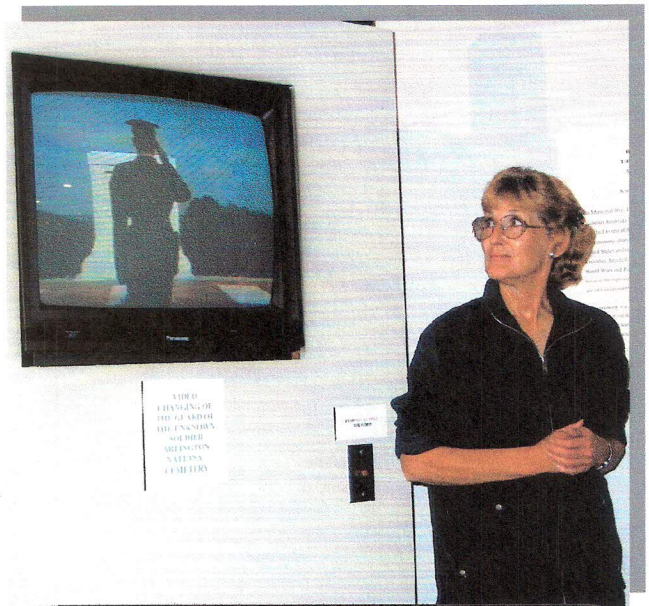
↑ Photo: at the funeral museum tour guide, Jim, on the left and Mary Redman, an interpreter.



↑ An exact model of King Louis XVIII funeral ceremony in 1824.



↑ Senior Citizens group sat and listened to the guided tour's presentation about how Dr. Thomas Holmes, recognized as the "Father of U.S. Embalming", prepared dead bodies before burial.

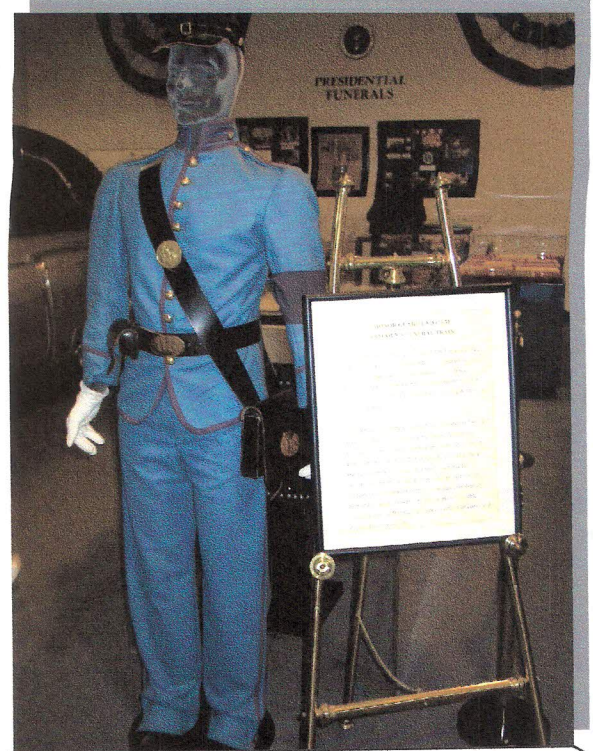


↑ An 8' x 10' "Unknown Soldier Theatre" room to show the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery on a video monitor.

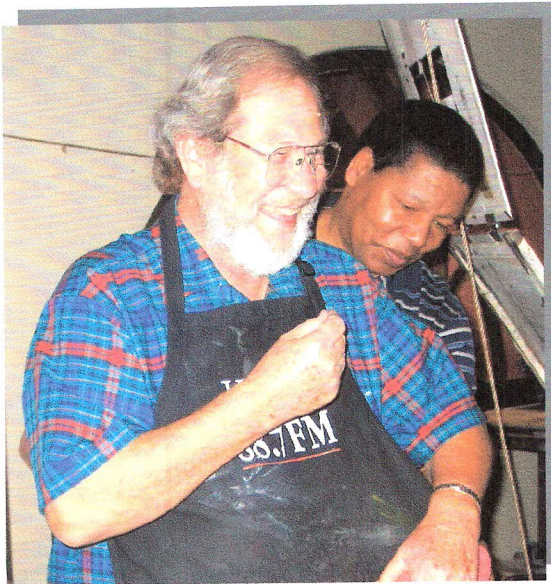




↑ Model of President Abraham Lincoln's stately coffin being carried to an antique horse-drawn hearse from the President's train. The train traveled from Washington, D.C. to his hometown in Illinois.



↑ A dummy soldier wearing Honor Guard Uniform at Abraham Lincoln's funeral.



↑ Tour guide at the Museum of Printing History asked James Spaulding to volunteer as a printing worker in this pressroom. ⇒ The group was given the opportunity to print a leaf from the Gutenberg Bible on this press.



The group watched the video entitled "The History of Graphic Communication" which gave an explanation of the history of writing & printing from ancient through modern times. They toured to see some tools and pressing machines from old times. Senior Citizens really enjoyed their day. You see all their smiles in the photo!



# Recipes

Thanksgiving and Christmas is around the corner

## POTATO & SPINACH CASSEROLE

Submitted by Marlene Hanks

6 to 8 potatoes, peeled, cooked and  
mashed  
10 oz. pkg. Frozen Chopped Spinach,  
thawed and drained  
8 oz. Sour Cream  
¼ cup Butter, softened

2 Tbs. Chives, chopped  
2 Tsp. Salt  
¼ Tsp. Pepper  
1 cup Shredded Cheddar Cheese

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients except cheese.  
Spoon into a greased 2 -quart casserole dish.  
Bake, uncovered, at 400 ° for 15 minutes.  
Top with cheese and bake 5 minutes longer.

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## BROCCOLI BAKE

Submitted by Marlene Hanks

3 Eggs  
1 cup All-purpose flour  
1 cup Milk  
1 Onion, chopped

3 cup Shredded Cheddar Cheese  
10 oz. Pkg. Frozen, chopped broccoli,  
thawed  
1 Tsp. Baking powder

In a large mixing bowl, combine all ingredients.  
Place in a greased 9"X13" baking dish.  
Bake, uncovered, at 350 ° for 35 minutes.  
Makes 2 to 4 servings.

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## SEVEN LAYER FIESTA DIP

Submitted by Christine McKinnon

24 oz. Refried Beans or Bean Dip  
6 Ripe California Avocados  
1 Tbs. Lemon Juice  
1 Cup Sour Cream  
4 Tbs. Mayonnaise  
1 Pkg. (1¼ oz) Taco Seasoning Mix

1 Bunch Green Onions  
2 to 3 Medium Tomatoes  
1 Small Can (about 2 oz) Sliced Black  
Olives  
1 Pkg. (8 oz) Shredded Cheddar Cheese

On a round pizza pan or large round plate: spreads bean dip, layer mashed California Avocados over the bean dip and sprinkle with lemon juice. Mix sour cream, mayonnaise and taco seasoning mix then spread over avocados. Chop green onions and tomatoes for the fourth and fifth layers. Spread olives on top, sprinkle with cheddar cheese and garnish with sliced avocados. All you need are Chips to Dip...

NOTE: Christine adds a small can of mild green chiles, green olives, and more black olives.

## **The Kelly Stevens Collection**

Dr. Kelly Haygood Stevens (1896-1991)

Texas – Artist- Teacher – Inspiration to the Deaf and the Hearing

Produced by Adonia Smith

Written by Helga Von Schweinitz – Austin, TX

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Born in Mexia, Texas, Kelly Stevens became deaf due to scarlet fever at the age of five. When he was later asked about this “handicap”, he replied, “It has opened many doors to a bigger life.”

This “bigger life” deserves to be remembered and told in a detailed, heavily illustrated book to remind young and old that a positive attitude, a search for adventures and knowledge, and showing affection to people and animals, enriches everyone’s life.

Steven’s formal education began 1907 at the School for the Deaf in Austin, TX, where he stayed for eight years and developed his artistic talent under the guidance of the wife of acclaimed artist W.H. Huddle.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C. and a Master of Arts degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Later in life Gallaudet honored him with a “doctor honoris causa.”

His career as teacher of art took him to the School for the Deaf in Trenton, New Jersey, and the School for the Deaf in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

His major interest, however, was always with painting and with improving his skills and knowledge. Throughout his long life he painted in many distinctly different styles and media, in many places of the world and covering many topics, from the delicate water color of a geisha to the bold oil canvasses of Arizona Indians and Chilean landscapes to the bright flower arrangements of his later years, when his eyesight was fading away. He considered a mural in the First United Methodist Church in Mexia, Texas, one of his best works.

He studied with well known artists including Jean Hanau and Louis Francois Biloul in Paris, Wayman Adams in Mexico and the brothers Zubiaurre in Spain and Chile.

While traveling in Europe and Central and South America, he was always conscious of Texas being his home. During the last 45 years of his life he lived in Austin, Texas, where he restored the historic German Free School building which he used as his home. He built a collection of classic art – painting as well as porcelain, silver and furniture – much of which he then donated to various universities, the University of Texas among them, where a room in the Harry Ransom Center is named after him. Many international deaf artists were helped by his purchase of their painting for placement in various galleries and museums.

Kelly Stevens never married and was by no measure an angel in human disguise, but his home was always filled with people who enjoyed his company, learned from him and endured the noisy presence of his many dachshunds. After he had passed away at age 95, he was genuinely missed by those who knew him, so many of them young people who had sensed the affection he had for them and which he had accepted from them.

Neither a politician nor a general, Kelly Stevens was a great Texan, one of those people who leave their mark in the real history of Texas.

His home and most of his possessions, including paintings and boxes of personal letters and photos, now belong to the German-Texan Heritage Society headquartered in Austin.

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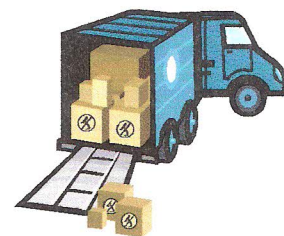
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