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Trips & Cruises, Dwayne Carte, Coach 117, 727-533-5797

Ambulance Fund.....Evelyn Hale.....Coach 1364403-6434

Continue to pay your Ambulance fund membership during the pandemic.

Jim Hale’s email justmejim42@outlook.com

The Ambulance Fund is open to all residents for \$2.50 per person per year. Payment qualifies members for 1 emergency transport per person per year. The fund pays the balance of the bill, up to \$75, after Medicare and insurance. Membership period is stated on your card. There are no grace days.

Ambulance Fund

October:

- 104 Heil, Roger & Debbie 10/1/2022
- 1413 Augustine/Gray, Charlotte//Beverly 10/12/2021
- 225 LaBeard, Kath,Jerry 10/11/2022
- 330 Peters, Don & Judy 10/18/2022
- 282 Prem, Tim & Donna 10/24/2022
- 186 Hunter, Becky 10/26/2022



Managers Moment

Carol Alvey

Regarding lawn care, it is important to clarify what the responsibilities are for the lawn mowing company versus the residents. The prospectus states that we will cover mowing only. Although the mowers do a light trim in easily accessible areas, the resident is responsible for edging and maintaining a manicured appearance. (Picking up and disposing of fallen branches, removing dead or deceased plants)

Due to liability issues, the mower tea will blow off the open areas of driveways but are not required to blow out the entire carport.

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An ongoing problem is the dumpsters. Tenants are throwing their garbage on top of full dumpsters or laying it on the ground beside or behind the dumpsters, also putting unflattened boxes in the smaller dumpster which is for household garbage only! I went through the garbage in August and got the names of residents that did so and sent them a violation, which will also happen in the future incidents. The second time will be a fine. The city of Largo takes this very seriously and so does management. The smaller dumpsters are emptied on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, so please be patient and don't pack on top or on the ground. Remember to flatten your boxes and place in large dumpster.

Rehabbing:

If you have a contractor rehabbing your home they are responsible for taking the building material and dumping out of the park.

Smoking and Drinking at the Pool:

There is a designated smoking area outside the pool on the benches, if you smoke that is where you are required to smoke and there only.

Also, cigar smoking is offensive to most people and is strictly prohibited at the pool. Violators will lose their pool privileges to the pool. Every week the pool cleaning company was finding butts in the filters, clogging them up and leading to down time on the pumps which means the pool is closed until repairs are made.

Per the health department and code enforcement, drinking alcohol at a public pool is strictly prohibited. **NO GLASS OR CANS OF ALCOHOL ARE PERMITTED.** The health department will shut down the pool if we find bottles in the trash, we will be forced to shut down the pool as well.

Bottom line is this is a community which means that the amenities are for everyone. Please be considerate of your neighbors and follow these simple rules so that everyone can enjoy a day by the pool. Thank you.

Attention must go to the air hose at the back of the clubhouse. It gets run over because residents fail to reel it back on the bracket and we have to replace. If this keeps happening, we will not be able to provide this service anymore.

PETS:

A few things about pets. I want to point out there are no questions about your responsibility as a pet owner. Keeping a pet on the property is a privilege and not a right as such, the following rules must be adhered to or we will have no choice but to remove your pet from the property. These rules apply whether the animal is a household pet, Emotional Support Animal, or a Service Animal.

All animals must be reregistered with the office and will need all required documentation for any ESA'S or Service Animals.

Dogs are to be always on leashes and the handler must always maintain control of their animal, not letting up or jump on people or other animals.



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You **MUST** pick up after your pet goes to the bathroom and must be walked in pet section which is the perimeter of the park. Please be courteous and pick up after your animal.

Please don't feed stray cats. This cause problems and we have someone in the park (Barbara Lehman) that will help trap the cats.

SPEEDING:

There are WAY too many people driving way too fast in our park.

'I consider this a serious NO-NO because we have a lot of residents riding their bikes or strolling through the neighborhood and may of them use walkers or scooters/wheelchairs and can't move quick enough to avoid an accident. The speed limit is 15 MPH. Remind your guests of this also. If you see someone driving to fast, get their license plate number so they can be reported to the office. If it is a visitor, they can lose the privilege of coming into the park. I think this is very important and so should you Let us work together to get this problem fixed.



The flea market/Bake sale will be held on November 5th. Tables will be limited to 2 per person and price is \$10.00 each. Tables will be awarded to the general public after October 1st, so reserve yours now. There will be 30 tables available,

The Hours will be 8-1, set up will be November 4th from 9-11 PM and on the 5th at 7-8 AM.

Tables are 4x8 and your items should fit on the table or in front of it.

We need Bake sale donations also.

Call Paige at 727-543-9871 or stop st Lot 113 to reserve your table today!

There will be a breakfast on October 15th running 8:30-10:30.

Halloween Party on October 29th. &-11

The band will be Island Avenue. There will be a costume contest for those who like to participate, the usual 50/50. Bring some snacks and BYOB and join in the spooky good time. \$10.00PP

FROM THE EDITOR

It's getting to be that time of the year, when are northern friends are starting to return. Keep watch for dates and times when more activities will be starting.

Phone numbers: It seems more residents want the phone numbers back in the directory. I need your help!!! On the board in the clubhouse is a listing of residents in alphabetical order. If you want your number in the next directory, simply go in and enter it after your name.

I thank you I advance for all your help and co-operation in this.

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Choir

Becky is looking forward to the music season for the Bay Ranch Chorus. Practices for the Christmas Concert will begin in November. Jan and I are looking for someone who can share the duties of accompanying our cho-rus on the piano. Please let me know if you are available to help us out.

The concert is in early December. New members are always welcome.

Becky Webber
Chorus Director



Canasta

Will be starting the 4th of October 4th. We will meet every Tuesday at 1:00

GAMES AND GAME ROOM

Sports Director, Paul Puerling, Coach 170. 533-9324

Card Bingo

Debbie and Roger Heil, Coach 104, 423-1264

1st and 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. October dates are the 5th and 19th.

This is Bingo where every 4-some (and sometimes 3-somes) deal out a full deck of cards, then discard the card as the caller calls it. Whoever runs out of cards first wins the pot of 1 quarter for each player.

Please sign up in the clubhouse and bring 12 quarters

Euchre

Joan Seiders, Coach 123, 532-8409

Play is expected to resume the first week in November. Watch board at the club house for any changes.

Euchre will be played at 6:30 pm Tuesday. \$1. Sign up in the clubhouse. Beginners are welcome. If you don't know how to play, they will teach you.



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Karaoke

Karaoke will be held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6PM. Dates for October are the 12th and 26th.

Swedish weaving/needlework

Nancy Peterson

This group will meet Friday mornings at 9:30, so bring any needlework, knitting, crocheting, etc.



Bingo

Cindy Devinney 550-7377

As this submission there is no definite date for Bingo to resume. Watch Neighbors web site and club house for any updates. Bingo is held on Fridays; we start selling at 5pm. We stop selling at 6pm and Bingo starts at 6:30. Please no large bills.



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ARTS & CRAFTS Director, Paige Andrews

Residents' Club

Roger Heil , Coach 104, 423-1264

9:00 a.m. Mondays, Clubhouse

This is the “official” meeting of/for Bay Ranch residents to hear about on-going and upcoming social events.

Koffee Klatch

Adam and Jan Pirhofer, Coach 1402, 623-7808/251-7985

8 a.m. Mondays in the Clubhouse

Adam and Jan pick up bakery items while kitchen volunteers make coffee to sell during the Residents' Club meeting. 50/50 tickets are also for sale.



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LADIES HAVING FUN

Janice Pirhofer 727-623-7808

Ladies having fun will be meeting the last Friday of the month. Watch the board in the clubhouse for destinations and color of shirts to celebrate with.

The date for October is the 28th. Check board for color.

The end of the year celebration will be held in December this year with a party at the clubhouse.



Stein Studs

Adam Pirhofer, Coach 1402, 623-7808/251-7985

Stein Studs is a beer tasting event which meets at 2 pm each Fri. or Saturday at Willard's off Starkey by Golden Bear. Mostly participants order flights of new or seasonal small brewery releases. Contact Adam if you are interested in tasting some interesting brews.



OUR NEIGHBORS

Services Director, Debbie Heil, Coach 104, 423-1264

WATER AEROBICS

Water aerobics has ended for the season. Everyone who attended thank Joan Seiders for leading us the way.



TRIPS AND CRUISES

Dwayne Carte, Coach 117, 727-533-5797

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OCT. 7, FRI. – IL VOLO – at Ruth Eckerd Hall Clearwater Il Volo is an Italian operatic pop trio, consisting of baritone Gianluca Ginoble, & tenors Piero Barone and Ignazio Boschetto. They describe their music as "popera" 7:30 PM ...\$129 Vaccine card required

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OCT. 9, SUN. – “EVITA” at the Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater in Hudson matinee show with delicious buffet lunch. This Tony-winning musical follows Eva Duarte on her journey from poor illegitimate child to ambitious actress to, as wife of military leader-turned president Juan Peron, the most powerful woman in Latin America. The events in her life are presented in musical form and includes “Don’t Cry for me Argentina”, “Oh What a Circus”, Buenos Aires”. A captivating story, don’t miss this one....\$109



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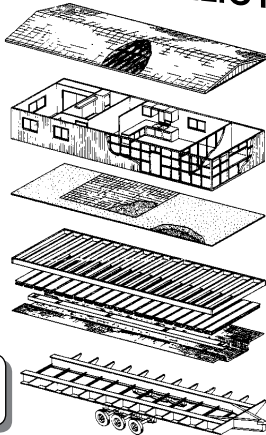
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WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

By Carol Raabe



Has anyone else noticed a lot of new words lately? Emoji, meme, click bait, catfishing, ghosted, cancel culture, glamping and many more. MANY more. Language does change. New words just appear when something in the world changes. So it's not surprising that some of the words in my list relate to computers. And in today's social media environment, language invention can spread like wildfire.

Do you believe you know what these new words mean? A lot of times, just when I think I understand what a word means, someone uses it in a "new" way and I'm confused again. I can't be the only one who can't keep up. Am I?

And it's important for us oldsters to keep up. If we want to be hip.

Let's start with some computer-related words that have been around for a while. What exactly is google? Or a gif? Or an emoji? Or meme?

Google. Google is kind of like Kleenex. It started out as itself, a company that is growing and adding products by leaps and bounds. But the word "google" has grown into a general term that means to look it up on the internet (just as kleenex is now a generic word for those tissues used to blow your nose).

Gif. If you have Facebook, you have seen a "gif." Usually, gif is pronounced with a hard "g," like gift without the "t," but it's OK to pronounce it "jif" like the peanut butter.

A gif is an animated image. It is different from other picture formats like jpeg or png because it can be animated. Also, it may look like a video but it's technically not one, and it doesn't have sound. To learn more about gifs, go to [What Is a GIF, and How Do You Use Them? \(howtogeek.com\)](http://www.howtogeek.com) or google "gif."

Emoji. You either love'em or you hate'em. 😊 The most well-known emoji is probably the smiley face. By now, there are dozens of round yellow faces with every emotion you can feel. Here's the problem: each one stands for a certain feeling. How do you know you're using the right one? I just use one that looks like what I'm feeling. Who knows what weird message my readers are getting?

Because emojis (yes, that's the plural of emoji) do communicate. According to Wikipedia, the "primary function of emojis is to fill in emotional cues otherwise missing from typed conversation." That's probably why the word sounds so much like "emotion" (False Fact. It DOES sound like "emotion," but that's not why. Read more about this on Wikipedia, if you're interested).

Emojis can be facial expressions, common objects, places and types of weather, and animals. Some examples are 😂, 😊, 🙏, 🍀, 🌍, ☁️, 📦, 🚗, 📞, 🎉, ❤️, 🍆, 🌸, among many others.

Meme. A meme is like an emoji, right? Wrong. One source on the internet said, "A meme is a fundamental building block of internet culture." Well, what does THAT mean?

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I guess it's unclear because "meme" isn't easy to define. You know, like the definition of a noun: the name of a person, place or thing. After we intuitively recognize nouns, we understand the definition. Same for memes.

As a word, a British man named Richard Dawson made it up in 1976 (before most of us spoke computer) to refer to the way ideas and cultural phenomena spread. An example of a cultural phenomenon is a dance, like the Twist, that somebody like Chubby Checker starts and it spreads so pretty soon everybody is doing it.

Meme is a noun. It can also be a verb, but we won't be talking about that today.

The whole idea of a meme is so complicated that people actually study it. But that means you can hardly be wrong if you call something on the web a meme. A viral video: a meme. Name calling, like "Go, Brandon": a meme. They don't have to be respectful.

According to Wikipedia, a meme is "an idea, behavior, or style that spreads by means of imitation from person to person . . ." A meme carries "ideas, symbols, or practices from one mind to another to another to another through writing, speech, gestures, rituals," or in other ways that can be repeated.

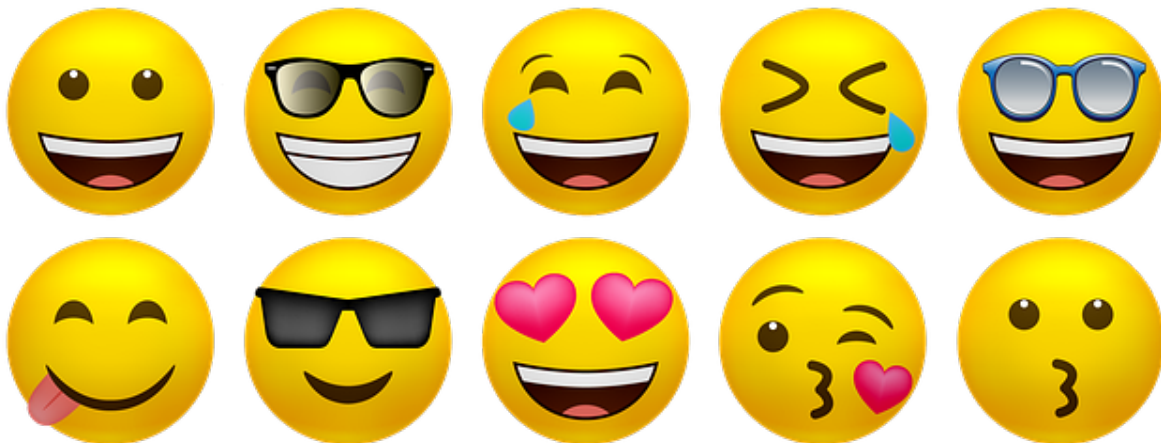
It's complicated. But like nouns, eventually recognizable.

Encore--our final word of the day: Avatar.

Avatars have come a long way since the word first appeared in Sanskrit. Then it was a god who appeared on earth as a human or a ghost. It can still be that.

But avatars today are usually a computer that represents a person. At first, avatars were mostly used by game players so they could be a character in a game. Now, any of us can find a program and design our own avatar. Some Bay Ranchers use theirs in Facebook (and who knows where else?). My avatar came from Bitmoji.

On behalf of me and my avatar, may you always sound hip. Oh, and tell us what words are confusing you.





Birthdays and Anniversaries

By Cindy Devinney, Coach 1065, 550-7377

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There are no anniversaries for October on file.

Note: Birthdays and Anniversaries continue to be very difficult to get correct, but in response to many requests, **The Bay Ranch Review** will continue to publish the list we have. If you want your birthday or anniversary listed in the **Review**, please give Cindy your information in writing (to ensure spelling and dates are correct)

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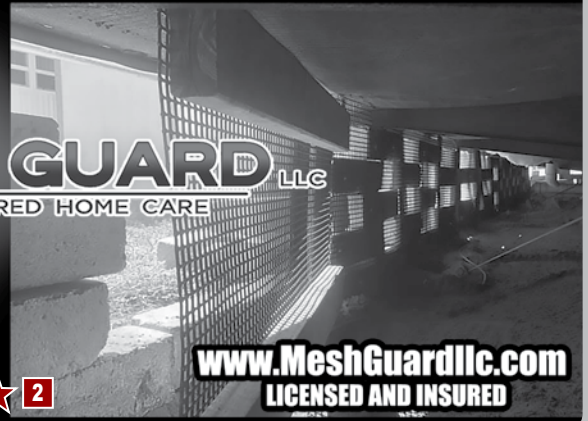


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Day for the Elderly, also known as the "International Day for Older Persons". The holiday is the result of the UN World Assembly on Aging which was formed in 1982 to explore and tend to the needs of the elderly in the world.

Did you Know? According to the United Nations, "one of every 10 persons is now 60 years or older. By the year 2050, one of five will be 60 years or older; by 2150, it will be one of three persons".

Looking for a new tradition for this day? Anything you do to help, or support the elderly, is a great idea!

Think About It: " Aging can be fun if you lay back and enjoy it." - - Clint Eastwood

World Smile Day

Date When Celebrated: The first Friday in October

World Smile Day celebrates the ever-popular yellow smiley. It also offers us an opportunity to do an act of kindness. According to the World Smile Day website, a proclamation of this day was made by the U.S. Congress. Now that should put a smiley on your face.

The smiley face became so popular, that the U.S. Post Office issued a stamp with the smiley face.

The intent of World Smile Day is to do an act of kindness or help one person to smile. Why not do both!?

The yellow smiley stands brightly smiling upon this day, offering it's stamp of approval.

About the Smiley Face:

Harvey Ball, a commercial artist from Worcester, Massachusetts created the smiley face in 1963. The State Mutual Life Assurance Company hired Harvey as a free-lance artist to create a smiley face for use in improving company morale. From there, the bright and cheerful smiley grew in popularity. Its popularity grew slowly at first. Then, it exploded in the 1970's. Ultimately, the smiley became wildly popular.



There is some controversy over the smiley's creation. French entrepreneur named Franklin Loufrani claimed to have invented it in 1968. In 1971 he patented it in 80 countries.

Sweetest Day

Date When Celebrated: Third Saturday in October

Now here is a day you and your sweetie can really get into. It exists as an opportunity for you to recognize that sweet and special someone. It doesn't matter who that person is, or what their relation to you. They just have to be "sweet" in order to get a little recognition.



While most people celebrate Sweetest Day, by giving chocolates and other sweets to their



"Sweetie", the original intent of this day was something quite different.

Herbert Birch Kingston, a Cleveland, Ohio philanthropist and candy company employee started Sweetest Day. He wanted to bring happiness to orphans, shut-ins and under-privileged. His intent was to show these people that they were not forgotten. In 1922, he started this holiday by giving candy and small gifts. Movie stars, most notably Theda Bara and Anna Pennington, joined in giving boxes of candy to people in Cleveland. Baragave 10,000 boxes of candy to patients in Cleveland hospitals.

The popularity of this holiday quickly spread. And the traditions altered. Today, people give candies and other sweets to loved ones and friends. That is perfectly fine.

However, we encourage you to follow the original selfless intent of this special holiday. Find ways to give candy and small gifts to those in need. It will bring a smile and a little happiness to someone who is ill or in need. You'll be glad that you did!

Quote for today: " Stolen kisses are always the sweetest." — Leigh Hunt

Make a Difference Day

Date When Celebrated: The fourth Saturday in October

Initiated in 1990, this is a national day is for devoted to helping others by doing volunteer work in the community. The activity can be almost anything. On this day, millions of Americans participate in community improvement projects. It takes the form of cleanup, fix up, painting, and repair in poorer neighborhoods, parks, and municipal facilities. It doesn't matter what project you take on. It doesn't matter whether you help a non-profit organization, the community, your town, nursing home, a church, a food kitchen, or any other group in need. What matters is that you participate.



Make a commitment to help others for just one day. Make a difference on *Make a Difference Day!*

Did You Know? Each year on Make a Difference Day, ex-President Jimmie Carter gets out his hammer and saw, and helps to build or rebuild housing in underprivileged areas. There is no better example of people helping others than this!

Today's Quote: "It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference."
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Halloween Trivia

The holiday dates back more than 2,000 years.. Trick-or-treating has existed since medieval times..

Some Halloween rituals used to involve finding a husband.

During the 18th century, single ladies devised Halloween traditions that were supposed to help them find their romantic match. According to [History.com](https://www.history.com), women used to throw apple peels over their shoulder, hoping to see their future husband's initials in the pattern when they landed. When they bobbed for apples at parties, the winner would supposedly marry first. Most spookily, they even used to stand in a dark room, holding a candle in front of a mirror to look for their future husband's face to appear in the glass.

Sugar rationing during World War II halted trick-or-treating.

Because of the shortage of sweet stuff, trick-or-treating wasn't as big of a thing during WWII. After the rationing ended, it was all systems go on the candy-collecting front. [Candy companies](#) began launching advertising campaigns to cash in on the ritual and make sure kids were clamoring for their products to show up in their candy buckets and spare pillowcases.

Illinois produces up to five times more pumpkins than any other state.

Candy corn was originally called "chicken feed."

The Goelitz Confectionery Company originally sold the polarizing treat in boxes with a rooster on the front in order to appeal to America's agricultural roots, according to [National Geographic](#). The sugary recipe has gone largely unchanged since the 1880s. Love 'em or hate 'em, you can't argue with that kind of consistency.

The Michael Myers mask in Halloween has a fascinating backstory.

The famous horror movie villain comes from surprisingly innocent roots. When shooting the original 1978 film, production designer Tommy Lee Wallace picked up two masks from a Hollywood Boulevard magic shop: a clown mask and William Shatner as Captain Kirk in Star Trek.

"Tommy came in with the clown mask on, and we went, 'Ooh, that's kind of scary.' Then he put on the Shatner mask, and we stopped dead and said, 'It's perfect,'" actor Nick Castle told the [New York Times](#). They spray painted it white, made the eye holes bigger and the rest is spine-tingling history.

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Princesses and superheroes rank as the most popular kids' costumes.

Adults dress as witches most frequently, according to the National Retail Federation. In 2019, the most popular costume for dogs was a pumpkin. The most popular costume for cats is hiding under the couch, hissing at the very idea.

Skittles are the top Halloween candy.

No chocolate? No problem! The bite-sized fruit candies outranked M&M's, Snickers and Reese's Cups, according to 11 years of sales data from CandyStore.com. And even though candy corn made the top 10, the tricolored treats also ranked among the worst Halloween candies, according to a CandyStore.com survey. No wonder Halloween night candy trades can get so heated.

A city in Canada banned teens over 16 from trick-or-treating.

According to CBC, anyone over the age of 16 caught trick-or-treating in Bathurst, Canada, faces up to a \$200 fine. The city also has a curfew for everyone, so even those under 16 aren't allowed out after 8 p.m. on Halloween. The rules were instituted to curtail after-dark mischief, after a rash of pranks.

Harry Houdini died on Halloween in 1926.

The famous magician, illusionist and entertainer died from peritonitis caused by a ruptured appendix, according to Biography.com. However, as befits a man of mystery, multiple contradicting reports did surface at the time. Some say a band of angry Spiritualists poisoned him, others that it was a student punching him in the stomach (with his permission) that caused his appendix to burst.



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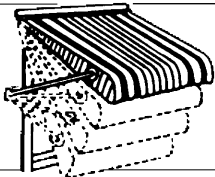


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