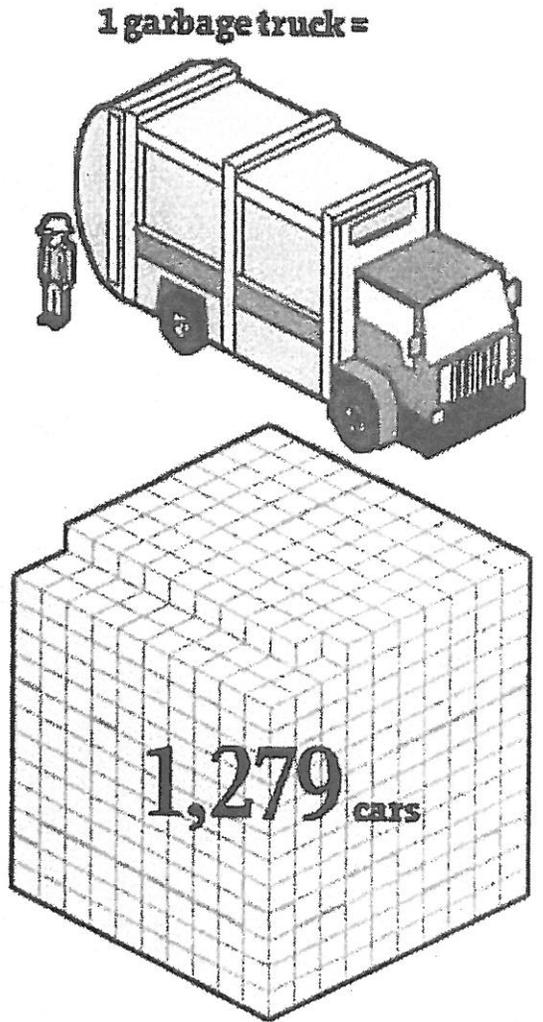
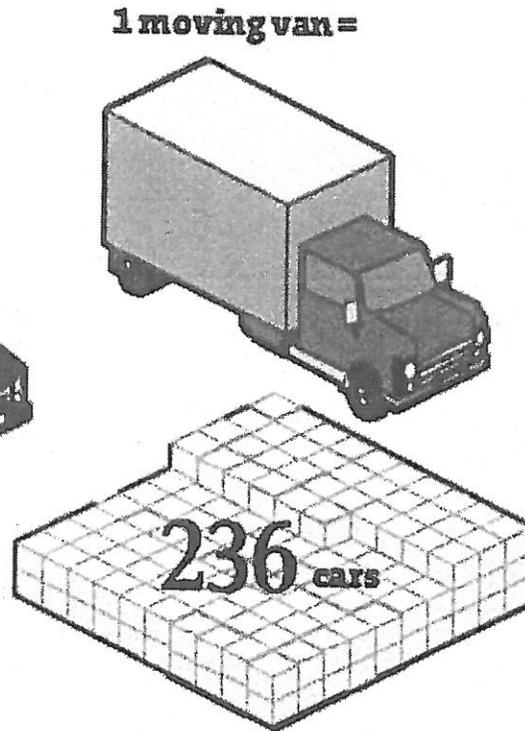
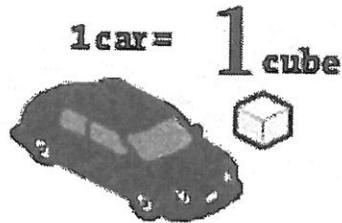


Garbage trucks take a toll on our roads

Studies yield varying numbers, but here's one fairly typical take on how much heavier garbage trucks are than other vehicles using our roads.

It's from a 1992 study by the University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute. A Minnesota report gathering data from other studies cites figures between 857 and 1,429 on the ratio between garbage trucks and passenger cars.

One cube represents the impact of one passenger car on the road surface. Here's the equivalent for ...



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