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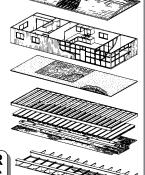


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#### **April Birthdays**

- 1 Debra Livingston Mike Morra
- 2 Darlene Nadon
- 3 Dolly Lamontagne Nancy Parker
- 4 Judie Howes
- 5 Carole Dumican Charlotte Fontaine Barbara Prahst Helen Vanwy
- Anne Aversa
   Brendan Cole
   Ron Kelly
   Claire Labbe
   Pauline Tremblay
- 7 George Noack Antonina Sallinger Bill Westerman
- 8 Ivan Thurlow
- 9 Carl Anderson Ed Kovach
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17 Rene Bougeois

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- 18 Richard Labbe Carolyn Preble
- 19 Rolande Lahaie
- 20 Betty Davidson Dianne Goldenberg Dave Szabo
- 21 Jessica Keyes
- 22 Dolores LaBonte Barbara Pollard Eva Szabo
- 24 Amelia Hynes
- 25 Flo Renfro Don Sawers Jan Souza Fred Taylor
- 26 Marie Pelletier John Selwitschka
- 27 Howard Pollard
- 28 Dorothy Belli Clark Cordeau
- 29 Jane Moonie Violet McMahon
- 30 Richard Spanik

#### **April Anniversaries**

3	Louis & Judith Guigon	1982
5	Victor & Lillian Noseworthy	1958
9	Stephen & Mary Kyle	1977
10	Ray & Linda Jewell	1965
13	Bert & Lois Cordle	1968
14	Don & Barbara Prahst	1956
17	Neil & Eleanor McDaniel	1970
	Fred & Lise Taylor	
18	Jose & Cheryl Cruz	1981
	Mickey & Jeanne Kinney	1953
22	Mike & Barbara Nowak	1966
25	Pat & Carol McMahon	1972
29	Rich & Kathy Spanik	1967

Joe & Simone Dawson



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#### Ranch Mobile Dance Club Report

By Norma Alexander

#### The new Dance Club Executive Board for 2017-2018:

President: Norma Alexander Secretary: Beryl Olson Treasurer: Karin Russell Tickets: Jackie House Decorating: Lisa Stoner

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#### **February Dance**

The winners of the \$25 door prizes were Yo Yo Cunningham, Darlene Nadon, Jim Martin and Majella Marten. The winners of the Share the Wealth were Annette Small, Bob Burns, Helga Frank, Yvonne Large and Don Cyr. The winners of the \$25 Valentine's Day Game gift certificates to Cheddar's were: Paul and Darlene Nadon and Moe and Cookie Caron.

#### **March Dance**

The winners of the \$25 door prizes were Kim Riley, Helga Frank, Bob D'Ascoli and Bill Macintosh. The winners of the \$25 Share the Wealth prizes were B.T. Tremblay, Flo Renfro, Steve Shea and Lou Quennville

#### **Cribbage Winners in February**

Games	Total	:	Games	Tota	<u>ıl</u> _
February 1, 2017 Diane Witek Laurie Melanson Claudette Morency Joe Dawson	7 6 6 5	117 224 196 329	February 15, 2017 Rachel Melanson Al Rogers Simone Dawson Bob D'Ascoli	7 6 5 5	107 204 330 326
February 8, 2017 Simone Dawson Jim Jewell Deb Slack Ray Jewell	6 6 6 5	220 200 192 327	February 22, 2017 Al Rogers Claudette Morency Chuck Davis Bob D'Ascoli	6 6 6 5	214 200 192 351

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#### **February 1, 2017**

Lone Hands	Alice Summers	5
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First Place	Ron Nadon	56
Second Place	Eleanor McDaniel	55
Third Place	Irwin Lett	55
Fourth Place	Laurie Wookey	54

#### **February 8, 2017**

Lone Hands	Gus Agostinelli	5
First Place	Albert Malenka	68
Second Place	Jim Shafer	62
Third Place	Jeannine LeBleu	58
Fourth Place	Gary Burke	58

#### February 15, 2017

Lone Hands	Shirley Highbie	5
First Place	Albert Malenka	76
Second Place	Jamice Holtsberry	72
Third Place	Jim Shafer	67
Fourth Place	Jessica Keyes	61

#### February 22, 2017

Lone Hands	Jack Stickland	5
First Place	Dorothy McDonald	59
Second Place	Pat Matteson	58
Third Place	Gary Burk	57
Fourth Place	Sue Berton	56





Thank you to everyone that made our Chili Dinner a huge success! We did have a good time and got to taste some wonderful chili dishes and sides and scrumptious desserts. Sorry to all that could not make it. We missed you! Looking forward to our close of season night when hopefully we will have a packed house with everyone there. Sue Berton

#### **April Facts**

According to early Roman calendar, April was the second month but became fourth when they started to use January as the first month. The name originally came from Aprills, meaning 'to open.' In April, small animals that were hibernating usually come out and the birds fly back northward to settle, bees and butterflies begin to gather nectar. In some parts of the world, April is planting time but in other parts, it's the harvest season. Because of the nice warm weather of April, amateur athletes begin to go outside while the professional baseball begins People usually do huge spring cleaning and mowing. The first day of April begins with April Fool's Day.

The 4th month of the year brings us April Fools' Day, Earth Day, and the chance for some

Below are some fun facts about April:

- 1. The birthstone for April is the diamond.
- 2. The zodiac signs for April are Aries (March 21 April 19) and Taurus (April 20 May 20).
- 3. The birth flower of April is typically the Sweet Pea or the Daisy.
- 4. Global Child Nutrition Month
- 5. Humor Month
- 6. Mathematics Awareness Month
- 7. The Revolutionary War in America began on April 19, 1775.
- 8. April 23rd is known as the Feast Day of the Patron Saint of England.
- 9. On April 30, 1975, General Duong Vanh Minh surrendered and the Communist forces captured Saigon which led to the end of the Vietnam War.
- 10. On April 4, 1818, a flag that contained 1 star for each state and 13 stripes was adopted by Congress.
- 11. In Fayette, N.Y. on April 6, 1830, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was founded by Joseph Smith.
- 12. On April 6, 1917, the United States declared war on Germany in World War I.
- 13. On April 4, 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty was signed.
- 14. On April 11, 1814, Napoleon Bonaparte was exiled to the island of Elba and he was abdicated as Emperor of the French.
- 15. Good Friday Friday before Easter Sunday
- 16. April 1 April Fools' Day
- 17. April 5 Arbor Day
- 18. April 22 Earth Day
- 19. Thai New Year in Thailand
- 20. Khmer New Year in Cambodia

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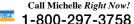












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#### **Easter Fun Facts**

- 1. For Americans, Easter is the second most important holiday to eat candy, and lots of it! According to the National Confectioner's Association, Americans consumed seven billion pounds of candy on Easter in 2001. So, what's the first most candy-eating occasion of the year? Halloween of course!
- 2. Nearly 120 million cards will be send, exchanged, and given this Eater, which means it holds the fourth spot of the largest card-sending celebration in the U.S.
- 3. Americans buy more than 700 million MARSHMALLOW PEEPS during the Easter holiday, which makes Peeps the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy.
- 4. Besides chocolate, what other candy pops its head around the corner during Easter time? Jelly beans! An astounding 16 billion jelly beans are made exclusively for Easter. That's enough beams to fill a plastic egg the size of a nine story building!
- 5. In the early 19th century, the first chocolate eggs were made in Europe. They remain among the most popular treats associated with Easter.
- 6. In all, 90 million chocolate Easter bunnies are made for Easter every year. And, when taking a bite into one of those millions of chocolate bunnies, 76% of Americans prefer to bite off the ears first, while 5% eat the feet first and 4% eat the tail first.
- 7. Like many holidays on the calendar, Easter also has its own catchy tunes or carols. They're not just for Christmas time! One such Easter carol, with its words in Latin, began as Tempus adest floridum, which can be translated as 'Spring has now brought forth the flowers.' Other "Easter Carols" you might know? 'Here Comes Peter Cottontail,' 'Easter Parade,' and 'The Carnival Song.'
- 8. Common Easter symbols include the Cross, Easter Bells, the Easter Lily, and of course, Eggs and Rabbits!
- 9. A tradition since 1878, the Easter egg roll on the White House lawn turns the area into a massive playground for children from all over the country.
- 10. In medieval times, a festival of 'egg-throwing' was held in church. The priest would throw a hard-boiled egg to one of the Choir boys, and then tossed from one choir boy to the next. When the clock struck 12, whoever held the egg, was the winner and got to keep the egg.



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#### **April Fools**

#### **FatSox**

**April 1, 2000**: The Daily Mail revealed that Esporta Health Clubs had launched a new line of socks, dubbed FatSox, designed to help people lose weight. These revolutionary socks actually sucked body fat out of sweating feet, promising to "banish fat forever." The American inventory of this weight-loss product, Professor Frank Ellis Elgood, explained that the socks employed a nylon polymer called FloraAstraTetrazine" previously only applied in the nutrition industry." As a person's body heat rose and their blood vessels dilated, the socks drew "excess lipid from the body through the sweat." After having sweated out the fat, the wearer could then simply wash the socks, and the fat, away.

#### Tasmanian Mock Walrus

April 1, 1984: The Orlando Sentinel featured a story about a creature known as the Tasmanian Mock Walrus (or TMW for short) that many people in Florida were said to be adopting as a pet. The creature was four inches long, resembled a walrus, purred like a cat, and had the temperament of a hamster. What made it such an ideal pet was that it never had to be bathed, used a litter box, and ate cockroaches. In fact, a single TMW could entirely rid a house of its cockroach problem. However, the local pest-control industry was said to be pressuring the government to ban TMWs, fearing they would put cockroach exterminators out of business. Dozens of people called the paper trying to find out where they could obtain their own TMW. Skeptics noted that the photo of a TMW accompanying the article showed a creature that looked suspiciously similar to a Naked Mole Rat.

#### **Nixon for President**

**April 1, 1992**: National Public Radio's Talk of the Nation revealed that Richard Nixon, in a surprise move, was running for President again. His new campaign slogan was, "I didn't do anything wrong, and I won't do it again." Accompanying this announcement were audio clips of Nixon delivering his candidacy speech. Listeners responded viscerally to the announcement, flooding the show with calls expressing shock and outrage. Only during the second half of the show did the host John Hockenberry reveal that the announcement was a practical joke. Nixon's voice was impersonated by comedian Rich Little.

#### **UFO Lands in London**

March 31, 1989: Thousands of motorists driving on the highway outside London looked up in the air to see a glowing flying saucer descending on their city. Many of them pulled to the side of the road to watch the bizarre craft float through the air. The saucer finally landed in a field on the outskirts of London where local residents immediately called the police to warn them of an alien invasion. Soon the police arrived on the scene, and one brave officer approached the craft with his truncheon extended before him. When a door in the craft popped open, and a small silver-suited figure emerged, the policeman ran in the opposite direction. The saucer turned out to be a hot-air balloon that had been special built to look like a UFO by Richard Branson, the 36-year-old chairman of Virgin Records. The stunt combined his passion for ballooning with his love of pranks. His plan was to land the craft in London's Hyde Park

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on April 1. Unfortunately, the wind blew him off course, and he was forced to land a day early in the wrong location.

The Sydney Iceberg

April 1, 1978: A barge towing a giant iceberg appeared in Sydney Harbor. Sydneysiders were expecting it. Dick Smith, a local adventurer and millionaire businessman, had been loudly promoting his scheme to tow an iceberg from Antarctica for quite some time. Now he had apparently succeeded. He said that he was going to carve the berg into small ice cubes, which he would sell to the public for ten cents each. These well-traveled cubes, fresh from the pure waters of Antarctica, were promised to improve the flavor of any drink they cooled. Slowly the iceberg made its way into the harbor. Local radio stations provided blow-by-blow coverage of the scene. Only when the berg was well into the harbor was its secret revealed. It started to rain, and the firefighting foam and shaving cream that he berg was really made of washed away, uncovering the white plastic sheets beneath.

#### Instant Color TV

April 1, 1962: Sweden's SVT (Sveriges Television) brought their technical expert, Kjell Stensson, onto the news to inform the public that, thanks to a new technology, viewers could convert their existing sets to display color reception. At the time, there was only the one TV channel in Sweden, and it broadcast in black and white, so this was big news. Stensson explained that all viewers had to do was pull a nylon stocking over their tv screen, and the mesh would cause the light to bend in such a way that it would appear as if the image was in color. He proceeded to demonstrate the process. Thousands of people were taken in. Many Swedes today still report remembering their fathers rushing through the house trying to find stockings to place over the TV set. Regular color broadcasts only commenced in Sweden on April 1, 1970.

#### The Swiss Spaghetti Harvest

April 1, 1957: The respected BBC news show Panorama announced that thanks to a very mild winter and the virtual elimination of the dreaded spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. It accompanied this announcement with footage of Swiss peasants pulling strands of spaghetti down from trees. Huge numbers of views were taken in. Many called the BBC wanting to know how they could grow their own spaghetti tree. To this the BBC diplomatically replied, "place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best." Even the director-general of the BBC later admitted that after seeing the show he checked an encyclopedia to find out if that was how spaghetti actually grew (but the encyclopedia had no information on the topic). The broadcast remains, by far, the most popular and widely acclaimed April Fool's Day hoax ever.































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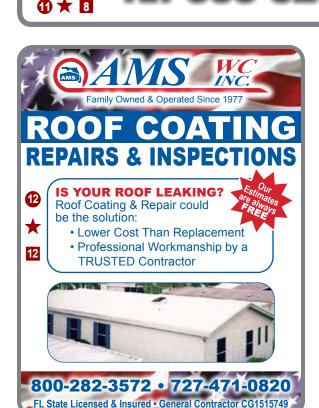
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#### **Vital Signs**

She's only in her 40's, but my friend Mary has bounced back from cancer, heart problems, even a stroke. Through it all, she and her husband, Mark have kept their sense of humor. One day she said, "You know what kills me ...?"

Smiling, Mark teased, "Apparently nothing."

#### Special Karaoke

At the restaurant, a sign read "Karaoke Tonight!" Grandma studied it before asking, "What kind of fish is that?"

#### **Empty Threat**

Recently I sat in a restaurant watching two older men go at it. It quickly grew heated as one of them declared, "I'm so mad, I'm taking you off my pallbearer list!"

#### Wrinkle Cream

My nine-year-old daughter walked in while I was getting ready for work. "What are you doing?" she asked.

"Putting on my wrinkle cream," I answered.

"Oh," she said, walking away. "I thought they were natural."

#### **Random Facts**

he average human produces 25,000 quarts of spit in a lifetime, enough to fill two swimming pools.

It has been calculated that in the last 3,500 years, there has only been 230 years of total peace throughout the civilized world.

Windmills always turn counterclockwise.

A hedgehog's heart beats 300 times a minute on average.

Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from blowing sand.

The placement of a donkey's eyes in its' head enables it to see all four feet at all times.

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Scientists say the average person eats about 2 pounds of bugs a year. That's mostly because insects accidentally get ground up in foods like peanut butter, strawberry jelly and spaghetti sauce. They won't hurt you, they're actually full of protein.

Dodos became extinct in 1681.

The most common species of domesticated bird is the chicken.

The peregrine falcon became the first animal listed as an endangered species in the USA in the late 1970's.

Why do camels have humps?

Well, it's not to store water. The humps are there to store fat. Similar to how most animals store fat around their bellies, camels store it in their one or two humps on their backs. When camels cannot get to food they live off of the stored fat in their humps. As this fat is consumed by the camel's body, the hump shrinks, and in the case of a two-humped Bactrian camel the tops of the humps flop over to one side. The humps will resume their full shape once a camel eats again.

#### **Fun Toy Facts**

PEZ was created in 1927 in Vienna, Austria by Eduard Haas III, and was first marketed as a compressed peppermint candy. The name PEZ was derived from the German word for peppermint: PfeffErminZ. PEZ Candy and Dispensers were introduced in America in 1952. Market research with children led to the introduction of fruit flavors and the addition of collectible character heads featuring top licensed characters. Over 1 billion PEZ candies are consumed annually.

The Pogo Stick was once promoted by the Ziegfeld Follies. The inventory, George Hansburg, arranged for the Pogo Stick to be featured in the show as a publicity stunt and taught the Ziefeld Girls how to Pogo. Later, a wedding was performed in the show on pogo sticks. The roaring twenties were the height of popularity for pogo sticks and there were many publicity stunts at that time. The New York Hippodrome chorus girls performed entire shows on them.

The first Pogo Sticks were made in Germany and shipped to Gimble's Department Store in New York City. Unfortunately they were all made of wood and somehow rotted on the voyage to NYC. George Hansburg redesigned them with an all-metal construction and patented the toy in 1919.

A Gas Powered Pogo Stick was invented and patented in 1960 by Gordon Spitzmesser. He called it the Hop Along. The patent expired in 1977. They were produced and marketed as the "Hop Rod" in the 60's by the Chance Manufacturing Company in Wichita, Kansas. They apparently ran on a mixture of alcohol and castor oil.

The greatest number of consecutive jumps achieved on a pogo stick is 177,737 by Gary Steward at Huntington Beach, California, USA on May 25-26, 1990.

Ashrita Furman of Jamaica, New York set a pogo stick jumping distance record of 23.11

miles in 12 hours 27 minutes on June 22, 1997 at Queensborough Community College Track, New York, USA.

There is a story that George Hansburg was traveling in Burma and met a little girl named Pogo. Pogo couldn't afford shoes and had to walk through mud and rocks on the way to the temple to pray. Her father made her a jumping stick to use to get through the mud, which Hansburg saw and which gave him the idea for the pogo stick. Interesting as it is, this story is not true.

In order for a standard deck of playing cards to be properly mixed up to play with, they should be shuffled 7 times.

Tonka trucks were named after Lake Minnetonka in Minnesota. The work "Tonka" means "great" in Sioux.

In 1968, the Hot Wheels Corvette, a reproduction of the real one, was on store shelves before Chevrolet had their new '68 model at car dealers.

#### Chocolate Chip Pudding Cookies

#### **Ingredients**

- 1 cup salted butter, softened
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 (3.4 ounce) pkg. instant vanilla pudding mix, dry
- 2 eggs (at room temp)
- 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2-1/4 cup flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 cup milk chocolate chips
- 1 cup white chocolate chips (could also substitute for more chocolate chips)

#### **Pudding cookie instructions**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350oF.
- 2. Cream together the butter and sugar in a large mixing bowl. Stir in pudding mix (dry) and vanilla.
- 3. Beat in one egg at a time.
- 4. In a separate bowl mix together flour, baking soda and baking powder. Then slowly stir into the wet ingredients. Then stir in the chocolate chips.
- 5. Line baking with baking mat and then spoon cookie dough onto the baking sheet. Bake for 8 10 minutes, or until the edges are set. You want the center to look a little underdone.
- 6. Let sit on pan for 2 minutes, and then remove to a cooling rack.

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#### The Old Coot Comes Clean

By: Merlin Lessler

love McDonalds! There, I said it. The most politically incorrect food statement imaginable. I've been hiding it. Afraid to admit that their French fries are "to die for," their Big Macs are transcendental and their prices are "old coot" friendly.

Now mind you, I only consume two Big Macs a year, but they are there for me when the urge gets too strong to fight. When I just can't stop myself. That's not the case for their breakfast menu. I go for an old coot special nearly every week: a sausage McMuffin, hash browns and large coffee for under five bucks. And, how about that drive-in window on a bitter cold, winter morning or rain drenched summer afternoon? So convenient! And most of the time, so fast.

I feel better now - I got it out in the open - I confessed. But, there's more. I love bread. Rye break, Kaiser rolls, baguettes, Italian bread, and yes, evil white bread. No, it's not the same bread my mother sent me off on my bike every couple of days to pick up at our neighborhood grocery store That bread was fresh and would turn hard in a day or two, more or less. No preservatives! I could never resist opening the package to pull a slice out of the middle and munch it down as I peddled back home, with the rest of the loaf hanging off my handlebars in a canvas drawstring sack. That must be where my weakness for processed wheat comes from. That, and the box of Wheaties on our breakfast table with Mickey Mantle staring at me as I ate.

Oh sure, bread was different back then. Wheat and wheat processing has changed over the years but, people have changed too. Especially kids. We moved around more than kids do today; we ran skipped, jumped, climbed trees, and played every game possible with a round ball. We fought cowboy and Indian wars with cap pistols in the woods. Our metabolisms were ramped up enough to devour those calories and keep the fat cells at bay. We didn't know that having fun was good for us. And, when we sat down to the dinner table, we were hungry. Starved! Oh that world before TV.

Now I'm old. I still move around, but not like I used to. And, I've been marginalized because I'm politically "food" incorrect. I'm just about finished with this revelation, this admission. I'm going to put down my notebook and pen and go up to the counter to get my free, senior coffee refill and then come back and write a closing sentence. (One minute later.) "I love McDonalds!"

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- If you open it close it.
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- If you unlock it lock it.
- If you break it repair it.
- If you can't fix it call in someone who can.
- If you borrow it return it.
- If you use it take good care of it.
- If you make a mess clean it up.
- If you move it put it back.
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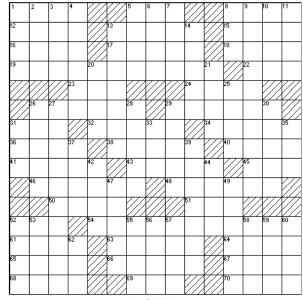
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- 23. Collection or series
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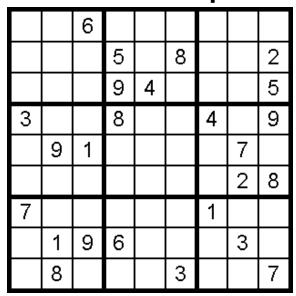
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Roger Legg	. \$100	Century Awnings
Linda Roy	\$10	Modern Air Conditioning Service
		Master Plumbers and Septic, Inc.
John Gagne	\$10	Underhome Armor, LLC
Alex Campbell	\$10	Imperial Electric of Pinellas, Inc.
		Mobile Home Depot
Sherry Carnation	\$10	Bill the Carpet Guy
Charles Ingram	\$10	Jones & Sons Plumbing, Inc.
		O.E. Wilson Insurance
Thom Brown	\$10	Sunset Appliance Service
		1st Class Handyman Service, Inc.
		Denny's Plumbing, Inc.
Harry Knappage	\$10	Air Masters of Pinellas, Inc.
		Palm Hill
		Royal Enterprises
		ASE - Auto Service Experts
William Keefe	\$5 .	Boss Electric Corp.
Len Gilray	\$5 .	Heller's Mobile Home Washing
Terry Riley	\$5 .	Doll Brothers Carpet Cleaners
Janet Burns	\$5 .	Jones & Sons Plumbing, Inc.
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		Bob Steele Appliance Repair
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Lorraine Runza	\$5	Doll Brothers Carpet Cleaners
		Largo Plumbing
Sharon Abbotts	\$5	Largo Tech Services, LLC
Linda Wolf	\$5	Battleline Termite & Pest Control
David Panach	\$5	Natures Resource Pest Control, Inc.
Betty Lyons	\$5	Jones & Sons Plumbing, Inc.
Joan Hunnicutt	\$5	Appliance Specialty
Frank Komar	\$5	Appliance Specialty
Roger Morgan	\$5	E & E Gliddon Air Conditioning, Inc.
Richard Szarlan	\$5	Boss Electric Corp.
Mel Fisher	\$5	Bill the Carpet Guy
Cole Akins	\$5	Boss Electric Corp.
Laverne Fredrick	\$5	Air Masters of Pinellas, Inc.
Ann Tindall	\$5	A Happy Cleaning
		Heller's Mobile Home Washing
Charles Barnum	\$5	Air Masters of Pinellas, Inc.
		Largo Plumbing Co.
Phyllis Tuohy	\$5	Jones & Sons Plumbing, Inc.
Barbara McCann	\$5	Bob Steele Appliance Repair
Basil Burrell	\$5	
Kenneth Daves	\$5	Battleline Termite & Pest Control
Cheryl Mills	\$5	Dunedin Plumbing, Inc.
Frances Schettino	\$5	Rizzotto Tax Advisory Group
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