Under The Radar

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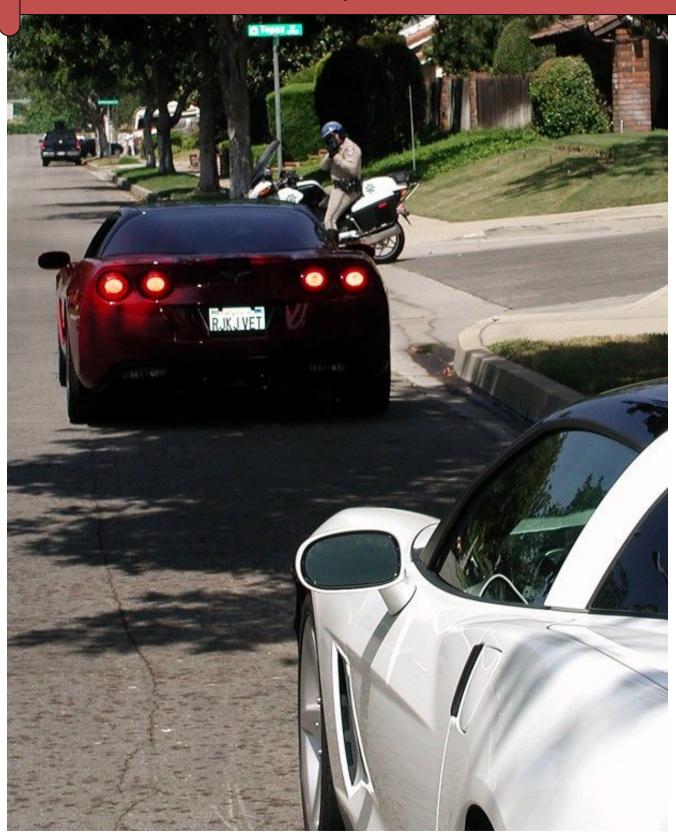


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Corvette Super Sports

We are a car club made up of Corvette owners with a passion for a fine driving machine, with the goal to participate in and support auto-related activities, such as: car shows, auto-crossing, rallies, drag racing, caravans, cruises, parades, etc. We support (N.C.C.C.) National Council of Corvette Clubs, National Corvette Museum, several social, civic, and charitable organizations. CSS is incorporated as a non-profit organization in the County of Orange, California.

We welcome guests to our meetings on first Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM at "SIZZLER" Steak, Seafood & Salad Bar 1401 N. Harbor Blvd, Fullerton, CA 92835 (Harbor Blvd. at Brea Blvd.)

Corvette Super Sports Charities

For many years, CSS has been a major sponsor for our two main Charities; H.I.S. House Transitional Shelter and CHiP's for Kids.

HIS House is a 4-6 month program for homeless men, women, and children to prepare for and secure employment, education and permanent housing.

CHiP's for Kids began with an individual **CHP** officer that spread like wildfire within their own departments. To reach out in the community to help abused, orphaned, and seriously neglected children.

Charity Donations

Corvette Super Sports was blessed during 2011 to have provided venues that attracted many participants. From our activities, we were able to donate \$6,850 to our charities.

•	HIS House	\$2,850
•	CHIPS	\$1,250
•	Council for Aging	\$750
•	Operation Home Front	\$1,000
•	Wounded Warriors	\$1,000

Corvette Super Sports believes that it is our duty to participate in other Corvette Club's activities to support their charities.

Corvette Super Sports' Charities

These are the organizations and programs our members support ... because we believe in "giving back" to the communities in which we live ... and *drive* ... our Corvettes.





Homeless Intervention Shelter P.O. Box 1293, Placentia CA 92871 714-993-5774

Visit "Charity's Closet" Thrift Shop



Club Liaison and CHiPS for Kids Coordinator: CHP
Officer Donnell Holmes





Who's Who at Corvette Super Sports

Officers 2012 Board of Governors 2012

President: Diane WiestDonna StewartVice-President: Geoff GirvinGary PlehnSecretary: Bert WiestJim CooperTreasurer: Marge HuhtaRon DeBartolomeisNewsletter: Geoff GirvinVicki KumpWebmaster: Doug MarianiLinda Norris

N.C.C.C.: Joe Orrico

Chairpersons 2012

Clothing-Shirts: Shirley Jones Sergeant at Arms: Ron DeBartolomeis

Clothing-Jackets & Hats: Shirley Trophies/Awards: Tom Cuccio

Jones

Socials: Geoff Girvin
Charity: Bob Reed
Dealer Rep: Cindy Orrico
Car Show Chairman: TBD

Raffle:

Meeting Hostess: Linda Norris Banquet: Karen, Linda, Vicki, Donna

Membership/Hospitality: Donna

Stewart

Phone Committee Chairman: Donna Historian: Pat & Jan Works

Stewart





The July general meeting was themed as a celebration of the birth of our great nation.

Message From Madam Prez.



Every 4 years a very strange and exciting thing happens. The world comes together not as a warring or political presence but in the spirit of gamesmanship. Many of us have definite views of sports. We either love some and dislike others but few of us are neutral where sports are concerned. For 17 days we watch countries that we have never heard of competing and we find ourselves hoping that they take away the "gold" for their country.

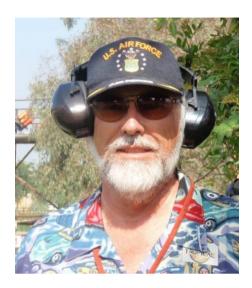
For 17 days the petty and mundane are put aside. We speak about the games as if we have a part in them. Did you see how fast, how high, how long, how strong the players were? We respect the courage and discipline that it takes to attempt such challenges. Having a goal, taking part, committing fully to achieving our very best while having no regrets.

This speaks to us as individuals in our lives.

We have our annual car show quickly approaching. As members of the Corvette Super Sports team, I would like to thank you in advance for all your hard work setting up the venue, food preparation and sales, raffle ticket prizes and sales and all the other seemingly mundane things that need to be done. Now get ready to wipe those windshields, polish those rims, vacuum the insides and GO FOR THE GOLD!!

Dianne

Message from the VP, Newsletter Editor, and Director of all things Social



Almost 3 years ago to the day was my previous attempt at setting up a mystery run. There are many similarities between that run to Mount Palomar and our mystery run this month to Jackson Lake in Wrightwood. I bring this up because it is very possible that the aliens are back. Remember back in 2009, we had a string of very odd occurrences that could only be attributable to an infestation of aliens. So in our July 2009 mystery run we were all to bring our own alien catchers and we ended up at Mount Palomar at the observatory (where better to look for aliens). One of the high lights of that adventure was the impromptu electronic swan dance that Rick Miller performed with my electronic alien catcher.

Why you ask? Why does this come to mind? Well as you will see, we played badminton at Lake Jackson and the rackets look very similar to my electronic alien catcher and dancing around the playing field reminded me of Rick's elegant dance. In addition, the number of cars that participated was the same, one of the people that came to see us off after breakfast in 2009 left us after breakfast again this time and saw us off to our destination, and only another invasion of aliens could explain what happened to Steve and Eli at the top of the mountain. So I have included some pictures from that very first issue of "Under the Radar" to help you remember.

I would also like to thank all of CSS including the new members we have for giving me the opportunity to write about our activities over the year. Your participation and my somewhat bizarre outlook have once again allowed CSS to gain national recognition in the NCCC Newsletter Competition. This year, Joe accepted our 6th place award at the NCCC convention.





CODE 3 FOR CSS CHARITIES

A few weeks ago I was the guest of CHP Officer Donnell Holmes at a very special awards ceremony that highlighted a group of exceptional men and women of the California Highway Patrol. The Master of Ceremonies was Pat Harvey, the award winning newscaster for channel 2 KCBS. I had the opportunity to meet members of other organizations that also support CHiP's for Kids. The day closed with a group picture of CHiP's for Kids supporters, CHP Officers Donnell Holmes and Vince Ramirez, and Pat Harvey.

With the support of CSS and others, H.I.S. House was recently able to perform some much needed upgrades to their facilities that included a fresh coat of paint and the roof was replaced in preparation for the installation of solar panels.

Last week, as part of Corvette Super Sports' "Give and it won't hurt" project, I mailed eight pounds of greeting cards to St. Jude's Ranch to be recycled into beautiful new cards for resale. These cards are made by children taken in by St. Jude's Ranch that have been abused, abandoned and neglected, creating new chances, new choices and new hope in a safe, homelike environment.

Rather than waiting until the end of the year to try to figure out which charities will receive the support of CSS, I proposed to the Board that we divide our CSS charity dollars evenly between CHiP's for Kids, H.I.S. House, Operation Homefront and Council on Aging. This proposal has received the support of the Board, but I will bring it to general membership for final approval.

Don't forget to bring your old cell phones to the CSS Car Show on August 26th and receive a free raffle ticket.

The Social event for August 2012: Party after the car show.

The Club event for August 2012: CSS Car Show August 26th Connell Chevrolet

Other Club social events for August 2012: Homeland Security Training August 25th This will be a midterm exam at the Prado Shooting park where we will again shoot trap to show that our advanced skills have really gotten better notwithstanding the actual scores.

Please help us keep our records up to date.

Now you can use the new combined Membership Application/Change of Information form to let us know of changes and updates to your addresses (postal and email), phone numbers (including cell numbers), Corvette model(s), etc

If you have an idea for a **Club Outing, Mystery Run, and Caravan** to someplace special for lunch, we want to make it easy for you. There is a <u>Cruise Planning form</u> on the Web site for submissions of your ideas.

Corvette Super Sports Local News

CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS - GENERAL MEETING

General meeting minutes July 3, 2012

Officers present: Dianne W., Bert W., Marge H. Doug M., Joe O., Geoff G. Board members present: Jim C., Gary P., Vicki K., Linda N., Donna S.

Active members present: 39, a quorum was present.

President Dianne called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. It was moved and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes of the last general meeting.

Donna introduced the visitors for the evening: Steve Salinas and Elizabeth Jimenez, Leslie Gardner and Ed Mattson.

Leslie Gardner, National Corvette Museum West Coast Board Member spoke about the Corvette museum and the new motor skills park. She opened the talk up to questions and answers.

Vice-President Geoff spoke about trophies and called on Ed N. to share about the Big Bear Bash. There will be a mystery run on July 14, meet at Coco's in Brea on Imperial Highway at 8:00 am.

Birthdays: Dawnette, Bob K., Mike B., Ellis C.

Anniversaries: Bob and Vicki, Chuck and Sue, Bud and Dawnette.

President Dianne had the newly revised Bylaws and Constitution to hand out, urged the members to read them, the vote will be taken nest meeting (August).

Bert shared that the Variety show is scheduled for October 20 at Cindy's clubhouse. Acts are needed.

Marge gave the treasurer's report. Checkbook balance is \$11,115.77. She is collecting for car show entries and is accepting cash donations for car show raffle support. Marge made a motion: "I move that the following budget line items be increased: Bank fees by \$60.00, office supplies by \$250.00, website and computer by \$110.00 for a total of \$420.00". The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Doug told that the club website is currently safe and virus free.

Joe told that he is just back from the NCCC convention in Topeka. CSS newsletter won 6th place in the newsletter competition and 1st place in the wine tasting competition. There is a strong possibility of a mini convention for the west coast next year, April 4-7 in Las Vegas.

Bob R mentioned that we are still collecting old greeting cards, gift cards and cell phones as part of our charity effort.

Kelli Reed won the clean car award, presenting it to Bob.

The goodies were courtesy of Kathy and Mike B.

Doug M. won the dinner raffle.

Cindy said the car show is proceeding on schedule, August 26th. Kelli will work on gift baskets. Four people so far have made donations to the car show.

Jim C., discussed the Barrett Jackson Car show and auction. There were 162 cars in the show.

There was no new business.

The next Board meeting will be July 17 at Mimi's.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted Bert Wiest, Secretary, CSS

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Month-by-month list of **birthdays and anniversaries** celebrated by CSS members.

JULY BIRTHDAYS			JULY ANNIVERSARIES		
Dawnette	Norris	3rd	Bob & Vicki Kump 07/08/78		
Bob	Kump	14th	Charles & Susan Rosen 07/12/70		
Michael	Baddley	22nd	Bud & Dawnette Norris 07/19/??		
Ellis	Chee	28th			
AUGUST B	BIRTHDAY	<u>'S</u>	<u>AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES</u>		
Bacon, Roger J 08/04		08/04	Costello, Mark 08/07/??		
Owens, Clifford 08/08		08/08	Costello, Cindy 08/07/??		
Owens, Michelle 08/09		08/09	Norris, Linda 08/08/87		
Glodery, Greg 08/13		08/13	Norris, Ed 08/08/87		
Cuccio, Barbara L 08/16		08/16	Camp, Larry Douglas 08/15/??		
Kennedy, Ro	n	08/18	Camp, Robyne H 08/15/??		
Stel, Marleer	ı F	08/19	Cruz, Teresa 08/20/83		
Works, Jan		08/31	Cruz, Sal 08/20/83		

Social Corner

The goal of the social chairman is to post the events for the entire year so that our membership can plan accordingly.

Social events are defined as a caravan to a place of interest where we can participate in an adventure and have time to talk with other members about recent Car Show and Rallies that we have participated in.

The Club event is defined as our club participating in another Corvette Club's activities to support their charities.

Current CSS events can be found at the following URL http://www.corvettesupersports.com

If you have a suggestion for a Corvette Event or a Social Event, please contact Geoff at GBGirvin@yahoo.com

Club Event Yearly Schedule

February 11 th .	Valentine Bowl
February 18 th	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
March 10 th	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
March 17 th -18 th	Palm Springs Non-Sanctioned Autocross Riverside County Fairgrounds
March 17 th	Highland Ave Car Show – Rancho Cucumonga
March 25 th	Cal-Rods Car show Santa Anita Race Track
April 1 st	Corvettes West – Ronald McDonald Car Show Rancho Cucamonga
April 7 th	Vapor Trails Autocross – Santa Maria Airport
April 14 th	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
April 13-15	Long Beach Grand Prix – Corvette Corral
April 20-22	Gambler's Classic - Laughlin
April 22 nd	Corvettes of Temecula Car show
April 28 th	First Annual Miniature Golf Tourney – Camelot Anaheim
May 12 th	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
May 20 th	Corvette Dreamin' Liberty Station – Naval Training Center - Promenade
May 26-27	Pahrump High Speed Autocross – Porsches taste like chicken!
June 2 nd	Vapor Trails Autocross – Santa Maria Airport
June 3 rd	OC Vettes Car show – Huntington Beach Central Park
June 9 th .	Vette Set Car Show
June 16 th	Antelope Valley Car Show
June 23 rd .	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
June 21-24 th	Corvettes at Lake Tahoe
June 29 th July1 st	Bash B4 the Big Bear Bash – Garry and Shirley's – Big Bear
June 29 th July1 st	Big Bear Bash
July 14 TH .	Mystery Run
July 21 st	Poker Rally, Orange County Vettes Irvine, CA
July 28 th .	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
August 25 th .	Homeland Security Mid Term Exam 9am Prado Trap Range
August 26 th .	CSS Annual Car Show – Connell Chevrolet Costa Mesa
September 15 th .	Poker & Game Rallye Newport Harbor Corvettes Santa Maria, CA
September 15 th .	Vapor Trails Car show and Rallye
September 22nd.	Donna's Pool Party
September 29 th	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
Oct. 13 th .	Vapor Trails Autocross Santa Maria Airport
Oct. 27 th .	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
Nov 17 th .	Bowling with Turkeys
Nov 24 th .	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
Dec 15 th .	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am Final Exam

Club Events for July

Mystery Run

On July 14th, 21 adventurous members caravanned to parts unknown to eat and play and use skills most of us have not used since grade school. We launched from Coco's as the directions required. Those attending were: Geoff and Ginger, Ron and Karen, Chuck and Sue, George and Sandy, Gary and Allison, Bob and Kelli, Steve and Eli (new members), Art, Richard and Barbara, Sal and Teresa, and Dave and Jenny.

The first leg of the journey was about 40 miles and took us up Angeles Crest Highway into the Angeles National Forrest. The map and directions specifically left the names of the freeways and exits off so that the mystery was preserved as long as possible. One club member who shall remain anonymous was convinced that we were going to Cook's Corner even though the directions clearly stated that we were heading north. We continued into the National Forrest past the turn off to Mount Wilson, past the road to Palmdale, and past Little Big Tujunga Canyon road to the Newcomb's Ranch Inn. There we were given a special room equipped with our own wide screen TV where NASCAR races were in full swing. Another room was filled with rice rocket bikers who were watching their own wide screen TV with, you guessed it, motorcycle racing on it. The wait staff and all the people from the Inn could not have been nicer to us. They even took pictures of us that we have below. All of us enjoyed a hearty breakfast in the clear, clean mountain air and got ready for the road trip to the next stop. While there, several of the group remarked that they had seen this place before but had never taken the time to stop in. Everyone said that they would come back. It was at this point that Art and Sal and Teresa bid us farewell and headed back down the mountain for a double booked event.

This is where the thought came to me that this trip is beginning to remind me of that other mystery run three years ago. On that trip, we met at the Krispy Kreme shop at the Block of Orange to head off into parts unknown with maps that were not very revealing. It was also a trip where Art showed up to get a breakfast doughnut for his grandson Albie and then bid us farewell, just like on this trip. Very ODD!

The next stop was described as 35 miles on up the same road we were on and make a left at County road N4, then proceed 3 miles to our destination. Still, there was no indication of our final destination. Nine cars started this leg of the caravan (just like the same number of cars on the mystery run caravan in 2009). The trip up the mountain was breathtaking with the views down into the flat lands and the contrast between the bright blue sky and the mountains with not a cloud in the sky. Again this is just like the terrain going to Mount Palomar and the final destination would be at the same elevation. However, just before that left turn, .8 miles before to be exact, Steve and Eli miscalculated the position of a rock in the road and ended up with a flat tire. Bob and Kelli also hit the same rock, but Bob and Kelli have runflat tires and their tire did not immediately blow out. Not so, for Steve and Eli. Their tire went flat and left piles of shredded tire on the road. This is where I became convinced that aliens have once again invaded Southern California and taken up roots with Corvette Super Sports. How else can one explain that rock that 7 cars missed but cars 8 and 9 hit. Now we know what the distance was because Bob and Kelli measured it so that when they called Triple A they could give exact directions on where to find the stricken car. Then Bob and Kelli stayed behind to wait for the tow truck and said that they would catch up. So we went on to Jackson Lake for a picnic and a badminton tournament.

Waiting for us at the lake were Madam Pres and Mister Secretary, our very own Dianne and Bert Weist. I had given them the final destination because they had an early morning conflict that prevented them from

going to breakfast with us. We set up our camp, placed the chairs and blankets appropriately and then set up the badminton court. Now this is very interesting as well. Even with direction, in English with drawings, still it took us a long time to figure out how to get it together. Finally we were ready and this is where yet another similarity with that mystery run in 2009 came to light. The badminton rackets looked exactly like my electronic alien catcher, close to the ones that Dave and Jenny brought along 3 years ago, same for Chuck and Sue, and clearly the same for Donna 3 years ago. I am wondering also whether Donna might have gotten some premonition about this mystery run to Jackson Lake because she was signed up to go originally but decided against it because of a family outing on the same day.

After lunch we divided up into players and cheer leaders. Some of us played and just like in 2009, Dave was convinced that he knew what to do until Jenny knew that Dave was on my side and who the weaker player was on the "men's" side and hit the birdie to Dave every time. She is a killer player. Karen is amazing as well. She looks right at someone and smacks the birdie to the other person like a professional. Sandy is amazing but it is because she has been practicing with a women's group from her church. Ginger and Barbara are amazing as well. Both played like professional tennis players placing the birdie many times right at or by our noses. Has anyone ever tried to hit a birdie with a racket that is within 2 inches of your nose without doing some sort of bodily harm to yourself? I think it is safe to say that the women kicked the butts of the guys in the competition. Once they let Richard and me win, but you could see that they let us win. I could tell by that "look" in their eyes.

As we were getting ready to leave and head down the mountain to the smog, haze, and a bazillion cars like flies on you know what, I saw a Triple A tow truck come into the parking lot at Jackson Lake. I asked the driver if he was looking for a silver Corvette with a flat tire. He said yes. I told him to continue past Jackson Lake back to Angeles Crest and turn right for .8 of a mile. He said that the operator had not given him that information and that he had been spending the last 3 hours looking for the car. This is yet another clue that the aliens are back. I knew it was too good to be true that we scared them off for good in 2009. After we all left the lake, Ginger and I went up to check on Steve and Eli and found the tow truck had just arrived. Bob told me that finally his "Stool Samples" has come to good use as they sat along the side of the road in the shade waiting for the tow truck to arrive. But this saga does not end here. On Bob's trek home, he got all the way down to Diamond Bar when his low tire alert came on, and sure enough his run flat tires saved the day for him. He and Kelli got all the way home without the need to wait 3 more hours for another tow truck. Surely it is aliens!





Breakfast stop at Newcomb's Ranch.













The pictures below are in 2 columns. The left side are from the Jackson Lake mystery run and the right side are from the Alien Catching outing from 2009 to Mount Palomar just so that you ran reminisce with me on the past and present and see what I mean about the ALIENS ARE BACK!



Mystery Run group 2012



Mystery Run group 2009



Not likely that we would scare any aliens!



Scott thought we were going to the border and figured that he could beat them back to where they came from.



Even the signs point to aliens!





See the rackets look like my electronic alien catcher



Geoff brought an electronic catcher with an LED that was supposed to reflect only off of aliens



Dave did not do any better this time! Jenny knew who to hit the birdie to just like In 2009.



2009 was just a look at what was to come!









Rick is legendary on the right with the Electronic Swan dance and so much so that his legend lives on in 2012 by people who never saw him do the original dance in person. Go Rick!

Poker Run

On July 21st, 5 hoping to be lucky couples from CSS attended the OC Vettes Poker Run. The attendees were Jen and Dave A, Joe and Cindy, Chuck and Sue, Doug and Jackie and Bob and Kelli. Now most will remember that Bob and Kelly at the general meeting this month related that Kelli had turned into "Gold Finger" in that on the cruise they were on she won all the jackpots, and at a charity event she had won big and then she went on to get the "Clean Car Award" at the meeting. Given that, they were supposed to win big on the Poker Run. According to those who know, the best hand anyone in CSS got was a pair of 2s.

However, everyone seemed to have a good time as evidenced by the following pictures

















NCCC Board of Governors meeting minutes can be found at the following link

http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Meetings.html

NCCC Regional News

Regional Club Standings as of July 8, 2012

Regional Club Standings

Place	NCCC Club	CLUB NAME	TOTAL POINTS
1	326	CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS	987
2	302	CORVETTES WEST	503
3	518	VAPOR TRAIL VETTES	409
4	394	ANTELOPE VALLEY CORVETTES	163
5	395	VETTES "R" US	157

Regional Standings – Men

Place	NCCC Club	NCCC#	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	TOTAL POINTS
1	326	WC-326-0010	DAVID	ALCIATORE	108
2	326	WC-326-0055	JOE	ORRICO	71
3	326	WC-326-0014	ED	NORRIS	54
4	395	WC-395-0087	ТОМ	DOBYNS	53
5	202	WC-202-0659	JIM	GREGORIO	40
6	518	WC-518-0106	JOHN	MAHONEY	37
7	518	WC-518-0003	CHARLIE	PERRY	33
8	326	WC-326-0223	GEOFFREY	GIRVIN	30
9	552	WC-552-0004	DON	WINTERS,JR.	29
10	518	WC-518-0027	HECTOR	PAZ	25

Regional Standings - Women

Place	NCCC Club	NCCC#	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	TOTAL POINTS
1	326	WC-326-0278L	JENNIFER	SPENCER	99
2	394	WC-394-0020L	NELLY	SCHILLER	35
3	326	WC-326-0192L	CINDY	ORRICO	31
4	326	WC-326-0297L	JACKIE	LYON	19
5	395	WC-395-0016L	RITA	WILSEY	19
6	302	WC-302-0822L	JOANNE	BAILEY	18
7	394	WC-394-0134L	JO	CANNOLD	17
8	302	WC-302-0877L	ELAINE	FLANIGAN	16
9	326	WC-326-0186L	DAWNETTE	NORRIS	16
10	326	WC-326-0224L	GINGER	GIRVIN	16

Consequences

