

# WHO KNEW

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**Q** What business has been operating in Tacoma the longest?

1. Brown & Haley
2. Simpson
3. Burkhardt Dental Supply
4. The Java Jive

Answers on back

Simpson Investment Company headquarters is in Tacoma, Wash., where it operates two subsidiaries. Simpson Timber Company converts logs into dimensional lumber. Simpson Paper Company (whose subsidiary is Simpson Tacoma Kraft Company, LLC), manufactures bleached and unbleached kraft pulp and linerboard.

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# ANSWERS

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## **Brown & Haley**

Harry Brown and J.C. Haley launched their candy-making business in Tacoma in 1914. They offered a full line of sweets and hit the big time in 1923 with the nut-covered confection called Almond Roca.

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## **Simpson**

Founded in 1890, Simpson is one of the oldest continuously operating forest products companies in the Pacific Northwest. However, Simpson didn't set down roots in Tacoma until 1985, when the company purchased the St. Regis/Champion pulp and paper mill. Today you'll find three Simpson operations in Tacoma: Simpson Tacoma Kraft Company, Simpson Timber Company/Commencement Bay Mill and corporate headquarters, Simpson Investment Company.

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## **Burkhart Dental Supply**

Dr. William E. Burkhart opened the Tacoma Dental Depot in 1888. The name changed to Burkhart Dental Supply in 1891. President Lori Burkhart Isbell is the fifth-generation family member to lead the company, which provides dental supplies, equipment repair, consulting and other services to dental offices all over the country.

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## **The Java Jive**

This unique, coffee-pot shaped restaurant opened in 1927. Since that time, the building has operated as a speakeasy, a music nightclub, a go-go bar and a karaoke club. Named Bob's Java Jive in the 1960s by its new owners, it is recognized as one of the city's most memorable buildings.