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#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

#### **AFD** supports winners in Michigan House primary

Thanks to the help of our members and our Political Action Committee, the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan supported 34 candidates in the primary elections for the Michigan House of Representatives. Out of the 34 candidates we supported with monetary contributions, 31 were victorious, including several non-incumbents, which translates into a 91 percent success rate. All the candidates that AFD contributed to are supportive of business in general and of the AFD's concerns in particular

#### Committee waters down bill on pornographic videos, publications

The Senate Judiciary committee approved legislation last month by a 7-6 vote to give victims of sex crimes a cause of legal action against retailers of books, videos and magazines, deemed to be pornographic. The committee amended the Pornography Victims' Compensation Act (S. 1521), to permit suits only after the perpetrator of the crime was found guilty. The defendant must also be convicted of production, distribution, or sale of illegal pornography before a lawsuit can be initiated. AFD members should not be affected by this now watered-down -Washington Report

## National bottle bill

Efforts continue to enact a national bottle bill. The legislation has been turned down in three committee votes this year, but hearings will be held on the proposal in the Senate before Congress adjourns for the year. This indicates the national bottle deopsit legislation will again be pushed in the next session of Con--FMI

#### Child labor laws

The United States Department of Labor has announced the results of a two-week "blitz" by Wage and Hour investigators in smaller towns

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olfers enjoy the competition and the festivities at the 1992 AFD Scholarship Golf Outing. See related story and more photos on pages 18 and 19.

## Frozen food: Clarence Birdseye's dream is today's fact of life

It was cold and blustery in Springfield, Mass., and March 6, 1930 would have been doomed to the anonymity of many a drab New England winter day had it not been for one event which forever altered

the course of food marketing-the introduction of the first retail line of frozen foods

Six decades after this bold experiment, years filled with victories, defeats and frustrations. Clarence

Birdseye's vision has been transformed into a \$40-plus billion a year business and an intrinsic part of the nation's supermarket and foodservice industries. In fact, frozens and supermarkets grew up together, since 1930 also marked the birth of the modern supermarket.

Freezing food as a means of preservation actually began in 1908 when west coast growers froze drums of sugared fruits and berries in an ice-salt mixture. Variations of this socalled cold pack process were soon being used for ice cream, chicken and fish.

However, Clarence Birdseye, who continued to experiment with new methods of food preservation until his death in 1956, was indisputably the father of the frozen food business, for it was he who developed the technology to freeze food without damaging its cellular structure and who first froze foods in a package that could be sold directly to consumers

**BEFORE 1930...** 

According to industry lore, the Birdseye saga predated the Springfield experiment by nearly 20 years. As a young engineer in Labrador in 1912,

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## FLORIDA RETAILER STUDY:

## Is The Lottery a Winner?

QUESTION: Has the lottery had a positive impact on your company's profitability? Companies with less than than 20 convenience stores: Yes 25% No 75%

Companies with more than 20 convenience stores: Yes 40%

QUESTION: Has the lottery caused crowds in stores and congested check-out lines which have driven away customers?

Companies with less than 20 convenience stores:

Yes 77% No 23%

Companies with more than 20 convenience stores:

QUESTION: Has the lottery caused an increase in the cost of your store security? Companies with less than 20 convenience stores

Yes 43% No 57%

Companies with more than 20 convenience stores

Yes 80%

SOURCE Study by Arthur Anderson and Co. for the Retail Grocers Association of Florida (1989) See Executive Director's Report for related story—page 3

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

# Lottery industry must make games more retailer friendly

By Joseph D. Sarafa Executive Director

With Texas retailers recently launching the Texas State Lottery and Georgians expected to approve a lottery game to begin early next year, this is an opportune



Sarafa

time to review our own lottery program and once again ask the question: Does lottery pay?

Impacted by lean commissions, many operators across Michigan have struggled to show lottery profits. In addition, lottery retailers are also concerned with the difficulty faced in turning lottery customers into store customers. In a study conducted by Arthur Andersen & Company for Florida retailers, the overwhelming majority said that the lottery had not had a positive impact on their company's profitability. (See graph on page 1).

Many times customers, especially in poorer urban areas, will substitute the purchase of a food item to try their luck at the lottery. "In parts of Metro Detroit, people will buy lottery tickets before they buy food, jeopardizing the welfare of their family," says Basil Boji, owner of Boji's Food Center in Dearborn. "I've seen it in my previous stores and I even see it here in Dearborn.' He adds that he keeps a lottery machine mainly as a service for his customers.

According to the National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS). Georgia retailers have been active with the lottery commission in preparation for next year's start-up. Specifically, they have pointed out that retailers consider lottery tickets a product and treat them just as they do any other product in the store. Each product has certain costs associated with its sales such as labor, accounting and security.

In Michigan, it costs approximately \$600 per week to run a lottery machine. If a store doesn't do at least \$10,000 a week in sales, it is probably losing money.

On the subject of commissions, California raised its commission in 1990 because selling costs had made the product less attractive to retailers. Georgia, like California, is pushing for a higher commission citing higher labor costs as a result of the last two minimum wage increases.

In Michigan, as in most states,

more lottery terminals are located in convenience stores than in any other type of retail outlet. With Texas and Georgia joining the ranks of lottery retailers nationwide, the issue of the lottery's profitability is magnified. The National Association of Convenience Stores is planning to initiate an industry dialogue this fall to address lottery issues, determine average operating costs and investigate other ways of making lottery more profitable for the industry.

The AFD will work closely with the NACS, in order to resolve these matters. The result of this effort may yield new information that can help bring commissions in line with costs and turn lottery customers into store customers—a winning combination and the industry's ticket to lottery success.

#### COMING EVENTS

Sept. 19—Eleventh Annual Detroit International Wine Auction. Black Tie—to benefit the Center for Creative Studies. Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Shores. (313) 872-WINE.

Oct. 6 - Nov. 10—Food Service Sanitation, Madonna University. 3660 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150-1173. Six-week workshops for owners, managers and supervisors for food service establishments. 7:30-9:30 p.m. (313)

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## Taking legal action against shoplifting, bad checks

by James V. Bellanca, Jr. AFD Legal Counsel with Matthew LeMieux, Legal Assistant

Traditionally persons caught passing bad checks or shoplifting have been punished as criminals. However, within the past decade. the Michigan Legislature has provided a way



Bellanca

merchants can seek damages from the issuer of a bad check or a shoplifter. No longer must a merchant depend upon the criminal justice system as the only means of punishing such wrongdoers. With the passage of two civil penalty statutes, the merchant can now collect damages from shoplifters and fraudulent check makers.

MCLA 600.2952 sets forth a civil penalty that can be brought against the maker of a bad check. A merchant need not wait for the criminal justice system to take action against the wrongdoer; however, the civil penalty handed down after the merchant gains a judgment against the wrongdoer makes such a judgment void. In such a case the merchant would be required to return any damages collected from the wrongdoer. If the criminal penalty is handed down before the merchant's civil action is brought, the civil action will be dismissed. Therefore, the merchant must make a decision as to whether the wrongdoer should be punished using the civil statute or the criminal penal code. A merchant using the civil remedy must first make a written demand upon the maker of a bad check. Delivery of the statement through the mail is sufficient. The statute sets forth the text for the written demand as follows:

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this notice, the full amount of the check in cash, we will not take further action against

If the wrongdoer fails to complywith the above demands, the

wrongdoer may have to pay double the check amount, not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$500.00. If the check is for more than \$500.00. the wrongdoer will have to pay the

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## Supermarket crime on rise

The case of robberies in grocery stores and supermarkets increased significantly in 1991 over 1990 levels. According to a survey by the Food Marketing Institute, in 1990 one in ten supermarkets were robbed. Burglaries occurred at about the same rate. The 1992 survey, based on criminal activities and security costs for the industry in 1991, shows that one in six stores were robbed and one in nine stores were burglarized.

Robbery is the taking or attempting to take anything of value from

the care, custody or control of a person or persons by force or threat of violence and/or putting the victim in fear. While supermarkets do not have the high risk of robbery associated with convenience stores or gasoline stations, this type of violent crime has increased significantly. Burglary is the unlawful entry of any fixed structure, vehicle or vessel of regular residence, industry or business, with or without force, with intent to commit a felony or larceny

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## Day of the Week

on which Robberies	Occurred
Sunday	16.3%
Monday	11.6
Tuesday	20.9
Wednesday	4.7
Thursday	14.0
Friday	20.9
Saturday	11.6

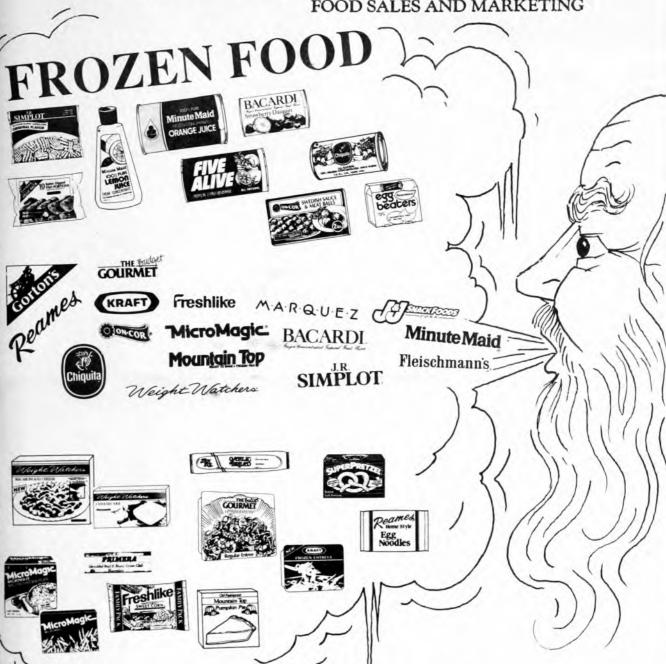
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12 a.m 3 a.m.	10.0%
3 a.m 6 a.m.	2.5
6 a.m 12 p.m.	5.0
12 p.m 3 p.m.	2.5
3 p.m 6 p.m.	10.0
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## Representative Bennane fights for the inner-city

Representative Michael J. Bennane has been a city resident most of his life. He has seen the poverty and experienced the frustrations of urban dwellers. For all of his elected career, he has worked to improve the quality of life for his fellow Detroit city residents. He represents the First District, which consists of the northwest section of the City of Detroit, an area with a strong concentration of independent food stores.

Representative Bennane has been a major factor in the enactment of legislation in the area of urban development and sees the "rejuvenation of America's urban areas as one of the most important issues facing us today."

Of interest to the food industry, Representative Bennane has targeted cigarette sales to minors as a special concern in his constituency. He spoke to AFD members about this subject last spring. "Selling cigarettes to minors creates health-related problems for all of us." According to Bennane, children who are obviously underage frequently purchase cigarettes.

Due to the risks associated with smoking, Bennane wants to license

## AFD board elections slated for December

It is once again time to begin the process of choosing our new AFD board of directors for 1993. Any voting member of the association may be nominated to sit on our board.

In order to be eligible, you must be a member in good standing for no less than the prior 12 months, and you must be nominated in writing no later than October 1, 1992. All nominations require the support of 10 other members in good standing or a majority vote by the nominating committee. If you are a retail member you must seek a retail position on the board. If you are a general member, you must be nominated to stand for election for a general director's vacancy.

Please send your nominations with supporting signatures to the AFD Nominating committee, 18470 West Ten Mile Road, Southfield, Michigan 48075.

Our board of directors sets the policies by which the AFD is governed. We urge all AFD members to get involved by nominating candidates you feel will devote their time and talent to represent the food industry with professionalism and integrity.

Please call the AFD if you have questions: (313) 557-9600.

cigarette sales. He suggests a licensing fee of \$5 and fines levied after the first offense. He feels this would make sellers more conscious of their responsibility.

As a poignant aside, Bennane is a three-time quitter of cigarettes, with plans to try again.

Also. Representative Bennane feels that the issue of public health has finally begun to receive the recognition that it deserves in the legislative process. "The problem of lack of adequate health care for many

of our state residents has finally brought public health issues to the attention of the voters and the media. I feel that the public health of our state has improved over the last four years that I have had the opportunity to serve as the Chair to the House Public Health Committee. But, I feel that there is substantial room for improvement in our current system and I intend to devote the next two years to improving that climate," said

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Representative Michael J. Bennane

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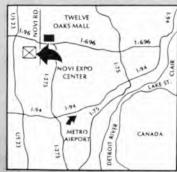
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## Party store a symbol of good times in Northville

The big clock on the front of the Good Time Party Store in Northville suggests that anytime is time for a good time. The large, stained cedar building is the home of the Good Time Deli and the Custard Time ice cream shop as well.

The Good Time Party Store, located at 567 Seven Mile Road, has changed owners twice and locations five times, but its liquor license was one of the first 100 granted after prohibition and the store has prospered and grown with each change.

Current co-owner Jim Roth along with wife Joan and her parents, Dave and Marty Harris, bought the store in 1969. In 1976 the Custard Time ice cream shop was added and in 1986 a major renovation updated the entire facility.

The renovation includes space for one of the most extensive wine departments in the Northville area The Good Time Deli features prepared salads and sandwiches that are favorites with local lunchtime customers. Deli employee Barb said that many of their popular prepared items are low-fat and low-calorie. Frequently these are take-out items but co-owner, Joan Roth, pointed out stairs which lead to a second level loft where locals meet and enjoy an informal lunch or grab a quick bite while having a business meeting in a private setting.

Also displayed in the loft is a large selection of baskets for sale at special prices. Closer to the holidays, part of the loft becomes a bustling work area as gift baskets are filled by special order.

Besides baskets, the store's decor includes an enormous wood counter that a local craftsman fashioned from a bowling lane at a former Northville bowling alley. There is also a collection of over 200 corkscrews. Jim Roth likes to point out the special corkscrews which have uses other than for wine. There are also pictures of "Goodtime," a well-known trotter that frequently raced at nearby Northville Downs. According to Jim the store wasn't named after the horse, but he was a popular winner at the track and the picture interests Good Time Party Store customers, many of whom work or attend races at Northville Downs



A large wall clock welcomes customers to the Good Time Party Store.

Over the years all three Roth children gained valuable work experience in the family store. Joan Roth says, "One way Good Time Party Store has been able to serve the community has been by providing work experience to numerous area young people." She is proud of their accomplishments.

Jim Roth displays a length of lumber from their remodeling project. He calls it the Alumni Club. On it are a growing number of business cards from Good Time Party Store's former employees. The Roths are justifiably proud of these people whose careers include a sports psychologist, hotel manager and a radio announcer, among many others. The employees are grateful for their opportunity, too.

Jim is especially proud of the flagpole installed in front of the Good Time Party Store. It was a Christmas gift from the employees. The clock, the flagpole and the inviting storefront welcome customers to come in and have a good time.



Jim and Joan Roth are proud of their extensive wine selection.



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## Shoppers rate grocery manufacturers

In a recent survey by the Grocery Manufacturing Association, shoppers rated their stores. Views on grocery manufacturers were detailed, as were opinions on food safety, nutrition, environmental packaging and future priorities for the industry.

"In short, this report demonstrates grocery manufacturers have listened carfully to consumers and have earned high marks for responding to the rapidly changing needs of America's shoppers," said GMA President Manly Molpus. "We have met their demands for nutrition and safety."

This is an important point to keep in mind as some advocates attack industry and government leading one mistakenly to believe we have failed shoppers. 'Not so' say the majority of the people who buy groceries for themselves and their families. However, if we are to stay at the top and continue our record of success, we will need to continue to listen. I am confident that this is just what we will do.'

Great variety, highest quality The Peter Hart research survey concluded the grocery manufacturing industry's reputation measures exceedingly well against other consumer product industries, including the clothing, furniture and automotive industries. Shoppers awarded manufacturers with very high marks for providing a wide variety of quality products

Specifically, 80 percent of consumers rank the variety of food products excellent or good and 71 percent rank quality excellent or good.

Shoppers also gave manufacturers high grades for responding to changing consumer demands, especially with products that are quick and easy to prepare and packaged in convenient sizes.

#### Value and the recession

According to Peter Hart, the recession has had a profound influence on shoppers. "Price has always been important but consumers are very price sensitive today. Even in the midst of a recession, 85 percent told us they have no complaint about the price of packaged food. Only 13 percent said food was a 'bad buy,' which is comparable to clothing, furniture, non-prescription drugs and better than automobiles," he said.

#### **Nutrition top priority**

Nutrition is the single most important factor for shoppers when they consider what food and groceries to buy. The survey identified 65 percent of the shoppers listing nutrition as either their most important or second most important consideration in selecting a product.

Price and taste also rank high for consumers: 45 percent said price is either their first or second most important choice, and taste was listed by 37 percent of polled shoppers.

Twenty percent listed product safety as No. 1 or 2 consideration, 14 percent said environmentally responsible packaging and 13 percent felt ease of preparation was one or two top priorities.

"Food products that meet today's lifestyle demands for better nutrition are top priorities for shoppers," said Molpus. "We are gratified consumers recognize manufacturers work hard to meet this demand by reformulating or bringing out thousands of new products. New products are the economic lifeblood of the industry. They are great for consumers and business."

## Consumers want national uniformity

The overwhelming majority of shoppers expressed satisfaction with what is being done to ensure the safety of packaged food products. Of those polled, 70 percent are confident packaged food is safe.

Also, fully 70 percent of shoppers surveyed agreed with the statement: "The federal government should establish national guidelines that would be sufficiently strict everywhere—because it would be inefficient and costly to have food suppliers try to meet different sets of regulations in each of the 50 states."

They also believe the federal government, not state government, should be responsible for guaranteeing products they buy are safe and environmentally responsible.

"Consumers know we are working hard to provide them with the safest food supply in the world." said Molpus. "Indeed, they recognize and support the success we have obtained through our 80-year federal and state food-safety partnership."

#### Nutrition labeling OK

Seventy-one percent of shoppers read labels when they consider buying a packaged food product for the first time, primarily to find out about fat or cholesterol, vitamins and minerals, salt and calories.

Importantly, 63 percent of shoppers say the current label tells them what they want to know. Shoppers say accurate and informative labeling would be among the industry's top priorities in the future.

## Environmental packaging ranks low

Few shoppers take the environmental consequences of packaging into account when they purchase food products. On the other hand, however, the Opinion '92 consumers strongly support recycling.

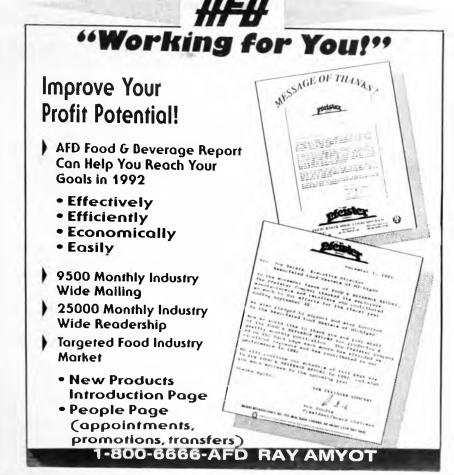
#### Eye to the future

In the next five years, consumers want grocery manufacturers to continue to concentrate on: nutrition (88 percent), recycling (83 percent), cost (82 percent) and safety (80 percent).

We are already hard at work on thousands of food products which have a better nutritional profile and which taste good," said Molpus.

GMA Communications Committee Chairman Craig Shulstad of General Mills commented, "This is an excellent way for GMA to present the media and consumers our side of the story. The survey presents a concise snapshot of how shoppers view food manufacturers."

The Opinion '92 survey was conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates, Inc. The group has conducted over 2,500 public-opinion surveys and analyzed interviews with more than 1.5 million people the past 20 years. The polling was done with 1,002 grocery shoppers nationwide from March 13-18, 1992. —GMA



#### **LETTERS**

Thank you for contacting me in support of legislation (H.R. 5649) to repeal the Special Occupational Tax (SOT) on the alcohol industry and improve the collection for diesel fuel tax. I appreciate having the benefit of your views.

I agree that the SOT, established back in the 1860s as a revenue raiser for the civil war, is today outdated and clearly inequitable. As you know, Representative Matsui introduced H.R. 5649 to repeal this user fee on producers, distributors and retailers of licensed beverages. In compliance with the terms of the 1990 Budget Agreement, the bill contains a financing mechanism that would not only offset the lost revenues from repealing the SOT, but would also combat rampant tax fraud and evasion.

I voted for H.R. 5649 on August 4, 1992; unfortunately, the measure failed to pass by a vote of 200-207. Please be assured I will continue to work with my colleagues to garner support for this proposal which would ease the burden on small business.

Again, thank you for sharing your views.

Sincerely,
Sander Levin,
Member of Congress of the
United States
17th District, Michigan

I wish to personally express my appreciation to the owners of the Eastbridge and Harper Food Center Supermarkets for their stance in discontinuing the sale of cigarettes and alcoholic beverages and developing a more family-oriented shopping center.

Statistics prove that the African-American community, next to the American Indian community, is seriously impacted by the effects of alcoholism and cigarette smoking. Many in our communities, not only in Detroit but across the nation, are murdered, maimed and orphaned because of addictive substances.

Figures from the American Cancer Society indicate that African-Americans, especially in impoverished areas, often wait too late (because of lack of medical coverage and/or money) to see a doctor for illnesses related to smoking and alcohol. These illnesses may have been treated and prevented if they were detected at an earlier stage. I know we should all act responsibly, but unfortunately, that is often not the case.

I hope other stores throughout the city will follow the lead of Eastbridge and Harper Food Centers in making commitments for a strong, healthy society. It may seem like a small or maybe even insignificant gesture to some people, but for me and many others, it's a beginning.

Sincerely, LaSandra Nelson, Executive Assistant Black United Fund of Michigan, Inc.



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#### PEOPLE

## Wagar named to Michigan Special Olympics board of directors

Kenneth Wagar of Wyoming, recently was elected to the Michigan Special Olympics Board of Directors. Wagar, vice president, marketing, for Spartan Stores Inc., headquartered in Grand Rapids, was elected by MSO's Board of Directors during its June 5 meeting on the campus of Michigan Special Olympics in Mount Pleasant.

Wagar has been involved with Special Olympics since 1990 as a Summer and Winter Games volunteer. He received his bachelor's degree in marketing from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. Wagar is a member of the board of directors of the Grand Rapids Junior Achievement, and a past board member of the Denver (Colo.) Private Industry Council and the Rocky Mountain Food Dealers Association.

Wagar and his wife, Vickie, have two children, Katara and Keith.

## Heinz details impact of retructuring, growing foodservice business

The H.J. Heinz Company, in its 1992 annual report, points to record net income and earnings per share as indications that its latest restructuring and investment initiatives have set the company on a course for continued growth in the coming years.

The report opens with a letter to shareholders from Anthony J.F. O'Reilly, Heinz chairman, president and chief executive officer. In it, he calls fiscal 1992 "a year of renewal for Heinz brands and management throughout the world."

Heinz's chairman says that, despite turbulent market conditions, the company's investment in its long-term future should greatly benefit Heinz shareholders. This includes a corporate investment of more than \$600 million that Heinz has used to streamline its affiliates and factories, develop new products and increase the market shares of core brands.

O'Reilly measures the immediate benefits of Heinz's strategy by citing a 12.4 percent increase in net income for fiscal 1992, along with a 12.7 percent jump in earnings per share from \$2.13 to \$2.40.

## Pfeister announces appointments

The Pfeister Company Board of Directors is pleased to announce the following appointments:

Cal Stein, former senior vice president, was promoted to executive vice president. Cal is currently a member of the board of directors, operating committee, and a stockholder. His current responsibility as the company's business unit

manager for the Detroit operation remains with Cal.

Cal's tenure with the Pfeister Company spans over a period of 14 years, where he has held various positions from retail merchandiser, account executive, department manager to his current position of business unit manager.

Cal is a graduate of Kent State University in Ohio and received his masters degree in business from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Greg Earhart, has been promoted to vice president in charge of The Pfeister Company's Confection Business unit.

Greg joined the company in June of 1991 at the time Brach's appointed Pfeister to represent them in the state of Michigan and Toledo, Ohio.

Greg held various management positions with the Campbell Soup Company, Seven-Up and Brach's.

Greg is a graduate of Central Michigan University.

Mark O'Keefe, current vice president and controller, was appointed secretary/treasurer.

Mark has been with the organization over 6 years, managing the financial department. Mark is a C.P.A. and is a graudate of Michigan State University.

## Delta Broadcasting honors sugar industry

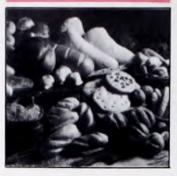
Michigan Sugar Company and the Great Lakes Sugar Beet Growers Association have each received a plaque in recognition of the support their organizations have given Delta Broadcasting WUCM/WUCX TV 19/35 over the past 20 years.

Delta Broadcasting's interim general manager, Ruby Iwamasa, made the presentation to MSC's president Ernest Flegenheimer and GLSBGA's executive president Robert Young during the dinner segment of the Second Annual Pioneer Sugar Golf Invitational July 13 at the Bay Valley Golf Club in Bay City, Michigan.

Aware of TV 19/35's need to replace obsolete equipment, Michigan Sugar Company suggested a sports-related fundraising event and joined with the growers association as the annual golf outing's official sponsors in 1991. This year, the outing welcomed 100 golfers and raised more than \$12,000 in net proceeds to public television.

Since 1973, Michigan Sugar Company and its growers have provided substantial funding to TV 19/35 by participating in *Great TV Auction*, underwriting *Mr. Rogerss Neighborhood*, donating to its various fundraising events, becoming a "matching grant employer" and having its employees volunteer for Delta's onair pledge drives. Currently MSC and its growers contribute more than \$15,000 annually to local public television.

#### **PRODUCTS**



## Orlando Baking Co. offers a wide variety of Italian breads and rolls

Orlando Baking Company now offers a new line of fine, authentic Italian signature bread products. Orlando, located in Cleveland, Ohio, offers a full line of over 70 varieties, and each lends its own elegance and superb taste to every entree.

From breadsticks, kaiser rolls and delicious Focaccia, to their popular, crispy crust Ciabatta® bread, Orlando products are made with the finest ingredients and baked with old world recipes for mouth watering taste and texture. Slowly baked on the hearth for delectable flavor and lightly browned crusts, Orlando breads bring praise and requests for "more bread, please."

The Orlando family has been making hearth-baked specialty breads since 1872. They opened their first bakery in the town of Castel Di'Sangro, Italy where it is still in operation. In 1904 part of the family came to Cleveland where they continue to bake bread with the same

commitment to quality found in the old country.

For more information on these and other fine Orlando products, please contact: Nick Orlando Jr., Orlando Baking Company, 7777 Grand Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44104, or call: (216) 795-1000.



## Mootown Snackers announces new Big Diper Cheese & Pretzels

Sargento of Wisconsin announces a new product from their Mootown Snacker line that combines two favorites, cheese and pretzels. It's a new twist on an old standby, cheese and crackers. Called simply Cheese & Pretzels, the product is conveniently packaged for snacks and lunch boxes. It comes in small tubs for dipping and dunking.

Pretzels are the second fastest growing snack segment according to the snack Food Association. Pretzels are expected to grow in popularity due to their low-fat content.

Consumers rated Cheese & Pretzels highly, and in taste tests it was as successful as Cheese & Sticks, another popular Sargento product.

For more information on stocking Cheese & Pretzels, individually packaged or in five or eight packs, call Jim Farber at (313) 851-5700, Stark & Company, 30301 Northwestern Hwy., Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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## **SHOPLIFTERS**

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amount of the bad check. This civil action is properly brought in small claims court, unless the damages requested exceed the limit that can be awarded in a small claims court.

MCLA 600.2953 sets forth a civil penalty that can be levied against a shoplifter, in addition to the criminal penalty. A person who commits retail fraud in the first or second degree is also liable to a merchant for the full retail price of any unrecovered property or recovered property that cannot be resold. The statute sets out a lengthy form that a merchant should use to set the civil action in motion. The merchant is required to send this written request by mail or deliver it to the person accused of shoplifting. More importantly, the merchant must file a police report in order to use this civil remedy. A person who complies with the merchant's written demand is free of civil liability. However, if the shoplifter fails to return the property or returns it in unsaleable condition, the person must pay the full retail price of the property, plus a civil penalty of \$200.00 and reasonable costs not to exceed \$50.00, this action should be brought in a small claims court, unless the damages the merchant seeks are more than the court is allowed to grant. In such case, the action should be brought in District Court, the statute also provides procedures to be used against a shoplifter who is a minor. The statute makes the minor's parents responsible for payment.

These two statutes give members an additional means to punish those persons caught passing bad checks or shoplifting. In the bad check scenario, the merchant must choose whether to press criminal charges against the wrongdoer or bring a civil action. The merchant may choose to do both, but the criminal penalty will take precedence over the civil judgment. In the case of shoplifting, the civil penalty can be used in addition to the Michigsn Penal Code. Therefore, the merchant has a double remedy at his or her disposal in dealing with shoplifters. The advantage of the civil remedies are clear. The merchant is now able to recover from the wrongdoer without relying on the overburdened criminal justice system as the sole means of punishing the wrongdoer. This efficient means of recouping a merchant's loss may also, in the long run, be an additional deterrent to those persons who shoplift and pass bad checks.

DON'T FORGET!

AFD BOARD

NOMINATIONS

DUE OCTOBER 1, 1992!

## **CRIME**

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Most supermarket robberies occur at the checkstand (43.5 percent in 1991). The courtesy booth was robbed in 19.6 percent of the cases; the money safe or vault was robbed in 13 percent of the cases and in 23.9 percent of the cases, all three areas were robbed. Money safes and vaults and courtesy booths are robbed most often by two or more individuals. Checkstand robberies usually committed by a single individual. Handguns were used in 44.6 percent of the robberies, knives were used in 22.9 per-

cent of the incidents, shotguns were used in 10.8 percent of the incidents and bombs were used in 3.6 percent of the incidents. Physical threats were used in 22.9 percent of the incidents.

The Northeast and Western parts of the country are, by far, the areas where robberies and burglaries occur most often. The Northeast region experienced 39.1 percent of the robberies and 47.8 percent of the burglaries in 1991. The Western region had 46.7 percent of the robberies and 44.8 percent of the burglaries over the same period.

The average loss per robbery was \$2,549.00; losses ranged from \$60. to \$12,000. The average value of merchandise and cash lost per

burglary in 1991 was \$2,034., with losses ranging from \$100 to \$10,000. The top four items stolen during burglaries were, in order of loss, cigarettes, meat, alcoholic beverages and cash.

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## FROZEN

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Birdseye was fond of fishing and froze his catch in the snow with the aid of Labrador's unrelenting subzero winds. After thawing it out, he found that the fish was as fresh as when he caught it or, as a subsequent Birds Eye Company slogan would put it, "frozen with the wiggle in its tail."

Birdseye launched his first commercial venture in New York in 1923. With \$20,000 in seed money from a public stock offering, he formed a company to freeze fish fillets. But the public was uninterested and couldn't distinguish between quick freezing and cold storage, so the firm went bankrupt.

Undaunted, Birdseye gathered financing for a firm called General Seafoods Corp., Gloucester, Mass., and, in 1928, developed the double belt freezer, the forerunner of modern freezing technology

#### **GENERAL FOODS IS BORN**

At about the same time, the New York investment house of Goldman Sachs was scouting out growth opportunities for one of its clients, the Postum Company. In 1929, Postum purchased General Seafood's parent firm, General Foods Company. Shortly thereafter, Postum changed its name to General Foods Corporation.

Less than a year later, the company launched the Springfield experiment in 10 grocery stores.

The biggest obstacle to the industry's growth in those early years was getting retailers to pay for display cases. The first frozen food case was developed in 1929 by C.V. Hills & Co., Inc., Trenton, N.J., the predecessor of Hill Refrigeration. But \$1,200 for an eight-foot display and \$700 for a four-footer was a stiff outlay for grocers during the Great Depression.

#### **EARLY MERCHANDISING**

To solve the problem, Birdseye contracted with American Radiator Corp., in New York to develop a low-cost, coffin-shaped cabinetdubbed the Amerad unit-and rented it to retailers for \$7.50 per month on a minimum three-year contract.

By 1938, Birds Eye's sales were an anemic \$8 million, partly as a result of increased competition from companies which started out as its co-packers. New contenders included Seabrook Farms, Bridgeton, N.J., which had begun experimenting with quick freezing vegetables in 1930; Fairmont Packaging Company, Fairmont, Minn; H.C. Baxter Company, Brunswick, Maine; John H. Dulany & Son, Fruitland, Maryland; and Honor Brand, a retail and institutional label from Waterman & Company, a New york produce distributor, later acquired by Stokely-Van Camp.

The latter has a special place in the history of frozen foods for two reasons. It was the first to work through an exclusive network of

wholesale distributors, a practice which would continue for more than a decade, and facilitated the entry of Stokely-Van Camp, then the food industry's third largest canner, into frozen foods

The problem for all the players, however, was that consumer resistance brought retail sales to a virtual standstill and the fledgling industry's saving grace was the institutional trade

This market, which accounted for half of Birds Eye's 1938 sales of \$8 million, became the path of least resistance. Products did not have to be presold to consumers, since, in most cases, they were not aware they were eating frozen products.

By the latter part of the decade,

railroads and steamship lines became dumping grounds for surplus retail inventories and low or off-grade frozen products. Restaurants, sensing consumer resistance, were a harder sell and some posted notices on their menus stating: "We don't serve frozen foods.

#### THE WAR YEARS

World War II forever changed the face of the frozen food industry and for the first time, sales outpaced production.

When Japan overran southeast Asia, it captured a large poriton of the world's tin resources and the U.S. government placed stringent controls on canners in an effort to conserve this vital wartime metal.

This opened the door for frozens. which used less crucial materials such as paperboard, waxed paper and cellophane.

Furthermore, retail shelves emptied as canned goods went to war and such major chains as Jewel Food Stores, Albers Supermarkets and the Penn Fruit Company eagerly pressed frozens into service to fill the gaps.

Because frozens did not use metal, their purchase by consumers required fewer ration points than canned products.

#### **POST-WAR BUST**

But the wartime boom soon turned into a post-war bust. The military canceled its contracts for frozen vegetables, consumers returned to

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MICHIGAN LOTTERY?

DURING MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

## Bonus nights to give Daily 3 game a boost

By Jerry Crandall Michigan Lottery Commissioner

The Michigan
Lottery has a
special promotion
for Daily 3
players this
month. Players
can win extra cash
playing the Daily
3 game during
"September Bonus
Nights." This



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promotion will provide players with the opportunity to receive bonus payoffs on straight bets two nights a week for four weeks from August 31 through September 26.

Bonus nights (two each week, eight total) will be announced during the nightly telecasts of each drawing. Bonus payoff will be:

•A dollar straight bet will pay \$600 instead of \$500

•A 50-cent straight bet will pay \$300 instead of \$250

•3-way straight/boxed will pay \$383 instead of \$333

•6-way straight/boxed will pay \$341 instead of \$291.

This promotion will be supported with radio and newspaper ads, spots on the "Michigan Lottery Megabucks Giveaway" TV weekly games show, and in-store point-of-sale materials.

## Lottery "kicks off" football season with new instant game

Michigan Lottery players will "win big" this football season with the Lottery's newest instant gme "First & Ten" which goes on sale September 16.

Players win "First & Ten" when the numbers underneath the ticket's four "yardage" footballs add up to 10 or more. The player wins the prize shown—up to \$500 instantly! The overall odds of winning a prize in this game are 1-in-6.23.

#### "Lotto 20 Car Giveaway" helps drive up Lotto sales this summer

The Michigan Lottery wraps up its exciting "Lotto 20 Car Giveaway" second-chance sweepstakes this month. In celebration of the Lottery's 20th anniversary, the Bureau is giving away 20 new automobiles from July 9 through September 11. Michigan Lottery players who miss out on Lotto this summer are getting a second chance to win big by driving away a new vehicle.

We're excited about this promotion because it captures the spirit of the Lottery's 20th anniversary. It is our way of thanking our players for supporting the Lottery and Michigan's public education system, and it shows our support for the automotive industry—an industry of great importance to Michigan's economy.

The promotion has players in "high gear"—more than 1,000,000 entries were received for just the first few drawings!



The exciting cars being given away in this promotion include (two of each of the following):

- Chevy Caprice
- Dodge Dakota
- •Ford Probe
- •Pontiac Grand Am
- •Dodge Daytona
- •Ford Mustang GT Convertible
- Buick LeSabre
- •Jeep Grand Cherokee (one of each of the following):
- Lincoln Town Car
- •Cadillac DeVille

Two winners are announced every Saturday from July 11 to September 12 on the "Michigan Lottery Megabucks Giveaway" TV game show.

#### **COMING EVENTS**

Oct. 26-28—National Frozen Food Convention and Exposition, Las Vegas, Nevada. (717) 657-8601 or (703) 821-0770.

Dec. 1-3—Hazardous Materials Storage Expo and Seminar, sponsored by State Police Fire Marshal Division and Michigan Chemical Council, Lansing Central. Contact Colleen Mohr, MSP - Fire Marshal Division, Hazardous Materials Expo, P.O. Box 30157, Lansing, MI 48909



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# AFD retailers and suppliers make Golf Outing best ever!

We're pleased to say that the 1992 AFD Golf Outing broke attendance records with over 200 people from the industry participating in the tournament and dinner reception. It was held on Monday, August 3, at Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield, a club that has seen considerable improvements over the past year. The course was in good condition for the tourn ment, especially considering the extensive rain we received for over a week prior to our event. Despite a few threatening clouds and a brief shower, the sun prevailed for most of the day, bringing comfortable golfing temperatures with it.

The day included an 18-hole tournament, breakfast in the clubhouse, cook-out lunch under the tent at the end of the ninth hole, a gourmet dinner, golfer goodie bags, and a vast array of door and raffle prizes.

Thanks to our academic and hole sponsors, we also awarded 22 scholarships to deserving young people; the most we have ever given out to date. Most of these young scholars were on hand to receive their award during a special presentation at dinner.

Thanks to our members, sponsors, Shenandoah Country Club and Mother Nature, our golf out was a smashing success!

## **AFD 1992 GOLF COMMITTEE:**

•Jim Farber, Stark & Company, Chairman

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Many, many products were donated by generous member companies, making for a tasty golf outing! Thanks to:

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Todd McKinney receives a scholarship from sponsor Kelth Tipper of Tony's / Red Baron's Pizza.



The J. Lewis Coop Tammie Tarver by Dick Stricker.

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Pablo Guzman and Tom Crimmins of Coors Brewing Co. present Amy Gentner with a scholarship.



Seven-Up's scholarship was presented to Julie Godin



Detroit Edison's, Valerie Wasson, receives the aponsorship plaque from AFD Chairman Frank Arcorl and Executive



Jim Ellers from Seagram's is happy to

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Bob Caughlin from Eby-Brow



wins a 7-Up golf bag

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## AFD ON THE SCENE

## AFD BOARD RETREAT

On July 24 and 25 the board of directors for the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan met at Garland Resort in northern Michigan. They met to discuss issues concerning Michigan grocers, socialize and squeeze in a little golf.



Board members relax on the log cabin porch at Garland.



AFD Board discusses issues vital to the food Industry during Garland retreat.





Board members take in a little golf.

## **ANTI-GANG & VIOLENCE COUNCIL**



Members of the Anti-Gang anf Violence Council meet with Robert Scott of Scotty's Party Store. Joe Sarafa, AFD executive director, visited 16 southwest Detroit convenience stores, urging them to support the council's program.



## AWARDS FOR PUBLICATION EXCELLENCE

## Food & Beverage Report receives award

We are pleased to announce that this magazine, the AFD Food & Beverage Report, has received the Apex '92 Award for Publication Excellence. Our category is non-profit external tabloids/newspapers.

The award was given by Communications Concepts, a national organization for professional communicators, located in Washington, D.C.

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## **UPDATE**

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targeting businesses such as food retailers and restaurants. They investigated 4,700 businesses, found 5,000 minors working in violation of federal law, and assesses \$3.2 million civil penalties. Many grocers who believed themselves in full compliance with the law found themselves among those cited. Retailers are cautioned to review their child labor compliance programs generally, and especially to make sure that all store employees are aware of the prohibitions concerning paper baling machines. The Federal Fair Labor Standards Act states that 14- and 15-year-olds can work in non-hazardous occupations for not more than 40 hours in a week, or 8 hours in a day, when school is not in session, and not more than 3 hours in a day or 18 hours in a week when school is in session. The 14- and 15-year-olds can work only between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., except that from June 1 through Labor Day they can work to 9 p.m. Most states also have child labor laws and these should be reviewed as well. The state law applies if it is stricter than the federal law.



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## **FROZEN**

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ouying products that were no longer in short supply and the Wall Street Journal ran an article with a headline declaring "Frozen food drop—a glut on the market."

This might have been frozen food's swan song had it not been for the debut of a revolutionary new product that was destined to become the industry's first volume item—frozen concentrated orange juice.

The first truly successful frozen juice was a concentrate introduced in 1946 under the Snow Crop label. A year later Minute Maid, which had packed the Snow Crop product the previous season, began marketing its

own label. By 1953, 90 labels had been registered with the Florida Citrus Commission.

Skyrocketing demand for frozen concentrate was also a blessing for Florida's depressed citrus industry and 44 years after the product's introduction, nearly 80 percent of the state's orange crop goes into the production of concentrate.

Orange juice may have been the industry's first volume item, but seafood has earned a special place in the history books as the first frozen item of any kind.

The most popular seafood item was breaded shrimp. As the story goes, a Thunderbolt, Geo. grocery store owner by the name of William Mullis was so fond of breaded.

shrimp that his wife had a hard time keeping up with his demand. So Mullis decided to batter, bread and freeze shrimp so they would be ready whenever the urge hit him.

Once his customers tasted and approved of this delicacy, Mullis decided to go into large-scale distribution, and he founded the Trade Winds Co. Soon after that, steadily rising demand for breaded shrimp led to the establishment of SeaPak Corp., now Rich-SeaPak, and King & Prince Seafood.

#### FISH STICKS A HIT

While marketers continued to exploit the American consumer's new-found love of packaged seafood, none of these products rose to prominence as quickly as the fish stick, developed by General Foods in 1952 and marketed under the Birds Eye label.

Production soared to 63 million pounds just two years earlier. But this phenomenal growth, which attracted companies such as Mrs. Paul's, Gorton, and Taste O'Sea, also gained the attention of Kroger and A&P, whose private label fish sticks sent pricing into a tailspin, a condition that would eventually be

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Representative Bennane.

Born on January 25, 1945 and raised in the City of Detroit, Representative Bennane is a graduate of Benedictine High School and Wayne State University.

After his election to the Michigan House in 1976, Representative Bennane organized the House Democratic Study Group and was chosen by his democratic colleagues as its first chairman. This group consisted of half of the Democratic majority in the Michigan House.

In 1985 Representative Bennane was elected Associate Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Michigan House of Representatives and served in that capacity through 1988. He currently serves as Chairman of the House Public Health Committee, and Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. In addition, Representative Bennane serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Urban Health Care. He is also a member of a special Task Force appointed by the Speaker of the House that will investigate availability and cost of obstetrical and pediatric care in Michigan.

Bennane, a lifetime resident of Northwest Detroit, has been active in community organizations throughout his career. He is former president of the Belmont Civic Association and served as the Emerson Community Homeowners Organization's (ECHO) representative to the Mayor's Northwest Leadership Council. He is currently a member of the Old Redford Association, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Detroit Police Community Association-Northwest Station, North Rosedale Park Civic Association, League of Women Voters, Michigan Democratic Party Century Club, 17th District Democrat Club, and the Democratic National Committee

If you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss with Representative Bennane, he can be reached through his district office at (313) 592-8667.

Editors note: AFD hopes that all retailers will take special care to prevent the sale of tobacco to minors. However, the AFD Board of Directors does not believe a licensing fee is appropriate.





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