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Food & Beverage Report wins awards

We are pleased to announce that this publication, the AFD Food & Beverage Report, recently won three awards. The first two were from the Editor's Forum, which presented honorable mention EFFIE awards to the Food & Beverage Report in two divisions: Best Design and Best Overall.

The third award was given by the Food Industry Association Executives. They presented this magazine with their 1993 Communications Award honorable mention for Best Tabloid.

It's time to celebrate Canned Food Month

Throughout the month of February, grocery stores, supermarkets, food producers, manufacturers and buyers across the country are highlighting the great tastes, nutritional value and environmental benefits of canned foods.

The Canned Food Information Council and many manufacturers use this month to promote the advantages of canned food. You can help boost canned food sales by promoting special sales and contests and also by utilizing

the in-store displays that canned food manufacturers provide.

"February is a great month to stock up on quality canned foods, including everything from basic fruits, vegetables, meat, seafood and poultry products to more unusual specialty items," says Roger Coleman,

senior vice president of the public communications division of the National Food Processors Association.

"Canned fruits and vegetables, in particular, provide many of the nutrients needed to stay healthy — vitamin A, vitamin C, potassium and fiber. In fact, according to the National Cancer Institute, Americans who eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables each day can actually help reduce their chances of cancer and heart disease.

Not only are canned foods a benefit to consumers, but they also get the seal of approval from Mother Nature. All canned foods are packaged in recyclable steel cans and are also available in varying serving

sizes, ranging from single to family size, helping to eliminate waste. Plus canned foods



use no energy to store, need less energy to heat (as they are already cooked in the can) and require less energy to transport to supermarkets than fresh foods.

Yet the most important value canned foods bring to everyone is their nutritional value, sealed tight in every can with locked-in freshness.

Canned foods need no preservatives because all of the bacteria is destroyed during heat processing. And, in keeping with consumer concerns about sodium and fat, canned food manufacturers also offer many low-salt, low-sugar and low-fat products.

Join in celebrating Canned Food Month this February. For information on obtaining promotional material or canned food slicks for your advertisements, call the Canned Food Information Council at (312) 836-7279. Or call the AFD at (810) 557-9600.

Congratulations new AFD officers and board members

The AFD is pleased to announce our newly elected officers for 1994: Nabby Yono, Chairman **Xtra Foods and Orchard** Food Center; Mark Karmo, Vice Chairman of Legislation Royal Food Center: Terry Farida, Vice Chairman of Membership Value Center Market: Alan Stotsky, Secretary Concord Drugs; and Bill Viviano, Treasurer Marks Sales & Marketing Company.

We wish you much success.

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The AFD also welcomes new board members: John Gianotto, J&J Food Centers; and Mike Rosch, General Wine & Liquor.

We are pleased to have you on our team!

Legislative Update

What to expect from organized labor in 1994

Unions will push for a shorter workweek as a way of increasing jobs and, in a related effort, mount another campaign to jack up the minimum wage.

Both would require amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), shortening the workweek to 35 hours from 40 and increasing the minimum wage from today's \$4.25 to \$5.25, if the AFL-CIO gets its way, or to \$4.75 an hour, if an alternative recommendation by the Clinton administration prevails in Congress.

The union proposal would hit small employers hard, since they'd have to pay the same wage for 35 hours as for 40 and start

See Labor Legislative Update Page 12.



Over 1,000 people danced the night away at AFD's 78th Annual Trade Dinner on January 21, 1994—the Cinderella Ball. More photographs on pages 10 and 11.

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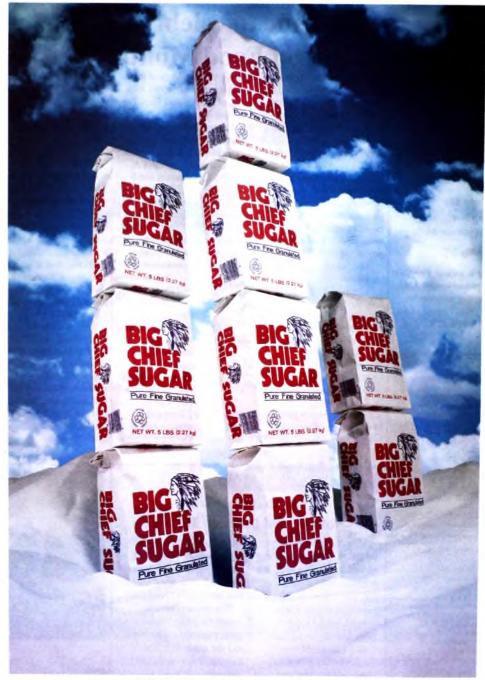
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Food Industry Predictions

Here are the changes in store for your grocery shelves in 1994.

by Joseph D. Sarafa, Executive Director

For the past four years, this association has issued food-related predictions for the coming year. Keeping with tradition, here's what's in



store for our industry in 1994:

- 1. Stores will cease "Everyday Low Prices." Over the past year some supermarkets have gone to a system of offering consistently low prices on popular products. The AFD predicts that "everyday low prices" will fail to catch on in Michigan's supermarket industry. The consumer is accustomed to sales and specials and is unwilling to believe or accept the benefits of prices that retailers say are consistently low.
- 2. Coupon values will increase.

 Despite food manufactures' lament about the misuse and abuse of coupons, national companies will continue to produce more of them than ever before, with higher values than we have seen in the past. In 1994 the average value will exceed 60 cents. Coupons of 10 cents to 25 cents mean little to the consumer and will gradually

disappear.

- 3. Food prices will climb. The AFD believes we have seen the bottom for food prices and costs will climb in 1994. Ten years ago a two-liter bottle of soft drink cost \$1.89. Today the sale price is 89 cents or less. A weak economy, new technology and greater efficiencies in the marketplace contributed to price drops over the past few years. Will this trend continue? No!
- 4. Warehouse clubs will fall. The AFD has long maintained that warehouse clubs will have difficulty surviving in Michigan. Pace Membership Warehouse was recently sold and Source Club closed its doors almost as soon as they opened. With a saturated market and the high cost of operation, the shake out is not over yet.
- 5. Convenience stores will fail.

 Convenience stores will go out of business in 1994 at record levels, particularly in urban areas where population is declining. Many of these stores are unsuccessfully attempting to compete with supermarkets while others will be hurt by gas stations that provide many of the same services. All in all, you can expect double-digit convenience store closings in 1994 to exceed 11 percent.

- 6. Packages will change more than products. In an attempt to be more appealing, food manufacturers will introduce new sizes, shapes and looks of many product packages in 1994. Expect bonus packs and larger sizes as manufacturers spend more money improving the appearance and value of their goods as opposed to changing the contents.
- 7. Consumers will change on.
 Credit card usage will go through
 the roof at supermarkets and
 convenience stores across the state.
 Credit card acceptance is becoming
 commonplace. More importantly,
 credit card rebate programs,
 including car discounts and airline
 frequent flier mile credits, are
 driving up credit card use.
- 8. Red meat sales will slide. Although there are indications that sales of beef and other red meat is becoming more popular in many Michigan restaurants, grocery sales of red meat in general, and beef sales in particular, will continue on a four-year downtrend. Poultry and fish will pick up the slack, as will prepared and ready-to-eat foods.
- 9. Item pricing will continue. Current Michigan law requires that all items be priced individually. Some retail stores have attempted to change this law. It is not going to happen! Consumers want items priced individually and that is what they will continue to get.

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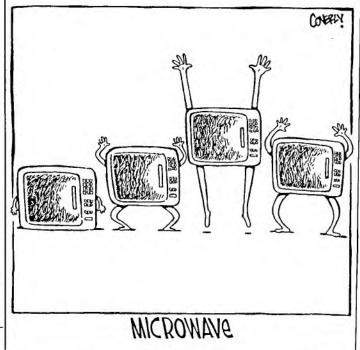






The Grocery Zone

By David Coverly



Death, Taxes and Business Planning

by Michael J. LoGrasso, CLU, ChFC In conjunction with CIGNA Individual Financial Services Company

Many small business owners understand the importance of buysell agreements in ensuring the smooth



transfer of your business after your death or retirement. But even a well-drafted agreement isn't enough. You still have to deal with federal estate taxes. Upon your death, the Internal Revenue Service may levy such punishing estate taxes that your company could be wiped out.

It's an unfortunate fact that only a third of small businesses make it to the next generation. This inability to successfully transfer businesses down to future generations poses a significant national economic problem. While there are many reasons for this state of affairs, one of the main causes is

taxes, primarily estate taxes. Upon the business owner's death, heirs are often forced to sell the company's stock to raise the necessary cash for estate settlement costs.

You may think that estate taxes don't affect you. After all, less than one percent of Americans who died last year actually had to pay such taxes. But as our aging population begins to turn over its assets to the next generation, that will begin to change.

Older Americans have amassed enormous wealth. Those aged 60 or over have a collective net worth of over 6.8 trillion dollars, according to a recent study. And the bulk of this wealth will be passed on to their survivors during the next few decades. With the marginal federal estate tax rates as high as 60 percent now, government tax collectors are looking to reap a windfall.

This problem of estate taxes, which financial planners and the

insurance industry are discussing, is like a sleeping bear just starting to be aroused. It demands your attention.

Estate taxes aren't a business owner's only problem in planning for business succession. Capital gains tax liability is another pitfall. A recent IRS opinion considered the estate tax of a well-to-do businessman facing a 55 percent estate tax. The executor argued that the value of the business for estate purposes should have been discounted since, if liquidated, the company would take a heavy capital gains hit. The IRS didn't bite. It ruled that no discount would be allowed for such a hypothetical sale.

This may not seem terribly important to the business owner who expects the company ownership and management to be continued by the successor generation. After all: no liquidation, no capital gains. But remember, only a minority of businesses do, in fact, survive to the second generation. A prospective purchaser of a



company will undoubtedly take into account any capital gains tax that would have to be paid upon liquidation. The result? Upon sale of their shares, the heirs of the deceased business owner receive less than the established value of the stock.

Taxes are just one of the critical areas to be addressed in preparing a plan for the orderly transfer of your business. Professional advice should be sought to ensure that all the issues facing business owners are identified and considered.

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How to read the new food label

If you or your customers have been confused by the difference between "low fat" and "light" on yogurt containers, or what nutritional value your favorite canned soup has, don't give up now. The new food labeling rules make reading packages a lot easier.

How to Read the New Food Label (Item 625Z, free), a new booklet from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the American Heart Association explains these rules, and defines terms used on the revised food labels. To get your free copy, send your name and address to the Consumer Information Center, Department 625 Z, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

Not all labels will contain the new information immediately. Companies have until May, 1994 to convert their packaging. You can tell if you're looking at a new label because the nutrition information will be titled, "Nutrition Facts."

Second Harvest provides solution to food waste from labeling requirements

What does the food industry do with misbranded or unlabeled product on May 8, 1994, when the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act (NLEA) goes into effect?

The Second Harvest nationwide network of food banks can eliminate the problem of unmarketable product while ensuring that food produced does not go to waste. Food manufacturers can redirect their excess product to local charities that will distribute the donated food to the hungry nationwide. Unlike other food distribution channels, the Second Harvest network is exempt from distributing food that does not meet NLEA labeling requirements, because food donated to Second Harvest food banks is not for sale. Donations of product that do not meet NLEA requirements are no different from other donations to Second Harvest. Donors receive the same tax benefits.

For more information on donating product to Second Harvest, call (312) 263-2303, ext. 131.

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Every man, woman, and child in America throws away about four pounds of trash each day

What Can You Do? More Than You Think

What you need to know about garbage

We all produce trash and we all must take responsibility for it. The U.S. produces about 195 million tons of garbage per year, and 67 percent of it is disposed of in landfills. Many landfills are filling up or are being closed because they do not meet current pollution-control standards. By the end of this decade, only 2,150 of the current 6,000 landfills will still be operating.

Landfill capacity is declining rapidly

A landfill capacity problem has come about for several reasons. New, modern landfills are being built, but construction is not keeping pace with the closure of old landfills. New landfills are strictly regulated and en-

gineered to control pollution, but the public opposes their construction based on the reputation of old, unlined dumps that pollute ground water.

To help deal with these landfill capacity shortages, many states have established recycling and yard-wastereduction goals, and source-reduction programs for industry, commercial businesses and consumers.

Even if everyone recycles, we will still need landfills

A recent public opinion poll revealed that 77 percent of the American public believed that the garbage problem would pretty much be solved if everyone recycled. It's not that simple. Even if we achieve EPA's recycling goal of 25 percent, by the year 2000 the U.S. will still need to safely manage 150 million tons of garbage each year.

While recycling plays an important part, it cannot solve the garbage problem alone.

Recycling saves some and uses some resources

- Aluminum cans are recycled because it requires less energy to produce new aluminum from old aluminum.
- Glass manufacturers use old glass to make new—reducing the temperature of their furnaces, saving energy, and prolonging the life of the glass-manufacturing equipment.
- Millions of tons of valuable steel are recycled each year, saving energy.
- 30 percent of new paper produced in the U.S. is made from recycled or recovered paper, conserving resources and reducing air pollution.
- 33 percent of plastic PETE containers are being recycled, extending the life of landfills.

Recycling costs

The costs for recycling vary widely in cities across the Unites States. Many factors impact the cost of adding recycling to a waste management system, such as:

- Need for new equipment, such as trucks, balers, and shredders.
- Choice of collection system, dropoff or curbside. While drop-off may cost less, it can result in more contamination of the recyclables and less public participation.
- Law of supply and demand. If the supply of collected recyclables exceeds demand, then the prices cities receive for those recyclables drop. After collecting them for recycling, many cities have had to pay an additional fee to have their recyclables hauled away to landfills or waste-to-energy plants because no markets exist for them.
- Transportation of recyclables to markets.

Public education programs.

Know your local program

The best way to help your community's recycling program succeed is to be sure you are meeting its requirements. For example, if you're unsure your local program accepts magazine paper or a certain type of glass or plastic, don't just put it into the bin—ask first. Minor contamination can result in all of the collected

product becoming unrecyclable. It must then be landfilled or burned. That's why public education is an important part of any good recycling program.

What are our options?

There are safe ways to manage our waste beyond recycling at home.

Source reduction

Source reduction reduces the amount of waste to be managed by finding innovative ways of decreasing the amount of waste generated. This can range from your own source reduction initiatives to those of a manufacturer. Their efforts can include increasing the life of a product, such as batteries and tires, and redesigning products and packaging to be more efficient.

Sanitary landfills

Modern landfills are engineered to meet strict environmental standards; they are a far cry from the old open dumps of the past. Until the mid '70s, many facilities received hazardous waste, a practice which has since been greatly curtailed through regulation and enforcement.

Commercial recycling

Since commercial activity generates 30 - 70 percent of a community's waste, involving this sector should be a key element in your community's waste-management plan.

Waste-to-energy

Waste-to-energy facilities reduce the volume of waste up to 90 percent while recovering valuable energy. With modern air emission controls, this option can be a safe and viable alternative for some communities. However, a landfill is still required for ash and non-combustibles.

Yard waste composting

Composting can divert a significant amount from the waste stream. The compost can be used locally, thus avoiding expensive transportation costs and market fluctuations.

About Keep America Beautiful, Inc.

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Writing a news release

By Michele MacWilliams Editor

A news release is a typewritten paper, sent to the media by a member of the public, describing a particular newsworthy event or circumstance. It is the most frequently used vehicle of expression in all publicity campaigns.

Editors bemoan the volume of releases dumped on their desk each day, but mainly because so many of them are poorly conceived and poorly executed. Most editors welcome newsworthy releases and a large proportion of the matter in the news columns of your daily paper is taken from these releases.

Reliance upon the news release is a reflection of the fact that members of the media—both broadcast and print—are busy people, especially around deadline time. They usually are grateful if they can get the news of a meeting or other event related to the community boiled down into a one- or two-page release. This is especially so if they know the source and that the story won't be slanted,



loaded or contain misinformation.

There are certain mechanics to be observed if a release is to be welcomed. First, the source of the release should be clearly indicated at the top left corner of the page. Type the name and address of the source of the release, the phone number and the name of a contact person. While not necessary, a distinctive, printed release masthead can be effective. If the papers consistently find your material to be newsworthy and dependable, they are more apt to be on the lookout for your material.

Second, in the upper right corner, specify whether there is any special date for using the story, If there is no particular time involved, you can mark FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE or RELEASE UPON RECEIPT. Then go down about two inches from the top and type a headline. The headline should be no more than two short lines. This helps identify the story and may even assist the headliner writer.

Double-space all your copy and type on one side of the page only. Indent the start of each paragraph and end each page on a paragraph—don't continue a paragraph onto a second page.

Keep paragraphs short, usually two or three sentences will do. A lengthy paragraph becomes extremely long when set into narrow newspaper columns.

When you get to the end of a page write "more" as a guide to the editor and/or typesetter that the story continues on another page. On the top of the second page type the headline again, the page number and the number of total pages in the release (example: page 2 of 2). Then, at the end of each piece, indicate that there is no more by typing "end" or "##" or "30."

While the form of the news release is important, its contents are even more vital. The release must cover a newsworthy story. Whether to issue a release should not depend on what you would like to have in the paper, but upon whether, in your best judgment, it is something the editor would feel might interest the readers.

Your news release should be accurate and factual. If there is doubt about a fact, check it before you use it. Make sure that all names are spelled correctly. It should be brief; one or two pages should suffice.

A news release should never editorialize. If there is an expression of opinion, it should be attributed to a quotable source. This is particularly important when a controversial matter is involved.

Your news release should never attempt to carry advertising in disguise. Phrases like "affordable prices" or "savor the experience of intimate dining," should not be in a news story. It is best to bend over backward in supplying copy that is news and not advertising.

Let's start building a news release. Let's suppose it is going to be about expansion plans for Smith's Store. What is the one thing about the expansion plans that is likely to interest the most people in the community? The answer to this will provide the "lead" or first paragraph of your re-

With the "lead" selected, work the pertinent information into the first few paragraphs. Make sure to cover the five W's: Who is involved?; What happened?; When did it happen?: Where did it happen?: Why did it happen?; Occasionally, How did it happen? is added.

Try to keep the lead paragraph short, even if it means saving an idea for the second paragraph. Some newspapers and wire services strive to keep their leads under a maximum of 30 words.

A news release should never editorialize. If there is an expression of opinion, it should be attributed to a quotable source.

In writing the story, put what you consider the most important information first, and the less important in a descending order to the end. The reason is that newspaper stories must be tailored to the space available and editors much prefer to cut from the bottom. The story is quite likely to be cut to some degree, so make sure that if it is cut from the bottom, the least important material goes out.

Now for the lead. The release on Smith's Store expansion plans could start this way:

John Smith, owner of Smith's Store, announced plans to enlarge his grocery store to accommodate more customers, at an employee meeting Monday, June 15. This would take care of the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY—and is adequate. But it is hardly specific and certainly unexciting. Try working the key resolution into the lead.

A plan to add a deli addition to Smith's Store, supplying gourmet items and creating 12 new jobs, was officially announced yesterday.

That is better. It gives a specific action. It is of greater interest to the readers. It falls within the 30-word limitation. The second paragraph could be used to cover other salient information.

Now, with the information I have provided, you are ready to try writing a release on your own.

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Retail Profile

Schotts Super Market offers "personalized touch"

by Cristina Cleveland

For Terry Dehko, his small market means big business. Over the past 16 years, Dehko has operated Schotts Super Market in Fraser, with promising results.



Terry Dehko, owner and operator; Sandy Dehko, secretary; and Bill Asmer, general manager

Located at 16659 Fourteen Mile Rd., Schotts Super Market goes beyond just being a full-line grocery store. Dehko emphasizes the store's meat department, which covers the entire back wall of the store. Here, Dehko's employees offer what he describes as a "personalized touch," "We have a special relationship with our customers," he says. "All meat products are U.S.D.A. Choice, and are cut and packaged specifically as each customer places an order." Schotts' meat department also offers specialty items including stuffed pork chops, whole barbecue chickens, lasagna, fresh seafood and gourmet foods that are prepared on location.

Not only does Schotts Super Market carry regular grocery items but, according to general manager, Bill Asmer, they literally "cater to their customers" by offering a fullline catering operation. The store also houses an in-store bakery. Each morning fresh donuts, breads, pies and other baked goods and desserts are prepared and packaged for sale. Additionally, Schotts is a lottery and package liquor dealer, and accommodates a special dietetic section for customers with specific needs. Dehko's daughter Sandy, who assists in the operations of the store, feels it is these benefits that are not offered in larger grocery stores that attract customers to Schotts Super Mar-

At 14,000 square feet, Sandy stresses the market is "smaller but not more expensive." She says

that Asmer studies the prices of local competitors, and then sets the prices at Schotts comparably and, very often, lower than these large supermarkets. Dehko believes because he doesn't need to spend as much on advertising as many stores, he is able to offer his customers very competitive prices.

Dehko immigrated to the United States from Iraq in 1968 to be close to his parents and family. Although his initial interests at his new home led him to work for the automotive industry, he soon realized his intrigue with the food and beverage industry. Dehko previously owned a store in Detroit for ten years, and also opened Schotts Super Market in 1978.

Dehko believes the key to successfully operating his market is quite simple. "We keep our store clean and our employees are always honest and polite," he says. "We just offer the best service that we can."



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It was a magical evening...

Stepping through the door of Penna's of Sterling Heights was like walking into a fairytale. On Friday, January 21, the AFD held its annual trade dinner; this year themed the Cinderella Ball. But there was one main difference between this event and the fairytale: At the AFD's ball each man was a handsome prince and every woman the lucky and beautiful Cinderella.



The hors d'oeuvres were absolutely sumptuous.

AFD Chairman, Nabby Yono was proud to honor AFD Outgoing Chairman, Frank Arcori





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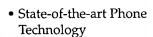


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paying overtime after 35. To ease the pain, Clinton would let a small portion of any increase take the form of employer-paid health benefits. Say business lobbyists: "Forget it."

Some analysists expect a higher minimum to pass in 1994—but nothing like \$5.25.

More likely: \$4.50 an hour, possible \$4.60. It's only been two years since the last minimum wage hike and, with inflation low, \$5.25 is sheer pipe smoke.

Shorter workweek? An even longer shot, but keep it on your back burner because if unemployment remains high or rises, support for the idea will grow.



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Small businesses save \$10 million thanks to passage of Senate Bill 2

The Michigan House of Representatives recently passed unemployment insurance reform legislation that would allow small businesses in Michigan to save \$10 million, announced Senator Fred Dillingham (R-Fowlerville). The bill is now headed to the governor's desk.

Dillingham amended Senate Bill 2 when it was before the Senate in February, 1993, to reduce the maximum non-chargeable benefit component from 1 percent to 0.5 percent for employers who have not had any chargeable benefits for five consecutive years; and increase the taxable wage base from \$9,500 to \$10,000.

"The amendment will provide many small businesses with an actual tax cut by putting dollars back in their pockets. It's about time we level the playing field," Dillingham said. "Small businesses have helped turn around Michigan's economy. Expanding companies deserve this break."

The amendment provides a 50 percent tax reduction to many small businesses and should improve the fairness of the unemployment insurance system by correcting the gradual erosion of experience rating over the last six years.

"This bill saves the financial viability of the Unemployment Insurance system without a tax hike or a major reduction in benefits," Dillingham said.

SB 2 would:

- Eliminate benefit indexing to freeze benefits at the current rate. Michigan's unemployment benefits rank 11th in the nation;
- Compute benefit levels at 65 percent instead of 70 percent after-tax earnings;
- Reinstate a waiting week.
 Michigan is only one of eleven
 states with no waiting period.
 This cost containment measure
 will bring a one-time savings of
 \$50 million. Long-term unemployed won't lose any benefits;
- Eliminate the alternate earnings qualifier. High-wage employees are eligible to receive benefits faster that others; and;
- Reinstate the 30-week qualification.

Lottery Task Force to investigate recent complaints

House Democratic Lottery Task Force Chair Joe Young Jr. (D-Detroit) announced that the term of the task force has been extended in order to investigate recent complaints of the state Lottery Bureau and its new Michigan Lotto Game.

Rep. Young said his phone, as well as many of his colleagues' phones, have been ringing off the hook from constituents who are dissatisfied with the new game. The problem, according to those complaining, is that it is harder to win and the jackpots are smaller than past games. In the past, the jackpot has increased by \$2 million or \$4 million, and now the increase is only \$100,000, said Rep. Young.

"It is my belief that the state Lottery Bureau is being operated with poor judgment, which is costing education dollars for our children in the state of Michigan," said Rep. Young.

The seven-member task force will begin conducting hearings the first of the year, said Rep. Young. "We will be conducting a full-scale review of the Lottery Bureau including salary structure and management," he said.

Other members of the Democratic Lottery Task Force include: Rep. Clark Harder of Owosso, Rep. James Agee of Muskegon, Rep. David Anthony of Escanaba, Rep. Dianne Byrum of Holt, Rep. Lynn Owen of Maybee, and Rep. David Points of Highland Park.

Just a reminder

We would like to remind our members that the Americans with Disabilities Act will begin to include companies with as few as 15 employees as of July 26, 1994.

As such, smaller companies should start to review their employment procedures to ensure full compliance. Of particular importance is a review of interview questions and job applications and the removal of prohibited inquiries. In addition, policies regarding termination, medical exams, employee benefits and leaves of absence should be examined closely for potential violations.

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News Notes

\$20 food stamp coupon shelved

The USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has canceled all plans to issue a \$20 food stamp coupon. In 1992 the agency said it was considering the addition of a \$20 denomination of food coupon to the \$1, \$5, and \$10 food coupons already used to provide Food Stamp Program benefits. The Food Marketing Institute registered concern about the impact of the \$20 coupon on change-making practices with FNS. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy has recently determined that States should initiate the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) system by 1996, so it was not necessary for the Department to proceed with plans for a \$20 coupon. This decision avoids the likelihood of increased counterfeiting of a higher denomination coupon.

DMAR, C. Mascari merge

DMAR, Inc. and the C. Mascari company's Retail Division have merged into a statewide food brokerage firm that will operate under the DMAR, Inc. name.

This merger does not effect C. Mascari's Food Service, Vending or Bakery/Deli divisions.

C. Mascari's Grand Rapids Retail Division will move into DMAR's Grand Rapids office effective immediately.

C. Mascari's Detroit Retail Division and DMAR's Saginaw Retail Division will relocate into new eastern Michigan offices by late February 1994.

Larry Danna will serve as senior vice president, division manager of DMAR's eastern Michigan office and will be teamed up with Mike Matheny, Doug Adams, Fred Bailey, Gerry Ryckman, Bill O'Neill and Eric Metz at head-quarter level, as well as a full retail merchandising staff.

Chuck Mascari and Larry Danna will become partners in DMAR, Inc. with Tim Forbes, Parker Keane and Mike Matheny.

Super Shopping Spree makes two Foodland customers very happy

There were two happy people in Flint and Wyandotte, courtesy of Foodland Distributors and its affiliated supermarkets.



Bob Pierson, manager of Mr. B's Foodland; Brandon McCann; Jim Helmka, vice president of Mr. B's; Leslie McCann, grand prize winner; Ron Garrett, Foodland Distributors

Leslie McCann, of Flint, is a \$5,000 Grand Prize winner in Foodland Distributors' Super Shopping Spree. McCann says she'll use her windfall to put new carpeting in her home. She made her winning entry at Mr. B's Foodland on Dort Highway in Flint.



Rich Olmstead, manager of Family Foodland/Southgate; Ed Zysk, grand prize winner; Ron Garrett, Foodland Distributors

Ed Zysk, of Wyandotte, a retired Detroit Edison supervisor, is the second Grand Prize winner. He will use his \$5,000 Grand Prize to make some home improvements. Zysk made his winning entry at Family Foodland in Southgate.

Super Shopping Spree was an eight-week promotion held at affiliated Foodland supermarkets. Every two weeks, participating supermarkets randomly selected winners of gift certificates or a two-minute shopping spree through the supermarket. Biweekly winners were then entered into the Grand Prize Drawing. Two \$5,000 Grand Prize winners were selected at the end of the promotion.

Foodland Distributors, based in Livonia, is a wholesale distributor that supplies more than 175 supermediate.

Nemco, Inc. acquires Food Engineering Industries (F.E.I.)

F.E.I., a 122-year-old manufacturer of food warming equipment was recently acquired by Nemco, Inc., Hicksville, Ohio.

Nemco's Food Equipment Division, created just twelve years ago, is an industry leader, which has earned worldwide acceptance for its extensive line of manually operated, commercial food preparation equipment.

The new, NEMCO/F.E.I. product line includes infrared bulb warmers; Thermal-Raye® quartz and steel tube heaters; wet/dry food warmers; soup warmers; cooker warmers; heat shelves; warming, baking and pizza ovens; pretzel warmers and more. The company designs and manufactures its own Thermal-Raye heating elements.

Nemco moved the entire F.E.I. operation from their former base in Providence, RI to the recently expanded Nemco plant in Hicksville, Ohio.

For more information, please contact: Nemco, Incorporated, Food Equipment Division, 301 Meuse Argonne, Hicksville, OH, 43526. Telephone: (419) 542-7751. FAX: (419) 542-6690.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Stark & Company President Larry Stark and his new bride Monica on their recent nuptials.

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Michigan Sugar Company elects vice presidents

Michigan Sugar Company recently announced the election of three new vice presidents.

Robert Braem has been promoted to vice president-agriculture. He joined Michigan Sugar Company in 1981 as a field man in the Sebewaing district. In 1985, he was promoted to agricultural manager of the Carrollton district and was subsequently named assistant to the vice president in Caro. Braem holds a bachelor's degree in crop and soil science from Michigan State University. His former title was general agricultural manager. Braem currently resides in Caro.

Henry J. Mok was promoted to vice president-human resources. He joined Michigan Sugar Company in 1985 as the manager of human resources. Then in 1989, he was promoted to director of human resources. In this position he has been responsible for personnel issues, labor relations, man-power planning, compensation, training benefits, recruiting and safety. Mok holds a bachelor of science degree in economics from Villanova University, Villanova, PA. He is a resident of Saginaw Township.

Leif Nielsen was promoted to vice president-operations. He first joined Michigan Sugar Company in 1968 as assistant factory manager for the Croswell facility. He briefly relocated to South America and he returned to Michigan Sugar Company in 1975. Nielsen holds a master of science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Denmark, Copenhagen. He has served as the general factory manager, overseeing five sugar refineries, since 1988. Nielsen resides in Saginaw Township.

In 1994, Michigan Sugar company embarks on its 88th year of business. The company operates four sugar-processing facilities in the state: Caro, Carrollton, Croswell and Sebewaing. The company's subsidiary, Great Lakes Sugar Company, operates two Ohio facilities: Fremont and Findlay. The sugar is marketed under the Pioneer Sugar, Peninsular and Great Lakes brand labels. Michigan Sugar Company is based in Saginaw, MI and is a subsidiary of Savannah Foods and Industries, Inc., Savannah, GA.

Roy Jasper named new Archway national sales manager

Archway Cookies, Inc announced

that Roy Jasper, previously Michigan regional sales manager, has been promoted to the company's national sales manager. Jasper will be involved with national sales and promotion, planning, sales staff and distributor training,



national trade relations, sales man-

agement information systems, and other duties.

Joining Archway in 1982 when he became a distributor in the Vero Beach, Florida area, Jasper two years later was promoted to district sales manager of the southern region. In 1990 he was named regional sales manager for the Michigan area.

Prior to joining Archway, Jasper had served as a distributor for Pepperidge Farms in Michigan. He was born and grew up in Vermillion, Ohio.

Jasper is carrying out his national sales manager duties from the Archway national corporate office in Battle Creek.

Roy Jasper's home is in Battle Creek where he lives with his wife Mary and their two children.

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Foodland Distributors names new vice president

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president,
Pflasterer is
responsible
for all ac-



counting and finance activities for the wholesale distributor.

Pflasterer earned a bachelor's degree in Accounting and Finance from the University of Virginia. Most recently, he served as vice president of finance for the Milton Division of Supervalu, in Milton, West Virginia. The Milton Division is a wholesale supplier to 110 independent supermarkets in the region.

Pflasterer, a native of Pittsburgh, now resides with his family in the Ann Arbor area.

Foodland Distributors, Michigan's largest voluntary food wholesaler, supplies 175 supermarkets in the state.

DAGMR announces 1994 officers

The Detroit Association of Grocery Manufacturers' Representatives recently announced their officers and directors for 1994. They are as follows:

Officers

President: Joe Sciarrino, Benckiser Consumer Products, Inc.

1st Vice-President: Clare M. Bailey, Sunshine Biscuits, Inc.

2nd Vice-President:Mike Falle, Fred Falle & Co.Secretary/Treasurer:Ted Wieleba, Monitor Sugar Co.Sergeant-At-Arms:Fred Bailey, C. Mascari & Assoc.

Directors

Chairman of the Bd.: Suzie Player, Oldies 104.3/WOMC Director: Mike Elenbaas, Nestle Food Corp.

Director: Tom Howell, Gannett National Newspapers
Director: Ed Frost, Nestle Beverage USA

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Paul Inman Associates elects new member to board of directors

Ronald K. Fairchild was elected to the board of directors of Paul Inman Associates at a recent stockholder's meeting.

Fairchild joined Paul Inman Associates in 1977 as an account executive. Since then, he has been promoted to vice president in 1979, senior vice president and a member of the management operating group in 1980, group vice president in 1987. He was elected to the executive committee in 1988, and then appointed executive vice president, corporate director of grocery sales and retail operations. Most recently, he was promoted to corporate director of sales/chief operating officer in June, 1992.

Founded in 1957, Paul Inman Associates employs more than 300 people and has branch offices in Saginaw, Grand Rapids, Toledo, Fort Wayne and Indianapolis.

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Call Judy at (810) 557-9600 to arrange for an appointment.

Hire an unemployed veteran

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Through the Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act of 1992 (SMOCTA), employers can be reimbursed for 50 percent (up to \$12,000) of the cost of training a recently discharged veteran. Employers can also be reimbursed (up to \$500) for tools and other work-related materials.

To be eligible for the program, employers should design a training program that is six to 18 months long and in a field of employment which provides a reasonable probability of stable, long-term employment. Employers must also certify that they plan to continue the veteran's employment upon completion of the training at wages and benefits no less than normally paid.

Some restrictions apply, such as the training program may not be for seasonal or temporary jobs and commissions may not be the primary source of income. Veterans must have been discharged after August 1, 1990 and must also meet certain other eligibility requirements.

For more information, or to apply for the program, contact a Veterans Employment Representative at your local MESC Job Service.

This national program offers funds on a first-come, first-served basis.

	Calendar
Feb. 4-6	NFDA Mid-Winter Table Top Show Marriott Marina, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Feb. 13-16	NGA Annual Convention Atlanta, Georgia
March 6-11	Supermarket Operations Management Course (FMI) Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
March 27- April 1	Professional Management Course (FMI) Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI
April 10-14	NABR Convention/Expo MGM Grand Hotel, Las Vegas, NV
April 13-14	AFD Trade Show, Burton Manor, Livonia
April 17-19	7th Annual Supermarket Pharmacy Conference (FMI) Mark Hopkins Inter-Continental Hotel, San Francisco, CA
July 23-25	NFDA 67th Annual Convention & Trade Show

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Superglue is becoming a muggers weapon of choice

A doctor in California had his hands glued to his car while money was taken from his wallet. In Michigan, a teenage girl was stripped of her jewelry while she was glued to an ATM machine. A Texas housewife remained glued to a shop window for five hours after her purse and some clothing was stolen.

People

Monitor Sugar Company promotes two

Monitor Sugar Company in Bay City, Michigan recently announced two promotions.

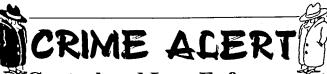
Dale A. Keyser was named vice president of finance. He will focus on long-range corporate strategic planning, while continuing to oversee the financial and labor relations of the company.

A 1979 graduate of Central Michigan University, Keyser has been a CPA since 1981. He joined Monitor in 1983 as assistant controller, and has also held the positions of controller and treasurer. He is a director of Gala Food Processing, Inc., an affiliated company in Battle Creek.

Brenda S. Rowley was named vice president of administration. Her responsibilities include credit management, risk management, and cash management. Previously, she was director of administrative services for Monitor Sugar Company. Rowley is also senior vice president of Gala Foods, Inc., in Battle Creek.

Rowley received a BBA degree from Central Michigan University in 1980, and joined Monitor Sugar in 1987. She resides in Bay County with her husband Keith and their three children.





Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1993

By Senator Carl Levin

In November Congress finally passed, and the President signed into law, the Brady Bill—requiring a five-day waiting period for the purchase of a handgun. It was a great victory after so many years of delay and debate.

Last month the Senate also passed a major crime bill—legislation which would add 100,000 police officers on the streets as well as money for more prisons and alternative forms of incarceration like boot camps. This crime bill must now be considered in the House, but passage is likely early this year.

Also sent to the President for his signature was legislation passed by the Congress, which I co-authorized with Congressman Bart Stupak, to stop the illegal use of ephedrine tablets in the production of methcathinone, a highly addictive drug commonly referred to as CAT.

With the fear of crime eating away at the quality of life in America, this legislation attempts to address at least some of the overwhelming problems we face in combating crime.

Many issues, however, remain un-

resolved, and I hope we can tackle them in 1994. For instance, there is a clear link between substance abuse and crime. We must address the need for more substance-abuse treatment and prevention if we want to control crime. We also must keep our attention on our programs for young people. Head start, child nutrition, vocational education, meaningful schools, child-abuse prevention and reduced violence in our television and entertainment industry must all be part of our anti-crime effort.

Following is the text of the statement I prepared to read on the Senate floor at the time of the passage of the crime bill:

Mr. President:

It does not take someone on Capitol Hill to explain to people throughout the country what crime is and the effect it is having on the daily lives of millions of Americans. They know it can make their elderly parents prisoners in their own homes, make their young children victims in their own schools and make themselves casualties in their own neighborhoods. They know that crime is all too likely to be

something that happens not only to someone else, but something that can happen to themselves and their loved ones as well.

The bill we are passing today is not a cure-all. It cannot replace a stable family life. It does not deal with the poverty of material goods or the poverty of the spirit which foster crime. It can assist state and local governments, but it cannot replace them in their primary role on the front lines in the battle against crime.

But, within those limits, the bill before us includes some provisions that can make a meaningful difference in preventing and punishing criminal activity.

First and foremost there is the authorization and actual federal funding to assist local communities in putting more police on the streets. It has been proven that increasing the number of police on the streets reduces crime. By increasing police visibility in communities, this bill does more than send the signal that we want to take our neighborhoods back. It increases the tools with which to do it.

Second, the bill includes an assault rifle provision which restricts the manufacture, transfer and possession of certain semiautomatic assault weapons by specifying 19 weapons that would be restricted along with other weapons which meet specified characteristics. At the same time, the amendment makes clear that it does not place restrictions on the firearms that are used for hunting and sporting purposes.

I was pleased to work with Senator Dianne Feinstein in getting this provision included through a floor amendment. It is a critical component of this crime bill. Any legislation worthy of the title 'crime' bill must have a provision in it that allows us to stand with our police in the all too real battle that they face every day on the streets. We have not successfully defused the nuclear arms race with the former Soviet Union only to lose our battle for security in the streets of our cities and towns.

Third, this bill contains initiatives to reduce gang violence through increasing penalties and through grants to encourage young people to direct their energies to alternative associations and activities. It also takes steps to improve safety in our schools so that students can concentrate on learning for the next century instead of worrying about the violence in the next hallway.

Fourth, this bill includes a provision to stop the illegal use of ephedrine tablets in the production of methcathinone, commonly referred to as CAT. CAT is a highly addictive

drug and is a more potent stimulant than cocaine. Its use is growing at an alarming rate across the Upper Peninsula of my home state of Michigan and threatens to spread to other areas of the country as well. I have introduced a free standing bill embodying the substance of this provision.

Fifth, the bill also includes an amendment that I offered requesting that the FBI report to the Congress in June of 1994 regarding how it can accelerate and improve automatic fingerprint systems at the State and Federal level in order to use fingerprints found at the scene of a crime to identify more criminal suspects quickly and more effectively. I believe that improving the technology in this area may offer significant promise in preventing crimes because it could make it more likely that the criminal who commits one crime will be apprehended before he or she can commit too many more.

Sixth, I am pleased that the crime bill recognized the important role that boot camp prisons can play in the corrections system. The bill adds two major opportunities for federal funding of state boot camp prisons. I have been an early supporter of boot camp prisons because they offer an innovative approach to punishing young, non-violent offenders. These facilities offer a tough program that teaches discipline and responsibility as well as keeps young offenders away from hardened career criminals. The bill before us includes an amendment that I offered with Senator Coats to improve the boot camp grant program by ensuring that states offer appropriate post-incarceration programs to make sure that the lessons of boot camp stick.

As a consistent opponent of the death penalty, I wish this bill did not contain the new provisions to impose the death penalty. As I indicated when I offered the amendment to replace the death penalty provisions with life in prison without the possibility of release. I oppose the death penalty because the irreversibility of the death penalty is inconsistent with the possibilities of error in the criminal justice system. Each year that we have debated this issue has added to the list of cases in which individuals who had been put on death row were later released because the evidence would no longer support their conviction. The death penalty doesn't deter crime. In fact, of the 14 states with the highest murder rates, 13 have the death penalty and one state does not.

Mr. President, since on balance I believe this bill will improve our capacity to fight crime and merits our support, I will vote for it.

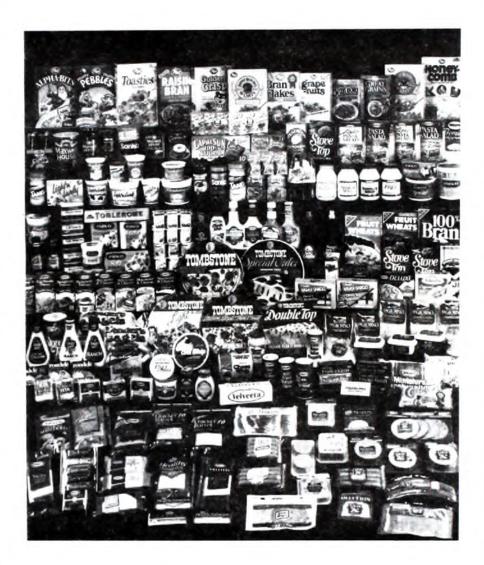


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What's Happening At The Michigan Lottery?

Lottery retailers get opportunity to boost "Cash 5" sales

by Michigan Lottery Commissioner Jerry R. Crandall

Winning \$100,000 is as easy as one, two, three...four. The Michigan Lottery launched the new year with a special "Buy Four 'Cash 5,'



Get One Free" coupon promotion.

The Michigan Lottery conducts four "Cash 5" drawings each week—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Starting January 30, if players purchase four "Cash 5" plays, they get a fifth play free by using a "Cash 5" newspaper coupon.

The Michigan Lottery ran "Cash 5" coupons in major newspapers state-wide featuring a "Buy Four. Get one Play Free" offer. The coupon appeared in a separate full color insert

on Sunday, January 30, 1994, and is valid at Lottery retailers through February 18, 1994.

Players can try their luck on "Cash 5" five times for the price of four. If they play on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, they can play again on Monday for free (or any other combination of five plays)—that extra chance could mean winning \$100,000! Now players have an opportunity to win thousands by playing the little lotto "Cash 5" game four

nights a week and millions playing Michigan Lotto on Wednesday and Saturday.

The promotion is designed to encourage "Cash 5" play four times per week. This is a great opportunity for you, Lottery retailers, to increase "Cash 5" sales. Take advantage of this promotion to introduce new players to the "Cash 5" game.

Radio advertising, public relations and point-of-sale materials will help support the promotion.

More than one million players have won cash prizes totaling over \$55 million since the inception of "Cash 5" in March 1992, including more than 300 top prize winners, who have each won \$100,000.

In fact, two "Cash 5" players have each won the game's \$100,000 top prize on two separate occasions. A golf professional from Roseville and a resident of Sanilac County each won the \$100,000 "Cash 5" top prize two times within a six-month time period. Both winners won with "easy pick" tickets.

Lottery to continue to expand its on-line terminal network in 1994

The Michigan Lottery will continue to expand its on-line terminal network in 1994. During the first phase of the allocation plan, 223 additional terminals will be installed at retailers statewide.

Two new instant games introduced— "Bank Roll" and "Dynamite Doubler"

The Michigan Lottery will also introduce two exciting new instant games, "Bank Roll" and "Dynamite Doubler," at Lottery retailers statewide this month.

"Bank Roll," which goes on sale February 7, offers players the chance to win up to \$1,000 in great cash prizes. Players can win up to four times on the "Bank Roll" instant ticket. If "Your Number" matches any of the "Lucky Numbers," players win the prize shown in the prize box.

The "Dynamite Doubler" game, which goes on sale February 21, offers cash prizes up to \$5,000. If players match three like amounts, they win that amount, or if players match two like amounts and get the doubler \$\$" sign, they win double the amount!



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Green Giant introduces Create a Meal! Meal Starters

New from Green Giant is a four-item line of stir fry meal starter kits that include everything except the meat. Flavors include Szechuan Stir Fry



for beef or chicken, Teriyaki Stir
Fry for chicken or beef, Sweet and
Sour Stir Fry for chicken or
shrimp and Lo Mein Stir Fry for
chicken or pork.

The one-skillet preparation takes less than 15 minutes. Consumers brown the meat, add sauce,

vegetables, and then simmer. The familysize, 21 oz. polybag includes 16 oz. of vegetables and 5 oz. of sauce.

With meat, it makes three to four servings. Suggested retail price is \$2.59, which the company says should entice price-conscious shoppers. With the addition of meat, Green Giant's Create a Meal! Meal Starter will feed a family of four for about \$6.00.

Win Schulers Foods' new "Bucket of Fun" hits store shelves

Livonia-based Win Schuler Foods has brought the taste of Win Schuler Meatballs right to your store with the introduction of its new line of frozen appetizers.

The product line is the brain-child of Tom Bitterman and Robert Nunez, new partners in Win Schuler Foods, and will be available in stores throughout the Midwest. Meatballs in Original Barbecue Sauce, Grilled Chicken Chunks in a Thick & Rich Barbecue Sauce and Cocktail-Sized Smoked Sausages in a Mild Chili Sauce are available in the 2-pound and 5-pound "Bucket of Fun" sizes.

The line of frozen appetizers is part of an aggressive product expansion and marketing strategy for Bitterman and Nunez, who purchase Win Schuler Foods this past March from the Campbell Soup Company. "The time is right for this kind of product," says Bitterman. "People are always looking for that combination of convenience and great taste. These products can offer that package."

"With these appetizers, we're catering to the '90s consumer," explains Nunez. "People just don't have the time to prepare elaborate meals and dishes anymore. These products are microwaveable. They're easy to prepare. And they taste great. With more people entertaining at home, the 'Bucket of Fun' appetizers offer a quick and tasty choice."

The recipe for the Meatballs is the same as that used in the famed Win Schuler restaurants across the state. Bitterman and Nunez created the Chicken and Smoked Sausages recipes and were able to take their idea from concept to the store shelves in four short months.

Bitterman and Nunez have even negotiated to have the Meatballs and Win Schuler Bar-Scheeze sold as part of the everyday concession at both The Palace of Auburn Hills and Joe Louis Arena and are counting on these unique products to add to the fine variety of foods offered at these venues.

"We're excited about these new products. The Win Schuler name has tremendous equity and tradition. People have enjoyed the Bar-Scheeze in their homes for years and bringing the Meatballs and other appetizers to the market was the logical next step."

The Win Schuler Foods frozen appetizers add to the company's product line, which also includes Win Schuler Bar-Scheeze and Win Schuler Bar-Schips.



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