HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The board of directors and staff of the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan with all readers of this publication and their families a very happy and safe holiday.

Snowflake Ball

Please join us for the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan 79th Annual Trade Dinner. Themed the Snowflake Ball, this gala event takes place January 20, 1995 at Penna's of Sterling Heights. Your evening begins with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and piano music. An exquisite five course meal follows. The Contours are the headline entertainment so get ready to shake 'em down to favorites like "Do You Love Me!"

Over 1,000 industry leaders attend AFD's Trade Dinner. Please join us at the Snowflake Ball on January 20, 1995. The cost is $700 for a table of ten or $160 per couple.

For tickets or more information, please contact Danielle MacDonald at (810) 557-9600.

Food distribution industry issues report card for Congress

The food distribution industry has issued an end-of-season report card for the 435 congressional representatives and 100 senators who served in the 103rd Congress.

"This was a busy Congress in 1993 and 1994 and, on balance, the food distribution industry feels very good about our objectives and the support they received in the House and Senate. We saw quite a few congressmen and women with 90% or even 100% ratings," said John Block, president of the National-American Wholesale Grocers' Association (NAWGA)/International Foodservice Distributors Association (IFDA).

The 103rd Congress, which ran from January 1993 to October 1994, debated a broad range of economic and regulatory issues of interest to the food industry. NAWGA/IFDA's report card evaluated the members of the House and Senate on 11 key issues, including President Clinton's stimulus package, the North American Free Trade Agreement, the balanced budget amendment, efforts to control federal spending, and similar initiatives.

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Season's Greetings from Pepsi-Cola!
Executive Director's Report

'tis the time for charity

December 31.

Miller's Diane Hamilton says that for every case sold between November 21 and December 31, Miller and its distributors will make a donation. She adds that Miller is excited about doing something to help the community during this time of year.

Participating distributors include: Action, Powers, O&W and Eastown. I hope you will put a display and feature price on these products throughout the holidays. All of us involved in this program cannot thank you enough for helping to find a cure for children afflicted with AHC, a rare illness with symptoms that include seizures, developmental delays, paralysis, epilepsy and mental retardation. The Miller program also helps to support AFD academic scholarships for deserving youth in the food industry. If you have any questions, please call the AFD office at (810) 557-5600.

Remember real estate transfer tax

With the passage of Proposal A last year, beginning in 1995, Michigan will impose a higher real estate transfer tax. Currently there is a county tax of $1.10 per thousand (except in Wayne County where it is $1.50 per thousand). Any real estate contract signed after January 1 will be subject to the additional state tax of $7.50 per thousand which is added to the county tax.

Please keep this in mind if you are planning to buy or sell real estate in 1995.

Holiday wishes

I am looking forward to seeing you at our annual trade dinner, January 20, at Penna's in Sterling Heights. Please mark this important date on your calendar now. On behalf of the AFD Board of Directors and staff, I wish you a safe, and happy holiday season. May you and your family have a healthy and prosperous new year.

The Annual Meeting of the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 1994 at 8:00 p.m. at the Southfield Manor. Members are invited. Please RSVP to Liz at (810) 557-5600.

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AFD Trade Show

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From left to right: Sam Arafat, Inkster Chamber of Commerce; Former Mayor of Inkster Betty Miller; and Governor John Engler break ground for new Inkster stripmall.

AFD Board Members meet with Detroit Police Chief Ike McKinnon to discuss resolutions to problems faced by the store owners in the city.

AFD Chairman Nabhy Yono, Detroit Councilman Clyde Cleveland and board members Barbara Weiss-Street and Sam Yono are all smiles after their meeting.

Chairman Nabhy Yono leads a discussion on "Planning for the Future" with AFD board members.

C.J. "Gabe" Gabriel, Pepsi-Cola Market Unit Manager, talks to the AFD Board about Pepsi's product line.

Mike Ranville, AFD lobbyist of Karoub Associates, updates the AFD Board on pending legislation impacting our industry.

Small group meetings were held to address such issues as political action, member services and crime prevention.

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The Associated Food Dealers, along with the AFD Board of Directors, hosted a sponsor appreciation night at the Gem Theater on Thursday, October 27, 1994. It was our way of thanking our Trade Dinner and Golf Outing Sponsors along with our valued advertisers. We all had a great time singing along with the 60's musical Beehive. A few AFD guests were even asked to join the cast on stage. Photographs below...

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Pearl from Hiram Walker enjoyed the company of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Jamal, AFD Board Member and owner of Mug & Jug Liquor Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff and Romy David from Kramer Foods were first time Gem Theater attendees; I bet they'll be back!

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Stoval and Sharon Brock from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan sang along with the Beehive cast in favorites such as Proud Mary and My Boyfriend's Back.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stamos and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Odinez both from Kar Nut all have big smiles because Larry was such a big hit on center stage playing the name game. He really could carry a tune! (Larry is in the center.)

Everyone was having a great time at the Gem Theater. Mr. and Mrs. Cal Stein from the Pfeister Company and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Faschioni from Paul Inman Associates Made Their Own Kind of Music with The Mamas and the Papas!

Mr. and Mrs. Werner Stark from Stark and Company were very glad the Beehive cast chose Shelley Welch and not them to star in the name game on center stage. She did an outstanding job!

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smoliga (from the Plymouth office of Spartan) along with Lisa McIntyre and Jann McKellar really enjoyed Detroit's Theater District.

Friends from the Spartan gang came down from Grand Rapids to toe tap with the girl groups and solo singers of the 60's. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smoliga (from the Plymouth office of Spartan) along with Lisa McIntyre and Jann McKellar really enjoyed Detroit's Theater District.

Nabby Yono, AFD Chairman and owner of XTRA Foods and Orchard Food Center, started the show by putting a nickel in the juke box. Louis Stephen from Nu-Ad also had a terrific time.
AFD Supplier members exhibit at several trade shows throughout Michigan. Many familiar names and faces are in the photos below.

Dolly Madison
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Larry Stotz and the Beverage Journal put on a fine trade show.

Imad Arabo, Bashar Yono, Faiez Assmary, Mark Nelson and Elias Frechich of General Wine & Liquor Co. “Hope you keep those tuxes for the AFD Trade Dinner on January 20th!”

Spence Phinney and Byron Yono sell Mohawk Liquor and a whole lot more!

Bill Lopo of Frankenmuth Brewery promotes a new product.

Don Angelosanto, John Wieferman and Hank Baccoli show off Canton Ginger Liqueur in a beautiful decanter.

Bill Deck and Brad Still of J. Lewis Cooper Spirits surround Kevin Kallabat (center) of Orion Market.

Mel Pearl, Kevin Paschke and Paul Jaques of Hiram Walker with their broker Craig Gilligan of R.M. Gilligan.

Pat Shields, Kathy Zambrowsky and Keith Keifer take good care of the Kramer Foods booth.

Mike O'Connor of Spirits of Michigan gets an order from Vino Hessana of The Glass Bottle Shoppe in Detroit.
How to pack for the weekend.

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Those who appreciate quality enjoy it responsibly.
AFD On The Scene

Just a few of the many members who are very pleased with the Associated Food Dealers self-insured workers compensation program.

Bruce Ciemniak and Mike Lembas of Joseph Campau Meat Market in Hamtramck have just finished making a special order of sausage for Pope John Paul II. Honest!

Basim Nafiu does an excellent job with his produce at Shop-A-Rama Food Center.

Mario Cercone (right) and his son, Giacomo, of Mario's Meats show off their fine beef at their Eastpointe Store.

John Kassa (right) and son, Chris, of K & G Food Mart pose near their quality fruits.

Vino Hesano of The Glass Bottle Shoppe has been with the AFD's workers compensation program since its inception in 1982.

Andy Konja of Handy Spot Fine Food gives Russ Nelson of Coca-Cola an order.

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Cigarettes may be dangerous to your store's health

by James V. Bellanca
of Bellanca, Beattie & DeLisle
Attorneys for the AFD

In recent weeks, the number of complaints that we have received from AFDA members concerning illegal or contraband cigarettes has grown steadily. The source of the problem is the increased cigarette taxes, which took effect this year.

As a result, a whole underground industry has developed for smuggling cigarettes into the state without paying Michigan taxes. These "contraband dealers" present themselves in a very professional manner and very often will be willing to provide you an invoice which details the cigarette purchases. In some instances these invoices are accurate and in others they identify only a portion of cigarettes purchased and require a cash payment.

The temptation to buy cigarettes of questionable origin is great, but the problems which arise in connection with the purchase of illegal cigarettes far outweigh the risk.

First and foremost, it is against the law to buy cigarettes that have not been authorized by the state for resale in Michigan. A violation of this law can and will, very often, result in a jail sentence. In addition, you must understand that the purchase of cigarettes that have not been authorized for resale by the state of Michigan exposes your store to trouble with the Lottery Bureau, Liquor Control Commission and, perhaps, the WIC and Food Stamp programs.

The law presumes that you know the current market for cigarettes on a wholesale basis. The law presumes that you know who the legitimate licensed wholesalers are. The law presumes that, if you get a reduced price for cigarettes, you know that the source of those cigarettes is illegal.

The presumptions made by the law, in connection with the purchase of cigarettes, is no different from the presumptions in the law for the purchase of any article at a reduced price. If a Rolex watch costs approximately $5,000 at most jewelry stores, someone who offers to sell you one for substantially less than that amount, must have secured that watch from an illegitimate source or the watch itself is a counterfeit. The same presumption exists for designer clothes, video cassettes, music tapes, etc.

Watch out for people who appear in your store representing a company that you have never heard of, who offer your cigarettes at substantially reduced price. If there are any questions in your mind concerning their legitimacy, ask for proof that their company is licensed in Michigan and check that proof out with Lansing.

Beware of any sales that are not supported by an invoice which exactly matches the amount of cigarettes purchased and beware of any sale which requires a cash payment.

There are no second chances. The State of Michigan has proclaimed that they intend to aggressively search out and find both those who sell cigarettes from illegal sources and those who are prone to buy cigarettes from illegal sources. That probably means that the state will be conducting sting operations and will be tracking down those people who engage in the illegal sale or purchase of cigarettes at reduced prices. Legitimate cigarette wholesalers have been instructed to check out your inventory and report any irregularities to the authorities. Neither you nor your store can afford to sell any cigarettes from any source other than an authorized wholesaler or distributor. To do otherwise, would be dangerous to your store's health.

Going metric: why, when, and some hints...

According to the FDA Consumer (Sept., 1994) the monthly magazine of the Food and Drug Administration, the final regulations for metric labeling of food packages are expected soon. These proposed regulations, 1992 amendments to the 1967 Fair Packaging and Labeling Act (FPLA), will require "dual labeling" of many consumer packages—in both the customary inch-pound (avoirdupois or English system) and the metric (SI) units of measurement for net quantity of contents.

While we're waiting for the FDA to issue its final metric labeling regulations (originally scheduled for Feb. 14, 1994), here's some background.

The metric system is known as the International System of Units or SI, from the French "Le Systeme International D'Unites." As the international standard of measurement, the metric system is an important key to success in the global marketplace. In fact, except for two small countries, Liberia and Myanmar (Burma), the United States is the only trading nation not routinely conducting its commercial affairs in metric units.

All other English-speaking nations have made the switch to metric, even those with longtime ties to the English system of measurement—England itself, Canada and Australia. The United States has been on the "metric track" for almost 120 years, starting in 1866 when President Andrew Johnson signed an act making metric measurements legal anywhere in the U.S. And the U.S. was the only English-speaking country among the 17 original signers of the Treaty of the Meter, signed in 1875 in Paris. In 1993, pursuant to the Metric Conversion Act, the U.S. was the only English-speaking country among the 34 countries authorized to use the metric system under the Metric Conversion Act.

In the late 1970s, the U.S. government started a push towards metric, but this drive slowed in the '80s. Even so, some changes were made. For example, the beverage industry switched from "English" to metric. Most big bottles of soft drinks are now labeled "2 liters." Spirits, once packaged in pints, fifths, etc. are now sold in roughly equivalent metric units: 375 milliliters (mL), 750 mL, etc.

Much of what has been done to date has been spurred by American business, to better its bargaining position in a growing and increasingly competitive global marketplace. According to the FDA, the inch-pound system "habit" has put us at a disadvantage with our competitors overseas. As non-metric products become more available on the world market, the conversion to SI becomes more important.

—PMA Freshline
Kramer Food Company to distribute innovative products

Power Ranger Snacks
With all the hype of the very popular kids show, Mighty Moprhin' Power Rangers, the new Frookie and Delicious cookies are sure to be a hit with kids.

The Frookies are a fat-free, nine-ounce vanilla or cinnamon graham cookie called Power Grahams. Also available are the Dinozord Sandwich Cookies which are 10 ounces and available in vanilla and duplex cremes. A two-ounce vanilla power cookie is available as well.

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West End comes in 11 oz. and 20 oz. bottles.

drink comes in its own distinctive embossed brown bottle or colorful can. The bottled flavors are Sioux City Sarasa-pilla, Cream Soda, Birch Beer, Cactus Orange, Wildberry and Ginger Beer. The canned flavors are Lemon Iced Tea, Raspberry Iced Tea, Kiwi Strawberry Lemonade and Grape Strawberry Lemonade.

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Surrounded by pictures of the Pope, John Ciemniak's market is reflective of his Polish heritage. Along with pictures of his family and religious leaders hangs a sign which reads, "Loving is the Best Part of Life.”

That love is apparent in Ciemniak's Meat Market on Joseph Campau in Hamtramck. Their Polish Kielbasa is made fresh daily in the market. For those who would rather make their own sausage, everything from the casings, assorted meats and spices are available too.

John and his son Bruce own and operate the market. John came over from Poland when he was five years old. At 88 years of age he is still actively involved in the business, although he had already left to go hunting on the particular day that I visited.

Father Jim Leary, states "Some day in heaven there are going to be so many people coming up to you to say "thank you" for the many meals you gave them here. If you think you have many friends in this world, John, you are going to be surprised at the number you have in heaven!" This letter was in response to a donation from the Ciemniaks to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

In the back of the market is an old-fashioned smokehouse. There is no "liquid smoke" used here. The hams and sausage are smoked with real wood chips and sawdust as opposed to the heat-activated chemicals. "This produces a taste difference which is quite noticeable," says Bruce Ciemniak.

John is quite active in the Catholic community donating his time, products and money. A letter from Father Jim Leary, states "Some day in heaven there are going to be so many people coming up to you to say "thank you" for the many meals you gave them here. If you think you have many friends in this world, John, you are going to be surprised at the number you have in heaven!" This letter was in response to a donation from the Ciemniaks to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Also on the wall is a plaque from Detroit Monthly. They awarded the market a “Best of Detroit Award” for the “Best Kielbasa.” Their kielbasa is not only consumed locally, but also is sent to the Vatican. The Pope himself enjoys their Krakowska Sausage, while other smoked products are sent to customers in Florida, North Carolina, Texas and California.

The market relies on fresh meat. Ninety percent of their meat is hanging meat, as opposed to boxed beef. Their pork is delivered fresh daily with chicken and beef arriving every other day. The Ciemniaks have built their reputation on quality meats, and strive to please their customers.

In the middle of their market is a table with two chairs and a stack of magazines. Whether it is Sports Illustrated, Movieline, Consumers Report or Business Week, the customer can sit and rest while waiting to place his order. Customer service is a priority.

This is apparent not only in the homemade pierogis, and kielbasa, but also in the attitude that is projected. Ciemniak's market is full of helpful and courteous employees. The words on a sign in John's office are reflective of how they operate—"To be dressed for work, wear a smile." Their smiles show through as they wait on customers each day.

Despite competition, they will not sacrifice the quality or freshness of their products. Whether it is fresh ground poppy seeds or an assortment of hams, Ciemniak's market continues to cater to the community that they have been a part of for over forty years.
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Detroit holds public hearing on temporary banners

Detroit City Council will be holding a public hearing Dec. 9 at 11 a.m. in the 13th floor chambers of City Council, Detroit City-County Building, 2 Woodward Avenue, concerning a proposed City Ordinance to prohibit the display of temporary signs and banners on the exterior of any business.

The proposed ordinance, if passed by Detroit City Council, will go into effect February 1, 1995, and will require all businesses to remove banners by that date. Price banners or product banners cannot be displayed once the new ordinance goes into effect.

An exception to the rule, however, would be for a special event, such as a grand opening. If a store wants to display a special event banner, a permit would first have to be obtained from the City’s Buildings & Safety Engineering Department. The permit allows for the banner or other temporary signage to be displayed for not more than 15 days. This kind of permit for special-event temporary signage can be obtained not more than two times in any year.

If the ordinance is passed, anyone violating the ordinance will be given written notice by the Buildings & Safety Engineering Department to remove the signage. Failure to do so will lead to a complaint at Thirty-sixth District Court, if convicted of violating the ordinance, a fine of $500 and/or 90 days in jail may be imposed.

This proposed ordinance was recently approved by the Detroit City Planning Commission. The City Council public hearing is required before City Council can vote on any ordinance. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear the opinions of the public and those who will be affected by the ordinance.

The Associated Food Dealers and most member stores should have received an official notice of the public hearing. For additional information, call the City Planning Commission office at (313) 224-3219.

Liquor Control Commission holds hearing

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 6, 1994, at the Lansing office of the commission, 7150 Harris Drive, Lansing, Michigan.

Section 7 of the Liquor Control Act (MCL 436.7) requires that this hearing be held for the purpose of hearing the complaints and receiving the views of the public with respect to the administration of this act.

Members of the commission will conduct the meeting which will be open to participation by the audience in a question and answer period. Retailers that cannot attend, may submit written testimony prior to the date of the hearing to Maxine Perry, Liquor Control Commission Chairwoman, 7150 Harris Drive, P.O. Box 30005, Lansing, MI 48909.

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Legislature Profile

From County Commissioner to State Representative

by Wendy G. Waldrep

Heading toward Lansing in January, Sue Rocca, a Republican from Sterling Heights, will bring an abundance of political experience with her. She has served as a county commissioner in Macomb County for two years and was appointed by Ex-Governor James Blanchard to serve on the Health Occupation Council. She has continued on that council for eight years and has served on the executive board for four years.

Rocca, a newly elected State Representative, will be an aggressive advocate for the medical community. Utilizing her degree in nursing, she will employ her skills to help bring about a fair and equitable health-care plan that will not damage the small business person.

"I would like to see health care for everyone. However, I totally oppose the Clinton Plan and believe that we need tax incentives for the small businesses that provide health care for their employees," Rocca says.

Rocca would also like to serve on a committee that oversees liquor control. She believes that being selective in doling out licenses will help to protect those merchants who already have an established business. "If a community doesn't have the business to support the current establishments, then we shouldn't be issuing further licenses," says Rocca. "This (alcohol) is their 'bread and butter,' and I have a lot of respect for individuals who have risked everything . . . to open a business."

Many of Rocca's family members have owned small businesses. Her father owned a jewelry store and she watched her sister pour her energies into a clothing store which failed. With this background, she is not naive about the challenges and stress that face the small business owner. "Keeping the Single Business Tax low so establishments can remain competitive is essential," Rocca said.

Rocca also believes in ethics reform. She would like to abolish the Office Holders Expense Fund (OEF) and honorariums for speaking engagements for public officials. There are many abuses in the system. "Why should you get paid (an honorarium) to go out and educate when that is your job? With these perks extending your funds, it makes it very difficult for you to relate to your constituents," Rocca states.

A conservative, Rocca believes in keeping our taxes low, providing for senior citizens, and protecting the investments of small business owners. With a fresh set of eyes heading toward Lansing, you can be sure that Sue Rocca will be an effective lobbyist for business.
Heinz announces agreement to acquire Budget Gourmet

H.J. Heinz Company announced that it has signed an agreement with Kraft General Foods, Inc. to acquire The All American Gourmet Company, maker of the Budget Gourmet frozen meals and side dishes.

Headquartered in Orange, California, The All American Gourmet Company currently makes all of its products at two locations: Atlanta, Georgia and Clearfield, Utah. It employs nearly 1,000 people. The All American Gourmet Company is a unit of Kraft USA, which is an operating group of Kraft General Foods, Inc., the multi-national food business of Philip Morris Companies Inc.

Terms were not disclosed and the agreement is subject to appropriate government approvals.

Foodland takes gold

Foodland Distributors, the Livonia-based wholesaler, was honored with a Golden Penguin Award for its outstanding achievements in promoting National Frozen Food Month.

The prestigious award was presented by Olympic champion Bonnie Blair on behalf of the National Frozen Food Association at its annual convention held in Orlando, Florida, in November.

Stark & Company Honored

Stark & Company has been appointed National Broker of the Year for J&J Snacks for the Detroit, Michigan office.

Dear AFD:

I want to thank you for your invaluable role in helping to make the Detroit area Michigan Agriculture: Growing Michigan's Future tour a smashing success.

The time we spent in the Detroit area on August 30 is still being heralded for the interest it generated among members of the community, those working in agriculture and those employed in other areas. I have had rave reviews from everyone who came along on the tour.

Approximately 90 people, including state legislators, local elected officials, business leaders and farmers participated in the day's activities. Because of your efforts and the help and support of the Detroit area team, we were able to display Southeast Michigan's agriculture at its best.

The 1994 tour season ended with our seventh tour in the Saginaw area on September 29. Over 800 people participated in the seven full-day tours across our state, with another 300 joining us for meals or other special events during the tours. When you add in farmers, businesses, and associations who participated by hosting stops, you can see the response was tremendous.

As was evident on the Detroit tour, Michigan agriculture is a diverse, vital part of our state's economy and heritage. Thanks again, for making this a great summer for Michigan agriculture!

Sincerely,

Dr. Gordon Guyer, Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture

Dear AFD and AFD members:

Fall is here . . . and our thoughts turn to many different things. Holidays, gift-giving, a season of good food and good times. But for some folks, it is a time of additional need. A need to feed their families when there just isn't enough to go around.

Operation Foodbasket, a collective effort by DAGMR members, is in its 22nd year. During this time, we have fed tens of thousands of families. We are asking for donations of food.

If you cannot directly give food, other contributions are equally important. Donations of money, toys or clothing are also greatly appreciated. Some hungry people are counting on you.

Please call DAGMR at (810) 357-4242. Thanks in advance for your continued support.

Operation Foodbasket Committee.

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Lysczarz Brothers Foundation seeking a helping hand

by Wendy G. Waldrep

Struggling with a debilitating disease is tough enough. But Ken and John Lysczarz managed to graduate with various degrees from Macomb Community College and Wayne State University, while also mounting a successful fund-raising campaign for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

Activities will include a picnic, baseball game and bowling tournament, along with a dinner dance that will include Las Vegas-style gambling. All proceeds will go to MDA.

In conjunction with the Clawson/Troy Elks Club and the Lysczarz Brothers Foundation, there will be an "Answer the Challenge" MDA benefit on June 3 and 4, 1995.

Detroit loses a generous supporter

by Wendy G. Waldrep

Whether it was free pumpkins, fruits or vegetables, Joe Shaya's generosity flowed into the community. Not content with just owning Farmer Zeke's Market in northwest Detroit, Joe sponsored children's baseball teams, donated money to church programs and block clubs, while also serving on an anti-violence committee in the predominantly African-American neighborhood.

Shaya, 50, came to the United States from Baghdad, Iraq in 1964 and worked in other grocery stores before purchasing Zeke's almost 30 years ago. He died July 23, 1994 after swerving to avoid an accident on the Lodge Freeway in Detroit.

Recently friends, neighbors and community leaders gathered to show their appreciation for his generosity towards the neighborhood that surrounded his store.

Organizers of the memorial service included U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Damon Keith, Detroit Councilman Gil Hill and Bishop David Ellis of Greater Grace Temple, where the ceremony was held.

"He was such an influential force in the community," Ellis said.

Shaya is survived by his wife Linda, two sons, Todd and Shannon, and a daughter, Shelby. The family has established the Joe Shaya Memorial Scholarship of $2,000 for college-bound urban students.

Albin Lysczarz, their father, was a member of the food industry for 44 years. Lysczarz started his career as a young boy in the meat department at Kroger on Chene and Lyman. Before retiring, he worked at A&P, Big Bear Markets, National Food Stores, and Chatham Supermarkets.

Lysczarz maintains that the happiest days and moments of his life were in the food industry. "The finest people in the world are the people in the food industry. I will never forget my last employment with Chatham. They always gave 102% for my two sons and the fund-raisers," says Lysczarz.

The Foundation is seeking donations of food products from AFD members. For further information, please call: MDA at (810) 228-0000 or Albin Lysczarz (517) 821-9792

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Formation of CPA's Association

A new organization, the Chaldean-American Association of Certified Public Accountants was recently formed. The formation of this association was due to the needs of the Arab and Chaldean community for guidance and advisement from its experts in the various areas of finance, investments, management and taxes. The main goals that this association will be striving to achieve are:

1. Providing the business community with recommendations and advice regarding the various aspects of investments, risks, savings and organization.
2. Providing collectively a scientific and independent opinion to various Arabic and Chaldean organizations, and offering help in resolving disputes between parties in the business community.
3. Arranging seminars and educational meetings to inform the public in general and business community in particular as to the periodic changes and new issues in the tax laws and economy in general.
4. Publishing articles in newspapers and magazines related to the businesses and arranging interviews through the television and radio network to update the community of any information that the members of the association feel are needed to make informed decisions.

Michigan Sugar names assistant sales manager

Michigan Sugar Co. named Anthony D. Moeggenberg assistant sales manager at its corporate headquarters in Saginaw. He will coordinate sugar, molasses and beet pulp sales with distributors, warehouse personnel, industrial and grocery customers. He will also coordinate a more detailed customer-service program.

Moeggenberg joined Michigan Sugar Co. in 1990 as a logistics analyst in the sales department. He was promoted to assistant manager of transportation and logistics in 1993. He holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a concentration in logistics management from Central Michigan University.

In 1994, Michigan Sugar Co. embarked on its 88th year of business. Michigan Sugar Co. is based in Saginaw, Michigan, and is the subsidiary of Savannah Foods & Industries, Savannah, Georgia.
By Jim Kipp
Acting Lottery Commissioner

Thanks to you, Michigan's school children hit the jackpot this year with Lottery revenue to the state School Aid Fund hitting an all-time record level of $511 million. That's $2.8 million for each school day for our children's education.

Michigan Lottery gross revenue reached an all-time record in fiscal year 1993-94 with sales soaring to more than $1.34 billion. Net revenue of $511 million, a nearly 20 percent increase over last year, will be transferred to the state School Aid Fund this year to help support K-12 public education.

Preliminary unaudited figures for fiscal year 1993-94 which ended September 30, show total Lottery sales at $1.343 billion, the highest ever in the Lottery's 22-year history. The previous record was set last fiscal year 1992-93, with Lottery sales at $1.243 billion.

Michigan Lottery retailers earned a record $89 million in sales commissions. Increased Lottery sales means increased store traffic and bigger profits for nearly 9,000 Michigan retailers who sell Lottery tickets. The Lottery is a win-win-win proposition for Michigan, for our school children, players and business.

Much of the increase in sales is due to the new marketing approach we've taken to marketing instant games. We introduced exciting new instant games, like "Bingo" with a top prize of $10,000 and "Wild Time" with a top prize of $20,000. These games were instantly popular with our players. Players enjoy having more choices and the new marketing approach has led to an increase in instant game sales of more than 50 percent.

Overall in fiscal 1993-94, players won $697.9 million in prizes. Our record year could not have been accomplished without the tremendous support of our retailers and the dedication of our Lottery staff.

The new fiscal year got off to an exciting start with a Michigan Lotto jackpot rolling to $16.6 million. A 53-year-old Detroit man who requested anonymity, won the jackpot, saying, "It's a miracle!" after winning the Michigan Lotto jackpot worth $16.6 million in the November 5 drawing.

"Instantly, I'm a multi-millionaire. It's a miracle," he said.

The winner will receive installments of $83,400 before taxes, each year for 20 years. A regular Lottery player for the past 22 years, he purchased his winning ticket at Superland Market on Schoolcraft in Detroit.

The Michigan Lottery will spend this month boosting the holiday gift promotion. The new "Holiday Cash" instant game is on sale at nearly 9,000 retailers statewide. The new $2 instant game, which is clad in bright holiday colors, offers players the chance to win up to 10 times on each ticket with a top prize of $25,000. As part of the holiday promotion, Michigan retailers will give away free specially designed Lottery gift cards which provide a unique way to package Michigan Lottery instant tickets as gifts.

The Lottery will run both television and radio ads on this promotion in December. In addition, the Lottery has provided retailers with colorful point-of-sale kits to promote "Holiday Cash" in their stores.

In addition, the Michigan Lottery will also introduce a $1 instant game in December, "Triple Cold Cash."

Players can win up to $1,500 in the new "Triple Cold Cash" instant game, which goes on sale on December 12 at Michigan Lottery retailers statewide. If players get three like symbols, they win the prize amount shown in the prize box. If players get two sets of three like symbols, they win double the prize amount. If players get three sets of three like symbols, they win triple the prize amount — "Triple Cold Cash!"

Wishing you and your families a safe, healthy and happy holiday season!

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