Transportation package passes

After weeks and months of proposals and counter proposals, political charges and counter charges, and, based upon hours of negotiations, a transportation funding package has been approved by both houses and will be signed by the Governor.

Under Senator Majority Leader Richard Posthumus (R-Alto) the Senate passed the four-cent increase in the motor fuel tax by a vote of 20 to 18. Speaker Curtis Hertel (D-Detroit) and Minority Leader Ken Sikkema (R-Grandville) led the victory in the House with a vote of 56 to 48. Both chambers passed the tax increase with the minimum number of votes needed for passage.

The key elements in the legislative package are:
1. Gas tax Four cents per gallon increase beginning August 1, 1997
   This will develop about $200 million per year for Michigan’s roads. This increase from 15 -19 cents is about average for surrounding states.
2. Truck fees Truck registration fee increases are calculated to generate about $43 million which will be used to pay off bonds of road projects already completed.

3. Budget Stabilization
   Fund $69 million in interest from the BSF which will be used this year for road repairs.
4. Tax Cuts
   • The personal exemption is increased by $200 from the current $2,500 per person to $2,700 beginning in 1998. This will save taxpayers $60 million.
   • The child care credit established a $600 per child deduction for children up to age six and a $300 deduction for children age seven to twelve. Total taxpayer savings estimated at $30 million.
   • College tuition tax credit increased the current credit from four percent to eight percent up to a maximum of $375. Taxpayers will save a total of $25 million.
5. Funding allocations The current road funding formula between state and local governments remains until the sunset date of September 30, 1998. This apportionment allocates 39 percent to the state, 39 percent to the counties and 22 percent to the remainder of the cities. If no legislative action occurs before the sunset, state and local governments will still get 80 percent of the funding they would have expected.

During the extended negotiations there were several areas that became sticking points. Chief among these was whether state or local governments control the money and therefore the maintenance of miles and miles of roads. In this regard a key item in the Governor’s proposal was his firm belief that the state should take control of 23,000 miles of federally funded roads now under local jurisdiction. This item was dropped as the parties progressed toward an agreement.

Another related snag came last week as the
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The fastest baggers in state showed their skills during the 1997 Michigan Best Bagger contest!

Alcoholic Beverages are BIG!

As summer steams by, beer, wine and liquor sales heat up. Read more about the beverage industry on page 10.

What do a barking frog, piranha, and two dogs have in common? They’re part of a tidal wave of alcopops hitting the market

Thanks to the exploding popularity of freezer cocktails and alcopops, sales of prepared cocktails and alcoholic carbonates jumped 37 percent worldwide in 1996 to $1.6 billion, according to The International Market for Prepared Cocktails and Alcoholic Carbonates, a new study by New York City-based research firm, Packaged Facts. That’s a sharp reversal from the 1992 to 1994 period when sales tumbled 27 percent.

The United States remains the hotbed for prepared cocktails, while the United Kingdom and Australia are at the forefront in alcoholic carbonates. Other markets are showing great promise including the European Union, Eastern Europe, the Pacific Rim and Latin America.
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Selling fake firearms is a real crime

by Joe Sarafa,
AFD Executive Director

The Detroit City Council recently informed me that some Detroit retail stores and gas stations are selling cigarette lighters that look alarmingly like pistols.

Please be aware that it is illegal to possess or to sell these facsimile firearms. If you have them, you must remove them from your shelves immediately; you are breaking the law.

A facsimile firearm is any replica of a shotgun, rifle, pistol or other similar device that looks like the real thing. This does not include toys that are easily distinguished from the real thing.

A toy gun is distinguished by its distinct color, exaggerated size or permanently affixed international blaze orange markings on the receiver portions and blaze orange plug at the muzzle end of the barrel.

According to Article 16 of the Detroit City code, any facsimile firearm that looks real and doesn’t have the blaze orange markings and plug is illegal to possess or to sell. Any person convicted of violating this article is guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of $100 to $500.

There are good reasons for this law. Think about it. What if a child is accustomed to having a lighter and picks it up and pretends to “shoot” with the gun he thinks is a lighter. The real gun is loaded and, well, you get the picture. These fake firearms are loaded with potential for harm. If one of these real-looking fakes gets into the wrong hands, it could be used to rob you, your store, the store down the street or some other innocent law-abiding citizen.

Please, if you have cigarette lighters that look like real pistols in your store, destroy them immediately. If you have questions about this, please call me at (248) 557-9600.

Thanks to MLCC Commissioners

On a separate note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank two Michigan Liquor Control Commissioners who are leaving the commission. Betty Pulliam, who has stepped down and Maxine Perry, who will leave in September, have contributed greatly to the commission. The AFD thanks them for their friendship, dedication and service to the industry and we wish them well.

Looking to Labor Day

AFD wishes all its members a very happy and safe Labor Day holiday. I also want to remind you that Labor Day is a holiday we celebrate as a break from our daily job. It’s also a good time to thank our employees for their hard work and service. Even though many of you will be open for business as usual on Labor Day, please remember to do something nice for your employees. A special “thank you” from the boss can do a lot for employee morale.

Your opinions are important to us! Call AFD at (248) 557-9600 or (800) 66-66AFD. Or write to us at 18470 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48075.
One-million-cookie tour visits 20 Detroit stores

The coast-to-coast “Big Cookie Tour” of Battle Creek, Michigan-based Archway Cookies, Inc. hit the streets and suburbs of Detroit last month in a brightly decorated Archway cookie-mobile full of cookies, samplers, games and giveaways. Costumed character “Archie the Baker” provided entertainment and cookies to local consumers.

The Archway cookie crew has been traveling the country since mid-June giving out cookies at an estimated rate of one every 11 seconds for a total of more than a million cookies nationwide. The tour will end in mid-August.

The Big Cookie Tour will be supported by trade promotion advertising and one of Archway’s traditionally successful promotional programs—a national sweepstakes offer. The Big Cookie Tour Sweepstakes, offered on the back panel of Archway’s cookie packages nationwide this summer, will award trips, luggage and other travel-related prizes to coincide with the cookie tour theme.

Founded in 1936, Archway Cookies, Inc. produces more than a billion cookies annually at two company-owned and four licensed bakeries throughout the country. Archway bakes more than 60 varieties of home style, gourmet, fat free and holiday cookies and is the nation’s leading oatmeal cookie maker.

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Guest Editorial

New services, reduced backlogs mark first year at consumer and industry services

by Kathleen M. Willmar
Director, Department of Consumer & Industry Services

Michigan’s newest department of state government celebrated its first year anniversary this past spring. Much has happened since the Governor signed Executive Order 1996-2 combining licensing and regulatory functions previously housed in five other departments.

By building on a foundation of service, Consumer & Industry Services is a new kind of licensing and regulatory agency. We take the Governor’s charge of putting service back into state government very seriously because we know our services touch every Michigan resident virtually every day.

In fact, many of our first year accomplishments center on our efforts to make government more user-friendly and using technology to effectively deliver quality services. These efforts include: successfully merging and consolidating programs from the Departments of Commerce, Labor, Social Services, Mental Health, and Public Health while providing seamless services and without hiring additional administrative staff; laying the foundation for centralized hearings so that administrative law hearings can be scheduled and heard more efficiently; reducing backlogs throughout the department; making the arts and cultural services more accessible to Michigan citizens and visitors by revamping the Arts and Cultural Partnership Program; completing plans aimed at improving nursing home care by implementing changes to Michigan’s enforcement process; transitioning fire safety inspections to CIS from State Police; moving forward on electric restructuring; using a new award winning computerized on-site inspections system at Michigan State Housing and Development Authority; and, finally, implementing new customer service options through the increased use of innovation and technology.

For example, just last week we unveiled new service options at the Corporation, Securities & Land Development Bureau. These options include:

- Key forms can now be accessed and downloaded via the Internet at: http://www.cis.state.mi.us/corp/
- Requests for record information, certified documents and certificates can be faxed to the bureau. There is a nominal fee for this service. For record information, the fax number is (517) 334-8329 for document copies and certification its (517) 334-7145.

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The Beverage Journal Holiday Show and the Kramer Food Show

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KRAMER FOOD COMPANY
Partnership formed to educate the public about food safety

A coalition of industry, government and consumer groups announced an ambitious, public-private partnership to educate Americans about safe food handling practices.

The effort was announced as Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala and Education Secretary Richard Riley joined six association CEOs in signing a formal Memorandum of Understanding that establishes the framework for the project.

The Partnership for Food Safety Education aims to develop consistent and memorable messages and a comprehensive education campaign to teach consumers about the dangers of foodborne illness and the importance of handling food properly.

The new campaign is funded by six industry organizations: The American Egg Board, American Meat Institute, Food Marketing Institute, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Industry Council on Food Safety/National Restaurant Association and the Produce Marketing Association. The Grocery Manufacturers of America has contributed to the effort, and fundraising efforts for the initiative are ongoing.

The campaign is part of a comprehensive food safety initiative reaching from farm to table. Its focus is on the need for consumers to handle and prepare food safely, either in their own homes or after purchasing carry-out foods in restaurants and retail establishments.

The Partnership came about in 1996, after an expert panel of physicians and academics convened by the AMI and FMI concluded that aggressive consumer education was one of the missing links in preventing foodborne illness. In a foreword to a paper titled "The Pressing Need for Food Safety Education," former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop wrote, "Already there is widespread consensus that education is the least expensive, yet most effective way to reduce foodborne disease...Thus, public education on safe food handling is not only logical, it is absolutely essential."

The report also cited mounting evidence from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which showed that a substantial portion of foodborne illnesses is entirely preventable.
"Up North" representative Pat Gagliardi crosses that bridge

By Kathy Blake

People know they’re entering God’s country when they cross the Mackinac Bridge into the Upper Peninsula. But for the people who live there, work, go to school and raise families, the beauty of the land is only skin deep. They must make a living off of this land too.

Representing their interests in Lansing is the job of Pat Gagliardi, state representative for the 107th District. His district includes the counties of Chippewa, Emmet, Luce, Mackinac and Schoolcraft.

It stretches from Drummond Island on the eastern tip of the Upper Peninsula west to within a few miles or so of Munising and down across the Straits of Mackinac to include the western tip of the northern Lower Peninsula, encompassing such contrasting venues as the wealthy summer homes of Harbor Springs and the comparatively modest villages of Chippewa County.

Although it is the largest House district in Michigan, taking three hours to traverse by car, it has no more people than other Michigan districts. Rep. Gagliardi wears out a car every two years driving around his district and commuting back and forth from Lansing to his home on Drummond Island every week.

The size of the district has a disadvantage when it comes to school budgets. Rep. Gagliardi represents districts that are at a disadvantage due to huge transportation costs, even though the per pupil spending is high. “In almost every one of my districts, children ride buses two hours one way every day. I think this is cruel and unusual punishment,” he said.

Gagliardi advocates revising the school aid formula to assist rural school districts that cover a large area with few students. Some school buses in the north end of the district must travel more than 100,000 miles a year.

The district’s economy is based on agriculture, tourism, forestry and mining. “Our economy revolves around our natural resources,” said Gagliardi. This often leads to conflicts with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which has a wide variety of regulatory power. “They manage the way we make money on our resources,” he said. “We’ve had problems where we’ve asked the DNR to do too much regulating—everything from clean air to waterways to forest products,” he added. He believes that in many cases, this is too much control.

One of the big contributors to the economy is the tourism industry. “I’ve been very active with the tourism industry. It’s near and dear to my heart because it’s a big industry where I live,” said the Representative. He helped design the original convention and visitors’ bureau legislation for providing information to tourists.

The people of Michigan wanted more money for education and roads and that’s what the summer legislative session, which ended late in mid-July, centered on. After finishing 15 budget bills, the battle was on the four-cent gas tax, which finally passed, and how the funds would be distributed.

Gagliardi has also been the House Democratic Floor Leader since 1989 and has represented the 107th district since 1982. As Majority Floor Leader, he determines which issues the House votes on when it is in session. For fall, campaign finance reform will be a hot issue. State contracting will be another, particularly liquor privatization, which Gagliardi has investigated as chairman of the House Oversight and Ethics Committee. “We need to take a look at where we think things have gone wrong. I don’t think the system should have changed at all. It was working well, people had service. It’s been privatized and now it’s not working well,” said Gagliardi.

The Representative serves on several other committees: Legislative Council, House Fiscal Agency Governing Board and the Capitol Committee. The latter is comprised of four members each of the house, executive branch and the senate. “I’ve been involved with the Capitol Committee since its inception. It’s been a wonderful process to be involved with restoring a significant historical site,” Gagliardi said.

As a member of the Legislative Council, he helps oversee the state library, the legislative service bureau and print shop. The House Fiscal Agency Governing Board oversees the agency that provides House members with information on the state budget and predicts the tax revenues that the budget is based on.

Born in 1950, Gagliardi graduated from Midland High School. He became interested in politics at a young age through his father, a keen student of current events. Pat received his bachelor’s degree in sociology at Lake Superior State University in 1974 and moved to Drummond Island, entering the real estate business. While in college, he became friends with Mitch Irwin, a Democrat who became state senator for the 37th District in 1978, breaking a Republican tradition for the area. Gagliardi was elected to the Chippewa County Commission that year. “I ran for county commission in an area that had never had a Democratic county commissioner,” said Gagliardi. He lost a race for the 1980 state representative seat against incumbent Charles Varnum. Varnum retired in 1982, and Gagliardi won the seat in a tight victory over Bob Davis, Jr., son of a former U.S. representative.

Rep. Gagliardi is a member of the Lions International, Drummond Island Chamber of Commerce, American Diabetes Association, Moose Lodge 999, Elks Club, and the Christopher Columbus Society. He has received many awards of distinction yet considers his greatest accolade is to be elected by the people. “The greatest award is to have people say yes, we want you to do it, in elections,” he said emphatically. He spends a lot of effort to get public support and input. “The job of a representative is to represent first and last second. You have to get the support of the public, otherwise you won’t get into office,” he added.

Gagliardi is married to Debra, an attorney and they live on Drummond Island. He has four daughters, Adele (22), Lisa (20), Laura (7), and Michelle (5).

Having a home on the lake provides lots of entertainment for his family. Gagliardi enjoys hunting and the whole family is active in boating, swimming, fishing, and golf in the summer and skiing and snowmobiling in the winter. Representative Gagliardi certainly loves the land where he lives and represents, Up North, over the bridge, in God’s country.
Journal Holiday Show has joined Journal Holiday Company to hold shows side-by-side in the Novi Expo Center on September 7 and 8.

Over 100 booths will be on display at the 13th annual Beverage Journal Holiday Show, presenting the latest products to hit the market. At the show, licensees can pre-order special holiday gift sets which are often offered at limited quantities. For more information, call the Beverage Journal at 1-800-929-2896.

St. Ides introduces Gold Premium Beer
The St. Ides family of brands, of San Francisco, California, has built a reputation producing and marketing quality, great tasting beverage products. Now St. Ides introduces a new alternative for mainstream beer drinkers - a high quality, traditionally brewed, light lager called Gold Premium. The beer is priced to give value to consumers and improved profits to retail.

Gold brand has been built around a sports theme, celebrating champions. Gold Premium Beer was the exclusive sponsor of The Sound and The Fury: Tyson-Holyfield II, Fight Night, June 28.

St. Ides has formed a partnership with Stroh's in Detroit to produce the beer locally. Gold comes in 12-ounce cans and bottles; and 20- and 40-ounce bottles and is available from your Stroh's distributor.

The Shipyard adds Single Hop IPA to family of beers
The Shipyard Brewing Co. is reaching across the Atlantic for inspiration as it sets sail with its newest brew, The Shipyard Fuggles IPA, The Single Hop India Pale Ale.

Single hop ales are popular in the U.K. and seem destined for popularity in the States. In the U.S., single malt scotch is known for its high quality and superior taste and the same can be said for single hop ales. The Shipyard’s British co-founder and Master Brewer, Alan Pugsley, thinks American specialty beer fans will enjoy this rich, drinkable taste. Named for the hop that provides the beer with its smooth, dry and crisp flavor, Fuggles IPA is the first single hop beer marketed in the U.S. It is highly hopped, with an inviting light copper color, a floral aroma, and an apple/plum palate.

With the introduction of our Fuggles IPA, The Shipyard is hoping to create a new niche by selling a beer based on an individual hop flavor. Fuggles IPA is a traditional English-style ale, with English malts and flavored with only a single hop, also imported from England.

In partnership with local Maine business man, Fred Forsley, Pugsley founded The Shipyard in 1992. Together, they have created a family of beers that combine authentic British techniques and styles with historic overtones. This special commemorative design showcases the brewery’s heritage and Northwoods tradition. “The Pride Of Chippewa Falls, WI” is prominently written across the top of all cases and labels to reference the beer’s first moniker. When the beer was introduced, it was called Chippewa’s Pride. Then after the repeal of Prohibition in 1933 it was named Leinenkugel’s Chippewa Pride.

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Their ancestor Jacob Leinenkugel, began brewing Leinenkugel’s beer in 1867 and after much discussion, his descendants decided the best way to honor his legacy would be showcasing the brand that he brewed first. In fact, the recipe itself is over 130 years old because Jacob learned it from his brewmaster father, Matthias!

Today, 130 years later, the beer, Leinenkugel’s Original is more popular than ever and the Jacob Leinenkugel Brewery has prospered as well. Leinenkugel’s beer is currently available in 24 states.

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Wild Orchard scores juicy “palace” coup
Quality Juice & Beverage Corporation announced that Wild Orchard Fruit Juice has been designated “official fruit juice” of the Palace of Auburn Hills. Three of Wild Orchard’s 100 percent fruit juice flavors: Aardvark Apple, Great White Grapefruit and Alligator Orange will be sold at four permanent concessions at the Palace.

Quality Juice & Beverage Corp. and Pointe Dairy Services (distributor of Wild Orchard) can be reached by calling (248) 589-7700.
The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has announced that effective June 16, 1997, the maximum penalty for failure to post the notice required by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and its American Disabilities Act will be a civil money fine of $110 per violation. This is an increase from the prior $100 for each separate offense. Every employer covered by Title VII or the American Disabilities Act is required to post the notice, “Equal Employment Opportunity is the Law.” Federal law was recently amended to require federal agencies to make inflationary adjustments for all civil money penalties at least every four years. Retailers and wholesalers should check to be sure that required notices are posted to avoid unnecessary and costly fines, and if not displayed, federal and state posters can be ordered through AFD. The cost of the posters are $5.00 for AFD members and $8.00 for non-members. Please call the AFD office at (248) 557-9600 to order your poster.

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Prohibition brings ice cream to Michigan

by Danielle MacDonald

The Stroh family started brewing beer in Detroit in 1849 and started producing premium ice cream in 1918. They began to manufacture premium ice cream in order to survive prohibition. The family already owned refrigeration equipment so ice cream was a natural choice. The first Stroh’s Ice Cream was delivered on June 1, 1919 and was a major factor in keeping the company solvent throughout the prohibition years.

Stroh’s Ice Cream was a very profitable business venture over the years lasting well beyond prohibition. Beer was also a major factor for the Stroh’s, and after prohibition they began to brew quality products again. It was not until 1990 that the Stroh family decided to focus solely on their original niche of brewing great beer. A friend of the family, Stuart Giller, purchased the Stroh Companies Ice Cream Division in 1990.

The Ice Cream Division was selling 1.5 million gallons of ice cream in 1990, with 80 percent of its business in bulk parlours and 20 percent in retail outlets. Ice Cream parlours are very seasonal so Giller began to target retail outlets. In just one years, business increased by 50 percent. Today, 80 percent of the business is retail and 20 percent is bulk; annual production is over four million gallons.

In 1996, Giller’s former president retired so he recruited his son Gary to become president of Stroh’ Ice Cream. “My dad was successful at Stroh’s because of three things: he is a team builder, he has a good mind for consumer promotions, and he know how to bring the right mix of people together.”

Just as his father made some innovative changes, Gary brought his unique touch to Stroh’s Ice Cream. “We do some things very well, for example our sales force is outstanding,” explained Giller. “But our packaging needed a face lift. Every package was different making name recognition very hard.” Giller standardized all Stroh’s packaging to make each brand a recognizable family.

In January 1996, Giller purchased the name and assets of Nafziger’s Ice Cream Company and moved the production to Detroit. “The Nafziger line is similar in product positioning and in product lines so it was a great addition to the Stroh’s and Mooney ice cream family,” said Giller. Mooney’s Ice Cream was purchased by Stroh’s in 1986. To continue making good business decisions, Giller keeps a watchful eye on the industry trends.

“Consumers are moving away from low fat products and we are seeing an increase in consumption of full-fat ice cream,” explained Giller. With that in mind, Stroh’s joined forces with Sanders in 1997 to create a blend of extra premium Stroh’s Ice Cream with top quality Sanders ingredients. Sanders has been a Detroit tradition since 1875, known best for their hot fudge sundae toppings.

The newly created flavors, which capture the old-time Sanders favorite tastes are Bumpy Cake ’N Cream, Hot Fudge Sundae, Butterscotch Caramel Sundae, Old Fashioned Vanilla, Cookies ’N Cream, Double Fudge Brownie, Pralines ’N Cream and Old Fashioned Butter Pecan. “People want to reward themselves, and low fat really doesn’t taste the same. Therefore, we viewed this as the right time and the perfect opportunity,” said Giller.

“This is a unique product that no one else can produce,” explained Giller. “We have an exclusive agreement with Sanders.” According to Giller, the Stroh’s/Sanders combination called Stroh’s Home Made, will have full distribution by the end of the third quarter which is amazing for a new product.

Giller’s goal is for Stroh’s to be the leader in every category. He has taken great strides in this direction and accomplished many things over the past year. Although his first few months on the job were not as enjoyable. “The main ingredient in ice cream is cream. Soon after I began working at Stroh’s, cream prices increased by 80 percent, nearly crippling the industry.”

Cream prices have since gone down, but Giller wants to ensure that his company is not at the mercy of the economy. He is leasing an additional 20,000 acres of refrigerated space right next to their existing 54,000 square foot manufacturing plant in Detroit. “This will make our distribution more efficient. We can buy cream in larger quantities and store more finished product.”

Giller describes himself as fanatic about quality. He is out at the product line several times a day. “All products are reviewed quarterly and if they do not meet our standards, they are eliminated.” It is no surprise that the Stroh brand of ice cream is the number one seller in Detroit. “We have a high quality product that is priced competitively,” explained Giller. “And we have kept the old fashioned tradition of making ice cream that was introduced by the Stroh family in 1918.” Stroh’s products are the only vat-pasteurized premium ice creams that are produced and sold in Michigan.

Vat-pasteurization is an old fashioned, 45 minute, slow cooking method in a stainless steel kettle. Most other premium ice cream producers use the five minute, high temperature, short time cooking method. “Any product that is cooked at a high temperature for a short time will not taste as good as a product that is cooked slowly at a low temperature over a longer period of time. Ice cream is no exception,” explained Giller.

Stroh’s is a DSD distributor that produces over 150 flavors of Stroh’s, Mooney’s and Nafziger’s premium ice cream all of which are vat-pasteurized.

Giller’s business philosophy is to “stay close to what you know. Don’t move away from your niche.” With the number one selling ice cream in Detroit and a new product that is the talk of the industry, it will not be hard for Giller to focus on what he does best--make good premium ice cream.
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Guest Editorial

Tobacco Stamp legislation still needs work

by Polly Reber, President Michigan Distributors and Vendors Association

The article in the July 1997 issue of the AFD Food and Beverage Report regarding the Department of Treasury’s cigarette stamping proposal for the state of Michigan left out the most critical pieces of information for Michigan’s wholesale and retail sales community.

Although it may look as though the Administration is finally going to do something about the cigarette smuggling crisis, as we all know, “the devil’s in the details.” It will do us no good if we are mandated to comply with regulations which put us out of the cigarette business altogether. As small retailers, you know how important your cigarette sales are to your bottom line. Retailers and wholesalers market a legal product and collect millions of dollars in taxes for the state!

The press release issued by the Department of Treasury on May 29, stated that the Department would implement a stamping program on November 1, by issuing revenue bulletins beginning in 30 days. It is important to note that there has been no legislation passed which would give the Department the necessary authority to do this. Further, the Department is creating this very complicated and complex program which will have vast implications for both the cigarette wholesales and retail businesses, in a vacuum. They are not working with the industries involved, nor crafting Michigan’s program similar to that of other states. And they are attempting to do this with no legislative oversight or accountability of any kind.

Retailer groups and the Michigan Distributors and Vendors Association have worked very hard over the past two years with the Michigan legislature to create a reasonable, responsible and effective cigarette stamping program for the state. Although we would argue that a cigarette tax roll-back is the only guaranteed solution to Michigan’s cigarette smuggling crisis, we understand that there is little chance of the legislature passing a tax roll-back.

Therefore, beginning in 1995, with Senator Carl’s Cigarette Smuggling Task Force, we have participated and negotiated in good faith on various drafts of stamping legislation. We have supported every bill which has moved through the House and Senate. Twice, stamping bills have moved through either the full House or Senate and twice at the eleventh hour the Administration stepped in and killed the deal by threatening to veto. The Michigan Distributors and Vendors Association continues to support S.B. 101, Senator Carl’s bill to implement cigarette stamping. We believe this is a responsible approach to attempt to address the cigarette smuggling crisis in Michigan.

There are many critical questions to be addressed when creating a workable stamping program. To date, none of these...
have been answered in the Department of Treasury proposal:
- Where and when will stamps be available?
- How will they be acquired?
- When will the tax payment be due to the state?
- When will the tax payment be due from the retailer?
- Where on the pack must the stamp be applied?
- How must the pack be displayed in the retail establishment?
- How will wholesalers' costs of affixing the stamps be compensated?
- How much time will the wholesalers have to begin a stamping operation?
- How much time will the retailers have to sell down unstamped product?

The answer to each and every one of these questions and the many more need detailed answers. An ill-conceived stamping program can have a profound effect on the financial picture of Michigan's cigarette sales and your business! We have no idea what Treasury's stamping program will look like or how far they will go with cigarette sales regulations. We have seen nothing more than the May 29 press release. It is frightening to think that they could do whatever they want to tobacco wholesalers and retailers with simply the issuance of revenue bulletins.

The Michigan Distributors and Vendors Association opposes the proposal from the Department of Treasury. Last week, both the House and the Senate denied a $1.2 million appropriation to the bureaucrats at Treasury to begin their stamping proposal. During the debate on the Senate floor, Senator Dunaskiss pointed out that without a clear legislative mandate, Treasury has no business asking for $1.2 million to implement a stamping program. We agree with the Michigan legislature: cigarette stamp enabling legislation must come first. We would urge the Department of Treasury to work with the legislature and the interested parties to resolve this critical problem.

On Monday, July 7, Southfield's QUAD and Cuna buildings were leveled to make way for a new Colonial Williamsburg-style neighborhood retail center as part of the Southfield Downtown Development Authority's ongoing vision for redevelopment and renovation. Located at the southwest corner of Greenfield Road and Mt. Vernon (9 1/2 Mile Road), the shopping center will provide needed services to those living in the area, as well as an improved appearance. The new 120,000 square-foot shopping center will include a 60,000 square-foot independent supermarket, owned by Fred Najor.

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Our 25th anniversary year is a perfect time to reflect on the strides we’ve made and the goals we’ll soon reach. Currently we’re on pace to achieve sales of $1.6 billion to $1.7 billion—no small feat on the heels of last year’s record $1.42 billion!

The success attained by the Lottery in this banner year is a direct result of effort—effort on the part of our more than 9,000 lottery retailers statewide. Every day you make the difference, and this year it looks to pay off to the tune of more than $118 million commissions.

There are many good things to share with your Lottery customers in the coming weeks. Everyone a winner this year, and here are just a few of the reasons why we’ll wrap up a strong ’97 and head into ’98 in excellent shape.

Michigan Lotto Cash Option
With this new feature for Michigan Lotto, your customers can now choose to receive a jackpot prize in one lump sum or in 25 annual installments. The cash option has long been sought by Michigan Lottery players, and now it’s here. Remind your Lotto customers to choose their payment option at the time of ticket purchase; if no choice is made, the 25 year annuity payment is automatically selected.

The benefits of the Lotto cash option are many: players get to choose the payment method that suits them best; jackpots will be larger and likely to roll higher more quickly; and, best of all, new and lapsed Lotto players are sure to be attracted by the chance to win it all at once.

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In July, more than 3.1 million Michigan households received “Buy One, Get One Free” coupons, entitling the bearer to a free $1 Michigan Lottery instant ticket when a $1 ticket is purchased. The promotion is sure to bring in additional business to your stores, so be sure to save the coupons turned in by your players. You will receive $1 credit for each valid coupon turned in.

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Legislative Update

New bill for equal tax treatment for commercial businesses operated by Native Americans

A new bill (H.R. 1554) extends the unrelated business income tax (UBIT) to income earned by an Indian tribe or any corporate entity that is tax-immune or tax-exempt by reason of being owned by an Indian tribe.

This bill makes an exception for Indian tribal organizations which receive more than half of their income from members of the Indian tribe involved and which do not compete with any trade or business subject to the UBIT. This will protect activities which are predominantly intended to support the tribal operation while subjecting non-tribal activities to the same tax treatment as other businesses.

Under the bill, if an Indian tribe is required by federal, state or local law to use any portion of the net proceeds of any type of commercial activities for charitable or other specified purposes, any portion so used may be deductible only as a charitable contribution and (under present law sec. 512(b)(10), such deduction may not exceed the 10 percent limitation.

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MLCC continues “Controlled Buy” operations

by Ginny Bennett

At the Michigan Liquor Control Commission’s monthly meeting, Randy Martin, Director of Enforcement, reported that decoy operations using 18- and 19-year-old students continue. The controlled buy attempts to purchase alcoholic beverages by minors began in March, 1997. It was anticipated that the Enforcement Division’s decoy operations would result in 70 to 100 violations per month.

Over the last few months there appear to have been an improvement, since the rate of sale to minor violations has gone from 33 percent of licensed establishments being cited in March to 19 percent as of June. The overall percentage rate stands at 27 percent.

“I hope they (decoy operations) are having a positive effect and that the percentage rate will continue to decline in the future,” says Martin.

The penalty for a first offense sale to a minor may be $400.00 with greater emphasis on suspensions for repeat offenders.

The table below shows the number of stops, the number of violations and the percentage of violations per number of stops. In May the Enforcement Division began keeping track of the number of licensees who asked for ID and still sold to the underage purchaser. For both May and June this percentage was at least 50 percent.

TOTAL 1997 MLCC OPERATIONS

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Repeal of special occupational tax

In May, Rep. George Radanovich (R-CA) introduced H.R. 1620 “The Occupational Tax Equity Act of 1997” which seeks a total repeal of the Special Occupation Tax (SOT) on retailers, wholesalers and suppliers and other servers and sellers of alcoholic beverages.

The Coalition to Eliminate the Special Occupational Tax (CESOT), which is comprised of representatives from a variety of industry and business organizations, was established and is working closely with Radanovich’s office in the effort to pass legislation which would eliminate the SOT during the 105th Congress. –NABR

NACS meets with OSHA on violence guidelines

NACS met with high-ranking representatives from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) on their proposed workplace violence guidelines. NACS reiterated our opposition to several of the OSHA proposals such as two clerks, bullet resistant barriers, and armed guards as premature since these recommendations are currently under study by OSHA’s research arm, the National Institutes of

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One attribute that sets the Centsible Super Saver apart from other coupon inserts is that for the second year, all coupons will be over 50 cents.

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The Associated Food Dealers of Michigan in cooperation with its Chaldean Merchants in Detroit and Councilman Gil Hill host their 7th annual Senior’s Picnic on August 21

Seven years ago, John Loussia from Value Wholesale, and Councilman Gil Hill started an annual tradition of thanking seniors for their dedicated patronage of the food and beverage industry. The first Senior’s Appreciation Day Picnic was held in the parking lot of Home Pride Market. "Our lot was overflowing with people. There was not enough room for all the seniors so we moved to Belle Isle and now we have over 3,000 seniors attend our picnic every year," said Loussia. "The seniors anxiously await this event every year," explained Councilman Gil Hill. "In fact, they start calling us for tickets in January!" The Associated Food Dealers is also very proud to take part in this charitable event. "The picnic is our retailers way of saying thanks to Detroit’s senior citizens, who have been loyal customers for many, many years," said Joe Sarafa, AFD executive director.

Loussia explained that the Chaldean Merchants volunteer their time at the event and donate all of the product which includes over 6,000 hot dogs and 300 cases of pop. Ricky Farida from Greenfield Market volunteers every year to grill hot dogs for the hungry seniors. "This event helps unite the community with the retailers by maintaining a sound relationship with the people of the city," said Farida. Other retailer volunteers include: Home Pride Market, Mayfair Market, Pioneer Food Center, Value Save, New Super Fair Foods, Value Center and Old Redford Food Center, to name a few. Councilman Gil Hill’s office also helps recruit volunteers such as the Junior Police Cadets and the Ameritech Senior Volunteers.

"This year the seniors will enjoy square dancing lessons and the melodious sounds of the Ron Jackson Jazz Trio," explained Shawn Turner, administrative assistant for Hill. In addition, Hill and his staff are in charge of inviting all of the seniors to the picnic site. They also have emergency medical services set up in a tent at the picnic to provide blood pressure testing for the seniors and an ambulance in case of emergencies. Finally, Hill’s staff coordinates the city departments to set up the picnic tables.

The theme for the picnic is “Business and Community Together.” Paul George from Mayfair Market sums up the Senior’s Picnic best. "As a merchant in Detroit, we need to give back to the community, plus it is really fun to see the seniors having such a great time." If you are interested in making a donation or volunteering your time, please contact John Loussia at Value Wholesale at (810) 967-2900. “We really enjoy saying thank you to our seniors,” said both Loussia and Hill.
New store a symbol of city's renewal

by Ginny Bennett

Food Giant is a completely new, 27,000-square-foot Spartan supermarket on Greenfield Road, between Schoolcraft and Grand River, replacing one lost to a devastating fire in 1995. In owner Sam Denha's eyes, the beautiful new store is a symbol of the rebirth of Detroit and he is happy to be doing business once again in the city as it comes back to life. Sam Denha and his brothers Jerry, George and Sal bought the store in 1984. It was formerly a Great Scott.

Although the fire was catastrophic, the brothers were determined to rebuild — and rebuild it they did — from the sewer up. Or at least that is how it seemed. Faced with the outdated infrastructure in the surrounding neighborhood, getting permits to build again was a challenge. Finally, with sewers as part of the package, the building permits were issued.

Their neighbors can be thankful for more than new sewers. The new store is beautiful. Up to seventy percent of their employees come from the neighborhood.

Like many retailers, the Denhas believe in providing good service to customers. The brothers go beyond giving good service, they also give generously to the neighborhood organizations that are active in the area. During this interview the brothers were visited by Mary Cocanougher, a member of the Burns-Cooley Community Council, working in partnership with the Harmony Village Health Initiative. This time the brothers were donating food and paper goods for the Community Health Extravaganza, the first event in a community-wide program that began in February. Enticed by a parade and hot dogs and pop, 1500 participants were entertained and celebrated being part of the Harmony Village neighborhood.

Cocanougher expressed her appreciation to the Denhas and went on to say that the whole area has a lot to thank the brothers for. "Anytime there is a community or church event, everyone asks Food Giant for a contribution. Offering hot dogs or pop is a big part of the success of an event. It helps ensure that lots of people will come," says Mary. "What is good for our neighborhood works for us, too," says Sam Denha.

"Affiliating with Spartan was a good thing, too," Sam and Jerry agree. First, they commissioned Spartan's Retail Development Department to do a market study that supported the Detroit inner-city re-development project. Then, the brothers didn't take any shortcuts when it came to the design of the building, either. They hired an architect to work closely with Spartan on the building's interior plan.

State-of-the-art, the upscale store has a 70-foot triple deck fresh meat case that offers "Giant Buy" packaging. The in-store deli anticipates the needs of shoppers looking for home meal replacement, ready-to-eat products and "take home meal" solutions. There is a floral department and plenty of space is devoted to fresh produce, including packaged salad mixes and freshly cut, ready-to-eat fruits and vegetables. This city store has every amenity offered to suburban shoppers.

Undertaking this major investment in the inner city was no small feat for the brothers. Would Sam recommend that other retailers make this kind of investment in the city? "Well, yes," he said smiling, "just not too close by!"
Michigan’s grocery bagging elite go head-to-head in pursuit of state title, scholarship, shopping spree and trip to the national competition

The state’s top grocery store baggers competed in Southfield at the Tel/Twelve Mall on Monday, June 30, for the coveted title of “Michigan Best Bagger.”

The competition was hosted by the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan (AFD) and the Michigan Grocers Association (MGA). Grocery stores across the state entered their most accomplished baggers. The competition requires finely tuned skills and a clever strategy.

Cameras flashed. TV crews and reporters swarmed the stage as the contestants took their places.

After two bag off’s, Tim Staggs of Village Market Food Centers in Paw Paw took the championship, a $500 scholarship, a $300 shopping spree and an all expense-paid trip to the national finals in Las Vegas.

Second place winner was Robert Bailer of Glen’s Market in Cheboygan and third place was Jamie Keoshian of Central Shop-Rite in Caro. Congratulations to all contestants and winners!

Celebrity judges Gene (the Bagman) Taylor from WOMC FM (top) and David Scott from WUPN TV took their turn at the check-out stands.

Cheering squads rooted for their hometown favorite.

Winner Tim Staggs
Second Place Robert Bailer (top) and third place Jamie Keoshian

Contestants watched eagerly
Kate E. Huetteman
Submitted by: UBC Marketing, Inc. Sponsor: Detroit Edison
Kate will be a freshman at University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana and is planning to major in government. She was honored as a National Merit Finalist, and received the Brown University Book Award, the Rensselaer and the Polytechnic Institute Medal. In high school Kate was the Varsity Debate captain, and the Varsity Swim Team captain. She graduated from high school third in a class of 385. She was also a nominee for Athlete of the Year and was a Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar.

Nancy C. Kindraka
Submitted by: Hiram Walker & Sons, Inc. Sponsor: R.M. Gilligan
Attending Michigan State University as a freshman, Nancy will major in Chemical Engineering and French. She graduated from Plymouth Canton High School where she participated in choir and piano. She made the principal’s Honor Roll, received the President’s Award for Educational Excellence, and was given the Phi Beta Kappa certificate of Recognition. Nancy was accepted into the Honor’s College, and was also an Alumni Distinguished Scholarship participant. Nancy was active with her Church Youth group in projects for Habitat for Humanity.

Laura S. Ackerman
Submitted by: Nash Finch/ Super Foods Sponsor: Philip Morris USA
Laura graduated from Heritage High School in Saginaw, and is now planning to major in Environmental Studies at Western Michigan University. While attending school she was on the principal’s Honor Roll and was National Merit Commended. During school she competed on the varsity swimming team, and the varsity softball team.

Jennifer L. Troyer
Submitted by: Troyer’s Super Value Sponsor: Frito-Lay
Graduated from White Pigeon High School in White Pigeon. Jennifer was valedictorian of her class. She was President, Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) President, and Youth in Government Vice-President. She participated in Science Olympiad, Quiz Bowl, and the Junior Engineering Technical Society. She was honored as the National Honor Society treasurer. Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, Fourth-year Award of Academic Excellence, the US Marine Corps. Stars and Stripes Award and numerous others.

Adam G. Zuwerink
Submitted by: Gerber Products Sponsor: AirTouch Cellular
Adam plans to major in Astronomy and Physics at University of Michigan. He graduated from Fremont High School in Fremont where he participated in track and field, football, golf, and quiz bowl. A National Honor Society member, Adam was salutatorian of his class.
Mandi M. Wolters
Submitted by: Brooks Beverage
Mgmt. Sponsor: 7-UP Detroit

A graduate from Holland Christian High School, Mandi attends Calvin College in Grand Rapids, where she is a sophomore majoring in English. Mandi was a National Merit Commended Scholar and she was also a member of the National Honor Society. For fun, she plays tennis and is involved in Dutch Dance.

Donielle T. Dodde
Submitted by: Spartan Stores, Inc.

Donielle, a junior at St. Mary’s College of Grand Rapids, is majoring in economics and business administration. She graduated Magna Cum Laude and Top Ten in her class at Grand Rapids Catholic Central. Donielle was in the National Honor Society and participated in the high school band. She was a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient, Mackinac Island Honor Scout, and a Junior Achievement award winner. Donielle was also honored with the Presidential Merit Scholarship.

Amanda M. Jensen
Submitted by: Jensen’s Party Mart
Sponsor: Brown-Forman Beverages

Amanda will be a freshman in college planning to major in music or communications. She participated in Varsity Volleyball (Scholar Athlete Award, Sportsmanship Award, Co-Captain), band, choir, Honor Society, French Club, Key Club, and was a Junior Rotarian. Amanda was also the yearbook editor, and Student of the Month.

John S. Haviland
Submitted by: VG’s Food Center
Sponsor: Paul Inman Associates

A freshman at University of Michigan College of Engineering, John is majoring in engineering. He was a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, Scholar-Athlete, Exemplary Scholar, Quiz Bowl Conference All-Star, and he participated in football and varsity track.

Julie A. Martin
Submitted by: Monitor Sugar Company, Bay City
Sponsor: Kowalski Companies

Julie graduated from Central High School in Bay City. Julie will be a Freshman at Northern Michigan University. She plans to major in environmental science-ecology. Julie was a representative at Michigan American Legion Auxiliary Girls’ State, and a National Merit Commended Student. She participated in the National Honor Society, Junior Varsity Volleyball, and Softball, and the “Big Sister” program.

Julie A. Swando
Submitted by: Oak Ridge Market
Sponsor: Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Michigan

Julie will be a Freshman at CMU, majoring in psychology or journalism. She was a Phi Beta Kappa honoree, was on the principal’s list for four years, and was a National Honor Society member, a Varsity Club officer, participated in student government, and pitched for the varsity softball team. Julie also volunteered for numerous charities.

Jessica M. Kattula
Submitted by: Fox Hills Market
Sponsor: Kramer Food Company

A sophomore at University of Michigan, Jessica is majoring in engineering. She was honored with an AP Scholar Award, English Honor Award, and she was in National Honor Society, varsity golf, and varsity tennis.

Ebony R. McDuffie
Submitted by: Faygo Beverages, Detroit
Sponsor: Faygo Beverages

Ebony graduated from Cass Technical and will be a freshman at University of Michigan.
Cornell University majoring in pre-medicine. She was a National Honor Society member, a cheerleader, and participated in SADD, and academic games.

Himani P. Patel
Submitted by: Dunkin’ Donuts
Sponsor: Pepsi-Cola

Himani, a sophomore at U of M, plans to major in economics and mathematics. She was in varsity soccer, marching band, Academic Team, and Spanish Club. She was Valedictorian of her class and received the President's Award for Excellence. Himani was honored with departmental awards for English, Spanish, math, band, & science.

Nader I. Salah
Submitted by: Livonia Drugs Inc.
Sponsor: Action Distributing

Nader graduated from Churchill High School in Livonia, Cum Laude, and will be a freshman at U of M. He plans on majoring in civil engineering. Nader was on the Honor Roll, played varsity tennis for 4 years, and he was also named Outstanding Citizen.

Penni R. Howard
Submitted by: Pizza Hut, Inc.
Sponsor: Miller Brewing Company

Penni graduated from Renaissance High School and will be a freshman at U of M, majoring in computer science. He was on the Dean’s List his fall semester. Jason also enjoys sports, technology, and being around family & friends.

Ebony S. Reed
Submitted by: Kroger Co., Alex Bell Memorial Scholarship

A sophomore at the University of Missouri, Ebony is majoring in journalism. She was the 1996 National High School Journalist of the Year and in 1996 was a top 12 national finalist for Ms Teenage America. Now Ebony is the dorm secretary, a McNair Scholar, and a writer for the campus Publican.

Corey L. Lewis
Submitted by: J&J Food Centers
Sponsor: Hubert Distributors

Corey plans to major in mechanical engineering as a freshman at North Carolina State University. He was a National Honor Society member, on the honor roll for 4 years, nominated to the Young Leaders of America Conference, he spent 2 years in the General Motors Technical Academy, and won second place in Cranbrook’s Math & Science Research Project. Corey took part in football, Student Senate, basketball, baseball, bowling and he is a member of Pontiac Northern’s Chief Delpha Competition Team.

Stephanie M. Lousia
Submitted by: Value Wholesale
Sponsor: Petitpren Inc.

Stephanie, a sophomore at Central Michigan University, is majoring in sports medicine. She graduated from St. Agatha High School, Magna Cum Laude, and

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participated in softball and volleyball. She also received an American Legion Award. Stephanie is on the Dean’s Student Advisory Council at her college. In 1996 she was an Olympic Games volunteer.

Jermaine R. Jones
Submitted by: NAACP
Sponsor: Melody Farms/Midwest Wholesale

Jermaine will major in computers. He attended MacKenzie High School in Detroit and was a member of Junior Office Training Society (J.O.T.S) and Business Professionals of America (BPA).

Crystal C. Kavah
Submitted by: Checker Drugs & Food Sponsor: General Wine & Liquor Company

Entering as a Freshman at University of Michigan, Dearborn. Crystal plans to major in secondary English education. In high school she was on the honor roll, in the National Honor Society, received the Leadership Award, and the #1 Student Award. Crystal also was part of the technical crew for school musicals, and chief makeup artist. While in high school she was awarded the Distinguished Student Leader Medallian from U of M, Dearborn.

Chicara J. Brassell
Submitted by: NAACP Sponsor: Seagram Americas

Chicara plans on going to Wayne State University. She has published a book of prose and poetry entitled Dreamin and is working on two other books entitled Black Tears and The Sound of Air Falling. Chicara has also been employed at Munger Middle School as a secretarial assistant and at the Detroit Free Press as a journalist apprentice and the graphic artist. She has also appeared in educational documentaries and was the soloist for eighth grade graduation from Munger Middle School of which she was voted class president.

Rachel Kado
Submitted by: Chaldean Federation of America Sponsor: Foodland Distributors

Graduating from West Bloomfield High School with a 4.2 average, Rachel will attend Wayne State University in pre-med. Among her accomplishments, she won WSU’s Presidential Scholarship, Phi Beta Cappa Award, and Our Lady of the Lake Outstanding Freshman Scholarship award. Rachel was a staff writer for her high school paper and won a tri-state award for investigative writing. She also served on the Principal’s advisory committee and student government.

On December 19, 1995, representatives of every major retail organization in America announced the largest effort ever to reduce youth smoking. More than 150,000 retailers nationwide have joined forces through the Coalition for Responsible Tobacco Retailing to prevent the sale of tobacco products to kids.

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America’s thirst for craft and specialty beer continues

The craft and specialty beer market has been growing at an explosive rate. In fact, it is the fastest growing segment of the domestic beer business, according to The Market for Craft and Specialty Beer, a timely new report from the New York City-based consulting and research firm, FIND/SVP. In 1986, breweries shipped just 127,000 barrels. That figure soared to 4.7 million barrels in 1996.

While sales of craft and specialty beers have been impressive, the overall beer market in the United States is as flat as day-old beer. Domestic beer

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House passed a bill lifting the September 30, 1998 (see item #5 above) sunset indefinitely. This too was discarded in the negotiations that ensued.

The Transportation Commission will likely act at its next meeting to expand some of the highway improvement projects already underway this year, he said.

Road funding efforts by state officials will now shift to the federal level where the administration is seeking $200 million. The current state plan will yield about $320 million which is much less than the $570 million that the Governor has indicated is needed.

With completion of the package, the Legislature adjourned until September 23rd.

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“Catch Cash” and “Show Me the Money,” new $1 games, have top prizes of $1,500 and $3,000, respectively.

Beer

production hovered around 180 million barrels a year since 1981, the year the first baby boomers turned 35. Not surprisingly, America’s three biggest brewers—Anheuser-Busch, Miller, and Coors—have all set up special units to handle their respective company’s craft beers.

In 1996, shipments of craft beer were up by about 25 percent, down from a 50 percent increase in 1995. Has the long awaited slowdown begun? FIND/SVP believes so, pointing to softer sales for public craft brewing companies, and the tighter market in the Pacific Northwest, among other things.

To purchase the report, call 1-800-346-3787.

OSHA

The meeting was one of the more productive ones NACS had with OSHA on this subject. The OSHA officials showed a new willingness to work with NACS to produce a mutually agreeable document. While this will not stop the release of the presumably onerous draft guidelines in a few weeks, it does give cause for some optimism for progress after their release.

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