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INSIDE STUFF



Hello and welcome to Summer... garage sale season! I hope everyone is making it to all of those sale and flea markets. I know there are some great PEZ out there to be found.

A lot has happened in my family since the last issue. I have been working on a book for the last few months and now a publisher has signed a contract to print the book! Yahoo! The book is a collectors guide to Mr. Potato Head collectibles and the history of Mr. Potato Head over the last 50 years. I have to have it finished by August, so it and this newsletter have kept me VERY busy. The phone calls alone have taken 8 straight weeks! And I have had to take over 400 photographs! I never knew how much was involved in getting a book ready to send to a publisher. I'll update you more about the book a little later.

Also, we just found out that we are expecting our fourth child! The baby is due in February, and he/she will be a welcome addition to the family!

So you may gather that my life is , and will become, extremely hectic. With all that PLUS a full time job, PLUS Ebay auctions that have to be maintained, it's gets harder and harder to meet deadlines. I appreciate everyone's patience with the newsletter. As soon as I get this thing in the mail, I'm going on a vacation! After all, it is Summer time! Enjoy!

Dennis

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Dear Dennis, Please renew my subscription to the newsletter. It's been a slow spring for me as far as collecting goes. I did go to the convention in Orange and got a few pieces. I'm still excited about acquiring a yellow Space Trooper (supposedly hard to find) in the fall in Vermont for \$ 385. My vacation is upcoming, so I'll have time to scrounge around soon. Looking forward to getting Jack In The Box & Psycedelic Flower. I really enjoy the newsletter! Keep up the good work!

David Bernier

Dear Dennis, Do you know anything about Custom PEZ, like how to make them and what to use?

Teresa Tolson

Teresa, Yes. See page 4 for the answer to your question



Here's a picture of some of Danielle Hupp's PEZ collection. Nicely displayed I might add!



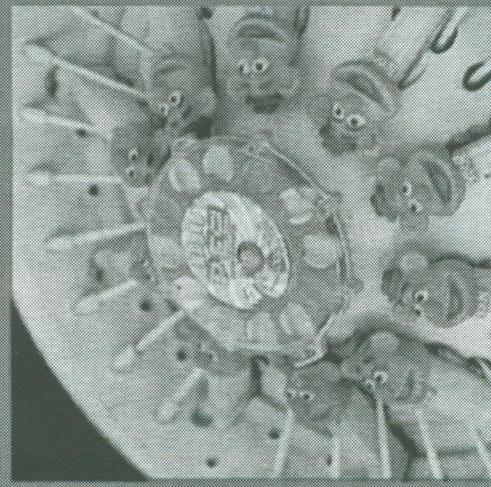
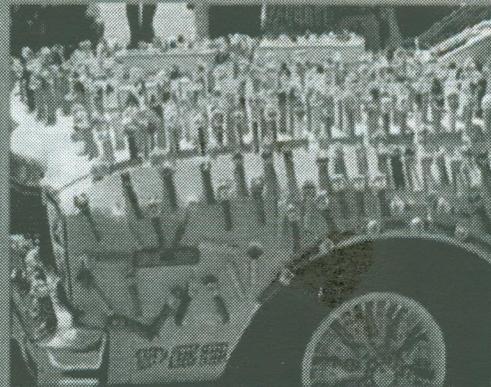
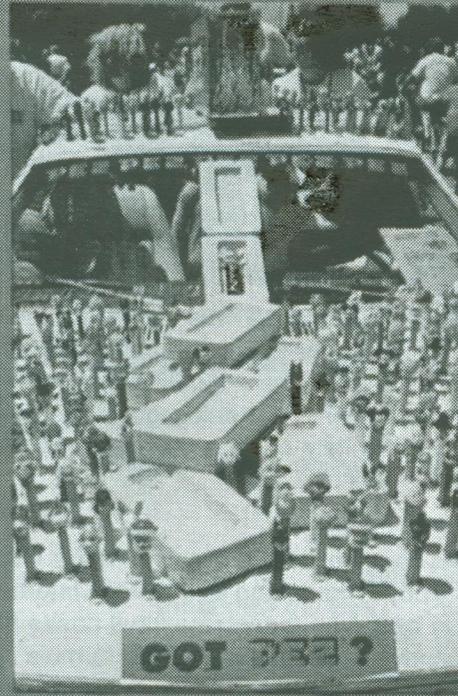
This is a scan of a newspaper article that ran in many papers across the country. The article is about Meg Whitman, the female CEO of the internet auction webpage Ebay.com. The photo shows MEG with a bunch of PEZ dispensers. One of the reasons ebay was started was to create a place to buy and sell PEZ dispensers for the owners wife.



Larry Lethcoe's son is the proud owner of the PEZ car pictured above. This late model VW bug is candy apple red with PEZ Candy logo's all over it. Larry said he helped his son customize the car over a recent weekend.

Cliff Lee's world famous PEZ car (below) was highlighted in the August 1999 issue of Car & Driver. The photo's were taken during an art car parade in Texas. I think Cliff's second largest collection has become clippings about this car. It's has been seen in magazines from the doctor's office lobby to seatbacks at 30,000 feet! Also, read more about another "PEZ car" on page 14!

The "PEZ Car," a '77 Dodge Aspen, was created by Cliff Lee and sports more than 1400 PEZ dispensers. Most of the collectible candy dispensers were donated by members of the internet "PEZ-head" e-mail list, which supported the project.



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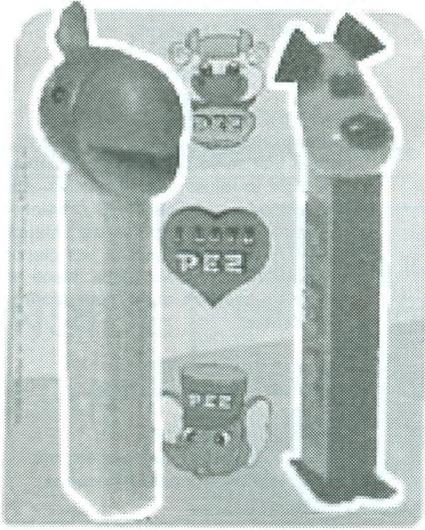
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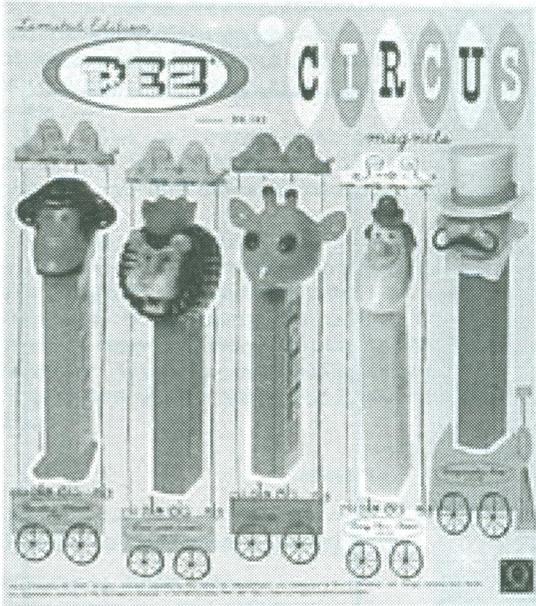
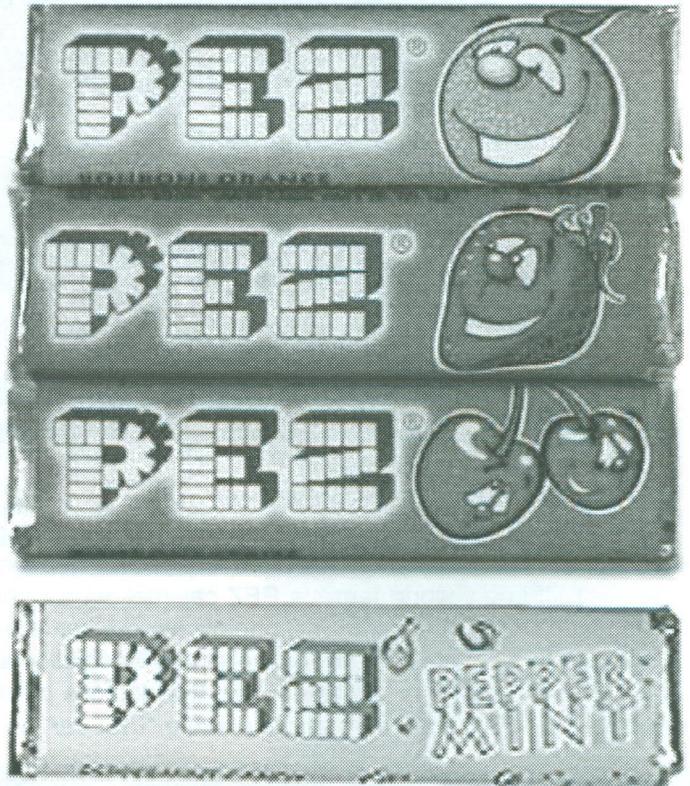
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# ALL NEW PEZ® STUFF

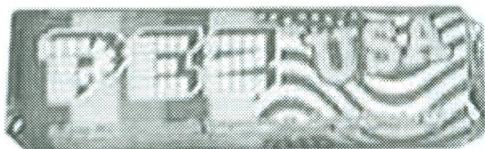


Blue Q has released 2 new sets of PEZ magnets. The Cockatoo and Yappy Dog set is as colorful as the previous sets. Plus, there's a new limited edition Circus set on the market. There has been no word as to how "limited" this set will be, but you'd better play it safe and get 'em while you can!

The PEZ candy packs to the right are some brand new designs that have begun to show up in Canada these days. They show a new set of funny fruit faces. Plus, a new Peppermint package has started to become available. If you are close enough to Canada to be able to get there, be on the look out!



So what do you think of the packaging for the new Cola PEZ from Europe? The character on the packs is supposed to be a cola bean with a funny face and cap. It looks very bizarre to me. PEZ USA is considering releasing this flavor in the USA, (which is pretty good by most accounts) but if they do they will definitely change the packaging to represent a more American view of soda pop.



One of the hottest candy packs to hit the collecting scene in a while is this USA flag package. This multi fruit flavored candy is made and sold by PEZ International. The story behind these packs is based on the international desire for anything connected to America. This candy is made using the U.S. formula for PEZ candy, and sold in international markets as a piece of Americana!

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CONVENTION REGISTRATION is still only \$25 before June 21. After then it is \$35. Registration includes admission to the Friday afternoon seminars, Bingo for PEZ Friday evening, early access to the show floor on Saturday before the general public, and admission to the Saturday afternoon auction.

Registration also includes a bag of collectible PEZ-A-MANIA 9 souvenirs with special convention pin and postcard plus a surprise souvenir. In the past, PEZ-A-MANIA was the first to have Dream Castle jewelry, Cap Power Pez, PEZ phone card holders, and PEZ bubble wands and flashlights. As always we are trying to top previous conventions.

NEW THIS YEAR-- convention registration will be limited to the first 600 people on a first come, first served basis. Walk in registrants will be accommodated only if space is available.

GENERAL PUBLIC ADMISSION will be Saturday from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM. (Registrants are admitted at 9 AM) Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 12 and is available at the door the day of the show.

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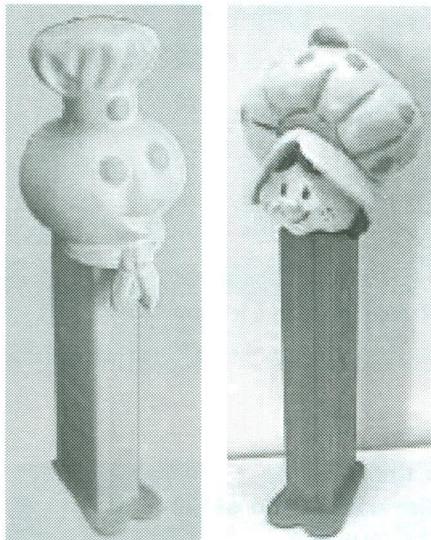
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# Make Your Own Custom PEZ®!

Admit it. Every PEZ collector has a character in the back of their mind that they always wanted to have on a dispenser. But waiting on the PEZ company to make some of these is like waiting for a ride on the space shuttle....just not gonna happen. So the "hobby" of making custom PEZ dispensers was born. But the differences in customizing technics is almost as diverse as the characters available from garage dispenser designers.

There are three basic types of custom dispensers. "Modified" dispensers, "add on" dispensers and "sculpted" dispensers. Modified dispensers are real dispensers that have been painted or have had some accessories changed to alter their appearance. The most famous one of these was the Hitler PEZ in the early 1990's. A collector had painted bald PEZ Pal dispensers to resemble the German leader. They were even advertised in Toy Shop magazine! Of course, there was a public outcry and PEZ Candy Inc. immediately jumped in with a cease and desist letter. In a



*Pillsbury Doughboy &  
Strawberry Shortcake*



*Chris Orlando's Alien dispenser*

strange irony that says volumes about our hobby, the cease and desist letter was later sold as a Scott McWinnie autograph.

The add on dispensers are the ones with heads scavenged from other toys or dolls and attached to the top of a current dispenser. Many of these dispensers do not actually dispense candy, and in my opinion aren't true custom items. Some strange fantasy dispensers maybe, but not custom.

The sculpted dispensers are the ones I want to concentrate on. These dispensers for the most part generally dispense candy, and are works of art in their own right. In fact, most real dispensers begin life as a sculpted custom dispenser.

Chris Orlando was one of the first collectors to take this "hobby" to a new level back in the early 1990's. His first custom dispensers was Herman Munster. Chris actually

sculpted the heads, then made molds of these heads, so that he could reproduce at least a few of them. Jim's work was featured in an article in the October 1992 issue of *Collectible Toys and Values* magazine. Pictured in the article are Chris' Herman Munster, Mr. Spock, Kato, the Flash, Tigger, Cat in the Hat, and more! Also mixed in the pictures, for some reason, is a custom Marvin the Martian dispenser by yours truly! But more on that later. Since Chris' pioneering masterpieces, many would be artists have jumped on the wagon, and created a cast of characters beyond belief!

When I saw Chris' designs for the first time, I had already begun construction of my first custom dispenser. But I had taken a different approach. I took existing dispensers

and ground them down into different shapes to create new characters. The Marvin the Martian I mentioned earlier actually started as a snowman dispenser. I removed the hat and ground the head down to a sphere. Then I painted it black and green, and glued on a green plastic visor. Crude, yes...but it looked great at the time!

I soon ran into a problem though. I wanted to sculpt my own designs, but didn't know how to mold the inner parts of the head. I mean the inner holes and tabs that are needed to attach the head to the stem. My answer was to grind down a spare head to just a square nub and molding on top of it. This ground down head became the "adapter" to attach my sculpted outer head to. I used this method to create such classics as ET, King Kong, and even the

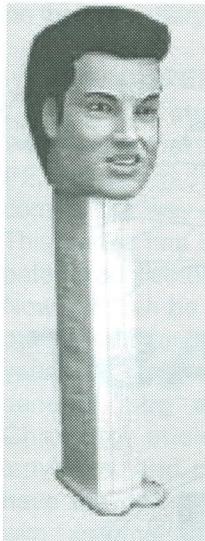


shark from Jaws!

I tried many different compounds to mold custom dispensers. The catch 22 always seemed to be size vs weight. Heavy molding compounds like plaster or clay were great for detail, but often made the dispenser extremely top heavy. Compounds that were light were often very hard to work with. These days there are all kinds of molding materials, plastics, polymers, and epoxy resins.

You have to decide what you want to use according to your skill level and the amount of detail needed in the head. See the end of this article for more ideas about molding choices.

The release of the PEZ Peppermint Regular was the beginning of a custom dispenser revival. Now, instead of grinding down an existing head to mold onto, collectors had a small working dispenser with a thin cap, perfect for attaching their custom heads. This new found freedom meant that almost anything could be attached to the top of a dispenser. One draw back though is the lack of feet to support



your new creation.

And the latest technology doesn't stop with the molding process. Today's computers can create custom cards and packaging that rivals anything from the PEZ factory. Some of these items are so well done, unsuspecting PEZ fans can't tell what's real and what's custom! When I show off my PEZ collection, sometimes the custom items get much more

attention than the real things! So go ahead, add one of these to your collection, or better yet make your own.



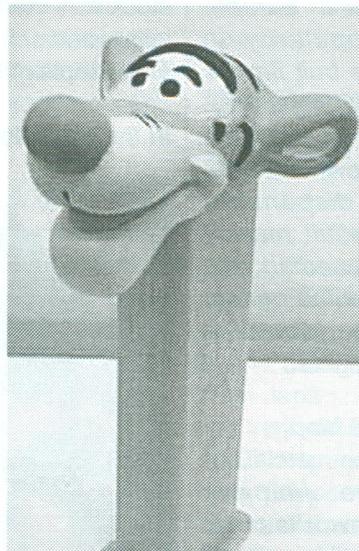
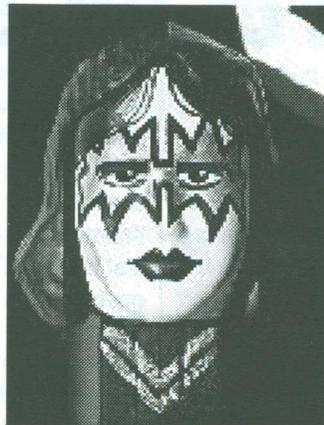
*Awesome Beatles!*

**So how do you make a custom dispenser? Here's a simple walk thru.**

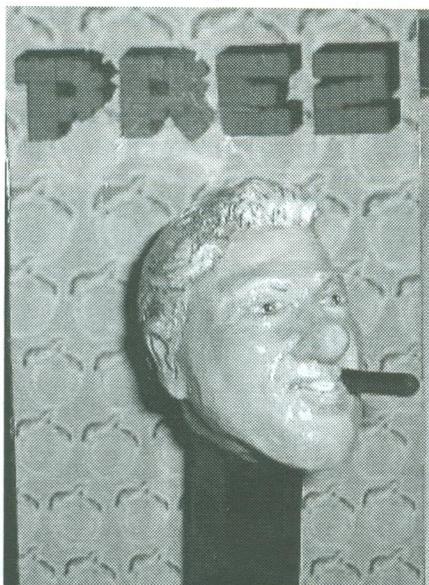
- 1) Take a PEZ Peppermint Regular dispenser, and tightly stretch SaranWrap over the top. This will allow you to easily remove the molded head later.
- 2) Squish a ball of "Sculpey" molding clay all the way down over the top cap of the dispenser. Sculpey is a clay based molding compound that can be baked in your oven to a hard finish.
- 3) Mold the Sculpey into the desired shape. Make sure to trim the bottom of the head flush with the top of the stem. Also, cut away the back of the head that covers the candy push out "tongue" in the back of the dispenser cap. This will allow your head to tilt back.
- 4) After working with the Sculpey, it will probably be soft. Pulling it off the dispenser now will distort the shape. Put the whole thing, dispenser and all, in the freezer for about 20 minutes. This will harden the clay so that you can remove it from the stem without squishing it.
- 5) Put the head only (not the dispenser) in the oven and bake according to the instructions on the Sculpey. Usually about 10-15 minutes. (SaranWrap will melt away)
- 6) Remove the head and allow to cool. The Sculpey can be sanded, cut, and drilled as needed to add those finishing touches. Now you can glue the head on the cap of the dispenser, and paint!

**Other Molding Choices**

- Fimo**-same thing as Sculpey.
- Plaster**-messy and heavy, but easily sanded into shape. Takes practice.
- Crayola Model Magic**-very lightweight, air dries. Not as smoothly blended.
- Paper Mache**-light and easy, but very low detail.
- Epoxy Resin**-leave to the professionals!



*top: One of many KISS dispensers  
bottom: Tigger*



*PEZident Clinton dispenser, complete with custom imPEACHment card!*

**PEZ In Print**

In the May 10th issue of *People Magazine* there was an article with a PEZ mention. This issue featured the 50 most beautiful people in the world. (Other than me that is) Of course, superstar Sandra Bullock was included...and she talked about her bathing habits! She said:

*"If I can only take a shower, it ruins my day," she says. "I have so many products around me in the tub--candles and soaps. And I have a conditioner that makes me smell like PEZ."* Sandra Bullock flavor... hmmmnn...I think I have a new favorite!

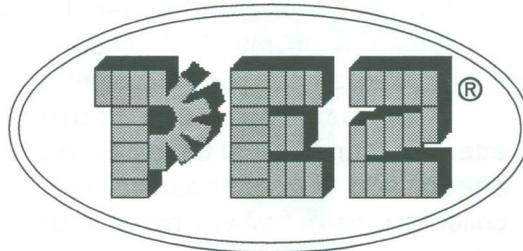
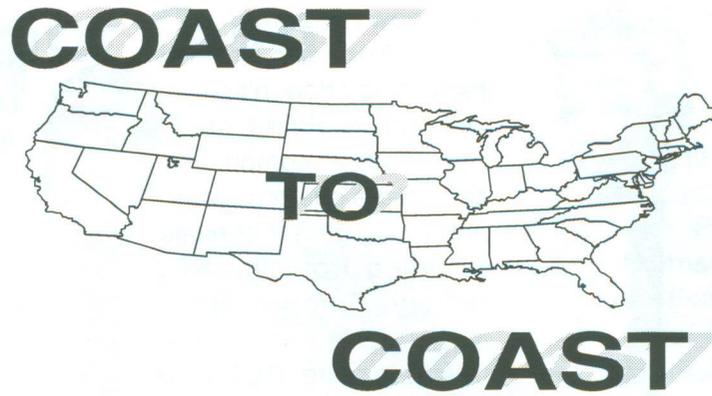
In the latest issue of *WIRED* magazine, there is an article about candy, specifically Cap Toys...makers of Power PEZ and candy handers. Pictured in the article are a Power PEZ, and the Slimy Sid ghost dispenser.

The collectible trade magazine *Antique Trader* had a PEZ article in May. The article talked about the PEZ collecting hobby, and mentioned collectors John Thompson, Ryan Manchee, and others. Great pictures too!

There is a PEZ mention in the August 1999 issue of *Brill's Content*, A story about finding products and services on the Web says:

..."Amazon.com's merchandise catalog and ebay's bidding mechanism allow buyers to find things like books or vintage Tweety Bird Pez dispensers that are too rare (or that appeal to too personalized a taste) to find distribution through the regular, mass-market distribution channels."...

In the June 25th Joliet Her-

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ald News, there is an article about the Chicago All Candy Expo. The article contains this quote:

*"Some prefer mellow, more traditional mints. "If you're really a mint user, you don't want mints that are going to knock your socks off," said the president of PEZ Candy Inc. In 1927, PEZ started off as a mint maker in Europe, but gained popularity in America with its fruit flavors and unique dispensers. PEZ is derived from the German word for peppermint. PEZ peppermint dispensers aimed at the adult market don't have the trademark cartoon heads mounted on top, giving them the look of a sleek cigarette lighter."*

**PEZ In The Media**

There's a new commercial out for a mortgage company called [www.loanworks.com](http://www.loanworks.com). Two guys are talking about buying stuff on line, and one of the actors is holding a PEZasaur dispenser! The first

**Gadget**, starring Matthew Brodrick, there is a brief glimpse of a PEZ on screen! When Inspector gadget first gets transformed from a human to a cybernetic superman, he starts to try out his gadgets. A PEZ dispenser is among the items that pop out of his hand!

Speaking of Inspector Gadget, he is now available on two new FLIX candy dispensers!. Also new from FLIX is the Tarzan series featuring Tarzan and a blue Gorilla

On the June 17th **WGN Morning News** from Chicago, they had a guest appraiser from Christie's Auction House. She was showing millions of dollars worth of jewelry, & how to tell quality diamonds from not so quality diamonds. Later in the interview, she said that she was one of twenty people in the world qualified to do appraisals for Christies, and that she appraises everything from diamonds to comic books to PEZ containers!

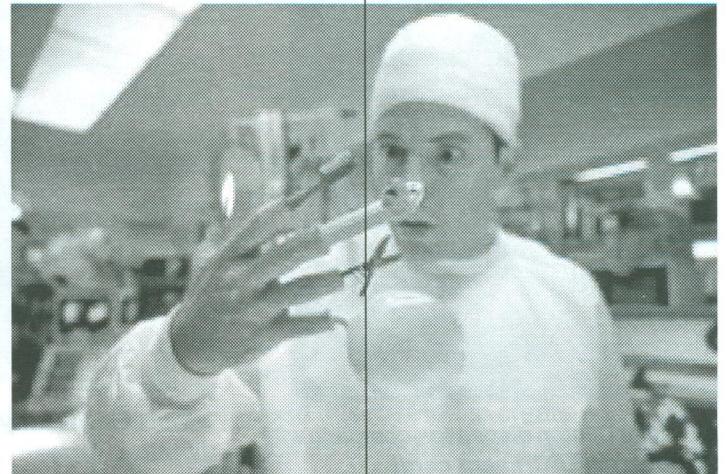
**Jack In The Box Final Word**

According to all of my sources, the supply of Jack In The Box dispensers is pretty much exhausted. Neither JITB or PEZ has released an exact numbers of how many were

actor thinks he bought the PEZ online...but the guy with the PEZ says that he actually bought his house online! When you see it, you'll think it's funny. There are some great close-ups of the PEZ!

On the June 15th episode of **Jeopardy**, the final question was: "What hot 1999 internet stock was started as a place to buy and sell PEZ?" Two people missed it!

In the new Movie **Inspector**



made and released, but PEZ did confirm that the number was small compared to the numbers normally released of a specific characters. Out of the total order, each restaurant was only allotted a small amount of dispensers, and no plans have been made for a reorder. Different stores released them before others, so many people picked the dispensers up prior to the official June 1st release date. Although most restaurants enforced the 5 dispenser limit, I have heard stories of some collectors sweet talking their way into a bunch more than normally allowed! One collector called and told me that the manager of one store had a whole box left and gave them to him! (Maybe this is true, I have no proof of that) Anyway, If you don't have yours yet, you might get lucky and find a JITB restaurant with a few left. But if you have waited until now, your best bet might be to contact a dealer.

#### From Russia With Love

Update on the Russian Body Parts I mentioned in the last issue. As of now, these Body Parts haven't been found in any other countries other than Russia. Most of them reportedly weren't even shipped to Russia due to economic conditions. So far, no US dealer has them for sale. I'll let you know if they become available.

#### Quick Sell Out!

Here's an update on the special edition PEZ car that was offered to Johnny Lightning club members only. The car was delayed in the production process and wasn't shipped until early this month. Also, all of these cars have been spoken for in pre-orders, and I haven't heard of any plans to remake it. So if you need one, you might want to keep an eye

on the secondary market.

#### NEW DISPENSERS! (and stuff)

We all know that the Simpson PEZ dispensers will be coming our way next spring. This series has been anticipated by collectors for years. Now you can be on the look out for another series next year PEZ plans to release a series of "bug" dispensers. Character such as bees, ladybugs, and crickets will have the collectors buzzing with excitement! This is a joint effort between PEZ USA & PEZ International, so we all get a chance to get our hands on these items. There will be 5 dispensers in the initial release, and 2 more will be added at a later date. Look for these plastic insects to infest stores in the fall of 2000. Also, see page 15 for info on another great new dispenser!

The **PEZ Pets** have been met with mixed reviews among collectors. Most people like them, but some collectors were expecting something a little different. Anyway, if you did like them, you can look forward to a second series to be released by Amornul next fall. The new set will include: Blubbers the Whale, Purr the cat, Sidney the kangaroo, and Cheeky the Squirrel.

Speaking of new dispensers, there have been rumors floating around the PEZ collecting community that the Ninja Turtles are going to be remade. I can now tell you that they are definitely not in line to be remade! I guess that's good news for all those people that collected one of ever stem color!

#### Licensed to Dispense!

It seems that the licensed PEZ products continue to flood the

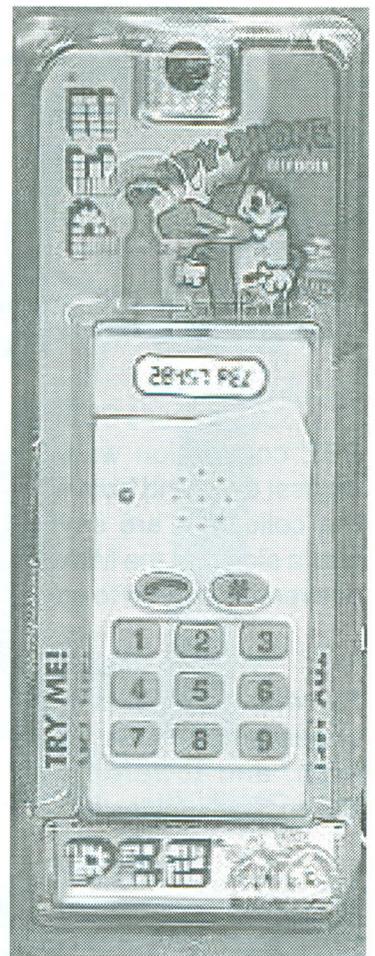
market! In the latest *Brat* clothing catalog, there's a neat new PEZ T-shirt available. It's a yellow shirt with blue neck and arm rings. The front of the shirt features a multi-colored PEZ logo. The description say that it is a scratch and sniff shirt! The shirt costs \$19 and can be ordered at 1-800-598-5264.

Cap Toys, the makers of the Power PEZ and the PEZ Candy Handers, are about to release an all **new candy hander!** This one features Star Wars funny guy Jar Jar Binks! He's supposedly trying to steal some candy from the vendor and the vendor is never fast enough to catch him. The candy comes out onto Jar Jar's long tongue. These new dispensers are scheduled to be released sometime near September.

There are some new Warner Brothers **PEZ Pens** about to be released. You slide a button on one of the see through pens and out pops a piece of PEZ candy. You can even write with it! The pens feature Looney Tunes characters like Bugs Bunny, Taz, and Tweety. Release date still to be announced.

#### What The Devil?

Many of you PEZ collectors have branched out to collect other candy dispensers. One of the favorites among PEZ people is the Big Gum brand dispensers from Japan. They are very similar to PEZ dispensers and have several different character heads available. The newest Big



*Here's a great close-up shot of the new PEZ phone. These plastic toys make noises like cellular phones, plus they actually dispense candy! The top tilts back something like a real dispenser. These phones are available in Canada now, and may come to the United States at a later date.*

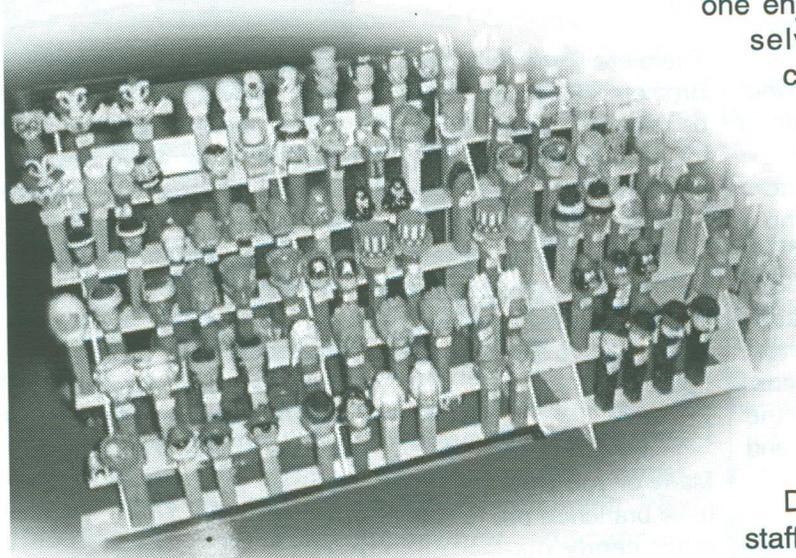




## The Arch

This year's St. Louis PEZ convention was the biggest ever, and from what the collectors are saying, was a sign that the Midwest convention is here to stay!

The beautiful Regal Riverfront Hotel was in the shadow of the St. Louis Arch, and towered over Busch Stadium! Inside was



a massive atrium that opened up to every floor. A perfect venue, I might add, for aerodynamic and drop speed tests on PEZ dispensers! The staff was very tolerant, and everyone had a great time!

This show had the usual fun PEZ events...room hopping, Friday night bingo, plus the Saturday show and auction. Each segment of the convention was excellent and well attended.

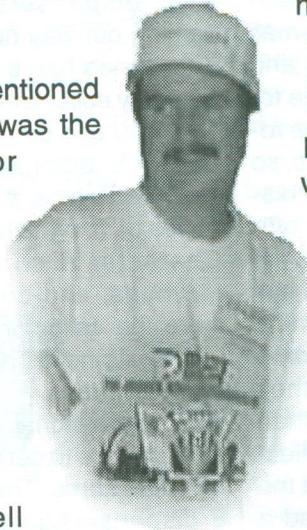
One of the most mentioned aspects of the convention was the Saturday night party for members of the PEZhead email list. The party wasn't an official part of the convention, but no one was turned away, and hotel security never actually had to break out the riot gear. I'm really kidding somewhat about the party. Everyone was very well behaved and the fun continued until the sun rose over the Arch!

A real reason everyone enjoyed themselves at this convention was the fact

that John Devlin and his staff had so well organized the event.

Most of the PEZ heads were grouped together in the south tower of the hotel, and dealers were easily accessible to everyone.

Room hopping was fast and furious from early in the week. And because people didn't have to walk



John Devlin

so far between rooms, they had more time to spend their cash! Of course the Jack In The Box dispensers were the hot items. Everyone wanted one, or a set! If you talk to the people that spent a lot of time room hopping, one name that will come up again and again is Sylvia. She is a dealer from Austria, and she had a room full of great vintage items at awesome prices! Red Conroy impressed everyone with his free candy, and Steve Glew was also a favorite among the buyers.

The PEZ auction turned up some great deals on some classic dispensers... like Tinkerbelle, Olive Oyl, trucks, Astronauts, and new snowglobes.

A big thank you and congratulations goes out to John the CoolPEZman Devlin and his wife Marianne and staff. They proved that a great convention can indeed get better!

# Great Convention!

# ALL NEW STUFF



Hallmark was first to release a PEZ Christmas ornament. Their collectible ornaments have been hot for years. Now Carlton Cards is trying to get into the hobby with their own line of heirloom ornaments. And this year, they have released their version of Santa PEZ Christmas ornament.

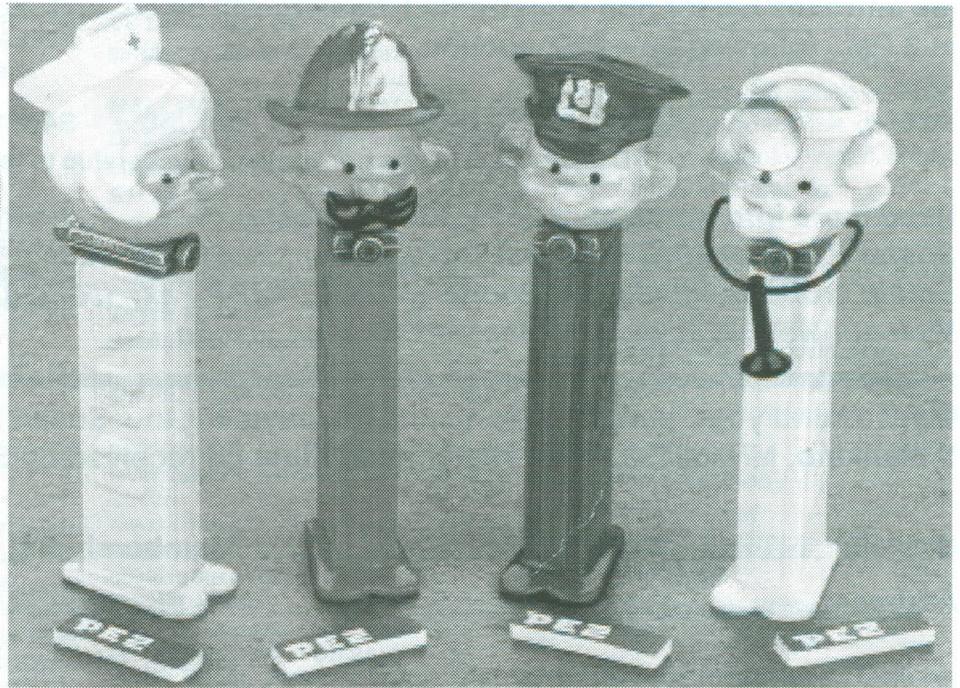
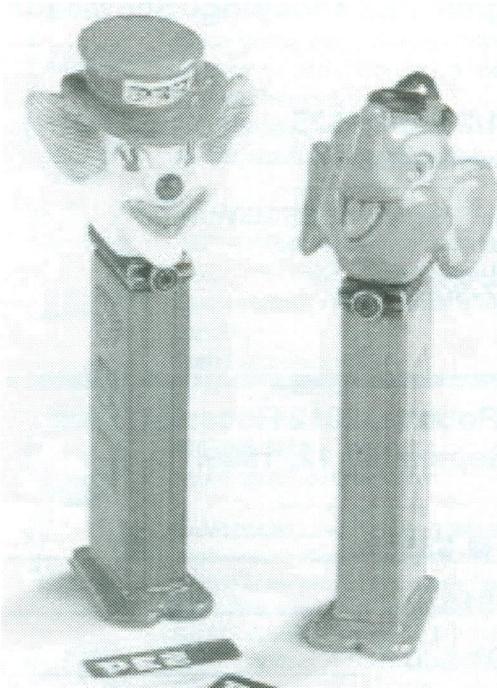
Overall, it's a nice effort, but it's way too expensive. This version is smaller than ever, and at a retail price of \$16.95, it's almost double the price of the Hallmark version! They have added a green "scarf" of garland, and a collectible medallion, but that's hardly worth the extra money. So if you are a diehard "gotta have it now" collector, they are in Carlton Card stores now. You may want to sweat it out and see if you can get one in a sale after the holidays.



Carlton  
Ornament

Hallmark  
Ornament

PEZ  
Dispenser



Have a look at one of the newest PEZ licensed products. These very nice PEZ dispensers are actually ceramic boxes from Midwest of Cannon Falls! This company has made a name for themselves with their world class ceramic items. They specialize in small ceramic hinged boxes. Each of the new PEZ boxes is approximately 4 inches high, and feature a tilt back head. Also included is a ceramic pack of PEZ candy to store inside. These would look right at home displayed with your PEZ collection! Available are: Peter PEZ, Big Top Elephant, Nurse, Fireman, Policeman, and Doctor. The ceramic boxes began shipping July 30th, and retail for about \$20 ea. If you are interested in this item, you can contact Timeless Treasures Gifts at 580-223-2116 or visit the PEZ.com website.

# 4th Annual Minnesota PEZ Convention!

October 1 and 2, 1999, Bloomington, Minnesota  
Thunderbird Hotel & Convention Center, next to the Mall of America

We had such a fabulous time with our first three conventions that *we're back for another year*, with a bigger and better show. More PEZ, more collectors, more dealers, and more fun! Come and join us for a weekend of deals, friends, and all the surprises we can dream up, including lots of those little plastic candy dispensers.

Once again, we'll be at the fascinating Thunderbird Hotel, right across the parking lot from the Mall of America, and just two miles from the international airport. The Thunderbird has a convenient free shuttle both to the mall and to the airport. Room rates are just \$84 single/double per night. Mention PEZ when you place your reservation.

**1-800-328-1931 or 612-854-3411**

**Convention Membership:** \$35 (you'll get a PEZCon IV T-shirt, other freebies, and early entrance to the Saturday show and auction)

**Friday Night Social:** Buffet dinner \$16/person. New this year to our convention  
- Bingo for PEZ!

**Saturday PEZ Show:** Doors open at 9 am for convention registrants, 10 am to general public (\$5 entrance fee for non-registrants.) Dealers will be set up for great PEZ shopping! Show ends at 3 PM., followed by a PEZ auction.

**Dealer's Tables:** Full six foot table ~ \$40 1/2 table ~\$25

\*Dealers must have a convention membership to reserve a table.

Need more info from your MN PEZCon IV hostess?

*Susan Roberts, 2012 Roecrest Drive, N Mankato, MN 56003*

*Email: sroberts@mnice.net Phone: (507)387-4974 Fax: (507)387-3066*

*Visit our web sit at [www.homestead.com/mnpezcon](http://www.homestead.com/mnpezcon)*

Please send your completed form and full payment to : Susan Roberts, 2012 Roecrest Drive, N Mankato, MN, 56003. Your registration must be received by September 12, 1999.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Membership(s) @ \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Fri dinner(s) @ \$16 = \_\_\_\_\_  
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T-shirt sizes (one free T-shirt included with each membership. S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)

TIPS COLLECTOR CLASSIFIED

**THERE'S A NEW PEZ WEBPAGE ON THE NET!**  
www.pezheads.com is a new webpage dedicated to the complete one stop source for PEZ fans and collectors. We just went online, but are growing everyday. You'll find information on dispensers, dealers, conventions, news, and just about everything having to do with PEZ. Maintained by a professional webpage company. Give us a try. Bookmark us and visit often. You'll be glad you did!  
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**I NEED YOUR HELP!** I'm looking for anything relating to Mr. Potato Head. If you have any unusual Mr. Potato Head collectibles, please contact me. Even if you don't want to sell them, I want to talk to you about them. I need to collect all information about Mr. Potato Head by August! **PLEASE HELP!**  
**Dennis Martin**  
1368 Dearing Downs Circle  
Helena, AL 35080  
205-621-4167  
email: [fliptoppez@narrowgate.net](mailto:fliptoppez@narrowgate.net)

**DO YOU HAVE** a Jack in the Box counter sign for sale or trade? How about a full body Santa counter display box? Also looking for the odd or unusual old candy packs, photos, displays, advertisements, parts, (especially for 50's space guns) etc.... Always have some goodies for trade. Drop me a line.  
**Shawn Peterson**  
816-224-3072  
email: [pezdude2@qni.com](mailto:pezdude2@qni.com)

**WANTED:** PEZ, anything PEZ, and Non-PEZ- TV Pals, Yummies, Totems, Crazy Fruits, Jay Ward and Hanna-Barbera toys/watches, Robots/Space toys- any condition  
**Stan Luksenburg**  
21475 Lorain Rd.  
Fairview Park, OH 44126  
440-356-1118  
email: [zzrobot@aol.com](mailto:zzrobot@aol.com)

**CANADIAN/EURO PEZ FOR SALE** I have a large amount of current Canadian/Euro PEZ for sale at low prices. Set of new Cool Loony Toons \$15, Pink Stemmed Hulk \$5, Nintendo Set \$12, Glowing Ghosts Set \$12, Neon MGM Set \$15, Smurf A Re-Issues \$5 each, etc, etc. For a complete list check my web site <http://www.globalseve.net/~pezcondo/> under "Pez for Sale" or send me an email at [mich84@hotmail.com](mailto:mich84@hotmail.com)

**LIKE EVERYONE ELSE,** a PEZ collector with extras, will supply list of PEZ for sale on request. (mentioned in Welchs Collecting PEZ

Pgs. 100, 101, 231.)  
**Bill Phillips, (Hayward Ca.)**  
email: [Wbillips@aol.com](mailto:Wbillips@aol.com)

**PEZ WANTED:** Buy, sell, trade. Always have some old stuff.  
**Wolfgang Chelins**  
Sternengasse 7  
D-68307  
Mannheim, Germany.  
FAX- 49621784528

**For Sale** PEZ White Metal Display Rack Holds approx. 200 MOC PEZ. Comes with 24 hooks for blister cards 12 inches wide x 5 feet tall. Cost \$85 plus \$20 shipping in USA These are new, mint in box  
**Jennifer Dale**  
4719 Hedgewick Ave.  
Fremont, CA 94538  
(510)490-6372  
email: [u8apez2@aol.com](mailto:u8apez2@aol.com)

**WANTED:** Any Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle PEZ dispensers whose country of origin is NOT China . . . Also any unusual stem colors or country of origin variations wanted . . . please let me know what you have to sell or trade.  
**Steve Hrdlicka**  
4914 Gravois  
St. Louis, MO 63116  
email: [hrdlicka@inlink.com](mailto:hrdlicka@inlink.com)

**HALLMARK PEZ ORNAMENTS FOR SALE:** Santa PEZ Hallmark Christmas ornaments, mint in mint box, dated 1995, \$11 each. Please add \$3.20 for shipping in US (more outside US).  
**Karen Gennarelli**  
19046 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., PMB #123  
Tampa, FL 33647  
email: [klrinfo@earthlink.net](mailto:klrinfo@earthlink.net)

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hostess Susan Roberts  
(507) 387-4974.

**PEZ COLLECTION FOR SALE**  
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**Patty Roy**  
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Brant Rock, MA 02020  
781-834-9749  
email: [gubydal@shore.net](mailto:gubydal@shore.net)

**FOR SALE:** Huge list of current PEZ dispensers, including many variations MIB or MOC. Also, PEZ neck-

ties, key chains, watches, and other PEZ related items. Prices start at \$1.00 each and low postage rates. Send long SASE with 55\$ postage to receive current list to:

**The Purple Cow**  
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Culver City, CA 90230

**PEZ FOR SALE:** Hundreds of PEZ for sale. For sales list, please send SASE to:  
**John LaSpina**  
P.O. Box 435  
Middletown, NJ 07748

**PEZ WANTED!** Buying most older and foreign issues, loose or MOC. Will also buy quantities or collections. I'm a collector, not a dealer. Send list and prices to:  
**Marty Bixler**  
2570 Spring Rd.  
Carlisle, PA 17013

**WANTED:** PEZ advertising, PEZ display items and PEZ premiums. Also looking for Totems, Kabayas, Yummies, etc.  
**Maryann Kennedy**  
409 N 5th Street  
Marshall, MN 56258  
507-532-6926  
email: [kennedy13@juno.com](mailto:kennedy13@juno.com)

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## MORE PEZ NEWZ

Gum dispenser is the **Devilman!** I don't have a clue as to the origin of this character, but it is very interesting. Of course they aren't available in the United States, but can be purchased from some larger PEZ dealers.

Shelcore toy company has plans to release a new PEZ licensed dispenser!



These small toy cars feature the heads of Peter PEZ and PEZ -a-saur, and will actually dispense PEZ candy. I'm not sure where the candy goes in, but it's supposed to dispense out of the trunk! When these will be released is anyone's guess. I contacted Shelcore and asked them for a number I could print to order these. They sort of panicked and asked me not to mention these because some legal issues haven't been worked out. Well, I mentioned them, so please don't harass Shelcore about these. I'll keep you posted.

### Webpage Updated

Many new licensed products have been added to the PEZ Candy web page lately. Items such as shirts, snowdomes, jewelry, and the large PEZ tapestry on the back page of this newsletter. Access the official PEZ webpage at [www.pez.com](http://www.pez.com).

### Where Do You Keep Your PEZ?

PEZhead Meg Doherty has reported finding some new **PEZ underwear!** I'm not talking about some strange new PEZ body part accessory. No, I mean under-

wear that have PEZ candy pictured on them. The light blue women's underwear says "FAB GIRL" on the front, with a Batgirl PEZ with blonde hair and green cats eyes glasses below that. The underwear even have clasps on the side for easy removal.

### More PEZ On TV

On July 11th, there was a PEZ reference on Global TV in Quebec.

A comedian named Mike Pastro on a show called **Comedy Showcase**, made the comment: "I met this woman. She had 14 kids. Can you imagine having 14 kids? I know she's like a PEZ dispenser!"

### The Sweet Sound Of PEZ!

The song "Summer Girls" by the group LFO has a PEZ reference! The song features the lyrics:

"Cherry PEZ, Coke, Crush, Rock Stud Boogie I used to hate school so I had to play hooky..."

## What To Do In Cleveland

Here's a look at the seminars offered at the Cleveland PEZ-A-Mania this month.

1:00 - 2:00 -- "PEZ Packaging" - Tweety will be the featured dispenser in this fascinating jaunt into the varieties of PEZ Packaging. Conducted by Rob Simons and Vince Romano.

2:00 - 3:00 -- "The Excitement of Variations in PEZ" - Variations of Tom/Jerry/Tuffy/Spike and Pluto/Goofy will be the focus of this program. Conducted by Deb Krewson.

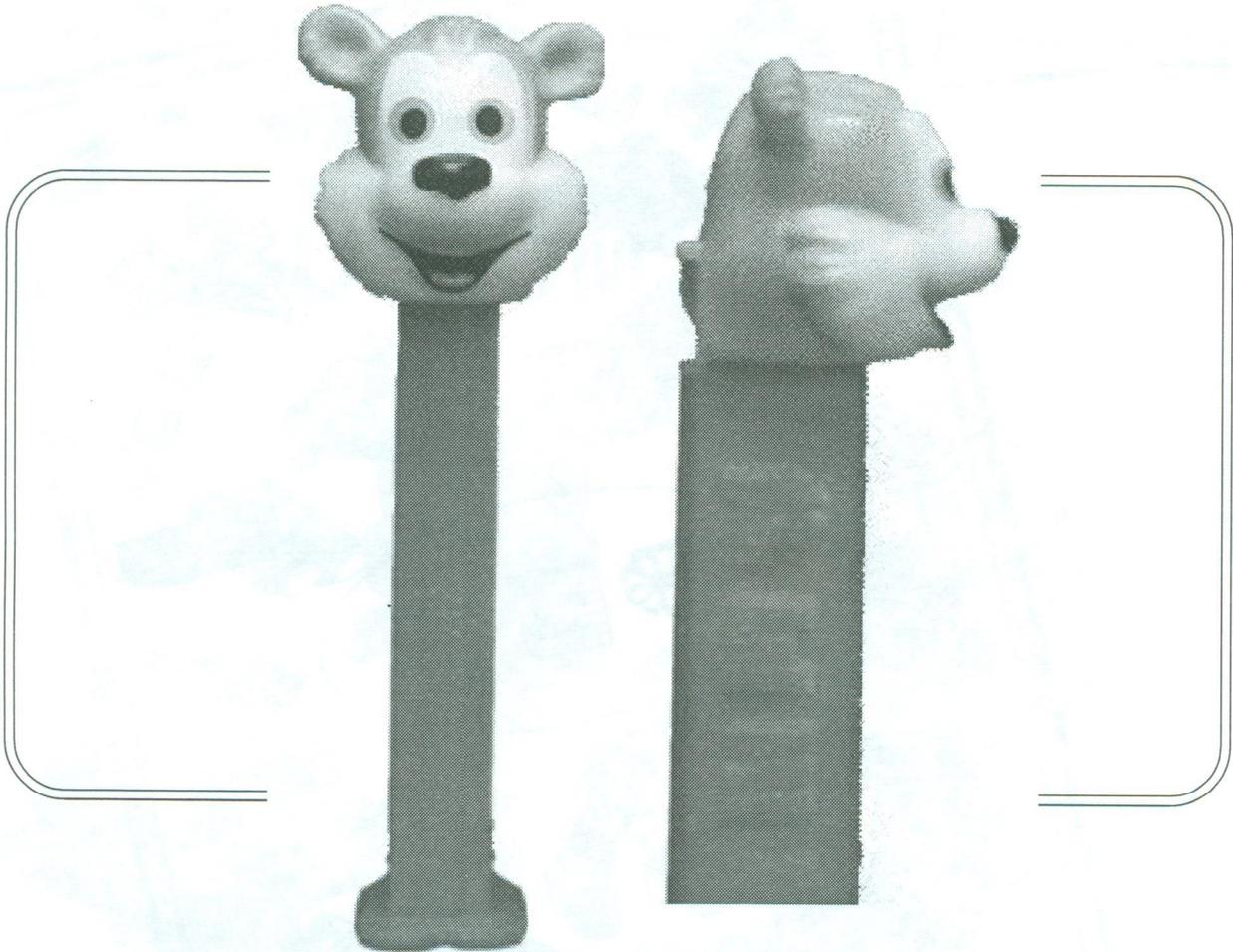
3:00 - 4:00 -- "PEZ 101" - The basics of PEZ collecting and hints as to how to go about finding those elusive dispensers. Conducted by Cliff Lee and Louis Apoldo.

4:00 - 5:00 -- A audience participatory program conducted by Karen Cooper:



*Freeze from the new loanworks.com commercial*

## Introducing The All New FAO Bear PEZ Dispenser!

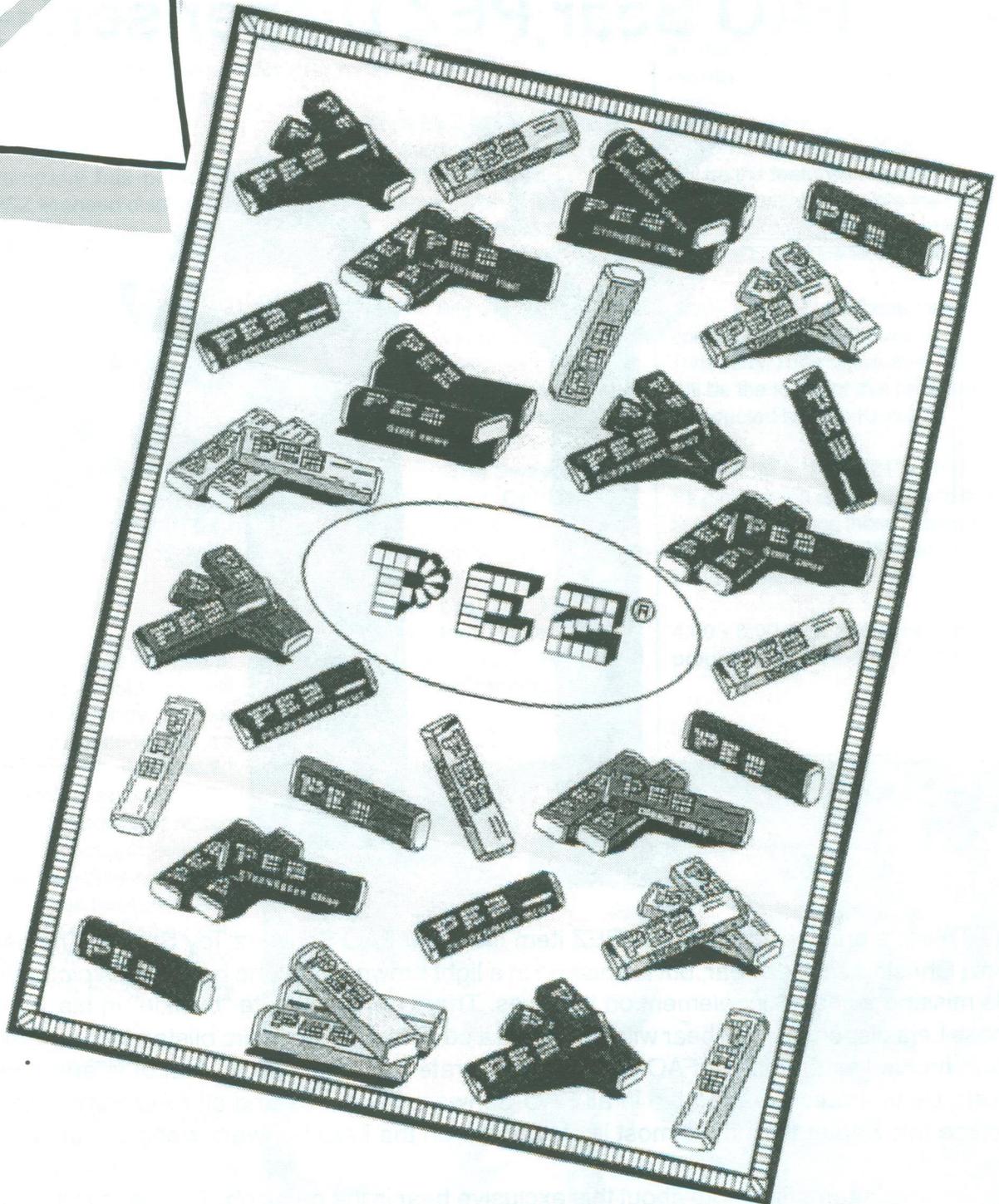


This is a brand new exclusive PEZ item made for FAO Schwarz Toy Stores. The bear resembles the new Christmas Polar Bear, but is finished in a light brown color. The bear in this picture is a prototype and is missing a final paint element on the eyes. There will be a white "twinkle" in his eye similar to the Princess Leia dispenser. The bear will be sold on a custom FAO Schwarz blister card and will be available on stem molded in the official FAO Schwarz corporate colors of yellow, red, blue and purple. The FAO Schwarz Bear should be available in all FAO Schwarz toy stores and all FAO Schweetz candy stores sometime this September. It will most likely appear on the FAO Schwarz webpage also.

Another interesting note about this exclusive bear is the paint job. The head is light tan in the front and darker tan in the back. This is the first PEZ dispenser that features a "gradiated" paint effect. A new process for PEZ allows the paint to be applied lighter on the front of the cheeks and gradually darken toward the back of the face. This new paint effect may open the doors for more interesting paint designs on future dispensers!



# BACKPAGE NEWS



This new PEZ tapestry throw is licensed by Technicraft and manufactured by Carolina Customs. This large blanket is 100% cotton, jacquard woven textile and made in the USA. The oval in the center is yellow with a white PEZ logo. Each candy pack is the color of the actual flavors packaging. They retail for \$27.50 and can be ordered from Carolina Customs at 800-839-3821 or internationally at 864-942-0092, or visit the PEZ.com website. Also, Carolina Customs has plans for a second PEZ design in the Fall...we'll keep you posted.