

## News

### California Raisin Marketing Board, Pastry Chicago Announce Results to Amateur/Student Cookie Competition

The dancing California raisin along with the California Raisin Marketing Board returned for Pastry Chicago's Amateur/Student Cookie Competition at Whole Foods Market in Chicago, April 16. Competitors, including pastry and culinary students as well as amateurs, presented their best cookies made with California raisins and other high-quality ingredients for the fourth annual competition. While judges tasted and examined each entry, pastry chef instructor Della Gossett of The French Pastry School of Kennedy-King College, Chicago, demonstrated classic recipes for all attendees to sample.

First- through fifth-place winners took home prizes provided by KitchenAid, California Raisin Marketing Board, Fresno, Calif. and The French Pastry School. Carla Cubert was this year's first-place winner with her Raisin Rugelach recipe. Second place went to Dawn Hertz with her Carrot Cake cookies; Caroline Joshi and her Coconut-Curry cookies with raisins took third place; Amelia Hyde's Raisin Peek-a-Boo cookies won fourth place; and fifth place went to Holly St. Myers with her Take Me to the Movies Chocolate-Covered Raisin cookies.

Joining as judges were some other prominent Chicago pastry chefs, including Jimmy MacMillan, executive pastry chef at the University Club of Chicago; Sarah Kosikowski, executive pastry chef at the Trump Hotel; Joshua Baudin of Sweet Whimsy Pastry, Long Grove, Ill.; Gary Konkel of Whole Foods; and Tommy Zarlengo of Zarlengo's Italian Ice and Gelato, Chicago Heights, Ill.

For more information about classes, future competitions or to download the recipes, go to [www.pastrychicago.org](http://www.pastrychicago.org).



### ConAgra Offers to Buy Ralcorp Holdings for \$4.9B

ConAgra Foods, Omaha, Neb., upped its offer for Ralcorp Holdings, St. Louis, Mo., to \$4.9 billion, in a push to expand its presence in generic products. If ConAgra is successful in its latest bid, the acquisition would allow it to more than quadruple its private-label sales from \$850 million to approximately \$4 billion a year, particularly as consumers look for alternatives to their more expensive national brand favorites during

the recession.

As of presstime, Ralcorp's board of directors rejected the bid, saying it "unanimously" determined the hostile takeover wasn't in shareholders' best interests. Ralcorp's board adopted a shareholder rights plan to ensure its continued independence and to prevent a takeover. The details of this, called the "poison pill" plan, will be fielded with the Securities Exchange Commission.

## people

### In Memorium

#### Irwin Steinberg, Founder of TIA

**Irwin Steinberg**, founder of the Tortilla Industry Association, Arlington, Va., passed away. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jabin Steinberg of Irving, Texas; his sister Dorothy Gottesman, of Boca Raton, Fla.; son Laurence Steinberg and his wife Wendy of Philadelphia; son Andrew Steinberg and his wife Roxann of Chevy Chase, Md.; two grandsons, Benjamin Steinberg of New York and Malcolm Steinberg of Chevy Chase, Md.; and one granddaughter, Madeline Steinberg, of Chevy Chase, Md.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the American Heart Association, Dallas.

#### Sensient Colors LLC, St. Louis

**Michael Geraghty** has been appointed general manager for U.S. food colors division, responsible for strategic planning, marketing, sales and day-to-day operations for U.S. food colors. Geraghty most recently was general manager and founder of Ready Solutions Inc., a Davidson, N.C., company that markets emergency preparedness products. At Ready Solutions, Geraghty created an international supply chain and designed award-winning products. He also held management positions at GE Plastics and Calgon Corp.

#### Bradman Lake Inc., Rock Hill, S.C.

**Scott Hogan** has been named engineering manager, responsible for managing all engineering activity for Bradman Lake products and systems for the United States. He will also work with the U.K. technical team to maintain group standards. Hogan has a unique engineering background along with a proven track record of providing system solutions within the product handling and packaging industry.

#### Kraft Foods Inc., Northfield, Ill.

**Mark Clouse** will replace **Jim Chambers**,

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