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## Japanese Company Develops Powder Free Extinguishers

The following article was taken directly from the Zibb Strictly Business website, in conjunction with Asia Pulse. The original text can be found [here](#).

Bicycle and fire extinguisher manufacturer Miyata Industry Co. (TSE:7301) has developed a new type of fire-extinguishing liquid that works as well as conventional agents without the cough-inducing powdery mess.

The company will market fire extinguishers based on the new liquid from the end of June, targeting commercial users like food-processing factories and restaurants.

The main ingredient is acetic acid, present at twice the normal concentration used in food applications. The acetic acid prevents the spread of fire, while the other ingredients -- all also used as food additives -- have a cooling effect that helps extinguish the flame.

This liquid is jetted out toward the flames, so peripheral areas are minimally exposed and the cleanup goes much faster.

Miyata will market the new fire extinguisher in iron and stainless steel versions priced at 22,050 yen (US\$211) and 33,600 yen, respectively. It hopes to sell a combined 20,000 units in fiscal 2008.

## NFPA Meetings Pictures!

Check out some of our pictures from this year's NFPA meeting in Las Vegas, NV!

## Chrissy's Corner

Randomness from the Editor-in-Chief



Phew. How did it become July already?! Where did my summer go?

With July upon us, thus ends our trade shows until the fall. All three NAFED shows and the annual NFPA show were all successes and I can safely say that Wesco had an excellent time. Unfortunately, I had to miss NFPA this year - I'm too close to my due date with the baby, so I couldn't fly out to Vegas. However, from what Shannon, John, and Joanna reported to me, they all had an excellent time and got to meet and catch up with some great clients and friends!

I'm getting into prime baby mode right now - my baby girl is due in t minus 4 weeks - hopefully sooner! We have the nursery done and decorated, furniture put in, clothes and blankets are washed, and the hospital bag is packed - so we are ready for our little bug to make her arrival! With that being said, I want to thank all the readers of the HH and all of our clients who have expressed joy and congratulations to me throughout the past 9 months a big THANK YOU for their kind words and support. I can't tell you all enough how nice it is to hear the happiness from our clients when I talk with them, either via email, or in person at the trade shows, and have them express their well wishes to me after hearing I'm pregnant. Business is business, but in this industry, it's great to have that friendly connection with anyone - competitors, clients, customers, etc.

So, thank you. And hopefully by next month's issue, we will have a new little addition to the

Upcoming Events

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2nd - 5th - [NFPA WSCE 2008](#)

14th - Flag Day

15th - Father's Day

21st - First Day of Summer

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July 2008

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4th - 4th of July

29th - 31st - [NFPA](#)

[Americas' Fire & Safety Expo](#)



Joanna and Shannon at our Wesco booth!



Beautiful Planet Hollywood at night



Vegas goes NFPA for the weekend!

The Air Up There:  
We Want the Screen Rights!

by John Demeter

Wesco family!

Thanks for reading,

In Memoriam:  
John Waters

This month we lost 2 of the greats in the fire suppression industry. it is with sadness that we report the passing of John Waters, of Fireline. Please read below for FSSA's article about his life and contributions. Note that this article has been copied from the press release that FSSA has sent out and is by no means Wesco's property:

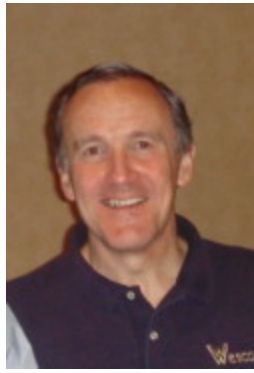
John Samuel Waters, who founded Fireline Corporation, died of multiple myeloma on June 11, 2008 in Towson, Maryland; he was 91.

He was born in Owings Mills, Maryland. He earned an economics degree from the Johns Hopkins University, where he played varsity lacrosse and was a member of Delta Phi fraternity. He then worked in the purchasing department of the Butler Brothers wholesale dry goods firm in downtown Baltimore. During World War II, he was an Army finance officer at Fort Meade, Maryland.

John was an Alex. Brown & Sons stockbroker briefly, then, in 1947, struck out on his own and founded the Fireline Corporation to sell and service fire extinguishers and other equipment. The business remains in the family, and is an installer member of the Fire Suppression Systems Association (FSSA).

John Waters was the 1966 president of the National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors (NAFED), a group he helped found. He also received the NAFED Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Waters, a past president of the Star Spangled Banner Flag House Association, was a member of the L'Hirondelle and Johns Hopkins clubs. He was also active in the Salvation Army Advisory Board and the Baltimore Rotary. Rotary members honored him with the Paul Harris Award for



"Most men die from their remedies, not their diseases."

So wrote French playwright and actor Moliere in the 17th century.

That quote came to mind while catching up on some reading over the recent holiday weekend. The June 30 issue of OzoNews, published by Samira de Gobert at the UNEP, reports "Planetary engineering projects to cool the planet could backfire quite spectacularly: a new model shows that a "sulphate sunshade" would punch huge holes through the ozone layer above the Arctic. To make matters worse, it would also delay the full recovery of the Antarctic ozone hole by up to 70 years." You can read the entire article [here](#).

Sulfate sunshade? Huh?

Since we consider OzoNews as a serious source of news and Samira de Gobert a serious editor, we ruled out our first reaction to this story – surely, this was part of a trailer for next summer's blockbuster movie starring Bruce Willis as Harry Stamper (Armageddon, 1998. You'll remember that Harry saved the world from sure destruction by landing on a speeding monster asteroid on a collision course with earth and blows it up). In this new movie, Harry and his gang of deep core drilling roughnecks and roustabouts would fill the sky with a solar sulfate shield just as the world bakes and the last ice float holding the last male and female polar bears begins to melt rapidly. Polar Bears Saved!! World Saved!! Harry Stamper does it again!

Follow the links in this story, however, and one finds out that people are quite serious about Sulfate Solar Shields. Ken Caldeira at the Carnegie Institution of Washington, in California, who has been studying this subject, says this, "We have been trying to pinpoint **the one really bad thing that argues against geoengineering the climate,**" says Caldeira. "**But it is really hard to find.**" (Emphasis ours)

Not even one, huh? Fill the atmosphere with Sulfate, maintain enough concentration to block eight percent of the sun's radiation, and hold off manmade global warming?? I'm not sure that even Harry Stamper could pull this off.

"exemplary service" to the club and its charities. He was also a past president of the Blakehurst Residents Association.

In addition to his sons and daughter, survivors include his wife of nearly 64 years, the former Patricia Whitaker; another daughter, Patricia Whitaker Waters Jr. of Alexandria, Va.; seven grandchildren; and three great- grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions may be made to a charity of your choice or to the Blakehurst Scholarship Foundation, 1055 W. Joppa Road, Towson, Maryland 21204.

In Memoriam:  
Don Begley & Al Farruggia

Two other saddening losses to the industry that we recently heard of was Don Begley, past president of NAFED, and Al Farruggia, founder of Illinois Fire Extinguisher Company.

On March 8, 2008, NAFED charter member Al Farruggia, founder of the Illinois Fire Extinguisher Company, passed away. he was 87 years old and still held Chicago and State of Illinois fire extinguisher licenses. Al was a World War II veteran who participated in General Patton's march in Europe to free members of the 101st airborne division who were being held by Germans at the time, and also witnessed the atrocities of the Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald, arriving hours after its liberation.

In addition to being a war hero, Al was employed with the Chicago Fire Insurance Patrol, protecting properties from the ravages of smoke and water damage. It is through his experiences with the Chicago Fire Insurance Patrol that Al developed an interest in extinguishers, and left to begin his own lucrative business. Al became a charter member of the United Fire Equipment Service Association, which spawned off many NAFED chapters. Al was succeeded at Illinois Fire Extinguisher Company (now Illinois Fire and Safety Company) by his son, Tom, in 1985.

We send out condolences to the Farruggia family and friends at this time, and are proud that the industry had such an influential and knowledgeable man such as Al.

Don Begley, past president of NAFED, recipient of the Fredricksen Award, passed away on February 18, 2008.

In 1960, Don and brothers Pat and Bill purchased Andersen Fire Equipment Co., and grew the tiny

One of Calderia's worries is that this \$100 million shield might be subject to the political whims of Washington with, for example, Republicans spending to put up the shield and Democrats, upon coming into power (does he know something we don't know?) would take it down. Fortunately, those politics may never play out since the study also showed serious damage to the now recovering ozone layer occurring from the atmospheric breakdown of the sulfates. Thank goodness. Maybe we can put this grant money to better use.

Readers of this column know, while not global warming deniers, we are somewhat skeptical of man's ability to do anything about it. Studies looking into the creation of global sulfate sunshades, do nothing to change our opinion.

Caldeira's study also found that a solar shield would not correct abnormalities in rainfall. Shucks!! We thought there was sequel in this!

#### Trivia Time!

Congratulations to our winners of last month's trivia!

Shannan Odum, National Fire Fighter  
Doug Mangels, DFD-DIA (who generously donated his winnings to the ARFF Working Group)

Runners Up:  
Bill Scherneck, Fire Extinguisher Company  
Bill Anderson, Minnesota Conway Fire and Safety

This month's question is about Canada - in honor of Canada Day, which was July 1st. Get ready to think about our friends to the north! The **FIRST TWO PEOPLE** to [email us](#) with the correct answer to the following question will each win a \$50 American Express gift card! Get ready...

- How many time zones exist in Canada?

Good luck!

storefront into a four million dollar plus business, with over 30 full time employees - quite the success for a business that started out just barely making 6 figures, with only one full time employee!

Don's son noted how proud his father was of how far he brought Andersen Fire Equipment Co., and how much he enjoyed the industry. Begley was highly knowledgeable, and at the same time, humble about his beginnings and his achievements.

I can say from personal experience that it was always a joy to speak and interact with Don, and I was greatly saddened to hear of his passing. He was always an excellent conversationalist, and never failed to make me laugh. Don will not only be missed by yours truly, but by all in the industry, who can easily agree he was an asset to fire suppression.

#### Recipe of the Month!

I made this for a family brunch earlier this month, and it was a HUGE hit! I'm not normally a quiche person, but after tasting the conglomeration of all these flavors together, I was easily converted to a quiche lover. Enjoy!

The full text of this recipe can be found [here](#). Enjoy!

#### Hash Brown Quiche

3 cups, shredded frozen hash browns, thawed and drained (note: I used 2-3 frozen hash brown patties, chopped up, also and it worked just as well!)

4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter, melted  
3 large eggs, beaten

1 cup half-and-half

3/4 cup diced cooked ham

1/2 cup diced green onions

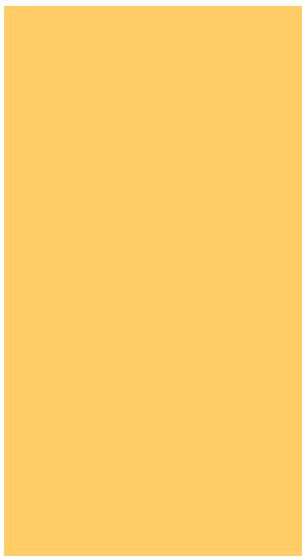
1 cup shredded Cheddar

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F.

Gently press the drained hash browns between paper towels to dry them as best as possible. In a 9-inch pie plate, toss the hash browns with the melted butter into the plate. Press them into the bottom and up the sides to form a crust. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes until golden brown and starting to crisp.

Meanwhile, in a large mixing bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. When the hash brown crust



is ready pour the egg mixture over it and return to the oven.

Lower the oven temperature to 350 degrees F and bake for about 30 minutes until the quiche is light golden brown on top and puffed.