

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

September 27, 2002

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

National Beverage Corp.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-14170

(Commission File
Number)

59-2605822

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One North University Drive
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33324
(Address of principal executive offices)

(954) 581-0922

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events

On September 27, 2002, Mr. Joseph G. Caporella was elected President of National Beverage Corp. A copy of the Press Release issued by us on October 1, 2002 announcing Mr. Caporella's election is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.

N/A

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

N/A

(c) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated October 1, 2002

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

National Beverage Corp.

By: /s/ Dean A. McCoy

Dean A. McCoy
Senior Vice President – Controller and Principal Accounting
Officer

Date: October 4, 2002

CONTACT: OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN, GRACE A. KEENE

NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP.
ELECTS
NEW PRESIDENT

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL, OCTOBER 1, 2002...ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2002, AT THE NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP. (AMEX: FIZ) BOARD MEETING FOLLOWING ITS ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING, MR. JOSEPH G. CAPORELLA WAS ELECTED TO THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT.

"JOE JOINED THE COMPANY IN SEPTEMBER 1988 AND, UNDER THE STEWARDSHIP OF MIKE PEREZ, STAN SHERIDAN, ED KNECHT, DENNIS THOMPSON AND MANY OTHERS, GOT HIS 'WINGS' AS A SOFT DRINK COMMANDER," STATED COMPANY SPOKESPERSON, GRACE A. KEENE.

"THIS COMPANY IS QUITE UNUSUAL IN MANY WAYS AND, TO CONTINUE TO ENRICH OUR SPECIAL CULTURE, WE CHOSE SOMEONE WHO LIVED OUR PHILOSOPHY FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD, AND IS A DISCIPLE OF THE 'STUFF' THAT MAKES US SO UNIQUE," MRS. KEENE CONTINUED.

"JOE HAS THAT RARE COMBINATION OF TRAITS THAT MAKES HIM ABLE TO GET RESULTS WHEN OTHERS CANNOT, WHILE BEING SENSITIVE TO THE 'SMALL THINGS' THAT MAKE PEOPLE FEEL THEY REALLY MATTER. I AM EXTREMELY PROUD OF THE MAN HE HAS DEVELOPED INTO AND HE HAS CERTAINLY EARNED THE RESPECT OF THOSE...WHO WILL NOW ADDRESS HIM AS OUR PRESIDENT," STATED NICK A. CAPORELLA, CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

"RARE AND PRIVILEGED COME TO MIND IN DESCRIBING MY FEELINGS RELATIVE TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO 'WALK IN THE SHADOW' OF A MAN SO RESPECTED AND, YES...THAT HE IS ALSO MY FATHER...WELL, THAT IS THE ULTIMATE," STATED JOSEPH G. CAPORELLA, PRESIDENT. "I WORK TO ACCOMPLISH AND SATISFY MY DREAMS, BUT HONESTLY, I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT MY GREATEST JOY IS SEEING THAT 'SPARKLE' IN MY FATHER'S EYES..." CONCLUDED JOE CAPORELLA.

NATIONAL BEVERAGE PRODUCES SOFT DRINKS, BOTTLED WATERS, JUICES AND JUICE PRODUCTS AND IS HIGHLY RECOGNIZED FOR A LINE OF REFRESHING FLAVORS THROUGH ITS POPULAR BRANDS: SHASTA(R), FAYGO(R), RITZ(R), EVERFRESH(R), MR. PURE(R) AND LACROIX(R).

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