UNEXPECTED DELIGHT

Head to Beauchaine's 211 in Surf City for seafood that goes beyond the usual beachside fare. Check out Jason Frye's review. C2

BITES & SIPS

New owners hope to sweeten up sweet shop



PAUL STEPHEN

ast week Wes and Kristen Bechtel became just about the coolest parents a pair of daughters could ask

for. Leaving his post with Verizon and hers as a paralegal, the two have gone full-time into the world of frozen confections as the new owners of Wilmington institution Boombalatti's Homemade Ice Cream. And the Bechtels' girls, Airlie, 6, and Stella, 3, are already having an impact on the menu: Wes unveiled a watermelon sorbet last week suggested by Airlie.

"She's such a little entrepreneur in the making," the proud father beamed. "One of the main reasons I left my corporate job is because I wanted my children to see that if you want something, don't be afraid to chase it."

Bechtel has long harbored a passion for ice cream and considered opening a shop of his own. A web search for information about the parlor he considered his top competition brought unexpected results, however. Boombalatti's was listed on the popular site BizBuySell.com.

Founders Kevin and Michelle Maneval have long operated the shop located at 1127 Military Cutoff Road. The two have assisted the Bechtels' transition into their new roles for the past couple weeks. Michelle Maneval wouldn't elaborate on the couple's future plans other than to say they're moving on to other ventures, but she didn't hesitate to express how valuable the past 16 years have been to her and Kevin.

"It's been a total honor to meet and serve the community," she said.

The Bechtels will continue making the popular array of flavors the Manevals have established, but keep an eye out for fun new options as well. Wes has long been an experimental foodie with a finger on the pulse of contemporary cuisine trends. He said a flavor called The Hipster Triforce -Sriracha-glazed bacon crumbled into a Nutellaflavored ice cream - isn't out of the question. (Bonus points if you catch the 1980s video game reference.)

Among his top priorities, Bechtel said, will be

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COBBLER VS. PIE

Which treatment is best for this season's abundance of berries?

Paul Stephen Paul.Stephen@StarNewsOnline.com

t's time for a blueberry battle royale. It's no secret the Blueberries are kind of a big deal around here. The sleepy town of Burgaw transforms into ground zero for the N.C. Blueberry Festival this weekend, offering plenty of muffins, cakes, breads, ice creams and other confections. But for many of us, it really only boils down to one contest: cobbler vs. pie.

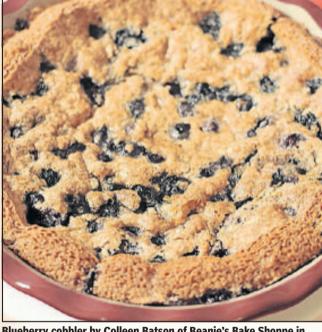
Sure, they're both delicious, and nobody in their right mind would ever turn down either. But for many, there can be only one when it comes to these toothstaining specialties.

Be it a squabble over presentation, buttery crust, ease of preparation or

countless other skirmishes, it's rare to find someone who doesn't feel passionately about why their dessert reigns supreme.

To get to the bottom of this vexing conflict, we enlisted two of Pender





Blueberry cobbler by Colleen Batson of Beanie's Bake Shoppe in Burgaw. See Batson's recipe inside on C5.

COBBLER

Colleen Batson of Beanie's Bake Shoppe in Burgaw mounts her wdefense of cobbler with a concession. "I think cobbler is almost a debate in itself," she said. "For a lot of people it's supposed to have a biscuit top, but especially in the Southeast, it usually has a more cakey topping."

For Batson, cobbler clobbers pie on a few key points. Some are a boon to the home cook in a hurry, others more motivated by the glory of indulgence. "I'm greedy. With a cobbler you kind of get cake and pie," Batson quipped.

"Who doesn't like cake?" Getting serious, she outlines a number of



Colleen Batson, owner of Beanie's Bake Shoppe in Burgaw.

preparation benefits cobbler enjoys over pie. For starters, it's far less messy and time consuming without the need to roll out a pre-chilled crust.

SEE COBBLER, C5

Online Poll

■ We'd love to know whose side you're on. Visit this story at StarNewsOnline. com to cast your vote for cobbler or pie.

If you go

What: N.C. Blueberry Festival When: 6-10:30 p.m. June 19, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. June 20 Where: Downtown Burgaw Details: This annual festival celebrates an important Pender County agricultural crop with two days of music, entertainment and

food. More at NCBlueberryFestival.com



Blueberry pie by Samantha Smith of Surf City bakery Sugar Island, See Samantha Smith's recipe inside on C5. PHOTOS BY PAUL STEPHEN

In pie's corner, Samantha Smith of Sugar Island in Surf City counter punches that her pastry of choice is the culinary embodiment of hospitality. "I think a pie is more festive and makes a better gift," she said. "A pie can look a bit dressier with a nice lattice or streusel top."

Smith allows that making a pie can be more labor intensive, but sees that as a point in pie's favor, citing the meditative calm that comes with rolling dough.

Additionally, a clever cook can use the required rest time as a stress reducing do-ahead; because piecrust, unlike cobbler batter, doesn't contain baking sodas or powders, the dough can sit for hours



Samantha Smith, owner of Sugar island in Surf City.

or overnight in the fridge or up to two months in the freezer.

While a cobbler is certainly a versatile way to use any number of fruits,

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DINING

DINING REVIEW

Surprising delights await at Beauchaines 211

By Jason Frye StarNews Correspondent

Blackbeard's Calamari wasn't what I expected. What I expected when I ordered it from Beauchaines 211 in Surf City was this: a good-sized pile of fried calamari rings and a pair of tartar sauce and cocktail sauce-filled ramekins. What I got was more of a calamari salad — fried calamari, arugula, julienned peppers and jicama tossed in a semisweet garlic aioli. I looked at it, wondered at it, and dove in.

For most of us, when we dine at a waterside eatery, especially one in a beach town, we expect the expected. Calamari looks like this, the tuna will be overcooked and served on bland rice, everything will cost \$5 more than it should (a premium you pay for the view, I guess). Patrice Parker's restaurant, Beauchaines 211, may be one of those beach-town eateries, but thanks to Chef Ian Wisnioski, they manage to shed most of the seaside dining stereotypes.

Take Blackbeard's Calamari (\$10). It's a surprise visually and flavor-wise. No out-of-the-jar cocktail sauce; instead, a fresh aioli. And the crunch from the jicama and peppers? A nice addition. The same goes for the arugula.

The Warm Spinach Salad (\$9), served with red onion, bacon and a warm

bacon vinaigrette, is a familiar dish, but manages to deliver a couple of surprises too. Cornbread Croutons are the first. Though a couple of my croutons were toasted a bit too much (they were borderline burned), they provided a fun twist on the typical crouton. The second surprise was restraint. In today's bacon-happy food world, I almost cringe at the idea of both bacon and a warm bacon vinaigrette on a salad, but Wisnioski was restrained, almost stingy, with both the dressing and the pieces of bacon on the salad, but the conservative approach was warranted as the salad

was perfectly dressed. Another salad, the Caprese (\$9), didn't deliver the same surprise of concept or big shot of flavor I hoped for. Perhaps it's too early in the season for Beauchaines to get really good tomatoes from their suppliers, but the tomatoes I had were bland at best. The mozzarella was likewise mediocre. I might try this salad again, but if I did, it would be during the height of tomato season.

When it came to entrees, I knew seafood was going to be a specialty, so I ordered the Seared Ahi Tuna and, on our server's recommendation, 211's Flounder Roulade. Both were very good dishes.

The Seared Ahi (\$25) came cooked exactly

Beauchaines 211

Cuisine: Coastal Fine Dining Location: 211 S. Topsail Dr., Surf City

Hours: Bar opens at 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, dining room opens at 5:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday **Price:** Entrees range from

\$23 to \$31 Signature Dish: 211's Flounder Roulade (flounder filet stuffed with crab and

Details: 910-328-1888 and www.beauchaines211.com

rolled),

as ordered - medium rare — with a light sear outside and a beautiful ruby-red interior. Served over jasmine rice, grilled baby bok choy and an avocado cream sauce, I found the sides to be very well executed (even the rice, which is often a throwaway component), especially the bok choy, an ingredient I didn't expect to find on the menu here. The tuna was excellent on its own and delicious with the avocado cream sauce. Great dish.

211's Flounder Roulade (\$25) – a flounder filet stuffed with crab then rolled and served with a potato mash, grilled asparagus and champagne cream-was another knockout entrée. The crab was present, delivering its flavor without being overpowering, and the flounder was cooked just right, neither too flaky nor too underdone. Much of the richness came



211's Flounder Roulade served over mashed potatoes and asparagus at Beauchaines 211 in Surf City, NC. STAFF PHOTO BY ELLEN KANZINGER/STARNEWS MEDIA

from the champagne cream, but the potato mash (why not just call them mashed potatoes?) helped tone it down. Even the asparagus, a veggie I have recently grown tired of, was good. This was another dish I'd order again.

A dish I wouldn't order again is Katy's Shrimp Pasta (\$24). Though shrimp, angel hair pasta, sundried tomatoes, goat cheese and arugula with a white wine butter sauce sounds good, it is indeed bland The sauce had no body, so a bite of pasta just tasted like boxed noodles. The amount of arugula that came on top was an embarrassing pinch of greens that delivered no flavor. Despite the fact that the shrimp were tender, they tasted of

nothing. The only flavor I found was in the sundried tomatoes and goat cheese. Avoid this dish as the calories and the cost are both too high to justify eating it.

On the other hand, Tower's Tenderloin, the most expensive item on the menu at \$31, it absolutely worth it. The dish sautéed spinach (with just a hint of garlic) and potato mash topped with an ideally-seasoned filet mignon and mushroom demi – was excellent. While each item on the plate was good individually, a forkful with a bit of each showed how well composed this dish was. As with the Ahi Tuna, this steak came out cooked exactly as ordered medium rare - which was a surprise considering how busy the dining room

Which brings me to the dining room. There's an upstairs and downstairs dining room, and most tables have a view of some sort of the Intracoastal Waterway. If you want a window-side table, request it when you make reservations or you'll dine like me, peeking at the water through a busy dining room.

For dessert, the Chocolate Truffle Cake (\$10) was excellent. Our server said they don't make the cake in house, but they buy it from a bakery just up the street. I love that the chef trusts a local business enough to outsource a dessert, and after one bite of the cake, I saw that he was absolutely right to do it.

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JUST A TASTE

Cocktails, food trucks, free food await

hat's on the menu for the upcoming week? Plenty of fun food – and Whether it's sampling from a few of the area's best chefs, buying your food from a truck, brushing up on your BBQ expertise with hands-on training or taking Dad out for a special meal, foodies have many interesting options over the next few days.

Get a read on the local food scene

Are you torn between your love for food and reading? Indulge them both during a cocktail hour with foodie author John E. Batchelor at 5 p.m. . Wednesday at Pomegranate Books, 4418 Park Ave. in Wilmington. He will discuss his book, "Chefs of the Coast: Restaurants & Recipes from the North Carolina Coast," and the following chefs he profiled will provide samples of their food: Kymberlei DiNapoli of Taste the Olive Café & Wine Bar, Robert Pickens of Kornerstone Bistro, Pierre Penegre of La Catalan French Café & Wine Bar and Thierry Moity of Caprice Bistro.

In "Chefs of the Coast," Batchelor, a restaurant reviewer and food critic from Greensboro, profiles 53 well-established and up-and-coming chefs from the region. Drawing from personal interviews, he reveals each chef's cooking philosophy, influences and personality. The book also includes a description of each restaurant and recipes from the chefs.

Truckin' toward the weekend

If having a local brew



JUDY ROYAL

with some food truck grub is your idea of a good time, then Flytrap Brewing, 319 Walnut St. in downtown Wilmington, has three days of fun just for you. The upcoming lineup includes Pepe's Taco Truck 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Catch the Food Truck 7-9 p.m. Friday and A&M's Red Food Truck 7-10 p.m. Saturday. Pair that up with some live music out in the fresh air and you've got yourself the ideal summer evening.

Also, Flytrap Brewing is now open until midnight on Thursdays and this week will release its new Lemon Saison. Find out more at www.flytrapbrewing.com.

Summer of samples

Who doesn't love free food? Head over to Vom Fass, 3500 Oleander Drive in Wilmington's Independence Mall, for BBQ: Vom Fass Style 1-5 p.m. Saturday. This complimentary event offers the chance to sample and savor the summer's best barbecue recipes.

Nibble on pork shoulder, sides, salads and more, and take home some inspiration for your next cookout. If you want to make sure you get a taste, don't wait too late; food will be served until it runs out.

A wicked evening

Fermental, 7250-B Market St. in Wilmington,

will host An Evening with Wicked Weed Brewing at 6 p.m. Saturday. The event will feature a variety of Wicked Weed beers on draught in the beer garden as well as bottles from this award-winning Asheville establishment.

During the free event, there will be beer tastings, giveaways, meet and greet with brewery representatives, grub for purchase from Big Mac's Funky Lil' Kitchen food truck and live music alongside a display of visual artists. A portion of the evening's proceeds benefits the Alzheimer's Association.

Let someone else do the grilling

Looking for something different to do for Father's Day? Whole Foods Market, 3804 Oleander Drive in Wilmington, is having a Dad's Steak Dinner at 6 p.m. Sunday. Enjoy one beverage of choice (including beer and wine), appetizer of watermelon strawberry salad, a main course of grilled ribeye steak or a portabella mushroom cap with grilled asparagus and potato salad and a 4-inch cake for the table to share for dessert. The kids' meal includes a choice of popcorn chicken, hot dog or a chicken quesadilla with two sides. There will also be live music from Possum Creek Bluegrass Band.

This all-inclusive meal is \$25 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under, no tip necessary. RSVP and prepay by Friday; call 777-2499 or stop by the customer service desk.

– Email information on food and wine events to Iudy Royal at judyaroyal@ gmail.com.



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NEWS & NOTES

Students awarded the Joel Lewis Scholarship

NEW HANOVER COUNTY | Two New Hanover County Schools students were the first recipients of the Joel Lewis Scholarship. The Historically Black Colleges and Universities Experience College Fair and Battle of the Bands, coordinated by Frankie Pollock Jr., awarded the scholarships to Kierra **Dunston of Laney High School** and Algernon Robinson of Isaac Bear Early College High School on May 9.

Kierra and Algernon were honored at a special breakfast that included the HBCU Experience Committee and the family of the late Joel Lewis. Mr. Pollock's family and former members of the Community Boys Club Drum and Drill Team, which Mr. Lewis coordinated, were also in attendance for this celebration.

Virgo students attended Law Day

NEW HANOVER COUNTY | Malik Gordon and Willie Mack, Jr., students from Virgo Preparatory Academy, where among students from across the state gathered in Raleigh on May 1, as the North Carolina Bar Association observed Law Day 2015. The students were recognized for their efforts in essay writing, poster art and moot court. Malik, a sixth grade student, won first place in the Photo Essay Contest. Willie, also a sixth grade student, won third place in the Photo Essay Contest. The competition was followed by an awards luncheon at the City Club where NCBA President Catharine Arrowood presented the Law Day Proclamation issued by Gov. Pat McCrory.

Hospice offers free spouse grief program

BOLIVIA | Lower Cape Fear Hospice will offer a six-week grief program for those coping with the loss of a spouse. The program will be held 3-5 p.m. Tuesdays, June 23-July 28, at SECU Hospice House of Brunswick, 955 Mercy Lane, S.E.

Discussions include the phases of grief and the grieving process, along with other areas of concern. Often being around others who have been through a similar experience enables participants to talk about what they are experiencing. Grief groups help emphasize that participants are not grieving alone and others understand and can support them on their grief journey.

Registration is mandatory and closes once the series begins. For more information, call 910-796-8056. When leaving a message, please leave your name, phone number and indicate the specific program you wish to attend. Sessions are free, donations accepted.

Vounteers needed for N.C. Blueberry Festival

BURGAW | The N.C. Blueberry Festival will be Saturday, June 20. The festival needs six volunteers to work the beer tent. Shifts are flexible.

Anyone interested in volunteering, can call Olivia Dawson at 910-259-2007 or 910-663-1812.

Surf City celebrates Independence Day

SURF CITY I The town of Surf City will hold its Independence Day celebration on Friday, July 3.

There will be food, and a band performing at 6 p.m. at Soundside Park, 517 Roland Ave., and fireworks.

For more information, www. townofsurfcity.com.

YOUR VOICE

Girl collects pet supplies for nonprofit

By Maureen McKenna Your Voice correspondent

Nina Noble, 11, said in a May 2 Here Now column by Si Cantwell that she wanted to conduct a dog food drive. She was working on a mural at the YWCA Lower Cape Fear.

Well, I picked up on that and the YWCA made it happen! We were happy to support Nina in her dream and initiate a dog food drive for Paws Place Dog Rescue, which located at 3701-E Boiling Springs Road in Winnabow.

During our first contact with PAWS, I wanted Nina to speak directly to Peggy, from Paws, on the phone and ask her the questions, because Nina knew specifically she wanted to help a no-kill shelter.

Nina wrote down all the items that the shelter took as donations and she and her classmates made posters listing the items needed. We also set up donation boxes at the YWCA's childcare center, Tot-Spot and at the YWCA pool area. It surprised us that PAWS also asked for things like old towels, sheets and bleach, for cleaning, along with specific kinds of dog foods, toys and various other items.

Paws Place made their first visit

to Nina's school on May 19 for the" kick off." They brought a rescue dog with them, and explained to the students that their rescue dogs aren't always puppies, and how PAWS is a no-kill shelter. They told us that the dogs have a permanent home at PAWS Place, whether or not they are adopted.

On June 9, Paws Place came to pick up all of the donations with their beautiful Paws Place van! Peggy and Robin brought two 11-week-old puppies to meet the children. They visited each classroom with the puppies and thanked the students for their donations and support. The children and their families are welcome to come visit PAWS and donate their time to play and interact with the puppies and dogs.

Learn more about Paws Place at www.pawsplace.org.

Maureen McKenna is a receptionist and art teacher at YWCA Lower Cape Fear.

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Nina Noble, 11, sits with a pal amid supplies she collected for PAWS Rescue, a pet-rescue

nonprofit in Winnabow. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

CALENDAR Wed.. June 17

Auditions: for Big Dawg Production's presentation of "The Miss Firecracker Contest," 7 p.m. at Cape Fear Playhouse, 613 Castle St., Wilmington. Roles are available for two men and four women, ages late 20's to late 30's (men) and mid 20's to mid 30's (women). For more info, email svernonadbigdawg@gmail.com.

'The Taming of the Shrew':

Cape Fear Shakespeare's youth company performs the comedy about the tumultuous relationship between Katherine and Petruchio, 8 p.m. June 16-18 at Greenfield Lake Amphitheater, 1941 Amphitheater Drive, Wilmington. 910-399-2878 or www. CapeFearShakespeare.com

Darrell Harwood: Band plays country, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the gazebo, 1790-4 Queen Anne St., Sunset Beach. Bring your lawn chair and refreshments or purchase food on-site. Plenty of nearby parking. 910-367-6396 or www.Sunset-BeachConcerts.com

Foodie Author: John E. Batchelor, "Chefs of the Coast: Restaurants and Recipes from the North Carolina Coast' will be at Pomegranate Books, 4418 Park Ave, Wilmington. Chefs from his book provide samples of food. 5 p.m. Free.

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'Woman in Gold' at Cinematique:

Maria Altmann, an octogenarian Jewish refugee, takes on the Austrian government to recover artwork she believes rightfully belongs to her. 4 p.m.and 7 p.m. at Thalian Hall, 310 Chestnut St., Wilmington. \$8. 910-632-2285 or www.ThalianHall.org

Thu., June 18

An Evening With Althea Gibson:

A catered reception June 18 in the ballroom of the main stage of Thalian Hall, 310 Chestnut St., Wilmington. 6 p.m. meet filmmaker Rex Miller, 7:15 p.m. screening of "Althea." A documentary about the trailblazing athlete Althea Gibson. Tennis attire encourage. \$85, supports www.one-love-tennis.org. For more information, www. altheathefilm.com.

Junkyard Mama: Band plays classic, modern rock, 6:30 p.m. at Carolina Beach Boardwalk Gazebo. Fireworks at 9 p.m. 910-458-8434.

WECT Sounds of Summer:

Machine Gun (rock), 6:30-8 p.m. at Wrightsville Beach Town Park, 321 Causeway Drive, Wrightsville Beach. Bring a picnic, lawn chairs and blankets. 910-256-7925.

Fri., June 19

Airlie Gardens Summer Concert: BLP (dance), 6 p.m. at Airlie

Gardens, 300 Airlie Road, Wilmington. \$8 adults, \$2 children, free for members. There's no public parking on site. Park at the old Cinema 6 lot at 5335 Oleander Drive and take the shuttle. Bring a cooler. No tents. 910-798-7700.

'All's Well That Ends Well': For the first time in its 23 seasons, Cape Fear Shakespeare presents this comedy about the daughter of a doctor in pursuit of marriage to a nobleman. 8 p.m. June 19-20 at Hugh Morton Greenfield Lake Amphitheater, 1941 Amphitheater Drive, Wilmington. Free, donations accepted. 910-399-2878.

Downtown Sundown Concert:

Dave Matthews Tribute Band, 6-10 p.m. at Wilmington's Riverfront Park, 5 N. Water St. \$1 buys you a charity-supporting wristband, and you have to have a wristband if you want to drink. No coolers. Beer and wine for sale.

'Mary Poppins': A musical based on the stories of P. L. Travers, performed by Opera House Theatre Co. 8 p.m. June 19-20 at Thalian Hall, 310 Chestnut St., Wilmington. 910-632-2285 or www.ThalianHall.

Music on the Town: The Phantom Playboys (rockabilly), 6:30-9;30 p.m. at Mayfaire Event Field, behind Ulta and

World Market. **Ocean Isle Beach Summer**

Concert: Carolina Sound Band (Motown, beach), 6:30-8 p.m. at Museum of Coastal Carolina, 21 E. 2nd St. Accepting cash for local food pantries.

Sat., June 20

Boogie in the Park: 208th Army Reserve Band concert, 7-9 p.m. at Ocean Front Park, Kure Beach. Bring a beach chair or a blanket. 910-458-8216.

- Find more happenings and post your own at StarNewsOnline.com/ events.

ASK AMY

Sister struggles to accept change in family relationship

DEAR AMY: My sister passed away last year after a long battle with cancer.

My young daughters were very close to her. Her husband said he would remain close to the family.

This year my daughter made her first communion, and her uncle said he would come but at the last minute said he had a work conflict. I understood. This weekend I saw on Facebook that he had gone on vacation with some woman the same week of my daughter's communion.

I also found out that this woman is being introduced to his family. I am



AMY DICKINSON

saddened and angry that it has only been a year and he is already introducing women to his family. I feel like he is replacing my sister and that my children have now lost their uncle as well.

I am so hurt I don't even want to speak to him. He is supposed to come for a

visit next month, and I am worried he will bring this woman. Should I tell him I know, or just let it go? — **Grieving Sister**

DEAR GRIEVING: Your reaction to this changing relationship is understandable. But your brother-in-law's actions are also understandable. Grief is like that - no two people cope in the same way. Yes, he should do a better job maintaining his connection to your children, but he might find it extremely painful to be with your family, or self-conscious about his choices.

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

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WITH BOB JONES

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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The bidding:
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Opening lead: ?

Today's deal was played in a major tournament in 1998. West was Michael Rosenberg, a leading American expert who recently relocated to California after a long run in New York.

Many West players would lead the five of clubs, but Rosenberg realized that his partner was nearly broke.

East couldn't have a fast entry, so leading a singleton was pointless. He could not reach partner for a club ruff. After considerable thought, he played his partner for the one secondary honor that would allow him to defeat the contract. He led the

him to defeat the contract. He led the king of hearts!

South could have made his contract by ducking this lead, or winning and continuing hearts, but how could he possibly think that anything special was called for? He won the opening heart lead with his ace, crossed to dummy with the ace of diamonds and led a trump to his of diamonds, and led a trump to his king. Rosenberg captured this with his ace and now led his singleton club, and declarer was helpless. As soon as Rosenberg won his jack of trumps, he led a heart to partner's queen for a well-earned club ruff. Rosenberg's wife, Debbie, is an outstanding player in her own right, having won a number of North American Championships

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- Cheryl Whitaker

Your just desserts

Special to The Washington Post

Cranberry-Orange-**Walnut Biscotti**

24 pieces

- 1 ½ cups walnut halves,
- coarsely chopped ■ 3 large eggs
- 3/3 cup honey ■ 1 tablespoon vanilla
- extract ■ 2 tablespoons finely
- grated orange zest
- 2 1/4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder ■ ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup dried unsweetened cranberries

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Spread the nuts on the baking sheet; toast for 8 to 10 minutes or until they are fragrant and lightly browned. Let cool.

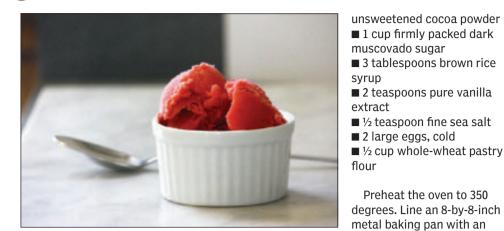
Combine the eggs, honey, vanilla extract and orange zest in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a whisk attachment or a handheld electric mixer; beat on medium-high speed for 1 to 2 minutes, until well incorporated.

Combine the flour, baking powder, salt, toasted nuts and dried cranberries in a mixing bowl.

Pour the egg mixture into the flour mixture; use a wooden spoon to stir for 2 to 3 minutes to form a thick dough. (You might need to switch to blending the dough with your hands, because the batter can get stiff.)

Transfer the dough to the baking sheet, patting it out into a log about 5 inches wide, 12 inches long and 1 inch high. It's helpful to wet your hands in a bowl of cold water as you're shaping the log so they won't stick to the dough.

Bake (on the middle rack) for 40 to 50 minutes or until



Raspberry Honey Frozen Yogurt is one of those confections that goes with everything and is dead easy to make. T. SUSAN CHANG/ THE WASHINGTON POST

browned and firm. The log should not give when you press a finger firmly into the middle. Let it cool on the baking sheet for about 30 minutes or long enough so you can handle it comfortably. Reduce the oven temperature to 200 degrees.

Transfer the log to a cutting board. Use a serrated knife to cut the log on a slight diagonal into 24 equal slices.

(At this point, you can store the biscotti in the freezer, tightly wrapped in plastic wrap, for up to 1 month.)

Arrange the slices on the baking sheet with a flat side down; bake for 3 to 4 hours or until the biscotti are completely hard. Turn off the oven; let the biscotti dry out completely in the oven overnight.

Raspberry Honey Frozen Yogurt

8 servings

- 1 ¼ cups whole-milk plain Greek yogurt
- 1 pound fresh or frozen raspberries (about 3 ½ cups)
- ½ cup honey
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract

Set a fine-mesh strainer over a medium bowl.

Combine the yogurt, raspberries, honey, lemon juice, salt and vanilla extract in a blender or food processor; blend on high speed for at least 1 minute or until well incorporated. Pour about three-quarters of the mixture through the strainer into a bowl; use a flexible spatula to push the mixture through; discard any seeds.

Stir the remaining onequarter of the mixture back into the strained mixture. (The final frozen yogurt will have a few seeds.)

Churn in an ice cream maker according to the manufacturer's directions. Once the yogurt has finished churning, transfer it to a storage container and freeze for at least 6 hours to allow it to ripen; during that time, the yogurt will become harder and smoother, and the flavors will have a chance to develop.

Dark, Fudgy **Muscovado Brownies**

16 to 25 servings

- 6 tablespoons (¾ stick) unsalted butter
- 5 ounces bittersweet chocolate (60 to 70 percent cacao solids), chopped
- 3 tablespoons

Preheat the oven to 350

8-inch-wide strip of alu-

of overhang on 2 sides.

Melt the butter and

chocolate together in a

large, microwave-safe

cooking oil spray.

blended.

minum foil or parchment

paper, leaving a few inches

Lightly grease the pan with

bowl; microwave on HIGH in

60-second increments, stir-

mixture is smooth and well

Whisk in the cocoa

powder, then the sugar,

brown rice syrup, vanilla

of sugar may remain).

extract and salt, until well

Whisk in the eggs one at a

time. Switch from a whisk

to a spatula, then add the

remain. Let the batter rest

Scrape the batter into the

pan, smoothing the surface.

Bake (middle rack) until a

toothpick inserted in the

center comes out mostly

clean, with a smudge of

chocolate at the end, and

the brownie slab has just

sides of the pan, about 30

the pan on a wire rack.

begun to pull away from the

minutes. Cool completely in

Use the foil or parchment

paper overhang to transfer

ting board. Cut into 16 or 25

squares. Serve, or refriger-

ate in an airtight container

for up to 5 days.

the brownie slab to a cut-

flour, stirring gently just

until no traces of flour

for 10 minutes.

blended (a few small lumps

ring after each one, until the

Find sweet spots with less sugar

By T. Susan Chang **Special to The Washington Post**

It's probably not a coincidence that just as cookbooks based on alternatives to wheat have entered the market (who ever heard of kamut or farro two decades ago?), so have alternatives to refined white sugar.

Two recently published books come up with different ways to address Demon Sugar. "Baking with Less Sugar," by Joanne Chang of Boston's Flour Bakery, dramatically cuts back on sweetness while substituting maple, honey and fruit sugars in smaller quantities. "Real Sweet," by baking blogger Shauna Sever, calls on an even wider variety of less-refined or "natural" sweeteners (agave nectar, coconut sugar, muscovado, turbinado), all used with abandon.

I jumped right in with the Chang book: White Chocolate-Cherry-Almond cookies are very almondy indeed, laden with slivered almonds, almond flour, almond extract. Something was off about the yield: I got 36 cookies instead of 18 (and it's hard for me to imagine that my idea of a ping-pong ball size is that different from hers). But it was a happy accident; the sweet and tart marriage of smooth cocoa butter and sour cherries seemed vaguely reminiscent of a macaroon.

Chang maintains that with her Cranberry-Orange-Walnut Biscotti, she's aiming for a "softer, sweeter, and richer" biscuit than what's traditional in Italy. Mine turned out very browned and very crisp indeed, though, and I ended up eating them dunked in tea. I ate one after another, actually, and I didn't care

that they weren't soft.

Raspberry Honey Frozen Yogurt turned out to be falling-off-a-log easy. Mine took perhaps double the three hours recommended to chill and set up, but it came out subtle, tart and versatile. Pureed dates and maple syrup provided just barely enough sweetness for a sticky toffee pudding (dense and sliceable, and more like pumpkin pie than pudding) to qualify as dessert, but an uncooked maple sauce - melted butter, cream and syrup - made up the difference and then

I stocked up on some exotica for "Real Sweet" coconut sugar and muscovado sugar - finding it ironic that muscovado. an unrefined product once considered the lowliest of sugars, now sells for \$6 a pound. Tinged with molasses, the muscovado gave Sever's Dark, Fudgy Muscovado Brownies a strong figgy undertone, but brownie mavens, take heed: These are really more caky and crumbly than fudgy.

A banana sheet cake turned out almost overly moist, as banana desserts sometimes do, even after 40 minutes instead of 25 to 30 in the oven. But the caramelized coconut sugar frosting was interesting to make: cooked down, then chilled and whipped until it lightened and spread into an aerated, coffee-colored cream.

Can you make your own confectioners' sugar? Why not? Sever calls for turbinado sugar, though really you could combine any sugar with cornstarch in a blender. It comes out tasting just like the store kind and looking only slightly tinted from the turbinado crystals.

COOK'S CORNER

Chef Hutson reveals taste memories in new cookbook

hef Cindy Hutson of Ortanique on the Mile in Coral Gables, Fla., has published "From the Tip of My Tongue" (Story Farm, \$35), a cookbook and memoir that celebrates what she describes as her "cuisine of the sun."

It follows her culinary journey from her childhood in New Jersey and the Florida Panhandle to professional cooking influenced by the tropical flavors of Miami and the Caribbean.

It's a 200-page fun read for those who appreciate the heat and sweet of sultry cuisines, with recipes that range from Bahamian-Style Conch Chowder and Red Stripe Mediterranean Mussels to Jerk-Brined T-Bone Pork Chops in Bacardi Oakhart Guava Sauce and Drunken Banana Fritters with Rum-Soaked Raisin Whipped Cream.

I found the recipe here easy enough for a weeknight meal, but special enough to serve at a dinner party. Once you've made her homemade tomatillo salsa you'll have a hard time settling for a jar from the market.



LINDA CICERO

Summer in a bowl

Tried the avocado and corn salad from your column and loved it.

I love the whole idea of cold foods for hot days.

My favorite summer bowl is an oldie you printed in 1991 (I remember the year because I had just moved into my own apartment and started cooking on my own).

It was my favorite hot beverage, café con leche, turned into a cold dessert.

Katherine

This recipe, from the old Palm Grill in Key West, Fla., has been a favorite of mine since we first published it.

I usually substitute regular Cuban espresso ground coffee, such as Café Pilon or Café Bustelo, for the instant coffee.

It is finely ground enough that it is not gritty and gives a great punch of flavor.

I like to serve it in extra large coffee cups dessert and after-dinner coffee in one.

Reader question

Q: I was reading a book that was set in the future (J.D. Robb's "Festive in Death") and the Irish guy got his autochef programmed to make "tattie scones" for breakfast. I Googled it and see that tattie scones are a kind of potato cake that sounds really good and was hoping you have a recipe with U.S.

measurements.

J. Birch **A:** The autochef may be sci-fi, but the tattie scones are indeed traditional Scottish and Irish fare (my granddad also called them fadge). The idea is to make them from leftover mashed potatoes, but you certainly can make them from scratch.

Depending upon how thin you roll the dough you'll either end up with a potato cake or something closer to a flatbread — and nothing like what we traditionally term a scone. You can fry tatties in bacon fat or butter, but I like them best done in a hot

cast-iron skillet with just a brush of vegetable oil on the bottom so they get crispy but not burned.

We usually ate these with just a smear of butter, but you can certainly add a fried egg or make a great lunch by topping with cheese and crumbled bacon or chopped green onion.

Tried and new

Experts can tell how well a steak is cooked by literally pressing the flesh. For the rest of us it is often a game of chance, or trying to read the teensy print on a meat thermometer. The techie solution is the SteakChamp 3-Color, a meat thermometer that alerts when steaks have reached either medium rare, medium or medium-well doneness by a LED light that either flashes red, yellow or green, like a traffic light. Available at Sur la Table nationwide and online. also at Amazon; \$59.95.

Pros: It even lets you know how long the meat should rest before you cut into it.

Cons: It is pretty small so easy to overlook when you're cleaning up after grilling.

CAFÉ CON LECHE CUSTARD

- 4 tablespoons cornstarch
- 3 cups milk, divided
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 ½ tablespoons instant espresso powder or espresso-grind coffee
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- Whipped cream and chocolate-covered espresso beans for garnish (optional)

Stir cornstarch into 1 cup of the milk until smooth. Place the remaining milk, the cream, coffee powder and sugar in the top of a double boiler; stir in the cornstarch mixture. Cook, stirring, over medium-high heat until thickened. Cover and simmer 10 minutes. Beat eggs well. Slowly whisk 1 cup of the hot milk mixture into the eggs. Whisk the egg mixture into the remaining milk mixture in the double boiler, still over heat, and cook, whisking, until incorporated. Cover and cook 2 minutes. Remove from heat and pour into coffee cups. Cover with plastic wrap. Serve chilled, topped, if desired, with fresh whipped cream and chocolate-covered espresso beans.

Makes 4 (1-cup servings) or 8 espresso-cup-size servings. Per serving (based on 4): 579 calories (47 percent from fat), 31 g fat, 213 mg cholesterol, 11 g protein, 67 g carbohydrates, trace of fiber, 147 mg sodium.

Source: Cook's Corner archives.

TATTIE SCONES

- 3 cups hot mashed potatoes
- ¾ cup all-purpose flour, divided
- 2 tablespoons melted butter ■ Salt and pepper to taste

Stir the butter and ½ cup of the flour into the hot mashed potatoes. Place remaining flour on a board and pat and roll the dough into round portions that will fit in your pan, incorporating the flour so the dough is not sticky. I like to make scones about 1/4 inch thick but some will argue thicker and some will prefer thinner. Use a fork to prick the dough all over. Heat frying pan or griddle over mediumhigh, brush or spray with cooking oil, then slip in the dough and fry until golden on both sides, about 3 to 5 minutes, depending upon the thickness of the dough. Repeat with remaining dough. Cut into triangles and serve immediately.

Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 208 calories (33 percent from fat), 7.7 g fat (3.1 g saturated, 3.1 g monounsaturated), 10.4 mg cholesterol, 4.2 g protein, 31 g carbohydrates, 2.8 g fiber, 124 mg sodium.

Source: Linda Cicero from a family recipe.

FOOD&DRINK

ICE CREAM

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changing "the customer service outlook," an objective that might resonate with several of the people who've left critical reviews on sites like TripAdvisor.com.

Other goals include an increased social media presence - possibly as an outlet for information about trial run flavors that won't make it onto the shop's blackboard - and renovations to the shop's interior to begin after the tourist season.

Perhaps most exciting, Bechtel said he sees the potential for collaboration with other area businesses. A huge craft beer fan, he envisions flavors like a chocolate stout ice cream using local brews, and perhaps finding a way to land his product in other shops as well.

Boombalatti's will soon expand operating hours at night, opening at noon with a 10 p.m. close. The Bechtels have launched a Twitter account for the business; follow @Boombalattis for the latest scoops.

Leftovers

Beer Barrio has opened at 35 N. Front St. Husband-andwife owners Stephen Durley and Havley Jensen recently finished an extensive makeover in the former Dirty Harry's property, unveiling a tidy menu of upscale tacos and other Mexican-inspired fare combined with a robust offering of craft beer and margaritas on tap. The



Beer Barrio is now open at 35 N. Front St. PHOTOS BY PAUL STEPHEN

restaurant is open 11 a.m.-midnight Sunday-Wednesday and stays in business until 2 a.m. Thursday-Saturday. Expect a brunch service to come soon. More details at www.BeerBarrioNC.com.

Longtime area confectioner Sallie Price will enjoy some national exposure when her Goodness Gracie Gourmet Foods cookie sampler hits the QVC airwaves this week. Her business will be featured during the home shopping channel's popular Food Fest program that airs 4-7 p.m. June 17. More on Price and her sweets at www. GoodnessGracie.com.

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Kristen and Wes Bechtel are the new owners of Boombalatti's Homemade Ice Cream.

or drop a note at the Port City Foodies' Facebook page.

COUPON KITCHEN

Healthy, delicious sale items at Lowes Foods

▼ his week the Lowes Foods weekly ads make it easy to feed a family of four healthy and delicious meals on a budget.

The subtotal for all three meals is \$36.25, or \$3.02 per serving. Most of the items below can be found in the Lowes Foods ads in today's

Coupon Kitchen rotates featuring recipes based on the weekly sales at Harris Teeter, Lowes Foods, and Food Lion.

TURKEY TACO MEATLOAF:

■ Lowes Foods taco sauce, 16

■ Perdue lean ground turkey:

■ 1 small jalapeno pepper ~ \$.25

Shopping List

ounce: \$1.79

\$4.99

■ 1 onion ~ \$.30

22 ounce: \$.89

■ Fresh cilantro: \$.99

■ Hunt's barbecue sauce,

ALISON ARNOLD

SALMON FLORENTINE WITH MARINATED TOMATOES:

- 2 vine ripe tomatoes ~ \$2 ■ Kraft 2 percent shredded
- mozzarella cheese: \$2
- 1 small shallot: \$.25 ■ Fresh Express spinach, 8
- ounces: \$2 ■ Athenos crumbled feta cheese, 4
- ounces: \$3 ■ 4 – 4 ounce skinless salmon fillets

SRIRACHA CHICKEN WITH RICE:

- 1 small ginger root ~ \$1
- Perdue family pack boneless,
- skinless chicken breasts ~ \$10
- 1 bunch green onions: \$.79

Turkey Taco Meatloaf

- **Cooking spray**
- 1/4 cup breadcrumbs
- **■** 6 ounces taco sauce
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 small jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
- \blacksquare ½ cup finely chopped yellow onion
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 pound lean ground turkey
- 1 egg white
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon chili powder ■ 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped
- 2 tablespoons barbecue sauce

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a loaf pan with cooking spray. Mix breadcrumbs and taco sauce in a large bowl and set aside to soften, about 15 minutes. Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add jalapeno, onion, and garlic and cook until the onion is translucent, about 5 to 8 minutes. Meanwhile, add ground turkey, egg white, ground cumin, chili powder, Worcestershire sauce, and cilantro to breadcrumb mixture. Mix well then stir in the onion mixture. Combine well and transfer into the prepared loaf pan. Brush the barbecue sauce over the loaf. Fold a 12-inch long piece of aluminum foil into a tent, and place the foil tent over the loaf. Bake in oven until the juices run clear and the loaf is no longer pink in the center, about 45-60 minutes. Remove foil tent for last 10 minutes of baking. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Servings: 4

Salmon Florentine with Marinated Tomatoes

COBBLER

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"You can honestly get this done dirtying two bowls, a measuring cup and a spatula," Batson said of her own recipe. "You're going to think, 'this thing is a hot mess,' but it works every time and it's delicious."

Batson also appreciates cobbler's freedom from conventional form. Pie, she notes, is pretty much always limited to a pie pan, whereas cobbler is a breeze to divide into individual ramekins, spread out into rectangular pan or prepare in a more conventional round dish. And once that dish goes in the oven, keeping tabs on doneness is easier than monitoring a pie with a double crust hiding the filling, she adds.

Ease of service is the final point in cobbler's favor, Batson claims. Where a perfectly cut slice of pie is an undeniable beauty to behold, it takes a steady hand to maintain each wedge's integrity. With a dining room full of hungry blueber fiends, the scoop-and-go simplicity of a cobbler makes sure every sweet tooth is satisfied in a timely manner.

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another strength in pie's corner is its inherent savory side, Smith notes. Because the crust typically doesn't contain any sugar, with a few twists a pie can become a delicate quiche or hearty chicken potpie.

is the preferred dessert among academics. "You don't see scientists doing advanced mathematics with a cobbler chart," she deadpanned. All joking aside however, perhaps foremost in

There's a reason idioms like "American as apple pie," and "easy as pie" stick around

back," Smith said. "There's such a sense of accomplishment when your pie comes out perfectly."

Samantha Smith's blueberry pie

- 1 cup salted butter
- 3 cups unbleached cake flour
- **■** Kosher salt
- 1/4 plus 2 tablespoons ice cold water
- 8 cups fresh organic blueberries, picked over for stems and leaves
- 1 cup granulated sugar, 4 tablespoons reserved
- 3 tablespoons corn starch
- 1/8 teaspoon fresh grated nutmeg
- ¼ cup fresh squeezed lemon juice

To make the crust, cut flour into butter with a fork or pastry cutter until dime-sized pebbled form. Drizzle sufficient cold water into pebbles and mix to form a slightly flattened ball; do not blend until smooth, visible chunks of butter should remain. Wrap and chill for at least 30 minutes. To prepare the filling, divide 6 cups of the blueberries into a large mixing bowl, the other two into a smaller bowl. Smash the two cups with the one cup minus 4 tablespoons sugar, cornstarch, nutmeg and lemon juice together with a potato masher until well blended. Fold into fresh blueberries and reserve mixture. Flour a workstation and divide the chilled dough in half. Roll out the bottom crust large enough to fill a disposable 9-inch pie pan with overhang. Roll out top crust and use a knife or decorative cookie cutter to make vents in the surface. Scoop filing into dough-lined pan tamping in all of blueberry mixture. Carefully cover with top crust, rolling the overhanging edges together. Add decorative touch to edge by pressing with fork tines or pinching. Put pie in refrigerator to chill while oven heats to 400. Bake for 15 minutes to brown crust, drop temperature to 350 degrees and bake another 30 minutes. Remove from oven and cool for at least two hours.

Colleen Batson's blueberry cobbler

- 1 ½ pints fresh blueberries
- 1 ½ cup sugar, divided ■ 1/2 teaspoon salt, divided
- 2 ½ tablespoons cornstarch
- Zest of one lemon
- 1 ½ ounces water ■ 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¾ cup milk ■ 3 ounces butter, melted

While a doctor isn't likely to prescribe a regular dose of either, Smith does appreciate pie's healthier aspects. Sugar can be cut back drastically for diabetics, thinner crusts can trim calories and the filling allows for a much higher ratio of fresh fruit to bulky filler. Showing the good spirited levity a dessert debate

pie's defense is a strong emotional sentiment.

can inspire, Smith also noted that pie, well, pi,

"Pie is an art form, and people are trying to bring

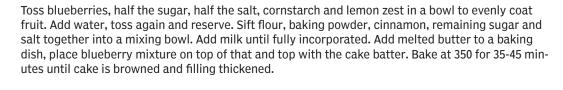
- **2 tomatoes, sliced**
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- **■** Balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup 2% shredded mozzarella cheese Salmon:
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 small shallot, minced
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic ■ 2 cups fresh spinach
- ½ teaspoon salt ■ ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese ■ 4 - 4 ounce skinless salmon fillets, rinsed and patted dry

Place sliced tomatoes into a baking dish. Season with salt and pepper; drizzle with balsamic vinegar and refrigerate for up to 6 hours. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add shallots; cook, stirring, until soft, about 3 minutes. Add garlic; cook 1 minute more. Add spinach, salt, red pepper flakes and pepper; cook, stirring, 2 minutes more. Remove from heat; let cool about 15 minutes. Add feta and stir to combine. Divide spinach mixture evenly and top each fillet. Place fillets on a rimmed baking sheet or in a glass baking dish; bake until cooked through, about 15 minutes. Bake marinated tomatoes on 350 degrees for 7-8 minutes. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese and broil until cheese is golden and bubbly. Servings: 4

Sriracha Chicken with Rice

- 1 tablespoon Sriracha, or to taste
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce ■ 1 teaspoon white vinegar
- **2 tablespoons ketchup**
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic ■ 1 teaspoon minced ginger
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts ■ 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds ■ 4 green onions, sliced

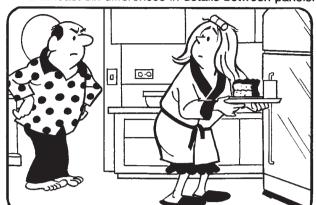
Mix together first 6 ingredients in a medium bowl. Taste and adjust seasoning to preference. Pound chicken breasts with a meat mallet until they are all uniform thickness. Marinate and refrigerate chicken with the Sriracha mixture for 1-2 hours. Heat canola oil on a large non-stick skillet. Once hot, pan-fry chicken until cooked through, turning once, about 10-15 minutes. Slice cooked chicken into strips. Divide rice among four plates. Top with cooked chicken, sprinkle with sesame seeds and relish with green onions. Servings:4



ENTERTAINMENT

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TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Stay out of the spotlight. You'll fare far better by working quietly behind the scenes rather than trying to make a public splash. Allow a partner or loved one to handle matters that require negotiation or haggling.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): March to your own beat. The herd mentality isn't for you. You're brimming with unique and valuable ideas. Putting your thoughts down on paper could eventually yield brilliant results.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Work now, play later. Many events and activities are beckoning for your attention when you should devote your energy to career responsibilities. There will plenty of time for fun once the job is done.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put your imagination to work. You can easily beat the competition with creative strategies. Showing off original ideas will earn you far more notice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Find your comfort zone. It's easier to make wise decisions and form good plans when you feel safe among trusted friends and loved ones. Outline viable strategies, but wait a bit before putting them into action.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22.): An ounce of prevention is worth

potential problems before they occur and save yourself hours of headaches. Keep the lines of communication open and a special someone will be more affectionate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If push comes to shove, stand your ground. If others try to impose their will upon you, you're capable of shouting them down. Take a moment to look over the books just to make sure everything is in order.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

It's all just mind over matter. Doubt is a poison that could hamper your progress. If you're determined that everything will turn out for the best, it will.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Slink off to your own private corner. You need peace and quiet for deep contemplation, away from the hustle and bustle of the crowd. Getting involved in the petty feuds of others will only leave you frustrated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Listen to the experts. Ignore gossip and pay attention to respected, trusted sources for valuable insights. It may seem for a time that the world is conspiring to invade your privacy, but it won't last long.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Do some late spring cleaning. It's a good time for making sweeping changes and clearing out useless debris, literally or figuratively. Put extra energy to good use by being creative and constructive.

IF JUNE 17 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:

Channel your energy and assertiveness into constructive outlets during the upcoming three to four weeks.

WATCH THIS

Conjoined Twins: Separation Anxiety, TLC, 7 p.m.: TLC presents an evening of programming that explores the lives of those with physical challenges and abnormalities. This special introduces viewers to conjoined twins Maria and Theresa Tapia, who were declared doomed upon birth.

The Briefcase, (5) CBS (9) CBS (10) CBS, 8 p.m.: Two families face one of the biggest decisions they'll ever have to make as they're presented with a large sum of money. Over the course of 72 hours, they'll learn about the other family and will have to decide if they want to keep the cash, or share it.

Masterchef, (8) FOX (26) FOX,

8 p.m.: Things heat up in the "Masterchef" kitchen as the culinary competition kicks it up a notch in this new episode. Once again, the home cooks face unique challenges designed to test their skills, creativity and palate.

Duck Commander: Making the Musical, A&E, 9 p.m.: The funloving Robertsons share their rags-to-riches story with a mix of country, rock, gospel and pop. Cameras go behind the scenes as the family prepares for opening night of their brand new theatre show in Las Vegas.

Brother vs. Brother, HGTV, 9 p.m.: **Brothers Jonathan and Drew** Scott continue their quest to flip an entire house in Las Vegas in the ultimate renovation showdown. This week, they'll have to completely renovate all of the bedrooms and bathrooms.

Bullseye, (8) FOX (26) FOX, 9 p.m.: Co-hosts Kellan Lutz and Godfrey guide viewers through the action as eight new contestants compete in extreme challenges that involve using their bodies as human darts. The winner

will walk away with \$50,000.

Mystery Diners, FOOD, 9:30 p.m.: Harvey's Steakhouse in Huntington Beach, California, seems to be losing some of its older customers so owner Joe decides to contact Charles. Destiney and Hal go undercover as staff as they investigate the struggling

restaurant.

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Castle "Famous Last Words"

Gumball

Gilligan

Man v. Food

NCIS "Doppelganger'

Funniest Home Videos

Love and Hip-Hop: Atlanta

Law & Order "Performance"

Impractical

Castle "Kill the Messenger"

Love and Hip-Hop: Atlanta

Law & Order "Seed"

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Man v. Food Man v. Food Man v. Food

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Castle "Love Me Dead"

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Castle "Vampire Weekend"

Man v. Food Man v. Food

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NCIS "Blackwater"

Law & Order "Rage'

Funniest Home Videos

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Steven (N)

many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may

PUZZLES



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The New Hork Times Crossword

ACROSS

- _-Seltzer **5** School of thought
- 8 Custodial
- 11 Hither's partner
- 14 "Whatcha
- 15 Donna of Clinton's cabinet
- 17 Pastoral mother
- 18 Piedmont wine
- 19 Directorial triumph for 61-Across
- 21 Dearie
- 22 Series of online comments
- 23 Destroy, as paper documents
- 24 Film featuring 27 Crooner Williams
- 28 Roman Stoic philosopher
- 29 Hair-raising cry
- **31** Prehensile
- **32** 61-Across's role in 24-Across
- 38 Hosp. areas

41 Treasure lost on the Spanish Main 70 Johnson of

43 See 39-Across

39 With 43-Across, panic-inducing production of

61-Across

- 45 Surmounting
- 46 Friend of Eeyore
- **47** Akio who co-founded Sony **49** Many a pilgrim to Mecca
- 52 1958 film by
- 61-Across **57** "___ luego"
- **59** Figure in "The Exorcist"
- **60** Result of rapid service?
- 61 Noted director/ actor born in May 1915
- 63 Greek vowels
- **64** Kwik-E-Mart clerk
- **65** Kind of strength related to stress
- **66** Alternative to boeuf or jambon
- **67** Caustic substance

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses

represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter

will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

2 something that is necessary (4)

4 toward the bottom of a hill (9)

5 compressing, informally (8)

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6 versions of songs (10)

7 like some hair tips (7)

1 from this point on (7)

3 bed linens (8)

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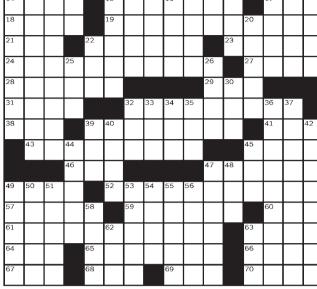
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- 8 "Zoom-zoom"
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- 9 Corrida cry 10 They're often seen nesting in a
- kitchen 11 Pine (for)
- **12** Had 13 Like a have-not
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- name comes from Urdu 22 Marijuana psychoactive
- component, briefly 25 Business card
- 26 Singer with the
- 2006 #1 hit "So Sick" 30 Brownie
- 32 2013 Spike Jonze film
- 33 Leatherworking

SOLUTIONS

Edited by Will Shortz



PUZZLE BY JEFFREY WECHSLER

- 34 Groovy, updated 40 Knee-slapper
- 35 Monopoly quartet: Abbr.
- 36 Speaker at many a corporate retreat
- 37 What the original Kama Sutra lacked, surprisingly
- 39 Number of graduates in the first class at West Point (1802)
- **42** Shimmer colorfully
- 44 Muse for Keats
- "___you with **47** Bryophytic growths
- 48 -told
- 49 Sandbar 50 Monster of Greek myth
- 51 It's debatable
- 53 Bids one club,
- **54** Web addresses, briefly

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- **55** Eyelashes, scientifically
- **56** Some fancy party wear
- 58 Against
- 62 Take for better or
- **63** Org. with monitors

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Tuesday's unlisted clue: DUMB

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: ANIMAL RESTRAINT

Bet Cloud Date

Diet

Grand scale Knife edge Mission

Pedestal Slant Platter Tear Roll Train

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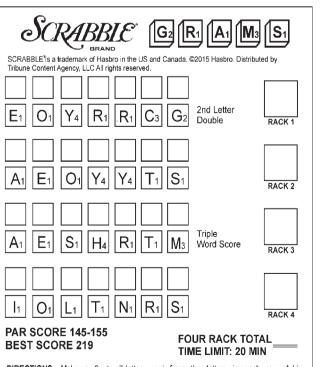
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8 5 3 1 6 2 9 Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. SOLUTION TOMORROW For more information on tournaments and clubs, email NASPA - North American SCRABBLE Players Association info@scrabbleplayers.org. Visit our website - www.scrabbleplayers.org. For puzzle inquiries contact scrgrams@gmail.com.

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PAR SCORE 150-160

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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YOUR BOGGLE RATING

9+ letters = 15 points

151+ = Champ 101-150 = Expert 61-100 = Pro 31 - 60 = Gamer 21 - 30 = Rookie - 20 = <u>A</u>mateur 0 - 10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus

We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?

Find FIVE WORDS THAT APPLY TO

your answers below.

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by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurel

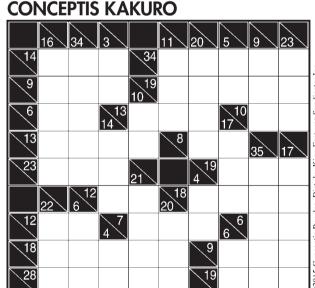
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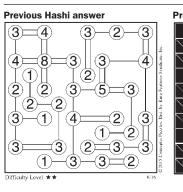
Yesterday's Answer: experienced — "VENT-ELATION"

TENHIZ



Difficulty Level ★★★ PLAY: Input numbers 1 to 9 so the horizontal sum equals the left clue and vertical sum equals the top clue. Don't repeat digits within each group

Difficulty Level $\;\;\bigstar\;\;\bigstar\;\;$ **PLAY:** Number represent the number of bridges touching each Island. Connect the islands so no more than two bridges go in the same direction.



ALL-NATURAL COSMETICS

From basement concoction to nationwide fame

By Sara Bauknecht

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (TNS)

PITTSBURGH - Lani Lazzari started her all-natural, handmade body and face scrub line Simple Sugars at age 11 in the basement of her family's Fox Chapel home. She created the concoction out of ingredients from the kitchen to help ease her eczema – but even back then there were signs that the scrubs could evolve into something more.

"From the beginning I knew," says Lazzari's mom, Gina. "I knew we had something that could be big."

Her mother's intuition has panned out. This year marks the 10th anniversary for her daughter's company, which now includes nearly a couple dozen employees and has products in about 700 retailers across the country (plus two in Canada).

In the past few years, Simple Sugars' sales have surged from \$80,000 in 2012 to nearly \$2 million in 2014, due in part to a significant bump in business after the brand was featured in March 2013 on the ABC reality TV show "Shark Tank" and secured an investment from Dallas Mavericks owner and fellow Pittsburgh native Mark Cuban. To increase production efficiency and keep up with demand, its headquarters relocated this year from a 1,700 square-foot storefront to a 10,000 square-foot facility.

"I've almost been doing this for half my life at this point," says Lani Lazzari, Simple Sugars' owner and CEO, who's now 21. "It was always my goal to turn this into a business."

As a teen, she grew the company slowly but steadily,



Lani Lazzari, owner of Simple Sugars, at her new location June 2 in the RIDC Park in O'Hara Township, Pa. ATE GUIDRY/PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE/TNS

learning how to balance her studies with her sugar scrubs. She studied independently her junior year so she could devote more time to expanding the budding business' retail reach. After high school she deferred a spot at George Washington University to focus full time on Simple Sugars - a decision that proved to be necessary once her segment on "Shark Tank" aired.

'We did \$600,000 in three days," Lazzari recalls.

These days the business still enjoys the occasional \$20,000-\$30,000 spike in sales when ABC or CNBC reairs a Simple Sugars episode, but Lazzari has had to come up with ways to keep revenue flowing without relying on the "Shark Tank" effect.

To give customers an incentive to order and reorder scrubs from www.simplesugarsscrub.com, Simple Sugars

launched a customer loyalty program called the Super Smooth Club.

"That was a big focus for us over the past year because our repeat customers are extremely important to us," Lazzari says. "We did a lot of research and looked at what other (companies) were doing, and also kept in mind what our goals were."

The three-tiered program (made up of the silver, gold and pink levels) rewards returning customers with discounts and special gifts such as a T-shirt or bath towel once they've spent a certain amount of money on the site.

Another big initiative has been the website redesign, which is expected to launch at the end of the month. Its new layout will place more emphasis on the customer loyalty program (giving members a portal where they can log in

and review their points and incentives), as well as spotlight customer testimonials, video content and Simple Sugars' brother brand Smooth for Men.

In August, Lazzari plans to roll out a new look for the Smooth for Men line, which offers the same natural formula but in more masculine packaging and fragrances.

"The men's line is very exciting for us because that's a really quickly growing market," she says. "We're excited to get into that space because this product fits really well with men's routines" because it's a one-step scrub that can be used for cleansing, shaving and moisturizing.

She strives to keep the women's line fresh by complementing classic scents such as strawberry, vanilla and coconut with seasonal ones (pumpkin for autumn, sugar and spice during the holidays and lemonade in the summer, to name a few) that are offered for a limited time. The brand also recently released its new sun scrub, which contains aloe and green tea extracts to help soothe sunburned skin.

Lazzari works closely with her mom, Simple Sugars' vice president, to develop the brand.

"We have completely complementary skill sets," her mom says. "I'm the super enthusiastic, creative, overthe-top one, and she's the one who can rein it back and stay focused."

Business partner Cuban, who holds a 33 percent stake in the company, is always just an email away when Lazzari needs advice.

"He's very reachable ... and he's there when we need something, but at the same

time he doesn't come in and try to run our business," Lani Lazzari says. "His support has continued from the beginning."

At Simple Sugars, success not only is measured in sales, but also in the satisfaction that employees find in the work that they do. Inside the headquarters, decor is splashed with the brand's vibrant color scheme - lots of pink! — and painted on the walls are the company's core values: laugh a lot, own your mistakes, positivity only, no complaining, work should be 98 percent fun, good enough is never good enough, etc.

"I think every company has its own core values, but I feel like ours are different in a more fun way and more relaxed, and we have a better relationship with each other from top to bottom because of it," says Caroline Keefer, Simple Sugars' customer loyalty "guru" and marketing assistant who joined the business about two years ago.

Lazzari's ability to balance being personable with employees as well as professional helps make her an effective leader, Keefer adds.

"She just radiates this vibe about her that she knows what she's doing and she should be in charge, and I love that about her. And she's still a laid-back, normal person."

Birthday celebrations and in-office parties also help to foster an upbeat work environment, says Trista Thiessen, whose title is "queen" of customer care.

"We take pride in doing things differently," Gina Lazzari says. "If you really pay attention and are able to engage employees, you can accomplish amazing things."

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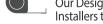
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Russian snuff box

WHAT: A jeweled, enameled, two-tone gold snuff box (pictured at right) estimated at \$120,000 to 180,000 sold for \$665,000 in a Russian Works of Art sale recently at Christie's New York. Made by the Imperial court jeweler, the 3 ¼-inch-wide rectangular box has a blue enameled top with yellow gold flowers, pink gold rosettes and cabochon emeralds at the corners. The center is pink enamel with a diamond border and a diamond-set Imperial doubleheaded eagle.

MORE: Intended as a presentation piece, the box has two types of enamel work. Guilloche enamel features a translucent color applied over a patterned engine cut ground. A red enamel border at the edges is champleve, a technique where enamel is set into raised edges.

SMART COLLECTORS

KNOW: Imperial enamel and Faberge objects were produced by workmasters who had artisans and apprentices. The workmaster involved is critical. The mark here is Carl Blank, St. Petersburg, 1899 along with K.Hahn.

HOT TIP: Because the French engraving on the box says it was presented by Emperor Nicholas II to the Bulgarian minister at a conference, it can be linked to the giver,

the recipient and an event. All important.

BOTTOM LINE: Work of such beauty and quality no longer exists. Add historical importance and the piece is priceless.

- Danielle Arnet, Tribune Content Agency

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Performing hasn't gotten old for group

By Glenn Gamboa Newsday

When New Kids on the Block's Joey McIntyre is sitting on a pedestal 20 feet in the air singing "Please Don't Go Girl," he has plenty of time to think.

"I'm pretty present up there," McIntyre says, calling from a tour stop in Fort Lauderdale. "I think about all kinds of stuff. One of the gifts we've had is that in the seven years of being back together, there are still New Kids fans who haven't been back to see us. So when we keep coming back together, we get to hear, 'Oh, my God, I finally met you' and we look out in the audience and see people freaking out. That's awesome. We don't take that for granted."

And there are plenty of people freaking out on the New Kids' "Main Event" tour. McIntyre says he and the rest of the New Kids_ Donnie Wahlberg, Jordan Knight, Jonathan Knight and Danny Wood_are happy about that because they are

still having fun and they are still learning new things after all these years.

He says that the way he performs "Please Don't Go Girl," which was the group's first hit single in 1988, on the current tour is one example of how the New Kids are still trying new things.

"Now, the technique is kinda just letting go," he says. "The more I let go, the better it sounds ... I'm not singing the song. The song is singing itself. I'm thrilled with how it sounds 27 years later. It fits me better now than it ever did. It's really special."

The new approach to their old songs is only one reason why New Kids on the Block continue to fill arenas at a time when many of their contemporaries struggle to fill venues a fraction of that size. It doesn't hurt that the package tour also features hitmakers TLC and Nelly. "We perform," Wahlberg said at a Madison Square Garden news conference. "TLC are performers. They come from our era. They

dance. They work. They put effort into the stage show. We learned from the Motown era, New Edition and groups like that and we took it to our level. TLC learned from groups like The Supremes. It's not just a couple of girls standing around singing and making sure that their hair's good. They put it out. And so does Nelly."

The New Kids have also put a lot of effort into the design of the show, using an enormous stage that runs across most of the arena floor, with VIP bar stools right next to the stage.

Perhaps the biggest tool for keeping the tour fresh is that the New Kids continue to grow, as a group, working on new music that could find its way into the current tour, and as individuals.

Wahlberg stars in the CBS drama "Blue Bloods." McIntyre recently wrapped up work on the CBS sitcom "The McCarthys," while Jonathan Knight was a contestant on "The Amazing Race."

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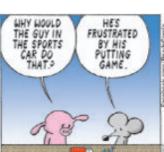






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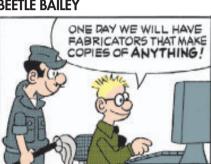






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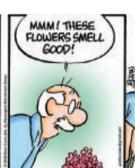
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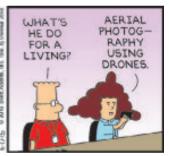
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