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## Chocolate milk gets low grade by 'renegade lunch lady'

"Renegade Lunch Lady" Ann Cooper, director of nutrition services for the Berkeley Unified School District and a children's food activist, was in town for an **Our Love of Children** fundraiser.

When she arrived in Berkeley a typical school lunch included chicken nuggets, tater tots, canned fruit salad and chocolate milk. She said chocolate milk was the worst. She calls it "soda in drag" because of its high sugar content.

Berkeley school children now dine on primarily locally grown natural and organic foods.

### THE EYE



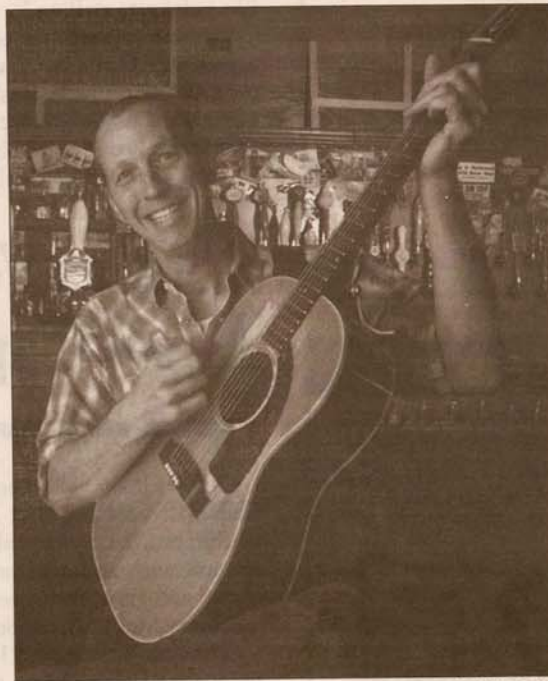
Think you're another Simon Cowell or Paula Abdul? Ballet Nouveau Colorado wants you to judge its 21st Century Choreography Competition.

Choreographers from across the country are submitting their moves to YouTube, so check out [youtube.com/group/bnc21ccc2008](http://youtube.com/group/bnc21ccc2008) and let the world know how you feel.

Three finalists will be selected based in part on their videos' YouTube star ratings and number of votes. Voting continues through December 31.

Location. Location. Location.

The age-old adage that defines home prices equates to a \$2.1 million difference between the nation's most and least expensive housing markets according to the 2007 Coldwell Banker Home Price



COURTESY OSKAR BLUES

Oskar Blues' Marty Jones got down and bluesy on Oct. 10.

**Comparison Index.** This annual "apples to apples" comparison of similar homes in 317 U.S. markets finds that Beverly Hills repeats as the most expensive market in the nation.

An average 2,200-square-foot, four-bedroom, two

and one-half bath home in Beverly Hills costs \$2.21 million. In Killeen, Texas, a home with similar characteristics would cost \$136,725.

Closer to home, Coldwell Banker found — no surprise here — that a similar home is the most expensive in Boulder, at \$615,000. The least expensive is in Colorado Springs, at \$197,500 — a difference of \$417,500.

Oskar Blues' own Marty Jones & the Brewbadours played Wednesday, Oct 10 at the Falling Rock Taphouse in Denver as part of the Great American Beer Festival.

The Lyons brewpub also launched a new Downlow'd Music Club at [oskarblues.com](http://oskarblues.com), where folks can download free music from the bands known, loved and supported by Oskar Blues.

To help troops in Iraq stay connected to loved ones back home, Denver-based Avanquest, which has a Boulder office, is donating its photo sharing and archiving solution, SendPhotos 5, to the families of National Guard soldiers from Colorado. SendPhotos lets troops and their families enjoy private, secure photo sharing with minimal strain on military bandwidth.

The Eye has used the program to share photos of little Baby Blue to the grandorbs back East.

Most salon professionals know they'll cut and color hair and offer advice on beauty and styling products. Many find their job also includes lending a listening ear to victims of domestic violence.

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That's why in October 2007, **Beauty Brands Salon-Spa-Superstore** in Boulder and nationwide will join Redken, a global leader in professional hair care products, in leading the "It Takes Guts" campaign to raise awareness and funding for **REDUCE ABUSE**, a program that provides support to local domestic violence shelters.

Beauty Brands will donate 100 percent of the proceeds from the sale of every Redken Guts volume-boosting spray foam to **Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence**.

Denver Public Works rolled out a new "SmartBoot" with the hope of easing some of the pain associated with getting the boot.

Unlike a traditional parking boot, the **SmartBoot** can be removed by the scofflaw himself after paying those outstanding parking violations. With a credit card,

debit card, or check in hand, you pay your fines by phone, free your vehicle and get back on the road in minutes.

You can't just keep the boot, however. If you don't bring it to a designated location within 24 hours of release it could cost up to \$500 in late fees.

In 2006, the state of Colorado officially became the **largest beer-producing state** in the country, according to newly released data from the Beer Institute. Our local brewing industry produced more than 23.3 million barrels or 724.5 million gallons of beer, topping second place California.

A recent study commissioned by the Beer Institute and the National Beer Wholesalers Association also found that the beer industry contributes \$12.4 billion annually to Colorado's economy. The industry's economic impact includes 67,918 jobs — paying \$3 billion in wages



— as well as \$1.6 billion in federal, state and local taxes.

The Eye drinks to that!

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