

High-flavor cooking emphasized

Program recipes show benefits of Butter 120 Phenomenon

The new "Butter at its Best" brochure from Land O'Lakes is a free, 16-page collection of high-flavor recipes and cooking tips that show off the "Butter 120 Phenomenon" - how butter, even just a pat, can enhance the flavor of the foods you cook.

"When you cook with butter, the natural flavors come alive, releasing and combining with other ingredients to produce rich, vibrant tastes," says Lydia Botham, director of the Land O'Lakes Test Kitchens & Consumer Affairs. "But no one knows how butter's 120 flavor components combine to do this; it's a natural wonder we call the 'Butter 120 Phenomenon.'"

Sauteing meats and vegetables draws out natural flavors in meals like zesty Chicken with Tropical Salasa Saute'. Caramelizing foods creates rich, sweet tastes, as in the pork with Gingered Caramelized Onions and Mushrooms recipe. Butter brings out the creamy elegance of sauces and soups, such as Creamy Chicken and Orzo soup, and Amaretto Chocolate Sauce. Combined with other ingredients, butter adds more flavor, from a light, re-



freshing Lemon Cilantro Butter to the roasted taste of Maple Toasted Onion butter.

The brochure also has an easy-to-read Land O Lakes Butter family reference chart for home cooks. Information on the attributes and benefits of using each different type of butter aids consumers in selecting the right product for their recipe needs.

Storage tips and measurement conversions included in the chart offer helpful kitchen guidance.

To order the free "Butter at its Best" brochure, consumers can call 800/782-9602; or send their name and address (postcards preferred) To: Land O Lakes Butter, "Butter at its Best," P.O. Box 26341, Shoreview, MN 55126-0341. The offer is good while supplies last.

Scientist argue universe placement

Scientists don't know which end is up anymore.

Just a few days after a pair of physicists claimed to have found an "up" and a "down" to the universe, their colleagues may have found an analytical flaw that could restore some degree of chaos to the cosmos.

Monday's issue of Physical Review Letters contained a paper by Borge Nodland of the University of Rochester and John Ralston of the University of Kansas, who reported a subtle pattern in the radio waves coming from distant galaxies. Radio signals coming from one direction - the constellation Sextans - appeared ever so slightly different from the ones originating 90 degrees away in the sky.

"That indicates that not all directions are equal," Nodland said in an interview last week.

If that's true, then physicists have a lot of explaining to do. Their basic laws rely on the assumption that the universe looks more or less the same no matter which direction you're facing.

Such a find would have profound implications, requiring the existence of hitherto unknown particles, changes in the laws of electromagnetism or some other unsavory physical explanation.

To the rescue come Daniel Eisenstein and Emory Bunn, two of many researchers who have challenged their colleagues' bold assumption.

Bunn, a professor at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, and Eisenstein, a researcher at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J., charge that Nodland and Ralston made one incorrect assumption in their analysis.

Nodland and Ralston looked at polarized radio waves, which oscillate in only one direction. That direction at the moment when the light starts its journey from one of those distant galaxies is very important to the subsequent analysis. And Eisenstein and Bunn claim Nodland and Ralston didn't correctly take this into account.

When you correct for that error, the evidence of directionality in the universe diminishes and probably disappears completely, Eisenstein and Bunn said.

Ralston insisted that he and Nodland did indeed account for the polarization direction correctly. And besides, he argued, such a mistake would only intensify the directional signal they detected.

"It's not something we missed," Ralston said. "These guys seem to have drawn a very rash deduction."

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