

Kitchen Korner

Combating Culinary Catastrophes

(NAPSA)—With every foray in the kitchen, there's the possibility of a dish going horribly wrong especially at the worst possible times—cooking for company or guests. Fortunately, all need not be lost.

The functional Cookingvillage.com Web site, considered the premier online destination for cooking enthusiasts, comes to the rescue to salvage operations and help you save face. Here are remedies for common disasters:

- **Overcooked vegetables**—Drain vegetables, then purée them in a blender or food processor until almost smooth. Add a bit of softened butter or yogurt to thicken the mixture, season with herbs and give it another whirl until well-blended. Serve as an elegant purée.

- **Curdled sauce** (hollandaise, bernaise or other butter-and-egg sauces)—Try beating an egg yolk with a bit of dry mustard in a small bowl, then gradually add the curdled sauce to the yolk mixture using a wire whisk or mixer on low speed to blend it in.

- **Gummy mashed potatoes**—Reinvent them as potato pancakes.

- **Fallen soufflé**—First, make sure the dish is thoroughly cooked. Then whip up a quick sauce—cheese, fruit or cream—for a topping and serve.

- **Collapsed cake**—Let the cake cool and cut it into squares or rounds. Top pieces with fruit and whipped cream for a light shortcake. If the cake totally falls apart, layer small pieces with cus-



The kitchen need not be a disaster area—it's possible to turn flops into favorites with a little quick thinking, and a new cooking Web site—cookingvillage.com—can show you how.

tard or pudding, a sprinkling of liqueur and fresh fruit to create a delicious trifle.

The easy-to-use Web site serves up a multitude of innovative features such as articles, recipes, nutrition information, money-saving tips, kitchen wisdom, a Kid's Corner with food-related games and more.

The site also provides entertaining ideas to make party planning a snap, advice on which kitchen utensils to keep on hand and a free newsletter which sends seasonal tidbits direct to subscribers' desktops.

To learn more, visit the Web site at www.cookingvillage.com.