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## SLAINTE!!!!

As the "High Holy" day draws near...let us take some time to reflect:  
Being Irish means....  
\*you will never play professional basketball  
\*you swear very well  
\*at least one of your cousins holds political office  
\*you think you sing very

## New Season.....New Look

We are changing the look and manner that we make contact with you. *The Component Connection* is being changed to an electronic format. Events in our industry have been taking place at a lightening fast pace. By email we can keep you abreast of the industry's pulse quickly and concisely. We intend to provide articles that affect our industry. Of course, we will continue to provide a little levity from time to time as it is the case with our annual St. Patrick's Day contribution that you will find in this issue. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions. Please direct them [mjnoonan@cascade-mfg-co.com](mailto:mjnoonan@cascade-mfg-co.com)



**Church architects see fewer jobs ahead**  
Doug Childers - Special Correspondent

Area architectural firms specializing in church-related design work have been in seventh heaven in recent years. A church-construction boom kept those firms very busy. "The first seven years of the new millennium had the highest volume of construction I've seen in 30 years of practice," said James DePasquale, president of the DePasquale Gentilhomme Group Architects, which has done design work on about 150 churches and faith-based buildings, including Poplar Springs Baptist Church. [More.....](#)



**How can your glass be half full in this economy?**  
By: Cheryl Stritzel Mc Carthy - Daily Herald Columnist

There's seemingly only one story in the media now - the economy. Its gloomy handprint is on every topic. It colors stories about homemaking, fashion, schools, fitness and health as well as stories where you'd expect to find it: finance, jobs, cars, colleges. Glance at any magazine and you'll see it. Even the most rapid

well  
\* you have no idea how to  
make a long story short  
\*you are very good at  
playing a lot of very bad  
golf  
\* there isn't much  
difference between losing  
your temper and killing  
someone  
\*much of your food was  
boiled  
\*you never hit your head  
on the ceiling  
\*you spent a good portion  
of your childhood kneeling  
\*Your're strangely poetic  
after a a few beers  
\*you're poetic a lot  
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celebrity rags shout it in their headlines as you wheel your cart into  
a checkout line. Enter any conversation and it will come up.  
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**Highlights from the Fed's latest economic survey**  
By: Associated Press

Highlights from the Federal Reserve's survey of economic conditions  
nationwide. The survey, released Wednesday, is based on  
information collected from the Fed's 12 regional bank districts.

**BOSTON:**

(This region covers Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, New  
Hampshire, Rhode Island and part of Connecticut)  
Retailers, which reported mixed sales results over the last two  
months, have cut capital spending plans for this year. Many have  
instituted hiring freezes and some have - or are considering - laying  
off workers in the near future. Merchants expect consumers to be  
cautious for the next several quarters. [More....](#)

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