Dunbar's simple recipes make supper simple

TEMPERATURES will be climbing soon as spring and summer march forward. Hot days and warm nights call for meals that keep the kitchen and the cook, cool as cucumbers

Fast-to-make salads are the perfect fit for warm weather dining because a well thought out salad makes the perfect one-dish meal. You can add flavor and color to your favorite salad by tossing in a jar of DUNBAR'S Marinated Roasted Red Pepper or Roasted Red Pepper. There's no cutting, coring or picking of the perfect pepper. You'll always have fresh-tasting pepper on hand with a jar of Dunbars in your pantry and it will be there year 'round. Plus, we fire-roast our peppers. This unlocks the natural sweetness of the peppers. The roasting caramelizes the sugars in the peppers, giving them a smokysweet flavor that adds instant spark and color to any dish.

With our Marinated Roasted Pep-



garlic cloves. Since the cloves are cooking. Drizzle the oil atop your packed whole in olive oil, you can salad as a quick dressing and mince per, you get the added bonus of mild use both the garlic and the oil for the garlic to top off bread or your

Glaze adds new dimension

Classic Recipes

WITH ALL THE interest in exotic foods and spices, old favorites like Peppercorn Steak (Steak au Poivre) can be often overlooked. But this classic needn't be relegated to obscurity any longer. "Teriyaki Glazed Peppercorn Steaks," offers an easy way to add flavor and zest to the traditional preparation, making something old, new again.

Start by using savory-sweet KIKKOMAN Teriyaki Baste & Glaze, a ready-to-use sauce available at your grocery store, as a base. Then add freshly cracked black peppercorns, aromatic pressed garlic and onion powder and you have a basting sauce that is ready to go in minutes. Just brush it on while you broil or grill your favorite cut of steak. No advance preparation is needed. No marinating or soaking required. Just apply the baste liberally as you cook and steaks take on a peppery-sweet richness that complements the true flavor of the meat.

Glaze is an ideal sauce for basting

Glaze Adds New Dimension To and spices. It's made using naturally and Gourmet flavors and brewed KIKKOMAN Soy Sauce KIKKOMAN Teriyaki Baste & combined with sugar and a propri- Glaze, available in Regular and etary blend of garlic, onion and Honey & Pineapple. other seasonings. Because it has just the right balance of sweet and savory, it turns simple steaks into 1/2 cup KIKKOMAN Teriyaki "Teriyaki Glazed Peppercorn Baste & Glaze Steaks" and the focus of a great 2 meal. Serve this flavorful steak with 1 a fresh salad and hot French bread 3/4 to 1 teaspoon fresh cracked seasoned with herb-butter for the black pepper complete dinner that everyone children and adults alike – can en-

thentic teriyaki sauce made with Place steaks on grill 4-5 inches from naturally brewed soy sauce and hot coals; brush with baste & glaze other quality ingredients just like it mixture. Cook about 10 minutes was when Kikkoman first introduced it to America more than 40 years ago. Only Kikkoman offers ing frequently with remaining baste nine varieties of teriyaki sauce – from easy-to-use bastes and sauces to flavor-enhancing marinades-to meet all your cooking needs. Choose from KIKKOMAN Teriyaki Marinade & Sauce, available in Regular, Lite (low sodium) mixture. Broil 4-5 minutes longer KIKKOMAN Teriyaki Baste & and Roasted Garlic, KIKKOMAN for medium-rare or to desired Quick & Easy Marinades available doneness. -eitherasitisorasafoundation for in Roasted Garlic and Herbs,

Kikkoman Teriyaki Baste & your favorite combination of herbs Toasted Sesame, Honey Mustard

TERIYAKI GLAZED PEPPERCORN STEAKS

cloves garlic, pressed teaspoon onion powder

4 boneless tender beef steaks (rib eye or top loin) about 3/4-inch thick

Combine teriyaki baste & glaze, KIKKOMAN Teriyaki is the au- garlic, onion powder and pepper. (for medium-rare) or to desired doneness, turning over and brush-& glaze mixture.

BroilerMethod:

Place steaks on rack of broiler pan; brush with baste & glaze mixture. Broil 5 minutes: turn over and brush with remaining baste & glaze

Serves: 4

salad. RUSTIC GREEK SALAD WITH ROASTED RED PEPPERS

1 jar (12 oz.) DUNBARS Marinated Roasted Red Pepper 1-1/2 cups croutons 6 ounces feta cheese 1 small cucumber, sliced 1/4 cup black olives, sliced 1/4 cup pepperoncini 1/2 medium red onion, sliced 2 tablespoons Italian flat leaf parsley, chopped 1 head romaine lettuce, washed and torn

Drain marinated peppers and garlic; reserve oil to use as dressing. Slice peppers and minced garlic. Combine peppers and garlic with remaining ingredients and toss on a bed of romaine lettuce. Drizzle flair. Serves: 4. with reserved oil. Serves: 4-6.

> **TUNA, PEPPER AND** PAPAYA SALAD

1 can (12 oz.) white tuna in water 4 cups mixed spring greens 1 jar (12 oz.) DUNBARS Marinated Roasted Red Pepper,

drained 1-1/2 cups papaya, cubed 1 cup tomatoes, cut into 1/2-inch

- cubes 1/4 cup cilantro
- 3/4 cup cucumber, peeled and cut
- in 1/2-inch cubes 1/2 cup red onion, cut in 1/4-inch
- pieces
- 1/4 cup green onions, chopped
- 3/4 cup green bell pepper, cut in 1/ 4-inch pieces
- 1 bottle (16 oz.) honey Dijon

dressing

Roasted peanuts, optional

Drain tuna and flake with a fork. Arrange salad greens. Toss together remaining salad ingredients with dressing. Divide vegetable mixture between four salads. May sprinkle with roasted peanuts for festive

MEDITERRANEAN VEGETABLE SALAD 2 ounces fresh green beans, uncooked with ends trimmed 1 can (12 oz.) flaked white tuna, drained

1 jar (7 oz.) DUNBARS Roasted **Red Peppers** 1 Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored and julienned 2 cups celery, julienned 1/2 pound small red potatoes, roasted until tender and cooled 1/4 cup chopped red onion 6 hard-cooked eggs, cut into 3/4inch pieces

4 Roma tomatoes, cut into wedges 4 cups mixed salad greens 1 bottle (16-oz.) Italian dressing Sesame seeds, optional

In a medium saucepan, bring 2 inches of water to a boil and cook green beans until tender, about 5 minutes.

Rinse under cold running water and drain well. Combine green beans and remaining ingredients (except mixed salad greens) in a large bowl and toss with dressing. Arrange salad greens on plates and top with equal portions of mixture. May garnish with toasted sesame seeds if desired. Serves: 4-6

Use dressing for salads

IT'S NO TOSS-UP; Americans love salads. In 1 hard-cooked egg, cut into wedges today's health-conscious culture, people eat an av- 1 avocado, cut into thin wedges erage of three to six salads a week and demand is 1 large tomato, cut into wedges growing for salad dressings that are as fresh as the mixed greens they're topping.

According to Litehouse Foods Chef Tony Merola, executive chef and produce expert, the surge in salad consumption is largely due to the amount of easyto-prepare, fresh ingredients offered at supermarkets. "The produce industry has focused on convenience for years," he explains. "But an increasing number of people want high quality and great value as well."

Litehouse Foods has been answering the demand for over 40 years with all natural refrigerated dressings that are made in small batches with 100 percent canola oil, no preservatives and are low in carbs proving that great taste and convenience can go hand in hand. What's more, the distinctive flavors make it easy to create a special, restaurant-quality salad in the comfort of your own home. The Litehouse products are available in the produce section of supermarkets nationwide. For more information, visit www.litehousefoods.com.

In the spirit of offering sensational salad options, Litehouse is inviting cooks to submit their favorite salad recipes for a chance to receive FREE fresh produce for a year. Each recipe must contain at least one Litehouse product dressing, bleu cheese crumbles, herbs, marinades, etc.have no more than eight ingredients and be received by May 31, 2004.

Try one of these flavorful recipes for inspiration: COBB SALAD WITH CREAMY BLEU

CHEESE DRESSING

8 cups (12 oz.) torn romaine lettuce leaves 1 cup (4 oz.) LITEHOUSE Idaho Bleu Cheese Crumbles

4 slices bacon, cooked crisp, crumbled

2 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, cooked, cut into 1/4-inch slices or 2 cups (12 oz.) cooked shrimp (optional)

1/2 cup LITEHOUSE Big Bleu Dressing & Dip or LITEHOUSE Original Bleu Cheese Dressing & Dip

Place salad greens on large platter. Arrange cheese, egg, avocado, tomato, bacon and chicken, if desired, over greens. Spoon dressing over salad just before serving.

Substitution: LITEHOUSE Jalapeño Ranch Dressing & Dip may be used in place of Big Bleu or Original Bleu Cheese.

Serves: 4.

MIXED GREENS SALAD WITH PEAR AND CANDIED PECANS

1/4 cup pecan halves

- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 package (10 oz.) torn mixed salad greens
- 1 pear, cored and thinly sliced
 - 1/4 cup sweetened dried cranberries 1 cup (4 oz.) LITEHOUSE Idaho Bleu Cheese

Crumbles 1/2 cup LITEHOUSE Cranberry Vinaigrette Dressing

Cook pecans with sugar in small skillet over medium-high heat 3 minutes or until sugar melts, coats pecans and browns slightly; stirring constantly. Remove from pan; let cool. Top salad greens with pear slices, pecans, dried cranberries and cheese. Drizzle with dressing just before serving.

Substitution: 1 apple, cored and thinly sliced, may be used in place of the pear. Serves: 4.

Fancy dessert snap to make AS THE SPRING and summer picnics, family reunions, gradua- HOUSE Semi-Sweet Chocolate tion parties and other fun gettogethers.

SOUR CREAM CAKE urrive so do the cookouts, 1 cup (6 oz.) NESTLÉ TOLL

It's a busy time when everyone's mix on the go! Try "Marbled Chocolate 4 large eggs Sour Cream Cake" an easy but elegant dessert from the Nestlé Toll House Kitchens that starts with a vellow cake mix. Just add eggs, sour cream and NESTLÉ TOLL HOUSE Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels. Visit VeryBestBaking-.com to discover more family pleasing recipes.

MARBLED CHOCOLATE

Morsels

1 package (18.25 oz.) yellow cake

3/4 cup sour cream 1/2 cup vegetable oil 1/4 cup water 1/4 cup granulated sugar Powdered sugar (optional) Microwave morsels in medium, uncovered microwave-safe bowl on high power for 1 minute; stir. If necessary, microwave at additional 10-15 second intervals, stirring

Combine cake mix, eggs, sour cream, vegetable oil, water and granulated sugar in large mixer bowl. Beat on low speed until moistened. Beat on high speed for 2 minutes. Stir 2 cups batter into melted chocolate. Alternately spoon batters into greased 10-cup bundt or tube pan, beginning and ending with yellow batter. Bake at 375° for 35-40 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in cake comes out clean. Cool in pan for 20 minutes; invert onto wire rack to cool completely. Dust with powdered sugar before serving.

just until morsels are melted.

Add color and taste to your table

spring awakens hibernating taste buds eager for something special. This season, gather family and friends together to enjoy refreshing and delicious pies that will make mouths water and give cause to celebrate. An easy way to make dessert tasty and fun is to prepare "Fruit N' Juice Squares". Simply prepare 1 package of strawberry flavored JELL-O. Add in whipped topping, pineapple chucks and refrigerate. Serving this dessert is a wonderful way to make family and friends feel the magic of springtime.

"Creamy Strawberry-Lemon Squares" combines lemon flavored JELL-O pudding and smooth cream cheese offering a flavorful treat that is sure to brighten your table. Beat cream cheese, sugar and milk, and pour mixture onto a graham cracker crust. Then pour the pudding mixture over the cream cheese layer. Top with a layer of whipped topping and refrigerate until ready to dazzle guests with this memorable treat.

Whether your springtime gathering is large or small, family and friends will feel the warmth of spring with these vibrant desserts. For more information and additional springtime recipe ideas, please visit www.jell-o.com.

FRUIT N' JUICE SQUARES

1-1/2 cups boiling water 1 package (8-serving size) or 2 cheese, softened

FOR MANY, the beginning of packages (4-serving size each) JELL-O Strawberry Flavor Gelatin 1 can (20 oz.) pineapple chunks JELL-OLemon Flavor Instant Pudin juice, undrained

Ice cubes

1 container (8 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed, divided Stir boiling water into gelatin in large bowl at least 2 minutes until completely dissolved. Drain pineapple, reserving juice. Add enough ice to juice to measure 1-1/2 cups. Stir into gelatin. Refrigerate about milk in medium bowl with wire 45 minutes or until slightly thickened. Remove 1-1/2 cups of the over crust. Pour remaining milk into gelatin; stir in pineapple.

Stir 1/2 of the whipped topping into remaining gelatin with wire until well blended. Pour over cream whisk until well blended. Pour into 9-inch square dish. Refrigerate about 15 minutes until set but not firm. Carefully spoon fruited gelatin over creamy layer in dish.

Refrigerate 3 hours or until firm. refrigerator. Cut into squares. Garnish with remaining whipped topping.

Prep Time: 20 minutes plus re- squares to serve. frigerating

Serves: 9

CREAMY STRAWBERRY-LEMON SQUARES

1-1/2 cups finely crushed graham crackers

1/2 cup sugar, divided 6 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened

2 packages (8 oz. each) cream

3 cups cold milk, divided 2 packages (4-serving size each) ding & Pie Filling

1 container (8 oz.) frozen strawberry whipped topping, thawed

Mix graham crumbs, 1/4 cup of the sugar and butter until well blended. Press firmly onto bottom of 13 x 9-inch baking pan to form crust. Set aside. Beat cream cheese, remaining sugar and 1/4 cup of the whisk until well blended. Spread large bowl. Add pudding mixes. Beat with wire whisk 2 minutes or cheese layer in pan. Let stand 5 minutes or until thickened. Cover with whipped topping. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight. Cut into 24 squares. Store leftover dessert in

Quick Serve Tip: Place dessert in freezer for 1 hour before cutting into

Variation: To prepare a delicious nut crust, simply substitute 1 cup each flour and finely chopped toasted pecans for the graham crumbs. Mix with sugar and butter as directed. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes. Cool and continue as directed.

Prep Time: 15 minutes plus refrigerating

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Serves: 24