

# Lamb Kabobs For Any Occasion

The fall season can be a difficult time to cook depending on where you live.

In some regions of the country, fall is the shortest season of the year, lasting only a few weeks before the temperature dips and winter rolls in.

In other regions, Indian summers can make fall as perplexing a season as any, with high temperatures one day preceding sharp drops in temperature the next.

The often unpredictable nature of the weather makes choosing an entrée all the more difficult.

In general, try and select a meal that's as versatile as the season itself, such as the following recipe for "Lamb and Lemon Kabobs with Hot Red Salsa."

Capable of being cooked in a broiler, grill pan or even on the barbecue, this recipe from Michael van Straten's "The Healthy Jewish Cookbook" (Frog, Ltd.) is the perfect choice for the chef who knows what he wants but isn't sure if the weather is going to cooperate.

## Lamb and Lemon Kabobs with Hot Red Salsa Serves 6

- 1 1/2 pounds very lean ground lamb
- 1 large egg (or 2 small ones) beaten
- 4 ounces fine matzo meal or 4 matzo sheets, finely ground
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 5 tablespoons finely chopped mint
- 5 tablespoons frozen corn, completely defrosted and crushed
- 1 red pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 small red chile, seeded and finely chopped
- 2 tomatoes, finely chopped
- 2 shallots, finely chopped (if unavailable, use 1 small mild onion)
- Juice and grated zest of 1 large lemon

Mix together the lamb, lemon juice and zest, egg(s), matzo meal and half the mint. Roll into 18 small sausage shapes, thread onto kabob skewers and leave in the fridge for 30 minutes.

Put under a hot broiler, or on a grill pan or barbecue, for about 10 minutes, according to size, until well cooked.

While they're cooking, mix together the corn, red pepper, chile, tomatoes, and shallots. Serve the kabobs with the hot red salsa as a dip.

### Side Suggestion

Need a side dish for your kabobs? Author Michael van Straten recommends the following:

### Nutty Spinach with Raisins Serves 4

- 2 ounces (about 1/3 cup) seedless raisins
- 1/4 cup pine nuts
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, very thinly sliced
- 2 1/4 pounds baby spinach
- Juice of 1/2 lemon

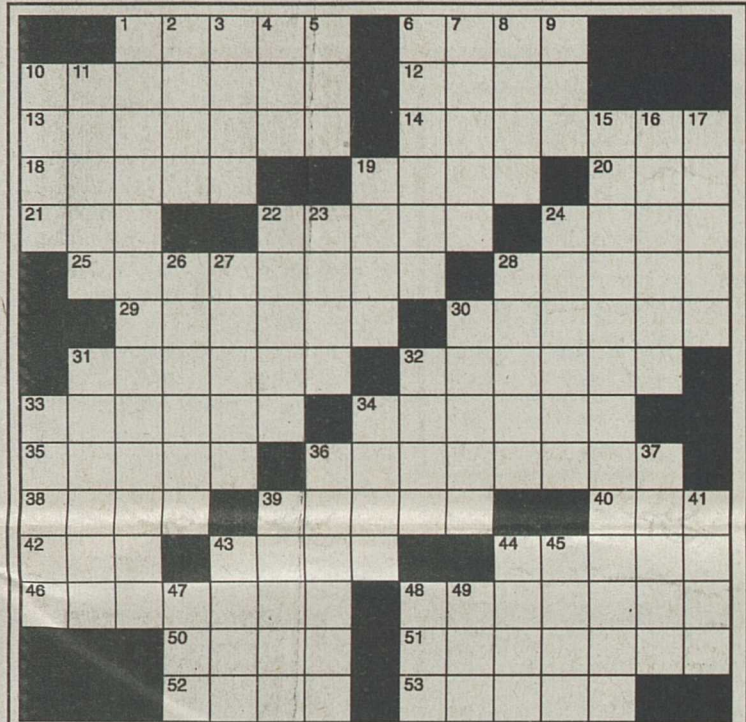
Soak the raisins in freshly boiled water for 10 minutes and dry-roast the pine nuts.

Put the olive oil into a large pot and sauté the garlic very gently for 2 minutes.

Wash the spinach (even if the package says it's ready-washed) and add to the garlic pot with only the water clinging to the leaves.

Cook, covered, over gentle heat until the spinach is wilted - not more than 5 minutes.

Drain the raisins and add to the spinach along with the toasted pine nuts, stirring them in gently. Serve with the lemon juice squeezed on top.

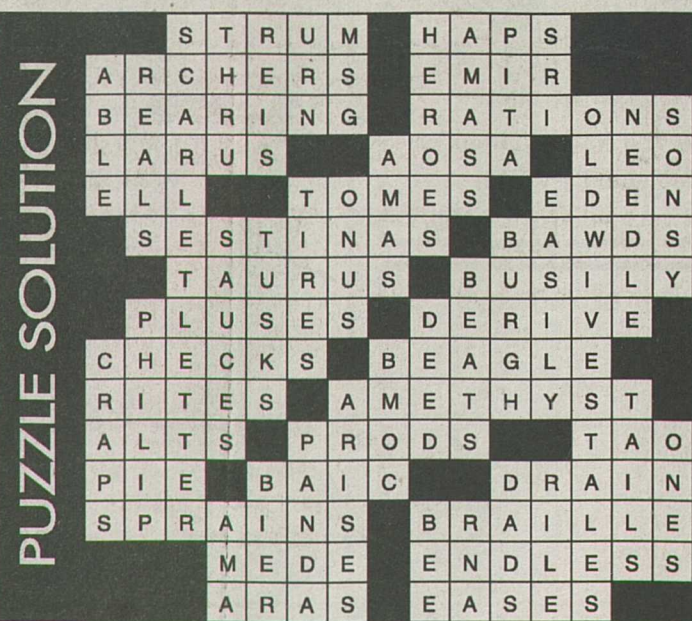


### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Play a guitar
- 6. Comes to pass
- 10. Bowmen
- 12. Middle East chieftain
- 13. Nautical heading
- 14. Food for service personnel
- 18. Type genus of the Laridae
- 19. Am. Optometric Student Assoc.
- 20. The fifth sign of the zodiac
- 21. Right angle building extension
- 22. Books
- 24. God's garden
- 25. Retrogradatio cruciatas
- 28. Suffolk town \_\_\_\_\_ ey: TM334378
- 29. The second sign of the zodiac
- 30. In a busy manner
- 31. Not minus
- 32. Reason by deduction
- 33. Halts
- 34. Snoopy
- 35. Rituals
- 36. February birthstone
- 38. Ex \_\_\_\_\_ glorifies
- 39. Nudges
- 40. Solitaire software Co. Delta
- 42. Dish baked in pastry-lined pan
- 43. Spoken in the Dali region of Yunnan
- 44. Draw off liquid
- 46. Ankle injuries
- 48. Raised dot printing
- 50. \_\_\_\_\_ vac: Air ambulance service
- 51. Without limits
- 52. Survivor winner Baskauskas
- 53. Lessens pain

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Hester Prynne symbol
- 2. Drive \_\_\_\_\_ window
- 3. German telephone inventor
- 4. A large vessel for serving coffee
- 5. Food additive to enhance flavor
- 6. Grinders
- 7. Accumulate large amounts
- 8. Round flat Middle Eastern bread
- 9. California think tank
- 10. Competent to perform a task
- 11. Spanish coins
- 15. Superstitions
- 16. Sewing implement
- 17. Curvaceous
- 19. \_\_\_\_\_ A, MI 49903
- 22. Becomes weary
- 23. Feeling of blame
- 24. Effortlessly
- 26. Liquid dressings for food
- 27. Ivorys
- 28. A chartered town in Scotland
- 30. Clobbers
- 31. \_\_\_\_\_ Augustus, French king
- 32. Transfer property
- 33. Gambling game using 2 dice
- 34. Big man on campus
- 36. Gets up
- 37. Men's evening dress
- 39. Eats bamboo
- 41. Singles
- 43. Stand for corpse
- 44. Fathers
- 45. Make angry
- 47. Doctors' group
- 48. Quilting or spelling
- 49. Ribonucleic nucleic acid



# Happy Birthday, Heather

8-29-87 - 11-05-04

*I Still Miss You*

*This yearning in my heart  
This confusion in my mind  
The words left unspoken  
Haunts me all the time*

*Everyday I watch pass  
by  
With an emptiness in  
my life*

*And a hole in my heart  
Where only you belong*

*There are nights I wake  
up crying  
And wishing you were  
here*

*Love always,  
Aunt Peggy, Bingo, Ashley, EJ, Sarah and Racheal*



*To hold me in your  
arms  
And kiss away my  
tears*

*There is something that  
keeps me holding on -  
What I'll never know  
But one day things will  
go my way  
And I'll have you in  
my arms*

# Notice Of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Rice Hospital District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 4.84 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

09/18/2007

The public hearing will be held on 09/14/2007 at 7p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: 7 (Seven)  
AGAINST: 1 (One)  
PRESENT and not voting: 0 (None)  
ABSENT: 1 (One)

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	11.03 % (increase) or _____ % decrease
Debt Service	0 % (increase) or _____ % decrease
Total expenditures	11.03 % (increase) or _____ % decrease

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 612,741,137.00	\$ 652,583,211.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 3,784,150.00	\$ 5,260,740.00
Total taxable value***of all property	\$ 616,642,888.00	\$ 621,211,906.00
Total taxable value***of new property**	\$ 3,236,174.00	\$ 4,569,018.00

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00

### Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year \$ 0.12678 per \$100 in value  
Proposed tax rate for the current year \$ 0.13292 per \$100 in value  
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year. \$ 0.00614 per \$100 in value  
Percent increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year 4.84 % Increase  
OR  
% Decrease

### Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

Year	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ <u>52,204.00</u>	\$ <u>54,479.00</u>
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ <u>11,180.00</u>	\$ <u>11,648.00</u>
Average taxable value of a residence homestead	\$ <u>41,024.00</u>	\$ <u>42,831.00</u>

### Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons over 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$ 52.01. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons over 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$ 56.93. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$ 4.92 or a decrease of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in taxes.

### Special Provisions if Applicable

#### Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):

The N/A County Auditor certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ County has spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in the previous 12 months beginning \_\_\_\_\_, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. \_\_\_\_\_ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

#### Enhanced indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):

The N/A spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \_\_\_\_\_.

# Fire Safety Offered At County Fair

The Creative Homemaking Department of the Colorado County Fair is pleased to announce this year's educational programs.

Columbus Fire Department will present *Fire Safety in Your Home* on Friday, September 14 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

On Saturday, September 15, the Texas Gourd Society (Southeast Patch) will be in the Homemaking Department from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Society will present information on gourd types and how-to-grow information, introduce attendees to crafting and fine gourd artwork, demonstrate various types of gourd projects, and conduct free craft classes for youth.

In addition, the Texas Gourd Society (Southeast Patch) will have dried gourds, art pieces, books, seeds and bird houses for sale.

Brookshire Brothers will sponsor a cake decorating program on Sunday, September 16, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Brookshire Brothers invites everyone to come by and taste the samples.

There is no charge for the programs as the Fair's gate fee gives attendees access to the informative programs.

Everyone is invited to come by the Creative Homemaking Department to enjoy the workshops, view the exhibits and visit the Country Store.

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