VSH’s Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner
Is Here Again!

But, This Year, It’s on the Friday before Thanksgiving

by Karl Seff, PhD
VSH Board member

Our year-end holidays (yeah!) begin each year with the VSH Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner. Govinda’s Vegetarian Buffet will be hosting it again, as they have annually in recent years. Open to VSH members and nonmembers, to vegetarians and non-vegetarians, about 300 people attend each year.

However, there is a big change this year. The Dinner will be on the Friday before Thanksgiving, not on Thanksgiving Eve as in years past, partly to accommodate those who need to be far away on Thanksgiving Day. It will be on Friday, November 22nd.

The fare, as always, will be traditional, completely homemade, and vegan (see menu on page 3). Wherever possible it will be organic and free of GMOs, hydrogenated oils, MSG, preservatives, and artificial colors and flavors. Oil and salt will be kept to a minimum, and nut- and gluten-free alternatives will be available.

Dinner will be at Govinda’s, 51 Coelho Way, in Nuuanu Valley. Expect a comfortable, quiet Thanksgiving experience. Our hosts will, as usual, be doing their best for us; it is Madana Sundari who needs to be especially thanked.

Dinner will cost $22 for adults and $15 for children ages 8 to 12; children 7 and under eat free. Govinda’s will provide a supervised craft and entertainment area for the keiki.

Expect to meet people whom you have never seen before. This event attracts vegans and vegetarians who have chosen their lifestyle for one or more of these reasons: health, ethics, protection of the

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President’s Message

Greetings!

Welcome Back to Dr. Ruth Heidrich!

It’s a pleasure to welcome back to the Vegetarian Society of Hawaii board, Ruth Heidrich, PhD! Dr. Heidrich is a well-known triathlete and breast cancer survivor who has used her experience and expertise to help and to inspire others through her books, videos, public lectures, her segment of the “Healing and You” radio program hosted by Dr. Terry Shintani and Dr. Diane Nomura, and her volunteer work with VSH, as well as through the example of her vegan lifestyle and competitive athletics. She has been a vegan since the day, over 30 years ago, when she joined Dr. John McDougall’s clinical research study on the effect of a low-fat vegan diet on breast cancer, which started her on the road to recovery from metastatic breast cancer.

Ruth has been a VSH member since 1990, the year that VSH was founded. She further happens to have previously held my current position here at VSH! She served as VSH president from 1995 to 1998, the year she “lost an argument with a truck” while cycling in Kaimuki. Ruth came back from her serious injuries incurred in that encounter, ignoring the predictions of her physicians that she’d never run again. She’s run (and swum and bicycled!) in numerous races since then, and won gold medals in many of them! She is a wonderful example of the resilient good health that can be achieved through a healthy, plant-based (she now eats it raw) diet, as well as an example of the extraordinary heights a person can achieve who has lofty goals and a never-say-die attitude. I’m excited to have Ruth back with us on the VSH board!

Mahalo to Ayla Sarnoff

Ayla Sarnoff has been an active VSH volunteer, who has helped with our tabling events this past year, including those at the Punahou School Sustainability Fair and at Honolulu Community College’s “Be The Change” event. She has just moved away from Hawaii (with the possibility of returning here again someday), though, and her presence will be missed, not only by us at VSH, but by the community, as well, especially for her healthy vegan Physicians Committee For Responsible Medicine “Food For Life” classes, including her Farm To Table events with Ed Otsuji of Otsuji Farms. Best wishes to Ayla!

Lorraine

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Ed Otsuji and Ayla Sarnoff at her PCRM Food For Life class in August
environment, and religion. Talk to the people at your table. Ask them why they came; you are likely to learn something and to be impressed. On this occasion, we are all one family.

We are not alone. Millions of people across the U.S. are celebrating Thanksgiving in this way. We hope to see you there!

Payment will be gathered in advance. A full reimbursement will be made for cancellations made by November 18.

Choose a seating time: 4, 4:15, 4:30, 4:45, 5, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6, 6:15, 6:30, 6:45, or 7 p.m. Everyone, even late arrivals, must be out by 8:00 p.m. so Govinda’s has time to clean up and prepare for the next day.

To make a reservation and prepay by November 18, please go to www.vsh.org/thanksgiving or Call (808)445-9920 or Email vsthanksgiving@hotmail.com or Write a check to “ISKCON Hawaii”, and mail it to: Thanksgiving, 51 Coelho Way, Honolulu HI 96817

Ten Protein-Packed Plants
by ALISA RUTHERFORD-FORTUNATI

If you’re like me, pumpkin is one of your favorite fall foods. The last time you steamed up some squash or pumpkin, did you have the seeds though? One ounce of pumpkin seeds contains 9.35 grams of protein! That’s over two grams more than the same quantity of ground beef. Their high protein content and level of nutrients makes them a wonderful addition to any salad or snack.

Health Benefits of Pumpkin Seeds:

- **Tryptophan**: Helps fight depression (converted into serotonin and niacin).
- **Glutamate (needed to create GABA)**: Anti-stress neurochemical, helps relieve anxiety and other related conditions.
- **Zinc**: Boosts immune function and fights osteoporosis.
- **Phytosterols**: Reduce LDL cholesterol (the bad kind) and increase HDL (the good kind); may also be effective in the prevention of cancer.

Pumpkin seeds are also full of manganese, phosphorous, copper, vitamin K, vitamin E, B vitamins such as thiamin, riboflavin, niacin, pantothenic acid, vitamin B-6 (pyridoxine), folates, potassium, calcium, iron, magnesium, zinc, selenium and more!

If pumpkin seeds aren’t your thing, don’t worry – there are plenty of other seed-based protein powerhouses out there.

Read the rest of the article at: http://gentleworld.org/10-protein-packed-plants/
Instead of treating sensitive skin topically, with lotions and creams, why not treat it from the inside out with diet?

About half of the American population says they have sensitive skin, defined loosely as tingling, chafing, burning, itching sensations when exposed to various environmental factors. A similar high prevalence has been reported throughout Japan and Europe, and it appears especially prevalent among women. Often there are no obvious signs, so it was dismissed as a “princess and the pea” phenomenon by the medical community. Now it’s largely recognized as a genuine physiological phenomenon, thought to arise from a breakdown of the skin barrier that allows potentially irritating substances to penetrate the skin and generate an inflammatory reaction. So what can we do about it?

In 2011, a paper was published entitled “Supplementation of Flaxseed Oil Diminishes Skin Sensitivity and Improves Skin Barrier Function and Condition.” In a randomized double-blind 12-week study, researchers gave women about a half teaspoon of flaxseed oil a day versus safflower oil as a control. That’s the amount of oil found in about a teaspoon and a half of flax seeds.

To measure skin sensitivity, they painted an irritant chemical on their forearms, and after three months there was significant decrease in skin reddening in the flax group compared to the safflower group. Their skin ended up significantly better hydrated, had significantly better barrier function, was less rough, less scaly, and was smoother. If you watch my 3-minute video Flaxseeds For Sensitive Skin* you can actually see the changes in a close-up view of the skin. Their skin looked just as dry and scaly before and after the safflower oil intervention, but significantly improved after flaxseed oil.

The best source of flaxseed oil is within the flaxseed itself. Then you get all the nutrition of the whole food, and it’s cheaper and more stable than the oil. Make sure to grind them up to maximize nutrient absorption. Unlike flaxseed oil, you can bake flaxseeds without destroying the omega 3s, and you can even store ground flaxseed for a month at room temperature without spoilage or oxidation.

For more on eating your way towards healthier skin, see my other videos:

Rosy Glow

Golden Glow

Skim Milk and Acne

Preventing Wrinkles with Diet

Beauty Is More Than Skin Deep

Produce, Not Pills to Increase Physical Attractiveness

-Michael Greger, MD

PS: If you haven’t yet, you can subscribe to my free videos here and watch my live year-in-review presentations Uprooting the Leading Causes of Death and More Than an Apple a Day.

* All videos mentioned in this article may be viewed at www.nutritionfacts.org.
Bill Gates Promotes Vegan Meat and Egg Alternatives

Bill Gates sees a big business opportunity [1] replacing meat and eggs with healthier identical tasting vegan alternatives that take far fewer resources to produce and have much less impact on the environment. He says:

“...raising meat takes a great deal of land and water and has a substantial environmental impact. Put simply, there’s no way to produce enough meat for 9 billion people.”

“By 2030, the world will need millions of tonnes more meat than it does today. But meeting that demand with animal products isn't sustainable. The meat market is ripe for reinvention.”

“Food scientists are creating healthful plant-based alternatives that taste just like eggs, chicken, and other sources of protein.”

Bill goes on to discuss Beyond Meat [2] and Hampton Creek Foods [3]. Beyond Meat has developed a vegan chicken meat equivalent. Bill says, “I tasted Beyond Meat's chicken alternative and was impressed. I couldn't tell the difference between Beyond Meat and real chicken.” In blind taste tests, professional chefs have also been unable to tell the difference between Beyond Meat's vegan chicken and real chicken meat.

Hampton Creek Foods has just started shipping Beyond Eggs, a vegan egg replacement that has the same taste and cooking characteristics (coagulation, emulsification, aeration, texture and mouthfeel) as real eggs, but is cholesterol free and non-allergenic. Talk to your local health food store if you would like to see these products available locally.

VSH Events on Oahu and Maui

July: Janice Stanger, PhD presented “The Dangerous Truth About Protein”

August: Melanie Joy, PhD presented “Why We Love Dogs, Eat Pigs, and Wear Cows: An Introduction To Carnism”

September: William Harris, MD presented “Dr. Bill's Never-Fail Guaranteed Weight Loss Plan”

If you missed any of these informative and entertaining lectures, watch them online at: www.vsh.org or on Public Access Cable TV statewide: ‘Olelo CH 55 on O’ahu, Na Leo ’O Hawai’i Ch 54 on the Big Island, Ho’ike Ch 52 on Kaua’i, or Akaku Ch 55 on Maui
VSH Events on Kauai

Micheal Greger’s Oahu lecture titled *The Role of Diet in Preventing, Treating, and Reversing the 15 Leading Causes of Death* was viewed at the August potluck and lecture.

Peggy Kadey won the July recipe contest with her *Black Beans & Quinoa*.

*Being Vegetarian* was the topic of Kimie Sadayama’s talk at the July potluck and lecture.

Joseph Dunsmoor presented *Sustainable Gardening* at the September potluck and lecture.

**BLACK BEANS & QUINOA**

- 2 Tablespoons olive oil or grapeseed oil
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 2 cups cooked quinoa
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 5 cloves crushed garlic
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 teaspoons agave
- 3 15-ounce cans of black beans

Sauté onion, garlic, and red pepper in oil for 10 minutes. Add black beans, cumin, chili powder, sea salt, and agave. Simmer for 15 minutes. Add cooked quinoa. Simmer 10 minutes. Mix well. Enjoy as a side dish, on a collard wrap, as a dip, or use in a burrito with guacamole, shredded lettuce, chopped tomatoes, and salsa.

Monthly vegan potluck luncheons and lectures are held at 12:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the Kapa’a Neighborhood Center on Kaua’i. Admission is free for those who bring a dish. All others are welcome with a $5 donation.
You have probably participated in a canned food drive, and may have the experience of digging through your pantry shelves looking for something close to expiration, or less urgently needed for your own meals to donate. Few people realize that they can make donations of fresh produce to organizations that feed the hungry in addition to canned and processed items. While canned and processed foods are easier for organizations to store and distribute, fresh foods offer nutrition, flavors, and foods of cultural significance that don’t come in a can or a box.

Every Saturday at the Kapiolani Community College Farmers’ Market, since January 2010, there has been a booth at the market with volunteers collecting fresh produce for the hungry. I’m a Kahala Elementary School teacher and Feldenkrais practitioner who began this project, called “Give It Fresh Today” (GIFT), at that first location in Honolulu. Volunteer Diane Blastic realized the importance of collecting fresh food donations when a woman who lived in a shelter came up to the GIFT table that she was staffing, and told her, "While I was homeless, I didn't have fresh veggies or fruit for three months". Blastic noted that, “lots of food pantries have processed foods, GIFT is all fresh. Way healthier!” Recipient partners have been able to improve the quality of food used in meals.

When people shop at the farmers’ market, most aren’t thinking about buying more than they will need for the week. Most people don’t want to have fresh food spoil in their fridge. GIFT gives weekly farmers’ market shoppers an opportunity to buy extra, supporting local farms and businesses at the market, and ensuring local availability of favorite foods by voting with their shopping dollars. Farmers and vendors often donate after the market is over rather than bring the leftover produce back for compost.

Some home gardeners bring their excess produce from home. Donations as eclectic as strawberry guava, Malabar spinach, avocados, breadfruit, tangerines, and lemons have all found their way from people’s homes to the farmers’ market donation table. GIFT helps people to put their extra fruits and vegetables to good use, rather than spoil in their yards. Some families also donate to GIFT extra purchases from their grocery bags each week, both excess items, as well as those bought to donate, GIFT again helping them to get these extra foods to those in need.

Give It Fresh Today partners with Aloha Harvest, the Institute for Human Services, Unity Church of Hawaii, Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter, and The Church of the Living God in Hau'ula. Through its partnership with Aloha Harvest, donations are brought to even more partner agencies working to feed the hungry. Hundreds of pounds of fresh food are collected each week at several O‘ahu farmer’s markets and recipient partners pick up donations from the farmer's markets. Through volunteer efforts, GIFT is at the following farmers’ markets:

- **Kapiolani Community College**
  Saturdays 7:30-11a.m.
- **Windward Mall**
  Sundays 10a.m.-2p.m.
  Wednesdays 2:30-7:30p.m.
- **Blaisdell Concert Hall**
  Wednesdays 4-7p.m.
- **Kailua**, Longs Drugs parking lot
  Thursdays 5-7:30p.m.

If you're a home gardener, you can also take advantage of the SeedShare station, collecting and providing free seeds to the community. If you ever forget to bring a bag, there is also a BagShare station collecting and providing free bags to re-use at the market.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome! To volunteer or for more information about how you can help, send an email to giveitfreshtoday@gmail.com.

To watch a short 10 minute video about GIFT, check out: [http://tedxtalks.ted.com/video/TEDxHONOLULU-Vivian-Chau-Best-A](http://tedxtalks.ted.com/video/TEDxHONOLULU-Vivian-Chau-Best-A)
Calling Dr. Kildog!*
by William Harris, MD

If your pooch sniffs and then looks grave when he jumps into your lap, watch out! He may be making a diagnosis. Turns out some dogs can smell out cancers that have an elevated content of methionine, the sole essential sulfur-containing amino acid, which also happens to be the limiting amino acid in a vegan diet.

This unexpected windfall comes to us from Michael Greger, MD, of www.NutritionFacts.org, who found 15 peer-reviewed journal articles all hinting that excess methionine may be a risk factor for various human calamities.1

5 out of 21 tumors of the colon, breast, ovary, prostate, and melanoma were methionine dependent. There were discussions targeting methionine dependent cancers with drugs, methionine restriction in cancer control, sniffer dogs as part of a lung cancer screening approach, and colorectal cancer screening by canine scent detection (pity the poor dogs on this one). Sensitivity and accuracy of canine scent detection is high even for early cancer, as gaseous sulfur-containing compounds are major products in tumors, and preventing their diffusion reduces the proliferation rate. Low-methionine vegan diets may be a life extension strategy.

Dogs can be trained to distinguish patients with bladder cancer on the basis of urine odor, and one dog (A) "confirmed" clinically-suspected (and subsequently biopsy-proven) diagnoses of melanoma in five patients and correctly "reported" melanoma at a skin location for which initial pathological examination had been negative, despite clinical suspicion. Then dog B came along and (perhaps after a short sniffing and barking consultation) pretty much agreed with dog A.

Therein hangs a tail. In 1970, after 6 years on a vegan diet, I found out that it didn't have much methionine. Vegans get about 250% of the RDA (~ 270 mg), but I was weight lifting at the time, so in order to turn myself into a buffed minor planet, I ordered DL-methionine chemically synthesized by Ajinomoto Co. in Japan, adding about 500 mg to my daily smoothies. It didn't work, and shortly after that, a journal2 reported that cysteine, one of the metabolites of methionine, increases the urinary loss of calcium and hence is a risk factor for osteoporosis. So I scratched that idea, and, instead, compared the methionine content in 10 categories of food, finding that only pure fruitarians might come up short on methionine.

Some of the writers above are suggesting a switch to low methionine diets as a preventive/treatment for assorted malignancies, but my advice to those already on a vegan diet is: why bother, you're already on one. Arf! Arf!


* Editor: Medical drama buffs might recall Calling Dr. Kildare (1939) starring Lew Ayres & Lionel Barrymore, and other Dr. Kildare movies and TV series, the best-known being Dr. Kildare (1961-1966) starring Richard Chamberlain and Raymond Massey.
WHOLE: Rethinking The Science of Nutrition

T. Colin Campbell, PhD
With Howard Jacobson, PhD
BenBella Books, Inc.
2013, 352 pages
by Ruth Heidrich, PhD
www.ruthheidrich.com

Picture this: All of us on Planet Earth are on a bus speeding towards a cliff. Those who recognize this are suggesting that we stick our hands out the window to create more wind resistance in the silly hopes of slowing us down. How about someone jumping into the driver’s seat and putting on the brakes?

For those who are not familiar with author and widely respected T. Colin Campbell, you owe it to yourself, to all the other residents of this planet, and yes, even to the planet itself, to read this book! It has the power to create a paradigm shift in society’s thinking, especially when it comes to nutrition. Research is now usually done by following “the scientific method” which entails changing one variable while holding all others constant. It is thought that, in this way, we can isolate the behavior of the factors we are studying. This is “reductionist” thinking, frequently accompanied by an obsession with minutiae, and is the way many of us use it in our daily lives.

Dr. Campbell discusses the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) list of the top causes of death in this country. Amazingly, the CDC skips over the third most prevalent cause, our medical health (disease?) care system! If you add up wrong diagnoses, surgical errors, prescription drug negative reactions, deaths from prescription drug overdoses, hospital-acquired infections, etc., the number of deaths each year are exceeded only by heart attacks and cancer. Clearly, there is a systemic problem that is being overlooked, either by design or by ignorance. What underlies most, if not all, of these problems is reductionist thinking and the lack of what Dr. Campbell calls a whole food, plant-based diet (WFPB). “Reductionism causes new problems as it solves old ones,” he says, and the reader is exposed to lots of “A-ha!” moments as numerous examples of fallacies are described.

No one treatment, no one food, no one “superfood,” not even supplements, will “cure” our health challenges. There’s no question that nutrition is the “master key” to our health, however, we need a “whole” approach, one which is commonly summed up as “lifestyle.” Unfortunately, however, only those questions that can be answered in $ signs are deemed worthy of investigating. Dr. Campbell goes on to say, “When we look closely at the prison of the reductionist paradigm, we notice there’s no lock on the cell door.” We don’t stroll out because the health information is controlled, and not all the blinders are visible. Profit trumps health! We need to take off the blinders!

Dr. Campbell closed with steps to take to implement change. I turned the page, looking for a list, i.e., #1, Do this, #2, Do that. But, alas, that’s reductionist thinking, isn’t it! And I’ve caught myself again and again, thinking reductionistically. The new paradigm is – a telescope instead of a microscope. Both are necessary, but the former is a tectonic shift in the way we think about nutrition and can now move closer to its rightful position.

Thank you, Dr. Campbell!

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Book Review

Ori Ann Li’s Vegan Paradise: 65 Unforgettable Recipes (AKA Flavors of Asia)

By Lorraine Sakaguchi

Vegan chef Ori Ann Li has put together a picturesque collection of Asian, fusion, and healing kitchen recipes that reflect her own contemporary vegan twist on classic Asian recipes. She has studied at culinary arts schools in the US, France and the UK, and has combined her formal training with her passion for mastering the cuisines of many cultures. 65 Unforgettable Recipes, also known as Flavors of Asia, launches her Ori Ann Li’s Vegan Paradise series that will showcase the culinary regions of the world, a “Vegan Paradise” where no animals are harmed and people are healthy and completely satisfied with the meals they eat.”

Ori Ann Li has tried to keep true to the traditional flavors of Asian dishes while minimizing the use of less-healthy salt, sugar and oil in her recipes. The dishes have some richness in them, but much less than in their traditional counterparts. She has included helpful eye-catching color photos of every dish. The recipes are easy to read, in good-sized type, and each fills a whole page or more. Each recipe is accompanied by a chef’s tip or comment about the recipe, which might encourage even beginners to try that recipe. Since the ingredients may not always be familiar to readers, her glossary of ingredients and labeled photos of the varied types of vermicelli and faux meats are welcome aids.

The recipes are delicious. I’ve enjoyed tasting some of them even before the book’s publication this year, either through Ori Ann’s cooking classes, or at some of her public cooking demonstrations. I’ve found the recipes I’ve tried making to be pretty straightforward.

Even if you’re more of an armchair cookbook reader than a cook, you’ll also likely enjoy reading her narratives of her travels to the lands of Asia to study their cuisines and cultures first-hand!

Note: Ori Ann Li is a fellow VSH volunteer and member of the VSH board.

Recipe

Ganjang Potato with Cashews

from Ori Ann Li’s Vegan Paradise: 65 Unforgettable Recipes (AKA Flavors of Asia)

This is my take on the classic Korean potato dish. I love the unusual addition of cashew nuts. It’s healthy and crunchy, a nice complement to the creamy texture of cooked potatoes. When it hits soy sauce, it tops the charts for yumminess. Perhaps it doesn’t take much to please me, but I think adding sesame seeds on top is a dreamy combination.

Potato, 4 large, cubed
Cashews, 1/2 C, whole or halved
Sesame seeds, white, 1 & 1/2 T
Sesame seeds, black, 1 & 1/2 tsp
Oil, peanut or grapeseed, 1 T
Salt & pepper to taste

SAUCE
Green onions, 3 stalks, chopped
Soy sauce, 2 T
Agave, 1/2 to 1 tsp
Water, 2 T
Korean spicy miso, chili paste or powder to taste

♦ Boil potato in a pot of hot water until almost cooked through. Drain well and cool.
♦ Fry potato and cashews in heated oil until golden brown, about eight to ten minutes.
♦ Toss in a combination of (half of each) sesame seeds and cook for a couple of minutes longer. Add salt and pepper.
♦ Mix soy sauce, agave, water, chili sauce and two stalks of chopped green onions together and add half into the dish. Cook until liquid is gone.
♦ To serve, sprinkle the rest of the sesame seeds all over dish and the rest of green onions on the center mound. Serve the other half of sauce on the side.
♦ Serves three.
Barbeque Baby Back Ribz
by Neal Pinckney, PhD
Heart.kumu.org  "If it takes longer to make it than it does to eat it; forget it."

Amazingly like the real things in taste and texture.  Very low in calories and fat.

Many seitan recipes are either very complicated or miserably poor imitations of meat. Most require lengthy boiling and very rarely come out well the first time, discouraging future attempts.  This one uses a novel way to make seitan. It's simpler, easier and 99% fool-proof. There's no boiling, just simple baking that can be done in a toaster oven to save energy and heat, or in a regular oven.

1 C vital wheat gluten*
2 T garbanzo flour*
2 t smoked Spanish paprika
2 T onion powder
1 t garlic powder
¾ C water
1 t liquid smoke (Wright's works best)
1 T lower-salt soy sauce or tamari
about 1 C of your favorite barbeque sauce
* available in bulk in many natural food stores

Preheat the oven to 350º F. Put the 2 flours in a 2 quart bowl. In another bowl, mix the remaining ingredients except the BBQ sauce, and then slowly mix into the flours while stirring. When the dough is totally mixed, knead lightly for a few minutes by hand. Spread and roll the dough evenly on a silicone sheet or a baking sheet or pan (see hint below) to an 8" x 8" square, pressing down evenly. With the edge of a spatula, cut the dough into 8 strips and then cut those in half to make 16 pieces. Bake for 20 minutes, then pull the strips apart. In a baking dish, cover the ribs with the sauce and bake another 10 to 15 minutes or until the sauce thickens and has caramelized slightly, but not burned. Remove from oven, separate the 'ribz', and serve.

The following nutritional data is for the ribs without BBQ sauce. The amounts of sugar and sodium will vary with the choice of sauce, which typically has little or no fat. This will make 4 servings, each 116 calories: 4.6% from fat, 14.4% from carbohydrates, 81% from protein.

Helpful Hint: Some years ago, I found silicone baking sheets that make it much easier to bake without oiling the pan or sheet and very easy to clean up. I have a full size sheet for my oven, and a small one that fits inside my toaster oven, which I use for this recipe. If you don't have a silicone sheet, use a very lightly oiled 8" x 8" baking pan/dish or a double layer of aluminum foil.

Over 250 more easy, low-fat vegan recipes are available on Dr. Pinckney's website: heart.kumu.org

Nutrition News
from NutritionFacts.org

Kiwifruit for Insomnia
Two kiwi fruits an hour before bedtime may improve sleep quality and duration without the side effects associated with sleeping pills.
http://nutritionfacts.org/video/kiwifruit-for-insomnia/

Heart Disease Starts in Childhood
By age 10, nearly all kids have fatty streaks in their arteries. This is the first sign of atherosclerosis, the leading cause of death in the United States. So the question for most of us is not whether we should eat healthy to prevent heart disease, but whether we want to reverse the heart disease we may already have.

Artificial Food Colors and ADHD
In response to definitive evidence showing artificial colors may increase inattentiveness, impulsivity, and hyperactivity among young children, a call has been made by consumer groups to ban food dyes.

Which Seaweed is Most Protective Against Breast Cancer?
Nori seaweed snacks may favorably alter estrogen metabolism by modulating women’s gut flora, resulting in decreased breast cancer risk.
http://nutritionfacts.org/video/which-seaweed-is-most-protective-against-breast-cancer/

Keeping Your Hands Warm With Citrus
Phytonutrients in citrus, such as hesperidin, may increase blood flow enough to warm the hands and feet of those with cold sensitivity.
http://nutritionfacts.org/video/keeping-your-hands-warm-with-citrus/
The “Fab Four” of the Solanaceae
by Eileen Towata, PhD

Some of the most versatile vegetables and fruits – tomatoes, bell peppers, eggplants, and potatoes – belong to the same plant family. These members of the Solanaceae usually evoke images of delicious pasta sauces, hearty potato soups, or flavorful additions to salads. Yet lingering among the culinary favorites are some other cousins with a different side. Indeed, this family is commonly referred to as the “nightshades” and even its edible members were sometimes avoided. In the late 1500’s and early 1600’s, the tomatoes which had been introduced to Europe (Schery, 1972) were viewed more as a curiosity for a time before being recognized as safe for consumption and embraced for culinary uses. “Angel trumpet”, a deadly poisonous ornamental plant that can be seen in some yards in Hawai’i, and Nicotiana tabacum, the source of tobacco, are some of the Solanaceae we will still want to avoid today. But back to those “fabulous four”….

The South American origins (Schery, 1972) and success of domestication for tomatoes (Solanum lycopersicum) in Mexico (Vaughan & Geissler, 1997) bode well weather-wise for tomato success in Hawai’i. Throughout the year, we can find vine-ripened locally grown varieties to bring to the table. This fruit is a calorie bargain (32 kcal per 1 cup chopped) and a versatile item that can be eaten raw or cooked. Eggplant (Solanum melongena) and bell pepper (Capsicum annuum), two other fruits in the family, pair nicely with tomatoes in a variety of ways. Bell pepper probably originated in Mexico and then was introduced into the Old World, while eggplant was native to tropical Asia and domesticated in northern India (Vaughan & Geissler, 1997). Both are, again, caloric bargains – unless that eggplant is breaded and deep-fried! The recipe below teams up these three solanaceous fruits in a salad that is great served over a bed of greens. For a more substantial meal idea, try scooping it onto a baked potato. As a modified underground storage stem, or tuber, the potato (Solanum tuberosum) is rich in starch (carbohydrate). From its origins in South America, the potato was introduced around the world and now exists in many cultivars. Try a mixture of red, gold, and purple potatoes the next time you roast a pan of vegetables for a delicious treat. Additional nutrition information about these or other produce items can be found at hawaiifoods.hawaii.edu through the University of Hawaii.

Eggplant Salad (6 servings)

Cooking spray
2 bell peppers (red, yellow, and/or orange), chopped
2 large eggplants, chopped
1 Tablespoon olive oil
3 Roma tomatoes, chopped
1/3 cup chopped green onion
¼ cup minced fresh parsley
¼ cup minced fresh cilantro
2 Tablespoons fresh mint leaves, torn
2 cloves minced garlic
¼ to 1/3 cup fresh lemon juice
Optional: coarse black pepper, to taste
Optional: cayenne pepper, to taste
Optional: coarse sea salt, to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray two baking sheets with cooking spray. Place bell peppers on one and eggplant on the other; drizzle with the olive oil. Bake about 15 minutes, then turn/toss and continue in oven for another 10-15 minutes. (Cooking time will depend upon size of pieces). Remove trays when done and set aside.

Combine tomatoes, green onions, herbs, and garlic in a large bowl. Chop the roasted eggplant and peppers into smaller pieces and add to the mixture in the bowl. Add ¼ cup lemon juice and taste the salad. Add more juice, if needed, and season as desired with black pepper, cayenne pepper, and salt.

Nutrition information per 1/6th of recipe: calories = 90; Fat = 3 g; Saturated fat = 0 g; Cholesterol = 0 mg; Sodium = 10 mg; Total carbohydrate = 16 g; Dietary fiber = 1 g; Sugars = 2 g; Protein = 3 g. Note: Sodium content does not reflect addition of salt to taste and is calculated from measured ingredients only. Recipe and nutrition information are from the Eat Well for Life cooking classes at Castle Medical Center’s Wellness & Lifestyle Medicine Center.

Literature Cited


Interspecies Relationships at Leilani Farm Sanctuary

by Leilani Farm Sanctuary Founder Laurelee Blanchard

Leilani Farm Sanctuary, home to nearly two hundred rescued animals, is unique among farm sanctuaries in that the animals co-exist in the same environment, rather than being separated by species. Donkeys, goats, pigs, and deer graze in the fruit orchard, intermingling with chickens and cats. It is delightful to see animals of different species co-existing harmoniously and forming special bonds.

As a young goat, Danny discovered the fun of jumping on the back of Lehua the donkey. Several times a day, he went for rides around the farm on her back. Lehua seemed to enjoy the experience just as much as Danny did. Susan, a rescued rabbit, has become best friends with a pair of desert tortoises. After Susan’s mate died of old age, we tried to introduce her to new rabbit friends, but she fought with each one. Now she seems most content in the company of her tortoise and chicken friends.

Our pig, Kea, who was brought to the Sanctuary after escaping from a pig factory, became especially fond of one of our donkeys and soon began standing on her hind legs in order to reach up to the donkey and give affection. This ritual continued until Kea became too heavy for the donkey to support her weight.

Richard the rooster flies up onto the back of Betty the goat each evening before sunset, and stays with her until bedtime. The two unlikely friends seem to bring each other comfort.

Our goal at Leilani Farm Sanctuary is to give visitors the opportunity to witness the animals’ endearing antics, and to see them as individuals with personalities. It is our hope that people will open their hearts and minds to regarding farm animals, not as food, but as beings worthy of love and protection. At the end of each Sanctuary tour, we provide our guests with vegan starter kits to help them embark upon the path of compassionate vegan living.

Leilani Farm Sanctuary is home to over a hundred rescued animals like these, and many more have been placed in happy homes. Visitors are welcome, including school groups for educational tours.

Talk to Us!

Your letters to the Editor, book, movie, and restaurant reviews, recipes and articles of interest to vegetarians are all eagerly awaited. We reserve the right to edit all submissions. Our submission deadlines are March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1.

For more information, visit: www.LeilaniFarmSanctuary.org,
Email: info@leilanimfarmsanctuary.org
Phone: 808-298-8544
Imagine a Vegan World
VSH’s Free Vegan Peer Support Group
Meets every Tuesday 6:30-7:30 p.m.
(except the second Tuesday of the month when we attend the monthly VSH lecture).
We meet at the Central YMCA
At 401 Atkinson Drive, across from Ala Moana Shopping Center, For more info:
Call Terry Bear at (808) 397-8666 or email kailuabear2003@yahoo.com

Mahatma Gandhi’s Birthday and International Day of Peace and Nonviolence Celebration
5 to 6:30 p.m. October 2, 2013
by Gandhi’s statue in front of Honolulu Zoo, across from Waikiki Beach.
VSH and Down to Earth will be doing a joint booth. Come for the event, as well as for delicious fresh vegan food samples, plus information on a healthy vegan diet and upcoming events for both VSH and DTE. VSH will be highlighting World Day for Farmed Animals, which is also observed on October 2.

You’re Invited to our VSH Dine-Outs!
Friday, November 22, 2013
Dine Out with Dr. H. Lorrin Lau
VSH’s Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner
4:00 to 8:00 p.m. (last seating at 7:00 p.m.)
Govinda’s Vegetarian Buffet
51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, in Nuuanu
Please see Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner article for the menu.
$22 Adult, $15 Ages 8-12, Free Ages 0-7
To RSVP: www.vsh.org/thanksgiving
Or Call (808)445-9920

Tuesday, December 17, 2013
Dine Out with Dr. Ruth Heidrich
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.,
Greens & Vines Restaurant
909 Kapiolani Blvd., Unit B, Honolulu
Corner of Ward Ave. and Kapiolani Blvd.
Free parking on ground floor behind restaurant
Raw Vegan Gourmet Tasting Menu*
Lemony Zucchini Bisque with Shaved Fennel Not-Tuna on Onion Bread
with Salad & Butter Lettuce
Kaffir Miso Pad Thai
Living Lasagna
Wicked Chocolate Tart
*All menu items are gluten-free
$22.50, including Tax and Tip
To RSVP & prepay via credit card, call (808)536-9680

Photos from Recent VSH Speaker Dine-Outs

Dr. Bill Harris and Dr. Janice Stanger at Dr. Stanger’s dine-out at the Gourmet Vegan Dinner at Church of the Crossroads.
Eva Uran and Dr. Melanie Joy at Dr. Joy’s dine-out at Govinda’s Vegetarian Buffet on August 14.
Castle Medical Center’s Mele Fernandez & Ruby Hayasaka, Dr. Bill Harris & Lorraine Sakaguchi at Dr. Harris’ VSH dine-out at CMC’s The Bistro just before his talk at CMC’s Wellness Auditorium on September 11.
Vegetarian Society of Hawaii Lectures

OCTOBER

COMPASSIONATE ACTIVISM

If you care about making the world a better place, this talk is for you! This talk will explore the links between the function of what is called “the absent referent” in the meat eating culture to other forms of oppression, such as racism, sexism, and the destruction of the environment, showing how underlying all of these is the same belief system. It helps us understand the way oppressions become interconnected, and shows how a healthy approach to a plant-based diet is an important way to address pertinent social issues of our time.

Leslie Ashburn is an internationally trained chef who brings an ease and expertise for creating cosmopolitan vegan macrobiotic food, changing stereotypes about what it means to eat healthy. She works with a wide variety of respected community members, including preparing life-changing meals for seminars with the local living treasure Dr. Terry Shintani. She is a co-founder of and serves on the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Food Policy Council. She co-authored a chapter in Diet For a Small Island (in press) called Democratic Food Education: Colonialism, Culture, and the Task of the Cooking Class.

Honolulu: October 8, 7 p.m. at the Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse, 404 Kapahulu Ave.
Maui: October 10, 7 p.m., Cameron Center, 95 Mahalani St., Wailuku

NOVEMBER

THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH ABOUT PLANTS, ANIMALS, AND BETTER HUMAN HEALTH

We are told many confusing and conflicting things about what to eat and what to do about our health. Dr. Lau will show some ways to help you find the truth, including examples of his research, which is one of the ways, and present results that may not just surprise, but shock you, as well!

Dr. H. Lorrin Lau is an MD-MPH, or physician-scientist, the new concept in medicine at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He has done basic research at Harvard, the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Georgetown, the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health -- now named after Bloomberg, the NIH Postdoctoral Fellow programs, and food research in the Dole Pineapple labs. He developed the world’s first affordable pregnancy test, among other innovations.

Since 1982, he has focused on preventive services for Women’s Health in Hawaii, putting into practice what he has learned from his research experiences and inventions.

Honolulu: November 12, 7 p.m. at the Ala Wai Golf Course Clubhouse, 404 Kapahulu Ave.
Maui: November 14, 7 p.m., Cameron Center, 95 Mahalani St., Wailuku
Dine-Out with Dr. H. Lorrin Lau, November 22, 4 to 8 p.m., Go-vinda’s, www.vsh.org/thanksgiving

DECEMBER

WHY RAW?

Lessons from a Vegan Triathlete and Cancer Survivor

Tips from a 30+ year vegan and 45-year runner, how she has kept metastatic cancer at bay for over 30 years. This same program works for heart disease, stroke, diabetes, arthritis, osteoporosis, dementia, and more, and saves a lot of money to boot! She’ll also talk about her new book, Lifelong Running.

Ruth Heidrich received her Ph.D. in Health Management in 1993, and is the author of A Race for Life, CHEF cookbook, Senior Fitness, and Lifelong Running. She has completed six Ironman Triathlons, 67 marathons, and has won eight gold medals in the Senior Olympics. She has won more than 900 trophies and medals since her diagnosis of breast cancer in 1982 at the age of 47. She is a certified fitness trainer, and has set three world records for fitness for her age group at the renowned Cooper Clinic in Dallas, Texas. She is one of the founding members and past president of the Vegetarian Society of Hawaii, past president of the Mid-Pacific Road Runners Club, and Life Member of both organizations.

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Eat Well for Life
Cooking Demonstrations
at Castle Medical Center

Learn practical food choice tips and see how to make simple recipes that will inspire you to eat well for life.

These are demonstration classes with instructor Eileen Towata, PhD, and do not include hands-on food preparation by participants.

All foods are made with non-animal food products. Tasty samples are provided.

**Pasta Power**
Thursday, October 24, 6:00-7:00 P.M.
Get ideas for pasta sauces and dressings. In addition to whole wheat pasta, enjoy sampling gluten-free options as well.

**Bread from the Heart and Hands**
Thursday, November 21, 6:00-7:00 P.M.
Learn how to make yeast bread the "old-fashioned" way (no bread machine). Quick bread will be on the menu, too – just in time for holiday feasting.

Price: $15 general, $10 for Castle Medical Center employees, volunteers, students (with ID) and seniors (age 65+), or $20 per couple. Advance registration required. To register, call 263-5400, or go to [http://castlemed.org/wellness.htm](http://castlemed.org/wellness.htm), Wellness & Lifestyle Medicine Center
642 ‘Ulukahiki Street, Suite 105
Kailua, Hawai‘i 96734
(808) 263-5050   CMCWellness@ah.org

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**The Oahu Vegan Meetup Group**
The Oahu Vegan Meetup group is dedicated to creating a strong community here on Oahu around the lifestyle and many philosophies of veganism. The group hosts fun vegan events and provides information to anyone who seeks to transition to a plant-based diet or eat more plant-based meals. Events include restaurant meals, potlucks, hikes, movie screenings, and more. Enjoy the company of like-minded people, get advice and support, and eat delicious vegan food! Events are listed at [www.veganoahu.org](http://www.veganoahu.org).

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**Healthy Holiday Cooking Class**
4-6:30 p.m., November 3, 2013

Want to avoid all the fat and sugar during your next holiday season? Notice how you get tired, sluggish, grumpy, or put on weight? Enjoy the season consciously, full of happiness and energy, instead, with tasty & healthy vegan dishes!

Toho No Hikari, 3510 Nuuanu Pali Dr.
$50 until October 31, $60 from November 1
[www.macrobiotichawaii.com](http://www.macrobiotichawaii.com)

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**“Healing & You” Radio Show**
Terry Shintani, MD, Dr. Diane Nomura, Ruth Heidrich, PhD

Sundays: 8 - 9 p.m. K108 AM 1080
Call-in line: (808) 524-1080
Local Vegetarian Community Events

Gourmet Vegan Community
Dinner at Church of the Crossroads
6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, November 13, 2013
Enjoy a gourmet gluten-free vegan meal prepared by Macrobiotic Vegan Chef Kathy Maddux and Vegetarian/Gluten-Free Chef Alyssa Moreau!

Dill-Roasted Carrot and Cauliflower Bisque
Creamed Millet and Squash with Shiitake Mushroom Gravy
Asian Tofu Croquette with Burdock, Carrot & Arame
Cranberry Balsamic Green Beans with Pomegranate Reduction
Baked Stuffed Apple with Macadamia Nuts and Caramel Glaze
Tea
$20 (VSH Member price $18), $2 more for walk-ins
Please RSVP to macrocommhi@hawaii.rr.com

Free Vegetarian Cooking Classes
at Down to Earth
Honolulu • Kahului • Kailua • Kapolei • Pearlridge

No reservations required

Honolulu: 1st Saturday monthly, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Kailua: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Pearlridge: 1st and 3rd Mondays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Kapolei: Wednesdays, 4 - 5 p.m., 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Kahului: Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

www.downtoearth.org/free-cooking-classes
or call 808-947-3249 for more information.

Ori Ann Li’s Vegan Cooking Classes and Demonstrations

MOA Hawaii, 600 Queen St., Suite C-2, Free parking. Call 952-6900 for information and to register:

- Everyday Vegan (cooking workshops): 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. starting Oct. 16. $25 per workshop.
- Gourmet Vegan (hands-on cooking classes): 1st & 3rd Sundays, 2-4 p.m. starting Oct. 20. $35 per class.
- Vegan Nutrition 101 (seminar with nutritious food samples), 4th Saturdays, 1:30-3 p.m., starting Oct. 26. $20 per seminar.

Featured chef at 1st Annual “Calabash & Cooks” benefit for the Mālama Learning Center. Locally sourced food and drink by eight of Oahu’s favorite chefs who will be creating dishes reflecting their backgrounds. Saturday, Nov. 2, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Kapolei High School Plaza. $35 presale, $70 VIP, $20 keiki. Tickets available for purchase online at www.malamalearningcenter.org.

Vegan cooking demonstration & book signing

Manoa Public Library, Sat., Nov. 2 at 11 a.m. Free.
Waikiki Community Center, Tue. Nov. 5 at 10:30 a.m. Small fee. Call 923-1802 for registration information.
Kahuku Public & School Library, Tue. Nov. 12 at 6 p.m. Free.

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Healthy Hut Kauai (Kauai)
Loving Hut (only at 1614 South King St.)
Peace Café (2239 S. King St.)
Simple Joy Vegetarian Cuisine (1145 S. King St.)
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Thai Kitchen (Waipahu, 94-300 Farrington Hwy)

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