

Veg picks

ChaChaCha

Want to take a mini-trip to Japan? Break out your bamboo meditation mat and crack open a bottle of **Iyemon Cha**. This super-refreshing bottled green tea comes straight from Kyoto, where one of Japan's most revered master green-tea blenders, Ryozo Taniguchi, hand-selects the leaves. Available in Original Green and Roasted Green flavors, this unsweetened tea is a refreshing respite from most bottled iced tea. The best part? The whole line is completely organic. *Domo arigato!*

❖ suntory.com



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BottledBeauty

After a summer's-worth of sun exposure, your skin deserves a pampering treat to rehydrate, soothe, and smooth. That's where **Natureny's So'Bio Rose** line of vegan skin care products fits in. Formulated in France with certified-organic ingredients, these heaven-scented, paraben- and beeswax-free creams, lotions, and cleansers deliver on their promise to protect and nourish. Dare to indulge, and prepare to look as healthy and vibrant on the outside as you are on the inside.

❖ natureny.com



VivaVivi

You know what's nice? A family tradition that just so happens to involve something delicious. **Vivi's Original Sauce** fits that bill like nobody's business, as the recipe's been handed down to Vivi's granddaughter, who now makes her family's "carnival" sauces. Certainly appropriate for slathering on veggie dogs and other fair fare, this blend of mustard, relish, and pepper sauce packs a spicy, tangy punch that's like a tilt-a-whirl for your mouth.

❖ vivisoriginalsauce.com

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Win!

Wipe that drool off your chin and hop onto a computer, because one randomly selected reader will win everything in this VegPicks feature. Tempt fate—and your taste buds—by emailing vegpicks@vegnews.com by October 31 for a chance to win it all.

CrunchTime

Whether you're going for a hike, taking a road trip, or just need a little extra energy for watching those reruns of your favorite shows, power up with any of **Mareblu Naturals** subtly sweet snack mixes. With 14 flavors to choose from, including Dark Chocolate Cashew Crunch and Pistachio Pumpkin Seed Crunch, you're sure to find a nutty nibble that's right for you. We have only one caveat: the bags are nowhere near as bottomless as we'd like!

❖ mareblunaturals.com



DivineDahling

Better by far than regular ol' chocolates, each of **Divine Treasures'** offerings really could have been created by a deity. These are words we don't usually get to use: vegan caramels and toffees. If your pulse isn't already racing, how about peanut butter or peppermint patties? Using her grandmother's traditional methods, Diane Blanchette-Wagemann creates gorgeous, gourmet treats from her all-vegan facility in Connecticut—a godsend for vegans with a sweet tooth.

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Bhuja, Baby!

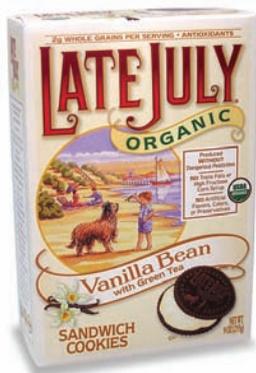
Trail mix? Yawn. Dried fruit? Snore. If you can't fathom suffering through another road trip with the same old snacks, we've got fantastic news. **Majan's Bhujja** mixes are just the thing to put some spice back in your munching. Covered in Indian spices—think cumin, coriander, and turmeric—the nibble-able goodies in Bhujja's brightly colored bags make for some exotic eats. Paw paw punches up the Fruit Mix, while the chickpea-based crackers in the Cracker Mix are salty, crunchy, and oh-so addictive.

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BBQ For Me & You

If the very thought of most barbecue-sauce bottles—complete with images of charred meat—turns you green, check out the vibrant veggies grilling on the label of **Organicville Original BBQ Sauce**. The goodness doesn't stop there, as the VN team quickly discovered. The rich, smoky flavor of this sauce—produced by a vegan-owned company—has us totally hooked. It's normal to put barbecue sauce on your ice cream, right?

❖❖❖ organicvillefoods.com



Summertime, Recaptured

Even if the leaves are just beginning to turn, you can recapture the lazy warmth of summer with **Late July** sandwich cookies. Rest easy when it comes to the ingredients, which are all organic and totally free of artificial flavors, colors, and preservatives. The Vanilla Bean with Green Tea flavor is also packed with antioxidants, which might almost make these cookies count as healthy. Pour yourself a frosty glass of soymilk and let the dunking begin!

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Dog Days of (Indian) Summer

It's never been a better time to be a dog. There are dog parks, doggy daycare centers, and even dog spas. But many of us can't get ourselves to a spa, let alone our canine companions. Enter **John Masters Organics**. These folks—known for their human skin-care products—have added a eucalyptus and tea tree oil-infused dog shampoo to their product line. Don't let the name—Dogpoo—scare you off; it made our tail-wagging subject's hair shiny and sweet-smelling. As frou-frou dogs everywhere know, the primping doesn't stop at a clean coat. The office dogs' favorite post-cleanse beautifier includes everything in the new **Sexy Beast** line, but especially the Fresh conditioning spray and the Gloss coat hydrator. Sound too chi-chi for your Chihuahua-mix? Don't be intimidated by the fancy packaging; underneath it all, this stuff is 100-percent vegan and made with natural botanical ingredients that'll make your four-footed friend smell better than most humans. For busy dog dads and moms who don't have time for a bath, there's a handy solution in **Pet Botanica's** Dog Bath Wipes. Dirt and loose hair cling to these essential-oil-infused, biodegradable wipes, making Fifi or Fido neat and presentable when they need to be. And skipping the bath leaves more time for play, right? **West Paw Design's** Eco Toys made from recycled plastic bottles are the ideal amusements on an autumn afternoon.

They've kept you company all summer, now it's your pooches' time to shine.



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Smoky Edamame Dumplings

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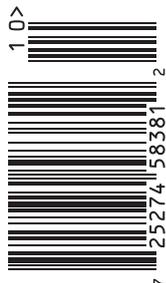
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