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1 pound fresh asparagus

1 medium onion, chopped

1 large clove garlic, chopped

3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

½ pound fresh mushrooms, thinly sliced

1 ½ cups small cauliflower flowerets

1 medium zucchini, thinly sliced

1 carrot, cut into 1/8-inch slices

1 cup whipping cream

½ cup chicken broth

2 tablespoons chopped fresh *basil*

1 (3-ounce) package prosciutto, chopped

5 green onions, chopped

¼ teaspoon pepper

1 (16-ounce) package fettuccine or linguine

½ teaspoon salt

1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Fresh basil sprigs to garnish

Snap off tough ends of asparagus. Remove scales from stalks with a knife or vegetable peeler, if desired. Cut the asparagus diagonally into ¼ inch slices, leaving the tips intact; set sparagus aside.

Sauté onion and garlic in butter in a large skillet until tender. Add asparagus, mushrooms, cauliflower, zucchini, and carrot; stir-fry 2 minutes or until crisptender. Remove several pieces of asparagus tips, mushrooms and zucchini; reserve for garnish. Stir whipping cream, broth, and chopped basil into

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vegetable mixture; bring to a boil, and cook 3 minutes. Stir in chopped prosciutto, green onions, and pepper; cook 1 minute.

Cook fettuccine with salt, according to package directions; drain. Combine fettuccine, vegetable mixture, and Parmesan cheese in a large bowl, tossing to coat. Garnish with reserved vegetables and, if desired, basil sprigs. Serve immediately.

Serves 8.