



Bring on the Ghosts & Goblins

According to National Confectioners Association, trick-or-treating kids prefer homes that offer “anything made with chocolate” (68%) followed by lollipops (9%), gummy candy (7%) and bubble gum or chewing gum (7%). But they may have to hide their haul from their parents—90% of whom admit they sneak goodies from their kids’ trick-or-treat bags. Parents favorite treats to sneak are snack-size chocolate bars (70%), candy-coated chocolate pieces (40%), caramels (37%) and gum (26%). The least favorite goodie? Licorice (18%).

“Autumn is a season followed immediately by looking forward to spring.”

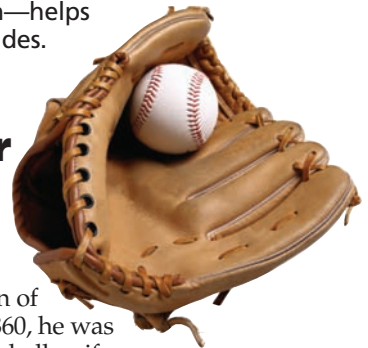
—Doug Larson

“Say this much for big league baseball—it is beyond question the greatest conversation piece ever invented in America.”

—Bruce Catton

MySpace & Beyond

A recently released survey has revealed that college students are using the Internet for more than just socializing. Nearly 60% of those surveyed for educational publisher Houghton Mifflin Co. say they use tools such as online quizzes, digital course outlines, video tutorials and online study groups to keep up with coursework and prepare for exams. But going digital doesn’t mean they’re bypassing textbooks. In fact, more than two-thirds said that having the assigned texts—whether the hard copy or an e-version—helps them get better grades.



The Boys of October

Most U.S. presidents have had some connection to baseball—from throwing first pitches to hosting teams at the White House. A few memorable notes:

Abraham Lincoln played an early version of baseball—a mix of rounders and cricket. In 1860, he was featured in an editorial cartoon wearing a baseball uniform with a ball and bat along with other presidential candidates. Lincoln also once said of arriving visitors, “I am glad to hear of their coming, but they will have to wait a few minutes till I get my turn at bat.”

Woodrow Wilson was the first sitting president to attend a World Series game. He never once used his Presidential Pass; instead, he paid for every game he attended.

Ronald Reagan was well known for the improvisation he did in 1934 when the wire went dead during the ninth inning of a scoreless Cubs/Cardinals game.

Chocolate Facts

* U.S. chocolate manufacturers use about 3.5 million lb of whole milk every day to make chocolate.

* The melting point of cocoa butter is just below human body temperature (98.6° F), which is why it literally melts in your mouth.

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