
CANDY BARS

Posted by halfdollar - 2004/09/03 20:37

While living in Texas I had various unusual jobs. Jobs that for sure I would not find around Port Huron, Michigan!

In the early 80's I made CANDY BARS! There were 7 employees, 1 being a friend of mine from Michigan also. The candy bar was made with no preservatives & used a chocolate machine from Sweden, one of a kind in the US. The boss was PROUD of his product, so PROUD he named it after himself!! :P Zaks...it was in a orange-yellow shiny wrapper, that also was "state of the art" or whatever he used to say! :ohmy: He was so PROUD of his shop...I believe the Dude & his Son were from NYork. But when he got mad, he was mad...whenever that cooler wasn't cooling the chocolate--- which meant they couldn't be wrapped---and it would be wasted---he would freak right out! :mad: Then he'd turn around & buy us lunch!!! We got a box of 36 bars on every payday...I always sent my home to my Mom, she'd pass them out & tell everyone her daughter made them! :) They were sold in 7-11's throughout the South & Cali. & Tom Thumb Groc. stores. He put us on paid vacation to get something done to the BIG SWISS machine, or something :unsure: and then told us he went BANKRUPT & closed up shop!!

In case you're wondering, YES, my friend & I did have a few LUCY & ETHEL moments... :laugh: :ohmy: ...I can remember trying to shove those bars in our mouths cuz' we couldn't keep up!!! I'd have to say although it had a rough ending...the job gave me memories and I'll always remember LUCY & ETHEL for just that scene!

Glad I could share.... :laugh: :P

Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by hsmom - 2004/09/04 05:20

Yum, yum.....

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Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by halfdollar - 2004/09/04 22:05

:laugh: For real, this is one of my Favorite Jobs to describe. I think Props go First to Lucy & Ethel, or it hadn't been so much FUN o retell! :laugh:

Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by hugs4u2 - 2004/09/05 12:49

What a wonderful memory to have :laugh:
Did you ever get sick of the smell of the chocolate after four or five hours working?
He sounded like a hard but fair boss to work for.
Did he ever go back into business anywhere?

Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by halfdollar - 2004/09/05 13:16

:ohmy: NO, never got sick of the smell of chocolate but got sick of eating all the soft chocolate covered bars that we couldn't put in the wrapper! We'd try to hide them from him so he wouldn't get mad...you know the conveyor blt would come out of the cooling part and we sat right there ready to grab them about four in each hand...put into the wrapper, quickly! We didn't like for him to see the ones that fell on the tray below the belt!! :laugh: :P :blink:

Never did find out if he went back into business...it was a shock for me the way the job ended...I was in Mich at the time...went home to TX w/no job. :mad: p.s. the candy bars were like Snickers!! :blink: :P

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Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by hsmom - 2004/09/05 16:13

Sounds good, I love 3 Musketeers too. There you go, tempting me with your chocolate candy bar story! I must be strong, will power.

I worked in a mall store that sold ice cream, flavored popcorn, balloons, and other things. Got fired because I talked to the customers too much! Now, can you believe that?

I was being friendly, making conversation with return customers, and never when it was busy. They asked about me after I left, I heard. Not long after, they went out of business, I wasn't sad....

Years before, I worked at a pizza shop that sold ice cream too. I had access to the ice cream, and I could eat the pizza too. I thought, okay, if I eat green olives, that will spoil the taste of ice cream for me. Well, I ended up liking olives, and later found out they are high in fat!!!!

Or is that good fat, 2 cents??

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Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by 2CENTS - 2004/09/05 18:39

Good question , hsmom ! :P It is good fat ! Just be aware of quantity. See you are already thinking ...I like that...that's good! :P ;)

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Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by momof2gg24 - 2004/09/05 18:57

my favorite candy bars are milky way dark chocolate.

They rae the best 3 muskateers are good frozen. I wonder if they can be fried. That would be good fried 3 muskateer bars.

Curly B)

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Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by 2CENTS - 2004/09/05 19:07

Way too much thinking, Curly ! Don't fry your 3 Muskateers!!!! :blink: :unsure:

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Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by momof2gg24 - 2004/09/05 19:47

too much thinking? what about the people who made them the first time?

I mean they do fried snickers at the fairs!!!!

curly B)

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Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by hsmom - 2004/09/06 13:37

The guys at my husband's work were saying, "who thinks up all these things?"

They determined it was guys like themselves, with free time on their hands, and time to let their mind wander during breaks at work. They said things like, "Come on, Jimmie, give this a try!"

How many things on a stick have failed, before they came up with fried twinkies and snickers? I have even seen pork chops on a stick!

My kid's favorite is corn dogs- hot dogs dipped in batter, fried, and of course, on a stick!):):)

Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by halfdollar - 2004/09/06 16:54

:ohmy: Has anyone ever heard of the Zaks Candy Bar? It was in a bright orange wrapper. momof2, have you always lived in Arizona? they may have been marketed there...

How can you fry a Snickers Chocolate Bar w/o it melting the chocolate? :blink: :unsure:

Anyone ever seen the movie: Chocolat???

B) :)

Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by momof2gg24 - 2004/09/06 18:42

born and raised and never gonna move :P

No i have never heard of those candy bars. That doesn't mean that they weren't here. I live for the local chocolate factory here.

th ereason of how you fry is like fried ice cream. You fry the outside. you dip the candy bars in a batter and then fry it.

Curly B) B)

Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by halfdollar - 2004/09/07 01:13

:ohmy: OH! you have a Chocolate Factory there???: :unsure: Cool, is it close by you? What's the name of it? Wouldn't it be WILD to go to Hershey, PA and visit the Hershey Factory?

Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by hugs4u2 - 2004/09/08 06:25

Oh Curly that sounds sooooooo good :P :P

I have never tried one let alone heard of them. But I will start looking for them at the fairs...

I received an email the other day There is anouther fair this weekend :blink: :blink:

Dang I thought they were all done for the year :ohmy: :x

Just kidding I guess if you live in the country you have to learn the ways of the life there..... B)

More looop to loooooooppooooo for us I guess :P :P :P

Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by hsmom - 2004/09/21 23:31

Have to wait until next summer to look for those fried snickers.:(When the fair season is upon us again.

Or the fall for momof2. We will be right over!:(:)

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Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by Halfdollar - 2004/09/22 20:52

Just a little bit of something:

Last night I was looking online for a Painting that mydogkat & I have been searching for. I ended up on allposters.com So I see all these cool posters, not what I was really looking for but enjoyed "looking". I ended up looking under "TV" "classical shows" and found some I Love Lucy posters! There it was, Lucy & Ethel eating their chocolates! :ohmy: That picture will ALWAYS remnd of the "candy bar job."

I go into a furniture store today looking for a new couch. I look up to see this pic on an easel...lo & behold, who do YOU think it was????? :ohmy: :laugh: :P :unsure:

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Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by hsmom - 2004/09/22 21:40

Lucy is my mom's favorite character. She has tons of her shows on tape. I bet she would like to see that poster too!

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Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by Halfdollar - 2004/09/23 19:18

Well, hsmom, your Mom wouldn't like the one from the furniture store...very expensive! :ohmy:

But you can go to

allposters.com

look up the same thing I did, & even order magnets or smaller pics, smaller than a poster. Pretty cool if you like art & photo stuff! I thought you were going to say she probably has that episode on tape! :unsure: :)

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Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by sweetpeach - 2005/07/02 06:22

I was looking at some of the old posts and found this and thought it was cute picturing Lucy and Ethel cramming that chocolate in, bet it was fun trying to keep up.. my mother in law says she remember Zaks in Cali years ago. Anyone gonna see the remake of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory with Johnny Depp? Reminds me of this whole Chocolate thing

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Re:CANDY BARS

Posted by hsmom - 2005/07/02 13:55

We are a fan of Roald Dahl books, and always choose the books before the movie. The preview for the movie looks closer to the book than the first movie with Gene Wilder. We may rent it in a few years, or months these days.

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