

Remembrance of Candy Past

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One exquisite, handcrafted chocolate from an artisan like Carol Nimmelstein in Marin (luvconfections@yahoo.com) costs \$2.50. But big, gooey, old-fashioned American candy bars from **The Candy Store** run \$1.50, with a sweet hit of nostalgia thrown in. The shop, which is filled with jars of retro candies and shelves of arcane regional bars, will customize a gift for mom. Tell owners Diane and Brian Campbell your mother's age and where she grew up; they will customize a gift box that will make her recall her life before she became a mom. Among the offerings: sugar dots on strips of paper; wax bottles filled with colored sugar syrup, Walnettos, Squirrel Nut Zippers, Mary Janes, Lipsticks, Chase's Cherry Mash (a fetish), Pearson's Nut Goodie (peanutty and pretty good), Sifers Valomilk (chocolate cups "oozing" marshmallow), or an Owyhee Idaho Spud bar (my favorite) from Boise, Idaho.

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