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## **HOT AND HUMID, COLD AND CREAMY**

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*Nothing goes better on a hot, humid August day than ice cream. I'll admit it. I love ice cream on a sweltering summer day. The passion is partially just the simple pleasure of a cold, creamy treat to beat the heat. But it also triggers fond memories of summers of the past.*

*I remember when I was growing up in suburban Chicago; the summer silence would be cut by the ringing of the bell of the "Popsicle Boy" on his cart. For those of you too young to remember, they were three-wheeled carts with a freezer compartment in front and a teenager peddling in the back. They looked a little like a giant tricycle. We all ran with our money to buy our favorite treat. Many of my friends favored Popsicles, but my favorite was a Drumstick. A drumstick is vanilla ice cream in a cone topped with chocolate and nuts and a chocolate surprise on the bottom. Many a T-shirt was stained with the dripping ice cream and crumbled chocolate from a delicious experience with one of these treats.*

*When Janet and Jim were old enough to appreciate the experience, the local ice cream shop became a regular summer stop. If you think it is hot and humid in Michigan, you should try Houston or Dallas! A "31 Flavors" was their favorite ice cream stop. (Although Dairy Queen was a close second.) Their technique for selecting the flavor for the day was totally opposite. Janet would carefully consider all the options, and then order Chocolate Chip in a sugar cone. On her very adventurous days, she would go for Mint Chocolate Chip in a sugar cone. Jim would look for the most unusual flavor or combination he could find; Licorice, watermelon, cranberry, prune (if they had it) or anything containing bubble gum or other strange, unidentifiable lumps. No flavor was too bizarre.*

*All this thinking about ice cream is making me hungry and gave me an idea. Would you allow me to send you a FREE ice cream treat? Just send me an e-mail or note (no phone calls please) with your favorite ice cream flavor, shop or story. I'll send all of you who respond a gift certificate for an ice cream treat in next month's letter. I might even have an extra treat for the best story.*

Thanks,

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