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A Teatime Treat

To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of its founding, **The Republic of Tea**, a company based in Novato, has released a limited edition collectors tea, entitled Ginger Peach Chocolate Truffle Black Tea. And yes, the tea tastes just as amazing as the name suggests. No one

scent overwhelms another, but rather each ingredient seems especially layered to complement, making for a surprisingly delicious experience.

Made with fine black tea, rooibos, roasted maté, cinnamon, natural ginger, peach and chocolate flavors, cocoa kernels, chicory, sweet blackberry leaves, ginger and bourbon vanilla, there's no shortage of richness involved. At first the chocolate is the most distinctive note, followed shortly thereafter by peach, ginger and vanilla. Upon tasting however, the bold black tea, cinnamon and sweet blackberry leaves come to the fore, substantiated throughout by a gentle peach sweetness. Perfect for warming your hands on a chilly morning, this tea delights at every turn, and is a worthy creation to mark the occasion.

www.republicoftea.com

Make a Statement with Chocolate

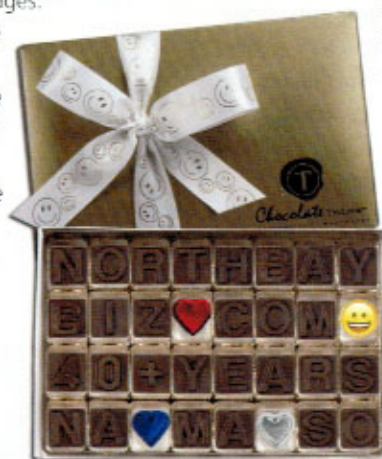
Next time you indulge in a glass of wine, a cocktail or even a beer, you may want to add a sidecar. **ChocolateText.com** offers accessories made from premium Belgian chocolates to mark special occasions such as weddings, holidays, or corporate promotions for a taste of luscious decadence and to add visual panache to celebrations. "You can have fun with chocolate," says David Little, president and chocopreneur of ChocolateText.com. "What makes our product unique is that it attaches to various beverages."

ChocolateSideCars come in the classic milk and dark chocolate, or dark-chocolate infused with orange, lemon, lime, strawberry and mint. Each piece is hand-made the artisanal way. They're available in multiple designs and flavors, and fit on the rims of most glasses or drink ware. The dark chocolate sidecars, also pair well with stouts and dark beer, and are

available in complementary flavors such as cardamom, espresso and salted caramel.

ChocolateText.com also offers customized gift boxes, which spell out the message of your choice. Businesses use them for product branding, sales promotions or company events. Or, they can be customized to wish someone a happy birthday, anniversary, or congratulations on a new job. Has anyone ever popped the question "Will you marry me?" with a box of chocolates? "Yes, this happens periodically, but more frequently people are invited to participate in a wedding party 'Will you be my bridesmaid?' And we also get a lot of teenagers who borrow Mom's credit card and find it easier to invite someone to a dance (or even a date) with a chocolate message," says Little with a laugh. "So far, we have a 100 percent success rate."

www.chocolatetext.com



Clearing Sinuses with NetiPot

Himalayan Chandra, a subsidiary of Santa Rosa-based **Neilmed**, has blended the modern trend of sinus rinsing with a Himalayan touch. In addition to the standard NetiPot, the Himalayan Chandra products come with a suite of additions that promote a healthy and robust sinus system.

The Himalayan Chandra version

of the NetiPot comes with 30 salt sachets, which contains a mix of sodium bicarbonate and sodium chloride. The sachets, when mixed in the sinus clearing solution, help relieve irritated nasal passages and removes excess mucus. The Neti Wash Plus is where the final touches are applied. A distilled water base mixed with numerous Chinese barks, roots, oils and herbal extracts is added to the solution through a dropper. The mixture is designed to promote healthier nasal passages, as well as reduce congestion (and it leaves a refreshing, minty aroma that keeps the passages open for a longer time).

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