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Snow will continue in New England today as stormy weather affects the South. It will be cold with snow showers across part of the West. Weather map appears on Page 32.

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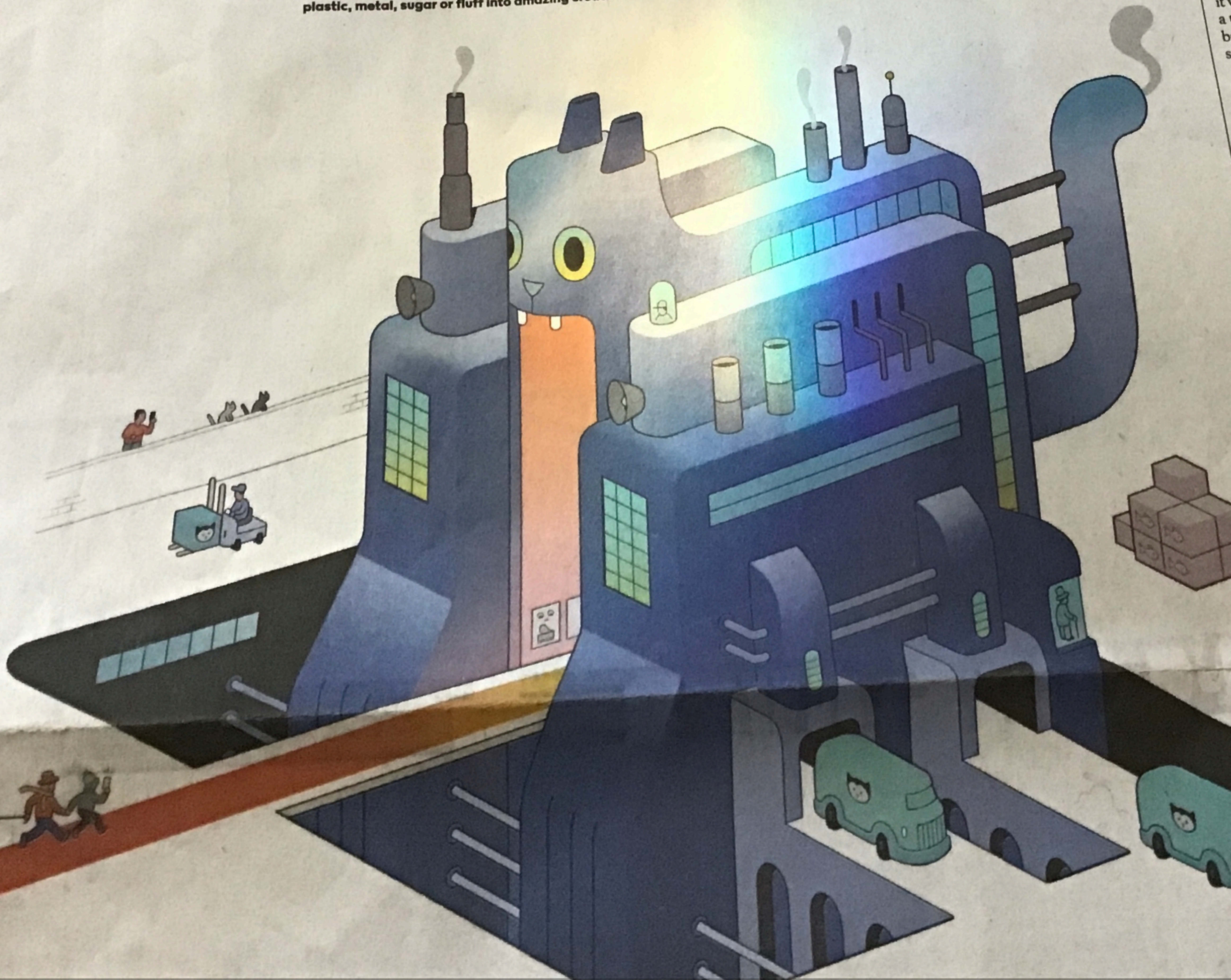


TAKE A FACTORY TOUR

COINS! CANDY! COOKIES! KAZOOS!
GET A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT HOW STUFF IS MADE.

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SOME PEOPLE wonder how everyday things are made. Others never think to question it. Whichever group you're in, you'd be amazed to learn what it takes to make something as simple as a candy cane or as complicated as a snowmobile. A bunch of factories around the country invite visitors to come see (and hear! and smell! and taste!) how they turn plastic, metal, sugar or fluff into amazing creations. Many also let you walk away with some free stuff.





UNITED STATES MINT PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia is home to the largest coin factory (or mint) in the world. Half the pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters you might find in your pocket are made there. (The other half are made in Colorado.) First, machines punch circles out of sheets of metal the size of five football fields. Then two steel cylinders stamp heads and tails onto the blank coins. Counting machines drop the coins into giant bags to be sent to banks. One bag can hold 200,000 quarters — worth \$50,000 — and weighs more than a cow! *Tours Monday through Friday, free*



HAMMOND'S CANDIES DENVER

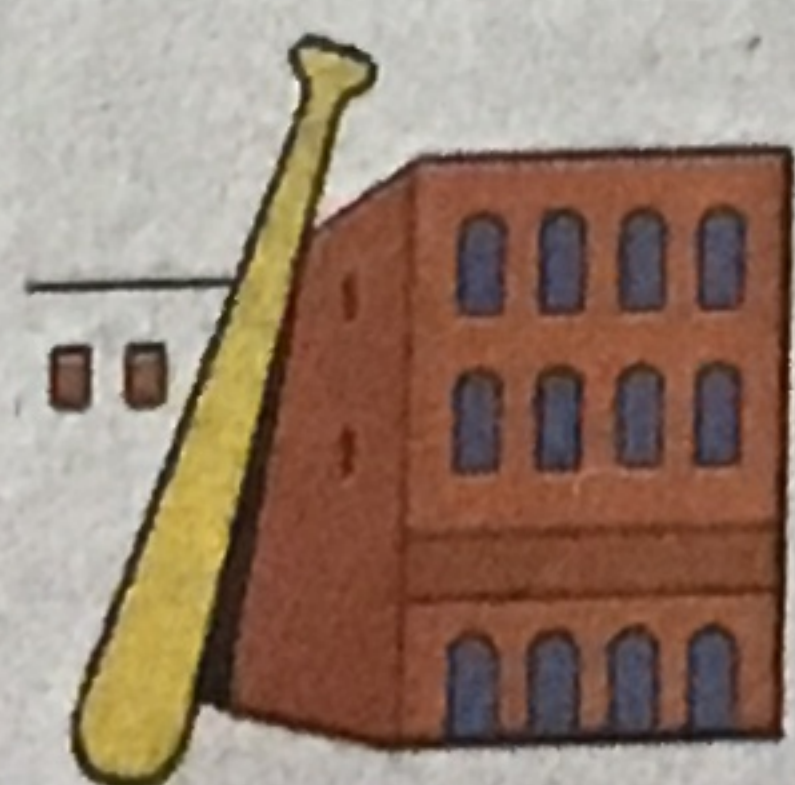
At this century-old candy workshop, no two sweets look the same, because they're handmade. Rows and rows of candymakers produce over 10 million lollipops, candy canes, taffy chunks, marshmallows and chocolate treats every year. Behold candy magic

as an antique machine pulls and stretches long strands of gooey sugar that sparkle and change color as they twist and turn. A worker shapes smaller pieces into sweet morsels. Everyone gets fresh candy. *Monday through Saturday, free*



VERMONT TEDDY BEAR SHELBURNE, VT.

Here, every stuffy is handmade. One person uses a machine to cut bear shapes out of fuzzy fabric. Then others sew them together, add movable arms and legs, and fill them with stuffing made from shredded recycled plastic bottles. Then each teddy is sewn up the back. You can design your own bear to bring home and check out the Bear Hospital, where a "doctor" stitches up injured teddies. *Monday through Sunday, free for kids 12 and under*



LOUISVILLE SLUGGER MUSEUM AND FACTORY LOUISVILLE, KY.

Batter up! This historic factory has been turning

out bats used by Major Leaguers since 1884. And we do mean "turning." A worker puts long cylinders of wood into a lathe, a machine that turns each cylinder really quickly. As the wood whirls around, sharp blades shave it down into a bat shape in less than 40 seconds. The bats are sanded and dipped one by one into thick, black goo that fills in any gaps. Finally, each bat has the Louisville Slugger logo put on it. Everyone on a tour walks away with a miniature souvenir bat. *Monday through Sunday, \$14 for kids 6-12*



GOLDEN GATE FORTUNE COOKIE FACTORY SAN FRANCISCO

At this family-owned factory, six people run the machines that make 8,000 fortune cookies a day. The machines squeeze small dollops of batter onto dozens of hot circular griddles and smash them flat. The cookies pass through an oven to bake for a few minutes. Then, while the cookies are still hot, a person snaps one up, places a fortune in the middle and folds it into the famous fortune-cookie shape. Warm samples are free. For \$2, you can write your own fortune to be folded

into a cookie before your eyes. *Monday through Sunday, free*



HATCH SHOW PRINT NASHVILLE

At this traditional letterpress print shop, workers make posters and fancy invitations the old-fashioned way — one at a time, just as people did 144 years ago. First, they arrange words by lining up "type" — wood-and-metal blocks that each have a single letter or punctuation mark on them. The letters on the type look backward, because the results come out as a mirror image. A printmaker inks up the type and presses a sheet of paper on top of it to create an impression. You can try your hand at this step — they'll give you a small hand-held roller, called a brayer, to add the final layer of color to a poster you can take home. *Monday through Sunday, \$17 for kids 6-12*



KAZOO MUSEUM AND FACTORY BEAUFORT, S.C.

Early kazoos were made from animal bones and

spider-egg sacs. This is just one of the surprising things you learn at the Kazoo Museum, which is connected to a factory that produces one million kazoos each year. Don't worry — nowadays the buzzy instruments are made of plastic. On a tour, you can watch pros snap each piece into place. Afterward, pick out parts and assemble your own customized kazoo. Make sure to play it the whole way home. *Monday through Friday, \$11.50 for kids 4-12*



TILLAMOOK CREAMERY TILLAMOOK, ORE.

Turning 203,000 gallons of milk into 190,000 pounds of cheese a day takes huge machines. Giant vats add bacteria (yes, bacteria!) to milk to begin the cheesemaking process. On this tour, check out the Cheddarmaster, a 35-foot-long machine that separates curds (solid lumps) from whey (liquid leftovers). Then watch as towers press the cheese into 40-pound blocks and a machine called the Blue Octopus vacuum-seals them using flexible blue hoses. Munch on free cheese while you watch

the action. If you're still hungry, head over to the ice cream experience, where you learn to make ice cream and train to be a pro taster. *Monday through Sunday, free (\$45 for ice cream experience)*



POLARIS EXPERIENCE CENTER ROSEAU, MINN.

At the Polaris sports-vehicle factory, workers are already planning for the first snowfall of 2024. It takes an average of 5 hours 30 minutes for workers and robots to assemble a single snowmobile from nearly 3,000 parts. The snowmobile-to-be moves down a 500-foot assembly line. Along the way, people turn it sideways to put on the track, flip it upside-down to work on the bottom, then add steering components and colorful decals. Some lucky workers get to be test drivers, taking newly made vehicles out behind the factory to ride them in the snow. *Monday through Friday at 2 p.m. (call ahead), free*

Want to take a PEEP inside a real factory? Turn the page!