## Dip Into Guacamole

Paired with tortilla chips,
guacamole is often dished up at restaurants and parties. Though its popularity has risen in recent decades, the history of the dip can be traced back hundreds
 of years.
The Aztecs, who lived in central Mexico beginning in the 14th century, were the first to combine mashed avocados, tomatoes, chili peppers, onions and salt, naming the concoction ahuacamolli, which means "avocado sauce." After avocado trees were brought to California in the late 1800 s, guacamole eventually made its way to diners' tables across the U.S.

Traditional recipes have not changed much since the Aztecs' invention. Regional variations and personal preferences result in nearly endless flavor combinations, with bacon, corn and mango just a few of the ingredients that can add a taste twist. Guacamole is most often eaten as a dip for chips and vegetables, but it's also used as a condiment on tacos, burritos, burgers, sandwiches and salads.

## Outdoor Safety Tips

Sunshine and warm temperatures lure many of us outdoors this time of year. Keep these safety tips in mind when you head outside:
Stay out of the sun - If possible, avoid the sun when it's at its hottest, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Instead, plan outdoor activities for the early morning or evening, when it's cooler. If you do go out during the heat of the day, try to stay in shaded areas.

Use sunscreen - Protect your skin by slathering on sunscreen with a sun protection factor of 30 or higher every two hours. Reapply it more often if you are swimming or perspiring.
Dress appropriately - To help stay cool, wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing in light colors. A wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses will provide added sun protection.
Stay hydrated - Drink plenty of water and decaffeinated beverages throughout the day, and don't wait until you are thirsty to reach for a glass. Fruits and vegetables are also good sources of fluids.

## The History of Memorial Day

Observed with ceremonies and parades, Memorial Day honors the men and women who gave their lives while serving in the U.S. military. After the Civil War ended in 1865 , people in various cities began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers, flags and wreaths. This inspired Maj. Gen. John A. Logan, the head of a veterans organization, to designate May 30, 1868, as Decoration Day, a national day of remembrance. It's believed that date was chosen because it didn't fall on the anniversary of any battle, and spring flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

On that first Decoration Day, a large ceremony was held at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. Officials gave speeches and more than 5,000 people placed small American flags on the graves of 20,000 Civil War soldiers
After World War I, Decoration Day was expanded to honor fallen soldiers from all wars. An act of Congress officially renamed it Memorial Day in 1967, and one year later, a public law made it a federal holiday to be celebrated on the last Monday in May.

## The Blue Zones of Longevity

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There are a few places around the world where people tend to live longer, healthier lives.
After analyzing data, scientists identified specific regions that have the highest concentration of centenarians and residents who are largely free of chronic disease. In 2004, author Dan Buettner, working with the National Geographic Society and the National Institute on Aging, dubbed these areas Blue Zones, after the blue circles researchers drew around the locations on a map. The five Blue Zones are Okinawa, Japan; Sardinia, Italy; Ikaria, Greece; Nicoya, Costa Rica; and Loma Linda, Calif.

Research shows that people who live in the Blue Zones have several lifestyle traits in common that contribute to their longevity. Their diet is primarily plantbased, with an emphasis on vegetables, beans, nuts and whole grains. Natural movement is part of their daily routine, in activities such as gardening, chores and walking to the store. They also have close bonds with family and friends, possess a sense of purpose, belong to a spiritual-based community, and spend time relaxing each day.

## 80 Years of Batman

In May 1939, DC Comics introduced a new superhero. Celebrate 80 years of Batman with these facts about the Caped Crusader:

- Created by artist Bob Kane and writer Bill Finger, the crime fighter disguised as a bat debuted in "Detective Comics" No. 27.
- Batman's alter ego is Bruce Wayne, a billionaire philanthropist whose parents were killed by a thief when he was a child. He vowed to avenge their deaths by spending the rest of his life fighting criminals in Gotham City.
- Unlike many superheroes, Batman does not have any superpowers. He uses physical strength, intelligence, detective skills and technology to defeat villains.
- The winged design of his cape was inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's "flying machine" sketches.
- His original sidekick, Robin, the Boy Wonder was introduced in 1940 as orphaned circus acrobat Dick Grayson. Batman took him under his wing, and the Dynamic Duo was born.
- Batman's many foes include the Joker, the Riddler, Penguin, Poison Ivy and Mr. Freeze.
- The Batmobile wheeled into action in 1941. Before that, Batman drove a red sedan.
- Campy and comical, the "Batman" TV series, premiering in 1966, starred Adam West and attracted a new generation of fans.


