

Test your knowledge with a beer quiz

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If you're one of the thousands of beer connoisseurs living in the Mesilla Valley, you already know that summer is beer season. From old school bars to craft breweries and beyond, beer is the fermented beverage of choice as the days grow hotter and the nights sultrier.

On Saturday, August 10, Las Cruces will celebrate the return of the Las Cruces Beer Fest on the Plaza de Las Cruces, with over 100 local and regional breweries represented, but how familiar are you with the fundamental facts of your favorite drink? Take the following quiz to find out.

Who invented beer, and when?

- a) The Sumerians around 4,000 BCE
- b) The Egyptians around 1500 BCE
- c) The Romans around 300 CE
- d) The Germans during the Middle Ages

If you picked the Germans, you would be wrong, though it's a common misconception. Beer brewing

was actually a very important part of the Sumerian lifestyle, who called it "the divine drink." The Egyptians also considered it sacred and even had a goddess of beer named Tenenit. The technique of brewing beer made its way to Greece and from there to Rome where it was considered a drink for the lower classes, but it got its start in Sumeria. (OnlyCraftBeer.com.au)

What common modern implement was originally created for the consumption of beer?

- a) Fork
- b) Spoon
- c) Straw
- d) Napkin

If you know anything about early beer, you may already have heard that the original brew of the gods was a little thick and usually had a residue crust on the top caused by the grains used in the fermentation process. Though a fork or spoon might have come in handy to dig down to the good stuff, it was actually the lowly straw that was created for the task. It was the Sumerians, again, who came up

with the concept, which carried forward for centuries until Louis Pasteur filed his U.S. patent in 1873 for "improvement in brewing beer and ale pasteurization." (Plastics-Today.com and BeerandBrewing.com)

Which country consumes the most beer annually?

- a) Ireland
- b) Germany
- c) China
- d) The Czech Republic



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An ancient recipe for beer appears on a Sumerian tablet.

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Las Cruces ComicCon

The pop culture phenomenon is back to celebrate comic books, anime, cosplay, and gaming, with celebrity guest panels, autograph signings, photo ops, gaming competitions, contests, special events and a pop culture car show! This year's guest lineup includes American Gladiator Jim Starr, Dog the Bounty Hunter's Leland Chapman, voice actor James Urbaniak (Venture Bros.), animators Mike Toth (Aladdin, Mulan) and Tom Cook (King of the Hill, The Simpsons), and more.

Las Cruces ComicCon sets nerd flags flying from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, August 17, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, August 18, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Info: LasCrucesComicCon.org

Movies in the Park presents 'Five Nights at Freddy's'

The city's parks and recreation department continues its ongoing Movies in the Park series with the 2023 thriller "Five Nights at Freddy's," based on the popular video game. In it, Josh Hutcherson plays a desperate young man who takes a job as a nighttime security guard at a long abandoned pizzeria with a dark past, involving restless spirits and vengeful animatronics. The movie is rated PG-13 and runs 1 hour and 49 minutes. All movies are free to the public, and moviegoers can bring lawn chairs, blankets and other necessities.

The Movies in the Park series continues at dusk, Saturday, August 10, at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave., Las Cruces. Info: 575-541-2550.



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Femme Frontera MiniFest at the Plaza Theatre

Experience the power of storytelling through the lens of talented women and gender-expansive filmmakers in the historic Plaza Theatre in downtown El Paso at the inaugural Femme Frontera MiniFest, Saturday, August 10. The MiniFest will include two poignant coming-of-age feature films from the border that touch on relationships, resilience, and identity: "Hidden Flora" by local filmmaker and Femme Frontera Co-Director, Ryan Rox, and "Hummingbirds," directed by Silvia Del Carmen Castaños and Estefanía "Beba" Contreras. All the filmmakers will be in attendance.

The Femme Frontera MiniFest breaks down borders from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Saturday, August 10, at the Plaza Theatre, 125 W. Mills Ave., El Paso. Info: FemmeFrontera.org/minifest

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If your first thought was that it must be a tie between Ireland and Germany, you're on the wrong track. In fact, the Czech Republic drinks more beer per capita than any other country

in the world, but it's China that wins for the most overall consumption. (VisualCapitalist.com)

Which modern beer has the highest ABV?

- a) Utopias by Samuel Adams
- b) Schorschbock 57 by

Schorschbrau

- c) The End of History by BrewDog
- d) Snake Venom by Brewmeister

Many believe it to be Utopias, because it is the most well-known, but at just a little over 20 percent, it falls short. The

End of History is higher at 55 percent, and Schorschbock 57 comes in at 57.5 percent, but it's the bite of Snake Venom that takes the prize at a whopping 67.5 percent, with its sister brew Armageddon, also from Brewmeister, coming in at 65 percent. (TheBeerThrillers.com)

No matter how you drink it, beer has been around for a very long time and isn't going away any time soon. Remember these fun facts the next time you're looking for somebody else to pick up the tab, and, as always, drink responsibly!

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