



MARIANO'S MACHINE

SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE CELEBRATED NATIONAL INVENTOR'S MONTH WITH A STORY ON THE TOP 10 INVENTIONS IN THE COLLECTION OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY. THE NUMBER ONE INVENTION WAS THE LIGHT BULB, BUT WHAT CAUSED DANCING IN THE STREETS OF TEXAS WAS THE INCLUSION OF THE FROZEN MARGARITA MACHINE. THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT FROM THE SMITHSONIAN:

"10. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, **THE WORLD'S FIRST FROZEN MARGARITA MACHINE.**

AS WE SAVOR THE LAST DAYS OF SUMMER, THIS ONE HAD TO MAKE THE LIST. IN 2005, THE MUSEUM ACQUIRED THE FIRST EVER FROZEN MARGARITA MACHINE INVENTED BY DALLAS RESTAURATEUR MARIANO MARTINEZ IN 1971. MUSEUM DIRECTOR BRENT GLASS CALLED THE INVENTION A "CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF THE AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT." WITH THE ADVENT OF THE MACHINE, MARGARITAS BECAME AS STANDARD AS CHIPS AND SALSA AT TEX-MEX RESTAURANTS. (NEXT TIME I HAVE ONE, I SHALL TOAST MARIANO!).

"I'M STILL WORKING ON WAYS TO IMPROVE THE MARGARITA," SAID MARIANO, WHO ONCE WON AN AWARD FOR DOING MORE FOR THE SALE OF TEQUILA THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD. "WE USE ONLY 100% BLUE AGAVE TEQUILA IN OUR DRINKS."

TODAY HE OVERSEES HIS MEXICAN CUISINE RESTAURANTS, WHICH INCLUDES HIS FLAGSHIP MARIANO'S IN DALLAS, ANOTHER IN ARLINGTON AND FOUR MASSIVE LA HACIENDA RANCH LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE METROPLEX.

WHEN MOLLY ANSFIELD OF COLORADO SPRINGS LEARNED ABOUT THE LIGHT BULB BEING NAMED THE TOP ALL-TIME AMERICAN INVENTION, AND THE MARGARITA MACHINE BEING NAMED NUMBER 10, SHE DISAGREED WITH THE ORDER. "THE MARGARITA MACHINE SHOULD BE NUMBER ONE," SHE ARGUED. "MARGARITAS ARE BEST ENJOYED BY CANDLELIGHT."

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