

THE LIBRARY LOO NEWS

August/ September 2014

IN THE LIBRARY

WELCOME WEEK: Welcome (back) to school! While getting into the swing of things, don't forget to stop by the library. We're offering a week of events and goodies to lighten up your first week of classes. Here's what we have lined up...

Stop by the library lobby on **Monday, August 25th** for a free coffee tumbler, which you can use to fill up on some free coffee all week long!

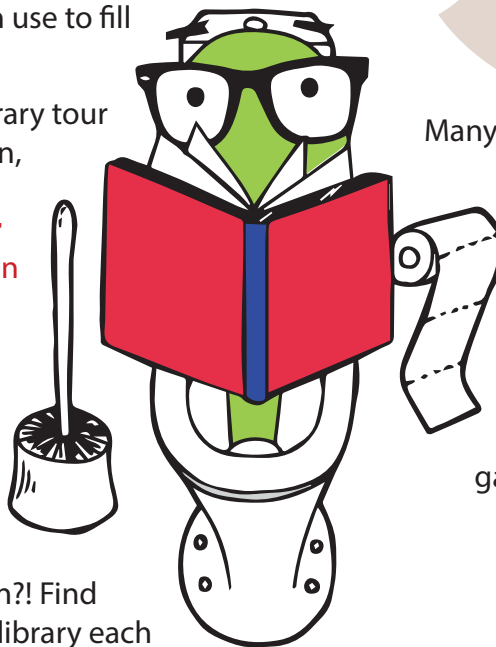
Sign up during Welcome Week for a library tour and meet your student services librarian, too.

Complete the tour on **Tuesday (9/2)** or **Wednesday (9/3)** and be entered to win a prize package for gift cards and other library perks!

Connect with old and new friends by pinning your hometown on a set of maps showcased in the lobby.

EACH THURSDAY BEFORE HOME

GAMES: Who's ready for football season?! Find 1 of 4 small red footballs hidden in the library each Thursday before a home game and return it to the circulation desk for a prize.



DID YOU KNOW...

that 39% of hiring managers say that Tuesdays are their most productive day? While this might give us an excuse to have a case of the Mondays, waiting until hump day isn't advised--just 14% voted Wednesdays as the most productive. To get the most out of your work week, time management coaches suggest that you actually use the weekend to relax and recharge instead of tackling a list of house chores--the laundry can wait until Tuesday.

IN HISTORY

Many sports commentators believed it would take as many as five years for the SMU Mustangs to win a football game after the team sat out the 1987 and 1988 seasons. But how many did it really take? Just two games! In what became known as the "Miracle on Mockingbird," the Mustangs scored 17 points in the last five minutes of the game against the Connecticut Huskies on **September 16th, 1989.**

AROUND TOWN

September 26th: The State Fair of Texas officially opens for the 2014 season! The Fair will run through October 19th. Purchase tickets online now or at your local Kroger store beginning September 1st. See www.bigtex.com for more information.

Quote of the Month...

"There's two times of year for me: football season and waiting for football season." -Darius Rucker

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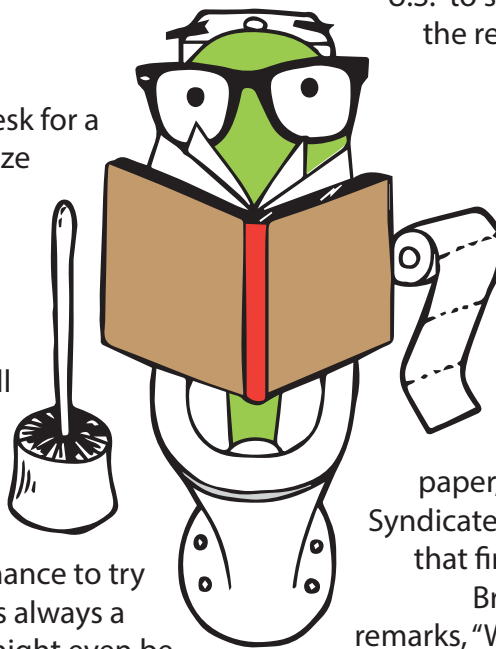
FOOTBALL SEASON: The library's Spirit Weeks continue! Find 1 of 4 small red footballs hidden in the library the Thursdays before the following home football games:

SMU vs. Cincinnati
SMU vs. Memphis
SMU vs. USF (homecoming)

Return the football to the circulation desk for a gift card or other prizes. One special prize the week of Homecoming!

AROUND TOWN

October 19th 11am - 6pm: Take a stroll down the Katy Trail and find the 2014 Texas Veggie Fair at Reverchon Park- a FREE event celebrating plant-based food and other lifestyle options. Even if you aren't a vegetarian, here's your chance to try something new - but the beer garden is always a reliable choice. Heck, the fall weather might even be around by then (we hope)! Dogs are welcome and vendors will accept cash and credit. For more information, visit www.texasveggiefair.com.



DID YOU KNOW...

that a single coffee tree produces one whole pound of coffee beans? That's about 4,000 beans! But before you go out and buy your very own coffee tree, consider this: it takes all year for that one tree to produce its one pound of coffee which keeps the average coffee drinker wired for only about two weeks. Also, only Hawaii and Puerto Rico have the conditions within the U.S. to support a coffee crop. Which means that the rest of our nation's beans (3.3 billion to be precise) are imported. Bottoms up!

IN HISTORY

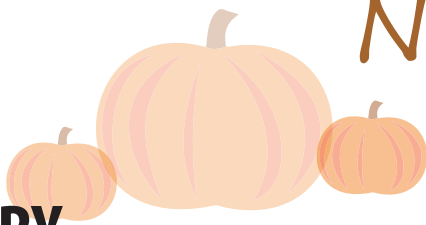
On **October 2, 1950**, the *Peanuts* comic strip debuted. But did you know that the comic strip was not originally a success? In 1947, Schulz started a cartoon feature called *L'il Folks* but when the strip failed in a local paper, Schulz sold the strip to United Features Syndicate which changed the name to *Peanuts*. In that first strip that ran on October 2nd, Charlie Brown walks by two friends, one of whom remarks, "Well! Here comes 'ol Charlie Brown! Good 'ol Charlie Brown . . . yes sir! Good 'ol Charlie Brown . . . how I hate him!" And from there he went. Charlie Brown and the gang had been picked up by hundreds of papers by the end of the decade.

Quote of the Month...

"Inside all of us is... a wild thing." - Maurice Sendak, *Where the Wild Things Are*

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NEWLY ADDED: The library has expanded its study aid collection! Now, in addition to the hundreds of titles available through Westlaw, find many other study aids and treatises in print located next to the circulation desk on the 2nd floor. Find titles from the *Understanding series, Examples & Explanations*, and more.

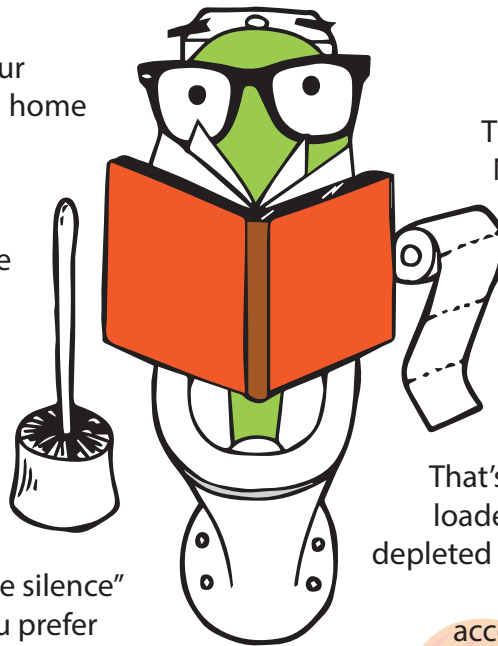
These study aids now also have a 24 hour circulation period so you can take them home for more in-depth studying.

THANKSGIVING: The library will have the following hours in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday:

Wednesday 11/26: 7:30am - 5:00pm
Thursday 11/27: CLOSED
Friday 11/28: 9:00am - 6:00pm

FINAL EXAMS: Looking for a quiet place to study as final exams approach? The 4th floor has an "absolute silence" policy (please be especially quiet). If you prefer ambient noise, try the 2nd or 3rd floors where library voices are encouraged.

And don't forget about the earplugs available in the circulation area or the new bean bag chairs located on the 4th floor for more comfortable studying!



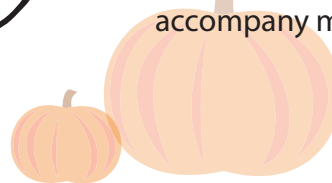
DID YOU KNOW...

that almost 40% of American employees take a nap at work? Wondering how you, too, can justify your midday siesta? A 20-minute nap improves memory, creativity, and cognitive ability. Just be sure to set an alarm; dozing off for more than 20 minutes risks falling into slow-wave sleep, the deepest type of sleep. Now, go take a nap! But then get back to work so you don't make the rest of us look bad.

IN HISTORY

The first Thanksgiving feast dates back to November 1621 when the newly arrived Pilgrims joined the Wampanoag Indians for a three-day celebration. While turkey was likely on the menu, other fowl like geese, duck, and swan were probably consumed, too. And that cranberry sauce you dread but Grandpa always insists on? Not likely.

That's because the sugar sacks that had been loaded on the Mayflower were nearly or fully depleted by November 1621. Rather, cooks didn't begin boiling cranberries with sugar to accompany meat until about 50 years later!



AROUND TOWN

Saturday, Nov. 29th, 6:00pm: Open the holiday shopping season with the Macy's Grand Tree Lighting Celebration at the Galleria Dallas. Enjoy an extra special performance at the mall's ice rink by 2014 Olympic Gold Medalists Meryl Davis and Charlie White! Visit www.galleriadallas.com for more information.

Quote of the Month...

"If you are all really thankful, what do you do? You share." W. Clement Stone

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Monday, Dec. 1st: Join the library staff in decorating a Christmas tree! Hang ornaments or just stop by for a holiday cookie treat! Peppermints treats can also be found at the tree throughout the holidays to promote memory during your final exams.

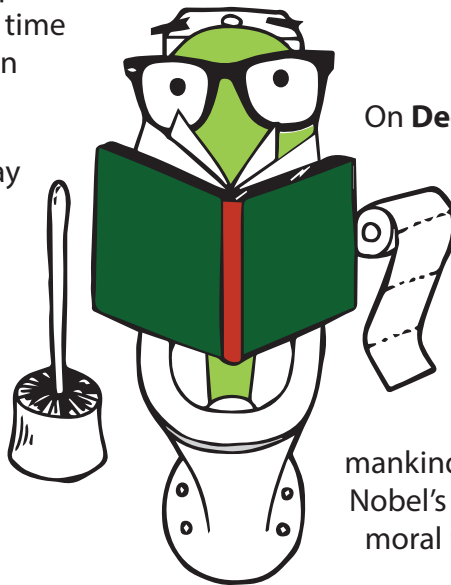
Monday, Dec. 8th: The Dedman Center massage therapists come to you! Sign up at the circulation desk for a chair massage any time between 2pm and 6pm. \$1 per minute in study room 202.

Final Exams: Take a study break and play a game on our Wii or Wii fit systems set up in the circulation area throughout the final exam period.

December 6th - December 18th: The library will have the following extended hours for final exams:

M - Th 7:30am - 2:00am
F 7:30am - midnight
Sat. 9:00am - midnight
Sun. 10:00am - 2:00am

Beginning this holiday season: There's an Elf on the Shelf roaming the library! His name is Elvis, and you can follow his antics, err, exam tips and other news on Instagram at @ElvisOnTheShelf.



DID YOU KNOW...

that men's use of the word "whom" in online dating profiles results in 31% more contact from women? Data from match.com and OKcupid sites shows that women apparently dig grammar, likely because it's seen as an indicator of socioeconomic background and where the guy is headed in life. Also, the "hottest" pictures were those featuring toothy smiles instead of tight-lipped ones. Over winter break, we recommend brushing up on your lexicon and pearly whites.

IN HISTORY

On **December 10, 1901**, the first Nobel Prizes are awarded, five years after the death of Alfred Nobel, the Swedish inventor of dynamite. Nobel's will had directed most of his fortunes to a fund in which the interest would be "annually distributed in the form of prizes to those who, during the preceding year, shall have conferred the greatest benefit on mankind." Although no public reason was given for Nobel's direction, it's believed that he did so out of moral regret over the lethal uses of his inventions during wartime.

AROUND TOWN

Saturday Dec. 12th: Lucky enough to have finished final exams? Celebrate by enjoying local bars and restaurants all while supporting local charities. Register for a charity's team at www.12barsofcharity.com/dallas. 8pm - midnight.

Quote of the Month...

"Nothing says holidays like a cheese log." - Ellen DeGeneres

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Winter Recess: The library will have the following hours for winter break:

Jan. 5-6: 8:30am - 8:00pm
Jan. 7: Regular hours resume

MLK Day: In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 19th.

Ongoing: Did you know that the library has a growing movie collection? We have everything from *12 Angry Men* to *Zoolander*, and all movies circulate for 3 days. We also welcome donations of your old DVDs--just drop them off at the circulation desk!

AROUND TOWN

January 9-12: The inaugural College Football Playoff National Championship comes to Dallas! Whether your team is in the game or not, check out the **multi-day fan festival** featuring country superstars Toby Keith, Lady Antebellum, Big & Rich and Brett Eldredge. Tickets are \$17 per day.

Got a New Year's resolution to get fit? Register for the **Extra Yard 5k** at fair park where the fastest male & female, and one other lucky runner, will win a pair of tickets to the championship game! For more information, visit www.collegefootballplayoff.com/events.

DID YOU KNOW...

that 3,000 pounds of confetti gets dropped on New York's Time Square every year? I bet you think some kind machine is responsible for scattering all of that paper around, but you'd be wrong. Stationed in nine area buildings, a team of 80 engineers hand tosses every inch of confetti 20 seconds before midnight. They do this so that when viewers tune in seconds before the new year, confetti is already dancing across their TV screens. It takes about 20 minutes for all of the confetti to settle, a celebration that has been orchestrated since New Year's Eve 1993.



IN HISTORY

On **January 2, 2014**, the very first edition of the Loo News was printed. Happy first birthday, Loo News! OK, just kidding, onto real history. . .

On **January 14, 1952**, the NBC TODAY show's first host, Dave Garroway, greeted the viewers with the first of many "good mornings" to come--the show turns 63 years old this year! Headlines that day covered everything from music and art to "explosive sweaters made from synthetic rayon which had been exploding in 50 seconds!" Matt Lauer did not join the TODAY show until 1994 and was not officially a co-anchor until January 6th, 1997, but what a lovely addition he's made.

Quote of the Month...

"Always bear in mind that your resolution to succeed is more important than any other." Abe Lincoln

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COFFEE: The library now has a Keurig coffee system for student use in the 2nd floor lobby area! K-cups, including everything from light roast to extra dark, tea and hot chocolate, are available for purchase at the circulation desk for just \$0.75. You're also more than welcome to bring your own K-Cups from home. And if you forgot a mug, we've got you covered there too: our popular reusable mugs will be available for purchase at the circulation desk for just \$3.

GROUP STUDY ROOMS: You can now reserve group study rooms with just two people. Grab a friend, and head to the library. Have any other suggestions to make the library better? Email us your ideas at lawsuggestions@smu.edu.

February 17th: Professor McKnight turns 90! In his honor, the library is unveiling a new plaque for his antiquarian collection in our rare book room and serving birthday cake! Happy Birthday, Professor McKnight!

IN HISTORY

In **1967**, the year of the first Superbowl, just about any fan could afford a ticket to the big game. Those interested in attending had to spring just \$12. But game-goers to February 1st's Superbowl XLIX (that's 49) will have to forgo \$4,800 for a ticket through Ticketmaster. As a librarian, math really isn't my forte, but that sounds like quite an inflation rate.

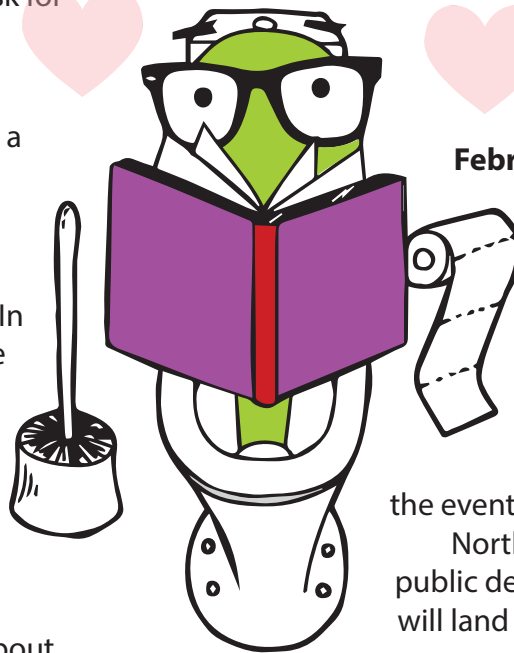
DID YOU KNOW...

That cats have 32 muscles in each ear? With this many muscles, their little ears can swivel an entire 180 degrees! They won't listen to everything though--cats prioritize sounds based on survival needs, which explains why your little fur pal will gladly pay attention to the can opener sounding off over any of your threats to behave. For reference, humans have only 6 muscles in each ear.

AROUND TOWN

February 8th, 1:00pm: Check out the 1st Annual Dallas Craft Beer Chili Bowl! Hosted at LUCK restaurant in the popular Trinity Groves area, local breweries will prepare a chili featuring one (or more) of their beverages. Sampling cups will be sold at the event with proceeds benefiting the North Texas Food Bank. Bonus, the public decides which winning brewery will land a spot on the menu. For more information, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/luckdallastx/events>.

February 27th, 5:00pm: Don't forget to join classmates, staff, and faculty at the 8th annual APIL auction! Student/faculty tickets \$5.



Quote of the Month...

"I loathe narcissism, but I approve of vanity." - Diana Vreeland, Vogue fashion

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Tuesday, March 17th: There's a leprechaun making mischief in the library! He can be found on any floor, in the stacks, the computer lab, or just about any space in the library small enough for an 11" leprechaun. Find the red-bearded trouble-maker and return him to the circulation desk *immediately*. The bounty for a successful capture is a \$5 Starbucks gift card!

March 9th - 13th: The library has the following hours for Spring Break:

Friday 3/6	7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sat. 3/7	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sun. 3/8	noon - 8:00 p.m.
3/9 - 3/12	8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fri. 3/13	8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sat. 3/14	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sun. 3/15	noon - midnight

AROUND TOWN

March 12th - 14th: Change up your St. Paddy's routine! Head to Mansfield instead of Greenville Ave. for the 4th Annual St. Paddy's Pickle Parade & Palooza because, well, who doesn't love pickles?! The event kicks off on the 12th with a movie night, followed by live music Friday night, and a 5k/10k Pickle Run on Saturday morning. The fun continues all day Saturday with a parade and palooza featuring a beer tent, pickle juice drinking, pickle and pie eating contests, and more live music! Visit www.pickleparade.org for more information.

DID YOU KNOW...

that former President John Adams was the first lawyer-president? He was also the only president of the first five who wasn't a slaveholder. Adams also lived to be exceptionally old, passing on July 4th, 1826 at 90 years old--no president lived longer until Ronald Reagan. Perhaps he owed his longevity to his unusual breakfast beverage of choice: not coffee, but a steeping hot cup of... hard cider.

IN HISTORY

Nearly 100 years ago, Girl Scouts used to make their famous cookies from scratch with their mothers using a recipe from The American Girl magazine, published by the Girl Scouts. Back then, a box of their thin mints would only cost you \$0.23 a box (compared to the \$4 most boxes cost now). We bet the Girl Scouts from the 1920s could have also never predicted selling their cookies online. And if you just can't wait for the shipping delay try out the new Girl Scout Cookie Finder app to find a cookie sale near you.



Quote of the Month...

"Luck is believing you're lucky." - Tennessee Williams

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EASTER HOURS: In observance of the Easter holiday, the library will have the following hours for Easter weekend:

Friday, April 3rd: 9am - 6pm
Saturday, April 4th: Regular hours
Sunday, April 5th: CLOSED

PERUNA, April 10th 12pm: What could be better than sharing free Hamburger Man with admitted students? Taking selfies with a pony, of course! Back by popular demand, the library is bringing Peruna to the law school quad as part of the admitted students lunch fun--come join us!

FINAL EXAMS: Be on the lookout for the library snack fairy, delivering surprise treats and pick-me-ups during your final exam period. Good luck with finals, everyone!

IN HISTORY

April 1, 1852: The origin of April Fool's Day remains somewhat of a mystery, but several historians date the day of jokes back to 1852 when France switched to the Gregorian calendar. Those who were slow to get the news that the start of the new year moved to January 1st became the butt of a few jokes when they were caught incorrectly celebrating on April 1st. These revelers could be caught with paper fish on their backs, said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person. Taking the cake, though, for best April Fool's joke probably goes to Burger King: in 1998, they advertised a left-handed whopper. And people actually tried to order it.



DID YOU KNOW...

that a whopping 99% of the "wasabi" served in the U.S. isn't actually wasabi? Real wasabi is from the stem of a Japanese plant and is worth about \$5 just for a small dollop which is why you'll likely only find it in high-end restaurants. So then what's the green stuff you find in your grocery store sushi? Usually, it's a mix of regular horseradish and green food dye. Well, dang.

AROUND TOWN

DAYL Crawfest, April 25th 3pm - 6pm: Join other young Dallas-area attorneys celebrating the spring weather and good food with this annual claws-for-a-cause event! Hosted by the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, the festival's proceeds will benefit the North Texas Food Bank's Food 4 Kids Program. Tickets are \$40 and include all-you-can-eat crawfish (while supplies last) and Four Corners Beer. For more information, visit www.daylcrawfest.com



Earth Day Texas, April 24-26: Head to Fair Park for this annual three-day outdoor festival celebrating the planet. Concessions will include organic and vegan options but also your favorite festival treats (in case you're already anxious for the State Fair). After a pint of local beer, try your luck with some tree climbing. Speakers include Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick and many other exhibitors showcasing their green achievements. For more information, visit www.earthdaytx.org.



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Please enjoy this special summer edition of the Loo News and we'll see you again in the fall for our regular inSTALLments... enjoy your summer!

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Building Hours

Hours change based on holidays and when summer classes are in session. Please refer to our website for the most up-to-date information. www.library.law.smu.edu

Reference Hours

The reference desk will be closed for the summer beginning Saturday, May 9th. For reference assistance, please visit one of the librarians on the 3rd floor!

AROUND TOWN

Sunday, May 17th 10am - 3pm: Back for a second year, Dallas' first large-scale Ciclovía returns to uptown. This event, which originated in Bogotá, Colombia over 30 years ago, turns major city streets into fun, car-free environments. Run, play, or even fly a kite along the one-mile route connecting the Katy Trail to Klyde Warren Park. The event is completely free featuring a kids zone, sports and fitness zones, and access to art museums. For more information, visit www.uptownciclovía.org.

Thursday, June 11th 7pm: Support the trail by running in the 17th annual Katy Trail 5k! Even if running isn't really your thing, the Katy Picnic should motivate you: all registrations include access to the picnic where loads of free food and drink await. The race sells out every year, so get a move on it! \$40; www.katytraildallas.org.



DID YOU KNOW...

that there is a Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association completely devoted to all things barbecue? And they've put together some fun facts just in time for the grilling season. The most popular holidays for barbecuing are, in order, July 4th, Memorial Day, and then Labor Day. The first White House barbecue started with the 36th president, Lyndon B. Johnson, who cooked up Texas-style ribs (obviously). And the most popular foods for the grill, in order, are: burgers, steak, hot dogs, and chicken with corn as the most popular side. Well, now I'm hungry.

IN HISTORY

On **August 1st, 1961**, the first park in the Six Flags chain opens in our own backyard. The Six Flags Over Texas location in Arlington, Texas was the first park to feature the log flume ride and it would later become the first park with a 360-degree looping roller coaster. In the inaugural year, admission to Six Flags cost only \$2.75 for an adult and park-goers could snag a hamburger for 50 cents. Originally intended as a short-term opportunity to make a buck off of some vacant land, Texas oilman Angus Wynne Jr. decided to keep the park going after recouping his initial \$3.5 million investment within just 18 months. Smart thinking on his part: the park saw over 17.5 million visitors within the first 10 years. Today, the park sees an average of 3 million visitors a year.

Quote of the Month...

"Wrinkles only go where the smiles have been." -Jimmy Buffett