

## Wood-n-Tap Caters To Everyone, But Not All At Once

HARTFORD – While Hartford’s newest restaurant is designed to appeal to everyone, its seating capacity is ill-suited to the task, accommodating only a few hundred patrons per day.

“To actually cater to everyone, we would’ve had to build a much larger facility, roughly the size of Canada,” said co-owner Phil Barnett. “It wasn’t really economically feasible. All we can do is hope everyone doesn’t come in at the same time.”

Opened in the Fall of 2002, the Wood-n-Tap is a classic American bar and grill with an atmosphere, menu and layout made for a broad range of people, tastes and occasions.

Step inside and the first thing you’ll notice is a spacious tap room, with a gorgeous hardwood/slate floor, TV’s and bar-side or table seating. From Happy Hour to last call, it’s the center of the action. Next to that, a casual dining room lets you enjoy a quiet meal and still feel the barroom energy. Set back a bit is a second dining room, serving as the perfect spot for a more intimate dining experience. And a spacious banquet room featuring murals of historic Hartford landmarks.

While the owners have exciting plans for expansion, they continue to ask everyone to arrive in shifts rather than all at once.



The Wood-n-Tap serves 100s of people a night, a far cry from everyone.

### Tapping the Keg

Four local businessmen each brought their own special talents to the creation of the Wood-n-Tap.

Phil Barnett is best known for helping to open his former business, The Half Door Irish pub. With the Wood-n-Tap, Phil’s vision was even more vivid. “We want everyone to feel very comfortable coming in here, whether it’s for a nice, quiet candlelight dinner, a business lunch, a big family gathering, happy hour, or a fun night out with your friends.”

Head chef Ken McAvoy keeps everything on the menu fresh, wholesome and prepared from scratch. And the choices are diverse – from pizza, pasta and wings to salmon, ribs and filet mignon. There are also a few signature dishes that might surprise you.

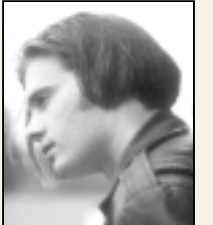
Will Quijano was instrumental in developing the Wood-n-Tap’s menu of libations, which boasts a dozen beers on tap, an impressive and worldly wine list and several signature cocktails.

Rounding out the quartet is Mike Hamlin, whose expertise in real estate and construction was instrumental in securing the “Tap’s” prime location, where the landmark Keg Restaurant used to stand.

## Local News

### Simsbury Man Sets New Post-Coital Cuddling Record

SIMSBURY – Lance Walker set the new post-coital cuddling record Tuesday, shattering the existing mark by a full 45 seconds. Walker remained awake and in the spoon position with his wife for 17 minutes and 20 seconds following love-making. He then got up, saying he had to iron a shirt for work the next day.



Champion cuddler.

According to Walker, “The first five minutes were easy. Then she asked me what I was thinking and I almost lost it.” Walker admits he might not have broken the record had his arm not gotten caught under his wife’s body, preventing him from getting up.

### London Natives Appalled by Lack of British Influence in New Britain

NEW BRITAIN – After moving from London to New Britain last August, Philip and Marie Holmes are expressing dismay over the city’s lack of British influence. “It’s a fine city, but it isn’t very British, is it?” said Mr. Holmes. “You can’t get a decent spot of tea here and what’s with all the dental offices.” Mrs. Holmes concurs, adding, “They speak Polish in many of the supermarkets. I feel we’ve been misled.” The couple is considering a move to New London or Manchester in the Spring.

### Whalers Return to Hartford, No One Cares

HARTFORD – The Whalers returned to their original home in Hartford last week, but failed to receive any public welcome. Paul and Sue Whaler had moved from Hartford to South Carolina in the early nineties and had anticipated a warm reception from family and friends upon their return. According to Sue Whaler, “I’m quite disappointed. I didn’t expect a ticker tape parade, but a small party would have been nice. It seems a Fudgie the Whale ice cream cake would have been appropriate on many different levels.”



No welcome for Whalers.

#### In a Related Story:

### Adrian Landing Ahead of Schedule

HARTFORD – On Friday, Granby resident Adrian Landing caught an earlier flight to Colorado, arriving at his sister’s house four hours sooner than planned.

## World News

### Leading Economist Says U.S. Could Soar on Wings of Buffalo

#### Chicken Wing Consumption, Newest Economic Indicator

NEW YORK - Leading U.S. economist Dennis Marsalavich announced Monday that Buffalo wing consumption, down sharply since 1999, is the primary cause of the slumping economy. In his 2,000-page report, Marsalavich noted that the barroom staple is even more to blame than corporate accounting scandals or threats to homeland security.

According to Marsalavich, “In searching for reasons behind the economic downturn, we explored every angle – foreign relations, consumer behavior, quesadillas. But when we got to Buffalo wings, the



A newly-erected statue in front of the New York Stock Exchange declares to economic leaders, it’s not a bear or a bull, but a “Buffalo” market.

findings were startling.”

For the past two years, declines in wing consumption have mirrored stock market declines. “It is only logical that the one caused the other,” Marsalavich stated.

The report, which has gained near-unanimous support on Wall Street, further demonstrates that by increasing the national consumption of

Buffalo wings, America could pull itself out of its economic woes. Eating more wings, would also have far-reaching effects, bolstering some struggling

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## Detractors Call Buffalo Theory "Bull"

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industry groups including bleu cheese manufacturers, celery growers and the Wet-Nap industry.

Despite this support, some detractors point out holes in the research. Wall Street insider, George Featherstone argues, "The report fails to mention a rise in the consumption of boneless Buffalo-style chicken nuggets over the same time period. I also wonder if Marsalavich factored in how many restaurants use the term 'hot wings' or 'flingers' for their Buffalo wings."

Featherstone added, "I find the whole theory hard to swallow. Anyone who knows anything about economics knows you get a much truer picture of the nation's economy from jalapeno poppers."

### Fast Fact

#### Where did Buffalo Wings get their name?

Not from mythical flying bison, but from housewife Hortense Buffalo of Shakerton Delaware. In 1864, Hortense accidentally dropped her daughter's pet chick in a pot of boiling oil. The Buffalos were rather poor, so instead of burying the cherished family pet, she secretly served it for dinner. The family so loved the meal, Hortense continued to slaughter and cook up her children's pets for years. Soon, the entire town caught on to her culinary invention and Buffalo wings were born!

## Bush Mounts Buffalo Wing Campaign

WASHINGTON - Response from the White House shows strong support for a Buffalo wing initiative. In a press conference Tuesday, President Bush announced the formation of a new cabinet position, Secretary of Hot 'n Spicy, and a multi-tiered education program aimed at increasing wing consumption nationwide.

"We must eliminate roadblocks by dispelling wing misconceptions, like they're too messy or too spicy," said the President, "Actually, wings are easier to eat than most other bar foods, like pretzels."

The proposed initiative will target children in their early teens, an age when most lifelong wing opinions are formed. Among the tactics is the development of a catchy pro-wing jingle. According to marketing consultant Lisa Poultran, "Our extensive research shows kids like the rock and roll music. So we've hired the rock band, Winger, to record the new anthem. We're just thankful they were available."

The initiative will also allow school nurses to hand out Wet-Naps, so teens can get them free and without embarrassment.

The White House is underlining the importance of the initiative by giving it a clever name. Titles being considered include "Let Freedom Wing," "Buffalo: Taste It!," and the popular "Operation Spicy."

Bush stressed the importance of the initiative's success, adding, "If we all don't go out there and start eating Buffalo wings again, the terrorists win."



President Bush kicks off a national Buffalo wing initiative by ceremoniously extending a celery stalk to newly-appointed Secretary of Hot 'n Spicy, Ted Eggleston.

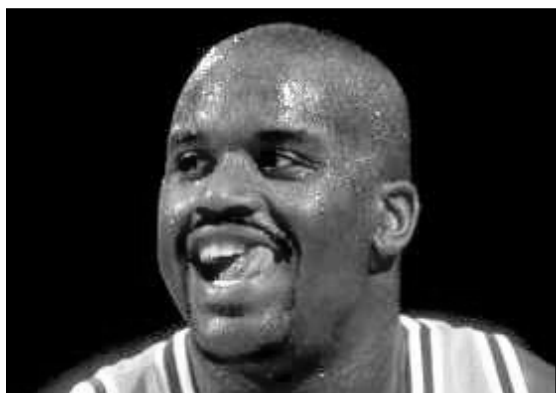
## Hartford Restaurant Doing Its Part

HARTFORD - One local eatery is pitching in to help reverse the slumping economy. Hartford's newest restaurant, the Wood-n-Tap Bar & Grill, plans to increase national Buffalo wing consumption by making them taste so good, patrons can't resist.

"Think globally, act locally. That's what I always say," remarked head chef Ken McAvoy. "Offering an upbeat setting for Americans to eat delicious wings isn't just good business, it's our patriotic duty."

One Wood-n-Tap wing offering, Engine #11 Firehouse Wings, is named after a local Hartford Fire Company and is prepared with a house-made roasted habanera sauce. Other flavors include Thai, barbecue, honey mustard and teriyaki.

## Sport-n-Wood



O'Neal, accused of criminal mastication in the first degree.

### Shaq Eats Mugsy Bogues

LOS ANGELES - LAPD on Friday arrested NBA all-star Shaquille O'Neal in connection with the eating death of the league's all-time tiniest player, 5'3" Mugsy Bogues. Police were alerted when a housekeeper found a half-chewed pair of size seven Nikes at O'Neal's LA home.

In a televised press conference, the seven-foot 350-pound O'Neal showed no emotion as he plead "no contest" to the charges. "It was an accident. Thought he was a baby back rib."

Asked if he had any idea he was consuming a small human at the time, O'Neal responded, "I thought that last bite tasted a little mugsy."

If convicted, O'Neal faces a maximum of ten consecutive life sentences with no chance for parole until the playoffs.

**In Other NBA News:** Five-foot-seven-inch Spud Webb, the NBA's second smallest player of all time, unexpectedly canceled weekend plans to go to a Swedish smorgasbord with O'Neal. Webb claimed he had to "get up early" the next day.

## Beanball Melee Disrupts Tee-Ball Final

WEST HARTFORD - The town five-and-under Tee-Ball League championship game was cut short Friday after a hit batsman began a bench-clearing brawl. One distraught fan called it the most shockingly violent sight she'd ever seen at a little league game, outside of the parents' bleachers.

The incident occurred late in the 3rd inning when 4-year-old Tyler Marcus Brandon Duncan came to bat. After swinging and missing the stationary ball, the wind from his bat caused the tee to topple and the ball to land squarely on his left foot. Witnesses say Duncan called the ball a "doody head" and rushed the

nearest player, first baseman Maverick Cole Wyatt Hines. Both benches immediately cleared.

Duncan, a 2-time all-star, was already on shaky ground with the league, having tested positive for banned substances including Ritalin and Fun-Dip. His future in tee-ball is uncertain at best.

The brawl couldn't have come at a worse time for the West Hartford little league, whose last season was marred by threats of work stoppage and contraction. The league is currently investigating Friday's altercation and will hand out what it calls "stiff fines and timeouts" next week.

### LITTLE LEAGUE BIG VIOLENCE a closer look at Duncan

- 1) An early photo clearly shows his predisposition toward violence.
- 2) November 2, 1:45pm: He steps to the plate in the 3rd inning.
- 3) Seconds later, he's at a rival player's throat.
- 4) And afterwards, for all those involved, the wounds run deep.



## Network Pre-empts Golf Tourney for Live Coverage of Tiger Woods Grocery Shopping

ORLANDO - In a controversial move, the Golf Network decided not to air final round coverage of the Greater Akron Open Sunday, instead running six hours of Tiger Woods at an Orlando Shop & Save.

A network programming executive said it was precisely what audiences wanted to see. "Ratings data shows viewership spikes when Tiger's on the leaderboard. Since he wasn't playing in this tournament, we aired the next best thing."

Highlights of the coverage included a computerized analysis of Woods' mango ripeness-testing technique, an interview with Wood's childhood green grocer and some tense moments of indecision in the ethnic food aisle.

Eventual Open Champion, Kenny Wright, who stands to lose millions in endorsement deals due to the lack of coverage, said, "No, no, wait! Don't tell me how it ends. My wife taped it."

# Play with your Food



## Mixed-Up Mixology

Try and match these cocktails to their common recipes. Get 'em all right and... well, you're either a bartender or you have a serious problem.

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| 1. Cosmopolitan _____            | a. Bourbon, Powdered Sugar, Water, Mint Sprigs                         |
| 2. Dark and Stormy _____         | b. Vodka, Cranberry Juice, Grapefruit Juice                            |
| 3. Scotch and Water _____        | c. Mint Leaves, Lemon Juice, Dark Rum, Club Soda, Angostura Bitters    |
| 4. Kamikaze _____                | d. Vodka, Kahlua, Tonic, Straw   |
| 5. Cement Mixer _____            | e. Vodka, Triple Sec, Lime Juice, Cranberry Juice, Lime Wedge          |
| 6. Mind Eraser _____             | f. Black Rum, Ginger Beer  |
| 7. Cable Car _____               | g. Gin, Lemon Juice, Sugar, Club Soda, Maraschino Cherry, Orange Slice |
| 8. Rob Roy _____                 | h. Vodka, Cranberry Juice, Lime Wedge                                  |
| 9. Wahoo _____                   | i. Scotch, Sweet Vermouth, Dry Vermouth, Maraschino Cherry             |
| 10. Sea Breeze _____             | j. Vodka, Triple Sec, Lime Juice                                       |
| 11. Cape Codder _____            | k. Sloe Gin, Southern Comfort, Orange Juice                            |
| 12. Car Bomb _____               | l. 151 Rum, Amaretto   |
| 13. Mint Julep _____             | m. Captain Morgan's Rum, Orange Curacao, Sweet and Sour                |
| 14. Mochito _____                | n. Scotch, Water   |
| 15. Prairie Fire _____           | o. Bailey's Irish Cream, Lime Juice                                    |
| 16. Slow Comfortable Screw _____ | p. Guinness Stout, Bailey's Irish Cream, Jameson's Whiskey             |
| 17. Tom Collins _____            | q. Tequila, Tobasco Sauce  |

## Conversation Starters

Think carefully before you answer. Then, use these moral/physical dilemmas to spark a deep philosophical discussion at your table.

- 1) Would you rather go five rounds with Mike Tyson OR have to talk like him for five years?
- 2) FOR WOMEN: Would you rather have no eyebrows OR no eye lashes?
- 3) FOR MEN: Would you rather have a full head of hair and nose hair that grows two inches a day OR normal nose hair growth and a really bad comb over?
- 4) Would you rather watch a triple-X movie starring your parents OR have your parents watch one starring you?
- 5) Would you rather tongue-kiss a German Shepard (the dog not the Bavarian laborer) for 30 seconds OR eat a bowl of Alpo?



6) Would you rather have all eight fingers but no thumbs OR just your thumbs and index fingers?

- 7) Would you rather have no TV in your home OR no refrigerator?
- 8) Would you rather drive a 1981 Renault LeCar with a kicking sound system OR a 2002 Lexus with a stereo that constantly blares only Yoko Ono songs?

**A man walks into a piano bar** and notices the piano player has a monkey on his head. The man asks the piano player, "Do you know you have a monkey on your head?" The piano player replies, "I don't think so. Can you hum it?"

**A pirate walks into a bar** with a peg-leg, a hook and an eye patch. After a few rounds, the bartender asks him, "So, how did you get the peg-leg?" The pirate replies, "Aaaargh! I was in a mighty storm at sea, and was swept overboard into a school of ferocious sharks. One of those buggers bit me leg off."

"Wow!" says the bartender, "what about your hook?" The pirate replies, "I was boarding an enemy ship, battling 16 sailors with razor sharp swords. Then one of the scoundrels cut me hand off."

"Incredible!" remarks the bartender, "but, how did you get the eye patch?" The pirate replies, "A seagull dropping fell into me eye."

"After all that, you lost your eye to a seagull dropping?" says the bartender. "Aaaargh!," replies the pirate, "it was me first day with the hook."

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## Chicken Jumbled

Unscramble the chicken dishes below. Then, use the circled letters to answer the chicken riddle. Try it... or are you chicken!?

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**Q.** Why did the buxom beauty's boyfriend always order chicken?

**A.** Because he's a real...

## PICKUP LINE Hall of Fame

Some pickup lines are so oft used, they've achieved legend status.

For those, we've created the Pickup Line Hall of Fame...

in hopes they'll be put to rest and never used again!

So without further ado,

**the inductees are:**

Hey, are those astronaut pants? Cause your body's out of this world!

.....

So, do you live around here often?

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Whew! I thought Very-Fine only came in a bottle!

### ANSWER KEY

Chicken Jumbled: MARSAJA, KIEV, BARBECUE, MCONUGGETS, GUMBO, RIDDLE, BREAST MAN  
Mixed Up Mixology: 1a, 2f, 3n, 4i, 5o, 6d, 7m, 8i, 9l, 10b, 11h, 12p, 13a, 14c, 15q, 16k, 17g