



The amazing "Obama Pickle"

# Obama in a Pickle!

## *Wood-n-Tap Patron Discovers Gherkin Slice Bearing Striking Resemblance to New President*

VERNON – When Craig Hope of Somers removed the top bun of his bacon burger at the Wood-n-Tap Vernon, he came face to face with Barack Obama. The single pickle resting atop the still-sizzling bacon bore an uncanny resemblance to the new President of the United States.

"I really didn't think anything of it at first," said Hope. "I did see a face in there, and it had prominent ears. But to me it looked like Will Smith, so I was just going to eat it."

Ironically, it was Hope's brother-in-law, a die-hard republican, who saved the pickle from consumption, suggesting it might actually look like President Obama. "I definitely saw him in there. But to be honest with you, I see Obama's face everywhere. Even when I close my eyes," he said.

When fellow patrons caught wind of the discovery, they all gathered around Hope's table for a glimpse. And no matter what their political leanings or party affiliations, all in attendance could agree that Obama was definitely in a pickle.

"I'm so proud of our country for electing Obama, and now he's in a pickle," said one guest. "What a pickle!" said another.

In the tradition of the slice of toast that looks like Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Obama Pickle has been gaining worldwide notoriety. Paparazzi have been flocking to the Wood-n-Tap, hoping to snap the first photos of the famous gherkin. Obama

Pickle is already a new animated character on *South Park*. And Bill O'Reilly of *The Factor* has been chomping at the bit to get the controversial condiment into his hot seat.

In response to all of this media attention, Hope is seeing dollar signs. He's already put his prize up for sale on EBAY. At press time, a high bidder with the handle ObamaMama27 was close to securing the "Commander-in-Pickle" with a leading bid of \$26,700! Reached for comment, Mama offered, "Years from now when my grandchildren ask me what it was like to be a witness to such an emotional and important moment in history, I'll just whip out my pickle."

Obama Pickle hype has also been great for business at Wood-n-Tap. Ever since the discovery, treasure hunters everywhere have converged on the Tap, ordering multiple menu items, probing their plates, hoping to find their own celebrity look-alike food item. As of yet, there have been no finds as remarkable as Obama Pickle, but one guest claimed her crab dip was a dead ringer for Hillary Clinton.



Tap owners hope to take advantage of media hype surrounding Obama Pickle.

## World News

### Earth to Media: "Relax, I'm Gonna Be Just Fine."

EARTH – We've all seen it. Smokestacks bellow and glaciers crumble. Exhaust pipes cough and Canada melts. Al Gore grimaces and polar bears die of heat stroke. Climate change and global warming are hot issues in the media with practically every news show, documentary and special report shouting "The Earth is Dying, The Earth is Dying!" But at least one expert disagrees.

At a press conference Tuesday, the Earth claimed, "I'm gonna be just fine. You humans are the ones who are in trouble."

The Earth went on to say that rising temperatures, land mass shifts and species depopulation are nothing it's really concerned about. "Really, it's no big whoop. Polar bears are cool and all, but I've got like ten million other species on me. You think losing a little bit of my ice cap spells certain doom for me? That's like you thinking losing an eyebrow will kill you."

The Earth also responded to the issue of the human role in global warming. "Whether you all have accelerated these changes or not god only knows. But that's all that they are. Simple, natural changes that every planet goes through with age. Look, just a few billion years ago I was one giant landmass. Remember Pangea from your social studies books? Yeah, I was nice and tight back then, but things change when you get older. Your continents start to sag. Your tundra thins. And you don't want to know what's going on with my peninsulas."

Pleading with the media to stop coddling it, the Earth suggested



A promotional poster for one of the thousands of specials, news segments, documentaries and commentaries warning of Earth's demise. "The reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated," says the Earth.

efforts would be better spent warning humans that they are the ones in danger. "Frankly, my natural changes threaten your existence not mine. Whether I have ice or luke warm water on my roof, I'll be here for a very long time. So Anderson Cooper and all you other news types, you might want to consider changing your fancy-graphic lead-ins, break-ins and bumpers. Here's an idea: 'People in Peril!' Or 'Humans: Adapt or Die!'"

Leaving the media in attendance with a stern warning, the Earth said, "If you don't quit your fear-mongering, I can make you very sorry. Remember what I did to the dodo."

## What's on Tap

### PerfectTap™

Our own proprietary draft beer system that ensures the beer here tastes better than the same beer anywhere else.

### Over The River...

And to the Wood! We're now open in Vernon. The First Tap east of the river.

### Munch Madness

The sporting event of the year is back at the Tap! Get your team – and your belly ready for the 3rd annual Bar Bite Eating Contest!

# Matt Cassel Distraught Over Receiving Franchise Tag

## *Patriots' Quarterback Thought He'd Get an Actual Franchise*

FOXBORO, MA – New England Patriots quarterback Matt Cassel has checked himself into a rehabilitation hospital for depression after learning that being named franchise player doesn't mean you actually get a franchise.

According to Sporting Wood sources, Cassel originally thought he would be given the retail or restaurant franchise of his choice. "I thought it would be cool to own my own White Castle," said Cassel. "Or a FotoMatt. Get it?"

Patriots management say they are sorry for the confusion, but merely wanted to protect their back-up from free agency in case Tom Brady doesn't recover from his near career-ending marriage. "We are sorry for Matt's pain," said a spokesman for the team. "But if he really wants his own franchise, he could probably go out and buy one with the millions of dollars we are paying him next year, in all likelihood, to sit on the bench."

Doctors at Whispering Voices Rehabilitation Center said they can't comment on Cassel's case but offered, "We have always had a great track record treating depression in back-up quarterbacks. Before he was a starter, Tony Romo was part of our drop-in program and he really made great progress. Though, I suppose we may be seeing him again sometime soon."

At present time, the future of their quarterback position is uncertain for the Patriots. Will Brady recover and return to the team? Will Gisele let him? Will Cassel open a Kinkos? Only time will tell.



No Castle for Cassel. Being the Franchise Player is not all that poor Matt thought it would be.

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## Yankees to Buy Contracts of Steve Nash, Camilo Villegas and the Williams Sisters

NEW YORK – After spending gazillions stacking the deck in their favor with such power players as CC Sabathia and Mark Teixeira, the New York Yankees have turned to acquiring superstars from other sports with their seemingly bottomless payroll.



The new Yankee lineup: a Colombian, a Canadian and an Amazon.

"We've pretty much spent all the money we can on this sport," said general manager Brian Cashman. "We figured we'd lock up these other athletes to make sure the Red Sox don't get them. And, frankly, just because we can."

The Yankees recently acquired NBA all-star Steve Nash, international golfing sensation Camilo Villegas and perennial grand slam contenders Venus and Serena Williams. As for how the famed franchise will use their new talent, Cashman says, "We'll find a place for everyone within the organization. Nash will be our official social director when we play in Toronto. And Serena's ability to return lightning serves at match point should prove helpful in teaching Alex to hit a fastball in the playoffs."

What about Villegas? "Camilo's one job is to keep the ladies off Derek and Alex."

## n-ertainment News

### Neverending Story Ends Unexpectedly



Ironically, it did indeed end.

HOLLYWOOD – Twenty-five years after the film's initial release, the star of *The Neverending Story* is still angered by the movie's abrupt ending. "I thought I was set for life," said Noah Hathaway who played the role of Artreyu. "For 25 years I've been languishing in my own personal swamp of sadness. I was gonna retire off this."

Much to the actor's dismay, *The Neverending Story* ended after a running time of 102 minutes, leaving him hopelessly unemployed.

Unable to land anything but a one-episode run in *Family Ties* in the past quarter-century, Hathaway has filed a lawsuit against the studio for injuring his career. "When I got the role I turned down other opportunities assuming I'd be busy forever," he said. "I'm owed compensation for a lifetime of leading man money."

In the suit, Hathaway also claims emotional damages from the inactivity, saying the great nothing is slowly destroying his world.

### Oprah's Annual "Favorite Things" Giveaway Once Again Ends with Free Oreos

### VH1 Announces New Countdown Special: 100 Greatest Countdowns of All Time

### Winner of VH1 Flavor of Love Reports That Love Tastes A Lot Like Malt Liquor



### Amy Winehouse's Numerous Tattoos Actually Just Dirt

### Beyonce To Go By Married Name, Beyonce Z



Tom Cruise: Awesome!

## Tom Cruise to Be Awesome at Something in New Movie

HOLLYWOOD – Tom Cruise will play a guy who's awesome at something in his latest film, slated to be released this summer. Cruise was selected for the part based on his proven ability to play characters who are awesome at many different things.

Audience's first witnessed Cruise's awesomeness in *The Outsiders*, in which the actor was awesome at beating up preppy kids. He followed that up with more awesome roles, being awesome at flying jets, playing pool, mixing drinks and playing air guitar. Cruise hit his stride in the 90's, being awesome at driving stock cars, hunting down spies and handling the truth. Some say his awesomeness peaked when he earned an Oscar nomination for being awesome at being sensitive in *Jerry Maguire*. Others say he was never more awesome than when he was so awesome at martial arts he was *The Last Samurai*, even though he's white.

Throughout his career, Cruise's awesomeness has been so profound, he's been awesome at seemingly non-awesome things, such as being an inadequate lover in *Eyes Wide Shut* and running in a suit in *The Firm*. He was even awesome at being disfigured in *Magnolia*.

Cruise hopes this latest awesome turn will help him rebound from a recent career misstep in *Valkyrie*, in which the actor proved not to be very awesome at killing Hitler.

## Wood-n-Quiz

If you're going to dine here, you should at least know a few things about wood, shouldn't you? Okay, maybe it's not essential. But everyone can agree it's good to know your wood. Take the test and check your answers below.

- What 2 countries account for more than 50% of the world's lumber production?
  - U.S. & Russia
  - U.S. & Canada
  - Canada & Brazil
  - Lumberberg & Woodbekistan
- Which of the following woods does not float?
  - Wormwood
  - Ebony
  - Eucalyptus
  - Natalie Wood
- The whitest wood in the world comes from what?
  - White Birch
  - Poplar
  - Holly
  - Crawford, TX
- What is usually referred to as the hardest wood in the world?
  - Snakewood
  - Sequoia
  - Ebony
  - Holmeswood
- In 1964, what did a research scientist do to a bristlecone pine in California, at the time, the oldest living thing in the world?
  - Photographed It
  - Killed It
  - Transplanted It
  - Hugged It
- In an episode of Seinfeld, what does Kramer say when discussing the merits of fake wood wallpaper?
  - Wood Jerry, wood
  - Wood is good
  - I want to be ensconced in wood
  - Woody Woody Bang Bang
- Who starred in the coming of age film, "Thirteen"?
  - Evan Rachel Wood
  - Natalie Wood
  - Elijah Wood
  - Kurtwood Smith
- In the 1300s, wood was so scarce in France that these items were often rented and reused.
  - Toothpicks
  - Wine Barrels
  - Coffins
  - White Flag Sticks
- What wooden body part did George Washington sport?
  - Teeth
  - Leg
  - Eye
  - Prostate
- What early grunge band contributed their hit "Would?" To the "Singles" original motion picture southwark?
  - Alice in Chains
  - Soundgarden
  - Screaming Trees
  - Citizen Dick
- The lightest commercially-used wood in the world is called what?
  - Poplar
  - Juniper
  - Balsa
  - Styrowood
- "It's log!" was a popular commercial parody on what animated television series?
  - The Family Guy
  - Ren and Stimpy
  - South Park
  - Davey and Goliath
- What kind of wood are most baseball bats made from?
  - Hickory
  - Maple
  - Ash
  - Kerry Wood
- How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?
  - A woodchuck would chuck not much wood cause a woodchuck won't chuck wood.
  - A woodchuck would chuck as much wood as a woodchuck could chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood.
  - 5 cords
  - I don't chuckin' know!



## Tap Libs #9

Pick one person at your table to be the TapMaster. Without reading the story, he/she asks the table to provide the missing words, writing them in the corresponding blanks. When all the blanks have been filled in, read the title and the story aloud and watch hilarity ensue! And remember, this is a family place, so try to keep it PG. Or at least PG-13. Here's a safer way to add some spice. Use real names, places and objects associated with the people at your table.

### Tap Libs #9 – "The UConn Game"

It was a \_\_\_\_\_ night when my family and I went to see UConn \_\_\_\_\_ in  
adjective verb  
 downtown \_\_\_\_\_. I was \_\_\_\_\_ to watch \_\_\_\_\_ dunk the  
city adjective sports star  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and to root for my favorite player, \_\_\_\_\_. Our \_\_\_\_\_ were  
sporting good sports star noun (pl)  
 so good I could \_\_\_\_\_ the whole court. We were close enough that I was able to  
verb  
 see Coach Calhoun \_\_\_\_\_ and say things like \_\_\_\_\_. Their opponents, the  
verb expletive  
 \_\_\_\_\_ were really \_\_\_\_\_ but Ucon brought their \_\_\_\_\_ game.  
sports team adjective letter  
 thebae was really \_\_\_\_\_ the boards. And AJO stole the \_\_\_\_\_ instead of  
verb ending in "ing" sporting good  
 \_\_\_\_\_, which was helpful. The game was a real \_\_\_\_\_-biter. With only  
nouns body part  
 \_\_\_\_\_ seconds left and the score tied, Dyson \_\_\_\_\_ up the court and  
number verb, past tense  
 \_\_\_\_\_ the ball. It \_\_\_\_\_ through the air for what seemed like  
verb past tense Verb past tense  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and then went \_\_\_\_\_ through the hoop. I was so \_\_\_\_\_  
amount of time onomatopoeia adjective  
 I jumped out of my seat and yelled \_\_\_\_\_!  
Exclamation!



## JUMBLED MUNCH MADNESS EDITION

It's almost Munch Madness time – our 3rd annual bar bite eating relay. Practice up by unscrambling the following basketball/eating contest words. Then, unscramble the circled letters to answer the riddle. Answers below.

FSFUT      □□○□□  
 ROAWKTEM      □□□□□□□○  
 BBRIDEL      □□○□□□□  
 RNUDDOEG      ○□□□□□□□  
 EDFE      □□□○

Q. What's awesome in basketball but illegal in Munch Madness?

A. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

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### ANSWER KEY

Wood-n-Quiz: 1a, 2b, 3c, 4a, 5b, 6a, 7a, 8c, 9a, 10a, 11c, 12b, 13c, 14b  
 Jumbled: STUFF, TEAMWORK, DRIBBLE,  
 UNDERDOG, FEED, RIDDLE, DUNKING

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## This -n- That

New England Clam Chowder	Small Bowl 3.89	Large Bowl 4.89
Soup of the Day	Small Bowl 3.59	Large Bowl 4.59
Hummus Plate	9.95	
Creamy hummus with fresh vegetables and war flat bread.		
Creamed Spinach & Artichoke Dip	8.99	
In a reggiano cream sauce, topped with jack cheese, with crisp tortilla chips.		
Engine #11 Firehouse Wings	7.99	Double Your Order 14.99
A dozen Habenero chicken wings. Also in Buffalo, Thai, BBQ or Honey Mustard.		
Maine Crab Dip	8.99	
Fresh Maine crab, cream cheese, scallions, tomatoes and jack cheese. Served with pita chips.		

## Burgers -n- More

All burgers are your choice of 1/2 lb\*\* Black Angus beef or chicken breast. All items are served with french fries or substitute sweet fries for 99¢.

Bison Burger*	11.95
Fresh ground bison on a whole grain roll with a touch of chipotle, leaf lettuce, tomato, crispy onions, jack and cheddar cheeses and an avocado aioli.	
Cali Burger	8.59
Garden vegetable burger with lettuce, tomato, fresh avocado and roasted red peppers. Served with honey mustard and jack cheese on a whole grain roll.	
Turkey Burger	8.89
Served on a whole grain roll with baby greens, whole cranberries and an herb aioli. Served with sweet potato fries.	
Hickory Burger*	8.49
Charbroiled to perfection and topped with cheddar cheese, diced onions, hickory smoked bacon and BBQ sauce.	
The Classic Burger*	8.39
American cheese, lettuce, tomato, diced onions, pickles, mustard and mayo.	
Ken's Favorite*	8.49
Topped with bleu cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles and mayo.	
Bacon Burger*	8.49
Topped with bacon, cheddar cheese, caramelized onions, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, mustard and mayo	
Swiss Burger*	8.49
Topped with sauteed mushrooms, caramelized onions, Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomatoes and dijon mustard.	
Reuben	8.99
Corned beef shaved thin and piled high. Served on rye bread with thousand island dressing and sauerkraut.	
Veggie Hummus Wrap	7.29
Wheat tortilla stuffed with hummus, leaf lettuce, tomatoes, avocado, black olives, red onions, roasted red peppers and low-fat raspberry vinaigrette. Add grilled or blackened chicken: 2.49	
Baja Burritos	
Your choice, all served with rice and beans.	
Grilled vegetable with mushrooms: 9.29	
Beef with cheddar cheese, tomatoes & onion: 9.79	
Chicken with jack & cheddar cheeses, tomatoes & cilantro: 10.59	
Chicken Salad Wrap	8.89
Soft whole what tortilla with house-prepared chicken salad, lettuce and tomato.	
Choice Chicken Sandwich	8.39
Grilled or blackened chicken on a toasted sesame seed roll with jack cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and dijon spread.	
Fish-n-Chips	10.89
Fresh filet of sole in a light Panko bread crumb. Served with fries and tartar sauce.	
Marinas Sandwich*	9.59
Fresh Atlantic salmon grilled and served on a whole grain roll with lettuce, tomato, pickle and a dill tartar sauce.	

## Grill -n

All entrees served with App or Caesar salad. Add grilled shrimp to any entree for \$4.89	
Bourbon Sirloin*	14.49
Bourbon marinated, topped with frizzled onions, with french fries and cole slaw.	
Baby Back Ribs	19.59
A full rack with Uncle Fred's secret sauce. Served with sweet potato fries.	
Half Rack (salad not included): 12.59	
Atlantic Salmon*	16.99
People swim upstream to taste this. Fresh salmon, lightly seasoned and grilled, and served with lemon, dill tartar sauce, fresh vegetables and a rice medley.	
Santa Fe Chicken	14.19
Grilled, specially seasoned chicken breast with BBQ sauce, cheddar and jack cheeses, diced tomatoes and scallions. Served with black beans and a rice medley.	
BBQ Chicken	12.59
Grilled, marinated chicken breast with BBQ sauce, cole slaw and sweet potato fries.	
Swordfish*	17.99
Lightly seasoned and grilled, served with rice, wilted spinach with smoked bacon, caramelized onions and orange balsamic glaze.	
The following entrees served with choice of creamed spinach, grilled veggies, buttered broccoli, garlic mashed potatoes or rice medley.	
Top Sirloin*	14.99
8oz, center cut and grilled to order.	
N.Y. Strip*	21.99
York. 14 oz, center cut and grilled to your liking.	
Filet Mignon*	23.99
9 oz center cut filet, grilled to order.	

Chicken Tenders	8.29
Crispy white meat tenders on a bed of fries. Served with BBQ sauce and dijon mustard.	
Tap Room Fries	5.89
Light and crisp sweet potato fries topped with sugar maple icing, served with dijon sauce.	
Monster Nachos with Chicken or Beef	9.99
Piled high and smothered with everything that's good about nachos.	
Softies	5.89
A warm basket of soft pretzels. Served with spicy mustard. Better than at the mall!	
Chips and Salsa	4.69
Featuring our own fresh, house-made salsa.	
Fried Mooz	8.19
Whole milk mozzarella, cooked golden brown and topped with marinara sauce.	
Calamari	8.99
Tender rings lightly breaded and served just crisp with a spicy citrus aioli.	
Seared Ahi Tuna*	9.89
Sashimi style (raw) sesame crusted yellow fin tuna with Asian slaw and sweet sarachi.	

## Pizza -n- Pasta

All pizzas are hand tossed (and caught) on the premises.

Mac Pizza	11.95
Cool! Chipotle mac-n-cheese with smoky bacon and parmesan bread crumbs.	
Cheese Pizza	9.99
The classic pie, with red sauce, mozzarella and asiago cheeses.	
Spinach & Artichoke Pizza	12.29
With a garlic cream sauce. Not your ordinary pie.	
BBQ Chicken Pizza	12.29
Topped with a three cheese blend, chicken, caramelized onions and cilantro.	
White Pizza	10.99
With olive oil, minced garlic, sliced tomatoes, mozzarella and parmesan.	
Chicken and Broccoli Penne	13.99
Tender chicken with broccoli florets and fresh tomato, served over penne pasta in a garlic cream sauce.	
Blackened Chicken Pasta	13.99
Mushrooms, tomatoes and blackened chicken in a Cajun cream sauce, served over linguini.	
Mac-n-Cheese	10.95
Four cheeses with a hint of chipotle. Add grilled or blackened chicken: 2.49	

## Veg -n- Out

Dressings: Honey Mustard, Bleu Cheese, Caesar, Balsamic Vinaigrette, Rice Wine Vinaigrette, 1000 Island, Ranch, Tomato Vinaigrette, Low-Fat Raspberry White Balsamic Vinaigrette, Bleu Cheese Vinaigrette

App Salad	5.79
Choose Caesar or House salad, appetizer-size. House is prepared with chopped egg, bacon, croutons and grated cheese.	
Caesar Salad	7.49
Crisp romaine tossed with creamy Caesar dressing, with parmesan and croutons.	
Chicken Salad	8.89
House-made fresh white meat chicken salad on a bed of greens with sliced tomatoes, chopped egg, cheddar cheese and walnuts.	
Thai Salad	9.89
Marinated shrimp or grilled chicken and vermicelli over greens with peanuts, sesame seeds and Mandarin orange slices. Tossed with rice wine vinaigrette.	
California Cobb Salad	9.89
Fresh greens with red onions, black olives, tomatoes, avocado, bacon and chopped egg. Topped with colby jack cheese and crispy chicken.	
Dee's Spinach Salad	7.49
Fresh baby spinach, chopped egg, sliced mushroom, smoked bacon, diced tomatoes and candied walnuts tossed with a tomato vinaigrette.	
Chop House Steak Salad*	12.89
Chopped greens with candied walnuts, crumbled bleu cheese, diced tomatoes, chopped egg, roasted red peppers, carrots and bacon tossed in a bleu cheese vinaigrette. Topped with bourbon marinated sliced steak and frizzled onions.	

\*Add your favorite to any salad!

grilled shrimp: 4.89	grilled or blackened salmon*: 3.99
ahi tuna*: 3.99	grilled or blackened chicken: 2.49

## Bar Bites -n- More!

All served with fries. Switch to sweet potato fries for \$.99

Bar Chicks	Small 8.19	Large 14.99
Pick up these mini chicken sandwiches, featuring blackened chicken, topped with American cheese, caramelized onions and a chipotle aioli.		
Bar Bites*	Small 8.19	Large 14.99
World famous mini burgers with cheese, pickles and a dijon spread.		
Bison Bites*	Small 11.95	Large 22.95
Little bison burgers with cheese, onion strings and an avocado aioli.		
Turkey Bites	Small 8.79	Large 15.99
Mini turkey burgers topped with American cheese, whole cranberries and an herb aioli.		