



The Tap Tattler

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Holy Schnitzel!



“World’s Official Oktoberfest” to be held in Hartford... Yes, Hartford!

HARTFORD — Historians are calling it the deepest wound to the nation of Germany since the post World War II disarmament. Oktoberfest, the annual celebration of Germany’s beer, brats, steins and schnitzel, has made its official home 5,800 miles away — in Hartford, Connecticut. The city’s popular Wood-n-Tap Bar & Grill will host the World’s Official Oktoberfest on October 11.

Mad, Mad Munich

In claiming the prestigious title, Hartford, which has no profound German-American population nor any other significant German connection, has raised the ire of the entire nation of Germany.

Das iz ridikulus? exclaimed former German Chancellor, Helmut Kohl. With the help of a translator he added, Oktoberfest has been in Munich since 1811. If any city deserves to own the official event, it’s Munich.

Wood-n-Tap co-owner Phil Barnett fired back at Kohl, True, it’s been in Munich for almost 200 years. That just means you had 200 years to claim the title. And you didn’t. Sorry Helmut. Das snooze, das lose.

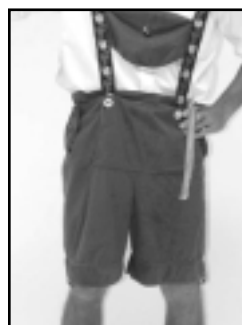
In a press conference Wednesday, German reporters pressed the issue further, interrogating Barnett like border guards. What gives you the right to call your Oktoberfest the World’s Official? questioned one.

It’s a German word. It’s German food. It’s German through and through. Heck, I bet no one even wears lederhosen to your event.

An unshaken Barnett, was quick to respond, What’s lederhosen?

It’s Not the Size of the Brat

While not physically as large as Munich’s Oktoberfest, which attracts 7 million people a year, the Wood-n-Tap’s event promises to celebrate German culture in a big way. All kidding aside, we’re incredibly proud to host the World’s Official Oktoberfest, said Wood-n-Tap head chef, Ken McAvoy. And we plan on doing it up right. There will be several authentic German beers, including Spaten, the official beer of the official



Hey Phil, this is lederhosen.

Oktoberfest. Plus, I’ll be cooking up brats and schnitzels and lots of other traditional foods. There will be live music, plus some fun contests and giveaways. This is a great opportunity for people of all nationalities from all over Connecticut to gather and celebrate the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of a unique culture.

Barnett added, Well almost all the sounds. Don’t expect much in the way of oompah bands.

Chug-a-lugging for Charity

The Wood-n-Tap, a proud supporter of many area charities, will donate a portion of the proceeds from the World’s Official Oktoberfest to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Hartford. Can Munich say that? Nein!

The World’s Official Oktoberfest at the Wood-n-Tap

When:
October 11, 11am - 1am

Where:
Wood-n-Tap, 99 Sisson Ave., Hartford
Free Parking, look for signs.

Admission:
Free with suggested donation to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Hartford

- Featuring:**
- Select German Beers including Spaten
 - Live Music
 - Traditional German Food
 - Contests, Prizes, Giveaways
 - Wet Lederhosen Contest (pending zoning approval)

For more event information, ask your Wood-n-Tap server or call 860-232-TAPS.



Berlin Wall Goes Back Up While Nobody is Looking

BERLIN, CT — Under the cover of night, Walt Ulbricht of Berlin reconstructed the concrete wall that once separated his yard on East Redfern Street from his neighbor’s property on adjacent West Capital Avenue. Ulbricht claims the wall, which had previously been destroyed by Hurricane Gloria, is necessary to prevent his dogs from fleeing his yard.

I don’t understand why some of my dogs keep leaving, said a distraught Ulbricht. They all enjoy the same treatment, shelter and food over here. Okay, sometimes they have to wait in line for kibble, but I’m working on that.

Ulbricht plans to further prevent escapes by lining the top of the wall with steel pipes, barbed wire and other obstacles. He will also have his nephew stand atop the wall with a pellet gun, just in case.

Volkswagen Introduces Exciting New Jetta Hasselhoff Edition

FRANKFORT — First came the K2. Then the Wolfsburg. Now Volkswagen is betting consumers will shell out a few extra deutschmarks for the latest special edition Jetta — the Hasselhoff.

Company literature proclaims, The Hasselhoff brings all the excitement and sex appeal of Germany’s favorite American television star to your daily drive — whether you’re commuting to work or chasing down drug smugglers on a sandy beach.

Closer inspection of the Hasselhoff reveals a number of industry-first options, including red pulsating front grille lights, a turbo boost button, SPF 15 auto glass and a randy, wise-cracking onboard computer.

The Hasselhoff is billed as a safer Jetta, evidenced by two red torpedo-shaped flotation devices mounted on the trunk.

CT Germans in the News

German Restaurant “The Wurst Place” Considers Name Change

Avon 3rd Graders Kick Off German Heritage Week by Reciting JFK’s Inspiring, “I am a Jelly Donut” Speech

UConn Health Center Study Reveals German Measles 65% More Stubborn than American Variety



Socks, 50% Off

Granby Germanic Club Marching Band Copes with Cuts to Hosiery Budget

German Twins Charged in Enchanted Forest Murder

ENCHANTED FOREST — Seven-year-old German twins, Hansel and Gretel, were arrested Friday and charged with first degree murder in the death of Enchanted Forest resident, Olga Witchell. Witchell perished last week in a fire that also destroyed her once grand candy house.

Investigators believe the twins, jacked up on pixie sticks, gnawed their way through the graham cracker front door in search of a sugar fix. They allegedly hog-tied Witchell with red rope licorice and pushed her into her own oven before setting the whole house ablaze.

It's tragic, said next-door neighbor, The Gingerbread Man. She was a great neighbor and a model citizen. Sure she lived in a candy house and liked to eat small children, but we all have our quirks. Look at me, I have buttons going down the front of me, but I'm not wearing any clothes.

Cracking the case proved a much easier task than expected. Heck, we just followed a trail of bread crumbs from the murder scene to the suspects home, said lead detective Mike Vonn. Discovering the motive was easy, too. I mean, what kid doesn't love candy.

The tragedy has rocked the otherwise peaceful Enchanted Forest and its reclusive residents. Said The Gingerbread Man, We haven't had this much media attention since that sex scandal with the blond girl and the three bears.

Talks are already under way at the UPN network to turn the tragic events into a movie of the week or a short story for children.

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Brach's Candy Company to Introduce New Fire-Roasted Non Pareils

The Enchanted Forest Tragedy - In Their Own Words...



Witchell's sweet pad before, during and after the deadly blaze

THE UNICORN: "You could smell melting chocolate and marshmallow for miles. It was kinda like a giant s'more."

A PIXIE: "Let's not overlook who's really to blame here - the builder. Insulating a home with Pop Rocks is just irresponsible. As soon as it caught fire the whole house exploded."



Hansel's evil smile: Remorse? No. Cavities? Yes.

DET. VONN: "We believe Hansel was the mastermind and his sister was just along for the sugar high."

"The heartless thug still had Sweet Tart crumbs on his face when we hauled him in."

Lesser-known "Berlin Wall of Port-a-Potties" Falls



The ill-winds of change in Berlin.

German Culinary Experts Struggle to Invent a Food that's not a Euphemism

Lufthansa Announces Strategic Alliance with AC Schnitzer

BMW Tuning Specialist will Help Airline Appeal to Young Urban Passengers



Lufthansa's new Type S aircraft will ride on sixties and feature chrome two-piece dubs, curb feelers, carbon fiber cockpit trim and neon landing lights.

Sport-n-Wood

Chicago Woman Dominates Bratwurst Eating Contest

CHICAGO —The Illinois German-American Society's annual Bratwurst Eating Contest saw rookie Sahkett Reisling best a field of 25 seasoned swallows on her way to becoming the event's first ever female champion. Reisling wowed spectators with her stamina, capacity and unconventional sideways technique.

Most guys in the event go at it from the end of the brat, said Reisling, wiping mustard off her mouth. My advantage was being able to take an entire brat sideways. It's faster and I'm less prone to choking.

Event organizers claim Reisling's 47 brats swallowed in 15 minutes is a new contest record. It was a bratwurst blitzkrieg, said the event's emcee.

Her hands and mouth were moving so fast, at one point I feared I might get sucked in.

Reisling added, Toward the end of the competition all the guys in the audience gathered around and began chanting my first name in unison. It really helped me out a lot.

In a Related Story

Reisling to Wed "Luckiest Man Alive"

Minutes after her victory, Reisling accepted a marriage proposal from onlooker, Abe Froman. Froman, a Chicago sausage vendor and the event's supplier is affectionately referred to by his friends as the luckiest man alive.



Reisling (above left) put away 47 boiled brats, besting the veteran field which included perennial champion, Marty "Brat King Cole" Perez (right). Perez was quick to tip his brat hat to the new champ.



Youth Kicked Out of Dresden Skate Park for Wearing Properly-fitted Pants

DRESDEN — Martin Huber was asked to leave the Dresden Center Skateboard Park last week for reportedly wearing pants with a snug waist, tapered legs and cuffs that cascaded neatly across the top of his Vans.

We have a strict dress code here, said a park spokesman, If I can see your shoes, but I can't see your boxer shorts, there's a good chance you're in violation of it. That boy was flouting convention

and that's not what skateboarding is about.

A formal complaint from Huber has convinced other ousted teens to come forward against the skate park, including a youth kicked out for not having sideburns and a Stuttgart teen caught wearing a Chaps Ralph Lauren golf shirt.



Also in German Sports...

Portion of Original Berlin Wall to be Rebuilt for Pole-Vault Practice

German Women's Swim Team Growing Tired of German Women's Swim Team Jokes

Anna Kournikova not German, but Still Hot

Munich Petitions Olympic Committee to Make "Hostage Taking" an Olympic Event

Play with your Food

Der Jumbled

Unscramble the following words - things you might find in Germany. Then, use the circled letters to answer the German riddle. The answers are at the bottom, but don't peek yet... das cheating!



SAKREI

SLEACT

RINBLE

GOODTH

UDAI

Q. What do you call a German nerd?

A. a

Deutsche or Dirty?

The German language isn't overtly sexual... it just sounds that way sometimes. Read the following phrases and decide if they're common German activities or sexual innuendo. See the answers below, then try to come up with your own.

- 1) Riding the Train to Dusseldorf
- 2) Shaking hands with Helmut
- 3) Powdering your German pancakes
- 4) Spilling the bavarian cream
- 5) Checking your bag at the Frankfurt Airport
- 6) Going down on the Hindenburg
- 7) Glazing the cruller
- 8) Pocketing your deutschmarks
- 9) Taking a BMW on the Autobahn
- 10) Humming "99 Luft Ballons"
- 11) Sight-seeing in Deutschland
- 12) Passing through the Brandenburg Gate
- 13) Swallowing the bratwurst
- 14) Pulling one over on Colonel Klink
- 15) Polishing the Audi
- 16) Putting a collar on the dachhund
- 17) Sniffing the sauerkraut
- 18) Medaling in floor exercise with the East German Olympic Gymnastics Team

Hmmmm... Das a Tough One!

Need something to kick up the conversation? Think carefully before you answer. Then, use these German-themed dilemmas to spark a deep philosophical discussion at your table.

- 1) **Gals:** Would you rather marry a guy who insists on wearing lederhosen to social functions, or a guy who insists you wear lederhosen in the bedroom?
- 2) **Guys:** Would you rather have the name Helmut for the rest of your life, or have to wear a helmet for three hours every day?
- 3) Would you rather drive a 2003 BMW M5 with a hot pink paint job, or a used 1992 VW Jetta in black?
- 4) Would you rather have a diet made up entirely of bologna, or a CD collection made up entirely of the Oscar Meyer Wiener song?



Correction

• In *Tap Tattler* #2 we incorrectly stated that the world would come to an end on August 15 and everyone should rush to the Wood-n-Tap to indulge in Burger Bites and free love without hesitation. Actually, the world will end on November 15th. Same instructions apply.

• In this issue of the *Tattler*, we abused the German language by disregarding the gender-specific usage rules for the word "the", and by haphazardly peppering the text with umlauts.



Fün with Umläuts!

Umlauts [••] are strange magical things. They can make even the wimpiest words look tough. Pencil in a few on the following pushovers and see for yourself. The first one's done for you.

ünicyclë	quiche	Urkel
George Bush	The Mets	butterfly
scud missile	Dawson s Creek	Motley Crue

Tattler Readers Poll

ISSUE #3 Poll

Which Wurst is Best?

- ___ bratwurst
- ___ lindenwurst
- ___ oprahwurst
- ___ liverwurst
- ___ bensonwurst
- ___ marykateandashleywurst
- ___ knockwurst
- ___ kittenwurst

Email your response to:
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ISSUE #2 Poll Results

What is Adriaen's Landing

- 27% Gladiator Coliseum
- 1% Set for the Gayle King Show
- 14% NFL Stadium, Just in Case
- 8% New State Unemployment Office
- 6% Playboy Mansion East
- 33% A Starbucks
- 11% Wood-n-Tap Downtown

TOTAL RESPONSES: 2,535,897

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ANSWER KEY

Der Jumbled: KAISER, CASTLE, BERLIN, HOTDOG, AUDI. Riddle: DUSSELDORF
Deutsche or Dirty: They're all German activities. C'mon, this is a family newspaper!

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