

quickbites

what's new to eat in the Cincinnati area

FLATBREAD NOW AT PIKE STREET PRESS

Customers now have the option of stopping the press – literally – at Covington's news-themed sandwich/coffee shop.

"Newsies" – sandwiches rolled in Mediterranean flatbread – are now available at Pike Street Press. Available for all of the standard sandwiches that can be served cold, the sandwiches are named as homage to the 20th century children who carried and delivered rolled newspapers.

"We decided for the summer to try a little lighter version of sandwiches," says co-owner Betsy Kuhr. "People had been requesting for something a little lighter ... It's just a nice alternative to a hot sandwich on a hot day."

Pike Street Press is located at 222 W. Pike St., Covington. For more information, call 859-261-7737 or visit www.pikestreetpress.com.

NEW MENU ITEMS AT GAMEWORKS

Nine new grill menu items including burgers, kabobs and steaks recently debuted at GameWorks. The new "All Fired Up" menu is the first phase of a push to revamp the chain's dining – the next being the introduction of a healthier "Ctrl-Alt-Eat" lunch menu next month.

"We know that we do games better than everyone else. ... The casual dining side of it is where we have a big opportunity," says GameWorks spokesman Clint Manny. "By introducing these new food programs, we're confident once they taste it, people will be back – and not just for the gaming only."

GameWorks is located at Newport on the Levee, Newport. For more information, call 859-581-PLAY (7529) or visit www.gameworks.com.

SKYLINE TO HOST 'EXTREME' CONTEST

If you like to take things to the extreme, Skyline has the ultimate contest for you.

Downtown development promotion firm 3CDC is co-presenting the first-ever "Skyline Chili Extreme Cheese Coney Eating Contest." The contest will take place at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3 at Fountain Square, Fifth and Vine streets, downtown. A \$100 Skyline Chili gift card will go the winner with runners-up receiving \$25 gift cards, T-shirts and hats.

Skyline will sell extreme cheese coney from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Square during the event; a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the FreestoreFoodbank.

Hopeful contestants must register by Sunday, July 29, at www.skylinechili.com.

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Got restaurant or food news? Openings, menu changes, events, etc.? E-mail quickbites@cincinnati.com.

WE TRIED IT

Havana (non-alcoholic) Mojito from Havana Beverages

WE TRIED: Havana Mojito (\$1.39 per 12 oz bottle) from Havana Beverages

WHAT IT IS: It's a clear, non-alcoholic soda that purports to taste like a mojito.

WHY WE TRIED IT: A hot July day is best enjoyed by cruisin' the 'burbs in a Honda Civic, blasting Lou Bega. But everybody knows that Lou Bega and an ice-cold mojito go hand-in-hand – and I'm with Johnny Law on the topic of alcohol and driving. This portable, non-alcoholic cola completes the summer scenario and keeps me legal.

GUT REACTION: Limey. Very limey.

SEVERAL SIPS LATER: Even limier – I think the lime essence multiplies in the mouth. But then the mint sneaks up behind the citrus to mellow things out. I'm appreciative of the cane sugar, as the fructose sweetener in most sodas leaves an acrid aftertaste.

WHERE TO GET IT: We got it at The Party Source, 95 Riviera Drive, Bellevue; it's also available locally from Jungle Jim's. Visit www.havana.com for more info.

FINAL VERDICT:



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Rodney Wilson tries a Havana Mojito.

If you're curious about it, we'll try it. Nominate a new, wacky, exotic or over-the-top dish for We Tried It. E-mail kkelley@cincinnati.com. Be sure to include the name of the item and the restaurant.



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