

Wood-n-Tap Downtown Nears Completion!

Bar-n-Grill-n-Science Center Will Change Hartford's Skyline



An artist's rendering of the completed Wood-n-Tap Downtown, perched magnificently beside the river. Majestic "Cheeseburger Tower" features 35 foot wide buns and 6 tons of beef (weight before cooking).

HARTFORD – Drive through Hartford on Interstate 91 and you can't miss it. The cranes, work trucks and steel skeleton of a new structure so grand and so unique, it will forever alter the Hartford skyline. The new flagship Wood-n-Tap location will seat 2,400 patrons in 150,000 square feet of dining space, its majestic, rotating cheeseburger tower extending more than 14 stories above Columbus Blvd.

But size alone is not what makes the Wood-n-Tap Downtown extraordinary. "When we outbid the Connecticut Science Center for the location, we felt a little guilty about depriving the region of such a mentally-stimulating attraction. So we're striving to include a number of fun, interactive educational exhibits you normally don't find in your casual dining establishments," says co-owner Phil Barnett.

The building is not only hailed as an architectural wonder, but as a much-needed boon to Hartford's tourism business.

Says a spokesman for the city, "On a national level, Hartford is mostly known for insurance, history or for being that sleepy town between Boston and New York. We believe the Wood-n-Tap Downtown will help change that. We will come to be regarded as a thoroughly modernized city,

whose citizens lead the world in pursuits of intellectual importance, while maintaining an almost hedonistic perspective on life and leisure. Sort of a modern day ancient Rome, complete with a killer Caesar salad."

Serving Up Science – The Exhibits

Physics Corner: Bar Bites... tasty treats or miracles of modern science? You decide after witnessing the physics behind the "Vilchez 5000" Bar Bite smallifying machine. (see issue #10)

Chemistry Kids: Kids of all ages will love learning about chemical reactions as they hop behind the bar and mix real drinks with Tap bartenders/chemists.

Digestion Booths: A special dining section with built-in cat scanners and table-top monitors so you can watch your digestive system at work while you enjoy your meal. There's a similar exhibit in the restrooms.

Mt. Salsa: A scale model of an active volcano will spew molten house-made salsa. Grab your tortilla chips and a rainsuit and jump in!

Fun with Fish: A giant aquarium alive with salmon, cod, crabs and tuna. Kids will love making friends with these undersea creatures. And then eat them.

Math Lab: Master math skills like arithmetic, algebra, fractions and more as you figure out your own bill, including sales tax and tip.

IMAX Theater: The 200-foot 3-D screen will show nature films... during commercials of NFL games.

in real News

PerfecTap™ Promises Better-Tasting Beer!

ROCKY HILL – Your favorite draft beers taste better at the Wood-n-Tap than they do anywhere else. It's a bold statement, but the popular bar and grill knows it can back it up. How? By installing a proprietary draft system called PerfecTap™. The first-of-its-kind innovation was specifically designed for the Wood-n-Tap restaurants to ensure each individual beer tastes exactly the way the brewer intended.

Beer experts agree that the majority of bars and restaurants serve draft beer incorrectly. The result is a beer that misses vital taste cues and can also react

in your body in undesirable ways. Ever have a beer leave a bad taste in your mouth? Ever feel bloated after drinking your favorite draft? Many experts believe it could be the way it was served.

PerfecTap also accounts for individual traits of certain beers. Guinness should be poured differently than Stella, for example.

PerfecTap is now in use at all 4 Wood-n-Tap locations. The owners invite you to come in and taste the difference for yourself.



PerfecTap. It's the reason the beer here is better than the beer there.



What's on Tap

Greatest Gift Card in the World?

Use the Wood-n-Tap gift card at all 4 locations, plus both Agave Grill locations and Vaughan's Public House. Buy yours online at woodntap.com

Kids Rule

Check out the Lil' Tapsters' Menu – for cool people 12 and under.

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Barry Bonds' Dog Banned from Frisbee Tournament

SAN FRANCISCO – Already the subject of sports controversy, Barry Bonds took another blow to his ego when he and his dog were banned from a competitive frisbee catching tournament at a public dog park in San Francisco last week. Bonds, having ended his baseball season early, entered the contest with his hulking 75 pound, 37 inch high whippet named “Needles.”

In banning the team, event organizers cited the obvious steroid use of both human and canine. Needles is more than twice the size of an ordinary whippet, a breed known for sveltness, with muscles so defined she actually has a 24-pack. According to Jeff Trower, the event's lead judge, “Just one look at the ratio of head size to body size and you can tell there's something unnatural going on. And the dog looks like she's on something, too.”

Another dead giveaway came during the first round of competition. “It was one of the most amazing things I've ever seen in this sport,” claims Trower. “They completed a throw and catch that was easily over 100 yards. I've never seen a dog throw a frisbee that far.”



Fighting for his right to stay in the competition, Bonds told judges that Needles is merely the product of superior breeding and a rigorous training regimen. But after a failed drug test, the sports star changed his tune. “If my dog has any banned substance in her, I assure you she is totally unaware of it,” argued Bonds. “The only thing I can think of is that there was something in those Beggin' Strips.”

Regarding the world record throw and catch, Trower says the organization is weighing its options. “We may just pretend it never happened. Or, we'll add it to the record book with an asterisk. Well, two asterisks.”

Sports Headlines:

Recently Released Curse of the Bambino Finds New Host in New York Mets

UConn Football to Start 2008 Season with Game vs. Tunxis C.C.

Tom Brady Sets New NFL Record for Conception Percentage >

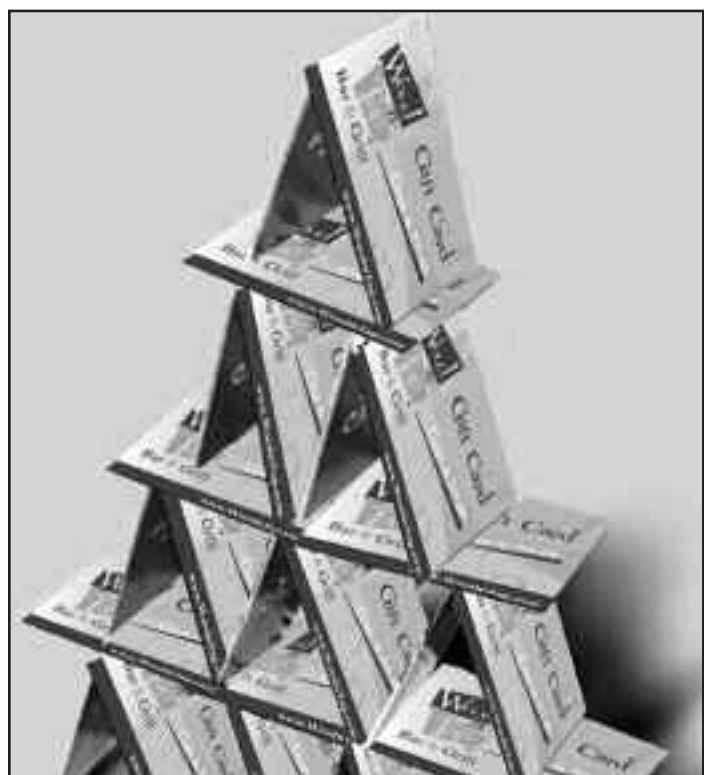
Eli Manning to Star in Commercials for Bob's Discount Furniture

Michael Vick Eyes Barry Bonds' Dog



Local News

Local Man Breaks Card Stacking Record Using Wood-n-Tap Gift Cards



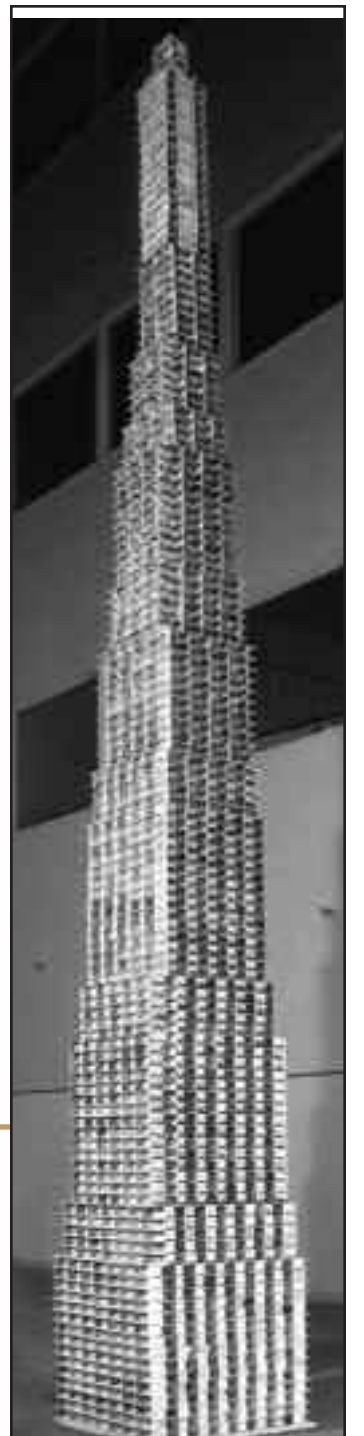
HARTFORD – Harvey Jack of Hartford stacked his way into the record books Sunday, creating the highest ever structure made of playing cards. His 1,400 pound, 30 foot high monument to obsessive compulsive disorder toppled the previous Guinness Record of a paltry 25 feet. Interestingly, though, “Stacking Jack” as his friends call him, didn't create the tower with ordinary playing cards, but with Wood-n-Tap gift cards he purchased online at woodntap.com.

Jack claims he used 155,000 cards, each with a face value of \$50. “In total, the project cost me \$7,750,000. In retrospect, I should have bought lower denominations. Even \$10 cards would have saved me a bundle,” laments Jack. “But when I selected the dollar value on that online form, I didn't want to seem like a cheapskate.”

The Wood-n-Tap is not complaining. “Jack's stack is great publicity for the restaurants. And his generous investment in gift cards will go a long way in helping us fund construction and development of the Wood-n-Tap Downtown,” said Tap spokeswoman, Jennifer Clair. “We also want to insure all holiday shoppers out there that we still have plenty of gift card inventory to go around.”

Wood-n-Tap gift cards were recently named “The Greatest Gift Cards Ever” by *Gift Card Illustrated*, the leading periodical of the gift card industry. Editors say they earned the title because they can be

redeemed at all four Wood-n-Tap locations, as well as the Tap's sister restaurants, Agave Grill in Hartford and Southington, and Vaughan's Public House in Hartford. Editors also cited the ease of purchasing them online or at any of the seven restaurants.



Local Headlines:



Local Man Found Dead Lying Under an Enormous Pile of Restaurant Gift Cards

< Dozens of Local Toy Stores Refuse to Carry New “Spank Me Elmo” Stuffed Toy

Hamden Man Hasn't Slept in 2 Months, Blames Incessant Talking of Bobopedic Mattress

Parts of Northern Rhode Island Rudely Shooshed by Connecticut's Quiet Corner

Mark Twain Posthumously Laments His Plummeting Property Value

TAP LIBS!

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, while it's true that Tap Libs can be a lot funnier when you use dirty words, 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 to your Tap Libs. Use real names, places and objects associated with the people at your table.

Tap Libs #6 – "Best Gift Ever"

The best gift I ever got was a/an _____ stuffed _____ from _____
adjective animal
 _____ I used to take it with me everywhere. To the _____, and even
first name place
 the _____ To this day, I still _____ with it in my _____
place verb body part
 Even though my _____ says I'm _____ to be so attached to it.
relative adjective
 This holiday, though, I want a gift card from the Wood-n-Tap. They're _____
adjective
 because you can use them at _____ different restaurants, including
number
 Vaughan's and Agave. So you can buy a _____, _____, _____
sandwich main course appetizer
 or _____ if you want. And the _____ part is, they're _____
cocktail adjective number
 size _____ all, so you never have to _____ back to the _____
verb ending in s verb place
 for a return. That, and they fit _____ in the back of my _____ so I
adverb article of clothing
 always know where they are when I'm _____
emotion.

It's time to play...

Junk or Jibberish!

Think you know your ab roller from your ab rocker? Test your knowledge of infomercials by determining if the following are (I) actual infomercial products or (M) names we just made up because they sound funny. For extra credit, put an (A) next to the items that you might do to someone behind closed bedroom doors ;-). Check your answers below, the first one is done for you.

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| a) <u>I</u> The Thigh Master | m) _____ Dr. Ho's Muscle Massage |
| b) _____ The Calf Mistress | n) _____ The Child Dehydrator |
| c) _____ The Torso Tiger | o) _____ Ginsu Glasses |
| d) _____ The Rocket Chef | p) _____ The Perfect Pancake |
| e) _____ The Ab Synth | q) _____ Richard Simmon's |
| f) _____ The Bagless Stick Shark | Dance Your Pants Off |
| g) _____ The Steam Buggy | r) _____ The Swivel Sweeper |
| h) _____ The Super Steamy Cleany | s) _____ The Dual Drill |
| i) _____ The Upright Suction Stick | t) _____ The Grip-n-Stick |
| j) _____ The Pocket Chef | u) _____ The Roll-n-Grow |
| k) _____ Nads | v) _____ The Ding King |
| l) _____ Buns of Cheese | w) _____ Magic Eyebrows |

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Take the S.A.T. Steak Aptitude Test

Okay, there's nothing fun about taking the SATs. But this one's different. No made-up vocab words. No trick answers. No culturally biased questions. Just some simple multiple choices to test your knowledge of America's favorite way to eat meat. You get 10 points for every right answer, so 1600 is a perfect score (there's no essay section). And in our version, you don't get 600 points just for writing your name.

- What dish features a steak wrapped in pastry?
 a) beef burgundy b) beef stroganoff
 c) beef wellington d) Coney Island corn dog
- Chateaubriand is a large tenderloin traditionally prepared for whom?
 a) bride and groom b) any two people
 c) royalty d) people who live in chateaus
- What is the most popular steak purchased at retail meat counters?
 a) sirloin b) rib-eye
 c) NY strip d) Las Vegas strip
- Which is the most tender steak?
 a) NY strip b) porterhouse
 c) tenderloin d) Jessica Alba
- A perfect porterhouse features which two steaks?
 a) sirloin and tenderloin b) tenderloin and NY strip
 c) NY strip and sirloin d) sirloin and madam loin
- On what day of the year is the most beef consumed in America?
 a) Fourth of July b) Labor Day
 c) Memorial Day d) Oprah's Birthday
- London Broil is most often made from which steak?
 a) flank steak b) chuck steak
 c) tenderloin d) the one with the accent
- Which of the following is an actual steak?
 a) shirt steak b) skirt steak
 c) vest steak d) pants steak
- Which of these beef dishes is usually served raw?
 a) steak tartare b) beef burgundy
 c) beef saté d) Torrie Wilson
- A very rare steak can also be called what?
 a) pink rare b) blue rare
 c) green rare d) rarey rare
- Which city lends its name to steak that's charred before serving?
 a) Dallas b) Chicago
 c) Seattle d) West Hartford
- A Delmonico is a type of what steak?
 a) sirloin b) tenderloin
 c) rib-eye d) shoulder steak
- In one of our earliest reviews, the Wood-n-Tap's steaks were favorably compared to which celebrated steakhouse?
 a) Ruth Chris b) Outback
 c) Morton's d) Arby's
- Marbling refers to what element of a steak?
 a) veins b) fat
 c) muscle d) glass
- What part of cattle provides the leanest steaks?
 a) hindquarter b) shoulder
 c) ribs d) ears
- When is a steak a roast?
 a) when it's aged for 4 months b) when it's cut from the hindquarter
 c) when it's thicker than 2 inches d) when the friars make fun of it

ANSWER KEY

S.A.T.: 1c, 2b, 3a, 4c, 5b, 6c, 7a, 8b, 9a, 10b, 11b, 12c, 13c, 14b, 15a, 16c
 Informercials: The following are infomercial products: a, c, d, f, g, k, l, m, p, q, r, s, u, v All are (A)

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 at www.woodntap.com

This -n- That

- New England Clam Chowder Small Bowl 3.89 Large Bowl 4.89
 Or "chowdah", depending on where you're from. Thick, rich, creamy and dreamy.
- Soup of the Day Small Bowl 3.29 Large Bowl 4.29
 Made fresh every day. Ask your server, or just close your eyes and go for it!
- Creamed Spinach & Artichoke Dip 8.29
 Spinach and artichokes in a reggiano cream sauce, topped with jack cheese.
 Served with crisp tortilla chips and sour cream.
- Engine #11 Firehouse Wings 7.99 Double Your Order . . . 14.99
 The roof. The roof. The roof of your mouth is on fire! A dozen Habenero
 chicken wings, served with bleu cheese and celery. Can't stand the heat?
 Try our other flavors: Buffalo, Thai, BBQ, Honey Mustard or Teriyaki.

- Maine Crab Dip 8.29
 Dig your claws into this collision of fresh Maine crab, cream cheese, scallions
 and tomatoes. Topped with jack cheese and served warm with pita chips.
- Chicken Tenders 7.69
 Crispy white meat tenders on a bed of fries. Served with BBQ sauce and dijon mustard.
- Tap Room Fries 5.39
 These aren't your ordinary fries. Light and crisp sweet potato fries topped with sugar
 maple icing and served with a dijon dipping sauce. Curious? Hungry? Perfect!
- Monster Nachos 9.49
 Piled high and smothered with cheese, taco meat, sour cream, diced tomatoes,
 jalapenos and shredded lettuce. Served with house made salsa. Don't be afraid.
- Softies 5.79
 A warm basket of soft pretzels. Served with spicy mustard. Better than at the mall!
- Chips and Salsa 4.49
 Featuring our own fresh, house-made salsa.
- Fried Mooz 7.29
 Whole milk mozzarella, cooked golden brown and topped with marinara sauce.
- Calamari 8.59
 Tender rings lightly breaded and served just crisp with a spicy citrus aioli.

Burgers -n- More

All burgers are 1/2 lb* certified Black Angus. All items are served with french fries
 (substitute sweet potato fries: .75¢). All burgers are served on a sesame seed roll.

- Turkey Burger 8.79
 Served on a whole grain roll with baby greens, whole cranberries and an
 herb aioli. Served with sweet potato fries.
- Hickory Burger 8.19
 Charbroiled to perfection and topped with cheddar cheese, diced onions,
 hickory smoked bacon and BBQ sauce.
- The Classic Burger 7.99
 American cheese, lettuce, tomato, diced onions, pickles, mustard and mayo.
- Ken's Favorite 8.19
 Topped with bleu cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles and mayo.
- Bacon Burger 8.19
 Topped with bacon, cheddar cheese, caramelized
 onions, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, mustard and mayo
- Swiss Burger 7.99
 Topped with sauteed mushrooms, caramelized onions,
 Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomatoes and dijon mustard.
- Rib Basket 11.29
 Half rack of our slow cooked ribs, with cole slaw and fries.
- Reuben 8.99
 Corned beef shaved thin and piled high. Served on
 rye bread with thousand island dressing and sauerkraut.
- Veggie Wrap 6.99
 Soft flour sun-dried tomato tortilla, with lettuce, tomatoes,
 avocados, black olives, red onions and a balsamic aioli.
 Add chicken: 2.29
- Vegetable Burrito 8.99
 Stuffed with grilled vegetables, mushrooms and jack
 cheese. Topped with salsa and cheddar cheese. Served
 with black beans and sour cream. Add chicken: 2.29
- Chicken Salad Wrap 8.29
 Soft flour sun-dried tomato tortilla, stuffed with our
 house-prepared chicken salad, lettuce and tomato.
- Choice Chicken Sandwich 7.99
 Grilled or blackened chicken on a toasted sesame seed roll
 with jack cheese, lettuce, tomato and dijon spread.
- Fish-n-Chips 9.79
 Fresh filet of sole in a light Panko bread crumb. Served with fries and tartar sauce.
- Marinas Sandwich 9.29
 Fresh Atlantic salmon grilled and served on a toasted sesame seed
 roll with lettuce, tomato and a dill tartar sauce.

Grill -n

- All entrees served with choice of App salad or Caesar salad.
- Flat Iron Steak 13.99
 Generously seasoned, served with french fries and cole slaw.
- Baby Back Ribs 19.29
 A full rack with Uncle Fred's secret sauce. Served with sweet potato fries.
- Atlantic Salmon 16.99
 People swim upstream to taste this. Fresh salmon, lightly seasoned and
 grilled, and served with lemon, dill tartar sauce and a rice medley.
- Sante Fe Chicken 13.99
 Grilled, specially seasoned chicken breast with BBQ sauce, cheddar and
 jack cheeses, diced tomatoes and scallions. Served with a rice medley.
- BBQ Chicken 11.99
 Grilled, marinated chicken breast with BBQ sauce, served with sweet potato fries.
- 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. 16 oz, center cut and grilled to your liking.
- Filet Mignon 23.99
 10 oz center cut filet, grilled to order.

Pizza -n- Pasta

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

- Cheese Pizza 8.99
 The classic pie, with red sauce and mozzarella.
- Spinach & Artichoke Pizza 11.99
 With a garlic cream sauce. Not your ordinary pie.
- Buffalo Chicken Pizza 11.99
 A zesty pie with diced chicken, crumbled bleu cheese and celery.
- BBQ Chicken Pizza 11.99
 Topped with a three cheese blend, chicken,
 caramelized onions and cilantro.
- White Pizza 9.99
 With olive oil, minced garlic, sliced tomatoes, mozzarella
 and parmesan.
- Chicken and Broccoli Penne 13.49
 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.



Bar & Grill

Veg -n- Out

Dressings: Honey Mustard, Bleu Cheese, Caesar, Balsamic Vinaigrette,
 Rice Wine Vinaigrette, 1000 Island, Ranch, Tomato Vinaigrette

- App Salad 5.79
 Our Caesar or House salad, appetizer-size. House salad is prepared
 with chopped egg, bacon and grated cheese.
- Caesar Salad 7.49
 Et tu Brute? Crisp romaine tossed with creamy
 Caesar dressing and topped with parmesan.
 Add chicken: 2.50 Add grilled or blackened salmon: 2.75
- Chicken Salad 8.79
 House-made fresh white meat chicken salad on a bed of greens
 with sliced tomatoes, chopped egg, cheddar cheese and walnuts.
- Thai Salad 9.79
 Choose tender marinated shrimp or grilled chicken and vermicelli over
 a bed of greens, tossed with a rice wine vinaigrette. Topped with
 chopped peanuts, sesame seeds and marinated orange slices.
- California Cobb Salad 9.79
 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.
 Add chicken: 2.50 Add grilled or blackened salmon: 2.75

Bar Bites -n- More!

- Bar Bites Small 7.99 Large 14.99
 Little burgers with big, big flavor. Topped with cheese, pickles and
 a dijon spread. Served with a pile of normal size fries.
- Turkey Bites Small 8.79 Large 15.99
 Mini turkey burgers topped with American cheese, whole cranberries
 and an herb aioli. Served with fries.
- Bar Chicks Small 7.79 Large 14.99
 Pick up these mini chicken sandwiches, featuring blackened chicken,
 topped with American cheese, caramelized onions and a chipotle aioli.