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New home building takes sudden drop

WASHINGTON (AP) - Construction of new homes unexpectedly fell in August to the lowest level this year, pulled down by a large drop in the Northeast and smaller declines elsewhere.

Housing starts fell 4.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.36 million, the Commerce Department said today. That was the lowest level since December. It was the third decrease in four months and the sharpest since April's 5.5 decline.

Economists were expecting a small increase. The unforeseen weakness was another piece of evidence bolstering some analysts' view that economic growth, while robust, isn't racing out of control.

Such glimpses amid generally strong figures, plus the deceleration of inflation this year, should keep the Federal Reserve from raising short-term interest rates at its next meeting on Sept. 30, most economists believe.

Financial markets extended their rally after the report. The Dow Jones average of industrial stocks rose 9 points to 7,905 in the first half hour of trading, adding to Tuesday's 175-point gain.

Bond prices rose too, pushing the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond to 6.38 percent, from 6.40 percent late Tuesday.

In Hong Kong, the International Monetary Fund warned that the forces that have tamed U.S. inflation are probably temporary. Its report warned "the continued surge in the stock market and the strength of consumer and business confidence suggests that the risk of overheating is still present."

IMF research director Michael Mussa said a "modest amount" of firming in U.S. interest rates may be necessary over the next six months.

The American Bankers Association said the ratio of overdue credit-card bills increased to a seasonally adjusted 3.69 percent in the second quarter, up from 3.51 percent in the first. That's just a shade under the all-time record, 3.72 percent, set during the last three months of 1996.

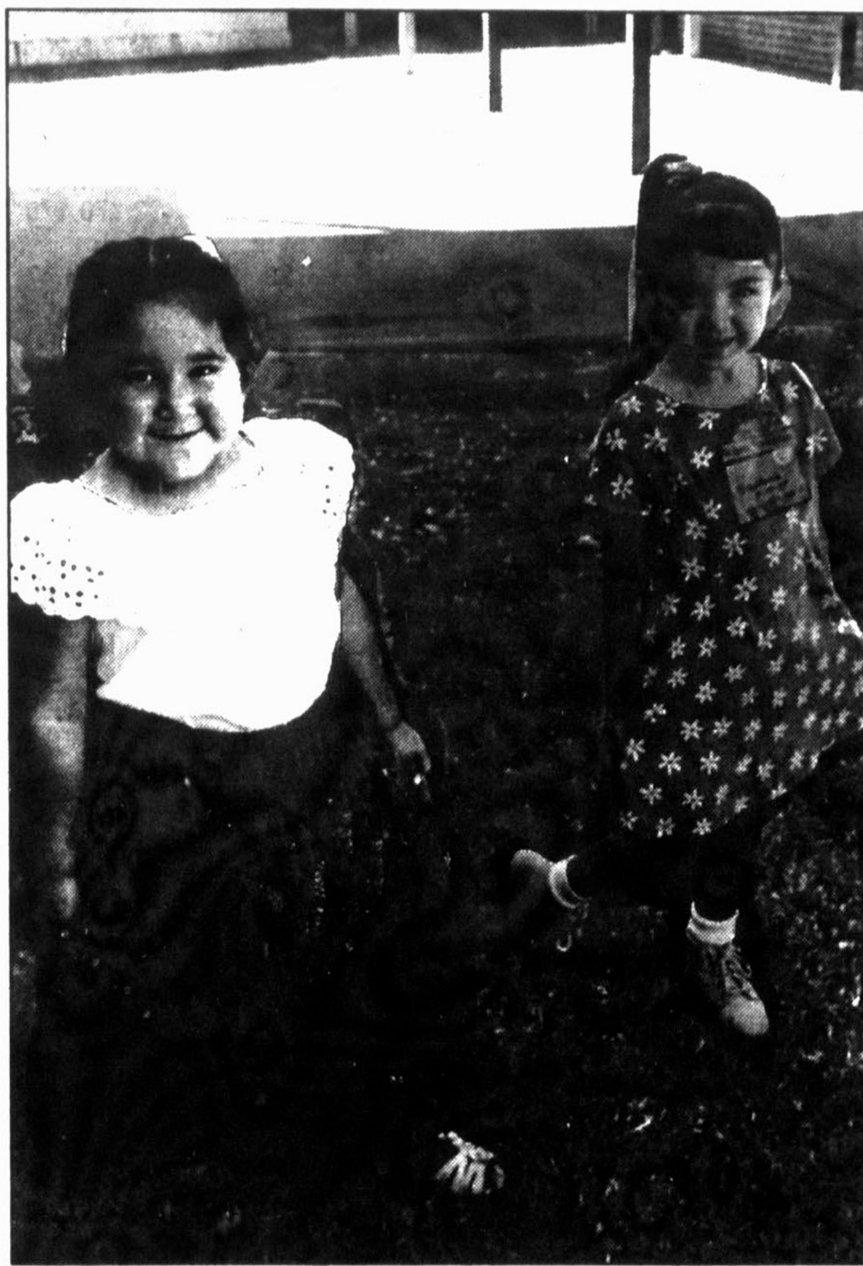
So far this year, housing starts are running 4 percent below last year's pace, when they hit an eight-year high of 1.48 million.

Analysts said strong demand for housing, fueled by plentiful jobs, income gains and low mortgage rates, would almost certainly revive home building from August's level, although not past last year's record.

"These numbers are not consistent with the favorable environment. I suspect we'll see a rebound in September," said economist David Lereah of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America.

Last month, starts of single-family homes fell 5 percent, the sharpest drop in five months, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.07 million. Apartment construction declined 4.3 percent to a rate of 291,000.

Starts plunged 19.2 percent in the Northeast - the largest drop since February - to an annual rate of 118,000. They fell 3.8 percent in the West to a rate of 326,000, 3.5 percent in the Midwest to 276,000 and 2.7 percent in the South to 643,000.



Celebrate freedom

Stephanie Gutierrez and Esabella Gonzalez celebrated Mexico's freedom from Spain. Stephanie dressed in traditional dress and Esabella celebrated her birthday.

Foul odors may be on way out

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Most people would probably agree the worst thing about living near a large feedlot, stock farm or waste plant is the odor.

Foul odors from these facilities drift in on a breeze and obliterate the scent of flowers, barbecues, fresh-cut grass and any other scent one might consider pleasant.

A rain, or even a summer shower only exacerbates the problem and the smells enter building through air conditioning vents or open windows. Now imagine living near or driving past one of these formerly odoriferous facilities and only getting a whiff of clean air.

This is the current project for NaTRx, a Muleshoe-based company which is designing environmentally safe methods of cleaning up wastewater holding tanks.

"What we are really doing is giving mother nature a boost," said NaTRx President Arnold Price.

Naturally occurring microbes are enhanced with the use of a catalyst, which speeds up the decomposition process.

Aerobic organisms feed on free oxygen available in the waste materials, and instead of noxious gases that are now produced, only clean carbon dioxide is released.

The carbon dioxide is then used by the algae, which grow naturally in the runoff ponds.

During periods of drought, the organisms are dormant, waiting for a new supply of untreated water.

Sludge is no longer just suspended in the water, but it has been completely broken down to elemental factors, such as minerals and nutrients, which can be used as an additive to improve soil condition and texture.

Price said treated tanks and ponds will sometimes produce an ash type product which gets carried off with a light breeze.

Even though the ash is a bi-product of the treatment, it is completely harmless and composed only of organic components.

After treatment, water from the runoff tanks is highly useable for irrigation and other non-consumption uses, said Price.

The minerals which are normally held in suspension in the waste water, cling to the water molecules and can be passed on to plants which are irrigated with the treated water.

"The system does absolutely nothing to adversely affect the water, soil, or the air quality," said Price.

According to Price, the initial cost seems high, but after a pond has reached an aerobic state, one gallon of treatment per week will keep a million-gallon reservoir clean.

In the long run, the natural treatment system is much less expensive than mechanically dredging the pond then hauling off the remaining waste.

NaTRx has used the system at the Wes-Tex Feed Yard in Muleshoe and tests have proven that in only 33 days 43 percent of the sludge was gone and with it the odors from a 3.5 million gallon runoff pond.

Studies are continuing from Alaska to Mexico and from Virginia to California.

The system is being used anywhere where soil or water contamination problems exist.

Texas crop outlook better than the U.S.

Texas crop forecasts look good, regardless of what national forecasts are expecting, according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The service has predicted a record crop for both corn and peanuts in the state.

State corn production is forecast at 243 million bushels, up 21 percent increase from last year's harvest, while the national corn crop remains unchanged at approximately 9.27 billion bushels.

Statewide producers are expected to produce an average of 135 bushels per acre, 23 bushels per acre more than last year.

The national yield expectation for corn has fallen 1.9 bushels per acre to 125.2 bushels per acre.

These state yields are expected out of the same number of harvested acres as last year, 1.8 million.

The state peanut crop is expected to make a 16 percent leap over last year's harvest and produce 796.5 million pounds.

Americans still love their burgers

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - So a hamburger can kill you. So what? This, fellow Americans, is One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, with burgers and ketchup for all. And if you think that some itty bitty bacteria are going to change all that, well, you're a Quarter Pounder short of a full load.

"There's something about eating a big bite of hamburger," said Sam Ross, former manager of King's Drive In, a Lincoln, Neb., fast food restaurant dating back to the 1960s. "It's something you can chow down on."

There's the "Sunshine Burger" in San Francisco, served with sprouts, scallions and avocado; the "Jiffy Burger" in Lincoln, Neb., with peanut butter and bacon; the five-pound "Family Burger" in Sault St. Marie, Mich., designed to serve 10 to 12 people.

Since the 1940s, hamburgers have been America's favorite food, according to Nation's Restaurant News. There were 5.4 billion hamburgers/cheeseburgers served in commercial restaurants in 1996, that is up 3.8 percent from the previous year.

Ross said burger sales make up 75 percent of King's business - about 300 burgers a day.

He said business did not slow even with the E. coli contamination scare that led to the recall of 25 million pounds of ground beef from a Columbus, Neb., plant - the largest meat recall in the nation's history.

No lag in beef sales was reported across the country, even though the contaminated hamburger sickened more than a dozen people in Colorado. Many years of warnings about cholesterol haven't pushed McDonald's or Burger King out of business, either.

"All Americans grew up with hamburgers," said Alisa Harrison with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association - a group that, admittedly, has

a steak in the burger's popularity. "Especially when you're a teen-ager. What do you do when you get your driver's license? You get a burger."

The hamburger's roots can be traced back to the tribes of Tartary living in the Baltic provinces in the Middle Ages. German trading partners developed the Hamburg steak - fried beef seasoned with onions - and brought it to America in the 1700s and 1800s.

Stories vary on just how the Hamburg steak evolved into the present-day hamburger. Some credit Charlie Nagreen of Seymour, Wis., with inventing it in 1885 and selling it at the Outagamie County Fair. Others say Louis Lassen of New Haven, Conn., created the hamburger steak in 1900 as a means for using the trimmings from the steak sandwich he featured at his lunch wagon.

The hamburger as we know it today gained widespread attention at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis, Mo., where it was said to be all the rage.

In 1921, White Castle became the world's first hamburger chain, and eventually billions and billions and billions were served.

"Everyone has a favorite burger place," said Marlys Bielunski, director of food communications for the cattlemen's association.

And every part of the United States has a different take on what makes a good burger. In the Southwest it might be a little spicy, in the West sprouts are a likely addition and in the Midwest it's straightforward pickles and onions.

The newest thing in the world of burgers seems to be the trendy burgers with exotic toppings like wild mushrooms, Bielunski said.

Marcel Desaulniers, co-owner and executive chef of The Trellis restaurant

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Local economy still grows

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

The news from the Texas Comptroller's Office this month certainly doesn't appear to be as good as it was in August, but the Hereford economy continues to show improvement over 1996.

The city received a sales tax rebate check of \$91,261 in September, up 2.5 percent from the \$89,039 it received in September 1996.

That's a far cry from August, when the city's sales tax payment was \$105,901 - a 43.6 percent gain over the \$73,725 for August 1996.

Hereford City Manager Chester Nolen had attributed the dramatic increase in August to improved economic conditions resulting from more favorable weather this year.

In August 1996, the area was suffering from the effects of a drought, and economic activity had been sluggish because consumers had cut back on spending.

This year, the weather has been more favorable to the agricultural industry and that's been reflected by increased consumer spending.

The city shares the sales tax rebate money with the Hereford Economic Development Corp., with the city receiving about two-thirds of the rebate and the HEDC receiving the balance.

For the year, the city has received total payments of \$773,356, up 6.1 percent from \$728,576 received for the same period in 1996.

Deaf Smith County, which levies a half-cent sales tax, received \$31,956, down 6.9 percent from the \$34,329 received in September 1996. For the year, the county has received a total of \$262,920, up 2.7 percent from

\$256,060 in payments for the same period last year.

In distributing a total of \$172.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,085 cities and 117 counties, Texas Comptroller John Sharp stated, "The Texas economy continues to sail along on a smooth course. Sales tax rebates are running 6.1 percent over those for the first nine months of last year, showing steady consumer confidence with the growing job market."

Sharp delivered monthly sales tax rebates to Texas cities totaling \$157.6 million, 4.4 percent high than last September's payments of \$150.8 million. Rebates of \$15.1 million to Texas counties were 1.2 percent higher than allocations of \$14.9 million in September 1996. Another \$4.7 million went to 26 special purpose districts around the state.

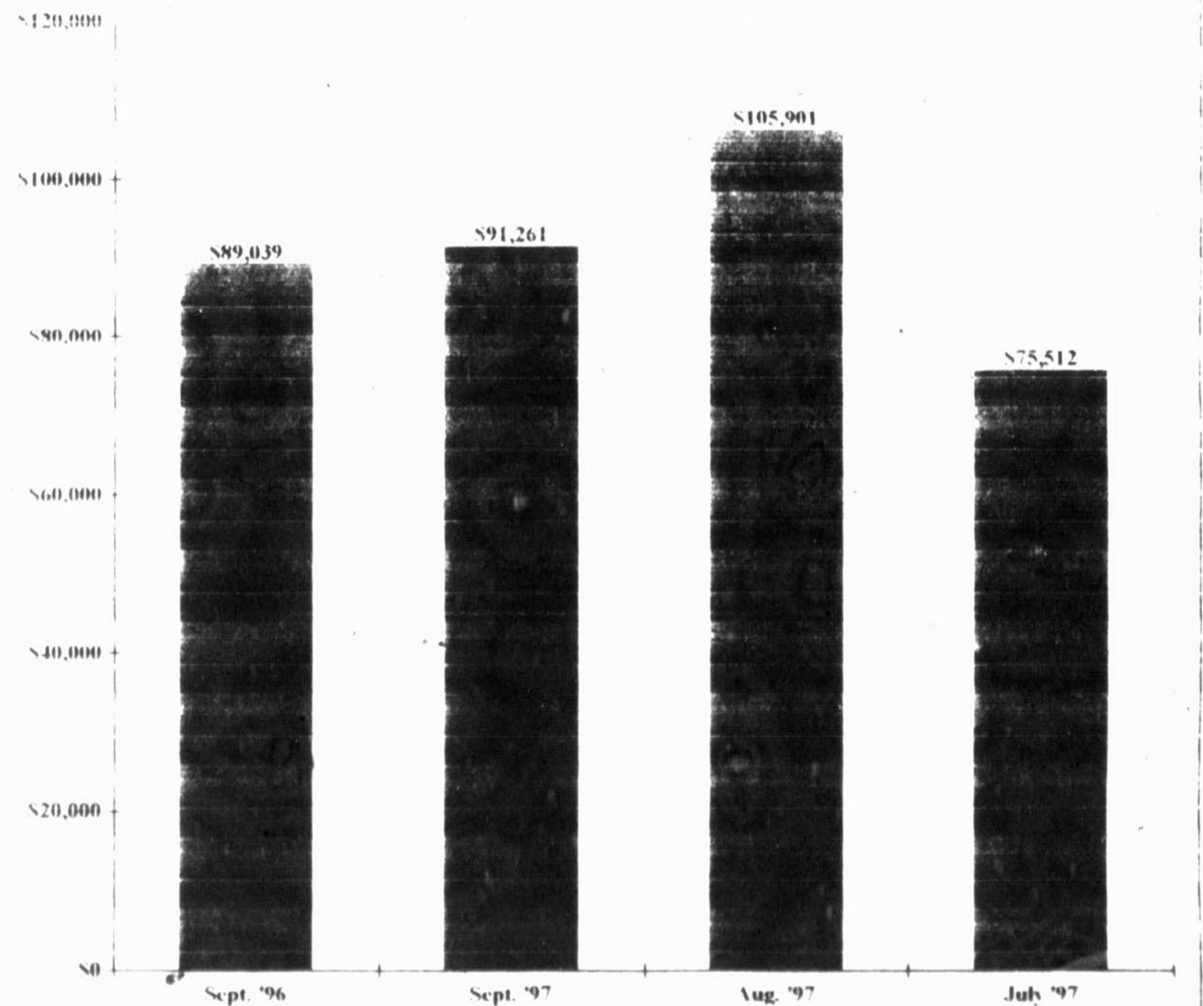
This month's payments include local sales taxes collected on July sales and reported to the comptroller's office in August by businesses filing monthly tax returns.

Other September sales tax rebates around the area included:

- Amarillo, \$3,060,004, down 0.6 percent from \$3,077,120 last year;
- Borger, \$199,229, down 5.5 percent from \$213,010 last September;
- Dimmitt, \$27,082, up 2.4 percent from \$26,437 in September 1996;
- Dumas, \$77,966, up 0.9 percent from \$77,242 in September 1996;
- Friona, \$19,970, statistically unchanged from \$19,976 last September; and
- Plainview, \$190,891, down 16.9 percent from \$229,655 in September 1996.

Sales Tax Payments

Source: Texas Comptroller's Office



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Lifestyles



Proclamation signed

Mayor pro-tem Roger Eades signs a proclamation declaring Sept. 17 through Sept. 23 as Constitution Week in Hereford. Constitution Week is promoted locally by Los Ciboleros Chapter NSDAR. Chapter regent Ruth Newsom, left, and Constitution Week chairman Helen Rose observe the signing. All residents are asked to display the flag of the United State of America in observance of this special week.

PP will offer flu vaccine

Planned Parenthood will offer the influenza (flu) vaccine after Sept. 20 at their clinic at 110 N. 25 Mile Avenue, Suite G.

The vaccine is recommended for adults and children at least 13 years old.

Appointments can be made by calling 364-5641. The cost of the vaccine is \$5.

TPMHA sets garage sale

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority will host a garage sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday at 207 S. 25 Mile Avenue.

Donations for garage sale items will be accepted until Thursday. Contact TPMHA at 364-6111.



September displayer

Because Juanita Murray is left-handed, she had trouble learning to crochet from her mother-in-law, who is right-handed. So, she picked up a "how-to" book and taught herself. Samples of her beautiful and intricate work, including table cloths and twin bedspreads, are now on display at the Deaf Smith County Library.

Ann Landers

To fight gutter talk, write sponsors

Dear Ann Landers: I become upset when I turn on the TV and see movies advertised as having "adult language." Whoever intended the words "adult language" to mean gutter talk?

I am an adult and am insulted by this. I'm not one of those holier-than-thou types. I'm just an average, respectable person. My family has never heard a word of gutter talk from me, nor I from them.

The worst part of this phrase is that it sends the wrong message to our young people who want to grow up fast and think they will be considered adults if they master the art of gutter talk. They think this is what adults are supposed to sound like.

If we love our children, let's get together and stop TV and movies from using this phrase. We must write our congresspeople and say, "Enough is enough." Free speech is good, but insulting us is not. Let's not allow the TV and movie industry to brainwash our children into thinking it's hip to use gutter talk. -- L.D. in Lodi, N.J.

Dear Lodi: Forget about congress-people. Write to the sponsors. Customer clout is a most effective weapon.

Dear Ann Landers: You printed a letter from a third-grade teacher commenting about students with chicken pox who are sent to school by their parents. Please implore parents to have their children immunized against chicken pox. It is NOT just a childhood disease. I had

it as a child, and now, I am suffering again. Here's why:

The pox disappears, but the virus, which is a form of herpes, can settle in your spine and remain dormant until something sets it off. In my case, I twisted my back and had pain in my left hip and leg. Then, I broke out with shingles, another form of herpes, on my left leg. It affected my knee, which for several years required me to walk as if I had an artificial leg. If I didn't lock my knee before taking a step, I might find myself on the floor.

I was lucky because my shingles didn't cause a lot of pain. Most of the people I know who had chicken pox as children and developed shingles in later years were in terrible pain. I still have scars on my leg, and it has been over five years.

Tell your readers to get their children vaccinated now. -- Grand Terrace, Calif.

Dear Grand Terrace: Your letter is far more effective than anything I might say. Readers, please take note. The letter you just read may be the most important thing you've read in years.

Dear Ann Landers: Thirty years ago, my husband and I and our eight children moved from a small town in Pennsylvania to a much larger city in New Jersey. Just when we arrived, the

employees at my husband's company went on strike.

When my husband went to our new landlord, Mr. Kirby, to pay our rent, the landlord told him he didn't need to make the payment. Mr. Kirby had heard the company was on strike. What a comfort it was to meet such a caring person and a stranger at that!

Recently, our daughter, who is a nurse for an eye surgeon, phoned us and said, "Mom, you'll never guess who I had for a patient!" It was Mr. Kirby, who is now 89 and was very nervous about his surgery. She told him who she was, and he remembered our family. Needless to say, she gave him special attention, and I'm sure she was a comfort to him. When he left, he told her he had been treated like a king.

Isn't it amazing how God took a small act of kindness and arranged to have it paid back after so many years? -- A.B., Plant City, Fla.

Dear A.B.: The Bible says "cast your bread upon the waters," and in this case, Mr. Kirby got back caviar sandwiches. How lovely!

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MONDAY-Beef stroganoff on noodles, herbed green beans, cucumbers/tomato salad, fresh fruit cup, sugar cookies, roll; or chicken and noodles, vanilla wafers.

TUESDAY-Chicken strips, creamed new potatoes and peas, buttered corn, frosted fruit Jello salad, chocolate cake, roll, meat loaf, Jello with topping.

WEDNESDAY-Italian spaghetti,

carrots, tossed green salad, peaches, brownies, garlic bread; or chicken ala-king, buttered spaghetti.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., choir practice 1-2 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool Classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Senior Crime Alert 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY-Games 12 noon-4 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, doll class 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., decorative tile painting 1-3 p.m., Beltone 10 a.m.-12 noon.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., ceramics 1-3 p.m.

Hereford is scheduled stop for Girl Scout Mobile Shop

The Texas Plains Girl Scout Council will bring its Mobile Shop to Hereford on Sept. 25 to make it easier for Hereford and Vega Girl Scouts to obtain official Girl Scout items.

The Mobile Shop will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church at 501 N. Main. Items available include uniform components, handbooks, tee-shirts, camping equipment and accessories.

Girl Scouts may use their "Cookie Currency" they earned from selling cookies earlier this year to purchase items. "Cookie Currency," which is spent just like regular money, must be used by Nov. 26, 1997.

The council's Mobile Shop is a service providing Hereford and Vega Girl Scouts an opportunity to buy Girl Scout items without having to go to Amarillo. For more information, call Linda Cotter, council shop manager, at 1-800-687-4475.

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From the gridiron to the GOSPEL!

Voddie Baucham,
a football standout at Rice University, walked away from a full athletic scholarship, an outstanding college football career and the promise of a lucrative future in the NFL -- all in the name of the Lord. And the weight of the decision was even heavier since he had grown up in a non-Christian home. We encourage you to hear his testimony and his reasons for never looking back.

Community Revival Service
with Voddie Baucham
September 20th - 6:30 p.m.
H.I.S.D. Administration Building

Comedy

Houston, but as frustrated Pirates manager Gene Lamont said, "You don't want to put yourselves into a position where you almost have to sweep."

The low-budget Pirates have been a remarkable story, hanging around .500 and first place all season with the majors' lowest payroll and least-known lineup. Despite trading nearly all of the marketable veterans and cutting their payroll in half, they've contended in a season they were expected to lose 100 games.

But hustle, young pitching and determination can carry a team only so far, especially when it lacks power and pennant race experience. They've seemed unnerved of late by a division race they were expected to have long since abandoned, losing seven of 11 - and, on Sunday, losing their cool. First baseman Kevin Young,

frustrated at being injured and out of the lineup since early August, lashed out at his teammates in a profane tirade following a 3-2 loss to Chicago.

"We're in a ... pennant race and nobody cares. None of you ... seem to care," Young said.

It may be the first time this division race has seen any heat. It may have helped the Pirates, too; Young, batting for the first time against live pitching since injuring his right thumb on Aug. 2, hit a dramatic, 10th-inning homer to beat the Expos 5-4 on Monday.

They won again Tuesday, beating Montreal 8-2 as Young hit one of their four homers.

"Let's hope it's the start of something," batting coach Lloyd McClendon said.

Astros rout Padres, 15-3 Texas

HOUSTON (AP) -- It was a good time for a laugh.

Sean Berry hit a three-run double when Houston blew the game open early and Jeff Bagwell hit his 40th homer as the Houston Astros beat San Diego 15-3 Tuesday, eliminating the defending champion Padres from the NL West race.

By the seventh inning, Houston was ahead 14-1 and some of the Astros were playing with a plastic mouse in the dugout.

The offensive explosion came as the Astros left after for an important two-game series against second-place Pittsburgh. Houston left fielder Luis Gonzalez hopes the Pirates are scoreboard watchers.

"They had to go out and play today and look up there and know that we scored 15 runs and we're coming to town tomorrow," said Gonzalez, who drove in three runs with a pair

of doubles. "These are two big games for us. It could be a two-game swing either way."

Houston had 16 hits -- eight for extra bases -- in setting a season-high for runs. The Astros got seven runs in the first two innings off Sterling Hitchcock.

There was a feel-good feeling in the Astros dugout as Derek Bell and Gonzalez playfully tied a string to a fake mouse and moved it along the top of the dugout.

The mood extended into the locker room after the game.

"That was really a pick-me-up game," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "It's nice to get ahead and let everyone pitch and have a good day. Now we've got to go in there (Pittsburgh) and win one game. We can come away and be on course."

five shutout innings, giving him 13 straight shutout innings.

Kansas City's Kevin Appier also had an effective start, giving up two runs and six hits over seven innings before leaving with the score tied at 2. Appier struck out six and walked two.

Appier continues to get little run support. He has allowed three or fewer runs in eight of his last 11 starts, but he has only three wins over that span.

"He hasn't gotten any run support and they haven't played any defense behind him," Muser said. "He's

pitched better than his record shows."

Texas took a 1-0 lead in the first when Tom Goodwin walked, moved to second on Ivan Rodriguez's walk, and scored on Gonzalez's single. Gonzalez was 3-for-4.

Greer's homer leading off the fourth stretched Texas' advantage to 2-0.

But the Royals tied it in the seventh off reliever Julio Santana, who walked Jeff King and gave up Dean Palmer's 22nd homer.

The Rangers traded Palmer to Kansas City for Goodwin on July 25.

Accuser

police that Irvin was not present and that she willingly had sex with Williams and another man Dec. 29. Police cleared the players later that day. No charges were ever filed.

In her recantation, which was entered into evidence Tuesday, Shahrahan said she went to Williams' house "knowing that I was going to have sex and we did have sex but it came to the point where I wanted to stop but he didn't."

Smith, who reasserted after Shahrahan's arrest that his client was the victim of a rape, said Tuesday that she no longer accuses Williams of sexual assault. But, he said, "there was some non-consensual sex there that evening." Whether it fit the legal definition of a crime or whether Williams "knew he was being too rough," Smith said he couldn't say.

"Did she communicate that to him, I don't know," Smith said. "But that's behind us now."

On the witness stand Tuesday, Williams said he was upset by the allegations.

"Anybody would be upset if they were falsely accused of something they did not do," he said.

Shahrahan's attorney, G. David Smith, had argued for probation, noting that his client came forward to accept the consequences of her actions.

Kickers

nine attempts he's missed this year.

That same day, the Oilers' Al Del Greco, one of the NFL's most reliable kickers for a decade, missed a 43-yarder in Miami that would have won the game. The Dolphins won in overtime.

And the Giants lost to the Ravens by a point last Sunday when Brad Daluiso, who had made 23 straight field goals entering the season, had an extra point blocked, then missed twice from 41 yards. The second miss allowed Baltimore to move into position for Matt Stover's winning kick.

Stover, who entered the season as the NFL's third most accurate kicker at 79 percent, was drafted by the Giants in 1990, but let go because Bill Parcells, then New York's coach, wanted a veteran who could stand up to pressure. He cut Stover and kept Matt Bahr.

In the short run, it was the correct call.

Bahr went on to kick a 42-yard field goal on the final play of the NFC title game, sending the Giants to the Super Bowl. He also had a 21-yarder for the final score of the Super Bowl that season.

But that game wasn't remembered for Bahr, it was remembered for Scott Norwood, who missed a 47-yarder at the gun that allowed the Giants to hold on and beat the Bills.

The kickers' union rests its case.

Herd

But the Lady Whitefaces then blew by Borger like a Ferrari speeding by an old lady in a Crown Victoria.

The Lady Bulldogs wouldn't score their second, and last, point of the game until they were down 9-1 to the defending 4A champions.

"We made way too many unforced errors," Miller said. "That goes with inexperience. But playing a team like Hereford, they force you to make unforced errors, if that's even possible. . . . They're intimidating."

What Borger was doing wrong, Hereford was capitalizing upon in the second game. And the Lady Whitefaces eliminated their own mistakes.

"We picked up some of the sloppy stuff . . . (And) we got a couple of blocks," Kitten said.

Kitten said she thought there were two things that were keys to the win.

"First, we didn't give in to the slower pace. Sometimes a slower pace, it can really beat teams. And second, Julie (Rampley), Meredith and Katie (Betzen) swung very well at the net," she said.

Tabor led the Lady Whitefaces with 10 kills and six digs. Rampley added eight kills and led Hereford with seven digs during the match. Betzen had four kills and four digs.

Miller echoed what is becoming an all-too familiar theme among head coaches of opposing teams.

"Hereford is so consistent with their play," he said. "We played well to start, but my girls let down in the second game after getting beat in the first game. They know they can play with that caliber of a team. They just have to learn to hang in there."

Maybe the question now in District 1-4A is not whether the remaining teams can keep the Lady Whitefaces from another district championship, but whether anyone will present more than a token challenge.

Canyon Randall will be the next to try to offer the Lady Whitefaces a contest. Hereford will host the Lady Raiders 2 p.m. Saturday at Whiteface Gymnasium.

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THE LEAGUE: There will be three divisions 8 & Under and 10 & Under and 13 & Under. All boys are eligible to play regardless of athletic ability. Every game is supervised and referees are provided. The teams will be drawn at the YMCA office. Teams are coached by volunteers. PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST PLAYERS TO BE ON CERTAIN TEAMS!

DATES: **FINAL DAY TO REGISTER IS SEPTEMBER 19TH!** Teams play and practice once a week. All Divisions will play on Saturdays. (Coaches will be notified of the game location and time)

LEAGUE FEE: Fee will be \$18.00. All participants must be YMCA members. YMCA memberships for youths is \$29.00 per year and includes use of the YMCA facility throughout the year. Expired memberships must be renewed. ***ENTRY MEMBERSHIP FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM!**

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Dear Heloise: After I open a carton of ice cream, within a few days of storage in the freezer, it develops ice crystals on the surface area. If left uneaten for any further length of time, it becomes a gritty consistency.

What can I do about this, short of eating a half-gallon in a couple of days, or throwing it out once its consistency changes? — Bill Fraleigh, Red Hook, N.Y.

Don't toss it! What's happening to the ice cream is a common occurrence usually caused from opening and closing your freezer several times during a day. Continuous fluctuating temperatures can make the ice cream melt, then refreeze, causing ice crystals.

Ice cream that has been in the freezer for an extended period sometimes develops a gritty consistency. What causes it? According to the International Ice Cream Association, as water evaporates and the ice cream "dries out," lactose crystals form, making the ice cream feel sandy.

Here's a cool hint that may help. Place clear plastic wrap directly on the ice cream and close the lid tightly. Also, don't store ice cream for more

than about two months and keep it in the main part of the freezer, not in the door, to protect it from temperature changes. — Heloise

PAPER-PLATE HOLDER

Dear Heloise: We keep color-coordinated flying discs in each of the seat pockets in our car. We use these as plates or trays while eating in the car. An inexpensive 9-inch paper plate fits inside the flying disc and the plate can be thrown away after its use.

On a break in a car trip, it can be used for sports games and also as a water dish for pets. — C.J. Wade, Verdale, Wis.

PIZZA CUTTER

Dear Heloise: As a day-care provider (home-based), I have found that toddlers always want their food cut up.

I found a pizza cutter works great for almost everything — pancakes, waffles, French toast, sandwiches. Just roll one direction, then the other. It works fast and is easier than cutting using a fork and knife. I bought a couple so they are always handy! — Donna Ireland, Philipsburg, Pa.



Work on display

Jo Garcia, whose work was featured in a recent Sunday issue of *The Hereford Brand*, is a September displayer at the Deaf Smith County Library. On display are her first bronze sculpture, "Zapata," her Native American Mount Rushmore, and a sculpture of slain singer Selena, as well as several bronze reliefs.

To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a problem that many in my little city also have. We used to sing in the choir, but now we can't seem to talk very good, let alone sing. There's a lot of hoarseness.

I take a Peppid pill for heartburn, but conditions are the same when I don't take it.

Would appreciate any help you might offer. — J.P.

ANSWER: The most common cause of hoarseness is viral laryngitis, an infection of the voice box that lasts about two weeks.

That is not your problem or your friends' problem. Your hoarseness has lingered far longer than two weeks.

Have a doctor take a close look at your vocal cords with a scope. The examination does not cause pain but provides a clear view of the cords.

A nodule might have formed on the outer edge of the cords. Or there might be a polyp, a soft projecting mound on the cords' covering.

Hoarseness also can result from damage to nerves that supply the voice box.

Cancer is the dreaded cause of hoarseness. It ranks low on the list of possible causes, but it's the one condition for which delay spells catastrophe.

I don't know why an epidemic apparently has stricken your town. I hate to suggest it, but it could just be aging, which roughens the voice. Vocal cords lose their elasticity and sag. The voice hoarsens.

Don't leave the diagnosis in limbo. Have your vocal cords inspected. The cancer question needs to be resolved, no matter how remote its possibility.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am seeking information on drug interactions with grapefruit. If my memory serves me correctly, you had written about it before. Please repeat. — G.E.

ANSWER: Grapefruit or grapefruit juice enhances the absorption of some drugs, giving you a bigger dose than you need.

Here's a list of some medicines to watch for:

- Blood pressure and heart medicines: felodipine (Plendil), nifedipine (Procardia, Adalat), verapamil (Calan, Isoptin) and diltiazem (Cardizem).

- Tranquilizing drugs: triazolam (Halcion) and midazolam (Versed).

- Antihistamines: astemizole (Hismanal) and terfenadine (Seldane).

Since much has been written about grapefruit juice's interaction with so many drugs, I expect that soon there will be warning labels on all involved medicines.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband can't get his glaucoma drops in his eyes by himself. I do it. I tell him to keep his eyes open after putting the drops in. He invariably closes them. Which is the better way? — N.K.

ANSWER: The better way to instill eye drops of any kind is to gently close the eye for two minutes after the drops have been put in the eye.

If you keep your eyes open, you're going to blink. Blinking flushes the drops away with tears. It doesn't give the medicine time enough for absorption.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I went to my dermatologist and had one treatment for spider leg veins. He injected a saline solution with a needle and no magnifying glass. Some bleeding occurred.

A day or two later I found a lump the size of a large pecan in my breast. It was benign.

Is there any connection? My OB-GYN and my surgeon say "probably not."

I will continue with this if you think it is all right. — F.M.

ANSWER: As sure as I am about

anything, I can tell you there is no connection between the injection of saline into your spider veins and the appearance of a breast lump.

I'd lay odds that the lump was there well before you had the veins injected. It's just that you did not notice it until later.

You do not have to worry. You can continue with the treatment for your spider veins.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have been diagnosed as having mitral regurgitation. How serious is this? Could this cause a heart attack? — C.K.

ANSWER: Mitral regurgitation is a leakage of blood from the heart's left lower chamber into its left upper chamber. The mitral valve, when functioning up to par, prevents such leakage.

How serious it is depends on how great the leak is. A small leak rarely causes great trouble. A large leak, on the other hand, is a serious situation.

With a large leak, the valve must be repaired. If it's not, the heart can fail. Too much blood is backing up into the heart's upper chamber; not enough is directed into the aorta, the artery that brings blood from the heart to the entire body.

A person with a large leak complains of chronic fatigue, because the body is not getting enough blood to refresh itself. Shortness of breath is another prominent sign, as is breathlessness when the person lies flat in bed.

Mitral regurgitation does not cause a heart attack.

I'm sure your doctor would have alerted you if your valve's leak is serious.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him at P.O. Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539.

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For additional information, contact Robin Ruland at 364-5055.

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EQUIPMENT: Girls will have to supply their own shoes and knee pads (optional). Only tennis shoes will be permitted for play and practice.

Volunteers are needed to help coach and referee. (Parents are welcome.) If you are interested please fill out a form that can be picked up at the YMCA office.

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Burton hearings seem jinxed

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - Rep. Dan Burton, a brashly partisan Indiana Republican and fierce critic of President Clinton, can't seem to get his inquiry into campaign fund-raising abuses going, no matter how hard he tries.

Instead of causing double headaches for the White House this week with simultaneous hearings on both sides of the Capitol, as Democrats had feared, the Burton probe has only meant double trouble for Republicans. So far, the House inquiry has born no apparent fruit. And repeated major glitches have subjected GOP leaders to new criticism.

As chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, Burton is conducting an investigation paralleling the one by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, chaired by Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn. But Burton's public hearings have yet to begin, more than three months after Thompson gavelled his into session.

From having his chief counsel quit, to finding his own fund-raising targeted by the Justice Department, to seeing some of his panel's subpoenas served on the wrong individuals, Burton has endured one embarrassment after another.

The latest came Tuesday, on the eve of the scheduled kickoff session. The three leadoff witnesses - the sister of Democratic fund-raiser Yah Lin "Charlie" Trie and two others - refused at the 11th hour to testify without immunity from prosecution.

The new delay brought fresh jeers from Democrats. "I don't see why they're wasting millions of dollars in the House on an investigation that is stumbling along so badly," said Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., the panel's senior Democrat.

The snags have embarrassed House Republican leaders, GOP aides said privately.

Some top Republicans didn't want to entrust the inquiry to Burton in the first place, concerned that he might not be perceived as a fair interrogator. Burton, 59, took to the House floor in July 1994 to suggest that White House aide Vincent Foster was murdered, not a suicide as investigators had concluded - and mortified some colleagues by saying he staged a mock reenactment of the shooting at his home using a rifle and a watermelon.

"I will not go on any witch hunts," Burton promised when he took over the inquiry. "I'm not going to be warm and fuzzy, but I'm going to be fair."

But his inquiry was thrown into turmoil July 1 with the abrupt resignation of John P. Rowley as chief counsel. Rowley said he wasn't given the authority to run a "professional, credible investigation."

Capitol Notes

By Tom Raum

It took more than a month to find a new chief counsel, Richard D. Bennett, a former Maryland prosecutor.

Burton's panel issued a short statement Tuesday announcing the new delay and saying he and Waxman were "engaging in constructive discussions on granting immunity to witnesses."

But Waxman said that "before I make that decision, I need to know what the Justice Department thinks about it. ... I don't see any great rush to have these people testify."

Burton himself is under Justice Department investigation after a former lobbyist for the Pakistan government said the lawmaker pressured him to raise at least \$5,000 from Pakistani-Americans for his re-election effort.

Burton denies the accusation and called the probe "a retaliatory move by the Justice Department, because I am pushing pretty hard in my investigation."

On NBC's "Meet the Press" last Sunday, Burton likened a Justice Department subpoena on the Pakistan matter to a reported Internal Revenue Service audit of the taxes of Paula Corbin Jones, who is suing Clinton on charges of sexual misconduct.

Will Dwyer II, a spokesman for Burton, denied that the latest obstacle represented a setback.

With the attention given to the upcoming hearing, the three witnesses "are understandably anxious. They are represented by counsel, so they have made a request," Dwyer said.

Burton has scheduled a business meeting for Thursday, but it was not clear when he would be able to call witnesses.

"Outside the Beltway, the Thompson hearings are not even on the radar screen," said University of Virginia political scientist Larry Sabato. "The problem for Republicans is that the Burton hearings may end up on the radar screen - but not for the reasons they want."

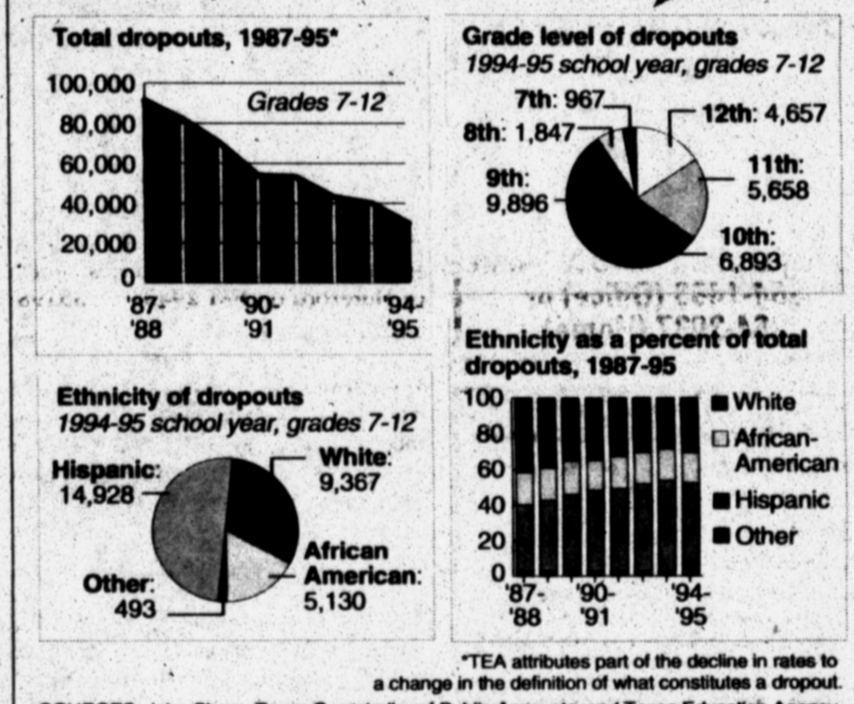
"A lot of nonpartisan observers see Burton as a ticking time bomb who could easily be portrayed as being extreme and very partisan. That could totally discredit the whole investigation, if that happens."

Tom Raum covers politics and national affairs for The Associated Press.

Keeping an eye on Texas

The good news is... Kids are staying in school!

The number of students in grades 7-12 who dropped out in the 1994-95 school year declined. Still, Texas lost nearly 30,000 students in those grades during the 1994-95 school year.



News Digest

FRATERNITIES DENOUNCE SIU BOOZE BAN

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP) - More community service? No problem. Better grades? Hey, we'll try. But no alcohol in the fraternities? Forget it!

A conduct code being tested by the National Interfraternity Conference with the possibility of adding it to colleges across the country has been rejected by leaders of the 13 fraternities at Southern Illinois University. The battle is over booze.

University administrators said the Select 2000 program being tested here could help decrease reckless partying and binge drinking, as well as boost the public's image of so-called "party schools." It calls on students to become better citizens by nurturing good values, improving their grades and doing community service.

But it also prohibits fraternities and sororities from throwing parties that feature alcohol. Those of legal age can drink booze in their rooms this year, though that will be banned next fall.

The SIU Interfraternity Council voted against the policy earlier this week.

FAMILY: GOLDWATER HAS ALZHEIMER'S

PARADISE VALLEY, Ariz. (AP) - Former Sen. Barry Goldwater is in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease, though he is in good shape aside from short-term memory loss and occasional bouts of confusion, his family said.

"He looks you straight in the eye. His handshake is just as firm as it's always been," Barry Goldwater Jr. said Tuesday.

Reporters were called to Goldwater's home by his wife, Susan, to discuss a report Sunday that the 88-year-old Republican had Alzheimer's and was being isolated by his wife.

She said the allegation was "confusing and perplexing to me. People have been here a lot.

"We are taking good care of Barry here at home and he prefers to be here," she said.

Goldwater had a stroke a year ago that damaged the frontal lobe of his brain, which controls memory and personality, his wife said.

Afterward, some doctors at Barrow's Neurological Institute said Goldwater had what was described as the early stages of Alzheimer's disease.

CHEMOKINES MAY WARD OFF AIDS

BALTIMORE (AP) - The body's own self-defenses may hold the key to stopping the AIDS virus, researchers say.

Fourteen of 128 hemophiliacs who were repeatedly exposed to blood products tainted with the AIDS virus did not become infected with HIV, more proof that an anti-inflammatory agent naturally produced by the body can ward off the fatal illness, researchers said.

Those 14 people shared one thing in common - naturally occurring substances called chemokines that appear at a level at least twice as high as most people have, researcher Alessandro Gringeri said Tuesday at a conference sponsored by the University of Maryland's Institute for Human Virology.

As further evidence that chemokines may offer built-in protection against AIDS, blood cells taken from the 14 hemophiliacs became infected in laboratory tests after the chemokines' action was blocked, Gringeri said.

"For this reason, we are quite sure chemokines inhibited the infections," said Gringeri of the Maggiore Hospital and University of Milan.

The 128 hemophiliacs, all from Italy, received the tainted blood products between 1980 and 1985. All but 14 became progressively ill between 1981 and 1986.

If scientists can find a way to mimic chemokines' effects, it may be possible to find a way to block pathways of HIV's docking sites in the body, called receptors.

F-16s COLLIDE OFF NEW JERSEY

POMONA, N.J. (AP) - Two F-16s carrying pilots who were training for night flying collided off Atlantic City, forcing two men to parachute into the Atlantic Ocean and a third to nurse his crippled plane back to land. All three were safe today.

The crash Tuesday night was the fifth involving a U.S. military aircraft in the past four days. Three of the crashes have been fatal.

The jets collided about 30 miles southeast of Atlantic City minutes after taking off from the National Guard base here, said Maj. Roger Pharo, an executive officer with the Air National Guard 177th Fighter Wing. One pilot was able to keep his aircraft airborne and watch the others in the second plane parachute into the water.

Six planes searched for the pilots, who were found in rafts two miles apart. One aided his rescue by lighting a flare; the other was located through a homing device.

They were plucked from the water by helicopter rescuers, Coast Guard Chief Thomas Peck said.

MCDONALD'S OFFERS BIGGER BURGER

NEW YORK (AP) - Move over Big King, here comes another cloned hamburger.

Just weeks after Burger King announced the debut of its knock-off of McDonald's Big Mac, McDonald's is selling a new burger that is remarkably similar to Burger King's old standard, the Whopper, The Wall Street Journal reported today.

The new sandwich is being sold under a variety of names, including the "QPLT" (for Quarter Pounder with lettuce and tomato) in Portland, Ore., "The Big 'n Tasty" in Los Angeles, and "The Rocket" in Raleigh, N.C., after local football player Raghbir "Rocket" Ismail, the Journal reported.

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Feb	1.75	+0.01
Mar	1.80	+0.01
Apr	1.85	+0.01
May	1.90	+0.01
Jun	1.95	+0.01
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JONES' NEW LAWYER TALKS TO CLINTON LAWYER

WASHINGTON (AP) - After a public volley of allegations, Paula Corbin Jones' newly hired attorney inaugurated settlement talks with President Clinton's lawyers Tuesday by agreeing not to talk to the news media.

"It was a pleasant meeting. We'll be discussing the matter further, but neither side will discuss the contents of the conversation," said Mrs. Jones' attorney, Bill McMillan.

Bob Bennett, the president's attorney, issued a similar statement calling the brief telephone conversation "cordial and candid."

"We expect to have further discussions. We both agree that for the time being, it is best that these conversations remain confidential," Bennett said.

The agreement came just as McMillan's wife, Susan Carpenter McMillan, a spokesman for Mrs. Jones, contacted reporters to insinuate that one of Bennett's law partners may have been involved in the Internal Revenue Service's decision to audit Mrs. Jones.

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FLORIDA MILLIONAIRE SUPPORTS JEWISH SETTLERS
JERUSALEM (AP) - A Florida millionaire today asked the Supreme Court to bar police from expelling Jewish settlers from two homes he has rented to them in an Arab neighborhood of Jerusalem, Israel radio said.

The appeal signaled that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's efforts to negotiate a compromise with the settlers and their landlord and patron, Irving Moskowitz, were not successful.

Netanyahu has been trying to defuse the latest Mideast crisis by getting the settlers to leave the Arab neighborhood of Ras al-Amud in east Jerusalem, the sector of the city claimed by the Palestinians as a future capital.

Under a proposed compromise, the 11 settlers would temporarily leave the two homes in Ras al-Amud and be replaced by 10 Jewish seminary students who would renovate the buildings. Netanyahu would recognize the settlers' right to settle in the neighborhood.

U.N. HELICOPTER CRASHES IN BOSNIA

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - A U.N. helicopter with 16 people on board, including an international mediator, crashed today in central Bosnia, police and international officials said.

The craft went down near Fojnica, about 40 miles northwest of Sarajevo, said police officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

International officials, also speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that a helicopter carrying mediator Gerd Wagner of Germany had crashed.

U.N. spokesman Alexander Ivankov said that a Ukrainian-made U.N. helicopter with 12 passengers and four crew aboard crashed on a hill near Bugojno, 20 miles west of Fojnica.

PARIS POLICE FIND PARTS OF ANOTHER CAR

PARIS (AP) - Authorities investigating the crash that killed Princess Diana are examining parts of a second car that were found at the scene of the accident, a police source said today.

Pieces of a tail light and traces of paint that do not match the Mercedes that carried Diana were found at the scene and are being tested in a police laboratory, the source said on condition of anonymity.

Investigators are examining the possibility that a second car was involved in the Aug. 31 accident in a Paris tunnel that took the life of Diana, her companion Dodi Fayed and driver Henri Paul, the source said.

Scientists working with the respected Criminal Brigade of the national police have determined that the pieces of the tail light belonged to a Fiat car, but have not determined the year or model, the source said.

LAPD ACQUIRES 600 M-16 RIFLES

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The Police Department has acquired 600 military surplus M-16 rifles to increase firepower against heavily armed suspects such as the two armor-clad bank robbers who fired their assault rifles with impunity at police as officers' bullets bounced off them in a televised shootout in February.

Officers had to rush to a nearby gun store for more firepower in the middle of the gun battle. Both suspects were killed, and eight police officers and three bystanders were wounded.

"Never, ever again do I want to see officers of the Los Angeles Police Department outgunned," Gov. Pete Wilson at a news conference Tuesday at the Police Academy, where gunfire from a shooting range crackled in the distance.

The acquisition was announced shortly before another televised bank robbery unfolded in Los Angeles. A Great Western Bank heist in Van Nuys was thwarted by two retired lawmen who killed one would-be robber, wounded a second and scared off three others.

2 KILLED, 3 WOUNDED IN FREEWAY SHOOTINGS

SEATTLE (AP) - Someone twice drove past a car on the side of a freeway with a flat tire and opened fired with an assault rifle, killing two men and wounding three women.

Police found at least 70 spent rounds at the scene. The five victims had stopped about 2 a.m. Tuesday on the shoulder of the West Seattle Freeway, police spokeswoman Carmen Best said.

A car drove by and shots were fired. The car turned around, came back and fired more shots, Best said.

Two young men, ages 20 and 19, died at the scene. The three women - ages 16, 17, and 21 - were taken to a hospital and were listed in satisfactory condition.

GOP uses IRS as fund-raising tool

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republican fund-raisers and pollsters are seizing the IRS' well-publicized problems, which are under a congressional microscope, as an opportunity to raise campaign cash and solidify the party's base for next year's elections.

"With your immediate help today, we can virtually abolish the IRS as you know it!" the chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, said in a letter to thousands of GOP faithful - current and

potential donors - as investigative hearings begin this week in the House and Senate.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi and House Majority Leader Dick Army of Texas have sent out similar fund-raising pleas.

GOP pollster Frank Luntz, who helped develop the party's "Contract With America," encourages Republicans to investigate the IRS in his new Republican strategy paper, "Language of the 21st Century."

"Rather than investigating Bill Clinton, which no one in America

wants, we should be focusing our attention on a government agency that has a negative impact on our day-to-day lives," writes Luntz. "Consider the benefit of public hearings that highlight Americans who have been victims of the IRS."

But Republicans don't have a lock on the issue. Vice President Al Gore earlier this year announced several IRS reform proposals and the Clinton administration introduced an overhaul bill last week, with major Democratic sponsors. Another IRS reform bill, championed by House Republicans,

also enjoys considerable bipartisan backing.

In addition, the Senate Finance Committee will hold hearings later this month on its investigation of IRS collection abuses while the Joint Committee on Taxation is examining alleged IRS harassment of conservative nonprofit groups.

At a House Ways and Means Committee hearing Tuesday, which focused on IRS reform proposals, several Democrats and Clinton administration officials conceded the IRS is in need of repair.

Names in the news

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Gerald Ford went back to school and revisited one of his most vexing political decisions: his pardon of Richard Nixon.

Ford, who succeeded Nixon after he resigned the presidency over the Watergate scandal, fielded questions with his wife, Betty, during a visit Tuesday to their granddaughter's private school.

"Why did you pardon Mr. Nixon?" one pupil at Bosque Preparatory School asked.

"I said to myself, 'Am I going to spend 25 to 30 percent of my time on Mr. Nixon's problems when I have all these international and domestic problems?'" said Ford.

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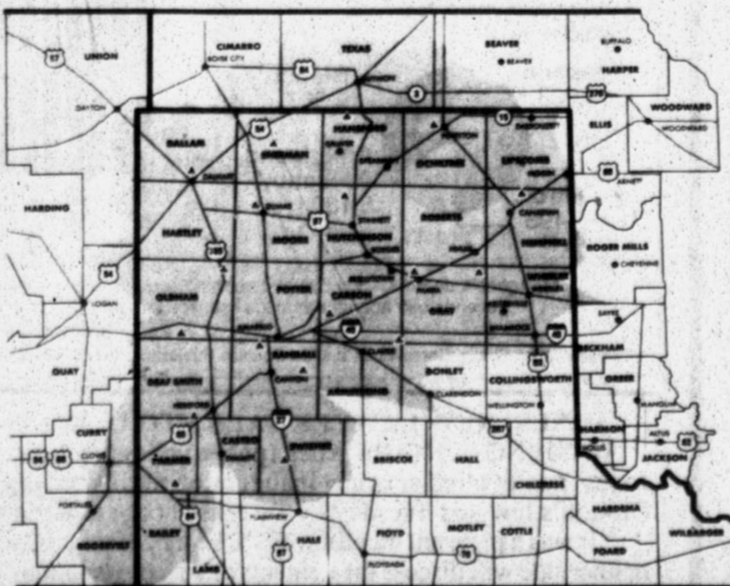
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