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McDonald's serves up remedy for falling sales

The new Arch Deluxe, in response to stiff competition, will make its debut at stores on May 9

CHICAGO (AP) — Memo to those who think two all-beef patties special sauce lettuce cheese pickles onions on a sesame seed bun are not enough: McDonald's Corp. is planning to cook up an even snazzier burger. With two kinds of mustard, yet.

In a new shot at its competitors and a bid to widen appeal to adults, the fast food giant plans next week to unveil a bacon, lettuce and tomato hamburger called the Arch Deluxe.

The quarter-pound hamburger will make its debut nationwide May 9 with a cross-country media blitz featuring print and television ads and events in New York, Los Angeles and Toronto, according to a source familiar with the product who requested anonymity.

The bun will be made with potato flour, the hamburger meat will be seasoned, and on top of it there'll be lettuce, tomato, cheese, onion and a sauce of Dijon and stone-ground mustards and mayonnaise. Bacon will be optional.

The fast-food giant, based in the Chicago suburb of Oak Brook, is seeking to pull more adults into its stores amid stiff domestic competition and sluggish U.S. food sales.

McDonald's posted one of its smallest quarterly profit increases in years last month. Sales at U.S. stores open at least a year, an industry standard for measuring performance, fell for the first time.

Rivals such as Burger King and Wendy's have had bacon hamburgers as a menu staple for years.

Farther down the line, McDonald's also plans a bigger fish sandwich and a deluxe chicken sandwich featuring what an internal memo calls "more chicken flavor," the Wall Street Journal reported today.

"To the degree that kids want to be at McDonald's, adults will want to be at McDonald's as a result of this effort," the source said.

The nation's No. 1 fast-food chain declined to confirm details of the burger or its nutritional content pending the formal announcement.

The Arch Deluxe will mark the first major product introduction since McDonald's launched the McLean Deluxe reduced-fat hamburger in 1991. That one flopped.

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.31	H	VS2	675 ⁰⁰	.95	I	I1	2,275 ⁰⁰
.49	F	SI1	1,579 ⁰⁰	.90	H	VS1	4,250 ⁰⁰ EGL Cert.
.49	J	SI2	1,050 ⁰⁰	1.00	G	I1	2,600 ⁰⁰
.57	K	SI1	1,150 ⁰⁰	1.04	G	VS1	6,000 ⁰⁰ GIA Cert.
.68	J	VS2	1,900 ⁰⁰	1.16	J	SI1	3,950 ⁰⁰
.69	K	VVS2	1,750 ⁰⁰	1.19	I	SI2	4,750 ⁰⁰ GIA Cert.
.71	H	VS2	3,100 ⁰⁰ UGA Cert.	1.33	J	SI1	3,500 ⁰⁰
.71	G	VS2	2,900 ⁰⁰	2.00	I	SI1/SI2	6,975 ⁰⁰
.83	H	SI1	3,150 ⁰⁰	9.51	L/M	I1/I2	29,000 ⁰⁰
.84	K/L	SI1	2,150 ⁰⁰				
.94	K	SI1	2,650 ⁰⁰				
1.01	I	SI1	4,500 ⁰⁰ EGL Cert.				
1.21	K	SI3	3,750 ⁰⁰				

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.43	L	VVS2	\$750 ⁰⁰	.49	H	SI1	\$1,253 ⁰⁰
.71	H	SI2	1,675 ⁰⁰	.59	E	I1	995 ⁰⁰
.74	H	SI3	1,500 ⁰⁰	.79	K	SI1	1,675 ⁰⁰
.83	H	SI3	1,575 ⁰⁰	.92	K	VS2	2,300 ⁰⁰
.88	G	SI2	1,750 ⁰⁰	1.02	J	SI1	3,250 ⁰⁰
.93	G	SI3	1,950 ⁰⁰				
1.28	I	VS2	4,650 ⁰⁰				

Round Diamond				Princess			
Carat	Color	Clarity	Price	Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.23	H	VVS1	\$400 ⁰⁰	.49	K	SI1	\$ 875 ⁰⁰
.27	H	VVS1	475 ⁰⁰	.53	K	VS1	975 ⁰⁰
.31	H	VVS2	745 ⁰⁰ IGL Cert.	.80	J	I1	1,375 ⁰⁰
.33	H	VVS2	790 ⁰⁰	.92	H	VVS2	3,500 ⁰⁰
.34	G	VVS2	895 ⁰⁰	.93	H	VS2	3,200 ⁰⁰
.37	G	I1	350 ⁰⁰	1.42	H	SI3	3,900 ⁰⁰
.52	F	I1	595 ⁰⁰ Art. Old Mine Cut				
.52	H	VVS2	1,875 ⁰⁰ IGL Cert.				
.64	H	VVS2	1,990 ⁰⁰				
.70	I	SI1	2,100 ⁰⁰				
.71	H	SI1	2,200 ⁰⁰				
.71	H	VVS2	2,985 ⁰⁰ IGL Cert.				

Oval			
Carat	Color	Clarity	Price
.32	H	SI1	\$ 550 ⁰⁰
.40	J	VS1	675 ⁰⁰
.56	K	V	1,075 ⁰⁰
.66	K	VVS2	1,252 ⁰⁰
.81	I	VS2	3,225 ⁰⁰ UGA Cert.
.93	I	SI2	2,860 ⁰⁰
1.00	G	I1	2,700 ⁰⁰
1.12	I	SI1	3,950 ⁰⁰
1.53	I/J	SI1	5,800 ⁰⁰

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Prozac not valid excuse for juvenile

BARTOW, Fla. (AP) — A 10-year-old boy whose lawyer used the Prozac defense was convicted of assault and kidnapping Thursday for aiming a shotgun at a deputy who brought a truant officer to his home.

Police said the fourth-grader used his 3-year-old niece as a human shield during the seven-minute standoff with a sheriff's deputy in February. "I'd sooner shoot you than go to school," the boy shouted, according to police.

The boy was found guilty in Juvenile Court of aggravated assault, armed kidnapping and criminal mischief. He could be held in a juvenile detention center until age 21.

The boy's lawyer, Ellis Rubin, had claimed the youngster was in a drug-induced trance caused by the antidepressant Prozac during the standoff. Rubin did not immediately return a telephone call for comment.

The boy's mother said he responded well to the drug at first, after a visit to a psychiatrist in January. But when the boy's dosage was increased, he had violent mood swings.

This was the first known court case to involve a child using Prozac, which is the world's largest-selling antidepressant, with sales of more than \$1 billion a year. The drug's success has been clouded by claims it can cause mood swings and suicidal thoughts in some people.

Lawyers have presented the use of Prozac as a defense in 66 criminal court cases, but none have been successful, according to the drug's maker, Indianapolis-based Eli Lilly & Co.

Rubin also used Prozac in his 1991 "nymphomania defense." In that case, he claimed that Prozac drove housewife Kathy Willets to prostitution.

He lost the case.

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