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TransCanada asks US to suspend pipeline application review

TORONTO (AP) — After waiting seven years for a decision, the company behind the proposed Keystone XL pipeline from Canada to Texas has asked the U.S. State Department to suspend its review of the project. The move comes as the Obama administration increasingly appears likely to reject the pipeline permit application before leaving office in January 2017.

TransCanada said Monday it had sent a letter to Secretary of State John Kerry requesting that the State Department suspend its review of the pipeline application. Until recently, it would have been unimaginable for the Calgary, Alberta-based company to ask for a delay.

The pipeline company said such a suspension would be appropriate while it works with Nebraska authorities to secure approval of its preferred route through the state that is facing legal challenges in state courts. TransCanada anticipated it would take seven to 12 months to get route approval from Nebraska authorities.

The State Department review is mandated as part of the application process because the \$8 billion pipeline crosses an international border. The State Department does not have to grant TransCanada's request for a pause in the review and instead can continue the process.

"We have just received TransCanada's letter to Secretary Kerry and are reviewing it. In the meantime, consideration under the Executive Order continues," State Department spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau said.

The White House declined to comment, referring all questions to the State Department.

Ahead of TransCanada's announcement Monday, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said President Barack Obama intended to make a decision on the pipeline before his presidency ends in January 2017, although he declined to elaborate on the timeline. Hillary Rodham Clinton and her main chal-



lengers for the Democratic presidential nomination are already on record as opposing Keystone. All of the leading Republican presidential candidates support the pipeline.

Some pipeline opponents contend that TransCanada hopes to delay the review process in hopes that a more sympathetic Republican administration will move into the White House in 2017 and approve it.

"In defeat, TransCanada is asking for extra time from the referees, and clearly hoping they'll get a new head official after the election. It's time for the current umpire, President Obama, to reject this project once and for all," said environmental activist Bill McKibben, co-founder of the group 350.org.

Jane Kleeb, executive director of the group Bold Nebraska, which opposes the pipeline project, also said TransCanada is only asking for a pause because they hope a Republican president will approve the pipeline.

For seven years, the fate of the 1,179-mile (1,900-kilometer) long pipeline has languished amid debates over climate change and the intensive process of extracting Alberta's oil and U.S. energy security.

Keystone has long been a flashpoint in the U.S. debate over climate change. Critics oppose the concept of tapping the Alberta oil sands, saying it requires huge amounts of energy and water and increases greenhouse gas emissions. They also express concern that pipeline leaks could potentially

pollute underground aquifers that are a critical source of water to farmers on the Great Plains.

TransCanada spokesman Mark Cooper acknowledged they "have been hearing since February the same rumors that a denial or a decision is imminent" from the Obama administration but said the company's focus remains on demonstrating the project is in the interest of the United States.

"Our focus isn't on the political machinations of what this president may or may not do or who may be in office a year from now," Cooper said.

Cooper declined to make TransCanada chief executive Russ Girling available for an interview but noted the company reports its earnings on Tuesday and said the CEO will take questions then.

Pipeline supporters maintain it will create jobs and boost energy independence. They also say pipelines are a safer method of transporting oil than trains, pointing to recent cases of oil train derailments.

Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts reiterated his support for Keystone in a statement issued by his spokesman Taylor Gage.

"The Governor has been clear ... that it will be the safest pipeline built yet in our state, and that it will bring good-paying jobs and property tax revenue to Nebraska's counties," it said.

Kansas State rides rare 4-game losing skid into tonight's game

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Will Davis was on the sideline three years ago when Kansas State shattered all preseason expectations and climbed to the top of the Top 25, a feat that the linebacker and his teammates so often credited to coach Bill Snyder's 16 goals for success.

Since then, those goals have been printed throughout the stadium that bears Snyder's name: on cups at concession stands, banners on concourses, even the walls of a new locker room.

Their meaning holds such significance within the program that players carry them on small cards at all times, even though most have them memorized before they come to Kansas State.

So it's no surprise that the Wildcats (3-4, 0-4) are clinging to those same goals to help turn around an uncharacteristically poor start to their season.

"Coach Snyder talks about them all the time," Davis said Tuesday, on the heels of a fourth consecutive loss. "One of his 16 goals is 'Don't accept losing.' We've taken that to heart. We're competitors. We hate losing. We hate it so much. It motivates you, and each time you lose it motivates you even more. We're hungry."

Kansas State was trying to avoid its first four-game skid since 2005 a week ago Saturday at Texas, but the Longhorns won a rain-soaked 23-9 victory behind 274 yards rushing.

At best, the loss was more competitive than the 55-0 blowout to then-No. 19 Oklahoma that led to Snyder writing Kansas State students an apology letter. But it was still far from the team that lost by a combined five points to then-No. 20 Oklahoma State and then-No. 2 TCU.

Matter of fact, since Trevone Boykin's 55-yard game-winning touchdown run for the Horned Frogs, the Wildcats have been outscored 78-9.

Snyder said that differential is the byproduct of poor execution in each phase of the game, and that critical penalties and special teams miscues were a problem against the Longhorns.

"That's an easy cop-out to say execution, but we've made so many mistakes," Snyder said. "There are so many mistakes that, had we executed well enough, we would've put ourselves in a position to be successful."

Kansas State was idle this Saturday and will be facing No. 2 Baylor (7-0, 4-0) Thursday night. But while the losing record, the mounting injuries and the dynamic offense the Bears run

Big 12 Standings

School	Big 12	Overall
Okla State	5 - 0	8 - 0
TCU	5 - 0	8 - 0
Baylor	4 - 0	7 - 0
Oklahoma	4 - 1	7 - 1
Iowa State	2 - 3	3 - 5
Texas	2 - 3	3 - 5
Texas Tech	2 - 4	5 - 4
Kansas State	0 - 4	3 - 4
West Virginia	0 - 4	3 - 4
Kansas	0 - 5	0 - 8

could be downright discouraging, the Wildcats are taking a different approach.

Several players perked up when asked about the losing streak, pointing to the 2013 team that started 2-4. That group went on to win six out of its last seven games, including a victory in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl.

So, Snyder's 16 goals will be at the forefront of those aspirations. Among them is No. 4, "Improve." And No. 9, "Eliminate mistakes."

"Guys have the right mindset," Davis said. "We're getting better. We're improving and correcting mistakes. It's a process, but we're on our way."

Notes: Snyder confirmed CB Danzel McDaniel will miss the remainder of the season with an unspecified injury. He also left open the possibility of a medical redshirt for S Dante Barnett, who has been sidelined since the opener. ... The last time Kansas State lost five straight, Snyder was asked about retirement. So, what about now? "The decision from my standpoint would not be based on wins and losses," he said. "It would be based on the impact that all of that has on a program and young people that are in it." ... Speaking of streaks, Kansas State hasn't lost five in a row since 2008, when Ron Prince was the coach. He was fired later that season, paving the way for Snyder's return from retirement.

Here's the Reason Why So Many Obamacare Co-Ops Are Failing

Melissa Quinn
Heritage Foundation

A top official with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services explained today why 11 nonprofit insurance companies created under Obamacare have shuttered their doors, leaving more than 690,000 Americans to purchase new insurance.

During testimony before the House Ways and Means Health Subcommittee, Mandy Cohen, chief operating officer of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, told lawmakers why a number of co-ops have announced their closures in the last few weeks.

"If [consumers are] shopping in open enrollment right now, we wanted to make sure that they knew that the co-ops that remain in the marketplace were financially viable, can make it through the entire year," Cohen said. "Our first priority was to make sure there wasn't going to be a mid-year failure next year for any consumers.

And that's how we went about our decision-making. We played it very conservative in that way, which is why I think there's been so much activity in the last several months."

Since October 1, seven co-ops in Tennessee, Kentucky, Oregon, Colorado, South Carolina, Utah and Arizona have announced they will not be selling insurance in 2016. Four more in Iowa, Louisiana, Nevada and New York told consumers earlier this year they were shuttering.

"This is costing a lot of money," Rep. Peter Roskam, R-Ill., said of the co-ops during the hearing. "It seems like at many levels, it's simply a failure. It's out of balance. ... It just seems like it's a disaster. Let's turn the page, call it what it is and move on."

Obamacare's open enrollment period began Sunday, and consumers who previously were insured through the 11 failed co-ops were told they would have to buy a new plan from a new company before their coverage ends at

the end of the year. The co-ops that closed their doors directed the more than 690,000 affected consumers to federal or state-run exchanges to select new plans.

Alerting customers of impending closures before or at the start of the open enrollment period avoids consumers having to switch plans in the middle of coverage, which happened for those insured by CoOpportunity Health earlier this year.

In January, Iowa's insurance commissioner announced CoOpportunity Health, which insured residents of Iowa and Nebraska, would be shutting down. As a result, roughly 68,000 people were forced to switch plans or risk a lapse in coverage.

Under the co-op program, instituted under Obamacare, 23 nonprofit insurance companies were created. The consumer operated and oriented plans, or co-ops, received more than \$2.4 billion in startup and solvency loans from the federal government.

Since their inception—co-ops began selling plans when Obamacare was implemented in 2013—11 of the 23 co-ops insuring more than 690,000 consumers have shuttered. Together, the nonprofit insurers received more than \$1.1 billion.

At issue for several Republican lawmakers was whether the taxpayer-funded loans directed toward the co-ops would be repaid.

Cohen said that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services was in the process of recovering the money awarded to the nonprofit insurance companies, but admitted he wasn't certain the \$1.1 billion would be recouped.

"Obviously that money went to provide coverage to Americans over the past two years, so we know all dollars won't come back to us. But we will be using all tools available to recover any unspent taxpayer dollars," Cohen said.

"We still have tools at our disposal to recover the funding, as well as that

money went to pay claims and coverage from Americans over the last several years," she continued.

Though co-ops in other sectors have been successful, Rep. Diane Black, R-Tenn., said those operating under Obamacare are different in that they have relied on taxpayer dollars to succeed.

"The reason why they work [in other sectors] is because everyone has skin in the game. It's not taxpayer dollars. It doesn't come from some dropping of dollars out of the sky," she said. "It works because everybody that's in it has something in the skin of the game. Here we have taxpayer dollars to the point of \$2.4 billion, and that's a real concern."

The Ways and Means subcommittee hearing on the co-ops is the first to be held this week. The Energy and Commerce Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee will also look at the program later this week.

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Riley County Commission Minutes

Cost Taxpayers \$700 Per Month

Editor's Note: (What the Riley County Clerk and the Riley County Commissioners are doing with the Commission Minutes is Deceiving.

Look at the Minutes taken by County Clerk Rich Vargo, the County is paying \$700 per month to produce nothing but filler and last year it did not cost extra to write a complete history of the meeting.)

Board of Riley County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2015
115 North 4th Street
Manhattan, KS 66502
Commission Chambers
8:30 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments

Vargo discussed the protocol for announcing department head level resignations.

Commission Comments

Business Meeting

Sign contract with Westview ATMs to provide an ATM in the County Office Building

Heger discussed the proposed contract with Westview ATM.

Move to sign the contract with Westview ATMs to provide an ATM in the County Office Building.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Kansas prisons full; official outlines \$27M expansion option

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas' top corrections official Monday outlined a proposal for a \$27 million expansion of the state's maximum-security prison outside El Dorado to deal with the state's increasing inmate population.

Corrections Secretary Ray Roberts told a joint legislative committee that the state already has slightly more adult, male inmates in its custody than space for them. He said that by mid-2018, the Department of Corrections expects to have about 9,400 male inmates — about 600, or 7 percent, above capacity.

Roberts also said that by mid-2018, the state will be short of space for female inmates. The state expects to have more than 1,000 female offenders in its custody, when it now has 837 beds for them.

He outlined multiple proposals for the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight, including increasing the amount of time taken off offenders' sentences for completing rehabilitation programs. Roberts also said the state could boost the number of inmates held in county jails or private prisons, though he called either idea only a temporary solution.

"We've just pretty much run out of rabbits to pull out of a hat at this point," Roberts told the committee.

Roberts said the state is seeing the effects of tougher sen-

tences for violent crimes and sex offenders enacted from 2005 through 2010. The state had almost 9,700 adult inmates in its custody as of Friday, about 40 more than the capacity of its prisons. The state was housing 81 of them in county facilities.

Roberts said the department believes it could safely house between 300 and 350 offenders in county jails and contract with private prisons. But, he said, with private prisons the state could spend several million dollars outside of Kansas, and the per-inmate, per-day cost of \$55 would be comparable to expanding the El Dorado prison.

The proposal to expand the El Dorado prison would add 512 beds to the prison, which has space for about 1,500 male inmates. The state would finance the construction with 20-year bonds, and the new beds would be available in 2018. The prison would add more than 100 staff members, and its annual budget would increase more than \$8 million.

The joint committee is studying alternatives to prison, such as electronic monitoring for some offenders and treatment for those who are mentally ill. Its chairman, Republican Rep. John Rubin, of Shawnee, said lawmakers also need to consider changes in sentencing laws, such as lessening penalties for first- and second-time marijuana possession.

Review and sign Appraiser's Real Estate Sales Data Search Service Agreements and Contractual Provisions for Crossroads Real Estate & Auction LLC % Terri Hollenbeck

Move to approve the Real Estate Sales Data Search Service Agreement and Contractual Provisions Attachment for Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC % Terri Hollenbeck with the Appraiser's Office.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Personnel Action Forms for the following:

Anita Cook, a new hire, as an Elections Senior Analyst, in the County Clerk-Elections Department, at a grade L step 1, at \$18.65 per hour (will receive cost of living only with 2016 beginning payroll).

Whitney Glenn, a new hire, as an Administrative Analyst-A/P, Payroll & Benefits Specialist, in the County Clerk's Department, at a grade K/M 2016, at \$19.64 per hour (per reclassification, effective with 2016 beginning payroll year, position goes to a grade M step 1 at \$19.79 per hour).

Review Minutes

7. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Oct 22, 2015 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Review Tentative Agenda

8. Tentative Agenda

Press Conference Topics

9. Discuss Press Conference 9:00 AM

Robbin Cole, Pawnee Mental Health Services Director

10. Pawnee Mental Health Services update Reschedule.

9:15 AM Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

11. Purchase Message Boards Revised
 Hobson presented the message board request.
 Move to approve the purchase of two trailer mounted Wanco Full Matrix message boards from C-Hawk Construction Inc. In the amount of \$30,500.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

12. Transfer of Funds from Public Works Budget to CIP

Hobson presented the transfer of funds from the Public Works budget to the CIP budget. It is estimated the delivery and invoicing of the box culverts will be in May 2016.

Move to approve the transfer of \$75,401.80 from the Public Works Department budget to the CIP.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

9:30 AM

Press Conference

13. Kansas Action for Children KIDS COUNT Data for 2015 - Jan Scheideman (5 minutes)

Scheideman discussed the Kansas Action for Children KIDS Count Data for 2015.

14. Board of Health Convenes This Evening for Community Health Improvement Plan Update & "Next Steps" - Brenda Nickel (3 minutes)

Nickel announced the Board of Health Meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the BOCC Chambers.

15. Extension Council elections - Jennifer Wilson (3-5 minutes)

Wilson reported this week Extension Council Elections will be held. Wilson said voting will take place October 26-30 in the Riley County Extension Office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day or at the 4-H Achievement Celebration at Pottorf Hall in CiCo Park on Sunday, November 1 from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

October Motor Vehicle Renewals - Shilo Heger (3 min-

utes) Heger reported the following:

October Vehicle Renewals:

Friday, October 30 - All "S" tags are due.

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Military must present current full month LES and Orders/ORB/ERB for Personal Property tax exemption. We provide a work station outside our office for military personnel to access the information needed.

Queuing System:
 Heger said she would like to encourage the public to try using one of the queuing options to help alleviate the need to stand in lines. We have several options available:
 □ Text RCT to 785-914-5164

Use the QLess app for Android phones
 Use the kiosk in the treasurer's office
 Use a cell phone or the no phone option

Public Notice - Leon Hobson (2 minutes)

Hobson said a culvert replacement project on Falcon Road is scheduled to begin Tuesday, October 27th. The project is located approximately ¼ mile north of LK&W Road. Falcon Road will be closed to through traffic. Traffic Control will be installed at the intersections of LK&W Road and Walsburg Road to direct traffic. The project has been allotted 1 working day, and is expected to be completed by October 27th weather permitting.

Agricultural Burning - Pat Collins (2-3 minutes)

P. Collins reported agricultural burning EPA limit for exceeding air quality standards have been changed from 75 to 70 parts per billion. P. Collins is encouraging the public to burn early.

Everbridge Emergency Notification System - Pat Collins (3 minutes)

P. Collins discussed the Everbridge Emergency Notification System.

10:00 AM

Break 10:10 AM
 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

20. Administrative Work Session

21. Pending County Projects County Counselor

Holeman discussed the Riley County Legislative Conference November 12th.

10:30 AM

Greg Lund, Parks Manager and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

22. Include University Park in Community Parks

Lund presented the request from the University Park Improvement District for their park to be included in the Riley County Community Parks System.

Wells stated there will not be any additional money to distribute to additional parks if they are included.

Boyd stated the park is on private property and asked if there are other community parks on private property.

Lund stated there are not.

Cox said staff was aware the park in the University Park Improvement District is a private park. Cox stated the case law shows county funds can be given to a private entity if it is for the benefit of the public.

Boyd asked for staff to bring the issue back to the Board once the

University Park Board has approved their resolution and how they envision operating the park.

Lund stated the University Park Board does intend to have the parks open to the public.

Move to table University Park Improvement District becoming an official member of the Riley County Community Parks Program and to add a representative from this community as an official voting member of the Riley County Parks Advisory Board.

RESULT: TABLED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

10:52 AM

Adjournment
 Move to adjourn after the Board of Health meeting.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
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10:50 AM

Larry Couchman, EMS Director
 23. Request to utilize RCEMS logo on a new commercial truck

Couchman requested to utilize the RCEMS logo on a new commercial truck owned by Howie's Trash Service.

Move to approve the use by Howie's for the RCEMS logo to be placed on their new truck to be incorporated on a decorative wrap this is honoring local emergency services and the military.

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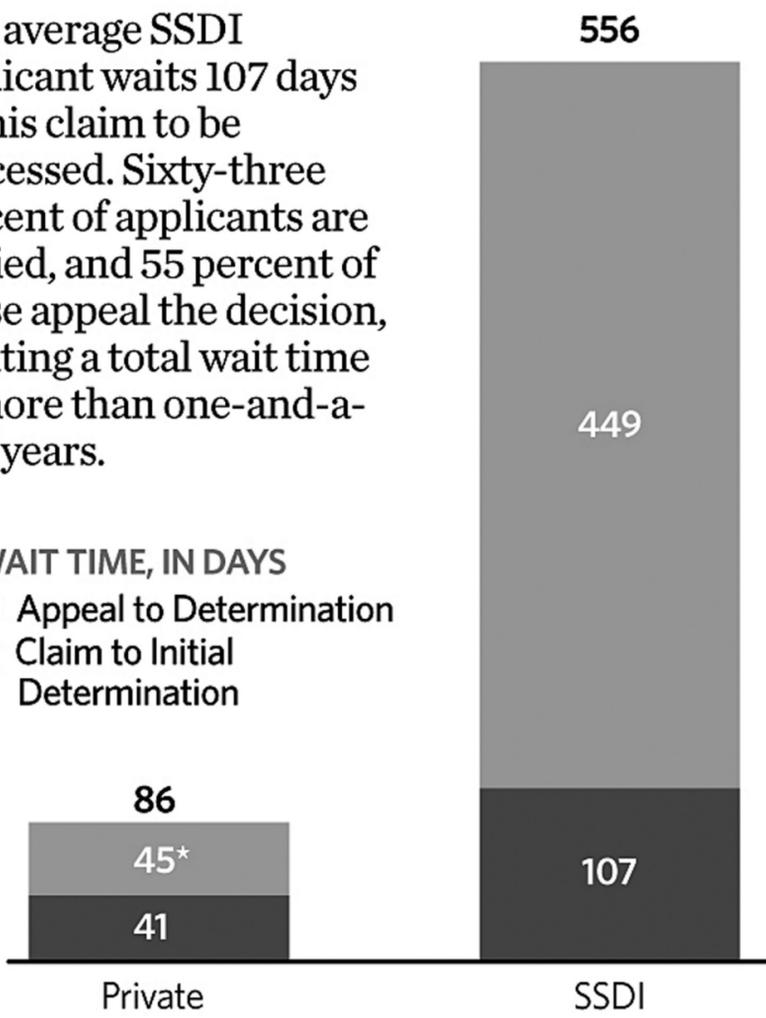
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- Claim to Initial Determination



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Jingle Bell Run 2015

It's time to get registered for the 4th annual "Jingle Bell Run" hosted by First Presbyterian Church. This year's event takes place on Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 5:00 pm and benefits "Katie's Way". There is a 5k run and a 1.5 mile fun run/walk. Register before November 18, 2015 to reserve your long sleeve t-shirt. For more information and to register go to: www.jinglbellrun5k.com

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Mott would be Kansas' first transgender House member

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — If she's selected by a group of Topeka Democrats to replace a retiring member of the state House of Representatives, Stephanie Mott would be the first transgender member of the Kansas Legislature.

Mott, 57, began living as a woman full time in 2007 and has since become one of the state's leading advocates for transgender rights. She also is a member of Topeka's Human Relations Commission, a city advisory board aimed at eliminating prejudice, and a community liaison for transgender inmates at the Shawnee County Jail, The Wichita Eagle reported (<http://bit.ly/1Q1Uys0>).

She wants to be the replacement for Democratic Rep.

Harold Lane of Topeka, who announced his retirement in October.

"This would be an incredible opportunity for people to be able to see a person who happens to be transgender who has all the same values that they have, who believes in God, who believes in faith, who believes in fairness," she said.

Mott faces competition for the House post from Carolyn Wims-Campbell, the first African-American to serve on the Kansas Board of Education. Wims-Campbell, an executive member of the Topeka chapter of the NAACP, previously served on the Topeka school board.

Wims-Campbell has worked

as a secretary at the Legislature since 1992, serving on the staff of Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, a Topeka Democrat, since 2004.

"I'm a product of segregation," said Wims-Campbell, who attended an all-black elementary school in Topeka before the Brown v. Board of Education decision.

Whoever is selected to replace Lane will serve through the 2016 session and then face re-election that fall.

Mott said she would push for Medicaid expansion and making it easier for people to vote. Wims-Campbell said she would focus on improving public education and the juvenile justice system.

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Why the Fed didn't and won't raise rates

By Nathan Kelly | Watchdog Opinion

The Federal Reserve's policy making body, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC), met this week to discuss the state of the U.S. economy, and to determine whether it should raise interest rates.

The FOMC voted 9-1 against raising rates at this time, despite the official Fed statement including somewhat hawkish assessments about the U.S. and global economies.

Financial commentators and market participants are convinced that a December rate hike is all but guaranteed. The problem is that the unprecedented monetary policy conducted by the Fed over the last decade has boxed it into a corner from which it can't easily escape.

So here's why the Fed cannot, and will not, raise interest rates in December.

Congress gave the Fed a dual mandate to ensure price stability and maintain maximum employment. The idea is that the Fed can spur economic activity and boost employment by lowering interest rates in a slowing economy. Conversely, it can withdraw the monetary stimulus by raising interest rates, in effect cooling down an overheating economy.

The problem is that after nearly seven years of near zero percent interest rates, the labor market is still underperforming, and (official) inflation metrics have not met the Fed's target of 2 percent annually. Fed Chairperson Janet Yellen has, herself, cited perceived weakness in the labor market as a reason to hold off on raising rates.

In September, the labor force participation rate fell to the lowest it's been since the late 1970s. Nearly nine million people of working age have given up looking for a job entirely, leaving the labor force altogether. The U6 rate of unemployment—often cited as a more accurate indicator of job

growth because it factors in underemployment—has the U.S. unemployment rate at 10 percent, markedly higher than the headline number of 5.3 percent.

Another reason the FOMC will likely kick the can further down the road in December is the current strength of the U.S. dollar. For years everyone has been anticipating a liftoff in interest rates and the dollar has rallied as a result. Foreign central banks, such as the European Central Bank and the People's Bank of China, have also been engaging in sustained devaluations of their own currencies in attempts to strengthen their exports and, in the case of China, to prop up their stock market.

The Fed started this currency war in 2009, when it began its Quantitative Easing program, and it's not likely to sit idly by as U.S. exports take a beating from the dollar's rally. And can we really expect the Fed to defy every political incentive and begin to pump the brakes on the U.S. economy on the eve of an election year? We've already seen pleas from congressional Democrats urging the Fed to continue with its rock bottom interest rates.

This sustained policy of zero percent interest rates has mostly served to penalize savers and those on fixed incomes, pushing people searching for a return to gamble in the high-risk stock and bond markets.

As it now stands, consumers' purchasing power is eroding faster than their savings can generate interest.

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This has exacerbated income inequality, redistributing wealth from lower income earners to those

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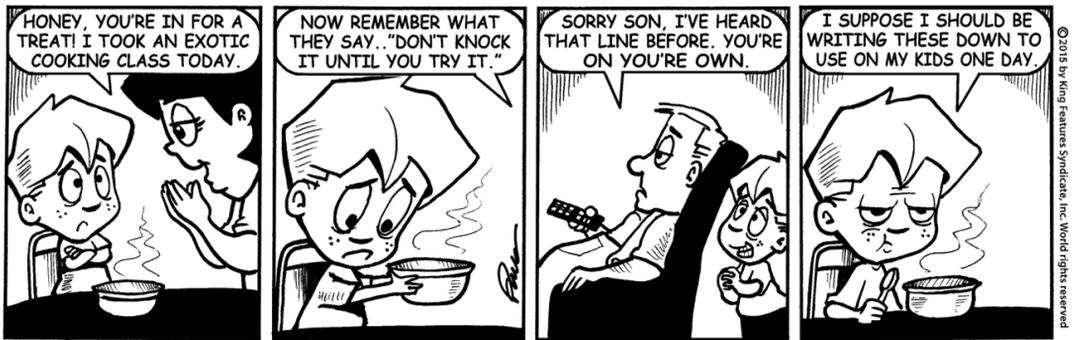
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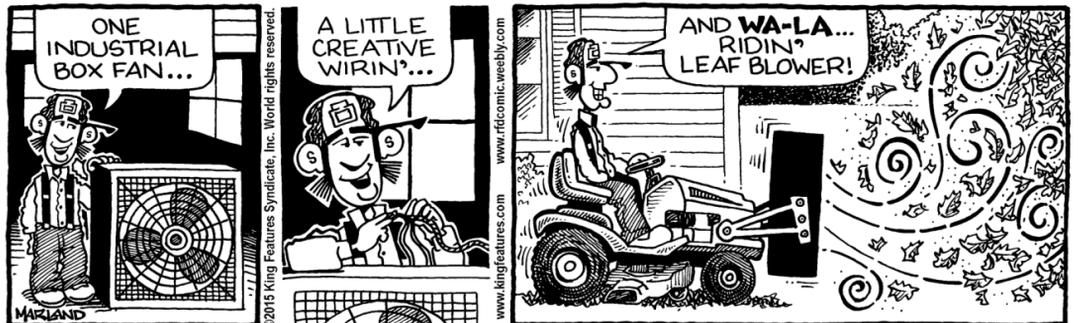
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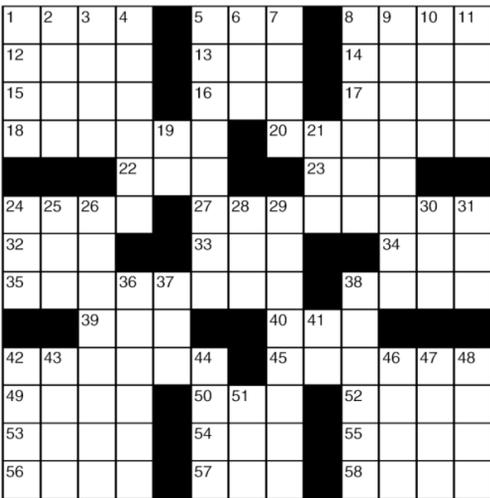
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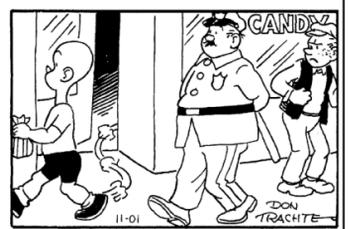
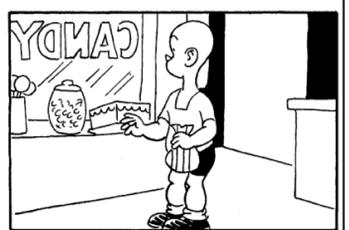
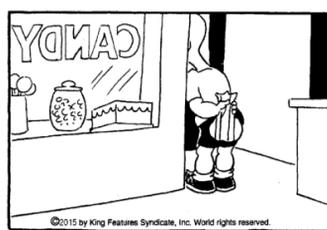
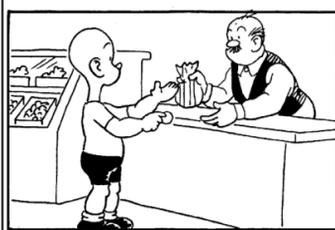
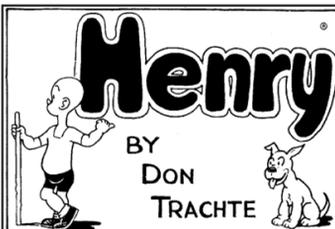
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 - 5 "Humbog!"
 - 8 Duel tool
 - 12 Leeway
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 - 14 Ointment-yielding plant
 - 15 Handle
 - 16 Paving material
 - 17 Puzzle diagram
 - 18 Elder
 - 20 Le Carre hero
 - 22 Support system?
 - 23 Literary collection
 - 24 Disappear gradually
 - 27 "Close — and I'll kiss you ..."
 - 32 Greek X
 - 33 Sea eagle
 - 34 Geologic period
 - 35 Waterfalls
- DOWN**
- 1 Clumsy boats
 - 2 Zilch
 - 3 Animated character
 - 4 Drink
 - 5 Sold out
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 - 9 Exploited successfully
 - 10 Pennsylvania port
 - 11 Vortex
 - 19 On the other hand
 - 21 Scratch
 - 24 TV watchdog org.
 - 25 "Eureka!"
 - 26 Unnerved
 - 28 Raw rock
 - 29 Still in need of convincing
 - 30 Work unit
 - 31 Put into words
 - 36 Poolside structure
 - 37 The whole enchilada
 - 38 Hug
 - 41 Kipling poem
 - 42 Worked with
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Kansas State Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result	Record
Sat. Sep 5	South Dakota	KSU 35-0	0-0 1-0
Sat. Sep 12, 2015	Texas San Antonio	KSU 30-3	0-0 2-0
Sat. Sep 19, 2015	Louisiana Tech	KSU 39-33	0-0 3-0
Sat. Oct 3, 2015	Oklahoma State	KSU 34-36	0-1 3-1
Sat. Oct 10, 2015	TCU Horned Frogs	KSU 52 - 55	0-2 3-2
Sat. Oct 17, 2015	Oklahoma Sooners	KSU 0 - 55	0-2 3-3
Sat. Oct 24, 2015	Texas Longhorns	KSU 9 - 23	0-3 3-4
Thur. Nov 5, 2015	Baylor Bears	Manhattan	6:30 PM
Sat. Nov 14, 2015	Texas Tech	Lubbock, TX	
Sat. Nov 21, 2015	Iowa State Cyclones	Manhattan	
Sat. Nov 28, 2015	Kansas Jayhawks	Lawrence, KS	
Sat. Dec 5, 2015	West Virginia	Manhattan	

Kansas Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result	Record
9/5/2015	South Dakota State	Lawrence, Kan.	KU 38-41	0-0 0-1
9/12/2015	Memphis (Band Day)	Lawrence, Kan.	KU 23-55	0-0 0-2
9/26/2015	Rutgers	Piscataway, NJ	KU 14 - 27	0-0 0-3
10/3/2015	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	KU 13 - 38	0-1 0-4
10/10/2015	Baylor	Lawrence, Kan.	KU 7 - 66	0-2 0-5
10/17/2015	Texas Tech	Lawrence, Kan.	KU 20 - 30	0-3 0-6
10/24/2015	Oklahoma State Stillwater, Okla.		KU 10 - 58	0-4 0-7
10/31/2015	Oklahoma (Homecoming)	Lawrence, Kan.	KU 7 - 62	0-5 0-8
11/7/2015	Texas	Austin, Texas	TBA	
11/14/2015	TCU	Fort Worth, Texas	TBA	
11/21/2015	West Virginia	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA	
11/28/2015	Kansas State	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA	

Baylor Football Schedule

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time /	Result	Record
09/04/15	at SMU	Dallas, Texas	6:00	BU 56-21	0-0 1-0
09/12/15	vs. Lamar	Waco, Texas	6:30 p.m.	BU 66-31	0-0 2-0
09/26/15	vs. Rice	Waco, Texas	2:00 p.m.	BU 70-17	0-0 3-0
10/03/15	vs. Texas Tech *	Arlington, Texas	TBA	BU 63-35	1-0 4-0
10/10/15	at Kansas *	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA	BU 66-7	2-0 5-0
10/17/15	vs. West Virginia *	Waco, Texas	TBA	BU 62-38	3-0 6-0
10/24/15	vs. Iowa State *	Waco, Texas	TBA	BS 45-27	4-0 7-0
11/05/15	at Kansas State *	Manhattan, Kan.	6:30 p.m. CT		
11/14/15	vs. Oklahoma *	Waco, Texas	TBA		
11/21/15	at Oklahoma State *	Stillwater, Okla.	TBA		
11/27/15	at TCU *	Fort Worth, Texas	6:30 p.m. CT		
12/05/15	vs. Texas *	Waco, Texas	TBA		

Iowa State Football Schedule

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result	Record
Sat, Sep 05	Northern Iowa	Ames, Iowa	ISU 31-7	0-0 1-0
Sat, Sep 12	Iowa	Ames, Iowa	ISU 17-31	0-0 1-1
Sat, Sep 19	Toledo	Toledo, Ohio	ISU 3-30 2OT	0-0 1-2
Sat, Oct 03	Kansas *	Ames, Iowa	ISU 38-13	1-0 2-2
Sat, Oct 10	Texas Tech *	Lubbock, Texas	ISU 31 - 66	1 1 2-3
Sat, Oct 17	TCU *	Ames, Iowa	ISU 21-45	1-2 2-4
Sat, Oct 24	Baylor *	Waco, Texas	ISU 27-45	1-3 2-5
Sat, Oct 31	Texas *	Ames, Iowa	ISU 24-0	2-3 3-6
Sat, Nov 07	Oklahoma *	Norman, Oklahoma	TBA	
Sat, Nov 14	Oklahoma State *	Ames, Iowa	TBA	
Sat, Nov 21	Kansas State *	Manhattan, Kansas	TBA	
Sat, Nov 28	West Virginia *	Morgantown, W.V.	TBA	

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Oklahoma Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time (CT)	Results	Record
Sat, Sep 05	Akron	Norman	6:00 p.m.	OU 41-3	0-0 1-0
Sat, Sep 12	Tennessee	at Knoxville, Tenn.	5:00 p.m.	OU 31-24	0-0 2-0
Sat, Sep 19	Tulsa	Norman	11:00 a.m.	OU 52-38	0-0 3-0
Sat, Oct 03	West Virginia *	Norman	TBA	OU 44-24	1-0 4-0
Sat, Oct 10	Texas *	at Dallas, Texas	TBA	TX 24-17	1-1 4-1
Sat, Oct 17	Kansas State *	at Manhattan, Kan.	TBA	OU 55-0	2-1 5-1
Sat, Oct 24	Texas Tech *	Norman	TBA	OU 63-27	3-1 6-1
Sat, Oct 31	Kansas *	at Lawrence, Kan.	TBA	OU 62-7	4-1 7-1
Sat, Nov 07	Iowa State *	Norman	TBA		
Sat, Nov 14	Baylor *	at Waco, Texas	TBA		
Sat, Nov 21	TCU *	Norman	TBA		
Sat, Nov 28	Oklahoma State *	at Stillwater, Okla.	TBA		

Oklahoma State Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT/TIME	RECORD
Thu, Sept3	@ Cent Michigan	OSU 24-13	0-0 1-0
Sat, Sept 12	vs Cent Arkansas	OSU 32-8	0-0 2-0
Sat, Sept 19	vs UTSA	OSU 69-14	0-0 3-0
Sat, Sept 26	@ Texas	OSU 30-27	1-0 4-0
Sat, Oct 3	vs Kansas State	OSU 36-34	2-0 5-0
Sat, Oct 10	@ West Virginia	OSU 33-26	3-0 6-0
Sat, Oct 24	vs Kansas	OSU 58-10	4-0 7-0
Sat, Oct 31	@ Texas Tech	OSU 70-53	5-0 8-0
Sat, Nov 7	vs TCU	TBD	
Sat, Nov 14	@ Iowa State	TBD	
Sat, Nov 21	vs Baylor	TBD	
Sat, Nov 28	vs Oklahoma	TBD	

TCU Football Schedule

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time /	Record
09/03/15	at Minnesota	Minneapolis, Minn.	TCU 21-17	0-0 1-0
09/12/15	vs. Stephen F. Austin	Fort Worth, Texas	TCU 70-7	0-0 2-0
09/19/15	vs. SMU	Fort Worth, Texas	TCU 56-37	0-0 3-0
09/26/15	at Texas Tech *	Lubbock, Texas	TCU 55-52	1-0 4-0
10/03/15	vs. Texas (Homecoming) *	Fort Worth, Texas	TCU 50-7	2-0 5-0
10/10/15	at Kansas State *	Manhattan, Kan.	TCU 55-52	3-0 6-0
10/17/15	at Iowa State *	Ames, Iowa	TCU 45-21	4-0 7-0
10/29/15	vs. West Virginia *	Fort Worth, Texas	TCU 40-10	5-0 8-0
11/07/15	at Oklahoma State *	Stillwater, Okla.	TBA	
11/14/15	vs. Kansas *	Fort Worth, Texas	TBA	
11/21/15	at Oklahoma *	Norman, Okla.	TBA	
11/27/15	vs. Baylor *	Fort Worth, Texas	6:30 p.m. CT	

Texas Tech Football Schedule

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time /	Record
09/05/15	vs. Sam Houston State	Lubbock, Texas	TT 59-45	0-0 1-0
09/12/15	vs. UTEP	Lubbock, Texas	TT 69-20	0-0 2-0
09/19/15	at Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	TT 35-24	0-0 3-0
09/26/15	vs. TCU *	Lubbock, Texas	TT 52-55	0-1 3-1
10/03/15	vs. Baylor *	Arlington, Texas	TT 35-63	0-2 3-2
10/10/15	vs. Iowa State *	Lubbock, Texas	TT 66-31	1-2 4-2
10/17/15	at Kansas *	Lawrence, Kan.	TT 30-20	2-2 5-2
10/24/15	at Oklahoma *	Norman, Okla.	TT 27-63	2-3 6-2
10/31/15	vs. Oklahoma State *	Lubbock, Texas	TT 53-70	2-4 6-3
11/07/15	at West Virginia *	Morgantown, W.V.	TBA	
11/14/15	vs. Kansas State *	Lubbock, Texas	TBA	
11/26/15	at Texas *	Austin, Texas	6:30 p.m. CT	

Texas Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Result	Record
9/5/2015	Notre Dame	South Bend, Ind.	TU 3-38	0-0 0-1
9/12/2015	Rice	Austin, Texas	TU 42-28	0-0 1-1
9/19/2015	California	Austin, Texas	TU 44-45	0-0 1-2
9/26/2015	Oklahoma State	Austin, Texas	TU 27-30	0-1 1-3
10/3/2015	TCU	Fort Worth, Texas	TU 7-50	0-2 1-4
10/10/2015	Oklahoma	Dallas, Texas	TU 24-17	1-2 2-4
10/24/2015	K-State	Austin, Texas	TU 23-9	2-2 3-4
10/31/2015	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	ISU 24-0	2-3 3-5
11/7/2015	Kansas	Austin, Texas	TBA	
11/14/2015	West Virginia	Morgantown, W.Va.	TBA	
11/26/2015	Texas Tech	Austin, Texas	6:30 p.m.	
12/5/2015	Baylor	Waco, Texas	TBA	

West Virginia Football Schedule

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Result	Record
Sep 05, 2015	Georgia Southern	ROOT Sports	WV 44-0	0-0 1-0
Sep 12, 2015	Liberty	ROOT Sports	WV 41-17	0-0 2-0
Sep 26, 2015	Maryland		WV 45-6	0-0 3-0
Oct 03, 2015	at Oklahoma*		WV 24-44	1-0 4-0
Oct 10, 2015	Oklahoma State* (Homecoming)		WV 26-33	1-1 4-1
Oct 17, 2015	at Baylor*		WV 38 - 62	1-2 4-2
Oct 29, 2015	at TCU*		WV 10 - 40	1-3 5-3
Nov 07, 2015	Texas Tech* (Mountaineer Week)		TBA	
Nov 14, 2015	Texas*		TBA	
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Nov 28, 2015	Iowa State*		TBA	
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They are meant to advance himself and his causes as much as any decision he made or any vote he cast, as much as any charge he launched or retreat he endured. At the same time they are explanations and reflections, commentaries on the way of politics, as politics reflects the way of life.

Churchill conceived constitutionalism as reaching its excellence in the British and the American Constitutions.

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Winston Churchill

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The two constitutions are dissimilar in important ways, and Churchill had extensive

things to say about their differences as well as their similarities. It was for him a subject of the first importance.

We should not take for grant-

ed that statesmen, even significant ones, are attached to constitutions, for statesmanship and constitutionalism are in some senses conflicting. Statesmanship is what individual men and women do at the head of the political community.

The constitution is the form according to which they do what they do. Statesmanship in particular cases may pursue good objects or bad for good motives or bad, but it always begins with the wills or choices of the statesmen. This choice is always heavily influenced by the constantly shifting details and circumstances through which statesmen fight their way. Statesmanship is practiced right here, in the pressing and urgent now. Statesmen tend to be assertive people, or they never would get into places of authority.

On the other hand constitutions set limits as much as they grant authority; they establish boundaries on what both statesmen and citizens may do, even as they establish a domain where each may operate.

The British and American

Constitutions that Churchill admired were adopted a long time before his birth; they can take no account of the immediate circumstances in which he made his career. One can see why Churchill or any statesman would find constitutions inconvenient: they are fixed and hard to change; the law obstructs the will, and constitutions, the grandest of laws, obstruct the will most grandly.

For this reason many statesmen are torn between the pressures they face and the laws under which they operate. Some of them make a frank subordination of the latter to the former. Churchill rejected this in principle, however much he pushed to get his way and to get things done. He sought to reconcile the job he undertook as a member of Parliament and as a minister with the British Constitution, and in this he differed from many contemporary world statesmen. Churchill was especially concerned with the reputation of the British Constitution among the British people who lived under it, were sustained by it, and had the responsibility in their turn to sustain it.

This is all the more striking when we see that the trends

around Churchill moved powerfully in the other direction. He had significant authority and influence through the greatest modern depression and the two greatest wars in history.

We know from the classic authors that the meaning and purpose of peoples and nations are revealed when they are in motion, under stress.

We find out about them when they are called to some ordeal of conquest or survival, or both. We see what they value to the point of perishing; we see how they defend this most valuable thing; we see if they differ as to what this thing is or how to defend it, or both. We do not learn the whole story until they come to the testing point. Churchill and Britain stood at this point more than once during his life.

In regard to constitutionalism, Churchill stood against the main trends and also the tempests that raged through the twentieth century. Three of these trends are the terrain upon which he faced his trial: the rise of Nazism and of the Soviet Union, and the leftward turn in Western democracies.

High court seems split in dispute over false Internet data

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court seems split along ideological lines as it considers whether websites that collect and sell personal data can be sued for posting false information if the errors don't cause any specific harm.

The justices heard arguments Monday in a case involving Thomas Robins, a Virginia resident who noticed that an online profile about him compiled by Internet search site Spokeo.com was filled with major mistakes.

Robins, who was in his 20s, unemployed and single, found himself described as wealthy, in his 50s, holding a good job, and married with children.

The justices debated whether Robins can sue Spokeo for a technical violation of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, even though he could not show the mistakes marred his credit, cost him a job, or even a chance at a date.

Liberal justices seemed to side with

Robins' view that being falsely portrayed is enough to show harm. But conservatives insisted the law required Robins to show exactly how he was injured.

The case is being closely watched by Facebook, Twitter and a host of other technology firms concerned about class-action lawsuits that would open them up to billions of dollars of damages for trivial violations of the fair credit law and similar statutes protecting consumer privacy rights. On the other side, consumer protection advocates say such lawsuits are the only way to hold companies accountable for mistakes.

"Seems like a concrete injury to me," Justice Elena Kagan said of the mistakes. "If somebody did it to me, I'd feel harmed."

Kagan said that Congress passed the fair credit law in the first place because lawmakers were concerned about people being injured by the dissemination of false information.

"People get these reports and you don't know what they are doing with these reports," she said.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor suggested the false information could have harmed Robins in unexpected ways.

"I will tell you that I know plenty of single people who look at whether someone who's proposed to date is married or not," she said. "So if you're not married and there's a report out there saying you are, that's a potential injury."

Spokeo lawyer Andrew Pincus argued that Robins' claims are too speculative and not the kind of "tangible" injury to economic or property rights that Congress intended when it passed the fair credit law.

The law was designed to keep companies from compiling inaccurate information that could jeopardize a person's ability to get loans or find work. Violators can face damages of

\$1,000 per violation, but that can climb into the millions in class-action cases.

Justice Antonin Scalia said Congress was not focused on faulty information itself, but on the failure of credit reporting agencies to follow proper procedures in collecting and reporting data.

"In fact, Congress has not identified misinformation as a sueable harm," Scalia said.

A lower court ruled that Robins could not sue because the errors were harmless. But a federal appeals court overturned that decision, saying it was enough that Spokeo violated the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Arguing for Robins, attorney William Consovoy said Congress meant to allow lawsuits for people with a "personal stake" in the publication of inaccurate information.

Chief Justice John Roberts wondered what would happen if a person

had an unlisted number and a data company published a phone number that happened to be wrong. Is there still an injury?

Consovoy agreed that would be enough.

But Roberts said the court has historically required an "injury in fact" that seems to be lacking in Robins' case.

Spokeo's website allows subscribers to look up personal information about almost anyone. It has a searchable database of profiles that includes addresses, phone numbers, marital status, age, employment information, education and economic health. But the information is collected from a variety of public sources and the company warns that it sometimes contains inaccuracies.

A decision is expected by the end of June.

Health law's 3rd sign-up season faces challenges from prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's insurance website is faster and easier to use, but as a third sign-up season gets underway, President Barack Obama's health care law is approaching limits.

Enrollment on the federal and state exchanges began Sunday. While the law's expanded coverage has reduced the uninsured rate to a historic low of about 9 percent, the gains will be harder in 2016.

Supporters may feel they're running to stay in place, rather than taking a victory lap during the president's last full year in office.

The reasons have to do with the structure of the complicated law, the effects of a major change introduced by the Supreme Court and political divisions likely to be magnified in an election year.

The fate of the Affordable Care Act

— known as "Obamacare" to its detractors — is very much in the hands of the next president. A weak sign-up season could embolden opponents who are so far unwilling to relent.

The law's two major engines of coverage expansion face challenges simultaneously.

Costs are going up on the private, taxpayer-subsidized coverage sold through HealthCare.gov and state insurance exchanges, and many of the more than 10 million eligible uninsured Americans are skeptics. They tend to be younger people on tight budgets, with other priorities for spending their money.

A sharp increase in fines may sway at least some fence-sitters. In 2016, the penalty will rise to \$695 or 2.5 percent of taxable income, whichever is higher. This year, the fine is the greater of \$325 or 2 percent of income.

On the law's Medicaid expansion, the other big mechanism driving coverage, the limitations are clearer and perhaps more consequential.

The 2012 Supreme Court decision that upheld the law's individual coverage requirement also gave states the choice to decline expanding Medicaid. Across the South, Republican-led states have turned down the Medicaid option, leaving millions uninsured.

Many are trapped in what's called the "Medicaid gap." They cannot get health insurance through HealthCare.gov because the law prevents people below the poverty line from using the insurance exchanges. So the private insurance alternative is closed to them, even as their states refuse to expand public coverage.

Among them is John Davis of Port Charlotte, Florida, a 49-year-old construction worker unemployed because

of health problems. A doctor at a free clinic is monitoring a suspicious spot on his lungs. "They won't biopsy it. Nobody will touch it because I don't have insurance," Davis said. "I feel like I'm walking around with a time bomb on my back and I can't see the timer."

In the Dallas-Fort Worth area, there are about 580,000 marketplace-eligible uninsured, the most in the nation, according to government figures. Donald Parish, the pastor of True Lee Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, uses the pulpit to encourage people to enroll through the marketplace. Many of his parishioners are wary. "It's economic. That you can get affordable health insurance still does not resonate," Parish said.

If five southern states — Texas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and North Carolina — were to expand

Medicaid, that could potentially add another 2 million people to the coverage rolls.

It would amount to a seismic shift, one unlikely in a political year when partisan divisions will be accentuated.

"It seems like most of the Deep South is saying, 'We are not doing it,'" said Tom Scully, a lobbyist who served as Medicare chief for former President George W. Bush.

Reading the signs, the Obama administration has set a modest sign-up target of about 10 million private insurance customers enrolled and paying their premiums by the end of 2016. Most would be consumers renewing from this year, but one-third or more are expected to be new customers previously uninsured.

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Walsh Named Ray Guy Award Candidate

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State sophomore punter Nick Walsh has been named one of 79 candidates nationally for the Ray Guy Award as the nation's top collegiate punter, the Augusta Sports Council has announced.

Walsh's candidacy is the fifth in K-State history and the first since Mark Krause in 2013. Tim Reyer was a candidate in 2006 and a semifinalist in 2007, while Ryan Doerr was a candidate in 2011.

A product of Lyndon, Kansas, Walsh holds a 41.6-yard average on 37 punts this season, including eight punts that have landed inside the 20-yard line and six 50-plus yard kicks. He recorded a season-high 47.5-yard average at Oklahoma State a week before booting a career-long 63-yard punt against TCU.

Kansas State hosts second-ranked Baylor on Thursday at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. The game, which will be televised by FS1, kicks off at 6:30 p.m. A limited number of scattered singles remain for the game along with standing-room only tickets. Fans can purchase tickets online at www.k-statesports.com/tickets, by phone at 1-800-221-CATS or by visiting the ticket office inside Bramlage Coliseum.



Nick Walsh gets off a punt against LaTech in September. (Photo by Jon A. Brake)

Royals win World Series, rally late, then rout Mets in 12th

NEW YORK -- (AP) They worked all season to take one more step in the World Series. Eric Hosmer wouldn't wait any longer.

Hosmer's daring dash forced extra innings, and those bound-and-determined Kansas City Royals rallied yet again to beat the New York Mets 7-2 in 12 innings early Monday for their first championship since 1985.

One agonizing win from ecstasy last season, this time the Royals reign after their latest incredible comeback and a go-ahead hit in Game 5 from Christian Colon, maybe the most unlikely player in uniform.

So go ahead and crown 'em, Kansas City! The job is finally done.

"From Day One, there was no doubt in my mind that they wouldn't accomplish it. There was no doubt in their mind that they wouldn't accomplish it," manager Ned Yost said. "It's just a special, special group that doesn't come around very often."

Down 2-0 in the ninth, Kansas City fought back against two of the top arms on the pitching-rich Mets: Matt Harvey and Jeurys Familia. And the Royals did it not with home run power but instead an aggressive sprint home by Hosmer on a groundout, a three-run double from Lorenzo Cain, a couple of crucial steals.

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"I couldn't have written a better script," Yost said.

That's how Series MVP Salvador Perez and the Royals became the first team since the 2002 Angels to come from behind in all four World Series wins, according to STATS.

That's how they washed out the bitter taste of last year's Game 7 loss to San Francisco at home, an October heartbreak that drove the Royals to their singular focus all season.

Never waver. Win it all this time. Wipe the pain away.

"Kansas City is No. 1. Who cares about what happened last year?" Perez said.

To get back where they were last fall -- 90 feet from tying the Giants in the ninth inning -- the Royals played more than 50,000 pitches of baseball and flew nearly 30,000 miles while crisscrossing the country.

Now, this group of home-grown favorites who revitalized a floundering franchise, Mike Moustakas and Alex Gordon and Hosmer to name a few, can finally rest and rejoice.

Not to be forgotten, major contributions from new additions assembled by general

manager Dayton Moore like Ben Zobrist, Johnny Cueto, Kendrys Morales, Chris Young and Alex Rios.

All together, they take their place in Royals history alongside Hall of Famer George Brett, Bret Saberhagen, Willie Wilson and those unexpected champs from 30 years ago.

"It's kind of good that these guys have their own identity," said Brett, a team executive. "It's going to be fun comparing the two teams."

And next up, Tuesday's parade in Kansas City to celebrate the club's second title, capped with a party at historic Union Station.

With no margin for error, Harvey put the Mets' last hope in his hands and hung on as long as he could. After eight scoreless innings, he pushed to pitch the ninth and finally faltered.

"Obviously, I let my heart get in the way of my gut. I love my players. And I trust them," manager Terry Collins said. "It didn't work. It was my fault."

New York slugger Yoenis Cespedes exited with knee pain but Curtis Granderson hit a leadoff homer, his third long ball of the Series, and the Mets managed a 2-0 lead against heavy-hearted Royals starter Edinson Volquez, pitching one day after returning from his father's funeral.

But for these resilient Royals, no deficit is too large, no time in the game too late.

"We never quit. We never put our heads down," Perez said. "We always compete to the last out."

Perez looped a leadoff single in the 12th off losing pitcher Addison Reed, and pinch-runner Jarrod Dyson stole second. One out later, Colon stepped in as a pinch-hitter for his first plate appearance since the regular-season finale Oct. 4.

Hardly rusty, he lined a 1-2 pitch into left-center and pounded his chest at first base.

"He's a winner," Yost said.

Alcides Escobar added an RBI double, and Cain's bases-loaded double off Bartolo Colon broke it open.

Royals reliever Luke Hochevar, drafted No. 1 overall by the team in 2006, pitched two hitless innings for the win.

All that was left was for Wade Davis to close it out. He threw a called third strike past Wilmer Flores to end it and tossed his glove high in the air as the Royals rushed toward the mound to celebrate.

Out in the Midwest, fireworks popped from Missouri to cities all over Kansas. Thousands of fans crammed

into the Power & Light District in Kansas City, celebrating as though it was New Year's Eve.

At Citi Field, hundreds of Royals fans dressed in blue descended toward the Kansas City dugout to cheer their

champs. Perez received his MVP award after the catcher hit .364.

Later, the Mets came back onto the field to salute a smaller pocket of fans who stuck around for one last chant of

"Let's go, Mets!"

It was the eighth comeback victory for Kansas City this postseason, matching a mark also held by the 1997 Marlins and 2002 Angels, STATS said. The tenacious Royals trailed by

at least two runs in a record seven of those games -- including when they staved off elimination by overcoming a 6-2 deficit in the eighth inning of an AL playoff game in Houston.

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