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EIU staying afloat amidst state budget issues

HUMANS OF PARKLAND
Chaya Sandler



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Scott Wells
Staff Writer

It wasn't difficult for Parkland's Activities Program Manager Chaya Sandler to decide where she wanted to work after completing her studies at the University of Illinois.

"I was interested in working at a college where the students are hard-working and dedicated to pursuing an education to further their individual goals," she said.

Sandler grew up in the Chicago suburb of Skokie. She came to the Champaign-Urbana area after high school where she majored in English and minored in African-American studies. Upon completion of her undergraduate studies, Sandler earned her master's degree in higher education administration.

She was hired to her current posting in the spring of 2014.

"My position allows me to work with students directly to make Parkland a place where students can find ways to express themselves, whether that is in a club or participating in a large scale program," she said.

In her role, Sandler's duties include the scheduling of events, supervising over 40 campus clubs and organizations, and making recommendations to student government.

Occasionally, Sandler will arrange for a karaoke stage to be set up in the Student Union. It is one of her favorite activities.

"It is always cool to see students who might be rushing between classes have a chance to unwind for a few minutes," she said. "Students will sing a song [or] watch others and it really connects us as one community, and sometimes students who are quiet in class really belt out some classic rock songs."

Sandler enjoys the fact that there are so many clubs and organizations for Parkland students to choose to join.

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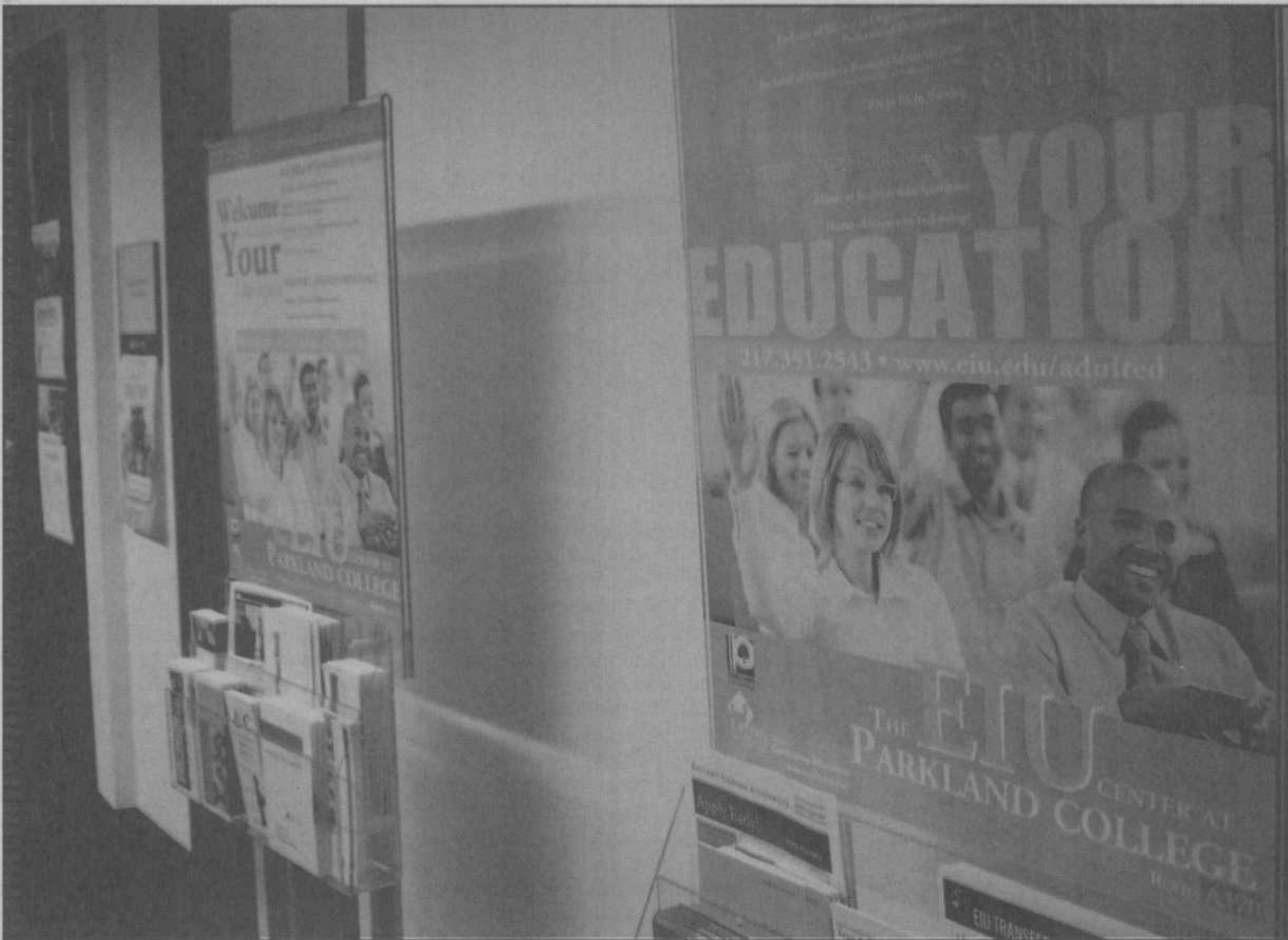


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Eastern Illinois University says, despite the Illinois budget dilemma, its doors will remain open. Officials say Parkland students can transfer to the university without fear of the latter's programs reducing in quality or the school shutting down.

Emma Gray
Staff Writer

In spite of monetary woes reaped by the state's fiscal situation, Eastern Illinois University has been working to sustain itself and the quality of its services through careful budgeting and cuts.

EIU has recently had to cut costs due to the Illinois budget crisis; nearly 400 positions have been eliminated

since June of last year, according to the News-Gazette.

This has been a source of concern for prospective students, with rumors flying of the school cutting programs or even closing. Such rumors, however, are untrue according to Senior Assistant Director of Admissions and Transfer Coordinator Rita Pearson.

"We are not closing. We are not leaving,"

Pearson said. "We're trying to live within our means and we're doing very well."

This has meant cuts, but EIU says they have been made strategically to keep them from having a negative impact on academics.

Most of the positions eliminated have been support staff. When faculty positions have been cut it has mostly been from not filling the positions of faculty that

have retired or gone to work elsewhere and not hiring back adjunct professors used for overflow sections.

"We cut by—through attrition—retirements, people taking other positions and leaving, and then just not filling those positions," Pearson said. "We had to cut support staff and that's the hard thing."

Pearson explains that the financial hardships that have caused these cuts are not just an

issue facing EIU.

"It's not an Eastern problem; it's a state of Illinois problem," she said, adding things should turn around once a budget is made.

"The only reason that we cut some workers there is because of the state budget, so hopefully when that gets resolved we'll be able to take care of those kinds of issues."

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Students reflect voter opinion on Champaign sales tax increase

David Saveanu
Staff Writer

A survey of randomly-selected Parkland students conducted by the Prospectus found a majority of Parkland students were on the same side as Champaign County voters regarding the recently-shot-down

sales tax increase proposition.

Eight out of 10 Parkland students surveyed were against the 0.25-cent sales tax increase proposal. This reflects the prevailing opinion of county voters, who voted down the proposition with a 70 percent majority.

The idea had been

8 out of 10 Parkland students were against the quarter-cent sales tax increase proposal

proposed in the past without much support, because of what the tax dollars could be

used to fund; an argument against the proposition was that extra taxes collected from said increase would go towards jail maintenance and upgrade expenditures rather than to programs meant to reduce crime and the number of people incarcerated in

the county.

These ideas were posed by the opposing party, which believe the tax dollars will not impact the voters directly.

Many surveyed Parkland students did not seem interested in said expenditures and did not support a

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NEWS

Thousands rally, march in nationwide anti-Trump protests

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NEW YORK (AP) — Tens of thousands of people marched in streets across the United States on Saturday, staging the fourth day of protests of Donald Trump's surprise victory as president.

The protests — held in big cities such as Los Angeles, New York and Chicago as well as smaller ones, such as Worcester, Massachusetts, and Iowa City, Iowa — were largely peaceful Saturday, although two police officers were slightly injured during protests in Indianapolis.

Protesters rallied at New York's Union Square before taking their cause up Fifth Avenue toward Trump Tower, where they were held back by police barricades.

The Republican president-elect was holed up inside his tower apartment, working with aides on the transition to the White House.

Among those railing against him was filmmaker Michael Moore, who tweeted a demand that Trump "step aside."

Fashion designer Noemi Abad, 30, agreed.

"I just can't have Donald Trump running this country and teaching our children racism, sexism and bigotry," she said. "Out of his own mouth he made this division. He needs to go — there's no place for racism in society in America."

Trump's comments — particularly a 2005 recording of him making lewd comments about women — sparked outrage during his campaign. That spilled over into demonstrations following an election that ended with half of U.S. voters choosing the other candidate, Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Demonstrators in Indianapolis on Saturday threw rocks at police, slightly injuring two officers, said Police Chief Troy Riggs. Some protesters began chanting threats including "Kill the Police," and officers moved in to arrest seven demonstrators.

Police briefly fired pepper balls into the crowd during the confrontation.

"We believe that we have some instigators that arrived in our city," trying to start a riot, Riggs said.

Rowdy demonstrators marched through downtown Portland, Oregon, for the fourth night Saturday despite calls from the mayor and police chief for calm.

Several hundred people took to the streets and Portland authorities made multiple arrests after protesters threw bottles and other items at officers in riot gear and blocked streets and light rail lines. The exact number of arrests wasn't immediately available.

The gathering came after a news conference Saturday in which Mayor Charlie Hayes and Police Chief Mike Marshman urged restraint after several days of violent marches that damaged property and left one person shot.

Friday night, police used flash-bang grenades to disperse a crowd of hundreds in the downtown area. Seventeen people were arrested and one man was shot and suffered non life-threatening injuries in what police described as a confrontation with gang members. Two people were arrested on attempted murder charges.

In Los Angeles, an estimated 8,000 people marched through downtown streets Saturday to condemn what they saw as Trump's hate speech about Muslims, pledge to deport people in the country illegally and crude comments about women.

Jennifer Cruz, 18, of Ventura,



Photo by Bob Self | The Florida Times-Union via AP

Protesters at an anti-Donald Trump rally listen to one of the speakers in Hemming Park, Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016, in downtown Jacksonville, Fla. Over a hundred protesters gathered for a rally against President-elect, Donald Trump, winning the presidential election. Tens of thousands of people marched in streets across the United States on Saturday, staging the fourth day of protests of Donald Trump's surprise victory as president.

California, carried a sign that asked: "Legalize weed but not my Mom?" — a reference to Californians' Tuesday passage of a measure legalizing recreational marijuana use.

Cruz said her parents have been in the United States illegally for 30 years, although her mother has spent years seeking citizenship. She called the possibility of their deportation terrifying.

"We talk about it almost every day," she said. "My Mom wants to leave it in the hands of God, but I'm not just going to sit back and not do anything. I'm going to fight for my parents, even if it kills me."

Shawn Smith, 41, of Los Angeles, wore an American flag vest and held a glittery sign that said "Love Trumps Hate."

"What he's been able to do is make 50 percent of the nation look over their shoulder," he said. "If you're gay, if you're LGBT, if you're Muslim, if you're Latin, if you're special needs, if you're female, it's a much unsafer place now."

"What is happening today is going to be the normal for a while," he said of the demonstration, "because we're not going to just sit back and watch our rights being taken away, our health care being taken away."

Meanwhile, several dozen Trump supporters gathered at his vandalized star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame to urge the protesters to give him a chance. One person held a cross that read "All lives matter to me."

In other parts of the country, spirited demonstrations on college campuses and peaceful marches along downtown streets have taken place since Wednesday.

Evening marches disrupted traffic in Miami and Atlanta.

Trump supporter Nicolas Quirico was traveling from South Beach to Miami. His car was among hundreds stopped when protesters blocked Interstate 395.

"Trump will be our president. There is no way around that, and the sooner people grasp that, the better off we will be," he said. "There is a difference between a peaceful protest and standing in a major highway backing up traffic for 5 miles. This is wrong."

Protests also were held in Detroit; Minneapolis; Kansas City, Missouri; Olympia, Washington, Iowa City and more.

More than 200 people, carrying signs, gathered on the steps of the Washington state Capitol. The group chanted "not my president" and "no

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HUMANS

minimum of ten registered students and a faculty [or] staff advisor," she said. "The main goal of clubs is to develop leadership skills, personal relationships, and allow students to utilize resources on campus to make the out-of-class learning experience as robust as a classroom experience."

As is the case for Parkland's many students, Sandler is already looking ahead to the next semester.

"The student government's Valentine's dinner is always an awesome program," she said. "Next semester it will be held on Feb. 10, and we take the cafeteria and transform it into a fun dinner and dance spot. This year our speaker is going to talk about humor and how it helps us cope with stress and other situations."

Sandler encourages students to seek out the many opportunities that are available to them in the Parkland community.

"Students at Parkland can join clubs, run for student government, plan large scale programs, volunteer, and even get a part-time job on campus," she said.

are welcome here" Saturday as they marched through Millennium Park, a popular downtown tourist attraction.

Sonja Spray, 29, who heard about the protest on Facebook, said she has signed an online petition urging the electoral college to honor the popular vote and elect Clinton.

Demonstrations also took place internationally. A group of Mexicans at statue representing independence in Mexico City expressed their concerns about a possible wave of deportations. One school teacher said it would add to the "unrest" that's already in Mexico. About 300 people protested Trump's election as the next American president outside the U.S. Embassy near the landmark Brandenburg Gate in Berlin.

President Barack Obama meets in Berlin next week with Chancellor Angela Merkel and several other European leaders, and is expected to confront global concerns about Trump's election.

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TAX

higher tax on their goods, because of their lack of support to the causes explained

on the ballot.

Urbana democrat Chris Alix says sales taxes increases are most always viewed with an unfavorable eye by the general public.

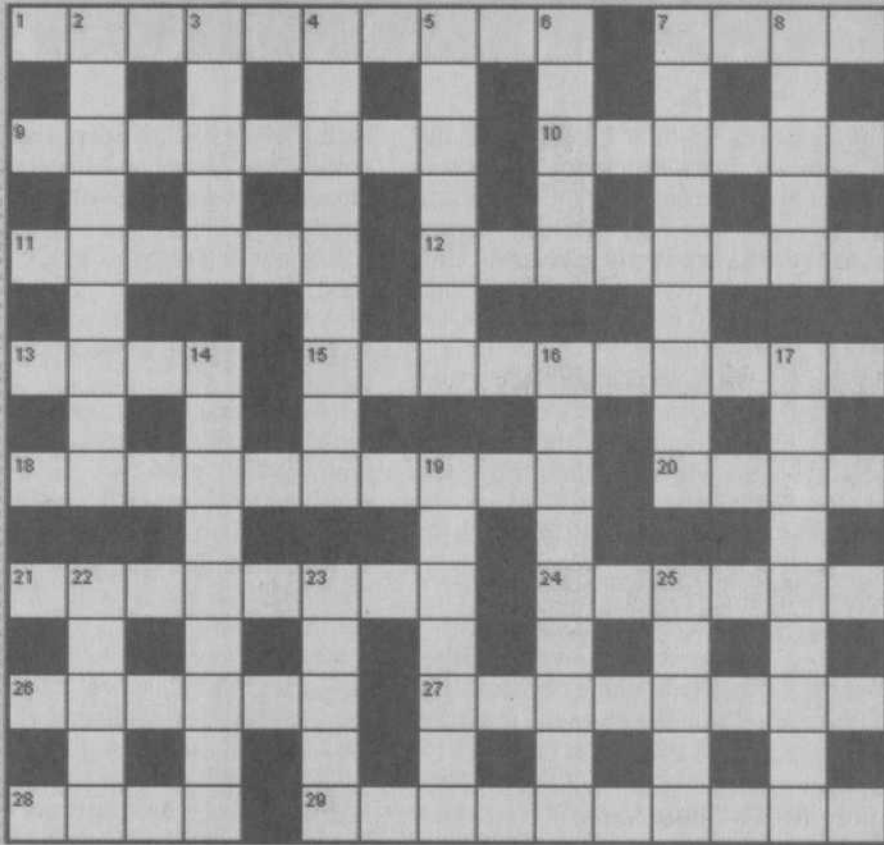
"I don't think it's likely to pass because it's a sales tax referendum," he said. "Tax referenda are unlikely to pass, even under the best circumstances."

The average household would spend approximately \$18.35 extra each year, reports the News-Gazette, which may have been a factor in the students' decision to not support the proposition. The tax wouldn't have been applied to food, medicine, or licensed vehicles.

The proposition is planned to hit the ballots again in the spring, with proponents hoping to see a different reaction on the part of voters. They say the sales tax increase can help to improve county government facilities and infrastructure.

CROSSWORD & COMICS

Crossword (solve for the answers below)



ACROSS

- 1 Conductor initially introduced First Rabbi to rock and roll (10)
- 7 Loud note by tenors started below the required pitch (4)
- 9 Teacher rejected Liszt heard from Mussolini's overthrow (8)
- 10 Composer of Sweeney Todd? (6)
- 11 Fall perhaps for American violin concerto - one of four (6)
- 12 Half of Lieder about, say, human subject (8)
- 13 Plays parts of opera (4)
- 15 One of three brothers EMI backed to produce waltz rhythm? (6,4)
- 18 Pupil leaves as clarinet's playing to find violinist (5,5)
- 20 Have the temerity to do some of Maskerade backwards (4)
- 21 Instrumentalists with plenty of pluck? (8)
- 24 Composer of carols has right to speak (6)
- 26 A composer to name another (6)
- 27 Ravel loaded with gold - here? (8)
- 28 Requiem for Nelson by Haydn (4)
- 29 Fine Austrain composer? (10)

DOWN

- 2 Copper shortly denies source of annoyance is mobile - these concertgoers wouldn't agree! (9)
- 3 Endorses composer of Tintagel, say (5)
- 4 Bruckner's Eighth is about sustained passages which gradually get slower (9)
- 5 Rock singer? (7)
- 6 I'm finding the odd bits of Boulez filter through (5)
- 7 Excited by extremely febrile performance of Medtner (9)
- 8 Some Elgar enamoured Promenaders standing here? (5)
- 14 Character in Madam Butterfly who has only 7ac's to sing? (9)
- 16 Tenor performing Grieg and a bit of Lehar (9)
- 17 Score given to the more senior conductor (4,5)
- 19 She appears among Brendel's pet hates (7)
- 22 Arrangement of Alkan endlessly captivates English scout leader (5)
- 23 Scottish National Orchestra initially confused over G & S numbers (5)
- 25 Time and time again old boy follows beat (5)

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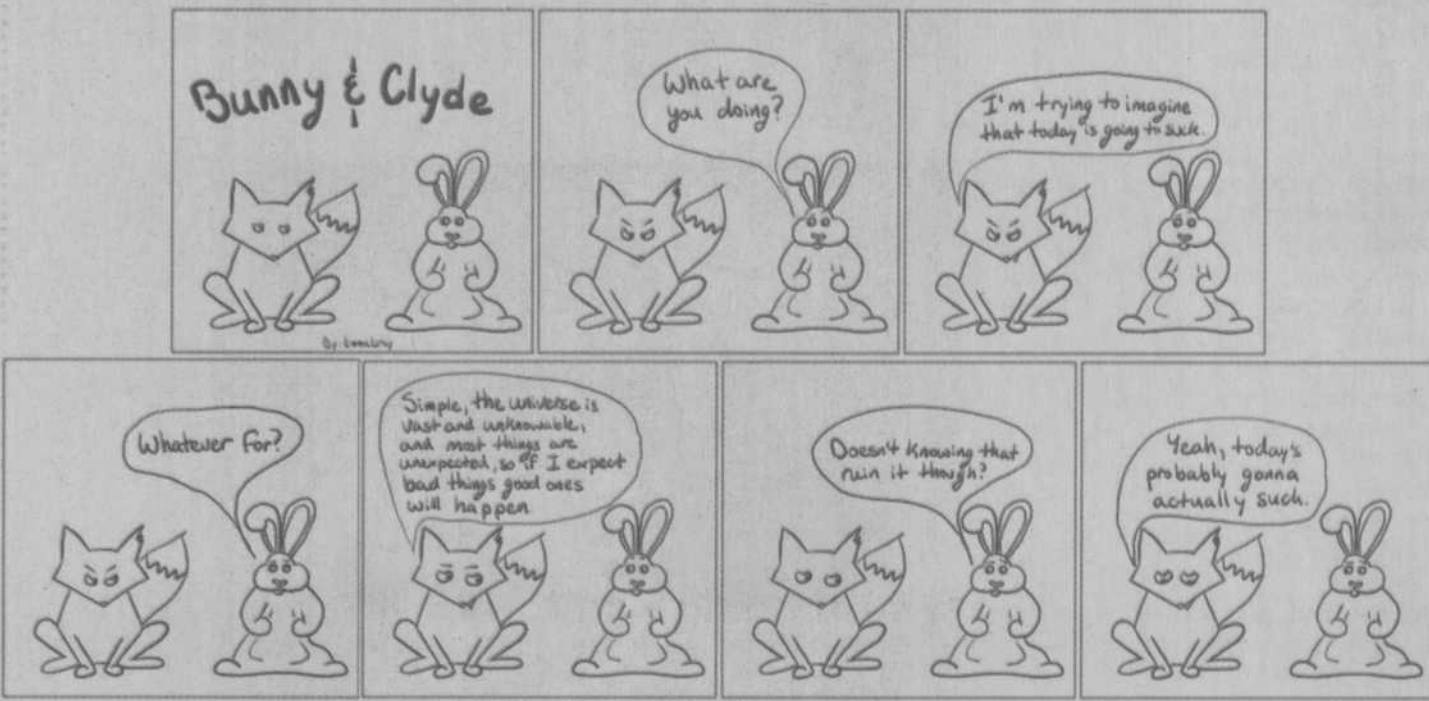
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Answers from last week

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Answers from last week

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LIFESTYLE

Fast-food fan Trump could remake healthy school lunches

MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Will President-elect Donald Trump remake school lunches into his fast-food favorites of burgers and fried chicken?

Children grumbling about healthier school meal rules championed by first lady Michelle Obama may have reason to cheer Trump's election as the billionaire businessman is a proud patron of Kentucky Fried Chicken and McDonald's while promising to curb federal regulations.

The Obama administration has made healthier, safer and better labeled food a priority in the last eight years, significantly raising the profile of food policy and sometimes drawing the ire of Republicans, farmers and the food industry. The first lady made reducing childhood obesity one of her signature issues through her "Let's Move" campaign.

In addition to the healthier school meal rules, the administration ushered a sweeping food safety law through Congress, pushed through several new food labeling regulations, started to phase out trans fats, added calorie labels to menus and suggested new limits on sodium in packaged foods. The White House has also fended off efforts in the Republican Congress to trim the nation's food stamp program.

"Food advocates are already nostalgic for the Obama era and will be playing defense for the next four years," says Sam Kass, a former White House senior adviser on nutrition and personal chef for the Obamas.

A look at some of the food regulations that could be scrapped — or tweaked — in the new administration:

MAKING SCHOOL MEALS GREAT AGAIN

Trump himself hasn't weighed in on school meal regulations. But Republicans, school nutrition directors and some in the food industry have balked at parts of the administration's rules that set stricter fat, sugar and sodium limits on foods in the lunch line and beyond. While many students have now gotten used to the healthier foods, some schools still complain that they are costly and that it's difficult to meet the standards.

"I would be very surprised if we don't see some major changes on the school lunch program" and some other food issues, said Rep. Robert Aderholt of Alabama, the Republican chairman of the House subcommittee that oversees Agriculture Department spending.

Aderholt, who sits on Trump's agriculture advisory committee, says the Obama administration's approach was "activist driven" and people who voted for Trump are looking for a more common-sense approach.

One of many names that have been floated as a possible agriculture secretary is Sid Miller, the Texas Agriculture Commissioner who repealed a state ban on deep fryers and soda machines at schools. Miller recently got in trouble when he used a profanity on Twitter to describe Democrat Hillary Clinton; he blamed a staffer and the tweet was deleted.

THE FOOD POLICE

In September, the Trump campaign pitched rolling back food safety regulations in a fact sheet, arguing they are burdensome to farmers and criticizing increased inspections of food manufacturing facilities as "overkill." The sheet referred to the "food police" at the Food and Drug Administration. The campaign later deleted the proposal from its website.

Congress passed new

food safety regulations in 2010, a year after a salmonella outbreak linked to a Georgia peanut company killed nine people. Michael Taylor, former FDA deputy commissioner for foods who oversaw the food safety rules, says it wouldn't be popular with consumers to roll them back.

"Consumers are only getting more focused on safety, health and wellness," Taylor says.

Trump himself is a self-professed germaphobe who prefers eating at fast-food restaurants because he believes they have higher food safety standards.

FOOD STAMPS

Congressional Republicans have been examining food stamps since the program's cost grew to almost \$80 billion annually after the recession. Participation and costs have

dipped since its 2013 high, but conservatives have suggested tightening eligibility standards or increasing work requirements. House Speaker Paul Ryan has for years championed an overhaul to the program.

Democrats in the Senate have consistently objected to any changes to the program, and will still wield influence. But they won't have the backing of a Democratic White House.

OTHER FOOD POLICY

Many other laws are either already in place or close to it, including a revised "nutrition facts" panel on the back of food packages, with a new line breaking out added sugars, a labeling law for genetically modified foods and calorie labeling on restaurant and supermarket menus.

In many cases, the rules are a result of compromise

with industry. Kass says that pulling back may just create more cost and uncertainty for businesses.

"Unwinding things is really hard, especially when most of them have been implemented and industry has moved on," Kass says.

He predicts most of the regulations will stay, but that there will be little additional progress. Ongoing administration efforts to reduce sodium in food and antibiotics in meat could be casualties.

Margo Wootan, a lobbyist on nutrition issues for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, says advocates will continue to be aggressive at the state and local levels, hoping change will bubble up.

"The public is more interested than ever in nutrition and will continue to press companies," she says.

'A Charlie Brown Christmas' performed at Parkland

Peter Floess
Staff Writer

A play adaptation of the animated television holiday classic "A Charlie Brown Christmas" is coming to Parkland's theatre starting on Dec. 1.

The television special was adapted for the stage by Eric Schaeffer. The play at Parkland is directed by Latrelle Bright. In August, Bright directed the musical "Dreamgirls" on the behalf of the Krannert Center for

the Performing Arts and the Banks Bridgewater Lewis Fine Arts Academy. The musical starred Parkland theater student, Tafadzwa Diener.

The play will feature some of the music of the jazz pianist Vince Guaraldi, who composed the music for the original television special of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and most other of the "Peanuts" television specials until his death in February 1976.

One can see "A Charlie

Brown Christmas" at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Thursday, December 1
 - Friday, December 2
 - Saturday, December 3
 - Friday, December 9
 - Saturday, December 10
- One can see "A Charlie Brown Christmas" at 3 p.m. on the following dates
- Saturday, December 3
 - Saturday, December 10
 - Sunday, December 11

On Thursday, December 1, tickets can be purchased at half off their regular price.

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EIU

Even with the Illinois budget in shambles

EIU has been able to find a silver lining; Pearson says she is excited by what is happening at the university, namely the additional majors being added to its list of offerings to students. Such additions include a public relations major and computer information technology program. A psychology major is now available online as well.

In addition to these new majors EIU has a lot of other options that Pearson says makes it a very transfer friendly school. One of the big things that Eastern does is that it accepts all college credit as college credit, barring remedial, developmental, and orientation credits.

"We are going to take everything you transfer in as long as it is not remedial, developmental, or orientation. Those are the only three categories we don't accept," says Pearson.

Eastern also has a number of degrees that are designed for transfer students, with lower EIU residency hours and even classes offered by EIU on Parkland's campus.

Normal EIU residency hours are 42, but for some of these special degrees, students only need 20 or 25 credit hours from the university. Junior/senior level credit hour minimums still

apply, with the lower limit being 40 semester hours.

"Our faculty will come up here and deliver our classes using Parkland's classrooms," Pearson said. "We also have some online options."


Pearson says EIU offers three undergraduate programs that are taught at Parkland: a bachelor's in general studies, an organizational development program, and a bachelor's in business administration.

When considering what options might be best for each individual, Pearson encourages students to come to EIU's Parkland office, where they can set up an appointment with her or another advisor.

"We have advisors that come up for each one of those programs," she said.

Pearson says one of EIU's strengths is its size: she says it is "one of the smaller state universities."

"...[Our] student faculty ratio is only like 14:1, which gives you that personal atmosphere which I think is a big strength of EIU—that we really care about the students," she said. "We care about what you're experiencing inside and outside of the classroom because we want you to have different kinds of things... maybe study abroad, maybe undergraduate research, maybe internships, job shadowing—all those different things that build your resume."



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