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Read the results of our years-long investigation into Dr. Kern Wildenthal's spending at UT Southwestern, which prompted the UT System review.

WATCHDOG | UT SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER

Report faults Wildenthal's spending

'Questionable judgment' cited as top auditors quit, retire; he resigns from special assistant post, defends expenses

By SUE GOETINCK AMBROSE and REESE DUNKLIN
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Dr. Kern Wildenthal, the chief fundraiser and former president of UT Southwestern Medical Center,

spent public money on personal travel abroad and showed "questionable judgment" in handling his expenses over the last several years, according to a special investigative report released Tuesday by the UT System.

Within hours of the report's release, UTSW announced that Wildenthal had resigned as special assistant to Dr. Daniel Podolsky, who succeeded him in 2008. UTSW also said Wildenthal would relinquish the presidency of the Southwestern Medical Foundation, the school's main fundraising charity.

Wildenthal "will also make full res-

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titution to UT Southwestern for reimbursements found to be inappropriate," Podolsky said in a letter addressed to the UTSW community.

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KERN WILDENTHAL will retain his tenured faculty position and endowed chair.

EMPLOYMENT

Opportunities await — if you don't mind competition



Steve Pfost/Staff Photographer

Christine Nicholson, a broadcast journalism student, works with professor Julian Rodriguez in the University of Texas at Arlington's newsroom. She has been preparing for graduation by interning at a TV station and sending out résumés.

Job seekers doing their homework

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Christine Nicholson worked in marketing for several years before she returned to college to realize a dream: to become a news reporter.

The Euless resident will graduate from the University of Texas at Arlington on May 12. Being a veteran of the workforce,

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she is prepared: She is an intern at a local television station and has an interview scheduled with a station in Sherman this week.

"I've been sending out résumés and visiting every news station in the area — even

those up to two hours away," the Haltom High graduate, now 36, said. "The one thing I've been told is that it's competitive."

No doubt.

As the job market slowly returns from the depths of the recession, many industries are once again hiring. Soon-to-be graduates and those just out of work have

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DMN INVESTIGATES | UPDATE

Parkland faces huge overhaul

Feds' mandates order 'thousands of steps' to address failures

By MILES MOFFEIT, BROOKS EGERTON and SHERRY JACOBSON
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The federal government is demanding a massive reorganization of Parkland Memorial Hospital that requires 400 initiatives over the next year to eliminate systemic dangers to patients, according to the action plan obtained by *The Dallas Morning News*.

The plan calls for overhauling seven key departments including the emergency room and psychiatric services, revising hundreds of policies, expanding staff and services, installing a patient safety chief, and renovating parts of the aging facility.

The Dallas County hospital also must create up to seven task forces to tackle other complex problems, including

one to ensure that UT Southwestern Medical Center faculty members safely supervise resident doctors-in-training who provide much of the hospital's medical care.

Parkland is three weeks into implementing the array of reforms, authored by on-site safety monitors who are overseeing the process. On Tuesday, the Parkland Board of Managers heard its first progress report from administrators who detailed how they had met four "milestones" under the plan, including restructuring nursing services. But they were behind schedule on three others.

"People are working like hell to get it done — that's the truth," said Debbie Branson, board chairwoman. "The board is truly committed to making sure it gets done."

The 326-page document, kept secret by Parkland since late February, was provided to *The News* by other sources. It

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NATION

Romney wins 5 more states

Mitt Romney glides to victory in five more primaries, turns to general election. 5A

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BUSINESS

Downtown tower struggles with debt

Renaissance Tower, the downtown Dallas skyscraper best known for the X-shaped designs on its sides, is struggling with debt and rising vacancy rates. 1D

METRO

Sanders, wife, friend cited in altercation

Former Dallas Cowboys star Deion Sanders, his estranged wife and her friend were cited in an altercation at Sanders' Prosper home. 1B

TEXAS

Mexican drug boss named in indictment

Federal officials in El Paso unsealed an indictment against Mexico's most-wanted drug boss, Joaquin Guzman Loera, leader of the Sinaloa cartel. 4A

IN CONTEXT | HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL

Expect to bear more costs if Obama law rejected

Employers, insurance firms likely to focus on cuts

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON — If the Supreme Court strikes down President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, don't look to the government for what comes next.

Employers and insurance

companies will take charge. They'll borrow some ideas from Obamacare, ditch others, and push even harder to cut costs.

Here's what experts say to expect:

■ Workers will bear more of their own medical costs as job

coverage shifts to plans with higher deductibles, the amount you pay out of pocket each year before insurance kicks in. Traditional insurance will lose ground to high-deductible plans with tax-free accounts for routine expenses.

■ Increasingly, smokers will face financial penalties if they

don't at least seriously try to quit. Employees with a weight problem and high cholesterol are next. They'll get tagged as health risks and nudged into diet programs.

■ Some companies will keep the health care law's most pop-

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GULF OF MEXICO DISASTER

1st criminal charges filed in oil spill

Ex-BP engineer accused of deleting messages on amount of crude spewing into water

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW ORLEANS — Federal prosecutors brought the first criminal charges Tuesday in the gulf oil spill, accusing a former BP engineer of deleting more than 300 text messages that indicated the blown-out well was spewing far

more crude than the company was telling the public at the time.

Kurt Mix, 50, of Katy, Texas, was arrested and charged with two counts of obstruction of justice for allegedly destroying evidence.

The U.S. Justice Department made it clear that the investigation is still going on and suggested that more people could be arrested. In a statement, Attor-



The oil rig explosion killed 11 rig workers and caused the worst offshore oil spill in the U.S.

U.S. Coast Guard

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