

Hewlett-Packard, Quixote, YRC Worldwide: U.S. Equity Movers

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Dec. 31 (Bloomberg) -- Shares of the following companies had unusual moves in U.S. trading. Stock symbols are in parentheses, and prices are as of 4 p.m. in New York.

Makers of security devices and biometric technologies gained for a fourth day on speculation airports may be required to boost spending on equipment after the foiled bombing attempt on a Northwest Airlines plane to Detroit on Dec. 25.

Intellicheck Mobilisa Inc. (IDN US) soared 57 percent to \$3.75. ICx Technologies Inc. (ICXT US) surged 12 percent to \$9.52.

Biodel Inc. (BIOD US) added 5.1 percent to \$4.34, the highest price since Nov. 9. The company filed for U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of Viaject, an insulin injection the drugmaker says is absorbed faster than other diabetes treatments.

Hewlett-Packard Co. (HPQ US) fell 2.7 percent, the most since May 20, to \$51.51. Apple Inc. (AAPL US) expects to ship 10 million tablet computers in the first year, former Google Inc. (GOOG US) Greater China President Lee Kai-fu wrote on his blog, citing a friend familiar with the unannounced project. Hewlett-Packard got 19 percent of sales from notebook computers last quarter.

Preferred Bank (PFBC US) sank 16 percent, the most since October 2008, to \$1.80. The bank was cut to "underperform" from "market perform" by FBR Capital Markets Corp., which said it may need to raise money to bolster capital.

Quixote Corp. (QUIX US) more than doubled to \$6.37 in the biggest rally since at least May 1984. The maker of highway safety products agreed to be bought by Trinity Industries Inc. (TRN US) for \$6.38 a share in cash, or about \$61 million.

YRC Worldwide Inc. (YRCW US) plunged 15 percent to 84 cents, the lowest price since at least November 1982. The largest U.S. trucker said bondholders agreed to swap their debt for equity, enabling the company to avoid a bankruptcy filing that may have resulted in liquidation.

Trucking companies retreated. Con-way Inc. (CNW US) lost 9.8 percent to \$34.91. Old Dominion Freight Line Inc. (ODFL US) slumped 8.2 percent to \$30.70. Arkansas Best Corp. (ABFS US) fell 10 percent to \$29.43. Saia Inc. (SAIA US) decreased 8.7 percent to \$14.82.

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