

Weather

Critics revive promises to knock Obama budget

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WASHINGTON — Advocates for seniors say President Barack Obama is breaking his promise to protect Social Security, while conservatives say he is breaking his promise not to raise taxes on the middle class.

Obama's budget proposal includes a mix of tax increases and benefit cuts in an effort to reduce government borrowing and spark the still-fragile economy. Obama says it is the kind of balanced approach that is necessary to tame runaway budget deficits.

But advocates from across the political spectrum are reminding the president of his past campaign promises.

Obama's budget blueprint would increase taxes by \$1 trillion over the next decade. Most of the tax increases would target wealthy households and corporations, though some, including a tax increase on cigarettes, would hit low- and middle-income families, too.

At the same time, Obama's plan would trim benefit programs like Social Security and Medicare while adding new spending on infrastructure and early childhood education.

The most sweeping proposal is to adopt a new measure of inflation for the government, which would gradually reduce benefits and raise taxes at the same time.

Called the chained Consumer Price Index, the new measure would show a lower level of inflation than the more widely

used Consumer Price Index. The change could have far-reaching effects because so many programs are adjusted each year based on year-to-year changes in consumer prices.

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vulnerable Americans," Obama said.

Some programs, including anti-poverty programs like food stamps and Supplemental Security Income, would be exempt from the new inflation measure. College Pell grants would also be exempt, as would benefit levels in the president's new health care law.

There would also be provisions to reduce the impact on older Social Security recipients and those who receive Social Security disability benefits for at least 15 years.

In all, the new measure would reduce scheduled benefits by \$130 billion over the next decade, according to estimates.

Low-income taxpayers would see the biggest tax increases because much of their income is not currently subject to the federal income tax.

Republicans note that Obama has repeatedly promised to spare low- and middle-income families from tax increases. They also note that this isn't the first time Obama supported raising taxes on cigarettes.

In 2009, Obama signed a law that increased the federal cigarette tax by 62 cents, to \$1.01 a pack. The money is being used to pay for the expansion of a health insurance program for children.

Obama's budget proposal would increase the federal tax on cigarettes from \$1.01 a pack to \$1.95. The new cigarette tax would raise an estimated \$78 billion over the next decade to pay for preschool programs for children.

National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25. Northwest wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 52. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. Breezy, with a south wind 5 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 55.

Monday Night: A chance of rain and snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Tuesday: A slight chance of rain and snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 45. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tuesday Night: A chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Wednesday: A slight chance of rain and snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 42. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

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Buffalo Bill Cultural Center features Oakley studio owner

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Novel" display that is rotating out of the Golden museum and will be on display at the center through the summer.

The center plans a "Biggest Pumpkin" contest during this year's Kansas State Cornhus-

ing Contest on Oct. 12.

"We want to give everyone time enough to get those pumpkins planted," said Laurie Milensifer of the center.

The biggest pumpkin will be judged and the winner announced along with the winners of the second annual Pumpkin

Carving and Decorating Contest.

For information about what's going on at the center, visit the Buffalo Bill Cultural Center Facebook page or go to www.buffalobilloakley.org.

Rexford dairy wins another award

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sylvania to the plains of Kansas in 1999 to give their four sons the opportunity to fulfill their goals to be dairy farmers," said state Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rodman. "Thirteen years later, McCarty Family Farms has become an innovative leader in the Kansas dairy industry and a key

component in three western Kansas communities, creating steady jobs that are a boost to rural economies."

McCarty's Rexford location recently completed the Validus Certified Responsible Producer certification, an animal welfare training program. Fewer than 25 dairies nationwide have this certification, the family said.

Briefly

Exhibit reception will honor artist

The public is invited to a free exhibit reception honoring Gem native, artist Jennifer Higerd from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday in the Garvey Educational Room at the Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin, in Colby. Saturday will be the last day to see "The Roots Run Deep" ceramics exhibition at the museum. For questions, call Director Sue Taylor at 460-4590.

Learning Center plans fund raiser

As a fund raiser for the Thomas County Learning Center, Antiquities Photography will be taking "antique" color portraits of children up to age 16. Money will go for daycare scholarships for the fall semester. A \$10 sitting coupon includes a 10x13 series of three images on a single print. Deadline for purchasing a coupon is Friday; tentative portrait date is Saturday, April 20. For information, call Melinda Fikan at 465-7900.

One-Call to offer program on digging safety

Kansas One-Call will conduct a brief program on how to dig safely and prevent damage to underground utility lines at 3 and 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Community Building. The session will include changes to the Kansas One-Call notification system, time for questions and methods to identify unmarked underground lines. To register, call (877) 477-1162 or go to www.pdigm.com/rsvp.

Grade school plans pre-enrollment meeting

Kindergarten pre-enrollment and a parent meeting for the 2013-14 school year will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Colby Grade School activity room. Bring your child's birth certificate, immunization records and Social Security card. For information or questions, call the grade school office at 460-5100.

Sacred Heart accepting pre-enrollments

Sacred Heart School is accepting pre-enrollment for 3-year-old preschool and 4-year-old pre-kindergarten for the fall term. Contact Principal Laura Krejci at 460-2813.

College Adult Education offers GED prep

The Adult Education Department at Colby Community College will offer "bridge" classes for students planning to enroll in nursing courses, providing refresher instruction in math, reading and study skills, from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through May 9 or from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from May 20 to 30. The Adult Education Center is on the lower level of the college library. To enroll or for information, call Nance Munderloh at 460-4663 or stop by the campus office.

Pride of the Prairie to perform this month

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will present its Blue Jeans and T-Shirts Concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28, in Frahm Theater of the Cultural Arts Center on the Colby Community College campus. The members, conducted by Andrew Salvador, will be dressed in blue jeans and T-shirts for the performance. The orchestra is dedicating this concert to the memory of Sharon Steele, long-time orchestra member and friend. Admission is by Pride of the Prairie patron ticket or at the door, adults \$10, seniors \$5 and students \$3. For questions, call Mary Shoaff at 462-2159 or Janet Hopson at 462-5102.

City working on mapping electric, water

Contractor Midland GIS continues to do mapping for the Colby city electric and water departments. Workers may be in alleyways and yards for about two more weeks, said Public Works Director Omar Weber. For questions, call the department at 460-4420.

Head Start looking for kids to fill classes

Head Start, a development program for 3- and 4-year-olds and their families, is taking applications. Services, including education, nutrition, health, disability services and family support, are free to those who qualify. Children must be 3 on or before Aug. 31. For information or to schedule an appointment, contact Head Start at 460-6067.

Volunteers needed to deliver home meals

The Colby Nutrition Site at the Senior Progress Center needs volunteers to deliver meals to homes from 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays or Thursdays. Call Kaila DeBoer at 460-2901 for information.

Group needs 'bigs' to work with children

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thomas County is looking for people able to volunteer one to two hours a week as mentors for kids who need a "big." You could make a difference in a child's life, working with the largest mentoring organization in Kansas. For questions, call Orvella Romine at 460-9125.

Wednesday: High, 35; Low 17
Precip: Wednesday Trace
Month: None
Year: 1.66 inches
Normal: 3.98 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 7:11 a.m. 8:19 p.m.
Moon: waxing, 5 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)



LOCAL TV Listings

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Saturday Evening April 13, 2013										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Bet on Your Baby	Bet on Your Baby	Body of Proof	Local						
KBSL/CBS	NCIS	48 Hours	Local							
KSNK/NBC	Grimm	Smash	Saturday Night Live	Local	Saturday Night Live					
KSAS/FOX	NASCAR Racing		The Following	30S	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Bates Motel	Bates Motel	Bates Motel	Bates Motel	Bates Motel	Bates Motel				
AMC	Unforgiven	Unforgiven								
ANIM	My Cat From Hell	Too Cute!	Tanked	Tanked						
BRAVO	Atlanta	Bad Boys II								
CMT	Jeff Dunham: Arguing	Redneck Vacation	After	Them Idiots		Redneck				
CNN	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan Live	CNN Newsroom	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan Live					
COMEDY	Good Luck Chuck	Get Him to the Greek		Chris Rock: Bigger & Blacker						
DISC	Last Frontier	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch						
DISN	Toy Story 2	Jessie	Jessie	Shake It	Dog	Austin	Austin	Austin		
E!	He's Just Not			The Women						
ESPN	College Hockey			Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter	SportsCenter				
ESPN2	HS Basketball			College Softball	Baseball Tonight					
FAM	Happy Gilmore			Happy Gilmore	The Hot Chick					
FOOD	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Iron Chef America	Restaurant: Im.					
FX	Battle: Los Angeles	The Ultimate Fighter			The Ultimate Fighter					
HGTV	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It			

American Profile

We Celebrate Hometown Life
Stories from hometowns just like yours. Look for us each week in this paper.

	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Chasing	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Chasing	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	Stalkers				Romeo Killer				Stalkers	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	
NICK	Marvin	Wendell	Ninjas	Wendell	The Nanny	The Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SCI	Shutter Island	V for Vendetta			Sin City					
SPIKE	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Savage	Savage	Savage	Savage	Auction	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Men-Work	Cougar	Cougar	Joe Dirt	
TCM	Anna & King				Unfaithfully Yours				No Way	
TLC	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER	Untold Stories of ER				
TNT	Shooter				S.W.A.T.					
TOON	Hoodwinked!	Venture	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Cleveland	Dynamite	Boondocks	Bleach	Naruto	
TRAV	Mysteries-Museum	Mysteries-Museum	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Mysteries-Museum					
TV LAND	Golden	Golden	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	The King of Queens			
USA	Couples Retreat	Little Fockers			Knocked Up					
VH1	Pulp Fiction				Uprising: Hip Hop, LA Riots	Gossip				
WGN	Arrow	Arrow	Arrow		The Vampire Diaries	Bones				
Premium Channels										
HBO	Crazy	The Campaign			Louis C.K.: Oh	Boxing			Sports	
MAX	In Time				American Reunion					
SHOW	Twilight-Dawn				Hick					

Sunday Evening April 14, 2013										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KAKE/ABC	Once Upon a Time	Revenge	Red Widow	Local						
KBSL/CBS	The Amazing Race	The Good Wife	The Mentalist	Local						
KSNK/NBC	The Voice	Celebrity Apprentice		Local					Dateline NBC	
KSAS/FOX	Simpsons	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Amer. Dad	Local					
Cable Channels										
A & E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	The Italian Job	Mad Men	Mad Men	Mad Men						
ANIM	River Monsters	River Monsters	Monster Squid	River Monsters	Monster Squid					
BRAVO	Housewives/Atl.	Married to Medicine	Housewives/Atl.	Happens	Housewives/Atl.	Medicine				
CMT	Dog & Beth Pr.	Dog & Beth Pr.								
CNN	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan Live	CNN Newsroom	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan Live					
COMEDY	Gabriel Iglesias	Gabriel Iglesias	Tosh.0	South Pk						
DISC	Naked Castaway	Naked Castaway	Naked Castaway	Naked Castaway	Naked Castaway					
DISN	Toy Story 3	Shake It	Shake It	Austin	Austin	Wizards	Wizards			
E!	Sex and the City			The Soup	Chelsea	Fashion Police				
ESPN	MLB Baseball			SportsCenter						
ESPN2	30 for 30			Year of the Quarterback	Year/Quarterback	SportsCenter Special				
FAM	Despicable Me	Despicable Me		Funniest Home Videos	J. Osteen	K. Shook				
FOOD	Cupcake Wars	Chopped	Restaurant: Im.	Iron Chef America	Chopped					
FX	The Green Hornet			The Green Hornet						
HGTV	Extreme Homes	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hawaii	Hawaii	
HIST	Ax Men	Ax Men	Vikings	Vikings	Ax Men					
LIFE	Dirty Dancing	Army Wives	The Client List	Dirty Dancing						
MTV	Buckwild	Carpet	Movie Awards	Special	2013 MTV Movie Awards					
NICK	See Dad	See Dad	Sisterhood-Trav	Friends	Friends	Friends				
SCI	V for Vendetta	Lord of the Rings								
SPIKE	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue					
TBS	The Hangover			Talladega Nights:		Eurotrip				
TCM	Treasure-Sierra			Dodsworth		Mare Nostrum				