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Brownback Tops Scoring

Fiscal Report On America's Governors 2014

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The recession of 2007–2009 knocked the wind out of state government budgets, but revenues and spending have grown steadily in recent years. As revenues have risen, some governors have pursued reforms to reduce tax burdens on families and make their states more competitive. Other governors have used rising revenues to expand programs.



Governor Sam Brownback

That is the backdrop to this year's 12th biennial fiscal report card on the governors, which examines state budget actions since 2012. It uses statistical data to grade the governors on their taxing and spend-

ing records—governors who have cut taxes and spending the most receive the highest grades, while those who have increased taxes and spending

the most receive the lowest grades.

Four governors were awarded an "A" on this report card: Pat McCrory of North Carolina, Sam Brownback of Kansas, Paul LePage of Maine, and Mike Pence of Indiana. Eight governors were awarded an "F": Mark Dayton of Minnesota, John Kitzhaber of Oregon, Jack Markell of Delaware, Jay Inslee of Washington, Pat Quinn of Illinois, Deval Patrick of Massachusetts, John Hickenlooper of Colorado, and Jerry Brown of California.

With the economy currently growing, governors and legislatures are having few problems balancing their budgets in

the short run, but the states face major budget challenges down the road. Many retirement plans for state workers have high levels of unfunded liabilities, and the Medicaid expansion under the 2010 Affordable Care Act will increase stress on state budgets. At the same time, global economic competition is making it imperative that states improve their investment climates, particularly by cutting tax rates on businesses and entrepreneurs.

This report discusses those trends and examines the fiscal policy actions of each governor. More state policymakers should be encouraged to follow the reform approaches of the top-scoring governors.

State	Governor	Score	Grade
North Carolina	Pat McCrory (R)	78	A
Kansas	Sam Brownback (R)	78	A
Maine	Paul LePage (R)	75	A
Indiana	Mike Pence (R)	71	A
Alabama	Robert Bentley (R)	62	B
New Mexico	Susana Martinez (R)	60	B
West Virginia	Earl Ray Tomblin (D)	59	B
Texas	Rick Perry (R)	58	B
Oklahoma	Mary Fallin (R)	58	B
South Carolina	Nikki Haley (R)	58	B
Wisconsin	Scott Walker (R)	58	B
North Dakota	Jack Dalrymple (R)	57	B
Nebraska	Dave Heineman (R)	57	B
New York	Andrew Cuomo (D)	57	B
Rhode Island	Lincoln Chafee (D)	57	B
Iowa	Terry Branstad (R)	56	B
Louisiana	Bobby Jindal (R)	56	B
New Jersey	Chris Christie (R)	56	B
Idaho	C.L. "Butch" Otter (R)	55	B
Kentucky	Steven Beshear (D)	54	C
Nevada	Brian Sandoval (R)	54	C
Mississippi	Phil Bryant (R)	54	C
Arizona	Jan Brewer (R)	52	C
Pennsylvania	Tom Corbett (R)	51	C
Wyoming	Matt Mead (R)	50	C
Georgia	Nathan Deal (R)	50	C
South Dakota	Dennis Daugaard (R)	50	C
Connecticut	Dan Malloy (D)	49	D
Arkansas	Mike Beebe (D)	49	D
Tennessee	Bill Haslam (R)	49	D
Montana	Steve Bullock (D)	49	D
Utah	Gary Herbert (R)	48	D
Florida	Rick Scott (R)	47	D
Maryland	Martin O'Malley (D)	45	D
Ohio	John Kasich (R)	44	D
Michigan	Rick Snyder (R)	44	D
New Hampshire	Maggie Hassan (D)	42	D
Vermont	Peter Shumlin (D)	41	D
Missouri	Jay Nixon (D)	41	D
Hawaii	Neil Abercrombie (D)	40	D
Minnesota	Mark Dayton (D)	38	F
Oregon	John Kitzhaber (D)	37	F
Delaware	Jack Markell (D)	36	F
Washington	Jay Inslee (D)	35	F
Illinois	Pat Quinn (D)	32	F
Massachusetts	Deval Patrick (D)	29	F
Colorado	John Hickenlooper (D)	26	F
California	Jerry Brown (D)	19	F

DOE Declassifies Oppenheimer Security Clearance Hearing Transcripts

By RUSSELL
 CONTRERAS,
 Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — After more than half a century of intrigue and mystery, the U.S. Department of Energy has declassified documents related to a Cold War hearing for the man who directed the Manhattan Project and was later accused of having communist sympathies.

The department last week released transcripts of the 1950s hearings on the security clearance of J. Robert Oppenheimer, providing more

insight into the previously secret world that surrounded development of the atomic bomb and the anti-communist hysteria that gripped the nation amid the growing power of the Soviet Union.

Oppenheimer led the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos National Laboratory, which developed the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II. The secretive projects involved three research and production facilities at Los Alamos, New Mexico, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and

Hanford, Washington.

The once-celebrated physicist lost his security clearance following the four-week, closed-door hearing. Officials also alleged that Oppenheimer's wife and brother had both been communists and he had contributed to communist front-organizations.

Steven Aftergood, director of the Project on Government Secrecy for the Federation of American Scientists, said the release of the documents finally lifts the cloud of secrecy on the Oppenheimer case that has fascinated historians and schol-

ars for decades.

"This was a landmark case in U.S. history and Cold War history," Aftergood said. "It represents a high point during anti-community anxiety and tarnished the reputation of America's leading scientist."

The Energy Department had previously declassified portions of the transcripts but with redacted information.

Aftergood said the newly declassified material provided more details, including nuances about the development of the atomic bomb, debates over the hydrogen bomb and reflection on atomic espionage.

The documents also show how unfairly Oppenheimer was treated immediately following World War II, Aftergood said.

After the Manhattan Project, Oppenheimer served as director of Princeton's Institute for Advanced Study until he retired in 1966.

President Lyndon B. Johnson later tried to erase the embarrassment of Oppenheimer's treatment by honoring him with the Atomic Energy Commission's Enrico Fermi Award in 1963.

Physician: Gitmo Practices Ill-Advised

WASHINGTON (AP) — A physician has told a federal court that the government is applying ill-advised procedures as a form of punishment for hunger strikers at the Guantanamo Bay prison.

The assessment by Dr. Steven Miles came at a hearing

where lawyers for Abu Wa'el Dhiab are challenging the conditions of confinement that Dhiab faces at the hands of his jailers.

The U.S. military forcibly removes Dhiab from his cell, straps him on a restraining chair and force-feeds him. Dhiab calls the procedures abu-

sive.

The government refuses to say how many other Guantanamo Bay detainees go on hunger strikes. Lawyers for the Justice Department said the military only feeds prisoners against their will to keep them alive.

Arguments On Chimps Rights

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — A New York appeals court will decide whether chimpanzees should be declared "persons" rather than "things" so the animals can be freed from what critics call inhumane imprisonment.

Attorney Steven Wise argued Wednesday on behalf of Tommy, who lives alone in a cage in upstate Fulton County. A trial level judge refused a

request by Wise and his Nonhuman Rights Project to have Tommy released to join other chimps at a Florida sanctuary.

Wise argues that animals with human qualities, such as chimps, deserve basic rights, including freedom from imprisonment. He's also seeking the release of three other chimps in New York.

Health law waivers: Too complicated to claim?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of Americans may qualify for waivers from the most unpopular part of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul. But getting that exemption could be an ordeal.

Community groups are concerned about a convoluted process for applying for waivers from the law's tax penalty on people who remain uninsured. Not everyone is complaining, however: Tax preparation companies are flagging it as a business opportunity.

The law's requirement that Americans carry health insurance remains contentious.

Waivers were designed to ease the impact.

But while some exemptions seem simple, others will require math calculations. Some involve mailing in supporting documents, such as copies of medical bills, police reports, obituaries, utility shut-off notices — even news articles.

Two federal agencies have roles, each with its own waivers and time schedules. Some people will apply directly to the Internal Revenue Service when they file their 2014 tax returns next year. They'll use a new Form 8965.

Others can start now and seek an exemption through HealthCare.gov. If it's

approved, they'll get a number to put on their IRS form later on.

It will all come to a head this tax-filing season.

Hailed by Democrats as the fulfillment of historical aspirations for covering all Americans, the Affordable Care Act has turned out to have multiple issues. The debut of online insurance markets last fall became an embarrassment for the White House. It took the better part of two months to get the website working.

Waivers are part of the law's complex relationship with the tax system, a new area of potential complications just starting to emerge.

"Many people are going to

need help to file for an exemption," said Zach Reat, director of work support initiatives for the Ohio Association of Foodbanks in Columbus. "There's definitely the potential for people getting tripped up."

"If you are a do-it-yourself person who is going to try it on pen and paper, all I can say is, 'God be with you,'" said Mark Ciaramitaro, vice president of health care services at tax giant H&R Block.

At Intuit, maker of TurboTax, software engineers and tax lawyers teamed up to create "Exemption Check," a free online tool for people to see if they qualify. Charges apply later if the taxpayer files

through TurboTax.

"We have dug really deep into these exemptions," said Sacha Adam, Intuit's team leader.

"I would say that it is complex," he added. "That is where we get excited."

The requirement that individuals carry health insurance took effect this year, alongside the law's major coverage expansion. Although an estimated 10 million people are no longer uninsured, "Obamacare" remains divisive in the congressional elections. Soon after election day, HealthCare.gov's second open enrollment gets underway.

From Nov. 15 to Feb. 15, people who don't have access

to job-based coverage can sign up for private insurance that is subsidized by tax credits. As open enrollment winds down, tax filing season will go into high gear, people will start seeing the new connections between health care and taxes.

Those who got too big a tax credit this year through HealthCare.gov will have their tax refunds reduced to pay it back. And those still uninsured will be scrambling to check out penalty waivers.

Of the roughly 30 million to 40 million uninsured people, about 20 million are estimated to qualify for one or more exemptions. That includes people in the country illegally.



Riley County Commission Minutes

Board of Riley County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2014
115 North 4th Street
Manhattan, KS 66502
Commission Chambers
8:30 AM
9:00 AM Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance
Public Comment
1. Public Comments
Commission Comments
2. C o m m i s s i o n
Comments
The Board discussed the Good Morning Manhattan meeting they attended this morning.
Lewis said he attended the MPO public meeting yesterday.
Lewis said Robert from Riley contacted him concerned

Can't Take 'Chainsaw' to Visa Policy Because of Terrorists

Heritage Foundation
A program that allows citizens from allied European countries to visit the U.S. without a visa has drawn new concerns from lawmakers who worry that radicalized Western Muslims will easily travel here to commit acts of terror.
But Michael Chertoff, the former secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security who helped expand the program, argued today at The Heritage Foundation that limiting access to America would damage the nation's economy and taint its reputation abroad.
That in turn would complicate President Obama's effort to forge a committed alliance to confront the Islamic State, the terrorist group in Iraq and Syria also known as ISIS or ISIL.
"It would be the equivalent of conducting an operation that requires a scalpel by using a chainsaw," he said.
Chertoff, the second chief of DHS under President George W. Bush following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, rebutted critics who want to corral the Visa Waiver Program, which allows residents of member countries to visit the U.S. without a visa for up to 90 days. In exchange, America gets cooperation in security measures, information sharing and reciprocal travel privileges for U.S. residents.
Chertoff appeared at Heritage to counter a bill sponsored by a House Democrat that would suspend British, French and German citizens from visa-free travel to the U.S. because of "danger" caused by Islamic terrorists from those countries.
The legislation, introduced by Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, D-Hawaii, singles out the European Union's three largest countries as examples. It also would affect citizens from all 38 countries that participate in

the program, including Spain, South Korea, Australia and Japan.
"We are in a dangerous place in the world, perhaps more dangerous than any time in the last 10 years," said Chertoff, now the executive Chertoff Group, a risk-management company. He added:
It has raised the question of the security of travel. Some have suggested a need to revisit the program. I am here to say that would be a huge mistake. It would be the equivalent of conducting an operation that requires a scalpel by using a chainsaw. You don't achieve the mission, [and you] kill the patient as well.
As Europeans join the ranks of the radical Sunni jihadists who make up the Islamic State, U.S. lawmakers have sought new security measures directed at Western passport-holders.
Most proposals would ban known ISIS fighters from flying or take back their passports.
Opponents say the Gabbard measure would go further, forcing thousands of economy-boosting tourists and business travelers to apply for visas — a notoriously arduous process.
Under Chertoff, DHS made the program more secure, instituting the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA), which checks various databases for information about an individual's eligibility for travel to the U.S. and whether the person is a known security risk.
At any point in the process, officials can prevent individuals from entering the U.S. if they are deemed to be a threat.
"It needs to be clear that the program does not allow anyone willy-nilly to enter the U.S. whether or not they pose a risk," Chertoff said.
In an issue brief published last month, Heritage experts

NexGen9-1-1, requirements, capabilities, costs and opportunities.
5. Attended RC Public Health Advisory Council meeting, discussed binge drinking, Fake Patty's day, Aggieville development as it relates to drinking and KHI staff exchange.
6. Attended Manhattan MPO open house in City Hall.
7. Convened Riley County Police Departments Public forum at Library with Rich Jankovich. Two KSU students entered into discussions regarding policies and personnel.
Thursday 25 Sep
8. Attended Good Morning Manhattan

Business Meeting
3. Bid Recommendation for the Frog Holler Culvert Replacement Project

Move to approve the low bid submitted by Reece Construction Co, Inc., of Scandia, Kansas in the amount of \$137,777.00. This is a sales tax funded project and Riley County has received a grant in the amount \$50,000.00 from U.S. Fish and Wildlife for the construction of this project.
RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Dave Lewis, County Commissioner SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Lewis
4. Action on a Plaza Reservation Request for Domestic Violence Awareness Month for the Riley County Domestic Violence Task Force for October 3rd
Move to approve the Plaza Reservation Request for Domestic Violence Awareness Month for the Riley County Domestic Violence Task Force from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on October 3rd.
RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Dave Lewis, County Commissioner SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Lewis
5. Mrs. Linda S. Hoeffner Congratulations on Retirement Letter
Move to sign a retirement letter congratulating Mrs. Linda S. Hoeffner.
RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Dave Lewis, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Lewis
Review Minutes
6. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Sep 22, 2014 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.
RESULT: ACCEPT-ED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Dave Lewis, County Commissioner SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Lewis

Review Tentative Agenda
7. Tentative Agenda

Press Conference Topics
8. Discuss Press Conference

Boyd - announce small cities meeting

9:15 AM C l a n c y Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services
9. Administrative Work Session
10. Executive session to discuss confidential legal advice regarding potential litigation issues (10 minutes)
Holeman asked the Board to reschedule this executive session to October 2nd.
The Board agreed by Consensus.
11. Executive session to discuss confidential legal advice regarding potential litigation issues (5 minutes)

9:28 AM Move that the County Commission recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney

for the County Commission which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 9:33 a.m.
RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Dave Lewis, County Commissioner SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Lewis
9:33 AM Move to go out of executive session.
RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Dave Lewis, County Commissioner SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Lewis
No binding action was taken during the executive session.
Move for staff to proceed as directed.
RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Dave Lewis, County Commissioner SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Lewis
12. Amend Courthouse Complex Parking Resolution to Include Fleet Lot at 5th & Humboldt
Move to approve "Resolution No. 092514-41, A Resolution establishing parking and traffic regulations for motor vehicles within the west half of Lot 208; Lots 209, 210, 211, 212; west half of Lot 201; Lots 202, 203, 204; and Lot 413, plus the vacated portion of 5th Street adjacent to Lots 204 and 413 plus the east half of the vacated portion of 5th Street adjacent to Lot 212, plus Lot 397, all in Ward Two, City of Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas, commonly known as Riley County Courthouse Plaza."
RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Dave Lewis, County Commissioner SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Lewis
13. Approval of Westlaw Contract
Move that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the contract as presented.
RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Dave Lewis, County Commissioner SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Lewis
9:35 AM K e v i n Howser, IT/GIS Director
14. Monthly IT/GIS Staff Update
9:50 AM Break
10:00 AM Bob Isaac, Planner

15. Rezone a tract of land from "AG" (Agricultural District) to "A-PUD" (Agri-Business Planned Unit Development) and plat a portion of the aforementioned tract into one (1) lot.
Boyd opened the public hearing.
Isaac presented a request for a rezone and plat for Tegtmeyer. Isaac said the Riley County Planning Board and staff are recommending the plat and rezone be approved.
Karen Sheffield stated she is in favor of what they want to do agriculturally.
Sheffield said she supports the winery as well and looks forward to having the Tegtmeyers as neighbors.
Dave Adams stated he is in favor of the agri-tourism portion of this project and look forward to having them as neighbors.
Karen Sheffield stated she is on the fence on this project. Sheffield said she is not supportive of the event center portion of the project due to noise. Sheffield asked the Board to consider some limitations on noise during events. Sheffield said traffic is her greatest concern. Sheffield stated the annual dust control is not sufficient and the study acknowledges the study does not include traffic sight lines. Sheffield showed several pictures of vehicle accidents on the road and dust problems on the road.

Sheffield said if the Board takes action to approve the request they include improvements to Wildcat Creek Road as well. Sheffield said quarterly application of dust control should be applied and consideration of asphalt.
Hancock stated Mrs. Sheffield is correct and the data used in the traffic study is not the most recent data. Hancock said he has reviewed the updated data and it would not impact the study. Hancock said the study was conducted during events as well.
Hobson by definition Wildcat Creek Road is a low volume rural road. Hobson said he has not measured the curve sight lines, but noted during the review of the pictures it appeared adequate. Hobson said the current dust mitigation program is once a year. Hobson said placing another application at this time of the year would create a soft muddy road bed. Hobson stated he has not had any complaints on dust control for Wildcat Creek Road.
Boyd said the Board is concerned with the safety of the road. Hobson said based on police reports the files only showed 5 vehicle accidents on Wildcat Creek Road in 5 years.

Boyd stated we will have to continue to monitor the traffic and road conditions.

Sheffield stated this year's dust control only lasted about 2 weeks. Sheffield said more traffic on the road does increase the risk of accidents.

Boyd asked if the public felt it was a fair public process.

Adams said he was satisfied with the process and how the

Tegtmeyers were up front from the beginning.

No further criticism of the process was stated. Dave Tegtmeyer discussed his background.
Wedel stated this is a rezoning and a plat. Wedel discussed the Board's options.

Boyd closed the public hearing.

Move to approve "Resolution 092514-42, Resolution amending the zoning map of Riley County concerning the use of certain real estate located in Wildcat Township" - "AG" (Agricultural District) to "A-PUD" (Agri-Business Planned Unit Development).
RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Dave Lewis, County Commissioner SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Lewis
Move to approve "Resolution 092514-43, A Resolution approving the Tegtmeyer Addition Plat and accepting the street rights-of-way, easements, and licenses as shown to be dedicated on the said plat."
RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Dave Lewis, County Commissioner SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Lewis
12:04 PM Adjournment
Move to adjourn.
RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner SECONDER: Dave Lewis, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Lewis

That's The Brakes

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News Quiz

Which PLASTIC Did California Recently BAN?



Kansas State - OU Game Slated For 11am

MANHATTAN, Kan. - The Big 12 Conference and ESPN have announced that Kansas State's October 18 game at Oklahoma will kick off at 11 a.m., and be televised nationally by ESPN.

The contest will be the third this season for the Wildcats on ESPN family of networks after falling to then-No. 5 Auburn, 20-14, on ESPN on Thursday, Sept. 18, and earning a 45-13 victory over Texas Tech last Saturday on ESPN.

Following the matchup with Oklahoma, Kansas State hosts Texas on Saturday, October 25, at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. There is standing-room only tickets available for the game against the Longhorns - which serves as Homecoming - and those tickets may be purchased by contacting the K-State Athletics Ticket office online at www.k-statesports.com/tickets, by phone at 1-800-221-CATS or at the main ticket office inside Bramlage Coliseum.

Big 12 TV Selections for Saturday, October 18

K-State	at Oklahoma	ESPN	11 a.m.
Baylor	at West Virginia	FS1	11 a.m.
Kansas	at Texas Tech	FSN	2:30 p.m.
Oklahoma State	at TCU	FS1	3 p.m.

Why One State Just Banned Plastic Bags, and What That Means for You

Heritage Foundation

California is the first state in the nation to enact a statewide ban on plastic shopping bags, taking a concept that had been limited to cities and broadening it in new ways.

"This bill is a step in the right direction—it reduces the torrent of plastic polluting our beaches, parks and even the vast ocean itself," said Democrat Gov. Jerry Brown. The new law goes into effect Jan. 1, 2015.

For years, green groups have lobbied for plastic bag bans in

cities across America. Free-market advocates, meanwhile, called these bans an ineffective government intrusion.

Now, for Californians anyway, canvas sacks will be the new norm for carrying groceries. These reusable bags, green activists claim, reduce waste. But they also get dirty after a few uses.

"Coercing people to use cloth shopping bags will subject people to unnecessary health risks caused by festering bacteria from prior food purchases contaminating newly

bought food," said James Taylor, senior fellow for environmental policy at the Heartland Institute, an Illinois-based free-market think tank.

To avoid contamination and sickness, it's recommended that consumers wash their reusable shopping bags after every use.

That means using more water. That's not a major problem, unless you happen to live in a state experiencing the worst drought in its recorded history, which California currently is.

What about paper bags?

They do break down faster in dumps than plastic bags, and they don't have to be washed and reused.

They also require 70 percent more energy to produce and cost three times as much to produce, not to mention the fact they can litter city streets just as easily.

After San Francisco became one of the first cities in the country to ban plastic bags in 2007, the city's own audit department determined the new policy didn't cut down on litter.

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Water officials Battle Overpumping Irrigators

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — State records show that fewer irrigators are pumping more than they are allowed but that the issue remains a problem as the Ogallala Aquifer shrinks.

Last year, state officials hardened the fines, hoping to curb overpumping, The Hutchinson News (<http://bit.ly/1tq4hse>) reported. Lane Letourneau, water appropriations program manager for the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Water Resources, said that while the number of irrigators misusing a water right is down from the past few years, it all adds up.

Gov. Sam Brownback has said that Ogallala's storage could be nearly 70 percent spent in 50 years if nothing changes.

Records that The Hutchinson

News obtained through an open records request show that 114 water right holders received a first-offense warning of civil penalties so far this year for overpumping in 2013. Another 70 irrigators were warned a second time — and for a few, a third time — for overpumping, and were issued a \$1,000 fine and temporary cutbacks to their annual water use.

A handful of others tried to hide their overpumping and were caught cheating — either falsifying their water-use report or tampering with their meter to make it look like they pumped less.

Letourneau said there are still eight or so cases from 2013 being settled and they are in the hands of the state's legal department.

The division is ramping up

efforts to curb overpumping. Agency officials hope stiffer fines starting with 2013 overpumpers will make it harder for irrigators to misuse a water right.

Besides hefty fines for third-time offenses, second-time offenders are now fined \$1,000 and a reduction of their water right in 2014 by two times the amount overpumped. Previously, second offenses brought fines of \$500 and a reduction of only the amount

overpumped.

Meanwhile, the fourth offense is a water right revocation.

Kansas officials have never had to revoke a water right for overpumping, said Letourneau.

Occasionally, if overpumping is flagrant — or 125 percent more than the water right's allotment — the agency will immediately opt for a stricter penalty without waiting for repeat offenses, Letourneau said.

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Welfare Spending For Out-Of-State Trips

Colorado Watchdog

Taxpayers are apparently buying welfare recipients booze and cigarettes for the road—at times a quite exotic road.

An analysis of a Colorado Department of Human Services welfare ATM withdrawals database shows that \$3.8 million was withdrawn by Colorado welfare recipients outside the state in the past two years. There were withdrawals at out-of-state liquor stores and tobacco outlets, as well as vacation destinations such as Hawaii, Las Vegas and even the Virgin Islands, data shows.

State Rep. Tim Dore, R-Elizabeth, who has urged limitations on where welfare recipients can use their electronic benefit transfer cards in Colorado, was shocked taxpayers are apparently funding some exotic travel.

"I wasn't even aware of that," said Dore, who has promised to try to address the use of cards at liquor stores, casinos and marijuana shops in the next legislative session. "That's an additional issue we need to look into it."

Recent stories have revealed Colorado welfare withdrawals at liquor stores and casinos,

despite federal and state law banning such actions, and welfare recipients taking out money at the state's legal marijuana shops. Federal law prevents EBT withdrawals from ATMs at liquor stores, casinos and other adult establishments, and Colorado law since 1996 prevented ATM use in liquor stores and casinos in Colorado.

The database analysis of out-of-state withdrawals found about 2 percent of Colorado welfare ATM withdrawals happened outside the state's borders. About \$882,000 occurred in states neighboring Colorado, most probably by recipients who live near the border. That leaves about 1.7 percent of nearly \$170 million, or \$2.9 million in taxpayer money, in withdrawals from traveling or vacationing welfare recipients in the past two years.

Of the out-of-state money, more than \$70,000 was withdrawn in the past two years in Las Vegas, \$6,451 in Hawaii and even \$560 in St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands.

In addition, nearly \$8,000 was withdrawn from out-of-state ATMs in places that had the words bar, liquor store or tobacco in the establishment's name.

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Poll: Boot California, Texas, Florida out of the union

By Johnny Kampis | Watchdog.org

CULLMAN, Ala. — Take a hike, Golden State. Hit the door, Empire State. Lone Star State, yes, even you. We'll need you to go form your own government, but you should be used to that by now.

A Fox News poll conducted jointly by Democratic and Republican polling firms, with a fairly even mix of the red and the blue, found that California would seem to be the least-liked state. Fifty-three percent of respondents who said they wanted to boot out a state said they would kick California out of the union if they could.

New York was second with 25 percent, followed by Texas with 20 percent and Florida with 11 percent.

The 1,049 registered voters in the poll about secession conducted Sept. 28-30 were allowed to pick multiple states to boot out of the United States.

Only 9 percent said they'd vote to secede, but 17 percent wanted to kick other states out

of the country.

Why was California the top choice? Well, let's see. Could it be this nanny state's recent ban on plastic bags? Or might it be Gov. Jerry Brown's willingness to let the sky be filled with drones and their ever-spying cameras? Perhaps it's the state's eagerness to side with political correctness over free speech.

The vote was highly partisan. For example, only 9 percent of Democratic voters wanted to boot California, while 77 percent of Republicans did. A state like Alabama got no mentions by Republicans and 5 percent of the votes of Democrats.

Other states are more beloved — or perhaps simply forgotten about. Those receiving no votes included Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points.

Election Monitor Argues Strict Photo ID Laws Won't Oppress Transgender Voters

By Johnny Kampis | Watchdog.org

CULLMAN, Ala. — A voter integrity watchdog says a study arguing transgender voters could be disenfranchised by strict voter ID laws is overblown.

The Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law released a report this week saying about 24,000 transgender voters in 10 states with government-issued photo ID requirements for voting could be prevented from casting ballots in November because they don't have an updated ID that reflects their current gender.

That represents about 28 percent of the transgender popula-

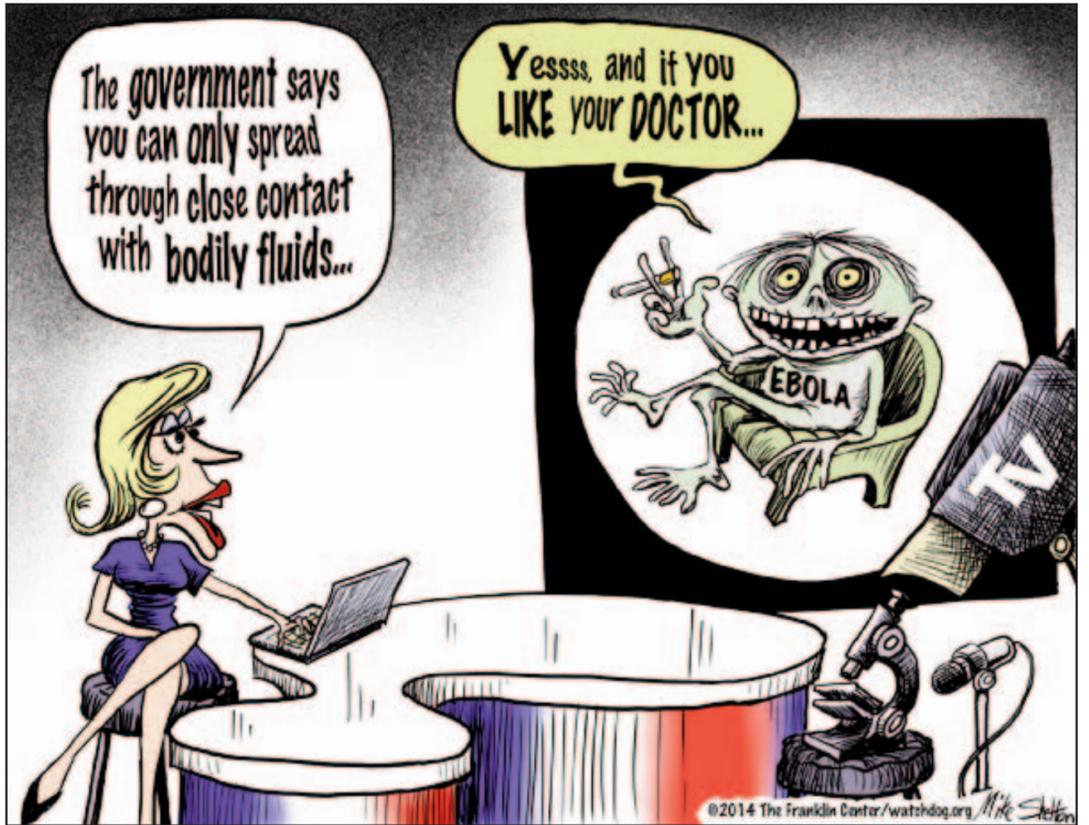
tion in Kansas, Texas, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Indiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Virginia.

"Transgender people who have transitioned face additional burdens to acquiring or updating identification that would fulfill voter ID requirements because they must comply with the requirements for updating the name and gender on their state-issued or federally-issued IDs and records," wrote study author Jody L. Herman.

"There is no way to predict precisely how election officials and poll workers will treat transgender voters at the polls if they do not present accurate identification. Respondents to the (National Transgender Discrimination Survey) reported having negative experiences after presenting identification documents that did not match their gender presentation," Herman said.

Tom Fitton, president of right-leaning Washington, D.C.-based government watchdog Judicial Watch, told Watchdog.org he can't "wrap my head around that objec-

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tion."

"Would a transgender person be exempt from showing ID to rent a car, ride on an airplane, or open a bank account?" he asked.

Fitton argued liberals use the voter ID issue to appeal to narrow political blocks and "sow racial and societal division."

"It is truly shameful, especially as since much of the racial calumny about voter ID is coming from President Obama, his Attorney General Eric Holder and the Department of Justice. The good news is that Americans, regardless of party, support voter ID."

A Rasmussen Reports poll in March found 78 percent of Americans, including about half of Democrats, believe voters should have ID showing proof of citizenship to vote. The telephone survey of 1,000 voters had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Alabama's photo ID law is less strict than the other states because voters who don't show a photo ID can cast a provisional ballot and bring an ID to an election office by 5 p.m. Friday after election day. Alternatively, two election officials can sign sworn statements saying they know the voter.



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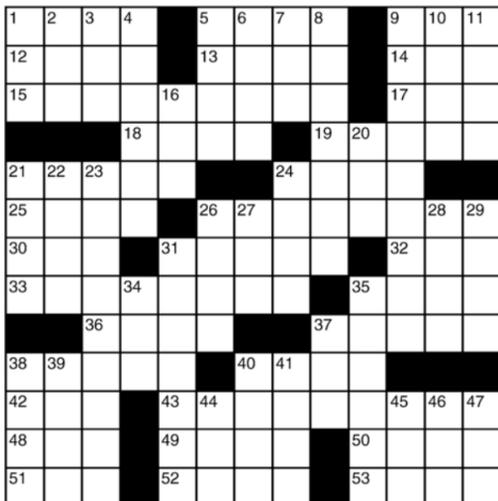
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- 1/4 teaspoon salt
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- 1/4 cup milk

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- 1 cup whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar

Directions

1 Heat oven to 325°F. Spray bottom and sides of 8- or 9-inch square pan with cooking spray.

2 In 1-quart saucepan, melt 1/4 cup butter over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Stir in brown sugar. Heat to boiling; remove from heat. Stir in 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Pour into pan; spread evenly. Arrange apple wedges over brown sugar mixture, overlapping tightly and making 2 layers if necessary.

3 In medium bowl, mix flour, baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and the salt; set aside. In large bowl, beat 1 cup granulated sugar and 1/2 cup butter with electric mixer on medium speed, scraping bowl occasionally, until fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time, until smooth. Add vanilla. Gradually beat in flour mixture alternately with milk, beating after each addition until smooth. Spread batter over apple wedges in brown sugar mixture.

4 Bake 55 to 65 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on cooling rack 15 minutes. Meanwhile, in medium bowl, beat whipping cream on high speed until it begins to thicken. Gradually add 2 tablespoons granulated sugar, beating until soft peaks form.

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Kansas State 2014-2015 SCHEDULE

Date	Overall 4-1 Opponent / Event	Conf. 2-0 Location	Home 3-1 Time	Away 1-0 Record
08/30/14	vs. Stephen F. Austin		55-16	1-0
09/06/14	at Iowa State * TV	Ames, Iowa	32-28	2-0
09/18/14	vs. Auburn TV	Manhattan, Kan.	20-14	2-1
09/27/14	vs. UTEP	Manhattan, Kan.	58-28	3-1
10/04/14	vs. Texas Tech *	Manhattan, Kan.	45-13	4-1
10/18/14	at Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	11:00 am	ESPN
10/25/14	vs. Texas *	Manhattan, Kan.		TBA
11/01/14	vs. Oklahoma State *	Manhattan, Kan.		TBA
11/08/14	at TCU *	Fort Worth, Texas		TBA
11/20/14	at West Virginia * TV	Morgantown		6:00 PM
11/29/14	vs. Kansas *	Manhattan, Kan.		TBA
12/06/14	at Baylor *	Waco, Texas		TBA

Big 12 Standings

Team	Big 12 Record	Over All Record
Baylor	2-0	5-0
Kansas State	2-0	4-1
Oklahoma State	2-0	4-1
TCU	1-0	4-0
Oklahoma	1-1	4-1
West Virginia	1-1	3-2
Texas	1-1	2-3
Kansas	0-2	2-3
Texas Tech	0-2	2-3
Iowa State	0-3	1-4

Big 12 Conference Schedule

Date	Home Team	Location	Time (CT)
		Fort Worth, Texas	TBA
* Sat, Oct 11	Texas Tech	West Virginia	
	Lubbock, Texas	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 11			
Oct 11	Kansas	Oklahoma State	
Lawrence, Kan.		TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 11	Oklahoma		Texas
Dallas, Texas		TBA	
* Sat, Oct 11	Baylor		TCU
Waco, Texas		TBA	
Sat, Oct 11	Iowa State		Toledo
Ames, Iowa	2:30 p.m.		Cyclones.tv
* Sat, Oct 18	Oklahoma		Kansas State
Norman, Okla.			11:00 am ESPN
* Sat, Oct 18	West Virginia		Baylor
Morgantown, W.Va.			11:00am ESPN
* Sat, Oct 18	TCU		Oklahoma State
Fort Worth, Texas			3:00 pm FS1
* Sat, Oct 18	Texas Tech		Kansas
Lubbock, Texas			2:30 pm FSN
* Sat, Oct 18	Texas		Iowa State
Austin, Texas	7:00 p.m.		LHN /
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* Sat, Oct 25	Oklahoma State		West Virginia
Stillwater, Okla.			TBA
* Sat, Oct 25	TCU		Texas Tech
Fort Worth, Texas			TBA
* Sat, Oct 25	Kansas State		Texas
Manhattan, Kan.			TBA Live Stats

Kansas 2013-2014 SCHEDULE

Sat. Date	Overall 2-3 Opponent	Conf. 0-1 Location	Home 2-1 Time	Away 0-2 Record
Sat. Sept 6th	Southeast Missouri	Lawrence, Kan.	34-28	1-0
Sat. Sept 13th	Duke	Durham, N.C.	3-41	1-1
Sat. Sept 20th	Central Michigan	Lawrence, Kan.	24-10	2-1
Sat. Sept 27th	Texas	Lawrence, Kan.	0-23	2-2
Sat. Oct 4th	West Virginia	Morgantown, W.Va.	14-33	2-3
Sat. Oct 11th	Oklahoma State	Lawrence, Kan.		
Sat. Oct 18th	Texas Tech	Lubbock, Texas	2:30 pm	FSN
Sat. Nov. 1	Baylor	Waco, Texas		TBA
Sat. Nov. 7th	Iowa State	Lawrence, Kan.		TBA
Sat. Nov. 15th	TCU	Lawrence, Kan.		TBA
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Kansas State Adds To Texas Tech Problems 45-13

By Tonya Ricklefs
Manhattan Free Press

It was a beautiful cool fall day for football when Texas Tech came to Manhattan Kansas this last weekend. Their season so far has been hit with challenges such the firing/resignation of defensive coordinator Matt Wallerstedt after suspicions of driving under the influence. They struggled early in the season against UTEP, and so many fans expected a win from the Wildcats to keep K-State undefeated in the Big 12.

It didn't happen, K-State rolled to a 45-13 victory

Early in the game, Kansas State defense showed their power by stopping Texas Tech in their first three downs. But, they were fooled by a fake punt that gave Tech the first down and allowed the offense to then continue to march down the field into the red zone. The only thing saving the Cats from Tech scoring was an interception by Morgan Burns in the end zone. This drive was completed by a lot of short passes by Texas Tech where receivers were left open. The defensive seemed to be changing slightly what had been working for them this year.

On the most of the Kansas State drives Saturday, the offense was able to show that the Cats have multiple threats. Curry Sexton has stepped up to become a notable receiver in his own right, holding his own with well-know Tyler Lockett. Lockett this weekend passed Jorday Nelson's 20 career touchdown receptions, with 21 when the game was done this weekend. He is now zeroing in on his fathers record (Kevin Lockett) of 26 touchdown receptions. A record I am sure his father would be happy to see his son break.

While Kansas State's defense looked like it may have let up some times during the game, they made key third

down holds when they needed to, and the defense came up with interceptions (four of them) that were at key times. Overall, Kansas States defense is ranked 14th in the division 1 teams. We just have to hope that 14 is good enough to make those key plays against teams such as Baylor or Oklahoma, or even TCU who shook up the Big 12 this weekend with a win over the Sooners.

The other challenge as always will be to keep people healthy. During the 3rd quarter Travis Green was hurt on the interception play and limped off to the locker room. It looks as if his right knee hurt. He has been having a great year on defense and is an important play maker.

Kansas State fans have probably had more questions recently about the offense, and during the Texas Tech game they were a multi-threat. The quarterback Waters was clearly able to rush the ball on the ground, accumulating over 100 yards. He has been able to do that from time to time this year, having 138 rushing yards against Iowa State in Ames.

But, the passing game has shown to have multiple threats as well with both Lockett and Sexton. Sexton had a career high 128 yards, and a ESPN top 10 highlight worthy touchdown reception.

Kansas State has a well earned break now before they travel to Norman on Oct 18th to take on the Sooners. In recent years, Kansas State has done better in Norman than playing the Sooners at home. Lets hope that continues. The game will be on ESPN at 11am. This weekend the Sooners have their Red River rivalry against a Texas team that is struggling this year, but always seems to try to get it together against OU. Lets hope the Longhorns tire them out a bit this weekend.



Kansas State's Defensive End Ryan Mueller (44) hits the Texas Tech Quarterback.



K-State's Runningback DeMarcus Robinson (20) picks up a first down.



Kansas State Coach Bill Snyder.



Kansas State Quarterback Jake Waters (15) looks for a receiver in the end zone.

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Texas Tech Pounded In 45-13 Loss To K-State



Kansas State Wide Receiver Curry Sexton (14) goes high for a one handed catch and a Kansas State touchdown. (Photo by Ben Brake)

By ADAM SUDERMAN
Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — One week after losing Davis Webb to a shoulder injury against Oklahoma State, Kliff Kingsbury still felt good about what his starting quarterback had to offer.

Four interceptions later, Kingsbury was more prepared to give No. 23 Kansas State credit for a 45-13 rout than point his finger at the second-year starter.

"He was good to go," Kingsbury said. "They made plays on the ball and you've got to give their defense a lot of credit. They were where they were supposed to be."

Jake Waters threw for 290 yards and four touchdowns, ran for 105 yards and another score and paced the Wildcats (4-1, 2-0 Big 12) to the big rout Saturday night.

Tyler Lockett had 12 catches for 125 yards and two scores, and Curry Sexton had nine catches for 128 yards and the other two scores, helping the Wildcats prepare for a showdown in two weeks with fourth-ranked Oklahoma by easily dispatching the Red Raiders.

Webb threw for 247 yards and two touchdowns for Texas Tech (2-3, 0-2), but he also threw the career-high four picks — two each to Travis Green and Morgan Burns — and was victimized by numerous drops that ruined promising drives.

"We're practicing hard, they're working hard to get better, but when we get out to games, it's not connecting," Kingsbury said. "That's on me as a coach. I've got to find that disconnect."

The drops weren't the only problem for the undisciplined Red Raiders.

One week after committing 16 penalties for 158 yards in a loss to Oklahoma State, the Big 12 leaders in yellow flags were penalized nine times for 89 yards. That pushed their total for the season to 55 penalties, among the worst in major college football.

Most of the drops and penalties were crippling, too.

"To win a game, you've got to have your full team," Texas Tech linebacker Pete Robertson said. "That's the biggest part with us. We're one team on one page and one on another. That's what it comes down to. We were on two different pages the whole game."

On one drive late in the third quarter, with the Wildcats already leading 31-7, the Red Raiders dropped four passes in a span of five plays. The last of them occurred in the end zone and wiped out a touchdown, and Webb threw his third pick of the game on the ensuing play.

The flags may have troubled Kingsbury even more.

There was the hands-to-the-face penalty that helped Kansas State to its second touchdown, a short run by Waters early in the second quarter. There was a hold that wiped out a 21-yard pass play in the third quarter. And on one Kansas State scoring drive, Texas Tech racked up 29 yards in penalties on unsportsmanlike conduct and pass interference calls.

"We came out here and basically laid a goose egg," Red Raiders wide receiver Jakeem Grant said. "That's what we're talking about as a team. We've got to get ourselves together."

Texas Tech actually had a chance to strike first, marching right down the field on the game's first possession. But on second-and-5 at the 7, Webb was picked off in the end zone by Burns, who made a nifty one-handed grab to scuttle the drive.

"Texas Tech had the momentum," Burns said. "It was huge for the team."

Everything went Kansas State's way the rest of the night.

Waters hit Sexton with a 48-yard touchdown strike a few minutes later as the Kansas State offense started humming. By the time the senior quarterback hit Lockett with a 15-yard scoring strike with 21 seconds left in the first half, the lead had ballooned to 24-7.

"It seems like we were clicking so well on offense," Waters said. "I want to get like that every game. It's a special feeling when you get like that."

Lockett's second TD catch came late in the third quarter, giving him 21 for his career and moving him into third place on the school's list. He also broke a tie with Jordy Nelson and Quincy Morgan and set the school mark with his 11th 100-yard receiving game.

Texas Tech kept battling into the fourth quarter, closing to 31-13 on Webb's TD pass to Grant. But Waters and Sexton answered with their second touchdown completion, and DeMarcus Robinson added a short scoring run to put the game firmly out of reach.



Jake Waters threw for 290 yards and four touchdowns, ran for 105 yards and another score. (Photo by Ben Brake)



The Offensive Line held as Matthew McCrane hicks an extra point. (Photo by Jon A. Brake)