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<b>DOW</b>	↑	<b>NASDAQ</b>	↑
11.44 TO		9.80 TO	
20,821.76		5,845.31	

## WEATHER



Today	Tue	Wed
Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Sunny/Breezy
High 56	High 46	High 48

## NEBRASKA'S 150TH BIRTHDAY OBSERVATION

Nebraska history and its 150th birthday will be observed Wednesday at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis. The public is invited to join elementary school children and college students for the March 1 program which begins at 1 p.m., said Ron Rosati, NCTA Dean. "We invite the community and students to celebrate Nebraska's heritage on Statehood Day through music and story," Rosati said. The program is hosted with Medicine Valley Elementary School. Nebraska became a state on March 1, 1867. NCTA became a high school in 1913, and evolved into a college in 1965. Attendees and students from Medicine Valley Elementary School will be entertained and informed through "Echoes of an Era" by Paul Siebert of Lincoln. Siebert incorporates the Nebraska State seal and flag as a back drop for a musical and storytelling living history program of a family's journey from Russia to Nebraska in the 1870's. The Nebraska Agriculture Industry Education Center is located at Siminoe Drive and University Streets.

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## AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

One of the primary critics of the Affordable Care Act insists Congress must repeal and replace it, contending it cannot be fixed. His stance hasn't change. United States Sen. Ben Sasse says the Affordable Care Act must be repealed and replaced. "The core problem of Obamacare is that it has an essential minimum benefits package floor that is way too high, which is what prohibits people from buying different kinds of policies again that may meet the needs that they have," Sasse tells Nebraska Radio Network. Sasse says the Affordable Care Act has a lot of good goals; it just doesn't work. But, Sasse adds it couldn't work, because it attempts to centrally plan the largest sector of the United States economy, which he contends cannot be done. In Sasse's view, every family should be able to buy the health insurance policy they want that can move with them when jobs and geography changes. He says the main reason people lose health coverage is because they change jobs, not because they cannot afford it. He says health care must be tailored to meet the needs of the mobile, modern economy.



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## CONSIDERATION OF TAX BILL

State lawmakers are considering a bill that would increase the state sales tax in order to cut property taxes. The bill's sponsor, Senator Tom Briese of Boone, says they can't cut property taxes without making up the difference somewhere else. "We cut spending, slash-and-burn spending, and may or may not have a K-12 education system left, or we change how we pay for things," Briese says. "If we're not willing to change how we pay for things, that doesn't bode well for the property taxpayers of our state." Briese says he would be open to making changes in the bill to avoid hurting the state's lower-income residents. "I'm willing to look at other options to try and make folks whole there," Briese says. "We don't want Nebraskans, any slice of the population, to suffer on account of this or anything else we do. We're always open to options to make this proposal better." Briese says he would -not- support taking money from the existing property tax credit fund to make up the difference.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they're not on your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost." ~Dalai Lama XIV~

SPORTS

The McCook Bison boys basketball team is in the semifinals of the Class B6 district tournament after a 63-57 win over Sidney Saturday in Ogallala. MHS junior Hunter Potthoff led the Bison with 23 points. Easton Gillen added 12. The Bison will face top-seed Scottsbluff in the first of two semifinals tonight. Pregame coverage on KICX starts at 5:40 with tip-off at 6 p.m. The MHS/Scottsbluff winner will meet the Alliance/Gering winner in tomorrow's title game in Ogallala. The Southwest boys can punch their ticket to the state tournament in Lincoln next week with a win tonight in the Class C2-6 district title game. The Roughriders will face Perkins County at North Platte High School. Pregame coverage on 103.9 The Hawk begins at 6:40 p.m. with tip at 7 p.m.

Nebraska ran into a hot-shooting Illinois team and fell, 73-57, at Pinnacle Bank Arena Sunday evening. Tai Webster led Nebraska (12-16, 6-10) with 17 points, eight rebounds and five assists, but Illinois went 13-of-26 from 3-point range, including 8-of-9 to open the second half to break the game open in the second half. Malcolm Hill led Illinois (17-12, 7-9) with 19 points, including 4-of-6 from long range to pace three Fighting Illini players in double figures. Tracy Abrams added 13 points, including four 3-pointers while Maverick Morgan added 12 points for the victors. Illinois took control with a 12-3 run early in the second half as Hill and Abrams combined for eight points to help the visitors build a 44-35 lead and force a Husker timeout. Nebraska pulled to within seven, at 44-37, on a Jack McVeigh basket, but 3-pointers from Jalen Coleman-Lands and Abrams pushed the lead back to 13 and Nebraska was unable to slice the lead back into single figures the rest of the way. Illinois limited the Huskers to 38 percent shooting, as Evan Taylor (nine) and Ed Morrow Jr. (eight and seven rebounds) were the other Huskers to score more than seven points.

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- 1 Bawl
5 Morse code "T"
8 Thick carpet
12 Shaft
13 Boxer Muhammad
14 Mexican sandwich
15 Long-term memory
16 Selfish
18 Paid (abbr.)
19 Toward
20 Play on words
21 Weapons
23 Polish monetary unit
25 Island in the Indian Ocean
28 Ship initials
29 Doctoral degree
30 The other half of Jima
31 Mail
33 \_ Lanka
34 A cozy room (2 wds.)
35 Pouch
36 Gorilla
37 Compass point
38 Flower arrangement
40 Relating to the ear
43 Building lot
44 Liable
45 Sun god
46 Mrs.'s companion
48 Shiny evergreen
50 Sodden
51 Roof covering
53 Conger
54 Restaurant dinner listing
55 Empty space
56 Voice
57 Spring

DOWN

- 1 Ballroom dance
2 Exalt
3 Shade tree
4 High-school subject
5 Drat!
6 Wing
7 Japanese brazier
8 Hinder
9 Laughter sound
10 American College of Physicians (abbr.)
11 Titan
16 Gents
17 Ill \_
20 Posttraumatic stress disorder
22 Base runner, sometimes
24 Parts of a pound
26 To be in debt
27 Not (refix)
29 Before (prefix)
31 South southwest
32 Hearing part
33 Globes
34 Connect
36 Attorney (abbr.)
37 Neck
39 Pointed at
41 Playing field
42 Lull
44 Unite
46 I want my \_
47 Rio de Janeiro
49 Beverage
50 Bitty
52 Caesar's 51
54 Milliliter

