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STOCKS	
DOW ↑	NASDAQ ↑
296.25 TO 39,043.67	276.70 TO 17,620.24

WEATHER



TODAY	THURS	FRI
Hot	Sunny	Partly Sunny
High 99	High 94	High 89

NEBRASKA'S SALES TAX

While the State of Nebraska annually collects about \$2 billion in sales taxes, another \$6.5 billion is left off the table through more than 100 sales tax exemptions. Those exemptions have been approved by the Legislature, little by little, since the statewide sales tax was first implemented in 1967 because voters overturned a tax on intangible property and certain household goods. Over time, lawmakers have argued that certain interest groups are worthy of a tax break. Services are implicitly left out of Nebraska's tax code unless lawmakers add a tax, former Nebraska Tax Commissioner Kim Conroy wrote in a tweet. Tangible personal property, on the other hand, is subject to sales taxes unless exempted. Nebraska Gov. Jim Pillen has made clear that every exemption is on the table this year, ranging from admission to Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo to laundry services to hair cuts and certain pet-related services and agricultural and business inputs. But taxing those inputs, such as materials, seeds, artificial insemination of farm animals and water irrigation, has been widely condemned by some senators across ideological divides. "Everybody's got to play in the game," Pillen told the Nebraska Examiner.

2024 TOP CITIES FOR RENTERS

Lincoln and Omaha are the top two cities in the country for renters in 2024, according to a recent study from Forbes Advisor. The study took into account more than 20 metrics across categories of affordability, accessibility and amenities, lifestyle and crime. Alexandria Cremer with the Forbes Advisor team said Lincoln and Omaha each scored well on affordability, with both cities in the top 10 for rent costs as a percentage of income. "The federal government considers those spending 30% or more of their income on rent to be rent burdened," Cremer said. "So, both cities fall well below that threshold, making Lincoln and Omaha a great choice for those who are potentially renting on a budget." Lincoln also scored well due to its low unemployment rate and high availability of rental units. Omaha ranked well for its high percentage of units with on-site parking and low price per square foot. However, Kasey Ogle, an attorney with Nebraska Appleseed, said many Nebraska tenants she works with are struggling with housing affordability and availability. "I don't hear a lot about parking issues," Ogle said. "I'm hearing more about things like habitability issues, living with mold, or no running water or no heating in the winter or air conditioning in the summer months." According to the City of Lincoln's 2020 Affordable Housing Coordinated Action Plan, nearly 50% of renters spent more than 30% of their income on housing in 2017.

ANNUAL CEREMONY HONORING PERFECT ACT SCORES

You don't have to be able to score a perfect 36 on the ACT to see the difference a lucrative new scholarship program has had in keeping some of the state's best and brightest students in Nebraska. According to today's Omaha World-Herald, of the 28 Nebraska high school seniors graduating with perfect scores this year, at least 14 will attend college next fall on a University of Nebraska campus. That compares to last year, when it's believed only nine of the 31 perfect scorers attended NU. As state officials held the annual ceremony honoring students with perfect ACT scores at the State Capitol Monday, several of the scholars said the new President's Scholarship made a big difference for them. The new scholarship offers full tuition and fees, room and board, books and other school costs plus an annual cash stipend of \$5,000 to any Nebraska high school student who earns a perfect score on the ACT. "I was planning on going out of state, but it was such a great opportunity," said Lucy Rawlinson of Omaha, a Central High graduate. "It was hard to pass up." Now instead of enrolling at one of the schools she was considering in other places like Boston, she will be studying biochemistry and math at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In all, there will be 16 students in the inaugural class of President's Scholars. In addition to the 14 recognized for their perfect ACTs Monday, another Nebraska student qualified with a perfect score on the SAT. Another perfect ACT scorer lives in California but qualified as a Nebraska resident under the scholarship program since his parents are deployed in the military.



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FUN FACT

Clocking in at 1,560 words, "Rap God" by Eminem is the song with the most words. Imagine trying to memorize all of that.

SPORTS

The New West All Star Volleyball Classic is set for tonight in Axtell. Matches include Southwest Conference vs Lou Platte Conference and Fort Kearney Conference vs Republican Plains Activities Conference. McCook's Kori Rippen will play for the Southwest Conference All-Stars. A number of area girls will play for the RPAC All-Stars. They include Jalen Kent, Brylyn Spring and Bailee Ahlemeyer of Cambridge, Bryn Lampe of Southwest, Stella Heapy of Medicine Valley, Ann Bose of Southern Valley and Graci Goings and Peyton Cox of Wauneta-Palisade. The New West All-Star basketball games will be played tomorrow in Axtell.

The Nebraska softball team strengthened its roster Tuesday with the addition of transfer Olivia DiNardo. A catcher and utility player, DiNardo spent the past two seasons at Arizona and will have two seasons of eligibility with the Huskers. DiNardo played in 106 games with 102 starts at Arizona the past two seasons. She was a decorated player during her time as a Wildcat. As a freshman, DiNardo was a second-team All-Pac-12 and All-West Region selection in addition to being a Pac-12 All-Freshman team member and one of 25 candidates for national freshman of the year. As a sophomore, DiNardo was a third-team all-region selection. A native of San Mateo, California, DiNardo hit .340 in her Arizona career with 15 doubles, 20 home runs and 74 RBIs. She produced 103 hits and posted a .418 on-base percentage with a .587 slugging percentage. DiNardo started 74 games as the designated player at Arizona with 28 starts at catcher.

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8 Inventor of baseball
12 Gym
13 Turn out
14 Evening meal
16 Greek god of war
18 King of beasts
19 Work (abbr.)
21 Decorative needle case
23 Grain storage bin
26 Oregon (abbr.)
27 Association (abbr.)
29 Big Apple (abbr.)
30 Island
32 One of these
33 Leer at
34 Two
35 Kinder
37 Comes before a vowel
38 Be upright
41 Clothed
42 Us
43 Root
45 Epochs
47 Sentence part
49 Stays
52 Is
53 Ogling (2 wds.)
55 Strontium (abbr.)
56 Canned chili brand

DOWN

- 1 Groups of ships
2 Rupee (abbr.)
3 Adorn
4 Arrest
5 Unbeliever
6 Gap
7 Possessive pronoun
8 Delaware (abbr.)
9 Ready
10 United States
11 Bedroom furniture
15 Neither's partner
17 Lazy ___ (turn table)
19 Forests
20 A German soldier (slang)
22 Opp. of Corinthian
24 Corporate rule
25 Panorama
28 Period
31 Money pincher
33 Enact
36 Insect
39 November (abbr.)
40 Fights
44 Ride horseback
46 Swag
47 Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
48 Scarf
50 Teacher's assistant, for short
51 Street (abbr.)
54 Kilogram

