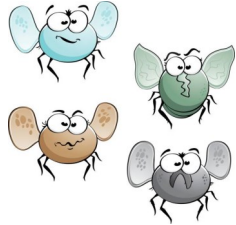


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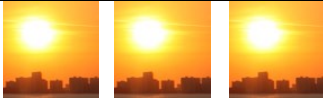
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NEBRASKA CIR ISSUED AN ORDER

The Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations (CIR), which rules on labor disputes, issued an order upholding Governor Jim Pillen's November 2023 executive order (EO 23-17) for all state employees to return to their workplaces. The CIR's decision completely upheld the validity of the Governor's executive order, ruling that the issue of ordering the state's workforce back to the office is fully under the Governor's executive authority and dismissing all the Nebraska Association of Public Employee (NAPE) union's claims. The CIR went further, ordering the union to repay the taxpayers for their expenses in defending the case. The CIR characterized the union's petition as a "disingenuous maneuver seemingly for the purpose of improperly delaying the [executive order] and boosting membership numbers using the subsequent press coverage." The CIR further ruled that the union "could not have reasonably or in good faith believed they would prevail by bringing this case." Gov. Pillen issued the following statement commending the CIR's decision: "Today's ruling is a vindication of the state's right to determine that its public servants will come into work where they can be most productive. The COVID-19 pandemic is long over, and it is likewise long overdue that our full workforce is physically back. I am grateful for this thorough and well-reasoned decision and to the state's personnel and legal teams for their tremendous work in securing this victory on behalf of the people of Nebraska."

"FORTIFY" INTRODUCED

U.S. Senators Pete Ricketts (R-NE), Marco Rubio (R-FL), and three colleagues introduced the Furthering Operations for Resiliency, Transparency, and Integrity to Fortify (FORTIFY) U.S. Research Act. The bill would increase transparency in taxpayer-funded research and close loopholes that allow China's military to benefit from American taxpayer dollars. Senators Joni Ernst (R-IA), Bill Hagerty (R-TN), and Ted Budd (R-NC) are also original cosponsors. U.S. Representative Brad Wenstrup (R-OH) will introduce companion legislation in the House. "Our nation must prioritize its own security and ensure that taxpayer dollars are not funding our adversaries," said Ricketts. "This legislation marks a crucial step towards guaranteeing American research advancements serve American interests only. I am proud to join Senator Rubio in this effort to prevent the exploitation of our innovations by China." "America's innovations and research must remain secure and serve our national interest," said Rubio. "I'm proud to introduce the FORTIFY U.S. Research Act to safeguard taxpayer-funded research and close loopholes that China and other adversaries are quick to exploit."

HISTORIC U.S. HEAT WAVE

A historic U.S. heat wave continued on Thursday, heat-related deaths in July climbed to at least 28 in the West, while the East Coast recovered from tornadoes and flash flooding as it braced for the return of sweltering temperatures after a brief break. More than 60 million people in nine Western states remained under heat alerts on Thursday. At least seven cities, including Las Vegas, Phoenix and Salt Lake City, broke or tied their all-time temperature records on Wednesday and several cities were poised to set new daily high-temperature marks on Thursday, according to the National Weather Service (NWS). The Santa Clara County, California, Office of the Medical Examiner-Coroner reported that 18 heat-related deaths occurred in the county in the first 10 days of July. The county – including its largest city, San Jose – has recorded a string of days in July during which the temperature rose to the high 90s and exceeded 100 degrees Fahrenheit. In a statement released Wednesday, the medical examiner's office confirmed two individuals who died from exposure to the heat were unshowered and one individual was enrolled in a transitional housing program. "There's going to be people who just don't make it through this," Shaunn Cartwright, an advocate with the organization Unhoused Response Group, told ABC station KGO in San Francisco.



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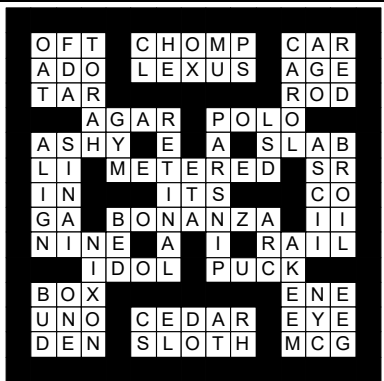
SPORTS

Seven Husker football standouts and a state college All-American comprise the 2024 class of the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame announced Thursday. The 2024 inductees were chosen by members of the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame, which is sponsored by the Nebraska Chapter of the National Football Foundation and the College Football Hall of Fame. The 2024 Hall of Fame class will be officially inducted banquet Sept. 13 in Lincoln and recognized the following evening at the Huskers' home game against Northern Iowa. The six former Huskers were selected to the 2024 class include offensive lineman Keven Lightner (1980s category), safety Tyrone Byrd (1990s), linebacker Terrell Farley (1990s), defensive end Chris Kelsay (2000-2007 era), defensive tackle Jared Crick (2008-14 era) and running back Rex Burkhead (2008-14 era). The Nebraska Football Hall of Fame Board also selected former Husker defensive lineman Monte Johnson from the Legends category. The state college representative in the 2024 class is Mike Miller, an All-America running back at Nebraska-Kearney in the early 2000s. In addition, the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame will present the Clarence E. Swanson Meritorious Service Award to Angie and Dan Muhleisen of Lincoln and the Lyell Bremser Special Merit Award to Joe Selig in Lincoln.

John Butler, a veteran assistant coach with experience in both college football and the NFL, has joined the Nebraska football coaching staff. Butler will join Head Coach Matt Rhule's Husker staff as secondary coach and pass game coordinator. Butler comes to Nebraska after spending the past six seasons with the Buffalo Bills. Overall, Butler has 29 seasons of coaching experience, including 19 years in college football and 10 in the NFL. "John Butler is one of the premier defensive backs coaches in football," Rhule said. "He has a diverse coaching background and a history of being part of winning organizations, and elite defenses at the highest level of football. He will be an outstanding addition to the Nebraska football program and our defensive staff." The play of Butler's defensive backs in Buffalo helped the Bills reach the AFC playoffs each of the past five seasons, and the Bills captured the AFC East divisional title the past four years.

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