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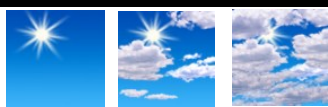
# Newsflash

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<b>DOW</b>	<b>NASDAQ</b>
29.66 TO	186.71 TO
44,911.79	19,868.46

## WEATHER



TODAY	SAT	SUN
Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Sunny
High 56	High 67	High 59

### (LB3) WINNER-TAKE-ALL

Nebraskans packed a Capitol hearing room and spilled into the hallway Thursday to argue over whether the state should return to the winner-take-all system of Electoral College voting. Beginning with the 1992 election, Nebraska has awarded two of its five Electoral College votes to the statewide winner of the presidential popular vote, and allocated the remaining three according to who wins each congressional district. On Thursday, Sen. Loren Lippincott advocated for his bill (LB3) to return Nebraska to the winner take all system used by every other state except Maine. Lippincott said his proposal, along with institutions like the U.S. Senate, aims at ensuring states like Nebraska are not outgunned by more urban states. "The bottom line on all of this is, winner-take-all, the Electoral College, the United States Senate, prevents pockets of power in populated areas, which is what we do not want. We want representation to be split out amongst all states," he said.

### (HPAI) HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture announced Thursday that the first cases this year of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) have been detected in the state. The announcement was made in conjunction with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal Plant Health Inspection Service. A press release from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture stated the first case was discovered in a backyard poultry flock in Kearney County and the second case was discovered in a backyard flock in Nance County. State Veterinarian Roger Dudley reminded producers to practice good biosecurity with their flocks, including minimizing exposure to wild birds and washing hands and changing clothes before and after coming into contact with poultry. HPAI is a highly contagious virus that spreads easily among birds through nasal and eye secretions, as well as infected food, water, and manure. The virus can be spread in various ways from flock to flock, including by wild birds during migratory season, through contact with infected poultry, by equipment, and on the clothing and shoes of caretakers. The press release added that wild birds can carry the virus without becoming sick, while domesticated birds can become very sick and die.

### APPEAL COURT STRIKES DOWN FEDERAL BAN

A federal appeals court on Thursday struck down a longstanding federal ban that prevented the sale of handguns to Americans between the ages of 18 and 20 a landmark gun control regulation in place since 1968. The conservative Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that the federal law banning handgun sales to teens is inconsistent with the nation's historical tradition and violates the Second Amendment. The decision cited the Supreme Court's 2022 opinion by Clarence Thomas in *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*, which significantly expanded gun rights and threatens to rollback other gun safety laws nationwide. "Ultimately, the text of the Second Amendment includes eighteen-to-twenty-year-old individuals among 'the people' whose right to keep and bear arms is protected," the court wrote in its opinion statement. The statement went on, "The federal government has presented scant evidence that eighteen-to-twenty-year-olds' firearm rights during the founding-era were restricted in a similar manner to the contemporary federal handgun purchase ban, and its 19th century evidence 'cannot provide much insight into the meaning of the Second Amendment when it contradicts earlier evidence.'"

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## SPORTS

The McCook Bison boys won their 13th game of the season last night in Gothenburg, knocking off Valentine 71-25 in their Southwest Conference consolation game. Jon Patel led the Bison with a game-high 20 points. The MHS girls head to Kearney tonight for their conference semifinal vs. Gothenburg. Pregame coverage on KICX 961 and the KICX 961 YouTube channel begins at 7:40 with tip at 8 p.m. The McCook/Gothenburg winner will face the Minden/Ogallala winner in the conference title game tomorrow. The losers will play in a consolation game. Southwest and Maywood-Hayes Center girls advanced to the RPAC conference championship game at the Graff Events Center with wins last night. The RPAC East and West Division boys third-round games are tonight. West Division games from Wauneta-Palisade can be heard on 103.9 The Hawk.

An overtime takeover from Brice Williams helped the Nebraska men's basketball team knock off No. 18 Illinois, 80-74, Thursday night in Lincoln. Williams scored eight of his game-high 27 points in overtime, as Nebraska (13-8, 3-7 Big Ten) snapped a six-game losing streak and a nine-game losing streak to the Fighting Illini dating back to the 2018-19 season. Williams, who grabbed a season-high eight boards, broke a 72-all deadlock with a jumper with 2:28 remaining in OT. That started a personal 8-0 run for the senior, as Nebraska outscored the Illini, 10-4 in the extra session. Connor Essegian finished with 14 points off the bench while Juwan Gary had 13 points, eight rebounds, three steals and two blocks, as the Huskers forced 17 turnovers and held Illinois to 35.6 percent shooting.

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## TODAY'S PUZZLE



## HOME OF BISON SPORTS!



### ACROSS

- 1 Wing
- 4 Lick
- 8 Volcano
- 10 Sleeveless shirt
- 11 Education (abbr.)
- 13 Savior
- 15 Florida (abbr.)
- 17 Landing
- 19 Puppy
- 20 Ode
- 21 Satisfaction
- 23 Conger
- 24 Forehead
- 25 Rain cloud
- 27 Astray
- 29 Charged particle
- 30 Sauté
- 31 Flag
- 34 Brute
- 37 Madam
- 38 Expert
- 40 Coke
- 41 Points
- 42 Estimate
- 44 Color
- 45 Post script
- 46 Microscopic organisms
- 48 Teacher's assistant, for short
- 49 Tip
- 50 Bod
- 52 Central daylight time
- 53 Catholic sister

### DOWN

- 1 Scottish "one"
- 2 Long-term memory
- 3 Fresh
- 4 Caper
- 5 Tree
- 6 Part abbr.
- 7 Prevail
- 9 Fire residue
- 10 Country estate
- 12 Cafe
- 14 Visit
- 15 Chump
- 16 Ribald
- 18 Prompts
- 20 Hunting
- 22 Black
- 24 Winged animals
- 26 Spanish "one"
- 28 Farming club (abr.)
- 31 Set down firmly
- 32 Food
- 33 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- 34 Segó lilies' bulbs
- 35 Select
- 36 Pinch
- 39 Pooch
- 42 Essence
- 43 Black
- 46 Soil
- 47 Flightless bird
- 49 Milliliter
- 51 Comes before a vowel

