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## As winter storm moves across US, ice becomes bigger concern

BY KATHLEEN FOODY AND JILL BLEED  
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CHICAGO — A major winter storm with millions of Americans in its path spread rain, freezing rain and heavy snow further across the country on Thursday, knocking out power to more than 100,000 homes and businesses and disrupting flights at the busy Dallas Fort Worth International Airport.

A long stretch of states from New Mexico to Maine remained under winter storm warnings and watches and the path of the storm stretched further from the central U.S. into more of the South and Northeast. Heavy snow was expected from the southern Rockies to northern

New England, while forecasters said heavy ice buildup was likely from Texas to Pennsylvania.

"We have a lot of real estate covered by winter weather impacts this morning," Andrew Orrison, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in College Park, Maryland, said early Thursday. "We do have an expansive area of heavy snow, sleet and freezing rain occurring."

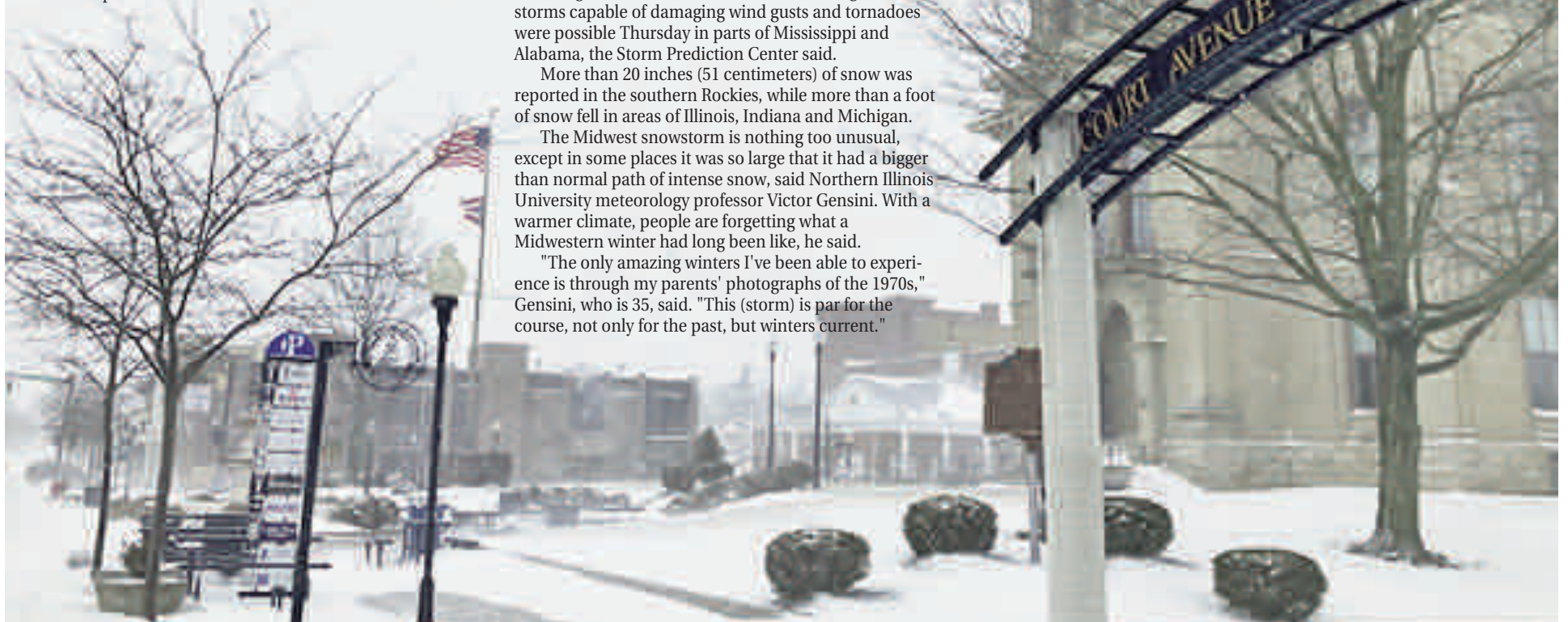
Parts of Ohio, New York and northern New England were expected to see heavy snowfall as the storm moves to the east with 12 to 18 inches (30 to 45 centimeters) of snow possible in some places through Friday, Orrison said.

Along the warmer side of the storm, strong thunderstorms capable of damaging wind gusts and tornadoes were possible Thursday in parts of Mississippi and Alabama, the Storm Prediction Center said.

More than 20 inches (51 centimeters) of snow was reported in the southern Rockies, while more than a foot of snow fell in areas of Illinois, Indiana and Michigan.

The Midwest snowstorm is nothing too unusual, except in some places it was so large that it had a bigger than normal path of intense snow, said Northern Illinois University meteorology professor Victor Gensini. With a warmer climate, people are forgetting what a Midwestern winter had long been like, he said.

"The only amazing winters I've been able to experience is through my parents' photographs of the 1970s," Gensini, who is 35, said. "This (storm) is par for the course, not only for the past, but winters current."



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# Local & State

## Ohio Hi-Point celebrates National Career Technical Education Month

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Students and staff at Ohio Hi-Point Career Center will join others across the nation during the month of February to celebrate Career and Technical Education month.

Career education provides an education that is focused on hands-on learning in a specific career pathway for students to be college and career ready. Career education has a dynamic impact on economic development and students enter the workforce with the skills necessary to succeed and be productive citizens in the community.

Ohio Hi-Point offers high-demand career programs for high school juniors and seniors on Hi-Point's Bellefontaine Main Campus as well as offering satellite career programs in the district's partner high schools.

Between 400-500 students participate in the 15 programs offered on Ohio Hi-Point's main campus in Bellefontaine. The career programs include a variety of pathways such as: construction, automotive, manufacturing, engineering, healthcare, and customer service.



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Satellite locations are also available, allowing over 4,000 students to partake in CTE classes within the partner school districts.

Currently, Ohio Hi-Point partners with Benjamin Logan, Indian Lake, Graham, Kenton, Marysville, Marysville Early College High School, Mechanicsburg, Riverside, Triad, Upper Scioto Valley, Urbana, and Grimes Airfield to offer nearly 60 career programs ranging from business and health technology to aviation and agriculture.

"We hope the community will take the time to learn about the great opportunities CTE has to offer; not only for the students, but also for the economic development and strong partnerships with industry and

business leaders," said Dr. Rick Smith, superintendent.

In Ohio, 54 percent of job openings require skills training – more education than high school, but less than a four-year degree. By partnering with business and industry leaders, Ohio Hi-Point invests in students' lives with the latest technology and skills that will prepare them for a successful career.

In 2019, capital and operations expenditures of career centers around the state of Ohio generated \$1.4 billion in economic activity, supported 15,299 jobs, and generated \$708 million in earnings for the state of Ohio.

In addition, Ohio Hi-Point partners with several colleges and universities across the state to provide a higher education pathway for students to earn college credits for free, easing or erasing the burden of student loan debt.

"Our students are doing great things, and I'm very proud of the work they have done, and will continue to do," Dr. Smith said.

For a complete list of CTE classes, instructor contact information and other information about CTE at Ohio Hi-Point, visit [ohiohipoint.com](http://ohiohipoint.com).

## LUCAS, ZIEGLER TOP SPELLERS AT WL-S ELEMENTARY



West Liberty-Salem Elementary fourth- and fifth-graders were all abuzz while watching 16 of their peers take the stage in the school spelling bee. Eight students were chosen from each grade level in December after participating in a classroom spelling bee. Fifth-grader Braylon Lucas, left, won first place and fellow fifth-grader Peyton Ziegler was runner up. Braylon will now take an online spelling and vocabulary test in hopes of being chosen to represent WL-S at the statewide spelling bee in the spring. (WL-S PHOTO)



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## OBITUARIES

### Abe Troyer

Abe Troyer, 89, passed away Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at home surrounded by his family.

Abe was born in Sugarcreek, Ohio, on December 8, 1932, to the late Andrew and Mary (Schlabach) Troyer. Abe was also preceded in death by a great-granddaughter Delores Faith Yoder and 2 brothers Albert and Mahlon Troyer.

Abe is survived by his wife Verna Rose (Gingerich) Troyer, whom he married on November 15, 1956; and their five children: Daniel (Emma) Troyer of Belle Center, Miriam (David) Hochstetler of Belle Center, Martha (Steve) Yoder of Worthington, Indiana, Milton (Edna) Troyer of Belle Center, and Samuel Troyer of Belle Center; 22 grandchildren and 66 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers: John Troyer of Sugarcreek, OH, and Andrew Troyer of Baltic, OH; and 2 sisters: Emma (the late Andrew) Yoder of Sugarcreek, OH, and Mary (Abe) Yoder of Millersburg, OH.

Abe was a member of the Belle Center Amish Church. He was ordained to the ministry as a deacon in 1970. Abe always had a loving concern for the church, his children, and grandchildren.

Friends may call on Thursday, February 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Steven Coblenz Residence, 7443 Co Rd 49, Belle Center, OH, and also on Friday, February 4, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Steven Coblenz Residence. Bishop Marcus Schlabach will conduct the funeral on Saturday, February 5, at 9 a.m. at the Steven Coblenz Residence. Burial will be in the Belle Center Amish Cemetery.

Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home, Belle Center, is honored to serve the Troyer family and encourages anyone to share a fond memory or message of condolence at [www.edsfh.com](http://www.edsfh.com).

### Shannon Marie Spencer

Shannon Marie Spencer, age 41, of Sidney passed away at her home in Sidney, Monday, Jan. 31, 2022. She was born on July 20, 1980 in Lima to Christy Swift Spencer and the late Jack L. Spencer.



Shannon was a 1999 graduate of Indian Lake High School and had attended Kent State University and Apollo Adult Career Center. Most recently Shannon was a nursing assistant at several nursing homes in the Lima and Wapakoneta area.

She is survived by her daughter Grace Carolyn Holbrook of Sidney, her mother and stepfather Christy & Jon P. Golden of Wapakoneta, Sisters: Staci Scheithauer of Anna, Ashley Golden of Wapakoneta. Also surviving is a half sister Dawn Colley of Alexandria, VA, and half brother Jack J. Spencer of Delphos.

Shannon was preceded in death by her son, Jack Christian Holbrook, maternal grandmother Mary Carole Swift, and paternal grandparents Max and Helen Spencer.

Per Shannon's wishes, there will be no services. Memorial contributions may be given to the family c/o family pay at [BayliffAndSon.com](http://BayliffAndSon.com).

## BIS students thank hospital employees

Bellefontaine Intermediate School students are giving back to the community. Students in Tammy Fowler's fourth-grade class recognized Mary Rutan Hospital's Environmental Services Group in January. Pupils wrote letters of appreciation and put together goodie bags for each staff member. Mary Rutan Hospital employees Mindy Baker and Renee Kavanagh stopped by the intermediate school for a meet-and-greet Monday afternoon. (BCS PHOTO)



## CHURCH NOTES

• **Gretna Brethren Church** hosts the Worship Gathering service at 9:45 a.m. Pastor Rob Starnes will continue in the series, The New Exodus: Ezra and Nehemiah part VI "Godly Success" The gospel redefines what makes us successful. Scripture Reference: for this series read Ezra and Nehemiah. Talent Offering by: Dave and Tina McPherson Puppet Ministry. Adult and Children's Sunday School at 8:45 a.m. Children's Worship Leader: Jennifer Thornburgh.

• **First Lutheran Church** will have a Communion Worship Service at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. There is also a 8:45. to 9:45 a.m. Bible study in the lounge prior to the service, which will be available for the next six weeks.

• **At West Liberty United Methodist Church**, 202 W. Newell St., Pastor Dave Yinger will be preaching and teaching on Luke 5:1-11. The message title is, "Would You Leave Everything And Follow Jesus?" The congregation will celebrate Holy Communion together as a part of the worship experience. Worship at 9:30 a.m., and Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

• The Rev. Bryan Meadows continues the series, "Rise Up: The Life of Joshua," with the message, "Don't Get Distracted," at the **Huntsville United Methodist Church**.

• **At Belle Center United Presbyterian Church**, Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Ted Dennis' sermon is titled, "BE BRAVE." Scripture is from Isaiah 6:1-13, Luke 5:1-11.

• Guest Pastor Ed Beale of **Bellefontaine First United Methodist Church** brings the message, "Conviction, Conversion, Consecration" based on Mark 10:17-27 online and in person at the 9 a.m. service and via radio broadcast at 11 a.m.

• Weather permitting, Saturday at the **Seventh-day Adventist Church**, Jeff Shough has the message. Music is by the Hall family.

• **Bethel Mennonite Church's** worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Rebecca Kauffman will bring the message from Luke 5:1-11.

• **At Huntsville Presbyterian Church**, Pastor Ben Beres leads worship with a sermon based on Luke 2:41-52 titled "Lasting Christmas Gifts: Wisdom." Kevin Braig is the Lay Reader and Susan Young is the pianist. Worship service starts at 10 a.m.

• Rev. Steve Merrin brings the sermon, "Are You Looking," at the **First United Presbyterian Church**. Worship begins at 10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour will be observed immediately following the service. All are welcome!



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**WL-S MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING CHAMP NAMED**



West Liberty-Salem Middle School seventh-grader Jill Fullenkamp, left, recently was named the overall winner of the school's spelling bee. In the 17th round of the contest, she correctly spelled the word "transept" to secure the win. Sixth-grader Ellis Koons was runner-up. The contest takes place in the gym in front of their peers and words are provided by curriculum director Stacy Dunn. (WL-S PHOTO)

# CCS pupils compete at ACSI Regional Spelling Bee

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Calvary Christian School recently sent 11 fifth-through eighth-grade classroom champions to the Association of Christian Schools International Regional Spelling Bee in Westerville, which was held at Northside Christian School.

Students from all over the state of Ohio met and competed for a chance to go to the ACSI National Spelling Bee.

**Calvary students fared well, with these students placing at the Regional Spelling Bee:**

- Mazie Worley — third place in fifth-grade;



Calvary Christian School students pictured at the ACSI Regional Spelling Bee include, from the left, first row: fifth-graders Kendric Wright, Caroline Moore and Mazie Worley, and sixth-graders Annagail Lambert and Seth Palmer; and second row: fifth-grader Landen Jackson, seventh-grader Katie Worley, eighth-graders Fletcher Lambert and Nehemiah Dillon and sixth-graders Aiden Keller and Caleb Gantz. (CCS PHOTO)

- Fletcher Lambert — fourth place in eighth-grade;

- Caleb Gantz — third place in sixth-grade and fifth place overall in the

- spell off; and
- Seth Palmer — fifth place in sixth-grade.

## Ohio House Republicans push bill targeting tech censorship

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Individuals could sue social media giants like Facebook and Twitter for allegedly discriminating against a particular viewpoint and collect damages if the charges are upheld, under proposed GOP Ohio

legislation.

The measure now in the House Civil Justice Committee targets what backers say is ongoing censorship of conservative viewpoints by social media companies, according to testimony from sponsoring

GOP Reps. Scott Wiggam of Wooster and Rep. Al Cutrona of suburban Youngstown.

They argue the bill will prevent big tech companies from engaging in viewpoint discrimination without violating the First

Amendment right to free expression.

The measure is drawing criticism from some conservatives as well as free speech advocates such as the American Civil Liberties Union. Bill opponents say conservatives are

in fact well-represented on social media. They also argue an easier solution to concerns over viewpoint discrimination is to use sites with an expressed conservative bent.

Forcing social media companies to accept all

viewpoints could lead to the protected proliferation of harmful content including pornography, extremist speech, foreign propaganda, conspiracy theories, as well as spam messages currently blocked by sites, bill opponents say.

## Browns refute tanking claims by Hue Jackson

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Browns say suggestions by former coach Hue Jackson and an associate that he was paid by the team to lose games are "completely fabricated."

Jackson, who is now coaching at Grambling, made several posts on Twitter inferring that he received bonus payments from Browns owner Jimmy Haslam during his two-plus seasons with the team.

The Browns strongly refuted Jackson's claims.

"The recent comments by Hue Jackson and his representatives relating to his tenure as our head coach are completely fabricated," team spokesperson Peter Jean-Baptiste said in a statement. "Any accusation that any member of our organization was incentivized to deliberately lose games is categorically false."

Jackson was fired eight games into the 2018 season. He went 3-36-1 with Cleveland, losing all 16 games in 2017.

In offering support to former Miami coach Brian Flores — who filed a discrimination lawsuit



Cleveland Browns head coach Hue Jackson watches during the second half of an NFL preseason football game against the Philadelphia Eagles, Aug. 23, 2018, in Cleveland. The Browns have called suggestions by Jackson, who went 1-31 in a two-year span, that he was paid to lose games as "completely fabricated." (AP PHOTO/DAVID RICHARD)

Tuesday against the NFL and three teams on allegations of racial discrimination and unethical practices — Jackson made

statements implying the Browns paid him to lose.

In response to a tweet suggesting Haslam wasn't offering him \$100,000 per

loss — the amount Flores claims the Dolphins wanted to pay him — Jackson wrote that Haslam "was happy while we kept los-

ing" and "Trust me it was a good number."

Also, Kimberly Diemert, executive director of the Hue Jackson Foundation, which

works to combat human trafficking, made several posts claiming the Browns made the offer to Jackson and that they have records that will help Flores.

Jackson did not immediately respond to messages left by the AP.

On Wednesday, Diemert again went on Twitter to say she has proof of Jackson's claims, and said he and Flores are acting to benefit others.

"Fighting for what is right for everybody is what matters most," she wrote. "Both of these men have been fighting the right fight. People who know the facts know the fight. To win the war you must be strategic."

Jackson was hired by the Browns in 2016 after serving as Cincinnati's offensive coordinator. The team was in a full rebuilding mode and general manager Sashi Brown was aggressive in trying to acquire draft picks.

The Browns went 1-15 in Jackson's first season, got the No. 1 overall pick and selected defensive end Myles Garrett, who has become one of the league's best players.



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# Sports

## Olympic athletes face many doping, virus tests in Beijing

BEIJING (AP) — Alongside the daily collection of coronavirus samples, the athletes at the Beijing Olympics also have to contend with the usual doping tests — both in and out of competition.

The 2,900 or so competitors at the Winter Games have to make themselves available for unannounced doping control visits, putting them at greater risk of catching COVID-19 and possibly ruling them out of their event.

The International Testing Agency, which oversees sample collection at the Olympics, said Wednesday the daily tests, which everyone in the Olympic bubble must do, add extra psychological weight and uncertainty.

"There is a lot of attention when they go through the doping control process to go through all the COVID measures," said Matteo Vallini, the ITA head of testing. "It puts them under pressure."

The ITA, which designed the Olympic athlete testing, and World Anti-Doping Agency, which oversees the rules and the testing laboratory in Beijing, detailed their plans



Speedskaters representing Russian Olympic Committee work out during a practice session at the 2022 Winter Olympics on Tuesday in Beijing. (AP PHOTO/JEFF ROBERSON)

on the first day of competition, two days before the opening ceremony.

**OMICRON CHALLENGES**  
The wave of COVID-19 cases caused by the recent omicron variant has added to the ITA's work.

Late and unpredictable team selections because of athletes testing positive

meant their replacements were less of a priority in pre-Olympic testing plans.

The agency said Wednesday it still hit a target of about 80% collected of the 5,400 samples recommended to sports bodies.

The ITA and WADA draw confidence in hoping for a clean Olympics after

more tests were done on athletes training in 2021 away from their competitions than in the last pre-pandemic year of 2019.

There were only four positive doping tests at the 2018 Pyeongchang Olympics, though all samples taken four years ago are in storage. They can be

re-analyzed until 2028 if new testing methods or intelligence emerge.

**RUSSIA RELATIONS**  
This year's Olympics are likely the last where Russian athletes are not allowed to compete under their country's name and without its flag and anthem.

In Beijing, as at the Summer Games in Tokyo six months ago, they will officially represent ROC and gold medalists will hear an excerpt from a Tchaikovsky piano concerto while standing on the podium.

Those World Anti-Doping Agency sanctions expire in December, two years after being imposed by the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

"The chapter is coming to an end," WADA director general Olivier Niggli said Wednesday. "We are still remaining very vigilant."

WADA's case was against the Russian anti-doping agency, known as RUSADA. A key step to re-establishing it in international sports was electing a new leader two months ago.

"We were very pleased with that," Niggli said of the process to appoint Veronika Loginova, who used to work

for Russia's sports ministry. "We certainly at the moment think that RUSADA is operating independently and we see no sign of undue interference."

There are still pending disciplinary cases for sports governing bodies related to the 2014 Sochi Olympics using evidence gathered from the Moscow testing laboratory.

"There are still quite a number of them that are (not) dealt with," Niggli said.

The 212-member Russian team has been the most tested in the pre-Olympic program.

**BEIJING LABORATORY**  
The WADA-accredited laboratory at Beijing Sports University will analyze about 2,900 blood and urine samples during the Olympics.

It's a different lab from the one in the city that had past issues with Olympic and pre-Olympic testing.

Errors during the 2008 Beijing Olympics at the National Anti-Doping Laboratory led to two hammer throwers from Belarus regaining their medals at CAS after being disqualified for testing positive for testosterone.



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# Sports

## Remote Games: NBC announcers ready to call action from U.S.

BY JOE REEDY  
AP SPORTS WRITER

Dan Hicks had a short drive from his home to NBC Sports headquarters in Stamford, Connecticut, the past two years to call the French Open and some World Cup skiing events. He didn't imagine he would be doing it for an Olympics, though.

With China's strict policy about those who test positive for COVID-19, Hicks and most of NBC's announcers for the Beijing Games are stationed state-side. Hicks was in Tokyo to call swimming for last year's Summer Games, when NBC had its announcers on site for the

marquee sports.

While Hicks would like to be at the ski venue in Yanqing to call the competition, he realizes it isn't feasible.

"I was bummed. No doubt about it but I know this was the right call by our NBC folks," Hicks said. "I kind of expected this was going to be the case when I was notified. The protocols are the strictest I think we've ever seen."

NBC isn't alone in keeping its announcers home. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has almost all its analysts and announcers working out of studios in Toronto and Montreal. The British

Broadcasting Corporation is also keeping announcers at studios outside London.

The only major network sending a large contingent to Beijing is Australia's Seven Network since Olympics held in Asia are the equivalent of when NBC gets to do the Games in North America.

The revised plan had NBC sending announcing crews for Alpine skiing, figure skating and snowboarding. Hicks said he was originally supposed to depart for China on Jan. 24 until NBC made its final decision.

"It's just too much of a gamble to bring the announcers there. Let's say

we test negative here and test positive there, you've got no recourse and are subjected to the protocols," Hicks said. "You're in somebody else's country, you're under the jurisdiction of their rules and how they operate. We just couldn't take a chance."

The most NBC, CBC and BBC have on the ground in Beijing is technical staff. Some reporters from NBC's sports and news divisions will be based in Beijing during the Games.

NBC's biggest name at the Olympics is prime-time host Mike Tirico. He will anchor coverage from Beijing on Thursday through Feb. 10 before flying to Los Angeles to host

the next three days and the network's coverage of the Super Bowl. NBC said it would determine over Super Bowl weekend where Tirico would be based for the final week of the Games.

Past Olympics have been done remotely. It just hasn't been done at this scale. NBC had some basketball and hockey games as well as some other sports done from either New York or Stamford in the past.

Remote coverage became common on all networks during the pandemic, especially in 2020 and early last year when fans were not allowed in many arenas and stadiums.

Tara Lipinski is no stranger to calling events from Stamford. Lipinski, Johnny Weir and Terry Gannon are used to calling Grand Prix or World Championships from there. With figure skating being the premiere event of the Games, though, they will be receiving one of the bigger studios instead of having to work from a tiny booth.

"An Olympics is an Olympics wherever you are. So you show me those rings, and I'll bring the tears," Lipinski said. "Even if we were just calling it from a small TV in our hotel rooms, we'd have the same energy and excitement."

## Flores says he won't drop lawsuit even if hired as coach

BY TERESA M. WALKER  
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

Brian Flores says his lawsuit against the NFL over alleged racist hiring practices will continue even if he becomes a head coach again this offseason.

Flores has interviewed with the Houston Texans and New Orleans Saints, who have yet to fill their

coaching vacancies. If they call, Flores will listen, but he said the suit will go on because the league needs change.

"This is about changing the hiring practices in the National Football League, and that's what this lawsuit is about," Flores said Wednesday on CNN. "I want to coach football that's what I'm called to

do."

Flores said he knows others have similar stories and that it is hard to speak out. He called his potential sacrifice bigger than football or coaching. The NFL is at a fork in the road, he said.

"We're going keep it the way it is or go in another direction and make some change where

we're actually changing the hearts and minds of those who make decisions to hire head coaches, executives, et cetera," Flores said on CBS. "That's what we've got to get to. We've got to change hearts and minds."

Tony Dungy, a Pro Football Hall of Fame coach, wrote an open letter

to NFL owners Wednesday and shared a link on social media.

"One year ago I wrote a letter to NFL owners saying the NFL had a problem only they could solve," Dungy wrote on Twitter. "Not a lot has changed. Brian Flores' suit shows the frustration many black coaches have. It could be just the tip of the iceberg.

Something has to change!"

Flores' lawsuit was filed Tuesday in Manhattan federal court. It is seeking class-action status and unspecified damages from the league, the Miami Dolphins, the Denver Broncos and the New York Giants, along with unidentified individuals.

The NFL, Dolphins, Broncos and Giants have denied Flores' accusations.



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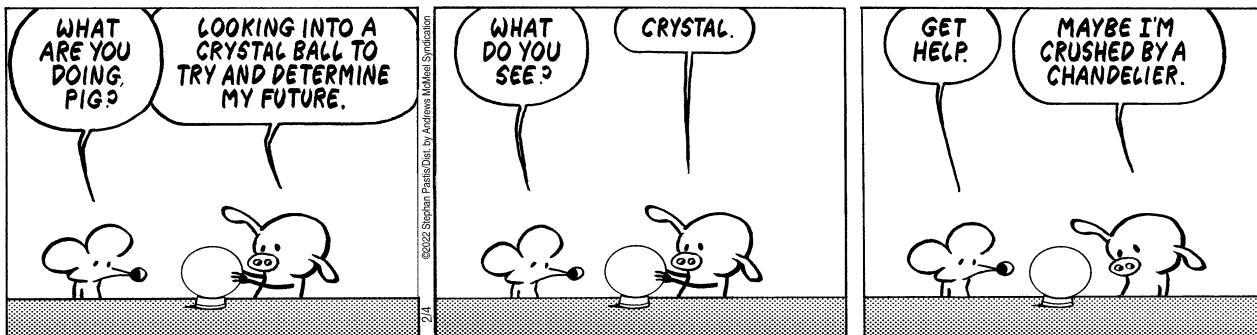
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51 Spell-off

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 2-4

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## SUDOKU

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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### Answer to previous puzzle

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## Horoscopes

### JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

**Moon Alert:** Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 4:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. EST today (1:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Pisces into Aries.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, Feb. 4, 2022:

You are hardworking, determined and practical, because you like to be organized. You are also a creative problem-solver. This year will be more social for you. You will enjoy life and be grateful for what you have. You will be popular this year, and many of you will be in the public eye.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Today you might talk to someone older or more established, and very possibly, their advice could be helpful to you. They also might give you guidance that helps you better shape your future goals. This discussion could throw a dash of reality into your plans, but reality is hard to ignore. Tonight: Patience.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ This can be a time of accomplishment for you, because now you see very clearly what is working in your life and what is not. This is definitely your time of harvest when you will reap the benefits of all the seeds that you have planted since 1999. Focus on the wins, not the losses. Tonight: Research.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Today you're aware of how important it is to learn something. Perhaps it is getting the right accreditation, the right training, the right information or the right apprenticeship. In either case, you know that you are now

in a time of preparation for your career peak, which begins next year. Tonight: Rethink your goals.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Take a reality check about the responsibilities that you have to others. This also includes your financial responsibilities, debt, unpaid bills and anything that you own jointly with others, including shared property and inheritances. What's the score? Tonight: Avoid conflict.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★ Today the sun is lined up with Saturn opposite your sign, which is a sobering influence. It challenges your closest partnerships and friendships. However, it also indicates that, from here on, you will focus on your external goals with purpose. Tonight: Don't take the bait.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ This is a time of hard work, but it is also a time of accomplishment. What you achieve now will have lasting significance. It will give rise to new responsibilities and, for some, this means professional advancement. Tonight: Avoid disputes.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Children have been an increased responsibility recently. Now is the time when you can give form to something through your own efforts. You are learning more about yourself and how to express yourself in the best possible way. Tonight: Have patience with others.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Today you realize it's important to solidify your home base to have a safe refuge for yourself and your family. This might mean home repairs or modifications to where you live. For some, it will be a change of residence. Tonight: Don't be rash.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You're right in the middle of a two-year window of flux and change. Today this realization is crystal clear. Ironically, in the year ahead, you'll have the best opportunity in over a decade to improve where you live. Not too shabby! Tonight: Have patience with kids.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You have serious thoughts about money, earnings and your possessions today. You're never casual about money, because it represents a secure future. Give yourself a financial report card. How does it look? When it comes to money, information is power. Tonight: Promote peace at home.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Today Saturn is lined up in your sign, which happens every 30 years. About 14 years ago, you experienced adversity, but you made new beginnings. Where you acted wisely, you enjoy the results of your efforts. This is a time of perseverance and hard work, with a great potential for reward. Tonight: Be kind.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ It's time to give up what is no longer relevant in your world. Do not despair about failures. It's appropriate to withdraw from the busyness of your world to finish what's on your plate. It's a time of endings. Next year is a time to begin something new. Tonight: Maintain your possessions.

**BORN TODAY**

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