

Broadcasting (BRO) News Program

Rounds 1 and 2-News Program (5 minutes): Students will select at least three (3) news stories (international, national, local) with music selection and commercial prompt to create a 5 minute News Program. Weather is optional. You may cut portions, or even all, of a story, but you may not update or paraphrase the news copy. Your edited newscast should consume about 3 to 3.5 minutes of your 5-minute News Program. The material below is the only allowable subject matter for the tournament.

Round 3-Breaking News (2 minutes): Students will have 2 minutes to sight-read a news story that they will be “breaking news live.” Students are encouraged to have a memorized sign-on/sign-off (lead-in/lead-out) that results in no more than 30 seconds. The total performance target time is 2 minutes and prepped at tournament.

Round 4/Final-Editorial (2 minutes) with 30 minutes prep. Topic released on the day of the tournament.

News Program – Music Genres & Artists

Choose one of the music genres below and use the artists listed to write your original music lead-in and lead-out segments. Your original music lead-in and lead-out should consume about 30 seconds-1 minute (total) of your 5-minute News Program. The options below are the only allowable subject matter for the invitational.

Classical

Handel

Tchaikovsky

Pop

Madonna

Michael Jackson

Country

Dolly Parton

Reba McEntire

Rock

Guns N’ Roses

Van Halen

News Program – Original Commercial

Use the information below to create your original commercial. Your original commercial should consume about 30 seconds-1 minute of your 5-minute News Program. Please follow the guidelines for the invitational.

Prompt: Dropbox

- A service for keeping files safe, synched and easy to share.
 - Used by people in more than four million businesses, designed for teams to work together no matter where they are or what tools they use.
 - Stay organized and on track
 - Smart organization and suggestions, natural language search, and seamless integrations mean everything is easy to find and intuitive to manage—all within Dropbox cloud storage, so your team can focus on their work.
 - Secure links, real-time syncing, and large file transfers keep your team and partners connected so collaboration stays seamless.
 - New Feature: Dropbox Dash
 - Find, organize, and protect your work with Dropbox Dash.
 - Protect all of your content. Dash makes it easy to find files across apps and safeguard sensitive content. With AI-powered search and universal access controls, your team stays connected, efficient, and secure.
 - Now with advanced search for video, images, and team members—plus generative AI capabilities across even more connected apps.
 - Try Dropbox free today (2GB of storage) at Dropbox.com/business
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News Program – News Copy Selection**International**

PARIS (AP) — Two suspects were arrested in connection with the theft of crown jewels from Paris' Louvre museum, justice and police officials said Sunday, a week after the heist that stunned the world and sparked a massive manhunt.

The Paris prosecutor said that investigators made arrests Saturday evening, adding that one of the men taken into custody was preparing to leave the country from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport.

French media BFM TV and Le Parisien newspaper earlier reported that two suspects had been arrested and taken into custody. Paris prosecutor Laure Beccau did not confirm the number of arrests and did not say whether any jewels had been recovered.

A police official, who was not authorized to speak publicly about the ongoing case, told The Associated Press that two men in their 30s, both known to police, were taken into custody. He said one suspect was arrested as he attempted to board a plane bound for Algeria. The official added that one of the suspects was identified through DNA traces. Beccau said earlier this week that forensics experts were analyzing 150 samples at the scene.

The suspects can be held in police custody [for] up to 96 hours.

PORT-AU-SPAIN, Trinidad and Tobago (AP) — A U.S. warship docked in Trinidad and Tobago 's capital Sunday as the Trump administration boosts military pressure on neighboring Venezuela and its President Nicolás Maduro.

The arrival of the USS Gravelly, a guided missile destroyer, in the capital of the Caribbean nation is in addition to the aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford, which is moving closer to Venezuela. Maduro criticized the movement of the carrier as an attempt by the U.S government to fabricate “a new eternal war” against his country.

U.S. President Donald Trump has accused Maduro, without providing evidence, of being the leader of the organized crime gang Tren de Aragua.

Government officials from the twin-island nation and the U.S. said the massive warship will remain in Trinidad until Thursday so both countries can carry out training exercises.

A senior military official in Trinidad and Tobago told The Associated Press that the move was only recently scheduled. The official spoke under condition of anonymity due to lack of authorization to discuss the matter publicly. Kamla Persad-Bissessar, the prime minister of Trinidad and Tobago, has been a vocal supporter of the U.S. military presence and the deadly strikes on suspected drug boats in waters off Venezuela.

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia tested a new nuclear-capable and powered cruise missile fit to confound existing defenses, inching closer to deploying it to its military, President Vladimir Putin said in remarks released on Sunday.

The announcement, which followed years of tests of the Burevestnik missile, comes as part of nuclear messaging from the Kremlin, which has resisted Western pressure for a ceasefire in Ukraine and strongly warned the U.S. and other NATO allies against sanctioning strikes deep inside Russia with longer-range Western weapons.

A video released by the Kremlin showed Putin, dressed in camouflage fatigues, receiving a report from Gen. Valery Gerasimov, Russia's chief of general staff, who told the Russian leader that the Burevestnik covered 14,000 kilometers (8,700 miles) in a key test Tuesday.

Gerasimov said the Burevestnik, or storm petrel in Russian, spent 15 hours in the air on nuclear power, adding "that's not the limit."

Little is known about the Burevestnik, which was code-named Skyfall by NATO, and many Western experts have been skeptical about it, noting that a nuclear engine could be highly unreliable.

CAIRO (AP) — Hamas has expanded its search for bodies of hostages in the Gaza Strip, the Palestinian group said Sunday, a day after Egypt deployed a team of experts and heavy equipment to help retrieve them.

Under the U.S.-brokered ceasefire, which took effect on Oct. 10, Hamas is expected to return the remains of all Israeli hostages as soon as possible. Israel has agreed to return 15 bodies of Palestinians for each one.

Children and others watched the Egyptian equipment claw through the sand near badly damaged buildings in the southern city of Khan Younis.

Hamas has returned the remains of 15 hostages but hasn't handed over any in five days. Israel has returned the bodies of 195 Palestinians, many of them unidentified.

More complicated steps lie ahead under the ceasefire plan, including the disarming of Hamas and the postwar governance of famine-stricken Gaza, where the U.N. and partners continue to urge Israel to allow in more humanitarian aid.

International media have been barred from Gaza aside from brief visits with Israel's military, and Israel on Sunday said that hadn't changed.

National

WASHINGTON (AP) — A man who says he was detained by police for following an Ohio National Guard patrol while playing Darth Vader's theme song from "Star Wars" on his phone sued the District of Columbia on Thursday, claiming the officers violated his constitutional rights.

Sam O'Hara's federal lawsuit says the ominous orchestral music of "The Imperial March" is the soundtrack for his peaceful protests against President Donald Trump's deployment of Guard members in Washington, D.C. Millions of TikTok users have viewed O'Hara's videos of his interactions with troops, according to the suit, filed by American Civil Liberties Union attorneys.

O'Hara, a 35-year-old Washington resident, says he didn't interfere with the Ohio National Guard troops during their Sept. 11 encounter on a public street. One of the troops summoned Metropolitan Police Department officers, who stopped O'Hara and kept him handcuffed for 15 to 20 minutes before releasing him without charges, according to the lawsuit.

"The law might have tolerated government conduct of this sort a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away. But in the here and now, the First Amendment bars government officials from shutting down peaceful protests," his lawsuit says.

O'Hara, an artist who works in the hospitality industry, said he was looking for a humorous and creative way to protest what he views as a military "occupation."

"It feels surreal and dystopian," he told The Associated Press. "When I see armed troops at our farmers markets and outside of my favorite restaurants and my dog park, I don't think, 'Oh, wow, I feel safe.' I think: 'These feel like Stormtroopers. I feel like I'm living in a Star Wars episode or movie, and this is like an invading, dark force.'"

Spokespeople for Mayor Muriel Bowser's office and the police department declined to comment on the suit's claims. The MPD spokesperson said the four officers named as defendants all remain on full duty. A spokesperson for the Ohio National Guard didn't immediately respond to emails seeking comment.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A baby elephant at the Oregon Zoo had more tricks than treats to show when handlers gave it a small pumpkin to play with during an annual fall event where giant elephants smash half-ton pumpkins.

Weighing just 775 pounds (351.5 kilograms), eight-month-old Asian elephant Tula-Tu is about the heft of one of the giant pumpkins so is too small to smash them. Instead, zoo handlers gave her a small pumpkin to practice with. The little elephant dribbled the gourd around like a soccer ball, a video from the zoo shows.

Her elephant family at the Oregon Zoo enjoyed the large pumpkins on Oct. 16 at the annual "Squishing of the Squash," a tradition that goes back to 1999 when a farmer donated a pumpkin weighing 828 pounds. The donated pumpkins have gotten bigger, around 1,000 pounds (450 kilograms) this year, thanks to competitive hobbyists at the Pacific Giant Vegetable Growers Club.

To break open the gargantuan gourds, zookeepers present them to Tula-Tu's adult relatives like her brother and father who weigh slightly over 10,000 pounds (4,500 kilograms). In a video from the zoo, they appear to delicately place one foot at the top, and gently press down. The pumpkins crack with a loud pop, sending rind and seeds flying.

Past years' videos have shown mid-sized, young elephants putting both feet on top of the pumpkins but being too light — or lacking technique — so the giant vegetables don't burst.

This year the adult elephants smashed the massive pumpkins in front of a cheering crowd of zoo visitors, and then the family of elephants ate the many tons of squash fragments.

Asian elephants like Tula-Tu and her family are considered highly endangered, according to Oregon Zoo officials. There is a fragmented population of around 40,000 to 50,000 such elephants in the wild in places ranging from India to Borneo, a Southeast Asian island straddling Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei. But there have been successful conservation milestones in recent years, including in Cambodia.

SEATTLE (AP) — Alaska Airlines said its operations have resumed Friday after it had to ground its planes for hours because of an information technology outage.

The airline said in a statement that 229 flights were canceled because of the outage and that more flight disruptions were expected as it worked to “reposition aircraft and crews.”

Alaska Airlines said it is working on getting travelers affected by the disruption to their destinations. It asked that passengers check their flight status before heading to the airport. The grounding Thursday affected Alaska Air and Horizon Air flights.

Hawaiian Airlines, which was bought by Alaska Air Group last year, said its flights were operating as scheduled.

In July, Alaska grounded all of its flights for about three hours after the failure of a critical piece of hardware at a data center. There has been a history of computer problems disrupting flights in the industry, though most of the time the disruptions are only temporary.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has posted a notice on its website saying federal food aid will not go out Nov. 1, raising the stakes for families nationwide as the government shutdown drags on.

The new notice comes after the Trump administration said it would not tap roughly \$5 billion in contingency funds to keep benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly referred to as SNAP, flowing into November. That program helps about 1 in 8 Americans buy groceries.

“Bottom line, the well has run dry,” the USDA notice says. “At this time, there will be no benefits issued November 01. We are approaching an inflection point for Senate Democrats.”

The shutdown, which began Oct. 1, is now the second-longest on record. While the Republican administration took steps leading up to the shutdown to ensure SNAP benefits were paid this month, the cutoff would expand the impact of the impasse to a wider swath of Americans — and some of those most in need — unless a political resolution is found in just a few days.

The administration blames Democrats, who say they will not agree to reopen the government until Republicans negotiate with them on extending expiring subsidies under the Affordable Care Act. Republicans say Democrats must first agree to reopen the government before negotiation.

But a USDA memo that surfaced Friday says “contingency funds are not legally available to cover regular benefits.” The document says the money is reserved for such things such as helping people in disaster areas.

It cited a storm named Melissa, which has strengthened into a major hurricane, as an example of why it’s important to have the money available to mobilize quickly in the event of a disaster.

The prospect of families not receiving food aid has deeply concerned states run by both parties.

Some states have pledged to keep SNAP benefits flowing even if the federal program halts payments, but there are questions about whether U.S. government directives may allow that to happen. The USDA memo also says states would not be reimbursed for temporarily picking up the cost.

Other states are telling SNAP recipients to be ready for the benefits to stop. Arkansas and Oklahoma, for example, are advising recipients to identify food pantries and other groups that help with food.

Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., accused Republicans and Trump of not agreeing to negotiate.

“The reality is, if they sat down to try to negotiate, we could probably come up with something pretty quickly,” Murphy said Sunday on CNN’s “State of the Union.” “We could open up the government on Tuesday or Wednesday, and there wouldn’t be any crisis in the food stamp program.”

Local

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (WISH) — A spokesperson for the Republican Indiana Senate president pro tempore said Wednesday that there is not enough support for redistricting the state.

The statement came following months of debate on whether Indiana would join several other states in deciding whether or not to pursue mid-decade redistricting.

Both President Donald Trump and Vice President JD Vance have discussed redistricting with Indiana lawmakers a number of times in the last few months. Vance most recently visited the Hoosier State on Oct. 10, a handful of weeks after his first visit in August.

Redistricting has been a point of contention for Indiana lawmakers. Following Vance’s August visit, several on the Democratic side of the aisle expressed frustration and discussed the dangers of redistricting.

No Republican lawmakers agreed to an interview in August, though were public in supporting redistricting on social media.

But in a statement shared with News 8’s Garrett Bergquist Wednesday, a spokesperson for Senate President pro tempore Rod Bray, R-Martinsville, said, “The votes aren’t there for redistricting.”

Indiana Gov. Mike Braun has not announced a special session for redistricting, but wrote on X that he was “confident” that Statehouse Republicans would pull through in support of “fair representation in Congress for every Hoosier.”

There is no set deadline for the special session, but Braun told Bergquist on Tuesday that “mid-to-late November” would be considered too late to call for it.

VINCENNES, Ind. (The Trailblazer) — Vincennes University will again host a Veterans Day Program honoring all the brave men and women who have served in the United States military. The special tribute will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. (ET) in the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center.

Sponsored by the VU Support Staff Council, the program will honor the sacrifices and contributions of service members. VU faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community members are encouraged to attend.

This year’s guest speaker is Major General (Retired) Richard L. Stevens. The Vincennes native completed over 35 years of service in the U.S. Army, culminating as the Deputy Chief of Engineers/Deputy Commanding General for the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

The VU Pep Band and Choir will also perform.

VU invites all to join the University in honoring all who have dedicated their lives to serving our country. The program will also livestream on the University’s YouTube channel.

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (WEVV) — Evansville native Don Mattingly, often known as "Donnie Baseball," is headed to the World Series after the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Seattle Mariners 4-3 in Game 7 of the American League Championship Series.

Mattingly, the Blue Jays' bench coach, will be making his first appearance in the World Series in his career as a player, coach, or manager.

Mattingly and the Blue Jays will now take on the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Game 7 of the World Series will be on Saturday, November 1st, in Toronto. First pitch is set for 7 p.m. CT. You can catch the game on Fox 44.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (WTWO/WAWV) — If you’ve been thinking about getting rid of old stuff like large items that won’t fit in your trash can, this weekend is your chance.

Terre Haute is holding its annual fall city-wide cleanup tomorrow. All residents of Vigo County can participate. There are drop-off sites with dumpsters at the Terre Haute City Hall, Woodrow Wilson Middle School, and the Street Department Garage. They’re accepting grills, furniture, mattresses, large toys, electronics, yard debris and other miscellaneous items. They will not accept hazardous waste, construction debris, refrigerators, or items containing Freon, Chemicals, and batteries.

“We’re kind of at the end of the grass cutting seasons, so we can kind of now transition back into cleaning up those alleys and it’s just part of our, you know, holistic effort just to clean Terre Haute,” said Jesse Tohill,

Director of Public Works for the city of Terre Haute. “You know, clean Terre Haute up, you know, make it nice and just so we can kind of enjoy our daily lives.”

It goes from 8 a.m. to noon or until the dumpsters are full.

WEATHER

Today — Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 57F. Winds W at 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Considerable clouds early. Some decrease in clouds late. Low 37F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph.

Tomorrow — Partly cloudy skies. High 58F. Winds SW at 10 to 15 mph.

Tomorrow Night — A few clouds. Low 41F. Winds W at 5 to 10 mph.

Monday — Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 56F. Low 35F. Winds WNW at 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy skies. High 57F. Low 39 F. Winds WSW at 5 to 15 mph.