

Broadcasting (BRO) - News Program

Rounds 1 & 2 - News Program (5 minutes)

Students will select at least three (3) news stories (international, national, local) along with a 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 present as “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 will be prepped at the tournament.

Round 4 / Final - Editorial (2 minutes) with 30 minutes prep. The topic will be 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 music lead-in and lead-out should consume about 30 seconds to 1 minute total of your 5-minute News Program. The options below are the only allowable subject matter for the invitational.

Classical	Country	Pop	Rock
Ludwig van Beethoven	Luke Combs	Bruno Mars	Foo Fighters
Johann Sebastian Bach	Carrie Underwood	Black Eye Peas	Paramore

News Program - Original Commercial

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

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News Program – News Copy Selection

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip (AP) — More than 69,000 Palestinians have been killed in the Israel-Hamas war so far, Gaza health officials said Saturday, as both sides completed the latest exchange of bodies under the terms of the tenuous ceasefire.

The latest jump in deaths occurred as more bodies are recovered in the devastated Gaza Strip since the ceasefire began on Oct. 10, and as other bodies are identified. The toll also includes Palestinians killed by strikes that Israel says target remaining militants.

Israel on Saturday returned the remains of another 15 Palestinians to Gaza, according to hospital officials there, a day after militants returned the remains of a hostage to Israel. He was identified as Lior Rudaeff, according to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office.

The exchanges are the central part of the ceasefire's initial phase, which requires that Hamas return all hostage remains as quickly as possible. Families and supporters rallied again Saturday night in Tel Aviv for the return of all.

Also Saturday, Israeli settlers staged two attacks on Palestinian farmers and others in the occupied West Bank as settler violence reaches new highs during this year's olive harvest.

BRUSSELS (AP) — Taiwan's deputy leader urged the European Union to boost security and trade ties with the self-governing island and support its democracy in the face of growing threats from China, in a rare address to a group of international lawmakers in Brussels on Friday.

"Peace in the Taiwan Strait is essential to global stability and economic continuity, and international opposition against unilateral changes to the status quo by force cannot be overstated," Vice President Bi-Khim Hsiao told lawmakers assembled for a China-focused conference in the European Parliament building.

While Hsiao did not formally address the entire EU Parliament — since the EU does not have official diplomatic relations with Taiwan — her visit drew strong criticism from China.

"In an era marked by increasing fragmentation, volatility and rising authoritarianism, this gathering affirms something vital — that democracies, even when far apart, are not alone," Hsiao said to a standing ovation in a small chamber of the European Parliament.

Hsiao also called on lawmakers from Germany, Spain, and other countries to collaborate more closely with Taiwan on trusted supply chains and AI technology. Beijing claims Taiwan as its territory and insists it must come under Chinese rule.

EU member states, like most countries including the United States, follow a "One China" policy, maintaining informal relations with Taiwan. However, the EU and Taiwan share democratic values and strong trade ties, and the bloc opposes any use of force by China to settle the dispute.

Hsiao compared Taiwan's experiences with cyberattacks and undersea internet cable cuts by China to the hybrid warfare faced by European nations following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

"Europe has defended freedom under fire, and Taiwan has built democracy under pressure," she said.

Hsiao also referenced China's disruptions to global supply chains — such as throttling rare earth exports to the EU — as a reason for Europe to deepen cooperation with Taiwan on technology rooted in “trust, transparency, and democratic values.”

China's mission to Europe condemned the EU Parliament for allowing Hsiao's appearance, calling it a “serious interference” in China's internal affairs and a violation of the One China principle. The statement urged Europe to stop sending “wrong signals to separatist forces.”

Beijing has increased its military presence around Taiwan in recent years, holding near-daily joint drills of warships and fighter jets near the island. Last month, Taiwan's President Lai Ching-te announced plans to accelerate development of the “T-Dome” air defense system and raise defense spending to 5% of GDP by 2030.

Hsiao's appearance was part of a conference organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China, a global network of lawmakers advocating for coordinated international policy toward Beijing.

Roughly fifty lawmakers from about two dozen nations attended the event. The trip was kept secret for security reasons, following reports that Chinese agents plotted to ram Hsiao's car during a 2024 visit to the Czech Republic.

Hsiao said those threats would not stop her from “voicing Taiwan's interests in the international community.”

Ben Bland, director of the Asia-Pacific program at Chatham House, wrote that while the EU and Taiwan lack formal ties, they can still deepen cooperation to counter growing U.S.-China tensions. He warned that conflict over Taiwan could have a more devastating effect on Europe than Russia's invasion of Ukraine, given Taiwan's key role in semiconductor and electronics supply chains.

China and Taiwan split during a civil war in 1949. The Communist Party took control of mainland China, while the defeated Nationalists fled to Taiwan and established their own government.

NATIONAL NEWS

HEIDELBERG, Miss. (AP) — The last monkey on the loose among several that escaped after a Mississippi highway crash has been found and captured, authorities said Thursday.

A resident who lives near the crash site called authorities to report the animal's location and it was then “successfully recovered,” the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks said in a statement to The Associated Press.

It was the last monkey on the loose from the Oct. 28 crash when the truck overturned on Interstate 59. Five monkeys were killed as law officers hunted for them in the immediate aftermath of the crash. Video from officers' body-worn cameras showed a chaotic scene as monkeys that escaped from their wooden crates dashed around the grassy interstate median, with some running toward cars and semis on the interstate.

Two other monkeys that eluded officers at the crash site were later shot and killed by civilians, who said they were protecting their families and neighborhoods. Officials had warned residents not to approach the Rhesus monkeys, saying they are known to be aggressive.

The last monkey on the loose was found Wednesday afternoon near a home in the Vossburg area, just east of where the truck had wrecked. Brandy Smith saw the monkey when her dog started barking, she told WDAM-TV. Her neighbors called 911. Workers from one of the companies that had been transporting the truckload of monkeys across the country arrived to tranquilize the monkey, Smith said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump’s administration is demanding states “undo” full SNAP benefits paid out under judicial orders in recent days, now that the U.S. Supreme Court has stayed those rulings, marking the latest swing in a seesawing legal battle over the anti-hunger program used by 42 million Americans.

The demand from the U.S. Department of Agriculture came as more than two dozen states warned of “catastrophic operational disruptions” if the Trump administration does not reimburse them for those SNAP benefits they authorized before the Supreme Court’s stay.

Nonprofits and Democratic attorneys general sued to force the Trump administration to maintain the program in November despite the ongoing government shutdown. They won favorable rulings last week, leading to the swift release of benefits to millions in several states. The Trump administration indicated to states that it would facilitate the full payments in accordance with the rulings, while it also was appealing them.

States could face penalties for paying benefits

“To the extent States sent full SNAP payment files for November 2025, this was unauthorized,” Patrick Penn, deputy undersecretary of Agriculture, wrote to state SNAP directors. “Accordingly, States must immediately undo any steps taken to issue full SNAP benefits for November 2025.”

Penn warned that states could face penalties if they did not comply. It was unclear if the directive applies to states that used their own funds to keep the program alive or to ones relying on federal money entirely. The Department of Agriculture did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

In a filing in federal court on Sunday, the agency said states moved too quickly and erroneously released full SNAP benefits after last week’s rulings.

U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, a Republican, on Sunday called the directive “shocking” if it applies to states, like hers, that used their own money to prop up the program.

“It’s one thing if the federal government is going to continue its level of appeal through the courts to say, no, this can’t be done,” Murkowski said. “But when you are telling the states that have said this is a significant enough issue in our state, we’re going to find resources, backfill or front load, whatever term you want, to help our people, those states should not be penalized.”

‘We will see him in court’

Democratic Gov. Maura Healey of Massachusetts said SNAP benefits were processed and placed on EBT cards before the U.S. Supreme Court order Friday night, in line with the previous guidance from the USDA. She said that if Trump attempts to claw back the money, “we will see him in court.”

“Massachusetts residents with funds on their cards should continue to spend it on food,” she said in a statement Sunday. “President Trump should be focusing on reopening the government that he controls instead of repeatedly fighting to take away food from American families.”

Democrats have hammered Trump for targeting the anti-hunger program during the government shutdown, contending the administration could have maintained it even with other parts of the government idle. As senators worked through the weekend on a deal to end the stalemate, their bipartisan package of agreed-upon measures to keep open some aspects of government included full funding of SNAP programs and a provision that would ensure reimbursements for expenditures made during the shutdown.

More than two-dozen states represented by Democratic attorneys general and other party officeholders on Saturday warned in a court filing that, even before the Supreme Court put the rulings on hold, the Trump administration was refusing to reimburse them for those legally-ordered SNAP payments.

Four different directives in six days

Wisconsin, for example, loaded benefits onto cards for 700,000 residents once a judge in Rhode Island ordered the restoration of benefits last week, but after the U.S. Treasury froze its reimbursements to the state, it anticipates running out of money by Monday, Democratic Gov. Tony Evers' administration warned in a lengthy statement on Sunday.

The lack of money could leave vendors unpaid and trigger escalating legal claims, the states warned. "States could face demands to return hundreds of millions of dollars in the aggregate," the states' filing at the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals says.

That situation "would risk catastrophic operational disruptions for the States, with a consequent cascade of harms for their residents," the filing concludes.

Evers issued a quick response to the Trump administration's demand to undo the payments. "No," the governor said in a statement.

"Pursuant to and consistent with an active court order, Wisconsin legally loaded benefits to cards, ensuring nearly 700,000 Wisconsinites, including nearly 270,000 kids, had access to basic food and groceries," Evers said. "After we did so, the Trump Administration assured Wisconsin and other states that they were actively working to implement full SNAP benefits for November and would 'complete the processes necessary to make funds available.' They have failed to do so to date."

Gov. Wes Moore of Maryland said in an interview on CBS on Sunday that "in the past six days, we've received four different measures of guidance" from the Trump administration. He fumed over the latest that threatened to punish states that paid the full benefits.

"There is a chaos, and it is an intentional chaos, that we are seeing from this administration," Moore said.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Acorn squash, Spam, and baby food lined the shelves on a recent day at a college food pantry in California's capital city, a resource that students receiving federal aid to purchase groceries may have to increasingly rely on because that assistance has been in limbo during the government shutdown.

Hundreds of students at California State University, Sacramento, or Sac State, visit the school's Basic Needs Resource Center every week, where they can select up to a dozen items per trip — ranging from fresh produce and meat to toiletries and secondhand clothes.

“It’s a big blessing,” said Antonette Duff, a junior studying psychology at the university who’s enrolled in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps.

More than 3,600 students at the college of roughly 31,000 receive aid through SNAP, said Emily Tupper, the college’s director of Crisis Assistance and Resource Education Support. More than 200,000 college students in California and 1.1 million nationwide are on SNAP, according to the state's Department of Social Services and the U.S. Government Accountability Office, respectively.

Many students are facing tuition and housing bills, juggling classes, and often working lower-paying part-time jobs that make it difficult to afford groceries, with prices on the rise.

SNAP benefits for roughly 42 million people in the U.S. were cut off at the beginning of November due to the government shutdown. A federal judge last week ordered the Trump administration to fully fund the program, but late Friday the U.S. Supreme Court granted the administration's emergency appeal temporarily blocking the order. The mixed messaging has left students who rely on SNAP confused and colleges trying to curb hunger on campus by spreading awareness about food pantries and handing out free meals.

“It just puts students in a really horrible position,” said Mike Hannigan, a student at Greenfield Community College in Massachusetts and an advocate against food insecurity on college campuses.

Hannigan receives just under \$300 a month from SNAP, but the benefits didn’t come through at the beginning of November due to government delays.

If SNAP benefits keep getting delayed, he doesn't know what he would do to afford groceries, he said. Some students, including those at community colleges who don't have meal plans, may “have to decide whether or not they are going to attend a class or they’re going to pick up an extra shift to try to make money to be able to feed themselves or their families,” Hannigan said.

Hannigan and other students recently hosted a free farmers market on campus and gave out thousands of pounds of vegetables from local farms. Nothing was left over.

Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College, a tribal college of about 250 students in North Dakota, hosts ‘Soup Tuesdays’ to feed students on campus for free. Students can also access a food pantry and kits with easy-to-prep meals such as chicken Alfredo or chili, and they'll soon be able to pick up gift cards from the school to use at local grocery stores.

Many people living on tribal land or in rural areas are in so-called food deserts with limited access to grocery stores, college President Twyla Baker said. The uncertainty over SNAP caused by the political stalemate in Washington adds another layer of difficulty.

“To essentially use the most vulnerable as political pawns is just untenable,” Baker said. “It’s unsustainable, and it’s detrimental to the country as a whole.”

Food insecurity on college campuses has been on the rise in the past decade, and students have had to make tough choices about how to stretch their wallets to cover the necessities, said AJ Scheitler, director of the Data Equity Center at the University of California, Los Angeles, Center for Health Policy Research.

“Students will first make sure that they pay for tuition and books and all that stuff so that they can stay enrolled at school,” she said. “After that, they concern themselves with transportation so that they can get to school, then

housing, and then food almost becomes this category that you can go without if you have to if after all of those other categories you don't have any money."

Sac State's food pantries host grocery pop ups on campus twice a month where students can pick up fresh produce for free, said Tupper, the school official. The college may hold the events more often if federal food aid keeps getting delayed.

At the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, which estimates at least 4.5% of students receive SNAP benefits, officials have encouraged people to donate food, funds or their time to the campus food pantry.

Between 100 and 150 students pop into the campus pantry every day, said Lisa Lindquist, director of the LoboRESPECT Advocacy Center. The pantry is free and open to all students. Some fill up baskets with as many as 10 pounds (4.5 kilograms) of food per visit, while others are looking for a snack to hold them over between classes.

The pantry is fueled by donations, but there have been times when staffers have had to run out to the grocery to buy more items to keep the shelves stocked.

"It's not necessarily for a lack of people donating, it's just that the food, it just goes in and out so quickly," she said. "That tells me anecdotally, there's great need."

On a recent trip to the grocery store, July Star Medina, a senior studying biology at Sac State, was shocked she had to spend about \$30 just to buy chicken and a few spices. She's had to make more frequent trips to the Basic Needs Resource Center in recent months because her SNAP benefits decreased from \$290 to \$120 a month this year. The assistance was lowered after she started working more hours during the summer, but it hasn't gone back up now that she's working less during the fall semester.

"I don't think it's enough at all," Medina said. "After one week of groceries that'll last me maybe two weeks."

The prospect of that \$120 going away has been stressful, she said.

"And that's why I've been trying to come here to see what I can get," Medina said outside the center. "Now I need to see where I can pull money aside to just get basic things."

Scheitler, the UCLA researcher, said the uncertainty "is just so rough" for students.

"And the number of students who may have to drop out of school because they need to eat, their grades are going to fall," she said. "Their mental health is going to be hurt by the stress of not being able to eat. This is going to have a significant impact if they can't figure out how to fix this and fix this quickly."

LOCAL NEWS

HENDRICKS COUNTY, Ind. (Local News) — Step back in time and celebrate the 200th anniversary of the very first Holiday Science Lectures at London's Royal Institution! In 1825, the great scientist Michael Faraday amazed children with the science of candlelight—marking the first time kids were invited to experience science live on stage. Before then, science was reserved for the wealthy and aristocratic. Now, Rick Crosslin and Keith Ramsey—decked out in 1825 science attire—recreate that magic, bringing history's most exciting discoveries

to life for today's families. Expect explosions, brilliant flashes of light, and even a holiday twist with the hilarious song, "*The Twelve Days of Science Claus*."

But *Science Claus* is more than a show—it's an immersive experience that turns wonder into learning.

- Rick Crosslin, Indiana's beloved science educator, stirs up excitement with high-energy demonstrations like *Liquid Nitrogen Fun* and the *Elephant Toothpaste Volcano*, proving that real science can outshine any magic trick.
- Keith Ramsey, master chemist and creative showman, adds his expertise with interactive challenges like the *Smoke Vortex* and *Flaming Hands*, letting kids see the laws of motion unfold right before their eyes.

This one-hour program is designed for the whole family. Every jaw-dropping demonstration is paired with a chance to discover the science behind the spectacle—turning curiosity into understanding.

Get ready for an unforgettable mix of laughter, learning, and holiday cheer. Whether you're a lifelong science fan, a holiday enthusiast, or just looking for a dazzling family adventure, *Science Claus* is the event you won't want to miss!

BROWNSBURG, Ind. (WRTV) — The first-ever Field of Honor Opening Ceremony was held in Brownsburg on Saturday, bringing together residents, veterans, and local leaders to honor America's service members ahead of Veterans Day.

The ceremony took place on the Brownsburg Town Hall Green. It featured remarks from community leaders and veterans. Retired Lt. Col. Billy Ray Moore served as the keynote speaker for the patriotic gathering.

The event also included musical performances by the 38th Infantry Division Band and a Presentation of Colors by the Hendricks County Honor Guard.

The Field of Honor display features more than 200 American flags that serve a dual purpose: honoring veterans while raising money for the Indiana National Guard Relief Fund.

"This is our first year doing this. Folks were able to purchase a flag in honor of their military service member. We are displaying 250 flags," said Amber Lane, Parks Director.

For Chris Cumberworth, the ceremony held special meaning.

"My daughter dedicated one of these flags to my dad. My dad served in World War II — has a Purple Heart... lived a long, wonderful life... I'm just proud of his service," Cumberworth said.

Town officials emphasized the importance of recognizing veterans not only on Veterans Day but throughout the year. The Field of Honor will remain on display for visitors to reflect and remember the country's heroes.

WEATHER

Today: Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 57°F. Winds W at 10–15 mph.

Tonight: Considerable clouds early, clearing late. Low 37°F. Winds WSW at 5–10 mph.

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. High 58°F. Winds SW at 10–15 mph.

Tomorrow Night: A few clouds. Low 41°F. Winds W at 5–10 mph.

Monday: Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 56°F, Low 35°F. Winds WNW at 10–20 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy. High 57°F, Low 39°F. Winds WSW at 5–15 mph
