Broadcasting (BRO) News Program

Rounds 1 and 2-News Program (5 minutes): Students will select at least three (3) news stories (at least one international, one national, and 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 an intro/outro that results in no more than 30 seconds. The total performance target time is 2 minutes. Topic released on the day of the tournament.

Final Round-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 tournament. **Remember: pick one genre, use both artists!**

Classical
Holst
Vivaldi

K-Pop
BLACKPINK
KATSEYE

Holiday
Alvin & the Chipmunks
Mariah Carey

Rock
Journey
Pink Floyd

News Program – Original Commercial

Use the information below to create your original commercial. Your original commercial should consume about 1 minute of your 5-minute News Program. The product below is the only allowable commercial product for the tournament (you are welcome to research for more styles /types).

Prompt: **HotHands®**

- Tagline: America's Favorite Warmer
- About Us: Our HotHands® family of air-activated warmers all contain a mixture of natural ingredients that when exposed to air react together to produce heat.
  - Ingredients include: iron powder, water, salt, activated charcoal and vermiculite.
  - HotHands® produce heat anywhere from 100°F to 180°F for duration of 1 to 20+ hours.
  - Our most popular product, Hand Warmers, last 8 to 10 hours.
- Price: 2 pack starts at $5.49
- Types:
  - Hand Warmers
  - Toe Warmers
  - Insole Foot Warmers
  - Body Warmers / Stick-On Body Warmers
  - Large Body & Hand Super Warmers
  - Lap Warmers
  - Variety Pack
- Safe for Travel:
  - Warmers are generally safe to bring on board and can be used during your flight. Please note that individual TSA screening locations or airlines may have specific requirements, so travelers should check local guidelines before departure.
- Safety Precautions:
  - Although all HotHands® Warmers are safe to handle and use, some people with sensitive skin (especially young children, Diabetics and the elderly) may have reduced sensation to heat. Please read all instructions for use with each product and apply them properly.

News Program – News Copy Selection

International

ANTALYA, Turkey (AP) — The United Kingdom on Thursday announced the appointment of a special envoy to tackle security threats from climate change, while small island leaders called for urgent action at the climate talks in Turkey, describing planet heating as a life-or-death issue for their people.

Alix Sebastien Pillay, the vice president of Seychelles, a 115-island archipelago in the Indian Ocean, said his country's very survival is at stake.

"It is time to move past the talking," Pillay said. "For Seychelles, climate action is not simply an environmental priority."

Pillay was speaking on the second day of the leaders' summit at the U.N. climate talks, where government leaders addressed the state of a warming world and what they plan to do about it. While the entire globe is threatened by souped-up storms, hotter heat waves, worsening droughts and floods, island nations are among the hardest hit by climate change as they also have to deal with rising seas swallowing up their land.

Pillay said Seychelles is experiencing millions of dollars of damage as a result of storms and floods, despite contributing little to increased global warming.

He said a U.N. fund created for compensating for climate-related loss and damage needs to be urgently strengthened. "Climate recovery must not come at the expense of our development or push vulnerable nations further into unsustainable debt."

MADRID (AP) — Nearly 2,200 migrants have reached Spain's Canary Islands by boat over the past two days, Spain's maritime rescue service said on Sunday.

The archipelago off northwest Africa is a major entry point for migrants, mainly from West Africa, attempting the dangerous Atlantic crossing in makeshift boats. More than 13,000 of the just over 28,000 people who arrived in Spain by sea between January and the end of October landed in the Canary Islands, according to the Interior Ministry.

Spain declared a migration emergency on the islands on Tuesday following a rise in arrivals in recent weeks, particularly from sub-Saharan Africa. The country is due to hold an early general election in two weeks.

The rescue service said it had assisted 1,324 people aboard 14 dinghies, most of whom reached El Hierro, an island with a population of 12,000. That figure approached the route's daily rescue record of 1,461 people, set on Nov. 7, 2020.

Red Cross staff meet migrants at the port, providing dry clothes, food and water and registering their arrival, Dácil León, the organization's emergency coordinator in Tenerife, told public broadcaster RTVE.

The Atlantic crossing between West Africa and the Canary Islands is one of the world's deadliest migration routes. Although the islands lie about 65 miles (105 kilometers) from the nearest African coast, many migrants

take longer routes to evade security forces. Those journeys can last days or weeks, with most boats departing from Mauritania.

In July, tens of thousands of people crossed from Morocco into Spain's North African territory of Ceuta in just two days, causing chaos and reigniting debate over immigration in Europe and beyond. More than 140 people died making the journey.

PUCALLPA, Peru (AP) — Pope Leo XIV on Sunday demanded justice for environmental defenders killed for protecting the Amazon and backed efforts by Indigenous peoples to stop their lands from being ravaged by logging, illegal mining and the "insatiable thirst for domination."

On the penultimate day of his South American odyssey, Leo traveled into the Peruvian Amazon and channeled one of Pope Francis ' core teachings that links care for the most vulnerable with care for God's creation.

"The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor are inseparable," Leo told Indigenous representatives and missionaries gathered along the Ucayali River in the northeastern city of Pucallpa.

He said he came to Pucallpa to support them in their search for justice and peace and referred to what environmental groups estimate have been 57 murders of environmental defenders between 2010-2024.

"The blood of these brothers cries out to God and demands justice," Leo said to applause from the crowd, many of whom were wearing traditional feathered headwear and face markings of the region.

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Restrictions on Ukraine's Starshield satellite communications system are hindering its ability to intercept Russian drones, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Sunday.

He warned that limitations on the system, operated by Elon Musk's SpaceX, could weaken defenses around Ukraine's energy infrastructure ahead of the winter months, when Moscow has repeatedly targeted the power grid.

Ukraine's interceptor drones continue to lose contact with their operators when flying faster than 161 kph (100 mph) along the front line and over Russian-occupied territory, leaving them unable to catch Russian Shahed drones, Zelenskyy said.

"We are counting on these restrictions to be lifted," he wrote on social media. "The protection of lives and Ukrainian energy infrastructure before winter depends on this. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defense, and the President's Office have been instructed to work closely with the American side and SpaceX. It is important to be on the right side of history. We need to help Ukraine."

Zelenskyy questioned Saturday whether the problem was technical, saying the restrictions appeared to have been imposed by SpaceX despite earlier assurances from U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio that Starshield was more under U.S. government control.

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Southeast Asian leaders said Sunday that Myanmar has failed to comply with a 2021 peace plan and that its military and other armed groups continue to attack civilians, prompting them to extend a ban on Myanmar's leader attending the bloc's annual summits.

The stern rebuke by leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, who opened their annual summit meetings in the Philippine capital on Sunday, came after a review of the progress on the five-point peace plan by the country's military-backed government. Myanmar is a member of the 11-nation regional bloc.

ASEAN leaders approved the plan in April 2021 to try to ease the violence that erupted after the army seized power from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi. The army's takeover triggered widespread pro-democracy protests that were brutally quashed, leading to armed resistance and a civil war that has spread over much of the country.

The leaders reiterated "deep concern" over insufficient progress in implementing the peace plan. They urged all parties and stakeholders in Myanmar, "in particular the armed forces, security forces and armed groups to de-escalate violence and stop targeted attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure and enhance trust-building efforts."

Last month, a United Nations rights investigator said the military-backed government in Myanmar was intentionally attacking civilians to terrorize them and force them into submission.

According to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, an independent organization that keeps detailed tallies of arrests and casualties linked to the civil war, more than 8,600 people have been killed and 32,406 arrested by Myanmar's security forces as of Friday.

ZURICH (AP) — Russia won't compete at the world junior hockey championships because of tournament host Canada's decision to bar Russian players, the International Ice Hockey Federation said Sunday.

The IIHF announcement came three days after the Russian Hockey Federation sought to have next month's tournament either relocated or canceled.

Canada had taken its position in response to a Court of Arbitration for Sport ruling late last month that reinstated Russia to international hockey.

The world juniors tournament features the top men's players under age 20 and is being held in the province of Alberta beginning in late December.

National

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. air travel is recovering smoothly after a nationwide ground stop, though some passengers are both weary and wary after repeated flight delays and cancellations.

Just over 1,300 of the more than 26,000 flights scheduled for Sunday were canceled, according to Cirium, an aviation analytics firm. That amounts to about 5.2% of scheduled flights. Prior to Friday's ground stop, the average cancellation rate for U.S. departures was 3.4%.

The four-hour stoppage was the longest in 25 years. It caused massive travel disruptions, but officials said they expected airline schedules to fully recover by late Sunday or early Monday.

“As we look to the end of the day and into tomorrow, we should be running at full capacity,” Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said Sunday. “We’re well on our way.”

At Nashville International Airport, Lona Ivers, Will Ahern and their children were trying to get home to Minnesota after vacationing in Tennessee. They made it from Knoxville to Nashville with no problems Saturday, only to have their flight to Minnesota canceled.

“We thought we were safe, but we weren’t,” Ivers said.

Instead, they spent the night in a hotel and were re-booked on a flight not scheduled to leave Nashville until late Sunday night.

“I already hate flying so this just makes me hate it more,” said 14-year-old Bella Ahern. “Everything about this sucks. I already hated airports, and now I’m stuck here.”

NEW YORK (AP) — Thousands of building construction projects are underway in New York on any given day. The deadly collapse of a building next to one of those work sites has raised questions about the city’s oversight and the safety precautions taken by contractors.

While the investigation is ongoing, some New York officials on Friday called for the hiring of more inspectors by the city’s Department of Buildings. The probe, meanwhile, is likely to focus not only on the building that fell but on an adjacent excavation site and its contractors, who had faced previous lawsuits and complaints.

Eight people were killed Wednesday when the three-story structure containing residential and commercial units in Brooklyn collapsed. It fell into a pit dug by workers excavating the site of another building that was recently demolished. Neighbors had reported feeling vibrations from the construction site, and at least one witness saw bricks falling from the building just moments before it collapsed.

Though it remains unclear how often the excavation site had been inspected, some city officials said Friday that more help is needed. The Department of Buildings has a vacancy rate of around 9% — 168 of its 1,855 authorized positions — according to the city’s comptroller dashboard.

The city has ordered inspections at more than 160 sites in New York that are associated with six entities linked to the construction and demolition site where the building collapsed, Mayor Zohran Mamdani said.

It’s also bringing in an engineering consulting firm to provide an independent report, which Mamdani described as “standard practice for this kind of a tragic incident.”

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Democratic nominee Scott Colom defeated Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith on Wednesday in Mississippi's closely contested U.S. Senate race after a prolonged ballot counting process, giving the state its first Black U.S. senator since post-Civil War Reconstruction.

Colom's narrow victory is a seismic shift in Mississippi, which has been controlled mostly by white conservatives for generations despite having the largest share of Black residents of any U.S. state. The outcome adds to a decisive midterm rebuke of President Donald Trump, whose party suffered defeats in several Republican-controlled states, and it will bolster some Democrats' argument that their future runs through the American South.

"All I did was have the courage to imagine a night like this," Colom told a crowd of hundreds who gathered at Tougaloo College for his victory party. "I had the courage to believe in Mississippi. I had the courage to understand that we can show the country that Mississippi matters."

The Associated Press called the race in Colom's favor after local officials spent several days processing absentee and provisional ballots, called affidavit ballots in Mississippi.

The last time Mississippi chose a new Democratic senator was 1947; the winner was a staunch segregationist. Colom, a 43-year-old local prosecutor, capitalized on the state's large Black population, discontent with the economy and Hyde-Smith's missteps as she sought a second full term.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Brock Purdy threw touchdown passes of 74 and 66 yards to Christian McCaffrey, Deebo Samuel ran 70 yards for a score on a reverse and the San Francisco 49ers beat the Dallas Cowboys 46-40 on Sunday.

The Cowboys had cut a 19-point deficit to six in the final four minutes when McCaffrey ran away from edge rusher Von Miller on third down, caught a pass over the middle and sprinted untouched to the end zone for the second time. That 66-yarder was the clincher.

Playing on the road in front of plenty of red-clan fans among a sellout crowd of 93,715, the 49ers improved to 8-1 for the second time in the past 15 years, joining the 2019 team that reached the Super Bowl.

Dak Prescott tied his career high with five TD passes, and George Pickens caught a career-high three for the Cowboys (4-6), who fell short again in trying to win consecutive games under second-year coach Brian Schottenheimer. It has happened just once — a three-game run last November.

The reverse to Samuel completely fooled the Dallas defense, and the receiver did a forward flip into the end zone. That followed backup running back Kaelon Black's punishing 25-yard TD run to start the second half.

The 49ers had 584 yards offense — their fifth most in franchise history and the third most the Cowboys have ever allowed.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The California coast was pummeled again on Sunday by huge waves that inundated beaches, flooded local streets and forced the closure of iconic piers.

The National Weather Service office for the Bay Area warned that surf up to 35 feet (10.6 meters) was possible, along with dangerous rip currents and sneaker waves.

“Stay out of the water, stay off rocks and jetties, and never turn your back on the ocean!” the weather service said on social media.

On Saturday, waves above 50 feet (15.2 meters) were recorded in San Mateo County, just south of San Francisco.

Surfers weren’t deterred, taking advantage of giant waves at the famous Mavericks Beach near Half Moon Bay.

Farther south, the Santa Cruz County Sheriff’s Office issued an evacuation warning near the coastal town of Capitola that took the brunt of the powerful surf.

In Southern California, several piers, including ones in Ventura, Manhattan Beach, Huntington Beach and San Diego’s Pacific Beach, were closed during the weekend as they were slammed by waves.

At La Jolla Cove near San Diego, famous for its lounging sea lions, water overflowed the beach and crashed up a staircase leading to the sand.

Conditions were calming by Sunday afternoon, but large waves were expected all week, forecasters warned.

The ongoing super El Niño has warmed the ocean, causing seawater to expand.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA’s Voyager 1 is about to become humanity’s first object to reach one light-day from Earth as it pushes ever deeper into interstellar space.

That’s a mind-blowing distance of more than 16 billion miles (26 billion kilometers) for the spacecraft launched 49 years ago.

When Voyager 1 reaches that remarkable milestone on Wednesday, its radio signals will take precisely 24 hours traveling at the speed of light to reach Earth — in other words, one light-day. NASA is looking at another 18,000 years before the spacecraft achieves a full light-year and more than double that before it comes near another star.

Project manager Suzanne Dodd sees Voyager 1 as Earth’s ambassador hurtling between stars while providing a “sense of wonder” on the home front.

“It’s a national treasure,” she told The Associated Press. “Really extraordinary.”

To celebrate this moment, NASA is urging people from all corners to grab their phone or a flashlight to create a wave of golden light after sunset Tuesday, using Morse code to spell the letters V-G-R, Voyager’s call sign, into the night sky.

Local

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (WTHR) — The results are in for the Bands of America Grand National Championship at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Almost 100 high school marching bands from across the country took part in the competition from Nov. 12-14.

The band performances were evaluated by a panel of "nationally recognized music educators and marching band experts," according to the BOA announcement.

This year, Avon took the top spot yet again, beating out Carmel High School by 0.35 points. Tarpon Springs High School in Florida took third.

Here's the full breakdown of results (provided by Music for All):

96.850 — Avon H.S., IN
96.500 — Carmel H.S., IN
95.450 — Tarpon Springs H.S., FL
95.300 — Broken Arrow H.S., OK
91.900 — William Mason H.S., OH
91.200 — Moe & Gene Johnson H.S., TX
90.550 — James Bowie H.S., TX
88.850 — Bartlett H.S., TN
88.200 — Seven Lakes H.S., TX
87.950 — American Fork H.S., UT
87.700 — Castle H.S., IN
86.600 — Vista Murrieta H.S., CA
Outstanding Music Performance – Avon H.S., IN
Outstanding Visual Performance – Avon H.S., IN
Outstanding General Effect – Avon H.S., IN

WASHINGTON, Ind. (WZDM) — A generous donor is offering to double your gift to the Daviess County Museum Endowment this Giving Tuesday.

On Tuesday, December 1st, every dollar donated will be matched, up to $30,000.

The endowment, held by Daviess County’s Our Community Foundation, supports the Daviess County Historical Society Museum.

Donations can be made online at localforever.org, in person at 201 East Main Street in Washington, or by mail. Mailed gifts must be postmarked by December 1st.

VINCENNES, Ind. (WTHI) — Azzip Pizza is opening a restaurant in Vincennes next year.

The company's 14th store will be at 302 Kimmell Road, in front of Aldi and Hobby Lobby. The restaurant is expected to open in the spring of 2027.

Azzip allows customers to create their own pizza from a variety of sauces and toppings. The pizza is baked in front of them in under 3 minutes.

VINCENNES, Ind. (WVUB) – Approaching Vincennes University's newest building, a breathtaking new stainless steel sculpture immediately catches the eye. Titled "The Path of Enlightenment," the towering artwork stands 21 feet 8 inches tall, 14 feet wide, and 8 feet deep.

The unique piece was designed, fabricated, and installed by VU Professor of Art and Design and Sculptor Bernard Hagedorn. While the overall sculpture weighs 3,000 pounds and each individual segment weighs 300 pounds, the elements appear as if they are weightless.

To celebrate the installation outside of the Center for Health Sciences and Learning Innovation, VU President Dr. Chuck Johnson held a ceremony to dedicate the sculpture on Thursday, Nov. 12.

Director of Architectural Services and Facilities Andrew Young said, "Bernard Hagedorn has created a truly brilliant piece of art that immediately captures your attention. Beyond its deeply visually attracting appearance, this sculpture elevates the beauty of the entire Vincennes Campus. We are incredibly grateful to Bernard for sharing his extraordinary talent with the University Community."

The new sculpture serves as a magnificent focal point for the $33.9 million Center for Health Sciences and Learning Innovation, which opened earlier this year. The "Path of Enlightenment" is located outside the entrance of the center's southeast side where countless VU students, faculty, staff, and visitors see it every day.

Hagedorn describes the sculpture as representing two figures interacting either in conversation or through "eyelines" as well as the interactional movement of two figures or people.

"I've taught here for more than 40 years," Hagedorn said. "I know a lot about the student and faculty relationship. To me this piece describes the relationship of the teacher and student. The concept is to represent the dialogue resulting within the educational process. In this case, the Nursing faculty and Nursing [students] engaged in active teaching and learning experience."

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (WFIE) — Some Tri-State drivers are about to have a smoother commute.

Norfolk Southern is scheduled to remove the railroad tracks at Burkhardt and Morgan Avenue in Evansville next week. The work is expected to last Monday through Friday.

Officials say the week of November 30, they'll remove the tracks at Morgan and Green River Road.

The tracks have been causing some headaches for drivers, who are forced to come to a near stop at the tracks to avoid possibly damaging their cars.

Traffic will be impacted, so drivers might want to find a different route.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (WFIU) — Coach Curt Cignetti still sees the traits of a champion in his Indiana Hoosiers — the toughness to overcome any obstacle, the willingness to adapt to any situation and, yes, the uncanny ability to win any way necessary.

It's clear his players believe it, too.

After a series of miscues led to another sluggish offensive start Saturday, backup quarterback Grant Wilson threw for 305 yards and two touchdowns and two late interceptions helped the injury-depleted, sixth-ranked Hoosiers beat No. 15 USC 27-13 for their first win over a ranked opponent all season.

"I think it's the mark of a team that's got a lot of grit, competitive excellence, and can play when the game is on the line," Cignetti said Saturday. "That's what this team has, competitive character. We had a lot of blowout wins around here in '24 and '25. We've had a lot of close games this year, but we always find a way (to win)."

In some ways, that makes what the Hoosiers have done even more impressive — even if the playoff selection committee seemingly disagrees. It dropped Indiana (9-1, 6-1 Big Ten, No. 9 CFP) five spots in last week's playoff rankings despite the Hoosiers having a bye.

But even without the glitzy, glamorous routes, Indiana's resume still looks pretty strong. The defending Big Ten and national champions have won 26 of their last 27 games, and the defense has limited eight of nine opponents to fewer than 20 points.

WEATHER
Today — Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High 71F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.
Tonight — A few clouds. Low 44F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph.
Tomorrow — Mostly sunny. High 57F. Winds NW at 5 to 10 mph.
Tomorrow Night — Mostly clear skies. Low 33F. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph.
Monday — Sunny along with a few clouds. High near 55F. Low 33F. Winds light and variable.
Tuesday — Intervals of clouds and sunshine in the morning with more clouds for later in the day. High near 50F. Low 33F. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph.