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Local lawmakers rap redistricting idea

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LAFAYETTE – After Vice President J.D. Vance visited Indiana to discuss potential efforts to redraw Indiana’s congressional maps, lawmakers in Tippecanoe County are expressing their opposition to the idea.

Indiana state Sen. Spencer Deery, R-

West Lafayette, said in a statement that because he took an oath before God to support the Indiana Constitution after his election to the state Senate, no constitutional principle is more basic than popular sovereignty and the idea that voters choose their leaders and shape their own destiny.

“While any gerrymandering can arguably violate that principle, what we are being asked to do goes far beyond



Deery

said. “Instead, we are being asked to create a new culture in which it would be normal for a political party to select

the partisan map fights that happen every 10 years across the country. Rationalizing a mid-cycle redistricting by saying, ‘Democrats gerrymander, too’ is an empty and irrelevant excuse,” Deery

new voters, not once a decade, but any time it fears the consequences of an approaching election.”

A redrawing of Indiana’s congressional maps, Deery said, would “clearly violate the concept of popular sovereignty” by making it harder for the constituents to hold their elected officials accountable.

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‘Our bodies bear the remnants’



Eight decades after the Manhattan Project’s Trinity Test, generations of New Mexicans who have suffered health problems from the nuclear fallout will soon be eligible to receive compensation. PHOTOS BY VALERIE MACON/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

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A bright, blinding light flashed above New Mexico’s Jornada del Muerto desert at 5:30 a.m. on July 16, 1945. • The thunderous roar that followed jolted 14-year-old Jess Gililand awake on the porch of his family’s ranch 27 miles away. Gililand didn’t know it yet, but the U.S. Army had just detonated the world’s first-ever nuclear weapon. • In the hours and days after the blast, radioactive dust would begin to coat roofs, clotheslines, crops, animals and the ground near Gililand’s family home. As the years passed, almost all his family members and neighbors became sick, often with rare forms of cancer.

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“It just doesn’t end for us. I always say we bury somebody, and someone else is diagnosed. And that is true and has been true in my family forever.”

Tina Cordova
Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium co-founder



Tina Cordova, who co-founded the Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium, said she estimates upward of 10,000 people have had health impacts related to the Trinity Test.

Purdue dean on list for Fed chair

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WEST LAFAYETTE – Purdue University’s Jim Bullard, dean of the Daniels School of Business, said in an interview with Bloomberg News Aug. 13 that he is on a list of potential candidates for the next chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve.

Bullard said he spoke briefly with Scott Bessent, U.S. secretary of the treasury, about the search for the next chairman but did not go into details about requirements of the position.

“I was under the impression that the process is still under construction for interviewing all these candidates, and at that point we can discuss in more detail,” Bullard said to Bloomberg. “So, I just said that I’d be happy to participate in that process.”

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Lehman announces run for sheriff

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LAFAYETTE – Tom Lehman became the first candidate to announce his plans to run for Tippecanoe County sheriff in 2026.

Lehman, who’s been with the sheriff’s department for 29 years, plans to run as a Republican in the May primary election. Filing for all candidates of political parties opens on Jan. 7 and closes Feb. 6.

During his time on the department, he’s

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