4th Quarter 1999
KOMU-TV Columbia, Missouri

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by station KOMU-TV through its news programming for the period October 1st , 1999 to December 31st, 1999. The listing is by no means exhaustive, but instead shows the depth and breadth of coverage. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

4th Quarter Issues: Consumer Issues, Crime, Drug/Alcohol Abuse, Government, Health, Education, Jobs/Economy

Description of Issue	Program/ Segment	Date	Time	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program/Segment
Health	NBC8 News at Six	10/1	6 pm	2:00	SIGNS ARE ALREADY CHANGING AS THE COLUMBIA REGIONAL HOSPITAL BECOMES PART OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI. AND PUNCH AND CAKE WERE ALL PART OF THE CELEBRATION OF TODAY'S 34.5 MILLION DOLLAR PURCHASE. HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS SAY THEY'RE PLEASED WITH THE NEW PARTNERSHIP.
Government	NBC8 News at Six	10/2	6 pm	2:00	RESCUE CREWS SAY IT'S NOW ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS PLACES TO DRIVE IN MID-MISSOURI. FOUR MORE INJURY ACCIDENTS ON A SMALL STRETCH OF I-70 CLOSED BOTH WESTBOUND LANES THIS AFTERNOON.

Education Crime	NBC8 News at Six	10/4	6 pm	2:00	OFFICERS STARTED TODAY AT BOTH HICKMAN AND ROCK BRIDGE .. THANKS TO A FEDERAL GRANT. AND EVEN THOUGH NOT MUCH HAPPENED, AN OFFICER FROM HICKMAN SAYS HE'S ALREADY MEETING STUDENTS WHO MAY BE IN NEED OF POLICE GUIDANCE.
Health	NBC8 News at Six	10/5	6 pm	2:00	EIGHTY TO NINETY HEALTHY BABIES DIE EACH YEAR IN CENTRAL MISSOURI. THE CAUSE OF THESE "SUDDEN DEATHS" REMAINS UNKNOWN BUT A GROUP MEETING RIGHT NOW IN JEFFERSON CITY HOPES TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS
Crime	NBC8 News at Ten	10/5	10 pm	2:00	A HORRIBLE STORY TONIGHT....OF A MOTHER ACCUSED OF KILLING HER BABY GIRL...AND ACCUSED OF TRYING TO KILL HER TODDLER SON... THE STORY STARTED LATE LAST NIGHT AT FORT LEONARD WOOD NEAR ROLLA.... MARY THORNE KARCH IS THE WIFE OF A LIEUTENANT COLONEL AT THE POST...AUTHORITIES SAY KARCH HAD BEEN SEVERELY DEPRESSED....SPENDING TIME IN A HOSPITAL FOR THE CONDITION.
Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at Six	10/7	6 pm	1:30	OZARK AIRLINES IS NOT OFF THE GROUND YET BUT IT HAS ALREADY FLOWN THROUGH A LOT OF TURBULANCE. DELAYS IN HANGAR CONSTRUCTION AND FUNDING SOURCES CONTINUE TO CHALLENGE THE NEW COMPANY.

Health	NBC8 News at Ten	10/7	10 pm	3:00	SNEEZES AND COUGHS, CHILLS AND ACHES... IT'S TIME TO STOCK UP ON KLEENEX BECAUSE ITS COLD AND FLU SEASON. ITS A NUSANNCE, BUT IT'S ALSO SOMETIMES A KILLER. LAST YEAR THE FLU WAS THE SIXTH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN MISSOURI AND THE NATION.
Crime	NBC8 News at Ten	10/9	10 pm	2:00	48-YEAR-OLD ROY KINDER WAS THROWN FROM HIS BOAT EARLY THIS MORNING . . . AFTER COLLIDING WITH THE VESSEL OF ANOTHER MAN WHO HAD BEEN DRINKING.
Government Crime	NBC8 News at Ten	10/ 10	10 pm	2:00	A SHOT FIRED BY A BOONE COUNTY DEPUTY BEGINS AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION..... ALTHOUGH THE BULLET DIDN'T HIT ANYONE...THE HOMEOWNER PLANS TO FILE A LAWSUIT...
Government Crime	NBC8 News at Six	10/ 11	6 pm	3:00	LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS AND A U-S SENATOR COME TOGETHER FOR A METH SUMMIT IN BOONE COUNTY. THEY'VE TALKED ABOUT THE RISKS FOR YEARS... AND TODAY.. COUNTY SHERIFFS ONCE AGAIN DETAILED THE DANGERS OF THE ILLEGAL DRUG METHAMPHETAMINE.

Education	NBC8 News at Ten	10/ 11	10 pm	2:00	THE COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT WORKS ON ITS ROAD-MAP FOR THE FUTURE. TONIGHT AT THE COLUMBIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING THEY PRESENTED SOME STRATEGIES, STRENGTHS AND CONCERNS FOR FACING THE FUTURE.
Health	NBC8 News at Six	10/ 12	6 pm	2:00	SOME JEFFERSON CITY RESIDENTS LOOKING FOR A QUICK SHOT IN THE ARM, FIND LONG WAITS. THE PROBLEM, LATE SHIPMENTS OF THE FLU VACCINE TO OUR AREA...AND HIGHER DEMAND FOR FLU SHOTS.
Education Crime	NBC8 News at Six	10/ 13	6 pm	2:00	TWO JEFFERSON JUNIOR HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE SUSPENDED TODAY AFTER MAKING A THREAT TO KILL. VIOLENCE IN OUR NATIONS SCHOOLS MEANS COLUMBIA SCHOOLS ARE TAKING THREATS SERIOUSLY... AND TAKING ACTION.
Government	NBC8 News at Six	10/ 14	6 pm	5:00	WHEN YOU HEAR THE NAME LARRY RICE... MOST PEOPLE THINK ABOUT A T-V EVANGELIST.. DEDICATED TO HELPING THE HOMELESS. BUT AN NBC 8 NEWS INVESTIGATION REVEALS RICE MAY BE USING MINISTRY RESOURCES TO DO HIS LEGWORK IN A RUN FOR GOVERNOR.

Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at Ten	10/ 14	10 pm	2:00	MOBERLY'S ECONOMY IS BOOMING... IN THE PAST DECADE TWO NEW INDUSTRIAL PARKS HAVE POPPED UP BRINGING AN ESTIMATED 3600 NEW JOBS TO THE AREA. AND A NEW TECHNOLOGY PARK IS IN THE WORKS. WHAT'S THE ATTRACTION TO THE RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMUNITY.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Six	10/ 15	6 pm	2:00	MISSOURI IS TAKING ACTION AGAINST A SWEEPSTAKES GIANT. TODAY, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY GENERAL FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST PUBLISHERS CLEARING HOUSE. THE COMPANY'S ACCUSED OF DECEPTIVELY TAKING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM MISSOURI CONSUMERS.
Crime Drugs/Alcohol Abuse	NBC8 News at Six	10/ 16	6 pm	2:00	COLUMBIA POLICE ARE STILL WORKING ON A SHOOTING THAT TOOK PLACE IN DOUGLAS PARK YESTERDAY. ONE TEEN WAS ARRESTED LAST NIGHT FOR SHOOTING ANOTHER RESIDENT, BUT POLICE ARE STILL TRYING TO ANSWER OTHER QUESTIONS.
Crime	NBC8 News at Ten	10/ 17	10 pm	2:00	A FEMALE STUDENT REPORTS BEING RAPED ON THE M-U CAMPUS. ACCORDING TO M-U POLICE STATISTICS THIS IS ONLY THE THIRD REPORTED ON-CAMPUS RAPE IN THE LAST THREE YEARS.

Health	NBC8 News at Six	10/ 18	6 pm	2:00	LAST MONTH JAPAN EXPERIENCED ITS WORST NUCLEAR ACCIDENT... THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WERE FORCED TO SHELTER FROM THE RADIATION LEAK. MID-MISSOURI HAS IT'S OWN NUCLEAR PLANT, BUT IT HAS BEEN PUT ON-STAND-BY SOME VERY DETAILED EMERGENCY PLANS.
Education Crime	NBC8 News at Ten	10/ 18	10 pm	3:00	14-YEAR-OLD TARA TEEL SPENDS MOST OF HER FREE TIME DRIBBLING A BASKETBALL AND PRACTICING HER JUMP SHOT OUTSIDE HER HOUSE. SHE WAS VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR AS SHE MADE HER SCHOOL TEAM. BUT SHE WON'T GET A CHANCE TO PLAY. TARA WAS ONE OF THE TEENAGERS WHO ATTENDED THE PARTY. SHE SAYS SHE TOOK ONE SIP OF A WINE COOLER.
Crime	NBC8 News at Six	10/ 19	6 pm	2:00	BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES NARROW THEIR FOCUS IN THE SEARCH FOR THE BODY OF A MISSING COLUMBIA WOMAN. FOR FOUR MONTHS NOW SHERI MONTAGUE HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY A MISSING PERSON. HER FAMILY SUSPECTS SHE WAS MURDERED. AND TONIGHT FEEL THEY ARE CLOSER TO FINDING OUT THE TRUTH.

Health Government	NBC8 News at Six	10/ 20	6 pm	2:00	AT THE STATE CAPITOL... A COMMITTEE HEARING BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER TO TALK ABOUT WHAT'S CALLED THE "SILENT EPIDEMIC." THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT BRAIN INJURIES... WAYS TO PREVENT THEM.. AND WAYS THE STATE CAN BETTER SUPPORT SURVIVORS.
Education Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Six	10/ 21	6 pm	5:00	A BATTLE TO STAY AFLOAT ENDS TONITE IN MILLERSBURG. STEP-BY-STEP PRESCHOOL WILL CLOSE ITS DOORS AFTER MONTHS OF FIGHTING TO STAY OPEN. THE EVICTION NOTICE CAME ON AUGUST 7TH...ONE YEAR TO THE DAY THAT THIS PRESCHOOL OPENED. IT SAID THEY HAD 10 DAYS TO PACK THEIR THINGS, FIND A NEW DAYCARE, AND LEAVE. BUT WHAT THE LANDLORDS DID NOT KNOW WAS THAT THIS WAS MORE THAN A BUSINESS, THIS WAS A FAMILY, A COMMUNITY, THAT WOULD FIGHT FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVED IN, STEP BY STEP.
Government Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Ten	10/ 22	10 pm	2:00	ANOTHER TWIST IN THE TALE OF A NEW RIVERBOAT CASINO FOR BOONVILLE. GOOD EVENING EVERYONE. AFTER FIVE YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS, IT LOOKED LIKE ALL THE HURDLES HAD BEEN CLEARED. BUT THERE'S A NEW PROBLEM. THE COMPANY BUILDING THE CASINO SAYS IT'S NOT SURE HOW IT WILL PAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION.. WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO BEGIN THIS FALL.

Government Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Six	10/ 23	6 pm	2:00	COLUMBIA POLICE HAVE UNCOVERED WHAT MIGHT BE THE BEGINNING OF A LARGE COUNTERFEITING SCHEME IN COLUMBIA. LAST NIGHT... AT LEAST 20 PEOPLE TRIED TO GET IN THE THREE-ELEVEN CONCERT AT COLUMBIA'S BLUE NOTE WITH FAKE TICKETS... BUT POLICE SAY THIS ISN'T AN AMATEUR OPERATION.
Government	NBC8 News at Ten	10/ 24	10 pm	2:00	DAMAGE CONTROL TONIGHT FROM THE MISSOURI DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AFTER A 40-YEAR OLD PICTURE OF GOVERNOR CARNAHAN WEARING BLACKFACE CIRCULATES IN WASHINGTON. STATE REPUBLICAN LEADERS DENY LEAKING THE PHOTO.
Consumer Issues Health	NBC8 News at Ten	10/ 25	10 pm	3:00	ONCE FINDING THE RIGHT HEALTH INSURANCE MEANT CHOOSING FROM TWO OR THREE STANDARD POLICIES. BUT TODAY THE TASK IS GETTING EVEN HARDER WITH SO MANY MEDICAL OPTIONS. MISSOURIANS WANT TO BE ABLE TO CHOOSE WHAT KIND OF HEALTHCARE THEY RECEIVE.
Government Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Six	10/ 26	6 pm	2:00	THOUSANDS OF REFUND REVENUE CHECKS ARE IN THE MAIL, ON THEIR WAYS TO 1998'S MISSOURI TAXPAYERS. WHEN YOUR CHECK SHOULD BE ARRIVING, AND JUST HOW MUCH MONEY IT WILL BE FOR.

Education	NBC8 News at Ten	10/ 26	10 pm	5:00	PUBLIC EDUCATION AS WE KNOW IT COULD CHANGE IN THE NEXT MILLENIUM. THE CONTROVERSIAL IDEA OF SCHOOL VOUCHERS-- OR USING GOVERNMENT MONEY TO FUND PRIVATE EDUCATION--IS GAINING MOMENTUM. VOUCHER PLANS EXIST IN FLORIDA, WISCONSIN AND OHIO--EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE FACED STIFF OPPOSTION AND COURT ROOM BATTLES.
Education	NBC8 News at 6	10/ 27	6 pm	3:00	A STATE COALITION SAYS MISSOURI STUDENTS ARE FALLING BEHIND WHEN IT COMES TO MATH. IN FACT, A PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM THE K-16 COALITION SAYS MATH IS ONE OF THE WEAKEST AREAS IN MISSOURI SCHOOLS.
Government Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Ten	10/ 27	10 pm	2:00	IN SIX DAYS, COLUMBIANS WILL VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT THE CITY WILL GET A RECREATION CENTER. FINANCE REPORTS SHOW REC CENTER PROPONENTS ARE HAVING FAR MORE SUCCESS FINDING MONEY
Education	NBC8 News at Six	10/ 28	6 pm	2:00	A THOUSAND KIDS WALK THE HALLS AND ATTEND CLASSES IN THE SOUTHERN BOONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT. COMPARED TO OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS.. THAT'S A SMALL NUMBER.. BUT NOT TOO SMALL FOR A COMMUNITY TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY. THAT'S WHY THE SCHOOL HAS contracted to SET-UP A 24 - HOUR TIP-LINE

Government	NBC8 News at Six	10/ 30	6 pm	2:00	AFTER MANY MONTHS OF UNCERTAINTY, COLUMBIA NOW HAS A NEW MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL. THE PATH HAS BEEN CREATED, SO OTHERS MAY ENJOY ONE MAN'S LOVE FOR RIDING.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Six	10/ 31	6 pm	2:00	CENTER PLANNERS SAY YOU GET THE MOST FOR YOUR MONEY BY JOINING THE NEW RECREATION CENTER. A COUPLE CAN JOIN FOR ONLY 480 DOLLARS A YEAR. THAT IS HALF THE AMOUNT YOU WOULD PROBABLY SPEND AT WILSON'S FITNESS BUT IT IS TWICE THE AMOUNT THE SAME COUPLE WOULD PAY AT THE MU REC CENTER--BUT THEY WOULD NEED TO BE AFFILIATED WITH MU TO QUALIFY...
Crime Government	NBC8 News at Six	11/2	6 pm	2:00	.MINISTERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE ARE IN MID-MISSOURI THIS WEEK. THE FIRST ANNUAL INTERFAITH CONFERENCE IS ADDRESSING MORE THAN JUST RELIGIOUS ISSUES.
Consumer Issues Government	NBC8 News at Six	11/3	6 pm	2:00	ONE ISSUE JEFFERSON CITY VOTERS DIDN'T SEE ON THE BALLOT WAS A SALES TAX INCREASE TO FUND A NEW CONVENTION CENTER. THE PARKING LOT AT BROADWAY AND MCCARTY IN JEFFERSON CITY WILL REMAIN JUST THAT...A PARKING LOT.... AT LEAST FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS. PLANS FOR A THIRTY-MILLION DOLLAR CONVENTION CENTER HAVE STALLED UNTIL A BUILDING AGREEMENT IS MADE BETWEEN THE CITY AND PROST BUILDERS.

Government	NBC8 News at Ten	11/3-5	10 pm	15:00	OFTEN WITHOUT A THOUGHT...WE PASS OVER *BRIDGES* EVERY DAY WHILE DRIVING ON HIGHWAYS AND AROUND TOWN. WE TRUST THAT BRIDGES ARE SAFE... AND ASSUME THAT THEY'RE IN GOOD CONDITION. BUT HAVE YOU ACTUALLY EVER LOOKED UNDER WHAT YOU'RE DRIVING OVER? IN A THREE-MONTH INVESTIGATION... NBC-8'S MARK GREENBLATT FINDS MID-MISSOURI'S BRIDGES IN *BAD* CONDITION... AND GETTING MUCH WORSE.
Government	NBC8 News at Six	11/4	6 pm	2:00	THE PRISON IS THE OLDEST WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI AND SOME PEOPLE WOULD LIKE IT TO BE PRESERVED AS A MUSEUM. OTHER IDEAS INCLUDE A COMMUNITY CENTER, OFFICE SPACE AND A RIVERFRONT PARK.
Consumer Issues Health	NBC8 News at Ten	11/4	10 pm	2:00	M-U RESEARCHERS SAY THEY HAVE A WAY TO STOP THE SPREAD OF DEADLY E. COLI BACTERIA....A BACTERIA THAT CAN KILL.... IT'S CALLED THE E-BEAM...THINK OF IT AS AN INDUSTRIAL MICROWAVE. THE E-BEAM SENDS A STREAM OF ELECTRONS THROUGH THE MEAT. BECAUSE IT IS AT SUCH A HIGH VOLTAGE, ONLY THE BACTERIA DIES -- LEAVING THE MEAT UNCOOKED, BUT GERM-FREE.

Health Consumer Issues	NBC8 news at Six	11/5	6 pm	2:00	MISSOURI NURSING HOMES ARE UNDER FIRE TONIGHT AFTER A U-S SENATOR CALLS FOR A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION. THE PROBLEMS WERE IDENTIFIED IN A REPORT FROM THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE ON NURSING HOMES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THIS INFORMATION JUST CAME OUT OF SENATOR KIT BOND'S OFFICE.
Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at Six	11/8	6 pm	2:00	THE 2000 CENSUS BEGINS IN FOUR MONTHS . . . BUT SOME OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED THAT LOW-UNEMPLOYMENT MAY CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR MISSOURI'S COUNT.
Government Crime	NBC8 News at Ten	11/8	10 pm	4:00	A DEATH ROW INMATE WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO DIE THIS WEEK WON A TEMPORARY REPRIEVE.AND, THE GOVERNOR WHO HAS BEEN IN POLITICAL HOT WATER OVER THE DEATH PENALTY ISSUE MAY HAVE WON HIS OWN TEMPORARY REPRIEVE - - HE DOESN'T HAVE TO DECIDE YET WHETHER TO COMMUTE THE SENTENCE.
Education Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Six	11/9	6 pm	2:00	BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI STUDENTS MAY HAVE MORE CONTROL OVER THEIR BELIEFS AND STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES. IT'S THE RESULT OF A LAWSUIT FILED BY A GROUP OF UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW STUDENTS THAT'S GONE ALL THE WAY TO THE U-S SUPREME COURT. THE RULING COULD AFFECT MIZZOU.

Consumer Issues Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at Six	11/ 10	6 pm	2:00	THE WHITE HOUSE ISSUED ITS FINAL REPORT ON Y2K TODAY... THE NATION'S EXPERTS SAY OUR LIGHTS WON'T GO OUT... OUR TELEPHONES WILL STILL RING... AND NO NUKES WILL GO OFF BY ACCIDENT. BUT MAYBE YOU WEREN'T WORRIED ABOUT ANY OF THAT....FOR MID-MISSOURIANS....THE REAL QUESTION MIGHT BE HOW THE CALENDAR BUG AFFECTS WHERE WE WORK...
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Ten	11/ 10	10 pm	1:30	WHEN YOU'RE BUYING A SWEATSHIRT YOU MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS MADE UNDER LEGAL CONDITIONS. THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT YOUR CLOTHES WERE MANUFACTURED IN A FOREIGN SWEATSHOP MAY NOT CROSS YOUR MIND TOO OFTEN, BUT AN M-U ORGANIZATION IS WORRIED THAT CLOTHES IN THE CAMPUS BOOKSTORE *MIGHT* HAVE BEEN MADE IN SWEATSHOPS.
Crime	NBC8 News at Six	11/ 11	6 pm	2:00	IN 1998, THERE WERE THREE REPORTED CASES OF SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME IN ALL OF MISSOURI. BUT IN THE PAST FIVE MONTHS, THREE INFANTS HAVE DIED IN *MID*-MISSOURI FROM THE SYNDROME. WE FIND OUT WHAT DOCTORS LOOK FOR IN ABUSED CHILDREN.. AND WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY'RE TAKEN AWAY FROM THEIR PARENTS.

Health	NBC8 News at Ten	11/ 11	10 pm	2:00	CANCER PATIENTS FACE CHOICES ABOUT TREATMENTS, FAMILY AND SPIRITUALITY, THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE DISEASE. ELLIS FISCHEL CANCER CENTER HAS DEVELOPED A TEAM OF EXPERTS TO HELP PATIENTS MAKE THESE DECISIONS. SOCIAL WORKERS, A CHAPLAIN, PHYSICIANS AND NURSES HELP AND SUPPORT PATIENTS.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Six	11/ 12	6pm	2:00	THE DEER-HUNTING SEASON BEGINS TOMORROW IN MISSOURI AND MOTHER NATURE MAY CAUSE SOME PROBLEMS. OPEN SEASON ON DEER MEANS THOUSANDS OF MISSOURIANS OUT IN THE WILDERNESS FACING DANGEROUSLY DRY CONDITIONS.
Consumer Issues Government	NBC8 News at Six	11/ 15	6 pm	2:00	THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION IS OFFERING TO HELP FIX CRACKS AND OTHER DAMAGE ON RUNWAYS AT THE COLUMBIA REGIONAL AIRPORT. IN ORDER TO GET THE FUNDING... THE CITY MUST FIRST COME UP WITH SOME MONEY OF IT'S OWN
Education	NBC8 News at Ten	11/ 15	10 pm	3:00	OUT OF THE CLASSROOM, AND INTO THE WATER. IT MAY BE CHILLY OUTSIDE, BUT SOME FULTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE GETTING THEIR FEET WET ANYWAY, LEARNING ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT. THE FULTON HIGH SCHOOL STREAM TEAM MEMBERS ARE DOING MORE THAN JUST LEARNING ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT.

Health Government	NBC8 News at Six	11/ 16	6 pm	2:00	MISSOURI IS ORDERED TO STOP GIVING MONEY TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD IMMEDIATELY. A COLE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE RULED THE ORGANIZATION DOESN'T QUALIFY FOR STATE FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES MONEY
Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at Ten	11/ 16	10 pm	2:00	MISSOURI'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HITS AN ALL TIME LOW...3.1 PERCENT BUT THAT RATE MEANS TROUBLE FOR AREA BUSINESSES HIRING-HELP FOR THE HOLIDAYS. IT'S GOING TO COST THEM.
Government	NBC8 News at Six	11/ 17	6 pm	3:00	AS MANY OF US ARE WAITING FOR STATE-TAX-REFUND CHECKS, SOME MISSOURI LAW-MAKERS ARE SUING THE STATE--- SAYING TAXPAYERS SHOULD GET MORE MONEY. IT SAYS THAT MISSOURI TAXPAYERS HAVE BEEN CHEATED OUT OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY THREE MILLION DOLLARS IN TAX REFUNDS OVER THE PAST 19 YEARS. NOT INTENTIONALLY, BUT, STILL CHEATED.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Ten	11/ 17	10 pm	4:00	THE YMCA IN JEFFERSON CITY IS OFFERING MORE THAN RECREATION. THIS MONTH MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW PROGRAM CALLED "THE KIDS CENTER." PARENTS DON'T MIND BRINGING THEIR KIDS TO THIS DAY CARE. THAT'S BECAUSE IT HAS AN OFFER THAT'S JUST THAT'S JUST TOO GOOD TO MISS-THE PRICE.

Government	NBC8 News at Ten	11/ 21	10 pm	7:00	THE NEW MILLENIUM IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND SO IS THE UNLIKELY POSSIBILITY OF COMPUTER FAILURES IN EVERYTHING FROM APPLIANCES TO POWER PLANTS. TWO OF THE THINGS PEOPLE ARE WORRIED ABOUT MOST ARE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND NOT BEING ABLE TO GET MONEY
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Six	11/ 22	6 pm	2:00	IT'S GOING TO COST MORE TO PARK IN DOWNTOWN JEFFERSON CITY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON....THAT IS...UNLESS YOU'RE SHOPPING. THE COST TO PARK IN DOWNTOWN JEFFERSON CITY AND IN PARKING GARAGES HAS INCREASED FROM 25 TO 50 CENTS PER HOUR.
Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at Ten	11/ 22	10 pm	2:00	WITH OUR STRONG ECONOMY AND LOW UNEMPLOYMENT, YOU MAY THINK HUNGER IS A THING OF THE PAST. BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE. THE FOOD BANK ACTUALLY NEEDS MORE HELP THAN EVER BEFORE.
Education Crime	NBC8 News at Six	11/ 23	6 pm	3:00	POLICE WATCHED AS STUDENTS ATTENDED TWO MID-MISSOURI SCHOOLS TODAY....WARY OF AN ATTACK THAT WAS RUMORED TO COME TODAY.. RUMORS OF POSSIBLE VIOLENCE BEGAN CIRCULATING AT WESTRAN AND MOBERLY HIGH SCHOOLS LAST WEEK
Government	NBC8 News at Ten	11/ 23	10 pm	2:00	COMMUNITY LEADERS SAY THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT ON NEW YEAR'S DAY...EXCEPT A POSSIBLE HANGOVER. SOME OF THE MILLENIUM PROBLEMS MAY NOT BE CAUSED BY Y-2-K.

Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Six	11/ 27	6 pm	2:00	NO MATTER HOW EARLY YOU'VE STARTED SHOPPING, SOME TOYS WILL BE HARD TO FIND THIS SEASON. IF YOUR KIDS ARE SMITTEN BY THE MOST POPULAR FADS YOU MIGHT HAVE TROUBLE FINDING THEM ON THE SHELVES.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Ten	11/ 27	10 pm	2:00	MANY CELL PHONES IN MID-MISSOURI ARE SILENT TONIGHT. THE MERGER BETWEEN AMERITECH AND SOUTHWESTERN BELL WENT INTO EFFECT TODAY AND LEFT MANY CELL PHONES QUIET. NOT HAVING A CELL PHONE HAD A BIG EFFECT ON SOME MID- MISSOURIANS.
Crime	NBC8 News at Ten	11/ 28	10 pm	2:00	POLICE ARRESTED A COLUMBIA BOUNTY HUNTER ON ASSAULT CHARGES AND TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS. THAT BOUNTY HUNTER WAS WORKING WITH ANOTHER GROUP OF BAIL AGENTS.. THOSE SAME BOUNTY HUNTERS SEARCH FOR A SUSPECT.
Education	NBC8 News at Six	11/ 29	6 pm	2:00	A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN HALLSVILLE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT PROPOSED EXPANSION IN THEIR SCHOOL DISTRICT. TONIGHT IN AN OPEN-FORUM THE HALLSVILLE SCHOOL BOARD LISTENED TO THOSE CONCERNS AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT A POSSIBILE TAX-INCREASE AND BOND ISSUE TO FUND EXPANSION.

Government	NBC8 News at Six	11/30	6 pm	2:00	MONTHS AND MONTHS OF WORK IS SET TO PAY OFF TOMORROW MORNING AS A NEW INTERCHANGE WILL OPEN IN MOBERLY. ALL THE BARRIERS WILL COME DOWN IN JUST A MATTER OF ELEVEN HOURS. THE NEW INTERCHANGE AT U.S. 63 HIGHWAY AND HIGHWAY 24 WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
Jobs/Economy Government	NBC8 News at Six	12/1	6 pm	2:00	LOW-INCOME FAMILIES MAY GET A TAX-BREAK FROM THE STATE STARTING NEXT YEAR. MISSOURI LEGISLATORS ARE PROPOSING A STATE TAX CREDIT FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES. LAST YEAR...A SIMILAR TAX CREDIT PROPOSAL FAILED.
Health	NBC8 News at Ten	12/1	10 pm	2:00	IN BOONE COUNTY, FOR EXAMPLE, THE NUMBER OF AIDS CASES NEARLY DOUBLED FROM 19-97 TO 19-98 -- UP TO 39 WITH THE DISEASE. IN AN EFFORT TO SLOW THE RATE OF INFECTION, SOME COLUMBIANS ARE OBSERVING THE TWELVTH ANNUAL WORLD AIDS DAY. EVEN THOUGH THE DAY IS ALMOST OVER, ORGANIZERS HOPE PEOPLE WILL NOT FORGET WHAT THIS DAY MEANS.

Education	NBC8 News at Six	12/2	6 pm	2:00	A 30 MILLION DOLLAR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT LOOMS BEFORE THE COLUMBIA SCHOOL BOARD.. AND COULD BE ON THE BALLOT FOR VOTERS IN APRIL. A SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE WILL LIKELY RECOMMEND A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND OTHER IMPROVEMNETS FOR THE COLUMBIA DISTRICT.. TO BE FUNDED BY A BOND ISSUE AND ACCOMPANYING TAX INCREASE.
Crime Government	NBC8 News at Six	12/3	6 pm	2:00	IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE BEEN BARRED IN THE U-S FROM BUYING GUNS . . .BECAUSE OF SOME TYPE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY FOUND IN A BACKGROUND CHECKS. BUT THIS SYSTEM IS NOT ALWAYS FULL PROOF.
Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at Ten	12/3	10 pm	2:00	AN EARLY-RETIREMENT PLAN IS APPROVED, NOW THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI STRUGGLES TO SOFTEN THE BLOW. ONE IN EVERY TEN PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI COLUMBIA HAS A CHOICE TO MAKE BY MARCH-- WHETHER TO RETIRE EARLY.
Crime	NBC8 News at Six	12/4	6 pm	2:00	A COLUMBIA WOMAN IS CHARGED WITH DEFRAUDING ALMOST A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS FROM MID-MISSOURI COMPANIES. POLICE HAVE ARRESTED 20-YEAR-OLD JENNIFER JOHNSON AND CHARGED HER WITH TWO COUNTS OF FORGERY AND FIVE COUNTS OF PASSING BAD CHECKS.

Jobs/Economy Government	NBC8 News at Six	12/6	6 pm	2:00	WILL IT BE A PARK, A SHOPPING MALL OR A CONVENTION CENTER.. A TASK FORCE BEGINS THE WORK TO DECIDE WHAT WILL BE DONE WITH AN OLD PRISON. JEFFERSON CITY TURNS PRIME PRISON PROPERTY INTO AN OPPORTUNITY.
Crime Government	NBC8 News at Ten	12/6	10 pm	2:00	MORE MISSOURI PRISONERS HAVE BEEN EXECUTED IN 1999 THAN IN ANY OTHER YEAR IN THE STATE'S HISTORY. AND THAT'S TURNED A LOT OF ATTENTION TOWARD THE DEATH PENALTY. RESEARCH RESULTS RELEASED TODAY BY OPPONENTS OF THE PENALTY, SUGGESTS PUBLIC OPINION HAS BEEN MISREPRESENTED
Education	NBC8 News at Six	12/7	6 pm	2:00	A COLUMBIA DISCOUNT STORE HAD ABOUT 30 EXTRA WORKERS TODAY. KIDS FROM LANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL SPENT THIS MORNING WRAPPING PRESENTS, SINGING CAROLS, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, HELPING ELDERLY AND DISABLED SHOPPERS BUY THEIR PRESENTS.
Government	NBC8 News at Ten	12/7	10 pm	2:00	SAFETY IS ON THE MIND OF STATE ENGINEERS TESTING THE INTERSTATE 70 BRIDGE OVER THE MISSOURI RIVER. FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS, TRAFFIC HAS BEEN RESTRICTED TO ONE LANE ON INTERSTATE 70, WHILE BRIDGE INSPECTORS EXAMINED EVERY INCH OF THE SPAN OVER THE RIVER.

Government Crime	NBC8 News at Six	12/8	6 pm	2:00	A JUDGE MAKES PUBLIC A VIDEOTAPE OF A LAWMAKER ACCUSED OF D-W-I... A VICTORY FOR SUPPORTERS OF MISSOURI'S SUNSHINE LAW. THE SUNSHINE-LAW PROTECTS MISSOURIANS RIGHT TO KNOW. BUT ITS A LAW THAT'S OFTEN VIOLATED.. SOMETIMES BY THOSE WE TRUST TO ENFORCE THE LAWS
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Ten	12/8	10 pm	2:00	THE Y-2-K HYPE HAS AMERICANS STOCKING UP ON ALL KINDS OF MILLENIUM MOMENTOES. AT WHAT POINT DO THOSE NOVELTY ITEMS BECOME JUST TOO MUCH?
Government Crime	NBC8 News at Ten	12/9	10 pm	2:00	COLUMBIA MOVED ONE STEP CLOSER TO SELECTING ITS NEXT POLICE CHIEF. THE LIST OF POSSIBLE REPLACEMENTS GOT SHORTER BY 2 TODAY. CITY MANAGER RAY BECK ANNOUNCED THE SELCTION COMMITTEE IS NOW DOWN FROM 7 TO 5 CANDIDATES
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Six	12/ 10	6 pm	2:00	COLLEGE COSTS IN MISSOURI RATE BETTER THAN EXPECTED. IT'S NO SECRET THAT COLLEGE IS EXPENSIVE. BUT IN A STUDY JUST RELEASED BY THE MISSOURI COMMISSION ON THE AFFORDABILITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, IT MIGHT NOT COST AS MUCH AS YOU THINK.

Government	NBC8 News at Ten	12/ 10	10 pm	2:00	THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAYS IN 19-90 THE U-S CENSUS DID NOT COUNT 23-THOUSAND MISSOURIANS. MANY OF THOSE NOT COUNTED BY THE CENSUS WERE HOMELESS. AND NOW OFFICIALS ARE TRYING TO MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Six	12/ 13	6 pm	2:00	IN JUST A FEW WEEKS, WE'LL ALL FIND OUT WHETHER Y-2-K WORRIES WERE WORTH IT.. OR IF THEY'RE ALL A BUNCH OF HYPE. BY NOW, MOST OF US HAVE HEARD REASSURANCES FROM BANKS AND POWER COMPANIES.. BUT DRUG COMPANIES AND PHARMACIES ARE GETTING CALLS TOO. PEOPLE ARE PREPARING TO GET PRESCRIPTIONS IN THE NEW YEAR.
Education	NBC8 News at Ten	12/ 13	10 pm	2:00	COLUMBIA IS GROWING RAPIDLY AND THE SCHOOL SYSTEMS' GROWING PAINS MAY COST YOU SOME MONEY. SCHOOLS ARE MORE CROWDED THAN EVER AND THE SCHOOL BOARD PLANS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE GROWTH..

Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at Six	12/ 14	6 pm	2:00	ONE OUT OF THREE SMALL-BUSINESS EMPLOYERS IN MISSOURI CAN'T AFFORD TO OFFER THEIR EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE. IN MAY, THE MISSOURI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONDUCTED A HEALTH INSURANCE SURVEY OF ALMOST 15 THOUSAND COMPANIES AND FOUND COST WAS THE PRIMARY REASON THEY DIDN'T OFFER BENEFITS TO THEIR EMPLOYEES.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Ten	12/ 14	10 pm	2:00	THE SALVATION ARMY WORRIES IT MAY NOT MEET IT'S GOAL... EVERY YEAR THE SALVATION ARMY BLANKETS THE CITY WITH BELLRINGERS -- ASKING FOR DONATIONS. BUT THIS YEAR THERE IS CAUSE FOR WORRY.
Education Government	NBC8 News at Ten	12/ 15	10 pm	2:00	MANY WORKING PARENTS SAY THEY WANT FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES IN ORDER TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH THEIR FAMILIES . . AND A FEDERAL BILL COULD GRANT THEIR WISH. BALANCING WORK WITH A FAMILY IS A STRUGGLE FOR MANY PARENTS. . PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATION COULD BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN WORK AND FAMILY.

Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at Six	12/ 16	6 pm	2:00	ANOTHER CHANGE FOR BOONVILLE'S RIVERBOAT-CASINO FURTHER DIVIDES CITY-OPINION ON THE PROPOSED GAMBLING-OPERATION. THREE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE NOW REQUESTED A SPECIAL MEETING AFTER DAVIS GAMING ANNOUNCED *ANOTHER* CHANGE IN ITS PLANS FOR THE VICTORIA STAR CASINO.
Government Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at Ten	12/ 16	10 pm	2:00	NEW STATISTICS SHOW THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS RIDING COLUMBIA CITY BUSES IS LESS THAN HALF OF WHAT IT WAS LAST YEAR. ...BUT *PROFITS* ARE ON THE RISE. COLUMBIA PUBLIC WORKS TRIES TO FIND OUT HOW THIS IS POSSIBLE.
Education Crime	NBC8 News at Six	12/ 17	6 pm	2:00	RUMORS SURFACED LAST MONTH SAYING . . .A "BLOODBATH" WOULD TAKE PLACE IN SOME MOBERLY SCHOOLS TODAY. THESE RUMORS FORCED MOBERLY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS TO TAKE SOME EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TODAY.

Education	NBC8 News at Ten	12/ 18	10 pm	2:00	A HOUSE COMMITTEE ADVISES A CRACKDOWN ON SCHOOL VIOLENCE IN MISSOURI. POLICE ARRESTED A STUDENT IN SPRINGFIELD YESTERDAY FOR BRINGING A GUN TO SCHOOL. AND NOW... A MISSOURI HOUSE COMMITTEE RELEASES A REPORT ON SCHOOL VIOLENCE AND SAFE CHILDREN. THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REPORT HAVE AN EYE ON THE FUTURE.
Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at Six	12/ 20	6 pm	2:00	THE COUNT IS ALMOST UNDERWAY FOR THE 2000-CENSUS AND THAT MEANS COLUMBIA'S CENSUS DEPARTMENT NEEDS WORKERS. MID-MISSOURI'S LOW UNEMPLOYMENT MAY CAUSE A PROBLEM. TODAY AND THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, PEOPLE INTERESTED HAD A CHANCE TO APPLY TO WORK FOR THE COLUMBIA CENSUS DEPARTMENT DURING THE 2000 CENSUS.
Consumer Issues Government	NBC8 News at Ten	12/ 20	10 pm	2:00	STATE LAWMAKERS ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO RAISE MONEY TO PAY FOR IMPROVING MISSOURI'S HIGHWAYS. THAT MONEY COULD COME FROM AN IDEA BORROWED FROM OTHER PLACES AROUND THE COUNTRY. HAVE YOU EVER DRIVEN ON A TOLL ROAD? BECAUSE IF YOU HAVEN'T YOU MIGHT BE.

Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at Ten	12/ 21	10 pm	2:00	BOONVILLE OFFICIALS ARE COUNTING ON DAVIS GAMING TO COME THROUGH WITH THEIR PROMISE TO BUILD A CASINO ON THE MISSOURI RIVER. LAST NIGHT THE BOONVILLE CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION. IN THAT SESSION....THE CONCIL METWITH PAUL SIKES FROM DAVIS GAMING. THE CITY'S MAYOR AFTER TALKING TO SIKES REMAINS CONFIDENT THE VICTORIA STAR CASINO WILL EVENTUALLY OPEN FOR BUISNESS.
Consumer Issues Government	NBC8 News at Ten	12/ 23	10 pm	2:00	THE STATE OF MISSOURI IS SLAPPED WITH A LAWSUIT THAT SAYS IT OWES TAXPAYERS 200-MILLION DOLLARS. THE LAWSUIT CLAIMS THE STATE IS NOT COUNTING TAX REVENUES CORRECTLY ACCORDING TO THE HANCOCK AMENDMENT. THERFORE, IT OWES TAXPAYERS MILLIONS MORE IN REFUNDS.
Health	NBC8 News at Ten	12/ 26	10 pm	2:00	FALUN (FALOON) DAFA MAY BE THE FASTEST GROWING SPIRITUAL PRACTICE IN THE WORLD .... COLUMBIA MAYOR DARWIN HINDMAN EVEN PROCLAIMED THIS WEEK TO BE *FALUN DAFA WEEK*. TRUTH...COMPASSION...TOLERANCE...THESE ARE THE THREE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF FALUN DAFA...ALSO KNOWN AS FALUN GONG. AND FOLLOWERS CLAIM IT IS A WAY OF LIFE

Government	NBC 8 News at Six	12/ 27	6 pm	2:00	MISSOURI'S HIGH COURT GOES HIGH TECH. A NEW ONLINE SERVICE WILL ALLOW YOU TO HEAR SUPREME COURT ARGUEMENTS LIVE AS THEY UNFOLD ON YOUR COMPUTER SCREEN. STARTING JANUARY FOURTH THE MISSOURI SUPREME COURT WILL ALLOW CITIZENS TO HEAR COURT CASES LIVE IN THEIR OFFICES, CLASSROOMS AND HOMES .....THROUGH THE INTERNET ON THE WEBSITE OF A STATE-WIDE RADIO NETWORK CALLED MISSOURI NET..
Crime	NBC8 News at Ten	12/ 27	10 pm	2:00	AMERICANS AND THEIR GUNS AT THE STROKE OF MID-NIGHT... AS Y-2-K APPROACHES... CONCERNS CONTINUE TO GROW, AND THE FEAR SEEMS TO BE AN INCREASE IN GUN SALES. IF YOU LOOK AT NATIONAL STATISTICS, BACKROUND CHECKS FOR PROSPECTIVE GUN BUYERS ARE UP ALMOST 15% THIS DECEMBER COMPARED WITH DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR. A COLUMBIA GUN DEALER I TALKED TO TODAY TOLD ME THAT GUN SALES TRADITIONALLY GO UP IN DECEMBER BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE BUYING THEM AS GIFTS. AND HE'S NOT SURE IF Y-2-K IS A FACTOR....

Government	NBC8 News at Ten	12/ 28	10 pm	2:00	IT'S NOT A DANGEROUS TURN, UNLESS YOU'RE TURNING THE WRONG WAY. TURNING THE WRONG WAY. . . COULD MEAN DRIVING THE WRONG THE WAY ON A FOUR LANE HIGHWAY. THETROUBLE STARTED ON DECEMBER 1ST WHEN A NEW BYPASS OPENED ALLOWING MOTORISTS TO DRIVE THROUGH MOBERLY ON 63 WITHOUT STOPPING AT THE INTERSECTION . IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE CONVENIENT, BUT FOR SOME MOTORISTS IT HAS TURNED INTO A CONFUSING HEADACHE.
Government	NBC8 News at Ten	12/ 29	10 pm	2:00	SOME OF YOU MIGHT BE PAYING UNCLE SAM MORE THAN YOU SHOULD...DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU LIVE. STATE AUDITOR CLAIRE McKASKIL ISSUED A REPORT TODAY SHOWING 67 EXAMPLES OF MISSOURIANS BEING OVER-TAXED. McKASKIL'S OFFICE ADVISES JURISDICTIONS ON WHAT THEY CAN TAX PROPERTY OWNERS, BUT SOME JURISDICTIONS LEVIED RATES HIGHER THAN THE AUDITORS RECOMMENDATION. AND THAT'S AGAINST THE LAW UNDER THE HANCOCK AMENDMENT.

Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Ten	12/ 30	10 pm	2:00	THE PHONE COMPANY IS CALLING NEW YEAR'S EVE...THE MOTHER-- OF ALL MOTHER'S DAYS... WHETHER YOU'RE Y-2-K WORRIED OR NOT.. THE PHONE COMPANY SAYS ITS EXPECTING A HEAVY LOAD TOMORROW NIGHT. G-T-E ISN'T REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT Y2K RELATED PROBLEMS... BUT THE COMPANY *IS* WORRIED ABOUT A LOT OF PEOPLE MAKING CALLS OR JUST PICKING UP THEIR PHONES WHEN THE CLOCK STRIKES MIDNIGHT.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at Six	12/ 31	6 pm	2:00	IS ALL THIS Y2K HYPE, OR COULD THE POWER REALLY GO OFF AT MIDNIGHT? SOME MID-MISSOURI RESDIENTS ARE HEDGING AGAINST THE HYPE. LOCAL STORES ARE SELLING ALL SORTS OF STUFF TO SEE YOU THROUGH IF THE LIGHTS GO OUT AND THE WATER WON'T RUN. FILLING WATER JUGS AT NOWELLS....BUYING CAMP FUEL AT WAL MART. AND SOME SHELVES ARE EMPTY. ALTHOUGH THE COLUMBIA POWER AND LIGHT DEPARTMENT SAYS THE POWER PROBABLY WON'T GO OFF, LOCAL STORES LIKE WAL-MART HAVE STOCKED UP ON EMERGENCY SUPPLIES. AND PEOPLE ARE BUYING..