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DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE	PROGRAM/ SEGMENT	DATE	TIME	DURATION	NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT

DRUG/ ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU NEWS AT 6	1/1	6 P.M.	1:45	THE DAY AFTER ONE OF THE BIGGEST PARTY NIGHTS OF THE YEAR CAN MEAN MORE TRASH, MORE ARRESTS, AND MORE ALCOHOL RELATED DEATHS. THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL REPORTS JUST FIVE D-W-I ARRESTS WERE ISSUED IN MID-MISSOURI LAST NIGHT. FAR FEWER THAN THE HIGHWAY PATROL EXPECTED. FATAL ACCIDENTS ARE ALSO DOWN FROM LAST YEAR IN MID-MISSOURI DURING THE NEW YEAR'S PERIOD. NEITHER THE COLUMBIA OR JEFFERSON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENTS HAVE RELEASED ANY INFORMATION REGARDING HOW MANY D-W-I ARRESTS WERE MADE LAST NIGHT.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	1 /2	10 P.M.	2:00	THE NEW YEAR MEANS A TRIP TO SCHOOL FOR SOME MISSOURI BOATERS. THE LAW REQUIRES SOME MISSOURI BOATERS TO GET A CERTIFICATION CARD BEFORE THEY CAN LEGALLY OPERATE THEIR BOAT. THE LAW APPLIES TO MISSOURI RESIDENTS ON MISSOURI STATE WATERS...WHICH DO NOT INCLUDE RIVERS OR PRIVATELY OWNED LAKES AND PONDS. BUT EVERYTHING ELSE IS FAIR GAME FOR THE MISSOURI STATE WATER PATROL TO ENFORCE. AND THE PATROL HOPES THE NEW LAW WILL MAKE MISSOURI'S WATERS A LITTLE SAFER.
BUSINESS/ ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 6	1/3	6 P.M.	1:30	THE MISSOURI ECONOMY RECEIVED MONEY LAST YEAR FROM MORE THAN JUST THE PRISON INMATES. THIS MONEY COMES FROM FEMALE BUSINESS OWNERS. IN 2004, WOMEN OWNED OR CO-OWNED 54 PERCENT OF MISSOURI BUSINESSES. THAT'S MORE THAN 6 PERCENT HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE OF 47-POINT-3-PERCENT. BOONE COUNTY HAS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF WOMEN OWNED OR CO-OWNED BUSINESSES IN MID-MISSOURI.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	1 /4	10 P.M.	1:45	PAYING A LITTLE EXTRA FOR ALCOHOL COULD HELP MISSOURI SAVE LIVES. THE STATE USES A SUR-CHARGE FROM BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR SALES TO HELP EDUCATE KIDS AND PREVENT UNDERAGE DRINKING. THE INCREASE LOOKS LIKE A LOT... BUT IT'S THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN 35- YEARS. YOU'D SEE SURCHARGES INCREASE BETWEEN 18- AND TWO- DOLLARS PER GALLON... DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF DRINK. IF LAWMAKERS APPROVE THE BILL IT WILL BE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	1/5	6 P.M.	2:00	A NEW LEGISLATIVE SESSION STARTED TODAY WITH HIGH EXPECTATIONS. THE 93-RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENED AROUND NOON WITH MATT BLUNT PRESIDING OVER THE HOUSE, IN HIS CURRENT ROLE AS SECRETARY OF STATE. BLUNT WILL BE SWORN IN AS GOVERNOR MONDAY AND THEN WILL REAPPEAR BEFORE LAWMAKERS IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO OUTLINE HIS BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. LAST YEAR'S SESSION BEGAN WITH CONSTANT FILLIBUSTERS, THERE'S HOPE THAT WON'T HAPPEN THIS YEAR.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	1/6	10 P.M.	1:45	TONIGHT EDUCATORS AT WEST BOULEVARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASKED COMMUNITY LEADERS NOT JUST TO STAND BY... BUT TO GET INVOLVED IN A NEW PROGRAM. WEST BOULEVARD GOT A 525-THOUSAND DOLLAR FEDERAL GRANT TO START THE "STAND BY ME" MENTORING PROGRAM. THEIR IDEA IS THIS... IF YOU WANT TO IMPROVE A SCHOOL, YOU GET LEADERS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO STAND BY THE STUDENTS. THE PLAN IS TO HAVE A MENTOR FROM THE COMMUINTY FOR EVERY 4TH AND 5TH GRADER IN WEST BLVD.
CRIME	KOMU	1/7	6	1:00	COLUMBIA POLICE HAVE ARRESTED THE MAN THEY

	NEWS AT 6		P.M.		SAY STABBED ANOTHER MAN TO DEATH AT A COLUMBIA BREAKTIME YESTERDAY. POLICE ARRESTED TWENTY-SIX-YEAR-OLD ROBERT BARNEY JUNIOR ABOUT 2:30 TODAY NEAR THE OLD OSCO STORE IN COLUMBIA. POLICE SAY BARNEY WAS IN CONTACT WITH THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TODAY. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MEET AT THIS LOCATION WHERE BARNEY TURNED HIMSELF IN. PROSECUTORS ARE CHARGING BARNEY WITH SECOND DEGREE MURDER FOR THE STABBING OF TWENTY-YEAR-OLD DEANDRE TERRY OF COLUMBIA.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	1/8	10 P.M.	2:45	IT'S THE FIRST HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION ON THE M-U CAMPUS SINCE THE 1980'S. POLICE IDENTIFIED THE VICTIM AS 72-YEAR-OLD JEONG IM. IM IS A RETIRED PROFESSOR OF MOLECULAR AND MICROBIO- IMMUNOLOGY AT MU. IM, WHO WAS RETIRED, CONTINUED TO WORK FOR THE UNIVERSITY. AT THIS TIME, POLICE AREN'T SAYING WHY THEY THINK HE WAS MURDERED. POLICE ARE SEEKING YOUR HELP. THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A PERSON OF INTEREST... 6 TO 6 FOOT 2 WEARING SOME TYPE OF MASK POSSBILY A PAINTERS MASK OR DRYWALL TYPE MASK IN THE AREA OF THE MARYLAND AVENUE PARKING GARAGE.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	1/9	6 P.M.	2:15	ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNOR'S INAGUARATION ISN'T UNTIL TOMORROW, THE FESTIVITIES BEGAN TONIGHT. FAMILY AND FRIENDS GATHERED AT SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN CHURCH ON THE WESTMINSTER COLLEGE CAMPUS. GOVERNOR-ELECT BLUNT AND HIS GUESTS ATTENDED A PRAYER SERVICE FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION IN THE WINSTON CHURCHILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY. BLUNT'S BROTHER READ A PASSAGE FOR THE SERVICE, THE CONGREGATION SANG SONGS, AND A STRING QUARTET ACCOMPANIED A SOLOIST THAT PERFORMED DURING THE SERVICE. GOVERNOR BLUNT DISCUSSED THE IMPORTANCE OF HIS FAITH FOLLOWING THE SERVICE .
BUSINESS/ ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 6	1/10	6 P.M.	1:15	YOUR PLANS TO BUY HUNTING, FISHING AND CAMPING EQUIPMENT, IN MID-MISSOURI, WILL HAVE TO BE PUT ON HOLD. BASS PRO SHOPS IN COLUMBIA WAS SUPPOSED TO OPEN NEXT MONTH. NOW, IT LOOKS LIKE LATE MARCH. BASS PRO SHOPS WILL HAVE SOME COMPANY ON

					VANDIVER. A COUPLE OF RESTAURANTS, FURNITURE STORES AND A NEW HOTEL ALL HAVE PLANS TO OPEN THEIR DOORS SOON.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	1/11	10 P.M.	1:50	COLE COUNTY SHERIFF GEORGE BROOKS DIED FROM AN APPARENT SELF-INFLICTED GUN SHOT WOUND. KOMU'S EMMAKATE YOUNG LOOKS AT BROOKS CAREER AND JUST WHAT HAPPENED. ACCORDING TO STATE LAW, COLE COUNTY PROSECUTOR BILL TACKETT WILL SERVE AS THE SHERIFF UNTIL THE COMMISSIONERS MAKE AN APPOINTMENT. DEPUTY GARY WOODWARD WAS NAMED INTERNIM SHERIFF BEFORE COMMISSIONERS KNEW THE PROPER PROCESS ACCORDING TO THE LAW. COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION TO OFFICIALLY FILL THE POSITION.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	1/12	6 P.M.	3:15	THE COLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NEEDS A NEW LEADER... WHILE QUESTIONS SURROUND THE DEATH OF FORMER SHERIFF GEORGE BROOKS. THE COMMISSIONERS MET TODAY WITH PROSECUTING ATTORNEY BILL TACKETT AND CHIEF DEPUTY LIEUTENANT GARY WOODWARD. THE COMMISSION NEEDS TO APPOINT AN INTERIM SHERIFF NOW, AND HAS TEN WEEKS TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE OFFICE PERMANENTLY.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	1/13	10 P.M.	2:00	A TIPSTER LEADS STATE INVESTIGATORS TO A MILLION DOLLARS OF GOVERNMENT-PURCHASED COMPUTER EQUIPMENT SITTING UNUSED IN A JEFFERSON CITY WAREHOUSE. 10 YEARS AGO, THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE DREAMED UP THE "FASTR" PROGRAM TO SPEED THINGS UP WHEN YOU GOT YOUR LICENSE OR AUTOMOBILE TAGS. BUT THE PROGRAM GOT LOST IN RED TAPE. GOVERNOR BLUNT'S SPOKESMAN SAYS THE STATE AUDITOR SHOULD HAVE FOUND THE UNUSED EQUIPMENT SOONER.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	1/14	6 P.M.	:40	LINCOLN UNIVERSITY HAS A NEW PRESIDENT. DR. CAROLYN MAHONEY IS THE EIGHTEENTH PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST WOMAN TO LEAD THE UNVERSITY. THE L-U PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

					CONSISTED OF ALUMNI, STUDENTS, AND STAFF... BUT OTHER STUDENTS DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THE UNIVERSITY WAS LOOKING FOR ANOTHER PRESIDENT.DR. MAHONEY OUTLINED THREE TOP PRIORITIES TODAY. MORE FOCUS ON STUDENT RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT. AN INCREASE IN THE UNIVERSITY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE JEFFERSON CITY COMMUNITY, THE STATE OF MISSOURI AND THE WORLD COMMUNITY. AND INCREASING ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT.

BUSINESS/ ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	1/15	10 P.M.	:30	MISSOURIANS MADE A MOVE IN THE STATE'S FARMING INDUSTRY TODAY... BY AUCTIONING OFF... AN AUCTION. NEW OWNERS TOOK OVER THE 45-YEAR OLD MISSOURI LIVESTOCK MARKET TODAY IN MEXICO. MANY SAY IT'S ONE OF THE MOST MODERN LIVESTOCK AUCTION FACILITIES IN MISSOURI. THE MARKET HAS TWENTY-SIX ACRES, SEVEN UNDER A ROOFTOP, AND EVEN A LITTLE DINER. AND FOR SOME, THE SALE OF THE CENTER IS A PERSONAL ONE.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	1/16	10 P.M.	1:00	COLE COUNTY AUTHORITES SAY THEY HAD HOPED TO GET BOWERS LOCKED UP HERE IN COLE COUNTY TONIGHT, BUT NOW IT LOOKS LIKE HE WON'T BE RETURNED UNTIL TOMMORROW MORNING. POLICE SAY WHEN THEY FOUND BOWERS HE HAD HIS WIFE'S BLOOD ON HIS HANDS AND PANTS. INVESTIGATORS SAY THAT WHEN HE WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT THE CRIME, BOWERS CONFESSED ... AND ALLEGEDLY TOLD THEM HE DID IT BECAUSE HIS WIFE STOLE SEVENTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM HIM.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	1/17	6 P.M.	1:30	A JEFFERSON CITY MAN IS BACK IN THE CAPITAL CITY TONIGHT, UNDER ARREST FOR MURDERERING HIS WIFE OVER THE WEEKEND. DEPUTIES ARRESTED 67 YEAR-OLD EDWARD BOWERS IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY. JEFFERSON CITY POLICE CONTINUED THEIR WEEKEND LONG INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF MARCELLA CARLOCK, AND NOW HAVE HER HUSBAND EDWARD BOWERS BACK IN THEIR CUSTODY. COLE COUNTY PROSECUTOR BILL TACKETT HAS CHARGED BOWERS WITH 2ND DEGREE MURDER, BUT SAYS THAT THAT CHARGE COULD CHANGE.
BUSINESS/ ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	1/18	10 P.M.	1:45	A BIG DEVELOPMENT EAST OF COLUMBIA MOVES CLOSER TO REALITY. IT'S THE DEVELOPMENT BILLY SAPP WANTS TO PUT NEAR HARG....

					BUT TONIGHT, THE ANNEXATION REQUEST AT THE CENTER OF THE PLAN WAS UP FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY. RESIDENTS IN THE AREA HAD THEIR CHANCE TO TELL THE COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL WHAT THEY THINK OF THE ANNEXATION PLANS

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	1/19	6 P.M.	1:30	VOTERS IN JEFFERSON CITY WILL GO TO THE POLLS ON APRIL 5TH TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY WANT TO INCREASE THE CITY SALES TAX BY HALF A CENT. THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED LAST NIGHT TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT. IF THE SALES TAX PASSES, IT WOULD ELIMINATE THE PARK PROPERTY TAX.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU NEWS AT 10	1/20	10 P.M.	:25	THE COUNCIL FOR DRUG FREE YOUTH STARTED RUNNING ADVERTISEMENTS TODAY TARGETING PARENTS IN JEFFERSON CITY. THE ADS FOCUS ON GETTING PARENTS TO TALK TO THEIR KIDS EARLIER AND MORE OFTEN ABOUT NOT USING DRUGS AND ALCOHOL. THE CAMPAIGN BEGAN BECAUSE PARENTS WERE FOUND TO BE THE BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON YOUNG KIDS. THE ADS ARE FUNDED BY STATE GRANT MONEY AND WILL RUN THROUGH APRIL.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 6	1/21	6 P.M.	1:00	A NEW STATE RULE THAT GOES INTO EFFECT FOR THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR SHOULD PREVENT KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS FROM CARRYING THE CHICKEN POX VIRUS. IT WILL REQUIRE EVERY CHILD ENTERING KINDERGARTEN TO GET A CHICKENPOX VACCINATION IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY HAD CHICKENPOX. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES WANTS TO PREVENT SEVERE CASES OF CHICKENPOX THAT CAN LEAD TO HOSPITALIZATION. AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL LIKES THE NEW RULE. SINCE A NEW CHICKENPOX VACCINE WAS INTRODUCED IN 2001, THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM CHICKENPOX HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU NEWS AT 10	1/22	10 P.M.	:40	SOME COLUMBIANS GOT A SURPRISE AFTER THEY WENT OUT LAST NIGHT. COLUMBIA POLICE CONDUCTED AN ALCOHOL RAID ON VARIOUS BARS AND RESTAURANTS. POLICE STARTED THE RAID AROUND 6 P-M BY

					FOCUSING ON RESTAURANTS AND LIQUOR STORES... AND THEN STARTED TARGETING BARS AFTER 10-30. THE RAID WAS A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN COLUMBIA POLICE AND THE STATE DIVISION OF ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO CONTROL. IN ALL, POLICE ARRESTED FIFTY- FIVE PEOPLE.

BUSINESS/ ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	1/23	10 P.M.	1:30	THE FIRST DIAGNOSTIC CENTER WITH AN OPEN M-R-I OPENED TO THE PUBLIC TODAY IN SEDALIA. THE GOAL OF THE CENTER IS TO PROVIDE OUTPATIENT CARE WITH STATE OF THE ART EQUIPMENT, LIKE THE OPEN M-R-I. THE DIAGNOSTIC CENTER OPENED TO PATIENTS ON JANUARY THIRD. MORE THAN THREE-HUNDRED-AND-FIFTY COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAME IN FOR THE TOUR TODAY.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	1/24	10 P.M.	:50	A FORMER DIRECTOR OF INSURANCE QUESTIONS GOVERNOR BLUNT'S ETHICS. THAT'S AFTER BLUNT LET INSURANCE COMPANIES AND LOBBYISTS HELP HIM PICK MISSOURI'S NEW INSURANCE DIRECTOR. JAY ANGOFF SAYS HE'S NEVER HEARD OF *ANY* ADMINISTRATION THAT LET INSURANCE COMPANIES PICK WHO REGULATES THEM. ANGOFF WAS GOVERNOR CARNAHAN'S INSURANCE DIRECTOR. BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD, AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE, AND WELSCH, FLATNESS AND LUTZ ARE SOME OF THE COMPANIES THAT MADE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BLUNT. BUT THE GOVERNOR SAYS HE MADE THE *FINAL* DECISION.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	1/25	6 P.M.	2:20	GOVERNOR BLUNT TOLD EDUCATORS TODAY WHAT THEY ALREADY KNEW, THE FORMULA FOR FUNDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS BROKEN. THE GOVERNOR SAYS BI-PARTISAN EFFORTS ARE CRUCIAL TO FIX THIS PROBLEM. HE SAYS FUNDING PUBLIC EDUCATION IS THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB OF STATE GOVERNMENT. BUT DURING A LUNCHEON TODAY, BLUNT STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING SURE TAXPAYERS DON'T CARRY THE ENTIRE BURDEN.
EDUCATION	KOMU	1/26	10	:45	MANY MID-MISSOURI SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE STILL TRYING TO DEAL WITH STATE BUDGET CUTS.

	NEWS AT 10		P.M.		ELDON HAS CUT PARTS OF ITS FOREIGN LANGUAGE, ATHLETIC AND GIFTED PROGRAMS. BUT, THE DISTRICT WILL HAVE TO CUT MORE, UNLESS IT RAISES MORE MONEY. SO, THE SCHOOL BOARD WANTS VOTERS TO PASS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE IN APRIL. IF THEY DO, THE MONEY WILL HELP FIX BUILDINGS, DEVELOP PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK STUDENTS AND HIRE MORE TEACHERS.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	1/27	6 P.M.	1:05	IS GOVERNOR BLUNT FLIP-FLOPPING ON MEDICAID? DURING THE CAMPAIGN HE SAID HE WOULD NOT CHANGE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAID. ..BLUNT SAID THAT HE DIDN'T AND THAT HE KEPT HIS PLEDGE NOT TO EXAMINE ELIGIBILITY UNITIL HE HAD DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO EXAMINE THE USE OF MEDICAID DOLLARS. LAST NIGHT THOUGH , THE GOVERNOR SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT HE HAS LOOKED INTO ALL POSSIBILITIES.
BUSINESS/ ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	1/28	10 P.M.	:40	AND HERE'S A WAY TO CLEAR UP A PIGSTY OF SORTS... FORMER MISSOURI HOG FARMERS CAN NOW MAKE MONEY ON THEIR ABANDONED BUILDINGS-- BY FARMING FOR FISH. RESEACHERS AT LINCOLN UNIVERSITY HAVE TURNED A HOG FARM INTO A FISH FARM. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, HOG FARMS ALREADY HAVE MUCH OF WHAT IT TAKES TO GROW FISH. RESEARCHERS SAY THE CONVERSION COULD COST FARMERS AS LITTLE AS TEN TO FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS. RESEARCHERS ALSO WANT FARMERS TO KNOW RAISING FISH IS VERY DIFFERENT THAN RAISING HOGS.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU NEWS AT 6	1/29	6 P.M.	:25	HE MAY NOT HAVE PURCHASED A BUILDING BUT HE CERTAINLY WANTS TO PREVENT TEENS FROM PURCHASING TOBACCO. GOVERNOR BLUNT SAYS HE WANTS TO BEEF UP THE STATE'S EFFORT TO PREVENT TEENAGE TOBACCO USE. HIS PROPOSED BUDGET DEVOTES 875-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO PROGRAMS FIGHTING TOBACCO ABUSE. BLUNT SAYS MISSOURI RANKS LAST IN THE NATION IN ITS EFFORTS TO HELP YOUNG SMOKERS QUIT. AND A DIFFERENT SURVEY RANKS MISSOURI WITH THE THIRD HIGHEST AMOUNT OF SMOKERS IN THE COUNTRY.
CONSUMER	KOMU	1/30	10	1:50	WELL PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES...CONSUME GAS.

ISSUES	NEWS 10		P.M.		NOW, GOVERNOR BLUNT WANTS TO GIVE ONE OF THOSE LONG DISTANCE FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION MORE MONEY. GOVERNOR BLUNT WANTS TO PUT 200 THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE PER YEAR INTO THE TRAIN COMPANY. THAT WOULD BRING AMTRAK FUNDING TO SIX-POINT-FOUR MILLION DOLLARS NEXT YEAR... UP THREE PERCENT.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	1/31	6 P.M.	2:30	A BOONE COUNTY GROUP IS CIRCULATING A NEW LETTER...TO TRY TO SNUFF OUT SMOKING IN RESTAURANTS AND BARS. IN THE PAST, THEY SENT OUT BROCHURES TO RESTAURANTS. BUT MEMBERS OF THE BOONE COUNTY COALITION FOR TOBACCO CONCERNS WANT TO PROTECT EMPLOYEES AT PLACES THAT **DON'T** BAN SMOKING. SO, IT POLLED LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS TO GET THEIR FEELINGS ON A BAN. COALITION MEMBERS SAY THEY ARE PLEASED WITH THEIR RESULTS. ...RESULTS THAT WILL REMAIN A SECRET.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	2/1	10 P.M.	1:30	REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS DEFEND GOVERNOR BLUNT'S PROPOSAL TO CUT MORE THAN 230-MILLION DOLLARS IN MEDICAID. DEMOCRATS SAY THOSE CUTS ARE TOO STEEP. REPUBLICANS SAY RESTRUCTURING STARTS WITH AN OUTLINE FOR THE BUDGET THEY LAYED OUT TODAY. HOUSE REPUBLICANS SAY THEY ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH DEMOCRATS IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO APPROVE ALTERNATIVES TO THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET PROPOSAL. DEMOCRATS, THOUGH SAY THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET HAS HOLES IN IT THEY DON'T LIKE, ESPECIALLY WITH MEDICAID.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	2/2	6 P.M.	:50	A ROCK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER SAYS HE'S SHOWING A CIVICS VIDEO FOR A LESSON IN PROPAGANDA **NOT** PATRIOTISM.

					BILL PRIEST SAYS HE'S CONFIDENT HIS STUDENTS WILL QUESTION THE VIDEO'S PURPOSE AND LACK OF INFORMATION COMMUNITY FOR CITIZEN AWARENESS SENDS THE FREE VIDEO, "PATRIOTISM AND YOU" TO HIGH SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. A SPOKESWOMAN FOR THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SAYS THE VIDEO EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF PATRIOTISM AND ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO VOTE. BUT PRIEST SAYS THE VIDEO'S CENTRAL MESSAGE IS NOT CLEAR.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	2/3	10 P.M.	:30	A JUDGE DISMISSED THE FINAL LAWSUIT CONCERNING SHOOTING SPREE AT MODINE MANUFACTURING IN JEFFERSON CITY. AND TWO ADULT CHILDREN OF ONE OF THE VICTIMS SUED THE PLANT'S SECURITY COMPANY FOR THE WRONGFUL DEATH OF THEIR FATHER. TODAY A FEDERAL JUDGE DISMISSED SECURITAS U-S-A AS THE FINAL DEFENDANT IN THAT SUIT. HE SAID THE PLAINTIFFS DID NOT PROVE THE SECURITY COMPANY KNEW GUNMAN JONATHON RUSSELL WOULD START SHOOTING. HE KILLED THREE PEOPLE AT THE PLANT TWO YEARS AGO.
BUSINESS/ ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 6	2/4	6 P.M.	1:30	IT MIGHT BE THE BIGGEST LAND ANNEXATION PLAN IN COLUMBIA'S HISTORY. BUT NOT TONIGHT. DEVELOPER BILLY SAPP'S PLAN TO ANNEX ONE-THOUSAND ACRES EAST OF COLUMBIA CAME TO A HALT TODAY. MANY RESIDENTS OF THE AREA WERE OPPOSED TO IT. AND SOME WERE DETERMINED TO BLOCK IT. TONIGHT THEY GOT THEIR WISH, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY. OPPONENTS OF THE VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION NEEDED 15-HUNDRED SIGNATURES FROM CITY VOTERS TO CHANGE THE PROPOSAL TO AN ***IN***-VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	2/5	10 P.M.	1:40	A NEW TAX IS USUALLY THE LAST THING PEOPLE WANT... BUT OFFICIALS SAY THE TAX MIGHT BE GOOD. TUESDAY, VOTERS IN COLE COUNTY WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DECIDE. IT'S ALMOST A 30-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT... A PROPOSED LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER WOULD PUT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, PRISON AND COURT SYSTEM BUILDINGS IN THE SAME AREA.
CONSUMER	KOMU	2/6	10	1:40	RECEIPTS, CREDIT CARD OFFERS, AND BANK

ISSUES	NEWS AT 10		P.M.		STATEMENTS... WHAT DO THEY HAVE IN COMMON?? BITS AND PIECES OF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION. TODAY MARKS THE START OF ***NATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK***, A WEEK DEDICATED TO PROTECTING YOUR IDENTITY FROM BEING STOLEN.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	2/7	6 P.M.	2:00	THE COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL WILL GET A FIRST LOOK TONIGHT AT AN ORDINANCE THAT WOULD LEGALIZE **SOME** HUNTING WITHIN CITY LIMITS. THE ORDINANCE IS A RESPONSE TO-- TOO MANY DEER. IF APPROVED, THE NEW LAW WOULD ALLOW COLUMBIA RESIDENTS TO HUNT ON PROPERTY THAT'S MORE THAN 20 ACRES.... AS LONG AS ITS OKAY WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	2/8	10 P.M.	1:10	COLE COUNTY OFFICIALS CAN'T FIND THE RIGHT KEY TO BUILD A NEW JAIL AND JUSTICE CENTER. VOTERS TURNED DOWN A PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE SALES TAX BY ONE-HALF CENT WHICH WOULD HAVE FUNDED THE JAIL PROJECT. VOTERS IN JEFFERSON CITY AND PARTS OF COLE COUNTY ALSO TURN DOWN A PROPOSAL TO ANNEX SOME LAND INTO THE CITY.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	2/9	6 P.M.	1:35	PRESIDENT BUSH HAS PROPOSED CUTTING FARM SUBSIDIES BY ALMOST A THIRD IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. LESS MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MEANS LESS MONEY TO RUN SPENCER WEGNER'S TRACTORS... MAINTAIN HIS SILOS... AND EVEN TO PLOW HIS LAND... AND COULD LEAVE FARMS BARE WELL AFTER THE SNOW SUBSIDES...
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	2/10	10 P.M.	:40	THE MISSOURI SENATE PASSES A BILL REVAMPING THE WORKERS COMPENSATION SYSTEM. THE BILL LIMITS ELIGIBILITY FOR INJURED WORKERS. AND IF YOUR JOB DIDN'T CAUSE THE INJURY IT

					WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE. IT ALSO LIMITS WHAT BILL SUPPORTERS CALL "DOUBLE DIPPING"... WHEN AN INJURED WORKER MAKES CLAIMS FOR WORKER'S COMPENSATION *AND* UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION. THE BILL ENJOYS SUPPORT FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE.

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 6	2/11	6 P.M.	:33	NEARLY FOUR MILLION AMERICANS SUFFER FROM ALZHEIMER'S AND SIXTEEN MILLION MORE ARE AT RISK. THE RONALD REAGON ALZHEIMER'S BREAKTHROUGH ACT WOULD PROVIDE ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN FUNDING TO TREAT SENIOR CITIZENS WITH THE DISEASE AND THOSE WHO ARE AT RISK. THE MID-MISSOURI ALZHEIMERS ASSOCIATION IS GLAD THIS DISEASE IS GETTING ATTENTION.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	2/12	10 P.M.	:40	SOME ADULT ENTERTAINMENT STORES IN MISSOURI WILL HAVE TO ADVERTISE BY USING SOMETHING OTHER THAN BILLBOARDS... AND THEY ONLY HAVE 3-YEARS TO DO IT. A FEDERAL JUDGE IN KANSAS CITY UPHELD A MISSOURI LAW ESTABLISHING STRICTER STANDARDS FOR ADULT ENTERTAINMENT BILLBOARDS AND SIGNS ALONG MISSOURI'S HIGHWAYS. THE LAW SAYS THE SIGNS CAN'T CONTAIN SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL. SOME BUSINESS OWNERS HAVE FILED A LAWSUIT SAYING THE LAW VIOLATES THE FIRST AMENDMENT.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU NEWS AT 10	2/13	10 P.M.	2:15	A JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOL D-A-R-E OFFICER FACES CRIMINAL CHARGES TONIGHT AFTER HIS SECOND D-U-I ARREST. TODAY THE COLE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FILED DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE CHARGES AGAINST JEFFERSON CITY POLICE OFFICER EDDIE CLARK. JEFFERSON CITY POLICE REFUSED REPEATED REQUESTS FOR COMMENT ABOUT THE CHARGES TODAY...BUT SAY THEY WILL RELEASE A STATEMENT TOMORROW.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	2/14	6 P.M.	:20	COLUMBIA POLICE HAVE ARRESTED TWO SUSPECTS IN A STRING OF RECENT ROBBERIES. JOHN PAUL WININGAR AND EDWARD SAUNDERS CHASTAIN FACE THREE COUNTS OF SECOND DEGREE ROBBERY. BOTH ARE IN THE BOONE COUNTY JAIL PENDING

					BOND. THE TWO MEN ARE SUSPECTS IN ROBBERIES LAST WEEK AT HITT AND LOCUST, THE COLUMBIA MALL, WEST BROADWAY, AND SCHNUCK'S GROCERY STORE.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	2/15	10 P.M.	2:00	AND LAWMAKERS ARE CONCERNED FOR THE SAFETY OF MID- MISSOURI DRIVERS. 70-PERCENT OF MISSOURIANS BUCKLE UP. LAWMAKERS SAY DRIVERS CAN DO BETTER. RIGHT NOW, YOU CAN ONLY GET A TICKET FOR NOT BUCKLING UP IF YOU ARE ALREADY PULLED OVER FOR AN UNRELATED TRAFFIC VIOLATION. SENATOR JON DOLAN'S PROPOSAL WOULD CHANGE THAT. IT WOULD ALLOW POLICE OFFICERS AND STATE TROOPERS TO PULL YOU OVER IF THEY CAN SEE YOUR SEAT BELT IS NOT ON.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	2/16	6 P.M.	:20	A HOUSE COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING A BILL TO CHANGE SEX EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS. LAWMAKERS LISTENED TO WHAT TEENAGERS HAD TO SAY. THE NEW BILL WOULD *NOT* REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO TEACH ABOUT CONTRACEPTION. THE BILL WOULD LEAVE THE DECISION ABOUT SEX EDUCATION UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL BOARDS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	2/17	10 P.M.	1:34	MORE CLAIMS OF UNETHICAL ACTIVITY IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. GOVERNOR BLUNT GAVE A PROFITABLE GOVERNMENT CONTRACT TO THE WIFE OF A PROMINENT REPUBLICAN. THE MISSOURI DEMOCRATIC PARTY FILED A COMPLAINT WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION CLAIMING THE GOVERNOR GAVE ILLEGAL KICKBACKS IN THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 6	2/18	6 P.M.	1:30	17- HUNDRED PEOPLE AND ONE DOCTOR. RESIDENTS OF SALISBURY HAVE BEEN TRAVELING A DISTANCE JUST TO GET A CHECK UP. THE COLUMBIA FAMILY HEALTH CENTER IS ONE OF 17- FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS IN MISSOURI. TOGETHER THEY RECEIVE NEARLY ONE-MILLION VISITS EACH YEAR.

DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU NEWS AT 10	2/19	10 P.M.	1:50	POLITICIANS AND PHARMACISTS ARE JOINING TOGETHER TO STUNT THE GROWTH OF METHAMPHETAMINE. THE COMBAT METH ACT WOULD PROVIDE FUNDING FOR STATES TO TRACK PURCHASES OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE. TALENT SAYS THE BENEFITS OF HIS BILL OUTWEIGH INCONVENIENCES TO COLD SUFFERERS ... LIKE HIMSELF. TALENT IS CONSIDERING REVISING THE BILL TO ALLOW CONVENIENCE STORES TO SELL SINGLE DOSES OF PRODUCTS. HE SAYS HE'S ALSO OPEN TO FURTHER CHANGES.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	2/20	6 P.M.	1:15	WITH COLOR WHEELS AND PAINT BRUSHES, ART TEACHERS ARE CONSTANTLY ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO EXPLORE THEIR CREATIVE SIDE. MORE THAN 20 ARTISTS ARE DISPLAYING THEIR WORK AT THE MISSOURI ART TEACHERS EXHIBIT. TERRY LUEBBERT'S PAINTING, FEATURING THE HANDPRINTS OF MORE THAN 400 OF HER STUDENTS, WON AN AWARD FOR CREATIVITY.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	2/21	10 P.M.	2:30	JEFFERSON CITY VOTERS WILL HAVE A CHANCE IN APRIL TO VOTE WHETHER THE CITY SHOULD ADOPT A HALF CENT SALES TAX INCREASE. THOSE SUPPORTING THE *SALES* TAX SAY TOURISTS WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR PARKS TOO. RIGHT NOW ONLY JEFFERSON CITY RESIDENTS PAY FOR UPKEEP, SECURITY AND MAINTENANCE THROUGH THIER PROPERTY TAX FOR PARKS. IT WOULD ALSO MEAN MORE MONEY. BRINGING IN AN ESTIMATED 5.8 MILLION FOR THE CITY. MONEY PARKGOERS SAY IS WELL WORTH IT.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	2/22	6 P.M.	:45	THE PARENTS AS TEACHERS PROGRAM IS COUNTING ON GOVERNOR BLUNTS PLEDGE FOR AN EXTRA 5 MILLION DOLLARS. THE MONEY WOULD BRING THE PROGRAM'S

					BUDGET TO 35 MILLION DOLLARS. WITH THE FUNDS, THE PROGRAM'S PRESIDENT SAYS HER STAFF WILL BE ABLE TO REACH MORE THREE TO FIVE YEAR OLDS IN MISSOURI. THE PARENTS AS TEACHERS PROGRAM HAS FOUR GOALS; TO SPOT HEALTH PROBLEMS, DEVELOP LANGUAGE, SOCIAL AND LITERARY SKILLS. ONE PARENT SAYS HER FAMILY BENEFITS FROM THE EXTRA HELP.

BUSINESS/ ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	2/23	10 P.M.	:40	ADULT BOOKSTORES AND STRIP CLUBS IN MISSOURI MIGHT SOON COST MORE. STATE SENATOR MATT BARTLE IS SPONSORING A BILL TO TAX ADULT BUSINESSES FIVE DOLLARS PER PATRON. IF THE BILL PASSES, LOCAL BUSINESSES SAY THEY COULD NOT AFFORD TO PAY THE TAX. BUT, BARTLE THINKS THE PORN INDUSTRY HAS GROWN TOO MUCH ACROSS THE STATE AND NEEDS MORE REGULATION.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	2/24	6 P.M.	:45	COLUMBIA ATTORNEY DAN VIETS ((VEETS)) SPOKE OUT TODAY IN SUPPORT OF COLUMBIA'S NEW MARIJUANA LAWS. VIETS MADE HIS COMMENTS AT MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WELFARE MEETING. VIETS SAYS THE STATE NEEDS TO PASS MORE LAWS THAT ALLOW THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA. THE GROUP AND VIETS ALSO DISCUSSED CURRENT BILLS IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE THAT DEAL WITH MARIJUANA AND WHAT EFFECTS THOSE BILLS COULD HAVE ON THE PUBLIC.
BUSINESS/ ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	2/25	10 P.M.	1:50	SIDEWALKS IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA ARE USED FOR JUST THAT-*WALKING*... SOON, THOSE SIDEWALKS COULD BE USED FOR SOMETHING ELSE... DINING. NORMALLY, IF YOU CHOOSE TO EAT *OUTSIDE* AT DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS LIKE HERE AT VILLAGE WINE AND CHEESE, YOU'D HAVE TO LEAVE YOUR DRINK INSIDE. A NEW ORDINANCE COULD CHANGE THAT.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	2/26	6 P.M.	1:00	IT'S AN ISSUE THAT'S TRIGGERED DEBATE IN MISSOURI FOR YEARS... CONCEAL AND CARRY. NOW, EXACTLY ONE YEAR AFTER THE STATE SUPREME COURT RULED CONCEALED GUNS CONSTITUTIONAL... MISSOURIANS EVERYWHERE OUTSIDE ST. LOUIS CITY AND COUNTY CAN APPLY FOR THESE PERMITS. BUT THE RULING ALSO SAYS OFFICIALS DON'T HAVE

					TO ISSUE PERMITS IN COUNTIES WHERE IT WOULD IMPOSE AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL STATE SPENDING REQUIREMENT.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	2/27	10 P.M.	1:00	COLUMBIA COULD LOSE A MILLION DOLLARS IN COMMUNITY FUNDING IF / THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED BUDGET GOES THROUGH. THE CITY USES FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPLMENT BLOCK GRANTS TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS LIKE THE RENOVATION OF THE COLUMBIA ARMORY AND NEIGHBORHGOOD DEVELOPMENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	2/28	6 P.M.	:45	TWO MEXICO TEENS ACCUSED OF KILLING G AND D STEAKHOUSE OWNER GUS KARELLAS WERE SCHEDULED FOR THEIR DAY IN COURT TODAY. THE PROBLEM WAS AUDRAIN COUNTY RECEIVED A BOMB SCARE AT ABOUT 4 THIS AFTERNOON AND THE BUILDING WAS EVACUATED. AS A RESULT OFFICIALS MOVED QUINTON CANTON JUNIOR AND LANCE BERRY TO THE AUDRAIN COUNTY JAIL WHERE THEY WERE AWAITING ARRAIGNMENT. SOME FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE ACCUSED WERE AT THE COURTHOUSE FOR THE PROCEEDINGS.
BUSINESS/ ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	3/1	10 P.M.	1:30	A SPRINGFIELD POWER COMPANY IS CONSIDERING RANDOLPH COUNTY AS A POSSIBLE SITE TO BUILD A NEW POWER PLANT. A-E-C-I ALREADY OPERATES ONE POWER PLANT IN RANDOLPH COUNTY NEAR HUNTSVILLE. TWO OTHER SITES IN MISSOURI ARE ALSO BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE 800-HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR PLANT. THE COAL THAT WOULD BE USED AT THE PLANT IS SHIPPED FROM WYOMING AND BOTH OF THE OTHER PROPOSED LOCATIONS, IN CARROLL AND HOLT COUNTIES, ARE CLOSER.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	3/2	6 P.M.	1:30	FULTON RESIDENTS HAVE A 50-50 CHANCE OF A CHANGE IN UTILITY BILLS OVER THE NEXT YEAR. THE FULTON POWER PLANT PRODUCES ONLY ABOUT 5 PERCENT OF FULTON'S ENERGY. THE CITY BUYS THE REST OF ITS POWER ON THE OPEN MARKET.

					FOR THIS REASON, SUPERINTENDENT OF UTILITIES RAY LUHRING HAS RECOMMENDED HIRING AN OUTSIDE CONSULTING FIRM...CALLED T-E-A... TO MAKE SURE THE CITY COMPLIES WITH NEW FEDERAL ENERGY LAWS.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	3/3	10 P.M.	2:00	A U-S SUPREME COURT DECISION EARLIER THIS WEEK COULD HAVE AN AFFECT ON A MEXICO MURDER TRIAL. THE RULING PROHIBITS CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN CASES WHERE THE ACCUSED ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE. TWO MEXICO 17-YEAR-OLDS ARE ACCUSED OF MURDERING G&D STEAK HOUSE OWNER GUS KARELLAS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	3 /4	6 P.M.	:40	PROTESTORS GATHERED AT THE CAPITOL FOR WHAT THEY CALLED THE MARCH FORTH ON MARCH FOURTH. THEY CAME TO PROTEST GOVERNOR BLUNT'S PROPOSED MEDICAID CUTS. ABOUT 100 PROTESTORS JOINED THE MARCH THAT STARTED AT THE CAPITOL AND ENDED AT THE GOVERNORS MANSION. ALONG THE WAY, THEY MADE SURE GOVERNOR BLUNT HEARD THEIR MESSAGE LOUD AND CLEAR.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	3/5	10 P.M.	2:00	RESIDENTS OF A COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD FEAR THEY'LL LOSE THEIR HOMES RESIDENTS WHO LIVE ON PARK AVENUE BETWEEN PROVIDENCE AND EIGHTH SAY THE CITY COUNCIL AND COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY ARE MOVING CLOSER TO REPLACING THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. PEOPLE LIVING IN THE PUBLIC HOUSING BEHIND ME SAY THEY'RE NERVOUS BECAUSE THE CITY COUNCIL AND COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY ARE HIRING A CONSULTANT TO LOOK AT HOW TO GET MONEY TO CHANGE THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	3/6	10 P.M.	:45	GASOLINE PRICES IN KANSAS CITY AND SAINT LOUIS TOPPED THE 2-DOLLAR MARK THIS WEEKEND... AND MID-MISSOURI STATIONS MIGHT NOT BE TOO FAR BEHIND. OIL ANALYSTS AND THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY PREDICT THAT GAS PRICES WILL CONTINUE TO RISE THIS SPRING. COLUMBIA'S GAS PRICES TODAY REMAINED JUST

					BELOW 2 DOLLARS PER GALLON. IF PRICES CONTINUE TO CLIMB AT THE EXPECTED RATE / THE AVERAGE DRIVER COULD SPEND AN EXTRA 100 DOLLARS OR MORE ON GAS THIS YEAR / THAN LAST YEAR.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	3/7	6 P.M.	1:20	THE COLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S RACE IS OFFICIALLY "ON". THE DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES TO SUBMIT PETITION SIGNATURES WAS LAST FRIDAY... BUT THE COLE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE SUED...CLAIMING THE FILING DEADLINE WAS ACTUALLY FEBRUARY 22. THAT WOULD PREVENT ANY CANDIDATE WHO FILED LAST WEEK FROM RUNNING.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	3/8	10 P.M.	1:45	LAWMAKERS HAVE MADE A RECOMMENDATION FOR CHANGING HOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS GET THEIR MONEY. AFTER A MONTH OF HASHING OUT DETAILS A HOUSE/SENATE JOINT COMMITTEE HAS AGREED ON A PROPOSAL TO SET A MINIMUM FOR STUDENT FUNDING. THAT PLAN HELPS POOR DISTRICTS GET MORE MONEY... BUT THE RICH DISTRICTS GAIN LITTLE FROM THE FORMULA. CRITICS SAY THE NEW LEGISLATION HURTS URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND ONLY HELPS RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	3/9	6 P.M.	1:50	GROWTH IS IN THE WORKS FOR JEFFERSON CITY, AND THIS TIME TWO RESIDENTS CAN'T STOP IT. THE JEFFERSON CITY PROPOSAL TO ANNEX THE LAND NORTH OF THE MISSOURI RIVER IS UP FOR ANOTHER VOTE. THIS TIME VOTES FROM BOTH SIDES WILL BE COUNTED. THE CITY ALREADY PROVIDES FREE FIRE, POLICE, AND AMBULANCE SERVICES TO THE AREA.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	3/10	10 P.M.	:20	COLUMBIA POLICE ARRESTED A MAN THEY BELIEVE ROBBED THE RAMADA INN ON VANDIVER DRIVE LATE LAST NIGHT. POLICE SAY JERRY WILLIAMSON DEMANDED MONEY FROM THE HOTEL CLERK AND GOT AWAY. A WITNESS FOLLOWED WILLIAMSON OUT OF THE HOTEL AND DESCRIBED HIS VEHICLE TO OFFICERS.

					POLICE FOUND WILLIAMSON A SHORT TIME LATER AT A NEARBY GAS STATION WITH WHAT POLICE BELIEVE TO BE THE STOLEN MONEY.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	3/11	6 P.M.	1:00	A FULTON POLICE OFFICER RESIGNED YESTERDAY, FACING EIGHT COUNTS OF FIRST DEGREE CHILD MOLESTATION. COURT DOCUMENTS SAY 37 YEAR OLD DANNY VAUGHT INAPPROPRIATELY TOUCHED AND ATTEMPTED TO HAVE SEX WITH HIS THIRTEEN YEAR OLD DAUGHTER. VAUGHT HAS WORKED FOR THE FULTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR SIX YEARS. VAUGHT COULD FACE A MAX 120 YEARS IN PRISON FOR THE EIGHT CHARGES AGAINST HIM.
BUSINESS/ ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	3/12	10 P.M.	1:40	A DEVELOPER WANTS TO BUILD ONE OF THE LARGEST APARTMENT COMPLEXES IN COLUMBIA'S HISTORY...BUT SOME WORRY ABOUT ITS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. THE COLUMBIA PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THE PROPOSAL TO BUILD A 730-UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX AND 18-HOLE GOLF COURSE ON BOTH SIDES OF CLARK LANE IN NORTHEAST COLUMBIA.
BUSINESS/ ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	3/13	10 P.M.	1:45	FULTON WANTS TO BUILD A RETAIL CENTER AT THE SOUTH END OF TOWN / AND MAY HAVE A NEW WAY TO FUND PART OF THE PROJECT. THE CITY IS THINKING OF CREATING A TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO HELP FUND THE PROJECT, IN ADDITION TO TAX INCREMENT FINANCING. THE CREATION OF A T-D-D WOULD USE VOTER-APPROVED TAXES OR ASSESMENTS TO HELP FUND THE INFASTRUCTURE FOR THE PROJECT...
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	3/14	6 P.M.	2:15	WHO WILL FOOT THE BILL FOR TENS OF THOUSANDS OF MISSOURIANS ON MEDICAID? THAT'S THE QUESTION THE MISSOURI SENATE WILL ADDRESS TONIGHT WHEN MEMBERS VOTE ON WHETHER TO CUT MONEY FROM THE STATE'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM . IN THE PAST MONTH SENATORS SAY THIS BILL HAS BECOME 58 PAGES OF DISAGREEMENT ON HOW TO CUT MEDICAID FUNDING. SOME SENATORS ESTIMATE THAT IF THE BILL PASSES 90-THOUSAND MISSOURIANS MAY LOSE HEALTH

					CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICE MONEY.

BUSINESS/ ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	3/15	10 P.M.	:25	IMAGINE HAVING THE CHANCE TO PICK JUST ABOUT ANYTHING TO EAT... HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE HAD A CHANCE TO DO JUST THAT AT THE HOLIDAY INN EXPO CENTER. THE MISSOURI RESTURANT ASSOCIATION HOSTED ITS 20TH ANNUAL TASTE OF MID-MISSOURI RESTURANT CONVENTION. ALL KINDS OF MID- MISSOURI RESTURANTS SHARED FOOD SAMPLES.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	3/16	6 P.M.	1:05	LAST NIGHT THE MISSOURI SENATE VOTED TO AMPUTATE THE CURRENT MEDICAID PROGRAM BY THE YEAR 20-08. THE PROPOSED SURGERY CAUSED PANIC IN MISSOURI GROUPS. A GROUP CALLED THE MISSOURI BUDGET PROGRAM WARNED MISSOURIANS AND LAWMAKERS TODAY-- THERE ARE OTHER OPTIONS. THE GROUP SAYS FIRST, THE SENATE SHOULD WORRY ABOUT MEDICAID FRAUD, AND NOT CUTTING THE PROGRAM ENTIRELY.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	3/17	6 P.M.	:20	GOVERNOR BLUNT SIGNED LEGISLATION TODAY RENAMING SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY. THE GOVERNOR THEN HEADED TO SPRINGFIELD FOR A CEREMONIAL SIGNING ON THE S-M-S CAMPUS. BLUNT IS A NATIVE OF SPRINGFIELD...AND HAS BEEN A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE NAME CHANGE. S-M-S WILL BE OFFICIALLY CALLED MISSOURI STATE STARTING AUGUST 28TH.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	3/18	10 P.M.	:50	THE GOVERNOR TOOK THE FIRST STEPS PROGRAM OFF THE CUTTING BLOCK... IT WILL COST 27- MILLION DOLLARS TO RUN THIS YEAR. THE DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION SAYS IT CAN CUT THAT COST BY A THIRD WITHOUT CUTTING SERVICES. THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY COUNCIL HEARD TESTIMONY TODAY ABOUT A TEST SYSTEM IN THE ST.

					LOUIS AREA THAT SAVED 33- PERCENT OF THE TOTAL COST OF FIRST STEP SERVICES. THAT SYSTEM COULD WORK STATEWIDE. AND THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO SAVE.

EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	3/19	6 P.M.	2:00	DRESDEN'S SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS ONCE ONE OF THE BEST FUNDED IN PETTIS COUNTY... BUT LATELY, DISTRICT OFFICIALS SAY THEY'VE FELT SHORT CHANGED. GOOD EVENING, I'M ANDY CHOI. A RECENT SCHOOL BUDGET CRISIS HAS LED TO CUTBACKS THAT HAVE DISAPPOINTED SOME RESIDENTS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	3/20	10 P.M.	:20	IT MIGHT BE TIME TO START CONSIDERING A CARPOOL TO WORK. EVERYONE'S SEEN THE RECENT HIKE IN THE PRICE OF GAS... BUT MID-MISSOURI'S PRICES PALE IN COMPARISON TO SOME PARTS OF THE COUNTRY WHERE GAS PRICES TOPPED THREE DOLLARS. MALIBU, CALIFORNIA, DRIVERS EVEN HAD TO SHELL OUT 3-38 PER GALLON FOR PREMIUM GAS.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	3/21	6 P.M.	1:05	THE SHOOTING TOOK PLACE ON WALLABY LANE IN NORTH COLUMBIA... POLICE SHOWED UP AROUND 3 THIS AFTERNOON AND FOUND TWO PEOPLE SHOT DEAD IN THIS NORTH COLUMBIA HOME. AS POLICE BEGAN THEIR INVESTIGATION, PEOPLE WHO KNEW THE DECEASED BEGAN ARRIVING ON THE SCENE. TRYING TO COMFORT EACHOTHER AND PIECE TOGETHER WHAT HAPPENED TODAY.
BUSINESS/ ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	3/22	10 P.M.	:40	THE MISSOURI LOTTERY IS HOLDING SOME *LOSING TICKETS* WHEN IT COMES STATE MONEY. UNDER THE PROPOSED GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET...THE LOTTERY WILL HAVE IT'S BUDGET CUT FOR THE FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR. THE PLAN WOULD TAKE 3-AND-A-HALF MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE LOTTERY'S BUDGET. LOTTERY ADMINSTRATORS SAY THE CUTS WOULD FORCE THE AGENCY TO CUT ITS MARKETING BUDGET AND WILL COST 45 EMPLOYEES THEIR JOBS.
CONSUMER	KOMU	3/23	6	1:50	SECRETARY OF STATE ROBIN CARNAHAN SPOKE TO A GROUP AT LINCOLN UNIVERSITY ABOUT HOW TO RESIST

ISSUES	NEWS AT 6		P.M.		INVESTMENT SCAMS... HER DEPARTMENT WANTS TO MAKE SURE YOU INVESTIGATE EACH INVESTMENT: MAKE SURE THE SELLER AND INVESTMENT ARE PROPERLY LISCENSED AND REGISTERED. GET WRITTEN INFORMATION THAT FULLY EXPLAINS THE INVESTMENT... AND DECIDE IF THE CLAIMS MADE ABOUT THE INVESTMENT SEEM REALISTIC. UNIVERSITY STUDENTS LEARNED THAT ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO AVOID FRAUD IS TO PAY ATTENTION.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	3/24	10 P.M.	2:20	IRONICALLY, IT'S A PIECE OF HISTORY WE HIGHLIGHTED ON THIS VERY NEWSCAST LAST NIGHT... WHAT'S MISSING ARE PIECES OF A 115 YEAR OLD STORE.. IT USED TO BE A THRIVING BUSINESS ALONG THE MISSOURI RIVER ABOUT 10 MILES FROM HERE.. TONIGHT, THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BEGINS THE TASK OF RE-BUILDING A STORE THAT WAS TAKEN RATHER EASLEY...
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	3/25	6 P.M.	:40	GOVERNOR BLUNT DETAILED HIS PLAN TO CUT MORE THAN 240- MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE STATE'S BUDGET. UNDER THE CUTS, SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES WOULD BE HARDEST HIT. AS OF YET, LAWMAKERS HAVE NOT PROPOSED ANY BILLS DETAILING THE VARIOUS AGENCY BUDGETS. GOVERNOR BLUNT DETAILED HIS PLAN TO CUT MORE THAN 240- MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE STATE'S BUDGET. BLUNT INITIALLY PROPOSED A 19- BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET. BUT SUGGESTED THE LEGISLATURE LEAVE AGENCIES THE DISCRETION TO CUT AN ADDITIONAL 240- MILLION DOLLARS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT	3/26	10 P.M.	:40	SPRING IS THE BUSIEST TIME OF YEAR FOR HOME REPAIRS ... BUT IT'S ALSO THE BUSIEST TIME OF YEAR FOR HOME REPAIR SCAMS.

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GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	3/27	10 P.M.	:25	GOVERNOR BLUNT WILL SIGN A BILL TOMORROW TO LIMIT LIABILITY LAWSUITS. THE LEGISLATION APPLIES TO LAWSUITS INVOLVING THINGS LIKE MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, AND FAULTY PRODUCTS. BLUNT WILL SIGN THE ACTUAL BILL IN JEFFERSON CITY, BUT VISIT THREE ADDITIONAL MISSOURI CITIES FOR CEREMONIAL SIGNINGS. THE NEW LIMITS FOR PAIN AND SUFFERING DAMAGES ARE 350-THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 500-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	3/28	6 P.M.	2:50	THE BOONVILLE CITY COUNCIL PLAYS "REVENUE ROULETTE". ...WITH A PLAN TO SWITCH CHIPS FROM RED TO BLACK. THE CITY COUNCIL IS HOLDING A SPECIAL SESSION TONIGHT TO DECIDE IF BOONVILLE WILL SPEND SOME OF ITS GAMING MONEY ON NEW POSITIONS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	3/29	10 P.M.	5:40	THE COLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S ELECTION IS A WEEK FROM TODAY... AND WHOEVER WINS HAS QUITE A JOB AHEAD OF THEM. THE COLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT LOST TWO LEADERS DURING THE PAST YEAR. JOHN HEMEYER RESIGNED IN JUNE CITING HEALTH REASONS AND GEORGE BROOKS TOOK HIS OWN LIFE IN JANUARY.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	3/30	6 P.M.	1:45	THE POLITICS OF **PILLS** IS CREATING DEBATE IN JEFFERSON CITY. AT STAKE IS THE RIGHT OF PHARMACISTS TO TURN DOWN SOME PRESCRIPTONS ON MORAL GROUNDS.... AND A COMSUMER'S RIGHT TO BUY. SENATE BILL 4-5-8 DEMANDS PRESCRIPTIONS BE FILLED EVEN IF THE PHARMACIST HAS ETHICAL OR RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS. WHEELER BELIEVES EVERY LEGAL PRESCRIPTION SHOULD BE FILLED BY THE PHARMACY, WHETHER IT'S FOR AN ALLERGY OR CONTRACEPTION.