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THERE FOLLOWS A LISTING OF SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RESPONDED TO BY STATION KOMU-TV THROUGH ITS NEWS PROGRAMMING FOR THE PERIOD April 1st, 2005 TO June 30th, 2005. 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.

2nd 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

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/1	10 P.M.	2:47	CLYDE ANGLE WORKS JUST ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE COLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND JAIL. HE IS A FORMER CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AND HE WANTS SOMEONE TO KEEP A CLOSER EYE ON THE JAIL. ANGLE IS PART OF THE CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT...A GROUP WANTING TO SEE CHANGES TO THE COLE COUNTY JAIL VISITORS ADVISORY BOARD. A MISSOURI STATUTE DEFINES THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD WHICH INCLUDE "ASCERTAINING THE COMFORT OF THE JAIL'S INMATES." BETWEEN 2001 AND 2004 THE BOARD'S YEARLY REPORTS LISTED 10 ITEMS OF CONCERN. THE REPORT IN NOVEMBER 2002 DID *NOT* MENTION THE DEATH OF AN INMATE LESS THAN *TWO* MONTHS EARLIER. ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2002 DENISE SIMMONS COMPLAINED SHE WAS FEELING ILL AND A NURSE CAME IN TO CHECK HER VITAL SIGNS AND MEDICATION. ACCORDING TO A LAWSUIT -INSTEAD OF PROVIDING MEDICAL TREATMENT, THE JAILER - AIMEE PIERCE - INFORMED OTHER GUARDS THAT DENISE WAS "FAKING HER MEDICAL CONDITION." THE LAWSUIT ALLEGES DURING ONE REQUEST FOR TREATMENT THE NIGHT BEFORE SHE DIED SIMMONS' INABILITY TO GET OUT OF BED WAS TAKEN AS A REFUSAL OF MEDICAL TREATMENT. A NURSE AT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL SAYS THIS IS COMMON BEHAVIOR FOR KETOACIDOSIS. ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2002 SIMMONS DIED OF PULMONARY EDEMA AS A RESULT OF KIETOACIDOSIS. SIMMONS' HUSBAND FILED SUIT AGAINST JOHN HEMEYER, AIMEE PIERCE AND THE COUNTY. AND THAT'S NOT ALL. ATTORNEYS FILED *ANOTHER* LAWSUIT AGAINST JAIL EMPLOYEES. *THIS LAWSUIT* SAYS A WOMAN WAS RAPED BY ANOTHER INMATE WHILE IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY AT THE

					JAIL...JUST FIVE MONTHS PRIOR TO SIMMONS' DEATH. THE LAWSUIT SAYS A JAILER PUT A MAN IN THE CELL WITH HER WHO HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH MULTIPLE DANGEROUS FELONIES INCLUDING MURDER. JAIL OFFICIALS WOULD NOT APPEAR ON CAMERA. BUT, IN THEIR ANSWER TO THE LAWSUIT, THE DEFENDENTS DENY THE ALLEGATIONS.

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/2	10 P.M.	:28	THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF APRIL, ORGAN AND TISSUE BANKS WILL CELEBRATE "NATIONAL DONATE LIFE" MONTH. THE MIDWEST TRANSPLANT NETWORK AND THE HEARTLAND LIONS EYE BANKS HELD THE 13TH ANNUAL GIFT OF LIFE IN COLUMBIA. TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS MET WITH DONOR FAMILIES TO THANK THEM FOR A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE. AFTER EATING LUNCH, THE GROUP PUT NAMES OF LOST LOVED ONES ON PAPER HEARTS AND PLACED THEM NEXT TO NEWLY PLANTED TREES. ONE HEART RECIPIENT WANTS DONOR FAMILIES TO REMEMBER THEIR LOVED ONES THROUGH HIM.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/3	10 P.M.	1: 21	LIBRARIES AREN'T JUST ABOUT BROWSING THE BOOKSHELVES ANYMORE. WHILE SOME GO TO SETTLE DOWN WITH A GOOD BOOK... OTHERS GO TO SURF THE NET. ALL OF THE STATE'S PUBLIC LIBRARIES USE THE MISSOURI RESEARCH AND EDUCATION NETWORK, OR MORENET, TO GET ONLINE. 513 OUT OF MISSOURI'S 520 SCHOOL DISTRICTS USE MORENET TO GET ONLINE, AS DO ALL THE PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. MORENET ALSO PROVIDES SERVICES TO THE COLUMBIA ONLINE INFORMATION NETWORK, ALSO KNOWN AS COIN. COIN PROVIDES MID-MISSOURI COMMUNITY INFORMATION, FREE WEBHOSTING FOR LOCAL NOT-FOR PROFITS, AND REDUCED COST INTERNET ACCESS FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS. BUT MCLEOD WORRIES IF MORENET LOSES MONEY, COIN'S COSTS WILL GO UP. MORENET'S DIRECTOR SAYS THE BUDGET PROPOSAL WOULD CUT ABOUT 2.2 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE PROGRAM. THAT'S ABOUT EIGHT PERCENT OF THEIR TOTAL BUDGET. POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS COULD INCLUDE AN

					INCREASE IN FEES FOR MEMBERS, A REDUCTION IN SERVICES, OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH.

EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/4	6 P.M.	1:38	CONTROVERSY IS BLOWING IN ELDON OVER A PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE SCHOOL TAX LEVY, THAT SUPPORTERS SAY THE SCHOOL DESPRATELY NEEDS. BUT SOME THINK A PROJECTED INCREASE IN PROPERTY VALUES...AND AN INCREASE IN STATE AID IS ENOUGH. BAUER SAYS ELDON R-1 SIMPLY NEEDS TO STOP WASTING MONEY. IN ADS PRINTED IN THE ELDON ADVERTISER, BAUER'S GROUP, CITIZENS OPPOSED TO THE TAX LEVY, MAKE SEVERAL CLAIMS OF HOW THE SCHOOL IS WASTING MONEY...CLAIMS WHICH THE SCHOOL SAYS ARE COMPLETELY FALSE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE AD CLAIMS A SCHOOL LIBRARIAN MAKES A 54-THOUSAND DOLLAR YEARLY SALARY, BUT... KOMU COULD NOT PROVE OR DISPROVE OTHER FIGURES IN THE AD. THAT'S WHERE THE STORY GETS UGLY. SUPERINTENDENT CJ HUFF CLAIMS BAUER ILLEGALLY USED SCHOOL COPY MACHINES TO PRINT ANTI-LEVY FLYERS. THE SCHOOL FILED A POLICE REPORT AND OFFICERS BANNED BAUER FROM SCHOOL PROPERTY... CAUSING STATE FAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO TERMINATE HIM. MEANWHILE, BAUER CLAIMS LEVY SUPPORTERS HAVE THREATENED HIM. HE TOO HAS FILED A POLICE COMPLAINT. BUT DESPITE ALL THE BITTER FIGHTING BOTH SIDES SAY THEY HAVE THE STUDENTS INTERESTS IN MIND.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/5	6 P.M.	1:03	LARRY CAMPBELL TOLD HIS FAMILY HE WAS GOING FOR A WALK MONDAY NIGHT AROUND 7 O'CLOCK. BUT WHEN HE DIDN'T RETURN HOME LATE THAT EVENING THE FAMILY CONTACTED POLICE. INVESTIGATORS ARE LOOKING FOR A WHITE, INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR TRAILER WITH THE FRONT RIGHT

					SIDE DAMAGED. THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED RIGHT IN FRONT OF RUSSELLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL. THAT MAKES NEIGHBORS WORRIED. INVESTIGATORS HOPE THEY CAN FIND THAT ONE TRUCK THAT KILLED LARRY CAMPBELL. ALLISON BYBEE, KOMU NEWS, RUSSELLVILLE.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 5	4/6	5 P.M.	1:38	MICKEY SLAWSON WANTS TO SAVE BELLEFONTAINE, A ST. LOUIS HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED. SHE SAYS GOVERNOR BLUNT'S FUNDING CUTS UNDER SENATE BILL 5-39 WILL HAVE DEVASTATING EFFECTS ON RESIDENTS THERE, INCLUDING HER DAUGHTER. SLAWSON WAS ONE OF ABOUT 500 PEOPLE WHO MARCHED TO THE STATE CAPITOL STEPS PROTESTING THE CUTS. THE BILL WILL ELIMINATE THE CURRENT MEDICAID PROGRAM BY 2008. LEGISLATORS SAY THEIR MAIN PRIORITY THIS YEAR IS EDUCATION, THAT'S WHY THEY'RE CUTTING OTHER PROGRAMS. BUT SLAWSON THINKS BLUNT IS TAKING AIM AT CERTAIN GROUPS.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/7	6 P.M.	2:52	FOR SHELLEY SANDERS CHOOSING HER CAREER WAS NOT ABOUT THE MONEY OR FAME. BUT HER PASSION FOR TEACHING BROUGHT HER TO COLUMBIA. LAMETRIA PEGG DIDN'T PLAN ON TEACHING. BUT AN INTERNSHIP IN COLUMBIA SCHOOLS CHANGED HER MIND. ONLY 5% OF COLUMBIA'S TEACHERS ARE MINORITIES. THAT DOESN'T COMPARE TO THE STUDENT POPULATION, WHICH IS 30% MINORITIES. THESE NUMBERS ARE LOW FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS...MANY SAY GRADUATES JUST DON'T WANT TO STAY HERE. THAT'S WHY THE COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM TO RECRUIT MINORITIES FROM HOME. BESIDES TEACHING, SHELLEY SANDERS IS IN CHARGE OF RECRUITMENT FOR MU'S COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

					SHE HOPES THAT SHE CAN GET MORE STUDENTS IN MID-MISSOURI INTERESTED IN TEACHING. SANDERS AND PEGG BOTH AGREED THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO HIRE THE BEST TEACHER. A CONNECTION THEY HOPE MORE MINORITY TEACHERS WILL MAKE WITH COLUMBIA STUDENTS IN THE FUTURE.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/8	10 P.M.	1: 01	AUSTIN LEWIS HAS HAD TO BE MORE VIGILANT ON THE JOB LATELY. LEWIS SAYS DRIVE-OFFS DON'T COME DIRECTLY OUT OF HIS CHECK, BUT IT'S STILL A LOT MORE PAPER WORK FOR HIM AT THE END OF THE NIGHT. DAVE PEREZ SAYS HE HASN'T HAD TO WATCH AS CAREFULLY. EMPLOYEES AT A NUMBER OF STATIONS SAY THEY HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN DRIVE-OFFS. AND THEY SHOULD KNOW. SOME STATIONS CHARGE EMPLOYEES FOR GAS SALES LOST ON THEIR SHIFTS. BUT POLICE SAY THEY HAVEN'T SEEN AN INCREASING TREND IN DRIVE-OFFS.
CRIME/DRUGS	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/9	10 P.M.	:57	SOME SAY THERE'S NO BETTER WAY TO ENJOY WARM SPRING WEATHER THAN TO MEET FRIENDS FOR A COLD ONE OR TWO... BUT ONE GROUP WANTS TO DRAW ATTENTION TO WHAT'S UNDER THOSE DRINKS. VOLUNTEERS FROM THE SHELTER FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR SEXUAL ASSAULT HANDED OUT SOME SPECIAL COASTERS... MORE THAN 70 PERCENT OF DATE RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT INVOLVE ALCOHOL. THE GROUP DISTRIBUTED THE COASTERS TO 18 MAJOR BARS IN COLUMBIA, AND BAR EMPLOYEES SAY THEY'RE EXCITED TO HELP PROTECT CUSTOMERS' SAFETY. VOLUNTEERS WANT TO REMIND BAR-GOERS THAT THE BEST WAY TO STAY SAFE IS COMMON SENSE.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/10	6 P.M.	1:11	THE HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT FUNDING ACT WOULD ALLOW MORE MONEY TO GO DIRECTLY TO STUDENTS. THE BILL WOULD CAP THE STATE'S ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AT ONE BILLION DOLLARS. ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR EDUCATION WOULD GO TOWARD STUDENT GRANTS. STUDENTS COULD USE THESE GRANTS AT ANY

					PUBLIC OR PRIVATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN MISSOURI. THE MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THIS BILL WOULD NOT GO TO COLLEGES UNTIL APPROPRIATIONS REACH THE 2002 BUDGET LEVEL, PROBABLY IN THREE TO FIVE YEARS. THE BILL WILL ALSO FORMS A COMMITTEE TO FOCUS WHERE HIGHER EDUCATION MONEY NEEDS TO BE SPENT.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 5	4/11	5 P.M.	1:14	THERESA LAMM KNOWS BETTER THAN ANYONE HOW CRIME AFFECTS FAMILIES. HER FIFTEEN YEAR OLD DAUGHTER ALISHA DIED IN AN ALCOHOL RELATED CAR ACCIDENT LAST FEBRUARY. THERESA SPOKE AT THE KICKOFF FOR CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK... TO EDUCATE OTHERS. AMONG THE GROUPS AT THE KICKOFF...THE MISSOURI OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME. THIS OFFICE RUNS A PROGRAM CALLED MO--VANS. THERESA HOPES HER TRAGEDY CAN LEAVE OTHER PARENTS WITH MUCH MORE THAN A PICTURE.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/12	6 P.M.	1:13	IT'S SPRING CLEANING AT THE CAPITOL. BUT THIS GROUP'S NOT HERE TO SCRUB FLOORS, IT'S CLEANING UP STATE GOVERNMENT. AN EXECUTIVE ORDER SIGNED IN JANUARY ESTABLISHED THE TASK FORCE TO REVIEW STATE DEPARTMENTS. THE FIRST PHASE FOR FIVE OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS BEGAN WITH EACH GROUP DISCUSSING DEPARTMENTMENTAL PROGRAMS, STRUCTURE AND FUNDING. THE TASK FORCE WILL LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO RESTRUCTURE OR ELIMINATE STATE PROGRAMS. THE IDEA IS TO PRODUCE THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE SERVICES FOR MISSOURIANS. THE TASK FORCE IS REVIEWING DEPARTMENTS OF ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT. HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES PRESENTATIONS INCLUDED INFORMATION ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS. PUBLIC HEARINGS WITH STATE WORKERS WILL BE THE NEXT STEP, BEGINNING APRIL 22.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/13	6 P.M.	1:26	'UNFAIR!' COMPLAINS A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR FROM THE SUBURBS. RELIEF AT LAST' IS THE HOPE OF RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

					THEY ARE ALL TALKING ABOUT THE INFAMOUS MISSOURI SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA, WHICH GOT FIRST-ROUND APPROVAL LAST NIGHT.. EVEN SO, THE NEW FORMULA WOULD GIVE SOME DISTRICTS LESS EXTRA MONEY THAN NOW. FOR EXAMPLE, UNDER THE OLD PLAN COLUMBIA SCHOOLS WOULD RECEIVE MORE THAN 16 MILLION DOLLARS IN EXTRA MONEY. UNDER THE NEW PLAN, COLUMBIA SCHOOLS WOULD RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN EXTRA MONEY. AND COLEMAN SAYS THE NEW PLAN FAVORS RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS OVER URBAN DISTRICTS. NOW THE COUNTER POINT... SENATORS LIKE COLEMAN WONDERS WHERE THE MONEY TO FUND THE NEW PLAN WILL COME FROM. BUT REPUBLICANS SAY MEDICAID CUTS WILL FUND IT. THE DEMOCRATS ARE NOT SO SURE...

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/14	10 P.M	2:44	DINNER FOR TWO DOWNTOWN THIS IS A TYPICAL EVENING FOR MARY LOTTES AND HER DAUGHTER ANNA. NO WHITE TABLE CLOTH AND CANDLES JUST GOOD FOOD AND A TIME TO BOND. LEIGH LOCKHART OWNS MAIN SQUEEZE. SHE ALONG WITH OTHER LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS DECIDED THEY NEEDED A WAY TO PROTECT COLUMBIA'S UNIQUENESS. COLORS HAS TWO GOALS: FIRST: TO SUPPORT EACH OTHERS MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS SECOND: TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT SPENDING MONEY LOCALLY. ACCORDING TO THE COLORS WEBSITE A LOCAL BUSINESS RETURNS ABOUT 45 CENTS OF EACH DOLLAR TO COLUMBIA COMPARED TO 15 CENTS FOR THE AVERAGE CHAIN STORE. THERE ARE 37 BUSINESS OWNERS WHO CAN NOW CALL THEMSELVES MEMBERS OF COLORS. THE COLORS IN THE CRAYON BOX STRETCH FROM HEALTH, RETAIL, LAW, ART, ENTERTAINMENT, AND FOOD... AND THE GROUP OFFER A SHOPPING GUIDE TO DIRECT CUSTOMERS TO MEMBER BUSINESSES. LOTTES SAYS SHE WANTS OPTIONS AND COLUMBIA HAS THEM. AND COLORS BUSINESSES HOPE WITH A LITTLE MARKETING THAT SPECIAL CHARACTER PAYS OFF.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/15	10 P.M.	:49	IT'S NEVER TOO LATE IS THE MOTTO FOR THESE LOCAL TAXPAYERS. RESIDENTS PACKED THE POST OFFICE ON THE LAST DAY TO FILE TAX RETURNS. MID MISSOURIANS HAD TO WAIT INSIDE AND OUTSIDE. THE RUSH PUTS ADDED PRESSURE ON POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES AS LINES GET LONGER AS THE DEADLINE APPROACHES. PEACEWORKS SAW THE LONG LINES AS AN

					OPPORTUNITY TO SPREAD ITS MESSAGE. AS RESIDENTS PAYED THEIR TAXES, PEACEWORKS QUESTIONED THE EXPENSIVE WAR IN IRAQ. THEY WANT TAX DOLLARS SPENT AT HOME, NOT ABROAD. PEACEWORKS DIRECTOR MARK HAIM SAYS HIS GROUP'S GOAL IS TO PROMOTE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN GOVERNMENT.

EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/16	10 P.M.	1:23	BUYING LOTTERY TICKETS IS A GAMBLE. BUT LOWER SALES ARE A GUARANTEED BUST FOR COLUMBIA PRESCHOOLER IYANA JONES. DECLINING LOTTERY TICKET SALES MEAN MISSOURI SCHOOLS WILL LOSE MONEY. LOTTERY CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE UP ABOUT FOUR PERCENT OF STATE PUBLIC EDUCATION SPENDING. LAST YEAR THE LOTTERY GENERATED 230 MILLION DOLLARS FOR EDUCATION. THIS YEAR THE LOTTERY WILL CONTRIBUTE FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS LESS. AND IYANA'S MOTHER SAYS SHE WORRIES THIS CUT WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR STATE LAWMAKERS TO BALANCE THE BUDGET. AND LOTTERY TICKET SALES MAY NOT PICK UP. IYANA'S MOTHER SAYS SHE ONLY HOPES IYANA WILL GET THE BEST CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/17	10 P.M.	1:23	CITY COUNCIL MEMBER LAURA NAUSER HELPS HER SON READ THE WORDS IN THIS BOOK, BUT SHE DOESN'T AGREE WITH THE WORDS ON A COLUMBIA CITY ORDINANCE FOR MARIJUANA POSSESSION. BAILEY HIRSCHBURG ONCE AGAIN FINDS HIMSELF IN THE MIDDLE OF THE POT PROBLEM... BUT THIS TIME HE'S DEFENDING AN ORDINANCE THAT'S ALREADY PASSED. VOTERS PASSED PROPOSITION TWO LAST NOVEMBER WITH 60 PERCENT OF THE VOTE. THE PROPOSITION LESSENED THE PENALITIES FOR POSSESSION OF SMALL AMOUNTS OF POT... IT DELCARED THAT ALL MISSDEMEANOR MARIJUANA CASES SHOULD BE HELD IN COLUMBIA MUNICIPAL COURT...RATHER THAN THE CIRCUIT COURT. BUT NOW...FIVE MONTHS INTO THE NEW ORDINANCE...OPPONENTS ARE SPEAKING UP.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/18	10 P.M.	2:41	CYNTHIA DAVIS SAYS SHE WANTS TO HELP THOSE WHO CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES. AS A TWO-TERM STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DAVIS HAS CHAMPIONED RIGHT-TO-LIFE ISSUES LIKE ABORTION

					OR STEM CELL RESEARCH. AND NOW, THE TERRI SCHIAVO CASE. DAVIS WROTE HOUSE BILL 905. THE BILL STATES "NO PERSON...SHALL DIRECT A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO WITHHOLD OR WITHDRAW ARTIFICIALLY SUPPLIED NUTRITION AND HYDRATION UNLESS THE PATIENT HAS EXECUTED A WRITTEN HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE." IN OTHER WORDS, WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE PATIENT, NO ONE WOULD HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO REMOVE A FEEDING TUBE. THE HOUSE JUST PASSED SENATE BILL 539, WHICH CUTS AN ESTIMATED 100,000 FROM MEDICAID AND END THE PROGRAM ENTIRELY IN 2008. DAVIS SAYS SICK PEOPLE SHOULDN'T RELY ON THE STATE TO PAY FOR THEIR MEDICAL COSTS. DAVIS SAYS THE FAMILY SHOULD BEAR THE COST BURDEN. AT-HOME NURSING FOR SOMEONE LIKE SCHIAVO IS POSSIBLE. BUT NOT EASY. BUT IF THE STATE ISN'T WILLING TO PICK UP THE TAB, SHOULD THE STATE BE FORCE-FEEDING HEALTHCARE? TERRI SCHIAVO MAY BE DEAD, BUT THE DEBATE LIVES ON.

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 5	4/19	5 P.M.	1:10	IT'S NOT HARD TO SPOT THE GRAPESEED EXTRACT ON THE SHELVES OF HEALTH FOOD STORES. OR FIND BELIEVERS. DOCTORS SAY NEW RESEARCH IS SHOWING THE EXTRACT MAY DO A LOT MORE THAN THAT. EVERYTHING FROM HELPING PREVENT DEMENTIA TO KEEPING THE HEART HEALTHY...EVEN ACCELERATING HEALING. MORE POWERFUL THAN VITAMINS C OR E. ANTIOXIDANTS--LIKE THE SUBSTANCE FOUND IN THE SEEDS OF GRAPES--ARE BELIEVED TO FIGHT FREE RADICALS. SO FAR MOST OF THE TESTS HAVE BEEN DONE ON ANIMALS, NOT PEOPLE. BUT DOCTORS SAY WITH NO APPARENT SIDE EFFECTS, IT'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/20	6 P.M	1:29	THIS GRAIN ELEVATOR IS ONLY FEET AWAY FROM A FEW HOUSES. GARY PAYNE DOESN'T THINK IT'S SAFE. AND IT DOESN'T HELP THAT THE PROPERTY DOESN'T HAVE A GATE. DON HANSON, THE ELEVATOR'S OWNER SAYS IT'S SIMPLY PART OF THE JOB. THE CITY COUNCIL HAS LOOKED INTO PAYNE'S COMPLAINTS AND ORDERED HANSON TO CLEAN UP THE SPILLED GRAIN. AUXVASSE HAS ALSO BEEN FOLLOWING CRIME AT THE GRAIN ELEVATOR. HANSON HAS NOT FILED ANY COMPLAINTS, AND IS NOW TRYING TO DO WHAT HE CAN TO MAKE THE PROPERTY SAFER. BUT PAYNE SAYS HE WILL ONLY BE SATISFIED WITH ONE SOLUTION. RIGHT NOW, THAT'S A STEP AUXVASSE IS NOT WILLING TO TAKE.
CRIME	KOMU	4/21	10	1:00	SOME BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WILL BE TRADING IN THEIR CROWN VICTORIAS FOR.... BICYCLES.

	NEWS AT 10		P.M.		THE BIKES WILL BE SIMILAR TO THE TREK 6700, WITH A LIGHT FRAME AND A DURABLE DRIVE TRAIN. THE DEPUTIES WILL PUT THIS NEW EQUIPMENT INTO SERVICE IN MAY. ONE DEPUTY I TALKED TO SAYS HE THINKS IT WILL HAVE A DOUBLE BENEFIT. THE SHERIFFS OFFICE HAS TO BUY NEW BIKES, BECAUSE THE OLD ONES RUSTED. THIS BIKE WENT INTO SERVICE TEN TO FIFTEEN YEARS AGO WHEN THEY FIRST BEGAN BIKE PATROLS. THE PATROLS ENDED IN THE EARLY 90'S AFTER BUDGET CUTS.

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 5	4/22	5 P.M.	1:45	IT IS A NECESSARY, VALUABLE, BUT UNPLEASANT HEALTH TEST WOMEN MUST ENDURE. TEACHING MEDICAL STUDENTS HOW TO PERFORM PAP SMEARS IS ONE OF THE THINGS DR. ARTHUR FORNIER HAS BEEN DOING FOR 27 YEARS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI. SO DR. FORNIER INVENTED THIS, A DO-IT-YOURSELF PAP TEST FOR WOMEN THAT CAN BE DONE AT HOME IN 2 MINUTES, A SIMPLE WAY TO RETRIEVE CELLS FROM THE CERVIX TO CHECK FOR CANCER AND OTHER DISEASES. THEN IT GETS SENT TO A LAB FOR TESTING. THE DEVICE WAS PUT TO THE TEST IN HAITI WHERE ACCESS TO DOCTORS IS LIMITED AND CULTURAL REASONS STAND IN THE WAY OF WOMEN GETTING SCREENED FOR CERVICAL CANCER. RACHEL LANGE, A MEDICAL STUDENT, HELPED WITH THIS STUDY. STUDY RESULTS ARE IN THE JOURNAL OF REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE. AMONG THE FINDINGS: THE DO-IT-YOURSELF PAP TEST HARVESTED MORE CELLS AND IDENTIFIED MORE CASES OF HPV, THE VIRUS THAT CAUSES CERVICAL CANCER.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/23	10 p.m.	1:22	RODS, REELS AND A 25-THOUSAND-DOLLAR BOAT. THIS IS A NORMAL LOAD FOR TOURNAMENT FISHERMAN BOB LINDSEY. AND NOW, HE'S KEEPING A CLOSER EYE ON HIS EQUIPMENT. IN A STRING OF THEFTS THIS WEEK, THIEVES REELED IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF FISHING EQUIPMENT FROM OSAGE BEACH TOURNAMENT FISHERMEN AT MULTIPLE RESORTS. THIEVES HAVE STRUCK TOURNAMENT FISHERMEN EVERY SPRING SINCE 1999... STEALING EQUIPMENT FROM AS MANY AS 15 BOATS AT A TIME. AND THE WATER PATROL IS URGING BOATERS TO

					PROTECT THEMSELVES. LINDSEY'S FELLOW FISHERMAN ARE EVEN BUYING BIGGER LOCKS. THE MISSOURI WATER PATROL SAYS THE BEST THING BOATERS CAN DO IS LOCK THEIR VALUEABLES IN THEIR HOTEL ROOM OR CAR.

COMSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/24	10 p.m.	1:30	JOHN SCHULZ LIVES CLOSE TO RANGELINE STREET AND KNOWS HOW DANGEROUS JOGGING THERE CAN BE. HE WAS EVEN STRUCK IN THE SHOULDER ONCE BY THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR OF A PASSING TRUCK... AN EXPERIENCE THAT MAKES HIM WORRY FOR OTHER PEDESTRAINS' SAFETY. BUT PEDESTRIANS NEAR RANGELINE MIGHT NOT GET MUCH HELP. MO-DOT PLANS TO DELAY THE PROJECT AT LEAST 6 MONTHS AND TAKE OUT ALL PEDWAYS AND SOME MEDIANS FROM THE PLANS. BUT WHILE MOST SAY AN EXPANSION OF RANGELINE IS A TOP PRIORITY, SOME SAY ADDING PEDWAYS AND BIKE PATHS WOULD TAKE AWAY DOLLARS FROM OTHER COLUMBIA ROADWAY PROJECTS. ORIGINAL PLANS CALLED FOR THE EXPANSION OF RANGELINE IN TWO PHASES. THE FIRST WOULD MAKE RANGELINE A 4-LANE ROAD FROM BIG BEAR BOULEVARD TO BROWN SCHOOL ROAD. THE SECOND WOULD EXTEND THE 4-LANE ROAD ALL THE WAY TO HIGHWAY 63. NOW THOSE PLANS WILL HAVE TO START AT LEAST 6 MONTHS LATER.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/25	10 P.M.	1:29	IT'S NOT THAT MICHELLE SUMNER CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE HER DAUGHTER MACKENZIE TO THE PEDIATRICIAN FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN SHOTS... IT'S JUST THAT FOR A BUSY MOTHER OF TWO, IT'S MORE CONVENIENT FOR HER TO GET IN-AND-OUT AT THE COLUMBIA/BOONE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT... AND A SITUATION LIKE MICHELLE'S IS FINE WITH CLINIC ADMINISTRATORS.... THEIR GOAL IS NOT TO COMPETE WITH DOCTORS -- INSTEAD, THEY WANT TO HELP THEM KEEP CHILDREN HEALTHY... ACCORDING TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL WEBSITE, MORE THAN 96% OF CHILDREN KINDERGARTEN AGE AND YOUNGER GOT ALL OF THEIR REQUIRED VACCINATIONS LAST SCHOOL YEAR.

					WITH NUMBERS THAT HIGH, GETTING AN APPOINTMENT WITH A DOCTOR CAN BE HARD...AND GOING TO A CLINIC A VERY ATTRACTIVE OPTION... MACKENZIE'S SHOTS MAY HAVE BEEN PAINFUL...(NATS WIMPERING)...BUT HER MOM'S TRIP TO THE CLINIC WAS A BREEZE...

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/26	6 P.M.	:41	IT WAS A SOMBER MOOD AS PROTESTORS GATHERED AT THE BOONE COUNTY COURTHOUSE. THOSE GATHERED CONCENTRATED ON THE FACTS OF THE CASE. JONES COMMITED THE CRIME WHILE HIGH ON PCP-LACED CRACK COCAINE. BUT PROSECUTORS SOUGHT THE DEATH PENALTY BECAUSE OF THE VICIOUS NATURE OF THE CRIME, AND BECAUSE JONES KILLED HIS OWN GRANDMOTHER FOR MONEY.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/27	6 P.M.	1:06	IT WAS A DAY FOR DEBATE AND IT WAS ALSO A DAY FOR STATEMENTS. GOVERNOR BLUNT SIGNED SENATE BILL 539 IN AN EFFORT TO REVAMP THE STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM. REPUBLICANS ARE HOPEFUL... EVEN THOUGH THE BLUNT ADMINISTRATION HAS THE NEXT YEAR TO COME UP WITH A PLAN FOR THOSE WHO WOULD BE WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE, DEMOCRATS ARE STILL CONCERNED.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/28	6 P.M.	:21	THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE UNVEILED IT'S NEXT MOVE TODAY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TWO OF OUR DEADLIEST HEALTH PROBLEMS. MU CHANCELLOR BRADY DEATON ALONG WITH MEDICAL FACULTY AND STAFF GOT THEIR FIRST LOOK AT THE CENTER FOR DIABETES AND CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH. RESEARCHERS WILL USE THE NEW LABS TO FIND THE LINK BETWEEN THE DISEASES, WHICH TOGETHER AFFECT ABOUT 70-MILLION AMERICANS.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/29	6 P.M.	1:13	TODAY WAS ALL ABOUT FUN AND LEARNING FOR DOZENS OF AREA KIDS AND PARENTS AT THE SAFE KIDS DAY HEALTH FAIR. SAFE KIDS ORGANIZERS HAVE BBEN WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK TO PLAN THE ANNUAL EVENT. DESPITE THE EXTRA DAY OF LEARNING, IT WAS ALL SMILES FOR THESE SAFER STUDENTS.
CONSUMER	KOMU	4/30	6	1:10	WHEN AL LAIR CALLS HIS DAUGHTER, HE USES A CELL PHONE.

ISSUES	NEWS AT 6		P.M.		HE HAD A LAND-LINE PHONE TWO MONTHS AGO, BUT HE SAYS THE BILL WAS TOO HIGH, SO HE SWITCHED TO USING ONLY A CELL PHONE. EING ON DISABILITY, LAIR SAYS HE TRIES TO KEEP A TIGHT BUDGET. A NEW FEE FOR LAND-LINE PHONES WILL HELP SUBSIDIZE TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR THE POOR AND DISABLED. THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ESTIMATES THE FEE WILL GENERATE ABOUT TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS A MONTH. WHEN LAIR HEARD ABOUT THE NEW PHONE FEE TO HELP ASSIST THE POOR AND DISABLED, HE WASN'T CONVINCED THE EXTRA MONEY HE WOULD RECEIVE WILL HELP OFFSET ENOUGH OF THE COST. FIRST WARD COUNCILWOMAN ALMETA CRAYTON WONDERS HOW LOW-INCOME FAMILIES WITHOUT PHONES WILL GET THIS NEW INFORMATION.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 5	5/1	5 P.M.	1:18	STROKES KILLS MORE THAN 3-THOUSAND MISSOURIAN'S A YEAR. BUT IF YOU FOLLOW YOUR DOCTOR'S ADVICE, WATCH YOUR WEIGHT, EAT HEALTHY, AND DON'T SMOKE YOUR CHANCES ARE A LOT SMALLER. BUT EVEN WITH PREVENTION, STROKES WILL SOMETIMES HAPPEN. AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS TO GET HELP RIGHT AWAY. IF SOMEONE IS EXPERIENCING A STROKE THE THROMBOLITIC STROKE TREATMENT DRUG, SOMETIMES CALLED TPA, IS THE BEST ANSWER. THIS DRUG BREAKS UP OR DISSOLVES BLOOD CLOTS AND CAN DRASTICALLY REDUCE DISABILITY CAUSED BY STROKES. THE STATE STROKE COMMITEE IS WORKING TO MAKE TPA AVAILABLE IN ALL CENTRAL MISSOURI HOSPITALS.
HEALTH	KOMU	5/2	10	1:12	THE EQUIPMENT THAT CONNIE LOUK IS REFERING TO IS

	NEWS AT 10		P.M.		COVERED BY HER CURRENT MEDICAID PLAN. UNDER THE NEW MEDICAID BILL IN THE MISSOURI STATE LEGISLATURE THE EQUIPMENT THAT HELPS HER STAY ALIVE WILL NO LONGER BE COVERED. HER ASSORTMENT OF 36 PILLS AS WELL AS HER AT HOME CARE GIVER WOULD ALSO BE CUT UNDER THE NEW BILL. LOUK HAS A DISEASE THAT GIVES HER MUSCLE SEIZURES AND IF NO ONE IS AROUND WHEN THESE SEIZURES COME THEN SHE'S LEFT TO FIGHT THEM ON HER OWN. IF THE MEDICAID CUTS COME THROUGH, LOUK SAYS SHE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF HERSELF. HER MOVE WOULD EFFECT HER CARE GIVER AS WELL. THE CUTS WOULD HAVE ANOTHER EFFECT ON SCHEIDEGGER AND HER SON. CONCERNED CITIZENS MET AT THE COLUMBIA PUBLIC LIBRARY TO TALK ABOUT THE ISSUE. THE FOCUS WAS ON HOW THE RECENT AND POSSIBLE FUTURE MEDICAID CUTS EFFECTS THEM AND THEIR LOVED ONES.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/3	10 P.M.	1:06	JUDI CLOYD'S HOME OVERLOOKS SHOOTERS 21 NIGHTCLUB AND A COUPLE OF HOMES. BUT DEVELOPERS WANT TO TURN THE NIGHTCLUB INTO A 180 UNIT CONDO COMPLEX AND MARINA. SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT THE VALUE OF HER PROPERTY. THEIR BIGGEST CONCERN IS THAT SOME LAND THAT IS NOW RESIDENTIAL WILL BE REZONED INTO COMMERCIAL. PROJECT SUPPORTERS SAY IT'S A PERFECT SOLUTION TO THE GROWTH PROBLEM IN THE AREA. IF THE PROJECT GETS CITY APROVAL, SHOOTERS 21 WOULD BE TORN DOWN.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/4	10 P.M.	1:13	SMOKING IS SOMETHING PEOPLE HAVE GOTTEN USED TO IN BARS AND SOME RESTAURANTS. SMOKERS USUALLY HAVE TO STAY IN THEIR OWN SECTIONS. BUT A PROPOSED WOULD PROHIBIT ALL SMOKING IN BARS, RESTAURANTS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS IN COLUMBIA. AND WALLS ISN'T ALONE. A LOT OF HIS FELLOW RESTAURANTEURS DON'T WANT THE BAN EITHER. AT THE MEETING, THOSE RESTAURANT OWNERS SHARED THEIR OPINIONS AND TALKED ABOUT CURRENT STUDIES ON THE ISSUE. THE CITY BOARD OF HEALTH WILL REVIEW ALL THE INFORMATION PRESENTED, BUT MEMBERS FEEL THAT A SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT IS A HEALTH NECESSITY. ONCE THE BOARD FINISHES REVIEWING THE CURRENT ORDINANCE THE CITY ATTORNEY WILL DRAFT THE NEW ORDINANCE. WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL, THE NEXT STEP IS FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH TO HOLD FORMAL PUBLIC HEARINGS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/5	10 P.M.	1:06	LAWMAKERS BEAT THE BUZZER PASSING THE STATE'S BUDGET. AND EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE DONE EARLY...COLUMBIA REPRESENTATIVE JEFF HARRIS SAYS

					THE BUDGET PROCESS FELL SHORT. HARRIS SAYS 10-BILLION DOLLARS WERE NOT EVEN CONSIDERED BY THE LEGISLATURE. THAT'S MORE THAN HALF OF THE 19 POINT-TWO BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET. BUDGET CHAIRMAN, REPRESENTATIVE BRAD LAGER, SAYS THE PROCESS *WAS* EFFECTIVE. SOME AREAS GET MORE MONEY THIS UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR... THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ARE WINNERS. ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION WILL SEE ALSO SEE BIG INCREASES. THIS YEAR'S STATE BUDGET SPENDS ABOUT 4-MILLION DOLLARS MORE THAN LAST YEARS BUDGET. THE CHANGES GO INTO EFFECT THIS SUMMER.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/6	6 P.M.	1:11	AT 9:24 PM, THE COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO A CALL AT THE WALMART SUPERCENTER ON CONLEY ROAD. THEY ARRIVED TO FIND A RACK OF CLOTHES IN THE WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT ON FIRE. TWENTY MINUTES LATER THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ANOTHER CALL TO WAL-MART--THIS TIME ON NIFONG. INVESTIGATORS ARE LOOKING FOR THREE PEOPLE THEY BELIEVE WERE INVOLVED IN THE ARSON FIRES. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE SUSPECTS SET THE FIRE AS A DIVERSION TO STEAL ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT. ALONG WITH THE EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS, KOMU RECEIVED A PHOTO FROM LAST NIGHT'S BLAZE. THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FACE CHARGES OF ATTEMPTED THEFT AND FIRST DEGREE ARSON.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/7	10 P.M.	1:28	BUCKLING UP IS JUST ANOTHER PART OF THE JOB FOR TRUCK DRIVER TY SWEENEY. " SWEENEY SAYS HE DRIVES STRAPPED IN A SEATBELT AS LONG AS 10 HOURS AT A TIME AND HE'S NEVER UNCOMFORTABLE. BUT MODOT CONDUCTED A STUDY AND FOUND ONLY ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVERS IN MISSOURI ACTUALLY WEAR SEATBELTS. THAT'S COMPARED TO 76 PERCENT OF REGULAR MISSOURI DRIVERS. THE STUDY COMES AS A BILL AIMING TO ALLOW POLICE OFFICERS TO STOP DRIVERS FOR SIMPLY NOT WEARING A SEAT BELT MOVES THROUGH THE STATE HOUSE. MODOT DIRECTOR PETE RAHN ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING... IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE TRUCKERS WHO CHOSE NOT TO WEAR A SAFETY BELT, I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOU. MISSOURI WANTS YOU-NO NEEDS YOU-TO BUCKLE UP... AND MODOT HAS DEVELOPED A NEW CAMPAIGN TO GET TRUCKERS TO STRAP IN.

					BUT TRUCKERS LIKE SWEENEY SAY TRUCKERS ARE ALREADY SAFE.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/8	10 P.M.	1:16	IT'S ALMOST SIX O'CLOCK AND ACE HARDWARE STORE EMPLOYEES ARE STARTING THEIR CLOSING DUTIES...WITH A WATCHFUL EYE. THAT'S BECAUSE THIS MAN IS WANTED FOR A SPREE OF ROBBERIES AT 3 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS IN FULTON. POLICE DESCRIBE THE SUSPECT AS A MALE, BETWEEN THE AGES OF 21-27 5'7 TALL, SLENDER BUILD, WITH A THIN MUSTACHE WEARING A CARHARTT JACKET. ALTHOUGH THE FULTON POLICE WOULDN'T DO AN INTERVIEW ON CAMERA, THEY DID TELL K-O-M-U NEWS THE SUSPECT USED SOME TYPE OF PRYING INSTRUMENT TO BREAK IN TO THESE LOCATIONS. AND POLICE SAID ONE OF THE REASONS THE SUSPECT TARGETED THOSE SPECIFIC BUSINESSES IS THAT EACH OF THEM HAVE A LOT OF MONEY ON HAND BASED ON THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDE.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	5/9	6 P.M.	1:14	THE HOME STRETCH IS UNDERWAY AND NOW MISSOURI LEGISLATORS BEGIN THEIR LAST LEG OF THE SESSION. JUST ABOVE THEM, A FEW OF THE FACES AFFECTED BY THE DECISIONS THEY'LL MAKE THIS WEEK. EVERYONE'S MIND IS ON SCHOOL FUNDING. BUT THE ROAD TO PASSAGE PROMISES TO BE A BUMPY ONE. THE NEW SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA HAS PLENTY OF CRITICS... MOSTLY ON HOW SCHOOL FUNDING WILL BE FUNDED. LAWYERS REPRESENTING THE MORE THAN 250 MISSOURI SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE THEIR DOUBTS, TOO. THE FORMULA WON'T BE FULLY FUNDED UNTIL CURRENT 5TH GRADERS HAVE GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL. OTHER COSTS CONCERN THE LAWYERS, TOO. HOUSE REPUBLICANS SAY THEY'RE CONFIDENT THE MISSOURI ECONOMY WILL GENERATE ENOUGH MONEY TO GIVE TO SCHOOLS. BUT NOT EVERYONE IS AS CONFIDENT AS THEY ARE.

DRUGS	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/10	10 P.M.	5:37	IN BOTH 2003 AND 2004, MISSOURI HAD MORE METH LABS THAN ANY STATE IN AMERICA. SO, STATE LAWMAKERS PASSED A LAW TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE ANYONE CAN BUY. THAT DRUG IS A KEY INGREDIENT IN BOTH COLD MEDICINE AND METHAMPHETAMINE. BUT THERE ARE STILL SO MANY PEOPLE BUYING SO MANY PILLS, THAT SOME MISSOURI OFFICERS HAVE TAKEN A NEW APPROACH TO MONITORING METH. IT'S 2 P-M IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY. WITH TWO UNDERCOVER NARCOTICS OFFICERS RADIOING FROM INSIDE, SGT. TOM MURLEY WAITS IN THE PARKING LOT FOR HIS SUSPECT TO LEAVE THIS PHARMACY. SGT. MURLEY TYPICALLY SPENDS ONE OR TWO DAYS EACH WEEK JUST WATCHING AND WAITING... FOR THAT PERFECT MOMENT... FOR A SUSPECT WHO'S SHOPPING FOR SUDAFED. JUST AS RUSH HOUR HITS, THE SUSPECT MAKES HIS MOVE... AND SO DOES MURLEY. UNFORTUNATELY, MURLEY LOSES THE SUSPECT THIS TIME. BUT ANOTHER OFFICER WILL FOLLOW-UP AT THE SUSPECT'S HOME... TO FIND OUT IF HE IS ACTAULLY MANUFACTURING METH. SO, NOW IT'S BACK TO SQUARE ONE FOR MURLEY'S TEAM. A SPECIAL SQUAD THAT WAITS AROUND FOR SOMEONE TO BUY COLD MEDICINE? IT SOUNDS EXTREME... BUT, THEN AGAIN... POLICE SAY MISSOURI'S METH PROBLEM IS EXTREME. IN 2000, LAW ENFORCEMENT BUSTED JUST UNDER 900 LABS, BUT OVER THE YEARS... THE NUMBER OF LABS HAS GROWN. NEARLY 28-HUNDRED LABS LAST YEAR ALONE. AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT, MURLEY'S SQUAD IS STARTING AT THE TOP OF THE RECIPE... WITH METH'S

					FIRST INGREDIENT. AND THIS PROFITABLE SIMPLICITY IN SMALL DO-IT-YOURSELF LABS HAS MISSOURI LAWMAKERS WORRIED. SO, THEY PASSED A NEW LAW THAT ALLOWS ONLY PHARMACIES TO SELL PSEUDOEPHEDRINE PRODUCTS...AND EVEN THOSE MUST BE KEPT BEHIND THE COUNTER. THE LAW HAS ITS ROOTS JUST ACROSS THE STATELINE IN OKLAHOMA, WHERE A SIMILAR LAW HAS BEEN IN PLACE FOR A YEAR. SINCE 1995, THE NUMBER OF BUSTED METH LABS IN OKLAHOMA WENT FROM FEWER THAN 10..... ALL THE WAY TO NEARLY 13 HUNDRED IN 2003. BUT, SINCE THE LAW TOOK EFFECT LAST YEAR, OKLAHOMA OFFICIALS SAY THEY'VE ONLY BUSTED ABOUT 500 LABS. SO WHILE METH MIGHT BE LESS ABUNDANT, SOONER STATE PHARMACISTS SAY THE NEW LAW CREATED A BURDEN. THE LAW REQUIRES ANYONE BUYING PSEUDOEPHEDRINE TO SHOW AN I-D AND SIGN A LOG TO RECORD THE PURCHASE. BUT AS YOU MIGHT HAVE GUESSED, METHMAKERS WEREN'T FOND OF THE CHANGE... SO MANY HEADED BACK ACROSS THE BORDER TO MISSOURI... TO TOWNS LIKE JOPLIN. THE METH RUSH FROM OKLAHOMA HAS GOTTEN SO BAD THAT JOHN EVANS HAS STARTED LOCKING UP HIS COLD MEDICINES... NOT TRUSTING MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO WALK INTO HIS STORE. BUT EVEN IF MISSOURI ENACTS THE LAW, HE'S NOT SURE IT WILL STOP METH MAKERS. SO HAS OKLAHOMA REALLY SOLVED ITS PROBLEM?... WELL DON'T LET THE NUMBERS FOOL YOU. WHILE THAT STATE HAS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED ITS MADE-AT-HOME METH LABS, KEEP IN MIND THE D-E-A SAYS MADE-AT-HOME LABS ONLY ACCOUNT FOR 20

					PERCENT OF THE NATION'S METH PROBLEM. THE OTHER 80 PERCENT COMES FROM MEXICAN DRUG CARTELS. AND OKLAHOMA SHERIFFS LIKE MCCLAIN COUNTY'S DON HEWETT SAY METH ADDICTS HAVE FOUND WAYS AROUND THE NEW RESTRICTIONS. NEW TRICKS MEAN MORE CONCERN ABOUT THOSE HEWETT CONSIDERS FAMILY. AND MURLEY FEELS THE SAME ABOUT HIS SQUAD MEMBERS... BECAUSE THE SUN HASN'T GONE DOWN ON METH IN MISSOURI JUST YET. SOME CONSUMER GROUPS SUGGEST OKLAHOMA'S DECLINE IN METH LABS COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO LESS FUNDING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT... AND THAT TIGHTER RESTRICTIONS ON COLD MEDICINES ARE NOT THE ANSWER. STILL... THE GOVERNORS OF SEVEN OTHER STATES HAVE NOW SIGNED SIMILAR LAWS TO MONITOR METH. ABOUT 20 OTHER STATES, INCLUDING MISSOURI, ARE NOW WAITING FOR THEIR GOVERNORS TO DO THE SAME.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/11	10 P.M.	1:03	TAYLOR BERRY'S A SENIOR AT MOBERLY HIGH SCHOOL. SHE USES THE YMCA EVERYDAY TO TRAIN FOR SOCCER. BUT DURING THE SEASON, THE FACILITY FILLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE HER. THAT MAKES IT HARD TO FINISH A WORKOUT. THE NEW Y WILL SOLVE ALL OF THAT. THE 33 THOUSAND SQUARE-FOOT FACILITY WILL BE DOUBLE THE SIZE OF THE PRESENT Y. AND THE NEW Y WILL PROVIDE EXPANDED PROGRAMS FOR YOUNGER KIDS IN THE AREA. THE PROJECT WILL COST ABOUT 6 MILLION DOLLARS.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 5	5/12	5 p.m.	1:08	HEATHER MITCHELL THOUGHT VERY LITTLE ABOUT HER HEALTH UNTIL TODAY. WHAT MADE A DIFFERENCE TODAY WAS THE BOONE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S WOMEN'S HEALTH FAIR. WORKERS TESTED BLOOD PRESSURE, BODY MASS INDEX, AND BLOOD SUGAR LEVELS. WOMEN ALSO HAD THE CHANCE TO VIEW THE EFFECTS OF DRINKING AND DRUG USE DURING PREGNANCY. EVEN THOUGH TODAY FOCUSED ON WOMEN'S HEALTH, WORKERS SAY HEALTH TIPS SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY MEN, TOO . FOLLOWING THESE STEPS WILL LEAD WOMEN TO LIVE HEALTHIER AND HAPPIER LIVES.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/13	10 P.M.	1:13	THE FOCUS ON EDUCATION IS AN INCREASE OF 158 MILLION DOLLARS FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION. SCHOOL FUNDING HAS ALSO BEEN CHANGED TO A FORMULA BASED ON STUDENT'S NEEDS, ELIMINATING A DISTRIBUTION FORMULA BASED LARGELY ON PROPERTY TAX RATES . IT ALSO SETS A MINIMUM SPENDING LEVEL PER STUDENT AND ADDS $800 MILLION IN BASIC STATE SCHOOL AID.

					ALONG WITH EDUCATION FUNDING, BLUNT PRAISED A BALANCED BUDGET. THE 1ST TERM GOVERNOR ALSO TALKED ABOUT ANTI-ABORTION LEGISLATION, THAT WASN'T PASSED. THE BILL WOULD PLACE MORE RESTRICTIONS ON ABORTION PROVIDERS... PREVENT STATE MONEY FROM SUPPORTING ABORTION PROVIDERS... AND ALLOW PARENTS TO SUE THOSE WHO HELP THEIR MINOR DAUGHTERS GET ABORTIONS WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT. THE ABORTION BILL DID NOT GO TO A VOTE BEFORE THE SESSION EXPIRED.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	5/14	6 P.M.	1:14	EAST CHESTNUT STREET IN FULTON IS AT THE CENTER OF A DEBATE BETWEEN NEIGHBORS. THE FAMILY LIVING AT HOUSE NINE IS ATTTRACTING A LOT OF ATTENTION. THERE HAVE BEEN COMPLAINTS OF LOUD NOISE AND TOO MANY CARS PARKED ON THE STREET. THE GRAY FAMILY IS WORRIED THEY ARE BEING TARGETED BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE. THEY ARE THE ONLY BLACK FAMILY LIVING ON THE STREET. BUT OTHER FAMILIES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD SAY THAT RACE IS NOT THE ISSUE. MANY NEIGHBORS REFUSED TO SPEAK ON CAMERA,THEY SAID THAT THERE ARE OTHER PROBLEMS, BIGGER THEN JUST LOUD PARTIES. SOME SAY THEY ARE AFRAID, AND FEEL THREATENED. THE MOST RECENT PROBLEM THAT HAS THE NEIGHBORS UPSET, IS A PARTY THE GRAY FAMILY HAD. THE GRAYS THREW A PRIVATE PARTY OUTSIDE. NEIGHBORS SAY THE FAMILY'S PARTY WAS TOO LOUD. BUT POLICE SAY THE GRAYS FILLED OUT ALL THE PROPER PAPERWORK TO HAVE LOUD STEREO EQUIPMENT. THE FULTON CITY COUNCIL IS NOW CONSIDERING A REVISION TO THE CITY'S NOISE ORDINANCE.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/15	10 P.M.	3:22	MORE THAN 200 LEADS POURED IN THE WEEK AFTER VALENCIA'S DEATH... AND POLICE QUICKLY REALIZED THE MISSING PIECE OF THE PUZZLE MIGHT BE CLOSER THAN THEY HAD HOPED. THE INVESTIGATION SOON FOCUSED ON COLUMBIA POLICE OFFICER STEVEN RIOS. AND WITH THIS INFORMATION, WE FIRST HEARD THE VOICE OF LINDA VALENCIA... THE MOTHER WHO WANTED ANSWERS MORE THAN ANYONE. AND WHAT HAPPENED AFTER POLICE DISCOVERED THE MARRIED OFFICER'S AFFAIR WITH VALENCIA CHANGED

					THE SCOPE OF THE INVESTIGATION. THE STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCES PROMPTED VALENCIA'S FAMILY TO TAKE ACTION... GIVING US THE FIRST GLIMPSE OF THE LAST MOMENTS OF VALENCIA'S LIFE... HERE IN HIS EAST CAMPUS HOME. PUBLICITY SURROUNDING THE CASE PROMPTED OFFICIALS TO SELECT A JURY FROM OUTSIDE MID-MISSOURI AND BRING IN A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR. NEARLY ONE YEAR LATER, THE WOUNDS HAVEN'T HEALED FOR THOSE WHO KNEW VALENCIA AND RIOS BEST

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 5	5/16	5 P.M.	1:20	WHEN A CHILD GOES MISSING, YOU MAY SEE AN ALERT ON TV. BUT NOW, PEOPLE CAN RECEIVE AMBER ALERTS ON THEIR CELLPHONES, HOME PHONES OR IN THEIR EMAIL AS PART OF MISSOURI'S AMBER ALERT WEB PORTAL. NOW MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE, YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR ALERTS FROM ANY STATE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO GET OUT MISSING CHILD INFORMATION FASTER...INCREASING THE CHANCE OF FINDING A CHILD. OFFICIALS HOPE THIS TECHNOLOGY WILL SOON SPREAD TO EVERY STATE.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/17	10 P.M.	:55	THIS IS A SURVEILLANCE CAMERA PICTURE OF A MAN WHICH WAS TAKEN AT REGIONS BANK BEFORE THE ROBBERY AT FIRST NATIONAL. THE F-B-I AND COLUMBIA POLICE THINK IT'S THE SAME MAN. THIS IS THE THE THIRD BANK ROBBERY IN COLUMBIA IN THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS AND THAT WORRIES SOME CUSTOMERS. POLICE SAY THE ROBBER DID NOT SHOW A WEAPON AND NO ONE WAS INJURED.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	5/18	6 P.M.	1:34	COFFMAN SAYS GOV BLUNT DID NOT WANT HIM TO PROTECT UTILITY CONSUMERS. COFFMAN AND BLUNT WENT HEAD TO HEAD WHEN COFFMAN TESTIFIED AGAINST A BILL BACKED BY GOVERNOR BLUNT. THE BILL -- WAITING FOR GOVERNOR BLUNT'S SIGNATURE -- ALLOWS UTILITY COMPANIES TO TACK ON ADDITIONAL RATES TO BASIC UTILITY RATES. AND COFFMAN SAYS THAT PROBABLY COST HIM HIS JOB. COFFMAN SAYS HE FEARS THE GOVERNOR'S JOB DEFINITION OF A CONSUMER ADVOCATE.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT	5/19	10 P.M.	3:48	BORING" "USELESS" ADJECTIVES USED BY A PRINCIPAL AND A TEACHER

	10				TO TALK ABOUT STUDENTS ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE MAP TEST. AND THAT'S PART OF WHY THESE SIX MAP TESTS TESTS ARE IN QUESTION FROM JEFFERSON CITY HIGH SCHOOL LAST YEAR. IN DOCUMENTS KOMU OBTAINED FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, THREE TEACHERS SAY THE STUDENTS WHO TOOK THESE TESTS DIDN'T CARE ABOUT MAP SCORES....AND DIDN'T TRY THEIR HARDEST. AND ONE TEACHER SAID HER HARD WORK IN PREPARING KIDS FOR APPROPRIATE RESPONSES WAS UNDERMINED BY AN EMAIL FROM A STUDENT IN ST. LOUIS WHO'D ALREADY TAKEN THE MAP TEST THAT YEAR. THE DOCUMENTS SAY THE EMAIL GAVE A JEFFERSON CITY STUDENT THE ESSAY QUESTION ON THE COMMUNICATION ARTS MAP TEST. THE STUDENT THEN TOLD HIS FRIENDS, AND DR. RICHARD PEMBERTON SAYS THE KIDS MADE A MOCKERY OF THE TESTS BY CHEATING. BUT WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THEY WERE CAUGHT, CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF WALT BROWN...THE STATE'S TOP TESTING DIRECTOR. THE DOCUMENTS SHOW A JEFFERSON CITY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MADE THE STUDENTS CHANGE THE ESSAY ANSWERS, HERE IN THIS CLASSROOM. AND THAT'S A MAP TEST VIOLATION. BUT BROWN SAYS WHILE THE STUDENTS MIGHT HAVE CHEATED, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DID NOT. SO HE LET THE STUDENTS SCORES STAND. BUT A YEAR LATER HE SAYS HE WOULD NOT MAKE THE SAME DECISION. BROWN SAYS IT WAS UNFAIR TO OTHER DISTRICTS TO SCORE THOSE TESTS, AND SAYS EVEN IF A STUDENT CHEATS, TEACHERS CAN'T FORCE STUDENTS TO CHANGE THEIR ANSWERS.

					KEN BAILEY KEEPS A WATCHFUL EYE ON TEACHERS AS A REGIONAL FACILTATOR FOR THE MAP TEST. HE GIVES SCHOOLS SURPRISE VISITS TO SEE IF TEACHERS ARE TESTING STUDENTS CORRECTLY. BAILEY MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS ON TEST SECURITY TO TEACHERS LIKE KRISTI DEFOREST. HER STUDENTS ARE GOING FOR A FIVE--THE HIGHEST SCORE ON THE TEST. SHE SAYS PRESSURE TO DO WELL CAN LEAD TEACHERS TO CHEAT. BAILEY'S JOB IS TRAIN TEACHERS LIKE DEFOREST TO PREVENT THEM FROM BREAKING THE RULES. SOMETHING PEMBERTON SAID HE'S DONE ALL YEAR WITH HIS STAFF. AS EVIDENCE OF LAST YEAR'S INCIDENT AT JEFFERSON CITY HIGH SCHOOL. THE BOLD PRINT IN JEFFERSON CITY'S TEST PROTOCOLS...SAYS PEMBERTON'S STAFF CAN'T TELL STUDENTS TO ERASE OR CHANGE ANSWERS. DISCIPLINE HE HOPES HIS STUDENTS HEAR ABOUT, AND HIS SCHOOL NEVER HAS TO ENCOUNTER AGAIN.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/20	10 P.M.	:55	NEW FRANKLIN RESIDENTS HAVE TO TRAVEL IF THEY WANT TO EAT OUT. THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE IN TOWN TO EAT--AND JUST SNACKS. SO A LOT OF PEOPLE LOOK FORWARD TO A SIT DOWN PLACE. BUT HAGGETT'S NOT SO WILD ABOUT THE BIG DIPPER SELLING ALCOHOL. HE SAYS IT'S TOO CLOSE TO THE LOCAL SCHOOL. BUT OWNER ADJUSTED HIS BUILDING TO MEET A DISTANCE REQUIRMENT. NOW DIRCK SAYS ZONING PROBLEMS MEAN HE'S LOSING MONEY EACH DAY. SO THE CITY COUNCIL WILL LISTEN MONDAY TO REASONS WHY THE BUILDING'S RESIDENTIAL ZONING SHOULD CHANGE TO COMMERCIAL. EVEN WITH THIS NEW DELAY, DIRCK SAYS THAT HE'S NOT GOING TO GIVE UP ON THE PROJECT.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/21	10 P.M.	1:33	OUTSIDE THE COURTHOUSE...PICTURES AND STORIES... THIS IS HOW JESSE VALENCIA'S FRIENDS AND FAMILY HELPED EACH OTHER THROUGH HIS MURDER TRIAL. VALENCIA'S FRIEND JACK BARRY WAS ONE OF THE LAST PEOPLE TO SEE VALENCIA ALIVE. PROSECUTORS CALLED HIM TO TESTIFY AGAINST VALENCIA'S MURDERER. SITTING THROUGH THE TRIAL ... REMEMBERING HIS FRIEND .... AND NOT KNOWING IF JUSTICE WOULD BE SERVED ... WAS TOUGH. HOUR AFTER HOUR, DAY AFTER DAY, VALENCIA'S FRIENDS AND FAMILY WAITED IN THE COURTROOM. FRIENDS WHO FOUND THE VERDICT A RELIEF.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/22	10 P.M.	1:26	NEW BLOOMFIELD MAY BE A SMALL TOWN, BUT IT HAS A BIG PROBLEM. SO CANADA'S OUT...AND REPLACED ON AN INTERIM BASIS BY A FORMER CITY CLERK, DAVID BULSON. THIS ALL COMES AS CITY HALL IS IN A TIGHT

					FINANCIAL SPOT ... BECAUSE REVENUES AREN'T COMING IN AS FAST AS PLANNERS PREDICTED. THE NEW INTERIM CLERK KNOWS THE CITY SHOULD SAVE EVERY PENNY, SO HE EVEN SUGGESTED TAKING THE JOB ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS. BUT THE CITY WILL PAY HIM EIGHT DOLLARS AN HOUR.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/23	10 P.M.	4:11	LINDA VALENCIA WILL ALWAYS CARRY MEMORIES OF HER ONLY SON CLOSE TO HER HEART. ...THIS WAS A MOTHER'S DAY GIFT FROM HER DAUGHTERS. THE FIRST TIME SHE CAME TO COLUMBIA... WAS TO VISIT HER MURDERED SON'S MEMORIAL. NOW, SHE COMES HERE FOR A DIFFERENT REASON... TO TELL HER SON HE CAN REST IN PEACE. JESSE VALENCIA WAS A 23-YEAR-OLD COLLEGE STUDENT WITH DREAMS OF GOING TO LAW SCHOOL. FRIENDS SAY HE WAS FASHIONABLE, ECCENTRIC, AND FUNNY. BUT VALENCIA WAS ALSO GAY. AND ONE SPRING NIGHT AT AN EAST CAMPUS PARTY, HE MET COLUMBIA POLICE OFFICER STEVEN RIOS. RIOS INITIATED A SEXUAL AFFAIR... JEOPARDIZING HIS POLICE CAREER, HIS REPUTATION... AND HIS MARRIAGE. AND THE THOUGHT OF VALENCIA EXPOSING HIS SECRET DROVE RIOS TO THE EDGE. SO IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JUNE 5, 2004, RIOS GOT OFF WORK AND DROVE TO VALENCIA'S HOUSE ON WILSON AVENUE. WITHIN HOURS, CALLS FLOODED THE POLICE STATION... VALENCIA'S FRIENDS KNEW OF HIS AFFAIR WITH THE OFFICER. POLICE SOON BEGAN INVESTIGATING ONE OF THEIR OWN... AND RIOS REACTED BY THREATENING TO TAKE HIS OWN LIFE. THE POLICE STANDOFF ON TOP OF A PARKING GARAGE LED TO A MORE THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF RIOS' LIFE. HIS ARREST CAME AFTER FORENSICS REVEALED HIS D-N-A UNDER VALENCIA'S FINGERNAILS. VALENCIA'S FRIENDS CAME FORWARD TO TESTIFY AGAINST THE COP TURNED KILLER. THE DEFENSE PUT THOSE CLOSE TO RIOS ON THE STAND...

					FROM THE POLICE CHIEF... TO LIBBY RIOS, HIS WIFE... WHO ULTIMATELY SAID SHE HAS NOT FORGIVEN HER HUSBAND FOR HIS INFIDELITY. NOT EVEN RIOS' OWN TESTIMONY COULD PROVE HIS INNOCENCE... A JURY FOUND HIM GUILTY FOR THE MURDER OF JESSE VALENCIA. THE VERDICT LEFT THE COURTROOM IN TEARS... LIBBY RIOS WEPT ON HER BROTHER-IN-LAW'S SHOULDER... AND VALENCIA'S MOTHER EMBRACED THE PROSECUTOR. THE RIOS FAMILY FEELS THE LOSS OF ITS SON, BROTHER AND HUSBAND. AND FOR VALENCIA'S MOTHER... THE FEELING OF LOSS IS STILL THERE... AND IT'S THE LITTLE REMINDERS THAT HELP EASE HER PAIN.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	5/24	6 P.M.	6:04	LIKE ANY PARENT, STEVE BOTTOM MAKES THE SAFETY OF HIS THREE CHILDREN A PRIORITY. THAT'S WHY BOONE COUNTY'S REGISTERED OFFENDERS LIST WORRIES HIM. BOTTOM FOUND THE LIST ONLINE AND IMMEDIATELY SAW A CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER LIVES RIGHT NEXT TO HIS CHILDREN'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. HE'S EVEN MORE SHOCKED SCHOOL SCHOOL OFFICIALS NEVER TOLD HIM. SO KOMU NEWS ASKED SCHOOL OFFICIALS IF THEY KNEW HOW MANY OFFENDERS LIVE NEAR COLUMBIA SCHOOLS. THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WHERE OFFENDERS REGISTER, DOESN' T KNOW EITHER. SO KOMU NEWS MAPPED SEX OFFENDERS' REGISTERED ADDRESSES AGAINST ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN OUR VIEWING AREA. WE FOUND SCHOOLS IN 13 MID-MISSOURI CITIES HAD AT LEAST ONE OFFENDER LIVING CLOSER THAN THE 1000 FOOT LEGAL LIMIT. IN ALL MORE THAN 45 OFFENDERS LIVE WITHIN 1000 FEET OF 30 MID-MISSOURI PUBLIC SCHOOLS...MORE THAN HALF ARE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. BUT THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF OFFENDERS NEAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS IN COLUMBIA. AT LEAST ONE OFFENDER IS REGISTERED WITHIN 1000 FEET OF SEVEN SCHOOLS IN COLUMBIA.....AND EVERY ONE OF THEM HAS THE LEGAL RIGHT TO BE THERE. THAT'S BECAUSE LAST AUGUST, WHEN THE STATE LEGISLATURE ENACTED THE BAN ON SEX OFFENDERS LIVING WITHIN 1000 FEET OF SCHOOLS, IT HAD TO ALLOW ANY OFFENDER WHO LIVED THERE BEFORE AUGUST TO STAY. ANDERSON IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING ALMOST 200 REGISTERED OFFENDERS IN BOONE COUNTY. HE SAYS THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE DOESN'T HAVE THE

					TIME TO PHYSICALLY CHECK ON ALL OFFENDERS. ANDERSON DIDN'T KNOW BOONE COUNTY HAS 22 SEX OFFENDERS LIVING WITHIN 1000 FEET OF SCHOOLS. BUT HE SAYS HE ISN'T SURPRISED. WE ALSO TOLD BOTTOM THAT BESIDES THE ONE OFFENDER THAT HE FOUND, THERE WERE ALSO TWO MORE LIVING WITHIN 1000 FEET OF HIS CHILDREN'S SCHOOL.... BLUE RIDGE ELEMENTARY. ALL THREE MEN HAVE CONVICTIONS FOR SEXUAL OFFENSES AGAINST CHILDREN. ONE OF THEM IS ALFORD ARMSTRONG. THE REGISTRY SHOWS HE WAS CONVICTED OF LEWD AND LASCIVIOUS ACTS WITH A CHILD IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA . ANOTHER, JIMMIE MARMON, IS LISTED FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING A CHILD. WE CONTACTED THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND FOUND THAT MARMON SERVED THREE YEARS FOR HIS CONVICTION. THE OTHER SEX OFFENDER LIVES ABOUT 100 FEET FROM BLUE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GROUNDS. HE WAS CONVICED OF SODOMIZING A CHILD IN 1992. WE VISITED ALL THREE OFFENDERS TO SEE IF THEY WOULD TALK TO US. ONLY THE LAST ONE AGREED TO AN INTERVIEW IF WE DIDN'T SHOW HIS FACE OR USE HIS NAME. HE CITES HIS SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF HIS VICTIM AS HIS REASONS. RELEASED IN 1995, THE OFFENDER SAYS HE HAS LIVED IN THE SAME APARTMENT FOR FIVE YEARS, BUT SAYS HE DID KNOW THAT THERE WAS A SCHOOL NEARBY. HE SAYS HE HAS NO DESIRE TO HURT ANOTHER CHILD. HE SAYS HE HAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE 1000 FEET STATUTE. FOR SEVERAL WEEKS WE TRIED TO CONTACT THE COLUMBIA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT DR. PHYLLIS CHASE.

					WEEKS LATER ASSISTANT SUPERINTENT FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION JACK JENSEN CONTACTED US. WE ASKED JENSEN IF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD NOTIFY PARENTS SEX OFFENDERS WERE LIVING CLOSE TO A SCHOOL. BUT THE DISTRICT HAS NOT DISTRIBUTED INFORMATION TO PARENTS. STEVE BOTTOM CITED ONE INSTANCE WHERE THE BLUE RIDGE PTA--AND NOT THE DISTRICT--SENT A LETTER TO PARENTS. WE OBTAINED A COPY OF THAT LETTER THAT WAS SENT TO PARENTS AT BLUE RIDGE ELEMENTARY. NO WHERE DID IT MENTION THAT ANY SEX OFFENDER LIVES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. STEVE BOTTOM SAYS HE IS CONCERNED. BUT HE'S NEVER HAD A RESPONSE FROM THE DISTRICT.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/25	10 P.M.	2:11	DR. LYNN BARNETT IS AN ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR COLUMBIA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS. ONE OF HER JOBS IS TO DETERMINE WHETHER A STUDENT WITH DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS CAN ATTEND PUBLIC SCHOOL. WHEN BARNETT RECIEVES INFORMATION FROM THE STATE ABOUT THESE STUDENTS, SHE NEVER RECEIVES ANYTHING ABOUT THEIR SEXUAL CONVICTIONS. THIS YEAR, TWO STUDENTS TOLD BARNETT THEY WERE CONVICTED OF A SEXUAL CRIME, BUT THE STATE NEVER TOLD HER ABOUT IT. INSTANCES LIKE THIS MAKE HER JOB VERY DIFFICULT. BARNETT SAYS IT'S POSSIBLE SHE COULD PLACE A STUDENT IN A SCHOOL WITHOUT EVER KNOWING ABOUT THEIR SEXUAL OFFENSES. ROCK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL BOB PLOURDE SAYS HE COULD SEE WHERE A PROBLEM COULD ARISE BECAUSE SOMETIMES EVEN HE'S UNSURE OF A STUDENT'S HISTORY. BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THAT'S SLOWLY CHANGING IN COLUMBIA. FROM NINETEEN NINETY FIVE TO TWO THOUSAND, THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTED NINETY-FIVE JUVENILE SEXUAL CRIMINALS. FROM TWENTY 0-ONE TO TWENTY 0-FIVE, COLUMBIA POLICE ARRESTED A HUNDRED AND FIFTY. AND SOME OF THE NUMBERS ARE DISTURBING. STILL, PLOURDE HAS FAITH IN BARNETT'S ABILITY TO KNOW WHAT'S BEST FOR DELINQUENT STUDENTS. DR. BARNETT HOPES TO FIND A BETTER WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE OTHER CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICE AGENCIES. BUT FOR NOW, BARNETT SAYS HER MAIN GOAL IS TO FIND WAYS TO HELP HER STUDENTS BECOME SUCCESSFUL.
EDUCATION	KOMU	5/26	6	1:19	THE GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE IS THE LAST ON THE OLD

	NEWS AT 6		P.M.		METHOD OF FUNDING SCHOOL. BLUNTS SAYS, COME JULY OF 2006, THE NEW FORMULA MEANS NEW OPPORTUNITES FOR MISSOURI STUDENTS. BUT LEADERS OF THE MISSOURI NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION DISAGREE. FULTON'S SUPERINTENDENT ALSO WORRIES THE EXTENDED PHASE-IN WON'T REALLY PAY OFF. UNDER THE PLAN, THE ALL NEW FUNDS PROMISED WILL REACH SCHOOLS BY 2014.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	5/27	6 P.M.	3:36	THE SCENT OF AN ALL TOO FAMILIAR SMELL WILL SOON BE GONE FROM *THIS* RESTAURANT. AS Of TODAY FLATBRANCH BECAME SMOKE-FREE. NOW WAS THE TIME TO FINALLY STOP... THE BOONE COUNTY COALITION FOR TOBACCO CONCERNS STARTED FIGHTING TO MAKE COLUMBIA RESTAURANTS SMOKE-FREE TWO YEARS AGO. NOW, THE ORDINANCE PROPOSAL IS IN THE HANDS OF THE COLUMBIA/BOONE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT... WHO WILL SUBMIT IT TO THE CITY COUNCIL. AND THEY SAY MISSOURI NEEDS IT... WITH THE NUMBER OF ADULTS WHO SMOKE RANKING HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. SO, HOW SERIOUS IS SECOND HAND SMOKE DANGER FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY? SO DANGEROUS THAT... EACH YEAR AN ESTIMATED 3,000 ADULT SMOKERS DIE FROM LUNG CANCER. BESIDES DEATH IT CAUSES COUGHING, PHLGEM, CHEST DISCOMFORT, AND REDUCED LUNG FUNCTION. AND EACH YEAR 150,00-300,000 CHILDREN EXPOSED TO SECOND HAND SMOKE ARE DIAGNOSED WITH PNEUMONIA OR BRONCHITIS. BUT IS THERE SIGNIFICANT HARM IN EATING IN A SMOKY RESTAURANT? SO WHILE THE AVERAGE PERSON WILL ONLY NOTICE A MINOR IRRITATION AND AN INCREASE IN ALLERGIES... THE ONES AT THE HIGHEST RISK ARE THE ONES WHO SERVE YOU. SO FLATBRANCH DID IT... THEY ELIMINATED THE HEALTH PROBLEMS... BUT ONLY FOR *THEIR* WORKERS. AND IS IT RIGHT FOR COLUMBIA? THAT QUESTION IS HEADED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/28	10 P.M.	1:47	THE INGREDIENTS FOR REMEMBERING THE GOOD TIMES ILIR CANHASI (SUN-HASI) STIRS UP MEMORIES OF HIS OLD HOME IN KOSOVO EVERYDAY AT HIS COLUMBIA RESTAURANT. AND NOW MEMORIES ARE ALL THAT REMAIN. ILIR FLED THE WAR IN KOSOVO FOR MISSOURI WITH HIS WIFE, INFANT DAUGHTER AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS SIX YEARS AGO. NOW THE CANHASIS ARE PREPARING TO CLOSE THEIR RESTAURANT FOR A MONTH AND GO BACK TO KOSOVO...TO REBUILD THIER FAMILY. .. TO A WOMAN HE ORIGNALLY MARRIED SIX YEARS AGO. SHE NEVER LEFT KOSOVO BECAUSE SHE HAD PROBLEMS GETTING A VISA. AND THE SERBIAN GOVERNMENT BURNED THE MARRIAGE DOCUMENTS. PICTURES FROM BEFORE THE WAR... MEMORIES THAT NOW HAVE A PLACE IN MID-MISSOURI.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 5	5/29	5 P.M.	1:32	SIGNATURE TO CALM A STORM... GOVERNOR MATT BLUNT SIGNED THE NEW SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA AMID SMILES AND CHEERS. THE NEW FORMULA IS BASED ON STUDENT NEED INSTEAD OF TAXES AND GIVES NEARLY A BILLION DOLLARS MORE TO SCHOOLS. BUT NEARLY HALF THE STATE'S SCHOOL DISTRICTS DON'T BELIEVE THAT... AND ARE VOWING TO KEEP FIGHTING THE NEW FORMULA BY SUING THE STATE. FULTON SUPERINTENDENT MARK ENDERLE SAYS BLUNT'S PLAN DOESN'T ADD UP FOR HIS SCHOOLS . STANDUP: "ONE OF THE PROBLEMS THE FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS WITH THE NEW FUNDING FORMULA IS THAT RIGHT NOW THEY CAN COUNT THEIR SUMMER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AS DOUBLE. BUT UNDER THE NEW PLAN THEY CAN'T AND SO THEY MIGHT LOSE MONEY."

					FULTON SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY ANOTHER PROBLEM IS THIS. UNDER THE NEW FORMULA THE DISTRICT WILL GET 107-THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE THAN IT GETS NOW. BUT 104-THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THAT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DIFFERENTLY UNDER THE NEW FORMULA. THAT LEAVES THE DISTRICT WITH ONLY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE UNDER THE NEW FORMULA. BUT ENDERLE SAYS THAT PROMISE ISN'T ENOUGH TO SATISFY NEARLY HALF THE STATE'S SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU NEWS AT 10	5/30	10 P.M.	:30	A NEW LAW IN FULTON WILL MAKE DRINKING PENALTIES TOUGHER FOR UNDER AGE DRINKERS. THESE TEENS BELONG TO A LOCAL CHURCH GROUP AND SAY THEY ARE COMMITTED TO STAYING SOBER. FULTON OFFICIALS HOPE THE NEW LAW WILL MOTIVATE OTHER TEENS TO STAY SOBER. UNDER THE NEW LAW, POLICE WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE TICKETS TO MINORS WHO EVEN APPEAR INTOXICATED. THE BILL ALSO INCLUDES STIFFER PENALTIES FOR ANYONE SERVING ALCOHOL TO MINORS, BUT IT DOES EXCLUDE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS. SOME SAY PARENTS SHOULD STILL BE LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MINORS DRINKING.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 6	5/31	6 P.M.	:23	IN 30 DAYS, NEARLY ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND MISSOURIANS WILL LOSE PART OF THEIR MEDICAID FUNDING. THE MISSOURI HOUSE PASSED A BILL LAST MONTH TO DECREASE SPENDING FOR MEDICAID. FEWER MISSOURIANS WILL QUALIFY FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE NEW HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM. ABOUT 60-THOUSAND MISSOURIANS WILL BE ELIMINATED BECAUSE OF THE NEW INCOME BRACKET. A COLUMBIA WOMAN WANTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CURRENT MEDICAID SERVICES NOW WHILE SHE STILL CAN.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/1	10 P.M.	2:43	NIXON ASKED HIS STAFF TO GET TWO IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS TRANSLATED: "KNOW YOUR RIGHTS" AND "MISSOURI'S LANDLORD AND TENANT LAW". THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKED THE CAMBIO CENTER IN COLUMBIA TO TRANSLATE THE BOOKLETS. HAYDEE CARO CROSSED THE BORDER FIVE YEARS AGO. SHE ALONG WITH HER MOTHER AND SISTER FOLLOWED HER FATHER TO MISSOURI FOR A JOB. CARO SAYS IT WAS HARD LEARNING ENGLISH

					ESPECIALLY READING IT. SHE WISHES SHE COULD HAVE GOT HER HANDS ON THESE CONSUMER GUIDES FIVE YEARS AGO... IT WOULD HAVE MADE MOVING TO THE U-S EASIER. HYWEN PHAM, A PROFESSOR AT THE MU LAW SCHOOL SAYS LEGAL AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HAVE ADDITIONAL RIGHTS EVEN IF THEIR NOT AMERICAN CITIZENS. SO MEAN WHILE INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITIES ARE TRYING TO ADAPT TO THE NEW RESIDENTS FOR EXAMPLE... THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT PUT TOGETHER A MANUAL FOR OFFICERS ACROSS MISSOURI TO LEARN SPANISH. COLUMBIA POLICE CHIEF RANDY BOHEM SAYS THE TRAINING WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR OFFICERS IN FIELD. AND ULTIMATELY MAKE IT EASIER FOR AMERICANS NEWEST IMMIGRANTS MOVING INTO MISSOURI COMMUNITIES.

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/2	10 P.M.	1:12	TAMMY BRADLEY HAS THREE KIDS. SHE RECENTLY HAD BACK SURGERY AND SAYS SHE JUST LOST HER MEDICAID. BRADLEY IS TAKING ADAVANTAGE OF FREE PHYSICALS FOR HER KIDS. THE FAMILY HEALTH CENTER IN COLUMBIA IS GIVING THEM FREE FOR THE FIRST TIME. AND ANYONE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE. EVEN THOUGH THE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE... PEOPLE FACING THE MEDICAID CUTS NEED THE SERVICE MORE THAN OTHERS. THE HEALTH CENTER DOES SAY THE FREE SERVICE TODAY IS NOT RELATED TO THE CUTS. BUT FOR BRADLEY... THE TIMING COULDN'T BE BETTER.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/3	10 P.M.	1:16	TODAY KICKS OFF COLUMBIA'S SWIMMING SEASON. PIRATE'S LANDING AT TWIN LAKES OPENED TODAY, WITH LOTS OF KIDS AND PARENTS. THE DOUGLASS POOL AND LAKE OF THE WOODS POOL ALSO OPENED FROM TODAY. ALL OF THEM ARE GUARDED AND HAVE HANDICAP ACCESS. IF THE POOL HOURS AREN'T CONVENIENT, THERE'S ANOTHER OPTION. THE SUMMER FEES ARE 3.25 DOLLARS FOR ADULTS, TWO DOLLARS FOR YOUTH BETWEEN 2 AND 15, AND FREE FOR INFANTS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/4	10 P.M.	1:15	MUD HAS A FUNNY TASTE. BUT BRANDON SHULTS CAKED HIMSELF IN MUD...EVEN HIS TEETH. COLUMBIA POLICE AND FIRE FIGHTERS WERE SMILING, TOO. THEY ACTUALLY ENCOURAGED THE MUD SLINGING. BUT OFFICIALS SAY MUDSTOCK IS NOT ALL ABOUT FUN. IT'S A WAY TO BRING FAMILIES TOGETHER... AND KICK OFF SUMMER. SHULTS ONLY WORRIES HE'LL KICK OFF HIS

					SHOES... SO HE WRAPPED THEM IN DUCT TAPE. AND FOR SHULTS MUD IS EVEN A FASHION STATEMENT. EXPEPT MAYBE THIS ONE...

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/5	10 P.M.	:25	WARM WEATHER MEANS MORE PEOPLE ARE BOATING AND FISHING. AND, IN GOOD CLEAN FUN, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IS MAKING SURE MISSOURI'S WATERS ARE A LITTLE LESS MURKY. THE STATE HAS LESS THAN A YEAR TO TIGHTEN WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND SET LIMITS FOR SPECIFIC POLLUTANTS FOUND IN SEWAGE DISCHARGE. THE REGULATIONS WILL EFFECT SEWAGE TREATEMENT FACILITIES THE MOST. BUT THE TOUGHER RULES WILL ALSO APPLY TO *ALL* TREATMENT FACILITES THAT DRAIN INTO WATER RECREATION AREAS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	6/6	6 P.M.	2:47	FOUR YEARS AGO, DORIS RICHARDSON SAW PROBLEMS ALONG WORLEY STREET. RICHARDSON AND SIX OTHERS STARTED THE PROGRESSIVE WOMEN'S TASK FORCE. THEY WANTED RESPECT BACK IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. AND THEY WANTED THE THE NEGLECT ALONG WORLEY STREET TO STOP. LAST SUMMER, THE TASK FORCE DID YARD WORK AT SANDRA KENNEY'S HOME. COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIALIST BILL CANTIN SAYS BEFORE THE TASK FORCE TOOK CHARGE IN 2001, ONLY FIFTY PERCENT OF THE HOMES IN THIS AREA WERE UP TO CODE. THAT NUMBER NOW STANDS AT EIGHTY- PERCENT. CANTIN SAYS THIS WOULDN'T BE THE CASE WITHOUT THE GRANNY LADIES. THE TASK FORCE CALLS ITS NEWEST PROJECT "SISTA, SISTA." MONTHLY PRESENTATIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOUNG WOMEN AT RISK OF DROPPING OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL, EARLY AND MULTIPLE PREGANANCIES, SINGLE-PARENT HOUSEHOLDS, AND UNEMPLOYMENT. SUCCESSFUL WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY WHO

					HAVE OVERCOME ADVERSITY WILL ALSO GUIDANCE. THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER. DESPITE THE SISTA SISTA PROJECT, THE GRANNY LADIES HAVEN'T GIVEN UP THEIR "HOUSE-WORK." SANDRA SAYS SHE'LL CALL MAYMIE CARTER AND THE GRANNY LADIES TO FIX HER ROOF. THEY MIGHT JUST TAKE HIM UP ON THAT OFFER...BECAUSE THEY DON'T PLAN ON SLOWING DOWN ANYTIME SOON.

JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 6	6/7	6 P.M.	: 53	SCHOLASTIC BOOKS IS JEFFERSON CITY'S LARGEST PRIVATE EMPLOYER AND HAS FOUR HUNDRED JOB OPENINGS. JOB OPENINGS THAT AREN'T SO EASY TO FILL. IT'S THE FIRST OF THREE JOB FAIR SCHOLASTIC IS HOLDING THIS SUMMER. RIGHT NOW THE OPENINGS ARE ALL IN WAREHOUSING POSITIONS. OTHER POSITIONS WILL OPEN UP LATER THIS SUMMER. SCHOLASTIC OFFICIALS EXPECTED ABOUT TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE TO GO THROUGH THE APPLICATION PROCESS.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	6/8	6 P.M.	1:20	GOLF COURSE GREENS AND WHITE PICKET FENCES MAKE UP TANGLEWOOD ESTATES. NOW, THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS CRISS-CROSSED BY POLICE TAPE... ONE NEIGHBOR TOLD K-O-M-U SHAWNDA REED'S CHILDREN CAME TO HER HOUSE AND SAID THEIR MOTHER WOULDN'T WAKE UP AND THAT THEY WERE HUNGRY. NEIGHBORS SAY THEY THEN WENT TO REED'S HOME AND FOUND HER DEAD IN A GRUSOME SCENE. RAYMOND MCCALLISTER WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PEOPLE TO MOVE TO TANGLEWOOD ESTATES. HE SAYS HE OFTEN SAW REED AND HER CHILDREN PLAYING IN THEIR FRONT YARD. THE CHILDREN ARE NOW WITH THEIR GRANDPARENTS. BUT TODAY THERE WAS NO WAVING IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, ONLY POLICE GUARDING A CRIME SCENE AND QUESTIONING PEOPLE PASSING BY. THE MAJOR CASE SQUAD WON'T TALK ABOUT SUSPECTS. INVESTIGATORS HAVE TALKED TO THE HUSBAND...ALONG WITH OTHERS.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	6/9	6 P.M.	1:05	CHARLES MANGONE IS A TRAINING OFFICER IN FULTON, BUT THAT WILL SOON CHANGE.... OTHER SOLDIERS CHANGED JOBS JUST SO THEY COULD STAY IN FULTON. THE GUARD MADE THIS MOVE TO MEET THE

					CHANGING NEEDS OF THE MILITARY. MANGONE IS NOT TO UPSET ABOUT THE CHANGE. AND MAGONE SAYS EVEN THOUGH HE'LL BE IN COLUMBIA...HE'LL REMAIN FRIENDS WITH THE SOLDIERS HE LEAVES BEHIND.

JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 6	6/10	6 P.M.	:19	UNEMPLOYMENT IN MISSOURI HELD STEADY THROUGH MAY... EVEN AS THE STATE ADDED ALMOST SIX-THOUSAND JOBS. THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FIVE-POINT-SIX PERCENT... THE SAME AS IT WAS LAST YEAR. MISSOURI ADDED JOBS IN THE TRADE, TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES SECTORS... AND IN THE EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH SERVICES SECTORS. ADD - MORE THAN 2.7 MILLION JOBS THAT PUSHED THE STATE'S TOTAL JOB COUNT ABOVE TWO-POINT-SEVEN MILLION.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/11	10 P.M.	1:21	A PLEA TO HIS WIFE'S FAMILY. NOW ONLY MEMORIES EXIST OF HIS MURDERED WIFE. MEMORIES... AND HER CHILDREN. CHILDREN HE CAN NO LONGER FREELY SEE. SHAWNDA'S PARENTS FILED A PROTECTIVE ORDER AGAINST REED. IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME A PROTECTIVE ORDER HAS CROSSED PATHS WITH REED. SHAWNDA FILED A RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST HIM IN 2001. BUT REED SAYS HE'S VOWED TO FIGHT THE CURRENT ORDER... AND THAT HE WON'T REST UNTIL HE HAS ANSWERS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/12	10 P.M.	1:29	IT'S A RECOGNIZABLE SIGN ON HIGHWAY 63 IN COLUMBIA... TELLING DRIVERS TO SLOW DOWN. AND ALONG THE ROAD ARE MORE SIGNS... OF CARS THAT DIDN'T SLOW DOWN IN TIME. THESE DANGEROUS SITUATIONS AND SLOW DOWNS ARE SOMETHING MO-DOT TRIES TO AVOID IN ALL ITS WORK SITES. INCLUDING THIS SIGN, MORE THAN 2 MILES FROM THE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION ON HIGHWAY 63. BUT AT TIMES, EVEN THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ENOUGH.

					MO-DOT SAYS SIMPLY FOLLOWNG WARNING SIGNS CAN KEEP DRIVERS SAFE. AND SLOWING DOWN IN WORK ZONES COULD ACTUALLY HELP SPEED THINGS UP. WITH MORE PROJECTS PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE, DRIVERS WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE TO CONTEND WITH CONSTRUCTION CONGESTION.

JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 5	6/13	5 P.M.	:58	THIS RAILROAD IS QUIET AND HAS BEEN FOR SOME TIME. BUT ONE MAN IN FULTON WANTS TO CHANGE THAT. BRUCE HACKMANN WANTS TO INCREASE RAIL TRAFFIC ON A RAIL SPUR THAT STARTS IN MEXICO AND ENDS AT THE HARBIMORE AND WALKER PLANT IN FULTON. MANUFACTURERS OFTEN TRANSPORT GOODS ON RAIL LINE. SO IF LOCAL MANUFACTURERS ALREADY IN FULTON CAN INCREASE TRAFFIC ON THE RAIL, THE EXTRA TRSFIC COULD ATTRACT MORE MANUFACTURERS. KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN OWNS THE LINE AND OFFICIALS ARE WORKING WITH THEM TO INCREASE RAIL SPUR TRAFFIC. BIG POTENTIAL FOR A COUPLE OF TRACKS LEADING INTO TOWN.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/14	10 P.M.	1:09	BROOKE ROE IS GRADING A PORTION OF THE MAP TEST TAKEN BY EIGHTH GRADERS AROUND THE STATE. SHE'S BEEN TEACHING EIGHTH THROUGH TENTH GRADERS AT A SCHOOL OUTSIDE OF SPRINGFIELD AND IS ACTUALLY SEEING EXACTLY WHAT QUESTIONS ARE ON THE TEST. THE TEACHERS AT EACH LOCATION MIGHT TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES TO GRADE THE TESTS. THE TEACHERS ARE SELECTED THROUGH AN APPLICATION PROCESS AND ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE TWO YEARS TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN THE AREA THEY ARE GRADING. THE TEACHERS WILL GRADE MAP TESTS FOR SEVEN DAYS.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	6/15	6 P.M.	1:13	AS COLUMBIA GROWS, SO DOES ITS POLICE FORCES' WAYS OF HANDLING CRIME. THAT COMMUNITY HAS MIXED REACTIONS TO THE RECENT CRIME. IN FACT, THERE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE A TREND. THE NUMBER OF VIOLENT CRIMES HAS REMAINED ABOUT THE SAME BETWEEN 2002 AND 2004. AND THE COLUMBIA POLICE MAKES ARRESTS IN

					MORE OF THOSE CRIMES THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	6/16	6 P.M.	2:31	20 YEARS AGO... STUDENTS WERE USING COMPUTERS LIKE THIS IN MID-MISSOURI. COMPUTERS WERE JUST THE BEGINNING OF A LONG LINE OF TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES. NOW.. THESE ARE OUR COMPUTERS... MORE ADVANCED...ADVANCED ENOUGH TO BE IN ALMOST EVERY SCHOOL CLASSROOM IN MISSOURI. A RECENT STUDY SHOWS THE AVERAGE MISSOURI CLASSROOM HAS ONE COMPUTER FOR INSTRUCTIONAL USE FOR EVERY 6.4 STUDENTS. THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IS 7.6. MISSOURI RANKS IN THE TOP 20% ALONG WITH VIRGINIA, OHIO AND KANSAS. THE MISSOURI RESEARCH AND EDUCATION NETWORK,OR MORENET, PROVIDES INTERNET ACCESS TO MISSOURI'S K-12 SCHOOLS. BUT MORENET'S BUDGET WAS CUT THIS YEAR AND THAT HIGH RANKING MIGHT NOT HOLD UP. SO EVEN THOUGH MISSOURI IS ON THE LEADING EDGE... MEDIA SPECIALISTS IN THE COLUMBIA AREA ARE CONCERNED FOR THE FUTURE. ROCK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL HAS MORE COMPUTERS NOW THEN IT USED TO BUT HAS A NEED FOR EVEN MORE. THE FUTURE FOR COLUMBIA HOLDS MORE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES. THAT'S IF MONEY ALLOWS FOR IT.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 5	6/17	5 P.M	:47	THE PARENTS OF A SIX-YEAR-OLD COLUMBIA BOY ARE NOW IN JAIL AND CHARGED WITH CHILD ABUSE. GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M MEGAN MURPHY. THE CHILD SUFFERED BURNS ON OVER TWENTY PERCENT OF HIS BODY. POLICE SAY HE WAS BEING PUNISHED BECAUSE HE GOT INTO TROUBLE AT SCHOOL. COLUMBIA POLICE SAY ON MAY 19TH OTIS AND ERMA SUE MCKINNEY LOCKED THEIR SON IN THE SHOWER AND

					TURNED ON SCALDING HOT WATER FOR 30 MINUTES. AGAIN, HERE'S WHAT POLICE SAY ABOUT THE ABUSE. ON MAY 19TH THE CHILD WAS SCALDED. THE NEXT DAY HE WAS TAKEN TO WALGREENS FOR BURN CREAM. MORE THAN THREE WEEKS LATER HE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL. THE DAY AFTER THAT, ALMOST ONE MONTH AFTER THE ALLEGED CRIME, A SKIN GRAFT WAS PERFORMED. POLICE WERE THEN NOTIFIED AND AN INVESTIGATION BEGAN. POLICE ALSO SAY THIS DOES NOT LOOK LIKE AN ISOLATED INCIDENT.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/18	10 P.M.	1:20	POLICEMEN, ATTORNEYS, FATHERS AND SONS... THEY CAME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE TO COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER...THE BLACK MEN OF COLUMBIA. THE CONFERENCE FEATURED PANELS FROM EIGHT A-M UNTIL 5 THIS EVENING. EACH PANEL FOCUSED ON A TOPIC THE COALITION CONSIDERS VITAL TO BLACK MEN, SUCH AS CRIMINAL JUSTICE, RELIGION, EDUCATION AND HEALTH ISSUES. THE COALITION STRESSED THAT DESPITE THEIR DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS, EVERYONE THERE CALLS COLUMBIA HOME...AND THAT BINDS THEM TOGETHER FOREVER. OVER A HUNDRED PEOPLE ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE, INCLUDING WOMEN. MANY PEOPLE STAYED ALL DAY TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS WITH THEIR PEERS.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/19	10 P.M.	1:12	I-70 WAS SUPPOSED TO LEAD THE WAY HOME TO OHIO THIS MORNING FOR KEVIN FRIEND, THE MAN YOU JUST HEARD ON THE PHONE. THIS IS THE AFTERMATH OF THE CHAOS HE DESCRIBED... SOMETHING HE WON'T SOON FORGET.
ALCOHOL	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/20	10 P.M.	:58	LATE LUNCH IN THE CAPITAL CITY. THIS IS O-K, SERVING ALCOHOL FOR OUTSIDE SEATING. THE CONFUSION IS ABOUT THE CITY'S OPEN CONTAINER POLICY. JON SCHNITLZER SAYS THERE'S MORE TO THE ORDINANCE THAN JUST CLOSING A LOOPHOLE. NOT EVERYONE AGREES. BARS AND RESTAURANTS WILL STILL BE ABLE TO SERVE ALCOHOL OUTSIDE ON THEIR PADIOS AND PORCHES.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/21	10 P.M.	1:19	GARY HILL'S BEEN WITH THE COLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR SEVEN YEARS. HILL SAYS EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIME IS GETTING WORSE AT AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT 12 MINUTES...COMPARE

					THAT TO CALLAWAY COUNTY'S RESPONSE TIME: EIGHT MINUTES. SHERIFF GREG WHITE SAYS HE MAY HAVE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF JAILERS AND DEPUTIES IF THE COUNTY DOESN'T GIVE THE DEPARTMENT NEARLY HALF A MILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR. AND ADDITIONAL MONEY WOULD ALSO BE NEEDED INTO THE FUTURE. BUT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SAY THEY CAN'T GIVE THE DEPARTMENT ALL THE HELP THEY NEED. THE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT NEEDS MONEY TO BUY FIVE NEW PATROL CARS, A NEW TRANSPORT VAN, HIRE SIX NEW DEPUTIES AND EIGHT MORE JAILERS...ALL AT A COST OF $435,000. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SAY THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT NEED ALL THAT MONEY.

ALCOHOL/DRUG	KOMU NEWS AT 6	6/22	6 P.M.	1:04	THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL SAYS ALMOST 25 PERCENT OF MISSOURI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SMOKE CIGARETTES. MISSOURI'S RECEIVED ALMOST 9-HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS FROM TOBACCO SETTLEMENTS SINCE 2001. AND ATTORNEY GENERAL JAY NIXON WANTS LEGISLATION SETTING ASIDE MONEY FOR THESE PROGRAMS. A BILL TO SET UP THE PROGRAMS LAST YEAR FAILED IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE... BUT NIXON'S OFFICE WANTS TO TRY AGAIN. GOVERNOR BLUNT AGREES. NIXON AND BLUNT BOTH PLAN TO TRY AGAIN IN 2006.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/23	10 P.M.	1:05	THE HIGH LEVELS OF SEDIMENT IN KELLEY BRANCH CREEK HAVE CAUSED THE MISSOURI D-N-R TO TAKE ACTION. THE CREEK IS IN THE MIDDLE OF FINGER LAKES STATE PARK, A FORMER COAL MINE AND A POPULAR DESTINATION FOR OFF ROADERS. BUT THE D-N-R HAS TOLD THE PARK TO.... SO PARK MANAGERS WILL SHUT OFF THE 119 ACRE KELLEY BRANCH AREA TO ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES. INSTEAD, THEY'LL MAKE NEW TRAILS IN THE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF THE PARK. AND THE PARK'S MOTOCROSS TRACK WILL STAY OPEN TO RIDERS. DEPSITE THE CONCESSIONS, OFF ROADERS AREN'T HAPPY WITH THE CHANGES. FINGER LAKES AND SAINT JOE ARE THE ONLY STATE PARKS IN MISSOURI WITH RIDING AREAS FOR ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/24	10 P.M.	1:17	POLICE SAY NIEMET COMMITTED INSURANCE FRAUD WHEN HE TOOK OUT LIFE INSURANCE ON SHAWNDA REED. THEY AREN'T SURE IF NIEMET HAD REED'S CONSENT. NIEMET APPARENTLY TOOK OUT THE INSURANCE

					POLICY ON THE INTERNET. ¶THIS IS THE THIRD ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER SINCE IT HAPPENED MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AGO. POLICE THINK NIEMET KNEW REED'S HUSBAND BEFORE THEY MOVED TO THEIR HOME, AND THE TWO MEN PROBABLY SPOKE OFTEN. FULTON POLICE SAY THEY ARE ANALYZING EVERY ANGLE AS THEY ARISE.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/25	10 p.m.	:51	GOOD EVENING, I'M ANNE EBELING. NEIGHBORS IN A COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD ARE SPEAKING OUT AGAINST THE MAN THEY SAY POSES A THREAT TO THEIR LIVES. TODAY, THE COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO 601 WASHINGTON AVENUE... FOR THE SECOND TIME IN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS... AND CONCLUDED THE SMOLDERING SEQUENCE WAS NO ACCIDENT. THE HOUSE ON WASHINGTON AVENUE IS NO STRANGER TO ARSON SUSPECTS. THE THREE PEOPLE CHARGED WITH SETTING FIRE TO TWO WAL-MART STORES USED TO LIVE THERE. 48-YEAR-OLD THADDEAUS HARVEY, 26-YEAR OLD ALAMA DECAPUA AND 31 YEAR OLD JASON BAUCOM ALL USED TO LIVE WITH GARNER. POLICE CHARGED THE THREESOME WITH SETTING FIRE TO THE WAL-MART SUPER CENTER ON CONLEY ROAD AND THE WAL-MART ON NIFONG AROUND 9 P-M ON MAY 5TH. BAUCOM TURNED HIMSELF IN AND THEN TOLD POLICE WHERE TO FIND THE OTHER TWO. THE SUSPECTS SAID THEY STARTED THE FIRES TO CREATE A DIVERSION SO THEY COULD STEAL ELECTRONICS FROM THE STORE.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/26	10 P.M.	:22	JEFFERSON CITY POLICE SAY A WOMAN HAS CONFESSED TO SETTING FIRE TO A CATHOLIC CHURCH. POLICE SAY FORTY-ONE-YEAR-OLD MARIE SALMONS OF JEFFERSON CITY HAS CONFESSED TO SETTING FIRE TO ST. PETER CHURCH ON JUNE FIRST. SHE TURNED HERSELF INTO POLICE SATURDAY POLICE SAY SHE TOLD THEM SHE WAS ANGRY AT GOD FOR LETTING A 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL DIE. THE CHURCH'S REVEREND SAYS HE CAN'T REMEMBER EVER MEETING SALMONS.
CONSUMER	KOMU	6/27	10	1:24	THIS MIGHT NOT BE AN ORDINARY SMALL TOWN STORE, BUT THAT'S THE IDEA ON BOARD. THAT IS WHY PLACES

ISSUES	NEWS AT 10		P.M.		LIKE THE LUNCH BOX OPENED... WITH THE HELP OF MAINSTREAM MOBERLY. A GROWTH THAT MAINSTREAM HOPES WILL OPEN NEW OPPORTUNITY IN MOBERLY.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/28	10 P.M.	1:00	THE CITY COUNCIL IS PREPARING A 100-MILLION DOLLAR TAX PACKAGE THAT WOULD BENEFIT TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY, WHICH INCLUDES THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. FIRE OFFICIALS SAY TWO NEW FIRE STATIONS ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH AND SERVE A GROWING POPULATION. THE STATIONS WOULD BE BUILT IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE CITY, WHERE RESPONSE TIMES ARE THE LOWEST. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS NEXT MONTH TO GET FEEDBACK ON THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 5	6/29	5 P.M.	1:32	A SIGNATURE TO CALM A STORM... GOVERNOR MATT BLUNT SIGNED THE NEW SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA AMID SMILES AND CHEERS. THE NEW FORMULA IS BASED ON STUDENT NEED INSTEAD OF TAXES AND GIVES NEARLY A BILLION DOLLARS MORE TO SCHOOLS. BUT NEARLY HALF THE STATE'S SCHOOL DISTRICTS DON'T BELIEVE THAT... AND ARE VOWING TO KEEP FIGHTING THE NEW FORMULA BY SUING THE STATE. FULTON SUPERINTENDENT MARK ENDERLE SAYS BLUNT'S PLAN DOESN'T ADD UP FOR HIS SCHOOLS . STANDUP: "ONE OF THE PROBLEMS THE FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS WITH THE NEW FUNDING FORMULA IS THAT RIGHT NOW THEY CAN COUNT THEIR SUMMER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AS DOUBLE. BUT UNDER THE NEW PLAN THEY CAN'T AND SO THEY MIGHT LOSE MONEY." FULTON SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY ANOTHER PROBLEM IS THIS. UNDER THE NEW FORMULA THE DISTRICT WILL GET

					107-THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE THAN IT GETS NOW. BUT 104-THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THAT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DIFFERENTLY UNDER THE NEW FORMULA. THAT LEAVES THE DISTRICT WITH ONLY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE UNDER THE NEW FORMULA. BUT ENDERLE SAYS THAT PROMISE ISN'T ENOUGH TO SATISFY NEARLY HALF THE STATE'S SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/30	10 P.M.	1:29	COLUMBIA ACCESS TELEVISON OR *'CAT'* IS A WAY FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD. THE BASEMENT STUDIO IS AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE WILLING TO PAY 35 DOLLARS TO CAT FOR A PRODUCING CLASS. THE CAT CHANNEL APPEARS ON CHANNEL 3 ON MEDIACOM CABLE. BUT THAT DEAL ENDS NEXT JANUARY, SO THE MAYOR APPOINTED A TASK FORCE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE NEW DEAL SHOULD LOOK LIKE. GRAPHIC THE TASK FORCE WANTS MEDIACOM TO GIVE THE CITY ENOUGH MONEY TO HELP PAY FOR PUBLIC ACCESS EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS. MEMBERS WANT THE CABLE COMPANY TO PAY A HIGHER PERCENTAGE TO THE CITY FOR USING CITY EQUIPMENT SUCH AS TELEFPHONE POLES, CITY GROUND, AND UNDERGROUND LINES. THE CURRENT RATE IS 3 PERCENT OF CABLE VIDEO REVENUE...THE TASK FORCE WANTS THAT FIGURE AT FIVE PERCENT. BUT SOME PEOPLE ARE WORRIED THIS INCREASED PERCENTAGE WILL CAUSE HIGHER CABLE COSTS. THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN WILL START IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER.