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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 July 1st, 2005 TO September 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.

3RD 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

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/1	10 P.M.	1:11	A COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD IS MORE THAN UPSET-- IT'S STUNNED. 72-YEAR-OLD EARLINE BRADSHAW DIED THIS AFTERNOON AFTER SPENDING FIVE DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL FROM AN ATTACK THAT HAPPENED AT 3RD AND GARTH. PROSECUTERS UPGRADED THE CASE FROM AN ASSAULT CHARGE TO MURDER. RESIDENTS AT GARTH AND THIRD AVENUE SAT OUTSIDE THEIR HOMES TODAY DISCUSSING THE EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK. RESIDENTS AGREE THE VIOLENCE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS TO STOP. LAST WEDNESDAY POLICE RESPONDED TO A DISTURBANCE CALL AT GARTH AND THIRD AVENUE. BRADSHAW DIED TODAY. POLICE HAVE THREE SUSPECTS IN CUSTODY. THE PRIMARY SUSPECT, SHAWAN DANIELS, IS NOW FACING CHARGES OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER. THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY IS ALSO CONSIDERING UPGRADING THE CHARGES AGAINST THE TWO BOYS INVOLVED IN THE CASE. KOMU NEWS TRIED TO TALK TO ABOUT A DOZEN OTHER NEIGHBORS, THEY REFUSED COMMENT.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/2	10 P.M.	1:42	THE CITY OF COLUMBIA HAS DEVELOPED A WAY TO HELP REDUCE THE RECENT ROLLING BLACKOUTS... REBATES WILL BE GIVEN TO OWNERS FOR EACH KILOWATT OF ENERGY SAVED. BIG STORES LIKE LOWE'S AND SAM'S CLUB DEMAND LOTS OF ELECTRICITY. SO....NOW, FOR EACH KILOWATT OF LIGHT BUSINESSES REDUCE, ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS WILL BE GIVEN BACK. BAMBINO'S OWNER AND CITY COUNCILMAN BRIAN ASH SAYS THIS INCENTIVE IS POSIVITIVE... FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED. TO GET STARTED IN THE PROGRAM.....COLUMBIA WATER AND LIGHT STAFF WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

					ON HOW TO INCREASE LIGHTING EFFICIENCY AND THE NEW LIGHTING SYSTEM MUST TO BE AT LEAST A TEN KILOWATT REDUCTION. SMALL BUSINESSES LIKE BAMBINO'S ARE TOO SMALL FOR THE CURRENT PROGRAM... BUT ASH FEELS THE INCENTIVE WOULD BE GOOD FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AS WELL. THE MONEY COLUMBIA WATER AND LIGHT SAVES IN ENERGY COSTS WILL FUND THE REBATE PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM IS ONLY FOUR DAYS OLD... SO IF THE REBATE SYSTEM WORKS OUT WELL....THE CITY WILL LOOK TO EXPAND IT SO SMALLER BUSINESS OWNERS CAN BENEFIT AS WELL. THE CITY WILL PAY A MAXIMUM OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO EACH OWNER WHICH MEANS FIFTY KILOWATTS SAVED A MONTH.

DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/3	10 P.M.	:22	AND SPEAKING OF FIREWORKS... POLICE IN ONE MISSOURI CITY GOT QUITE A SURPRISE DURING A DRUG RAID. OFFICERS IN SCOTT COUNTY MISSOURI DID FIND SMALL AMOUNTS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND MARIJUANA. BUT THEY ALSO FOUND... SIX SIMULATORS WHICH ARE SMALL EXPLOSIVES THAT MIMIC THE SOUND OF ARTILLERY. A LARGE MILITARY FLARE AND THREE SMOKE GRENADES. A TEAM FROM FORT LENORDWOOD IS DETERMINING WHERE THE EXPLOSIVES CAME FROM.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 6	7/4	6 P.M.	1:39	FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND MEANS BIG CROWDS AT THE LAKE. THIS WEEKEND'S SO GOOD, SOME BUSINESSES REPORT BIGGER CROWDS THAN LAST YEAR. SUMMERTIME AT THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS. A SUMMERTIME THAT HAS BEEN A BETTER MONEY MAKER THAN LAST YEAR. REVITALIZING THE STRIP IS PART OF THE LAKE OZARK BETTERMENT COMMUNITY'S PLAN. BY REMODELING NEW BUILDINGS AND ADDING NEWER FIXTURES, THE BETTERMENT COMMUNITY HOPES NEW BUSINESSES WILL BUILD ON THE STRIP. A NICER STRIP, ALONG WITH NEW ATTRACTIONS HAVE LAKE BUSINESS OWNERS HOPING NEXT SUMMER IS AS GOOD AS--OR BETTER THAN--THIS ONE. THE OWNER OF EXOTIC ANIMAL PARADISE PLANS TO BUILD A ZOO ON THE RIVER SIDE OF BAGNELL DAM. AND THERE ARE ALSO PLANS FOR AN UPSCALE RV PARK IN THAT AREA.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	7/5	6 P.M.	:46	A JEFFERSON CITY MAN ACCUSED OF MURDERING HIS NEIGHBOR WITH A HAMMER WILL GO TO TRIAL IN OCTOBER. A JUDGE SET THE DATE TODAY AS CHRISTOPHER

					HARRIS WAVED HIS ARRAIGNMENT. POLICE SAY HARRIS MURDERED MORELAND JEFFERSON IN MAY. COLE COUNTY PROSECUTOR BILL TACKETT SAYS HE WILL NOT SEEK THE DEATH PENALTY AGAINST HARRIS. IF CONVICTED, HARRIS COULD FACE LIFE IN PRISON WITHOUT PAROLE. A FEW WEEKS PRIOR TO THE ASSAULT, POLICE ARRESTED HARRIS FOR STABBING HIS GIRLFRIEND. THE GIRLFRIEND SAID THE STABBING WAS AN ACCIDENT AND TACKETT NEVER FILED CHARGES.

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/6	10 P.M.	:43	A GROUP OF MISSOURI HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS ARE WORKING TO HELP A COLUMBIA CENTER ELIMINATE MEDICAL ERRORS. THE MISSOURI STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, THE MISSOURI HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION AND THE HEALTH-CARE CONSULTING GROUP PRIMARIS, FORMED THE MISSOURI CENTER FOR PATIENT SAFETY. THE CENTER IS THE RESULT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION FOR PATIENT SAFETY. THE HEALTH-CARE ORGANIZATIONS WILL FUND THE PROGRAM FOR THREE YEARS. THE CENTER MUST FIND AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEFORE IT OPENS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/7	10 P.M.	1:32	WE TRUST OUR STATE OFFICIALS TO HAVE CLEAN RECORDS. BUT ONE STATE OFFICIAL RESIGNED WEDNESDAY AFTER ADMITTING FELONY CONVICTIONS. RANDA HAYES'S RESIGNATION SHOWS THE STATE'S BACKGROUND CHECKS CAN MISS IMPORTANT DETAILS. THIS JOB REQUIRES A BACKGROUND CHECK. WADE COONCE GUARDS THE GATE AT THE MAVERICK'S BASEBALL GAMES... BUT COONCE'S BACKGROUND CHECK IS THE SAME AS THE CHECKS THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL PERFORMS ON MOST STATE OFFICIALS. AND THE HIGHWAY PATROL DOESN'T PLAN TO CHANGE. OFFICIALS WORRY MORE THOROUGH CHECKS WOULD BACK UP THE SYSTEM. THE CHECKS PERFORMED ON COONCE AND EVEN HAYES ONLY REQUIRE A LOOK AT CRIMINAL HISTORY IN MISSOURI, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND DATE OF BIRTH. THE CHECK DOESN'T USE FINGERPRINTS OR LOOK IN OTHER STATES. BUT COONCE'S BOSS SAYS SHE WANTS TOUGHER CHECKS.

					BUT THE PATROL SAYS THEIR BUDGET CAN'T SUPPORT A TOUGHER CHECK ON EVERYONE. THE HIGHWAY PATROL SAYS A NEW FINGERPRINTING PROCESS MIGHT EVENTUALLY HELP THEM IMPROVE BACKGROUND CHECKS .

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	7/8	6 P.M.	1:15	RESIDENTS OF KINGDOM CITY SAY IT'S TIME FOR POLICE AT THE CROSS-ROADS. THE CLOSEST POLICE STATION IS TEN MILES DOWN THE ROAD, AND SOME PEOPLE SAY IT'S TIME TO HAVE POLICE CLOSER TO HOME. CITY OFFICIALS SENT OUT A LETTER TO LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS TO SEE IF CRIME HAS BEEN A PROBLEM. IF THE SURVEYS SHOW A CRIME PROBLEM, THE CITY WILL LOOK INTO ADDING A LOCAL POLICE STATION. ONE GAS STATION OWNER I TALKED TO SAID HE'S ALREADY ADDED PRIVATE SECURITY TO PROTECT HIS CUSTOMERS AND HE'D LIKE TO SEE A STRONGER POLICE PRESENCE IN TOWN. A PROPOSED HALF CENTS SALES TAX WOULD PAY FOR THE NEW POLICE STATION. KINGDOM CITY OFFICIALS SAY IF THEY RECEIVE ENOUGH POSITIVE FEEDBACK, THE SALES TAX COULD BE ON THE BALLOT AS EARLY AS NEXT APRIL.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/9	10 P.M.	:25	IT'S GOING TO COST MORE MONEY TO ADVERTISE ON MISSOURI'S BUSIEST HIGHWAYS. CURRENTLY, EACH RESTAURANT, GAS STATION, OR HOTEL THAT USES THE BLUE SIGNS PAYS 8-HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS. THAT WILL NOW JUMP TO JUST MORE THAN A THOUSAND DOLLARS PER SIGN, PER YEAR. BUT IT WILL ONLY EFFECT THOSE ADVERTISING ON MISSOURI'S HIGH-TRAFFIC ROADS. ONES LIKE HIGHWAY 63 IN MID-MISSOURI...
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/10	10 P.M.	2:12	A MAN IS DEAD AND A WOMAN HOSPITALIZED FOLLOWING A JEFFERSON CITY SHOOTING. THE SHOOTING HAPPENED EARLY THIS MORNING ON BUENA VISTA STREET IN THE CAPITAL CITY. WE ARE NOT SURE ON VICTORIA HUGHE'S STATUS. WE DO KNOW THAT SHE WAS TRANSPORTED HERE EARLY THIS MORNING AFTER BEING SHOT IN THE BACK. WE CAN TELL YOU THOUGH THIS IS A CASE OF A ROBBERY GONE BAD.

					CURRENTLY THE JEFFERSON CITY POLICE HAVE ARRESTED THREE SUSPECTS AND CHARGED MYCHAL SANGSTER OF FLEONY MURDER. BUT SANGSTER SAYS YET ANOTHER SUSPECT, ED GORDON WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER. I TALKED TO COLE COUNTY PROSECUTOR BILL TACKETT AND HE SAYS MORE CHARGES ARE TO COME BECAUSE SO MANY PEOPLE WERE INVOLVED. ACCORDING TO POLICE REPORTS, 24 YEAR OLD CHRISTOPHER DELOCHE WAS SHOT SOMETIME EARLY THIS MORNING AND DIED AT THE SCENE. AFTER THE SHOOTING, THREE PEOPLE GATHERED AROUND THE GUN TO TRY TO PREVENT ANOTHER SHOOTING. THAT'S WHEN SANGSTER UNITENTIONALLY SHOT HUGHES. POLICE SAY OTHER PEOPLE ARE BEING IDENTIFIED AND SOUGHT FOR AN INDIRECT ROLE IN THE CRIME. ED GORDON WILL BE CHARGED TOMORROW WITH FIRST OR SECOND DEGREE MURDER. THERE WERE ALSO SEVERAL JUNENILES INVOLVED IN THE CRIME. POLICE HAVE NOT RELEASED THEIR NAMES.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 5	7/11	5 P.M.	1:14	THE COLE COUNTY PROSECUTOR FILED CHARGES TODAY AGAINST TWO MEN FOR THIS WEEKEND'S SHOOTING AT A JEFFERSON CITY HOME. PROSECUTOR BILL TACKETT CHARGED MICHAEL SANGESTER AND EDDIE GORDON THE FOURTH WITH SECOND DEGREE MURDER, FELONY ROBBERY, FELONIOUS RESTRAINT, AND ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION. POLICE BELIEVE ONE OF THE MEN SHOT CHRISTOPHER DELOACH AT HIS HOUSE EARLY SUNDAY MORNING. REGARDLESS OF WHO PULLED THE TRIGGER, THE LAW SAYS BOTH MEN CAN FACE CHARGES. POLICE SAY THEY FOUND GUNSHOT RESIDUE ON GORDON. POLICE SAY THEY BELIEVE THE MEN KILLED DELOACH DURING A ROBBERY TO KEEP HIM FROM IDENTIFYING THEM. POLICE SAY THE PAIR ALSO SHOT A WOMAN AT THE SCENE IN THE BACK. THE HOSPITAL RELEASED HER THIS MORNING.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 6	7/12	6 P.M.	:59	THE AMEREN U-E NUCLEAR PLANT IN CALLAWAY COUNTY IS ONE OF THE MOST SECURE PLACES IN THE STATE, BUT A LABOR DISPUTE COULD THREATEN THAT SECURITY. THE SECURITY OFFICERS' UNION UNANIMOUSLY VOTED DOWN A NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT LAST WEEK. IF THE TWO SIDES CAN'T REACH TERMS, IT COULD MEAN A STRIKE. WACKENHUT (WOKEN-HUT) CORPORATION SUPPLIES THE FORCES NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PLANT, BUT THE SECURITY OFFICERS AREN'T HAPPY WITH THEIR BENEFITS AND WAGES. THOUGH A STRIKE WOULD DISRUPT THE PLANT, OFFICIALS SAY IT WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE ITS SECURITY. THE SECURITY GUARDS UNIONIZED IN MARCH, JOINING THE UNITED GOVERNMENT SECURITY OFFICERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL ELEVEN.

					THE GUARDS SAY A STRIKE IS THEIR LAST RESORT.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/13	10 P.M.	:53	THE RAIN FROM THE HURRICANE NEVER QUITE REACHED MID-MISSOURI, AND COLUMBIA LAWNS AND PLANTS ARE PROOF. IN THE PAST FOUR MONTHS, COLUMBIA HAS GOTTEN ONLY TWELVE INCHES OF RAINFALL...ABOUT SIX INCHES BELOW NORMAL FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR. A LACK OF RAIN MEANS WATERING LAWNS AND FLOWERS MORE THAN USUAL...AND FOR MANY RESIDENTS, WATERING EVERYDAY...WHICH MEANS WATER BILLS ARE ALSO RISING. RUNNING SPRINKLERS NON-STOP FOR AN HOUR WILL COST ABOUT TWO DOLLARS...BUT A TOTAL IRRIGATION SYSTEM CAN COST UP TO TWELVE DOLLARS AN HOUR. THE WATER AND LIGHT DEPARTMENT IS URGING PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT CONSERVING WHEN THEY WATER THEIR LAWNS. THE WATER DEPARTMENT IS EXPANDING ITS WATER CAPACITY BY EIGHT MILLION GALLONS. BUT THE ADDITIONAL WATER FLOW SHOULD BE READY NEXT SUMMER.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU NEWS AT 5	7/14	5 P.M.	1:26	BEGINNING TOMORROW ALL PHARMACIES MUST KEEP COLD MEDICATIONS CONTAINING PSEUDOEPHEDRINE BEHIND THEIR COUNTERS. THE GOAL OF THE LAW IS TO CUT DOWN ON METH LABS AND DEALERS ACROSS MISSOURI. CONTROLLING PSEUDOEPHEDRINE TAKES ONE OF THE MAIN INGREDIENTS IN METH OUT OF THE HANDS OF PRODUCERS. YOU STILL WON'T NEED A PRESCRIPTION TO GET PILLS LIKE SUDAFED. BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK THE PHARMACIST TO GET THEM FOR YOU. YOU'LL STILL FIND A FEW MEDICATIONS WITH PSEUDOEPHEDRINE OUT ON THE SHELVES. UNDER THE NEW LAW, CONSUMERS WILL HAVE TO SHOW VALID ID, BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE, AND SIGN

					A LOG BOOK. MINORS CAN'T BUY THE COLD PILLS, AND NO ONE CAN BUY MORE THAN THREE PACKAGES IN A 30-DAY PERIOD. THE LAW ALSO RESTRICTS GAS STATIONS AND CONVENIENCE STORES FROM SELLING THE COLD PILLS. WHEN OKLAHOMA PASSED A SIMILAR LAW, THE NUMBER OF METH LABS IN THEIR STATE DROPPED BY MORE THAN 80 PERCENT.

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/15	10 P.M.	:20	THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION SAYS IT WILL MAKE A DECISION BY SEPTEMBER 1ST WHETHER YOU CAN BUY THE MORNING-AFTER PILL OVER THE COUNTER. AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED MORE THAN A YEAR AGO THE PILL BE SOLD OVER THE COUNTER. BUT *LATER* THE F-D-A* OVERRULED THAT RECOMMENDATION, WORRIED ABOUT THE PILL'S POSSIBLE USE BY TEENAGERS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/16	10 P.M.	1:16	THE *YELLOW* MOON ANTIQUE MALL SITS IN A *BLUE* BUILDING... AND THAT HAS OLD MUNICHBERG ASSOCIATION MEMBERS SEEING *RED*... THE YELLOW MOON ANTIQUE MALL OPENED IN FEBRUARY IN THE OLD MUNICHBERG DISCTRICT OF JEFFERSON CITY WITH THE CITY'S APPROVAL... BUT THE BLUE METAL BUILDING HAS THE OLD MUNICHBERG ASSOCIATION UPSET ABOUT THE WAY IT LOOOKS. THE ASSOCIATION PUT SIGNS AROUND THE MALL IN HOPES OF GETTING NEW RULES PASSED FOR FUTURE BUILDINGS. ONE MEMBER SAYS THEY AREN'T ATTACKING THE OWNER OF THE MALL, THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO PRESERVE OLD MUNICHBERG. BUT THE OWNER OF THE ANTIQUE MALL SAYS PEOPLE SHOULD BE HAPPY THAT THE LAND IS BEING PUT TO GOOD USE AND BRINGING IN NEEDED TAX REVENUE. HE ALSO POINTS OUT THAT OTHER METALIC BUILDINGS ARE IN THE AREA, BUT ONLY HIS HAS DRAWN THE WRATH OF NEGHBORS CITY COUNCILMAN MIKE BERRY, SAYS THERE'S NO ORDINANCE READY TO FILE... BUT THEY EXPECT CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING RULES TO CHANGE SOON.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/17	10 P.M.	2:09	IT TOOK THEM A WEEK ... BUT INVESTIGATORS NOW SAY THEY KNOW WHAT HAPPENED ... AND WHO'S TO BLAME IN A ROBBERY AND MURDER IN JEFFERSON CITY. JEFFERSON CITY RESIDENT ADAM T. TURNER IS THE THIRD ADULT CHARGED IN THE CASE

					PROSECUTORS FILED ROBBERY AND FELONY MURDER CHARGES AGAINST TURNER TODAY. ANOTHER CONFIRMED SUSPECT IS A JUVENILE ... SO THERE IS NO WORD ON WHAT CHARGES COULD BE FILED... OR IF HE OR SHE WILL BE TRIED AS AN ADULT. EARLIER, I SPOKE WITH COLE COUNTY PROSECUTOR BILL TACKETT AND HE SAYS BECAUSE THE CASE IS SO COMPLICATED IT'S TAKING A WHILE TO UNFOLD. AT LEAST A WEEK SO FAR ... BUT FINALLY DETAILS ARE EMERGING. POLICE SAY IT STARTED WHEN A GROUP TRIED TO ROB THIS JEFFERSON CITY HOME. THEY SAY ONE SUSPECT ... MYCHAL SANGSTER OF JEFFERSON CITY ... FINGERED EDDIE GORDON AS THE PERSON WHO SHOT 24-YEAR-OLD CHRISTOPHER DELOACH. TACKETT SAYS THE SHOOTER MADE THE VICTIMS PUT THEIR HEADS DOWN AND SHUT THEIR EYES... BUT WHEN DELOACH PEEKED THE SHOOTER KILLED HIM. TACKETT SAYS THAT'S WHEN VERONICA HUGHES TRIED TO GRAB THE GUN ... BUT SO DID ALLEGED ROBBER MYCHAL SANGSTER STRUGGLING FOR THE GUN ... TACKETT SAYS SANGSTER SHOT HUGHES. AFTER SORTING OUT THE DETAILS, TACKETT SAYS HE CAN FINALLY FILE CHARGES A JUDGE SET TURNER'S BOND AT ONE-MILLION DOLLARS. TWO OTHER SUSPECTS WERE CHARGED EARLIER IN THE WEEK. UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL RELEASED VERONICA HUGHES MONDAY ... ABOUT A DAY AFTER PARAMEDICS AIRLIFTED HER THERE. COURT DATES HAVE NOT BEEN SET FOR ANY OF THE SUSPECTS.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	7/18	6 P.M.	1:36	DEVELOPMENT IN COLUMBIA CONTINUES TO BE A HOT BUTTON ISSUE... THIS TIME, RESIDENTS NORTH OF I-70 SAY THEY DON'T WANT THE CITY OF COLUMBIA TO REZONE 16 ACRES SOUTH OF CLARK LANE INTO COMMERCIAL PROPERTY. AREA RESIDENTS SAY TRAFFIC ON CLARK LANE IS ALREADY A CONCERN. AND IF DEVELOPERS REZONE SIXTEEN ACRES SOUTH OF CLARK LANE FOR BUSINESS, RESIDENTS WORRY WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. OTHER RESIDENTS SAY IT'S PREMATURE TO REZONE. AND RESIDENTS WANT DEVELOPERS TO PAY FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS. BUT DEVELOPERS SAY IT'S NOT THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY FOR PRE-EXISTING TRAFFIC PROBLEMS. BUT RESIDENTS SAY THEY'RE DETERMINED TO KEEP THE NEIGHBORHOOD THEY WAY IT IS. COLUMBIA'S CITY COUNCIL WILL VOTE ON REZONING THE AREA SOUTH OF CLARK LANE AT TONIGHT'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THE COUNCIL HAS HEARD THIS PROPOSAL. IN 2000, THE CITY COUNCIL DENIED A REZONING REQUEST MADE BY DEVELOPERS.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/19	10 P.M.	:49	A NEW MEMO FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO ITS EMPLOYEES IS CLEAR... DON'T TELL CLIENTS TO CONTACT THEIR LEGISLATORS ABOUT MEDICAID CUTS. THE MEMO ADDS "REFERRING TO A LEGISLATOR MAY ONLY RESULT IN FRUSTRATION FOR EVERYONE." THIS COMES AFTER INCREASED CALLS TO THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE CUTS. A SPOKESWOMAN WITH THE DEPARTMENT WANTS TO KEEP POLITICS OUT OF IT... DEMOCRATS SAY REPUBLICANS ARE TURNING THEIR BACKS ON

					MISSOURIANS FACING THE CUTS. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR MEDICAID BILL, YOU CAN CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OR YOUR STATE LEGISLATOR.

EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	7/20	6 P.M.	2:26	A TARGET-8 REPORT GETS AN ENTIRE TOWN TALKING. THE REPORT TOLD THE STORY OF AN ELDON MAN WHO SAYS HIS DOCTOR DROPPED HIM AS A PATIENT BECAUSE OF HIS VEWS ON THE ELDON SCHOOLS TAX LEVY. ELDON RESIDENTS FLOODED KOMU WITH CALLS AND EMAILS ABOUT THE STORY. THE ELDON RESIDENTS I TALKED TO TODAY SAY THEY SUPPORT THE DOCTOR... AND THE TAX LEVY. AND THEY'RE FRUSTRATED OVER CONTROVERSIES THAT DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE REAL ISSUES. IT'S NOT JUST THE PROPOSED SCHOOL TAX LEVY THAT ELDON RESIDENTS SAY IS TEARING THEIR COMMUNITY APART... AND TWO OPPONENTS OF THE ISSUE ARE NOW AT THE CENTER OF THE FRUSTRATION... SOME ELDON RESIDENTS SAY THEY'VE GONE TOO FAR TO PROMOTE THEIR POINT OF VIEW. BARNHOUSE SAYS HE SUPPORTS THE LEVY BECAUSE HE WANTS TO REPAY THE COMMUNITY. HIS SISTER ALSO SUPPORTS THE LEVY... BUT SAYS THE DEBATE FROM THE OPPOSITION HAS STRAYED TOO FAR. THE PERSONALITY ISSUE STEMS FROM THE CONFLICT BETWEEN ELDON RESIDENT JIM FERGUSON AND HIS FORMER DOCTOR, SCOTT GRISWOLD. BARNHOUSE SIDES WITH NOT ONLY THE TAX LEVY, BUT THE DOCTOR. AND WITH THE LEVY UP FOR A VOTE NEXT MONTH, ONE COMMUNITY LEADER HAS A MESSAGE FOR ELDON. THE CONTROVERSY BUILT SINCE THE TAX LEVY FAILED IN APRIL. VOTERS HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO CAST THEIR BALLOT ON THE ISSUE ON AUGUST SECOND. FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN SEEING LAST NIGHT'S TARGET 8 STORY, IT'S ON OUR WEBSITE, KOMU-DOT-COM.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/21	10 P.M.	1:46	GOVERNOR BLUNT HAS SIGNED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING A STATE HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL IS A PART OF THE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY, WHICH BLUNT HAS NOW MERGED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. THE HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MUST SUBMIT AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN TO THE GOVERNOR BY JANUARY 1, 2006. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANS WILL INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE THE STATE'S ABILITY TO RESPOND TO BOTH NATURAL AND MAN-MADE DISASTERS. THE 17-MEMBER COUNCIL IS MADE UP OF DEPARTMENT HEADS. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES SAY IT WILL ADDRESS ISSUES AT BOTH THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL. AND THEY'RE OTHER THREATS, THE COUNCIL ALSO WANTS CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION FUSION CENTER, A COMPREHENSIVE DATABASE OF INFORMATION FROM EACH GOVERNMENT AGENCY. MISSOURI HOMELAND SECURITY DIRECTOR MICHAEL CHAPMAN SAYS LAW ENFORCEMENT INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION WILL BE THE BACKBONE OF THIS CENTER. BLUNT IS ALSO ASKING ALL STATE EXECUTIVE AGENCIES TO SUBMIT EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS TO THE COUNCIL WITHIN THE NEXT 120 DAYS. MISSOURI'S DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY MARK JAMES WILL CHAIR THE COUNCIL, AND CHAPMAN WILL BE VICE-CHAIRMAN. CHAPMAN SAYS HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW MUCH THESE CHANGES WILL COST THE STATE.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/22	10 P.M.	2:05	GANG OR GROUP? IT DEPENDS ON WHO YOU'RE TALKING TO! POLICE USE THE WORD--- GANG, NEIGHBORS SAY GROUP.

					THE BOTTOM LINE- FIVE COLUMBIA RESIDENTS RANGING IN AGE FROM 15 TO 21 ARE IN TROUBLE WITH POLICE. IT'S CALLED THE CRIMINAL STREET GANG LAW. IT'S BEEN AROUND SINCE 2004. COLUMBIA POLICE CAPTAIN BRAD NELSON EXPLAINS THE LAW. THESE RESDIENTS SAY THE LAW UNFAIRLY TARGETS THEM. JOSH WRIGHT BRINGS UP ANOTHER ISSUE. THE STREET GANG LAW CARRIES A MAXIMUM OF 3 YEARS IN JAIL. WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S FIRST EVER GANG-ARREST OCCURRED AT THE BREAK TIME GAS GAS STATION ON THE BUSINESS LOOP. CRACK COCAINE AND ECSTASY WERE FOUND IN A CAR. TWO MEN FACE ADDITIONAL DRUG CHARGES.

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 6	7/23	6 P.M.	1:45	GETTING YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS FILLED CAN BE HARD, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU CAN'T PAY FOR THEM. A SECOND ROUND OF MEDICAID CUTS WILL COME NEXT MONTH. WITH THE NEW CUTS RESIDENTS WILL NEED ALTERNATIVES TO GET THE MEDICATIONS THEY NEED. ONE PHARMACY TRIES TO HELP PEOPLE FIND A WAY TO COPE WITH THE MEDICAID CUTS TO COME. SHIRLEY BOGART KNOWS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LOSE HER MEDICAID BENEFITS. SHE'S ALREADY FELT THE EFFECTS OF THE FIRST ROUND OF MEDICAID CUTS EARLIER THIS MONTH. SHE'S SAYS IF THESE CUTS KEEP COMING PEOPLE WILL BE LEFT WITH FEW ALTERNATIVES. BUT KILGORE'S PHARMACY CO-OWNER ANN BROMSTEDT TRIES TO EASE THE SEVERITY OF THE CUTS, OFFERING HER CUSTOMERS OPTIONS. SHE KNOWS FIRST HAND THE DIFFICULTY PEOPLE RUN INTO WHEN TRYING TO PAY FOR THEIR PRESCRIPTIONS WHEN THEY CAN'T AFFORD IT. BROMSTEDT SAYS THE CUTS WILL DIRECTLY AFFECT HER ELDERLY AND DISABLED CUSTOMERS DUE TO THEIR LARGE PRESCRIPTION NEEDS. FOR NOW RECIPIENTS LIKE BOGART WILL RELY ON PHARMACIES' HELP TO GET THE MEDICATIONS SHE NEEDS AT AFFORDABLE PRICES. THE CUTS TAKE EFFECT AUGUST TWENTY-EIGHTH.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/24	10 P.M.	1:31	INSTEAD OF BARGAINING FOR TIPS, PIZZA DELIVERY DRIVERS SOMETIMES FIND THEMSELVES BARGAINING FOR THEIR LIVES. EVEN AFTER TWO HOLDUPS IN TWO DAYS ... AND THE SAVAGE BEATING OF A JEFFERSON CITY DRIVER EARLIER THIS SUMMER ... MID-MISSOURI DRIVERS STILL SAY IT'S ALL JUST PART OF THE JOB THE QUESTION IS WHY WOULD ROBBERS FOCUS ON A PIZZA DELIVERY PERSON WHEN THERE'S NOT MUCH TO GAIN?

					RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES SAID DRIVERS ONLY TAKE TWENTY DOLARS WITH THEM. BUT WHEN A BUSY NIGHT COMES ALONG, SOME DRIVERS HAVE MORE CASH ON THEM THAN THEY SHOULD. NICHOLS SAYS ROBBERIES HAPPEN AROUND ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH... BUT COLUMBIA POLICE DISAGREE THE ROBBERIES ARE ALL THAT COMMON. BOTH IMO'S AND DOMINOES SAY THEY STAY IN CONTACT WITH OTHER STORES WHEN THERE ARE ROBBERIES, BUT FOR NOW, THERE ARE NO SOLUTIONS ON THE TABLE TO HELP THE DRIVER'S OUT. COLUMBIA POLICE SAY THEY DON'T HAVE ANY LEADS ON THE TWO ROBBERIES.

JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 6	7/25	6 P.M.	1:36	MID-MISSOURI FARMERS ARE CROSSING THEIR FINGERS, HOPING FOR RAIN. ...RAIN MIGHT BE IN THE FORECAST FOR MANY MID-MISSOURI'S FARMERS. DAVID DRENNAN HAS WORKED FOR THE MISSOURI DAIRY ASSOCIATION FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS. THIS YEAR, HE'S WORRIED SOME DAIRY FARMERS WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET. HE AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM AGRICULTURE INDUSTRIES MET WITH SENATOR KIT BOND TO TALK ABOUT THE DROUGHT. THE AG OFFICIALS REPORTED WHAT THEY SAY ARE BAD NUMBERS FOR MISSOURI FARMERS. ...LIKE FIVE INCHES BELOW NORMAL IN RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURES SOARING OVER 100 DEGREES. THAT MAY CHANGE THIS WEEK WITH SHOWERS IN STORE. CORN INDUSTRY OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THE DROUGHT HAS ALREADY DAMAGED THEIR CROPS BEYOND REPAIR. FARMERS HAVE BEGUN LOOKING TO THE STATE FOR SOLUTIONS. REPRESENTATIVES AT THE MEETING SAY DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR SOME COUNTIES MIGHT BE A SOURCE OF RELIEF. ULTIMATELY, IT WILL BE UP TO GOVERNOR BLUNT TO DECIDE WHETHER TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY. GOVERNOR BLUNT SAYS HE'LL MAKE THAT DECISION WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/26	10 P.M.	:28	THE EXTREME HEAT MAY HAVE KEPT MISSOURIANS FROM ENJOYING OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, BUT SOME BUSINESS OWNERS ENJOYED THE EXTRA BUSINESS. THE ST. LOUIS BASED WEHRENBERG THEATER CHAIN HAS SEEN ATTENDANCE RISE ELEVEN PERCENT THIS SUMMER... THE CHAIN OFFERS HEAT ADVISORY MATINEES

					WITH DISCOUNT PRICES ON DAYS WITH EXTREME HEAT. A MANAGER FROM FORUM 8 THEATERS IN COLUMBIA SAYS BUSINESS TYPICALLY IMPROVES ON HOT DAYS... BUT SAYS HE HASN'T NOTICED A JUMP DURING THE RECENT HEAT WAVE.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/27	10 P.M.	1:26	THE FULTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVED A PROPOSAL TUESDAY NIGHT TO RAISE THE CITY'S PROPERTY TAX. THE FULTON CITY COUNCIL CITES CONTINUED GROWTH AS THE REASON FOR THE PROPERTY TAX CHANGES. BUT THEY'RE NOT CALLING IT AN INCREASE. THE RATE GOES FROM 42 CENTS PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF TAXABLE PROPERTY TO JUST OVER 47 CENTS. THAT MEANS THAT IF YOU OWN A ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR HOME, THE TAX WILL COST YOU AN EXTRA TEN DOLLARS A YEAR. THE MONEY COULD GO TOWARD IMPROVING PARKS, REPAIRING STREETS, OR IT COULD EVEN FUND TWO NEW POLICE CARS FOR THE CITY. THE STATE HAS AUTHORIZED THE COUNCIL TO RAISE THE CITY'S PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR FOURTEEN YEARS, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST INCREASE.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/28	10 P.M.	1:43	WHAT'S IN THE WATER??? IT MIGHT NOT BE SO CLEAN. MISSOURI IS TRYING TO IMPROVE ITS WATER QUALITY... TODAY'S FEDERAL CUT TO CLEAN WATER IS GOING TO HURT SMALLER COMMUNITIES... DESPITE EFFORTS BY MISSOURI TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY, THE STATE'S WATERWAYS MAY NOT SEE ANY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE U-S CONGRESS DECIDED TO CUT FUNDING FOR THE CLEAN WATER FUND BY NEARLY A THIRD. THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESCOURCES SAYS THIS CUT WILL EFFECT MISSOURI'S WATER QUALITY. THE CLEAN WATER FUND GIVES STATES MONEY TO HELP MEET FEDERAL WATER QUALITY STANDARDS. ACCORDING TO THE NATURAL RESOURCE DEFENSE COUNCIL... MISSOURI GOT ABOUT 37 MILLION IN 2004... THIS YEAR THE STATE WILL GET ABOUT 25 MILLION...

					A TWO YEAR LOSS OF 12 MILLION DOLLARS... MISSOURI CONGRESSMAN KENNY HULSHOF VOTED FOR THE CUTS. HIS OFFICE COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	7/29	6 P.M.	2:05	TROOPERS ARE STILL INVESTIGATING THE HIT-AND-RUN ACCIDENT THAT KILLED A TODDLER ON I-70 LAST NIGHT. THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL IS LOOKING FOR THE DRIVER OF THE CAR... AND THE CALLAWAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS TRYING TO FIND OUT HOW THE CHILD GOT ONTO THE HIGHWAY IN THE FIRST PLACE. THE BOY CALLAWAY COUNTY OFFICIALS SAY IS 2-YEAR-OLD COLE AARON ROBISON LIVED JUST A FEW HUNDRED FEET FROM THE ACCIDENT SCENE. THE BOY LIVED JUST NEAR OLD HIGHWAY 40 IN KINGDOM CITY. DRIVERS SAW THE BODY ON THE WESTBOUND LANES OF I-70 AT ABOUT 8 LAST NIGHT. ONE COLUMBIA DRIVER SAYS SHE SAW CARS STOPPED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD... THE CHILD'S GRANDMOTHER SAYS COLE'S MOTHER AND FATHER GAVE THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE D-N-A SAMPLES LAST NIGHT TO CONFIRM THE IDENTITY OF THE BOY. BUT THE FAMILY DOESN'T KNOW THE RESULTS OF THE TESTS, YET. THE FAMILY SAYS THEY'RE STILL HOPING IT'S NOT REALLY COLE. AND NELSON SAYS SHE WOULDN'T WANT TO FACE THAT REALITY EITHER... I TALKED TO THE NEIGHBOR WHO MADE THE 9-1-1 CALL WHEN COLE'S MOTHER DISCOVERED HE WAS MISSING. SHE SAYS NEIGHBORS ARE SAD AND ANGRY... AND SHE WANTS TO SEE THE TRAILER PARK'S MANAGEMENT PUT A FENCE ALONG OLD HIGHWAY 40. I ALSO TALKED TO THE CALLAWAY COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TODAY... THEY'RE WAITING FOR THE SHERIFF'S REPORT BEFORE THEY CONSIDER FILING ANY CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST THE ROBISON FAMILY. TROOPERS SAY THE DRIVER MIGHT NOT KNOW

					WHAT EXACTLY HE OR SHE HIT... AND PROBABLY JUST KEPT DRIVING. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACCIDENT, YOU CAN CALL THE HIGHWAY PATROL AT 573-751-1000 OR THE CALLAWAY COUNTY SHERIFF AT 573-642-7291.

JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 6	7/30	6 P.M.	:28	AS LAWNS WITHER ACROSS THE AREA, THE ON-GOING DROUGHT IS THREATENING THE STATE'S ECONOMY. DUE TO LOW RIVER LEVELS, THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SAYS OFFICIALS ARE THINKING OF CLOSING THE MISSOURI RIVER TO SHIPS ON OCTOBER 15TH... A MONTH AND A HALF EARLIER THAN NORMAL. THAT DECISION COULD SERIOUSLY HURT BUSINESSES THAT RELY ON BARGE TRAFFIC ON THE RIVER. SOME RIVERS AND STREAMS IN THE STATE ARE AT LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF THEIR NORMAL WATER FLOW.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/31	10 P.M.		POLITICS AND ART ... TWO THINGS COLUMBIA TAKES VERY SERIOUSLY .... CAME TOGETHER TONIGHT. IT WAS AS THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN DIVIDED THE COUNTRY THAT TWO COLUMBIA FILMMAKERS SET OUT TO CHRONICLE THE POLITICAL BATTLE RIGHT HERE IN MID-MISSOURI. AND TONIGHT THEIR FILM "ELECTION" PREMIERED AT COLUMBIA'S RAGTAG THEATER. THE DOCUMENTARY PREMIERED HERE ABOUT TWO HOURS AGO. THE FILM GAVE A BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK OF WHAT HAPPENED IN COLUMBIA DURING THE 2004 ELECTION. AND FOR THE FILM MAKERS THE CHANCE TO BRING THEIR IDEA TO LIFE ON THE SILVERSCREEN. IT WAS AN ANXIOUS OCTOBER DAY FOR SETH ASHLEY AND CHRISTY LE MASTER... A DAY THAT WOULD END WITH AN IDEA.... AND NOW, SOME SEVEN MONTHS LATER THAT IDEA IS "ELECTION" A FILM THAT CHRONICLES COLUMBIA'S POLITICAL CLIMATE DURING THE 2004 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. ASHLEY AND LE MASTER...PLUS A CREW OF FOUR OTHERS GATHERED MORE THAN 25 HOURS OF FOOTAGE. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THEY FOUND A STORY THEY WANTED TO TELL. AND IN TELLING THEIR STORY MADE A STATEMENT

					ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF INDEPENDENT FILMS. FOR RAGTAG CUSTOMERS LIKE JOAN MCELROY FILMS LIKE "ELECTION" ARE A REFRESHING EXPERIENCE. AND NOW THE ONLY IDEA LEFT FOR THE TWO YOUNG FIM MAKERS IS WHERE TO GO NEXT... A DISCUSSION WITH MU JOURNALISM PROFESSOR STEPHANIE CRAFT AND THE FILMMAKERS IS TAKING PLACE INSIDE RIGHT NOW. THE FILMMAKERS SAY THAT THEY MIGHT HOLD ANOTHER SCREENING LATER IN THE FALL. ASHLEY AND LE MASTER PLAN ON SUBMITTING THE DOCUMENTARY TO FESTIVALS AROUND THE U-S.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/1	10 P.M.	1:50	THE PRICE FOR PROGRESS AND POPULATION GROWTH HAVE SOME WONDERING WHO IS LEFT PAYING FOR IT. MANY AT THE COUNCIL MEETING AGREED COLUMBIA NEEDS NEW ROADS TO KEEP UP WITH GROWTH, BUT SOME DISAGREED ABOUT WHO SHOULD BE FOOTING THE BILL. NATS BEN LONDEREE KNOWS NEW ROADS ARE NEEDED, BUT HE SAYS HE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO PAY FOR THEM. THE CITY COUNCIL HELD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR COLUMBIANS TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS ABOUT THE NEW TAX PACKAGE. THE CITY COUNCIL WANTS TO EXTEND THE EXISTING QUARTER CENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SALES TAX FOR 10 YEARS, INCREASE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SALES TAX ONE EIGHT OF A CENT FOR 10 YEARS, AND INCREASE THE DEVELOPMENT FEE OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS. COLUMBIA'S TOP ROAD IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES ARE THE BALLINGER LANE OVERPASS, BEARFIELD ROAD AND BROWN SCHOOL ROAD. OUT OF THE 18 ROAD PRIORITIES, ALL BUT ONE, LONDEREE SAYS, ARE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN. CITY MANAGER RAY BECK SAYS THE TAX PLAN IS THE FAIREST WAY TO RAISE THE MONEY. THE COUNCIL WILL HOLD ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 15TH. THE TAX PACKAGE WILL BE ON THE NOVEMBER 8TH BALLOT.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	8/2	6 P.M.	:34	THE MISSOURI SUPREME COURT IS CONSIDERING A LAST SECOND APPEAL FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL JAY NIXON TO BLOCK A TRANSFER OF THE KATY BRIDGE LAWSUIT NIXON IS CHALLENGING A DECISION BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO GIVE UP THE STATE'S RIGHT TO USE THE OLD BOONVILLE RAILROAD BRIDGE AS A PART OF THE KATY TRAIL STATE PARK. NIXON FILED THE LAWSUIT IN COOPER COUNTY, WHERE THE BRIDGE IS LOCATED.

					BUT A JUDGE ORDERED THE CASE MOVED TO COLE COUNTY, WHERE MOST LAWSUITS INVOLVING THE STATE ARE HANDLED. THE TRANSFER IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE TODAY.

EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/3	10 P.M.	:48	ELDON STUDENTS MAY SEE AN IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR SCHOOLS NEXT YEAR BECAUSE OF A CONTROVERSIAL NEW PROPERTY TAX LEVY. VOTERS APPROVED THE MEASURE LAST NIGHT BY A CLOSE FIFTY-TWO PERCENT MAJORITY AFTER REJECTING IT IN APRIL. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS SAY THEY'LL FOCUS ON IMPROVING FACILITIES, SAFETY, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND THE DROP-OUT RATE. BUT RESIDENTS STILL DISAGREE ON WHETHER THE MONEY WILL SERVE ITS PURPOSE. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL GET NEARLY NINE-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE SOME TIME AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/4	10 P.M.	:31	THE STATE'S EMINENT DOMAIN TASK FORCE MET FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY. GOVERNOR BLUNT CREATED THE TASK FORCE AFTER A RECENT SUPREME COURT RULING. THE EMINENT DOMAIN LAW ALLOWS THE GOVERNMENT TO PURCHASE LAND WHEN IT NEEDS PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT, FOR THINGS LIKE HIGHWAYS OR BUSINESSES THAT WILL GENERATE PUBLIC INCOME. THE GOVERMENT CAN ALSO PURCHASE PROPERTY THAT IS IN DISREPAIR OR IN AREAS PLAGUED BY CRIME. THE TASK FORCE WILL ADVISE THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE OF ITS FINDINGS. THE GROUP MEETS AGAIN AUGUST 18TH.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	8/5	6 P.M.	1:05	A SCHOOL OF THE OSAGE TEACHER IS ON SUSPENSION WHILE POLICE INVESTIGATE CHARGES OF STATUTORY SODOMY WITH A 15 YEAR-OLD STUDENT... THE CAMDEN COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY CHARGED 25 YEAR-OLD ADAM KINCHELOE WITH 3 COUNTS OF STATUTORY SODOMY. KINCHELOE STARTED TEACHING SCIENCE AT SCHOOL OF THE OSAGE HIGH SCHOOL IN 2003. OSAGE SUPERINTENDENT MARY ANN JOHNSON SAYS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DOESN'T KNOW IF KINCHELOE

					IS GUILTY OR INNOCENT, BUT UNTIL THE INVESTIGATION IS DONE... KINCHELOE WILL NOT TEACH AT THE SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS CONDUCTING ITS OWN INVESTIGATION. THE OSAGE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT IS GETTING HELP FROM THE STATE TECHNICAL TEAM... ADAM KINCHELOE IS CURRENTLY FREE ON A 1-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND. CAMDEN COUNTY'S ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY SAYS THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE CAN REMEMBER AN INCIDENT BETWEEN A TEACHER AND A STUDENT.

ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/6	10 P.M.	:48	ONE MID-MISSOURI TOWN'S DOWNTOWN SUCCESS HAS LEAD ANOTHER TO JOIN IN ON THE FUN. AFTER WATCHING MOBERLY REVITALIZE *IT'S* DOWNTOWN PROGRAM, MEXICO WANTED TO CREATE THE SAME ATMOSPHERE. BECAUSE BIG-TIME STORES LIKE WAL-MART MOVED IN, MEXICO BUSINESS OWNERS SUFFERED... AND FELT THEIR DOWNTOWN NEEDED A FACELIFT. THE MAIN STREET PROGRAM HELPS SMALL-TOWN BUSINESSES REVITALIZE THEIR DOWNTOWN AND BRING IN MORE CUSTOMERS. BUSINESS OWNERS SAY MEXICO'S DOWNTOWN SHOPS ARE UNIQUE ON THEIR OWN, BUT THEY NEED A LITTLE REVISION. BUSINESS OWNERS SAY JOINING THE MAIN STREET PROGRAM HELPS PUT NEW BUSINESSES IN EMPTY BUILDINGS. THE MAIN STREET PROGRAM IS STILL IN THE BEGINNING STEPS FOR MEXICO. BUSINESS OWNERS SAY IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE IT'S IN FULL GEAR.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/7	10 P.M.	:27	COLUMBIA SHOPPERS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE SUNNY WEATHER THIS AFTERNOON.... ...TO ENJOY THE LAST DAY OF THE TAX-FREE SHOPPING WEEKEND. THE TAX BREAK APPLIES TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES, CLOTHES AND COMPUTERS. LAST YEAR RETAILERS REPORTED SALES JUMPS OF 25 TO 60 PERCENT MORE THAN NORMAL. OUT OF THE 19 COUNTIES IN THE K-O-M-U VIEWING AREA, ONLY MACON, MILLER, CAMDEN, GASCONADE AND CHARITON COUNTIES WAIVED COUNTY TAXES IN ADDITION TO STATE TAXES. THIS WAS THE SECOND YEAR FOR THE HOLIDAY....TAXES COME BACK AT MIDNIGHT.
EDUCATION	KOMU	8/8	5	1:20	THIS FALL WILL BRING A NEW SCHOOL TO AUXVASSE, BUT IT'S NOT JUST YOUR AVERAGE SCHOOL.

	NEWS AT 5		P.M.		LIBERTY ACADEMY AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN AUXVASSE WILL ADOPT A CHRISTIAN CURRICULUM FOR KIDS WHO WANT A NEW ENVIRONMENT. THIS BUILDING MIGHT NOT LOOK LIKE A CLASSROOM NOW, BUT CONSTRUCTION ENDS THIS WEEK FOR LIBERTY ACADEMY AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER. BUT THE SCHOOL'S FOUNDER SAYS IT WASN'T HIS IDEA TO GET ALL THIS CONSTRUCTION STARTED. AND ONE PARENT SAYS IT WAS HER SON'S IDEA TO ENROLL. UNLIKE MOST SCHOOLS, THIS ONE IS OPEN TO CHILDREN GRADES KINDERGARTEN TO TWELVE, AND IT ALSO FUNCTIONS AS A DAYCARE. AND STUDENTS WILL LEARN DIFFERENT THINGS. BUT THAT'S NOT ALL. THE SCHOOL WILL OPEN AUGUST 15. CURRENTLY, ABOUT TEN STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED IN THE ACADEMY, AND THERE ARE FOUR FACULTY MEMBERS.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/9	10 P.M.	1:06	SALARIES FOR SOME COLE COUNTY OFFICIALS ARE GOING WAY UP. IN JANUARY OF 2007, SALARIES WILL INCREASE BY AS MUCH AS 20-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR. THE COLE COUNTY SALARY COMMISSION MADE THIS DECISION IN DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR BUT IT'S ONLY COME TO LIGHT IN RECENT DAYS. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOW MAKE AROUND 33 THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR. WITH THE RAISE, THEY WILL MAKE ABOUT 53 THOUSAND DOLLARS. MEMBERS OF THE SALARY COMMISSION INCLUDE MANY OF THOSE ***GETTING*** THE PAY INCREASES. COMMISIONERS AREN'T THE ONLY ONES GETTING RAISES. OTHERS INCLUDE THE COUNTY TREASURER, ASSESSOR, AUDITOR AND CLERK. IN BOONE COUNTY, COMMISSIONERS MAKE ABOUT 78-THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH YEAR. CALLAWAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EARN 47-THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE SALARY FOR COOPER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMES IN AT 35-THOUSAND DOLLARS. COMMISSIONERS IN AUDRAIN COUNTY MAKE ABOUT 32-THOUSAND DOLLARS. IN RANDOLPH COUNTY, A COMMISSIONER'S SALARY IS ABOUT 31-THOUSAND DOLLARS. IN MONITEAU COUNTY... ALMOST 29-THOUSAND DOLLARS. AND IN HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EARN ABOUT 26-THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY. COMMISSIONER SALARIES BOONE - $78,000 CALLAWAY - $47,000 COOPER - $35,053 AUDRAIN - $32,578 COMMISSIONER SALARIES RANDOLPH - $30,930

					MONITEAU - $28,826 HOWARD - $25,760

JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/10	10 P.M.	:18	THE USDA IS SENDING MORE THAN ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN AID TO HELP MISSOURI FARMERS COPE WITH THE DROUGHT. THE FUNDS COME FROM THE EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM, OR E-C-P. 75- PERCENT OF THE PASTURES IN MISSOURI ARE IN POOR OR VERY POOR CONDITION. THE ASSISTANCE IS GOING TO 22 COUNTIES IN MISSOURI, INCLUDING COOPER AND MORGAN
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	8/11	6 P.M.	1:13	KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE FROM ACCIDENTS ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL HAS A NEW BLUEPRINT. THE STATE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TASK FORCE COMPLETED ITS MISSION TODAY WITH A LIST OF CHANGES. THE NINE TASK FORCE MEMBERS ARGUED ABOUT SEATBELTS. THEY RECOMMENDED ALL DISTRICTS BUY NEW BUSES WITH LAP BELTS AND SHOULDER HARNESSES. BUT THEY SAID NO DISTRICT SHOULD RETRO-FIT CURRENT BUSES WITH THE NEW BELTS... THE TASK FORCE ALSO RECOMMENDED UPDATING DRIVER TRAINING. URGING LAWMAKERS TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO PAY FOR NEW SAFETY MEASURES. THE GROUP ALSO WANTS THE "DIRECTOR OF STUDENT TRANSPORTATION" BROUGHT BACK. A JEFFERSON CITY ADMINISTRATOR SAYS THE RECOMMENDATIONS WON'T BE EASY TO FOLLOW. THE TASK FORCE DIDN'T SET A TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS. THE GOVERNOR WILL GET THE REPORT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 5	8/12	5 P.M.	2:02	SOME OF FULTON HIGH SCHOOL'S TOP ATHLETES WON'T PLAY THIS YEAR...AND IT'S NOT BECAUSE THEY'RE HURT. THIS IS KEVIN PAPP'S SECOND YEAR RUNNING CROSS COUNTRY, BUT THIS YEAR HIS TEAM'S WITHOUT ITS STAR PLAYER... BECAUSE HE COULDN'T MAKE THE GRADE. FULTON'S POLICY STATES THAT ALL ATHLETES

					CANNOT GET MORE THAN ONE F IN A SEMESTER TO CONTINUE TO PLAY. BUT SOME PARENTS SAY THAT REQUIREMENT IS TOO MUCH. THE MISSOURI STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION ALLOWS STUDENTS TO EARN 2 POINT 5 CREDITS...MEANING STUDENTS CAN GET 2 F'S IN A SEMESTER. FULTON REQUIRES 3. SUPERINTENDENT MARK ENDERLE SAYS IF FULTON STICKS TO THE 2 POINT 5 REQUIREMENT, THERE'S A CHANCE STUDENTS WON'T GRADUATE ON TIME. ENDERLE SAYS HE'S NOT OPPOSED TO A PROBATION PERIOD, BUT HE THINKS STUDENTS NEED TO TAKE SOME RESPONSIBILITY. PAPP SAYS HIS KEY TO PASSING IS FINISHING HIS HOMEWORK. FULTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MUST FINISH 24 CREDIT HOURS BEFORE GRADUATING. BUT THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ONLY REQUIRES SENIORS TO COMPLETE 22 HOURS.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/13	10 P.M.	:29	WHAT YOU PAY AT THE PUMP WILL SOON AFFECT MORE THAN YOUR GAS BUDGET... IN COLUMBIA THE PRICE FOR UNLEADED GAS IS NOW AS HIGH AS TWO DOLLARS AND FORTY-NINE CENTS A GALLON. GAS PRICES HAVE RISEN SEVENTEEN PERCENT IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. OIL CLOSED AT NEARLY SIXTY- SEVEN DOLLARS A BARREL FRIDAY... BRINGING PUMP PRICES TO A ONCE UNTHINKABLE THREE DOLLARS OR MORE- A GALLON IN SOME PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. WITH OIL PRICES RISING THIS SUMMER... HIGHER ELECTRICITY PRICES THIS FALL ARE CERTAIN TO FOLLOW.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/14	10 P.M.	1:39	HELIAS INTERPARISH HIGH SCHOOL CRUSADED INTO A MARK IN HISTORY. THIS FALL WILL BE THE SCHOOL'S FIFTHY YEAR IN TEACHING THE JEFFERSON CITY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY. A COMMEMORATIVE BANNER FOLLOWING A MASS. A MASS 50 YEARS IN THE MAKING. THIS YEAR, MARKS HELIAS HIGH SCHOOL AS HALF A CENTURY OLD. ALUMNIA SPANNING 50 SCHOOL YEARS CAME TO THE CELEBRATION, INCLUDING CHELLE SHEPARD. HAVING THAT FAMILY BOND IS SPECIAL TO THIS COMMUNITY. THE MASS CELEBRATIED IN SONG AND COMMUNION. ALONG WITH THE BISHOP OF THE JEFFERSON CITY DIOCESE. AFTER 50 YEARS, HELIAS HAS MORE THAN SEVEN THOUSAND-FIVE HUNDRED GRADUATES. THE LAST 50 YEARS HAVE BROUGHT A LEGACY OF HONOR AND ACCLAMATION TO THE SCHOOL.... HELIAS INTERPARISH HIGH SCHOOL WAS NAMED AFTER FATHER FERDINAND HELIAS... THE CATHOLIC PRIEST WHO CELEBRATED THE FIRST MASS IN COLE COUNTY.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	8/15	6 P.M.	:55	A NEW MAP WILL HELP COLE COUNTY RESIDENTS FIND OUT WHAT CRIMES HAVE OCCURRED AROUND THEIR HOME. COLE COUNTY PROSECUTOR BILL TACKETT CAME UP WITH THE IDEA TO HAVE A "CRIME MAP" AFTER THE COUNTY GENERATED THE RECENT SEX OFFENDERS MAP. THE NEW MAP WILL PINPOINT THE LOCATION OF CRIMES RESULTING IN FELONY CONVICTIONS DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS. EXAMPLES OF FELONY'S INCLUDE: BURGLARY, MURDER, SEXUAL ASSAULT, THEFT, AND PROPERTY DESTRUCTION. THE SITE WILL ONLY INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT WHEN AND WHERE THE CRIMES OCCURRED....NOT THE VICTIM'S NAME OR WHO COMMITTED THE CRIME. TACKETT SAYS THE MAP WILL HELP NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUPS AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT KNOW WHAT AREAS TO KEEP THEIR EYES ON. THE SITE SHOULD BE UP AND RUNNING IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/16	10 P.M.	:41	GET YOUR CABLE, INTERNET *AND* PHONE SERVICE ON ONE BILL... THAT'S WHAT MEDIACOM IS TRYING TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE CITY OF COLUMBIA. IMAGINE RECEIVING TELEPHONE CALLS ON YOUR CABLE LINE OR HAVING YOUR PHONE, INTERNET AND CABLE SERVICES AS ONE SYSTEM, ONE BILL. THIS FALL, MEDIACOM PLANS TO COMBINE THOSE THREE SERVICES INTO ONE. THIS OFFER ALREADY APPEALS TO COLLEGE STUDENTS LIVING WITH ROOMMATES. COLUMBIA IS ONE OF THE EARLY TEST MARKETS FOR THE NEW COMBINED SERVICE.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/17	10 P.M.	:36	REPLACING ONE-HUNDRED YEAR PIPES IS A HIGH PRIORITY FOR FULTON CITY OFFICIALS. CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY TO BUILD MORE THAN EIGHT MILES OF WATER PIPES AND NEW WATER TOWERS. CITY OFFICIALS SAY THE EXISTING PIPES ARE SO OLD THEY'RE BEGINNING TO LEAK.

					OFFICIALS SAY THESE IMPROVEMENTS WILL BENEFIT THE WHOLE COMMUNITY. FULTON RESIDENTS VOTED FOR THE BOND WITH A 90 PERCENT MAJORITY IN 2004.

EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/18	10 P.M.	:50	SOME JEFFERSON CITY PARENTS ARE OUTRAGED BECAUSE THEIR KIDS' PERSONAL INFORMATION COULD BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. PARENTS HAVE UNTIL SEPTEMBER TWENTY-SIXTH TO WRITE A NOTE TO THEIR PRINCIPAL SAYING THEY WANT INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR CHILD TO BE PRIVATE. SCHOOLS ARE ALLOWED TO GIVE AWAY INFORMATION IF A NOTE ISN'T WRITTEN. BUT THE JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD ADDS IT WON'T GIVE OUT ANY INFORMATION UNLESS IT'S NECESSARY. STILL, SOME PARENTS THINK THE SCHOOL NEEDS TO ASK PERMISSION BEFORE RELEASING ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR STUDENT. THE SCHOOL BOARD SAYS PARENTS CAN GET INFORMATION ABOUT CHILDREN'S PRIVACY AT REGISTRATION. THERE'S ALSO A SECTION IN THE PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/19	10 P.M.	1:00	COLUMBIA POLICE HAVE ARRESTED THREE TEENAGERS AFTER A VERY LONG NIGHT OF VANDALISM. POLICE SAY THE 3 BOYS BASHED, DENTED, AND SCRAPED ABOUT 40 CARS POLICE ESTIMATE THE DAMAGE AT MORE THAN 100 THOUSAND DOLLARS. IT STARTED LAST NIGHT AROUND 11. THAT'S WHEN POLICE STARTED GETTING CALLS FROM COLUMBIA RESIDENTS SAYING SOMEONE HAD SMASHED THEIR CAR WINDOWS. ABOUT 4 IN THE MORNING POLICE FOUND THE TEENS IN A CAR AT SMITHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL. POLICE ARRESTED 17 YEAR OLD PATRICK MATTICKER. 19 YEAR OLD TIMOTHY MORDICA. AND 17 YEAR OLD GREGORY MOSS. THE TEENS WERE CHARGED WITH FIVE COUNTS OF FELONY PROPERTY DAMAGE.

					POLICE SAY MORE CHARGES COULD BE FILED BECAUSE THE TEENAGERS MADE INCRIMINATING STATEMENTS ABOUT 30 OTHER CASES OF BASHING CARS.

JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/20	6 P.M.	1:37	AFTER NINE VERY DRY WEEKS, MISSOURI FARMERS THOUGHT THEIR PROBLEMS WERE OVER ONCE RAIN FELL LAST WEEKEND. BUT WHAT THEY DIDN'T KNOW IS THAT THE RAIN BROUGHT A WHOLE NEW BUSHEL OF PROBLEMS. THE LORENTZEN FAMILY FARM STRUGGLED ALL SUMMER, FIGHTING THE HEAT AND DRY CONDITIONS. BUT THEY DIDN'T EXPECT MORE PROBLEMS AFTER THE RAIN FELL LATE LAST WEEK. THE LONGTIME FARMER SAYS THIS SUMMER IS THE WORST HE'S SEEN SINCE 19-88. LAST YEAR, FARMERS ENJOYED A FRUITFUL SUMMER. WITH CORN KERNELS ALMOST DOUBLE IN SIZE. ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE CORN WASN'T WORTH SAVING, NOW IT WILL TAKE EVEN LONGER TO HARVEST. HARVESTING CORN AT A SLOWER SPEED MEANS HIGHER COSTS FOR FARMERS. BECAUSE THEY WON'T MAKE A LOT OF MONEY THIS SEASON, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO BUY NEW EQUIPMENT FOR NEXT SEASON. LORENTZEN SAYS AS FOR NEXT YEAR, HE JUST CAN'T PREDICT WHAT WILL HAPPEN. EVEN WITH DROUGHT, HEAVY RAINS AND SPIDER MITES SOYBEANS MIGHT STILL SURVIVE.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/21	10 P.M.	1:41	CHILDREN IN MID MISSOURI WILL MAKE THEIR WAY BACK TO SCHOOL TOMORROW... AND RETURNING TO SCHOOL MEANS SCHOOL SAFETY IS ON PARENTS' MINDS. THE SIGN BEHIND ME DOESN'T MAKE THE STREET HERE A SCHOOL ZONE, BUT TOMORROW IT WILL... AND THAT MEANS DRIVERS NEED TO PAY ATTENTION. PARENTS HAVE BOUGHT ALL OF THE LAST MINUTE SUPPLIES, AND SOME STUDENTS CAN'T WAIT TO START USING THEM. BUT ADRIENNE'S DAD IS MORE CONCERNED ABOUT HER AND OTHER CHILDREN'S SAFETY.

					AND IT'S NOT JUST BUSES THAT PEOPLE NEED TO BE AWARE OF. JEFFERSON CITY POLICE PLAN TO USE STRICT ENFORCEMENT BEGINNING MONDAY MORNING. TRIPLE-A REMINDS PARENTS TO REVIEW BASIC BUS SAFETY RULES WITH THEIR YOUNGER CHILDREN BEFORE THEY HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL IN THE MORNING. THE SCHOOL ZONE TIMES ARE 7:15-9:15 AM, 10:45AM-1:15 PM AND 2:30-4:30 PM.

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/22	10 P.M.	:17	THE LEADING ARCHITECT OF MISSOURI'S MASSIVE MEDICAID CUTS HAS DECIDED TO LEAVE THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE TO WORK FOR GOVERNOR BLUNT. JODI STEFANICK OF MANCHESTER WILL BECOME BLUNT'S SENIOR ADVISOR ON HEALTH CARE POLICY. STEFANICK WILL MAKE THE MOVE AFTER THE SPECIAL SESSION NEXT MONTH. THE NEW MEDICARE PLAN ELIMINATED 90-THOUSAND OF ONE-MILLION RECIPIENTS
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	8/23	6 P.M.	:42	TWO SUSPECTS BROKE INTO A COLUMBIA HOME LAST NIGHT. POLICE SAY THE BREAK-IN AT 5200 TESSA WAY MIGHT BE A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY. THE SUSPECTS ENTERED THROUGH THE BACK DOOR AND HELD ONE RESIDENT AT GUNPOINT AND DEMANDED MONEY. WITNESSES SAY THE VICTIM COULDN'T FIND WHAT THE SUSPECTS WERE LOOKING FOR. AFTER SCANNING THE HOUSE, THEY LEFT. THE TWO SUSPECTS LEFT THE VICTIM WITH NO INJURIES. BUT TOOK ABOUT 1-HUNDRED 50 DOLLARS FROM THE MAN'S WALLET.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/24	10 P.M.	1:12	AN INTERNET SCAM HOPES MID-MISSOURI RESIDENTS TAKE THE BAIT. BANK CUSTOMERS ARE THE MOST RECENT TARGET OF "PHISHING." BOONE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK CUSTOMERS ARE THE MOST RECENT TO BE LURED INTO AN INTERNET PHISHING SCAM. THE SCAM TACTIC SENDS PHONY EMAILS DISGUISED AS LEGITIMATE BANK TRANSACTIONS HOPING TO TRICK PEOPLE INTO GIVING AWAY PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION. BANK OFFICIALS SAY CUSTOMERS HAVE BEEN REPORTING SUSPICIOUS EMAILS. M-U'S TECH SERVICE DEPARTMENT WANTS PEOPLE TO BE AWARE OF HOW REAL THESE EMAILS CAN LOOK.

					HUDSON ALSO SAYS NO BANK WOULD ASK FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION THROUGH AN EMAIL. JUST CLICKING ON A LINK WITHIN THE MESSAGE CAN BE DANGEROUS". THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISES PEOPLE TO JUST DELETE SUSPICIOUS MESSAGES AND CONTACT THEIR BANK BY PHONE IF THEY HAVE ANY DOUBTS. EVAN GODT, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	8/25	6 P.M.	1:40	HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SKIP PAYING FOR SOME OF YOUR GASOLINE? EVERYONE'S SAYING YES... MISSOURI DEMOCRATS ANNOUCED A PLAN TODAY TO TRY TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. MANY MISSOURIANS FEEL ANGRY ABOUT THE RISING COST OF GASOLINE. MISSOURI HOUSE DEMOCRATS HAVE PROPOSED A FUEL TAX HOLIDAY, MODELED AFTER THE SALES TAX HOLIDAY; AND HOPE IT WILL BE JUST AS EFFECTIVE. THE PLAN WOULD SUSPEND 10 CENTS OF THE 17 CENT STATE FUEL TAX. IF APPROVED BY THE STATE, THE FUEL TAX HOLIDAY SHOULD SAVE MISSOURI TAXPAYERS ABOUT 18-POINT-4 MILLION DOLLARS. IT WOULD ALSO REDUCE THE FUEL TAX ON ETHANOL FUEL AND PERMANENTLY EXEMPT SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM PAYING ANY FUEL TAXES. DEMOCRATS SAY THAT WOULD SAVE SCHOOLS ABOUT 2.2 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. WHO LOSES OUT? THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. MODOT REPS SAY A GAS TAX HOLIDAY WOULD FORCE THEM TO RETRACT SOME COMMITMENTS TO ROAD AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS. THEY ALSO SAY THAT CITY AND COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENTS MAY TAKE A HIT IN THEIR BUDGETS AS WELL. HARRIS SAYS LOWER GAS PRICES WOULD ACTUALLY BOOST THE ECONOMY ENOUGH THAT MODOT WOULDN'T REALLY LOSE ANY REVENUE. SOME OF THAT MONEY WOULD COME FROM OUT-OF STATE DRIVERS COMING TO MISSOURI TO BUY CHEAPER GAS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT	8/26	10 P.M.	:25	FOR NOW MISSOURI COUNTIES CAN KEEP POSTING PUBLIC OFFICIALS' ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS ONLINE. A COLE COUNTY JUDGE ISSUED A TEMPORARY

	10				RESTRAINING ORDER PREVENTING A NEW STATE LAW FROM TAKING EFFECT SUNDAY. THE LAW SAYS COURTS AND GOVERNMENTS IN MISSOURI CAN *NOT* POST OFFICIALS' ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS ONLINE WITHOUT PERMISSION. GOVERNOR BLUNT'S OFFICE SAYS LAWMAKERS CAN CHANGE THE LAW DURING A SPECIAL SESSION STARTING SEPTEMBER 6TH.

JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/27	10 P.M.	1:40	ONE MID-MISSOURI FARMER IS USING THE SUN TO *PUMP UP* WATER QUALITY... IT'S AN AGE OLD INDUSTRY... BUT NOW NEW TECHNOLOGY IS IMPROVING FARMING. BRIAN LEASE SAYS HE'S ALWAYS MAKING IMPROVEMENTS ON HIS FARM. AND HE SHOWS OTHERS HOW TO DO THE SAME. LEASE RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PUT IN A SOLAR POWERED WATER PUMP FOR HIS CATTLE. HE SAYS THE PUMP'S BIGGEST BENEFIT IS CLEANER WATER. THAT'S BECAUSE HE CAN ROTATE WHERE HIS CATTLE GRAZE. D-N-R SAYS IT HOPES TO SEE MORE FARMS LIKE LEASES'S SOON. LEASE SAYS HE THINKS THE SOLAR POWERED WATER PUMP WILL BE A BENEFIT TO HIS FARM TO YEARS TO COME. THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES HAS BEEN DEVELOPING THE PROJECT FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS. IT'S ALREADY HELPED 15 FARMS AROUND THE STATE WITH THE PUMPS.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/28	10 P.M.	2:01	THOUSANDS OF MISSOURIANS ARE WITHOUT MEDICAL COVERAGE TONIGHT -- AS THIS YEARS' NEW LAWS GO INTO EFFECT. WE'LL HAVE AN OVERVIEW OF SOME OTHER IMPORTANT CHANGES. ¶AND LATER WE'LL SHOW HOW NEW ALCOHOL LAWS WILL AFFECT MINORS. BUT FIRST, THOUSANDS HAVE MARCHED ON THE CAPITOL TO AVOID WHAT HAPPENED JUST 22 HOURS AGO... SWEEPING MEDICAID CUTS. BUT IT'S QUIET THERE TONIGHT -- EVEN AS THOUSANDS OF MISSOURIANS HAVE LOST THEIR COVERAGE.

					THE PROGRAM THAT PAID FOR NAN CHAMBERLAIN'S MEDICINE -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES -- STOPPED THIS MORNING. NOW SHE'S A PART OF THE "SPEND-DOWN SYSTEM" -- WHICH SHE SAYS IS AN INCENTIVE AGAINST WORKING. BUT SHE PLANS TO STAY AT WORK -- FOR GRASS ROOTS ORGANIZING, WHERE SHE TALKS TO OTHERS WHO HAVE LOST COVERAGE. EQUIPMENT LIKE GLASSES, HEARING AIDS AND WALKERS. CHAMBERLAIN HOPES TO FIND A WAY TO AFFORD HER MEDICINE -- AND KEEP FIGHTING FOR OTHERS'. KOMU TRIED TO CONTACT SUPPORTERS OF THE LAW TODAY -- BUT THEY DID NOT RETURN OUR CALLS. THE BLUNT ADMINISTRATION SAYS THE CUTS ARE NECESSARY REFORM TO A BLOATED SYSTEM. THE ADMINISTRATION ALSO SAYS IT WOULD'VE COST THE STATE FOUR-HUNDRED-MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR TO KEEP THE OLD MEDICAID PROGRAM.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/29	10 P.M.	:35	POLICE HAVE A 16-YEAR OLD IN CUSTODY TONIGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHOOTING OF A JEFFERSON CITY MAN. THEY SAY THE JUVENILE FIRED THE GUN THAT KILLED WINFRED B. KIDD. EARLIER THIS EVENING, POLICE RELEASED A 25-YEAR OLD MAN THEY THOUGHT MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED. THEY'VE ARRESTED ANOTHER MAN ACCUSED OF TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE. POLICE SAY THE VICTIM AND HIS SHOOTER WERE INVOLVED IN A CONFRONTATION JUST BEFORE 11-O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED IN THE PARKING LOT OF WESTGATE LANES IN JEFFERSON CITY. THE VICTIM DIED OF GUNSHOT WOUNDS AT CAPITOL REGION MEDICAL CENTER.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/30	10 P.M.	2:14	A WHOLE LOT OF DRIVERS ARE SAYING..."I SHOULD'VE FILLED UP LAST NIGHT!" THE PRICE OF A GALLON OF REGULAR WENT FROM 2-DOLLARS AND 49-CENTS LAST NIGHT UP TO 2-DOLLARS AND 65-CENTS THIS MORNING. IT JUMPED 16-CENTS OVER NIGHT AT MANY MISSOURI PUMPS. WHAT ABOUT NOW? WELL, THIS AFTERNOON PRICES WENT UP ANOTHER 14 CENTS AND AS OF RIGHT NOW THE PRICE PER GALLON IS 2 DOLLARS AND 79 CENTS FOR REGULAR. AND THIS SENT SHOCKWAVES THROUGH GAS BUYERS. THIS IS THE SOUND OF LIQUID GOLD.... AND BECAUSE THOSE GAS RECIPTS KEEP PILING UP SOME GAS BUYERS, LIKE RACHEL ABUCHON ARE SECOND GUESSING TRAVEL PLANS... ALLEN BOCK'S MORE HOPEFUL. BUT IT BRINGS OUT THE WORST IN SOME PEOPLE. AND EVEN THOUGH HURRICANE KATRINA SHUT DOWN EIGHT OIL REFINERIES IN LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI, BILL BAIRD TRIES TO KEEP IT ALL IN

					PERSPECTIVE. THREE DOLLARS A GALLON MEANS THINKING AHEAD. THE END RESULT: GAS PRICES ON THE RISE ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO SOAR. FILLING UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA, CONSIDEREING GAS PRICES ARE EXPECTED TO KEEP RISING WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK. BACK TO YOU. THAT WAS LAUREN LINDVIG. AND AS BAD AS IT SEEMS HERE...PRICES DOWN ON THE GULF COAST RUN 3-15 A GALLON FOR REGULAR.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	8/31	10 P.M.	1:52	THE PRICES AT THE PUMP JUMPED DRAMATICALLY OVERNIGHT AND THROUGHOUT THE DAY TODAY AROUND THE STATE OF MISSOURI. GOVERNOR MATT BLUNT AND ATTORNEY GENERAL JAY NIXON SAY THEY WILL BEGIN LOOKING INTO THE "POSSIBILITY" GAS STATION OWNERS ARE "PRICE GOUGING." WHILE PRICES GO UP, PRICE GOUGING MIGHT NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT. PEOPLE CONTINUE TO FILL-UP THEIR TANKS AT MID-MISSOURI GAS STATIONS DESPITE THE HIGH PRICES. BUT THE MAN WHO REPRESENTS THREE-QUARTERS OF MISSOURI GAS STATION OWNERS SAYS GOUGING IS NOT TAKING PLACE. HE OFFERS A SIMPLE REASON FOR THE OVERNIGHT JUMP IN COST. AFTER 9/11, ALMOST 50 MISSOURI STATIONS ILLEGALLY INCREASED PRICES, AND WERE FINED BY THE STATE AS A RESULT. LEONE SAYS THAT WAS A RESULT OF CONSUMER PANIC, MUCH DIFFERENT FROM THE HURRICANE-CAUSED INCREASE. STILL, IT MATTERS LITTLE TO THE CUSTOMER. AND AS CONSUMERS CONTINUE TO DRIVE AWAY FROM GAS STATIONS WITH THEIR TANKS FULL, THAT'S THE BIG QUESTION ON THEIR MIND... MIKE BERMAN, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA. ATTORNEY GENERAL NIXON SAYS THE STATE WILL COMBINE PRICE DATA FROM THE **PAST** TEN DAYS AND THE **COMING** TEN DAYS BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER ANY STATIONS ACTED ILLEGALLY.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	9/1	10 P.M.	:25	LOCALS LINED UP AT THE PUMP TODAY HOPING TO FILL THEIR TANKS BEFORE GAS PRICES WENT UP EVEN MORE. MANY PLACES INCREASED GAS PRICES TODAY BY TEN CENTS, MAKING IT ALMOST THREE DOLLARS PER GALLON. ON TOP OF INCREASING PRICES, CUSTOMERS SAY SOME PUMPS ARE SLOW, TAKING FOUR TIMES AS LONG AS

					USUAL TO FILL THEIR TANKS. GAS STATION'S SAY THE POWER'S OUT AT SOUTHERN REFINERIES PUSHING THE PRICES UP AND DECREASING THE AMOUNT OF GAS AVAILABLE.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	9/2	6 P.M.	:31	MID-MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS ARE DOING THEIR PART TO HELP OUT.. SOLDIERS FROM THE 1-75TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION LEFT FROM FULTON AND HEADED TO NEW ORLEANS THIS MORNING.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	9/3	10 P.M.	1:28	MORE MID-MISSOURI COLLEGES OPENED THEIR DOORS TODAY TO DISPLACED SOUTHERN STUDENTS. ONE MEXICO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE HAS TAKEN A LONG ROAD TO COLLEGE IN FULTON. WESTMINISTER STUDENTS WANTED TO HELP HURRICANE VICTIMS. BUT THEY PROBABLY DIDN'T EXPECT TO SHARE A SCHOOL WITH THEM. ONE MEXICO, MISSOURI STUDENT WAS SUPPOSED TO ATTEND TULANE IN NEW ORLEANS THIS SEMESTER BUT NOW SHE UNEXPECTEDLY FINDS HERSELF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CALMER WATERS IN MISSOURI. QUALLS AND THREE OTHERS SO FAR WON'T PAY FOR TUITION OR ROOMS AT WESTMINSTER WESTMINSTER PRESIDENT ADMINISTRATORS HOPE OPENING THE CAMPUS TO SOUTHERN STUDENTS WILL OPEN THE MINDS OF WESTMINSTER STUDENTS TO THE DAMAGE. QUALLS PLANS TO RETURN TO NEW ORLEANS AND TULANE NEXT SEMESTER. WESTMINSTER COLLEGE WILL ALLOW AS MANY AS TWENTY NEW STUDENTS FROM THE HURRICANE REGION.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	9/4	10 P.M.	:20	GOVERNOR BLUNT SAID TODAY MISSOURI IS EXPANDING ITS EFFORTS TO HELP VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA. HE SAID THE STATE IS WORKING WITH ST. LOUIS CITY OFFICIALS AND THE AMERICAN RED CROSS... TO OPEN A TEMPORARY SHELTER AT LAMBERT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THAT SHELTER COULD ACCOMODATE NEARLY TWO THOUSAND EVACUEES. BLUNT SAYS KANSAS CITY AND CAPE GIRARDEAU COULD ALSO BE USED AS A SHELTERS.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	9/5	6 P.M.	:24	AND MILITARY POLICE FROM THE MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD ARE CONTINUING THEIR HELP NEAR NEW ORLEANS. 5-HUNDRED-60 MEMBERS OF THE 175th MILITARY POLICE BATTALION ARE SET UP IN A HIGH SCHOOL IN METAIRIE, LOUISIANA. THE SCHOOL WAS DAMAGED IN THE HURRICANE...IT'S MISSING WALLS...A ROOF...AND PARTS OF IT ARE STILL FLOODED. THE MILITARY POLICE ARE IN THAT PART OF LOUISIANA TO KEEP THE AREA SECURE AND CONTROL TRAFFIC AS RESIDENTS RETURN TO THEIR HOMES.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	9/6	6 P.M.	2:01	COLUMBIA TRANSIT SYSTEM IS HAVING TO ADJUST IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. EVER SINCE GAS PRICES HAVE RISEN TO AN ALL TIME HIGH, MORE MID-MISSOURIANS ARE MAKING THE DECISION TO TRAVEL WITHOUT PAYING FOR GAS. A LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IS TRYING TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR TRAVELERS, EVEN AS IT GETS HARDER TO PROVIDE SERVICE. NIKKI BUTLER USES BUSES TO GET TO WORK, WHICH HAPPENS TO BE THE COLUMBIA TRANSIT OFFICE. BUT IT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE SHE WORKS THERE. SHE WANTS TO SAVE MONEY ON GAS. BUS TICKETS COST ONE DOLLAR TO GO ONE WAY. MORE PEOPLE THINK THIS IS WORTH IT. AND THE TRANSIT OFFICE IS TRYING TO CARRY EVERYONE ON ITS 24 BUSES. BUTLER THINKS GAS PRICES MIGHT HAVE A LASTING AFFECT ON HOW THE BUS SYSTEM RUNS. ANY MONEY FOR EXTRA BUSES MUST COME FROM THE CITY COUNCIL. BUT FOR NOW, THE BUSES HELP PEOPLE GET FROM POINT A TO POINT B. WHILE REGULAR RIDES COST A DOLLAR, YOUNGER AND OLDER RIDERS PAY HALF THAT MUCH, AND LONG TERM PASSES CAN SAVE RIDERS MORE MONEY.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU	9/7	10	1:08	MEMBERS OF MISSOURI TASK FORCE ONE ARE BACK IN

	NEWS AT 10		P.M.		COLUMBIA AFTER SPENDING 10 DAYS IN LOUISIANA. AS TRUCKS PULLED UP, FAMILY AND FRIENDS GREETED THE 38 MEMBERS OF MISSOURI TASK FORCE ONE WHO HAD SPENT TIME IN SHREVEPORT, BATON ROUGE AND NEW ORLEANS. THEY WENT AS A LIGHT TASK FORCE CONFIGURATION BUILT SPECIFICALLY FOR MOBILITY, SPEED, AND VERSATILITY ESPECIALLY IN A HURRICANE ENVIRONMENT. BY WEDNESDAY THE GROUP WAS ALREADY AVERAGING 100 RESCUES PER HOUR. ALL 38 RETURNED BACK HOME IN GOOD SHAPE WITH NO SERIOUS INJURIES, ALTHOUGH MANY SAID THEY ARE LEFT WITH MEMORIES THAT THEY WILL NOT SOON FORGET. MISSOURI TASK FORCE ONE IS NOT SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO LOUISIANA IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	9/8	6 P.M.	1:44	JEFFERSON CITY POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING AN EARLY MORNING HOMICIDE. POLICE RESPONDED TO A 911 CALL THIS MORNING AND FOUND 33- YEAR OLD TYRONE JOHNSON WITH TWO GUNSHOT WOUNDS IN HIS CHEST. FRIENDS REACT ANGRILY TO THE NEWS THAT TYRON JOHNSON DIED IN A GUN ATTACK. JOHNSON HAD BEEN STAYING IN THE APARTMENT OF HIS GIRLFRIEND, MELISSA GAY. AFTER GAY HEARD THE TWO GUNSHOTS, SHE WENT OUTSIDE TO CHECK ON HER BOYFRIEND AND IMMEDIATELY CALLED 911. NEIGHBORS SAID THEY DIDN'T KNOW JOHNSON VERY WELL, BUT WERE STARTLED THIS MORNING TO HEAR GUNSHOTS SO CLOSE TO THEIR HOMES. THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY WHERE JOHNSON WAS SHOT WAS SHOCKED BY THE NEWS OF A HOMICIDE OCCURING OUTSIDE HIS BUILDING. NOBLE THINKS THIS WAS A RANDOM INCIDENT AND SAYS HE ISN'T CONCERNED FOR THE OTHER TENANTS LIVING IN THE BUILDING. JOHNSON HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN 2003 FOR POSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE. NONE OF THE NEIGHBORS SAW THE INCIDENT. POLICE HAVEN'T NAMED ANY SUSPECTS IN THE CASE.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	9/9	6 P.M.	:37	WHILE MANY AMERICANS ARE TRYING TO HELP EVACUEES FROM HURRICANE KATRINA, A MAN AND A WOMAN IN KANSAS CITY WERE TRYING TO RUN A SCAM BY POSING AS EVACUEES. KANSAS CITY AREA POLICE PICKED UP TWO PEOPLE FOR SOLICITING DONATIONS... THEY WERE PANHANDLING, SAYING THEY'D BEEN DISPLACED BY THE HURRICANE. POLICE CAUGHT THEM A COUPLE OF BLOCKS AWAY FROM WHERE THEY WERE PANHANDLING WHILE THEY WERE GOING DOOR TO DOOR... COLLECTING GROCERIES AND MONEY FOR THEMSELVES.

					POLICE AND CHARITY OFFICIALS SAY IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHO YOU DONATE MONEY TO. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S WEBSITE LISTS LEGITIMATE CHARITIES.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	9/10	6 P.M.	:19	AS HURRICANE KATRINA VICTIMS SEEK SHELTER THROUGHOUT THE U-S... SOME VICTIMS ARE CAMPING OUT IN MISSOURI.... LITERALLY. THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MADE ALL OF ITS BASIC CAMPSITES FREE OF CHARGE FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS. THE U-S ARMY CORPS IS ALSO OFFERING CAMPSITES TO VICITMS FOR FREE... ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	9/11	10 P.M.	:22	ANOTHER MISSOURIAN FACES ROBBERY CHARGES TONIGHT. MICHAEL A. JACKSON IS IN FEDERAL CUSTODY TONIGHT... FACING 2ND DEGREE ROBBERY CHARGES. JEFFERSON CITY POLICE ALLEGE JACKSON ROBBED JEFFERSON BANK. POLICE AND THE F-B-I HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATING THE ROBBERY SINCE IT HAPPENED -- LAST NOVEMBER. COLE COUNTY PROSECUTOR BILL TACKETT ADMITS THE CASE TOOK A LONG TIME TO CRACK. BUT HE SAYS IT IS A TRIUMPH OF AGENCIES WORKING TOGETHER.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	9/12	10 P.M.	1:32	A MID-MISSOURI FRATERNITY'S FLOOR IS COVERED SO COMPLETELY, YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE THE FLOOR!... TWO WEEKS AGO, DAVID DAY KNEW...LIKE MOST...HURRICANE KATRINA STOOD ON THE GULF COAST'S DOORSTEP. BUT UNLIKE MOST, HE AND HIS SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON BROTHERS AT WESTMINSTER COLLEGE IN FULTON DIDN'T WAIT AROUND TO SEE THE DAMAGE BEFORE DECIDING HOW THEY COULD HELP. THEY PUT UP FLYERS THE NIGHT BEFORE THE STORM HIT, SAYING THEY'D COLLECT DONATIONS. NOW, BECAUSE OF THEIR FORSIGHT, THEY HAVE NOWHERE TO WALK IN THEIR FRAT HOUSE LIVING ROOM... WITH THE HELP OF THE COLLEGE'S STUDENT BODY AND A LOT OF FULTON RESIDENTS, DAY AND HIS BROTHERS PLAN TO BRING HUNDREDS OF POUNDS OF

					CLOTHING AND FOOD TO VICTIMS STAYING IN ARKANSAS. SOMETHING THERE'S NO SHORTAGE OF THESE DAYS IN THE SOUTH. WHILE THE S-A-E BROTHERS WOULD LIKE TO STAY IN ARKANSAS AND HELP, DAY SAYS THEY PLAN TO MAKE THE SIX-HOUR DRIVE BACK ON SATURDAY...HE DOESN'T WANT ANYONE TO MISS CLASS ON MONDAY.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	9/13	6 P.M.	1:45	THE TEAM CAME BACK HOME LESS THAN A WEEK AGO... NOW FEMA HAS THE MISSOURI TASK FORCE 1 HEADING OUT AGAIN. JAY NIEMEYER GRABS HIS GEAR (NATS) FOR HIS SECOND TRIP DOWN TO NEW ORLEANS. NIEMEYER IS PART OF THE 80 MEMBER MISSOURI TASK FORCE 1 TEAM. THE TASK FORCE IS RELIEVING ANOTHER URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM -- ONE THAT REPLACED MISSOURI ON NEW ORLEANS DUTY LAST WEEK. THE MISSION?... SEARCH AND RESCUE.... BUT THAT REALLY MEANS SEARCHING FOR AND RECOVERING BODIES. NIEMEYER SAYS THE TASK FORCE IS STEPPING UP TO ITS MISSION. THE TASK FORCE ROLLS OUT FOR A 10 DAY DEPLOYMENT. THE MISSOURI TASK FORCE 1 WILL BE GOING DOOR TO DOOR IN ITS SEARCH AND RECOVERY MISSION.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	9/14	10 P.M.	:39	MISSOURI TASK FORCE ONE IS ON THE GROUND IN THE NEW ORLEANS AREA AND READY TO START WORK TOMORROW. SUPPORT PERSONNEL BACK HOME TOOK TIME TODAY TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON THE TEAM'S STATUS. THIS IS THE SECOND TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS FOR THE TASK FORCE. THIS TIME THE TEAM HAS NINE VEHICLES, TWO BUSES, THREE SEMI-TRAILERS AND 80 PEOPLE. TASK FORCE MEMBERS ARE NOW AIMING AT BODY RECOVERY RATHER THAN RESCUING SURVIVORS. THE TEAM IS ONE OF TWO TYPE 1 TASK FORCES IN THE AREA. THE OTHER IS FROM TEXAS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	9/15	10 p.m.	:44	A FAMILY THAT LEFT NEW ORLEANS 24 HOURS BEFORE THE HURRICANE HIT HAS FOUND SHELTER IN MISSOURI. BUT THEY HAVEN'T FOUND WHAT THEY NEED FROM FEMA. THE HESTER FAMILY RECEIVED A VOUCHER FROM

					THE RED CROSS, MOVED IN WITH FRIENDS, AND ENROLLED THEIR TWO KIDS AT GLASGOW'S SCHOOL. HOWEVER FEMA TOLD THEM ANYONE WITH A PLACE TO LIVE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT WEEKS FOR HELP. THE FEMA WEBSITE DIDN'T HELP EITHER...IT WAS UNABLE TO PROCESS THEIR CLAIM. THE HESTERS HOPE TO RETURN TO NEW ORLEANS AS SOON AS IT'S SAFE.

EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	9/16	10 P.M.	1:34	THE FOUR AND A HALF- YEAR LONG "FOR ALL WE CALL MIZZOU" CAMPAIGN OFFICIALLY MET ITS GOAL TODAY. M-U'S "FOR ALL WE CALL MIZZOU" CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE ON WITH A NEW GOAL. THE "FOR ALL WE CALL MIZZOU" CAMPAIGN HAS BROUGHT IN SIX HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS SINCE 19-99. TODAY THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI CELEBRATED IT'S FUNDRAISING SUCCESS, AND CAMPUS LEADERS ACKNOWLEDGED ALL CONTRIBUTORS. THE UNIVERSITY HAS SET A NEW GOAL OF FOUR HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS DURING THE NEXT THREE YEARS, FOR A TOTAL OF ONE BILLION DOLLARS. MU IS THE 26TH SCHOOL IN THE NATION TO ANNOUNCE A ONE BILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN. ALSO AT TODAY'S EVENT... M-U CHANCELLOR BRADY DEATON WAS PRESENTED THE JEFFERSON MEDALLION IN RECOGNITION OF HIS FIRST YEAR AS CHANCELLOR.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	9/17	6 P.M.	1:12	A FEDERAL JUDGE RULES THE COLUMBIA BASED CHARITY I-A-R-A **IS** CONNECTED TO A SUDANESE CHARITY ACCUSED OF SUPPORTING AL-QAIDA. THE COURT FOUND THE ISLAMIC AMERICAN RELIEF AGENCY FINANCED TERRORISM. THE CHARITY LOST IT'S BATTLE TO THAW ASSETS FROZEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY LAST YEAR. I CAN'T TELL YOU MUCH... BECAUSE EVERYONE IS BEING TIGHTLIPPED ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION. I DID TALK TO ONE WOMAN WHO WORKED FOR THE AGENCY AND SAYS SHE WAS SHOCKED THE AGENCY HAD ANY TIES. SHE STOPPED WORKING WITH THE AGENCY WHEN IT WAS SHUT DOWN BY THE F-B-I ON OCTOBER THIRTEENTH 2004. HER AND HER LAWYER COULD NOT COMMENT ON HOW THE AGENCY SHOULD BE PROSECUTED IF FOUND GUILTY. WHILE OBTAINING HER MASTERS DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY SHE WORKED PART-TIME AT THE AGENCY

					WORKING WITH CHILDREN. I DID TALK TO THE FBI THIS AFTERNOON... THEY CANNOT MAKE ANY COMMENTS ON THIS ONGOING INVESTIGATION. I-A-R-A PROVIDES RELIEF AID TO PEOPLE IN NEED WITH THE HELP OF NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND PARTNERS THROUGHOUT ASIA, AFRICA, AND EUROPE.

EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	9/18	10 P.M.	1:26	HURRICANE KATRINA VICTIMS ARE TURNING UP ALL OVER THE COUNTRY...AND COLUMBIA IS NO EXCEPTION. IT'S THE END OF THE SECOND WEEK OF CLASSES. BUT THE BEGINNING OF LATOYA LEMERT'S NEW LIFE IN COLUMBIA. HURRICANE KATRINA TOOK HER OLD LIFE BY STORM. LEMERT IS THANKFUL FOR HER OWN SAFETY, BUT FEARS THE WORST FOR HER FRIENDS. LEMBERT IS SAVING MONEY TO HELP HER OLD NEIGHBORS IN NEW ORLEANS. SHE WANTS TO HELP OTHER KATRINA SURVIVORS THE WAY COLUMBIA RESIDENTS ARE HELPING HER. LATOYA AND HER FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE FOUND JOBS IN COLUMBIA. SHE SAYS SHE'S ANXIOUS TO MOVE BACK TO NEW ORLEANS AS SOON AS IT IS SAFE.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	9/19	6 P.M.	1:38	THE CASE AGAINST THE MOBERLY WOMAN CHARGED THE FIRST-DEGREE MURDER OF HER TWO BABIES STARTS THIS WEEK. ATTORNEYS PICKED OUT A PHELPS COUNTY JURY TODAY IN ROLLA BEFORE 24-YEAR-OLD CARLA CLAY'S TRIAL STARTS IN HUNTSVILLE TOMORROW. CARLA CLAY HAS BEEN IN JAIL FOR MORE THAN A YEAR... WAITING TO FACE TWO COUNTS OF FIRST-DEGREE MURDER FOR THE DEATHS OF HER INFANT CHILDREN. HER SON, TWO-MONTH-OLD RANDY BEDFORD JUNIOR, DIED JUNE EIGHTH, 2003. CLAY'S SEVEN-WEEK-OLD DAUGHTER, AUDREY BEDFORD, DIED JUNE 20TH, 2004. AUTHORITIES SAY THEY SUSPECTED FOUL PLAY BECAUSE OF THE SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE CHILDREN'S DEATHS. BUT PUTTING THE CASE TOGETHER PROVED DIFFICULT. CLAY'S DEFENSE ATTORNEYS SAY THERE'S NO

					EVIDENCE TO PROVE THE DEATHS WEREN'T ACCIDENTAL. AT CLAY'S PRELIMINARY HEARING IN AUGUST OF 2004, FUSSELMAN TOLD KOMU HE EXPECTS THAT DEFENSE. BUT NOW IT'S UP TO THE TWELVE PHELPS COUNTY JURORS TO DECIDE IF CLAY WILL SPEND THE REST OF HER LIFE BEHIND BARS. THE COURTS HAD ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED CLAY'S TRIAL FOR JUNE OF THIS YEAR, BUT THE STATE FILED FOR A CONTINUANCE AFTER A DEATH IN THE PROSECUTOR'S FAMILY.

EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	9/20	10 P.M.	:25	NO READING... OR WRITING... BUT THIS ARITHMITIC ADDS UP TO ONE MUCKY MESS. THESE SCHOOL PICTURES SHOW ONE DRAINAGE PROBLEM, PLUS A 2 HOUR STORM, PLUS 3 INCHES OF RAIN, WHICH EQUALS A FLOODED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CHAMOIS. KIDS GOT THE DAY OFF AS TEACHERS AND STAFF MOPPED UP. THE FLOOD DAMAGED MOSTLY BOOKS, POSTERS AND RUGS. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS EXPECT INSURANCE WILL TAKE CARE OF MOST OF THE DAMAGE.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	9/21	10 P.M.	:31	HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUEES RE-LOCATED TO MID-MISSOURI HAVEN'T JUST LOST THEIR HOMES AND BELONGINGS...THEY'VE ALSO LOST THEIR JOBS. TODAY, AREA EMPLOYERS HELPED THEM TRY TO FILL THAT VOID. THERE WAS AN EMPLOYMENT FAIR FOR EVACUEES NOW CALLING MID-MISSOURI HOME. EVACUEES COULD APPLY FOR JOBS AT MORE THAN 30 COMPANIES. FOR DEDRA FLANARY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI...IT'S THE PERFECT CHANCE TO REBUILD. THE FAIR ORGANIZER SAYS COLUMBIA IS HOME TO NEARLY FOUR-HUNDRED EVACUEES.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	9/22	6 P.M.	:27	A JURY ANNOUNCES ITS VERDICT IN THE MURDER TRIAL AGAINST CARLA CLAY. THE JURY FOUND HER *GUILTY* OF 2 COUNTS OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER IN THE DEATHS OF HER TWO INFANT CHILDREN. RANDY AND AUDREY BEDFORD EACH DIED OF SUFFOCATION, ABOUT A YEAR APART. THE DEFENSE USED ITS CLOSING ARGUMENTS TO PORTRAY CLAY AS A *QUOTE*-LOVING AND ATTENTIVE MOTHER. A SENTENCING HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 9TH.

CLAY FACES LIFE IN PRISON WITHOUT PAROLE.

EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	9/23	6 P.M.	:25	COLUMBIA'S ROCK BRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTED A CHECK THIS MORNING TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. STUDENTS GATHERED IN THE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM TO UNVEIL HOW MUCH THEY'D RAISED TO HELP HURRICANE KATRINA VICTIMS. THE FINAL TALLY? TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS...IN JUST TWO WEEKS. FIFTH GRADERS AT ROCK BRIDGE MADE SPECIAL BOXES TO COLLECT WHAT THEY CALLED "COINS FOR KATRINA". THE REST OF THE SCHOOL PITCHED IN BY DONATING THEIR POCKET CHANGE...
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	9/24	10 P.M.	:32	THE PROTESTORS GATHERED IN COLUMBIA TODAY TO SHOW THEIR DISAPPROVAL FOR PRESIDENT BUSH'S POLICIES REGARDING IRAQ. THE COLUMBIA PEACE COALITION DEMONSTRATED IN PEACE PARK TODAY WITH SIGNS AND SPEECHES. VETERANS OF THE IRAQ AND VIETNAM WARS SPOKE TO ABOUT 1-HUNDRED ON-LOOKERS. STUART MURPHY CAME FROM JEFFERSON CITY TO HEAR WHAT THE SPEAKERS HAD TO SAY. THE DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED IN COLUMBIA FOLLOWING THE SPEECHES.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	9/25	10 P.M.	:56	IT WAS A SMALL CELEBRATION WITH A RIBBON CUTTING AND A SPEAKER. THE BOONE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS HAS ACTUALLY BEEN UP AND RUNNING SINCE MAY.... BUT THEY HELD OFF THE GRAND OPENING UNTIL TODAY. THE DEMOCRATS WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE KNOW **WHERE** THEY ARE SO THEY CAN GET INVOLVED IN THIS ELECTION SEASON. THE SPEAKER TODAY WAS FORMER GOVENOR ROGER WILSON WHO WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENT. SOME THINGS THE DEMOCRATS WANT TO FOCUS ON ARE ISSUE SUCH AS STEM CELL RESEARCH AND THE ABORTION BILL AS WELL AS WORKING TOGETHER WITH REPUBLICANS

					ON COMMON- GROUNG ISSUES.

EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	9/26	10 P.M.	:40	A NEW MID-MISSOURI PROGRAM WANTS TO TEACH THE IMPORTANCE OF SPANISH TO PRESCHOOLERS. TAMMY GILLESPIE IS ORGANIZING THE NEW PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM IS FOR KIDS UNDER THE AGE OF FIVE. GILLESPIE EXPECTS A VERY DIVERSE CROWD AT THE FIRST MEETING. VOLUNTEER STUDENTS FROM WESTMINISTER WILL READ TO THE KIDS AND TEACH THEM NEW WORDS. THE PROGRAM STARTS TOMORROW AT 6:30 PM AT THE FULTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	9/27	10 P.M.	:42	A MID-MISSOURI MAN HOPES A DECADE-LONG FIGHT TO FREE HIS BROTHER MAY END SOON. DALE HELMIG WAS CONVICTED OF MURDERING HIS MOTHER IN LINN, MISSOURI IN 19-93. THIS DOCUMENTARY- PRODUCED BY ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY- HELPED OVERTURN HELMIG'S CONVICTION. YESTERDAY, A FEDERAL JUDGE THREW OUT THE CONVICTION. BUT, HELMIG'S BROTHER - RICHARD - WORRIES THE STATE WILL DO ALL IT CAN TO KEEP HELMIG LOCKED UP. OSAGE COUNTY AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE CAN APPEAL THE JUDGE'S DECISION. CONGRESSMAN KENNY HULSHOF WAS THE ORIGINAL PROSECUTOR IN THE CASE. HULSHOF ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING HE WAS DISAPPOINTED IN THE REVERSAL.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	9/28	6 P.M.	:48	MORE THAN 80 MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE WORKED ON SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS IN NEW ORLEANS. THAT MEANT DOOR TO DOOR SEARCHES LOOKING FOR SURVIVORS AND BODIES. EMOTIONS RAN HIGH AS MEMBERS REFLECTED ON THEIR EXPERIENCES. AFTER ALL THE HUGS AND KISSES, THEY HAD A LOT OF UNLOADING TO DO BEFORE THEY GOT TO GO HOME WITH THEIR FAMILIES.

					ONE MEMBER KEPT A PICTURE OF HIS NEWBORN DAUGHTER IN HIS HAT WHILE HE WAS AWAY. MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE HAVE RESPONDED TO EMERGENCIES LIKE THE OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING AND 9-11... ...BUT STILL THEY SAY THE REMNANTS OF HURRICANE KATRINA ARE NOTHING LIKE THEY'VE EVER SEEN.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	9/29	10 P.M.	1:47	FOR DECADES, THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ABLE TO TAKE OVER PRIVATE PROPERTY TO USE FOR BUILDING SCHOOLS AND BRIDGES. THE PROCESS IS CALLED EMINENT DOMAIN. A SUPREME COURT DECISION IN JULY CHANGED THE RULES. BUT KOMU'S LAURA RICE EXPLAINS MISSOURI STATE GOVERNMENT MAY TRY TO LIMIT THE FEDERAL RULING. KENNY MUELLER CAN SEE THE CAPITOL FROM HIS FRONT YARD THERE, A TASK FORCE DISCUSSED IF IT'S LEGAL FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE OVER PRIVATE PROPERTY LIKE HIS TO BRING MORE MONEY TO THE AREA. THE SUPREME COURT IN JULY EXPANDED EMINENT DOMAIN MAKING IT LEGAL FOR A GOVERNMENT TO DEMAND THE SALE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR MORE THAN PUBLIC WORKS. MUELLER HAS LIVED IN THIS HOUSE WITH HIS FAMILY FOR ABOUT SIX YEARS. HE SAYS HE'D BE WILLING TO GIVE IT UP IF IT WAS IMPORTANT. THE TASK FORCE WILL PRESENT PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OCTOBER FIRST THAT MIGHT MODIFY EMINENT DOMAIN IN MISSOURI. THE GOVERNOR MIGHT URGE THE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT THE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	9/30	10 P.M.	1:30	A FAKE I-D, A WEBSITE, AND A WALK AROUND THE TRACK. WHAT DO THEY HAVE IN COMMON? WHAT THEY HAVE IN COMMON IS UNDERAGE DRINKING. THE WALKERS ARE RAISING AWARENESS FOR THIS WEBSITE, WHICH HELPS BAR OWNERS TRAIN THEIR STAFFS TO REDUCE UNDERAGE DRINKING. THE SMART PROGRAM TEACHES BARTENDERS AND OWNERS TO SPOT FAKE I.D.S. A PROGRAM THAT STARTS HERE ON THE TRACK

					AND TAKES US INSIDE NEARLY 150 BARS IN MISSOURI. RANCE BURGER, K-O-M-U NEWS, COLUMBIA BAR OWNERS WHO TAKE PART IN THE SMART PROGRAM SAY THEY REQUIRE THEIR SERVERS TO TAKE THE TEST ONLINE. MORE THAN 25 HUNDRED SERVERS STATEWIDE HAVE PASSED IT.