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4th QUARTER ISSUES: CONSUMER ISSUES, CRIME, DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, EDUCATION, JOBS/ECONOMY

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE	PROGRAM/ SEGMENT	DATE	TIME	DURATION	NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/1	10:00 PM	1:30	SAFER ROADS COULD MEAN MORE SPEEDING TICKETS STARTING TODAY. MARK WINCHESTER WATCHES FOR SPEEDERS ON WHAT SOME SAY IS ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS ROADS IN COLUMBIA....SCOTT BOULEVARD. HE HOPES TO MAKE THE ROAD A LITTLE SAFER. WINCHESTER WORKS THE UNIT'S FIRST SHIFT. HE'S STARTING HIS PATROL ON SCOTT BOULEVARD...JUST DOWN THE STREET FROM WHERE 7 YEAR OLD PATRICK (NED) KNEDLER WAS HIT BY A CAR AND DIED ON SEPTEMBER 10TH. SPEEDING IS JUST ONE OF THE GOALS OF THE UNIT. IT ALSO HOPES TO CRACK DOWN MORE ON D-U-I'S AND OTHER TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS. SLOWING DOWN TO HELP SAVE LIVES. THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE STATE TO FUND THE NEW UNIT. THEY HOPE THIS IS JUST THE **FIRST** STEP IN MAKING THE UNIT EVEN LARGER.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/2	10:00 PM	2:03	THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THIS REVITALIZATION IS ACTUALLY NECESSARY. THE CURRENT PLANS WOULD PUSH RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN THIS PUBLIC HOUSING OUT.

					RESIDENTS ONLY RECENTLY FOUND OUT THEY FACED EVICTION, EVEN THOUGH THIS PLAN HAS BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR TWO YEARS. ANNA BELLE TRUMBO IS'NT SURE SHE'LL HAVE A PLACE TO GO WHEN THE DECISION IS FINALLY MADE ABOUT WHAT IS TO BECOME OF HER HOME. SHE LIKES WHERE SHE LIVES BUT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE. THE ENTIRE AREA OF PARK AVENUE FROM 7TH STREET TO PROVIDENCE IS FACING RENNOVATION, WHICH INCLUDES COLUMBIA'S ONLY SOUP KITCHEN. GRASS ROOTS ORGANIZING OR 'GRO' CAME OUT TODAY WITH RESIDENTS TO HAVE AN OPEN HOUSE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY WANT RESIDENTS TO GET A SAY IN WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THEIR HOMES. PLANS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE RENOVATION INCLUDE SPENDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO EITHER FIX UP APARTMENTS, ***OR*** TEAR THEM ALL DOWN... REBUILDING AND ADDING SOME RETAIL STRUCTURES.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/3**	**6:00 PM**	**3:11**	THE COLUMBIA COP CONVICTED OF MURDER SPEAKS OUT FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME. STEVE RIOS WENT TO PRISON IN MAY AFTER A JURY FOUND HIM GUILTY OF MURDERING 23-YEAR-OLD M-U STUDENT JESSE VALENCIA. HE NEVER SPOKE WITH REPORTERS FROM THE TIME OF HIS ARREST--UNTIL NOW. RIOS INDICATED TO ME THROUGH HIS LETTERS THAT HIS TRIAL WAS NOT THE END OF HIS STORY. 90 DAYS IN PRISON IS A LONG TIME...TO THINK. A COP CONVICTED OF MURDER. STEVE RIOS NEVER THOUGHT HE'D BE REFLECTING ON HIS LIFE FROM BEHIND PROTECTIVE GLASS. BEFORE... HE WAS A HUSBAND, A FATHER, A POLICE OFFICER. IT ALL CHANGED WHEN HE MET THIS MAN... 23-YEAR-OLD- M-U STUDENT JESSE VALENCIA.

					HE ADMITS TO HAVING AN AFFAIR WITH VALENCIA, BUT NOTHING MORE. VALENCIA'S DEATH STARTED A STRING OF ACCUSATIONS AGAINST RIOS. DURING HIS TRIAL, HE WATCHED AS THE PEOPLE CLOSEST TO HIM -- EVEN HIS WIFE -- FOUND OUT EVERY LITTLE DETAIL. HE'S FILING THE PAPERS FOR HIS APPEAL THIS WEEK. AND HE HAS A LOT TO LOOK FORWARD TO.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/4**	**10 PM**	**:47**	JEFFERSON CITY WILL HAVE A NEW CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEXT FALL...THANKS TO SOME CHURCH MEMBERS. RICHARD AND DEBBIE POPP AND GROVER AND CHERYL BEATTY PURCHASED A ONE ACRE LOT TO BUILD CONCORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL. CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH WILL LEASE THE SCHOOL FROM THE BUILDING OWNERS. CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY, ENROLLMENT IN FEBRUARY, AND THE SCHOOL PLANS TO HIRE TEACHERS IN MARCH.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/5**	**6 PM**	**:41**	IN ADDITION TO HIGH GAS PRICES, MID-MISSOURI FARMERS ALSO ARE FEELING THE EFFECTS OF A SUMMER DROUGHT AND GULF COAST HURRICANES. SOY BEAN AND CORN FARMERS LOST A LOT OF CROPS BECAUSE BECAUSE OF THE DROUGHT. THE HURRICANES DAMAGED RAIL LINES USED TO SHIP CROPS AND BRING IN FERTILIZER. AND IT GETS EVEN WORSE... PRICES ARE LOW BECAUSE THE REST OF THE COUNTRY IS ENJOYING A HEALTHY CROP THIS YEAR.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/6**	**10 PM**	**:40**	MISSOURIANS MIGHT BE PAYING EVEN MORE FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS. A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MISSOURI CONSTITUTION COULD INCREASE CIGARETTE TAXES BY 80 CENTS/ PER PACK. TAXES ON ALL OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS COULD

					GO UP BY 20 PERCENT. 17.5 PERCENT OF THE PROPOSED TAX WILL GO TO PREVENTION METHODS 28.5 PERCENT TO DEBIT CARDS FOR CHRONIC ILLNESSES. AND 54 PERCENT WILL GO TO HEALTH CARE AND TREATMENT.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/7**	**10 PM**	**:54**	THE BOONE COUNTY COMMISSION IS GIVING LIFE SCIENCE BUSINESS A BIG FAVOR. BEGINNING THIS WEEK, LIFE SCIENCE COMPANIES CAN SAVE UP TO 50 PERCENT OF THEIR COUNTY TAXES. TO QUALIFY FOR THE TAX INCENTIVE, AN EXISTING COMPANY SHOULD SPEND AT LEAST 7.5 MILLION DOLLARS ON EXPANSION. A NEW COMPANY SHOULD MAKE A 15 MILLION DOLLAR OR MORE INVESTMENT. THIS POLICY COMES AFTER A COLUMBIA BIOTECH COMPANY-ABC LABS-- CONSIDERED MOVING OUT OF THE COUNTY, IF IT WASN'T OFFERED THE INCENTIVE.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/8**	**10 PM**	**2:09**	IT'S A DRUG THAT CAN BE MADE RIGHT IN YOUR OWN HOME AND ONE U-S SENATOR PLANS TO MAKE IT TOUGHER. TODAY SENATOR JIM TALENT MET WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO TALK ABOUT THE CONTINUING FIGHT AGAINST METH. IT IS A DRUG THAT CHANGES PEOPLE PERMANANTLY. MADE IN HOUSES, CARS... ALMOST ANYWHERE WITH DANGEROUS HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS HOPE TO ELIMINATE METH COOK'S ACCESS TO THE ONE KEY INGREDIENT. A PROBLEM SHERIFF GREG WHITE WOULD RATHER HAVE, AS IT WOULD FORCE THE DRUG TO CROSS INTERNATIONAL AND STATE BORDERS INSTEAD OF BEING MADE LOCALLY. PREVENTATIVE ACCESS THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT HOPES WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO OBTAIN THE DRUG IN THE FIRST PLACE.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS**	**10/9**	**10 PM**	**1:30**	LAYTOYA HOOKER DIDN'T JUST COME FOR THE

	AT 10				PARTY...SHE SAID HER FAVORITE PART OF THE DAY IS GETTING TESTED. WITH THE DEE-JAYS BRINGING IN THE CROWD, THIS EVENT IS MORE THAN *JUST* GETTING TESTED FOR HIV AND HEPITITIS C...IT'S ALSO ABOUT MAKING YOUNGER PEOPLE AWARE OF THEIR HEALTH. AND THIS DAY IS JUST A START TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	10/10	6 PM	:41	TEN COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHERS HAVE BEEN PICKED TO OPEN THEIR CLASSROOMS TO OTHER COLLEAGUES TO HELP INCREASE THE QUALITY OF TEACHING IN THE DISTRICT. AND THEY'LL GET THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS EXTRA TO DO SO. THIS PRESENTS A PROBLEM FOR THE MISSOURI NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION. THE M-N-E-A SAYS PAYING THESE TEACHERS ADDITIONAL MONEY MAY VIOLATE A LAW THAT SAYS TEACHERS CAN'T GET PERFORMANCE-BASED BONUSES.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/11	10 PM	:27	A 17-YEAR OLD FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IS IN JAIL TONIGHT FOR FIRING A GUN IN HIS SCHOOL. POLICE SAY JOSHUA MINKS SHOWED THE SHOTGUN TO ANOTHER STUDENT WHO SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THE GUN WAS REAL... THAT'S WHEN THE BOY FIRED THE GUN INTO THE BOYS' BATHROOM CEILING. SCHOOL OFFICIALS CLEARED THE HALLS AND CONVINCED MINKS TO PUT DOWN THE GUN. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE INCIDENT... MINKS IS BEING HELD AT THE COUNTY JAIL ON 250-THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 6	10/12	6 PM	:44	THE MISSOURI HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS TRYING TO LEARN FROM LAST YEAR'S FLU VACCINE SHORTAGE.... AND MAKE SURE THE SHOTS ARE AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO NEED THEM THE MOST. UNTIL OCTOBER 24TH, THE ELDERLY, YOUNG CHILDREN, PREGNANT WOMEN AND NURSING HOME

					RESIDENTS GET PRIORITY. AFTER THIS DATE, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL DECIDE WHO SHOULD GET MISSOURI'S 95 MILLION EXPECTED DOSES.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/13**	**10 PM**	**:44**	RURAL MISSOURI DEMOCRATIC LEADERS PUT UP A FIGHT AGAINST EMINENT DOMAIN THIS AFTERNOON. THE LEADERS WANT TO STOP THE STATE FROM TAKING PRIVATE LAND FOR PRIVATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE DEMOCRATS SAY GOVERNOR BLUNT'S EMINENT DOMAIN TASK FORCE SUPPORTS BIG BUSINESS AND SHUT THEM OUT. AT THE SAME TIME, CONCERNED HOMEOWNERS MADE A LAST DITCH EFFORT TO KEEP DEVELOPERS FROM THEIR PROPERTY. HOMEOWNER PATRICIA REDEL SAYS SHE'S FRUSTRATED WITH THE TASK FORCE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/14**	**6 PM**	**:43**	THE COLE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT REVERSES ITS DECISION TO DROP FLUORIDE FROM WATER TREATMENT. THE WATER DISTRICT QUIETLY QUIT ADDING FLUORIDE IN 2003 UNBEKNOWNST TO CUSTOMERS. THE DECISION WAS PUBLICIZED THIS SUMMER ONLY AFTER A DENTIST NOTICED THE FLUORIDE LEVELS SEEMED LOW IN THE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT. THE JEFFERSON CITY COUNCIL MANDATED THE ADDITION OF FLUORIDE AT A SEPTEMBER MEETING. BUT THE WATER DISTRICT WAITED TO MAKE A DECISION UNTIL THIS WEEK, SO IT COULD REVIEW THE RESULTS OF ITS SURVEY. FLUORIDE WAS BACKED BY 85 PERCENT OF THE CUSTOMERS WHO RESPONDED.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/15**	**10 PM**	**:39**	A COLUMBIA WOMAN WALKED INTO A BUSINESS INTERSECTION TODAY SEEKING HELP FROM BYSTANDERS. THE WOMAN'S BOYFRIEND ASSUALTED HER IN A SERIES OF EVENTS SPANNING HALF AN HOUR. A WITNESS SAYS HE SAW THE MAN IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA STRIKE AND KICK THE WOMAN UNTIL SHE FELL...

					THE WOMAN SAYS SHE THEN LET THE MAN DRIVE HER TO HER CAR ON BUSINESS LOOP. SHE SAYS THE MAN PUSHED HER OUT OF HIS RENTAL CAR AS IT WAS ROLLING TO A STOP. AFTER SHE GOT INTO HER CAR... THE MAN FOLLOWED HER AND RAN HER OFF THE ROAD. THAT'S WHEN SHE DROVE TO AN INTERSECTION TO FIND HELP. POLICE ARRESTED THE MAN AS HE WAS TRYING TO RETURN THE RENTAL CAR.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/16**	**10 PM**	**2:07**	EMPLOYEES HERE ARE ANXIOUS FOR THE SECOND HEITHOLT MURDER TRIAL TO BEGIN TOMORROW. BEHIND ME IS THE PARKING LOT WHERE HEITHOLT WAS ASSAULTED AND MURDERED. CHUCK ERICKSON ALREADY PLED GUILTY LAST NOVEMBER TO SECOND DEGREE MURDER. BUT TRIBUNE EMPLOYEES SAY CLOSURE WILL NOT COME UNTIL THE END OF RYAN FERGUSON'S TRIAL. BUT WHEN TRIBUNE EDITOR JIM ROBERTSON GOT TO THE PARKING LOT, KENT HEITHOLT WAS ALREADY DEAD. NOW, FOUR YEARS LATER, THE TRIBUNE STAFF IS READY FOR JUSTICE. A NUMBER OF PEOPLE FROM THE TRIBUNE WILL BE AT THE COURTHOUSE THIS WEEK- SOME REPORTERS COVERING THE TRIAL, OTHERS THERE JUST FOR SUPPORT. AND TOMORROW'S TRIAL MAY FINALLY BRING CLOSURE...
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/17**	**6 PM**	**:30**	MISSOURI'S MEDICAID PROGRAM WILL GET 21 MILLION DOLLARS...BECAUSE OF A NATIONAL SETTLEMENT. A COMPANY THAT MAKES AN AIDS DRUG HAS AGREED TO PAY 704 MILLION DOLLARS NATIONALLY...AFTER PLEADING GUILTY TO BOOSTING SALES BY REWARDING DOCTORS WHO WROTE MORE PRESCRIPTIONS. MISSOURI WILL ACTUALLY GET 7 AND HALF MILLION DOLLARS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL GET THE REST

					AS PAYMENT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IT MADE TO THE STATE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FOR THE POOR. THIS IS THE STATE'S LARGEST PAYOUT FROM A MEDICAL FRAUD INVESTIGATION.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/18**	**10 PM**	**:43**	SECRETARY OF STATE ROBIN CARNAHAN WANTS TO HELP SAVE SOME MOM AND POP STORES.... USING THE INTERNET. AT A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION TODAY SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS TOLD CARNAHAN TOO MUCH BUREAUCRATIC PAPERWORK AND TOO MANY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES GET IN THE WAY. CARNAHAN SAYS TO SAVE TIME AND MONEY SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS SHOULD FILE ANNUAL PAPERWORK ONLINE.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/19**	**6 PM**	**:43**	CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY DOESN'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT DROPOUTS IN THE NURSING PROGRAM. BUT, RATHER FIND MORE ROOM TO ACCOMODATE ALL THE COMMUTERS FROM COLUMBIA. THE NUMBER OF NURSING STUDENTS HAS NEARLY DOUBLED FROM LAST YEAR. THE HIGH NUMBER IS DUE TO COMMUTERS, WHICH ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN HALF OF THE NURSING CLASSES. THE UNIVERSITY DID HAVE TO MAKE SOME CHANGES TO ACCOMODATE THE STUDENTS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/20**	**10 PM**	**:35**	THERE ARE TWO-HUNDERD FAMILIES WAITING TO GET INTO COLUMBIA PUBLIC HOUSING... AND ONLY **TEN UNITS** AVAILABLE. SO, THE COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY IS STARTING TO **EVALUATE** SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS **USING** SOME HOUSING UNITS. THE AUTHORITY IS GOING TO START REQUIRING ORGANIZATIONS TO SUBMIT **MONTHLY REPORTS** OF ACTIVITIES AND PEOPLE SERVED. THE FOUNDER OF ONE OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS HOPES **SHE GETS** TO STAY PUT.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS**	**10/21**	**6 PM**	**1:06**	THE VERDICT COULD COMEDOWN SOMETIME TONIGHT.

	AT 6				PROSECUTION WRAPPED UP JUST AFTER FOUR THIS AFTERNOON, BUT NOT BEFORE THE PROSECUTER AND DEFENSE ATTORNEY SHOUGHTED FIERCE WORDS AT THE JURY THE MAIN ARGUMENT BETWEEN BOTH SIDES WAS WHETHER CONFESSED KILLER AND FERGUSAN'S FORMER CLASSMATE LIED. ERICKSON WAS THE PROSECUTION'S STAR WITNESS AND HE SAYS HE AND FERGUSON MURDERED HEITHOLT FOUR YEARS AGO. THE DEFENSE SAYS THE PROSECUTION COULDN'T GET ANYONE ELSE TO TESTIFY BESIDE ERICKSON THAT FERGUSON KILLED HEITHOLT.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/22	10 PM	:48	KIDNAPPINGS ARE RARE IN MID-MISSOURI...BUT SOME PARENTS WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE PREPARED FOR THE WORST. PARENTS CAME TO A FREE CHILD SAFETY PROGRAM TODAY TO LEARN ABOUT WAYS TO KEEP THEIR KIDS SAFE. ORGANIZERS GAVE PARENTS A FREE PICTURE AND C-D OF THEIR CHILD AS WELL AS A D-N-A KIT...THESE MAKE IT EASIER FOR OFFICERS TO IDENTIFY OR FIND MISSING CHILDREN. PARENTS ALSO GOT A LESSON ABOUT MAKING SURE ANY DANGEROUS HOUSEHOLD ITEMS ARE LOCKED UP AND OUT OF REACH OF KIDS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/23	10 PM	1:58	AFTER MORE THAN ONE- HUNDRED YEARS OF HISTORY, THE 128-TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION OF MISSOURI'S NATIONAL GUARD HAS BEEN DEACTIVATED. THE 128TH CELEBRATED IT'S LONG HISTORY WITH ONE LAST ANTHEM. THIS MOMENT MARKED THE END. THE UNIT'S BEEN HEADQUARTERED IN COLUMBIA SINCE 19-17. THE TYPE OF WARFARE HAS CHANGED SINCE THE UNIT'S ACTIVATION... THAT MEANS THERE'S A DECREASING NEED FOR

					FIELD ARTILLERY. AS THE UNIT'S TIME WRAPS UP, SOLDIERS HOPE TRADITION WILL LIVE ON.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/24**	**10 PM**	**1:18**	FRANTIC WORKERS (NAT SOUND), ENDLESS LINES AND A FEAR OF SICKNESS START THE FIRST DAY OF FLU SHOTS. TOM BEAL CAME TO THE JEFFERSON CITY MEDICAL GROUP CENTER TO GET A STEP AHEAD OF THE FLU SEASON IN HOPES OF AVOIDING GETTING SICK FOR THE ELEVENTH YEAR. BUT OTHERS AREN'T SO LUCKY. DOCTORS UNDERSTAND WITH THE THREAT OF THE BIRD FLU AND LAST YEAR'S FLU SHOT SHORTAGE, PEOPLE ARE GETTING RESTLESS TO MAKE SURE THEY GET ONE. STILL, DOCTORS SAY THERE'S LITTLE NEED TO WORRY, MORE SHIPMENTS ARE ALREADY CONFIRMED AND ON THE WAY.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/25**	**6 PM**	**1:38**	HERMAN'S JEWISH. THE FLIERS TELLS PEOPLE TO BOYCOTT CERTAIN KOSHER FOODS, BLAMING JEWS FOR HIGH FOOD PRICES. THE FLIERS ALSO URGE THE WHITE MAN TAKE BACK POWER AND TO DEPORT WHAT THE GROUP CALLS "SUB-HUMAN" IMMIGRANTS. THE PAPERS SAY THE MISSOURI CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST MOVEMENT PUBLISHED THEM. JEFF CITY POLICE SAY IT WAS ILLEGAL FOR THE GROUP TO PUT THE FLIERS ONTO PARKED CARS. BUT THE FLIERS THEMSELVES ARE LEGAL DUE TO FIRST AMMENDMENT RIGHTS. COLE COUNTY SHERIFF GREG WHITE SAYS THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE'S HAD TROUBLE WITH OR EVEN HEARD THAT THERE IS A LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST MOVEMENT. THE GROUP'S WEBSITE PROMOTES HITLER AND RECRUITS YOUTH TO JOIN THE WHITE POWER MOVEMENT. HERMAN SAYS THE GROUP HAS AN ARCHAIC MESSAGE THAT WILL DISGUST, NOT APPEAL TO MODERN AMERICANS.

JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/26**	**10 PM**	**1:54**	HOSPITALS IN RURAL AREAS "WOO" MEDICAL STUDENTS AND DOCTORS FROM MID-MISSOURI. AFTER GRADUATING MEDICAL SCHOOL, MOST NEW DOCTORS HEAD TO CITIES TO BEGIN THEIR CAREERS. AS A FIRST YEAR MU MEDICAL STUDENT AND A NEW ARRIVAL TO MID-MISSOURI, PREETHI YERRAM SAYS SHE'S ADJUSTING WELL. AND WITH 2 YEARS OF SCHOOL LEFT, SHE'S ALREADY THINKING ABOUT HER FUTURE...AND WHETHER SHE'LL STAY IN MISSOURI. THESE HOSPITAL REPRESENTITIVES HOPE SHE DOES. MU'S SCHOOL OF MEDICINE HOSTED A STATEWIDE JOB FAIR FOR MEDICAL RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS. IT'S PART OF A PLAN TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATES STAYING IN MISSOURI AND THE NUMBER OF DOCTORS IN RURAL AREAS. MORE THAN FIFTEEN HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS SHOWCASED THEIR HOSPITALS AND THEIR LIFESTYLES...SELLING THEIR SMALLER COMMUNITIES AS GREAT PLACES TO LIVE AND WORK. BUT THE PULL OF METROPOLITAN AREAS OFTEN WINS OUT. AND FOR YERRAM, MISSOURI MAY DO JUST FINE. AND MISSOURI HOSPITALS HOPE MANY DOCTORS AGREE.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/27**	**10 PM**	**1:44**	THE OWNER OF HOLLYWOOD'S NIGHTCLUB IN JEFFERSON CITY MAY BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR A GUNSHOT FIRED OUTSIDE HIS BAR EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING. THE OWNER COULD BE IN VIOLATION OF THE CITY'S LIQUOR CONTROL ORDINANCE. DOWNTOWN BUSINESS OWNERS IN JEFFERSON CITY FELT SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE TO KEEP DOWNTOWN SAFE FOR SHOPPERS. SO THEY BACKED CHANGES IN THE CITY'S LIQUOR CONTROL ORDINANCE THAT WENT INTO EFFECT IN AUGUST.

					BUT THE OWNER OF HOLLYWOOD'S , FRED TOWNSON, SAYS THE ORDINANCE UNFAIRLY TARGETS HIS NIGHT CLUB. THE ORDINANCE SAYS PATRONS CANNOT HAVE OPEN CONTAINERS OUTSIDE A BAR. ALSO, ALL WINDOW TINT MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE FRONT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT. FINALLY, BAR OWNERS MAY BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR CRIMES COMMITTED WITHIN 50 FEET OF THEIR PROPERTY. JEFFERSON CITY POLICE SAY TOWNSON COULD HAVE HIS LIQUOR LICENSE REVOKED. POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING THE SHOOTING TO SEE IF THEY CAN PINPOINT WHERE THE SHOT CAME FROM.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/28**	**10 PM**	**:48**	THIS YEAR'S FLU SEASON BEGAN IN OCTOBER, BUT MANY COLUMBIA SENIORS STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN FLU SHOTS. BOONE COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING HELD A FREE HEALTH SCREENING AND VACCINATION FOR SENIORS THIS FRIDAY. THEY OFFERED A BONE DENSITY SCAN, BLOOD PRESSURE, GLAUCOMA SCREENING... EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE FLU SHOT. OFFICIALS FROM THE COLUMBIA AND BOONE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAY THEY HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY FLU VACCINE YET.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/29**	**10 PM**	**1:16**	BOONVILLE VOTERS DECIDE IN NOVEMBER IF TWENTY-EIGHT ACRES ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN WILL BE A WAL-MART SUPERCENTER. THE CONTROVERSY HAS BEEN A ROCKY JOURNEY... BUT SOME BOONVILLE RESIDENTS SAY...THE **ROAD** TO THE SUPERCENTER IS THE PROBLEM. A WINDING ROAD.....WITH A DUSTY HISTORY. JACKSON ROAD HAS BEEN DAVIS'S HOME FOR THIRTEEN YEARS.....SHE SAYS IT NEEDS SOME WORK. IF VOTERS ANNEX LAND AT THE CORNER OF JACKSON AND ROUTE B...IT COULD GET EVEN WORSE. THAT'S WHERE THE PROPOSED WAL-MART WOULD

					GO. DAVIS SAYS SHE'S NOT OPPOSED TO NEW GROWTH... SHE JUST WANTS THE ROAD TO GET RID OF IT'S DUSTY PAST....
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/30**	**10 PM**	**2:16**	THE CITY OF COLUMBIA WANTS TO ADD FIVE NEW SALES TAXES TO IMPROVE CITY INFRASTRUCTURE- INCLUDING NEW TAXES ON **FOOD.** PATRICIA KNAPP IS A DISABLED SINGLE MOM OF FIVE. SHE TRIES TO CONSERVE- BUT THESE MOUTHS ARE HUNGRY. KNAPP SAYS ANY ADDITIONAL TAX ON FOOD WILL PUSH HER INTO DEBT. BUT THE CITY COUNCIL SAYS THE TAXES ARE NECESSARY. IF ALL FIVE PROPOSITIONS PASS, SALES TAX WOULD RISE TO ABOUT SEVEN AND HALF CENTS PER DOLLAR. IF NONE OF THE PROPOSITIONS PASS, SALES TAX WOULD FALL TO A LITTLE LESS THAN SEVEN CENTS PER DOLLAR. KNAPP SAYS SHE SUPPORTS IMPROVING THE CITY, JUST NOT TAXING FOOD.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/31**	**10 PM**	**1:32**	AN ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING THIS MORNING LEAVES A MAN IN THE HOSPITAL AND HIS BROTHER CHARGED WITH THE CRIME. PEOPLE LIVING ACROSS THE STREET FROM THIS HOUSE AT 5001 KIRK HILL ROAD GOT A RUDE AWAKENING. POLICE WERE CALLED AFTER A GUNSHOT WAS REPORTED. THEY SAY THE SHOOTER WAS 19-YEAR OLD COREY FRYE WHO WAS ATTENDING A PARTY AT THE HOUSE. WITNESSES THERE SAY HE FOUND A GUN AND STARTED PLAYING WITH IT." INGEBRITSON SAYS SHE WAS WORRIED FOR BOTH MEN. POLICE AREN'T IDENTIFYING THE VICTIM AT THIS TIME, AND EVEN THOUGH HE MAY NOT PRESS CHARGES,

					FRYE COULD STILL FACE PUNISHMENT. THE VICTIM WAS SHOT IN THE CHEST AND SUFFERED A PUNCTURED LUNG BUT IS EXPECTED TO RECOVER.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/1**	**6 PM**	**1:53**	POLICE SAY THREE COTTON SMITH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYERS SEXUALLY HAZED A FELLOW PLAYER LAST MONTH AND MAY FACE CHARGES. A FRESHMAN FOOTBALL PLAYER TOLD SEDALIA POLICE THREE PLAYERS SEXUALLY ASSAULTED HIM HERE AT THE SMITH COTTON TIGER'S STADIUM.. . THE VICTIM TOLD A REPORTER FROM THE SEDALIA DEMOCRAT HE WENT INTO THE VARSITY LOCKER ROOM ON OCTOBER 11TH TO GET A DRINK OF WATER. THE VICTIM SAID TWO VARSITY PLAYERS HELD HIM DOWN WHILE ANOTHER PLAYER JUMPED ON TOP OF HIM AND HIT HIM IN THE FACE WITH HIS PENIS. THE VICTIM REPORTED THE INCIDENT LAST WEEK. POLICE BROUGHT THE CASE TO THE PETTIS COUNTY PROSECUTOR WITH A RECOMMENDATION THE PROSECUTOR CHARGE THE SUSPECTS WITH SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL MISCONDUCT. MARK JOHNSON SAID THE SCHOOL SUSPENDED THE STUDENTS IMPLICATED IN THE INCIDENT INDEFINITELY FROM THE TEAM FOR VIOLATING THE HIGH SCHOOL'S HAZING POLICY. THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT WANTS TO MAKE SURE THERE WON'T BE MORE VICTIMS IN THE FUTURE.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/2**	**6 PM**	**2:37**	THE CITY OF COLUMBIA SAYS THE EQUIPMENT INTENDED TO SAVE LIVES NEEDS SAVING ITSELF. WHEN SEVERE WEATHER STRIKES... COLUMBIA'S 32 EMERGENCY SIRENS WARN RESIDENTS TO SEEK SHELTER. SOME CITY OFFICIALS SAY THOSE SIRENS ARE OUTDATED. CITY OFFICIALS SAY MORE THAN HALF OF THOSE 32 EMERGENCY WARNING SIRENS ARE OBSOLETE AND THEY'RE TURNING TO VOTERS FOR HELP. SOME OF THE SIRENS LIKE THE ONE RIGHT ACROSS

					FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARE TWENTY TO FORTY YEARS OLD. COLUMBIA OFFICIALS ARE LISTENING TO A WARNING SIREN... ABOUT THE SIRENS THEMSELVES. BUT BILLY NICHOLS HAS A WARNING OF HIS OWN... HE SAYS THERE'S TOO MANY TAXES. THE CITY SAYS 21 OF IT'S 36 EMERGENCY WARNING SIRENS NEED TO GET REPLACED. BECK SAYS THE CITY STOCKPILED PARTS TO FIX THE OLD SIRENS BECAUSE COMPANIES DON'T MAKE THEM ANYMORE. BUT THE STOCKPILE IS RUNNING OUT. BECK WANTS VOTERS TO PASS PROPOSITION THREE-- A QUARTER CENT SALES TAX TO HELP PAY FOR NEW SIRENS. THE SIRENS COST 18 THOUSAND DOLLARS A PIECE... SO THE CITY IS FACING A FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR BILL. AND BECK SAYS THE SIRENS MUST BE REPLACED.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/3**	**10 PM**	**2:12**	IT WOULD MEAN A LOT OF EXTRA MONEY SPENT DIRECTLY IN EVERY ONE OF THE CLASSROOMS BEHIND ME. GOVERNOR BLUNT CALLS HIS PLAN ***OUR STUDENTS FIRST...FIRST CLASS EDUCATION FOR MISSOURI***... ROCK BRIDGE YOUNG REPUBLICANS STOOD IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR BLUNT AT THE COLUMBIA REGIONAL AIRPORT AS BLUNT OUTLINED PART OF HIS PROMISE TO MAKE EDUCATION A NUMBER ONE PRIORITY. BUT GOVERNOR BLUNT WANTS AN EXTRA 4-CENTS FROM EVERY EDUCATION DOLLAR TO BE SPENT **ON** INSTRUCTION . THIS WOULD BRING AN ADDITIONAL 272 MILLION DOLLARS INTO CLASSROOMS ***WITHOUT*** A TAX INCREASE. THAT EQUALS A LITTLE MORE THAN 300 DOLLARS PER STUDENT. SO IN A CLASS OF 20 STUDENTS...THAT'S MORE THAN 6,000 DOLLARS ABOVE WHAT'S AVAILABLE TODAY. THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF COLUMBIA

					PUBLIC SCHOOLS SAYS THE INITIATIVE HAS GOOD POINTS BUT IT COULD CAUSE SOME PROBLEMS. BARNETT SAYS SHE THINKS BLUNT LEAVES OUT IMPORTANT PEOPLE LIKE NURSES, GUIDANCE COUNSELORS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS WHO ALSO TEACH IN THE CLASSROOM.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/4**	**6 PM**	**1:53**	BLUNTS INITIATIVE HAS A LOT OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS TALKING... AND QUESTIONING WHAT THE GOVERNOR HAS TO SAY ABOUT SCHOOL SPENDING. THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL RAISES MUCH DISAGREEMENT AMONG MISSOURI SCHOOLS. FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT HAS A LOT TO SAY ABOUT BLUNTS EDUCATION PLAN. THAT'S BECAUSE HIS PROPOSAL INCLUDES CUTS TO EXPENSES ON NURSING, TRANSPORTATION, LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICE AND EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION, TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL FOUR CENTS TO EVERY EDUCATION DOLLAR SPENT ON INSTRUCTION. COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALSO DOUBTS THE GOVERNORS PLAN. EDUCATIONAL LEADERS SAY COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAS LITTLE FLEXIBILITY IN ITS ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS... BECAUSE THE DISTRICT IS ALREADY LOW ON STAFF.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/5**	**6 PM**	**1:59**	A NEW SUPER- CENTER COULD BE MOVING IN... AND THE PROPOSAL IS CAUSING QUITE A STIR ON EITHER SIDE OF THE BALLOT. TO WALMART OR NOT TO WALMART? THAT IS THE QUESTION BOONVILLE RESIDENTS ARE PONDERING. RESIDENTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ISSUE HAVE THEIR REASONS. THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSITION FEEL THAT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH SHOPPING AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE IN BOONVILLE. THEY ALSO THINK THIS WALMART WILL BRING MORE JOBS AS WELL AS MORE OPPURTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE IN

					BOONVILLE. RESIDENTS WHO ARE AGAINST IF FEAR FOR THE LOSS OF SMALL BUSINESSES, AS WELL AS THE CHARM OF BOONVILLE. THE LINE SEEMS PRETTY EVEN RIGHT NOW THOUGH. THE ELECTION THIS TUESDAY WILL MAKE THE FINAL CALL.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/6**	**10 PM**	**:59**	WHILE COLUMBIA POLICE ARE PETITIONING TO MAKE MARIJUANA LAWS MORE STRINGENT, MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE REFORM OF MARIJUANA LAWS... OR NORML... ARE CONTINUING TO FIGHT WHAT THEY SAY IS A BAD STEREOTYPE ASSOCIATED WITH THE HERB. LAST YEAR VOTERS DECIDED TO REDUCE THE PUNISHMENT FOR POSSESSION OF A SMALL AMOUNT OF MARIJUANA TO A MAXIMUM TWO- HUNDRED- FIFTY DOLLAR FINE. ACCORDING TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS... POLICE AND PROSECUTION... FORMER OPPONENTS... ARE CLOSE TO A DEAL. UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI JUNIOR AND LEADER OF NORML SAYS A COMPROMISE IS THE RIGHT WAY TO GO.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/7**	**10 PM**	**:38**	TONIGHT THE JEFFERSON CITY COUNCIL DECIDED TO CONDEMN PROPERTIES NEEDED FOR A NEW INTERCHANGE ON HIGHWAY 50-EAST AND CITYVIEW DRIVE. THE PROPOSAL WILL USE A NEW WALMART TO FUND THE INTERCHANGE. CITY OFFICIALS SAY THIS INTERSECTION IS TOO DANGEROUS. NEARBY LANDOWNERS WILL LOSE ACREAGE. THEY SAY ITS AN EXCUSE TO BRING ANOTHER WALMART TO TOWN.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/8**	**10 PM**	**1:13**	BEHIND ME IT'S AND OPEN FIELD, BUT WITH TODAY'S VOTE, SOON IT WILL BE A WAL-MART SUPERCENTER. POLLS CLOSED AT 7, AFTER A 50 PERCENT TURNOUT.

					THAT'S HIGH FOR A SINGLE ISSUE BALLOT. SUPPORTERS OF THE ANNEXATION WELL OUTSPENT OPPONENTS. BUT BOTH SIDES SAY THEY'RE PLEASED WITH THE HIGH TURNOUT.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/9**	**6 PM**	**:31**	THE FULTON CITY COUNCIL HAS GIVEN A PRELIMINARY NOD TO A NEW FIRE STATION. LAST NIGHT, THE COUNCIL VOTED TO SET ASIDE 400 THOUSAND DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT 2 YEARS TO BUILD A NEW FIRE STATION. THE STATION WILL BE A SUB-STATION LOCATED ON THE SOUTH END OF TOWN. BECAUSE OF FULTON'S EXPANSION, THE DEPARTMENT CANNOT MAKE THE FOUR MINUTE RESPONSE TIME THE NATIONAL FIRE ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDS. INSTEAD.. RESPONSE TIME CAN TAKE UP TO NINE MINUTES. .THE CITY HOPES TO START THE PROJECT AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR AND HAVE IT FINISHED BY 2007.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/10**	**10 PM**	**:21**	PROBLEMS IN THE MEDICAID SYSTEM LEFT PEOPLE SEARCHING FOR RIDES TO THE DOCTOR. THE STATE CONTRACTED PRIVATE CORPORATIONS TO PROVIDE RIDES TO THE HOSPITAL. BUT AFTER A PROBLEMS WITH RIDES GOVERNOR BLUNT WANTS A REVIEW OF THE PROGRAM CUT IN THIS YEARS BUDGET. THE REVIEW COMES IN THE WAKE OF A REPUBLIC MANS DEATH AFTER HIS RIDE TO THE DOCTOR FAILED TO SHOW.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/11**	**6 PM**	**:51**	A COLUMBIA DOCTOR IS ACCUSED OF MEDICAID FRAUD... AND WILL LOSE HIS MEDICAL LICENSE AT THE END OF THE YEAR. THE U-S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SAYS DR. JAMES HUESER IS THE ONCOLOGIST WHO SUBMITTED FALSE MEDICARE CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL FINANCIAL GAIN. HUESER CONTINUES TO SEE PATIENTS AT BOONE CLINIC.

					IT'S ONE OF HUESER'S MANY OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE STATE. ALONG WITH LOSING HIS LICENSE, HUESER WILL HAVE TO PAY UP TO A MILLION DOLLARS FOR HIS ACTIONS. HIS PATIENTS WERE SHOCKED TO HEAR ABOUT THE FRAUD.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/12**	**10 PM**	**:39**	AS TIGER FANS CELEBRATED THE LAST HOME-GAME OF THE SEASON, MIZZOU STUDENTS AND PARENTS ARE WORRIED ABOUT TUITION PRICES. RECENT NEWS OF A 100 MILLION DOLLAR FUNDING CUT TO THE M-U SYSTEM MAY MEAN HIGHER TUITION FOR STUDENTS AND FEWER PAY RAISES FOR THE FACULTY. STUDENTS K-O-M-U TALKED TO WERE DISSAPOINTED IN THE CUTS AND WANT THE STATE TO ***INCREASE*** FUNDING.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/13**	**10 PM**	**2:00**	THE ARMED ROBBERY OCCURED IN THE 1100 BLOCK OF BUENA VISTA STREET IN JEFFERSON CITY. POLICE SAY A TWENTY-ONE YEAR OLD LINCOLN UNIVERSITY STUDENT CAME HERE TO VISIT SOME RELATIVES. AS HE WAS WALKING DOWN THESE STAIRS, POLICE SAY A MAN DEMANDED MONEY FROM HIM. THE VICTIM SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY MONEY...AND THAT'S WHEN THE GUNMAN SHOT HIM RIGHT BELOW HIS RIGHT ARM. NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS PLAY IN THIS COURTYARD... BUT JUST HOURS BEFORE, AT ABOUT 10 O'CLOCK SATURDAY NIGHT, A 21 YEAR OLD LINCOLN UNIVERSITY STUDENT WAS SHOT HERE. MIESHA MOORE LIVES WITH HER KIDS RIGHT NEXT TO WHERE THE SHOOTING HAPPENED. SO FAR, POLICE DON'T HAVE ANY LEADS.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/14**	**10 PM**	**:31**	THE HIGHWAY PATROL IS PUTTING UP NEW SIGNS ALONG MISSOURI HIGHWAYS. OFFICERS ARE HOPING IT WILL FORCE MOTORISTS TO SLOW DOWN AND AVOID EMERGENCY VEHICLES. SINCE 2002, FOUR MISSOURI STATE TROOPERS HAVE DIED

					IN THE LINE OF DUTY... ALL BECAUSE OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS. THE PATROL SAYS LACK OF ATTENTION IS THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS. MISSOURI LAW REQUIRES DRIVERS TO GET AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE FROM POLICE CARS, AMBULANCES AND OTHER EMERGENCY VEHICLES. SEVENTEEN SIGNS SAYING, "MOVE OVER OR SLOW DOWN" WILL BE INSTALLED AROUND MISSOURI BY THE END OF THE MONTH
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/15**	**6 PM**	**:31**	THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR ANSWERS TODAY AFTER A BURGLARY SOUTH OF COLUMBIA . WITNESSES SAY A RESIDENT ANSWERED THE FRONT DOOR TO FIND TWO ARMED MEN. AFTER THE RESIDENT SLAMMED THE DOOR SHUT... THE MEN FIRED SHOTS INTO THE HOME AND TOOK OFF. NO ONE WAS INJURED. WITNESSES DESCRIBE THE SUSPECTS AS BLACK MALES IN DARK CLOTHING WITH HOODS. IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CRIME... CALL THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT 875-1111 OR CRIME STOPPERS AT 875-TIPS.¤2]] C1.5 G 0
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/16**	**10 PM**	**1:21**	OWNERS OF COLUMBIA BARS GET FEEDBACK ON A STATE PROGRAM MEANT TO DISCOURAGE UNDERAGE DRINKING. MIKE MCBRIDE WANTS OTHERS TO KNOW ABOUT THE SMART PROGRAM WHICH HE HELPED START ABOUT A YEAR AGO. SERVERS AT BARS AND RESTAURANTS MUST PASS THE ONLINE TEST IN ORDER TO SERVE ALCOHOL. NOT EVERYONE AT THIS MEETING HAS ENROLLED THEIR SERVERS IN THE SMART PROGRAM. THE HEIDELBERG USES A DIFFERENT PROGRAM TO TRAIN THEIR SERVERS. WALLS SAYS THE HEIDELBERG WILL LIKELY SWITCH TO THE SMART PROGRAM IN THE FUTURE. SMART PROGRAM RESEARCH SHOWS SERVER

					TRAINING CAN LOWER NIGHTTIME DWI CRASHES BY 17 PERCENT.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/17**	**6 PM**	**:24**	MISSOURI ECONOMISTS SAY HIGH GAS PRICES FUELED A RISE IN THE STATE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE. MISSOURI LOST 47-HUNDRED JOBS LAST MONTH. THAT PUT OCTOBER'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT FIVE PERCENT. THIS IS ONLY A SLIGHT INCREASE FROM SEPTEMBER'S RATE AND SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN OCTOBER, 2004. MISSOURI'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATES REFLECT NATIONAL TRENDS. STATE LEADERS SAY THE LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY LOST THE MOST JOBS... WHICH IS DEPENDENT ON TRAVEL
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/18**	**10 PM**	**:53**	MISSOURI'S ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS FILED A LAWSUIT TO SEIZE MONEY THAT FEMALE INMATES WERE EARNING OVER THE INTERNET. THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TEAMED UP WITH THE A-G'S OFFICE TO CRACK DOWN ON THE PRISONERS. THE INVESTIGATION BEGAN AFTER ONE WEBSITE USER STARTED ASKING SUSPICIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT AN INMATE. THEY FOUND THAT PRISONERS WERE USING "PEN PAL" WEBSITES TO POST THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION. THESE POSTINGS WERE BRINGING IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR SOME INMATES.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/19**	**10 PM**	**:51**	THANKSGIVING IS IN A FEW DAYS AND THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SEASON IS GETTING UNDERWAY. THE WEEKS LEADING UP TO THE WINTER HOLIDAYS ARE ESPECIALLY BUSY FOR UNITED STATES POST OFFICES. THEY'LL HANDLE TRIPPLE THE NORMAL AMOUNT OF MAIL. U-S-P-S OFFICIALS SAY IF YOU WANT TO USE NORMAL MAILING... NOT PRIORITY MAIL... YOU SHOULD HAVE THE PARCELS SENT BY THANKSGIVING. FLAT RATE PRIORITY MAIL BOXES ARE AVAILABLE

					TO SEND ITEMS OVERSEAS. THE DEADLINE FOR THOSE IS DECEMBER TENTH AND THEY'RE A FLAT RATE... SEVEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/20**	**10 PM**	**:46**	POLICE HAVE NEW INFORMATION TONIGHT ON AN ARMED ROBBERY LATE LAST NIGHT IN JEFFERSON CITY. POLICE ARE QUESTIONING A WITNESS WHO MAY HAVE INFORMATION ON A BIZZARE CHASE ON EAST DUNKLIN STREET. POLICE SAY A WOMAN GOT OUT OF HER CAR AND CROSSED DUNKLIN WHEN AN ARMED MAN PULLED A GUN AND CHASED HER INTO A SMALL GAP BETWEEN TWO BUILDINGS. THE WOMAN WAS NOT INJURED, BUT THE SUSPECT DID GET AWAY.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/21**	**6 PM**	**:42**	CENTRAL MISSOURI COMMUNITY ACTION IS THE NEW NAME FOR THE OLD HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN JEFFERSON CITY. WITH THE NEW NAME, COMES NEW ABILITIES. THE ORGANIZATION WILL USE A THE NEW BUILDING TO HOUSE ALL OF ITS PROGRAMS. THOSE PROGRAMS INCLUDE HEAD START...SECTION-8 HOUSING...AND LIFE SKILLS CLASSES. C-M-C-A LEADERS SAY COMBINING ALL PROGRAMS WILL HELP SERVE FAMILIES BETTER. THEY SAY IT ALLOWS THE CENTER TO FOCUS ON ITS MAIN GOAL...HELPING FAMILES BE MORE SELF-RELIANT.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/22**	**6 PM**	**:46**	A SMALL TOWN SCHOOL HAS FOUND A WAY TO PUT A QUICK FIX ON A GROWING PROBLEM. NORTH CALLAWAY HIGH SCHOOL IS EXPERIENCING A STUDENT POPULATION GROWTH. AND NOW, THE DISTRICT HAS APPROVED BUYING A TRAILER TO HOLD CLASSES IN. DURING THE PAST 7 YEARS...THE SCHOOL HAS GROWN TO THE POINT IT HAD TO ADD AN ENTIRE NEW GRADE. EVEN THOUGH THE SCHOOL NEEDS THE

					SPACE...THE PRINCIPAL SAYS IT'S ONLY A TEMPORARY SOLUTION.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/23**	**10 PM**	**:44**	VOTERS IN AUXVASSE COULD SEE A ONE HALF CENT SALES TAX ON APRIL'S BALLOT. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL TALK ABOUT THE IDEA AT ITS DECEMBER 12TH MEETING. THE TAX WOULD BE USED TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY. SEVENTY FIVE PERCENT WOULD GO TO POLICE AND THE OTHER TWENTY FIVE PERCENT TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. BUT, SOME CITIZENS DON'T LIKE HOW THE MONEY WOULD BE USED.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/24**	**10 PM**	**:20**	MISSOURI WELFARE OFFICIALS ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO REDUCE FRAUDULENT CHILD ABUSE CALLS. THAT'S BECAUSE FIVE THOUSAND PARENTS USE MISSOURI'S CHILD ABUSE HOT LINE TO WAGE CUSTODY BATTLES LAST YEAR. WELFARE OFFICIALS SAY BOGUS CALLS TAKE TIME AWAY FROM LEGITIMATE CASES, AND CAUSE NEEDLESS QUESTIONS AND INVASIVE MEDICAL EXAMS FOR CHILDREN. THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES HAS ASKED THE STATE TO REVIEW THE HOT LINE RESPONSE PROTOCOL.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/25**	**6 PM**	**:46**	TODAY MARKED THE FIRST OFFICIAL SHOPPING DAY OF THE SEASON. ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL RETAIL FEDERATION, SHOPPERS WILL SPEND AN ESTIMATED 435-BILLION DOLLARS ON HOLIDAY GIFTS THIS YEAR. SHOPPERS AT BEST BUY IN COLUMBIA WOKE UP EARLY THIS MORNING FOR D-V-D'S, LAPTOPS, DIGITAL CAMERAS AND THE I-POD NANO. BEST BUY'S STORE MANAGER ESTIMATES MORE THAN 12-HUNDRED SHOPPERS WAITED OUTSIDE BEFORE THE STORE OPENED AT 5 A-M. AND HE GUESSES THE STORES SALES WILL BE UP COMPARED TO LAST YEAR.

EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/26**	**10 PM**	**:45**	A MID-MISSOURI SERVICE GROUP HOPES TO HELP AREA SCHOOLS AND SPREAD SOME HOLIDAY CHEER AT THE SAME TIME. THE BOONVILLE JAYCEES ARE SELLING CHRISTMAS TREES ALL THIS WEEKEND. THE JAYCEES HAVE BEEN SELLING TREES FOR MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS. THEY ORDERED MORE THAN 120 TREES THIS YEAR. THE MONEY THE JAYCEES RAISE GOES TO COMMUNITY PROGRAMS LIKE THE D.A.R.E. PROGRAM IN BOONVILLE SCHOOLS. ONE JAYCEE SAYS THAT COMMUNITY SERVICE IS WHAT THEY'RE ALL ABOUT.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/27**	**10 PM**	**:47**	A BUSY TRAVEL WEEKEND DOESN'T GUARANTEE PROFITS AT THE PUMP. WORKERS AT KINGDOM CITY TRUCK STOPS SAID BUSINESS WAS SLOWER THIS YEAR THAN LAST... EVEN THOUGH GAS PRICES HAVE RECENTLY FALLEN BELOW TWO DOLLARS A GALLON FOR REGULAR GAS. BUT TRIPLE -A SAID PRICES ARE STILL UP THIRTEEN PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR. GAS STATION MANAGERS ALSO SAY THEIR PROFTIS SUFFER BECAUSE PEOPLE AREN'T COMING IN TO BUY CONVEINCE ITEMS. ONE STORE MANAGER SAID DIESEL SALES ARE ESPECIALLY LOWER THAN LAST YEAR.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/28**	**10 PM**	**:46**	THE NEW MEDICARE PART-D PROGRAM BEGINS IN LITTLE MORE THAN A MONTH. BUT MANY PARTICIPANTS STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE GETTING. IN ORDER TO MAKE THINGS CRYSTAL CLEAR FOR MEDICARE PART D RECIPIENTS... ST. MARYS PHARMACY IS TALKING WITH EACH ONE OF ITS CUSTOMERS INDIVIDUALLY. PHARMACISTS HOPE THEIR CUSTOMERS WILL HAVE A STRONGER GRASP OF HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS. THERE ARE THREE PLANS TO CHOOSE FROM.

					EACH HAS MORE THAN 40 PHARMACY AND PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE OPTIONS.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/29**	**10 PM**	**:18**	UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI PRESIDENT ELSON FLOYD HAS CHANGED HIS DECISION TO FREEZE TUITION. HE SAYS NOW HE WANTS TUITION TO INCREASE WITH INFLATION RATES. FLOYD PLANS TO PRESENT THE IDEA TO THE BOARD OF CURATORS THURSDAY. ONE CURATOR SAYS IT'S UP TO HIS BOARD AND LAWMAKERS TO KEEP TUITION COSTS FROM GETTING TOO HIGH.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/30**	**10 PM**	**1:27**	MORE THAN 700 FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN MISSOURI HAVE NOT REGISTERED WITH THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE. THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO REGISTER BY AUGUST. THE COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING REGISTERED WITH THE STATE BUT IT'S NOT OFFICIAL YET. DURDALLER SAYS REGISTRATION ALSO AFFECTS MISSOURI'S MUTUAL AID SYSTEM WHICH ALLOWS DEPARTMENTS TO CALL UPON OTHER STATIONS AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS IN THE CASE OF EMERGENCIES. BY NOT REGISTERING, THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS MIGHT MISS OUT ON FEDERAL FUNDING. AND, IF THEY GOT THE MONEY PRIOR TO REGISTRATION, THEY COULD LOSE THE MONEY THEY'VE BEEN GIVEN. BUT THERE ARE STILL OTHER ADVANTAGES IN REGISTERING ON TIME.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/1**	**6 PM**	**:23**	COLUMBIA POLICE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TO FIND THREE SUSPECTS IN CONNECTION WITH AN ARMED ROBBERY. LAST MONTH, POLICE RESPONDED TO A REPORT OF FOUR BLACK MALES USING GUNS TO FORCE THEIR WAY INTO AN APARTMENT AT 301 TIGER LANE. YESTERDAY, POLICE ARRESTED ANTHONY EDWARDS ON A COUNT OF FIRST DEGREE ROBBERLY. POLICE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR THREE OTHER

					SUSPECTS. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CALL CRIME STOPPERS AT 875-TIPS.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/2**	**6 PM**	**1:52**	THE ERASER IS TAKEN TO A MID-MISSOURI *PENCIL* FACTORY.. WHAT IT MEANS IS A LOSS OF JOBS.. MORE THAN TWO- HUNDRED EMPLOYEES FROM THE WORLD FAMOUS DIXON MANUFACTORING PLANT ARE GOING TO LOSE THEIR JOBS... INCLUDING PLANT MANAGER JIM HUFF. THE COMPANY, HOWEVER, SAYS IT IS NOT FORGETTING IT'S EMPLOYEES. DIXON IS SPONSORING A JOB FAIR TO HELP LAID OFF EMPLOYEES FIND NEW JOBS AND PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. WHILE THE CLOSING OF THE FACTORY MAY HURT THE EMPLOYEES IN THE SHORT RUN. THE COMPANY SEES A LONG TERM BENEFIT. BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT EASIER FOR HUFF... AFTER 25- YEARS ON THE JOB, HE'S WORRIED HE HAS TOUGH ROAD AHEAD... HIS RETIREMENT FUND JUST ISN'T BIG ENOUGH YET.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/3**	**6 PM**	**:21**	FEDERAL OFFICIALS SAY MISSOURI COULD LOSE SOME ITS FUNDING FOR THE BLIND BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE STATE CARRIED OUT MEDICAID CUTS. THE STATE RECENTLY MADE CUTS TO DENTAL CARE... EYECARE... AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT. THE STATE MEDICAID DIRECTOR SAYS MISSOURI COULD END UP HAVING TO PAY FOR SERVICES TO THE BLIND... INSTEAD OF GETTING FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT. THAT COULD COST THE STATE ABOUT 260-THOUSAND DOLLARS.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/4**	**10 PM**	**1:54**	THE COLE COUNTY PROSECUTOR SAYS THE SEX OFFENDER LIST ISN'T DOING ENOUGH TO HELP PARENTS. SODOMY. SEXUAL ABUSE. SEXUAL ASSAULT. JUST A FEW CHARGES THAT PUT A SEXUAL OFFENDER ON THE PUBLIC LIST.

					TACKET SAYS PUTTING OFFENDERS NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND PICTURES ONLINE WAS ONLY THE FIRST STEP. NOW, HE THINKS IT'S TIME TO EXPLAIN WHAT THEY DID. TACKET SAYS HE'LL BRING HIS PLAN TO STATE LEGISLATORS THIS WEEK.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/5**	**10 PM**	**:52**	DALE HELMIG HAS BEEN IN PRISON 10-YEARS FOR THE 19-93 MURDER OF HIS MOTHER NEAR LINN, MISSOURI. HELMIG'S ATTORNEY SAYS HE'LL WALK FREE WEDNESDAY. THIS IS VIDEO HELMIG USED IN A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT THE MURDER. A JUDGE OVERTURNED HIS CONVICTION IN SEPTEMBER SAYING A MAP GIVEN TO JURORS DURING THE TRIAL COULD'VE UNFAIRLY INFLUENCED THE VERDICT. NOW, HELMIG'S BROTHER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIM AFTER POSTING 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND. HELMIG'S ATTORNEY SAYS A RELEASE LIKE THIS IS RARE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/6**	**10 PM**	**:48**	MO-DOT WANTS MISSOURI TAXPAYERS TO TAKE A LEADING ROLE IN HELPING THE STATE PLAN FUTURE TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENTS. TODAY THE CENTRAL MISSOURI ADVANCE PLANNING INITIATIVE, OR MAP, HELD A MEETING TO VOICE CONCERNS ABOUT MISSOURI TRANSPORTATION.¤2]] C1.5 MAP'S MAJOR TASK IS ADDRESSING WHAT THE STATE WILL DO AFTER MONEY FROM AMENDMENT 3 RUNS OUT. MO-DOT WILL WORK WITH ALL MAP GROUPS ACROSS MISSOURI TO COME UP WITH THE BEST LONG TERM PLAN.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/7**	**6 PM**	**:41**	AN MU STUDY SHOWS PRESCHOOL TEACHERS MAY NOT BE GETTING THE APPROPRIATE EDUCATION TO UNDERSTAND ATTENTION DEFECEIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER, OR A-D-H-D. THE STUDY FOUND 80-PERCENT OF PRESCHOOL

					TEACHERS SURVEYED LEARNED ABOUT A-D-H-D FROM MAGAZINE ARTICLES. 60-PERCENT SAY THEY LEARNED ABOUT IT FROM JOURNAL ARTICLES... AND LESS THAN HALF HAVE BEEN TO AN A-D-H-D WORKSHOP OR READ A BOOK ABOUT THE DISORDER.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/8**	**10 PM**	**1:46**	PLANS FOR A NEW INTERCHANGE EAST OF JEFFERSON CITY NEAR THE PROPOSED WAL-MART SITE COULD LEAVE A FAMILY WITH LESS LAND. THE LAND JUST BEYOND THESE ROLLING HILLS COULD SOON BE A PART OF ROLLING BACK PRICES. BUT THE MAN WHO OWNS THE LAND NEXT TO THE PROPOSED SUPERSTORE SITE SAYS THE CITY WANTS PART OF HIS LAND TO BUILD AN INTERCHANGE TO HELP WAL MART. BUT CITY OFFICIALS SAY THIS IS A CITY MATTER...NOT A WAL-MART MATTER. THE CITY PLANS TO SPLIT THIS LAND TO BUILD AN INTERSECTION FOR SAFETY REASONS. THE LAND HAS BEEN IN THE LEPAGE FAMILY FOR MORE THAN 160 YEARS... AND UNDER EMINENT DOMAIN THE GOVERNMENT CAN FORCE LEPAGE TO SELL THE LAND WHETHER HE WANTS TO OR NOT. AND HE'S STARTING A COALITION TO MAKE PEOPLE AWARE OF HIS SITUATION AND TO STOP THE MISUSE OF EMINENT DOMAIN.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/9**	**10 PM**	**1:46**	FARMERS SAY THEIR JOB IS TOUGH ENOUGH.. WHAT IF CONGRESS DOES AWAY WITH 3 AND A HALF (B) BILLION DOLLARS IN FARM SUBSIDIES? THESE 4-HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND PRODUCE CORN AND SOYBEANS NOW, BUT IN A FEW YEARS, YOU MIGHT SEE CATTLE INSTEAD. THAT'S BECAUSE RON ANDERSON DEPENDS ON GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES TO TURN A PROFIT, SUBSIDIES THAT MIGHT NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW FARM PLAN. ANDERSON SAYS THE REAL PROBLEM IS THE

					MARKET FOR CROPS. BUT THERE ARE OTHERS WHO THINK SUBSIDIES ARE VITAL TO MISSOURI'S FARMERS.. AND THERE ARE CONCERNS WITH INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION. NOW, IT'S UP TO CONGRESS TO KEEP UP A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/10**	**10 PM**	**:21**	A REPORT RELEASED TODAY SAYS A MISSOURI MEDICAID PATIENT'S DEATH HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS RIDE TO THE HOSPITAL NOT SHOWING UP. THE MAN REQUESTED A MEDICAID-FUNDED RIDE TO THE HOSPITAL THE DAY BEFORE HIS DEATH. THE RIDE NEVER CAME. THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE OFFICIALS SAY THE 63- YEAR-OLD MAN DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES BEFORE THE RIDE WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/11**	**10 PM**	**2:50**	POLICE RAIDED THE V-I-P SAUNA LAST NIGHT ON NORTH RANGELINE ROAD. BUT IT'S NO JOKE. LAST NIGHT POLICE ARRESTED SOUNG AUK KIM AND MYEON OK KIM AT THE V-I-P SAUNA FOR PROSTITUTION. POLICE ALSO ARRESTED OK HEE KIM AND SEMSETTIN GOGEBAKAN FOR PROMOTING PROSTITUTION IN THE SECOND DEGREE. THE MAIN INVESTIGATOR COULDN'T GO ON CAMERA BECAUSE HE'S UNDERCOVER, BUT TOLD KOMU THERE WERE THREE ROOMS WITH MASSAGE TABLES *AND* ACTUAL BEDS INSIDE THE VIP SAUNA. HE SAID PATRONS WOULD PAY SIXTY DOLLARS FOR AN HOUR LONG MASSAGE AT THE DOOR. BUT ONCE INSIDE THE PRIVATE ROOM, POLICE SAY PATRONS COULD NEGOTIATE FOR ORAL SEX AND SEXUAL INTERCOURSE FOR ABOUT 100 DOLLARS EXTRA. NO ONE ANSWERED THE DOOR AT THE SAUNA TODAY. BUT NEIGHBORS WERE TALKING.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/12	10 PM	:46	A MAN PROTESTED MISSOURI INSURANCE LAWS IN JEFFERSON CITY TODAY...AFTER A HOUSE FIRE LEFT HIM HOMELESS. KRIS LANG BUILT A HOUSE IN SWISS, SOUTH OF HERMANN, AND BOUGHT INSURANCE FROM A COMPANY CALLED N-E-C BASED IN PACIFIC. WHEN HIS HOUSE BURNT DOWN, LANG SAYS NEC IGNORED HIS CLAIM. LANG SAYS THE GOVERNMENT IS PARTLY TO BLAME. LAST SUMMER, THE LEGISLATURE PASSED A LAW WHICH KEEPS SOME INSURANCE COMPANIES INFORMATION SECRETIVE. LANG SAYS THAT MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR CUSTOMERS TO DO BACKGROUND CHECKS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	12/13	6 PM	:27	ELECTION OFFICIALS IN MISSOURI AND THREE OTHER MIDWESTERN STATES HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT TO TRY TO IMPROVE THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION DATABASES. STATE SECRETARIES ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE VOTERS AREN'T REGISTERED IN MULTIPLE PLACES. THE GROUP ALSO WANTS TO WORK TOGETHER TO TRAIN ELECTION OFFICIALS, TEST ELECTION SYSTEMS AND IMPROVE ELECTION SECURITY PROCEDURES. THE AGREEMENT COMES A MONTH AFTER THE FEDERAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SUED MISSOURI... SAYING IT HAS DONE A POOR JOB OF KEEPING VOTER REGISTRATION DATA UP TO DATE.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	12/14	6 PM	1:37	WHETHER YOU WANT ONE OR NOT, IF YOU GET ENERGY FROM COLUMBIA WATER AND LIGHT OR ARE EMPLOYEED BY THE UNIVERSITY, YOU'LL GET ITS ANNUAL CALENDAR IN THE MAIL. RICK WHELOVE STARTED WORKING AT MIZZOU 20 YEARS AGO. HE REMEMBERS RECEIVING THE FREE HOLIDAY CALENDAR FOR AT LEAST THE LAST 10 YEARS. THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SENT OUT 8

					THOUSAND CALENDARS THIS YEAR. AT TWO DOLLARDS EACH THEY SPEND 16 THOUSAND ANNUALLY ON THE CALENDARS. COLUMBIA WATER AND LIGHT SENT OUT 40 THOUSAND OF ITS CALENDARS THIS YEAR. AT 90 CENTS A PIECE THEY SPEND 36 THOUSAND PER YEAR ON CALENDARS. WITH HEATING COSTS ON THE RISE... COULDN'T THE MONEY BE USED TO DECREASE BILLS??? BUT COLUMBIA WATER AND LIGHT SAYS THE CALENDARS ARE A SMALL COST AND THEY DO OTHER THINGS TO HELP CUSTOMERS FINANCIALLY. WHELOVE'S OFFICE ALREADY PUT UP THE MIZZOU 2006 CALENDAR... AND IT'S NOT EVEN JANUARY...
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/15**	**10 PM**	**:36**	JEFFERSON CITY WILL SOON WELCOME TWO NEW RETAIL STORES TO ITS BUSINESS COMMUNITY. BEST BUY AND OFFICE DEPOT WILL BE OPENING A 50-THOUSAND SQUARE FOOT SHOPPING DEVELOPMENT. THE NEW SHOPPING CENTER WILL BE IN-BETWEEN LOWE'S AND REAGAN HYUNDAI IN THE 32-HUNDRED BLOCK OF MISSOURI BOULEVARD. BUSINESS LEADERS ARE PLEASED WITH THE NEW DEVELOPMENT, AND SHOPPERS ARE HAPPY BECAUSE IT MIGHT SAVE A TRIP TO COLUMBIA.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/16**	**6 PM**	**:21**	THE MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD CUT **FIVE** OF ITS **TWENTY-ONE** SPORTS PROGRAMS TODAY... SAVING THE UNIVERSITY THREE-HUNDRED AND FIFTY **THOUSAND** DOLLARS. THE M-S-U BOARD OF GOVERNORS CUT MEN'S INDOOR TRACK, MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK, MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY AND MEN AND WOMEN'S TENNIS. THE CUTS LEAVE THE UNIVERSITY WITH TEN WOMEN'S SPORTS AND SIX MEN'S SPORTS... WHICH IS THE **MINIMUM** FOR N-C- DOUBLE A DIVISION ONE MEMBERSHIP...
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/17**	**10 PM**	**:54**	IT'S THE TIME OF SEASON TO BE SPENDING MONEY. BUT PEOPLE IN ONE MID-MISSOURI TOWN ARE SEEING SOME FAKE MONEY COMING IN WITH THE REST.

					FULTON IS BRIGHTLY DECORATED FOR THE HOLIDAYS, AND NOW ITS MORE **PREPARED** FOR THEM TOO. ALL THE HOLIDAY SPENDING IS BRINGING COUNTERFEIT MONEY INTO THE COMMUNITY. THE FULTON POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS INVESTIGATED SIX DIFFERENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING COUNTERFEIT MONEY SINCE MID-NOVEMBER. BUSINESSES ARE TAKING EXTRA PRECAUTIONS NOW BY USING DETECTOR PENS THAT CAN TELL IF MONEY IS FAKE. THE INK WILL TURN YELLOW IF THE BILL IS REAL AND BLACK IF IT'S COUNTERFEIT.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/18**	**10 PM**	**1:13**	TWO VOLUNTEERS FROM THE DOWNTOWN OPTIMIST CLUB WERE ROBBED LAST NIGHT AS THEY WERE LEAVING WORK. POLICE SAY TWO BLACK MALES IN THEIR LATE TEENS OR EARLY TWENTIES GANGED UP ON THE VOLUNTEERS AND STOLE TWO BANK BAGS. ONE OF THE SUSPECTS PUNCHED A VOLUNTEER SEVERAL TIMES IN THE HEAD. THE OTHER VOLUNTEER WAS NOT HARMED. THE OPTIMIST CLUB IS A CHARITABLE GROUP THAT RAISES MONEY FOR VARIOUS YOUTH GROUPS. MOST OF THE MONEY RAISED COMES FROM CHRISTMAS TREE SALES. VOLUNTEERS SAY THEY AREN'T SURE HOW MUCH MONEY WAS IN THE BANK BAGS... BUT SINCE THEY'VE BEEN SO BUSY LATELY, THEY SUSPECT IT WAS A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/19**	**6 PM**	**:21**	GOVERNOR MATT BLUNT SAYS THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEER'S "MISSOURI RIVER RISE" PLAN COULD **DEVASTATE** FARMERS. TODAY BLUNT ASKED THE CORPS TO STOP ITS PLAN. THE RIVER PLAN CALLS FOR **TWO** SPRING RISES IF THE TOTAL RESERVOIR STORAGE LEVEL IS ABOVE A CERTAIN POINT. THE RISE COULD ADD AS MUCH AS THREE FEET OF

					WATER TO THE RIVER AND POTENTIALLY **FLOOD** MISSOURI FARMLAND.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/20**	**10 PM**	**:20**	A MISSOURI UNIVERSITY GETS THE GO AHEAD TO GROW MEDICINE IN PLANTS. A BOARD GAVE THE INITIAL GREEN LIGHT TODAY TO FUND THE PROJECT. BUT THE LEGISLATURE MUST AGREE TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT BEFORE WORK CAN BEGIN. THE PROJECT WOULD CREATE A BIOFARM WITH PROTEIN-PRODUCING RICE. THE HUMAN GENES IN THE RICE WOULD HELP TREAT CONDITIONS LIKE DIARRHEA AND DEHYDRATION.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/21**	**10 PM**	**:26**	MISSOURI'S ATTORNEY GENERAL SUED FOUR DRUGMAKERS TODAY. JAY NIXON SAYS DRUG COMPANIES ARE INFLATING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. NIXON SAYS THE COMPANIES SOLD DRUGS TO PHARMACIES... THEN INFLATED THE PRICE WHEN REPORTING TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM. NIXON SAYS ONE COMPANY SOLD A HEARTBURN DRUG TO PHARMACIES FOR ABOUT 7-CENTS EACH... THEN REPORTED A COST OF MORE THAN 40-DOLLARS EACH TO MEDICAID. NIXON SAYS THE SCAM COST MISSOURI MILLIONS.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/22**	**10 PM**	**:40**	ADVOCATES FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE FAST APPROACHING DEADLINE FOR THE "HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT." IN LESS THAN 2 WEEKS COUNTY CLERKS' OFFICES THROUGHOUT MISSOURI HAVE TO HAVE ALL THE RESTRICTIONS OF THE ACT IN THE PROCESS OF BEING DONE. THIS INCLUDES INSTALLING NEW ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS AND MAKING POLLING LOCATIONS HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE. BUT THERE IS MORE WORK THAN MONEY OR TIME.
DRUG/ALCOHOL	**KOMU NEWS**	**12/23**	**10 PM**	**:44**	WHILE MANY COMMUNITIES HAVE SPECIAL TAXI SERVICES

ABUSE	**AT 10**				TO TAKE HOME POTENTIAL DRUNK DRIVERS THIS TIME OF YEAR, RESIDENTS IN MOBERLY SAY THEY DON'T HAVE THAT OPTION. THE LOCAL TAXI SERVICE IS OPEN UNTIL MIDNIGHT. BUT THE OWNER SAYS HIS DRIVERS WON' T TAKE HOME PASSENGERS WHO APPEAR TO BE VIOLENT, SICK, OR ABOUT TO PASS OUT--ANY TIME OF NIGHT. LOCAL BARTENDERS AND CUSTOMERS SAY THE TAXI DRIVERS WON'T EVEN COME OUT TO THE BAR TO JUDGE WHETHER TO TAKE SOMEONE HOME. MOBERLY BARTENDERS ADVISE ONLY ONE SAFE WAY TO GET HOME AT NIGHT.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/24**	**6 PM**	**1:44**	ONE WAY TO STAY **OFF** THE ROADS IS TO SHOP **ONLINE**. THE POPULAR TREND IS CAUSING SOME BUSINESS OWNERS TO WORK **HARDER** AT KEEPING THEIR CUSTOMERS COMING IN. SHOPPING ONLINE CAN SAVE TIME AND GAS MONEY. BUT FROM A BUSINESS OWNERS PERSPECTIVE COMPETING WITH ONLINE SALES FORCE THEM TO WORK HARDER OR EVEN HURTS SALES. SOME BUSINESSES BELIEVE THAT ONLINE SHOPPING ISN'T THAT BAD FOR BUSINESS. WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE ALL SHOPPERS WANT ARE GOOD DEALS. AND THOSE LIKE WHITE WHO DO 75-PERCENT OF THEIR SHOPPING ONLINE HAVE ANOTHER YEAR TO LOOK FORWARD TO THE STRESS AND MESS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/25**	**10 PM**	**1:51**	CHRISTMAS DAY IS A DAY FOR FAMILY FOR MOST MID-MISSOURIANS. THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS KNOWN AS A TIME FOR GIVING... AND SOME COLUMBIANS TOOK THAT TO HEART AND GAVE THEIR TIME ON CHRISTMAS DAY TO VOLUNTEER AT THE SALVATION ARMY HARBOR HOUSE. THE HARBOR HOUSE GAVE HOLIDAY GIFTS TO IT'S RESIDENTS... INCLUDING MUCH- NEEDED ITEMS LIKE COATS AND SWEATERS TO GAMES LIKE CLUE. THE HARBOR HOUSE GAVE ITS BEST EFFORT TO

					MAKE THIS CHRISTMAS FEEL LIKE A CHRISTMAS AT HOME BY SERVING A HOT HOLIDAY MEAL. ABOUT FIFTY PEOPLE SHOWED UP TO EAT THE FREE HOLIDAY MEAL AND APPRECIATED WHAT IT REALLY MEANT. THE SALVATION ARMY HAS BEEN IN COLUMBIA FOR FIFTY- TWO YEARS AND HOT LUNCH IS SERVED EVERY DAY TO THOSE WHO NEED IT.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/26**	**6 PM**	**2:05**	IT'S BEEN A MONTH SINCE CARLA CLAY WAS SENTENCED IN RANDOLPH COUNTY COURT OF MURDERING HER TWO INFANT CHILDREN. FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE CHILDREN'S FATHER IS SPEAKING OUT ABOUT THE CASE. RANDY BEDFORD FATHERED BOTH CHILDREN CARLA CLAY WAS CONVICTED OF MURDERING. BUT A MONTH AFTER CLAY RECEIVED A SENTENCE OF LIFE IN PRISON WITHOUT PAROLE, THE TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD BEDFORD STILL BELIEVES CLAY IS INNOCENT. CARLA CLAY WAS CHARGED IN AUGUST 2004 WITH TWO COUNTS OF SECOND-DEGREE MURDER. BOTH OF HER INFANT CHILDREN DIED OF SUFFOCATION JUST BARELY A YEAR APART FROM EACH OTHER. BEDFORD SAYS HE WAS INCARCERATED WHEN THE DEATHS OCCURED. BEDFORD SAYS HE REMAINS IN CONTACT WITH HER. HE SAVES THE LETTERS SHE'S WRITTEN TO HIM FROM PRISON AND SHARED A COUPLE WITH KOMU. IN ONE LETTER SHE WRITES, "I BUILT MY DREAMS AROUND THEM AND THEN THEY PASSED AWAY AND MY DREAMS CAME TUMBLING DOWN. I LOVE THEM. I WANT THEM HOME WHERE THEY BELONG." IN ANOTHER SHE WRITES, "I'M DEPRESSED TO LOOK AT WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH. I LOST OUR BABBIES AND THAN MY DADDY! NOW I'M HERE WAITING TO SEE IF I GO TO PRISON FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!" IN A THIRD SHE WRITES, "YOU KNOW ME BETTER

					THAN TO THINK I WILL GIVE UP MY BABBIES STUFF. THAT'S ALL I HAVE LEFT AND I WILL NOT LOOSE IT." THOSE ARE ALL THE WORDS BEDFORD NEEDS TO CONVINCE HIM OF CLAY'S INNOCENCE. ALTHOUGH BEDFORD SWEARS HE WILL NEVER STOP BELIEVING IN AND CARING FOR CLAY, HE HAS BEGUN THE PROCESS OF MOVING ON WITH HIS LIFE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/27**	**6 PM**	**1:29**	MISSOURIANS ARE CONTACTING THE STATE'S CONSUMER COMPLAINTS DEPARTMENT IN RECORD NUMBERS THIS YEAR. WHEN MISSOURIANS ARE CONCERNED, THEY COMPLAIN. AND AT THE CLOSE OF 2005 MORE CONSUMERS ARE VOICING THEIR WORRIES TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE THAN EVER BEFORE. AT THE TOP OF THE LIST FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR ARE COMPLAINTS ABOUT PHONE SCAMS. THE TOP 10 LIST OF COMPLAINTS INCLUDES TELEPHONE SCAMMING, FOLLOWED BY UNSOLICITED FAXES WITH MORE THAN 1,200 CALLS OF COMPLAINT. HOME REPAIR AND REMODELING, FINANCING, TRAVEL SCAMS AND TIME SHARES, AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR AND WARRANTIES, AUTO SALES, GAS PRICES, CREDIT.. AND DEBT COLLECTORS CLOSED OUT THE LIST. THE STATE TRIES TO FOLLOW UP ON EVERY COMPLAINT AND KEEP IT OUT OF THE COURTS IF POSSIBLE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/28**	**6 PM**	**1:53**	BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR TAXES ON CIGARETTES COULD BE EIGHTY CENTS MORE THAN THEY ARE NOW. TWO DIFFERENT GROUPS ARE PROPOSING THE SAME EIGHTY-CENT TAX INCREASE ON CIGARETTES. THE PROBLEM IS BOTH PROPOSALS COULD END UP ON THE BALLOT BECAUSE THE TWO GROUPS CAN'T AGREE ON HOW TO SPEND THE MONEY. THE MISSOURI ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH AND JUSTICE WANTS THE TAX TO GO TOWARDS RESTORING LOST MEDICAID BENEFITS. THE COMMITTEE FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE WANTS THE TAX TO GO TO SMOKING PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND

					TO CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC SMOKING ILLNESSES. CURRENTLY, MISSOURI HAS A SEVENTEEN-CENT SALES TAX ON CIGARETTES. THAT'S THE SECOND LOWEST OF ANY STATE IN THE COUNTRY. IF EITHER OF THE PROPOSALS PASS, MISSOURI WOULD RANK RIGHT AROUND THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. THE NEW TAX INCREASE WOULD GENERATE ROUGHLY THREE HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE STATE. BUT SOME SMOKERS THINK IT IS UNFAIR FOR THEM TO HAVE TO BEAR THE BURDEN OF INCREASING TAX REVENUES. BUT BOTH GROUPS ARE STILL MOVING FORWARD WITH THEIR OWN VERSIONS OF THE PROPOSAL FOR NEXT NOVEMBER'S BALLOT.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/29**	**10 PM**	**:27**	A NEW ADDITION TO SPRINGFIELD WILL HELP LAW ENFORCERS FIGHT CRIME. A COMBINATION OF FEDERAL... STATE AND LOCAL MONEY WILL FUND A CRIME LAB IN SPRINGFIELD. THE CITY PLANS TO REFURBISH AN OLD BUILDING FOR ANALYZING D-N-A SAMPLES AND FINGERPRINTS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE AT LEAST ONE-AND-A-HALF MILLION DOLLARS FOR EQUIPMENT. AND THE STATE HAS PROMISED ABOUT TWO-MILLION DOLLARS FOR WORKERS. OFFICIALS SAY THE NEW LAB WILL CUT DOWN ON THE NUMBER OF CASES SENT TO JEFFERSON CITY'S CRIME LAB FOR PROCESSING.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/30**	**6 PM**	**1:20**	A MID-MISSOURI COMPANY IS "HATCHING" A NEW INDUSTRY. OSAGE CATFISHERIES HAS BEEN BREEDING FISH FOR MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS. BUT THEY WILL BE THE ONLY COMPANY IN THE COUNTRY HARVESTING CAVIAR WHEN THEIR FIRST CROP

					OF PADDLEFISH MATURES IN TWO YEARS. THERE HAS BEEN A GLOBAL SHORTAGE OF CAVIAR FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. SO STEVE KAHRS AND HIS FAMILY'S COMPANY DEVELOPED A WAY TO PRODUCE THE DELICACY FROM PADDLEFISH, WITHOUT WEARING DOWN THE POPULATION. OSAGE IS THE ONLY COMPANY IN THE COUNTRY THAT HOLDS A FEDERAL PERMIT TO BREED THE FISH, NOT ONLY FOR THEIR EGGS, BUT ALSO FOR THEIR MEAT AND FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH. AND OSAGE'S BUSINESS IS "SWIMMING." THEY ALREADY HAVE ORDERS FOR MORE THAN A TON OF CAVIAR EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE STILL YEARS AWAY FROM HARVESTING THE FIRST CROP.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/31**	**10 PM**	**2:00**	THE JEFFERSON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT ARE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK TO CATCH A KILLER... AFTER A LATE NIGHT DOUBLE HOMICIDE. THE REALITY OF A DOUBLE HOMICIDE IN JEFFERSON CITY IS HITTING FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS VERY HARD. POLICE FOUND 31 YEAR OLD QUENTIN A. CHANDLER AND 30 YEAR OLD ERNEST F. WILSON DEAD JUST A FEW MILES FROM THEIR HOMES. AUTHORITIES SAY THE MEN APPEAR TO HAVE DIED FROM GUNSHOT WOUNDS. WILSON'S BODY WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE ONE IN THE STREET, AND CHANDLERS WAS LOCATED ACROS THE STREET BEHIND A HOME. POLICE SPENT THE DAY SEARCHING THE LOCATION AND TALKING TO NEARBY RESIDENTS. POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR TWO OTHER MEN. THEY BELIEVE THE PAIR WERE INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT BUT FLED FROM THE SCENE. AS POLICE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR ANSWERS... FRIENDS AND FAMILY PRAY FOR JUSTICE.