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1ST 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	1/1	10:00 PM	:57	EARL AND RUBY ZIMMERMAN, BOTH IN THEIR 80S, WERE INVOLVED IN A FATAL ACCIDENT AROUND 2 PM SATURDAY. A TRAIN HIT THEIR TRUCK... THROWING IT ABOUT ONE HUNDRED FEET.... LEAVING DEBRIS ALL AROUND THE AREA. THE DRIVER OF THE TRAIN TRIED TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY STOP... BUT IT WAS TOO LATE. THERE WERE NO WARNING LIGHTS AND NO CROSSING GATES AT THE ACCIDENT SIGHT... SOME RESIDENTS THINK THE COUNTY SHOULD MAKE THE INTERSECTION SAFER. NEITHER OF THE ZIMMERMAN'S WERE WEARING THEIR SEAT BELTS. TROOPER FLANAGAN SAID THEY WERE BOTH UNCONSCIOUS WHEN HE ARRIVED
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	1/2	10:00 PM	1:35	SUSAN RILEY HAS NEVER SOLD A CAR BEFORE. AFTER HER HUSBAND DIED IN NOVEMBER, SHE DECIDED THAT DOWNSIZING BILLS WAS THE BEST OPTION. RILEY IS ONE OF MANY MISSOURIANS WHO ARE

					AFFECTED BY A NEW STATE LAW REQUIRING SELLERS TO REPORT THE SALE WITHIN THIRTY DAYS---OR THEY RECEIVE A FINE. UP TO TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS. BUT THE NEW LAW DOESN'T SURPRISE ONE COLUMBIA RESIDENT. HE SAYS THE NEW LAW HELPS EVERYONE INVOLVED...ALTHOUGH THE LAW MAY IMPACT HIM DRASTICALLY BECAUSE HE FIXES AND SELLS A LOT OF CARS. SOME SALES THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM REPORTING THE REQUIREMENTS ARE VEHICLES WITH SALVAGE TITLES OR JUNKING CERTIFICATES REPOSSESSED VEHICLES, VEHICLES SOLD TO A DEALER, AND VEHICLES SOLD TO AN OUT OF STATE BUYER. ALSO INCLUDED ARE VEHICLES GIVEN TO A BENEFICIARY AFTER A DEATH, VESSELS AND OUTBOARD MOTORS AND MANUFACTURED HOMES. YOU CAN FIND THE NOTICE OF SALE FORMS ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WEB SITE
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**1/3**	**10:00 PM**	**1:35**	'MISSOURI IS ON THE VERGE OF A MAJOR ENERGY CRISIS.' THOSE ARE THE WORDS OF JEFF DAVIS, CHAIRMAN OF THE ENERGY TASK FORCE. THE TASK FORCE WAS DESIGNED TO LOOK INTO WAYS THE STATE CAN AVOID THE CRISIS. THAT MONEY WILL BE ENOUGH TO HELP AS MANY AS THIRTEEN THOUSAND MISSOURI FAMILIES WITH THEIR BILLS. THE TASK FORCE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL BEGIN LOOKING INTO ALTERNATIVE ENERGY OPTIONS. ACCORDING TO STUDIES DONE BY THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, MISSOURI COULD SLIP INTO AN ENERGY SHORTAGE AS EARLY AS NEXT YEAR IF THE STATE DOESN'T START ADDING ENERGY GENERATORS, OR PURCHASING ADDITIONAL POWER CONTRACTS FROM OUT OF STATE. MISSOURIANS ALREADY SPEND ALMOST TWELVE

					BILLION DOLLARS TO IMPORT FOSSIL FUELS FOR ENERGY. PRODUCING OR BUYING MORE IS ONLY GOING TO DRIVE THAT NUMBER HIGHER.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**1/4**	**10 PM**	**1:04**	EVEN THOUGH THE SESSION JUST GOT UNDERWAY, REPUBLICANS SAY THEY'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME SINCE THE LAST SESSION ENDED PLANNING MORE REFORMS TO MEDICAID. DEMOCRATS ARE STILL SKEPTICAL. MEDICAID DOMINATED THE LAST LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND IT LOOKS LIKE THAT MIGHT HAPPEN AGAIN. SPECIAL SENATE COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY BEEN SET UP TO STUDY THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**1/5**	**6 PM**	**1:47**	AS THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS, LAWMAKERS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE SEEM LEERY OF THE PROPOSAL. THE PLAN CALLS FOR MISSOURI PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO DEDICATE SIXTY-FIVE PERCENT OF DISTRICT FUNDS TO "DIRECT CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION." BUT OPPONENTS SAY THEY DON'T LIKE THE PROPOSAL'S NARROW DEFINITION OF WHAT ***IS*** DIRECT CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION. UNDER THE PROPOSAL AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING ATHLETICS ***DO*** COUNT AS DIRECT CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION, BUT GUIDANCE COUNSELING AND LIBRARY SERVICES ***DO NOT***. FOUR REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS TOLD ME THEY THINK THE PROPOSAL WILL EVENTUALLY PASS, BUT PROBABLY NOT IN ITS CURRENT FORM. THE FINAL VERSION OF THE PROPOSAL WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.
CONSUMER	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**1/6**	**10 PM**	**1:50**	CHAD HORTON IS A MANAGER FOR A-G-EDWARDS. HE WORKS EVERYDAY WITH CLIENTS MAKING SURE THEY SAVE THEIR MONEY. THE MISSOURI MOST COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAM HAS NEW INCENTIVES TO GET MORE MISSOURIANS TO BEGIN SAVING FOR CHILDREN'S FUTURES--EVEN FROM THE EARLY DAYS ON THE PLAYGROUND.

					THE NEW INCENTIVES INCLUDE TWENTY FOUR ADVISOR BASED INVESTMENT OPTIONS INSTEAD OF THE EIGHT THAT THE OLD PROGRAM HAD. A LARGER MARKETING BUDGET . A NEW LOYALTY REWARDS PROGRAM CALLED U-PROMISE. EACH ACCOUNT HOLDER WOULD RECEIVE A REBATE FOR BUYING CERTAIN PRODUCTS. SOME PARENTS CAN'T BELIEVE HOW FAST THE TIME FLIES. THE HOPE OF THE NEW MOST PROGRAM IS THAT EVERYONE WILL BEGIN TO SAVE FOR THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**1/7**	**6 PM**	**1:37**	NOEL DESCRIBES HER CHECK-IN LAST NIGHT AT MOBERLY'S SUPER MOTEL 8 AS "DISCONCERTING." AND THEY WERE RIGHT. MOBERLY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S SERGEANT KEVIN PALMATORY SAYS IT TOOK A LOT OF HELP TO CATCH ABELN. ABELN FLED FROM A HOUSE IN RANDOLPH COUNTY TWO DAYS AGO AFTER MOBERLY POLICE SERVED A SEARCH WARRANT ON THE RESIDENCE. POLICE SPENT THE LAST TWO DAYS SEARCHING FOR HIM, BUT A TIP TO THE U.S. MARSHALL SERVICE LED THEM TO THE SUPER 8 MOTEL WHERE ABELN WAS STAYING. POLICE ARRESTED ALBEN AFTER SPOTTING HIM WALKING OUT OF HIS HOTEL ROOM AT ABOUT 10 P.M. ON FRIDAY NIGHT PALMATORY SAYS OFFICERS APPREHENDED HIM WITHOUT A STRUGGLE

HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**1/8**	**10 PM**	**1:19**	TABITHA HALL GAVE BIRTH TO HER CHILDREN IN HER OREGON HOME. HELPING SOMEONE DO THE SAME THING IN MISSOURI IS ILLEGAL. IN MISSOURI ONLY CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES ARE ALLOWED TO DELIVER BABIES AT HOME. THERE'S ONLY A FEW IN THE WHOLE STATE. AND, MISSOURI IS THE ONLY STATE WHERE BEING A MID-WIFE CAN BE A FELONY. PROTESTERS LIKE HALL WANT TO LEGALIZE MIDWIFERY. AND DOCTORS AT THE RALLY SAY THE MISSOURI LAW IS RIDICULOUS. MOTHERS WHO HAVE GIVEN BIRTHS AT HOME THINK THE BENEFITS OF HAVING A MIDWIFE GO BEYOND INCREASED COMFORT. NOW THEY WILL TAKE THEIR FIGHT TO THE STATE CAPITAL FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW..
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**1/9**	**6 PM**	**1:23**	COMMUNICATION "The city organization, staff, can do a better job with communicating with our residents." COORDINATION AND PLANNING THOSE ARE THE THREE MAIN GOALS OF NEW CITY MANAGER BILL WATKINS. WATKINS SAYS HE WILL START WORKING ON HIS GOALS IMMEDIATELY... WORKING WITH MAYOR DARWIN HINDMAN ON GROWTH ISSUES... AND ON THE CITY'S ROADS. HINDMAN AND WATKINS WILL ALSO WORK ON NON-VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AS WELL. THE CITY OF COLUMBIA HAS A 25-MILLION DOLLAR FEDERAL GRANT TO SUPPORT NON-MOTORIZED TRAFFIC... THIS MONEY CAN GO TO TRAILS, SIDEWALKS, AND INTERSECTIONS.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**1/10**	**10 PM**	**3:40**	INSPECTORS FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CAME TO

					COLUMBIA IN 2004 AND FINED SEVERAL COMPANIES FOR VIOLATING THE CLEAN WATER ACT. THEY FOUND IN COLUMBIA WHAT THEY'RE FINDING IN MANY GROWING CITIES... A PATTERN OF STORM WATER VIOLATIONS. LOCATED ON WEST BROADWAY IN COLUMBIA... DEVELOPERS OF KELLY'S RIDGE APARTMENTS HAVE BEEN ON THE RECEIVING END OF THE E-P-A'S RULINGS. IN NOVEMBER 2004... E-P-A TOLD DEVELOPERS THEY WEREN'T IN COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT STORM WATER REGULATIONS AND HAD TO FIX THE RUN-OFF PROBLEM --- TO THE TUNE OF MORE THAN 22-THOUSAND DOLLARS. ON TOP OF THAT THEY WERE BEING SLAPPED WITH A FINE OF ALMOST 10-THOUSAND DOLLARS. KOMU ATTEMPTED TO TALK TO THE OWNER... WHO NEVER RETURNED OUR PHONE CALLS. KELLY'S RIDGE IS NOT THE ONLY DEVELOPMENT IN COLUMBIA THAT BROKE THE LAW. SEVEN COMPANIES PAID FINES TO THE E-P-A IN THE PAST TWO YEARS FOR FAILURE TO MEET STORM WATER REGULATION IN COLUMBIA. OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY DISAGREE. AND INCREASINGLY SEDIMENT CHOKES STREAMS... WHICH CONSEQUENTLY, CHOKES WILDLIFE.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**1/11**	**6 PM**	**1:30**	MISSOURI RESIDENTS WANT TO SEE A CHANGE IN IN-HOME HEALTHCARE. THE GROUP "QUALITY HOMECARE PARTNERSHIP" WANTS LAWMAKERS TO RESTORE SOME OF THE MONEY GOVERNOR BLUNT CUT LAST YEAR. THE GROUP SAYS THE CUTS HAVE AFFECTED FAMILIES WHERE IT HURTS THE MOST... IN THEIR OWN POCKET. HOWEVER... THESE MISSOURIANS ARE FIGHTING BACK. LEGISLATION SUPPORTED BY THE QUALITY HOMECARE PARTNERSHIP WOULD RAISE ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICAID... REINSTATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR

					WORKING DISABLED... AND EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR MC + KIDS. THE GROUP ARE ASKING BLUNT TO OPPOSE CUTS IN THE FUTURE.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**1/12**	**10 PM**	**1:20**	CONSTRUCTION IS A SIGN OF THINGS TO COME, A SIGN OF GROWTH IN MID-MISSOURI. ONE CITY MAY BE GROWING FASTER THAN SERVICES CAN KEEP UP. CITY LEADERS SAY THE CITY WILL HAVE 3-THOUSAND RESIDENT BY THIS SPRING. THE SUBSTATION AMEREN UE IS BUILDING WILL PROVIDE MORE ELECTRICITY TO THE AREA. "AMEREN OFFICIALS SAY THAT THIS SUBSTATION WILL PROVIDE EFFICIENT AND RELIABLE POWER TO ASHLAND, EVEN IF THE CITY TRIPLES IN SIZE." ELECTRICITY IS JUST THE FIRST PART OF PREPARING ASHLAND FOR THE FUTURE. THE MAYOR SAYS THE CITY NEEDS NEW SEWER LINES, WATER PIPES, AND ROADS. MAYOR BAUER ALSO SAYS THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT ASHLAND NEEDS RIGHT NOW ARE NEW BUSINESSES TO HELP WITH TAX REVENUE TO PAY FOR ALL OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**1/13**	**10 PM**	**:44**	GOVERNOR BLUNT USED HIS STOP IN COLUMBIA TO SHOW HOW MISSOURI'S ECONOMY IS MUCH STRONGER THAN IN YEARS PAST. SO STRONG, BLUNT SAYS, THE STATE HAS 38-THOUSAND NEW JOBS. BUT... DEMOCRATS HAVE DIFFERENT NUMBERS. HARRIS SAYS MISSOURI HAS THE NINTH HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE COUNTRY. BUT DEMOCRATS HAVE A PLAN THEY SAY WILL INCREASE JOBS. THE "FIVE PERCENT PREFERENCE" PLAN PROMISES MISSOURI COMPANIES STATE CONTRACTS IF THEY ARE WITHIN FIVE PERCENT OF AN OUT-OF-STATE COMPANY'S BID.

					BUT THE DEMOCRAT'S PLAN MUST NOW GO BEFORE A LEGISLATURE FILLED WITH BLUNT'S FELLOW REPUBLICANS.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**1/14**	**6 PM**	**1:28**	CHERYL GUTHRIE, THE OWNER OF THE NEW BEGINNING CLOTHING STORE THOUGHT THE ROBBERY WAS A **JOKE**. TWO SUSPECTS..A MAN AND A WOMAN.. ENTERED NEW BEGINNING AROUND TEN THIS MORNING DEMANDING THE CASH BOX. CHERYL SAYS ONE OF THE SUSPECTS THREW HER DOWN AS THEY SEARCHED FOR THE MONEY. WHEN THE SUSPECTS LEFT, A BYSTANDER CONFRONTED THEM, AND THEY STRUCK HIM WITH THE CASH BOX. POLICE TOLD CHERYL TO SHUT DOWN FOR THE DAY, BUT SHE REFUSED. THE MALE SUSPECT RAN AWAY DOWN A NEARBY ALLEY, WHILE THE FEMALE SUSPECT GOT INTO A PASSING CAR. POLICE SAY THE FEMALE SUSPECT MAY HAVE TOLD THE DRIVER SHE WAS A **VICTIM** OF THE ROBBERY.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**1/15**	**10 PM**	**1:02**	I-70 SHUT DOWN THIS MORNING AFTER THE TRUCK LEFT THE INTERSTATE, ROLLED INTO A DRAINAGE DITCH, AND CAUGHT FIRE. FIREFIGHERS ARRIVED TO FIND THE TRUCK CONTAINED ACETYLENE, AN EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE GAS USED FOR CUTTING AND WELDING. THE CRASH KILLED THE DRIVER... BUT THE PASSENGER ESCAPED THE FIERY WRECK AND CREWS RUSHED HIM TO THE HOSPITAL. THE OUTCOME COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH WORSE... THE TANKS ON THIS TRUCK WEREN'T FULL. THEY SAY THE FIRE IS STILL BURNING... BUT UNDER CONTROL. NOW HAZ-MAT TEAMS MUST WORK TO CONTAIN AND CLEAN UP WHAT REMAINS..
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS**	**1/16**	**10 PM**	**1:18**	THE STATE PATROL STOPPED GREEN EARLY SUNDAY

	AT 10				MORNING IN AUDRAIN COUNTY. COLUMBIA POLICE SUSPENDED HIM WHILE THE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATES. CHIEF BOEHM SAYS THE DEPARTMENT MAKES IT CLEAR WHAT IT EXPECTS FROM OFFICERS. MAYOR DARWIN HINDMAN SAYS HE'S HAPPY WITH HOW POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING. IF GREENE'S GUILTY OF DRUNK DRIVING, BOEHM SAYS THE DEPARTMENT COULD FIRE HIM.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	1/17	10 PM	1:30	THE SCHOOL YEAR'S ONLY HALF OVER, BUT THE BOARD ESTIMATES THE DISTRICT WILL OVERSPEND ITS BUDGET BY 150-THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE DISTRICT'S STRUGGLING WITH HIGHER HEALTHCARE FOR TEACHERS. DISTRICT OFFICIALS SAY THEY NEED TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS. BUT, TANNER WILLIAMS OF THE MISSOURI FEDERATION OF TEACHERS SAYS, THE DISTRICT SHOULD LEAVE HEALTH BENEFITS ALONE. THE BOARD'S ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE DISTRICT'S HIGHER ENERGY BILLS. THE DISTRICT'S LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SAVE MONEY. THE SCHOOL BOARD TOOK NO BUDGET ACTION AT THE MEETING. BUT, MEMBERS SAY THE BUDGET'S TIGHT AND THE DISTRICT NEEDS TO CUT COSTSMISSOURI'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.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	1/18	10 PM	1:03	RECENTLY THE CITY OF ROLLA PURCHASED MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND TO CONSTRUCT A NEW PUBLIC SERVICES PARK. IF IT CAN FIND THE MONEY, THE CITY WILL BUILD

					FACILITIES HERE THAT WILL HOUSE AN ANIMAL SHELTER, THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT AND A RECYCLING CENTER. CITY OFFICIALS SAY THE LOCATION OF THE CURRENT PUBLIC WORKS PARK COULD BE PUT TO BETTER USE. ONE RESIDENT SAYS IT'S TOO SOON TO KNOW WHETHER THE PARK WILL BE A SUCCESS. THE SIZE OF THE PROPERTY IS MORE THAN THE CITY NEEDS BUT OTHER AGENCIES ARE SHOWING SOME INTEREST IN BUILDING THERE.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**1/19**	**10 PM**	**1:11**	AFTER 90 YEARS OF MAKING FIRE BRICKS, A-P GREEN CLOSED DOWN BACK IN 2002. MORE THAN 100 MEXICO RESIDENTS LOST GOOD PAYING JOBS. AFTER 3 YEARS OF TRYING, THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FROM ST.LOUIS HAS BOUGHT THE SITE. THE COMPANY IS EXPERIENCED IN DEALING WITH FACILITIES LIKE THIS. THE SIZE OF THE SPRAWLING 1,000 ACRE SITE IS A PROBLEM AND A BLESSING. CURRENTLY FIVE PROSPECTIVE COMPANIES- INCLUDING A MINERALS PROCESSOR, A CERAMICS MANUFACTURER, AND A PRECIOUS METALS RECOVERY COMPANY ARE INTERESTED IN THE PROPERTY. BOONE EXPECTS AT LEAST TWO- THOUSAND NEW JOBS IN MEXICO OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS BECAUSE OF THE NEW BUSINESSES MOVING
CONSUMER ISSUE	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**1/20**	**6 PM**	**1:15**	THE SOUND OF FILLING UP IS FAMILIAR. BUT IT'S ETHANOL LEGISLATION THAT'S MUSIC TO FARMERS' EARS. PROPONENTS SAY PRICES AT THE PUMP WILL DECREASE. WORRIES THE PRICE OF CORN WILL GO UP AND TAKE GAS WITH IT MEAN OPPONENTS WANT A WAY TO DROP THE TEN PERCENT REQUIREMENT IN A CRISIS. FARMERS SAY THEY'RE EAGER TO PUT THEIR EARS

					TO USE. BECAUSE THE FILLING UP NEED WON'T GO AWAY ANYTIME SOON. JADE MINGUS, KOMU NEWS, JEFFERSON CITY.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**1/21**	**10 PM**	**:30**	THE BOONE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY TRADED IN THEIR SCRUBS FOR FORMAL WEAR TONIGHT. AN EVENING OF DINNER AND DANCING CELEBRATED THE SOCIETY'S 2005 DOCTOR OF THE YEAR. DR. LYNN MITCHELL HAS BEEN AFFILIATED WITH THE BOONE HOSPITAL CENTER SINCE 1968 AND COLUMBIA REGIONAL HOSPITAL SINCE 1975. FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, MITCHELL HAS BROUGHT HIS EXPERTISE TO THE PROGRESSIVE SPINE CARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER. MITCHELL SAYS THE RECOGNITION IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF HIS CAREER.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**1/22**	**10 PM**	**1:15**	REVEREND REBECCA TURNER... TURNED SOME HEADS TO TALK ABOUT A TOPIC THAT'S BEEN HOT FOR 33 YEARS....ROE VERSUS WADE...THE SUPREME COURT RULING THAT LEGALIZED ABORTION. PEOPLE LIKE TURNER CHEERED THE RULING ON IT'S ANNIVERSARY. THEY SAY TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE SCARED TO TALK ABOUT IT. BUT TODAY THE CONVERSATION WAS EASY. THE MU CHAPTER OF SPIRITUAL YOUTH FOR REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM BROUGHT ABORTION TO LIFE WITH A MOVIE, SPECIAL GUESTS AND DISCUSSION. STILL....SOME SAY THIS ANNIVERSARY SHOULD BE ABOUT FINDING A WAY AROUND ABORTION. AND CHANCES ARE THAT DEBATE WON'T END SOON.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**1/23**	**10 PM**	**1:31**	KEITH THORNBURG'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT CAME A DAY LATE. HE WAS ONE OF THE LUCKY FEW TO RECEIVE A

					NEW KIDNEY BEFORE BECOMING TOO ILL FOR A TRANSPLANT. THE SAME IS TRUE FOR ALL TRANSPLANTABLE ORGANS. IN 2004, THERE WERE NEARLY 62 HUNDRED LIVER TRANSPLANTS. BUT A YEAR LATER, MORE THAN 17,000 PATIENTS WERE STILL ON THE WAITING LIST. MORE THAN ELEVEN HUNDRED PATIENTS GOT LUNG TRANSPLANTS, BUT THIRTY THREE HUNDRED WERE LEFT OUT. AND FOR A HEART...A LITTLE MORE THAN 2,000 TRANSPLANTS TOOK PLACE. BUT STILL 3,000 MORE PEOPLE KEPT WAITING. EVEN IF YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A DONOR, YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS NEED TO KNOW YOUR WISHES. AND IF YOU ARE STILL LIVING, THERE ARE SOME ORGANS THAT YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE AS A "LIVING DONOR" AND FROM THE RECEIVING END...
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**1/24**	**10 PM**	**1:11**	THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI PRESIDENT MET TODAY WITH THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION. ELSON FLOYD OUTLINED HIS CONCERNS OVER THE BUDGET FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SYSTEM. GOVERNOR BLUNT IS RECOMMENDING A 2 PERCENT INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR MISSOURI COLLEGES. BUT OFFICIALS FROM COLLEGES AROUND MISSOURI SAY THE EXTRA MONEY ISN'T ENOUGH. AND A FEW STATE REPRESENTATIVES AGREE. FLOYD ESTIMATES THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM WILL HAVE TO CUT ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS BY 12 MILLION DOLLARS. THIS, ALONG WITH BLUNT'S 7 POINT 8 MILLION DOLLARS WILL ONLY EQUAL ABOUT 20 MILLION DOLLARS. 13 MILLION DOLLARS SHORT OF WHAT THE UNIVERSITIES NEED.

					IN ORDER TO MEET THEIR BUDGET, SOME COLLEGES WILL HAVE TO HIKE TUITION OR CUT SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID TO DESERVING STUDENTS
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**1/25**	**6 PM**	**1:04**	HANDS OFF MY HOME...(nats) WAS THE RALLY CRY AT THE STATE CAPITOL. THE EMINENT DOMAIN DEBATE HAS SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS WORRIED..... THAT'S BECAUSE OF A SUPREME COURT RULING LAST YEAR. THE TASK FORCE SUPPLIED THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH MORE THAN TWENTY RECOMMENDATIONS... LAWMAKERS FILED SEVERAL BILLS DEALING WITH EMINENT DOMAIN ...BUT THE REAL BEEF IS WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE **PRIVATE** LAND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**1/26**	**10 PM**	**1:07**	LIKE MOST COLLEGE STUDENTS, 19 YEAR-OLD JASON KERN IS OFTEN STRAPPED FOR MONEY. HE LIKE THOUSANDS OF OTHER STUDENTS GOT A BRIGHT FLIGHT SCHOLARSHIP, BUT, HE SAYS IT'S NOT ENOUGH. THE BILL, IF PASSED, WOULD DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF BRIGHT FLIGHT FROM $2,000 TO $4,000 A YEAR. REPRESENTATIVE ED ROBB INTRODUCED THE BILL TO THE HOUSE. ROBB'S ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE IS FOR BRIGHT FLIGHT NEARLY COVER TUITION LIKE IT DID BACK IN THE 80'S WHEN IT WAS INTRODUCED. ROBB SAYS MANY LEGISLATORS AGREE WITH JASON WHEN HE SAYS HE THINKS IT'S A GOOD IDEA. ROBB THINKS THE INCREASE WOULD HELP KEEP MISSOURI'S BRIGHTEST STUDENTS IN STATE
CONSUMER ISSUE	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**1/27**	**10 PM**	**1:17**	AMERICA ONLY PRODUCES ONE-TENTH OF THE ENGINEERS CHINA DOES, BUT CHINA COULD STAND TO BENEFIT FROM WHAT MISSOURI HAS TO OFFER... ESPECIALLY WHEN IT

					COMES TO WATER AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY. SHAWN XU IS ONE OF THE DIRECTORS OF MU'S ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY PROJECT, HE SAYS CHINA NEEDS TO IMPROVE. AND M-U IS USING GRANT MONEY TO CONNECT MISSOURI BUSINESSES WITH CHINESE CONSUMERS. AS A BUSINESS OWNER IN COLUMBIA, CHARLES THARP SAYS A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA COULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IS PAYING FOR THE OFFICE WITH A 2-HUNDRED, 87-THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**1/28**	**10 PM**	**1:29**	JANICE AND GILBERT HAVE LIVED ON THIS QUIET STRETCH IN FULTON FOR THE LAST 7 YEARS. 42 ACRES OF THIS HUSHED NEIGHBORHOOD MAY BE BUSTLING BEFORE LONG. FULTON CITY COUNCIL FINALIZED A 190 THOUSAND DOLLAR DEAL FOR THE LAND... A DEAL THAT WAS 6 MONTHS IN THE MAKING. HARBISON-WALKER CURRENTLY OWNS THE LAND AND THE NEARBY PLANT. CITY OFFICIALS SAY THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A BUYER TO BRING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TO THE LAND. MAYOR CRAGHEAD SAYS THE CITY HAS BOTH A PROJECT AND DEVELOPER IN MIND. AND WHILE QUIET NIGHTS LIKE THIS ONE MAY NOT COME AS OFTEN FOR THE BLAH'S, THEY SAY THE BENEFITS MAKE IT ALL WORTH IT
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**1/29**	**10 PM**	**:30**	THREE OTHERS ARE IN THE HOSPITAL TONIGHT AFTER THE TWO-CAR COLLISION ON ROUTE Z EAST OF KINGDOM CITY. THREE PEOPLE WERE AIRLIFTED TO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AFTER EMERGENCY CREWS GOT THEM OUT OF THE MANGLED MESS. ONE OF THOSE VICTIMS--- 24-YEAR-OLD DANIELLE MURPHY FROM FULTON----DIED AT THE HOSPITAL JUST HOURS LATER. THE CRASH HAPPENED AFTER THREE THIS

					AFTERNOON WHEN TWO CARS SLAMMED INTO EACH OTHER NEAR CALWOOD. TONIGHT... UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CONFIRMS ONE OF THE VICTIMS IS STILL IN CRITICAL CONDITION. THE OTHERS ARE IN FAIR CONDITION.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**1/30**	**6 PM**	**1:24**	MAYBE NOT, BUT THAT DOESN'T STOP LOBBYISTS FROM PLAYING SANTA CLAUSE. MISSOURI HAS 162 REPRESENTATIVES AND 34 SENATORS. EACH OF THEM GET AN AVERAGE OF 839-DOLLARS WORTH OF FREE GIFTS EACH YEAR. SO REPRESENTATIVE RACHEL STORCH PROPOSED A BILL TO SET A LIMIT ON THOSE GIFTS. HER BILL WOULD LIMIT ANY INDIVIDUAL ITEM TO 50-DOLLARS OR LESS. AND, EACH LEGISLATOR WOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED 100-DOLLARS IN FREE GIFTS EACH YEAR. REPRESENTATIVE MIKE SUTHERLAND SAYS THE LIMITS ARE A GOOD IDEA BUT FULL DISCLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC MIGHT BE MORE EFFECTIVE. SUTHERLAND ALSO BELIEVES NUMBERS CAN BE MISLEADING. SO HE LET LOBBYISTS PAY FOR AN EDUCATIONAL TRIP HE TOOK LAST YEAR, MAKING HIS "GIFT" BUDGET APPEAR LARGER. BOTH REPRESENTATIVES AGREE SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE, THEY JUST CANT AGREE ON HOW TO FINISH THE FREEBIES.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/31**	**10 PM**	**1:32**	JIM MORGAN IS THE GRAND MASTER OF THE MOBERLY MASONS. LAST DECEMBER HE WAS RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL WITH KIDNEY FAILURE JUST AS THE MASONS WERE COLLECTING MONEY FOR THEIR CHARITY. WHILE JIM RESTED AND HEALED, HIS MASON BROTHERS CONTINUED HIS MISSION: BY RAISING 13 HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR LOCAL PRE SCHOOLS.

					TODAY THE MASONS HANDED THEIR DONATIONS OUT TO TEACHERS FROM THE SIX PRE-SCHOOLS. JIM IS STILL DEALING WITH HIS KIDNEY DISEASE, BUT TODAY HE SET HIS NEEDS ASIDE TO HELP THOSE HE FEELS ARE IN GREATER
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.