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KOMU-TV COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

THERE FOLLOWS A LISTING OF SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RESPONDED TO BY STATION KOMU-TV THROUGH ITS NEWS PROGRAMMING FOR THE PERIOD October 1st, 2006 TO December 31st, 2006. THE LISTING IS BY NO MEANS EXHAUSTIVE, BUT INSTEAD SHOWS THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF COVERAGE. THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ISSUES APPEAR DOES NOT REFLECT ANY PRIORITY OR SIGNIFICANCE.

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
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/1	10:00 PM	1:30	SAVE THE KATY BRIDGE! IT'S A PHRASE BOONVILLE HAS COME TO KNOW WELL. TODAY RESIDENTS OF BOONVILLE WORKED TO KEEP THIS PHRASE FRESH IN THEIR MINDS. HOW ONE MISSOURI TOWN IS FIGHTING TO KEEP A PART OF THEIR HISTORY ALIVE. FOR JIM BRADSHAW, THE KATY BRIDGE IS A GRAVE MARKER FOR A RAILROAD THAT WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO HIM. HE'S THE THIRD GENERATION IN HIS FAMILY TO WORK THE RAILROAD, AND THE BRIDGE. AND HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH A PERSONAL CONNECTION TO THE BRIDGE. AND THAT'S JUST ONE REASON THEY WANT TO SAVE IT...AND MAKE IT PART OF THE KATY TRAIL. UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD WANTS TO TEAR THE BRIDGE DOWN. SOME STATE LEADERS AGREE...SAYING IT WILL COST TAXPAYERS TOO MUCH MONEY TO RENOVATE IT AND MAKE IT INTO A WALKWAY. BUT BOONVILLE HAS BEEN WORKING HARD FOR TWO AND A HALF YEARS TO RAISE MONEY AND SPIRITS.

GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/2**	**10:00PM**	**1:30**	IT'S BEEN ABOUT 10 MONTHS SINCE THE BREACH SENT ONE-BILLION GALLONS OF WATER INTO JOHNSON'S SHUT-INS STATE PARK. AMEREN AGREED TO PAY A FEDERAL FINE OF 15-MILLION DOLLARS...THAT'S THE HIGHEST EVER. BUT THE STATE SAYS AMEREN HAS MORE TO PAY. JOHNSON'S SHUT-INS STATE PARK IS OFTEN CONSIDERED THE CROWN JEWEL OF SHOW-ME STATE PARKS. ENVIRONMENTALISTS SAY IT'S HARD TO PUT A PRICE ON SUCH A VALUABLE PIECE OF MISSOURILAND. BUT, THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION, OR FERC, SAYS THE DAMAGE IS WORTH 15 MILLION DOLLARS THE MAJORITY OF THE MONEY WON'T PAY FOR THE PARK'S NEEDS. 10 MILLION DOLLARS GO DIRECTLY TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT... AND, FIVE MILLION DOLLARS GO TOWARDS RESTORATION PROJECTS....CONTROLLED BY THE FEDS. IN A STATEMENT, GOVERNOR BLUNT SAYS HE IS ENCOURAGED BY AMEREN'S AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT...BUT QUOTE: "TO FULLY COMPENSATE THE STATE OF MISSOURI AND ITS CITIZENS, SIGNIFICANTLY MORE WILL BE NEEDED."

					ENVIRONMENTALISTS AGREE AMEREN HAS MORE WORK TO DO. THE PARK IS ONE OF THE STATE'S MOST POPULAR PARKS...DRAWING MORE THAN 230-THOUSAND VISITORS IN 2005 BEFORE THE BREACH. LAST WEEK, THE PARK CLOSED FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR TO MAKE FURTHER REPAIRS.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/3**	**10:00 PM**	**1:35**	THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY SAYS MORE THAN TWO MILLION WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN TREATED FOR BREAST CANCER. OCTOBER MARKS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH... WHILE IT LOOKS LIKE AN ORDINARY HOUSE...NO ONE LIVES INSIDE...BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S NOT A HOME... THE COMMUNITY BREAST CARE PROJECT OFFICIALLY OPENED ITS DOORS TODAY. BUT NO ONE WILL LIVE THERE. ITS GOAL...TO PROVIDE A PLACE WHERE BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS CAN COPE WITH THE PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND SOCIAL ASPECTS OF THEIR ILLNESS. LINDA ACOCK HAD BREAST CANCER FIVE YEARS AGO AND HOPES HER EXPERIENCE CAN HELP OTHERS. ORGANIZERS HOPE TO EVENTUALLY EXPAND HOUSE HOURS AND HAVE A TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR HELP LINE. BUT FOR NOW, THEY'RE JUST HAPPY TO HAVE AN OPEN DOOR.

EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	10/4	6:00	1:35	DESPITE THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THAT AMBER ALERT, RECENT TRAGIC SCHOOL SHOOTINGS HAVE LEFT PARENTS WORRIED ABOUT SCHOOL SAFETY. WHEN YOU SEND YOUR KIDS TO SCHOOL, YOU THINK IT'S A SAFE PLACE. AND THE FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT WANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT'S TRUE. FULTON SCHOOLS ALREADY HAVE CRISIS PLANS IN PLACE. BUT THE RECENT SHOOTINGS HAVE THE DISTRICT WORKING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT TO RE-THINK ITS EMERGENCY PROCEDURE. VISITORS HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR TO CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE. ALL OF THE OTHER DOORS REQUIRE A KEY CODE AND SECURITY CAMERAS MONITOR THE SCHOOL. BUT THE SCHOOL SHOOTINGS HAVE LEFT OFFICIALS WONDERING IF IT'S ALL ENOUGH. ENDERLE SAYS EVEN WITH ALL OF THESE MEASURES IN PLACE, IT'S HARD TO NOT FEEL VULNERABLE.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	10/5	6:00	2:20	TECHNOLOGY IS MAKING SOME THINGS EASIER ... SOME THINGS HARDER IN A CLASSROOM ... EXTRA TECHNOLOGY CAN MEAN EXTRA DISTRACTIONS. IN TODAY'S SCHOOL REPORT .. HOW SOME SCHOOLS ARE TRYING TO ADAPT ... TO GADGETS GALORE. ROCK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIALS ARE FACING FACTS: TECHNOLOGY PLAYS A CENTRAL ROLE IN THE LIVES OF THEIR STUDENTS. TEACHERS USE TECHNOLOGY LIKE PROJECTORS, COMPUTERS, AND DVD PLAYERS AS LEARNING TOOLS. BUT STUDENTS HAVE THEIR OWN GADGETS: CELL PHONES, VIDEO GAMES AND M-P-THREE PLAYERS. SOME CLASSES REQUIRE FULL ATTENTION ... AND KOHL SAYS THAT MEANS NO ELECTRONICS. FRISBY DOESN'T ALLOW LAPTOPS ANYMORE AND SHE SAYS THE RESPONSE FROM STUDENTS HAS BEEN POSITIVE. AND SOME STUDENTS PREFER TRADITIONAL NOTE-TAKING. PSYCHOLOGIST

					DOCTOR NELSON COWEN AGREES. SCHOOLS VARY IN THEIR APPROACHES TO TECHNOLOGY.SOME HAVE COMPLETELY BANNED ELECTRONICS FROM HOME.OTHERS ALLOW STUDENTS TO BRING THINGS LIKE VIDEO GAMES TO SCHOOL.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/6**	**6:00 PM**	**1:30**	COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS LEARNED AN UNUSAL LESSON TODAY...THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS.COLUMBIA TEACHERS COULDN'T SIT STILL AND BE QUIET TODAY...THEY HAD TO TRY OUT ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO GET KIDS ACTIVE.THESE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES ARE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL FOR BOYS. NATIONALLY BOYS ARE PERFORMING LOWER THAN GIRLS...IN COLUMBIA BOYS CONSISTENTLY SCORE LOWER THAN GIRLS IN THE COMMUNICATION ARTS. ADMINISTRATORS ARE HOPING TO CLOSE THAT ACHIEVEMENT GAP BY CREATING ACTIVITIES THAT APPEAL MORE SPECIFICALLY TO BOYS,BUT TO BENEFIT GIRLS AS WELL.COLUMBIA TEACHERS WILL GET THE CHANCE TO PUT THESE STRATEGIES TO WORK AT THE ELEMENTARY LEVEL.
ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/7**	**6:00 PM**	**1:30**	STRIP MALLS. YOU SEE THEM IN ALL CORNERS OF COLUMBIA. QUIZNOS RINGS UP A LOT OF BUSINESS IN NORTHEASTERN COLUMBIA.BUT AT THE CENTERSTATE SHOPPES..QUIZNOS IS ABOUT THE ONLY THING POPULAR. A SPRINT STORE ALSO FILLS A VACANCY IN THE CENTER..BUT NO ONE ELSE..LEAVING 21 OF 23 UNITS EMPTY...A TREND BUILDING UP AROUND COLUMBIA. BUT THEN COMES THE PROBLEM OF FILLING THE

					LOTS. BUT WAL-MART IS AND THEY'LL OPEN TWO NEW STORES IN COLUMBIA IN THE COMING WEEKS.. SURROUNDED BY MORE EMPTY RETAIL SPACE. BUT DEVELOPERS DON'T VIEW THAT AS A BIG PROBLEM. THEY JUST HOPE IT'S SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/8**	**10:00 PM**	**3:10**	IT'S A NATIONWIDE TREND... BARS AND RESTAURANTS GOING SMOKE FREE... BY CHOICE OR BY LAW. THE COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A RARE SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING ON MONDAY TO DISCUSS THE CITY'S PROPOSED SMOKING ORDINANCE. AND AFTER MONTHS OF LOBBYING, BOTH SIDES ARE READY... AND HOPE THE COUNCIL WILL MAKE A DECISION. FOR THE PAST 2 YEARS THE COLUMBIA-BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH CONSIDERED A NEW SMOKING ORDIANCE. IT WOULD ELIMINATE SMOKING IN ALL RESTAURANTS, BARS, BOWLING ALLEYS, AND OUTDOOR PATIOS... AND SUPPORTERS SAY GOING SMOKE FREE IS JUST A SIGN OF THE TIMES... -------- NO ASHTRAYS, NO SMOKE AND NO CIGARETTES AT LUNCHTIME HERE. THAT'S BECAUSE ADDISON'S IS SMOKE FREE UNTIL 10 P-M.THE MOVE TO CLEAN AIR WAS PURELY BUSINESS RELATED.DUSHOFF SAYS THE POLICY IS A SUCCESS.HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY GOING SMOKE FREE ISN'T ABOUT CHOICES, IT'S ABOUT PROTECTING EMPLOYEES. 93-PERCENT SAY THEY WOULD GO TO RESTAURANTS AS MUCH OR MORE IF THE BAN PASSED AND 85-PERCENT WOULD STILL GO TO BARS.AND IF THE BAN PASSES DUSHOFF SAYS IT WOULD AFFECT ALL BARS THE SAME WAY.BUT SUPPORTERS SAY COLUMBIA

					SHOULDN'T WAIT FOR THAT TO HAPPEN... AND THE TIME IS RIGHT TO PASS IT NOW.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/9**	**10:00 PM**	**1:40**	A TWO POINT FOUR MILLION DOLLAR GRANT WILL HELP MISSOURI PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN GET ALONG BETTER. YOUNG,UNWED COUPLES WILL SOON HAVE HELP RAISING THEIR KIDS BETTER THROUGH BUILDING A STABLE RELATIONSHIP. AN MU EXTENSION PROJECT CALLED CONNECTING FOR BABY WILL SOON START THANKS TO A GRANT FROM THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. PROGRAM DIRECTORS THINK STRONG RELATIONSHIPS CAN MEAN SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/10**	**6:00**	**2:40**	IMAGINE YOU'RE AT HOME AND WOULD LIKE A REFRESHING GLASS OF WATER.YOU GO TO THE FAUCET ONLY TO FIND THERE IS NO WATER. NOR IS THERE ANY IN YOUR BATHROOM. BUT CAR WASHES COULD HAVE TO CLOSE IN VANDALIA, IF THE TOWN'S WATER SUPPLY GETS MUCH LOWER. FOR LOCALS, IT'S THE TALK THE TOWN. AT THE VANDALIA HOTEL RESTAURANT...IT'S A CONCERN. AT CURRENT CONSUMPTION LEVELS, THE TOWN COULD BE TOTALLY OUT OF WATER IN ABOUT 40 WEEKS.SO WHY SO LITTLE WATER? AND IT'S NOT THE ONLY MISSOURI TOWN FACING A WATER SHORTAGE. WITH THE CLOCK COUNTING DOWN ON VANDALIA'S SUPPLY, IT'S HOPING FOR A SOLUTION. SO FAR, IT'S CONSISTED OF MOVING WATER

					FROM A NEARBY QUARRY INTO STEINER RESERVOIR. AN IDEA SOME THINK IS ENOUGH. HAD THAT NOT BEEN DONE PETE STEINER RESERVOIR WOULD BE EVEN LOWER. IF THE PROBLEM GETS MUCH WORSE, RESTAURANT OWNER TERRY EOFF HAS THIS RECOMMENDATION:
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/11**	**10:00PM**	**1:30**	MISSOURI MIGHT NEED A **NO CANDIDATE LEFT BEHIND ACT**.TWO MISSOURI CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR U-S SENATE DID NOT GET INVITES TO SOME OF THE DEBATES. U-S SENATORIAL CANDIDATE LYDIA LEWIS HAS DONE HER PART TO CAMPAIGN FOR HER PARTY, BUT HOW MANY TIMES HAS SHE DEBATED HER FELLOW CANDIDATES? LAST WEEKEND, N-B-C TELEVISED THE "MEET THE PRESS" DEBATE BETWEEN REPUBLICAN JIM TALENT AND DEMOCRAT CLAIRE MCCASKILL WHO ARE NECK-AND-NECK IN THE SENATE RACE.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/12**	**6:00 PM**	**1:30**	MISSING OUT ON READING A FAVORITE BOOK OR A LETTER FROM A FRIEND MIGHT BE DEVESTATING.BUT IT'S REALITY FOR THE MILLIONS OF SENIORS WHO SUFFER A VISION LOSS EACH YEAR. MUSIC BOXES...T-V SETS...AND ASSORTED DISHES. SOME OF THE ITEMS THAT ARE BEING SOLD AT A FULTON RUMMAGE SALE SPONSORED BY FULTON EYE DOCTOR J-W VANN AND HIS STAFF. THEY USED MONEY FROM LAST YEARS SALE TO BRING A MAGNIFICATION MACHINE TO THE FULTON PRESBYTERIAN MANOR NURSING HOME.DR. VANN HOPES TO GET MORE MACHINES INTO MORE NURSING HOMES. THE MACHINE MAKES LIFE EASIER FOR ERNEST HILLARD.THESE MACHINES CAN'T DO EVERYTHING, BUT THERE IS MORE TO COME.
ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/13**	**6:00 PM**	**1:40**	MISSOURI'S MINIMUM WAGE IS A HOT BUTTON ISSUE ON NEXT MONTH'S BALLOT. A RAISE WOULD GIVE MISSOURI'S MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS A PAY HIKE OF MORE THAN A DOLLAR. JOHN FONVILLE STARTED

					SHALOM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SCHOOL AND DAYCARE FOUR YEARS AGO. HE'S PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION TO PROPOSITION B. IT WOULD BE THE FIRST INCREASE IN 9 YEARS. THE TIME GAP TRIGGERED INFLATION WORRIES ON BOTH SIDES. AN ADJUSTMANT THAT MAY START WITH THE NOVEMBER SEVENTH BALLOT.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/14**	**10:00 PM**	**0:50**	A LARGE PARTY AND A BIG FIGHT LED TO A GUNSHOT WOUND AND A HOSPITAL VISIT FOR A FORMER MIZZOU FOOTBALL PLAYER. UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL ALREADY RELEASED OMBOGA. THEY DECIDED *NOT* TO REMOVE THE BULLET FROM OMBOGA'S HEAD TO AVOID SERIOUS BLEEDING.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/15**	**10:00 PM**	**2:30**	PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE AFFECTS MORE THAN 12 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE U.S. PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE BLOCKED TED HANSEN'S PATH. A BUILDUP OF PLAQUE IN BLOOD VESSELS PREVENTED ADEQUATE CIRCULATION IN PLACES LIKE HIS LEGS AND FEET.THE SILVERHAWK, A CUTTING EDGE DEVICE, IS AS EXCITING AS ITS NAME SOUNDS. IT'SS AN ALTERNATIVE TO ANGIOPLASTY AND STENTING WHICH ONLY COMPACT PLAQUE AGAINST ARTERY WALLS. THE SILVERHAWK DOESN'T JUST COMPACT THE PLAQUE, IT CUTS IT RIGHT OUT. THE PROCEDURE ONLY NEEDS A SMALL INCISION TO INSERT THE CATHETER. FROM THERE DOCTORS WATCH THE PROGRESS ON VIDEO SCREENS. A SMALL ROTATING BLADE SHAVES THE PLAQUE OFF THE ARTERY WALLS AND COLLECTS IT IN A CANISTER. NOW A NEW "MINI HAWK" CAN CLEAN ARTERIES AS SMALL AS ONE-POINT-FIVE MILLIMETERS. REMOVING THE PLAQUE RESULTS IN IMMEDIATE IMPROVAL OF BLOOD FLOW.

ECONOMY	**KONU NEWS AT 6**	**10/16**	**6:00 PM**	**1:35**	DESPITE THE RECENT RAIN... MISSOURI FARMERS ARE STILL FEELING THE EFFECTS OF THIS YEAR'S DROUGHT. FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS DROUGHT HAS PLAGUED MISSOURI FARMERS.NOW A U-S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GRANT IS AVAILABLE TO HELP LIVESTOCK FARMERS. JACK WORDELMAN HAS BEEN FARMING CATTLE SINCE HE WAS A CHILD.HE'S ONE OF MANY MISSOURI FARMERS WHO QUALIFY FOR THE LIVESTOCK ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO HELP MISSOURI LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS RECOVER LOSSES DUE TO DROUGHT CONDITIONS.BUT NOT EVERYONE THINKS THE U-S-D-A IS DOING ENOUGH TO HELP.THE USDA IS GIVING MISSOURI 2.7 MILLION DOLLARS OUT OF FIFTY MILLION GOING TO TWENTY DIFFERENT STATES.WITH NEARLY TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND FARMERS STATEWIDE WHO QUALIFY FOR THE GRANT, SOME ARE WORRIED THEY WON'T GET ENOUGH. BUT THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SAYS IT'S DOING EVERYTHING IT CAN TO HELP FARMERS IN THEIR TIME OF NEED.FARMERS WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR THE GRANT UNTIL NOVEMBER SEVENTEENTH.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/17**	**10:00 PM**	**1:50**	AN ENTIRE MID-MISSOURI SCHOOL DISTRICT KICKS SECURITY INTO HIGH GEAR. IN THE WAKE OF A FOILED ABDUCTION AND OVERALL CONCERNS ABOUT SAFETY, KOMU'S ANDREW SHIN REPORTS SCHOOL OFFICIALS ARE DOING THEIR HOMEWORK TO PROTECT STUDENTS. THE SLATER SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ON HIGH ALERT -- NOT JUST AFTER A STRING OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE ACROSS THE COUNTRY... BUT BECAUSE OF AN ATTEMPTED CHILD ABDUCTION JUST OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL BUILDING EARLIER THIS MONTH. THE INCIDENT SURPRISED MANY IN THIS SMALL TOWN... INCLUDING ONE PARENT WHO JUST MOVED HERE. THE SCHOOL SENT LETTERS HOME TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENTS EXPLAINING PLANS TO

					INCREASE SAFETY. STARTING THIS WEEK, ONLY ONE ENTRANCE IS OPEN TO EACH OF THE THREE SCHOOL BUILDINGS: THE ELEMENTARY, HIGH SCHOOL AND SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.ALL VISITORS HAVE TO SIGN IN AND WEAR A VISITORS' BADGE TO WALK AROUND IN THE SCHOOLS.AND WALKING HIS SON HOME EACH DAY IS JUST ANOTHER WAY TO KEEP SAFE.
ECONOMIC ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/18**	**6:00 PM**	**1:30**	THIS MORNING MARKED THE GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW WALMART SUPERCENTER. DON WELTER, A FORMER WALMART MANAGER WHO LIVES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, SAYS HE AND HIS WIFE WANTED TO SHOP AND SEE WHAT'S NEW! BUT SOME RESIDENTS DO NOT SUPPORT THE STORE.THE PARKING LOT HAS BEEN FULL ALL DAY, BUT NEARBY RESIDENTS WORRY ABOUT THE TRAFFIC. AND NEW TURN LANES COULD CONFUSE DRIVERS AT AN INTERSECTION ALREADY KNOWN FOR ACCIDENTS. THE ENTRANCE TO THE CONDOMINIUMS AND THE NEW WALMART ENTRANCE SHARE A MEDIUM ON FAIRVIEW AND THE COND ASSOCIATION SAYS THAT MAY BECOME AN ISSUE. REGARDLESS OF HOW PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT ANOTHER SUPERCENTER, THEY ADMIT IT HAS A NICE LOOK.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/19**	**6:00 PM**	**1:35**	ELECTION DAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. CANDIDATES OFTEN SAY THAT SPENDING MONEY FOR EDUCATION IS A HIGH PRIORITY. MISSOURI PRO VOTE DOESN'T THINK CONGRESS HAS ITS PRIORITIES STRAIGHT.IT IS THAT PRIORITY THAT IS SPARKING DEBATE WITH THE FEDERAL BUDGET DUE NEXT MONTH. THE PROPOSED BUDGET COULD CUT MONEY NATIONALLY AND AFFECT MISSOURI LOCALLY. SENATOR KIT BOND WAS NOT ABLE TO APPEAR ON CAMERA, BUT HIS PRESS SECRETARY TOLD US THAT SINCE 1995 FEDERAL EDUCATION SPENDING PER STUDENT HAS GONE UP MORE THAN HALF.BUT ONE MU STUDENT WANTS MORE.IF CONGRESS CAN'T AGREE ON A BUDGET BY NEXT MONTH, THEY CAN VOTE TO PUSH IT

					BACK FURTHER.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/20**	**6:00 PM**	**2:00**	A TIP LEAD INVESTIGATORS TO OHIO WHERE TWO SUSPECTS, JOSHUA WALDEN AND HIS FATHER, RICHARD WALDEN, WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. POLICE BROUGHT JOSHUA WALDEN BACK TO MARSHALL LATE LAST NIGHT. FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF STEVEN FORD SPENT THE MORNING CLEANING UP HIS YARD IN MARSHALL. FORD WAS SHOT AND KILLED DURING A BURGLARY OF HIS HOME LAST WEEK. IT'S THE THIRD MURDER SINCE JUNE FOR THIS SMALL TOWN, LEAVING MANY RESIDENTS CONCERNED. NEWS TODAY FROM THE MARSHALL POLICE DEPARTMENT BROUGHT SOME RELIEF. ACCORDING TO MARSHALL POLICE, JOSHUA WALDEN ADMITTED CAUSING THE DEATH OF STEVE FORD AND ALSO ADMITTED TO TAKING GUNS FROM FORD'S HOME. THIS AFTERNOON THE SALINE COUNTY PROSECUTOR DONALD STOUFFER BROUGHT FORMAL CHARGES OF MURDER AND THEFT AGAINST THE 22 YEAR OLD WALDEN.DETECTIVES ARE PLEASED THAT THIS CASE IS OVER.JOSHUA'S FATHER RICHARD WALDEN IS STILL IN CUSTODY IN OHIO AND IS AWAITING EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/21**	**10:00 PM**	**0:45**	MISSOURI SPENT MORE THAN 680-THOUSAND DOLLARS IMPLEMENTING A PHOTO I-D LAW THAT THE SUPREME COURT STRUCK DOWN THIS WEEK. THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE IS NOW SPENDING ITS MONEY TO INFORM VOTERS THEY **DON'T** NEED AN I-D TO VOTE. EVEN THOUGH THE STATE THREW OUT THE I-D LAW... ONE SENATOR HOPES IT WILL STILL HAVE AN IMPACT. REPUBLICAN DELBERT SCOTT OF LOWRY CITY

					SAYS THE ATTENTION THE ISSUE HAS GATHERED COULD STILL KEEP POTENTIAL CHEATERS AWAY FROM THE POLLS. THAT'S BECAUSE THEY MIGHT STILL THINK THEY NEED AN ID.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/22**	**10:00 PM**	**1:25**	HELP IS NOW MUCH CLOSER FOR ASHLAND AND SOUTHERN BOONE COUNTY RESIDENTS. LAYMOND NICHOLS HAS LIVED IN AND AROUND ASHLAND FOR MOST OF HIS LIFE. AT 89 YEARS OLD, NICHOLS THINKS THE EFFORTS RESIDENTS MADE IN GETTING AN AMBULANCE BASED IN ASHLAND SHOWS THE GOOD OF THE TOWN AS A WHOLE. RESIDENTS SHOWED THEIR SUPPORT THROUGH VOLUNTEER WORK AND DONATIONS TO MAKE THE AMBULANCE BASE A REALITY. A REALITY RESIDENTS KNOW COULD POTENTIALLY HELP SAVE THEIR LIVES SHOULD THEY EVER NEED MEDICAL HELP.
ALCOHOL ABUSE	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/23**	**10:00 PM**	**2:05**	YOU CAN SMELL LIQUOR ON A DRIVER'S BREATH, BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW IF A DRIVER IS HIGH ON SOMETHING ELSE? DRUNK DRIVERS ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES GETTING BEHIND THE WHEEL... DRUGS CAN ALSO MAKE DRIVERS UNFIT TO DRIVE. SOME DRIVERS CHOOSE TO GET BEHIND THE WHEEL DRUNK... BUT ALCOHOL IS NOT THE ONLY PROBLEM. THE HIGHWAY PATROL CAN TEST FOR EXCESSIVE ALCOHOL ON THE SPOT , BUT WHEN IT COMES TO DRUGS ITS A DIFFERENT STORY. INSTEAD LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS MUST USE THEIR JUDGMENT TO DETERMINE IF A PERSON IS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A DRUG. IN A PHONE

					INTERVIEW MISSOURI TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NEAL ST. ONGE SAID HE PLANS TO RESEARCH MISSOURI LAWS AND WHAT OTHER STATES HAVE DONE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF IMPAIRED DRIVERS. HE'LL THEN CONSIDER INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO MAKE TRAFFIC STOPS INVOLVING DRUGS MORE CLEAR. DESPITE NOT HAVING A CLEAR CUT DRUG TEST ON SITE, HOTZ SAYS SIMILAR TESTS ARE PERFORMED.
GOVERNMENT/ HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/24**	**6:00 PM**	**0:55**	AMMENDMENT 3 WILL ONLY INCREASE THE STATEWIDE TOBACCO TAX. RIGHT NOW THE FEDERAL TAX ON EVERY PACK OF CIGARETTES IS 39-CENTS. THE STATE TAX IS 17-CENTS. AMENDMENT 3 WOULD RAISE THE STATE TAX BY 80-CENTS, MAKING THE TOTAL TAX ONE DOLLAR AND 36-CENTS. PUT IT ANOTHER WAY -- AMENDMENT 3 WILL TAX 4-CENTS ON EVERY CIGARETTE. THE STATE WILL USE THE MONEY FROM THE TAX HIKE TO CREATE THE HEALTHY FUTURE TRUST FUND. THE FUND WILL PAY EDUCATION TO REDUCE AND PREVENT TOBACCO USE AND INCREASE MONEY FOR HEALTHCARE. IT WILL BE SEPARATE FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND. TODAY ACADEMICS AND ECONOMISTS ON THE M-U CAMPUS DEBATED THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF TOBACCO TAXES.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6:00**	**10/25**	**6:00 PM**	**1:40**	COOLER TEMPERATURES THIS FALL COULD COME WITH A COOL-DOWN IN HEATING COSTS. AS THE TEMPERATURE DROPS, THERE'S A HOPE NATURAL GAS PRICES FOR SOME MID-MISSOURIANS WILL DROP TOO. TOM PITERA'S JOB IS TO KEEP FURNACES RUNNING EFFICIENTLY--INCLUDING HIS OWN. HE SAYS HIS GAS BILL LAST YEAR WAS ABOUT ONE-HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS A MONTH.

					AND THREE DAUGHTERS AT HOME ADD TO THE BILL. STILL, HE KEEPS HIS THERMOSTAT AT 71-DEGREES ALL WINTER. BUT PITERA MAY GET COMFORT AND A LOWER PRICE THIS WINTER. LAST YEAR, THE AVERAGE MONTHLY GAS BILL FOR CENTRAL MISSOURI AMEREN CUSTOMERS WAS ABOUT ONE-HUNDRED AND 39-DOLLARS. THIS YEAR THAT BILL WILL BE ABOUT ONE-HUNDRED 26-DOLLARS. THAT MEANS ABOUT A 13-DOLLAR DROP IN YOUR BILL EVERY MONTH OR A NINE AND A HALF PERCENT DECREASE. THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STILL HAS TO REVIEW THE NEW GAS PRICE, BUT IT SHOULD GO INTO EFFECT NOVEMBER 1.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/26**	**10:00 PM**	**0:50**	WITH THE ELECTION LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AWAY, BALLOT ISSUES ARE GETTING MORE ATTENTION. THE MISSOURI CITIZEN EDUCATION FUND WANTS YOU TO VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION B. IT WOULD RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE BY A DOLLAR-35, THE FIRST INCREASE IN ALMOST TEN YEARS. THE GROUP POINTED OUT **CONGRESSIONAL** PAY HAS INCREASED DURING THAT TIME. BUT THOSE OPPOSING THE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE SAY IT MIGHT HURT SOME WORKERS. IF VOTERS GIVE IT THE NOD, THE MINIMUM WAGE COULD ALSO INCREASE TO MATCH INFLATION RATES.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/27**	**6:00 PM**	**1:55**	A KEYNOTE SPEAKER TOLD A CROWD OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TODAY **OBESITY** WILL SURPASS SMOKING AS THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF PREVENTABLE DEATH. KOMU'S SARA ADAMS SHOWS US HOW MISSOURI MEDICAL AND POLICY LEADERS ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO FIGHT A *GROWING* PROBLEM. ¤1]] C1.5 G 0 [[MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED POLICY LEADERS AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS MET UP IN JEFF CITY THIS

					MORNING AT THE 4TH ANNUAL MISSOURI HEALTH POLICY SUMMIT. POLICY LEADERS BELIEVE PREVENTION IS KEY.
JOBS/ ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/28**	**10:00 PM**	**1:40**	WHILE BUSINESS IS BOOMING FOR WORLD SERIES MERCHANDISE, BUSINESS IS ALSO BOOMING THANKS TO A HUGE TOURNAMENT THIS WEEKEND IN JEFFERSON CITY. KIDS, SOCCER, BARBEQUE, AND A WHOLE BUNCH OF CARS. THAT'S THE SCENE AT THE 63 SPORTS COMPLEX THANKS TO ONE OF THE LARGEST SOCCER TOURNAMENTS IN THE STATE. AND BARBEQUE CHEF ROSS SCHRIMPF OF JEFFERSON CITY SAYS THIS TOURNAMENT MEANS MORE THAN THE KICK OF A SOCCER BALL, OR THE TURN OF SOME MEAT. AND WHILE SCHRIMPF APPLIES HIS SPECIAL BARBEQUE SAUCE AMONGST SOME SMILING FACES, THE 63 SPORTS COMPLEX OWNER APPLIES HIS SPECIAL TOUCH AT BRINGING IN SPORTING EVENTS LIKE THIS. THOUGH NO COMPETITION FOR SCHRIMPF BEHIND THE GRILL, JUST FIFTY FEET AWAY COMPETITION AND COMRADERIE IS IN, WELL, NOT FULL SWING, BUT RATHER ALL CLEETS IN MOTION.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/29**	**10:00 PM**	**2:05**	A LOT OF ***TIME*** HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO BREAST CANCER AWARENESS THIS MONTH, BUT SOMETIMES LESS ***TIME*** IS MORE DESIRABLE WHEN IT COMES TO THE DISEASE. THIS WEEK'S YOUR HEALTH WITH ANGIE BAILEY SHOWS US A PROCEDURE THAT CONDENSES A WOMAN'S TIME SPENT TRYING TO BEAT BREAST CANCER. A BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSIS OPENS UP A ARRAY OF FEARS, FOLLOWED BY A FLOOD OF QUESTIONS... SOME BEING "SHOULD I HAVE A MASTECTOMY?" OR "CAN I TRUST RADIATION TO SAVE MY BREASTS AND MY LIFE?" AND "HOW LONG UNTIL I GET BACK TO NORMAL?"

					MEANING A PROBABLE MASTECTOMY, EVEN IF A LUMPECTOMY WOULD HAVE BEEN JUST AS EFFECTIVE. NOW MAMMOSITE IS MAKING THE OPTION OF A WOMAN KEEPING HER BREAST MORE REASONABLE. DR. PAUL DALE: They put a little tiny bead of a radiation source directly into the breast. That gives a very high, local dose of radiation. That's in there for 10-15 minutes, you do a treatment in the morning, one in the afternoon... for five days. The balloon is pulled out and then you're done. EARLY STUDIES HAVE SHOWN MAMMOSITE RADIATION THERAPY CARRIES NO HIGHER RISKS OF RECURRENCE THAN OTHER TREATMENT OPTIONS. ANGIE AT WALL: AND MORE GOOD NEWS, ALMOST ALL BREAST CANCER PATIENTS ARE GOOD CANDIDATES FOR MAMMOSITE... BUT VERY LARGE TUMOR OR CASES WHERE THE LYMPH NODES ARE ALSO INVOLVED SHOULDN'T OPT FOR MAMMOSITE.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6:00**	**10/30**	**6:00 PM**	**1:30**	COLE COUNTY IS GEARING UP FOR NEXT WEEK'S ELECTION. REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES WERE ON HAND WHILE COLE COUNTY TESTED ITS BALLOT MACHINES. THE MACHINES CAN DETECT IF A VOTER DOESN'T VOTE FOR EVERY RACE OR ISSUE, OR IF THEY VOTE FOR MORE THAN ONE CHOICE. OFFICIALS ARE TESTING 38 MACHINES EACH CONTAINING A MEMORY PACK, WHICH ELECTRONICALLY COUNTS THE VOTES. THE PACKS ARE REMOVED ONLY AFTER ALL THE VOTES ARE COUNTED.

					THE TESTING IS DONE TO KEEP VOTING FAIR BETWEEN PARTIES AND TO COMPLY WITH STATE ELECTION LAWS.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/31**	**10:00 PM**		SUPPORTERS SAY PASSING THE AMENDMENT WILL LEAD TO RESEARCH AND CURES FOR DISEASES. BUT, THOSE OPPOSED TO THE AMENDMENT THINK THERE'S A CATCH. YOU'VE PROBABLY SEEN THE TELEVISION ADS, THE LAWN SIGNS, OR EVEN DRIVEN PAST A BILLBOARD ON THE HIGHWAY. AMENDMENT 2 OR THE STEM CELL INITIATIVE IS A HOT TOPIC, BUT WHAT'S EVEN HOTTER IS THE DEBATE. THE MISSOURI COALITION FOR LIFESAVING CURES SUPPORTS THE AMENDMENT. BUT AN M-U LAW PROFESSOR SAY'S THAT'S DEBATEABLE. THERAPEUTIC CLONING TAKES DNA FROM THE CELLS OF A PATIENT, PUTS IT IN AN EMBRYO, TRICKS IT TO SUBDIVIDE AND USES IT TO HARVEST STEM CELLS. REPRODUCTIVE CLONING STARTS THE SAME WAY, BUT AFTER BEING TRICKED INTO SUB-DIVING IT IS PUT INTO A FEMALE OF THE SPECIE, WHICH IS HOW DOLLY THE SHEEP WAS CLONED.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/1**	**10:00 PM**	**1:05**	RITTER'S CAMPAIGN SAYS MISSOURI'S NEW FOUNDATION FORMULA COULD RESULT IN THE COLUMBIA DISTRICT LOSING 20 MILLION DOLLARS DURING THE NEXT SEVEN YEARS. WHEN QUIZZED ABOUT THE 20 MILLION DOLLAR LOSS, CHASE REFUSED TO COMMENT SAYING TONIGHT'S CHAT SHOULD STICK WITH DRUG PREVENTION. CHASE DISMISSED RUMORS THAT THE GOVERNOR ORDERED HER NOT TO TALK ABOUT SCHOOL FUNDING TONIGHT. WHEN IN FACT, CHASE SAYS SCHOOL FUNDING IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE AND THE DISTRICT HAS TALKED

					ABOUT IT ALL YEAR.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/2	10:00 PM	1:25	SENATOR TALENT CAME TO COLUMBIA ALONG WITH THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CHAIRPERSON TO MAKE SURE VOTERS ARE STILL FIRED UP AS THE CAMPAIGN WINDS DOWN. AN HOUR AFTER LEAVING COLUMBIA, TALENT STOPPED AT THE FARMERS BUREAU HEADQUARTERS IN JEFFERSON CITY. TALENT SUPPORTERS PACKED THE BOONE COUNTY PARTY HEADQUARTERS TO HEAR FROM THEIR CANDIDATE. AS ELECTION DAY NEARS, TALENT IS FOCUSING ON GETTING VOTERS TO THE POLLS. REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATS AGREE, THIS RACE IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT IN THE COUNTRY, AND TALENTS PARTY IS RALLYING BEHIND HIM. IN JEFFERSON CITY THE SENATOR TALKED ABOUT OTHER ISSUES, LIKE THE RENEWABLE ENERGY BILL, AND THE DEATH TAX, BOTH AFFECTING MISSOURI FARMERS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/3	10:00 PM	1:35	CLAIRE MCCASKILL'S "ON OUR SIDE" BUS TOUR SWUNG THROUGH COLUMBIA TONIGHT. SUTTON'S BAR-BE-QUE BROUGHT OUT MORE THAN A HUNGRY CROWD TONIGHT, IT BROUGHT A CROWD FOR CLAIRE MCCASKILL. THE CROWD OF ABOUT 200 INCLUDED STUDENTS WHO SAY THEY LIKE TO SEE HOW MCCASKILL GETS VOTERS EXCITED. THE DEMOCRAT SAYS SHE HOPES HER SWING ACROSS THE STATE PROVIDES A LAST PUSH BEFORE TUESDAY. KENNEDY IS ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO GO TO THE POLLS. WITH HEARTY HELPINGS OF BAR-BE-QUE AND A VISIT FROM THEIR US SENATE CANDIDATE, MCCASKILL

					SUPPORTERS LEFT WITH FULL STOMACHS AND HIGH HOPES FOR TUESDAY'S ELECTION.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/4**	**10:00 PM**	**1:40**	WELL IT WASN'T STORMS THAT WERE CAUSING TRAFFIC BACK-UPS IN COLUMBIA THIS MORNING.. IT WAS THE FLU SHOT DRIVE-THRU FRENZY AT THE BOONE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. HE ASKED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER IT WERE POSSIBLE TO GET FRIES WITH THAT ORDER. FLU SHOTS ARE ALWAYS THE TALK OF THE TOWN EVERY NOVEMBER, BUT THIS YEAR EVEN MORE SO. AND THAT'S BECAUSE THE BOONE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRANSFORMED THEIR PARKING LOT INTO A WAITING LINE - A WAITING LINE FOR CARS. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS IT STRIVES TO VACCINATE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE, AND FOR THOSE THAT DON'T LIKE LONG LINES AT CLINICS, A DRIVE-THRU WAS A WELCOMED RELIEF. THE AVERAGE WAIT WAS ABOUT THREE MINUTES - CERTAINLY LESS THAN IT WOULD BE AT A WALK-IN CLINIC. THOUGH TODAY'S EVENT WAS A ONE TIME THING, GEARED TOWARDS SENIOR CITIZENS PRIMARILY, DON'T THINK THIS WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN IN THE FUTURE BECAUSE THE WHOLE PROCESS WAS A SUCCESS.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/5**	**10:00 PM**	**3:00**	FLU SHOTS ARE AS ANNUAL A TRADITION AS PUMPKIN CARVING AND THANKSGIVING TO SOME OF US. BUT THERE ARE ALSO SO MANY WHO ARE ABSOLUTELY AGAINST THE IDEA. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WAITED UP TO AN HOUR AT A FLU SHOT CLINIC SATURDAY. ONE LADY LEARNED THE HARD WAY HOW IMPORTANT FLU VACCINES ARE. BRENDA DOESN'T MIND NEEDLES, BUT THE IDEA

					OF GETTING A SHOT IS ENOUGH TO KEEP SOME PEOPLE AWAY. BUT THEY HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE. THE FLU "MIST," WHICH IS BASICALLY A NASAL SPRAY. A DOCTOR AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL SAYS THE MIST WORKS BY PUTTING A LIVE, TEMPERATURE-SENSITIVE FLU VIRUS IN THE NASAL PASSAGES; THE VIRUS CAN SURVIVE THERE BUT **NOT** IN THE LUNGS WHERE IT WOULD HAVE TO BE TO MAKE SOMEONE SICK. DOCTOR COOPERSTOCK CALLS THE MIST THE VACCINE OF THE FUTURE, SINCE IT'S STRONGER AND LASTS LONGER. AND SINCE DOCTORS CAN ONLY PREDICT WHICH FLU STRAIN WILL BE THE RIGHT ONE FOR FLU SEASON, THE MIST HAS ANOTHER IMPORTANT ADVANTAGE OVER THE SHOT. THE COLUMBIA-BOONE COUNTY HEALTH DEPATMENT, WHICH JUST TRIED A DRIVE-THROUGH FLU SHOT CLINIC, ALSO OFFERS THE MIST TO ELIGIBLE PEOPLE WHO COME IN FOR IT. THE FLU CAN MAKE PEOPLE SICK ENOUGH TO GO TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM. BUT A DOCTOR WHO WORKS THE E-R AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL SAYS THERE'S NO QUICK CURE.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/6**	**6:00 PM**	**1:15**	NO, THE ONE EMPLOYEE I TALKED TO THOUGHT THEY WERE HAVING A GREAT YEAR. EARLIER TODAY HE SAID HE WAS SURPRISED THAT HE GOT LAID OFF AFTER WORKING AT 3-M FOR SIX YEARS. DAVID HENSLEY STARTED UP HIS ENGINE FOR THE LAST TIME IN THE 3M PARKING LOT. HE IS ONE OF THE 46 EMPLOYEES WHO GOT A PINK SLIP. 3M LAYED OFF THE EMPLOYEES WITH THE LEAST SENIORITY FIRST.

					PLANT MANAGER DAVID ROBINSON SAYS THERE IS MORE DEMAND FOR THEIR PRODUCTS OVERSEAS AND NOT AS MANY EMPLOYEES WERE NEEDED AT THIS FACILITY. EVEN WITH THE LAYOFF, 3M WILL STILL EMPLOY FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY TWO PEOPLE AT ITS COLUMBIA FACILITY
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6:00**	**11/7**	**6:00 PM**	**1:40**	THE COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL IS CHARGING AHEAD WITH PLANS TO GET ELECTRICITY FROM SMELLY TRASH. VOTING LAST NIGHT, THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO BUILD A BIOREACTOR - THE FIRST IN MISSOURI. IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE...ANYTHING USEFUL COMING OUT OF ALL THIS TRASH. BUT COLUMBIA HAS BIG PLANS FOR THE LANDFILL'S NEXT CELL. THE NEW BIOREACTOR CELL WILL ADD LIQUIDS TO THE TRASH, WHICH MAKES MORE METHANE AND BREAKS DOWN THE TRASH MORE QUICKLY. THE METHANE WILL MAKE ELECTRICITY TO THE CITY...WHICH MIGHT LIGHT AS MANY AS ONE-THOUSAND HOMES FOR A YEAR. BUT THE CITY WANTS EVEN MORE.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/8**	**10:00 PM**	**5:00**	JUDGING FROM WHAT I'VE LEARNED THE PAST FEW MONTHS-- THERE IS NO SIMPLE SOLUTION TO IMMIGRATION. FOR THE NEXT THREE NIGHTS I'LL TRY TO EXPLAIN HOW THE GOVERMENT IS TRYING TO ACCOMODATE THE HUGE INFLUX OF HISPANIC WORKERS. I COULD TELL THIS STORY FROM THE BANKS OF THE RIO GRANDE, PERHAPS WASHINGTON D-C, BUT I FOUND A PLACE CLOSER TO HOME-- VALLEY PARK, MISSOURI. THE MAYOR, AND VALLEY PARK'S ALDERMEN PASSED

					THIS ORDINANCE. IN SHORT, IT PROHIBITS HIRING OR RENTING PROPERTY TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. IN VALLEY PARK THEY WEREN'T LIVING ON DIRT FLOORS, MANY WERE LIVING HERE. HECTOR MOLINIA IS DIRECTOR OF HISPANIC MINISTRY FOR THE ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE.. THE ARCHDIOCESE HAS FILED SUIT AGAINST VALLEY PARK. THE CHURCH IS TEAMING UP WITH THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, AT LEAST 22 LAWYERS WILL FIGHT VALLEY PARK.
ALCOHOL ABUSE	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/9**	**10:00 PM**	**1:40**	THE MISSOURI SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS AN ALCOHOL LIABILTY LAW ALLOWING LAWSUITS AGAINST BARS AND RESTAURANTS, BUT NOT LIQUOR STORES SHANE ROGERS IS A 20 YEAR VETERAN OF THE BARTENDING BUSINESS, AND HE KNOWS THE RESPONSIBILTY THAT COMES WITH SERVING ALCOHOL. THAT RESPONSIBILITY IS EVEN GREATER NOW THAT THE MISSOURI SUPREME COURT UPHELD A LAW ALLOWING LIABILITY LAWSUITS AGAINST BARS AND RESTURANTS.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/10**	**10:00 PM**	**2:00**	Yesterday the Boone County Sheriff's department arrested and charged Raymond Grossich of Illinois with child enticement for soliciting what he thought was a 13 year old girl for sex. It was actually Detective Anderson. After contacting Anderson online and exposing himself over a webcam during a conversation, Grossich drove to Columbia where deputies caught him. Anderson works on pages such as AOL, Facebook, Myspace, and other social networking sites. Anderson says the arrest of a predator is only the first part. Each computer seized can take up to 80 hours to comb through, and often times that leads to other victims.

CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/11**	**6:00 PM**	**1:45**	COLUMBIA POLICE SAY NICKENS DIDN'T STRUGGLE WHEN THEY APPROACHED HIM AROUND 10:30 THIS MORNING. THIS IS THE HOUSE WHERE POLICE CAUGHT UP WITH HIM... ARRESTING HIM RIGHT AT THE FRONT DOOR. SHE SAYS SHE KNEW NICKENS HAD BEEN IN TROUBLE BEFORE... BUT SHE THOUGHT THIS WAS THE START OF SOMETHING NEW. SO SHE WAS SHOCKED WHEN POLICE KNOCKED ON HER DOOR ASKING TO SPEAK TO NICKENS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF A MAN DUMPED IN A DITCH NEAR I-70.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/12**	**10:00 PM**	**3:00**	WITH ALL THE DEBATE ABOUT IMMIGRATION ISSUES IN THE U.S... OUR HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY IS FINDING ITSELF SURPRISINGLY *MUTE* IN A BI-LINGUAL CONVERSATION. AS OF 2006, THE UNITED STATES ACCEPTS MORE LEGAL IMMIGRANTS AS PERMANENT RESIDENTS THAN THE REST OF THE WORLD COMBINED. MEANING IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE EVERY NURSE AND DOCTOR WILL ENCOUNTER A PATIENT NEEDING THEIR HELP, THOUGH BOTH A MEDICAL CONDITION-- AND A LANGUAGE BARRIER.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/13**	**10:00 PM**	**1:50**	TONIGHT THE COLUMBIA SCHOOL BOARD TOOK ITS YEARLY PICTURE... AS PART OF A LONG TRADITION THAT COVERS THE WALLS. BUT THE FUTURE WAS THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION. BUT THIS TIME THE BOARD IS TAKING A DIFFERENT APPROACH. IT SPENT THE LAST 18 MONTHS STUDYING THE DISTRICT'S FACILITY NEEDS IN A THREE PART STUDY: IT LOOKED AT FACILITY ENGINEERING: SPECIFICALLY BUILDING AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS. THE BOARD SURVEYED PARENTS AND TEACHERS ON WHAT NEEDS FIXING. AND IT LOOKED A NATIONAL STANDARDS, TO

					KEEP COLUMBIA'S DISTRICT COMPETITIVE. BUT NOT EVERYTHING IS PERFECT. IN THE SURVEY, PEOPLE WERE ASKED TO RANK THE SCHOOL'S RESPONSE TO PROBLEMS ON A SCALE OF ONE- TO- TEN... WHEN IT CAME TO REPLACING OR ELIMINATING MOBILE CLASSROOMS, THE DISTRICT GOT A LOW FOUR. THE ISSUE EARNED A HIGH EIGHT... TO CONTINUE FINDING SOLUTIONS TO END MOBILE CLASSROOM USE.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/14**	**6:00 PM**	**1:45**	LAKE OF THE OZARKS IS PRETTY CALM THIS TIME OF YEAR. EXCEPT FOR A COUPLE WORKERS AND YEAR-ROUND RESIDENTS, IT'S PRETTY QUIET... FOR CROOKS IT'S A DREAM COME TRUE. AT THE PALISADES YACHT CLUB: 25 BURGLARIES. EARLIER IN THE WEEK, ANOTHER 25 AT PARKVIEW BAY TOWERS. THE BURGLARS WERE CONSIDERATE, IF YOU COULD CALL THEM THAT...ENTERING ONLY UNLOCKED BOATS. THEIR PIRATE'S BOOTY: FLAT-SCREEN TVS, TOOLS AND OTHER ELECTRONICS. MANAGEMENT HERE AT THE PALISADES YACHT CLUB SAYS WHAT WAS STRANGE ABOUT ALL THIS IS THIEVES WOULD BOARD ONE BOAT, TAKE SOMETHING...THEN BOARD ANOTHER AND TAKE NOTHING. LEAVING BEHIND VALUABLE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT. THEY SAY IT'S ALMOST AS THOUGH THE THIEVES CAME HERE WITH A LIST. THE WATER PATROL SAYS THERE ARE WAYS TO GUARD AGAINST THEFT THIS TIME OF YEAR.
ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/15**	**10:00 PM**	**1:40**	FOR THE PAST 2 WEEKS, RURAL RESIDENTS AND STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS HAVE MET TO DECIDE HOW TO SPEND ABOUT 50 MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HOUSING. HUD GIVES THE STATE ABOUT 50 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. THE MONEY GOES TO FIVE PROGRAMS THAT

					SERVE LOW INCOME FAMILIES, THE HOMELESS, PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, SMALL CITIES, AND SMALL COUNTIES. MIRIAM MAHAN MADE THE DRIVE TO MACON FROM ST. CHARLES TO HEAR THE PLANS. SOME OF THAT LACK OF FUNDING SURROUNDS RURAL HOUSING PROJECTS, WHILE NEW MONEY IS GOING TO REVITALIZING EXISTING DOWNTOWNS. FUNDS WILL BE ABLE FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR STARTING IN APRIL.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/16**	**10:00 PM**	**1:25**	EAST COLUMBIA IS EXPANDING RAPIDLY, AND WITH EXPANSION, COMES MORE TRAFFIC. THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HELD A PUBLIC MEETING WEDNESDAY TO DISCUSS CHANGES TO THE CURRENT HIGHWAY SYSTEM. THE AREA MO-DOT PLANS TO WORK ON IS A RECTANGLE IN EAST COLUMBIA, ENCLOSED BY I-70, HIGHWAY 63, NEW HAVEN ROAD, AND HIGHWAY Z. BUT STAMPER THINKS OTHER ALTERNATIVES MAY BE BETTER. AND WHATEVER SOLUTION MO-DOT ENDS UP CHOOSING, THE TRAFFIC JAMS WILL GET A MUCH NEEDED BREAK.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/17**	**10:00 PM**	**1:10**	AFTER FIVE MONTHS OF WADING THROUGH RED TAPE, CONNIE THURMAN HAS A LOT TO LOOK FORWARD TO. IN MARCH, A TORNADO TORE THROUGH MONROE CITY, HITTING THE MONROE SHELTER WORKSHOP AND DESTROYING SEVERAL BUILDINGS. THE MONROE SHELTER WORKSHOP GIVES JOBS TO ABOUT 60 DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ADULTS WHO OTHERWISE WOULD NOT HAVE WORK. BUT AS WINTER COMES, THE 772- THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT RECIEVED FROM FEMA MEANS THURMAN AND HER EMPLOYEES WILL FINALLY HAVE A NEW HOME. AND THURMAN SAYS THE NEW BUILDING ON THE EDGE OF MONROE CITY WILL OFFER NEW BUSINESS

					OPPORTUNITIES, AND ALLOW HER TO HIRE EVEN MORE EMPLOYEES.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/18**	**6:00**	**0:45**	THE CENTRAL MISSOURI DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ASKED THE BOONE HOSPITAL CENTER TRUSTEES TO END THEIR LEASE WITH BJC HEALTHCARE EARLIER THIS WEEK. BJC IS A HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATION BASED IN ST. LOUIS. THE TRUSTEES HAVE HELD SEVERAL FORUMS TO GET PUBLIC OPINION ON ENDING THE LEASE. IT DOESN'T END UNTIL 2010, BUT BOONE CAN OPT OUT AFTER THIS YEAR. THE CENTRAL MISSOURI DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TRIES TO DEVELOP GROWTH IN THE COMMUNITY. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL SAYS ENDING THE LEASE COULD MEAN MORE MONEY FOR BOONE COUNTY.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/19**	**10:00 PM**	**3:10**	IMMIGRANTS... PREDOMINATELY SPANISH SPEAKERS... ARE COMING TO MISSOURI AT A MUCH HIGHER RATE COMPARED TO AVERAGES ACROSS THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. IN FACT, MISSOURI'S HISPANIC POPULATION GREW ALMOST TWICE AS FAST AS THE REST OF THE U.S BETWEEN 1990 AND 2000. THAT TRANSLATES TO MORE AND MORE NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING PATIENTS NEEDING HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE NOT JUST MEXICO BUT FROM ALL OVER AND WE WERE THE LINK TO THOSE FAMILY MEMBERS. I WAS AMAZED, I WAS TALKING TO PEOPLE FROM GUATEMALA AND HONDURAS AND MEXICO. IT'S ABOUT THE WORST CASE SCENERIO FOR A MEDICAL INTERPRETER, A CRASH ON I-70 WITH 20 PASSENGERS IN

					A VAN... NONE WHO SPOKE ENGLISH. GRACE VEGA: WE DIDN'T HAVE NAMES FOR PEOPLE. WE DIDN'T HAVE A CLUE. WE WERE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO IDENTIFY THESE PATIENTS AND NOT BREAK HIPPA POLICY. PEOPLE WERE VERY THANKFUL... EVEN WHEN WE HAD TO TELL FIVE OF THEIR CONTACTS THAT THE PEOPLE HAD DIED IN THE ACCIDENT.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/20**	**10:00 PM**	**1:45**	RUSS BURRIS KNOWS WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO WEAR A SEATBELT. HE WAS PARALYZED AFTER AN ACCIDENT IN 19-90... WHEN HE WASN'T BUCKLED IN. MO-DOT DIRECTOR PETE RAHN AGREES AND WANTS THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE TO CREATE A PRIMARY SEAT BELT LAW... MEANING POLICE COULD PULL DRIVERS OVER JUST FOR NOT WEARING ONE. HE ALSO SAYS IT COULD PREVENT ONE-THOUSAND SERIOUS INJURIES EACH YEAR. STATISTICS SHOW 25- PERCENT OF MISSOURIANS DON'T WEAR SEATBELTS. MO-DOT SAYS THE LAW WOULD SAVE THE STATE 231- MILLION DOLLARS IN SEAT-BELT RELATED ACCIDENT COSTS... AND IT THE STATE WOULD EARN 18- MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL FUNDS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/21**	**10:00 PM**	**1:30**	SHELVES AT TARGET ARE STACKED FROM FLOOR TO CEILING. BLACK FRIDAY'S MORNING RUSH FOR PRICE CUTS MEANS EVERY MAJOR CONSUMER STORE MUST STOCK UP FOR THE MADNESS OF SHOPPERS GALORE. AND FOR STORE MANAGER DEB PEASE, IT'S A MADNESS WELL-PLANNED. PEASE SAYS EVERY YEAR, SHOPPERS WAIT

					OUTSIDE IN LONG LINES, AND WHEN THAT DOOR OPENS AT 6 A-M, THOSE *HUGE* STACKS OF TOYS AND CD'S RAPIDLY DISAPPEAR. AND EVEN THOUGH EVERY TARGET EMPLOYEE MUST WORK THAT DAY, PEASE SAYS IT REALLY ISN'T ALL TOO BAD. SO START A COUNTDOWN, BARGINS AND SAAVY SHOPPERS AWAIT.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/22**	**10:00 PM**	**1:35**	TRYING TO GET AWAY THIS THANKSGIVING IS BOUND TO REQUIRE PATIENCE. BUT IN MID-MISSOURI IT APPEARS A THANKSGIVING DAY FEAST OVERRIDES THE FRUSTRATION FELT FROM BUSY ROADS. THE TRIP USUALLY TAKES THE BOYS 9 HOURS, WITH THE TRAFFIC THEY EXPECT IT TO TAKE 12. MANY GAS STATIONS ARE OPEN 24 HOURS READY FOR PASSERS THROUGH, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN EMPLOYEES WILL MISS THE FESTIVITIES. ESCAPE JUST LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/23**	**10:00 PM**	**4:25**	LEGAL OR ILLEGAL, THERE'S A PERCEPTION THAT IMMIGRANT LABOR IS SYNONYMOUS WITH CHEAP LABOR. SO, DOES ANYONE SPEAK UP FOR THE IMMIGRANT WORKER... THE WORKER WITHOUT A VOICE? WE ASKED THAT QUESTION AS WE EXAMINE "IMMIGRATION IN-DEPTH"... CHECK OUT A CONSTRUCTION SITE ANYWHERE IN MISSOURI... YOU'RE BOUND TO FIND IMMIGRANT WORKERS. BUT SHOULD THEY HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS... THE SAME PAY? THESE ROOFERS FOR GARAY'S ROOFING IN

					COLUMBIA ARE LEGAL IMMIGRANTS, BUT EVEN IF THEY WEREN'T THE AFL-CIO STILL BELIEVES THEY SHOULD BE TREATED THE SAME
ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/24**	**6:00**	**3:40**	THE COOL BREEZE AND AUTUMN LEAVES USUALLY SIGNAL THE END OF TOURIST SEASON FOR MANY LAKE OF THE OZARKS BUSINESS OWNERS. BUT ONE LOCAL ENTREPRENEUR SAYS ANY TIME OF THE YEAR IS GOOD FOR BUSINESS. CASTLE'S BAKERY ISN'T THE ONLY LAKE AREA BUSINESS THAT HAS YEAR-ROUND SUCCESS. IN FACT, ACCORDING TO THE STATE'S OFFICE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DATA ANALYSIS, OSEDA, 12 PERCENT OF THE LAKE'S WORKING POPULATION ARE ENTREPRENEURS. THIS IS CONSIDERABLY HIGH COMPARED TO MISSOURI'S MAJOR CITIES.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/25**	**6:00**	**0:40**	HE TOLD POLICE THE MEN DEMANDED MONEY, AND WHEN HE WAS SLOW TO RESPOND THEY SHOT HIM. THE INTRUSION OCCURED IN THE 800 BLOCK OF BROADWAY STREET. NEIGHBORS SAY THEY HEARD FIGHTING AND A LOUD NOISE.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/26**	**10:00**	**3:00**	IN A DAY AND AGE WHEN A BRAND NAME PRESCRIPTIONS CAN COST UPWARD OF 100 DOLLARS, EVEN WITH INSURANCE... THE IDEA OF A FOUR DOLLAR SCRIPT IS A WELCOMED NOTION... TO MOST. LONG LINES AND CROWDED PARKING LOTS ARE OFTEN WHAT CUSTOMERS BATTLE AT A STORE LIKE WAL-MART. BROWNFIELD SAYS WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO GET AT WAL-MART MY BE A CHEAP PRICE BUT HIS LOCAL PHARMACY OFFERS MORE PERSONAL ATTENTION. WAL-MART SAYS SINCE IT STARTED THE FOUR DOLLAR PRESCRIPTION PLAN ABOUT SIX WEEKS

					AGO THE PARKING LOT HAS GOTTEN EVEN BUSIER.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/27**	**10:00 PM**	**1:25**	BJC HEALTHCARE CURRENTLY LEASES BOONE HOSPITAL, BUT THERE IS SOME QUESTION AS TO WHETHER ITS LEASE WILL CONTINUE. SOME TRUSTEES SAY THE BOONE COUNTY COMMUNITY SHOULD MANAGE ITS HOSPITAL. OTHERS STILL FEEL EARLY TERMINATION OF THE LEASE NEEDS CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. ONE ISSUE IS WHETHER BOONE COUNTY SHOULD RECIEVE PROFITS FROM THE HOSPITAL...NOT A BUSINESS IN ST. LOUIS.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/28**	**10:00 PM**	**1:30**	JOY MORGAN IS A RETIRED COLUMBIA RESIDENT. SHE CAME TO THE COMMUNITY VISION MEETING TO HAVE HER SAY ABOUT THE CITY'S FUTURE NEEDS. ONE OF THE AREAS SHE'S INTERESTED IN IS THE CITY'S PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. MORGAN WANT TO SEE MORE. "It'd be a very good thing for people who can't afford cars, can't afford insurance, can't afford gas." THE CITY HIRED A CONSULTING GROUP TO HELP WITH THE PROCESS. THAT GROUP HELPED FACILITATE TONIGHT'S DISCUSSION. THAT'S WHERE COLUMBIA CITIZENS COME IN.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/29**	**10:00 PM**	**1:35**	COLUMBIA RESIDENTS LIKE JOHN PIPES WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT AN EXPANSION OF PROVIDECE ROAD. PIPES WAS AGAINST THE PROJECT SINCE THE 1990'S. AND EVEN THOUGHT HE'D RATHER HAVE HIS BACKYARD VIEW STAY THE SAME, HE HAS GIVEN INTO THE IDEA.

					THE CONSTRUCTION WILL START 700 FEET NORTH OF VANDIVER DRIVE ADDING 3300 FEET ALL THE WAY TO BLUE RIDGE ROAD. IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE A 430 FEET LONG BRIGE OVER BEAR CREEK THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WILL TAKE FEEDBACK AND USE IT FOR THE NEXT STEPS IN THE PROJECT. MANY AT THE MEETING FEEL IT'S A POSITIVE THING.
ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/30**	**6:00 PM**	**1:10**	FOR THE PAST 18 MONTHS THIS BUILDING ON SOUTH CLARK STREET STOOD VACANT. BUT BY THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER, THE FORMER WAL-MART WILL BE HOME TO CARROLLTON SPECIALITY PRODUCTS COMPANY OR C-S-P-C. THE SITE BECAME AVAILABLE WHEN WAL-MART RELOCATED TO IT'S NEW LOCATION NEAR THE US 54 INTERCHANGE. THE CITY OF MEXICO WORKED WITH C-S-P-C FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS TO BRING THE COMPANY HERE. CSPC WILL BEGIN HIRING IN MID-DECEMBER.
ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/1**	**10:00 PM**	**1:15**	HOTELS ACROSS MID-MISSOURI WOKE UP TO A BIG PROBLEM. BUT EVENTUALLY THE HOTELS FILLED UP, LEAVING SOME PEOPLE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO STAY. GUESTS LIKE THE REVEREND TRACY JACKSON. WHEN ORGANIZING HIS CHURCH CONFERENCE, HE THOUGHT THE WEATHER WOULD BE ON HIS SIDE. AND JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE WHO'S STRANDED, HE ONLY HAS ONE THING ON HIS MIND.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/2**	**6:00**	**1:50**	MELISSA FRIEL AND A GROUP OF RED CROSS STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS FROM BOONE COUNTY CHAPTERS PACKED EVERYTHING.... THEY MET UP WITH COOPER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

					SO COOPER COUNTY ASKED FOR SOME EXTRA HELP. BUT BY THE TIME THE RED CROSS GOT THERE... NO STRANDED MOTORISTS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/3**	**10:00 PM**	**1:45**	THIS IS ROBIN HEIDER'S FIRST TIME OUT SINCE BEFORE THE STORM. SHE'S MAKING HER WEEKLY GROCERY STOP A LITTLE LATE. AND WHEN SHE FINALLY MADE IT, SHE FOUND SHELVES WERE A LITTLE BARE. SUPRISINGLY, THESE WERE MOSTLY LOCAL TRUCKS. BUT VENDORS AROUND COLUMBIA COULDN'T MAKE IT OUT OF THE DRIVEWAY... BUT MANAGERS SAY THAT'S NOT THE ONLY REASON SHELVES ARE BARE. BUT MOST PEOPLE AREN'T SNOWED IN ANYMORE, AND NEED THEIR GROCERIES... SO TRUCKS ARE HURRYING TO STOCK THE SHELVES. TO TRY AND KEEP SHOPPERS LIKE HEIDER EQUIPPED WITH WHAT THEY NEED.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/4**	**10:00 PM**	**1:20**	ON A NORMAL WEEK.. HOSPITAL WORKER DWIGHT SMITH GETS FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY OFF.. BUT LAST WEEKEND WASN'T NORMAL. THE SNOW STORM HIT THURSDAY NIGHT.. AND DWIGHT CAME IN THE NEXT MORNING ON HIS DAY OFF. CAPITAL REGION MEDICAL CENTER IN JEFFERSON CITY RELIED ON THURSDAY NIGHT WORKERS TO WORK EXTRA HOURS INTO FRIDAY TO FILL IN FOR THOSE UNABLE TO COME IN. AT BOONE HOSPITAL CENTER.. RESCUE WORKERS DEALT WITH THE SNOW ANY WAY THEY COULD.

ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/5	10:00 PM	1:30	DARREN CRITES IS A MECHANIC AND TOW TRUCK DRIVER. HE'S BEEN THROUGH A STORM LIKE THIS BEFORE IN HIS 20 YEAR CAREER. THE OVERTIME CAN BE EXHAUSTING. SO BEHIND THAT TODAY'S WORK WAS YESTERDAY'S OVERFLOW. THIS BAD LUCK IS OBVIOUSLY GOOD BUSINESS FOR TOWERS. DESPITE THE ICE AND SNOW, TOWING SERVICES WILL CONTINUE 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK... KEEPING CRITES VERY BUSY.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	12/6	6:00 PM	1:30	BANKHEAD ENTERED THE PLEA FOR TWO CLASS C FELONIES... ONE FOR MISAPPROPRIATING MORE THAN 4-THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE HIGBEE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, AND ONE FOR STEALING MORE THAN 1-THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM HIGBEE CUB SCOUT PACK NUMBER 80. PROSECUTORS SAY HE USED THE MONEY TO FINANCE HIS CAMPAIGN FOR COMMISSIONER IN 2004. BANKHEAD ALSO PLED TO A MISDEMEANOR COUNT OF CO-MINGLING CAMPAIGN FUNDS. BANKHEAD WOULDN'T TALK TO KOMU NEWS, BUT TAMMY BOGGS WOULD. BOGGS WORKED WITH BANKHEAD ON THE HIGBEE COMMUNITY BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	12/7	6:00 PM	1:40	PAYING FOR STUDENT LOANS IS SOMETHING NEARLY EVERY STUDENT HAS TO DEAL WITH. THAT'S WHY REPRESENTATIVE CLINT ZWEIFEL IS PROPOSING LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE MOHELA PUMP ANY EXTRA MONEY INTO LOWERING LOAN RATES... INSTEAD OF USING THE MONEY TO BUILD NEW FACILITIES... AS THE GOVERNOR WANTS. THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION COMES AFTER A REVISION TO GOVERNOR BLUNT'S LEWIS AND CLARK

					DISCOVERY INITIATIVE. IF PASSED, THAT INITIATIVE WOULD SET ASIDE 350 MILLION DOLLARS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION CONSTRUCTION.
ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/8**	**6:00 PM**	**2:15**	ACCORDING TO FDIC REPORTS, HOWARD COUNTY HAS A BANKRUPTCY FILING RATE OF 23.1 CASES FOR EVERY 1,000 RESIDENTS. THAT ALMOST DOUBLES THE SECOND HIGHEST CASE IN MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS CITY. THE MEDIAN RATE IN MISSOURI IS 6.85. THERE'S ONLY ONE OTHER COUNTY IN THE U.S. WITH A RATE OVER 20, MEMPHIS. HOWARD COUNTY ATTORNEY WILLIAM DAILY SAYS IT'S DIFFICULT TO PIN DOWN THE CAUSE OF THE HIGH RATE. IN RECENT YEARS, THE BANKRUPTCY RATE IN HOWARD COUNTY SKYROCKETED. THE RATE DOUBLED BETWEEN 2002 AND 2003, AND THEN AGAIN BETWEEN 2003 AND 2004. THE RATE CONTINUED TO CLIMB TO THE NATIONAL HIGH LAST YEAR. OVERALL BETWEEN 2002 AND 2005, THE HOWARD COUNTY FILING RATE CLIMBED 800 PERCENT, COMPARED TO A 29 PERCENT STATEWIDE.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/9**	**6:00 PM**	**2:35**	BETTY CASTLEBERRY'S DAYS AT HOME DON'T FEEL QUITE THE SAME WITHOUT HER DAUGHTER ASHLI. She's been out of our home since October 16th of last year. ASHLI'S SEVERLY DISABLED AND HAD TO MOVE BECAUSE OF SEVERE MOOD SWINGS. SHE NOW LIVES IN A GROUP HOME. It's been real hard BEFORE HER CONDITION WORSENED, ASHLI ATTENDED THIS STATE SCHOOL IN BOWLING GREEN.

					IT'S ONE OF THE REASONS BETTY CASTLEBERRY SAYS THE STATE SCHOOLS SHOULD STAY OPEN. AND NATURALLY SHE'S SKEPTICAL OF THIS REPORT. GOVERNOR BLUNT'S STATE REVIEW COMMISSION WANTED TO LOOK AT THE OVERALL HEALTH OF THE STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE SEVERLY HANDICAPPED. THE REPORT FOUND ON AVERAGE, LOCAL DISTRICTS SPEND MORE THAN 24 THOUSAND DOLLARS TO TEACH A CHILD WITH SEVERE DISABLITIES, COMPARED TO MORE THAN 30 THOUSAND AT A STATE SCHOOL. THAT'S A DIFFERENCE OF 6-THOUSAND DOLLARS.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/11**	**10:00 PM**	**1:40**	THE HOLES IN THE WALL DON'T COME CLOSE TO MATCHING THE HOLES IN JO ANN SOLTERO'S SPIRIT. ...AND STOLE MONEY, JEWELRY AND HER BOYS CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. HER HOME HAS BEEN BROKEN INTO AND TRASHED 3 TIMES. AND THIS IS JUST ONE IN A SERIES OF BURGLARIES IN THE CLEARVIEW SUBDIVISION OVER THE LAST YEAR... NONE OF THEM HAVE BEEN SOLVED. W E HAVE A GOOD IDEA WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR, AND WHAT THEY'VE DONE AND i KNOW THE RESIDENTS SHARE THAT, AND THEIR FRUSTRATION IS HIGH." MOST OF THE CRIMES HAPPENED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY. EVERYTHING POINTS TO KIDS COMMITTING THE CRIMES, HOWEVER... THE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING... ALL FIFTEEN BURGLARY CASES ARE STILL CONSIDERED OPEN. BUT THAT ISN'T MUCH HELP TO SOLTERO RIGHT NOW SHE'LL SPEND HER HOLIDAY SEASON PUTTING

					HER HOME BACK TOGETHER.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/12**	**6:00 PM**	**1:35**	FOR MISSOURI POLITICIANS, CHRISTMAS HAS COME EARLY. THE GIFT IS A TWO DAY WINDOW TO RAISE ***UNLIMITED*** AMOUNTS OF MONEY. A NEW CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW DOES AWAY WITH LIMITS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS -¤2]] C1.5 G SO POLITICIANS CAN BEG AND RECEIVE AS MUCH MONEY AS THEY WANT. BUT HERE'S THE CATCH - THEY CANNOT RAISE ANY MONEY DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS. THE NEW BILL TAKES EFFECT JANUARY FIRST. THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE OPENS ON JANUARY THIRD. THAT LEAVES TWO DAYS FOR UNLIMITED FUNDRAISING. REPUBLICANS SUPPORT THE NO-LIMIT LAW, BUT THEY ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE TWO DAY WINDOW. BUT DEMOCRATS ARE WORRIED ABOUT MORE THAN JUST TIMING. NO ONE WILL KNOW FOR SURE WHO TOOK-IN GOBS OF CASH DURING THIS UNIQUE WINDOW UNTIL POLITICIANS FILE THEIR CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS NEXT YEAR.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/13**	**10:00 PM**	**1:30**	THE SEWAGE AT COLUMBIA'S WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT HAS NEARLY REACHED ITS CAPACITY. FOLLOWING A CONSULTANT'S STUDY, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A BETTER WASTE WATER SYSTEM WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN PHASES AND THE COSTS INCLUDE: 54.3 MILLION TO EXPAND THE EXISTING FACILITY, 21.8 MILLION TO IMPROVE THE BIOSOLIDS FACILITY, AND

					13.5 MILLION TO REPAIR THE EXISTING FACILITIES. THE CITY WILL BE INCREASING NEW HOUSE CONNECTION FEES AND IT HOPES A BOND WILL PASS TO INCREASE SEWER UTILITY RATES. ALTHOUGH SOME CITIZENS MAY BE WORRIED ABOUT THE COSTS, THEY SEE THE NEED FOR THE NEW ADDITIONS INSTEAD OF OTHER OPTIONS.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/14**	**6:00 PM**	**1:25**	FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI CURATORS, AS THEY MET ON THE MU CAMPUS TODAY FOR VARIOUS COMMITEE MEETINGS... EXCEPT FOR ONE THING. THE TOPIC OF ELSON FLOYD'S DEPARTURE WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA BUT IT WAS ON THE MINDS OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE. FLOYD'S DEPATURE COMES AS A SURPISE TO MOST IN THE MU SYSTEM. UNTIL NOW, ONE CURATOR SAYS FLOYD REFUSED OFFERS FROM OTHER UNIVERSITIES.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/15**	**10:00 PM**	**2:00**	IT'S BEEN A FAMILIAR SOUND FOR THIS NEIGHBORHOOD LATELY. FIVE HOMES ON FAIRVIEW ROAD ALONE RECEIVED NEW ROOFS IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS...ALL BECAUSE OF WINTER STORM '06. MIDDLETON WORRIES HER INSURANCE RATES WILL GO UP. BUT INSURANCE COMPANIES LOOK AT A TIME SPAN OF TEN TO TWENTY YEARS BEFORE ADJUSTING HOMEOWNER RATES.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/16**	**10:00 PM**	**1:45**	SIX-YEAR-OLD OLIVIA COULD SPEND HOURS STUDYING THE TOYS IN THIS TOY AISLE. BUT SHE'S NEVER ALLOWED TO WANDER TOO FAR FROM HER MOM, WHOSE RULE IS -- "IF YOU CAN'T SEE ME, I CAN'T SEE YOU." AND ESPECIALLY THIS TIME OF YEAR, OLIVIA KNOWS SHE NEEDS TO STICK EXTRA CLOSE TO MOM.

					EXPERTS SUGGEST BEFORE HEADING TO THE STORE, PARENTS SHOULD TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO TALK ABOUT WHAT TO DO IN CASE YOU GET SEPARATED. DESIGNATE A MEETING PLACE -- WHETHER IT'S THE CHECKOUT LINE OR THE TOY SECTION. A PLACE KIDS LIKE OLIVIA CAN FIND EVEN FASTER THAN THEIR PARENTS CAN.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/17**	**10:00 PM**	**3:05**	IF YOU SUFFER FROM THEM, YOU KNOW ALLERGIES CAN REALLY GET YOU DOWN. KOMU'S AMY WILLENBRINK TALKS TO DOCTORS WHO ARE BATTLING IT OUT OVER WHICH **HISTORIC** TREATMENT CAN HELP CONTROL **FUTURE** ALLERGY PROBLEMS. MATT REEDY VISITS THE OFFICE OF ALLERGIST WES STRICKER TO GET HIS ALLERGY TREATMENTS. THE TREATMENT THAT STRICKER USES ON REEDY IS DELIVERED IN A FORM OF A SHOT.....AND REEDY NEEDS THEM EVERY MONTH TO GET BY. DR. STRICKER BELIEVES THE ONLY WAY, ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN, TO NOT LET ALLERGIES GET YOU DOWN IS BY ADMINISTERING THE TREATMENT BY USING SHOTS. BUT THERE IS ANOTHER DOCTOR RIGHT DOWN THE ROAD WHO USES HER OWN FORM OF MEDICINE.....AND IT'S KID FRIENDLY. BUT FOWLERS ORAL TREATMENT...HAS SOME ALLERGISTS SPINNING. RESEARCHERS STUDIED THE ORAL DROPLETS USING TWO DOUBLE-BLIND PLACEBO CONTROLLED STUDIES....ONE USING THE THE ORAL TREATMENT AND ONE USING THE SHOTS. RESEARCHERS BEGAN TO SEE THE DIFFERENCE THE PLACEBO GROUP WHO THOUGHT THEY WERE

					INJECTED WITH THE SHOT THERAPY IMPROVED BY 4 PERCENT.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/18**	**6:00 PM**	**1:20**	ROBIN SCRUGGS FOUND OUT ABOUT HER SON PHILLIP'S DEATH SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THIS HAPPENED TO HER FAMILY. 21 YEAR OLD PHILLIP SCRUGGS WAS JUST ONE OF THE 7 FOUND DEAD YESTERDAY. KIRKSVILLE POLICE ARE NOT RELEASTING THE NAMES OF THE OTHER SIX VICTIMS, BUT THEY DO SAY ONE OF THEM WAS A 23-YEAR-OLD WHO LIVED IN THE DUPLEX. THE FEMALE TENANT'S 2-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER AND ONE-YEAR-OLD SON ALSO WERE FOUND DEAD AT THE SCENE. SHE DID HAVBE ANOTHER CHILD, A 4 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER, WHO WAS NOT HOME AT THE TIME. IN A SMALL COMMUNITY LIKE KIRKSVILLE, A TRAGEDY LIKE THIS COMES AS A SHOCK.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/19**	**6:00 PM**	**1:40**	WHEN THE COUNTY BUDGET DIDN'T INCLUDE ENOUGH MONEY FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES, BOONE COUNTY CLERK WENDY NOREN ORDERED THE MACHINES WITHOUT GOING TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. COMMISSIONER KEITH SCHNARRE SAYS NOREN VIOLATED PROPER PROCEDURE AND HE WILL VOTE AGAINST CHANGING THE BUDGET BASED ON PRINCIPLE. BUT WENDY NOREN SAYS SHE FOLLOWED STATE PURCHASING LAWS. AND COURT RULING SUPPORT HER. SHE SAYS THE COMMISSION MUST PAY FOR IT -- BY LAW. IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW, NOREN JABBED SCHNARRE AND HIS COMPLAINING
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/20**	**10:00 PM**		JEFFERSON CITY POLICE HAVE A MESSAGE FOR BUSINESS OWNERS---- LOCK UP!!!!!! ABOUT A HALF DOZEN.

					ALL IN THE PAST 3 MONTHS. THE MOST RECENT ONE HAPPENED LAST NIGHT. THE JEFF CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT IS WORRIED THE TREND WILL CONTINUE WITH CHRISTMAS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. SO FAR THE BREAK-INS HAVE HAPPENED AT MOM AND POP STORES ON THE EASTERN AND SOUTHERN PART OF THE CAPITAL CITY. AMONG THE PLACES HIT-- AN INSURANCE COMPANY AND A LAW OFFICE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/21**	**10:00 PM**	**1:50**	THIS PILE OF TIN USED TO COVER THIS BARN. MISSOURI BARNS AREN'T BUILT TO HOLD FIFTEEN INCHES OF SNOW. ECHELMEIER LOST 40 COWS WHEN THE WEIGHT OF ICE AND SNOW CRUSHED A CENTER SECTION OF THE ROOF. THE NEXT MORNING, THE REST OF THE ROOF PEAK COLLAPSED..
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/22**	**6:00**	**1:50**	AS KOMU REPORTED YESTERDAY, THE STATE HAS GIVEN MORE THAN 240-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO AGENCIES AROUND THE STATE TO HELP PREVENT CYBER CRIME. THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL BE GETTING 31-THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THAT MONEY. RONDA BOWMAN HAS THREE CHILDREN, THE OLDEST IS AN AVID INTERNET USER. HER SON USES THE INTERNET AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR A VARIETY OF THINGS
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/23**	**6:00 PM**	**1:40**	IT'S A LONG HAUL FROM KANSAS TO TENNESSEE AND TO MAKE THE TRIP IN ONE DAY, MEANS FINDING WAYS TO KEEP YOURSELF AWAKE. MCCONNELL AND HER FAMILY DECIDED TO BREAK UP THE TRIP TO KNOXVILLE WITH A QUICK

					PICNIC. TAKING PLENTY OF BREAKS LIKE THIS ONE ARE IMPORTANT ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. DRIVERS OFTEN START TO FEEL SLEEPY DURING THE EARLY AFTERNOON. WHETHER IT'S WALKING THE DOG OR PLAYING CATCH, GETTING SOME FRESH AIR CAN WAKE YOU UP. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ALSO SAYS TO CHECK WEATHER REPORTS ALONG YOUR ROUTE TO KNOW WHAT THE DRIVING CONDITIONS WILL BE. LEAVE EARLY TO AVOID PEAK TRAVEL HOURS... AND PULL OVER IF YOU ARE USING A CELL PHONE... YOU SHOULD ALSO HAVE THE CAR CHECKED BEFORE YOU LEAVE. MCCONNELL SAYS SHE ISN'T WORRIED ABOUT THE REST OF THE TRIP. MCCONNELL AND HER FAMILY PLAN TO PULL INTO KNOXVILLE LATE TONIGHT.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/24**	**6:00 PM**	**1:40**	MOST RESTAURANTS WON'T OPEN THEIR DOORS BUT COUNTRY KITCHEN AND A FEW MORE WILL BE OPEN IF SANTA DECIDES TO MAKE A PIT STOP. MANAGER GARY HOLCOMB SAYS IT'S BEEN OPEN ON CHRISTMAS AS LONG AS HE CAN REMEMBER...AND MOST WORKERS DON'T SEEM TO MIND. HE SAYS BUSINESS WILL BE STEADY TOMORROW WITH CUSTOMERS NOT WANTING TO COOK. FOR OTHER STORES, LIKE HOLLYWOOD VIDEO CHRISTMAS IS THE BUSIEST DAY OF THE YEAR. ALBIN SAYS HIS WORKERS DON'T SEEM TO MIND EITHER...IN FACT SOME OFFERED TO WORK THE HOLIDAY.

CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/25**	**10:00 PM**	**1:25**	PATTON'S FAMILY REPORTED HIM MISSING ON DECEMBER 18. LAST FRIDAY, AFTER A DAY OF INVESTIGATING PATTON'S DISAPPEARANCE, POLICE IDENTIFIED TWO SUSPECTS... 40 YEAR OLD, DOYNE ARIC RHOADES OF MOBERLY AND 40 YEAR OLD TIMOTHY RAY ADAMS OF KEYTESVILLE. POLICE TOOK BOTH INTO CUSTODY FOR PROBATION AND PAROLE VIOLATIONS. BUT POLICE HAVEN'T RELEASED A MOTIVE FOR WHY THE MEN WOULD KILL PATTON. PATTON'S FAMILY MEMBERS DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY SOMEONE WOULD KILL HIM. SHE SAYS THE FAMILY IS HURTING, ESPECIALLY HER HUSBAND, WILLIE'S BOTHER.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/26**	**10:00 PM**	**4:10**	CANCER AND HEART DISEASE TOP THE CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES. BUT YOU MIGHT BE SURPIRSED THAT AT ABOUT NUMBER 8 ON THAT LIST IS INFECTIONS THAT AMERICANS GET WHILE IN THE HOSPITAL. U.S. HOSPITALS INFECT TWO MILLION PATENTS ANUALLY. THESE INFECTIONS GO ON TO KILL ABOUT 90 THOUSAND AMERICANS EVERY YEAR. WHAT'S THE WORST PART? IT'S ALL PREVENTABLE. IT WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND THE NIGHT BEFORE RAYMOND'S 14TH BIRTHDAY. BUT INSTEAD OF PRESENTS, HIS ELBOW MET ICY CONCRETE AND HE GOT A BROKEN ARM. RAYMOND HAD A SERIOUS STAPH INFECTION.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/27	10:00 PM	1:30	A QUIET MOBERLY NEIGHBORHOOD HAS BEEN ROCKED BY TRAGEDY. POLICE SAY WILLIE PATTON WAS BEATEN TO DEATH BY TWO FRIENDS. AFTER THE INITIAL ATTACK, POLICE SAY RHOADES AND ADAMS TOOK PATTON TO A FIELD OFF OF COUNTY ROAD 2380. THEY SAY, THEY BEAT PATTON TO DEATH WITH A TIRE IRON AND LEFT HIS BODY IN A DITCH. THE FAMILY IS HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME UNDERSTANDING WHY ANYONE WOULD DO THIS. MOBERLY POLICE ARRESTED RHOADES AND ADAMS ON SATURDAY, THEY SAY THE CASE ISN'T CLOSED.
ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/28	10:00 PM	1:30	THIS SUBWAY RESTAURANT IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA RAISED ITS PRICES BY ABOUT 25 CENTS PER SANDWICH JUST LAST WEEK. AND ALTHOUGH WARFORD IS IN FAVOR OF THE INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE, IT WON'T BE FAIR TO ALL EMPLOYEES. THERE WILL ALSO BE CHANGES NEXT DOOR AT THE LAKOTA COFFEE SHOP. AT HARPO'S BAR AND RESTAURANT THERE ARE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE MAKNG THE CURRENT MINIMUM WAGE OF 5.15 AN HOUR AND WILL BE GLAD TO BE MAKING THE NEW MINIMUM WAGE OF 6-50. AT SUBWAY WARORD SAYS SHE WILL BE EXPECTING EMPLOYEES TO WORK HARDER.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/29	10:00 PM	1:45	16-YEAR OLD KYLE MERRIWEATHER IS TAKING HIS DRIVING TEST AS HIS MOM WAITS NERVOUSLY IN THE WAITING ROOM. HE WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT A NEW STATE LAW TAKING EFFECT JANUARY FIRST. THE LAW SAYS ANYONE GETTING A LICENSE MUST HAVE 40 HOURS OF DRIVING INSTRUCTION BEHIND

					THE WHEEL. THAT'S DOUBLE THE 20 HOURS REQUIRED NOW. THE LAW ALSO SAYS 10 OF THOSE 40 HOURS OF DRIVING MUST BE AT NIGHT. COLUMBIA DRIVING SCHOOL OWNER DREW SCHENEMAN AGREES. KYLE PASSED HIS DRIVING TEST AND NOW HE'S READY TO TACKLE DRIVING WITH HIS NEW LICENSE.
CONSUMER NEWS	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/30**	**10:00 PM**	**1:50**	WHEN MOST PEOPLE ARE OUT CELEBRATING ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, SANTIAGO HERRERA IS BUSY AT WORK. HERRERA IS A DRIVER FOR THE CHECKERS CAB COMPANY THAT TEAMS WITH THE JEFFERSON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO OFFER FREE RIDES TO THOSE WHO'VE HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK. THE DRIVERS VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO PROVIDE FREE CAB RIDES TO BAR PATRONS AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS ATTENDING PRIVATE PARTIES. JEFFERSON CITY BAR OWNER ALLEN TATMAN THINKS THE PROGRAM IS A GREAT IDEA. MORE THAN 50 PEOPLE USED THE YEAR ROUND SERVICE LAST YEAR DURING THE NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY COLUMBIA CURRENTLY DOES NOT HAVE A SOBER DRIVER PROGRAM SO THOSE WANTING TO UTILIZE THE SERVICE WILL HAVE TO SPEND NEW YEAR'S EVE IN THE CAPITOL CITY.
CONSUMER NEWS	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/31**	**10:00 PM**	**1:40**	MADISON FUCHS (FEWSCH) IS EXPERIENCING COLUMBIA'S FIRST NIGHT FOR THE FIRST TIME... SHE'S COUNTING DOWN THE NEW YEAR TO THE TUNE OF TROTTING HORSES... ...AND HER FAMILY'S ALONG FOR THE RIDE. COLUMBIA'S FIRST NIGHT BRINGS ARTISTS AND ENTERTAINERS TOGETHER AT 15 DOWNTOWN VENUES FOR 70 PERFORMANCES. THESE ENTERTAINERS ARE FIRING UP FIRST NIGHT FOR THEIR FIRST TIME...

					YOU SEE THEM WITH LIGHTSTICKS NOW, BUT THIS WILL LIGHT UP THE NIGHT WITH FIRE INSTEAD AT THE ACTUAL PERFORMANCE. THE NEXT NEWCOMER TO THE FESTIVITIES GIVES FIRST NIGHT ITS OFFICIAL THEME: 'LET'S HAVE A BALL.' HERE, YOU CAN COUNT DOWN THE NEW YEAR TO THE BEATS OF BAGPIPES... ...OR THE STOMPS OF SHOES DANCING TO IRISH SONGS. MADISON DOESN'T KNOW WHERE HER NIGHT WILL TAKE HER, BUT SHE'S READY FOR ANYTHING.