2nd QUARTER 2007
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 April 1st, 2007 TO June 30th, 2007. THE LISTING IS BY NO MEANS EXHAUSTIVE, BUT INSTEAD SHOWS THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF COVERAGE. THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ISSUES APPEAR DOES NOT REFLECT ANY PRIORITY OR SIGNIFICANCE.

2nd QUARTER ISSUES: CONSUMER ISSUES, CRIME, DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, EDUCATION, JOBS/ECONOMY

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE	PROGRAM/ SEGMENT	DATE	TIME	DURATION	NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/1	10:00 PM	1:30	WITH SUMMER JUST AROUND THE CORNER... A GROUP OF BUSINESS OWNERS IN LAKE OZARK SAY IT'S TIME TO SHOW OFF WHAT THE LAKE HAS TO OFFER. A NON PROFIT GROUP CALLED THE LAKE OZARK STRIP ASSOCCIATION WOULD MAKE THE AREA MORE ATTRACTIVE TO TOURISTS. THE GROUP WILL PUSH FOR MORE PARKING SPACES FOR SHOPPERS AND BETTER WAYS TO SHOW OFF STORES. THE GROUP WILL HAVE A PUBLIC MEETING ON APRIL 17TH TO TALK ABOUT PLANS FOR THE BAGNELL DAM STRIP.
GOVERNMENT ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/2	6:00 PM	1:20	CURRENT MAYOR DARWIN HINDMAN HOPES HIS TIME IN OFFICE WILL PROVE TO VOTERS HE'S THE BEST CANDIDATE.WHILE CHALLENGER JOHN CLARK SAYS IT'S TIME FOR A NEW VOICE. BOTH CANDIDATES SPENT THE LAST TWO MONTHS WORKING HARD TO TRY TO GET VOTES. BUT THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION, MAYOR HINDMAN TOOK A BREAK FROM CAMPAIGNING TO WORK ON HIS BIKE, WORK IN HIS GARDEN, AND JUST PLAY WITH HIS DOG. THE ONLY WORK HE HAS LEFT TO DO IS WRITING

					THANK YOU NOTES.HE THINKS HIS EXPERIENCE WILL SPEAK FOR ITSELF. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 6 A-M TO 7 P-M TOMORROW.
EDUCATION ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**4/3**	**10:00 PM**	**1:25**	THE 60 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE BOND WILL GO TOWARD BUILDING NEW SCHOOLS AND IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS IN OLDER BUILDINGS. ONE THIRD OF THE DISTRICT'S BUILDINGS ARE EXCEEDING CAPACTIY. THE NEW 60 MILLION DOLLAR BOND GIVES THE DISTRICT THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND IMPROVE THE EXISTING CONDITIONS FOR CURRENT STUDENTS. THE DISTRICT PLANS TO MAKE THE IMPROVEMENTS IN PHASES. OFFICIALS EXPECT TO ASK FOR TWO MORE 60 MILLION DOLLAR GRANTS IN UPCOMING YEARS
GOVERNMENT ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**4/4**	**6:00 PM**	**1:40**	OFTEN IN SMALL TOWNS CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR RUN UNOPPOSED, MAKING THE CHOICE EASY. THIS WEEK IN STURGEON, THE CHOICE FOR MAYOR WAS TOUGH... APPARENTLY TOO TOUGH...THE ELECTION ENDED IN A TIE. ACTING MAYOR PAUL HEYWOOD AND FORMER MAYOR DANNY JOINER EACH GOT 143 VOTES. A DEAD TIE. ELECTION RULES SAY THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO BREAK A TIE. IF BOTH CANDIDATES AGREE, THEY CAN DRAW LOTS OR FLIP A COIN. IF THEY DON'T AGREE, THEN A SPECIAL ELECTION MUST BE HELD. BOONE COUNTY CLERK WENDY NOREN ESTIMATES A SPECIAL ELECTION WOULD COST THE CITY OF STURGEON ABOUT EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS

EDUCATION ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**4/5**	**10:00 PM**	**1:50**	A BIG BUZZ WORD ON THE MU CAMPUS IS BRINGING BIG MONEY TO THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT. A NEW PARTNERSHIP IS A HUGE BOOST TO THE NANO-TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM. A NEW CONTRACT WITH THE D-O-D COULD BRING IN AS MUCH AS 10-MILLION DOLLARS TO BOLSTER THE CENTER'S CAPABILITIES. THE CONTRACT FOCUSES ON DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES AND BIOSENSORS THAT, FOR THE MILITARY, COULD DETECT BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS. WHILE THE DEPARTMENT CAN AFFORD TO BUY SOME NEW EQUIPMENT AS PART OF THIS DEFENSE CONTRACT, IT'S STILL LOOKING FOR DONATIONS TO RENOVATE EXISTING FACILTIES THAT COULD COST MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**4/6**	**10:00 PM**	**2:20**	A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ON WHY GAS PRICES SEEM TO BE SHOOTING UP ON A DAILY BASIS THE ONLY THING EVERYONE CAN AGREE ON IS THAT THE PRICES KEEP RISING. JOHN KRUSE, A FUEL ANALYST, SAYS THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT PRICES WILL DO NEXT. KRUSE SAYS THE DEMAND FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR SHOULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED. ACCORDING TO TRIPLE A, THE PRICE OF GAS A MONTH AGO WAS 2.35 A GALLON. LAST WEEK DRIVERS PAID ABOUT 20 CENTS MORE. DEMAND NORMALLY GOES UP IN THE SPRING, AND WITH DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME A FEW WEEKS EARLIER, DRIVERS HAVE BEEN OUT AND ABOUT EVEN MORE SO THAN IN THE PAST.

CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**4/7**	**10:00 PM**	**2:00**	HERE AT THE GARDEN CENTER EMPLOYEES TOOK PRECAUTION AND COVERED ALL OF THE PLANTS SUSCEPTIBLE TO COLD TEMPERATURES LIKE THOSE WE HAVE TONIGHT. COLD TEMPERATURES THAT DIPPED DOWN TO AS LOW AS 18-DEGREES MADE TYPICALLY BEAUTIFUL PLANTS LOOK SICKLY AND DEAD. THOSE COLD TEMPERATURES ARE MORE DAMAGING THAN MOST PEOPLE EXPECT. WORKERS HERE SAY A THIN COATING OF ICE WILL SERVE AS A SIMPLE BARRIER BETWEEN THE INCREDIBLY COLD AIR WE HAVE TONIGHT AND BUDDING LEAVES.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**4/8**	**10:00 PM**	**1:45**	KINGDOM CITY WANTS DRIVERS TO STOP ZIPPING THROUGH AND INSTEAD STAY A WHILE, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY SPEND SOME MONEY. TRAVELLERS SAY KINGDOM CITY IS A ONE-STOP SHOP. BUT A SWEET DEAL COULD BE IN THE WORKS FOR KINGDOM CITY. IT WOULD BRING BIG BUSINESS TO A TOWN WHERE MOST PEOPLE ARE JUST READY FOR A QUICK BREAK. MORE BUSINESS EQUALS MORE TAX REVENUE. THE BOARD HOPES THAT KEEPING TRAVELLERS HERE LONGER WILL ALSO HAVE THEM SPENDING MORE MONEY. MODOT SAYS 36 THOUSAND DRIVERS TRAVEL ON I-70 EVERY DAY.
EDUCATION ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**4/9**	**10:00 PM**	**1:50**	ONE SCHOOL TRIED A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO BOOST TEST SCORES. BUT THE 5TH GRADERS AT FIELD ELEMENTARY IN COLUMBIA WERE PART OF AN EXPERIMENT . THIS YEAR TEACHERS TRIED GENDER SEPERATED CLASSROOMS... GIRLS WITH GIRLS... AND GUYS WITH GUYS... ANYTHING TO PUSH UP STANDARIZED TEST SCORES. IN PREVIOUS YEARS THE SCHOOL DIDN'T SCORE WELL ON THE MAP TESTS. EARLY NUMBERS SHOW A DROP IN PROBLEMS

					AND AN INCREASE IN GRADES. THE TEACHERS WILL MEET WITH THE PARENTS OF NEXT YEAR'S FIFTH GRADERS IN THE NEXT COUPLE MONTHS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO TRY THE PROGRAM AGAIN NEXT YEAR.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**4/10**	**6:00 PM**	**1:40**	A FAMILY WORKS TO CONTROL DRUNK DRIVERS LIKE THE ONE WHO KILLED THEIR SON.A NEW BILL IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE COULD MEAN HARSHER PENALTIES FOR DRUNK DRIVERS. THE PROPOSED LAW WOULD TAKE THE WEAPON OUT OF DRIVERS HANDS BY ALLOWING JUDGES TO IMPOUND A DRUNK DRIVER'S CAR FOR UP TO A YEAR. THE BEAVERS HELPED PASS A SIMILAR LAW IN THEIR HOME STATE OF KANSAS, CALLED CASEY'S LAW. NOW THEY WANT TO PASS IT IN MISSOURI, THE STATE WHERE THEIR SON DIED. AFTER HEARING CASEY'S STORY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE AGREED A CHANGE IS NEEDED FOR REPEAT OFFENDERS. THE BILL STILL HAS TO MAKE IT THROUGH BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE.
JOBS/ECONOMY ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**4/11**	**10:00 PM**	**1:40**	THE CRACKDOWN AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IS GETTING SUPPORT FROM MISSOURI LAWMAKERS. REPRESENTATIVE ED WILDBERGER HEARS MISSOURI WORKERS TALKING ABOUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TAKING THEIR JOBS.NOW, HE'S TRYING TO PASS A BILL TO GET THOSE JOBS BACK. WILDBERGER SAYS HE DOES NOT EXPECT THE BILL TO PASS THROUGH THE HOUSE BECAUSE IT CAME UP SO LATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION... BUT HE HOPES IMMIGRATION REFORM WILL BE IN THE FOREFRONT NEXT YEAR.

JOBS/ECONOMY ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**4/12**	**6:00 PM**	**1:40**	AFTER A BIG INCREASE, MINIMUM WAGES COULD BE GOING DOWN. A NEW BILL COULD OVERTURN PART OF WHAT LARGE MAJORITY OF VOTERS APPROVED LAST NOVEMBER. THE LEGISLATURE IS CONSDIERING REVOKING THE RECENT RAISE FOR SERVERS. BUT SOME LAWMAKERS SAY SERVERS DON'T NEED THE INCREASE. THE SUBSTITUTE BILL NOT ONLY LOWERS MINIMUM WAGE FOR SERVERS BACK TO TWO DOLLARS AND 13 CENTS, BUT IT WOULD ALSO AFFECT LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE APPROVED INCREASE COULD MEAN CUTTING BACK LAW ENFORCEMENT HOURS OR PAYING MORE OVERTIME. THE BILL WOULD ALSO ELIMINATE AUTOMATIC MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL. LAWMAKERS WILL HAVE THE LAST WORD ON WAGES.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**4/13**	**6:00 PM**	**1:50**	THE JEFFERSON CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SAYS IT SUPPORTS IMPROVING U.S. HIGHWAY 50 BEFORE CONSTRUCTION ON I- 70 USES ALL THE MONEY. PASSING TRAFFIC KEEPS BUSINESS BOOMING, AND CALL SAYS MAKING THE HIGHWAY FOUR LANES CAN ONLY HELP. RIGHT NOW MANY PARTS OF HIGHWAY 50 ARE ONLY TWO LANES. THAT'S BECAUSE SOME RESIDENTS FEAR MANY MOTORISTS WOULD TAKE HIGHWAY 50, TO AVOID CONSTRUCTION ON INTERSTATE 70. RIGHT NOW MODOT SAYS THERE'S NO STATE MONEY AVAILABLE TO PAY FOR ANY NEW PROJECTS.

CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**4/14**	**10:00 PM**	**1:40**	CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIVISTS HERE IN COLUMBIA HELD A RALLY AND SIGNED PETITIONS TODAY AS PART OF A NATIONWIDE EFFORT TO GET CONGRESS TO DO MORE ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING. THE GOAL IS TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS 80-PERCENT BY THE YEAR 20-50 AND TO MAKE THE NATION UNDERSTAND THAT GLOBAL WARMING IS A VERY REAL ISSUE. FROM THE COURTHOUSE, ACTIVISTS MARCHED DOWN 8TH STREET CARRYING SIGNS THAT TELL POLITICAL LEADERS TO MAKE CLIMATE CHANGE AN ISSUE NOW, AND NOT LATER. ACCORDING TO STEP-IT-UP 2007'S WEBSITE, RALLIES LIKE THE ONE HERE IN COLUMBIA WERE HELD AT 14-HUNDRED DIFFERENT PLACES ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES TODAY.
HEALTH ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**4/15**	**10:00 PM**	**1:50**	DOCTORS SAY CARPAL TUNNEL RESULTS IN MORE THAN TWO MILLION VISITS TO THE DOCTOR'S OFFICES EACH YEAR. DR. MATT ANDERSON HAS BEEN AN ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON AT MIZZOU SINCE JUNE. HE'S AN EXPERT ON RELIEVING PRESSURE FOR THOSE WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME. DR. ANDERSON HOPES THAT HAVING AN OPEN FORUM WILL HELP PEOPLE BETTER UNDERSTAND DR. ANDERSON SAYS SURGERY HAS ADVANCED ENOUGH THAT NOW MOST PEOPLE CAN RETURN TO WORK ONE TWO DAYS LATER. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT TREATMENTS AND RISK FACTORS FOR CARPAL TUNNEL YOU CAN VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT K-O-M-U DOT COM.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/16	6:00 PM	1:25	EXTORTION AND DEATH THREATS MAY SEEM LIKE SOMETHING YOU'D SEE ON THE BIG SCREEN.IT'S SOMETHING YOU MIGHT WANT TO WATCH OUT FOR ON YOUR COMPUTER SCREEN THE MID-MISSOURI INTERNET CRIMES TASK FORCE IS WARNING PEOPLE ABOUT A NEW EMAIL HOAX. IN THE EMAIL, THE SENDER SAYS HE HAS BEEN HIRED TO KILL THE RECIPIENT.BUT, HE WON'T GO THROUGH WITH IT, IF THE PERSON SENDS HIM MONEY. HE ASKS THE RECIPIENT TO RESPOND SO HE CAN GIVE INFORMATION ON WHERE TO DEPOSIT THE MONEY. BECK SAYS SHE HOPES IF OTHERS HAVE GOTTEN SIMILAR E-MAILS THEY'LL CONTACT POLICE TO HELP FIND THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE.
GOVERNMENT ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/17	10:00 PM	1:30	AND JUST ONE DAY AFTER THAT TRAGEDY IN VIRGINIA, GOVERNOR BLUNT IS TAKING STEPS TOWARD SAFER COLLEGIATE CAMPUSES IN MISSOURI. GOVERNOR BLUNT ALSO DEDICATED MORE THAN 10 MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL MONEY TO UPDATE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT TO MAKE SURE EMERGENCY WORKERS ARE ABLE TO TALK ON THE SAME RADIO CHANNELS IF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION OCCURS. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SAFETY IN MISSOURI SCHOOLS HEAD TO KOMU DOT COM
CRIME ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/18	10:00 PM	1:30	THE INTERSECTION OF BEARFIELD AND PRESSCOTT WHERE POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR EVIDENCE AND ARE TRYING TO SORT OUT A CONFUSING GUN BATTLE. BUT SOUTH OF MU AT PRESCOTT AND BEARFIELD TWO GROUPS OF PEOPLE... 3 IN THIS BLACK CAR (AND 2 IN ANOTHER CAR) WERE SPEEDING THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND SHOOTING AT EACH OTHER. COLUMBIA POLICE CLOSED OFF A FOUR BLOCK AREA LOOKING FOR SHELL CASINGS AND BULLETS. POLICE TOOK TWO PEOPLE INTO CUSTODY FROM THIS HOUSE FOR QUESTIONING AND ARE/AREN'T

					LOOKING FOR SHELL CASINGS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**4/19**	**10:00 PM**	**1:55**	SOME OF THE FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES AT M-U DON'T HAVE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS. BUT A NEW CITY ORDINANCE REQUIRES THEY GET THEM INSTALLED WITHIN SIX YEARS. THE GREEK SYSTEM ISN'T RILED UP BECAUSE IT HAS TO INSTALL SPRINKLERS, SOME OF ITS MEMBERS JUST WANTED MORE TIME. HOWEVER, CITY COUNCILMAN CHRIS JANKU SAYS THE COUNCIL DID INFORM THE GREEK COMMUNITY.AND THEY SAY IT COST THEM MORE THAN 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE FINANCIAL MANAGER OF DELTA TAU DELTA SAYS THE CITY IS CONSIDERING PROVIDING LOANS TO FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES SO THEY CAN BUY THE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**4/20**	**6:00 PM**	**1:40**	FOUR AND A HALF MONTHS AGO, SNOW AND ICE DESTROYED SEVERAL DOCKS AND BOATS AT LAKE OF THE OZARKS.WORKERS HAVE CLEANED UP MOST OF THE DAMAGE, AND THE LAKE EXPECTS TO SEE AS MANY VISITORS AS YEARS PAST. AFTER WINTER WEATHER COLLAPSED SOME COVERED DOCKS AND SUNK SEVERAL BOATS, LAKE OFFICIALS SCRAMBLED TO GET EVERYTHING READY FOR SPRING. THE NEWER DOCKS INCLUDE CROSS-BARRIERS WHICH ADDS STRENGTH TO THE ROOF AND ALLOWS IT TO HOLD MORE SNOW THAN THE OLDER DOCKS THE FIRST TEST FOR THE DOCKS IS THIS WEEKEND'S IN-WATER BOAT SHOW.

					FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER EVENTS AT THE LAKE THIS WEEKEND, YOU CAN LOG ONTO OUR WEBSITE, KOMU-DOT-COM
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**4/21**	**6:00 PM**	**1:40**	EVERYTHING FROM THE ANIMAL HOSPITAL ITSELF TO THE TEACHING FACILITIES HAD THEIR DOORS OPEN AND THEY LET EVERYONE INSIDE. AGILITY DOGS, AN EQUINE BREED SHOW AND A PETTING ZOO WERE JUST A FEW OF THE THINGS ON DISPLAY. CURRENT VET STUDENTS LIKE BENNET SAY THE OPEN HOUSE EVEN HAS PLANNED ACTIVITIES TO GET THOSE INTERESTED IN VET MEDICINE INFORMATION. IF YOU MISSED TODAY'S OPEN HOUSE, YOU'RE IN LUCK THERE IS MORE INFORMATION ONLINE.
HEALTH ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**4/22**	**10:00 PM**	**2:30**	A MID-MISSOURI RESEARCHER IS ACTUALLY CREATING BIONIC EYES. LIKE ONE IN 3,500 OTHER PEOPLE WORLDWIDE WITH RETINITIS DISPIGMENTOSA, STEVENS BECAME BLIND LATER IN LIFE. A MINIATURE MICROCHIP WHEN IMPLANTED IN THE RETINA, IS HELPING BLIND CATS SEE.AND IF RESEARCH PROGRESSES, PEOPLE LIKE STEVENS MAY ONE DAY REGAIN SIGHT. STEVENS SAYS HE'S LEARNING THE TRADITIONAL SKILLS, USING BRAILLE AND A CANE... BUT HE KNOWS THE SURGERY MIGHT BE AN OPTION IN THE FUTURE. NARFSTROM CHOSE TO WORK WITH CATS BECAUSE THEY HAVE SIMILAR EYES TO HUMANS AND SURGEONS CAN USE THE SAME TECHNIQUES WITH HUMANS

JOBS/ECONOMY ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/23	10:00 PM	1:30	THE CITY OF ASHLAND IS LOOKING TO EXPAND, NOT JUST IN LAND, BUT ALSO WITH MORE JOBS. ASHLAND WANTS TO EXPAND ITS CITY LIMITS BY FOUR- HUNDRED- 75 ACRES... WREN AND ANOTHER FAMILY OWN THE BOONE COUNTY LAND. THE FAMILIES HAVE BEEN ASKED TO VOLUNTARILY ANNEX THE LAND. THE CITY COULD CHOOSE TO ZONE THE LAND FOR COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES... RANGING FROM COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES LIKE HOTELS TO AN INDUSTRIAL PARK. A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION PROCESS IS PLANNED THREE WEEKS FROM TOMORROW ON MAY 15TH.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	4/24	6:00 PM	1:30	GENOCIDE HAS KILLED MORE THAN 400,000 PEOPLE IN THE DARFUR REGION OF AFRICA. THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE ORGANIZED BY A CAMPUS GROUP CALLED 'STAND MIZZOU.' STUDENTS HELD SIGNS IN THE MIDDLE OF CAMPUS. THEY ASKED PEOPLE WALKING BY TO SIGN A PETITION AGAINST THE GENOCIDE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GENOCIDE AND TO FIND OUT WAYS TO HELP VISIT K-O-M-U DOT COM
JOBS/ECONOMIC ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	4/25	10:00 PM	1:40	WOMEN EARN ONLY 75 CENTS FOR EVERY DOLLAR A MAN EARNS, BUT A NEW STUDY SHOWS WOMEN HAVE FOUND A WAY AROUND THAT INEQUITY. THE MISSOURI WOMEN'S COUNCIL HELPS WOMEN INTERESTED IN STARTING THEIR OWN BUSINESSES. THE STATE NOW RANKS 18TH IN THE NATION FOR THE NUMBER OF WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES, BUT EQUALITY STILL LAGS BEHIND. WHILE WOMEN HAVE SOME CATCHING UP TO DO WITH EQUAL PAY, THEY'RE OPENING MORE BUSINESS IN MISSOURI. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS, RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MISSOURI WOMEN'S COUNCIL WEBSITE,

HEALTH ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**4/26**	**10:00 PM**	**1:40**	LOCAL EMERGENCY WORKERS ARE STARTING NOW TO PREPARE FOR CONTAGIOUS DISEASES LATER. TODAY THEIR LEARNING HOW TO HANDLE AN OUTBREAK OF AVIAN FLU AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS. THE TRAINING CONSISTS OF DIFFERENT SCENARIOS, AND EVERY GROUP EXPLAINS WHAT TO DO IN EACH SITUATION. SOME GROUPS TEACH HOW TO CLEANSE A PERSON STEP-BY-STEP, WHILE OTHER GROUPS PUT ON THE GEAR TO DEMONSTRATE PROPER ATTIRE. COLUMBIA IS THE FIRST PLACE IN THE NATION TO RECEIVE THE TRAINING. A U-S HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PAID FOR THE TRAINING
EDUCATION ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**4/27**	**10:00 PM**	**7:05**	COLUMBIA'S WEST BOULEVARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS NOW IN THE THIRD YEAR OF ITS MODEL SCHOOL PROJECT. EACH OF THE KIDS AT WEST BOULEVARD, NOT JUST ZEKE...HAS HOPES...DREAMS.BUT THOSE DREAMS COME WITH OBSTACLES. THE SCHOOL NOW HAS HIGHER PAID TEACHERS, MORE COLLABORATION TIME AND MORE RESOURCES TO HELP STUDENTS LIKE ZEKE SUCCEED. FROM 2004-2005, TEST SCORES IN COMMUNICATION ARTS JUMPED EIGHT PERCENTAGE POINTS, BUT FELL BY 2 POINTS IN 2006 WHICH DROPPED ITS STATUS FOR ANNUAL YEARLY PROGRESS. SO SCHOOL OFFICIALS TRY TO MAKE THE CLASSROOM AS WELCOMING AS POSSIBLE. KNOWING ANY STUDENT AT ANY TIME COULD LEAVE BECAUSE OF ISSUES AT HOME. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, DR. PHYLLIS CHASE TOLD KOMU THIS MORNING THAT WEST BOULEVARD WILL CONTINUE AS THE MODEL SCHOOL NEXT YEAR.

HEALTH ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**4/28**	**10:00 PM**	**2:10**	IT WAS MORE ABOUT CELEBRATING LIFE AND HONORING THOSE THAT HAVE DONATED OR RECEIVED DONATIONS ACCORDING TO THE MIDWEST TRANSPLANT NETWORK, MORE THAN 95-THOUSAND PEOPLE NATIONWIDE ARE IN NEED OF AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT. ON AVERAGE, 17 PEOPLE DIE EVERY DAY DUE TO A LACK OF AVAILABLE ORGANS. FOR DELINE, ORGAN DONATION IS A MUST, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT TOUCHES HER SO PERSONALLY.." SHE SAYS UNDERSTANDING ORGAN DONATION NOW COULD SAVE LIVES IN THE FUTURE. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN SIGN UP TO BE AN ORGAN DONOR. THE MOST COMMON WAY TO DO SO IS WHEN YOU RE-NEW YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE.
HEALTH ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**4/29**	**10:00 PM**	**6:10**	STILL THERE ARE LOTS OF COUPLES WHO STUGGLE TO GET OVER THE INITIAL OBSTACLE OF DELIVERING A HEALTHY BABY INTO THIS WORLD. IT'S A SOBERING FACT, ONE IN 33 BABIES ARE BORN WITH A BIRTH DEFECT IN THE U.S. AND IN MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THOSE CASES, THE CAUSE IS UNKNOWN. FOLIC ACID HAS NO KNOWN TOXIC LEVEL. IN OTHER WORDS, YOU CAN'T GET TOO MUCH. BESIDES TAKING SUPPLEMENTS, GOOD SOURCES INCLUDE FORTIFIED BREAKFAST CEREALS, BEANS, GREEN LEAFY VEGETABLES AND ORANGE JUICE. TEAM HOPE LUEBBERING HULSEY DID AN AMAZING JOB RAISING MONEY FOR THE MARCH OF DIMES LAST WEEKEND. GABE & BECKY RAISED 35 THOUSAND DOLLARS AND THE JEFFERSON CITY WALK RAISED A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 134-THOUSAND DOLLARS.

JOBS/ECONOMIC ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**4/30**	**6:00 PM**	**1:40**	THE COLUMBIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS SPONSORING SMALL BUSINESS WEEK. THE EVENTS INCLUDE SEVERAL FREE SEMINARS AIMED TO HELP SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS IT'S A SMALL COMPANY THAT HARVESTS GRAPES, MAKES, BOTTLES, AND SELLS WINE, AND RUNS A RESTAURANT. BECAUSE OF ITS COMBINATION OF COMMUNICATION AND TEAMWORK THE COLUMBIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHOSE LES BOURGEOIS AS ONE OF THE 2007 SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR FINALISTS. THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL ANNOUNCE THE WINNER AT THE SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS LUNCHEON ON THURSDAY.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/1**	**10:00 PM**	**2:45**	CONGRATULATIONS. YOU JUST WON THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING. IT'S NOT JUST TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO IGNORE. TODAY'S SCAMMERS SEEM TO HAVE A RE-OCCURING THEME, THEY WANT SOMETHING FROM YOU, BEFORE YOU GET SOMETHING FROM THEM. IF YOU'RE FACED WITH THAT OFFER- STOP AND SAY NO. BUT SCAMMERS AREN'T JUST EMAILING YOU, THEY'RE ASKING FOR **YOUR** PARTICIPATION TO GET YOUR MONEY. EXPERTS SAY THE BEST THING TO DO IS TO AVOID EVEN OPENING SUSPICOUS E-MAIL. AND INVESTING IN GOOD SPYWARE IS THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT RECEIVING PHONEY EMAILS

DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/2**	**10:00 PM**	**1:25**	SOUTHERN BOONE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL MAY SOON BEGIN RANDOM DRUG TESTING. PROPONENTS OF RANDOM DRUG TESTING AT SOUTHERN BOONE HIGH SCHOOL JUST WANT TO GIVE THEIR KIDS AN OUT. THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL VOTE ON THE DRUG POLICY MAY 14TH. IF THE POLICY IS APPROVED, ALL STUDENTS INVOLVED IN SCHOOL-SPONSORED EXTRA-CURRRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND STUDENTS GETTING PARKING PERMITS WILL BE SUBJECT TO RANDOM DRUG TESTS. AND PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO READ THE LETTER AND THE PROPOSED DRUG POLICY THEN SEND THEIR OPNIONS BACK TO THE SCHOOL
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/3**	**10:00 PM**	**1:30**	SOME JEFFERSON CITY CONVENIENCE STORES COULD LOSE THEIR LIQUOR LICENSES FOR SELLING ALCOHOL TO MINORS. CAPTAIN MICHAEL SMITH SAYS MOST STORES FOLLOW THE LAW.BUT THIS TIME THEY CAUGHT 6. MEMBERS OF THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD PAIRED UP WITH JCPD TO CHECK 14 CAPITAL STORES. THAT SALE COULD COST EAGLE STOP AND THESE SIX OTHER STORES A BIG CHUNK OF SALES IF THE CITY LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD DECIDES TO SUSPEND THEIR LICENSES. SMITH AND SCHLUETER SAY THIS TIME OF YEAR IS PERFECT FOR THESE OPERATIONS, TO KEEP ALCOHOL OUT OF THE PICTURE AS STUDENTS CELEBRATE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. SMITH SAYS JEFFERSON CITY POLICE MAY DO MORE CHECKS IN THE COMING WEEKS AS PROM SEASON CONTINUES

HEALTH ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/4**	**10:00 PM**	**1:30**	WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT RISK FACTORS FOR A HEART ATTACK YOU USUALLY THINK ABOUT CLOGGED ARTERIES. NOW YOU'LL WANT TO ADD THE FLU TO THAT LIST ACCORDING TO NEW RESEARCH RESEARCHERS LOOKED AT AUTOPSY RESULTS OF 35-THOUSAND PEOPLE IN RUSSIA FROM 1993 TO 2000. THE FINDINGS ... DURING PEAK FLU SEASON THE CHANCE OF DYING FROM A HEART ATTACK OR HEART DISEASE WENT UP BY A THIRD. ALSO, WHEN A PERSON GOES TO THE DOCTOR WITH THE FLU OTHER POTENTIAL PROBLEMS MAY BE MISSED. THAT'S WHY THIS STUDY PROVES HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT PEOPLE WITH HEART DISEASE GET A FLU SHOT EVERY YEAR AND DOCTORS SAYS IF YOU HAVE HEART DISEASE, IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER TO STILL TAKE YOUR MEDICATION, EVEN IF YOU DON'T FEEL WELL BECAUSE WHEN YOU'RE SICK, YOU'RE HEART IS UNDER A LOT OF STRESS
GOVERNMENT ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**5/5**	**6:00 PM**	**2:00**	VOTERS IN THE CITY OF LAKE OZARK GO FOR ROUND TWO AT THE POLLS. THATS RIGHT, ONLY ONE VOTE SEPARATED THE TOP TO CANDIDATES IN THIS APRIL'S MAYORAL ELECTION IN LAKE OZARK. THIS APRIL PICKING A MAYOR WAS AS SPLIT AS PICKING A FAVORITE HOTROD. ONLY ONE VOTE SEPARATED SALE FROM JOHNNY FRANZESKOS. FRANZESKOS TOOK 151 VOTES IN APRIL, SALE 150. GIVEN THE CLOSE RESULTS, MAYOR SALE ASKED THE COURT FOR HELP. THE 26TH JUDICIAL COURT AGREED. SAYING THAT THERE IS PRIMA FACIA SHOWING IRREGULARITIES WHICH CHANGE THE RESULT. THE JUDGMENT GOES ON

					TO SAY THAT A NEW ELECTION WILL BE HELD THIS MAY 22ND. THE DECISION WAS DELIVERED THURSDAY. IT STATES THAT A RECOUNT OF VOTES WILL NOT RESOLVE THE DOUBT OF THE ELECTION
HEALTH ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/6**	**10:00 PM**	**1:30**	HEART HELP IS NOW A BIT CLOSER FOR SOME MID MISSOURIANS... AUDRAIN MEDICAL CENTER HELD THE GRAND OPENING FOR THE JORDAN-WATERS HEART CENTER... WITH HELP FROM A NEARLY FOUR MILLION DOLLAR DONATION. THE NEW CENTER BRINGS TOGETHER WHAT USED TO BE SPREAD ACROSS THE HOSPITAL. THE HOSPITAL ALSO GOT SOME NEW MACHINES WITH THE MONEY.EQUIPMENT THE HOSPITAL SAYS IS A BIG HELP... DESPITE THE BIG NAMES...A DONATION MAKING A DIFFERENCE... SO DOCTORS CAN CHANGE LIVES. THE NEW HEART CENTER IS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF AUDRAIN MEDICAL CENTER
EDUCATION ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/7**	**10:00 PM**	**1:35**	ANOTHER EDUCATION BILL HAS GONE THROUGH SOME MAJOR TRANSFORMATIONS... IT WAS CREATED TO RATE PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS. BUT NOW THERE'S A NEW REQUIREMENT THAT COULD MAKE HIGH SCHOOLS PAY. WHEN A HIGH SCHOOLER LEAVES FOR COLLEGE... HE OR SHE IS EXPECTED TO HAVE A STRONG EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION.BUT STATE LAWMAKERS WANT SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PAY IF THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN. THE REQUIREMENT WAS ADDED TO A SENATE BILL SET TO CREATE A PRE-SCHOOL RATING SYSTEM. SCHOOL DISTRICTS WOULD BE FORCED TO PAY

					FOR A GRADUATE'S TUITION IN REMEDIAL MATH OR LANGUAGE COURSES IN A STATE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE. THERE ARE STILL TWO WEEKS UNTIL THE END OF THE SESSION, WHEN THE HOUSE WILL VOTE ON THE BILL. SHEILDS EXPECTS IT TO PASS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**5/8**	**6:00 PM**	**1:40**	MU WANTS TO WIN A DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY RESEARCH LABORATORY. THE COLUMBIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SURVEYED CITY AND BOONE COUNTY RESIDENTS ABOUT THE RESEARCH COMPLEX. TODAY THE COLUMBIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REVEALED RESULTS OF THE POLL CONDUCTED LAST MONTH. IT TURNS OUT 73-PERCENT OF COLUMBIANS HAD NEVER HEARD OF THE PLAN.BUT WHEN EXPLAINED BY THE POLSTERS, 33-PERCENT SUPPORTED IT. AND WHILE THE CHAMBER OF COMMERECE HAS NOT DECIDED WHETHER IT WILL SUPPORT THE CONTROVERSIAL FACILITY- KEN MIDKIFF KNOWS HE WILL NOT. IF SELECTED, MU WOULD DEED 30 ACRES OF LAND AND PROVIDE AMENITIES LIKE ROADS AND ELECTRICITY FOR THE PROJECT TO GET THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO BUILD IT.
CRIME ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/9**	**10:00 PM**	**1:25**	SOME FORMER MU STUDENTS AND STAFF SAY THEY HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING FROM THE SCHOOL ABOUT THE RECENT COMPUTER BREAK-IN ANNOUCED YESTERDAY. UM OFFICIALS SAY THEY'VE SENT NUMEROUS EMAILS TO ALERT THE MU ALUM AND EMPLOYEES AT RISK. MORE THAN 22 THOUSAND PEOPLE ARE AT RISK FOR IDENTITY THEFT, MANY OF WHOM ARE NO LONGER EMPLOYEES AND AREN'T ASSOCIATED WITH THE

					UNIVERSITY ANY MORE. THE SCHOOL IS ALSO COUNTING ON THE MEDIA TO GET THE WORD OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE UM SYSTEM'S COMPUTER BREAK-IN, GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT K-O-M-U-DOT-COM.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/10**	**10:00 PM**	**1:35**	MORE RAIN COMING IS THE LAST THING PEOPLE WHO LIVE NEAR THE BRUNSWICK LEVEE THAT BROKE TODAY WANT TO HEAR ABOUT. CARROLLTON'S NOT USALLY A RIVER TOWN, BUT IT IS TODAY...THE MISSOURI RIVER IS NORMALLY TEN MILES AWAY, IS LAPPING AT THE CITY LIMITS. FOR FIREFIGHTERS LONNIE SENSENICH AND CURTIS SHIELDS, THE FLOODING IS ALL TOO FAMILIAR. THEY'VE SEEN FLOODING HERE IN ' 93, ' 95 AND NOW AGAIN...THE TOWN LEVEE HAS FAILED. WHEN FLOOD WATERS SHUT DOWN HIGHWAY TEN SOUTH OF TOWN AND STRANDED TWO TRUCKERS, IT CAME AS NO SURPRISE. THERE ARE NEARLY THREE FEET OF WATER COVERING HIGHWAYS AND FARMLAND SURROUNDING THE TOWN.
EDUCATION ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**5/11**	**6:00 PM**	**2:15**	WITH 26- SITES THROUGHOUT COLUMBIA, THE PROGRAM CALLED "A WAY WITH WORDS AND NUMBERS" LOOKS TO IMPROVE. ABOUT 250 TUTORS SPEND TIME EACH SEMESTER IMPROVING THEIR SKILLS.AND HAVING TRUSTWORTHY MENTORS EXPAND THE PROGRAM TO ALMOST EVERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN COLUMBIA. ABOUT 55-60 PERCENT OF THE TUTORS ARE PAID THROUGH THE MU WORK STUDY PROGRAM. WITH THE REMAINING PORTION VOLUNTEERS. THE PROGRAM BEGAN IN 1997 WITH THE INITIATION OF THE AMERICA READS INITIATIVE. THE INITIATIVE WAS

					DESIGNED BY PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON TO IMPROVE THE READING SKILLS OF KIDS. AND THE PROGRAM HOPES IT WILL CONTINUE TO HELP STUDENTS FOR ANOTHER TEN YEARS. RIDGEWAY IS THE ONLY COLUMBIA SCHOOL THAT DOES NOT USE THE PROGRAM. THOSE WHO RUN THE PROGRAM SAY THE SCHOOL HAS NOT SHOWN ANY INTEREST
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**5/12**	**6:00 PM**	**1:50**	BEHIND ME THIS IS NORMALLY A GRAVEL ROAD. CONDITIONS ACROSS THE STATE ARE EXPECTED TO IMPROVE THIS WEEKEND, BUT AS YOU CAN SEE THE WATER CONTINUES TO THREATEN FARMS AND ROADS. IT LOOKS LIKE A LAKEHOUSE AT L.T. STEPEHNS FARM NEAR BRUNSWICK.BUT AS WATER LEVELS RISE AND FALL, THIS IS EVERYTHING BUT A VACATION. AROUND THIS SMALL TOWN LEVY BREAKS CAUSE DISASTER.THIS ONE TOOK ONLY FOUR HOURS BEFORE IT FILLED MOST OF STEPHENS FARMLAND. IN TOWN WATER HAS TAKEN THE MAIN HIGHWAY. LEVELS DROPPED OVERNIGHT, ROADS AND FARMLAND ARE FILLING IN AGAIN. AND THE PACE HAS QUICKENED HERE ON STEPHENS FARM. NOW SINCE WE ARRIVED WATER LEVELS HAVE JUMPED UP AND NOW THEY'RE NOW MOVING WHATEVER THEY CAN TO HIGHER GROUND.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/13**	**10:00 PM**	**2:05**	A LEVEE NEAR BRUNSWICK IN AN AREA KNOWN AS THE GARDEN OF EDEN.THIS IS WHERE THE GROUND IS SLIPPING BECAUSE THE LEVEES ARE BECOMING SATURATED AND THATS A BIG CONCERN FOR EVERYONE PROTECTED BY ITS BANKS. OFFICERS WITH THE MISSOURI WATER PATROL ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE POWER OF THE STATES' WATERWAYS. WHEN WATER IS OUT OF CONTROL THEY OFFER THEIR HELP TO LOCAL OFFICIALS. THIS WEEK WATER ALREADY BROKE THROUGH

					SEVERAL DIFFERENT LEVEES THE FIRST ON THURSDAY...ANOTHER ON FRIDAY. WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF MORE BREAKS, THE WATER PATROL SAY THEY'LL STAY AS LONG AS THEY'RE NEEDED. WATER PATROL OFFICERS TYPICALY PACK FOR A 5 TO 7 DAY TRIP TO DISASTER ZONE.
CRIME ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/14**	**10:00 PM**	**1:45**	COLUMBIA POLICE REPORTED TWO CAR THEFTS THIS WEEKEND AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF AUTO BREAK-INS. THE RECENT BREAK-INS HAPPENED IN SEVERAL SOUTHWEST COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOODS. POLICE SAY WARM WEATHER USUALLY LEADS TO MORE VEHICLE THEFTS, BUT THERE ARE WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR CAR. ALSO, YOU CAN MAKE SURE YOU HIDE VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR... OR EVEN BETTER, TAKE THEM INSIDE. IF YOU WITNESSED ANY CAR THEFTS OR BREAK-INS, THE POLICE ASK YOU CALL THEM WITH INFORMATION... THE CRIMESTOPPERS NUMBER IS 875-TIPS
JOBS/ECONOMY ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/15**	**10:00 PM**	**1:45**	WHEN VOTERS PASSED THE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE IN NOVEMBER, FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS BECAME ELIGIBLE FOR OVERTIME. MORE THAN 100 POLICEMEN AND FIREFIGHTERS RALLIED AT THE CAPITOL BECAUSE THEY WANT A PAY CUT. PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS USED TO GET OVERTIME AFTER WORKING 54 HOURS A WEEK.UNDER THE NEW LAW, TIME-AND-A-HALF STARTS AT 40 HOURS. STATE REPRESENATIVES HAVE BEEN SITTING ON A BILL TO ROLL BACK THE OVERTIME SINCE JANUNARY. IF THE BILL DOESN'T PASS IN 3 DAYS, LAWMAKERS MAY BE FORCED INTO A SPECIAL SESSION.BUT IF NEITHER HAPPEN LOCAL FIRE HOUSES AND POLICE STATIONS MAY HAVE TO DOWNSIZE.

					MANY CITIES AROUND THE STATE ARE WITHHOLDING THE OVERTIME PAY, PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE BILL
GOVERNMENTAL ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/16**	**10:00 PM**	**1:55**	THE GUN OWNERS ALSO SAID THEY WOULD'VE SHOT INTRUDERS BEFORE THE PASSAGE OF THE BILL, BUT ARE PLEASED WITH THE NEW PROVISIONS. COLUMBIA POLICE TEND TO AGREE HOMEOWNERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL TEND TO REACT SIMILARLY TO INTRUDERS WITH OR WITHOUT THE NEW LAW. WHETHER OR NOT ATTITUDES CHANGE, GOVERNOR BLUNT PRAISED THE LEGISLATURE IN A PRESS STATEMENT. HE SAYS, "THIS IMPORTANT LEGISLATION ENSURES LAW-ABIDING MISSOURIANS WILL NOT BE PUNISHED WHEN THEY USE FORCE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THEIR OWN HOME OR VEHICLE. IT PROTECTS MISSOURIANS WHEN THEY DEFEND THEMSELVES FROM ATTACK." THE BILL IS CURRENTLY ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK AND MAY BE SIGNED BY THE END OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION ON FRIDAY.
CRIME ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/17**	**10:00 PM**	**1:30**	DEPUTIES RESPONDED TO THE REPORT OF A GUN IN SCHOOL IN VIENNA MISSOURI TODAY. STUDENTS AT MARIES R-1 SCHOOL IN VIENNA GOT OUT EARLY...FOR THE WRONG REASON. THE STUDENT WAS A 13 YEAR OLD IN JUNIOR HIGH. ANOTHER STUDENT REPORTED THE GUN TO THE OFFICE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL DAY. SCHOOL AUTHORITIES SAY PEOPLE SHOULD BE

					AWARE THAT AN INCIDENT LIKE CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE, EVEN RIGHT AT HOME. THE TEENAGER COULD FACE CHARGES OF ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION AND UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPON. HE'LL BE IN JUVENILE COURT NEXT TUESDAY.
CRIME ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/18**	**10:00 PM**	**1:35**	A MISSOURI LAW PASSED THREE YEARS AGO IS JUST NOW TESTING THE WATERS AT A COUNTY JAIL NEAR YOU. AT THE BOONE COUNTY JAIL, LT. KEITH HOSKINS NOW KNOWS HOW TO COLLECT D-N-A SAMPLES FROM *SEX* OFFENDERS. THIS JAIL IS THE FIRST IN THE STATE TO BEGIN D-N-A COLLECTION. FINGERPRINTING IS STILL PART OF THE INDETIFICATION PROCESS, THIS IS BETTER. ONLY INMATES CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR SEX CRIME ARE DOCUMENTED THIS WAY. D-N-A COLLECTED AT CRIME SCENES CAN NOW BE CROSS CHECKED WITH D-N-A ALREADY IN THE SYSTEM. COLLECTED D-N-A IS SENT TO THE HIGHWAY PATROL'S CRIME LAB WHERE IT'S PUT INTO AN F-B-I SYSTEM FOR FUTURE USE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/19**	**10:00 PM**	**1:45**	WITHOUT SCHOOL, STUDENTS ARE FINDING THEIR DAYS EMPTY THIS SUMMER. IN JEFFERSON CITY, THE "SUMMER SEND-OFF" FAIR BROUGHT TOGETHER ORGANIZATIONS AND KIDS TO FIND A WAY TO FILL THOSE DAYS THEY WERE THERE FOR AN ACTIVITY FAIR. PARENTS AND THEIR KIDS COULD STOP BY THE TABLES FOR INFORMATION AND EVEN LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA... RABBITS. THE COLE COUNTY 4-H CLUB WAS SELLING RABBITS THEY BRED FOR 10 DOLLARS EACH. AT

					THE END OF THE DAY MANY CONSIDERED THE EVENT A SUCCESS. THERE WERE STILL TWO RABBITS FOR SALE WHEN I LEFT AUGUST...IF YOU WERE THINKING ABOUT STARTING A FAMILY OF YOUR OWN
GOVERNMENT ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/20**	**10:00 PM**	**2:00**	MCCASKILL MADE A STOP IN COLUMBIA TODAY TO OPEN UP HER NEW OFFICE. MCCASKILL SAID IT WAS NICE TO BE BACK IN CO-MO... AND REMEMBER THE GOOD OLD DAYS. SHE CAME BACK TO OPEN UP HER MID-MISSOURI OFFICE...MORE THAN FIFTY LOCALS SHOWED UP FOR COOKIES AND LEMONADE... AND TO GET A GLIMPSE OF CLAIRE. MCCASKILL ALSO TALKED ABOUT HOW SURREAL IT IS FROM HER DAYS AT HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL TO WORKING IN THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL NOW. THE SENATOR'S OFFICE IS LOCATED AT THE MOST EASTERN POINT OF ASH STREET IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA. AND SHE'S ENCOURAGING ANYONE TO STOP BY AND SHARE ANY CONCERNS THEY MIGHT HAVE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/21**	**10:00 PM**	**1:30**	THE COLUMBIA REGIONAL AIRPORT WANTS TO GROW... BUT THAT MEANS SOME FARMLAND WILL HAVE TO GO. ELIZABETH CUNNINGHAM HAS LIVED HERE 35 YEARS AND HAS THREE FARMS.SHE'S NOT A FAN OF EXPANSION... BUT DOESN'T MIND THE AIRPORT. THE AIRPORT IS LOOKING AT PROPERTIES ADJACENT TO THE AIRPORT.IN TOTAL IT HOPES TO EXPAND A TOTAL OF CLOSE TO 61 ACRES. THE CITY IS REVIEWING ITS OPTIONS FOR THE EXPANSION... INCLUDING TALKING TO LOCAL FARMLAND OWNERS. THE PUBLIC HAD ITS FIRST CHANCE TO TALK TO THE

					CITY COUNCIL ABOUT THE EXPANSION DURING TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING
CRIME ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/22**	**10:00 PM**	**1:20**	AFTER A TWO YEAR WAIT... THE TRIAL BEGAN TODAY IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY FOR A FORMER SCHOOL TEACHER AND COACH CHARGED WITH SEXUAL ASSAULT. IT ALL STARTED IN 2004...JASON DEVLIN TAUGHT AT MONTGOMERY COUNTY R-2 HIGH SCHOOL AND COACHED CROSS COUNTRY. PROSECUTORS CLAIM DEVLIN WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DRIVING A 14-YEAR-OLD FEMALE STUDENT TO A FOOTBALL GAME, BUT HAD SEX WITH THE GIRL AT HIS HOME. HE'S CHARGED WITH STATUTORY RAPE, STATUTORY SODOMY AND CHILD MOLESTATION. AT MONTGOMERY COURTHOUSE, MORE THAN 120 POTENTIAL JURORS WAITED AROUND TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE JUDGE, PROSECUTORS AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS. JUDGE CRANE SAYS HE HOPES TO FINISH THE TRIAL IN THREE DAYS.
GOVERNMENT ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**5/23**	**6:00 PM**	**2:30**	THE MOHELA BILL IS NOW LAW. AFTER MORE THAN A YEAR OF PLANNING AND DEBATE THIS AFTERNOON GOVERNOR BLUNT SIGNED IT THE MOHELA BILL AUTHORIZES THE USE OF MONEY FROM LOANS SOLD BY MOHELA FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AROUND THE STATE. THE $350 MILLION DOLLAR SALE IS CONTROVERSIAL... AND DISTRIBUTING THE FUNDS STIRRED STRONG EMOTIONS. MU WILL GET SOME FUNDING FOR AGRICULTURE RESEARCH PROJECTS AROUND THE STATE.

					THE MU INTERIM PRESIDENT SAYS HE HOPES FUNDING FOR THE CANCER CENTER WILL BE RESTORED NEXT YEAR. GOVERNOR MATT BLUNT SAYS 31-MILLION DOLLARS FOR A NEW MU CANCER CENTER WILL BE PART OF AN APPROPRIATION BILL NEXT YEAR.
EDUCATION ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/24**	**10:00 PM**	**1:45**	A LITTLE MORE THAN A MONTH AGO, THE VIRGINIA TECH SHOOTINGS GOT THE COUNTRY'S UNIVERSITIES RETHINKING EMERGENCY CRISIS PLANS. MISSOURI OFFICIALS HEARD VIRGINIA TECH SATE POLICE AND THE U.S. ATF AGENTS TALK ABOUT HOW THEY COMMUNICATED WITH EACH OTHER DURING THE KILLINGS. THE MAIN POINT: COMMUNICATION BETWEEN POLICE, COMMUNITY, AND STUDENTS. IN RESPONSE TO VIRGINIA TECH, MISSOURI'S CAMPUS SECURITY TASK FORCE FORMED TO ASSESS CAMPUS SECURITY ACROSS THE STATE. THE GROUP WILL MEET AGAIN ON JUNE SEVENTH AND JUNE ELEVENTH IN ST. LOUIS AND KANSAS CITY.IT HOPES TO HAVE A REPORT READY BY AUGUST FIRST
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/25**	**10:00 PM**	**1:35**	AT THIS TIME EVERYONE IS HOPING FOR THE BEST, BUT WE KNOW HOW UN-PREDICTABLE MID-MISSOURI WEATHER CAN BE. PARKING IS FREE AT ALL LOCATIONS BUT THE SHUTTLE BUSES COST TWO DOLLARS PER PERSON. THE SHUTTLES WILL RUN ALL DAY FROM BOTH THE HEARNES CENTER AND THE JEFFERSON CITY AIRPORT. RAIN OR NO RAIN, THE AIR SHOW WILL OFFER SOMETHING NEW, INSIDE HERE.. IT'S CALLED THE VIRTUAL ARMY EXPERIENCE, AND IT PROVIDES EVERYONE WITH A TASTE OF WHAT ITS LIKE IN IRAQ. IT ALL BEGINS AT 9:30 TOMORROW RAIN OR

					SHINE
CRIME ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**5/26**	**6:00 PM**	**1:15**	SEVERAL HUNDRED JEFFERSON CITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WENT TO AN EVENT CALLED "PROJECT GRADUATION."BUT WHEN IT WAS FINISHED...STUDENTS FOUND A PARKING LOT FILLED WITH VANDALIZED CARS. AARON ORTIZ SAYS HE WILL HAVE TO REPLACE THE WINDSHIELD AND FIX BODY DAMAGE ON THE FORD TAURUS. SANFORD SAYS THE SCHOOL SHOULD HAVE SECURED THE AREA. IT'S ALSO NOT CLEAR JUST HOW MANY CARS WERE DAMAGED.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/27**	**10:00 PM**	**1:45**	BOATING WHILE INTOXICATED MAY BE ITS MOST FREQUENT VIOLATION. BUT REALLY THEY'RE DEALING WITH ANY KIND OF SAFETY ISSUE... FROM PEOPLE WHO FALL OVERBOARD TO BOATERS WHO GO MISSING ALTOGETHER. IT'S BOATING SEASON... ON LAKE OF THE OZARKS. AND WITH THAT COMES PLENTY OF SAFETY CONCERNS. BOATS COMING IN ALL DIRECTIONS.. WITH NO TRAFFIC CONTROLS AND NO AIRBAGS.. CAN BE DISASTROUS... EVEN BEFORE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. AND IT'LL CONTINUE ALL SUMMER LONG... KEEPING OFFICERS ON HIGH ALERT THE WHOLE TIME. THIS WEEKEND.. IT'S NO DIFFERENT EVEN WITH THE RAINY WEATHER.PARTIES ON THE LAKE WERE STILL HOPPING. NOW LET ME RE-ITERATE... ONE BOATER WENT MISSING

					LAST NIGHT. THEY'RE STILL SEARCHING FOR HIM THE LAST WE KNEW. AND ANOTHER PERSON HAD TO BE AIR-LIFTED OUT AFTER FALLING AND HITTING THEIR HEAD ON A BOAT.
JOBS/ECONOMY ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**5/28**	**6:00 PM**	**1:25**	MISSOURI CATTLE PRODUCERS MAY GET A TAX BREAK TO KEEP THEIR CATTLE IN THE STATE. THE PROPOSED TAX BREAK AIMS TO KEEP MISSOURI CATTLE IN THE STATE LONGER. THE TAX CREDIT WOULD SPECIFICALLY APPLY TO CATTLE THAT WEIGH MORE THAN 450-POUNDS. AN MU BEEF ECONOMIST SAYS KEEPING CATTLE IN THE STATE LONGER MEANS BEEF PRODUCERS WILL SPEND MORE MONEY HERE... INSTEAD OF SOMEWHERE ELSE. AN MU STUDY SAYS EVERY DOLLAR IN TAX INCENTIVES TRANSLATES INTO AN ECONOMIC BENEFIT WORTH 13-DOLLARS AND 50-CENTS. IT ALSO SAYS THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT FROM ONE-THOUSAND CATTLE COULD MAINTAIN SIX FULL TIME JOBS OFF OF THE FARM. THE BEEF TAX CREDIT WOULD ALLOW UP TO 30-MILLION IN TAX BREAKS. IT'S AWAITING THE GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE
EDUCATION ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/29**	**10:00 PM**	**1:45**	THE MISSOURI SUPREME COURT RULED TODAY PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. MISSOURI NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT GREG JUNG SAYS IT'S ABOUT TIME. HOWEVER, THE MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION IS CONCERNED THAT INCREASED SALARIES COULD LEAD TO EVEN GREATER BUDGET CRUNCHES FOR MANY DISTRICTS.

					WHILE MONEY IS A BIG ISSUE, IT'S NOT WHAT HAS BOTH THE NEA AND MSTA WORRIED. ARBITRATION APPROVED BY THE STATE'S HIGHEST COURT, BUT NOT IMPLEMENTED YET BY THE LEGISLATURE. AT THIS POINT THE LEGISLATURE WILL BE ASKED TO DESIGNATE WHO CAN SERVE AS A THIRD-PARTY BETWEEN TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATION.
GOVERNMENT ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**5/30**	**6:00 PM**	**1:45**	GOVERNOR BLUNT SIGNED A BILL TODAY BUDGETING SIXTY-MILLION DOLLARS TO FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS. THE BILL ALLOCATES SIXTY MILLION DOLLARS TO FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CLINICS IN MISSOURI. ONE-POINT-THREE MILLION OF THOSE DOLLARS WILL GO TO THE FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC IN COLUMBIA, WHICH PLANS TO USE THE MONEY FOR DENTAL SERVICES IN BOTH COLUMBIA AND IT'S EXTENSION OFFICE IN CHARITON COUNTY. ROBIN ACREE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GRASS ROOTS ORGANIZING, SAYS THE BILL IS ONLY A SHORT TERM SOLUTION. GOVERNOR BLUNT IS TRAVELING ACROSS THE STATE FOR CEREMONIAL SIGNINGS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**5/31**	**10:00 PM**	**2:00**	A LOT HAS CHANGED IN 30 YEARS AND NOW AMERICA'S FOOD STAMP PROGRAM COULD CHANGE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. ALICE FULLINGTON IS A 30-YEAR FOOD STAMP RECIPIENT. THESE DAYS... ALICE GETS 28-DOLLARS A MONTH... NOT EVEN A DOLLAR A DAY.SO SHE ALSO GOES TO THE FOOD PANTRY, BECAUSE SHE HAS NO OTHER CHOICE. FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T MAKE IT ON FOOD STAMPS FOR AN ENTIRE MONTH... FOOD BANKS ACROSS MISSOURI PITCH IN. MEANING THERE'S LESS RED TAPE AT THE FOOD BANK THAN AT THE FOOD STAMP OFFICE.BUT THE

					FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION SAYS MISSOURIANS CAN GET THE HELP THEY NEED. MISSOURI CONGRESS-WOMAN JO ANN EMERSON IS A CO-SPONSOR OF A BILL TO INCREASE BENEFITS AND ELIGIBILITY FOR THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.
EDUCATION ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**6/1**	**6:00 PM**	**1:20**	THE BOARD HAD SETTLED ON ONE NAME FROM THE LIST OF CANDIDATES. BUT A DECISION ON THE PART OF THAT CANDIDATE MEANS THE SEARCH WILL CONTINUE. THE SEARCH BEGAN IN DECEMBER, WHEN ELSON FLOYD ANNOUNCED HE WOULD LEAVE THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT. IN JANUARY, THE BOARD BEGAN LOOKING FOR A NEW PRESIDENT, HIRING BAKER AND ASSOCIATES TO CONSULT ON THE SEARCH. AND NOW, JUNE SEES A NEW SEARCH BEGIN. BUT THE BOARD SAYS IT ISN'T **ENTIRELY** STARTING FROM SCRATCH THE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTED THIS MORNING THAT EAST COAST BUSINESSMAN TERRY SUTTER WAS THE CANDIDATE WHO TURNED DOWN THE JOB
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**6/2**	**10:00 PM**	**1:40**	YOU MIGHT ONLY THINK OF A TELEPHONE AS A WAY TO CALL PEOPLE. DONNETTA MCMULLEN MAKES ART OUT OF OLD TELEPHONE WIRE.SHE IS ONE OF ONE HUNDRED ARTISTS DISPLAYING THEIR WORK AT COLUMBIA'S *ART IN THE PARK* AT STEPHENS LAKE PARK. ORGANIZERS OF THE 49 YEAR OLD ART FESTIVAL SAY ITS MORE THAN JUST AN AVERAGE ART SHOW. VISUAL ARTISTS FROM CALIFORNIA TO FLORIDA SHOWCASE THEIR WORK IN TENTS... WHILE MUSICIANS, STORYTELLERS AND DANCERS USE THE MAIN STAGE AREA.

					THE FESTIVAL BENEFITS THE COLUMBIA ART LEAGUE... AND ORGANIZERS SAY THEY EXPECT A BIG TURNOUT. ART IN THE PARK CONTINUES TOMORROW AT STEPHENS LAKE PARK FROM TEN A-M TO 5 P-M.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**6/3**	**10:00 PM**	**1:50**	SUMMER TIME MEANS FUN IN THE SUN AND IN THE WATER. BUT WATER ISN'T ALWAYS THE SAFEST PLACE TO BE. AT WATER SAFETY DAY IN COLUMBIA... KIDS AND PARENTS LEARNED SAFETY TECHNIQUES THAT CAN SAVE LIVES. KIDS LEARNED WHAT TO DO IF A FRIEND DIVES IN THE SHALLOW END AND HITS THEIR HEAD.LIFEGUARDS ALSO SHOWED HOW TO WEAR A LIFE PRESERVER...AND GIVE C-P-R. LIFEGUARDS ENJOY SPREADING SAFETY TIPS THE ORGANIZERS OF THE EVENT STRESS THE IMPORTANCE TO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN AROUND A POOL WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION. THEY SUGGEST LOCKING ACCESS TO A POOL EITHER WITH DOORS... OR A POOL FENCE IF YOU'RE ON THE PORCH. AND THEY URGE FAMILIES TO ALWAYS HAVE A CLEAR VIEW OF THE POOL IF KIDS ARE SWIMMING.
HEALTH ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**6/4**	**10:00 PM**	**1:55**	FEDERAL PROGRAM NEEDS MORE MONEY TO KEEP FUNDING HEALTH CARE FOR MISSOURI CHILDREN THIS PROGRAM HELPS MANY MID-MISSOURI CHILDREN GET HEALTH CARE EVEN IF THEIR PARENTS DON'T QUALIFY FOR MEDICAID. S-CHIP, OR THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM WAS CREATED BY THE U-S CONGRESS TEN YEARS AGO. IT IS A BLOCK GRANT, THE PROGRAM ONLY GETS

					A CERTAIN AMOUNT EACH YEAR... AND HELPS FUND MISSOURI'S M-C- PLUS PROGRAM. C-M-C HOPES LAWMAKERS WILL RENEW THE PROGRAM FOR ANOTHER TEN YEARS THIS SUMMER... THE GROUP SAYS IT WILL TAKE 50- BILLION DOLLARS. IF YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE S-CHIP PROGRAM OR CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE IN MISSOURI, YOU CAN VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT KOMU DOT COM.
CRIME ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**6/5**	**10:00 PM**	**1:20**	THE OFFICER REPORTED THE E-MAIL TO THE DEPARTMENT. NOW POLICE ARE REMINDING THE PUBLIC TO BEWARE BEFORE HANDING OUT INFORMATION ONLINE. YOU CAN EASILY WITHDRAW MONEY FROM YOUR LOCAL A-T-M, BUT FALLING VICTIM TO AN E-MAIL SCAM COULD ALLOW SOMEONE ELSE TO WITHDRAW YOUR MONEY JUST AS EASILY. SOME MISSOURI CREDIT UNION ACCOUNT HOLDERS GOT AN E-MAIL TELLING THEM TO DISCLOSE INDIVIDUAL BANKING INFORMATION. THE PROBLEM IS, OFFICIALS DIDN'T SEND OUT THE E-MAIL.THE WEB LINK ASKED FOR THE ACCOUNT HOLDER'S: BANK CARD NUMBER.CARD'S EXPIRATION DATE. AND THEIR A-T-M PIN NUMBER. ANYONE WHO ENTERED THEIR INFORMATION ON THE WEB LINK SHOULD CONTACT THEIR BANK AND THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT RIGHT AWAY.
CRIME ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**6/6**	**10:00 PM**	**1:45**	THE SEARCH FOR A MISSING 18-YEAR-OLD KANSAS GIRL HAS ENDED. POLICE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED THE BODY OF KELSEY SMITH THIS AFTERNOON. THE LAST SIGNAL FROM KELSEY'S CELLPHONE CAME ABOUT AN HOUR AFTER SHE EXITED A TARGET STORE SATURDAY IN OVERLAND PARK NEAR KANSAS CITY... WHERE SECURITY CAMERAS CAPTURED WHAT LOOKS LIKE HER BEING FORCED INTO HER CAR AND DRIVING AWAY.

					POLICE TRACED THE CELLPHONE SIGNAL TO THE WOODED AREA...15 MILES AWAY...WHERE THEY SPENT TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY SEARCHING FOR SMITH... AUTHORITIES ALSO REMAIN FOCUSED ON A BLACK PICKUP THAT SECURITY VIDEO SHOWED PULLING IN AND PARKING NEAR KELSEY'S CAR... ...THEN PULLING OUT THAT NIGHT...JUST MINUTES AFTER KELSEY'S ABANDONED CAR WAS FOUND ACROSS THE STREET. KANSAS POLICE BELIEVE THE BODY FOUND IS KELSEY SMITH. NOW, THE SEARCH FOR MURDER SUSPECTS IS ON.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**6/7**	**10:00 PM**	**1:45**	THE COLUMBIA REGIONAL AIRPORT COULD SOON BE THE STARTING POINT OF MORE FLIGHT OPTIONS WEDNESDAY, THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD ANNOUNCED IT WOULD RECOMMEND THE COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL LOOK FOR AIRLINES WILLING TO FLY TO CHICAGO AND DALLAS. U.S. AIRWAYS, COLUMBIA REGIONAL'S ONLY CURRENT FLIGHT PROVIDER, IS DISCONTINUING SERVICE TO ST. LOUIS IN EARLY JULY. IN ORDER TO MAKE LOCAL SERVICE MORE APPEALING TO OTHER AIRLINES, THE CURRENT RUNWAY NEEDS TO BE EXPANDED... WHICH IS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE FUTURE... AND ONCE THAT'S DONE, SERVICE COULD SOAR. OFFICIALS SAY THE PLANS OF EXPANDING THE RUNWAY ARE STILL IN THE INITIAL STAGES AND GETTING ADDITIONAL LAND IS THE FIRST STEP.
JOBS/ECONOMY ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**6/8**	**6:00 PM**	**2:00**	GOVERNOR BLUNT IS ASKING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR HELP AFTER THIS YEAR'S FLOODING. WAYNE HILGEDICK HAS BEEN A FARMER FOR ALMOST 60 YEARS. AND HE'S SEEN HIS FAIR SHARE OF FLOODS. IN THE PAST, MID-MISSOURI FARMS LIKE HILGEDICK'S RECEIVED FEDERAL MONEY FOLLOWING FLOODS. IN '93, MISSOURI FARMERS GOT BETWEEN 8 AND 10 MILLION DOLLARS.AND IN '95, SEVEN TO EIGHT

					MILLION. HILGEDICK RECEIVED FEDERAL MONEY IN BOTH 19-93 AND '95. AND SAYS FARMERS WHOSE CROPS WERE DESTROYED BY THIS YEAR'S FLOOD CAN BENEFIT FROM THE SAME KIND OF AID. MONEY TO HELP OUT MID-MISSOURI FARMERS WILL BE AVAILABLE IF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE APPROVES THE GOVERNOR'S REQUEST.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**6/9**	**6:00 PM**	**1:45**	MISSOURIANS FROM ACROSS THE STATE GATHERED IN COLUMBIA FOR THE FIFTH ANNUAL PRIDE FEST. THEY ARE HERE TODAY FOR THE MID-MISSOURI LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER COALITION'S FIFTH ANNUAL PRIDEFEST. IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, PRIDEFEST HAS SEEN TREMENDOUS GROWTH.OTHERS REMEMBER THE OLD DAYS...WHEN PRIDEFEST WAS JUST A POTLUCK PARTY. SO THEY ORGANIZED ONE THEMSELVES.BUT EVEN THOUGH THE CROWDS GET BIGGER...THE MESSAGE REMAINS THE SAME. SPRINGFIELD'S PRIDE DAY IS TOMORROW AND ST. LOUIS HOLDS THEIR PRIDEFEST THE 23RD AND 24TH
HEALTH ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**6/10**	**10:00 PM**	**3:10**	WHEN THE TIME COMES TO PUT A LOVED ONE IN A LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION...WHAT LEVEL OF CARE IS NEEDED? WHAT DOES THE HOME HAVE TO OFFER? AND ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES WEBSITE, OF THOSE TWENTY HOMES, NOT A SINGLE ONE HAS A PATTERN OF MAJOR VIOLATIONS WITHIN THE PAST THREE YEARS... IN AN INDUSTRY THAT IS HIGHLY REGULATED... THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES OR D-H-S-S, SAYS MINOR VIOLATIONS AREN'T UNCOMMON... LONG-TERM CARE ADMINISTRATORS SAY VISITING A HOME IS KEY TO DETERMINING IF IT WILL BE A

					GOOD FIT. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FINDING THE RIGHT LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY FOR YOUR LOVED ONE, LOG ONTO OUR WEBSITE FOR LINKS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**6/11**	**10:00 PM**	**1:25**	SUMMERTIME CAN MEAN DOING NOTHING FOR A FEW MONTHS...BUT IT CAN ALSO BE A TIME FOR VOLUNTEERING. IT WAS TIME FOR A BIT OF SHOW AND TELL....SHOWING PEOPLE THE BASICS OF THERAPEUTIC RIDING AND TELLING THEM WHERE THEY CAN HELP. ORGANIZERS EXPECTED EXCITED VOLUNTEERS...WHAT THEY DIDN'T EXPECT WAS THE SMALL TURNOUT. THOSE WHO CAME TO THE TRAINING WATCHED VIDEOS, LEARNED HOW TO GROOM A HORSE AND HOW TO HANDLE ONE. THE RIDING CENTER IS LOOKING FOR ABOUT 40 MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT THIS SUMMER--TWO HOURS A WEEK. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AT CEDAR CREEK, YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION AT OUR WEBSITE KOMU DOT COM.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOKU NEWS AT 10**	**6/12**	**10:00 PM**	**1:45**	HAVE YOU EVER BEEN SITTING AT AN INTERSECTION AND SEEN SOMEONE SPEED THROUGH A RED LIGHT? THOSE SPEEDING DRIVERS MAY SOON GET A TICKET EVEN IF A POLICE OFFICER ISN'T ANYWHERE TO BE SEEN IT'S BUYING CAMERAS THAT WILL BE ABLE TO GET PICTURES OF A DRIVER WHO GIVES IN TO THE TEMPTATION TO RUNS A RED LIGHT. THE CITY FEELS IT'S SAFER AND MORE EFFECTIVE TO INSTALL THESE NEW CAMERAS RATHER THEN TRY AND KEEP OFFICERS AT THE MAJOR

					INTERSECTIONS. COLUMBIA POLICE SAY THEY AVERAGE AROUND ONE HUNDRED RED LIGHT TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS A MONTH AND THEY HOPE THE CAMERAS WILL LOWER THAT NUMBER. WHILE IT HASN'T BE RELEASED WHICH ROADS AND INTERSECTIONS WILL HAVE THE RED LIGHT CAMERAS, IT WON'T BE A SECRET ONCE ITS FIGURED OUT.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**6/13**	**6:00 PM**	**1:35**	IT'S BEEN SAID-- GREAT THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES...AT JUST OVER EIGHT FEET LONG AND FIVE FEET WIDE THIS PINT-SIZED VEHICLE IS CALLED THE SMART CAR. THE SMART CAR GETS AT LEAST 40 MILES PER GALLON... AND WITH GAS PRICES MUCH HIGHER, THIS SMALL ALTERNATIVE IS STARTING TO LOOK A LITTLE, WELL, SMARTER. THE SIZE OF THE CAR MAY BE NICE FOR FUEL EFFICENCY, BUT IT ALSO CAUSES SOME WORRY.. DRIVERS IN 36 COUNTIRES HAVE SNAPPED UP SOME 750,000 SMART CARS IN THE LAST NINE YEARS. THE SMART CARS ARE NOT YET FOR SALE HERE IN THE STATES...BUT THE U-S WILL BECOME THE 37TH COUNTRY TO SELL THE VEHICLES NEXT YEAR.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**6/14**	**6:00 PM**	**1:30**	THE SUIT IS AGAINST DEVELOPERS ARCHITECTS AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES WHO BUILT FOUR CONDOMINIUMS AT THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS, AND ALLEGEDLY DID NOT PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO DISABILITY CODES. THE LAWSUIT ALLEGES THIS DEVELOPMENT, CLEARWATER CONDOMINIUMS, AND THREE OTHERS AT THE LAKE, CEDAR HEIGHTS, MIRAMAR AND LOCH HAVEN, ARE NOT DOING ENOUGH TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. THE EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL SAYS PUBLIC USE AREAS, DOORWAYS AND GROUND FLOOR UNITS IN THE DEVELOPMENTS DO NOT MEET

					STANDARDS SET BY THE FAIR HOUSING AND AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACTS. THIS LAWSUIT RESULTED FROM A STUDY EARLIER THIS YEAR THEQUAL HOUSING COUNCIL SAYS SHOWS 40 NEW CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAKE AREA DID NOT FULLY COMPLY WITH THE FAIR HOUSING ACT
HEALTH ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**6/15**	**10:00 PM**	**1:40**	THE MISSOURI WATER PATROL REPORTS TWO MORE DROWNINGS AT THE LAKE, JUST IN THE PAST 24 HOURS. THURSDAYS DROWNINGS BRING THE CURRENT 2007 DEATH TOLL AT THE LAKE TO FIVE. . THE DROWNINGS ALL HAPPENED AT DIFFERENT TIMES AND DIFFERENT LOCATIONS. THE ONLY COMMON FACTORS IN ALL CASES... THERE WAS ALCOHOL INVOLVED AND THE BOATERS DID NOT HAVE LIFE JACKETS. LAST YEAR ELEVEN PEOPLE DIED AT THE LAKE, BUT THERE WERE NO DEATHS BEFORE JULY FIRST.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**6/16**	**6:00 PM**	**1:45**	FOLKS FROM ALL OVER THE CITY'S AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY ARE COMING TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE FREEDOM AND TO HONOR THEIR ANCESTORS YEARS OF OPPRESSION. CORNELLIA WILLIAMS IS JUST ONE OF ROUGHLY A HUNDRED EXPECTED TO CELEBRATE FREEDOM IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY. SHE'S LIVED IN COLUMBIA ALL HER LIFE AND SAYS THE CITY HAS CHANGED IN THAT TIME. SHE SAYS IT'S GOOD, NOW, THAT CELEBRATIONS LIKE JUNETEENTH CAN PEACEFULLY BRING THE CITY TOGETHER. NOW THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS TAKING PLACE ALL OVER THE AREA... INCLUDING ONE IN JEFFERSON CITY AND ANOTHER IN SEDALIA

HEALTH ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**6/17**	**10:00 PM**	**2:45**	AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT IS USUALLY A PROCEDURE OF LAST RESORT. BUT A PROGRAM RIGHT HERE IN MID-MISSOURI IS TURNING A LAST RESORT INTO A MORE COMFORTABLE EXPERIENCE AND WHILE THE KIDNEY PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES, IT'S ALSO CELEBRATING ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY. IT ALL STARTED ON FEBRUARY 11TH, 1972 WITH M-U UROLOGIST AND SURGEON DR. GILBERT ROSS. HE HELPED PERFORM TWO KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS THAT DAY 35 YEARS AGO. IT WAS THE FIRST KIDNEY TRANSPLANT PROCEDURE IN CENTRAL MISSOURI. THE PROGRAM CURRENTLY AVERAGES ABOUT 30 KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS A YEAR. THERE ARE STILL ABOUT 65-THOUSAND PATIENTS WAITING FOR KIDNEY TRANSPLANT NATIONWIDE.
CRIME ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**6/18**	**10:00 PM**	**1:40**	THE VANDALISM HAPPENED IN 3 SOUTHWEST MOBERLY NEIGHBORHOODS... IN THE HOMESTEAD, RAILWEST SUBDIVISION, AND BEUTH ROAD AREAS. VANDALS DESTROYED MAILBOXES AND OTHER YARD ORNAMENTS IN THIS MOBERLY SUBDIVISION. MOBERLY POLICE REPORT MORE THAN 30 YARDS WERE DAMAGED. THE MOBERLY POLICE SAYS IT HAS NO MAJOR LEADS... BUT IT IS OFFERING A FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO A SUSPECT. MOBERLY POLICE ASK ANYONE WITH INFORMATION TO CALL THE IT'S CRIME LINE

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	6/19	6:00 PM	1:45	THIS WEEK... STATE AGENCIES ARE TAKING PART IN A THREE DAY EARTHQUAKE DRILL. IN THE NEXT TWO DAYS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS ARE ACTING AS IF MISSOURI JUST GOT HIT BY AN EARTHQUAKE. THE DRILL INCLUDED COLUMBIA REGIONAL HOSPITAL GETTING DESTROYED AND ITS PATIENTS GOING TO OTHER HOSPITALS. MODOT DISCUSSED HOW TO DISTRIBUTE SUPPLIES IN CASE ROADS AND BRIDGES ARE DAMAGED.THE RED CROSS DISCUSSED ITS OWN DISASTER RELIEF AND SUPPLY LIST. RIGHT NOW THE STATE HAS A 45 DAY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PLAN
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	6/20	6:00 PM	1:40	THIS YEAR HUD IS PROVIDING MID-MISSOURI WITH ALMOST 18 PERCENT LESS MONEY THAN NEEDED. THESE PUBLIC HOUSES IN FULTON WILL SPEND ANOTHER YEAR WITHOUT THE FUNDING PLANNED FOR THEM. IN FACT, PUBLIC HOUSING FUNDING IS DOWN ONE POINT TWO BILLION DOLLARS SINCE 2001.DESPITE THE LACK OF FUNDING, FULTON'S PUBLIC HOUSING PAYS FOR SMALL PROJECTS ... SUCH AS THIS GARDEN. HOUSING AUTHORITIES SAY WHEN BUDGET CUTS NEED TO BE MADE, STAFF AND MAINTENANCE ARE THE FIRST TO GO. HOUSING AUTHORITIES SAY THE DROP IN FEDERAL FUNDING IS DUE TO MAJOR SHIFTS IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET.

CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**6/21**	**10:00 PM**	**1:35**	COLUMBIA IS MOVING AHEAD WITH ADDING MORE ROUNDABOUTS TO ITS BUSY INTERSECTIONS COLUMBIA HAS ELEVEN ROUNDABOUTS NOW. AND MORE ARE ON THE WAY. DREW SCHENEMAN IS THE HEAD OF THE COLUMBIA DRIVING SCHOOL.ONE OF THE PARTS OF HIS JOB IS TEACHING NEW DRIVERS THE PROPER WAY TO DEAL WITH THESE TRAFFIC CIRCLES. ONCE INSIDE THE CIRCLE THE TRAFFIC MOVES COUNTER CLOCKWISE TOWARDS THE RIGHT. THE NEWEST ROUNDABOUT JUST OPENED AT THE INTERSECTION OF STATE FARM PARKWAY AND SOUTH HAMPTON DRIVE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**6/22**	**10:00 PM**	**1:25**	BANNED IN NEW YORK, BUT FIREWORKS ARE LEGAL IN MANY PARTS OF MISSOURI. THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION SAYS A KANSAS DISTRIBUTOR HAS VOLUNTARILY RECALLED TWO DIFFERENT FIREWORKS. THE "MARCH OR DIE" SHELL WAS RECALLED DUE TO TUBING THAT COULD BECOME LOOSE, CAUSING THE FIREWORK TO BECOME UNSTABLE AND POSE A BURN HAZARD. ONE OF THE COMPANIES INVOLVED IN THE RECALL SAYS IT WORKED TO COLLECT THE FAULTY PRODUCT BEFORE ANYONE WAS INJURED BY IT. EXPERTS AGREE IT IS IMPORTANT TO EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN USING FIREWORKS THIS FOURTH OF JULY. THE "MARCH OR DIE" SHELL COSTS 40 DOLLARS, AND THE 300 SHOT MISSILE BATTERY COSTS 10 DOLLARS.

CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**6/23**	**6:00**	**2:05**	IT WAS TODAY AT FIELD DAY IN JEFFERSON CITY THAT THE MID-MO AMATEUR RADIO LEAGUE, OUR VERY OWN LOCAL HAM RADIO OPERATOR GROUP, TESTED OUT ALL THE TOYS TO MAKE SURE WE'RE PREPARED FOR WHEN DISASTER STRIKES. HAMMOND IS AMONG A HANDFUL OF MID-MISSOURIANS THAT DEDICATE THEIR TIME TO SPEAKERS, ANTENNAS, AND MORSE CODE. IT'S A DEDICATION, HE AND OTHERS SAY CAN SAVE LIVES. AMATEUR RADIO'S FIELD DAY IS NO MORE THAN A TEST OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, HAMMOND SAYS IT'S A TEST WELL WORTH IT. HE SAYS FROM ONE SMALL TRAILER IN MID-MISSOURI IT'S POSSIBLE TO SPEAK TO THE NATION AND BEYOND -- ALL VIA RADIO. NOW THE MID-MO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB WILL BE OUT ALL NIGHT TONIGHT TESTING THEIR COMMUNICATION SKILLS WITH, LIKE TOM SAID, PLACES ALL OVER THE WORLD.
HEALTH ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**6/24**	**10:00 PM**	**1:45**	THE NUMBER IS HIGHER THAN USUAL FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR AT THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS. SUSAN KEENEY SAYS THE RECENT DEATH HASN'T STOPPED THE FLOW OF BUSINESS. THE WATER PATROL SAYS ALL OF THE DEATHS ARE LINKED TO ALCOHOL. KEENEY THINKS THAT A FEW ISOLATED CASES CAN GIVE THE LAKE A BAD REPUTATION. WHILE THE LAKE SUN LEADER IS REPORTING THAT HIGH LEVELS OF E COLI BACTERICA ARE ABOVE THE STATE STANDARD IN THREE COVES, KENNEY SAYS THAT HASN'T STOPPED BUSINESS EITHER. K-O-M-U ALSO TALKED TO TEN OTHER BUSINESSES AT THE LAKE, AND THERE WERE NO COMPLAINTS THERE EITHER.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	6/25	10:00 PM	1:30	AND WHILE THIS LATEST REPORT IS CASTING DOOM ON THE NATIONAL HOUSING MARKET, THE REGION ISN'T THAT BAD OFF. RUNDE'S EXPERIENCE IS IN LINE WITH A NEW REPORT FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS, WHICH FOUND NATIONWIDE SALES OF EXISTING HOMES FELL ZERO-POINT-THREE PERCENT IN MAY, THE SLOWEST SALES PACE IN FOUR YEARS. THE REPORT ALSO FOUND THE MEDIAN PRICE OF HOMES DROPPED FOR THE TENTH CONSECUTIVE MONTH TO JUST UNDER TWO-HUNDRED 24-THOUSAND DOLLARS... THAT'S DOWN TWO-POINT-ONE PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO. REGIONALLY, THOUGH, THE COLUMBIA BOARD OF REALTORS SAYS THE LOCAL HOUSING MARKET REMAINS STRONG. THE COLUMBIA BOARD OF REALTOR STATISTICS SHOW RISING HOME PRICES FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS.
JOBS/ECONOMY ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	6/26	6:00 PM	1:25	IT'S A GROWING BATTLE: FAMILY FARMS VERSUS CORPORATE FARMS. NOW THEY'RE COMPETING OVER WHO SHOULD REGULATE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. EVERY COUNTY IN THE STATE OPERATES UNDER A SET OF STATE STANDARDS HEALTH AND SAFETY.ONLY 16 COUNTIES HAVE STANDARDS STRICTER THAN THE STATE.. BUT MANY FAMILY FARM GROUPS -- LIKE PATCHWORK FAMILY FARMS -- BELIEVE STATE ORDINANCES HELP CORPORATE FARMS.THE OTHER OPTION IS LOCAL CONTROL BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. JUST LAST SPRING, THE SENATE KILLED A BILL SWITCHING ALL FARM HEALTH ORDINANCES TO STATE CONTROL. THAT WAS A VICTORY FOR FAMILY FARMS. THE STATE REGULATES BRINKER'S LARGE HOG FARM UNDER THE CLASSIFICATION OF ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS -- RULES DESIGNED TO PROTECT WATER RESOURCES FROM ANIMAL WASTE.

EDUCATION ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**6/27**	**10:00 PM**	**1:25**	PARENTS AND THEIR KIDS CAME TOGETHER TODAY TO CELEBRATE THE NEW BUILDING. THE MOOG SCHOOL USED TO SHARE SPACE WITH THE EVANGELISTIC FREE CHURCH. IT COSTS $18,000 DOLLARS A YEAR PER CHILD, AND FUNDRAISING HELPED PAY FOR THE NEW LOCATION. THE NEW LOCATION GIVES STUDENTS MORE ROOM TO LEARN AND PLAY TOGETHER. THE MOOG SCHOOL REACHES OUT TO KIDS ACROSS MISSOURI, AND TEACHES THEM THE BASICS FOR EVERYDAY LIFE. IF YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MOOG PROGRAM GO TO THE KOMU WEBSITE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**6/28**	**6:00 PM**	**1:30**	SO THE INSURANCE AGENTS AND MORTGAGE LENDERS GATHERED IN JEFFERSON CITY TODAY TO WORK THROUGH THE DETAILS OF FEDERAL FLOOD INSURANCE. TEETER AND OTHER INSURANCE AGENTS, ALONG WITH LENDERS, LEARNED ABOUT LAWS REQUIRING RENTAL TENANTS TO HAVE THE INSURANCE IN CERTAIN FLOOD ZONES. THE FLOOD IN 1993 TAUGHT THE CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL HOW IMPORTANT INSURANCE REALLY IS. BECAUSE THE ENTIRE STATE OF MISSOURI HAS SEEN RECENT RAIN AND FLOODS, TEETER SAYS UNDERSTANDING INSURANCE IS A NECESSITY. WITH THOSE FACTORS IN MIND, ORGANIZERS HOPE THE NEXT ROUND OF FLOODS DON'T CATCH RENTERS OR OWNERS BY SURPRISE. IN ADDITION TO FEDERAL INSURANCE, THE STATE PLAYS A ROLE IN FLOOD RELIEF.

CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**6/29**	**10:00 PM**	**1:25**	THE MISSOURI WATER PATROL WILL BE OUT IN FULL FORCE. AND BOATERS SHOULD ALSO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD. WITH THE 4TH FALLING ON A WEDNESDAY, IT MEANS THE WATER PATROL WILL HAVE TO WORK NON-STOP THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT. THEY WILL HAVE HELP, THE COAST GUARD IS HERE TO HELP THE PATROL FOR THE NEXT TEN DAYS THE COAST GUARD WILL HAVE TWO PATROL BOATS, THEY SHARE THE SAME GOAL AS THE STATE OFFICERS. AND WITH ALCOHOL PLAYING A ROLE IN ALL 7 DEATHS THIS YEAR, IT'S CLEAR THAT DRINKING AND BOATING DON'T GO TOGETHER. A STATE WATER PATROL OFFICER TOLD ME WHEN BOATERS SEE THE FEDERAL COAST GUARD, THEY USUALLY CUT BACK ON THEIR WILD BEHAVIOR.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**6/30**	**6:00 PM**	**1:40**	INDEPENDENCE DAY IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER AND WHILE SOME PLAN TO LIGHT UP THE SKY. SOME GIRL SCOUTS WANT TO REMIND THE MEXICO COMMUNITY ABOUT THOSE WHO SERVED. MOST OF THE TIME WHEN GIRL SCOUTS GO HOUSE TO HOUSE, THEIR SELLING COOKIES.BUT THESE GROUP OF GIRLS HAVE A DIFFERENT AGENDA. THEY'RE SPREADING PATRIOTISM TO THE ENTIRE CITY OF MEXICO, ONE HOUSE AT A TIME. THE GIRLS DO IT AS PART OF THE 'CELEBRATE AMERICA' PROGRAM SPONSORED BY COLDWELL BANK. CELEBRATE AMERICA IS SO POPULAR THAT HOMES OUTSIDE MEXICO ARE REQUESTING FLAGS. BOTTS SAYS THEY DON'T COLLECT THE FLAGS AFTER THE HOLIDAY. EACH HOME KEEPS THE GIFT.