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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 JULY 1st, 2007 TO SEPTEMBER 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.

3rd QUARTER ISSUES: CONSUMER ISSUES, CRIME, DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, EDUCATION, JOBS/ECONOMY

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE	PROGRAM/ SEGMENT	DATE	TIME	DURATION	NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	7/1	10:00 PM	3:05	MOST OF US HAVE AT LEAST A FEW FRECKLES OR MOLES. AND MOST OF THEM ARE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. BUT SOMETIMES...THEY CAN BE DANGEROUS...AND EVEN CANCEROUS. THIS WEEK'S YOUR HEALTH SHOWS US A NEW WAY DOCTORS ARE ACTUALLY *LISTENING* FOR THE SOUNDS OF SKIN CANCER. YOU CAN'T HEAR IT, BUT THIS MACHINE CAN... DID YOU REALIZE CANCER MAKES NOISE? DOCTOR JOHN VIATOR IS WORKING WITH ONCOLOGIST DOCTOR PAUL DALE TO USE ULTRASOUND TECHNOLOGY THAT CAN HEAR SKIN CANCER SPREADING. THAT'S MUSIC TO THE EARS OF RECOVERING MELANOMA PATIENTS LIKE VICKIE SEXTON. SHE HAD A SPOT ON HER BACK THAT ENDED UP BEING SKIN CANCER. HER DERMATOLOGIST BIOPSIED THE SPOT...AND THE LAB *DID* FIND MELANOMA CELLS... FURTHER BIOPSIES LEFT THE SCAR ON HER NECK. AND DESPITE THE CANCER BEING REMOVED, PATIENTS LIKE SEXTON ARE ALWAYS CONCERNED

					ABOUT IT HAPPENING AGAIN, AND DOCTORS ARE TOO. SO THE NEW TECHNOLOGY OFFERS A LOT OF PIECE OF MIND WITH JUST A LITTLE BLOOD WORK... A BLOOD SAMPLE IS RUN THROUGH TUBES AND ZAPPED WITH A LASER. IF THERE ARE MELANOMA CELLS, THE MACHINE WILL HEAR IT AND THAT SOUND IS INDICATED BY A SPIKE SHOWN ON THE ULTRASOUND. FOR NOW, SEXTON PLANS TO KEEP COMING FOR CHECKUPS...AND SHE HOPES TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN DOCTOR VIATOR'S STUDY AS A PATIENT. WITH YOUR HEALTH, I'M JAMIE GRAY, KOMU-NEWS COLUMBIA. DOCTOR VIATOR AND HIS TEAM ARE CURRENTLY WORKING TO GET A PATIENT STUDY STARTED. FUTURE PLANS INCLUDE MAKING THE DEVICE AVAILABLE IN CLINICS AND LOOKING FOR A WAY TO USE THE TECHNOLOGY TO DETECT *OTHER* FORMS OF CANCER LIKE BREAST CANCER. FOR INFORMATION ON DR. VIATOR'S RESEARCH AND DR. DALE'S CONTACT INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE KOMU DOT COM.
JOBS ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**7/2**	**5:00 PM**	**1:50**	TEENS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY HAVE A MISSION IN MOBERLY THIS WEEK. IT'S NOT MISSION *IMPOSSIBLE*...MORE LIKE MISSION *IMPROVEMENT.* TEENAGERS FROM WYOMING TO MISSISSIPPI WANTED TO MAKE A CHANGE. SO THEY CAME TO MOBERLY TO LEND A HAND. THURSDAY NIGHT...THOMAS DAMERON FOUND A BIG PROBLEM WHEN HE WENT TO BED. AND NOT ONLY THAT...HE COULDN'T AFFORD TO FIX IT. THAT'S WHERE THE MISSION GROUP WORLD CHANGERS COMES IN. THIS IS PHILLIPS' SIXTH YEAR IN THE GROUP... BUT HE'S NEVER TACKLED A PROJECT SO BIG.

					THE GROUP IS UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF MARVIN DELK...A CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONAL WHO VOLUNTEERS HIS TIME. WORLD CHANGERS IS A SOUTHERN BAPTIST ORGANIZATION THAT ALLOWS TEENS FROM ALL OVER THE STATES TO DO MISSION WORK AROUND THE U-S AND CANADA. AND THE LABOR...IS ALL DONE BY THE GROUP. AND THE HOMEOWNERS LIKE DAMERON LOVE THE HELP. THE MISSION GROUP WILL BE IN MOBERLY FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK. OTHER GROUPS OF TEENAGERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE WORKING IN OTHER PLACES FROM ALASKA TO FLORIDA ALL SUMMER.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**7/3**	**6:00 PM**	**:45**	MISSOURI HOUSE MINORITY LEADER JEFF HARRIS TODAY REVEALED WHAT MANY EXPECTED -- HE WILL BE RUNNING FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL IN 2008. THE COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT SAID HE WILL QUIT AS HOUSE MINORITY LEADER BEFORE THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN JANUARY. HARRIS SERVED AS ASSISTANT TO CURRENT ATTORNEY GENERAL JAY NIXON BEFORE BEING ELECTED TO THE MISSOURI HOUSE IN 2002. AS A PART OF THE CAMPAIGN, HARRIS IS GOING TO USE INTERNET. HE RECENTLY LAUNCHED A WEBSITE ASKING FOR SUPPORT AND DONATIONS.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**7/4**	**10:00 PM**	**1:30**	THIS YEAR'S MID-WEEK HOLIDAY AFFECTS STATE TROOPERS ON THE HIGHWAY. IT'S CALLED OPERATION C.A.R.E. AND TROOPERS CONCENTRATE ON, SPEEDERS AND DRUNK DRIVERS. THE FOURTH OF JULY IS A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HOLIDAY, WHICH MEANS MOST PEOPLE ARE OFF WORK, HAVE A LONGER WEEKEND, AND MAYBE EVEN TOOK A QUICK VACATION.

					SO THE TROOPERS INCREASE THIER PATROLS. LAST YEAR THERE WERE 840 INJURY ACCIDENTS AND 12 DEATH ON MISSOURI'S HIGHWAYS DURING THE INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND. THAT AVERAGES OUT TO ONE ACCIDENT EVERY SEVEN AND A HALF MINUTES. NEXT YEAR THERE WILL MOST LIKELY BE MORE CARS ON THE ROAD. INDEPENDENCE DAY FALLS ON A FRIDAY. SO FAR THE HIGHWAY PATROL REPORTS ONLY ONE FATALITIY THIS FOURTH OF JULY COUNTING PERIOD.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**7/5**	**10:00 PM**	**1:25**	AN EARLY MORNING SHOOTING LEAVES AN M-U ATHLETE INJURED. CLUB TROPICANA IS CLOSED TONIGHT, BUT IT WAS QUITE A DIFFERENT SCENE LAST NIGHT. POLICE SAY CARROLL WAS ONE OF TWO VICTIMS IN THE SHOOTING... WHICH TOOK PLACE AROUND 1:30 THIS MORNING. CARROLL IS A JUNIOR TRANSFER FROM VANDERBILT. HE COULDN'T PLAY FOR THE TIGERS LAST YEAR... BUT HE IS ELIGIBLE FOR TWO SEASONS AT M-U. POLICE ARE NOT RELEASING THE NAME OF THE OTHER VICTIM... WHO WAS SHOT IN THE SIDE. NEITHER MAN'S WOUND WAS LIFE THREATENING AND THE HOSPITAL HAS RELEASED THEM BOTH. THE M-U ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT RELEASED A STATEMENT ON THE SHOOTING. COACH MIKE ANDERSON --- WHO IS ALSO CARROLL'S UNCLE --- SAYS HE AND THE TEAM WILL HELP CARROLL THROUGH THIS, QUOTE "SCARY SITUATION." AND, THEY ARE GRATEFUL NOBODY INVOLVED WAS SERIOUSLY HURT.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 5	7/6	5:00 PM	1:50	GOVERNOR BLUNT SIGNED HOUSE BILL 10-55 TODAY CHANGING ABORTION LAWS AND SEX EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS... THE NEW BILL SPARKS DISCUSSION OF THE OLD ROE VERSUS WADE CONTROVERSY. THOSE ON THE PRO-LIFE SIDE OF THE ROAD...LIKE COLUMBIA'S OPEN ARMS... CALL THE BILL A VICTORY... WHILE THOSE ON THE PRO-CHOICE SIDE...LIKE PLANNED PARENTHOOD CONSIDER THE BILL IS A STEP BACKWARDS FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS...AND SEX EDUCATION. THE OFFICIAL SIGNING OF HOUSE BILL 10-55 IN JEFFERSON CITY...MARKS A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN MISSOURI'S ABORTION DEBATE. THE NEW BILL HAS THREE MAIN PARTS. FIRST, IT BARS REPRESENTATIVES FROM ABORTION CLINICS LIKE PLANNED PARENTHOOD FROM PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOMS. SECOND, IT FORCES CLINICS TO MEET HIGHER MEDICAL AND STRUCTURAL STANDARDS IF THEY OFFER SECOND OR THIRD TRIMESTER ABORTIONS OR PERFORM MORE THAN 5 FIRST TERM ABORTIONS PER MONTH. AND LASTLY, THE BILL MAKES PERMANENT THE "MISSOURI ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION SERVICES PROGRAM"...A PROGRAM THAT HELPS LOW-INCOME PREGNANT WOMEN GET PRENATAL CARE AND NECESSITIES LIKE FOOD. SUPPORTERS OF THE BILL SAY THE NEW CLINIC STANDARDS ARE ABOUT SAFETY. WHILE PLANNED PARENTHOOD SAYS THE RESTRICTIONS AREN'T ABOUT SAFETY AT ALL. THE BILL GOES INTO EFFECT AUGUST 28TH. IF CLINICS HAVEN'T COMPLIED WITH THE STRICTER SURGICAL STANDARDS BY THEN...THEY MUST STOP OFFERING ABORTIONS. THOSE CLINICS WOULD HOWEVER BE ALLOWED

					TO CONTINUE ON-SITE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OTHER CLINICAL OPERATION.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**7/7**	**6:00 PM**	**2:25**	AND IT WAS A LONG AWAITED SATURDAY FOR MILITARY FAMILIES AS TEARS OF JOY FILLED AN AUDITORIUM ON THE IKE SKELTON TRAINING SITE. AS THE MEN OF THE FORWARD 55-TH REUNITED WITH THEIR FAMILIES. AFTER MORE THAN A YEARLONG DEPLOYMENT IN AFGHANISTAN, MEMBERS OF FORWARD 55 SAY THEY'RE GLAD THEY MADE IT BACK SAFE AND SOUND. IN TODAY'S SPECIAL CEREMONY, THEIR FAMILIES AND THE MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD SAID THANK YOU TO THEM. DENNIS LENGER IS JUST ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF FORWARD 55 HONORED IN A SPECIAL CEREMONY. HE AND THE OTHER SOLIDERS WORKED HAND-IN-HAND WITH THE AFGHANISTAN NATIONAL ARMY AS EMBEDDED TACTICAL TRAINERS. HE SAYS THE DEPLOYMENT WAS GRATIFYING, BUT HE MISSED HOME. HIS WIFE REBECCA SAYS THERE WERE TENSE MOMENTS FOR HER EVERY NIGHT WORRYING ABOUT HER HUSBAND. SHE SAYS WHEN SHE FIRST FOUND OUT HE WAS GOING ABROAD SHE WAS IN SHOCK. TYPICALLY HE WOULD SEND TROOPS, BUT THIS TIME HE WENT HIMSELF. DENNIS SAYS HER SUPPORT AND EVERYONE ELSE'S MADE THIS CEREMONY SPECIAL. AND FOR HER HUSBAND, HE SAYS HE'LL ALWAYS

					REMEMBER THE TIME HE SPENT WITH FORWARD 55 AND THE RECOGNITION HE RECEIVED. DENNIS LENGER SAYS HE WILL NOW RETIRE FROM ACTIVE DUTY. RIGHT NOW HE'S SEEKING NEW EMPLOYMENT. NO WORD YET ON WHERE HE'LL WORK, BUT HE SAYS HE'D LIKE TO WORK FOR THE STATE.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**7/8**	**10:00 PM**	**2:00**	SEVERAL BUSINESS OWNERS OPPOSED TO THE COLUMBIA SMOKING BAN STARTED A PETITION IN FEBRUARY... JUST ONE MONTH AFTER IT TOOK EFFECT. TODAY A GROUP OF BUSINESS OWNERS TOOK THE PETITION TO THE PUBLIC. WE'VE COVERED BOTH SIDES OF THIS ISSUE SINCE BEFORE THE BAN PASSED. THIS PETITION WOULD ESSENTIALLY REPEAL THE SMOKING BAN IF IT GETS THE REQUIRED SIGNATURES IT WILL GO TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A VOTE.. IF THE COUNCIL VOTES AGAINST THE PETITION IT WOULD GO TO THE PUBLIC FOR A CITY-WIDE VOTE. THE PETITION'S SPONSORS SAY THE CITY COUNCIL MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT OPINION AFTER SEEING THE BAN'S EFFECT. RUSSELL DAVIS IS A MORTGAGE BROKER AND SAYS HE HAS ONE FRIEND WHO LOST HER BUSINESS AND HER HOME AS A RESULT OF THE SMOKING BAN. HE HAD HEARD ABOUT THE PETITION - BUT NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO SIGN IT. UNTIL HE LITERALLY DROVE BY IT. OTTO'S OWNER JOEL THIEL SAYS HE'S SEEN MORE THAN A 30 PERCENT DROP IN BUSINESS SINCE THE BAN TOOK EFFECT. LIKE THIEL'S CUSTOMERS, DAVIS CHANGED HIS HABITS.

					THE CITY COUNCIL PASSED THE SMOKING BAN BY A VOTE OF 4 TO 3 LAST OCTOBER. THIEL SAYS THEY GOT ABOUT 70 SIGNATURES TODAY. TO SEE A COPY OF BOTH THE ORIGINAL SMOKING BAN AND THE PETITION, YOU CAN GO TO OUR WEBSITE, KOMU-DOT-COM.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**7/9**	**5:00 PM**	**1:50**	MU RANKS NEAR THE BOTTOM OF PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES... AND TO GET A HIGHER RANKING MU WANTS TO RETAIN MU FACULTY BY OFFERING RAISES AT THE RATE OF FOUR PERCENT FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS. OF COURSE MU NEEDS THE MONEY... SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS TO BE EXACT TO PAY FOR THESE RAISES. THAT'S WHERE THE MU'S COMPETE MISSOURI PROGRAM COMES IN. THE THREE YEAR PLAN MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: LIBRARY CONSOLIDATION THE ELIMINATION OF SOME CENTERS OFFERING SOME FACULTY THE OPTION OF NINE- MONTH STAFF APPOINTMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE FACULTY AND ACADEMIC CONSOLIDATION AND POP CHANGES IN THE HIRING PROCESS. CHANCELLOR DEATON SAYS THE PLAN WILL MAKE M-U MORE EFFICIENT. AS FAR AS HIRING PRACTICES, MU FROZE FACULTY HIRING... AND DEPARTMENTS WILL HAVE TO APPLY TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR NEW HIRES. CHANCELLOR DEATON SAYS THERE ARE 60 TO 70 FACULTY POSITIONS OPEN EACH YEAR.

					AND HE ALSO EMPHASIZES NO FACULTY WILL BE LAID OFF BECAUSE OF THIS PLAN. A COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY LEADERS, FACULTY AND STUDENTS HELPED BRAINSTORM SOLUTIONS FOR THE PAY RAISES... YOU CAN FIND A LINK TO THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES SALARY ANALYSIS FROM THE LINKS AND NUMBERS SECTION AT KOMU-DOT-COM.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**7/10**	**6:00 PM**	**1:50**	ONLY ONE OTHER SPRING FREEZE IN MISSOURI HISTORY EVEN APPROACHES APRIL'S "EASTER FREEZE." EVEN THOUGH THE ICE HAS MELTED, ONE LOCAL FAMILY IS STILL FEELING THE BURN. GREG AND CAROL BUSACKER..DISAPPOINTED IN WEATHER AND HURT IN THE GOLDEN YEARS. THE BUSACKERS RETIRED A COUPLE YEARS AGO AND TOOK OVER THIS SMALL BLUEBERRY OPERATION FROM CAROL'S PARENTS. THE FARM, SITTING ON LUSH ACREAGE IN SOUTH BOONE COUNTY.OUTSIDE OF ASHLAND, SEEMED LIKE A LITTLE PIECE OF HEAVEN. BUT AFTER LAST APRIL'S RECORD-BREAKING FREEZE, THE BUSACKERS' FARM LOOKED LIKE ANYTHING BUT. AND THE BUSACKERS WEREN'T THE ONLY ONES... IT WASN'T QUITE WHAT GREG AND CAROL HAD IN MIND FOR THEIR GOLDEN YEARS. BUT THEN AGAIN, THERE'S ALWAYS NEXT YEAR. APRIL'S SPRING FREEZE IS ESTIMATED TO COST FOUR-HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN CROP LOSSES.

EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**7/11**	**10:00 PM**	**1:00**	THE COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT RECENTLY DECIDED TO BUILD A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, BUT THAT MAY NOT BE THE ONLY NEW SCHOOL IN THE CITY. THIS WEEK THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED A TWENTY ACRE SITE FOR A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THE SITE IS LOCATED JUST OFF OF BROWN STATION AND WACO ROADS IN NORTHERN COLUMBI RESIDENTS IN NORTHERN COLUMBIA HAD BEEN EXPECTING A HIGH SCHOOL EARLIER THIS YEAR, BUT THE DISTRICT DECIDED TO BUILD IT IN THE SOUTHEAST PART OF THE CITY BECAUSE OF MORE SPACE. WHILE RESIDENTS ARE STILL UNHAPPY ABOUT THE LOCATION OF THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL, THEY REMAIN UNDERSTANDING. THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL WAIT TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO USE THE LAND IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE CITY FOR THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, UNTIL IT DOES A THOROUGH INSPECTION. A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COULD OPEN AS SOON AS 2009.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**7/12**	**10:00 PM**	**:50**	GRADUATION FOR THE CLASS OF TWO-THOUSAND EIGHT IS ELEVEN MONTHS AWAY BUT SCHOOLS IN HOWARD COUNTY ARE ALREADY PLANING FOR THE TRANSITION FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO THE WORKPLACE. ENDLESS OPTIONS IN FAYETTE GOT A THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT TO CREATE A TRANSITION PROGRAM. SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS WILL WORK WITH A TEACHER TO DEVELOP SKILLS AND LEARN BASIC WORK VALUES LIKE GETTING ALONG WITH CO-WORKERS. DIRECTOR DEBRA MILLER SAYS FAYETTE, NEW FRANKLIN AND GLASGOW HIGH SCHOOLS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM BUT EACH SCHOOL WILL ADDRESS SEPARATE ISSUES. STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM FROM JANUARY OF THEIR JUNIOR YEAR TO DECEMBER FOLLOWING GRADUATION.

					MILLER HOPES TO HAVE THE NEW PROGRAM UP AND RUNNING BY THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**7/13**	**5:00 PM**	**1:50**	THE VET SCHOOL IS CELEBRATING THE LAW WHICH CREATES A STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WHO SPECIALIZE IN LARGE ANIMAL MEDICINE. THE GOVERNOR TOOK CARE OF SOME FINAL BUSINESS, BEFORE TAKING A FEW DAYS OFF AT THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS. HIS BUSINESS BEGAN WITH THE BUSINESS OF AGRICULTURE. MU IS PRODUCING MORE VETERINARIANS THAN EVER BEFORE. BUT NOT ENOUGH OF THEM ARE PRACTICING LARGE ANIMAL MEDICINE, WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO THE STATE'S LARGEST INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE. SIX STUDENTS EACH YEAR WILL QUALIFY FOR THE LOAN PROGRAM. AND INCENTIVES WILL GO TO THOSE WHO GRADUATE AND PRACTICE LARGE ANIMAL MEDICINE IN UNDERSERVED AREAS ACROSS THE STATE. THE GOVERNOR SIGNED 7 BILLS IN ALL TODAY, INCLUDING THE STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM. THE OTHER SIX BILLS THE GOVERNOR SIGNED DO EVERYTHING FROM GIVING PHARMACISTS PERMISSION TO GIVE VACCINES TO PROVIDING CONSUMER PROTECTION FOR HOME BUYERS.

CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**7/14**	**6:00 PM**	**2:10**	THREE DAYS AFTER AN IBERIA WOMAN TRIED TO KILL HER BABY, NEIGHBORS WANT TO KNOW WHY SHE DID IT. AND THEY HAVE GOOD REASON TO BE. ON WEDNESDAY, AUTHORITIES RESPONDED TO A RESIDENTIAL FIRE CALL ON LOMBAR STREET IN IBERIA. THEY LATER DETERMINED THE SMALL FIRE WAS INTENTIONALLY SET BY CHRISTINA WHITE ON HER 6-MONTH OLD SON'S BLANKET. TONIGHT WE TAKE YOU TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE THIS ALL TOOK PLACE.... WHERE RESIDENTS SAY THEY CAN'T BELIEVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD EVER HAPPEN. DAVID PONDER LIVES DIRECTLY NEXT DOOR TO CHRISTINA WHITE. HE SAYS WHEN HE FIRST HEARD ALL THE COMMOTION ON WEDNESDAY, HE THOUGHT HER WHOLE HOUSE WAS ON FIRE. BUT WHEN HE WENT TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED, HE SAYS HE WAS WRONG. ACCORDING TO PONDER AND REPORTS, CHRISTINA WHITE LIT HER SON'S BLANKET ON FIRE AND THEN LEFT THE ROOM. SHE LATER RETURNED TO HER SON'S BEDROOM ONCE HE STOPPED CRYING AND SCREAMING. PONDER SAYS WHITE NEEDS TO PAY. PONDER ALSO SAYS HE NEVER WOULD HAVE EXPECTED SOMETHING LIKE THIS IN A TOWN LIKE IBERIA.... ESPECIALLY RIGHT NEXT DOOR. AND POLICE AGREE. THEY CAN'T BELIEVE THIS HAPPENED IN IBERIA EITHER. FOR NOW, NEIGHBORS LIKE PONDER WANT JUSTICE. FROM WHAT AUTHORITIES ARE TELLING US, CHRISTINA WHITE'S SON IS STILL IN CRITICAL CONDITION AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL HERE IN COLUMBIA. ACCORDING TO THE NEIGHBOR WE SPOKE WITH,

					THE HOSPITAL IS TAKING IT HOUR BY HOUR WITH THE 6-MONTH OLD. AS FOR CHRISTINA WHITE... SHE'S CHARGED WITH 1 COUNT OF FIRST DEGREE ARSON AND *THREE* COUNTS OF ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD....
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**7/15**	**10:00 PM**	**1:25**	TWO ARMED ROBBERIES HIT THE SAME STREET. TWO SEPARATE ROBBERIES HIT PROVIDENCE ROAD IN COLUMBIA THIS MORNING. WITH A TOTAL OF EIGHT PEOPLE HELD AT GUNPOINT. THE FIRST ROBBERY TOOK PLACE AROUND FOUR-THIRTY THIS MORNING. SIX PEOPLE WERE STANDING OUTSIDE AN APARTMENT BUILDING ON SOUTH PROVIDENCE AS THEY WERE HOSTING A GOING AWAY PARTY FOR A FRIEND. TWO ARMED MEN WALKED UP TO THE GROUP AND DEMANDED MONEY. THEY STRUCK ONE FEMALE ON THE BACK OF THE HEAD WITH A GUN. TWO OTHER VICTIMS WERE KICKED AND PUSHED UP AGAINST A CAR. THE SUSPECTS TOOK CASH AND CREDIT CARDS AND RAN AWAY ON FOOT. THEY ARE STILL AT LARGE. AND A GAS STATION CLOSED FOR THE DAY AFTER THE SECOND ROBBERY HAPPENED AROUND 11:30 THIS MORNING. AN ARMED MAN WALKED INTO THIS CONVENIENCE STORE ON NORTH PROVIDENCE NEAR I-70. HE HIT BOTH STORE CLERKS ON THE HEAD WITH A HANDGUN. THEN TOOK MONEY OUT OF THE REGISTER AND

					RAN AWAY ALSO ON FOOT. BOTH CLERKS WERE TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL AND RELEASED. WE DON'T CURRENTLY HAVE A DESCRIPTION OF THE APARTMENT ROBBERY SUSPECT. BUT, THE SUSPECT AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE ROBBERY IS DESCRIBED AS A SHORT BLACK MALE WITH A STOCKY BUILD. HE HAS FACIAL HAIR DOWN HIS CHEEKBONE AND A GOATEE. HE ALSO POSSIBLY HAS A TATTOO ON HIS NECK. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT EITHER ROBBERY IS ASKED TO CALL CRIME STOPPERS AT 875-8477.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**7/16**	**5:00 PM**	**1:20**	THE COST OF ENERGY IS ON THE RISE AND CITY OFFICIALS ARE PASSING THE COST ALONG TO CONSUMERS. COLUMBIA WATER AND LIGHT SIGNED A NEW THREE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH POWER SUPPLIER AMEREN ENERGY SERVICES. THE NEW CONTRACT SHOWS A 13 MILLION DOLLAR INCREASE OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS. AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTING COMPANY FIGURED THE RATE INCREASES NECESSARY TO COVER THE ADDED COSTS. ELECTRIC BILLS WOULD INCREASE 9 PERCENT IN 2008. ...12-POINT-5 PERCENT IN 2009 ...AND 4.5 PERCENT IN BOTH 2010 AND 2011. WATER BILLS WOULD INCREASE 8 PERCENT EACH YEAR OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS. COLUMBIA WATER AND LIGHT SAYS ALTHOUGH THERE IS AN INCREASE IN COST...STAYING WITH AMEREN IS STILL THE CHEAPEST OPTION. THE COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MUST APPROVE THE RATE INCREASE. COLUMBIA WATER AND LIGHT WILL PRESENT THE PLAN AT AN AUGUST MEETING.

					IF THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVES THE RATE INCREASE...BILLS WOULD START GOING UP IN 2008.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**7/17**	**6:00 PM**	**:50**	THE STATE IS REACTING TO A REPORT CARD FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON TEACHER QUALITY. MISSOURI GOT A "D" IN PREPARING TEACHERS FOR THE CLASSROOM. THE NATIONAL REPORT EVALUATED STATE LEGISLATIVE RULES FOR TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS. BUT MISSOURI EDUCATORS SAY THE REPORT DIDN'T LOOK CLOSE ENOUGH AT LOCAL SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS. THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION SAYS IT WELCOMES REPORTS LIKE THIS BUT PREFERS TO LOOK LOCALLY FOR FEEDBACK ABOUT TEACHERS.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**7/18**	**10:00 PM**	**2:20**	CONGESTED STREETS, NOT ENOUGH SIDEWALKS AND LIMITED BICYCLE TRAILS TROUBLE JEFFERSON CITY. THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION WANTS TO CURE THOSE WOES AND PREDICT THE CITY'S FUTURE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS. THE LAST JEFFERSON CITY BUS CAME BY HERE ABOUT 4 HOURS AGO. AND ONE OF THE MANY RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION IS TO EXTEND THE HOURS AND ROUTE OF THE SYSTEM. IF YOU TAKE THE BUS...DRIVE....OR EVEN WALK THROUGH JEFFERSON CITY, THE METROPOLITAN

					PLANNING ORGANIZATION OR THE M-P-O WANTS TO MAKE YOUR COMMUTE EASIER. THE MAPS SHOW EVERYTHING FROM HIGH TRAFFIC AREAS, TO ROADS THAT MAY BE HARMFUL TO DRIVERS AND PEDERSTRIANS. IN MAY...JEFFERSON CITY RESIDENTS GAVE THE M-P-O RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS. OF ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS, MORRISON SAYS PUBLIC TRANSIT WILL BE THE BIGGEST PORTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION PLAN. MORRISON ALSO SAYS TIMING IS WHAT MAKES THIS PROJECT THE HARDEST. THE PLANS RECOMMENDED TO THE M-P-O WEREN'T LIMITED TO JUST JEFFERSON CITY. SOME RESIDENTS RECOMMENDED A HIGH SPEED RAILWAY TO COLUMBIA, A SECOND MISSOURI RIVER BRIDGE AND EVEN EXTENDING THE TRANSIT SYSTEM ROUTE INTO HOLT SUMMIT.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**7/19**	**5:00 PM**	**1:50**	LISTENERS OF RADIO STATION K-B-I-A GOT A BIG SURPRISE WHEN THEY TURNED ON THEIR RADIOS THIS MORNING. FOR ONE DAY ONLY THE STATION SWITCHED ITS REGULAR PROGRAMING WITH THE PROGRAMING THAT'S USUALLY ON ITS H-D CHANNEL. H-D RADIO STANDS FOR HIGH DEFINITION RADIO AND PROMISES BETTER QUALITY AUDIO--LIKE HD TV OFFERS BETTER QUALITY AUDIO. AND WHILE KBIA SAYS IT'S THE NEXT GENERATION OF RADIO, LISTENERS ARE GIVING SOME STATIC OVER THE PRICE. KBIA LAUNCHED ITS HD CHANNEL IN MAY 2005 AND GAVE CUSTOMERS THE CHANCE TO TRY IT OUT TODAY. LISTENERS COULD GET HD PROGRAMING ON THEIR ANALOG RADIOS. BUT TO GET THE PROGRAMING ON A REGULAR

					BASIS LISTNERS MUST INVEST IN DIGITAL RECEIVERS. BUT WITH ONLY ONE HD STATION IN MID-MISSOURI, HIGH DEFINITION JUST ISN'T SELLING. BUT THE PRICE OF RADIOS CONTINUES TO DROP. BEST BUY IN COLUMBIA OFFERS THREE HD RADIOS. THIS IS AN HD RADIO FOR YOUR HOME OR OFFICE. IT'S MADE TO PLUG IN HEADPHONES ARE BE PART OF A SOUND SYSTEM. THIS IS WHAT KBIA AND OTHER STATIONS MAKING THE MOVE TO DIGITAL HOPE YOU'LL BE WILLING TO SPEND HUNDREDS TO BUY.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**7/20**	**6:00 PM**	**2:00**	A STATE SUPREME COURT DECISION MEANS THE RULES WILL CHANGE FOR THE THIRD TIME IN THE PAST YEAR. AND NOW LEGISLATORS ARE WAITING TO SEE HOW THE DECISION WILL AFFECT WHAT'S ALREADY IN THE CAMPAIGN COFFERS. THE SUPREME COURT HANDED DOWN ITS DECISION YESTERDAY ON HOUSE BILL 19-HUNDRED. THE SUPREME COURT VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO OVERTURN PART OF A CIRCUIT COURT RULING. ESSENTIALLY, THE DECISION RETURNS CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS TO WHERE THEY WERE LAST YEAR. MEANING THERE IS NO LIMIT ON *WHEN* LEGISLATORS CAN RAISE MONEY, ONLY LIMITS ON *HOW MUCH* THEY CAN RAISE. BUT THERE HAS BEEN PLENTY OF CONTROVERSY OVER THE LAST SEVEN MONTHS... AS LEGISLATORS CHANGED CAMPAIGN PLANS TO KEEP UP WITH CHANGING CAMPAIGN LAWS. IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, HOUSE BILL 1900 TOOK EFFECT. IT TOOK AWAY LIMITS ON THE AMOUNT OF MONEY LEGISLATORS COULD RAISE. AND BANNED FUNDRAISING DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

					IN MARCH, THE CIRCUIT COURT STRUCK DOWN THE BAN ON FUNDRAISING DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSION...SAYING IT WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THIS WEEK THE SUPREME COURT REINSTATED CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS... BUT AGREED TO ALLOW FUNDRAISING YEAR ROUND. LEGISLATORS ARE STILL WAITING TO SEE HOW THE DECISION WILL AFFECT THE FUNDRAISING THEY'VE ALREADY DONE THIS YEAR. THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE WAS SILENT ON THE RULING TODAY, NOT RETURING OUR CALLS. THE SUPREME COURT IS WAITING UNTIL AUGUST TO DECIDE WHETHER THE DECISION WILL APPLY TO ALL MONEY RAISED THIS YEAR - OR IF IT WILL ONLY APPLY FROM HERE ON OUT. TO READ THE ORIGINAL BILL AND THE COURT DECISIONS - YOU CAN GO TO OUR WEBSITE - KOMU-DOT-COM.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**7/21**	**10:00 PM**	**:45**	MAYBE YOU WEREN'T OUT SWIMMING TODAY BECAUSE YOU WERE TOO BUSY READING. CHANCES ARE YOU'VE EITHER FINISHED THE BOOK BY NOW, OR FLIPPED TO THE END TO SEE IF HARRY POTTER SURVIVES. LAST NIGHT HUNDREDS OF POTTER FANS WAITED AT BARNES AND NOBLE AT THE COLUMBIA MALL FOR THE RELEASE OF HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS. ALL AROUND THE WORLD EXCITED KIDS AND ADULTS WAITED IN LINE TO PICK UP THE 7TH AND FINAL INSTALLMENT OF THE HARRY POTTER SERIES SOME EVEN CAME DRESSED AS THEIR FAVORITE CHARACTER. MANY KIDS USED THEIR IMAGINATIONS TO GUESS THE ENDING. WHATEVER THE OUTCOME, HARRY IS ALREADY A HIT--PULLING MILLIONS OF MINDS IN TO THE WORLD OF READING.

					THE POTTER SERIES HAS REPORTEDLY SOLD 325 MILLION COPIES WORLDWIDE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**7/22**	**10:00 PM**	**1:30**	A WEEK OF SUNSHINE AND SMILES AHEAD FOR MID-MISSOURIANS HEADED TO THE FAIR. THE 60TH ANNUAL BOONE COUNTY FAIR OPENS IT'S GATES TOMMOROW -- HERE'S A SNEAK PEEK AT PREPARATIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK. A SUMMERTIME FAIR SEEMS TO MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY, A CHANCE TO FORGET ABOUT WORK AND HAVE A LITTLE FUN. BUT FOR SOME, THE WORK IS THE FUN. LAST WEEK AT THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR, A METAL RAILING SHOCKED A 9-YEAR OLD GIRL GETTING OFF THE RIDE -- REQUIRING A TRIP TO THE HOSPITAL. ORGANIZERS FOR THE BOONE COUNTY FAIR HOPE THAT THIS WEEK'S EVENTS RUN SMOOTHLY, AND ACCIDENTS LIKE THE ONE LAST WEEK DON'T HAPPE FAIR VENDERS SAY CARNIVALS AND FAIRS ARE MUCH SAFER NOW THAN IN THE PAST. THE FAIR KICKS OFF MONDAY AND RUNS THROUGH SUNDAY. BOONE COUNTY ACTUALLY HOSTED THE FIRST COUNTY FAIR WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI IN 18-35! FOR A FULL LIST OF EVENTS, AND MORE HISTORY ABOUT THE FAIR, CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE : KOMU DOT COM.

EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**7/23**	**5:00 PM**	**1:20**	WHAT IF AN ATTACKER OR AN ANGRY PARENT CHARGED INTO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL? POLICE OFFICERS, SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES AND PARAMEDICS CONVERGED ON COLUMBIA'S HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL TODAY, NOT TO MEET INTRUDERS... BUT INSTEAD TO TEACH TEACHERS. IT HAD ALL THE APPEARANCE OF TROUBLE. BUT IT WAS NOT AN EMERGENCY. POLICE AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE LEADING INTRUDER SIMULATIONS FOR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS. FOUR MOCK SCENARIOS WERE SET-UP IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL. THE SCENARIOS SHOWED TEACHERS HOW TO REACT TO ARMED INTRUDERS. HIGH SCHOOLERS ACTED AS INTRUDERS... WHILE POLICE DEMONSTRATED TECHNIQUES TO STOP A SHOOTER. THE SCHOOL WAS LOCKED-DOWN DURING THE TRAINING TO MAKE SURE PLANS STAY SECRET. RECENT CASES OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE HAVE PROMPTED SCHOOLS TO TAKE ACTION, SO COLUMBIA SCHOOLS AND COPS SAY THEY WANT TO PLAN IN ADVANCE. TRAINING WILL CONTINUE THIS WEEK AT LANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY AND WEST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ON FRIDAY. THE SECURITY WAS TIGHT FOR EVERYONE... ALL POLICE OFFICERS HAD TO CHECK THEIR WEAPONS AT THE DOOR TO MAKE SURE ONLY FAKE GUNS WERE USED.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	7/24	6:00 PM	1:40	THE TAUM SAUK SAGA CONTINUES AS AMEREN OFFICIALS DID NOT TESTIFITY BEFORE A STATE COMMISSION. THE HEARING TODAY WAS THE FIRST TIME AMEREN MANAGEMENT WOULD HAVE PUBLICLY TESTIFIED ABOUT THE RESERVOIR COLLAPSE IN 2005. SIX AMEREN EMPLOYEES -- INCLUDING A COMPANY VICE PRESIDENT -- WERE EXPECTED TO TESTIFY. BUT NONE ACTUALLY DID BECAUSE THE LEAD WITNESS TOOK ALL THE TIME. INSTEAD, ENGINEER JIM ALEXANDER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WAS THE ONLY PERSON TO TESTIFY. LAWYERS FROM BOTH SIDES GAVE OPENING STATEMENTS. AMEREN LAWYER ROBERT "HARR" QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR ANOTHER HEARING ON THE RESEVOIR COLLAPSE. LATER COMMISSIONEER JEFF DAVIS RESPONDED TO HARR'S STATEMENT. THE HEARING LASTED MORE THAN THREE HOURS. WITH ONLY ONE WITNESS CALLED TO TESTIFY. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SAYS THE HEARING IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TOMORROW AND POSSIBLY FURTHER INTO THE WEEK. HERE'S A RECAP OF THE EVENTS DURING THE PAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS ABOUT THE TAUM SAUK BREAK. THE RESERVOIR FAILED IN DECEMBER 2005... SENDING MORE THAN A BILLION GALLONS OF WATER DOWN A MOUNTAINSIDE, WIPING OUT A STATE PARK AND INJURING THE PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S FAMILY. IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR... THE HIGHWAY PATROL SAYS AMEREN REMOVED SAFETY GAUGES BEFORE STATE INSPECTORS ARRIVED AT THE SCENE AFTER THE COLLAPSE. A PORTION OF THE PARK RE-OPENED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**7/25**	**10:00 PM**	**2:00**	HY-VEE PLANS TO LEVEL THE FIELD IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. BY BUILDING TWO *NEW* STORES, HYVEE WILL LEVEL TWO OLD STORES. IT ALSO LEVELS THE COMPETITION, GIVING HY-VEE, WAL-MART AND GERBES THREE STORES EACH. INSTEAD OF DODGING THE COMPETITION, HY-VEE PLANS TO MEET THE COMPETITION HEAD-ON. THE TWO NEW STORES WILL BE BUILT ABOUT AS CLOSE TO WAL-MART AS YOU CAN GET. THE NEW HYVEE STORES IN COLUMBIA ARE RINGING UP EXCITEMENT. THE FIRST STORE WILL BE IN THE ROCKBRIDGE PLAZA AT THE INTERSECTION OF NIFONG AND PROVIDENCE, AT THE OLD WAL-MART . THE SECOND LOCATION WILL BE OFF CONLEY ROAD AT THE OLD MEGAMARKET. PRESIDENT OF COLUMBIA'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, DON LAIRD IS GLAD TO SEE THOSE EMPTY BUILDINGS GO. EACH STORE WILL EMPLOY ABOUT 300 WORKERS. HYVEE PLANS TO TEAR DOWN THE BUILDINGS AND START FROM SCRATCH. THE EXISTING HYVEE HAS BEEN HERE FOR SIX YEARS. LAIRD SAY'S COLUMBIA'S GROWTH ATTRACTS BUSINESSES. BUT WITH THE NEW STORES GOING IN NEAR TWO WAL-MARTS, SHOPPERS WISH HYVEE OR SOME GROCERY STORE WOULD COME TO THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. WITH THREE WALMARTS, THREE GERBES AND A SCHNUCKS, DAVENPORT SAYS SHE DOESN'T KNOW IF IT'S ALL NECESSARY. BOTH NEW HYVEE STORES WILL BE IDENTICAL IN SET-UP AND IN SIZE. HYVEE SAYS THIS MAKES IT EASIER FOR

					SHOPPERS TO GO FROM STORE TO STORE AND FIND WHAT THEY WANT. CONSTRUCTION BEGINS THIS FALL AT THE ROCK BRIDGE LOCATION.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**7/26**	**6:00 PM**	**1:45**	AFTER MORE THAN SIXTY REPORTS OF PROPERTY CRIMES IN TWO MONTHS, MOBERLY POLICE THINK THEY'VE GOT THEIR MEN -- ACTUALLY, TWO MEN AND A BOY. AS POLICE LOCK UP THE SUSPECTS, RESIDENTS ARE LOCKING UP THEIR CARS. NATHAN DIVERS IS NOW TAKING PRECAUTIONS. BUT HE WASN'T LAST WEEK WHEN HE WENT ON A LITTLE VACATION. AND WHILE DIVERS' NEIGHBORHOOD LOOKS NICE NOW, POLICE SAY THAT WASN'T THE CASE BEFORE THE ARREST OF 18-YEAR-OLD MICHAEL WEDDING AND 17-YEAR-OLD CARTER JARMAN -- EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING. POLICE ALSO ARRESTED A 16 YEAR-OLD JUVENILE. REPORTS THAT INCLUDE -- DAMAGE TO VEHICLES, DAMAGE TO MAILBOXES AND ONE STOLEN CAR. POLICE MADE THE ARRESTS AFTER A RESIDENT OF THE MEADOWBROOK SUBDIVISION SPOTTED ONE OFTHE SUSPECTS SHOOTING OFF FIREWORKS ILLEGALLY. THE RESIDENT THEN HELD HIM UNTIL POLICE SHOWED UP. STILL LATE TODAY, MOBERLY POLICE ARE GETTING REPORTS OF VANDALISM. WEDDING AND JARMAN WERE RELEASED ON

					WEDNESDAY NIGHT AFTER POSTING 10-THOUSAND DOLLSARS BOND EACH. THE JUEVENILE HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO A JUEVENILE DETENTION FACILITY. FORMAL CHARGES ARE PENDING.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**7/27**	**10:00 PM**	**1:20**	FUEL PRICES IN MOBERLY REACHED THREE DOLLARS AND 75 CENTS TODAY. AND THAT'S A GOOD THING. THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S THE PRICE OF AVIATION FUEL. AND MOBERLY HAS SOME OF THE CHEAPEST PRICES AROUND. AIRPORT EMPLOYEES SAY THE CHEAP PLANE GAS IS DRAWING A CROWD. RIGHT NOW AVIATION FUEL IS ALMOST FIVE DOLLARS A GALLON IN COLUMBIA AND JEFFERSON CITY. BUT IN MOBERLY IT'S LESS THAN FOUR DOLLARS A GALLON. PILOTS SAY A DOLLAR MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE WHEN YOU'RE PUMPING SIXTY GALLONS AT A TIME. AIR TRAFFIC IN MOBERLY HAS NEARLY DOUBLED OVER THE LAST WEEK BECAUSE OF AN AIR SHOW IN OSH KOSH, WISCONSIN. PILOTS PLANNED PIT STOPS IN MOBERLY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHEAP FUEL. AIRPORT OFFICIALS SAY KEEPING GAS PRICES LOW IS PART OF AN OVERALL PLAN TO INCREASE TRAFFIC AT THE AIRPORT. MOBERLY'S AIRPORT IS ALSO DIFFERENT BECAUSE IT IS MANAGED DIRECTLY THROUGH THE CITY AND NOT THROUGH AN OUTSIDE COMPANY. THE AIRPORT NORMALLY AVERAGES ABOUT SEVEN LANDINGS A DAY.

					BUT BECAUSE OF FUEL PRICES AND THE AIRSHOW - THE AIRPORT SAW MORE THAN *EIGHTY* PLANES JUST LAST WEEKEND.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**7/28**	**5:00 PM**	**2:30**	STUDIES SHOW THE AVERAGE DOCTOR'S OFFICE VISIT LASTS JUST TEN MINUTES. TODAY WE EXPLAIN HOW YOU CAN MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR NEXT MEDICAL EXAM BY USING A CHECKUP-CHECKLIST. YEARS OF AVOIDING DOCTORS -- 66-YEAR-OLD JUDY WERNER NOW SEES A DOCTOR EVERY COUPLE OF WEEKS IT TOOK A HEART ATTACK TO FINALLY GET HER TO GO IN FOR A CHECKUP. ONCE YOU'VE MADE THE APPOINTMENT -- GET READY FOR IT AHEAD OF TIME. MINUTES YOU CAN MAKE THE MOST OF--WITH THESE FOUR STEPS. FIRST, WRITE DOWN A LIST OF YOUR HEALTH CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS. BRING IN YOUR MEDICINE, OR A LIST OF WHAT YOUR TAKING, INCLUDE THE AMOUNT AND ANY SUPPLEMENTS. THIRD, INTERNAL MEDICINE DOCTOR THERESA BOHUN RECOMMENDS YOU DO YOUR PAPER WORK EARLY. BRING A COPY OF YOUR MEDICAL HISTORY AND FILL OUT INSURANCE FORMS AHEAD OF TIME. DURING THE VISIT-- BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU INTO THE EXAM ROOM. AND, DON'T SAVE THE WORST SYMPTOM UNTIL LAST. IN A SURVEY OF OVER 300 DOCTORS, THEIR

					NUMBER ONE COMPLAINT ABOUT PATIENTS.. AMONG THE 4-THOUSAND PATIENTS SURVEYED... THEIR BIGGEST GRIPE.. TWO WEEKS.. TO GET AN APPOINTMENT DOCTOR SEEMED FAIR TO MOST PATIENTS. BUT, TWO MONTHS WAS TOO LONG OF A WAIT. AND IF DURING THE EXAM, YOU FELT RUSHED DOCTOR BOHUN SAYS SPEAK UP.. AND ASK FOR MORE TIME ON YOUR NEXT VISIT. YOU CAN ALSO HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OVER THE PHONE. BUT, BECAUSE OF PATIENT PRIVACY LAWS, THE DOCTOR MUST GET YOUR WRITTEN CONSENT AHEAD OF TIME.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**7/29**	**6:00 PM**	**2:00**	D-N-R SAYS IT WILL SPEND LESS TIME AND MONEY ON STREAMS AND CREEKS WHERE THERE'S LESS HUMAN CONTACT. D-N-R SAYS IT'S ABOUT CUTTING THE HIGH COST OF CLEANING STREAMS AND SMALLER WATERWAYS. OFFICIALS SAY IT'S JUST NOT PRACTICAL TO REMOVE BACTERIA FROM STREAMS PEOPLE AREN'T EVEN USING. D-N-R HIRES CONTRACTORS TO COMPILE STREAM REPORTS CALLED "USE ATTAINABILITY ANALYSES" OR U-A-A'S. THE REPORTS SHOW HOW DEEP THE WATER IS ...AND THAT MEASUREMENT SHOWS HOW LIKELY IT IS THAT PEOPLE WOULD SWIM IN THE WATER. IF SWIMMING IS UNLIKELY...LOCAL WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTERS DON'T HAVE TO PAY TO CLEAN THE STREAMS. SEVEN OF THE STREAMS ON THE LIST IN BOONE COUNTY HAVE ALREADY BEEN TESTED...BUT D-N-R NEEDS TO DOUBLE CHECK USAGE. AND THE REPORTS AREN'T CHEAP. IN 2007 IT WILL COST ALMOST 6 HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO TEST THE CHOSEN STREAMS IN

					THE STATE. BUT D-N-R SAYS IT'S LOOKING CLOSELY BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISIONS.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**7/30**	**10:00 PM**	**2:00**	A NEW CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT A CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD IN COLUMBIA... DOZENS OF RESIDENTS LEARNED ABOUT WHAT IT TAKES TO PUT TOGETHER A BOARD THAT WOULD REVIEW POLICE COMPLAINTS. BUT ABOUT 50 PEOPLE MET AT THE COLUMBIA PUBLIC LIBRARY TO LISTEN TO AN EXPERT EXPLAIN WHAT A CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD WOULD ACTUALLY DO... IT'S A PART OF A PROCESS TO HELP EDUCATE A GROWING CITIZEN INTEREST IN WHAT GOES ON INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THIS BUILDING. CURIOUS CITIZENS FILLED THE COLUMBIA LIBRARY TO WELCOME U-S JUSTICE DEPARTMENT MEDIATOR WILLIAM WHITCOMB. HE OFFERED INSIGHT ON A YEAR-LONG CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE: A CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD FOR THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT. THAT'S THE DEFINITION, BUT THERE ARE VARYING OPINIONS ON THE BOARD'S NECESSITY. ON ONE SIDE, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SAYS COMPLAINTS ARE ALREADY TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY. ON THE OTHER SIDE: BUT THERE WERE NO ANSWERS AT THIS FORUM, THE PURPOSE WAS TO INFORM. A COMMITTEE IS IN THE WORKS TO CONTINUE TO ANALYZE THE NEED FOR THE BOARD. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO APPLY TO BE ON THE POOL FOR THE COMMITTEE, APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE CITY

					CLERKS OFFICE BY NOON ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**7/31**	**5:00 PM**	**1:50**	IT'S BEEN THREE DAYS SINCE THE ST. MARTINS COMMUNITY LOST WHAT IT CALLS A HAPPY GO-LUCKY LITTLE BOY. IT'S ALSO BEEN THREE DAYS SINCE THAT SAME COMMUNITY LEARNED THE BOY'S FATHER IS BEING HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS DEATH. TONIGHT, IT'S ALL ABOUT REMEMBERING KYLE'S LEGACY AND PLACING THIS WEEKEND'S TRAGEDY IN THE PAST. REVEREND ED SCHMIDT IS LOOKING FORWARD... LOOKING FORWARD TO A CELEBRATION OF KYLE LUECKENOTTE'S LIFE. REVEREND SCHMIDT IS IN HIS 15-TH YEAR AT ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH. AND IN THAT TIME, HE SAYS HE'S FOUND PRAYER IS THE BEST SOLUTION FOR ANY TRAGEDY... NOT ONLY FOR THOSE HARMED, BUT THOSE THAT CAUSED HARM. SCHMIDT SAYS DOUG LUECKENOTTE WAS WRONG FOR WHAT HE DID. BUT SCHMIDT ALSO SAYS DOUG WAS A GOOD FATHER FOR YEARS. REVEREND SCHMIDT ALSO SAYS HE'S RECEIVED A LOT OF LOVE FROM THE ENTIRE ST. MARTINS COMMUNITY AND THE STATE. NOW THE WAKE FOR KYLE LUECKENOTTE CONTINUES UNTIL 8 P-M TONIGHT... AND REVEREND SCHMIDT SAYS IT'S OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

					WE'LL UPDATE YOU ON DOUG LUCKENOTTE'S STATUS TONIGHT AT SIX. AND WE HAVE MORE BACKGROUND ON THIS CASE ON OUR WEB SITE, KOMU-DOT-COM.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**8/1**	**6:00 PM**	**2:10**	THERE'S A SAYING ABOUT MISSOURI WEATHER: IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, WAIT A FEW MINUTES. THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IN MISSOURI CHANGED JUST AS QUICKLY TODAY WHEN SENATOR CHRIS KOSTER DROPPED A POLITICAL BOMBSHELL. JUST LIKE THAT, THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE LEADING INTO THE 2008 ELECTIONS GOT A LOT MORE INTERESTING. CHRIS KOSTER, UNTIL YESTERDAY THE CHAIR OF THE SENATE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS, ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO JOIN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. THOSE ISSUES INCLUDE STEM CELL RESEARCH, WORKERS' RIGHTS, RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE, AND MAINTAINING AN INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY. SOME FEEL IT'S NOT ABOUT BELIEFS AT ALL. MEMBERS OF BOTH PARTIES SAY IT'S NOT SO EASY TO CHANGE YOUR STRIPES... INCLUDING A LIKELY DEMOCRATIC OPPONENT NEXT YEAR. STILL, REPUBLICANS HAD TO SIT AND WATCH AS ONE OF THEIR OWN WALKED AWAY. MANY BELIEVE KOSTER WILL ANNOUNCE HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SOMETIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THIS TODAY, KOSTER DECLINED TO COMMENT, STATING THAT TODAY WAS ABOUT HIS -QUOTE- "BREAK WITH THE FAR RIGHT AND THE REPUBLICAN RANKS." DEMOCRATS SAY KOSTER'S DECISION IS A SIGN OF

					TROUBLE IN THE REPUBLICAN CAMP. THE REPUBLICAN CAMP SAYS KOSTER IS A SURPRISING LOSS, BUT WILL PURSUE ITS AGENDA AS PLANNED. PREVIOUSLY, KOSTER SERVED AS THE CASS COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**8/2**	**10:00 PM**	**2:30**	RANDOLPH COUNTY PARENTS ARE ANGRY AND CONFUSED ABOUT THE CLOSING OF THE COUNTIES ONLY ACCREDITED CHILDCARE CENTER. THE CARING COMMUNITIES BOARD, WHICH FUNDS THE CARING FOR KIDS CHILDCARE CENTER SAYS WITH DECREASING ENROLLMENT AND INCREASING OPERATING COSTS, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO STAY OPEN, BUT PARENTS AREN'T BUYING IT. THEY'D LIKE TO SEE THE BUDGET. PARENTS WERE NOTIFIED EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT THE CARING FOR KIDS CENTER WILL BE CLOSING AT THE END OF THE MONTH DUE TO A LACK OF FUNDING. WITH LESS THAN A MONTH REMAINING, SUCH SHORT NOTICE HAS LEFT MANY PARENTS UPSET. TEACHERS ARE ALSO WONDERING WHY THERE'S FINANCIAL TROUBLE AFTER TAKING A PAY DECREASE IN THE PAST. WITH THE CLOSING DATE QUICKLY APPROACHING, PARENTS AREN'T GIVING UP WHEN THE DAYCARE OPENED THE OWNERS PAID 500 DOLLARS A MONTH FOR RENT. BY NEXT YEAR, THE RENT COULD BE 15 HUNDRED DOLLARS A MONTH. THE DAYCARE MANAGER SAYS THE DOORS WILL BE CLOSING ON AUGUST 31ST...END OF STORY. UNLESS SOMEONE BUYS THE PLACE.

GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**8/3**	**5:00 PM**	**1:00**	BACK IN MID-MISSOURI THE BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IS UNDER FIRE AGAIN... THIS TIME THE TARGET OF MORE LITIGATION. THE ATTORNEY REPRESENTING SEVERAL FORMER FIRE DISTRICT EMPLOYEES FILED ANOTHER CLAIM TODAY SAYING HIS CLIENTS WERE WRONGFULLY FIRED. THIS NEW LITIGATION COMES ON THE HEELS OF A SIMILAR LAWSUIT FILED LAST NOVEMBER. THAT SUIT CLAIMED DISTRICT CHIEF STEVE PAULSELL ENGAGED IN AN UNPROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ASSISTANT CHIEF SHARON CURRY. THIS NEW SUIT ARGUES THE SAME THING. THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY SAYS THESE DEVELOPMENTS WERE A LONG TIME COMING. MOEN EXPECTS TO FILE THREE OR FOUR SIMILAR CLAIMS FOR OTHER FORMER FIRE DISTRICT EMPLOYEES NEXT WEEK.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**8/4**	**6:00 PM**	**2:10**	IN THE HEAT TODAY, MEMBERS OF MISSOURI TASK FORCE ONE TRAINED MEMBERS OF THE MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD TO PREPARE FOR DISASTER. IT *IS* ALL ABOUT PLANNING AHEAD... IT'S ALSO ABOUT KNOWING WHAT TO DO AND WHAT *NOT* TO DO WHEN DISASTER STRIKES. AND IN THE WAKE OF THE 35-W BRIDGE COLLAPSE IN MINNEAPOLIS, THIS TRAINING COMES AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME. IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE A SIGHT ALL TOO SIMILAR TO THE BRIDGE COLLAPSE IN MINNESOTA, LOCAL GUARDSMEN LEARN WHAT SEARCH AND RESCUE IS ALL ABOUT. DARIN CHANCE IS ONE OF THOSE GUARDSMEN. HE SAYS THE PILES OF RUBBLE AND THE SEARCH AND RESCUE DOGS MAKE THIS BOONE COUNTY TRAINING SITE SEEM LIKE REAL WORLD DISASTER. HE SAYS THIS GROUP OF GUARDSMEN IS TRYING TO LEARN HOW TO BETTER COMMUNICATE.

					NOT IN THE TRADITIONAL SENSE, BUT IN TERMS OF SYMBOLS AND NUMBERS. AND SAVING LIVES... THIS GROUP LEARNED HOW TO DO THAT AS WELL... IN DARK ROOMS AND NARROW HALLWAYS - A REPLICA OF WHAT A BURNED BUILDING MIGHT LOOK LIKE WHEN DISASTER STRIKES. NOW THE GUARDSMEN TELL ME THE TRAINING TODAY WAS MORE ABOUT THE SEARCH ASPECT OF SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS. THIS NOVEMBER, THEY'LL FOCUS ON THE *RESCUE* TRAINING INVOLVED. AT LEAST AT THAT TIME THEY WON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE INTENSE HEAT WE HAD TODAY... BUT THEN AGAIN HEAT OR NOT, THIS TRAINING IS INTENDED TO BE REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**8/5**	**10:00 PM**	**2:40**	IMAGINE YOUR LEGS MOVING INVOLUNTARILY TO THE POINT WHERE SLEEP IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE. THIS WEEK'S YOUR HEALTH WITH ANGIE BAILEY EXPLORES RESTLESS LEGS SYNDROME, SOMETHING PATIENTS CALL ONE OF THE MOST COMMON -- YET MOST UNKNOWN -- DISORDERS. WE'VE ALL HAD RESTLESS NIGHTS DUE TO AN ILLNESS OR DAY-TO-DAY STRESS. BUT SOME CAN'T SLEEP BECAUSE THEIR LEGS WON'T ALLOW THEM TO. IT'S CALLED RESTLESS LEGS SYNDROME. ONE WOMAN KNOWS HOW AGGRAVATING THE DISORDER IS, BUT SAYS THERE ARE NOW TREATMENT OPTIONS. KAY WRIGHT HAS WHAT SHE CALLS THE INVISIBLE DISORDER. SHE WAS DIAGNOSED SEVERAL YEARS AGO WITH RESTLESS LEGS SYNDROME, OR R-L-S. IT CAUSES INVOLUNTARY MUSCLE SPASMS IN THE LEGS TO THE POINT WHERE SUFFERERS LOSE SLEEP AND THE ABILITY TO CONCENTRATE DURING THE DAY.

					UP UNTIL HER DIAGNOSIS, WRIGHT WAS MISERABLE. WRIGHT SAYS MOST R-L-S SUFFERERS DON'T KNOW THEY HAVE IT. BUT SHE SAYS WITH TREATMENT, LIFE BECOMES MORE LIVEABLE. DOCTORS AGREE. WRIGHT NOW USES A SPECIAL FOOT REST TO IMPROVE HER POSTURE. SHE ALSO STANDS AT A TABLE TO READ THE NEWSPAPER. WRIGHT SAYS SHE'S A NEW WOMAN. SHE SAYS SHE NOW GETS SLEEP, CONCENTRATES DURING THE DAY, AND MAINTAINS A STEADY RELATIONSHIP WITH HER PARTNER. AND WITH THE HELP OF MEDICATION AND SIMPLE LIFESTYLE ADJUSTMENTS AT HOME, WRIGHT SAYS PATIENTS CAN OVERCOME R-L-S. SHE SAYS NOBODY SHOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH WHAT SHE DID. AN AGGRAVATION SHE SAYS SHE'S GLAD IS UNDER CONTROL. DOCTORS SAY THEY'RE STILL DOING RESEARCH TO DETERMINE THE EXACT CAUSE OF R-L-S. KAY WRIGHT IS IN CHARGE OF THE R-L-S SUPPORT GROUP HERE IN MID-MISSOURI. SHE SAYS IF YOU THINK *YOU* HAVE THE DISORDER, LOG ONTO THE R-L-S WEBSITE WHICH YOU CAN FIND ON *OUR* WEBSITE, KOMU.COM.

HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**8/6**	**5:00 PM**	**1:30**	LABOR AND DELIVERY ROOMS CAN BE CROWDED THESE DAYS. IN ADDITION TO DOCTORS AND NURSES, SOME PREGNANT MOTHERS ARE HIRING DOULAS TO HELP THEM THROUGH THE BIRTHING PROCESS. JULIE TROTTER ENDURED SIX HOURS OF HARD LABOR BEFORE THE BIRTH OF HER FIRST CHILD. JULIE HAD SUPPORT IN THE DELIVERY ROOM FROM NOT ONLY HER HUSBAND, BUT ALSO FROM A BIRTHING COACH CALLED A DOULA, A GREEK WORD MEANING WOMAN'S SERVANT. KAI MARTIN SHORT IS ONE OF MORE THAN 25-HUNDRED CERTIFIED DOULAS IN THE U-S. THEY ARE TRAINED TO COMFORT WOMEN DURING LABOR...USING MASSAGE AND BREATHING TECHNIQUES TO COPE WITH THE PAIN. -- DOULAS ARE NOT TRAINED TO GIVE MEDICAL ADVICE. SOME DOCTORS SAY THAT CAN CREATE TENSION. - AN APPROACH THAT GIVES NEW PARENTS CONFIDENCE DURING ONE OF THE MOST SPECIAL MOMENTS OF THEIR LIVES. DOULAS CHARGE A FLAT FEE RANGING FROM $450 TO A THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR PRE-NATAL, DELIVERY AND POST PARTUM ASSISTANCE.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**8/7**	**6:00 PM**	**2:30**	SCORCHING TEMPERATURES, BLINDING SUNLIGHT -- THE HEAT IS ON. TEMPERATURES ARE NEARING TRIPPLE DIGITS... AND HEAT INDICES ARE WELL ABOVE THAT. EXPERTS WARN HEAT LIKE THIS IS DANGEROUS FOR EVERYBODY. WE JUST MEASURED THE TEMPERATURE OF THE WATER HERE A FEW MINUTES AGO AND IT'S WELL OVER ____ DEGREES -- SIMILAR TO WARM BATH WATER. THE AMBIENT TEMPERATURE OUTSIDE, ACCORDING TO THIS THERMOMETER IS ____ DEGREES. BUT NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE THIS WEEK, THE HEAT IS WHAT EVERYBODY IS TALKING ABOUT... FROM DOWN LOW IN THE POOL TO UP HIGH AS WELL...

					IT'S NOT THE FIRST PLACE YOU'D LOOK... TO HEAR THE SOUNDS OF CONSTRUCTION AND HARD WORK. THE GUYS UP HERE WITH KEN BAGBY'S ROOFING COMPANY. BAGBY AND HIS WORKERS WERE RUSHING TO BEAT MOTHER NATURE. NOT MOTHER NATURE'S STORMY WEATHER, BUT MOTHER NATURE'S WARMTH. BAGBY SAYS EXCESSIVE HEAT IS WHAT MAKES HIS JOB TOUGH. BUT DESPITE THE HEAT, AND THE DANGER IT CAUSES, HE HAS A SOLUTION. A SOLUTION DOCTORS SAY MAKES SENSE. A SIESTA IS JUST WHAT DOCTORS SAY PEOPLE NEED IN THESE HOT TEMPERATURES. IN FACT, DOCTORS ALSO SAY STANDARD BOX FANS DON'T NECESSARILY COOL YOU OFF AS THE MOVEMENT OF WARM AIR ACROSS THE SKIN SIMPLY CAUSES SWEAT TO EVAPORATE, THUS CAUSING YOU TO DEHYDRTATE. THEY SAY THE BEST SOLUTION IS AIR CONDITIONING, IF YOU HAVE IT... IF YOU DON'T WE HAVE SOME INFORMATION COMING UP HERE IN JUST A MOMENT ON WHERE YOU CAN GO TO AVOID THIS HEAT DANGER.
GOVERNMENT/ HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**8/8**	**10:00 PM**	**2:20**	HAVE YOU WONDERED WHERE MISSOURI'S TOBACCO SETTLEMENT MONEY GOES? IT'S FUNDING RESEARCH IN THE LIFE SCIENCES. THIS YEAR MISSOURI WILL GET ALMOST 250-MILLION DOLLARS FROM TOBACCO TAXES AND THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. MISSOURI IS USING SOME OF THAT MONEY TO FUND RESEARCH IN LIFE SCIENCES. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECIDED TO SPEND SOME OF THE TOBACCO MILLIONS ON FOUR CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.

					A STATEWIDE CENTER WILL BE LOCATED HERE IN COLUMBIA, AND RESEARCHERS ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING. THE HEAT TAKES IT'S TOLL ON THE GRASS...BUT MONEY FROM THE MISSOURI LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH BOARD IS BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH. WHILE MANY STATES HAVE USED MONEY FROM THE 1998 TOBACCO SETTLEMENT TO FUND RESEARCH IN LIFE SCIENCES, MISSOURI HAS NOT. LEGISLATION FOR THE LIFE SCIENCE RESEARCH TRUST FUND CALLS FOR ESTABLISHING FOUR CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE. THREE REGIONAL CENTERS WILL BE BASED IN ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY AND SPRINGFIELD, AND A STATEWIDE CENTER WILL BE LOCATED IN COLUMBIA. THE MONEY DISTRIBUTED THIS YEAR WILL GO TOWARDS RESEARCH FOCUSING ON ANIMAL AND PLANT SCIENCE. MISSOURI'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY DETERMINES THE FUNDING FOR THE TRUST FUND, AND HAS ONLY APPROVED 13-MILLION DOLLARS OF FUNDING FOR THIS YEAR. PROPOSALS SEEKING FUNDING MUST BE SUBMITTED BY SEPTEMBER 6, AND THE MONEY GOES OUT IN DECEMBER. INTERESTINGLY, MISSOURI IS SPENDING IT'S RESEARCH PORTION OF THE TOBACCO MONEY ON PLANTS AND ANIMALS RATHER THAN HUMANS. IN ADDITION TO HOSTING THE STATEWIDE CENTER, MU PLANS TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO FUND SOME RESEARCH ON CAMPUS.

CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**8/9**	**5:00 PM**	**:35**	MISSOURI HAS ONE OF THE LOWEST OUT-OF-STATE TUITION RATES FOR SCHOOLS IN THE BIG 12 CONFERENCE. TUITION FOR OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS IN MISSOURI AVERAGES A LITTLE UNDER 12 THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR. THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE SAYS TUITION FOR OUT OF STATE STUDENTS IS SUPPOSED TO BE DOUBLE THE TUITION OF INSTATE RESIDENTS, BUT THIS HAS NOT BEEN THE CASE. MISSOURI HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN-STATE TUITION RATES OF SCHOOLS IN SURROUNDING STATES.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**8/10**	**6:00 PM**	**1:25**	THERE'S MORE TROUBLE FOR MOHELA TONIGHT AS THE CORPORATION NOW FACES A CLASS-ACTION LAWSUIT. THE SUIT WAS FILED IN COLE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT. IT'S LENGTHY. BUT THE FOCUS IS ON STOPPING THE TRANSFER OF MOHELA'S ASSETS TOWARD COLLEGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. IN THIS 23-PAGE PETITION WE RECEIVED TODAY VIA E-MAIL, WE LEARNED TWO COLUMBIA RESIDENTS, BOTH OF WHOM ARE MOHELA BORROWERS, SAY MOHELA DID THEM WRONG. THE PETITION ARGUES THE TRANSFER OF MOHELA'S ASSETS IS, QUOTE, "DECEPTIVE, MISLEADING, IMPROPER AND ILLEGAL." IT ALSO ARGUES THOSE WHO BENEFITED FROM MOHELA'S ASSETS WILL BE IRREPARABLY HARMED IF THE MOHELA ASSETS GO, AGAIN, TOWARD GOVERNOR BLUNT'S PLAN TO GIVE 350-MILLION DOLLARS TOWARD COLLEGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. THE ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE PLAINTIFFS SAYS MOHELA NEEDS TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT HE CALLS THE CORPORATION'S MISDOINGS. AND HE SAYS HIS CLIENTS WANT THINGS DONE RIGHT.

EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**8/11**	**10:00 PM**	**1:45**	ELDON HIGH SCHOOL HAS BEEN EDUCATING YOUNG MINDS SINCE LONG BEFORE COMPUTERS LABS, P-A SYSTEMS... EVEN BEFORE SCHOOL BUSSES. AND TODAY WAS A DAY TO CELEBRATE THAT HISTORY... WITH A REUNION OF CENTENNIAL PROPORTIONS. BUT YOU COULD SAY JOANN JONES HAS REALLY BEEN PREPARING SINCE SHE WAS A FRESHMAN AT ELDON HIGH SCHOOL IN 1954. 100 YEARS... THAT'S A LONG TIME. ALUMNI AT THE CELEBRATION DIDN'T DATE BACK THAT FAR, BUT... WITH SO MANY PEOPLE BACK WALKING THE HALLS THEY KNEW AS TEENAGERS, IT'S A HISTORY AND A HERITAGE MCNAY THINKS IS IMPORTANT TO PASS DOWN TO THE STUDENTS THAT CURRENTLY WALK THOSE HALLS. AND, THAT IS WHAT THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IS REALLY ALL ABOUT --- ELDON HIGH'S FUTURE... IT'S PRESENT... AND IT'S PAST.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**8/12**	**10:00 PM**	**:55**	...AND AN AFTERNOON SHOOTING AT A CHURCH IN SOUTHWEST MISSOURI LEAVES 3 DEAD. TERROR STRUCK TODAY IN THE SMALL TOWN OF NEOSHO JUST OUTSIDE JOPLIN, MISSOURI. AROUND TWO PM A GUNMAN OPENED FIRE ON PARISHNERS AT THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. THE GUNMAN WALKED INTO THE CHURCH ARMED WITH TWO SMALL CALIBER HANDGUNS AND ONE SEMI-AUTOMATIC MACHINE PISTOL AND STARTED SHOOTING. THE GUNMAN THEN ENGAGED POLICE IN A BRIEF STANDOFF WHERE 25 TO 50 PEOPLE WERE HELD HOSTAGE. FOLLOWING THE GUNMAN'S SURRENDER, POLICE FOUND 3 PEOPLE DEAD AND MANY WOUNDED. THE SHOOTER IS BEING HELD AT THE NEWTON COUNTY JAIL. NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED YET.

DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**8/13**	**5:00 PM**	**:50**	A DROWNING OVER THE WEEKEND MAKES THIS THE *DEADLIEST* YEAR ON LAKE OF THE OZARKS. THE MISSOURI STATE WATER PATROL RESPONDED TO A CALL FROM BONAIRE RESORT IN CAMDENTON LATE SATURDAY NIGHT. 38-YEAR-OLD FREDRICK ADAMS OF CAMDENTON DROWNED IN 10 FEET OF WATER RIGHT NEXT TO A DOCK AT THE RESORT. WATER PATROL FOUND HIS BODY LESS THAN TWO HOURS LATER. WITNESSES SAY THEY SAW ADAMS DRINKING ALCOHOL BEFORE HE DISAPPEARED FROM THE DOCK. THIS IS THE EIGHTH DROWNING AT THE LAKE THIS YEAR. KOMU WENT TO BONAIRE RESORT, BUT MANAGEMENT DECLINED TO COMMENT ABOUT THE DROWNING. ALTHOUGH DROWNING DEATHS ARE AT A RECORD HIGH, THE NUMBER OF BOATING INJURIES AND ACCIDENTS IS DOWN FROM LAST YEAR.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**8/14**	**6:00 PM**	**1:55**	NEARLY SIX THOUSAND STUDENTS ARE MOVING INTO DORMS AT MIZZOU THIS WEEK. PARENTS AND STUDENTS AREN'T JUST DEALING WITH SEPARATION ANXIETY... YOU HAVE TO FACTOR IN DANGEROUS TRIPLE-DIGIT HEAT. LAVAUGHN HENRY IS SWEATING OUT MOVE-IN DAY... IT'S HOT... BUT HE'S NOT LETTING IT GET TO HIM. OTHERS AREN'T AS COOL ABOUT THE HEAT. STILL, STUDENTS AND PARENTS SET EMOTIONS ASIDE WHILE THEY TRIED TO BEAT THE TRIPLE DIGIT TEMPS. NOTHING LIKE A WORKOUT IN THE HOT WEATHER... FOUR OF THE M-U DORMS DON'T HAVE ELEVATORS.... A STEP AT A TIME IS THE ONLY OPTION. M-U RESIDENTIAL LIFE SAYS ADDITIONAL HELP IS AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE MOVING INTO THE DORMS

					WITHOUT ELEVATORS. THERE IS FREE BOTTLED WATER FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES... AIR CONDITIONING IS NOW SET-UP IN ALL OF THE DORMS. PEOPLE TRYING TO BEAT THE HEAT BY MOVING IN AT NIGHT WILL HIT A CUT-OFF OF AT 11 PM.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**8/15**	**10:00 PM**	**2:25**	AND OFFICIALS CALL ON MID-MISSOURI RESIDENTS TO MAKE SOME CHANGES TO THE 9-1-1 SYSTEM. 9-1-1 CENTERS GET TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CALLS A YEAR, BUT THEY'RE RUNNING OUT OF MONEY. REPRESENTATIVES FROM 9-1-1 CENTERS AROUND THE STATE MET TODAY TO TALK ABOUT WHAT TO DO ABOUT LOW FUNDS. IN MOST COUNTIES IN MISSOURI RIGHT NOW IF YOU OWN A LANDLINE, YOU PAY YOUR LOCAL 9-1-1 CENTER BETWEEN 75 CENTS AND A DOLLAR A MONTH. BUT IF YOU CALL FROM YOUR CELL PHONE, LIKE MOST PEOPLE DO TODAY, YOU'RE CALLING FOR FREE AND THAT'S WHY SOME 9-1-1 CENTERS IN MID-MISSOURI ARE IN TROUBLE. THE RANDOLPH COUNTY 9-1-1 CENTER TOOK 30,000 CALLS LAST YEAR AND IS GOING BROKE. THIS ROOMFULL OF RESPONDERS ECHOS THE TREND...THERE ISN'T ENOUGH MONEY! A LANDLINE FEE ISN'T ENOUGH ANYMORE. THIS CREATES OTHER PROBLEMS. MOST COUNTIES IN MISSOURI DON'T HAVE MONEY TO BUY EQUIPMENT TO FIND CELL PHONE CALLERS. MISSOURI IS THE ONLY STATE IN THE COUNTRY WITHOUT A CELL PHONE CHARGE FOR 9-1-1 CALLS. OFFICIALS SAY MISSOURI 9-1-1 CENTERS JUST CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE CELL PHONE CALLS FOR FREE. FOURTEEN COUNTIES IN MISSOURI HAVE NO 9-1-1

					SYSTEM IN PLACE... THE COMMITTEE HOPES FOR A STATE-WIDE SOLUTION TO HELP IMPROVE 9-1-1 CENTERS ACROSS THE BOARD. THE COMMITTEE SUBMITS ITS PROPOSAL TO THE LEGISLATURE IN DECEMBER. IF A CELL PHONE TARIFF BILL PASSES IT WOULD GO INTO EFFECT NEXT AUGUST.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**8/16**	**5:00 PM**	**2:00**	COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE LOOKING AT TWO SETS OF TEST SCORES TODAY-- THE TESTS ARE THE ACT THAT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKE, AND THE MAP TEST THAT STARTS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. ABOUT 840 GRADUATING SENIORS TOOK THE A-C-T EXAM THIS YEAR AND SCORES LOOKED GOOD FOR THE DISTRICT. BUT THE MAP TEST SCORES SHOW A NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN PART OF THE DISTRICT POPULATION. CLASSROOMS ARE EMPTY NOW, BUT IN LESS THAN A WEEK, THEY'LL BE FILLED WITH STUDENTS... AND COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SAYS THEY'RE READY AFTER SEEING RESULTS FROM THE A-C-T COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM. BUT THE MAP SCORES POINT TO ONE SCHOOL THAT FELL SHORT OF GOALS. PARKADE ELEMENTARY DID NOT REACH ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS GOALS AMONG ITS STUDENTS ON FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH AND ITS AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS. THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW THOSE GROUPS FELL SHORT, MAKING PARKADE A SCHOOL IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT. AND THE ENTIRE DISTRICT ALSO FELL SHORT AMONG ITS SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS FOR TWO YEARS IN A ROW... ADMINISTRATORS SAY MAP RESULTS AREN'T THE

					ONLY SCORES PEOPLE SHOULD LOOK AT. THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION WILL RELEASE THE SCORES FROM THIS YEAR'S MISSOURI ASSESSMENT PROGRAM TOMORROW. THEN THE DISTRICT CAN FIND OUT HOW IT'S DOING REACHING NATIONAL NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND STANDARDS.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**8/17**	**6:00 PM**	**1:45**	SOLDIERS-- DON'T GO TO PARTY COVE. THAT'S THE ORDER FROM FORT LEONARD WOOD COMMANDERS. THE HIGH NUMBER OF DEATHS ON THE LAKE THIS YEAR HAS THE BRASS CONCERNED. THE SCREAMING, THE BOOZE, THE BOATS CROWDED TOGETHER. IT'S ALL A SCENE ARMY COMMANDERS WANT SOLDIERS TO AVOID. THE COMMANDERS SAY WITH THE DEATH OF ONE OF THEIR OWN MEN TWO MONTHS AGO IN THESE WATERS, AND INJURIES JUST LAST WEEK, THEY'VE HAD ENOUGH. WATER PATROL OFFICIALS SAY THEY'LL DO WHAT THEY CAN TO UPHOLD WHAT MILITARY OFFICIALS WANT. AFTER ALL, THE WATER PATROL HAS BEEN SAYING FOR YEARS THAT PARTY COVE IS ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS ON-THE-WATER SPOTS IN THE COUNTRY. ASIDE FROM THE WATER PATROL, OTHER LAKE-GOERS AGREE. EVEN THOUGH PARTY COVE IS A PUBLIC PLACE, MILITARY COMMANDERS SAY THEY DON'T CARE. THEY WILL MAKE SURE THEIR MEN AND WOMEN AVOID WHAT THEY CALL DANGEROUS WATERS. COMMANDERS SAY THIS NEW ORDER WILL NOT GO AWAY ANYTIME SOON. THEY SAY THE MIX OF ALCOHOL AND WATER IS A

					DANGER TO THE WELL-BEING OF ARMY PERSONNEL.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**8/18**	**10:00 PM**	**1:10**	NEARLY A WEEK AFTER A MAN OPENED FIRE ON A CROWDED CHURCH IN NEOSHO KILLING THREE... FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE STILL IN MOURNING TONIGHT. THOUSANDS OF MOURNERS PACKED INTO A FUNERAL HOME TODAY FOR A JOINT FUNERAL OF KERNEL REHOBSON, INTENSON REHOBSON AND KUHPES JESSE IKOSIA. ALL THREE WERE PASTORS OR ASSOCIATE PASTORS OF A LOCAL MICRONESIAN CONGREGATION. AND HERE IN MID-MISSOURI TWO WOMEN IN BOONVILLE, LINDA JONES, AND REVEREND MARY HARRIS-KOTH REMEMBER THE VICTIMS. THE WOMEN HAD MET THE REHOBSON FAMILY AT A CHURCH CONVENTION IN SEDALIA THIS SPRING. LAST MONTH, JONES HOSTED A LUAU DESIGNED BY THE REHOBSONS TO CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF SUCCESS AT HER HOME BUSINESS. SHE SAYS SHE LOVED THE FAMILY DEARLY AND IMMEDIATELY THOUGHT OF THEM WHEN SHE FIRST HEARD OF THE TRAGEDY. THE SUSPECT IN THE INCIDENT, EIKEN ELAM SAIMON, REMAINS IN JAIL FACING THREE MURDER CHARGES, FOUR ASSAULT CHARGES, AND A FELONIOUS RESTRAINT CHARGE.

GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**8/19**	**5:00 PM**	**1:45**	A NEW LAW AFFECTING ABORTION CLINICS IS THE CENTER OF CONTROVERSY THIS AFTERNOON. PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF KANSAS AND MID-MISSOURI FILED AN INJUNCTION IN FEDERAL COURT TODAY TO STOP A MISSOURI STATE LAW FROM GOING INTO EFFECT AUGUST 28TH. THE LAW PROHIBITS ABORTION PROVIDERS FROM ENTERING SCHOOLS, AND REQUIRES ABORTION CLINICS TO ADHERE TO STRICTER CLINICAL STANDARDS. PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF COLUMBIA SAYS IT WOULD NEED AROUND ONE POINT FIVE MILLION DOLLARS IN RENOVATIONS TO MEET THE NEW REQUIREMENTS. THE LAW SAYS IF THE STANDARDS AREN'T MET BY THE AUGUST 28TH DEADLINE, CLINICS LIKE PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF COLUMBIA WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO OFFER ABORTION SERVICES. PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS SEEKING THE INJUNCTION TO MAKE SURE IT CAN KEEP OFFERING ABORTION SERVICES WHILE PLANNED PARENTHOOD WHILE IT TRIES TO PROVE THE NEW LAW IS UNCONSTIONAL. PLANNED PARENTHOOD HOPES TO HEAR THE JUDGES DECISION ON THE INJUCTION REQEUEST IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THE CLINIC WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES, EVEN IF ABORTION SERVICES MUST BE DISCONTINUED. NEW AT SIX, WHAT THE BILL SPONSORS THINKS OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD ATTEMPTS FOR AN INJUNCTION.

GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**8/20**	**6:00 PM**	**1:30**	THE JEFFERSON CITY COUNCIL MAY SOON DECIDE THE FATE OF A STRETCH OF DILAPIDATED HOUSES ON WEST MCCARTY STREET. FROM A DISTANCE, THE BASSMAN HOUSE DOESN'T LOOK TOO BAD. BUT GET A LITTLE CLOSER, AND YOU'LL SEE WHY MANY PEOPLE CONSIDER IT AN EYESORE. THE JEFFERSON CITY COUNCIL WILL, IN AS SOON AS TWO WEEKS, END WHAT HAS BEEN MORE THAN TWOYEARS OF DEBATE ON THE FUTURE OF THE HOMES. THE COUNCIL COULD DECIDE TO SELL THE HOMES TO PRIVATE OWNERS FOR RENOVATION, ALLOW A LOCAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION GROUP TO FIX THEM UP, OR LET A DEVELOPER RICHARD GRONER TEAR THEM DOWN AND USE THE SITE FOR A HOTEL. MEDIN DOESN'T HAVE FEELINGS EITHER WAY, AS LONG AS THE NEW OWNER MEETS TWO SIMPLE REQUIRMENTS. AND NOW THE COUNCIL MUST DECIDE WHO'S MOST LIKELY TO MEET THOSE DEMANDS. ALTHOUGH THE CITY COUNCIL MIGHT NAME A NEW OWNER IN TWO WEEKS, IT HAS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 20TH TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**8/21**	**10:00 PM**	**1:30**	TWO FULTON HOMEOWNERS HAVE COME UP WITH A NOVEL SOLUTION TO THEIR ZONING PROBLEM. HOMEOWNERS SAM GUTH AND JOHN RUPARD BATTLED THE CITY OF FULTON FOR MORE THAN A YEAR TO STOP WALGREENS FROM BUILDING BEHIND THEIR HOMES. THEIR PROPERTIES SIT AT 14TH AND BLUFF STREET, RIGHT IN FRONT OF WHERE WALGREENS PLANS A DRIVE-THROUGH. THE FAMILIES WORRY ABOUT INCREASED TRAFFIC AROUND THEIR HOMES. INSTEAD OF FACING THE POSSIBILITY OF LOSING MONEY SEPARATELY, THEY BANDED TOGETHER TO SAVE THEIR PROPERTY VALUES. THE TWO ARE SELLING THEIR LAND AS ONE

					PARCEL TO ENTICE DEVELOPERS TO BUY THEIR HOMES. GUTH AND RUPARD SAY THAT THE CITY GAVE WALGREENS THE LAND BASED ON ILLEGAL SPOT ZONING. BUT THE CITY SEES OTHERWISE. THEY HAVEN'T HAD ANY OFFERS YET, BUT GUTH SAYS A BANK OR A RESTAURANT IS THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE. MAYOR LATHAM SAYS HE WILL ASK THE COUNCIL ON TUESDAY TO CONSIDER A BUFFER ZONE BETWEEN THE WALGREENS AND THE TWO FAMILIES.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**8/22**	**5:00 PM**	**:45**	THE KEMPER MILITARY SCHOOL CAMPUS IN BOONVILLE HAS STOOD VACANT FOR FIVE YEARS NOW, BUT THAT MAY SOON CHANGE. THE CITY MAY BE LOOKING TO SELL THE PROPERTY AS NEW HOUSING. BUT, CITY OFFICIALS ESTIMATE RENOVATING THE BUILDINGS COULD COST MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THE TOWN'S YMCA NOW USES ONE OF THE BUILDINGS, WHILE YOUTH SOCCER AND BASEBALL GAMES TAKE PLACE ON THE ADJACENT FIELDS. LOCAL BOONVILLE RESIDENTS SAY THEY WOULDN'T MIND NEW NEIGHBORS THE CITY PREVIOUSLY REJECTED PLANS OFFERED BY TWO POTENTIAL BUYERS AND OFFICIALS ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD BIDS.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**8/23**	**6:00 PM**	**:45**	COLUMBIA CONTRACTORS GATHERED TODAY TO LEARN THAT NEARLY 30 YEARS AFTER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BANNED LEAD PAINT, SOME BUILDING STILL CONTAIN THE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL. A LEAD-INSPECTION TRAINER FROM ST.LOUIS WORKED WITH LOCAL BUILDERS TO LEARN HOW TO PROTECT THEMSELVES IN OLD BUILDINGS WITH LEAD-BASED PAINT. FORTY PERCENT OF HOMES AND BUSINESSES IN THE U.S. HAVE LEAD-BASED PARTICLES. PARTICPANTS IN THE COURSE LEARNED SIDE

					EFFECTS OF LEAD POSIONING AS WELL AS HOW TO WORK SAFELY WITH LEAD. IF YOU DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S LEAD PAINT IN YOUR HOUSE, YOU CAN GO TO KOMU.COM TO FIND OUT HOW TO CHECK IT OUT.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**8/24**	**10:00 PM**	**1:00**	STARTING JANUARY FIRST, MOST GAS SOLD IN MISSOURI HAS TO CONTAIN TEN PERCENT ETHANOL. BUT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CAN MAKE EXCEPTIONS. AND MISSOURI BOATERS WANT TO MAKE THE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IS COLLECTING COMMENTS ON SPECIAL FUEL USE. RIGHT NOW AVIATION FUEL AND PREMIUM, OR OCTANE 91 OR HIGHER, FUEL ARE THE ONLY EXEMPTIONS. BOAT MECHANICS AT THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS SAY ETHANOL WILL MELT GASKETS AND HOSES ON BOATS MORE THAN FIVE YEARS OLD. IF BOATERS DON'T GET AN EXEMPTION, THE ONLY OPTION IS TO FILL UP WITH PREMIUM FUEL. THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HAS TO HAVE YOUR COMMENTS BY AUGUST 31ST. FOR THE ADDRESS VISIT THE LINKS AND NUMBERS SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE, KOMU-DOT-COM.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**8/25**	**6:00 PM**	**:50**	DURING THE SUMMER, TAN TOURISTS AREN'T STRANGERS TO THE CITY OF OSAGE BEACH. AND IT'S THE CARS THEY DRIVE THAT'S PUSHING THE STREETS OF THE RESORT TOWN TO THEIR LIMITS. THIS MORNING RESIDENTS MET AT HARPER CHAPEL CHURCH TO DISCUSS THE PROJECT. ORGANIZER WILLIAM LAWSON CULVER SAYS HE WANTS TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT.

					CULVER SAYS HE HOPES MEETINGS LIKE THIS GIVE RESIDENTS A CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PROJECTS THAT HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT IN THEIR COMMUNITY.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**8/26**	**10:00 PM**	**:30**	CAMDEN COUNTY SHIERFF'S OFFICE JUST CONFIRMED TO KOMU NEWS...THAT THE NEAR DOWNING CASE OF A TWO YEAR GIRL IS NOT THE WHOLE STORY. AN AUTOPSY REPORT SAYS THE CHILD HAD SUFFERED BLUNT TRAUMA TO THE HEAD. TWO YEAR OLD, NAVEAH BOGGAN, WAS PRONOUCED DEAD THIS MORNING AT A SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL. THE BOYFRIEND OF THE CHILD'S MOTHER, WILLIAM G. TOLSON JUNIOR, OF LINN CREEK, IS CHARGED WITH SECOND DEGREE MURDER. WE WILL CONTINUE TO UPDATE THIS STORY ON KOMU-DOT-COM AND TOMORROW ON KOMU NEWS AT TEN.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**8/27**	**5:00 PM**	**1:00**	GOVERNOR BLUNT MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY THAT WILL HELP ENFORCE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS. WHILE WASHINGTON CONTINUES TO DEBATE IMMIGRATION REFORM, GOVERNOR BLUNT ANNOUNCED NEW MEASURES TO COMBAT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IN MISSOURI. STARTING TODAY, STATE AUTHORITIES WILL ENFORCE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS. ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS DETAINED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, CAPITOL POLICE, AND BY POLICE ON STATE WATERWAYS, ARE SUBJECT TO BACKGROUND CHECKS. POLICE WILL THEN HAND OVER ILLEGAL

					IMMIGRANTS TO FEDERAL AUTHORITIES IN KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS OR SPRINGFIELD. THE GOVERNOR SAYS HE IS DETERMINED TO CRACK DOWN ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IN MISSOURI. THE GOVERNOR SAYS HE WANTS TO PREVENT THE KIND OF CRIME THAT OCCURED IN NEW JERSEY FROM HAPPENING IN MISSOURI. AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT WAS ARRESTED IN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY LAST WEEK AND CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF THREE COLLEGE STUDENTS.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**8/28**	**6:00 PM**	**:50**	A NEW CHAPTER IN MISSOURI'S HEALTH CARE HISTORY BEGAN TODAY. MISSOURI HEALTH-NET WENT INTO EFFECT, REPLACING THE STATE'S MEDICAID SYSTEM. THE MISSOURI PROGRESSIVE VOTE COALITION, OR PRO-VOTE, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY. THE GROUP SAYS HEALTHNET ONLY WORSTENS THE STATE'S HEALTHCARE PROBLEMS. BUT REPUBLICANS SAY PRO-VOTE IS JUST PLAYING POLITICAL GAMES. 400,000 PEOPLE LOST COVERAGE IN THE STATE'S MEDICAID CUTS OF 2005. 100-THOUSAND ARE STILL ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE UNDER HEALTHNET.
EDUCATION/ GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**8/29**	**10:00 PM**	**2:00**	A MISSOURI CIRCUIT COURT DISAPPOINTS MORE THAN HALF THE STATE'S SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THE LONG-AWAITED VERDICT IS A VICTORY FOR THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. MORE THAN HALF OF MISSOURI'S 524 SCHOOL DISTRICTS SUED THE STATE THREE YEARS AGO OVER WHAT THEY CALLED INADEQUATE AND UNEQUAL STATE FUNDING. HE SCHOOL DISTRICTS ASKED FOR MORE THAN ONE BILLION DOLLARS. TODAY'S COURT DECISION MEANS THIS DEBATE IS FAR FROM OVER. MOST MISSOURI SCHOOLS FEEL THEY FACE AN UPHILL

					BATTLE, SAYING RECENT STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION LIKE THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT SET HIGHER EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT. THE SCHOOLS SAY THEY CAN'T KEEP UP WITHOUT SOME OUTSIDE HELP. THE MISSOURI CIRCUIT COURT DISAGREES, SAYING THE SCHOOLS DID NOT PROVE THEY WERE CHEATED OF ANY MONEY. AND THE COURT ADDED THAT THERE IS NO GUARANTEE AN INCREASE IN FUNDING WOULD BE EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED. IN A STATEMENT THIS AFTERNOON, GOVERNOR BLUNT SAID: "THE NEW FORMULA HAS HELPED ME DELIVER MORE THAN A HALF A BILLION DOLLAR INCREASE TO MISSOURI CLASSROOMS WITHOUT A TAX INCREASE." BLUNT ALSO SAID, "THE LAWSUIT WAS DESIGNED TO MANDATE A BILLION DOLLAR TAX INCREASE ON MISSOURI FAMILIES." GHAN SAYS HE AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SIMPLY WANT TO SECURE THE FUNDING, AND LET THE POLITICAL PROCESS TAKE IT FROM THERE. THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS PLAN ON APPEALING THE CASE TO THE MISSOURI SUPREME COURT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. GOVERNOR BLUNT SAYS HE IS HOPEFUL THE SUPREME COURT WILL SHARE THE CIRCUIT COURT'S SENTIMENT. GHAN SAYS DON'T EXPECT A DECISION FOR AT LEAST A FEW MONTHS.

HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**8/30**	**5:00 PM**	**1:10**	HERE AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL THEY'RE NOT COMMENTING SPECIFICALLY ON THE CASE OF EMILY POWELL... WE DO KNOW THE 15-YEAR-OLD DIED FROM ERLICHIOSIS... A RARE BACTERIA THAT TICKS SPREAD. SOME OF THE SYMPTOMS INCLUDE EVERYTHING FROM FEVER TO MUSCLE ACHES. THERE HAVE BEEN ONE-HUNDRED SEVENTEEN CASES OF ERLICHIOSIS REPORTED THROUGHOUT THE STATE THIS YEAR. AND WHILE THE DISEASE IS NOT COMMON, THAT'S THREE TIMES THE NORMAL AVERAGE THE COLUMBIA-BOONE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS IT HAS SEEN AN INCREASE DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS AS WELL....AND IT SAYS WEATHER MAY BE A FACTOR. DOCTORS SAY ERLICHIOSIS DOES NOT HAVE TO BE FATAL... IN FACT IT IS TREATABLE. TONIGHT ON KOMU NEWS AT 6, I'LL TELL YOU MORE ABOUT THAT AND HOW TO AVOID GETTING TICK BITES. AGAIN, MORE ON PREVENTING AND TREATING THIS TICK BORNE DISEASE ON KOMU NEWS AT SIX.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**8/31**	**6:00 PM**	**1:30**	AND WITH DRIVERS HITTING THE STREETS TONIGHT, STARTING A LONG LABOR DAY WEEKEND... POLICE WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T HEAD DOWN THE ROAD AFTER DOWNING ONE TOO MANY. TONIGHT WE GO BEHIND THE SCENES TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT GOES DOWN WHEN POLICE MAKE A D-W-I BUST. IT'S JUST A SPEEDING TICKET HERE... BUT IF YOU'RE BUSTED FOR DRINKING AND DRIVING THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING. MEET COLE COUNTY DEPUTY JIM FLESSA. AND WELCOME TO THE HOLDING AREA. THE BRETHALIZER'S NEXT

					BLOW A POINT OH 8 ON THIS... AND YOU'RE IN FOR A LONG NIGHT. AFTER THE TEST, THEY HAVE TO POST BOND... AND IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE CASH... THEY GET TO SPEND A NIGHT IN HERE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. ADD LAWYER COSTS... A REQUIRED CLASS AND A TOW TRUCK FOR YOUR CAR ALONG WITH THE BOND OF UP TO 5 THOUSAND BUCKS... YOU'RE FACING WAY MORE THAN A DAY IN JAIL. BOTTOM LINE POLICE SAY... TAKE THIS ADVICE "JUST DRIVE SAFE, OK?" LAST YEAR BEFORE LABOR DAY THERE HAD BEEN ABOUT 160 ALCOHOL RELATED DEATHS ON MISSOURI ROADS. SO FAR THIS YEAR THERE HAVE BEEN ABOUT FIFTY LESS.
JONS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**9/1**	**10:00 PM**	**:50**	AT THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS BOATERS ARE ENJOYING THE LAST HOLIDAY WEEKEND OF THE SUMMER. . TIM MCNITT DOESN'T PARTY IN ANDERSON HOLLOW, INSTEAD JUMPS BELOW THE WATER WHERE HE RECOVERS EVERYTHING FROM WEDDING RINGS TO WALLETS. MCNITT AND HIS CREW AT "ATLANTIS DIVE AND DOCK SALVAGE" RESPOND 24 HOURS A DAY TO CALLS. JUST LAST WEEKEND THE CREW RAISED A BOAT THAT SUNK DURING THE LAKE SHOOTOUT. HE SAYS EVEN AFTER A DAY OF DIVING HE STILL LOVES A GOOD OLD FASHIONED TREASURE HUNT. MCNITT SAYS HE CLEANS UP AND GIVES AWAY THE BEADS AT PARADES, BUT THE MORE VALUABLE TREASURES HE CLEANS AND SELLS.

CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**9/2**	**10:00 PM**	**2:10**	MISSING AND MAYBE MURDERED. THAT'S WHAT ONE COLE COUNTY MOM IS AFRAID HAS HAPPENED TO HER DAUGHTER... JASMINE HASLAG. THERE ARE SOME NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE... THE MOTHER HAS BEEN HANDING OUT THESE FLYERS SINCE SHE FIRST WENT MISSING IN JUNE... BUT NOW SHE SAYS THAT'S NOT ENOUGH. SHE WANTS TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HER 32 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER. AND THERE'S 15 HUNDRED DOLLARS IN IT FOR ANYONE WHO MIGHT HAVE THE ANSWER. PEGGY FLORENCE NEVER THOUGHT SHE'D BE PLEADING FOR HELP... HER DAUGHTER JASMINE HASLAG FIRST WENT MISSING IN JUNE... AFTER HER MOM SAYS SHE GOT MIXED UP WITH DRUGS. PIECES TO A PUZZLE THE COLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS TRYING TO SOLVE. FLORENCE CALLS THE DEPARTMENT LOOKING FOR ANSWERS... SHE'S EVEN ADDED HER OWN MONEY TO THE REWARD... THE SEARCH AT THE HOUSE SHE WAS STAYING HAS GONE COLD. MORE THAN TWO MONTHS SINCE HER DISAPPEARANCE... HASLAG'S MOTHER FEARS SHE COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED. FOR HER DAUGHTER... FLORENCE HAS JUST ONE MESSAGE. BOONE HAD FIVE MISSING PERSON CASES IN 2006... AND THERE ARE CURRENTLY TWO ADULTS MISSING IN COLE COUNTY. HASLAG'S MOTHER SET UP A WEBSITE THAT HAS MORE INFO ABOUT THE CASE... AND HOW YOU CAN DONATE TO THE REWARD FUND.

CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**9/3**	**6:00 PM**	**1:20**	THERE ARE NEW DETAILS THIS EVENING ABOUT A FATAL SHOOTING IN COLUMBIA. KOMU WAS FIRST ON THE SCENE LAST NIGHT AFTER A MURDER IN THE PARKING LOT OF MCDONALDS ON CLARK LANE AROUND 5 P-M. WE KNOW A LOT MORE TONIGHT ABOUT BOTH THE VICTIM AND THE SUSPECT INVOLVED IN THE MURDER. POLICE SAY THE SHOOTING IN THIS PARKING LOT WAS THE RESULT OF A FAMILY FEUD. THE SUSPECT IN CUSTODY IS THE VICTIM'S FORMER BROTHER IN LAW, 37 YEAR OLD WILLIAM CLINCH. POLICE SAY THE VICTIM, 32 YEAR OLD JEREMY BOHANNON OF ROCHEPORT, WAS MEETING FRIENDS AT MCDONALD'S. POLICE BELIEVE CLINCH *WAITED* FOR BOHANNON TO GET OUT OF HIS CAR AND BEGAN SHOOTING. BOHANNON WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT THE HOSPITAL. THE SUSPECT AND OTHER RELATIVES HAD RESTRAINING ORDERS AGAINST THE VICTIM. POLICE SAY THERE WERE AT LEAST TEN WITNESSES WHO ACTUALLY SAW THE MURDER. THIS IS A MUG SHOT OF SUSPECT WILLIAM CLINCH. HE SURRENDERED AT MCDONALD'S WHEN POLICE ARRIVED. POLICE TOOK HIM INTO CUSTODY ON A 5 MILLION DOLLAR CASH BOND. HE'S NOW IN CUSTODY AT THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FACING CHARGES OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER AND ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION. MCDONALD'S ON CLARK LANE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS TODAY... I SAW PLENTY OF CARS HERE THIS MORNING. THE OWNER OF THE CLARK LANE MCDONALD'S DECLINED TO COMMENT, BUT DID SAY HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE CORPORATE OFFICE.

GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**9/4**	**10:00 PM**	**1:20**	COLUMBIA ACCESS TELEVISION, OR CAT, AS IT'S KNOWN, IS TURNING TO THE CITY FOR HELP. THE STATION USED TO GET FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM LOCAL CABLE PROVIDER MEDIACOM, BUT IN MAY MEDIACOM DIDN'T MAKE ITS USUAL TEN-THOUSAND DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION. MORE THAN 30 CAT SUPPORTERS SHOWED UP AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT. THEY SPORTED CAT STICKERS AND SPOKE TO THE COUNCIL, ASKING FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE 2008 BUDGET. CAT OFFICIALS SAY WITHOUT THE MONEY IT IS VERY LIKELY THE STATION WILL SHUT DOWN AND COLUMBIA WILL LOSE IT'S PUBLIC VOICE. TONIGHT WAS THE THIRD HEARING ORGANIZATIONS COULD ASK THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE CONSIDERED FOR MONEY FROM THE 20-08 CITY BUDGET. THE LAST CHANCE FOR RESIDENTS TO VOICE THEIR OPINION ABOUT WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET IS ON SEPTEMBER 17TH.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**9/5**	**5:00 PM**	**1:40**	SCHOOL'S BACK IN SESSION, AND MISSOURI STUDENTS HAVE A LOT TO BE PROUD OF. THE AVERAGE S-A-T SCORE FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS IN MISSOURI IS ONCE AGAIN ON THE RISE. FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE CONTINUOUSLY OUTSCORED THEIR PEERS, BOTH IN MISSOURI AND THROUGHOUT THE NATION. ACCORDING TO THE COLLEGE BOARD, THE AVERAGE S-A-T CRITICAL READING SCORE FOR COLUMBIA STUDENTS HAS INCREASED 32 POINTS SINCE 2003. WHILE NATIONALLY STUDENT'S SCORES HAVE DECREASED BY AN AVERAGE OF FIVE POINTS. IN THE MATH SECTION, LOCAL STUDENT'S SCORES HAVE INCREASED BY 16 POINTS OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS. WHILE NATIONALLY, MATH SCORES HAVE

					DECREASED BY FOUR POINTS. MISSOURI STUDENTS TYPICALLY SCORE 80 TO 90 POINTS HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. THE EXACT REASON FOR THE INCREASE IS NOT KNOWN. BUT STATE OFFICIALS FEEL STUDENTS ARE CHALLENGING THEMSELVES MORE IN THE CLASSROOM. ONLY NINE PERCENT OF COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOLERS TAKE THE S-A-T.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**9/6**	**6:00 PM**	**2:00**	IF THE U.S. CONGRESS AND WHITE HOUSE DON' T REAUTHORIZE FUNDING FOR A HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM, COVERAGE COULD BE IN JEOPARDY. THIS MORNING, MISSOURI LEADERS AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH ADVOCACY EXPERTS GATHERED TO URGE SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM. STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM, S-CHIP, COVERED MORE THAN 6.6 MILLION CHILDREN, NATIONWIDE, LAST YEAR. BUT THERE ARE NEARLY 9 MILLION UNINSURED CHILDREN. S-CHIP SUPPORTERS HELD A CONFERENCE TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROGRAM. MISSOURI LEADERS ARE URGING CONGRESS AND THE WHITE HOUSE TO SUPPORT THE REAUTHORIZATION AND FUNDING OF SCHIP, WHICH WILL EXPIRE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. SINCE CONGRESS FIRST AUTHORIZED S-CHIP IN 1997, THE PERCENTAGE OF UNINSURED CHILDREN IN THE U.S. HAS FALLEN BY 24 PERCENT. IN MISSOURI ALONE, THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE IN 1998 WAS A LITTLE MORE THAN 1-HUNDRED 50-THOUSAND. THAT FELL TO AROUND 1-HUNDRED 16-THOUSAND IN 2005, WITH HELP FROM S-CHIP. BETH GRIFFIN FROM THE CITIZENS FOR MISSOURI'S CHILDREN WANTS TO INCREASE THE

					COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN IN MISSOURI. SUPPORTERS OF THE PROGRAM AGREE THE COVERAGE IS NEEDED, TO KEEP ALL KIDS HEALTHY. S-CHIP PROVIDES HEALTH COVERAGE TO CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS WORK, BUT CAN'T AFFORD, OR AREN'T OFFERED HEALTH INSURANCE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**9/7**	**10:00 PM**	**:40**	A COLUMBIA LAWMAKER SAYS THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IS PROMOTING THE SALE OF FOREIGN CARS INSTEAD OF MISSOURI MADE CARS. ADS LIKE THESE HAVE HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADER JEFF HARRIS ANGRY WITH THE GOVERNOR AND THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT. THE ADS COME IN THE MAIL WITH YOUR LICENSE RENEWAL. REVENUERS SAY BY SELLING ADS, THEY'RE CUTTING COSTS. HARRIS ISN'T BUYING IT. NO ONE FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE RETURNED OUR TELEPHONE CALLS. REVENUERS SAY THEY SAVE A HALF MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR BY INCLUDING THE ADS IN THE MAIL.
CONSUMER NEWS	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**9/8**	**6:00 PM**	**:45**	PROTECTING YOUR IDENTITY... THAT'S WHAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND BETTER BUSINESS BUREU DID TODAY FOR SOME COLUMBIA RESIDENTS. A FREE MOBILE SHRED TRUCK WAS ON HAND TO SECURELY DESTORY SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS. THE OFFICES SAY THAT SHREDING SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS CAN HELP PREVENT THE RISK OF BECOMING A VICTIM OF IDENTITY THEFT. THEY SAY THAT CHECKING YOUR CREDIT SCORE, MONITORING BANK ACCOUNTS AND KEEPING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SECURE IS IMPORTANT IN PREVENTING FRAUD.

					CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE... K-O-M-U DOT COM FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**9/9**	**10:00 PM**	**:30**	THIS WEEK REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOUR UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI CAMPUSES WILL MEET IN AN EFFORT TO CHANGE MIZZOU'S NAME. SOME OFFICIALS OF THE UNIVERSITY BELIEVE DROPPING COLUMBIA FROM UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA WILL HELP END CONFUSION BETWEEN MU AND MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY IN SPRINGFIELD. REPRESENTATIVE FACULTY FROM THE OTHER THREE SCHOOLS IN THE MU SYSTEM WORRY THE NAME CHANGE WOULD DOWN GRADE THE KANSAS CITY, ROLLA, AND ST. LOUIS CAMPUSES. THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN LAKE OF THE OZARKS TOMORROW.
HEALTH/ GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**9/10**	**5:00 PM**	**:45**	A CHANGE IN MEDICAID COULD FORCE PATIENTS TO LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. AFTER NEXT JANUARY, A NEW REIMBURSEMENT FORMULA WILL LOWER THE AMOUNT PHARMACIES GET FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. THIS NEW RATE WILL BE 36 PERCENT LOWER THAN THE PRICE THE PHARMACIES PAY FOR THE DRUGS. THIS COULD FORCE MANY LOCAL DRUG STORES TO GET RID OF THE MEDICAID PROGRAM IN ORDER TO STAY IN BUSINESS. LOCAL PHARMACISTS AND SOME STATE REPRESENTATIVES PLAN ON FIGHTING THIS LEGISLATION AND GETTING IT OVER-TURNED BEFORE JANUARY.

EDUCATION	**KOKU NEWS AT 6**	**9/11**	**6:00 PM**	**1:30**	THE SCHOOL BOARD IS ON ITS WAY TO DECIDING WHERE TO BUILD THE SCHOOL... BUT FOR HICKMAN'S PRINCIPAL IT'S NOT AS MUCH ABOUT LOCATION... BUT DOING WHAT'S BEST FOR THE STUDENTS. AFTER 23 YEARS IN EDUCATION, MIKE JEFFERS KNOWS THAT SMALL SCHOOLS CAN OFFER STUDENTS MORE... HE DOESN'T THINK THAT CONNECTION IS AS STRONG AS IT COULD BE AT HICKMAN. THEY CAN'T EXPAND ON THE CURRENT SITE... BECAUSE IT'S LAND-LOCKED. AND SOME NORTHEAST COLUMBIA PARENTS THINK THE DISTANCE TO SCHOOL ISN'T FAIR. THE THIRD HIGH SCHOOL WOULD LIKELY KEEP MORE STUDENTS OFF OF I-70 AS THEY HEAD TO SCHOOL. IT WOULD ALSO STOP THE CROWDING AT HICKMAN, AND LET JEFFERS FOCUS ON OTHER DETAILS. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON COLUMBIA'S NEW HIGH SCHOOL, LOG ON TO OUR WEB SITE.... KOMU-DOT-COM. AND JEFFERS DID TELL ME ALL THREE HIGH SCHOOLS SHOULD BE SMALLER THAN HICKMAN CURRENTLY IS FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**9/12**	**10:00 PM**	**:50**	BOONE HOSPITAL CENTER IS THE NEW SOLE OWNER OF SOUTHERN BOONE COUNTY'S FAMILY CARE FACILITY IN ASHLAND. UNTIL RECENTLY, THE CLINIC WAS JOINTLY OWNED BY UNIVERSITY AND BOONE CENTER HOSPITALS. THE CHANGE SHOULD HAVE LITTLE IMPACT ON PATIENTS, OTHER THAN REQUIRING A CHANGE IN HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS. THE FACILITY WILL SWITCH FROM MISSOURI CARE TO HEALTHCARE U-S-A, WHICH IS AFFILIATED WITH BOONE. THE CENTER MAY EVEN ATTRACT RESIDENTS FROM RURAL AREAS WHO SOMETIMES HAVE TROUBLE SEEING DOCTORS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

					DR. MURPHEY IS ONLY ONE OF TWO DOCTORS LOCATED IN ASHLAND.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**9/13**	**5:00 PM**	**1:10**	MISSOURI WOMEN ARE MAKING BIG GAINS IN BUSINESS OWNERSHIP. ACCORDING TO A TEN YEAR NATIONAL RESEARCH STUDY, WOMEN HAVE GAINED HOLD OF A MAJORITY STAKE IN NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF ALL MISSOURI BUSINESSES. THE CENTER FOR WOMEN'S BUSINESS RESEARCH ALSO SHOWS THAT MISSOURI RANKS 18TH IN THE NATION IN WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES. ELLY SWETZ (SWEATS) OPENED HER DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA SHOP ALMOST A YEAR AGO. "ELLY'S COUTURE" LOCATED BETWEEN NINTH AND TENTH STREET WHERE MORE THAN 80 PERCENT OF ALL THE BUSINESSES ARE NOW OWNED BY WOMEN. THIS TREND IN DOWNTOWN IS A SIGN OF WHA'T'S HAPPENING ACROSS THE MIDWEST. IN MISSOURI, WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES ROSE BY 46% FROM 19-97 TO 2006 KANSAS HAD AN INCREASE OF 35% AND NEBRASKA, 44%. WHILE TENNESSEE BOASTS GAINS OF 54% AND ILLINOIS 57% DURING THE SAME PERIOD. ELLY STARTED HER BUSINESS IN COLUMBIA BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION. THE STUDY ALSO SHOWS THAT WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES GENERATED MORE THAN 42-BILLION DOLLARS IN SALES LAST YEAR.

EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**9/14**	**6:00 PM**	**1:20**	THE PARIS SCHOOL BOARD MET BRIGHT AND EARLY THIS MORNING TO TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE OF AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL. THE PARIS SCHOOL BOARD IS KEEPING THE PUBLIC IN THE DARK OVER WHY THE BOARD PUT ITS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DAVID PARKER ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WEDNESDAY. AND THE MEETING THIS MORNING DID NOT CLEAR THINGS UP. BUT IN A SMALL TOWN LIKE PARIS, THE RUMOR MILL IS TURNING. DESPITE THE RUMORS, PARENTS WANT TO SEE THINGS SETTLED QUICKLY AND IN THE END, MAKE SURE THEIR KIDS ARE SAFE. AND PARENTS SAY THEY PUT THEIR FAITH IN THE SCHOOL BOARD. SUPERINTENDENT JIM MASTERS DOES WANT TO DISPEL ANY RUMORS THAT POLICE HAD TO REMOVE MR. PARKER..AND HE WANTS THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT PARKER AND HIM HAVE COME TO WHAT IS CALLED "A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING" OF WHAT IS HAPPENING. DAVID PARKER TURNED DOWN OUR REQUEST FOR AN INTERVIEW. K-O-M-U WILL FOLLOW THE STORY MONDAY WHEN THE DISTRICT HAS TO REVEAL ITS ACTION.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**9/15**	**10:00 PM**	**1:00**	IT'S NOT ABOUT WINNING OR LOSING... IT'S ABOUT HOW YOUR KIDS PLAY DURING THE GAME. IT'S CALLED "PIGSKIN PRESCHOOL".... THE PRESCHOOL OFFERS CHILDCARE FOR KIDS 10 AND YOUNGER DURING ALL TIGER HOME FOOTBALL GAMES. THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT LAB ON M-U'S CAMPUS IS HOME TO THE 30-YEAR TRADITION. FOR THE COORDINATORS, IT'S ALL ABOUT BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS. PIGSKIN PRESCHOOL COSTS 50-DOLLARS FOR THE FIRST CHILD UNDER TWO AND A HALF YEARS OLD...

					AND 45-DOLLARS FOR THOSE OVER TWO AND A HALF YEARS OLD. EACH SIBLING COSTS AN ADDITIONAL 25-DOLLARS. THE PRESCHOOL IS OPEN 2 HOURS BEFORE KICK-OFF AND ENDS 2 HOURS AFTER THE GAME. REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**9/16**	**10:00 PM**	**1:40**	EACH YEAR INMATES FROM THE BOONVILLE CORRECTIONAL CENTER ARE INVITED OUTSIDE THE PRISON WALLS FOR A WEEK LONG COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT . BUT THIS YEAR THERE WAS A NEW TWIST. THIS YEAR THE CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY BASEBALL TEAM WORKED ALONG SIDE TEN INMATES SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT. THE WEEK WAS DEVOTED TO WORK AND FELLOWSHIP, AND TODAY THE MEN WERE RECOGNIZED AT THE NELSON MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. SINGING ALONGSIDE CONGREGATION MEMBERS, TEN INMATES FROM BOONVILLE CORRECTIONAL CENTER WORSHIPPED IN THE SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE AT NELSON MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. BUT THE MORNING'S SERVICE WAS ALSO A GRADUATION FOR INMATES WHO COMPLETED A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT WITH THE CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY BASEBALL TEAM THIS WEEK. THE C-M-U BASEBALL TEAM TOOK SHIFTS WORKING THIS YEAR'S PROJECT SITES AT HARLEY PARK AND THE Y-M-C-A IN BOONVILLE. THE INMATES MUST APPLY AND BE IN GOOD STANDING AT THE PRISON TO WORK ON THE PROJECT THE CHURCH HAS SPONSORED FOR TWELVE YEARS. BY WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY, INMATES HOPE THEY CAN PAINT A DIFFERENT PICTURE OF

					THEMSELVES. THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF PRISON FELLOWSHIP SPONSORED THE PROJECT ON A NATIONAL LEVEL. THE NATIONAL PROGRAM STARTED IN ATLANTA...THE BOONVILLE PROGRAM IS ONLY ONE OF TWO PROGRAMS IN THE STATE.
GOVERNMENT/JOBS/ ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**9/17**	**5:00 PM**	**1:10**	MEANWHILE MODOT IS MAKING ITS OWN EFFORTS TO MAKE TRAVEL SAFER... BY STUDYING WHETHER TRUCK ONLY LANES CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. MODOT IS USING A GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SEE IF IT CAN MAKE DRIVING ON I-70 A LITTLE EASIER. LAST WEEK THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GAVE MODOT $2 MILLION TO LOOK INTO PUTTING TRUCK ONLY LANES ON I-70. OTHER STATES WITH AN I-70 CORRIDOR ALSO GOT FUNDS. MODOT WANTS TO KNOW WHETHER TRUCK LANES WOULD CUT DOWN ON CONGESTION AND MAKE TRAVEL SAFER. MODOT HOPES TO HAVE THE STUDY DONE BY 2008. OFFICIALS TELL ME, ADDING THOSE TRUCK-ONLY LANES COULD COST UP TO $3.5 BILLION. THE GOVERNMENT PICKED I-70 AS ONE OF SIX "CORRIDORS OF THE FUTURE" TO RECEIVE FUNDING. IF ADOPTED, THE TRUCK LANES WOULD GO ON I-70 IN OHIO, INDIANA, ILLINOIS, AND MISSOURI.

GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**9/18**	**6:00 PM**	**1:35**	IT'S ALL ABOUT KEEPING THE PUBLIC INFORMED AND HOLDING THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE. MISSOURI'S SUNSHINE LAW WAS THE FOCUS OF TWO SEPARATE ARGUMENTS TODAY INVOLVING SEVERAL TOP STATE OFFICIALS. E-MAILS AND GOVERNOR BLUNT'S OFFICE ARE AT THE HEART OF ONE ARGUMENT. THE OTHER ACTUALLY INVOLVES A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION. THE ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH REPORTED THAT BLUNT'S STAFF REGULARLY PURGES E-MAILS, BUT WON'T REVEAL WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THOSE DELETED MESSAGES. TODAY ATTORNEY GENERAL JAY NIXON'S OFFICE REMINDED BLUNT AND OTHER STATE OFFICIALS THAT E-MAILS ARE PUBLIC RECORDS AND FALL UNDER MISSOURI'S OPEN RECORD LAWS. ANY PERSONAL EMAILS CAN BE DELETED. BUT EMAILS DEALING WITH STATE BUSINESS MUST BE SAVED FOR THREE YEARS. REP. JEFF HARRIS OF COLUMBIA HELPED PASS LEGISLATION TO INCLUDE EMAILS IN MISSOURI'S OPEN RECORDS LAW. HE SAYS IT'S ABOUT MAKING SURE TECHNOLOGY DOESN'T PROVIDE A WAY AROUND THE LAW. THIS ISSUE IS MORE OF A DISCUSSION. BUT THE OTHER ARGUMENT ACTUALLY INVOLVES A LAWSUIT... TODAY A COLE COUNTY JUDGE HEARD THE LAWSUIT AGAINST THE MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION.

CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**9/19**	**10:00 PM**	**2:00**	THE IBERIA WOMAN ACCUSED OF SETTING HER SON ON FIRE CLAIMS INNOCENCE WHILE HER FAMILY PREPARES FOR THE BABY'S MEMORIAL. CHRISTINA WHITE APPEARED IN COURT TODAY FOR HER PRELIMINARY HEARING. MILLER COUNTY MAY HAVE A SMALL TOWN FEEL, BUT TODAY THE COURTROOM WAS PACKED WITH REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS. LEADING UP TO TODAY'S HEARING, MOST OF THE KEY PLAYERS IN THE CASE HAVE NOT BEEN SPEAKING ABOUT IT IN PUBLIC. AND JUST AS OBSERVERS THOUGHT ANSWERS WERE COMING, CHRISTINA WHITE MADE A MOVE THAT LEFT EVEN THE MILLER COUNTY PROSECUTOR SURPRISED. CHRISTINA WHITE WALKED INTO THE MILLER COUNTY COURTROOM ONLY TO WAIVE HER RIGHT TO A PRELIMINARY HEARING. WHITE'S PUBLIC DEFENDER WOULD NOT ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT WHY. ATTORNEY KEITH HALCOMB DID READ A STATEMENT. IN IT HE SAID WHITE MAINTAINS SHE IS INNOCENT AND NOW SAYS HER ORIGINAL CONFESSION WAS COERCED. MILLER COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MATT HOWARD SAYS HE'S SURPRISED BY THE MOVE AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY POLICE COERCION. WHITE FACES ARSON AND CHILD ENDANGERMENT CHARGES AND A FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE. NEXT, THE CASE MOVES TO A HIGHER COURT WHERE WHITE WILL ENTER A PLEA IN OCTOBER. THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR SAYS THE DEATH PENALTY IS STILL A POSSIBILITY. CHRISTINA WHITE'S SISTER WAS AT THE HEARING TODAY.

					SHE CANNOT DO AN INTERVIEW BECAUSE SHE'S A WITNESS IN THE TRIAL. BUT SHE DID TELL ME SHE IS TRYING TO GET CUSTODY OF CHRISTINA'S TWO DAUGHTERS. BABY WAYNE'S REMAINS WERE RELEASED MORE THAN A MONTH AFTER HE DIED TO THE BABY'S FATHER. THE WHITES WERE NOT INVITED TO THE FUNERAL IN ILLINOIS. FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE ERECTING A MEMORIAL IN IBERIA WHICH WILL BE DEDICATED THIS SATURDAY. AND WE WILL BE THERE FOR THAT MEMORIAL...
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**9/20**	**6:00 PM**	**1:20**	A WORLD CLASS LABORATORY IS NOW UP AND RUNNING IN JEFFERSON CITY. MISSOURI'S PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT DEDICATED THE STATE-OF-THE ART LABORATORY THIS MORNING. THE FACILITY, DESIGNATED AS A BIOSAFETY LEVEL 3 LAB, MEETS THE HIGHEST NATIONAL SAFETY AND TEST STANDARDS. THE TESTING AREAS PROVIDE GREATER SAFETY FOR SCIENTISTS AND MORE ROOM FOR RESEARCH IN ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES. THAT WILL LIKELY MEAN IMPROVED PUBLIC HEALTH CARE IN MISSOURI. THE LEVEL 3 LAB REPLACES A LEVEL 2 LAB MISSOURI SCIENTISTS HAD BEEN USING. THE NEW FACILITY COST MORE THAN 32 MILLION DOLLARS. THE NEW LAB EMPLOYS MORE THAN 100 SCIENTISTS AND RESEARCHERS.

JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**9/21**	**10:00 PM**	**1:40**	A PROGRAM TO TRANSISTION FORMER PRISONERS INTO MISSOURI COMMUNITIES. THAT WAS THE FOCUS OF A CONFERENCE IN COLUMBIA... THE GROUP AIMS TO HELP REBUILD COMMUNITIES... AND ONE WAY TO DO THAT HELPING PRISONERS SETTLE INTO A NEW LIFE OUTSIDE OF JAIL. THE BOONE COUNTY OFFENDER TRANSITION NETWORK AND THE BOONE COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TEAMED UP FRIDAY TO HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES OF PRISONERS MOVING BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY. AND THAT REENTRY DOESN'T ONLY AFFECT THE PRISONER. "TODAY WASN'T ONLY ABOUT OFFENDERS AND THEIR FUTURE. IT WAS ABOUT THE FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY THAT IS THERE TO SUPPORT THEM" EX-OFFENDERS LIKE DAN HANNEKEN SAY SUPPORT IS KEY. THERE ARE 18,000 PRISONERS RELEASED IN MISSOURI EACH YEAR. THAT'S 350 RELEASED EVERY WEEK. WITH OUTSIDE HELP AND SUPPORT FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS, TATLOW SAYS OFFENDERS WILL HAVE A GREAT CHANCE OF BECOMING PRODUCTIVE AND HAPPY CITIZENS. DISCUSSION GROUPS ALSO FOCUSED ON EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND MENTAL HEALTH. THE GROUP ALSO SAUGHT OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP REHABILIATE FORMER INMATES. FOR THOSE WHO WANT MORE INFORMATION ON THE CONFERENCE AND RECOVERY RESOURCES THEY CAN VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT KOMU DOT COM.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	9/22	10:00	2:40	IT WAS BACK IN JULY WHEN AUTHORITIES FIRST ACCUSED WAYNE'S MOTHER, CHRISTINA WHITE, OF SETTING FIRE TO HER SON'S BLANKET IN AN ATTEMPT TO KILL HIM. WAYNE LATER DIED ON JULY 31ST. TODAY, THOUGH, IT WASN'T ONLY ABOUT CHRISTINA WHITE... IT WAS ABOUT HER FAMILY HAVING THE CHANCE TO SAY A FINAL GOODBYE TO A BABY THEY SAY WAS FULL OF ENERGY. DANNA WHITE APPEARED FOR THE FIRST TIME ON CAMERA TO SAY HER NEPHEW, BABY WAYNE EARL ANDERSON JUNIOR, IS AN INFANT WE SHOUDN'T SOON FORGET. DANNA JOINED A SMALL GATHERING OF FRIENDS TO SAY GOODBYE TO WAYNE. TO THIS DAY, DANNA SAYS SHE STILL CAN'T FORGIVE HER SISTER, CHRISTINA WHITE, FOR ALLEGEDLY SETTING FIRE TO WAYNE'S BLANKET IN AN ATTEMPT TO KILL HIM. ASIDE FROM DANNA, ORGANIZERS OF THE MEMORIAL AGREE. KRISTIE SHRIEVES DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THE WHITE FAMILY UNTIL WAYNE'S DEATH. BUT SHE SAYS HIS DEATH SHOULD SERVE AS A REMINDER FOR ALL OF US THAT INFANTCIDE IS A VERY REAL PROBLEM. FOR NOW, IT'S ABOUT NOT FORGETTING. IT'S ABOUT REMEMBERING A BABY SHRIEVES AND OTHERS SAY NEVER DESERVED TO DIE SO YOUNG. DANNA WHITE WENT ON TO SAY THAT WAYNE WAS ACTUALLY BURIED IN ILLINOIS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF HIS FATHER. SHE SAYS SHE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND THAT FUNERAL SO THAT'S WHY SHE HELD THIS MEMORIAL TODAY. CURRENTLY, A MEMORIAL FUND IS SET-UP IN IBERIA TO HELP CREATE WAYNE'S MEMORIAL GARDEN...

					THEY STILL NEED ABOUT 300-HUNDRED DOLLARS. AS FOR CHRISTINA WHITE, AGAIN, SHE APPEARED IN COURT ON WEDNESDAY TO WAIVE HER PRELIMINARY HEARING. HER LAWYER SAYS SHE IS INNOCENT. OF COURSE SHE FACES A FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE FOR WAYNE'S DEATH. HER NEXT COURT APPEARANCE IS NEXT MONTH...
GOVERNMENT/ CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**9/23**	**10:00 PM**	**1:50**	IMAGINE WATCHING YOUR FAVORITE T-V SHOW AND ALL OF A SUDDEN THE SCREEN GOES BLACK -- OFF THE AIR. THAT'S JUST WHAT MAY HAPPEN TO COLUMBIA'S CABLE ACCESS CHANNEL. BUT THE CITY'S TRYING TO KEEP IT ON LIFE-SUPPORT WITH A BIT MORE CASH TO SPRUCE UP THE PLACE. THE CAMERAS AND EQUIPMENT... ARE ENOUGH TO GIVE ANYONE A HUNGER FOR THE LIMELIGHT BUT THIS DOWNSTAIRS ROOM OF STEPHENS HALL... IS STARVING FOR CASH. 30 THOUSAND A YEAR. CHASE THOMPSON SPENDS A LOT OF TIME AT COLUMBIA ACCESS TELEVISION.... MAKING CAT... THE CHANNEL YOU MIGHT PASS BY... WORK. BUT NOW THERE'S NO CASH IN THIS KITTY. THAT WAS BEFORE THE CITY VOTED TO GIVE CAT 15 GRAND TO KEEP GOING. IT'S NOT NEW FOR THIS CREW... CITY LEADERS ALSO WANT CABLE COMPANIES TO GIVE 5 PERCENT OF THEIR PROFITS TO THE CITY TO HELP FUND PROJECTS LIKE CAT. IT COULD GIVE CAT A STAKE IN THOSE TAX REVENUES... EXPECTED TO BE NEARLY 300 THOUSAND DOLLARS.

					THAT COULD MEAN A BIG BOOST TO A HUNGRY BEAST: THE CITY COUNCIL STILL HAS TO DECIDE HOW TO DIVVY UP THE CABLE FRANCHISE FUNDS.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**9/24**	**5:00 PM**	**1:30**	CONSTRUCTION ON WIDER COLUMBIA ROADS IS JUST MORE THAN A MONTH AWAY. THE CITY ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK PLANS TO WIDEN PORTIONS OF BROADWAY AND RANGE LINE. STADIUM BOULEVARD FROM INTERSTATE 70 TO BROADWAY WILL EXPAND FROM FOUR TO SIX LANES. PLANS ALSO CALL FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES AND BETTER TURN LANES. CONSTRUCTION WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE ALONG RANGE LINE BETWEEN BIG BEAR BOULEVARD AND PRATHERSVILLE ROAD. THAT PORTION OF THE ROAD WILL GROW TO FOUR LANES. WE'RE IN THE HEIGHT OF TRAFFIC RIGHT NOW ALONG RANGE LINE AND YOU CAN SEE A COUPLE OF MORE LANES SURE WOULD HELP. ALONG SIDE THOSE LANES, LOOK FOR 7-FOOT SHOULDERS AND SIDEWALKS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD. THIS WILL MAKE ROOM FOR WALKERS AND CYCLIST ALONG RANGE LINE. CITY OFFICIALS SAY THE WIDER ROADS HELP TRAFFIC, AND ALSO SHOW THE CITY'S GROWING. BOTH PROJECTS COST AROUND 19-MILLION DOLLARS A PIECE. A HALF-CENT SALES TAX FROM SELECTED BUSINESSES ALONG STADIUM WILL PAY FOR ABOUT HALF OF WIDENING THERE.

					THE REST COMES FROM MODOT. HERE AT RANGE LINE, BOTH THE CITY AND MODOT WILL FUND THE ROAD EXPANSION AND UPGRADES. CONSTRUCTION ON RANGE LINE WILL BEGIN THIS NOVEMBER. WORK ON STADIUM WON'T START UNTIL 2010.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**9/25**	**6:00 PM**	**1:45**	OFFICIALS MET ON CAPITOL HILL TODAY TO TALK ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT TO EXPAND INSURANCE FOR THE NATION'S POOREST CHILDREN. TODAY, SHOWDOWN ON CAPITOL HILL OVER THE FUTURE OF HEALTH INSURANCE FOR MORE THAN TEN MILLION CHILDREN HOUSE LAWMAKERS ARE SET TO DEFY A PRESIDENTIAL VETO THREAT AND VOTE TO EXPAND THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM OR S-CHIP THAT EXPIRES ON SUNDAY THE MEASURE WOULD EXTEND COVERAGE TO MORE CHILDREN OF THE NATION'S WORKING POOR THE MONEY WOULD COME FROM INCREASED TOBACCO TAXES, INCLUDING A HIKE IN THE FEDERAL CIGARETTE TAX TO A DOLLAR A PACK PRESIDENT BUSH VOWS TO BLOCK IT BUT THE PRESIDENT LOOKS INCREASINGLY ISOLATED ON THE MEASURE ON MONDAY, THE BILL'S REPUBLICAN SPONSOR STOOD ALONGSIDE HOSPITAL AND INSURANCE GROUPS IN SUPPORT OF THE 10-YEAR OLD PROGRAM A VETO COULD FORCE CONGRESS TO PASS AN EMERGENCY EXTENSION OF S-CHIP FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE URGING STATES TO DRAFT CONTINGENCY PLANS TO HELP CHILDREN WHO MAY LOSE COVERAGE WITHOUT IT. IF PRESIDENT BUSH VETOES THE BILL, DEMOCRATIC LEADERS IN THE SENATE SAY IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO GET ENOUGH VOTES TO OVER RIDE THE VETO.

CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**9/26**	**10:00 PM**	**1:15**	COLUMBIA POLICE ARE WORKING TO MAKE NORTH COLUMBIA SAFER, THE COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM, OR CAT, WILL PATROL RESIDENTIAL HOMES IN THE AREA. THIS COMES ONE WEEK AFTER A HOME INVASION ON CITADEL DRIVE THAT INCLUDED A SEXUAL ASSAULT. THE TEAM WILL PATROL THE AREA BECAUSE COMPLAINTS OF CRIME AND DISTURBANCES IN NORTH COLUMBIA GROWING. POLICE SAY THE NEW PATROLS WILL NOT STRAIN OTHER SERVICES. THE COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM PLANS TO ESTABLISH NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUPS IN NORTH COLUMBIA AS WELL. JUST TO UPDATE YOU ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN LAST TUESDAY'S HOME INVASION... COLUMBIA POLICE HAVE ARRESTED ALL FIVE SUSPECTS. LAST FRIDAY, CHRISTOPHER LEE JACOBS WAS ARRAIGNED ON CHARGES OF FIRST DEGREE ROBBERY AND FIRST DEGREE BURGLARY, FORCIBLE SODOMY AND FORCIBLE RAPE AND ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION AND FELONIOUS RESTRAINT. ON MONDAY, JACOBS CO-DEFENDENT, JARROD ALEXANDER LILLY, WAS SERVED A WARRENT ON THE SAME 6 CHARGES. JACOBS AND LILLY ARE CURRENTLY AT THE BOONE COUNTY JAIL ON A 600 THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND. IN OCTOBER, A HEARING WILL DETERMINE WHETHER THE THREE JUVENILE SUSPECTS SHOULD BE TRIED AS ADULTS.

JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**9/27**	**5:00 PM**	**2:00**	3-M ANNOUNCED MAJOR LAYOFFS TODAY. ABOUT HALF OF ALL THE COLUMBIA PLANT'S EMPLOYEES WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS. IN A COST-CUTTING MEASURE, THE COMPANY WILL MOVE SOME OF ITS PRODUCTION TO PLANTS IN CALIFORNIA AND SINGAPORE. 3-M IS CUTTING TWO HUNDRED HOURLY AND 40 SALARIED POSITIONS... WHICH MEANS ABOUT 250 EMPLOYEES GET TO KEEP THEIR JOBS. 3-M GAVE WORKERS AT LEAST TWO MONTHS NOTICE. MANAGERS SAY THE COMPANY WANTS TO SOFTEN THE BLOW BY LAYING OFF EMPLOYESS IN STAGES... BUT THEY EXPECT MOST OF THE AFFECTED EMPLOYEES TO BE GONE BY THE END OF THE YEAR AND THE REST BY JULY. 3-M SAYS IT'S LAYING OFF EMPLOYEES TO STAY COMPETITIVE IN A TOUGH WORLD ELECTRONICS MARKET. THIS CUT COMES LESS THAN A YEAR AFTER 3-M LAID OFF 46 EMPLOYEES LAST NOVEMBER. OFFICIALS TELL US THAT 3-M HAS NO PLANS FOR FUTURE LAY OFFS. THIS CUT COMES ALMOST A YEAR AFTER 3-M LAID OFF 46 EMPLOYEES LAST NOVEMBER. OFFICIALS TELL US THAT 3-M HAS NO PLANS FOR FUTURE LAY OFFS.

CONSUMER NEWS	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**9/28**	**6:00 PM**	**2:00**	A NEW GROUP IS PUSHING TO KILL TOUGHER MILEAGE STANDARDS FOR NEW CARS. THIS COULD BE A RARE SIGHT IN A FEW YEARS. UNDER A NEW PROPOSAL FROM THE COPORATE AVERAGE FUEL ECONOMY, OR CAFE, BIG ENGINE CARS COULD BE GONE. SUVS, VANS AND TRUCKS WOULD BE MOST AFFECTED. AND MISSOURI MAKES MANY OF THOSE VEHICLES. PERRY CHEVROLET TECHNICIAN TIM RAINEY THINKS THE REGULATIONS ARE A LITTLE FARFETCHED. THE EXPECTATIONS WOULD REQUIRE CHANGING THE WAY MANUFACTURERS PRODUCED THEIR VEHICHLES. IF THEY AREN'T MET, EVERYONE PAYS. A NEW GROUP, THE AUTOMOTIVE JOBS ACTION COALITION, OR AJAC, OPPOSES THE PROPOSAL. IT SAYS EXCESS INCREASES IN FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS WOULD HURT MISSOURI CAR MAKERS. AND PRESERVING THAT SYSTEM IS THE MAIN GOAL OF AJAC. MISSOURI HAS MORE THAN 56,000 AUTO-RELATED JOBS. THERE ARE MORE THAN 14,000 WORKERS IN THE ST.LOUIS AREA ALONE. ST.LOUIS AUTO AND PARTS MANUFACTURING ACCOUNT FOR $12 BILLION ANNUALLY AS OF NOW, FEDERAL REGULATORS HAVE *NOT* APPROVED THE CAFE REGULATIONS.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**9/29**	**10:00 PM**	**:40**	CHRIS KELLY ANNOUNCED HE'S IN THE RUNNING FOR MISSOURI'S 24TH DISTRICT. REPUBLICAN ED ROBB IS CURRENTLY THE 24TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE. FROM THE TAILGATE OF A PICK-UP TRUCK... KELLY TOLD A SMALL CROWD ONE OF HIS BIGGEST MISSIONS IS TO KEEP M-U RESEARCH UNHINDERED BY THE STATE... PARTICULARLY IN THE WAKE OF THE STEM-CELL DEBATE.

					IN ADDITION TO THE UNIVERSITY... KELLY SAYS HE'LL FOCUS ON THE MISSOURI BUDGET, TEENAGER TRAFFIC SAFETY, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION, AND SCHOOL FUNDING.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**9/30**	**10:00 PM**	**2:45**	A POLITICAL CONTROVERSY IN CALLAWAY COUNTY IS DRAWING VIEWER FEEDBACK. IN TONIGHT'S YOUR VIEW, WE SHOW YOU WHAT YOU'RE SAYING ABOUT A KOMU STORY ON THE HOLTS SUMMIT BOARD OF ALDERMEN. WELCOME TO YOUR VIEW. AN OMBUDSMAN PROJECT WHERE YOU GET TO COMMENT ABOUT KOMU NEWS. THIS IS CALLED AN EDIT BAY....AND IT'S THE PLACE WHERE WE EDIT OUR STORIES AT KOMU. AND THIS WEEK, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ONE PARTICULAR STORY ON THE CONTROVERSY SUROUNDING THE HOLTS SUMMIT BOARD OF ALDERMAN... IN THAT COVERAGE FROM CALLAWAY, ONE ALDERWOMAN TRIED TO DISRUPT MEGAN MURPHY'S INTERVIEW WITH ANOTHER ALDERWOMAN. MEGAN ORIGINALLY ARRANGED THE INTERVIEW TO DISCUSS A HOLTS SUMMIT SEWER ISSUE BUT AS IS OFTEN THE CASE IN JOURNALISM, WE ASK A FEW QUESTIONS AND WE GET A BLAST OF ANSWERS. IF YOU'D LIKE TO COMMENT ABOUT KOMU NEWS, IT'S EASY TO DO. JUST GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT KOMU-DOT-COM AND CLICK ON THE YOUR VIEW TAB. THEN WATCH FRIDAY NIGHTS BEGINNING NEXT WEEK...AS WE REPORT YOUR VIEW OF THE NEWS. YOUR VIEW IS MOVING TO FRIDAY NIGHTS AT 6 O'CLOCK

					BEGINNING THIS COMING WEEK.... BUT YOU CAN WATCH IT ANYTIME AT KOMU-DOT-COM.