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

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CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/1	10:00 PM	1:19	OLD AND IN NEED OF REPAIR, GLASGOW BRIDGE IS LONG OVERDUE FOR IMPROVEMENTS. MODOT SAYS THE BRIDGE HASN'T BEEN UPGRADED IN MORE THAN TWO DECADES. BUT FINDING THE RIGHT CONTRACTOR TO MAKE REPAIRS IN LESS THAN A YEAR IS GIVING MODOT A HEADACHE. "We've contacted some of the major contractors that pulled the plans on the project and they've told us that our time frame was too aggresive. That was one of the major concerns that they had when they were looking at the project." THIS IS WHAT THE BRIDGE LOOKS LIKE RIGHT NOW. MODOT SAYS IMPROVEMENTS WOULD REMOVE STEEL BEAMS THAT SPAN THE BRIDGE, WIDEN THE ROAD BY FOUR FEET AND ADD CONCRETE GUARDS ALONG THE BRIDGE FOR SAFETY. "MODOT says repairing the bridge could take up to a year to complete, but closing the bridge would force commuters to travel sixty miles out of their way." "Costs'll be terrible cause you just don't like paying that much for gas or anything else. They never give us another option. I don't want to drive that far." "I feel sorry for them. Cause I put my own self in their place.

					What if I was working in Marshall and I had to drive all the way through Boonville or Miami and go to work everyday at three dollars a gallon?" REGARDLESS OF THESE DRIVERS' CONCERNS, MODOT WILL RE-EVALUATE BRIDGE PLANS AND WHAT CONTRACTORS ARE CALLING AN AGGRESSIVE DEADLINE.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/2**	**10:00 PM**	**1:03**	THE RAIN HAS STOPPED ERIC LAWMAN FROM CUTTING ANY MORE CORN TODAY. YET, HIS TWO CORN ELEVATORS ARE ALMOST FULL "Last year we took most of the crop to fill tehm. We had maybe a load or two go to town. But, this year we virtually got both of them filled right now and we got maybe a third of the crop still in the field." FARMERS AROUND THE STATE PLANTED MORE CORN THIS YEAR, BECAUSE OF AN INCREASE IN DEMAND. "Ethanol's helping a lot to boost the price of corn and when the price of corn goes up the price of beans and wheat follow it too. Wheras we might have gotten $1.60 at the elevator during harvest, this year we're getting $3.20" (Lawman) BUT THIS BOUNTIFUL HARVEST IS PUTTING PRESSURE ON STORAGE AT CO-OPS TOO. "It fills you up quickly and you run into transportation problems cause you can't move it out as fast as it's coming in." STILL, CORN PRODUCERS ARE HAVING A GREAT YEAR. "For producers who produce the corn and sell it in the open market or through the elevator, it's pretty nice." (Lawman) CAROLYN RAUEN, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS TODAY	10/3	6:00 AM	4:55	"That's the part that's the worst... because of ego - it's going to cost the city money." THE EGO MARTY WILSON SAYS BELONGS TO MAYOR RICHARD PARKS. THE MONEY IS WHAT IT WILL NOW COST THE CITY TO RENOVATE GREENWAY PARK... WORK WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN DONE FOR FREE. "We were going to have that ramp taken out and replaced." FROM THE GUTTERS TO THE SIDE WALK AND EVEN UPGRADES TO THE BALL FIELD. (Marty) "We had that all donated for free." THE MAIN REASON BEHIND WILSON'S WORK WAS TO GET THIS CIVIC CENTER AT GREENWAY PARK IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW, THE CITY CAN'T USE IT... AND HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO SINCE PURCHASING IT IN OCTOBER 2005. WILSON WENT TO THE CITY CLERK AND PARKS COMMISSION TO ASK FOR A LIST OF WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE. (MARTY) "Within four hours, we had everything donated for free." IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FINISHED IN TIME FOR THIS YEAR'S FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION. (MARTY) "We would have had it so people could sit inside and use this park because that's where they shot off fireworks. Instead, people had to sit out in the fields and stuff." (mARTY)"It would have generated revenue, and the city desperately needs revenue." AFTER CONFIRMING DONATIONS FROM DIFFERENT COMPANIES, WILSON WORKED UP A PRESENTATION TO EXPLAIN THIS AT A CITY MEETING. "(MARTY) "I made up presentation. Cheryl and the Mayor went over it. That night I was to present it. They prepared the room. Had a projector all set up. Then, Mayor is like who are you and what are you doing? I said I'm here to make the presentation

					about the park. He said I didn't know anything about it. I don't think this is an appropriate place for you to do it. / After the meeting, the Mayor came up to me and said you are not allowed to speak to anybody from the city but me. You're not allowed to talk to city employees, and we're not interested in you helping with the park."
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/4**	**10:00 AM**	**3:10**	A GROUP OF NURSES, EDUCATORS AND HEALTH CARE ADVOCATES SHOWED UP AT CONGRESSMAN KENNY HULSHOF'S COLUMBIA OFFICE...THEY WANT TO KNOW IF HULSHOF WILL VOTE TO OVERRIDE THE PRESIDENT'S VETO OF THE SCHIP BILL. "My grandchildren are insured through that...their parents both work and they work very hard, but they make less than $40,000 a year and they have two children with special needs health care." CONGRESS ENACTED SCHIP OR THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM TEN YEARS AGO TO HELP FAMILIES THAT EARN TOO MUCH TO QUALIFY FOR MEDICAID, BUT CANNOT AFFORD PRIVATE INSURANCE. "So it's really very helpful for families that are working hard, trying to make a go of it, who have difficulty in terms of paying their insurance premiums or also very frequently their employer doesn't offer health insurance and they have no where to go to get their children covered." SCHIP IS THE LARGEST EXPANSION OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN SINCE MEDICAID BEGAN IN THE 1960s. "Schip's a very important program for the low income children of Missouri. It stands on the shoulders of Medicaid, which as you know, covers the lowest income and the neediest in the state." THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS JOINTLY FINANCED SCHIP.

EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS TODAY**	**10/5**	**6:00 AM**	**1:09**	KATE LEARY TEACHES MIDDLE SCHOOLERS. TEACHERS AT HER SCHOOL PRACTICE VERTICAL TEAMING, WHERE THEY WORK WITH HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS TO PREPARE THEIR STUDENTS BETTER. "I think the kids are missing some things, and that's kind of what we're trying to figure out." BEFORE THEY GET TO MIDDLE SCHOOL, MISSOURI 4TH GRADERS DO WELL ON STANDARDIZED MATH TESTS. BUT SCORES DROP BY THE 8TH GRADE. . "We're in a technology based society now, and I think the kids need to have a good foundation, and I think that foundation comes from some basic science knowledge and some basic math skills." GOVERNOR BLUNT AGREES. "We must continue to build a workforce, through a world class education system." TO IMPROVE MISSOURI'S EDUCATION SYSTEM, BLUNT'S APPOINTED ROD NUNN TO COORIDNATE EDUCATION GOALS TO BUILD MISSOURI'S WORKFORCE. NUNN WILL WORK WITH BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS AND EDUCATORS ON THE ACADEMIC PROGRESS OF STUDENTS. ACADEMIC PROGRESS THAT COULD PAY OFF IN THE WORKPLACE. "I think we do a pretty good job making some pretty well rounded citizens, at least that's our hope." KARINA PETERSEN, KOMU NEWS, JEFFERSON CITY.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	10/6	6:00 PM	1:21	ONE WOMAN DOESN'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO BECOME A VICTIM, TOO. "Women need to start standing up for themselves. They need to start speaking out and say 'hey I'm not going to take it no more.' They need to come forward and be strong." HUGHES IS PART OF THE COALITION AGAINST RAPE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THE GROUP STRIVES TO EMPOWER VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THEIR FAMILIES TO GET HELP. AS PART OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH, THE COALITION WILL HOST WEEKLY EDUCATIONAL EVENTS. "We are trying to promote as many activities in the community as possible so that we can make sure people are aware that domestic violence is a problem in our community and something needs to be done about it." FOSTER SAYS IT ALL STARTS WITH PICKING UP THE PHONE. "You can call just to talk about what's going on or maybe you are not ready to leave, maybe you're not ready to call the police or not ready to take any action, but you just want to talk about it. That's what we're here for." ASIDE FROM THE SERIOUS TALK, THE GROUP ALSO PROMOTES A SENSE OF COMMUNITY (NATS- women laughing) AND URGES FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OF VICTIMS TO GET INVOLVED AND SUPPORT LOVED ONES IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS. "If they start covering up their bruises with makeup, wearing long sleeved shirts that they need to get involved with it and find out what is going on" BOTH WOMEN STRESS THAT ENTIRE FAMILIES ARE AFFECTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. CAROLYN RAUEN, KOMU NEWS, FULTON.

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/7	10:00 PM	2:44	ONE SMALL TOWN NURSE IS DRAWING THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS FROM ALL OVER MISSOURI. SORE THROATS, EAR ACHES, ASTHMA...YOU NAME IT...NURSE PRACTITIONER LAURIE BEACH SEES IT ALL... AND WITH 20 YEARS OF NURSING EXPERIENCE UNDER HER BELT...NOT TO MENTION HER AMIABLE PERSONALITY...SHE DEVELOPED A FAN-BASE OF SORTS (BABY SMILING)... "I think she's great" NATS: "say ahhhh" LAURIE OPENED THE PILOT GROVE RURAL HEALTH CLINIC 2 YEARS AGO...NOT KNOWING WHAT TO EXPECT. "Just jumped in and said sink, swim, or have fun, we're gonna do it." "You wouldn't think that a patient care clinic with only this small hallway and only one, two, three patient care rooms could serve patients from all over mid-Missouri, but here at Laurie Beach's clinic she sees everyone from infants to the elderly." AND SHE IS BUSY. NATS: office work IN ORDER TO STAY OPEN LAURIE WAS TOLD SHE HAD TO HAVE AT LEAST 8 PATIENTS A DAY...AND IN A TOWN OF LESS THAN 800 PEOPLE... "I was a little scared of that figure, didn't know if I'd be able to do it." HOWEVER, BUSINESS AMOUNTS TO... "Somewhere around 13 times the amount of patients that live in this community." THAT'S MORE THAN NINE THOUSAND PATIENTS. NATS: pen and paper on phone

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/8	10:00 PM	1:11	"This guy showed up saying he was a cop and he had like a badge and a gun and he came upstairs and there was like five of us out on the porch and he pretty much just pulled his gun out on us and told us to, you know, get down on our knees." AFTER THE MAN LEFT THAT APARTMENT, A NEIGHBOR BECAME SUSPICIOUS AND CALLED 9-1-1. POLICE ARRIVED AT THE RESERVE APARTMENT COMPLEX AND ARRESTED THE INTRUDER. APARTMENT MANAGERS HAVE BEGUN CONTACTING RESIDENTS TO REMIND THEM OF SAFETY PROCEDURES. "They actually gave me a call, me and my roommate, they gave us a call earlier and he was just like, you know, if you have any questions or anything, we're just seeing how you guys are doing and just give us a call." THEY ALSO SENT A LETTER TO RESIDENTS. THE LETTER REMINDS RESIDENTS TO FOLLOW COMMON SAFETY PRECAUTIONS BY...KEEPING THEIR DOORS AND VALUABLES LOCKED AT ALL TIMES, REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY BY CALLING 911, AVOIDING EXCESSIVE ALCOHOL OR DRUG CONSUMPTION, AND KEEPING AN EYE ON THEIR COMMUNITY, ALERTING MANAGEMENT OF ANY SUSPICIOUS SITUATIONS. "During it was pretty scary and afterwards now we just, kinda, you know, chuckle at it now." NO ONE WAS INJURED DURING THE INCIDENT. HALEY SPOENEMAN, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.

EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/9**	**6:00 PM**	**1:12**	CAN YOU IMAGINE A HIGH SCHOOL.. HERE ?? FOR MANY COLUMBIA RESIDENTS, THE ANSWER IN NO. "I really don't know why they wanted to put it here at all...because there aren't a lot of people out here." THE PROPOSED SITE MANY RESIDENTS ARE CORNERED OVER IS AT NEW HAVEN AND RANGELINE ROAD IN SOUTH EAST COLUMBIA. LINDAHL IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT STUDENT DRIVERS CRUISING DOWN THE NARROW COUNTRY ROADS WELL OVER THE SPEED LIMIT. "We have WW, which people get killed on that every year. It's not a good...it's a two lane.. hilly, curvy road that isn't going to be very good for young drivers." SHE ENJOYS HER COUNTRY HOME... AND DOESN'T REALLY WANT TO SEE A HIGH SCHOOL GO UP ACROSS THE STREET... PARTICULARLY WHEN SHE SAYS NORTHERN COLUMBIA NEEDS IT MORE. "That's where the kids are actually gonna need it is north because they don't have anything there. You know we have Rock Bridge, we have Hickman, in this area that kids can go to, but north they really don't have anything." RESIDENTS ALSO SAY SEWAGE AND INFRASTRUCTURE WOULD BE VERY COSTLY AT THE SOUTHEAST SITE. JASON BENT... KOMU NEWS... COLUMBIA.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/10**	**6:00 PM**	**1:20**	RESIDENTS WHO LIVE ALONG HIGHWAY 5 CRITICIZED THE MAYOR AND THE COUNCIL AT A MEETING ON TUESDAY. "i told 'em I said if everybody would just butt out and leave the cops alone, I said they could do their job and you know, stop all the speeding." MURDOCK BELIEVES SOMEONE IN NEW FRANKLIN'S GOVERNMENT IS TELLING POLICE NOT TO ISSUE MANY TICKETS. "i don't know who it is, but whoever it is needs to just keep quiet

					and let them do their job." THE CITY'S ATTORNEY, WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE MEETING, SAYS THE ACCUSATIONS ARE UNFOUNDED. "there were some people complaining that they thought the police have been told to back off and they're have been some complaints made by a number of people." ROBINSON INSISTS NEW FRANKLIN'S TWO OFFICERS ARE DOING A GOOD JOB ENFORCING THE LAW. "they've been enforcing, in fact, forcing that speed limit more aggressively in the last year than they have been before." THE NUMBER OF SPEEDING TICKETS ISSUED IN JULY, 2006 WAS THREE, BUT THAT NUMBER JUMPED TO 58 THIS YEAR. IN AUGUST OF 2006, THERE WERE EIGHT AND AGAIN THE NUMBER INCREASED TO 52 THIS YEAR. AND IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR THERE WERE SEVEN TICKETS, BUT 26 LAST MONTH. THE SPEED LIMIT IN TOWN IS 30 ON HIGHWAY 5, BUT 55 OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS.
ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/11**	**10:00 PM**	**1:03**	M-U POWER PLANT MANAGERS WANT TO REDUCE THE USE OF COAL FOR POWER. AND THEY'LL USE ANYTHING THEY CAN. "We continue to work with campus researchers for viable biomass fuel such as crop waste, corn cobbs, switch grass. We've done a lot of testing in that area and we'll continue to due experimental testing." OFFICIALS SAY WOOD CHIPS COULD BE THE ANSWER. "Using the woodchips has allowed us to lower our fuel costs for the university at the same time reduce emissions from the plant." MANAGERS HOPE USING WOOD WILL REDUCE EMISSIONS BY ABOUT FOUR PERCENT. AND IT HAS ANOTHER ADVANTAGE OVER COAL,

					IT'S IN-STATE. "It comes from New Florence, Missouri which is much closer to us than the coal supply which is in Illinois. So, it' bringing a fuel source closer to the plant reducing truck miles to get the fuel to the plant." THE PLANT PURCHASED SEVEN THOUSAND TONS OF WOOD CHIPS FROM MISSOURI MULCH. THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO KEEP COST DOWN ESPECIALLY FOR STUDENTS. "Tuition is a big cost for them and if we can keep lowering the cost of operating the university that's exremely important."
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/12**	**6:00 PM**	**1:34**	FOR MOST TRASH, THIS IS THE LAST STOP. BUT, NOT ALL GARBAGE ENDS UP HERE. "Whole tires are banned from the landfill. So we have these collections." ONLY HALF OR PARTIAL TIRES ARE ACCEPTABLE ITEMS. TO OFFSET THE PROBLEM OF DISCARDING OLD TIRES, THE MID-MISSOURI SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT HAS COME UP WITH A SOLUTION. THE GROUP IS HOLDING A TIRE COLLECTION AT BOONE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS SATURDAY. PEOPLE CAN BRING OLD TIRES TO BE REUSED FOR A GOOD CAUSE. "The tires can be recycled, and so there are good uses for that as well. They can be used for alternative fuel source, and playground surfaces, running tracks, walking trails and other recycled rubber products." PARKER NAYLOR, A COLUMBIA PROPERTY OWNER, HAS TO USE ANOTHER METHOD TO GET RID OF HIS TIRES. HE HAS CLOSE TO 1000 ON THE BACK OF HIS PROPERTY "Tires like these from the previous property owner may date

					back all the way to the 1960's. For those property owners who bought land with abandoned tires, have another option available to them. If they have at least 500, the Department of Natural Resources will send crews to come pick them up for free." "It's important to have this cleaned up because everyone is concerned about the environment. Everyone is concerned about West Nile. With mosquitos, I think those are big, important issues." ISSUES THEY HOPE TO SOLVE SATURDAY. ERICA BENNETT, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.
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HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/14**	**10:00 PM**	**1:51**	MORE THAN 15-HUNDRED AMERICAN BABIES ARE BORN WITH THE SPINE DEFORMITY SPINA BIFIDA EACH YEAR. IT'S NOT RARE. IT OCCURS IN ONE OF EVERY 1,000 CHILDREN BORN... AND THERE'S NO CURE. IT'S JUST ONE OF DOZENS OF DISABILITIES THE EASTER SEALS HELPS FAMILIES WITH. WETHER IT'S MEDICAL REHABILITATION, JOB TRAINING OR CHILD CARE...THE EASTER SEALS STEPS IN TO MAKE SURE THE GAPS ARE FILLED. Becky Boyles: I first met Torri when she was about 15 days old. She was in the pediatric ICU at the University and I had been asked to be her foster mom because she had multiple disabilities, the primary one of which is spina bifida. SPINA BIFIDA LEFT TORI'S SPINAL CORD LOOPED OUTSIDE HER BODY, CAUSING PERMENANT NERVE DAMAGE. BUT BECKY AND TORI ARE LIVING LIFE TO THE

					FULLEST, THANKS IN PART TO EASTER SEALS. BECKY BOYLES: Without United Way, Easter Seals wouldn't be able to provide daycare so I can work and provide from my family, They understand what it's like, we share a philosophy about parenting children with disabilities that they deserve everything that we deserve. How does all that stuff make you feel? Tori. Tori: like a normal kid without Spina Bifida. Does that feel good. Tori: Yes. CHILDREN BORN WITH SPINA BIFIDA MAY HAVE VARYING DEGREES OF MUSCLE PARALYSIS, BLADDER AND BOWEL PROBLEMS, LOSS OF SKIN SENSATION AND SPINE AND LIMB PROBLEMS. THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS AND STROKE SAYS DOCTORS DON'T KNOW THE EXACT CAUSE OF SPINA BIFIDA, BUT THEY DO KNOW IT HAPPENS IN THE FIRST 30 DAYS OF PREGNANCY. TAKING 400 MICROGRAMS OF FOLIC ACID BEFORE BECOMING PREGANT AND DURING THE FIRST TRIMESTER IS A WAY TO HELP PREVENT IT. WITH YOUR HEALTH, I'M ANGIE BAILEY.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS TODAY**	**10/15**	**6:00 AM**	**1:31**	FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, THE COMMON COLD IS JUST THAT...COMMON. "It's probably one of the most common reasons that we see kids in our office, especially at this time of year. From about mid-October to mid-March is peak cold and flu season." AND WITH COLD SEASON, MANY PEOPLE TURN TO THEIR LOCAL DRUG STORE FOR RELIEF. BUT PARENTS OF INFANTS UNDER AGE TWO WON'T FIND THOSE COLD AND COUGH PRODUCTS ON THE SHELVES ANYMORE DUE TO THE VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL BY MANUFACTURERS. MEDICINE MAKERS SAY THE MAIN CONCERN IS MISUSE, ESPECIALLY BY ACCIDENTAL OVERDOSE IN

					INFANTS. "With small children, especially under the age of two, there is a wide variance in sizes and weights, and getting the appropriate dosage is going to be very important." DOCTORS SAY TURNING TO OVER THE COUNTER MEDS ISN'T ALWAYS BEST. "The general approach of most parents when their child is sick is they want to make it better. But most cold medicines don't make it better, they are just designed to be symptom relievers, and they don't even do that really well. The only treatment that I tell parents works almost 100 percent of the time is time, just riding it out."(ROGERS) PHARMACISTS SAY PRODUCT REMOVALS ARE PRETTY RARE. "A lot of times it's due to manufacturing processes or things that really don't affect the drug. It's more of a precautionary measure. It doesn't happen that often." (BROWNFIELD) ONLY CERTAIN MEDICINES WITH RECOMMENDED USE FOR CHILDREN UNDER TWO WERE RECALLED. MANY PEDIATRIC COLD AND COUGH MEDICINES ARE STILL ON THE MARKET FOR OLDER CHILDREN. DOCTOR ROGERS SAYS HE'S ALWAYS STEERED PATIENTS FROM COLD MEDICINE FOR INFANTS. "When you weigh the benefits and risks of cold medicines, the risk of a cold being untreated...not very big. The risk of some of these cold medicines is actually kind of high."(ROGERS)

GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/16**	**10:00 PM**	**1:10**	MANY DRIVERS SEE CELL PHONE USE AS AN EVERY DAY RIGHT. BUT EVEN THE MOST TALKATIVE DRIVERS AGREE...THERE ARE LIMITS... "If you use a hands-free device it's really not a problem, but whenever people start texting, I think it can become a problem." ONE COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, CONCERNED ABOUT ERRATIC DRIVERS, WANTS A CELL PHONE BAN FOR DRIVERS. "After speeding and alcohol, distractions are the next most important cause of accidents. And there's probably no distraction that is as pervasive among our drivers today than cell phones." BUT POLICE SAY THE DATA THEY'VE COLLECTED SO FAR DOESN'T PROVE ANYTHING. "This report filed by the Columbia Police Department says they don't really know how many accidents are caused by cell phones. But some Columbia residents say they don't think this (phone) has a place in this (car)." "I was coming down 63 to get off on the Broadway exit, and a car just came off the ramp and wasn't paying attention, and was texting at the same time and nearly caused an accident." (Blissett) ALTHOUGH CELL PHONES MAY BE A DISTRACTION, POLICE SAY WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL DATA ON CELL PHONE USE AND ACCIDENT RATES, A BAN WOULD BE NEARLY UNENFORCABLE. JOHN HOWE, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.

GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/17**	**10:00 PM**	**1:23**	SECRETARY MICHAEL CHERTOFF'S MESSAGE WAS CLEAR - WE ARE IN A CONSTANT BATTLE AGAINST TERRORISM, AND FOR THE FUTURES SAKE MUST ACT NOW. SOME SPECTATORS COULDN'T AGREE MORE. "We have to face them head on, and not stick our head in the sand. So I agree with almost everything the secretary had to said." CHERTOFF SPOKE TO A PACKED HOUSE INSIDE WESTMINSTER'S CHAMP AUDITORIUM FOR 45 MINUTES, FOLLOWED BY A 15 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION. THE SPEECH COMPARED THE GROWING PRESENCE OF ISLAMIC FACISM AND VIOLENCE, LIKENING GROUPS SUCH AS AL-QUEDA, TO THE 1930'S NAZIS, AND POST WORLD WAR TWO SOVIET EXPANSION. LIKE WINSTON CHURCHILL, WHO GAVE HIS FAMOUS IRON CURTAIN SPEECH HERE 61 YEARS AGO, CHERTOFF CALLS FOR PREVENTATIVE ACTION TO STOP EMERGING THREATS BEFORE THEY TURN INTO REALITY. BUT SOME SPECTATORS THINK THE ADMINISTRATION HAS GONE TOO FAR, SHOWING THEIR DISPLEASURE OUTSIDE THE AUDITORIUM. "Just an issue of people being involuntarily taken somewhere and then persecuted, and being there without any legal defense, and just being there alone on their own without being able to communicate with their relatives." "They do some important things and it's a difficult job, and I appreciate his work for our country." A PIECE OF THE BERLIN WALL OUTSIDE SERVES AS A REMINDER OF WHERE WE'VE BEEN, AND HOW FAR WE HAVE TO GO. MATT ZELLNER, KOMU NEWS, FULTON.

GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS TODAY**	**10/18**	**6:00 AM**	**1:12**	TERRY HILGEDICK KNOWS THE DANGERS FLOODING HAS TO HIS FARM. "It is always in the back of your mind no matter how dry or how wet it is." THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PLANS TO IMPLEMENT A SPRING RISE NEXT YEAR... WHICH WOULD RELEASE MORE WATER INTO THE MISSOURI RIVER IN HOPES OF BENEFITING THE ENDANGERED PALLID STURGEON. BUT STATE OFFICIALS ARE URGING AGAINST THIS... AS FORTY LEVEES ON THE RIVER STILL NEED REPAIR FROM THIS SPRING'S FLOODING. "We think that is a mistake, we think at the very least there should be an opportunity for the levees that were damaged to be prepared." BEFORE THE FLOODS LAST SPRING THE CORPS PLANNED ON A SPRING RISE BUT DECIDED AGAINST IT. IF IT HAD GONE AHEAD WITH THE PLAN... THE RESULTS MIGHT HAVE BEEN DEVASTATING. (holste) "We had very heavy rains in this area and the Kansas City area that caused a great deal of flooding. That flooding would have been considerably worse if the spring rise had occurred." FARMERS DON'T WANT TO SEE THE GOVERNMENT TAKE THE RISK OF MORE FLOODING NEXT YEAR. (hilgedick)"It's something that is unfortunate enough to have to go through, but it's also more unfortunate when those sorts of instances are forced upon you by your own government and that's exactly what goes on with the spring rise." JANE SILCOCK, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.

CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/19**	**6:00 PM**	**1:16**	MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE, INCLUDING FAMILY, FRIENDS, POLICE AND AREA RESIDENTS SEARCHED WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND THURSDAY MORNING FOR TWO-YEAR OLD DOMINIC LEWIS. HE WENT MISSING AT AROUND 2PM ON WEDNESDAY. "It was like trying to find a needle in a hay stack." "We didn't take a break until about four o'clock in the morning. We were out there through the storm and everything. A lot of people were. We were not gonna give up." "Now the child made his way through these woods overnight, and ended up a mile away from his house. The next morning, he was eventually found in this shed here." EDWARD PEPPER HAPPENED TO WALK BY HIS SHED AND WAS STARTLED TO SEE A LITTLE RED HEADED BOY STANDING AT THE DOOR. "It was very fortunate that I happened to be walking out at just that particular time, because if it had been 10 minutes either way I could have totally missed him and he could have been back in the woods again." BUT DOMINIC WASN'T ALL ALONE. HIS LOYAL DOG, TREY, STAYED WITH HIM THOUGHOUT THE ENTIRE STORMY NIGHT. DOMINIC'S FAMILY WAS OVERWHELMED WITH JOY WHEN THEY HEARD THE GOOD NEWS. "Oh my God, I was estatic. I was excited. We all were. And when we found out he didn't even have a scratch on him we were just tickled to death." AARON COX, KOMU NEWS, OSAGE COUNTY.

CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/20**	**6:00 PM**	**1:06**	MOTHER NATURE HASNT BEEN KIND TO THESE CHRISTMAS TREES. RECENT DROUGHT CONDITIONS CAUSE MANY OF THEM TO DIE. DEAN FITZGERALD STARTED GROWING TREES HALF A CENTURY AGO AND HE SAYS THIS YEAR IS THE DRIEST. To the drought alone, just about half of the babies. Now, I don't think we've lost any of the older ones to the drought...they stand up real well after you get them started." FITZGERALD SAYS HIS OLDER TREES CAN SURVIVE WITH LITTLE WATER. BUT NEARLY HALF THE TREES HE PLANTED THIS YEAR DIED. Without enough rainfall from mother nature dean says trying to keep this many trees water is practically impossible. LESS RAIN ALSO STRESSES THE TREES AND LEAVES THEM VULNERABLE TO INFECTION. It's just like you when you feel a little run down then you get a cold and it tends to be worse well that could be the same thing here. The tree is under stress because of droughout and if there are insects in the plantation they can take advantage of those individuals FITZGERALD SAYS RECENT RAINS HAVE HELPED HIS TREES BOUNCE BACK. D'ANTHONY WHITE K-O-M-U NEWS BOONE COUNTY.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/21**	**10:40 PM**	**1:56**	DOCTORS WHO ONCE ADVISED PATIENTS PAIN IS PART OF THE HEALING PROCESS BEGAN REVERSING COURSE IN THE EARLY 1980S; MOST NOW SEE PAIN MANAGEMENT AS AN IMPORTANT INGREDIENT IN OVERCOMING ILLNESS. THAT COMPOUNDED WITH DRUGMAKERS EMBARKING ON UNPRECEDENTED MARKETING CAMPAIGNS MEANS IT'S EASIER THAN EVER TO GET PRESCRIPTION PAINKILLERS. KOMU'S LAUREN GRESS HAS THE STORY.

					BOB KILGORE HAS BEEN IN THE PHARMACY BUSINESS FOR YEARS, BUT LATELY HE HAS BEEN FILLING MORE PAIN KILLER PRESCRIPTIONS. "You know over the past ten years, and I have been a pharmacist for quite a while, I am seeing more pain pills being prescribed." AN ASSOCIATED PRESS ANALYSIS SHOWS THE PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE USING AT LEAST ONE OF FIVE MAJOR PAIN KILLERS INCREASED 90 PERCENT BETWEEN 1997 AND 2005. AND MISSOURI LEADS THE NATION IN THE USE OF THE DRUG OXYCODONE--UP 11 HUNDRED PERCENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD. "I think there is also a trend unfortunately in the United States that some of these drugs are being used and prescribed inappropriately for patients that dont really need them and they are ending up on the street. THIS SPIKE IN USAGE COULD BE A DANGEROUS SIGN POINTING TOWARD MORE ADDICTION TO PAIN KILLERS. HOWEVER, OFFICALS DO NOT THINK THAT IS THE MAIN ISSUE. "I think one of the reasons its gone up is a lot of the people in the baby boomer generation, medicine has been more avaliable to them. They are a part of the if its wrong them lets fix it, and they expect problems with their bpdy to be fixed, rather than just live with them as people in the past have." AN AGING AND LESS PAIN TOLERANT POPULATION ARE BIG FACTORS IN THIS INCREASE. AND OFFICALS STILL ARE NOT SURE WHY MISSOURI RANKS SO HIGH IN OXYCODONE USAGE. LAUREN GRESS KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA

GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/22**	**10:00 PM**	**1:04**	MODOT OFFICIALS WANT TO SAVE LIVES BY BUILDING A FENCE TO STOP PEOPLE FROM WALKING ACROSS HIGHWAY 63. "Well, we never know what folks will do, but it definitely will make it a challenge to get across, especially with the steep slope that is on the backside." IT'S A TEMPTING BUT DANGEROUS PATH FOR NEARBY TRAILER PARK RESIDENTS WHO WANT TO SHOP AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE ON THE OTHER SIDE. "Since neither of us had a car, it was a lot easier to cross the street to get sodas and chips and a newspaper." BUT TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED DURING THE PAST YEAR. ` SO MANY RESIDENTS CROSS THE HIGHWAY THAT THERE IS A BLAZED TRAIL LEADING FROM THE MOBILE HOME COMMUNITY TO THE HIGHWAY. ONCE THE FENCE IS BUILT, MODOT HOPES RESIDENTS WON'T TRY TO CROSS. "I still see people doing it, but I'm not going to!" MODOT OFFICIALS SAY THE FENCE WILL BE FOUR FEET HIGH AND ALMOST A HALF MILE LONG...PREVENTING RESIDENTS FROM SIMPLY WALKING AROUND THE FENCE. CONSTRUCTION STARTS NEXT MONTH AND SHOULD BE DONE BEFORE CHRISTMAS. LAUREN REID, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	**KOMU NEWS TODAY**	**10/23**	**5:30 AM**	**1:17**	THIS INTERSECTION MIGHT BE THE PLACE WHERE A LOCAL POLITICIAN'S CAREER HITS THE SKIDS. MEMBERS OF THE MISSOURI REPUBLICAN PARTY SAY THE ACCIDENT SHOULD MARK THE END OF GRAHAM'S SENATE CAREER. NOT ONLY DOES THE G-O-P CALL FOR GRAHAM'S RESIGNATION, BUT ALSO CLAIM THE INCIDENT WILL HAVE AN EFFECT AT THE POLLS "When you have a public official who's entrusted to protect the laws, to obey the laws, and to make the laws, and to have them

					break that, and violate that trust by taking this kind of action, that's obviously very serious. And I think it's one people are going to consider going into an election year." SLOCA SAYS THIS INCIDENT ONLY ADDS TO A LIST OF DEMOCRAT'S LEGAL RUN-INS. HE CITES THE FEBRUARY ARREST OF REP. RAY SALVA ON D-W-I CHARGES, AS WELL AS RECENT CHARGES AGAINST REP. JOE AULL AND SEN. JEFF SMITH FOR FAKE ID USE AT A CASINO. SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER MAIDA COLEMAN SAYS REPUBLICANS HAVE THEIR OWN ETHICAL ISSUES. "Recently, a Republican State Representative from Cape Girardeau was indicted for his unethical practices as an attorney." THAT'S NATHAN COOPER, WHO RESIGNED IN AUGUST. WITH ELECTIONS MORE THAN A YEAR AWAY, THIS POLITICAL FIGHT MIGHT LAST AWHILE.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/24**	**10:00 PM**	**1:02**	SOME CUSTOMERS AT THE C AND R MARKET IN FAYETTE DIDN'T NOTICE SOMETHING MISSING ALONG THE FRONT WALL. TUESDAY MORNING, BURGLARS STOLE WHAT SHOULD BE HERE, THE STORE'S A-T-M. They took the ATM out, used a dolly, wheeled it out the back, put it in the truck and left with it" THE MANAGER OF THE MARKET, WHO WOULD NOT APPEAR ON CAMERA, SAID SECURITY CAMERAS CAUGHT ONE THIEF IN THE ACT, BUT HE WORE ALL BLACK AND A SKI MASK, AND COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED. "The burglars stole a pick-up truck and brought it here to the back drive way of the C and R Market. They then used the truck as a tool to bash in the garage door and enter the building." DAMAGE TO THE GARAGE AND PIECES OF GLASS FROM THE TRUCK'S TAIL LIGHT CAN BE SEEN OUTSIDE THE STORE. AFTER USING THE TRUCK, THE BURGLARS DID

					SOMETHING UNEXPECTED. "They took the truck back to the house where it was stolen from, and put it back in the garage." THEY RETURNED THE TRUCK, BUT KEPT THE A-T-M'S MONEY, WHICH POLICE SAY IS BETWEEN SIX HUNDRED AND ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS. PHIL RAPISARDO, KOMU NEWS, FAYETTE.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT NOON**	**10/25**	**12:00 PM**	**1:01**	DAVID TROTH IS PLANTING WINTER WHEAT NOW. WITH PRICES ABOVE 8 DOLLARS A BUSHEL, HE SAYS IT'S SMART TO DOUBLE CROP WHEAT AND SOYBEANS. "I'll plant a little more wheat this year as the price is still good. I hope to gain something from that in the spring." AG EXPERTS PREDICT THE NUMBER OF ACRES GROWING CORN TO DROP FROM 93 TO 87 MILLION ACRES NEXT YEAR. BUT SOYBEAN ACRES SHOULD CLIMB FROM 64 TO 70 MILLION ACRES. "The ethanol market is not as going quite as strong as we might have anticipated and we had a very good corn crop this year - so those two things tend to keep prices at a fairly stable level. In the case of soybeans, we had a much smaller soybean crop than we might have guessed last spring. That makes upward pressure on soybean prices." "In the case of food, I think we've seen already the higher prices at the farm level being passed on towards the rest of the sector." BUT HE THINKS CORN AND SOYBEAN PRICES WILL REMAIN FAIRLY STEADY. AS FOR TROTH, HE'S PLEASED WITH GRAIN PRICES RIGHT NOW. "This is the highest soybean prices I've achieved in probably 12 years." A TREND HE HOPES TO SEE CONTINUE NEXT YEAR.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT NOON	10/26	12:00 PM	3:41	my life has never been the same since.. bob for don to take that risk was amazing, don was stupid, ha, ha.. don i would have done 20 years if a got caught.. BUT HE DIDN'T GET CAUGHT, DON AND BOB HUGHES MADE A CLEAN ESCAPE.. life was good life was good and then all of a sudden we're on the run all over the united states the state is after us and then they caught him in the army the federal government wanted us.. to understand this story we have to travel a few miles to the boonville prison and go back in time 42 years when don busted bob out of the slammer true story real prison break.. FOX.. NOW IN ITS SECOND SEASON, FOX TELEVISION HAS A PRISON BREAK TOO! THE BROTHERS SAY THE TV SHOW IS BASED ON THE MANUSCRIPT THEY WROTE ON THIS TYPEWRITER 8 YEARS AGO, THEY'RE SUING! don the money would be nice its the principle there you have the kc star front page it looks like the tv show prison break they took our manuscript.. IN ONE TV EPISODE they set up a road block at highway 6 and 53 well we live a few blocks from 5 and 52 so it's like they're saying we got your manuscript.. AND THAT'S NOT ALL.. don we have 45 similarities the odds are probably more likely than getting struck by lightning.. SO DID BOB AND DO GET OUTFOXED? bob we missed out on selling the story in the first place and now if we try to sell it someone will say that's prison break and that was our story to start with.. AND FOR *STARTERS*, BOTH BROTHERS WERE EXONERATED OF THEIR CRIMES. IT STARTED WITH A SQUABBLE BETWEEN BOB AND HIS MOM.. bob mom had been in psychiatric care for 12 years..

					AND WHEN OLDER BROTHER DON HEARD WHAT BOB WAS GOING THROUGH.. don the guards brutalized the inmates it was a hell hole and if i had to do it all over again i would.. AFTER RUNNING FOR 4 YEARS THE BROTHERS GAVE UP
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/27**	**10:00 PM**	**1:35**	ARMED WITH SIGNS, BANNERS, AND A MEGAPHONE, THE COLUMBIA PEACE COALITION BROUGHT ANTI-WAR PROTESTORS TOGETHER TO SAY NO MORE. nats: "It's vital for someone to stand up and say this is not okay." M-U STUDENT MELISSA BAUER HAS TWO BROTHERS SERVING IN IRAQ. WHILE SHE SAYS SHE FULLY SUPPORTS THE TROOPS, AND HER FAMILY, SHE SAYS ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. (QUICK!!)sot (melissa): "I think that the cost of American lives and Iraqi lives is far greater than any help that we can do." BAUER JOINED THESE PROTESTORS AS THEY RALLIED IN FRONT OF THE POST OFFICE AND THEN MARCHED THROUGH DOWNTOWN TO PEACE PARK. nats: guy with megaphone. WHILE SHE SAYS SHE FOCUSES HER EFFORTS ON THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT, SHE CONSTANTLY WORRIES ABOUT HER BROTHERS. sot (melissa): "I worry about them every second of every day... nats: no more sot cont. (melissa): "every time I hear nine soldiers killed today or two soldiers were killed in a helicopter crash, I constantly worry that those are my brothers." nats: 1 2 3 4 ORGANIZERS OF THE EVENT SAY THE TIME IS NOW TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT'S HAPPENING

					OVERSEAS. THEY SAY WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ATTACK ON IRAN, OUR POLITICAL LEADERS, ON A NATIONWIDE LEVEL, NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE. sot (Lily): "It demonstrates that people all over the country are displeased with this war. Over 70-percent of the people in this country are ready for an end to the war in Iraq and the demonstrations give visible presence to that desire that call for an end to the war."
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/28**	**10:00 AM**	**1:15**	"It's a big shock when your house goes up and you think you're going to lose everything." CURTIS WILLIAMS BIG SHOCK CAME WHEN HE SAYS HE WAS GRILLING AN AFTERNOON SNACK... WALKED AWAY FOR A MOMENT THEN COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT HE SAW. "I noticed the ground around the grill caught on fire after I had checked the meat" NORMALLY HIS MOTHER STOPS BY AND HIS 10 MONTH OLD IS THERE TOO. "Luckilly i was outside and everybody else was gone." FIRE CREWS GOT THE FLAMES OUT WITHIN MINUTES.... BUT NOT BEFORE THEY ENGULFED HALF THE HOUSE. SOMETHING RUBY WILLIAMS WON'T EVER FORGET. "I've been in this neighborhood since I was seven, so theres just a lot of memories here." "we kept the house in the family and i bought it, and now its mostly gone." "It's just a shock to walk up and see how much damage there really is." AND THIS ISN'T THE FIRST LOSS THE TWO HAVE HAD TO ENDURE. "I lost my dad last year and that was tough... thats got me, that's whats bothering me, but i'm still here and my family is still here."

					WILLIAMS SAYS IT WAS A COSTLY LUNCHTIME MISTAKE THAT PUTS THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE. "You never think its going to happen to you, but then it does, and now i'm one of the statistics."
JOBS ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/29**	**10:00 PM**	**1:11**	COLOSSEUM BISTRO OWNER JEFF FERGUSON SAYS BUSINESS FEELS SLOWER THAN EVER. "This is pretty much a low point." THE IMPACT OF SLOWER BUSINESS GOES FAR BEYOND RESTAURANT REGISTERS... FEWER SALES MEANS LESS SALES TAX REVENUE... AND LESS TAX REVENUE MEANS LESS SPENDING MONEY FOR THE CITY. "SALES TAX REVENUE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES LIKE THE COLOSSEUM MAKES UP THIRTY PERCENT OF THE CITY'S BUDGET." TO COMPENSATE FOR SLOW SALES, CITY OFFICIALS HAVE MADE SPENDING ADJUSTMENTS. "There may be some positions that were approved to be hired that won't get hired until later in the year. So we'll hold off on those things that we can and keep monitoring the deparment budgets and the revenues that are coming in." FLEMING SAYS OFFICIALS BUDGETED FOUR PERCENT GROWTH IN SALES TAX REVENUE THIS YEAR, BUT WILL SEE LESS THAN ONE PERCENT GROWTH. FERGUSON BLAMES THE DROP IN BUSINESS ON THE SMOKING BAN. BUT, FLEMING SAYS IT MAY BE RELATED TO RISING GAS PRICES. "I think as people pay more money for gas or as things get tighter in the economy that those are the things they can live without, going out to eat as much." FLEMING SAYS SHE EXPECTS SLOW SALES TO BE

					A CONTINUING TREND. JENNIFER NONCEK, KOMU NEWS COLUMBIA.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**10/30**	**6:00 PM**	**3:14**	DENISE REYNOLDS LIKES TO KEEP TABS ON WHAT HER DAUGHTER NIA IS EATING. THAT'S WHY SHE PACKS NIA'S LUNCH MOST DAYS, AND EATS LUNCH WITH HER AT SCHOOL WHEN SHE CAN. "I like to be able to kinda have control over what she's eating, and this way I can check what's left in her lunch box when she gets home" BUT WHAT DENISE CAN'T CONTROL IS THE AMOUNT OF TIME NIA HAS TO EAT HER LUNCH. PARKADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LIKE MOST ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, RUNS A SPEEDY SCHOOL LUNCH SCHEDULE . "To get everybody through by one-thirty, we have to kinda click people along." BUT NUTRITIONISTS SAY "CLICKING ALONG" IS NOT A HEALTHY HABIT FOR KIDS... "What we're jeopardizing is if the child is not given enough time to eat, they eat very fast and that s unfortunately a risky behavior." "The schedule says the students have twenty minutes for lunch, but by the time they leave the classroom, go through the lunch line, and sit down, they really have less than fifteen minutes." A STUDY FROM THE NATIONAL FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE SAYS... (GRAPHIC) WHEN LUNCH TIME INCREASED FROM TWENTY TO THIRTY MINUTES:

					KIDS WASTED 40% LESS FOOD, CONSUMED 56% MORE CALCIUM, AND CONSUMED 46% MORE VITAMIN A. ONE REASON A LONGER LUNCH MEANS A HEALTHIER LUNCH IS KIDS SKIP TO DESSERT FIRST, AND THEN DON'T HAVE TIME FOR HEALTHIER FOODS. ((nat sometimes i can't eat my whole apple)) THIS FALL, HOPKINS STARTED THE "HEALTHY FOODS FOR HEALTHY KIDS" COALITION (HOPKINS) "One of the things we want to tackle is this very issue, is a more relaxed dining experience for our kids." SOMETHING ELSE HOPKINS WILL TACKLE IS THE ORDER OF LUNCH AND RECESS. SHE SAYS KIDS RUSH THROUGH LUNCH TO GET TO RECESS WHEN LUNCH COMES FIRST. (HOPKINS) "Recess is such a competitive target, you could say, that kids will not miss recess....and certainly my own son has said it's so important for me that I just won't eat." KIDS EAT HEALTHIER AND DRINK MORE MILK ((NATS MILK SLURP)) IF THEY PLAY FIRST ((NATS PLAYGROUND)) AND EAT LATER. MIDWAY HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY FLIPPED ITS LUNCH/RECESS SCHEDULE. "They just kind of get right down to it, and I think having recess first, they've worked up a little bit of an appetite and they're ready to eat... We're all convinced that this is the way to go" REYNOLDS WOULD LIKE TO SEE OTHER SCHOOLS GO THAT WAY TOO. (DENISE)) "If they could fit it in the schedule, to try that, I would support it."

CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**10/31**	**10:00 AM**	**1:13**	MISSOURI LAW ENFORCEMENT DOES IT'S BEST TO PROTECT CITIZENS FROM VIOLENT CRIMES. STILL, MORE THAN 31 THOUSAND WERE COMMITTED LAST YEAR IN THE STATE. A STATEWIDE SERVICE CALLED MOVANS, THE MISSOURI VICTIM AUTOMATED NOTIFICATION SYSTEM, HELPS VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES. IT GIVES REGISTERED VICTIMS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR OFFENDERS. "They will receive a phone call or an email, depending on how they set it up, that let's them know their offender's change in status. So if the offender has died or if the offender has moved jails or if he's out on bail." THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATES THE SYSTEM TOGETHER WITH THE MISSOURI OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME. BUT AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE ALSO USE THE RESOURCE TO HELP VICTIMS. "We do utilize the MoVANS system when we are sending information to crime victims so that they can understand they have a right to know the status of the case for example, they can get court information. They can also access the status of their offender if they're in Boone County Jail." WITH SUCH VITAL INFORMATION, OFFICIALS SAY VICTIMS CAN FURTHER PROTECT THEMSELVES AND PERHAPS...MOVE ON WITH THEIR LIVES... CHELSEA BROOKS, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**11/1**	**5:00 PM**	**1:28**	THIS ELEVATOR LEADS TO THE STACKS WHERE SCHOLARLY JOURNALS AND OTHER RESEARCH MATERIALS ARE LOCATED. CUTBACKS IN ELLIS LIBRARY'S 2009 BUDGET COULD MEAN FEWER JOURNALS AND BOOKS FOR PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS INVOLVED IN UNIVERSITY RESEARCH. "We like to say the library is our laboratory. That's where we find information for our scholarship." THE LIBRARY CURRENLTY HAS ACCESS TO MORE

					THAN 600 JOURNALS COSTING ANYWHERE FROM 1,000.TO.3,000 DOLLARS EACH... AND ONE THAT COSTS 15,000 DOLLARS. "but the cost of journals and books is increasing far more than the library's budget." IN THE PAST YEAR THE COST OF PRINT AND DIGITAL SCHOLARS ROSE 7 TO 12 PERCENT, WHILE THE LIBRARY BUDGET FELL 4 PERCENT. "when you over time have your budget growing at single digits, and you have your expenditures running at double digits it doesn't take a Phd in economics to discover what's gonna happen next...you're gonna run out of money." BUT A LOSS OF FUNDING AND BOOKS ISN'T THE ONLY DROP THE LIBRARY FACES. "Mu Ellis library ranked 47th nationally in library rankings...it now 98th. So we've declined a lot over 40 years." AND BOTH SPERBER AND COGSWELL BLAME A GAP IN FUNDING--NOT LIBRARY EFFORTS--FOR LESS RESOURCES AND THE FALL IN RANKINGS. STEPHANIE MUSTO, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.
HEALTH/EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS TODAY**	**11/2**	**6:00 AM**	**1:23**	THESE MARSHALL STUDENTS ARE TAKING THEIR CLASS BREAK, WHILE SCHOOL OFFICIALS SEARCH FOR MOLD. ONE ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM SITS EMPTY AS SPECIALISTS CLOSELY EXAMINE SPORES OF MOLD. IT'S INVISIBLE AND WASN'T FOUND UNTIL A TEACHER GOT SICK. "one of my 2nd-grade teachers had come to me and expressed she had some health concerns and believed it could be mold that was causing the issue, so we looked into it and went from there." THAT GROUP OF SECOND-GRADERS WAS THEN MOVED TO ANOTHER ROOM AND EXPERTS ARE NOW CHECKING THE AFFECTED CLASSROOM. "we're working with professional mold specialists and a certified industrial hygienist and our insurance company to insure we're going through the proper protocol so to do it correctly."

					BUEKER MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICIALS ARE ALSO EXAMINING A CLASSROOM FOR MOLD. "after tests were taken, higher levels of non-toxic mold was found in one of the classrooms on the lower level of its 3-story building." SPECIALISTS ARE EVEN RIPPING UP CARPETS TO FIND THE SOURCE. MOLD GROWS IN HIGH-MOISTURE AREAS LIKE CARPETS, PLANTS, AND CEILING TILES. "we're trying to do everything appropriate to make sure that our teachers and our children are in very safe environments for teaching and learning." THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WANTS BOTH PARENTS AND STUDENTS TO KNOW THE SCHOOLS ARE SAFE. VICTORIA SWOBODA, KOMU NEWS. MARSHALL.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/3**	**6:00 PM**	**1:11**	ITS BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE... WELL YOU KNOW THE REST. AND ALTHOUGH YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO TELL, EXCEPT FOR THE LEFTOVER CANDY, ITS ONLY A FEW DAYS AFTER HALLOWEEN. nat - kids THESE KIDS DON'T SEEM TO MIND THE DECORATIONS... nat - kids AND NEITHER DOES PAM NICHOLS. "I got an indoor/outdoor Chirstmas tree." A TREE SHE PLANS ON PUTTING UP AS SOON AS SHE GETS HOME. BUT OTHERS DON'T PLAN ON PUTTING UP A TREE OR ANY OTHER DECORATIONS, AT LEAST NOT FOR ANOTHER FEW WEEKS. "Right after Thanksgiving if I get the energy. hahaha" "Chirstmas, I usually wait until just a few days before Christmas." SO WHAT ABOUT THANKSGIVING? "I don't think people really think about Thanksgiving anymore it

					goes straight from Halloween to Christmas." "I was very happy to see at least one asile left over of Halloween stuff." ONE ASILE LEFT OVER AND MANY NEW ASILES FOR ANOTHER SEASON. "Well I want to celebrate all of the holidays." "To me its better to wait and enjoy the season." AND LIKE IT OR NOT IT SEEMS LIKE STORES WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP DECORATING WELL BEFORE THE HOLIDAY SEASON.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/4**	**10:00 PM**	**2:48**	LORI FERRIER HAS ALWAYS BEEN CAUTIOUS ABOUT EVERYTHING HER 2 CHILDREN PUT INTO THEIR MOUTHS. LORI FERRIER - MOM: "I'm constantly looking at the recall lists to make sure that none of my toys are on those lists." NOW, LORI SAYS THERE'S EVEN MORE FOR HER TO WORRY ABOUT AFTER SHE FOUND OUT THE CUPS HER KIDS DRINK FROM MAY HAVE A HARMFUL CHEMICAL IN THEM. A REPORT BY FREDERICK VOM SAAL, AN MU BIOLOGIST, WARNS A CHEMICAL USED TO MAKE A WIDE VARIETY OF PLASTIC GOODS, INCLUDING MOST BABY BOTTLE AND SIPPY CUPS MAY NOT BE SAFE. GFX: THE FDA SAYS: "WE ARE ACTIVELY REVIEWING THE SAFETY OF BPA. THESE STUDIES DO NOT INDICATE A SAFETY CONCERN AT THE CURRENT EXPOSURE LEVEL FOR INFANTS OR ADULTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR DATA ON BPA TO DETERMINE IF A SAFETY CONCERN EXISTS." HOWEVER, SOME SCIENTISTS, LIKE VOM SAAL, DON'T AGREE. FREDRICK VOM SAAL - BIOLOGIST "It's like putting a time bomb into the organs of your baby that later on in life are going to cause those organs to malfunction and lead to mammary

					cancer, other kinds of cancers that are associated with estrogen exposure." STAND-UP: BPA IS A PETROLEUM PRODUCT, THAT WHEN HEATED, RELEASES PROGRESSIVELY LARGER AMOUNTS OF THE FEMALE HORMONE ESTROGEN INTO THE LIQUID IN THE CONTAINERS. YOU CAN FIND BPA IN ABOUT ANY HARD, CLEAR PLASTIC. LIKE THESE. IT'S ALSO USED TO LINE THE INSIDE OF MOST CANNED GOODS AND DRINIKS. A SURE INDICATOR OF A BPA CONTAINER IS A NUMBER 7 IN THE RECYCLABLE SYMBOL ON THE BOTTOM OF A CONTAINER. AND IF IT'S REPEATEDLY BEING PUT IN YOUR BABIES BODY... VOM SAAL'S RESEARCH SHOWS IT COULD CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS LATER IN YOUR CHILD'S LIFE. VOM SAAL: They end up with this neural damage and hyperactivity, learning disorders, social disruption, aggression. VOM SAAL: women with elevated levels of BPA repeatedly miscarry. That is predicted by the fact BPA causes chromosonal damage in the cells of a woman's ovaries. HOWEVER, OTHER SCIENTISTS SAY IT WILL TAKE MORE RESEARCH TO CONFIRM HOW HIGH THE RISKS ARE, INCLUDING HOW MUCH BPA ACTUALLY GETS INGESTED. WITH YOUR HEALTH, I'M ANGIE BAILEY.

CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/5**	**10:00 PM**	**1:18**	EVEN THOUGH PARENTS RAISE THEIR KIDS TO LOOK BOTH WAYS BEFORE THEY CROSS THE STREET, PEDESTRIAN INJURIES ARE STILL A PROBLEM. "kids don't look both ways when they cross the street. i know you are taught that when you are younger but its something that we don't do. we feel like these roads are blocked off so therefor no cars should be coming but that's not always the case." MU'S PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM REPORTS 30% OF ON-CAMPUS DRIVERS SAY THEY YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS **SOMETIMES**. "we've seen everything from very minor injuries to cuts and scrapes to very severe injuries that's happened with pedestrian versus vehicles on our campus." MANY STUDENTS ARE UNAWARE THAT PEDESTRIANS ONLY HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY AT CROSSWALKS ONCE THEY ACTUALLY STEP ONTO THE STREET, NOT WHEN WAITING ON THE SIDEWALK. "For pedestrians, it's very imortant to cross in a crosswalk or at an intersection. For driver's you need to practice patients and make sure you are looking out for people potentially crossing the street even if they may not suppose to, to avoid an accident." MU POLICE ENCOURAGE ALL PEDESTRIANS TO FOLLOW THE CONTROL SIGNALS AT INTERSECTIONS, ALWAYS USE CROSSWALKS, AND NEVER ENTER THE PATH OF AN ONCOMING VEHICLE. THE DRIVER MIGHT NOT SEE YOU. SARAH FRENCH, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.

JOBS ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/6**	**6:00 PM**	**1:55**	ON AN AVERAGE NOVEMBER DAY IN CENTRAL MISSOURI, FARMERS USUALLY DON'T HAVE TO WORK **THIS** HARD. BUT ON THIS DAY... JOE FRANK HAS TO WORK. "It's just more time... instead of getting caught up with stuff you put off in the summer, we're back with the cows" JOE NEEDS TO FEED HIS COWS EVERY DAY INSTEAD OF LETTING THEM JUST GRAZE ON GRASS AND HAY. WHY? BLAME MOTHER NATURE... HIS DAD, BILL FRANK SAYS LAST YEAR'S HARSH WEATHER HIT CENTRAL MISSOURI FARMS HARD. "And then the freeze hit us and just knocked our hay production way down this spring" THE SUMMER DROUGHT DRIED UP HIS PONDS AND GRASS. "This is one of the places the Franks planted wheat to give the cows something to graze on since the grass was not growing. But when the rain didn't come, neither did the wheat... putting them back to square one" DESPITE ATTEMPTS TO INCREASE THE HAY SUPPLY, THE FRANKS KNOW THIS WILL BE THEIR HARDEST WINTER YET. CRYSTAL HILLIARD, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/7**	**10:00 PM**	**1:22**	MARIE GONZALEZ IS NOT YOUR AVERAGE WESTMINSTER COLLEGE STUDENT. THE 20 YEAR OLD COSTA RICAN IS STUDYING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND LAW, WHILE FIGHTING THE BATTLE OF HER LIFE. THAT BATTLE GOT MORE UNCERTAIN AFTER THE U.S. SENATE VOTED TO END THE 'DREAM ACT," "That was really one of my only options to be able to stay in the U.S." THE DEVELOPMENT, RELIEF AND EDUCATION FOR ALIEN MINORS (OR DREAM) ACT WAS TO GRANT MARIE LEGAL RESIDENCY AFTER COMPLETING COLLEGE.

					"Several days before the Senate voted on the DREAM Act, Gonzalez went to Washington D.C. herself. She lobbied several senators for her support, including Missouri Senator Claire McCaskill" "The dream act was being filibustered in the Senate, when it needed a total of sixty votes, a cloture vote, to continue with debate. It received fifty-two votes, Senator McCaskill was a vote to end debate." MARIE'S FRIENDS VOICED THEIR FRUSTRATIONS IN A LETTER AND DELIVERED IT TO SENATOR MCCASKILL'S COLUMBIA OFFICE. "Today we feel betrayed, we want our words back, we want our votes back, and we're no longer on your team." MARIE'S FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS HOPE TO PUT A FACE TO MCCASKILL'S VOTE. "We really want to hold her accountable for what she's doing in office." "I really hoping I get the opportunity to stay in the US and finish my degree and continue to live my dream here." Mark Welsh, KOMU, Columbia.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/8**	**10:00 PM**	**1:09**	CANCER SURVIVOR LETHA BIEBER SAYS SHE WORRIES ABOUT HER DRINKING WATER. Sometimes I wonder with the taste of the water if there is something in there that is harmful to anyone... not just a person who is a cancer survivor, but to anyone" SHE AND HER HUSBAND JUST FOUND OUT ABOUT PROBLEMS WITH THE BOONVILLE DRINKING WATER. THEY SWITCHED OVER TO BOTTLED WATER. BUT WATER TREATMENT OFFICIALS SAY THE WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK. THE E-P-A REQUIRES CITIES WITH FEWER THAN 10,000 PEOPLE TO MEET STRICT NEW WATER TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS. WHEN DISINFECTING WATER, A BI-PRODUCT IS CREATED CALLED TRIHALOMETHANES -- TTHM.

					THE EPA SAYS THE TTHM'S MAY BE A CANCER CAUSING AGENT. We know Trihalomethans are a suspected carginogen... suspected carcinogens means a cancer causing agent. Just because its suspected that's enough to come up with a different or better way to do it." BOONVILLE'S WATER TREATMENT PLANT CHANGED ITS DISINFECTANT FROM CHLORINE TO CHLORAMINES. THE CHEMICAL IS A MIX BETWEEN CHLORINE AND AMMONIA. BOONVILLE JUST SENT OUT NOTICES OF CHANGES IN THE CITY'S WATER TREATMENT.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/9**	**6:00 PM**	**1:25**	SHOPPERS ARE TURNING TO SO-CALLED BOUTIQUE GROCERY STORES... NOT JUST FOR SPECIALTY ITEMS... BUT THE ESSENTIALS. NATS A RECENT I-B-M SURVEY FOUND 73 PERCENT OF CONSUMERS ARE EITHER FED- UP WITH OR HAVE NO LOYALTY TO THEIR LOCAL SUPERMARKET. "If the market was here i would definetly shop at a store simmilar to a Freah Market where I would get specialized meats and fresh vegitables different type not the run of the mill vegitables" AN ALTERNATIVE IN COLUMBIA IS CLOVERS NATURAL MARKET WHICH CATERS TO THE HEALTH FOOD JUNKY. "So it's really almost a polar opposite types of products we offer. They're starting to offer a little bit of what our market has always offered due to the demand the mass market is seeing." TOPPING SAYS THE FOOD ON HIS SHELVES IS MORE SCRUTNIZED TO ELIMINATE ADDITIVES THAN FOOD AT THE BIG-BOX STORES. (TOPPING)"you know if you were to look down our bread aisle you'll have a hard time finding a loaf that has high fuctose corn syrup."

					NANCY FRANKLIN SAYS SHE HITS THE GROCERY STORE TWO TO THREE TIMES A WEEK. WHERE SHE ENDS UP DEPENDS ON WHAT SHE'S LOOKING FOR. Because of what i'm looking for i don't, on that particular day i may not need to look in a health food section and so whatever is convenient is where i'm going to first. AND WITH GAS AT THE THREE DOLLAR MARK, FRANKLIN ISN'T EXCITED AT THE IDEA OF SHOPPING AROUND. D'ANTHONY WHITE, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/10**	**10:00 PM**	**1:14**	THE SOUND OF CONSTRUCTION IS THE MOST POTENT SIGN THAT MISSOURI'S OLD FEDERAL PENITENTIARY WILL BECOME A MODERN COURTHOUSE. SENATOR KIT BOND, ON HAND TO UNVEIL NEW DESIGN PLANS, SAYS THE COURTHOUSE WILL SOLVE A FEW AWKWARD PROBLEMS. "Right now we have judges and criminals sharing the same elevator." NOT ONLY WILL THE NEW BUILDING PROVIDE SAFETY AND SECURITY, BUT PROJECTS MANAGER MIKE RYER SAYS IT WILL ALSO BE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY. "Its energy efficient." OFFICIALS SAYS VISTORS WHO SEE THE MISSOURI RIVER AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITY WHILE INDOORS WILL FIND THE NEW COURTHOUSE VISUALLY APPEALLING. CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WILL USE MATERIALS AVAILABLE IN TO MISSOURI TO BUILD MUCH OF THE COURTHOUSE. WITH THE NEW DESIGN SET, CONSTRUCTION CAN BEGIN ONCE CONGRESS ALLOCATES THE FUNDING. BUT MONEY REMAINS THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE... "I can't tell you the check is in the mail." HOWEVER, BOND SAYS CONGRESS SEEMS TO

					FAVOR THE PLAN AND WAITING FOR THAT CHECK SHOULDN'T TAKE TOO LONG.. LAUREN GRESS, KOMU NEWS, JEFFERSON CITY.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/11**	**10:00 PM**	**1:32**	REMEMBERING SOLDIERS PAST AND PRESENT... nats ALL TOO OFTEN WE TURN TO THE PAGEANTRY AND POMP... nats "Pretty nice... OF PLANNED VETERANS DAY CELEBRATIONS. NATS SEQUENCE yeah real nice." BUT LOOK BEHIND THE FRONTLINES... NATS AND YOU'LL SEE A LESS PROMINENT WAY OF SAYING THANKS. NATS SEQ STANDING GUARD WITH DISCIPLINE NATS AND PRECISION GUARDING THE NAMES THAT NEVER MADE IT HOME. EUGENE MCGEE REMEMBERS. "Very lucky" BECAUSE IT COULD HAVE BEEN HIM. "we started out 210 men in our company and when the war was over there was 7 of us left." ONE OF SEVEN THAT EMERGED UNSCATHED. "I was in the battle of the bulge, and I spent 154 days in combat." VETERANS KNOW WHAT A CLOSE CALL IS LIKE.

					"I don't know why it was me, why some of them went and I made it." EUGENE MCGEE WILL NEVER FORGET THE PAST. "Honor the ones that didn't make it" AS HE TOO WATCHES OVER THE GUARDED NAMES NATS THAT COULD HAVE INCLUDED HIS OWN. "we're glad you're here today." (TAPS ENDS ---- FLAG FLAPPING SOUND)
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/12**	**6:00 PM**	**3:38**	Norm Rohlfing has worked with the likes of Denzel Washington and Matthew Broderick. But few compare to a star named "the Deacon" (lawn mower nats) A LAWN MOWER... MOUTAIN DEW AND TIN FOIL. PROPS. NORM ROHLFING USES TO MAKE MOVIES. "Haven't used them in a while" ON THIS DAY, WE FOUND NORM SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING IN HIS SHOP. "Prick and prime.... " IT MIGHT APPEAR AS IF NORM WAS FIXING A SNACK. BUT THESE, THESE AREN'T YOUR ORDINARY DING DONGS... "Did you find it?." USING BLUEPRINTS FROM THE SMITHSONIAN. "Prick and Prime. It tells how many nails to use. How it's all

					made." WHAT NORM MADE WITH THOSE BLUE PRINTS WILL BLOW YOU AWAY. "Ready, fire! BOOM" THIS CIVIL WAR REPRODUCTION CANNON DOESN'T SHOOT DING DONGS. THE FOIL IS FILLED WITH BLACK POWDER. " It was 80' and my boy rode in the Cavalry and he said Daddy why don't you make a cannon? So that winter I made one ." ...AN ENTIRE YEAR WORKING WITH RAW LUMBER. "He's just the nicest soul you'd ever want to meet." AND IRON HE FORGED HIMSELF. Hal McNeal: "He could just be retired and sitting on the porch but that's not Norm. If you look in his garage. He's always tinkering. He's always doing something. And years ago, that's why we built the cannon. He could just be retired and sit on the porch but that's not Norm. " Norm was bored." "Fire" NORM AND HIS CREW.. "It's kind of a family affair." SOME OF THEM PASTORS, CALL THE CANNON. "THE DEACON". "So we named it the Deacon because it's bark is worse than it's bite."

CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/13**	**6:00 PM**	**1:23**	MANY PEOPLE HAVE TURNED TO FAMILY COUNSELING OF COLUMBIA FOR HELP OVER THE YEARS... BUT MAYBE NOT EVERYONE WHO SHOULD HAVE. "I think even though we try to put out publicity, I think that if somebody that doesn't have financial means has that problem, they may not be aware of our presence." THAT MAY CHANGE... (NATS-RIBBON CUTTING) TODAY THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS LAUNCHED 2-1-1. "Something we like to say you dial 9-1-1 for sirens and 2-1-1 for services. If you are looking for help for shelter, you can dial 2-1-1. If you need job preparation, counseling courses, you can dial 2-1-1." "But 2-1-1 isn't for everyone. As long as you have a home land line, you're probably fine. But pick up a business phone or any cell phone and you'll probably hear this." (NATS-PHONE OPERATOR) IF THAT ***IS*** WHAT YOU HEAR, TRY DIALING 1-800-427-4626. THAT NUMBER CONNECTS ANY PHONE IN THE STATE TO THE 2-1-1 OPERATORS. AND IT'S THE ONLY NUMBER FOR NON-EMERGENCY HELP IN COLE AND MONITEAU COUNTIES. "Because we do, in Missouri, have a number of phone companies, and a number of providers, it's just kind of a movement across the state as to how the system has been rolled out." FIELD SUTTON, K-O-M-U NEWS, COLUMBIA.

EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/14**	**10:00 PM**	**3:10**	are there jobs in missouri? no.. we just don't graduate many in petroleum engineering.. PETROLEUM ENGINEERING? petroleum engineering.. (whistle) THIS SURE LOOKS COMPLICATED.. nats- LET'S PUT IT ON THE BIG SCREEN.. nats-- TREY MITCHELL OF KANSAS CITY SPENT THREE DAYS GETTING READY FOR TODAY'S CLASS PRESENTATION.. in high school are rarely studied everything came pretty easy to me here studying ism't an option you have to do it.. MEET PROFESSOR SHERI DUNN-NORMAN, SHE TEACHES THIS CLASS CALLED WELL COMPLETIONS.. umr is not the most difficult school but it certainly is a selective university. IT WAS SELECTIVE FOR MARK CHAPMAN OF EUREKA. i was either going to go to play soccer of go to engineering school. at mizzou it's the columns at umr it's stonehenge probably the most recognized landmark on campus, stonehenge can tell you what day of the year it is, but what it can't tell you is how few students gradaute from this campus with a degree in petroleum engineering..

					this semester i'll probably be the only one.. ONLY ONE GRADUATE IN A FIELD THAT PAYS SO WELL. right now we're looking at start-up packages with 401k over 100-thousand dollars a year, it's incredible. MATT BOWER WILL GRADUATE IN MAY. i already have a job.. WHEN YOU LEARN THIS STUFF..nats..
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS TODAY**	**11/15**	**6:00 AM**	**1:09**	JERI AND STEVE LANDON HAVE LIVED IN SUNRISE BEACH FOR THE LAST FOURTEEN YEARS. THEY SAY POLLUTANTS ARE MAKING THEIR LIVES MISERABLE. There have been days that our children could not even be in their bedrooms because it smelled so bad in our house. They had to shut their doors and come downstairs." THE LANDONS FEAR CARBON MONOXIDE, LEAD AND MERCURY FROM THIS ASPHALT PLANT COULD BE ENDANGERING THEIR CHILDREN'S HEALTH. "There was already an asphalt plant across the road for the Landons house. But with the new one, now they have one next door, too." "People need to stop and think, 'how much is this worth in material value toward the health of our children and our families? How much is this worth over here?'" WE TRIED TO CONTACT LAKE ASPHALT PAVING COMPANY, BUT NO ONE RESPONDED TO OUR PHONE CALLS. THE MAYOR OF SUNRISE BEACH SAYS HE COULDN'T STOP THE SECOND PLANT FROM GETTING ITS OPERATING PERMIT. "We can deny a case but then we would be in a court case and

					from what I understand, we would lose." WITHOUT SUPPORT FROM NEIGHBORS OR THE CITY COUNCIL, THE LANDONS FEEL ALONE IN THEIR STRUGGLE. JESSA LEWIS, KOMU NEWS, SUNRISE BEACH.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS TODAY**	**11/16**	**6:00 AM**	**1:02**	SENDING A QUICK MESSAGE FROM YOUR PHONE IS PRETTY COMMON THESE DAYS. YOU CAN SEE JUST ABOUT ANYONE TEXTING -- FROM HIGH SCHOOLERS TO PARENTS... HELPING COMMUNICATION EVEN AT INCONVENIENT TIMES. "It's just become so important, I mean, for everyday life, I mean anything from being a very serious deal or you know just for fun." WITHROW SAYS SHE USES THE TEXT FEATURE MORE THAN SHE TALKS ON THE PHONE. "It elongates my conversations...I don't like to be on the phone much either." THE PIZZA CHAIN JUST STARTED THE TEXT MESSAGING OPTION TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR CUSTOMERS TO SEND IN ORDERS. "I think like a lot of people would use it actually because instead of the hassle of calling, you can just text message your order in and expect it to be delivered...like I think it is a good idea for businesses like that to use it, I mean not for necessarily upper businesses, but like for the pizza ordering and stuff, its a good way." OTHER COMPANIES COMMUNICATE CUSTOMER INFORMATION USING TEXT MESSAGE... EVEN LOCAL SCHOOLS TEXT IMPORTANT MESSAGES TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS. THEY'RE JUST SOME OF THE WAYS NEW TECHNOLOGY HELPS KEEP PEOPLE INFORMED... WHEN THEY NEED IT.

					MISTY ANDERSON, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/17**	**6:00 PM**	**2:18**	RODNEY TUMEY'S DOGS ARE PART OF THE FAMILY. HE HAS A WIFE, TWO KIDS...AND HIS GERMAN SHEPHERDS. "I love them...it's the only dogs I've ever owned in my life...was Germans." AND WHAT WAS ONCE A FAMILY OF FIVE DOGS HAS DWINDLED TO THREE AFTER A BRUSH WITH LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. "It's easy to see why some of Rodney's neighbors might feel threatened by these big dogs like Smokey, but he says animal control came and got his dogs six months ago when they were only puppies." ANIMAL CONTROL CAPTURED THE SMALLEST DOG MIMI, AND KEPT HER IN A HOLDING CAGE AT THE CENTRAL MISSOURI HUMANE SOCIETY. AND WHEN TUMEY PICKED HER UP, HE NOTICED SHE WALKED WITH A LIMP AND HAD A COUGH...PROBLEMS HE SAYS SHE DIDN'T HAVE BEFORE THE ENCOUNTER. "Well, somewhere down the line you broke her front toe, somewhere down the line you ended up doing something to her....She ended up with kennel cough, she ended up with a respiratory throat infection and she ended up with Parvo. This is the only place she could've got this from." AND WHILE MIMI WAS ON THE MEND, TWO OF THE OTHER PUPPIES CAUGHT HER PARVO AND WITHIN THREE DAYS, BOTH WERE DEAD. TUMEY SAYS HIS DOGS HAD THEIR SHOTS, SO

					NOW HE HAS FILED A $2500 LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CITY CLAIMING LOST WAGES, VETERINARY COSTS, AND THE WRONGFUL DEATH OF HIS PUPPIES. THE CENTRAL MISSOURI HUMANE SOCIETY SAYS THEY COULDN'T HAVE DONE MUCH MORE, SO BLAME DOES NOT REST ON THEIR SHOULDERS. "We are an open door facility, so we never turn an animal away. So, if 15 unhealthy dogs were brought in today, we would have to take them....It's just really unfortunate because kennel cough and Parvo virus can be prevented. Those vaccinations, you know, 99 percent of the time will work." AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WON'T COMMENT YET. "I can't say anything about that case at this moment since it is going through the legal process." SO NOW TUMEY IS LEFT WITH HIS MEMORIES OF THE DOGS AND THE HOPE THAT THE MUNICIPAL COURT RULES IN HIS FAVOR. "I have to speak up for them, because they can't speak for themselves. And I'm going to make sure that my voice is heard." BRIAN MATTSON, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/18**	**10:00 AM**	**2:30**	THERE'S A TOUGH LITTLE BACTERIA OUT THERE, IT'S GOT A BIG NAME, METHICILLIN-RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS. IT CAN STAND UP TO THE BEST OF THE ANTIBIOTICS THE MEDICAL WORLD HAS TO OFFER. DR. STEPHANIE KOTTLER-DVM: What we're doing is looking at the prevalence of the bacteria in healthy people and their pets. We're doing three different populations, human health care, veterinary health care and the general population. THE CONSENSUS USED TO BE THE ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANT STAPH WAS REALLY ONLY A PROBLEM IN MEDICAL SETTINGS.

					DR. LEAH COHN: We thought it was a problem in nursing homes or hospital settings or places where people are very sick of very debilitated. Only in the last five to ten years have we found out there are a number of resistant staph that come from the greater community... people who are sports teams, or in prison or in dorms, in crowded situations. BUT NOW IT'S POPPING UP ALL OVER THE PLACE, INCLUDING ON YOUR BEST FURRY FRIEND. MU VETERINARIAN DR. STEPHANIE KOTTLER AND THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL ARE BOTH LOOKING INTO IT. DR. STEPHANIE KOTTLER: They can have problems with clearing the infection because they pass the bug to an animal in the house and the animal can pass that back to the human and make treatment more difficult. ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANT BACTERIA IS A REAL PROBLEM IN THE MEDICAL AND VETERINARY FIELDS, BAD BUGS ARE GETTING STRONGER AND TRIED AND TRUE ANTIBIOTICS AREN'T GETTING THE JOB DONE ANYMORE. DR. JOHN MIDDLETON: If you take any situation where you've got a population of bacteria and you expose it to an antibiotic, you're going to have survival of the fittest, something that emerges that resists that. DR. LEAH COHN: What you don't want to do is throw on an antibiotic that works half way or part way, or give what's left of a dose that was for another infection, that's the way you get resistance. You only wound the bacteria, you don't kill them, and what doesn't kill them, makes them stronger.

GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/19**	**10:00 PM**	**1:13**	WHEN LAWMAKERS ANNOUNCED THE CUTS IN FUNDING, TASK FORCE MEMBERS WORRIED ABOUT MANPOWER. THE STATE FUNDING ALLOWS THE MID-MISSOURI DRUG TASK FORCE TO KEEP ITS TEAM OF SIX INVESTIGATORS . "If MoSMART funding would have been cut, we'll try to cover that 4000 square miles with four full time investigators, and it's been next to impossible to do. "The task force is pleased with the government's quick action this time. However, they still hope to secure a permanent funding." "If we can get a permanent funding, that would take a big weight off our shoulders." THE DRUG TASK FORCE WORKS TO STOP THE IMPORTING AND SALES OF ILLEGAL DRUGS, AS WELL AS FINDING AND DISMANTLING METH LABS. WHEATLEY SAYS UNCERTAINTY ABOUT FUNDING PUTS OPERATIONS IN JEOPARDY... AND OPERATING ON A YEAR TO YEAR BASIS CUTS EFFICIENCY. "We can only make plans to do a certain number of items throughout the next year. And it constantly takes up time and energy for us, trying to plan our way around our manpower wise" THE DRUG TASK FORCE WILL GO ON FOR NEXT YEAR, BUT AS FOR YEAR 2009, IT'S STILL FIGHTING FOR FEDERAL FUNDING.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS TODAY**	**11/20**	**6:00 AM**	**2:12**	"Ok, we're running inside." ON YOUR MARK- "I want everyone to sit down where you're at." GET SET- "So I encourage you to get more than that this year" AND AWAY WE GO. NATS MEET THE BLUE RIDGE ELEMENTARY RUNNING AND WALKING CLUB.

					"We started it last year and over the course of the last year we've probably had about 30 that are regulars." WITH A SHORT BREAK HERE AND THERE NATS IT'S MOSTLY RUNNING- NO WALKING IN THESE HALLWAYS. "I'm really trying to teach kids pace, but some of the little ones it's run as fast as you can then walk, run as fast as you can then walk." "How cool is it to be able to run in the hallway? Oh that's- really pretty amazing!" CHRISTIAN AND HIS FELLOW STUDENTS MEET BEFORE SCHOOL THREE DAYS A WEEK. "Monday, WEDNESDAY and Friday." "We run about 15 minutes everyday." TYLER SAYS RUNNING THREE TIMES A WEEK HELPS GET THE KIDS ON TRACK FOR A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE. "Trying to give them the idea that being in shape is fun and it's great to be healthy." THE CLUB ALSO HELPS STUDENTS WITH OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES. "I have high steppers on Monday and WEDNESDAY. So does this help you with that? Uh huh." "Now I'm playing basketball with a real team." THE ONLY TIME STUDENTS STOP IS TO GRAB A POPSICLE STICK, BUT IT'S NOT TIME TO EAT, THESE STICKS ARE FOR SOMETHING ELSE. "So you know how many miles you do." "How many you got? You got half a mile already." EACH STICK REPRESENTS A LAP, EIGHT LAPS EQUAL ONE MILE. "Last lap everybody."

JOBS ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/21**	**10:00 PM**	**4:00**	LAST NIGHT, WE EXPLAINED HOW ETHANOL IS MADE AND WHAT IT DOES TO YOU AS A FUEL CONSUMER. TONIGHT, WE'LL TALK ABOUT LOCAL FARMERS: WHO'S GETTING RICH; WHO'S FEELING THE PINCH? AND HOW IS ETHANOL AFFECTING YOUR TRIP TO THE GROCERY STORE? DAVID GRANT IS STRADDLING THE ETHANOL FENCE... AND ITS A SURPRISINGLY COMFORTABLE PLACE TO SIT. (DAVID) - "It's a win-win situation, in my opinion." GRANT'S FARM PRODUCES CORN AND BEEF CATTLE. nats - cows IT'S DIVERSIFIED... GRANT SAYS YOU HAVE TO BE THESE DAYS. (david) "Its kind of hard to put all your eggs in one basket." (jefff) "A lot of our beef producers especially north of I-70 / are kind of balancing both sides of it and taking advantage of some of the ethanol opportunities that are out there." BUT, IF YOU'RE ONLY PRODUCING BEEF, NO CORN... THE INCREASED PRICE HURTS. (JEFF) "...seeing this raise their total cost of production to a point where its critical whether they make a profit or not." BUT, THE CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION SAYS CORN FARMERS HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING TO MAKE A PROFIT FOR DECADES. (taylor) "They're been getting 2 dollarsa bushel for their corn since all the way back in the 60's. 'Til just recently, just over a year ago, they've still been getting 2 dollars a bushel." (GARY) "So, whenever livestock producers talk to us about profitability we say, hey remember corn farmers have to make a profit too." AND RIGHT NOW... THEY ARE. (taylor) "The ethanol industry... basically the corn prices are actually high enough now that corn farmers can actually make their own money, make their own profits, and not be reliable on subsidies from the goverment."

					SOME FARMERS ARE SELLING THEIR CORN DIRECTLY TO LOCAL ETHANOL PLANTS... LIKE THE ONE IN LADDONIA. nats - (robin)- "They get weighed. Come in dump their corn; come back around - weigh empty, sign off on their contract, and they'll get payed tomorrow." ONE THOUSAND LOCAL FARMERS - WITHIN A 50 MILE RADIUS- PROVIDE ALL OF THE PLANT'S CORN. (ROBIN) "Its giving the farmer a better life... I believe. Keeping farming people employed; getting more value for their product; and providing more and more input into the local economy." THE LADDONIA PLANT ALSO PRODUCES AN ETHANOL BI-PRODUCT... DRIED DISTILLER'S GRAINS.
JOBS	**KOMU NEWS TODAY**	**11/22**	**6:00 AM**	**1:17**	JACKIE DODD HAS TRIED TO KEEP FROM SINGEING HER FINGERS HERE FOR THE LAST 19 YEARS. THIS IS JOHN WHITE'S 7TH MONTH ON THE JOB, BUT HE'S COOKED FOR 37 YEARS. THEY TAKE PRIDE IN WHAT THEY DO. "Cooking is an art. Cooking for a lot of people...is a big art." AND COOKING FOR 500 CAN TAKE AWHILE. "It's hourless. There's a lot of prep; we have people in the salad room, in the desert room, in the bakery." BUT THESE FOLKS ARE USED TO IT. "7 days a week. Breakfast, supper, and lunch we have to put out...you know, it's an ongoing thing." DODD AND WHITE DO MOST OF THE WORK THE DAY BEFORE A BIG FEAST. THEN THEY MAKE THE GRAVY AND ROLLS FRESH THE MORNING OF. AS FOR THEIR FAVORITE PART OF THE EXTRA WORK--THAT COMES AT THE END. "looking at peoples' faces when they're doing something...you know, it's enjoyable. "When I do something for other people, it's from the heart. And I hope they enjoy it as much as I enjoy putting it together."

					AN ATTITUDE WE CAN ALL BE THANKFUL FOR. A.J. BAYATPOUR, KOMU NEWS, FULTON
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS TODAY**	**11/23**	**6:00 AM**	**1:26**	GUYS LIKE CORPORAL PAUL MEYERS DON'T GET THIS THANKSGIVING OFF. "We'll be looking for aggressive driving, people that are an obvious danger ot the public on the highway." AN OBVIOUS DANGER THAT CAN COME FROM TOO MUCH HOLIDAY CHEER. "Of course with Thanksgiving comes a lot of alcohol consumption." HE SAYS HOLIDAY WATCH GIVE PEOPLE A SECURITY BLANKET. "it gives them a sense that they are being protected, that if they call in someone doing something really dumb something will be done about it because they're are police everywhere." EARLIER HE CLOCKED A ROCKET ON THE HIGHWAY. "You have a call" computer nat "I Checked a car at 110 miles per hour coming in to columbia." NATS LIGHTS MOTOR "hello maam, highway patrol, do you know what I stopped you for?" NOTHING LIKE THAT HERE... JUST SOME EXPIRED TAGS. BUT TROOPERS SAY ITS THIS KIND OF PROACTIVE ENFORCEMENT THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE. "You never know if you stop someone from speeding, if you hadn't stopped them, 5 minutes down the road they'd end

					up in a serious crash." "Let me go on back check this out, I'll be back with you in just a minute, ok?" (COVERED)"10-4 1183" "very rarely do people thank us for what we do out here, on occasion, when it happens... its great!" A MOSTLY THANKLESS JOB... NATS DONE TO MAKE SURE YOUR THANKSGIVING IS SAFE. "have a happy thanksgiving" JASON LAMB KOMU NEWS BOONE COUNTY.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/24**	**10:00 PM**	**1:25**	THE TRAFFIC AROUND SHOPPING AREAS BECOMES PRETTY BUSY IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON. POLICE SAY PEOPLE GET IMPATIENT AND BREAK TRAFFIC RULES. "They block the intersection, they drive on the shoulders of the road, try to bypass the traffic. If they block the intersection, it causes great traffic that stops all the traffic in all the roadways. " SO THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED A SPECIAL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT. OFFICERS WILL BE WATCHING SIX INTERSECTIONS ALONG STADIUM BLVD.-- BROADWAY, ASH, WORLEY, BERNADETTE, I70 DRIVE SOUTH WEST AND I70 ITSELF. "The mall, the shopping area in that part of the town causes heavy congestion. We have found we could save injuries, save accidents, by having extra officer there doing this at the time of this year." THE ENFORCEMENT TARGETS BAD DRIVING BEHAVIORS THAT CAN FRUSTRATE DRIVERS. "that gets people angry, we get arguments, and we got disturbances involving stopping the traffic BUT SOME DRIVERS HAVE DIFFERENT OPINIONS. "I don't like the idea, I don't feel it's necessary.Maybe more road signs. It's just better to inform people how to travel in Columbia,

					as oppose to write tickets." THE ENFORCEMENT WILL RUN THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR. .HUI WANG, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/25**	**11:00 PMM**	**1:55**	BECKI KEMPF USUALLY GETS HER EYES CHECKED ONCE A YEAR, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HER EYE EXAM WILL INCLUDE A LASER SCAN THAT CAPTURES AN IMAGE OF HER RETINA. *(NAT SOUND "It takes a quick second to do it...it actually takes a picture and then it puts it up on the screen.")* "It was really painless and easy - all it took was five minutes and I was done." THE RETINA IS A THIN LAYER OF CELLS LINING THE BACK OF THE EYEBALL. EYE DOCTORS EXAMINE IT TO DETECT EYE PROBLEMS… A HEALTHY EYE LOOKS LIKE THIS… A RETINAL EXAM CAN HELP FIND A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS INCLUDING CANCER, MACULAR DEGENERATION, RETINAL DETACHMENT, GLAUCOMA AND DIABETIC RETINOPATHY (RET IN OPATHY). THE MOST COMMON WAY TO DO A RETINAL EXAM IS BY DILATING THE PATIENT'S PUPILS WITH SPECIAL EYE DROPS... AFTERWARDS THEIR VISION IS BLURRY FOR SEVERAL HOURS... THE OPTOMAP OFFERS A LESS INVASIVE WAY TO SEE THE RETINA... "You put you eye here... and within second the image is capture and within minutes you and your doctor can view the results." *(NAT SOUND "After it puts the image on the screen then we can pull it up and show it to patient in 3-D form...")*

					BOTH DOCTOR AND PATIENT CAN VIEW THE IMAGES. STILL IN SOME CASES, SOME PATIENTS MIGHT NEED TO GET THEIR EYES DILATED. BUT THE DIGITAL SCAN BECOMES A RECORD THAT SHOWS HOW YOUR EYES ARE CHANGING... MUCH LIKE DENTAL X-RAYS. "I really liked the fact I could see my eye and see the different parts." THE FDA APPROVED THE OPTOMAP IN 1999. CURRENTLY, MORE THAN 3,000 EYE DOCTORS USING THE OPTOMAP. AND SEVERAL RIGHT HERE IN MID-MISSOURI. FOR YOUR HEALTH, I'M MELISSA CHEE.
JOBS ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/26**	**10:00 PM**	**1:25**	OFFICIALS IN JEFFERSON CITY HAVE ALWAYS HAD A HARD TIME GETTING PEOPLE TO RECYCLE. BUT THE CITY'S TESTING A NEW PROGRAM TO MAKE RECYCLING NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO PASS UP. "It really makes it easy for the homeowner to recycle. They don't have to separate nothing, it's all put in just one container." RESIDENTS OF JEFFERSON CITY CURRENTLY HAVE TO TAKE THEIR SORTED RECYCLING TO A DROP SITE IN TOWN. BUT THE NEW PROCESS, CALLED SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING, COMES RIGHT TO YOUR HOUSE, AND WORKS IN MUCH THE SAME WAY TRASH PICKUP DOES. "Residents participating in the program receive two types of trash bins. The black top means trash, and the gray top means anything that can be recycled." "We used to take it once a week to the recycling, but it's nice and handy - real convenient." THE PILOT PROGRAM STARTED ON NOVEMBER FIFTH IN A SUBDIVISION NEAR THE OAK HILLS GOLF CENTER.

					IN THE FIRST WEEK OF THE PROGRAM, 60% OF HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING, RECYCLING JUST MORE THAN 3 TONS. IN THE SECOND WEEK, 55% TOOK PART AND RECYCLED JUST LESS THAN TWO TONS. THE CITY ALSO SWITCHED FROM TWO DAYS OF TRASH PICKUP TO ONE DAY OF TRASH AND ONE DAY OF RECYCLING PICKUP. "the number of homes that are setting out recyclables is above average - we figured if we got above 30% we'd be doing well." BUT IN A CITY WHERE CURBSIDE RECYCLING HAS YET TO WORK, THE PROGRAM WILL STILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH A LOT OF TESTING TO BECOME CITYWIDE. JILL GLAVAN, KOMU NEWS, JEFFERSON CITY.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**11/27**	**6:00 PM**	**1:33**	"There have been some really scary things happening lately..." SCARY THINGS LIKE SHOOTINGS AT A MCDONALDS RESTAURANT AND A MURDER AT A COMFORT INN -- BOTH VERY CLOSE TO JOHNNA SINKO'S NORTH COLUMBIA HOME. A NEW RESIDENT OF COLUMBIA, SHE SAYS NEWS OF POSSIBLE SHOTS FIRED NEAR HER DAUGHTER' S SCHOOL THIS MORNING WAS YET ANOTHER SHOCK. "That was kind of the icing on the cake. My husband and I had a conversation last night about the murder and I was explaining my concerns and I was..I'm not trying to overexagerate my fears, but every time I try to say 'Okay it's not that bad,' the very next day something else happens." THAT SOMETHING ELSE CAME BY WAY OF A TEXT MESSAGE FROM COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

					IT SAID: REPORTS OF SHOTS FIRED IN LANGE DERBY RIDGE AREA AROUND 9:40, AND REFERRED PEOPLE TO THE COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEBSITE. THERE THEY FOUND A SHORT MESSAGE EMPHASIZING THAT POLICE COULD NOT FIND EVIDENCE OF A SHOOTING, AND THAT ADMINISTRATORS WERE WORKING TO ENSURE EVERYONE'S SAFETY. "I would have liked to have known what actions were taken to protect the students, but I assume that's what they had done." "I believe that we followed the procedure that we need to follow. I believe that we did everything that we need to do in a crisis situation" PARENTS WE HEARD FROM TODAY WONDER WHY LANGE WAS LOCKED DOWN, WHILE DERBY RIDGE WASN NOT. THE COLUMBIA P-D SAYS IT'S A SCHOOL BY SCHOOL DECISION, BUT ITS OFFICERS DID NOT FIND ENOUGH OF A THREAT TO RECOMMEND A LOCK DOWN. BUT WITH OR WITHOUT A SMOKING GUN, IT'S... "Too close to my house." FIELD SUTTON, K-O-M-U NEWS, COLUMBIA.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**11/28**	**10:30 AM**	**1:03**	COLUMBIA SCHOOLS CONSTANTLY TRY TO MAKE SAFETY A TOP PRIORITY. WHEN SOMEONE REPORTED POSSIBLE GUNFIRE NEAR LANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL YESTERDAY, POLICE WERE ON THE SCENE TO ENSURE STUDENTS' SAFETY. AND THOUGH THE KIDS WERE OK, SOME PARENTS SAY THEY WISH THEY COULD HAVE FOUND OUT OUT ABOUT THE INCIDENT BEFORE THEY PICKED THEIR KIDS UP AFTER SCHOOL. SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS HAVE A TEXT MESSAGE ALERT SYSTEM. BUT, THEY ONLY SENT MESSAGES TO THE PARENTS WHO SUBSCRIBE.

					"I've heard about it. I don't have it, have not signed up for it. I haven't gotten any information from school about it, to my knowledge." WHEN PARENTS SIGN UP, THEY'LL BE NOTIFIED OF ANY LOCK DOWNS. MOORE SAYS THE ALERT SYSTEM IS A GOOD IDEA, AND SHE'D USE IT TO STAY CONNECTED TO HER KIDS' SCHOOLS. "To be alerted at work when I'm at work to know what's going on at school. If something, especially an emergency situation, is happening." PARENTS CAN SIGN UP FOR THE SCHOOLS ALERT SYSTEM ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE. CARLY HENDERSON, KOMU NEWS-COLUMBIA.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS TODAY**	**11/29**	**6:00 AM**	**:57**	THE REASON FOR WINDOW SAFEGUARDS IS TO BLOCK INTRUDERS. THIS IS ONLY ONE OF THE MANY ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE RESIDENCE INN TO STOP CRIME. THE HEIGHTENED ALERT HAS EXTENDED SCOTT BURR'S WORKDAY. "...if guests want to be walked to their vehicles, I'm here to do that; it's just putting a little more time into being here." BURR NOW WORKS UP TO 14 HOURS. AREA HOTELS ARE NOT USED TO THIS KIND OF CRIME WAVE. "I think it's really shocking to both of us, not only the hotels, but people that have been here a long period of time that stayed here since they were younger." SECURITY MEASURES INCLUDE NEW PROCEDURES AND BEEFING UP STANDARD PRACTICES LIKE PATROLLING THE PARKING LOT... ((NATS)) - "Now this is something I need to check out..." ENHANCED SECURITY CAMERAS WILL ALSO INSTALLED SOON...KEEPING A WATCHFUL EYE ON GUESTS AND EMPLOYEES.

					JOE MURANO, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.
JOBS ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT NOON**	**11/30**	**12:00 PM**	**1:11**	THERE ARE 2 MILLION COWS IN MISSOURI...THAT'S SECOND IN THE NATION. AND IT TAKES 68-THOUSAND FARMERS TO RAISE THEM. HOUSE BILL ONE AIMS TO HELP SUSTAIN THESE FARMS THROUGH WHAT IS CALLED "THE QUALIFIED BEEF TAX CREDIT ACT." "This is an incentive for producers to keep calves longer in the state of Missouri and use Missouri resources before those cattle would ever leave the state." THE STATE GIVES THE CREDIT TO FARMERS BASED ON A COW'S WEIGHT. THE BILL ALLOWS FOR THREE MILLION DOLLARS IN CREDIT FOR PRODUCERS... BUT SOME SAY THIS ISN'T ENOUGH. "It's not going to accommodate as many producers as we'd like, but it's a good start. It's a pilot program. One that we think will add value and economic development to the state of Missouri." THE OTHER INITIATIVES IN THE BILL ARE ALSO GEARED TO HELP GROWING BUSINESSES. IT DOUBLES THE ENHANCED ENTERPRISE ZONE FUNDING TO 14 MILLION DOLLARS, ESTABLISHES THE MISSOURI WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD, GIVES TAX CREDITS FOR URBAN LAND REDEVELOPMENT, EXTENDS THE NEW JOB TRAINING PROGRAM TO 2028 AND GIVES TAX CREDITS TO CHARITIES. JESSICA DALEY, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.

CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/1**	**10:00 PM**	**1:25**	EVERY YEAR THE VAUGHAN FAMILY HAS TO HAVE A LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE. PICKING IT OUT TAKES SOME TIME BUT KEVIN VAUGHAN SAYS ITS WORTH IT. "We like the smell of the live tree." NAT - "boy you all did fantastic this a beautiful tree" TAKE ONE LOOK AT THAT BEAUTIFUL TREE AND THE LAST THING ON YOUR MIND IS FIRE SAFETY. "We don't want to have to come to a home where a Christmas tree burned everything up." AND THATS WHY THE COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT IS CHALLENGING RESIDENTS TO STAY FIRE SAFE WITH ITS RED WREATH PROGRAM. "With each fire that the city has we are going to change a red bulb to a white bulb." THIS IS THE SIXTH YEAR FOR THE PROGRAM, LIEUTENANT TAYLOR SAYS THE WREATH IS AN EASY WAY TO SHOW JUST HOW QUICKLY A FIRE CAN HAPPEN. "Last year we had three bulbs go from red to white." HERE ARE SOME TIPS FOR MAKING SURE A FIRE DOESN'T RUIN YOUR HOLIDAY... KEEP LIVE TREES WELL-WATERED. MAKE SURE YOUR DECORATIONS ARE LISTED FOR OUTDOOR USE. DON'T LEAVE COOKING OR CANDLES UNATTENDED. AND DON'T OVERLOAD A CIRCUIT OR EXTENSION CORDS.

					"Just be vigilant, fire safety during the holiday season is the same type of fire safety we try to educate people on year round." RIGHT NOW ALL THE LIGHTS ON THE WREATH ARE RED AND THE DEPARTMENT IS HOPING THEY STAY THAT WAY.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/2**	**11:00 PM**	**2:43**	HALLSVILLE'S MAIN DRAG BOASTS THE USUAL SMALL TOWN STOPS: THE CITY HALL, THE CONVENIENCE STORE, THE GIFT SHOP... BUT HALLSVILLE IS LOSING ONE OF ITS SMALL TOWN NECESSITIES, AND THAT HAS PEOPLE TALKING.... ((NAT SOUND MEETING/ I PERSONALLY DON'T THINK THE HALLSVILLE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GO TO SMILEY LANE)) THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI CLOSED ITS CLINIC IN HALLSVILLE FRIDAY TO MOVE TO A NEW LOCATION IN COLUMBIA. SUE SCHULTZ WORKED WITH THE ELDERLY IN HALLSVILLE AND SAYS THIS MOVE WILL BE VERY HARD ON THEM. "They're very afraid to drive on route B and go into columbia, so it was very convenient for them and very safe for them to have a clinic here." (((GRAPHIC MAP OF SMILEY LANE IN PROPORTION TO HALLSVILLE DISTANCE))) THE NEW CLINIC WILL OPEN IN JANUARY OFF OF HIGHWAY 63 ON SMILEY LANE. UNIVERSITY HEALTHCARE SAYS THE NEW CLINIC IS LESS THAN 15 MILES FROM HALLSVILLE, AND IS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF COLUMBIA TO CATER TO THE HALLSVILLE PATIENTS. BUT FOR MANY IN HALLSVILLE, IT'S NOT JUST THE DISTANCE TO COLUMBIA, IT'S THE TRAFFIC.

					"IF YOU DRIVE THROUGH HALLSVILLE DURING RUSH HOUR TRAFFIC IS BUMPER TO BUMPER, IT CAN TAKE UP TO FORTY-FIVE MINUTES TO GET TO COLUMBIA, AND SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT'S TOO LONG TO DRIVE TO GO TO THE DOCTOR." THE UNIVERSITY SAYS IT MAY BE A LONGER DRIVE, BUT THE NEW CLINIC WILL BE A BETTER FACILITY. "We really are excited about this new clinic, and the services we're going to be able to provide." THE MOVE ISN'T A SUDDEN DECISION. THE UNIVERSITY WARNED IT MIGHT MOVE THE CLINIC BACK IN JUNE 2006, POINTING TO LOW PATIENT COUNT AND A FINANCIAL RECORD IN THE RED. JOHN SCHLOOT FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SAYS THE UNIVERSITY GAVE THE CLINIC MORE TIME TO BE PROFITABLE. "We felt at the chamber meeting, I believe it was in june of last year, if we came up with a plan to help them get out of the red and into the black that they would stay." BUT THE UNIVERSITY SAYS THIS WAS NEVER A GUARANTEE ((JOHN)) "I'm glad that they gave us another year, but i feel we jumped through the hoops that they asked us to jump through." ((JEFF))"I don't think it's necessarily just about finances, it can't be. when you're delivering healthcare you've got to make sure that you're able to provide it to the majority of people and by having that clinic located in north columbia, it's going to make healthcare accessible to a lot more people." FINANCIAL OR NOT, THE BOTTOM LINE IS HALLSVILLE CURRENTLY HAS NO HEALTHCARE FACILITY. ((SUE)) "If somebody would come and open up the clinic again and have it available for walk-ins, that it would pay for itself and that would be my hope, for it to be available to everyone in hallsville." SCHLOOT, WHO RENTS THE BUILDING, SAYS THE CLINIC WILL STAY EMPTY, WAITING FOR ANOTHER

					DOCTOR TO TAKE OVER. HE'S BEEN INTERVIEWING PRIVATE PRACTICING DOCTORS AND HAS WHAT HE CALLS "PROMISING OPTIONS" TO FILL THE POSITION. ((JOHN)) "We're excited with the idea of having a new doctor, a new day." AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF HALLSVILLE, THAT DAY CAN'T COME SOON ENOUGH. VANESSA MCCLURE , KOMU NEWS, HALLSVILLE.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/3**	**10:00 PM**	**3:48**	OFFICER BILL WRIGHT TOOK ON THE MAYORS THREAT. WRIGHT SAID THE FIRST THING HE DID WAS WRITE A LETTER TO THE CITY COUNCIL...AND IT READS IN PART, GRAPHIC MAYOR JOSEPH FEHLING STATED THE REASON OF THE MEETING WAS DUE TO ONGOING COMPLAINTS HE RECEIVED FROM CITIZENS WHOM I HAVE CONDUCTED TRAFFIC STOPS WITH. THE MAYOR CLEARLY STATED THE COMPLAINT WERE NOT DUE TO MY CONDUCT OR PROCEDURES, BUT SIMPLY BECAUSE CITIZENS DON'T LIKE BEING STOPPED BY THE POLICE. BUT I SHOULD NO LONGER CONDUCT TRAFFIC STOPS FOR MINOR LAW VIOLATIONS. HE STATED TO ME I SHOULD ALLOW DRUNKEN DRIVERS TO DRIVE WITHIN THE CITY AS LONG AS THEY ARE ON SECONDARY ROADS AND NOT LEAVING TOWN ON THE HIGHWAYS. THE DANGER ON CITY STREETS WAS MINIMAL BECAUSE OF SLOWER DRIVING SPEEDS...AND TO JUST LET THEM CONTINUE DRIVING TO THEIR DESTINATION . "The first thing that went through my head was...what!? You have got to be kidding me. I cannot believe you just said that to me. Unbelievable that anybody would say something like that..that it's okay to put people's lives in danger." AND THE REST OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS

					ANGRY ABOUT THE DEMAND. "I will not do that. I will continue doing my job. When I make a traffic stop or have an incident where I show up, I'll make decisions for the best outcome. Drinking and driving, you're gonna go to jail." AFTER NUMEROUS UNANSWERED CALLS TO THE MAYOR, I FAILED TO GET HIS ATTENTION UNTIL I APPROACHED HIM AFTER A CITY COUNCIL MEETING. EVEN THEN, FEHLING REFUSED TO ANSWER CHARGES THAT HE ORDERED POLICE NOT TO ARREST DRUNK DRIVERS. "That means there has been no changes in police procedures..whatever they been doing prior to this personal, internal meeting we had is still the same. There has been no changes." (Fanna) "But did you tell Bill Wright not to stop people for minor traffic violations?" (Mayor) "This was an internal meeting and there's been no changes in way police procedures are performed in the city of Salisbury." THE CONFLICT STARTED RUMOURS AROUND THE CITY. BUT NO ONE COULD BRING UP THE CHARGES IN A PUBLIC FORUM. ONE FAMILY TRIED TO SPEAK UP AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING. "I'd just like the truth from you sir, face to face, on that matter. If you know what I'm talking about. (Mayor) Well there've been no policy changes in the city." THE STRODTMAN FAMILY LOST A DAUGHTER TO A DRUNK DRIVER EARLIER THIS YEAR. AND CITY OFFICIALS SUPPORT THE FAMILY IN ITS TIME OF GRIEF. "Our home community of Salisbury donated a lifeguard chair in Heidi's memory this last summer. The mayor was there, members of the city council was there. They all spoke of her very highly and said they were going to honor her memory." BUT SOON AFTER THE MEETING, THE STRODTMANS FOUND OUT OFFICER BILL WRIGHT LOST

					HIS JOB . COUNCIL MEMBERS WENT INTO CLOSED-SESSION. THEY RETURNED AND CONTINUED WITH AN UNANNOUNCED OPEN MEETING. NO ONE FROM THE PUBLIC WAS PRESENT.
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT 5**	**12/4**	**5:00 PM**	**4:08**	THE MILES FAMILY LIVES IN COLUMBIA WITH THEIR SON WHO HAS AUTISM. A TYPICAL THREE YEAR OLD SHOULD BE SPEAKING IN PRETTY MUCH FULL SENTENCES AND BE SOMEWHAT POTTY TRAINED...BUT A THREE YEAR OLD WITH AUTISM HAS DIFFICULTY MEETING THOSE MILESTONES. BUT AS WE FOUND OUT, WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY TO COMBAT AUTISM. OPEN NAT-"Where's that one go? WILL TRIES TO FIND THE PUZZLE PIECES PLACE. "Nice Job!" JUST AS HIS THERAPY HELPS HIM FIND HIS PLACE IN THE WORLD. "OK, what color?" WILL HAS A THERAPIST SEE HIM AT HOME FOUR HOURS A WEEK TO HELP COMBAT HIS MODERATE AUTISM. "Go" "Keep trying. You got it!" TIM AND DEIDRE (DEEDRA) MILES ARE FIRST TIME PARENTS. "He just looks at the world so differently. The stuff we take for granted. The stuff that is the most fasinating to him. If we just stopped in our day we realize it is pretty fasinating too." DEIDRE SAYS ONCE SHE NOTICED WILL WASN'T DEVELOPING LIKE TYPICAL CHILDREN... SHE LOOKED UP

					WILL'S BEHAVIOR ONLINE... "I read you might look around your floor and find trucks and cars are turned over and your child focuses on spinning the wheels than he does pushing them around...And I came out of the computer room and looked around our living room...And all the cars and trucks were turned over...And I just told Tim that I knew...I knew what was wrong with Will." DOCTORS DIAGNOSED WILL AT 14 MONTHS. "I'm still not convinced. I still think I'm going to walk into him crib one morning and he is going to say, 'Hi Dadda love you.'Doctors tell you...he is your kid...we didn't do anything wrong. He is a sweet good boy...So we don't celebrate like other kids do, we celebrate other stuff." "Good job Will. High five!"-NATS WILL IS ON A GLUTEN CASEIN FREE DIET TO HELP HIS AUTISM. TIM AND DEIDRE CONTINUE WITH EARLY INTERVENTION TO HELP ON HIS SENSORY AND SOCIAL BEHAVIOR. THEIR HOPES ARE THAT SOME TREATMENT THEY'RE TRYING WILL BE THE ANSWER.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/5**	**10:00 PM**	**1:12**	MIZZOU GRADUATE MIKE NULLMEYER DRESSED TO IMPRESS. " Definitly, the first impression is very important cause people do remember, I know I remember people from the first time i meet them so i imagine everyone else is about the same. " STATE FARM EXPECTS UP TO 100 PEOPLE TO APPLY FOR THE FORTY PLUS POSITIONS IN ITS UNDERWRITTING AND CLAIMS DEPARTMENTS. RECRUITER STACEY MINNICK, SAYS A JOB FAIR HELPS TO FIND PEOPLE WITH TALENTS AND SPECIFIC SKILLS. " Definitly looking for individuals that have good costumer service experience and background, able to communicate

					effectively and work in a team environment, and basically have some kind of business background as well." BUT WHAT THEY WERE REALLY TESTING WAS SOMETHING ELSE... "You're able to see how they interact in a professional environment, you're able to do some pre-screening of that candidate as well." JOB SEEKERS INTRODUCE THEMSELVES TO THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS AND MAKE CONTACTS. THEN, THEY CAN SIGN UP FOR A TEST THAT MAY LEAD TO A JOB INTERVIEW. "We'll take the steps to evaluate their potential to become candidates and if appropriate, set up interviews to see if they'll be potential candidates for State Farm" IF MIKE PASSES THE TEST, STATE FARM WILL GET BACK TO HIM IN THREE DAYS. ANNE CHARLOTTE HINET KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.
EDUCATION/HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS TODAY**	**12/6**	**6:00 AM**	**1:15**	PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER KELLY GATES SEES EVERY DAY WHY CHILDHOOD OBESITY IS A PROBLEM. "The majority of the kids go home and instead of playing outside, they're watching TV, they're in front of the computer playing video games." IN FACT, NEARLY ONE IN EVERY FOUR MISSOURI CHILDREN AGED FIVE TO 11 IS OVERWEIGHT. "In the early 1970s, we've seen an incredibly spike since then in the amount of our kids who are overweight and obese, and that's why we need to take care of it now." TO TAKE CARE OF IT, MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED POLITICIANS, RESEARCHERS, AND EDUCATORS GATHERED IN COLUMBIA THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS CHILDHOOD OBESITY. CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS ADDRESSED WAYS TO IMPROVE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, NUTRITION, AND FOOD SYSTEMS. (Hendrickson) "We have to start to talk about what kind

					of food systems, what kind of marketing is it going to take to get the right kinds of food to people where they need it and what kind of information, what kind of knowledge do they need to make the right choices." THE GOAL NOW IS TO GET THE ATTENTION OF LAWMAKERS. "We got a lot of different issues to deal with so maybe we haven't made it quite as high as a priority as it needs to be, but I think it is something that is going to get a lot more attention." AS FOR GATES, SHE'S TRYING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN HER CLASSROOM AND GYM. JANE SILCOCK, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/7**	**6:00 PM**	**1:14**	PREPARATIONS FOR THE DEMOLITION INCLUDED SAWING THROUGH SURROUNDING FENCES. THE WORK CLEARS THE WAY FOR MO-DOT TO REPLACE THE JEFFERSON STREET BRIDGE. A GASOLINE TANKER EXPLODED LAST WEEK BURNING THE BRIDGE BEYOND REPAIR. MO-DOT WILL CLOSE 54 THIS WEEKEND BETWEEN MISSOURI BLVD AND MADISON STREET. DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC MUST USE HIGHWAYS 179 AND BUSINESS 50. MO-DOT SAYS THE DETOUR WILL ADD MINUTES TO MOST COMMUTES. "179 is the detour that we're posting. Its a four-lane to road that functions very well for us, it can handle a large volume of traffic." TERESA JOHNSON WORKS IN THE AREA AND SAYS SHE CAN'T WAIT UNTIL THINGS ARE BACK TO NORMAL ON ONE OF JEFFERSON CITY'S BUSIEST ROADS 44-49 People come up here and then end up turning around because they cant get through here. And once it opens back up, Im sure, you know, everybody will be much more happier." MO-DOT SAYS DRIVERS SHOULD PAY EXTRA ATTENTION WHEN NAVIGATING THE DETOURS. "We'll ask people as their coming through the workzone

					to pay attention, to follow the signs, and to give us a little time and a little space." MODOT SAYS IT WILL COMPLETE THE BRIDGE PROJECT JANUARY 7TH. D'ANTHONY WHITE, K-O-M-U NEWS JEFFERSON CITY.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/8**	**6:00 PM**	**1:30**	THIS MORNING AS COLD RAIN FELL, IN JEFFERSON CITY, THE JEFFERSON STREET BRIDGE HIT GROUND TOO. "They disconnected it from the endbents, or the abutments and once they did that then they were able to chip the bridge and push it down from there" FREEZING RAIN DOESN'T STOP THESE KIDS FROM LOOKING AS CONSTRUCTION CREWS RACE TO COMPLETE THE DEMOLITION. ENGINEER TERRY IMHOFF KNOWS FOR SOME THIS IS A MILESTONE "Thirty, forty years ago they'll look back and go I remember when they took the old bridge down." BUT UP THE ROAD, AS THE RAIN FREEZES FOR A FEW DRIVERS A DIFFERENT MILEMARKER, AN ACCIDENT MAY BE THE WAY THEY REMEMBER THIS WEEKEND. MODOT'S KENT HOWARD IS A SLICK ROAD PRO. "So far the pavement is slick and it's right on the verge of being able to go either way." WITH EQUIPMENT LIKE PAVEMENT TEMPERATURE SENSORS HOWARD WORKS TO GET SAND AND SALT WHERE IT'S NEEDED. "We're just out to try to make them as safe as we can, get here, get out shoot some ramps and overpasses and bridges and try to hold it off as long as we can." BACK ON JEFFERSON STREET THOSE WITH TRACKS AREN'T CONCERNED WITH DRIVING TOO FAST. "The weather right now won't effect the demolition" CARS, HOWEVER, CRUISING NEAR THE JOBSITE

					ARE TAKING IT SLOW... AS THE ROADS GET WORSE RAIN FREEZES ON BARICADES. THE ROAD CREWS SAME ADVICE STILL HOLDS. "Just slow down, and increase your distance between your vehicles" REED ERICKSON, KOMU NEWS, JEFFERSON CITY!
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JOBS ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/10**	**10:00 PM**	**1:14**	THE SOUND OF CONSTRUCTION IS THE MOST POTENT SIGN THAT MISSOURI'S OLD FEDERAL PENITENTIARY WILL BECOME A MODERN COURTHOUSE. SENATOR KIT BOND, ON HAND TO UNVEIL NEW DESIGN PLANS, SAYS THE COURTHOUSE WILL SOLVE A FEW AWKWARD PROBLEMS. "Right now we have judges and criminals sharing the same elevator." NOT ONLY WILL THE NEW BUILDING PROVIDE SAFETY AND SECURITY, BUT PROJECTS MANAGER MIKE RYER SAYS IT WILL ALSO BE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY. "Its energy efficient." OFFICIALS SAYS VISTORS WHO SEE THE MISSOURI RIVER AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITY WHILE INDOORS WILL FIND THE NEW COURTHOUSE VISUALLY APPEALLING. CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WILL USE MATERIALS AVAILABLE IN TO MISSOURI TO BUILD MUCH OF THE

					COURTHOUSE. WITH THE NEW DESIGN SET, CONSTRUCTION CAN BEGIN ONCE CONGRESS ALLOCATES THE FUNDING. BUT MONEY REMAINS THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE... "I can't tell you the check is in the mail." HOWEVER, BOND SAYS CONGRESS SEEMS TO FAVOR THE PLAN AND WAITING FOR THAT CHECK SHOULDN'T TAKE TOO LONG.. LAUREN GRESS, KOMU NEWS, JEFFERSON CITY.
JOBS ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/11**	**10:00 PM**	**1:18**	If I have to live like this, you know, if this is the way life is here, I don't want to live here." DEBRA JOHNSON AND RICHARD SMITH ARE ESPECIALLY FRUSTRATED BECAUSE THEY DO HAVE SOME ELECTRICITY BUT THEY WOULDN'T CALL IT POWER ."Her curling iron, you can't, I mean..it won't work. The blow dryer isn't going to work. If you do take a shower, you get out...you're cold, 'cause there's no heat." THEY CAN TURN ON A FEW LIGHTS..BUT THEY DON'T GLOW ALL THAT WELL. "Now the only light bulb in their house that's putting out the most amount of light comes from this 23 watt, energy-saving light bulb, that puts the same amount of light as a one hundred watt bulb. Whereas the rest of the light in their house comes from a 60 watt bulb that's only now displaying an orange glow." EVEN THE CHRISTMAS TREE LOOKS A LITTLE PATHETIC. AND THEIR HOUSE IS FILLED WITH CANDLES. THEY EVEN RESORT TO BOILING WATER TO HEAT UP THE HOUSE. IT'S REALLY AS IF THEY DON'T HAVE POWER.. AND AMEREN UE SAYS, FOR SAFETY'S SAKE, FAMILIES SHOULD TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS. "They should act like as if they don't have it all, because there are some sensitive particular equipment, especially

					electronics that could be impacted by that." RUNNING LARGE APPLIANCES LIKE REFRIGERATORS COULD RESULT IN BURNING OUT THE MOTOR. UTILITY OFFICIALS ARE ASKING CUSTOMERS TO BE PATIENT.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/12**	**10:00 PM**	**1:15**	NEITHER THE ICE NOR THE COLD WILL TURN DAVID WELLS AWAY FROM HIS MISSION. "We come and share, all for free, service of cleaning the yards and taking the large brush and everything to the curb" THE DISASTER RELIEF VOLUNTEERS, DEPLOYED BY THE MISSOURI BAPTIST CONVENTION, ARE HERE TO HELP CLEAN UP THE MESS AFTER THE ICE STORM... AND IN RUSSELLVILLE, THERE IS A LOT TO DO. " We've seen tree lambs, large tree lambs on the houses, we've seen a few broken windows and so forth. A lot of the trees on the ground is what we have, in driveways and stuff" MANY RESIDENTS WELCOME THE TEAM AS A BLESSING: "they did everything, they trimed the trees, they cleaned up brush and stacked the wood over there by the trees, that I can use sometime..And they just did a wonderful job, i don't know what i would have done without them" ISOLATED PEOPLE, LIKE MS MARR, ARE THE FIRST PRIORITY. " If we ask our volunteers to come and work for is to help people like her, who really can't help themselves, who are isolated, who need the help. Not necessary poor people but those who have special needs. And that could be anybody." IN LESS THAN 48 HOURS, DAVID AND HIS TEAM CAN BE DEPLOYED ANYWHERE IN THE STATE THAT THEIR HELP IS NEEDED. AND THIS WINTER, THEY'RE LIKELY TO BE BUSY.

					ANNE-CHARLOTTE HINET, KOMU NEWS, RUSSELLVILLE
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/13**	**10:00 PM**	**1:17**	THE SHORTAGE OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IS ACUTE IN MISSOURI ONE REASON--FEWER STUDENTS ENTERING THE MEDICAL SCHOOL, NURSING, AND OTHER HEALTH PROGRAMS AT M-U. "There's just a lot of qualified people that are applying that aren't getting in just because there's not enough space and not enough teachers." ALMOST 95-PERCENT OF MISSOURI COUNTIES LACK ENOUGH DOCTORS. AND 93-PERCENT DON'T HAVE ENOUGH DENTISTS. AND BY 2015, MU PREDICTS A NEARLY 20-PERCENT SHORTAGE OF NURSES. "If we had more money, possibly, we would be able to get more teachers." GOVERNOR BLUNT IS ASKING LAWMAKERS FOR AN INCREASE OF 27.5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ALL STUDENTS, ...A 4.4 PERCENT INCREASE FOR UNIVERSITY BUDGETS FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS ...AND 13.4 MILLION DOLLARS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HEALTH CARE STUDENTS ACCEPTED AT M-U. "The importance of the governor's recognition of what higher education can do for the state and its through access and opportunity, and then of course being able to provide the health care people to meet Missouri's citizen's needs."

					IF THE NUMBER OF GRADUATES FROM HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS INCREASES, MISSOURIANS MAY EXPERIENCE IMPROVED HEALTH CARE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. VICTORIA SWOBODA, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.
EDUCATION	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/14**	**6:00 PM**	**1:23**	COLUMBIA'S HIGH SCHOOLS HAVE RECEIVED TOP HONORS FOR YEARS. SO ITS NOT SURPRISING TO SOME, THAT FORBES MAGAZINE RECOGNIZED COLUMBIA AS ONE OF THE TOP 20 PLACES TO EDUCATE CHILDREN. REALTORS SAY COLUMBIA'S REPUTABLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS DRAW PEOPLE TO THE AREA. "Usually one of the main criteria when you ask, 'What are you looking for in a home.' Its always we want to be in good schools." ALTHOUGH THE SCHOOLS HAVE SIMILAR CURRICULUM PEOPLE USUALLY HAVE A FAVORITE SCHOOL IN MIND. "Some people have a definite request. Many people say I have to be in Rock Bridge and then I'll get somebody the next week who says it has to be Hickman." FOUR YEAR OLD MALAKAI NICKERSON DOESN'T CARE WHERE HE GOES TO SCHOOL AS LONG AS HE GETS TO TALK AND PLAY WITH OTHER KIDS. "nat sound: Kids talking." BUT HIS MOM, ANGIE NICKERSON, SAYS EDUCATION WAS A MAJOR FACTOR WHEN DECIDING WHERE TO LIVE. NICKERSON WANTED TO STAY IN THE COLUMBIA AREA, AND FOLLOW FAMILY TRADITION BY ATTENDING HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL.

					"The upper level is more important because that's when it counts and that's when their getting credit and stuff... elementary we're not quite as concerned, but we really wanted to be in the Hickman district." SHE CONSIDERED HOME SCHOOLING HER SON. BUT SAYS PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAINTAIN DISCIPLINE AND CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE KIDS CAN LEARN FROM EACH OTHER. ASHTON GOODELL, KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/15**	**10:00 PM**	**1:10**	IN CALLAWAY COUNTY, BEHIND THE 911 DISPATCHERS A DIFFERENT HOTLINE RINGS. "Joe bowmaster, Callaway county volunteer coordination center." WHEN ICE TOOK DOWN TREES AND TELEPHONE LINES, JOE BOWMASTER STARTED TAKING PHONE CALLS. "I have two types of phone calls coming in. I have those who want to volunteer, and I have those in need of volunteer assistance." BOWMASTER HOPES HIS VOLUNTEER HELP HOTLINE CAN BRING THOSE TWO SETS OF CALLERS.... TOGETHER. HE SAYS HE'S TRYING TO HELP CALLWAY RESIDENTS HELP EACH OTHER. "We can help deliver food, we can help fix homes, we can help move debris, we can help cut debris and haul if off. We can do all that stuff for absolutely no cost for any individual." SITTING JUST A DESK DOWN FROM BOWMASTER, ANNE JOHNSON, THE CALLAWAY COUNTY RED CROSS DIRECTOR SAYS SHE LOVES THE COOPERATION. "It's kind of a mushroom growing, everyone wants to help and do something. And it's finding the right skills that the volunteer has to meet that need that the person has." AND FOR BOWMASTER, PAIRING UP VOLUNTEERS IS A THAWING IDEA.

CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/16**	**6:00 PM**	**1:24**	nats: "It's just a tire change, it's not a tow." BEHIND THE RADIO, AND BEHIND THE WHEEL OF THIS BIG TOW TRUCK, SITS JAMES KERPASH WITH DOUG PERRY TOWING. sot (james): "You get road conditions like this..." nats: road sot cont (james): "...And you'll be up for 24 hours." THANKS TO THE SLUSH AND ICE COATING MID-MISSOURI ROADS, KERPASH HAS BEEN UP FOR 24 HOURS... nats: drill ...TAKING CARE OF STRANDED MOTORISTS ALL OVER THE AREA. nats: lift ONE MIGHT THINK HE'S SEEN IT ALL. sot (james): "I haven't seen it all, nowhere close." ON THIS DAY, KERPASH AND HIS COLLEAGUE WERE HELPING A MOTORIST THAT NEEDED A TIRE REPLACEMENT AS THE RESULT OF A SIDE-SWIPING ACCIDENT. sot (james): "It's not that it's hard, our job, it's, it keeps you on your feet, that's one thing about it...((vid)) it's never the same thing every time." nats: drill HE SAYS MOTORISTS NEED TO DRIVE WITH A GREAT DEAL OF CAUTION IN SNOW LIKE THIS. WITH HOW SLICK IT IS, HE SAYS MOTORISTS ARE AT A HIGH RISK OF HAVING ACCIDENTS.

					sot (james): "People think they're cars can drive in that stuff..." ((white flash)) sot (james): "Oh I love it cuz you get to see how idiots drive." nats: cars DESPITE THE LONG HOURS, AND THE NON-STOP CALLS, KERPASH SAYS HIS JOB IS WORTH IT, ESPECIALLY IF HE CAN HELP MOTORISTS THAT CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES. sot (james): "Oh... it's a job. Everybody has to do it."
HEALTH	**KOMU NEWS AT NOON**	**12/17**	**12:00 PM**	**1:20**	ITS TRUE - KEEPING A DIARY OF ALL THE FOOD YOU EAT REALLY CAN HELP YOU LOSE WEIGHT. I kept a food diary for three days. I weighed and measured every single thing that I ate, and wrote down everything I took in, including drinks. And I thought I took in 1500 calories, when actually I took in over 2500 calories a day. Food journals are great for turbo-charging weight-loss because when you write down everything you eat, you become more aware of how much you are putting in your mouth. READY TO TAKE THE PLUNGE BUT NOT SURE HOW? NUTRITIONIST LISA YOUNG...WHO RUNS THE PORTIONTELLER.COM WEB SITE... HAS A FEW SUGGESTIONS. Ive created a set of visuals to help people estimate how much food they are eating so that when they write it down, they can get a better handle on how many calories they're eating. So three ounces of fish, chicken, that would look like a deck of cards. One cup of pasta would look something like a baseball. Two tablespoons of oil or salad dressing would look like a shot glass. NOW, START WRITING. There are four things you need to write down no matter what. What you ate, how much you ate, the number of calories in whatever you ate and the time you ate.

					BEGINNING TO SEE A PATTERN? NOW YOU CAN MAKE SOME CHANGES! Keeping track of your journals is great. And you know what? It just keeps you so focused. Its an additional tool that you can always look back and refer to.
CRIME	**KOMU NEWS TODAY**	**12/18**	**6:00 AM**	**1:04**	CRIME RATES IN COLUMBIA ARE THE HIGHEST THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST TEN YEARS. ***Montage of Anchors*** OVERALL, VIOLENT CRIME IS TWENTY THREE PERCENT HIGHER THAN IT WAS LAST YEAR. Unfortunately, you can't pass an ordinance that says there will be no more crime, it just doesn't work, you can't throw a switch. But we are trying to educate ourselves as much as possible. AUTO THEFT AND ASSAULT ARE TWO SPECIFIC CATEGORIES THAT ARE ALSO AT A TEN YEAR HIGH. AS OF NOW, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY IMPLEMENTED A ROBBERY DETAIL AND A VIOLENT CRIMES TASK FORCE, BUT THAT WON'T SOLVE THE ISSUE. Crime is not just a police issue, it's a community issue. So, we really have to talk about as a community what we think are some of the root causes of what some of these issues are. and what if anything can we do to respond to some of those particular issues.

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/19	10:00 PM	3:47	CENTRAL TO MANY PARENTS' SEARCH FOR A REASON FOR THEIR CHILD'S AUTISM IS THE ELEMENT MERCURY. SOME DOCTORS SAY MERCURY--AS A PART OF THE PRESERVATIVE COMPOUND THIMEROSAL--COLLECTS IN AUTISTIC CHILDREN'S BODIES. PKG Haley "We wrote a paper stating that autistics represented children in their infancy could not excrete mercury as well as controlled children and since them people at MIT and Arizona State have reproduced that. So it is not a joke." BUT THE CDC DOESN'T BUY HALEY'S ARGUMENT. ((GFX)) THE LATEST CDC-SUPPORTED STUDY IN THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE JUST THIS FALL SAYS RESEARCHERS FOUND NO LINK BETWEEN THIMEROSAL EXPOSURES IN CHILDREN RELATED AND NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL DEFICITS IN CHILDREN. THE STUDY LOOKED AT 42 STANDARD MEASURES OF CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT--BUT DID NOT TEST OUTCOMES SPECIFICALLY USED TO ASSESS AUTISM. "Your pruning your data. It's cherry picking what you want." THAT TROUBLED SOME LOOKING FOR A THIMEROSAL LINK--BUT NOT AS MUCH AS THE BACKGROUND OF THOSE WHO CONDUCTED THE STUDY. SIX OF THE 18 RESEARCHERS CONDUCTING THE STUDY EARNED CONSULTING FEES FROM MERCK, WYETH, AND A OTHER PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES THAT MAKE AND SELL VACCINES THAT CONTAIN THIMEROSAL. Engley-"Where the financial part is involved is that if it is true, and if it can be proven that thimerosal has been causing all of these problems. Then they are liable for all of these hundreds and thousands of injured children who have been injured by the toxicity of thimerosal now one should never underestimate the power of industry." Haley-"Our government agencies and I mean this with

					all sincerity. It hurts me to say this but I think our government the CDC and the FDA are just sold out to pharmaceutical companies. They are not going to do anything that is going to effect a commercial product that is worth a lot of money. And this is worth a lot of money. In two ways, one they sell a lot and two the lawsuits that would come out would be astronomical." Engley-"The CDC was in on the production and development of some of these vaccines the CDC cannot afford to admit thimerosal is toxic because they have been promoting it for many years." Ayoub-"We are in an impossible situation and I think once things get worse and there are more crisis with vaccines and more reverse reactions and rising rates of autism..Before congress will step in and do something and take a hard look... I think we need reform from the top down. We have to serpate the drug company influence from these federal agencies. We have to strip down the CDC and rebuild it." A-"Does this pose a conflict of interest to have drug companies doing these studies or sponsoring these studies?....(Miles breathes deep) "Sure. I think you have to be very careful in any kind of research..." Haley-"Let's change it. I just want to change it. But you need to change it where it wouldn't happen again. You need to get the control of vaccines out of the hands of people who can make money with the government cause they will approve anything." WX WALL YOU MAY BE WONDERING WHAT THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL HAVE TO SAY ABOUT OUR STORY.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS TODAY	12/20	6:00 AM	1:21	MOST OF THE ACTION IN THE RUN FOR THE PRESIDENCY IS IN THE EARLY VOTING STATES -- IOWA, NEW HAMPSHIRE AND SOUTH CAROLINA. BUT GIULIANI ISN'T LEADING IN ANY OF THEM. "Giuliani is basically saying I'm not going to contest to these early contacts in Iowa and new hampshire, I'm looking down the road, to the bigger states, to more swing states, to places like Florida, New York, California, and like Missouri." BUT ONE REPUBLICAN LEADER THINKS WE WILL SEE MORE REPUBLICANS THAN DEMOCRATS. "Because of some formulas the republican party uses at the national convention, we have quite a few convention votes, higher than you would expect us to have, so we will get a lot of attention from the republican candidates." SO WITH GIULIANI'S VISIT, THERE MAY BE MORE TO COME. BUT HOW EFFECTIVE WILL IT BE? "I don't think the general population is paying attention at this holiday time of the year and it's so early you can't really think about next November this November." SO IS GIULIANI MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION BY CAMPAIGNING A LITTLE EARLY AND VISITING MISSOURI? "Is it a good thing. Well, from the perspective of democracy broadly conceived, probably not. Is it an understandable thing, yes." WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/21	10:00 PM	3:49	((NATS: CARS ON HIGHWAY)) IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT CRIME'S AS INHUMANE AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING COULD BE GOING ON AROUND YOU. "We should not be naive to think that because we live in a fairly safe town that there's nobody, that nothing like this happens here." "Columbia is a drawing card for a lot of different nationalities, different background people, through our schools here, colleges

					or what not, so it's an area that would be conducive to something like that." (LUCERO) We're the main thoroughfare between K.C. and St. Louis, who knows who passes through I-70 on a given day and what their fate may be." It's known to be a highly organized crime. This is one of the locations of where officers have made prostitution busts in Columbia. If the suspects happen to be victims of Human Trafficking, finding that out in the investigation becomes as complex as finding a needle in a haystack. (STUBBS) "We have this suspect of performing sexual acts for money;prostitution, If we find out they may also be the victim of Human Trafficking, or someone brought them into this country, we look and follow that as far as we can go. We don't go into that in deep detail because it's immigrations job." "I don't know that those questions get asked and maybe that's where the problem lies, if those questions aren't being asked at the time of there arrest, 'hey are you there voluntarily' and all that, then that's certainly a possibility." OFTEN, OFFICERS DON'T ASK THE QUESTIONS BECAUSE THEY SIMPLY DON'T KNOW THAT THEY NEED TO. "One of the biggest things that needs to happen is that local law enforcement needs to have the training and support that they need to help trafficking victims and to recognize the signs." ((NATS:HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING)) AND THAT'S JUST WHAT DETECTIVE YOUNG OF THE INDEPENDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS DOING. HE SENT OUT LETTERS TO EVERY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE WESTERN HALF OF MISSOURI. COLUMBIA WAS ONE OF THE CITIES WHO RESPONDED. "Human Trafficking affects every community. The smallest communities, rural communities and big city communities. To the best of my knowledge, with my training and experience, these cases in Columbia are Human Trafficking." WITH FEDERAL MONEY, INDEPENDENCE IS

					PROVIDING FREE TRAINING TO OFFICERS ...AND ASSISTING IN CASES IN OTHER AREAS. AND THE PROBLEM IS GROWING FAST.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/22**	**10:00 PM**	**2:54**	"Foster children - we just want to make sure they get the same opportunities at Christmas time. .. that they have something to smile about Christmas morning just like everybody else." KERI AND HER AUNT DEANNA ARE SPREADING A LITTLE HOPE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. (Deanna) "A common thread when you go through the foster system, you hear so many times they don't have hope. And that's what we're here to give them... hope especially at Christmas." (Keri) "It really helps knowing somebody's going to get something out of what I'm doing." 11 YEAR OLD KERI DAUGHENBAUGH RAISED MORE THAN 200 DOLLARS BY SELLING BEARS FOR HOPE CHEST FOR KIDS. (KERI) - "It made me feel fantastic." HOPE CHEST IS AN ORGANIZATION CREATED TO HELP FOSTER PARENTS GIVE THEIR FOSTER CHILDREN WHAT THEY WANT FOR CHRISTMAS. (Deanna) "Recently we just adopted the four children that are in our home currently. So, fostering... I'm not sure how much more of that we're going to be able to do. This is a way we can continue supporting others to continue to do the same thing." (Linda) "You want to give them the best Christmas they can have. A lot of them haven't had a real good Christmas previous to that. / Its a really hard time of year for them, you know they don't want to be particularly in your home. They'd like to be with their family and they can't." BUT LINDA PARTRIDGE KNOWS THE CHRISTMAS

					BUDGET GETS TIGHT. (Linda) "Its really tight. This year, I've probably spent 7 or 800 dollars so far and I'm not done." SHE HAS SIX CHILDREN IN HER HOME RIGHT NOW...HER TWO ADOPTED SONS AND FOUR OTHER FOSTER CHILDREN.
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GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/24**	**6:00 PM**	**1:07**	THERE'VE BEEN SOME QUESTIONS ON WHY THE STATE WOULD REQUIRE BLENDING YOUR GAS WITH ETHANOL. "It's a real popular issue, obviously the principle behind it is to illiminate some of our dependency on foreign crude oil due to the prices and situations." "Now when the law goes into effect this New Year, every gas station in Missouri has to have at least 10% ethanol in their tank. The only way for a consumer to get out of it is by choosing the premium option. The only one exempt from the law." STILL SOME CONSUMERS WOULD RATHER USE THE ETHANOL. "I don't see any problems, it's safer version of gasoline, ethanol as a longterm would get us renewable energy resourse for the

					day to day routine, traveland especially cars will reduce some polution and we are less dependent ongasoline so in the future we can still use the same car." AND AS FOR SOME GAS STATIONS, USING ETHANOL IS NO BIG DEAL AS WELL. "We've been involved w/ ethanol for the past two years, so it's not anything new to us."
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 6**	**12/25**	**6:00 PM**	**1:22**	JOHN KRIETE HAD A DRIVE TO DO SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS CHRISTMAS. ((NATS: WE HAVE SOME FOOD FOR YOU FROM SALVATION ARMY)) SO HE SPENT HIS AFTERNOON VOLUNTEERING WITH THE SALVATION ARMY --- DELIVERING FOOD. "That's what Jesus would want us to do, everybody's so busy and we kind of get bogged down with the holidays that we forget what the true meaning is and what it's all about. And just to be able to give back, love God, love your neighbors is the most imortant thing we can do.". EACH YEAR THE JEFFERSON CITY SALVATION ARMY COOKS MEALS FOR THE COMMUNITY. AND IT DOESN'T JUST DELIVER, IT ALSO SERVES. "I enjoy being around family friends other people, good companionship." THERE WERE ABOUT 40 VOLUNTEERS... "I like helping people I'm a people person, something I enjoy doing." FROM ALL AGES... "I helped, I gave them food, I didn't cook,no I didn't cook. (ALIYU: WHY NOT?) Because I aint the person who likes to get in the kitchen." ALL HELPING TO MAKE IT A VERY SWEET CHRISTMAS. (KRIETE) "It's just an awesome feeling to bless people share a litle loven and christmas spirit, with them, give our time

					to make there christmas better."
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS TODAY	12/26	5:30 AM	7:38	WE CONTINUE OUR INVESTIGATION WITH THE DEBATE OVER WHETHER A PRESERVATIVE IN MANY VACCINES CAUSES AUTISM. SOME PEOPLE WE TALKED TO SAY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL CAN'T AFFORD ADMIT THAT THIMEROSAL COULD POSE A GRAVE RISK. PKG Linda: "The CDC has become such a corrupt arm of pharma. They arent doing their job they are promoting vaccines instead of protecting the American people. I have lost all confidence in them. They know this is going on. I have been to meetings where they say we should celebrate autism. Im going Oh yeah. I celebrate being under attack by my own child. Part of the cover up. They have a lot of people that are going to lose a lot of pensions…people are going to go to prison over this. Thats what they are covering up. Its all about money." AND WEINMASTER MAY HAVE EVIDENCE TO BACK UP THAT CLAIM… ((gfx)) SAFEMINDS, AN ORGANIZATION TRYING TO RID VACCINES OF MERCURY, FILED A FREEDOM INFORMATION ACT REQUEST WHICH REVEALED DETAILS OF A CLOSED DOOR MEETING IN JUNE 2000 WHERE CDC OFFICIALS AND PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY LEADERS TALKED ABOUT THIMEROSAL. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING SHOW DR. DAVID JOHNSON, A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES OR ACIP, SAID HE WAS AFRAID OF POSSIBLE DANGERS FROM THIMEROSAL AND

					WILL ONLY GIVE HIS GRANDSON THIMEROSAL-FREE VACCINES. IN FRONT OF THE MEETING, Dr. Johnson says, "Our first male in the line of the next generation and I do not want that grandson to get a Thimerosal-containing vaccine until we know better what is going on." Ayoub- "The CDC is a lost cause. They are serving the drug industry. They are not serving us. So until congress will step in or enough critical mass realizes what a scam the vaccine policy has been until there is a mass refusal of vaccines will anything change." Engley-"I am afraid they have a tremendous amount of pressure being brought to bear by the medical profession, by the pediatricians, by congress, and by industry, and so they are under pressure…and someday they will have to live with the fact with what they said is wrong." Ayoub-"As long at the CDC who sit on their advisory committees have connections to the drug companies. I think they are going to continue to make decisions in favor of profits for the drug companies and not the health of the citizens." DR. ENGLEY SAYS THE FDA KNEW ABOUT THE DANGERS OF THIMEROSAL BACK IN THE 70S AND 80S, WHEN HE SERVED ON ITS BOARDS. ENGLEY: "Industries did not comment. They thought it was just generally going away. And it practically did. They came out with another report. The FDA about eight years later, and about 1998. I would say to you, the FDA is partly to blame for the mecuricals still being on the market all that length of time. If they would have followed through with our 1982 report, vaccines would have been freed of thimerosal…and all this autism as they tell me would not have occurred. But as it is, it all occurred. I SHOWED THIS QUOTE FROM DR. ENGLEY TO DR. MILES WITH MU'S THOMPSON CENTER. MILES WAS ONCE A STUDENT OF DR. ENGLEY WHEN HE TAUGHT AT MU.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/27	10:00 PM	2:58	THE SHACKELFORD'S ARE INSTALLING A NEW PHONE IN THEIR HOME "Oh they broke this, they cut the wire." AFTER TWO GUNMEN BROKE IN AND RANSACKED THE HOUSE FOR ALL THE VALUABLE THEY COULD FIND. "I handed them my Ipod." "My checkbook" "My mp3 player" "two camcorders "My digital camera i just got for Christmas." "I was on the comp playing a comp game I heard a loud crash sound, I walked upstairs to see what it was and this guy with a bandana on his face immediately points a rifle at me." "They were here for about 25 minutes, I shoulda called the cops, they would've been here in time to catch them, but I just kind of froze at the time, I didn't know what to do." Now I spoke with one of their neighbors earlier and she says in the past she's scene a fair amount of traffic going in and out of their home. Facts like these lead police to believe most home invasions are drug related." Home invasions, their usually a situation where somebody's just driving down the street and say hey lets go to this residence. They're usually looking for something specific. Drug activity is one that's often the basis of why the robbery occurred" SOMETIMES THE ROBBERS MAY HAVE THE WRONG HOUSE WHILE LOOKING FOR DRUGS, BUT MAXIMILLION ADMITS THIS MAY NOT BE THE CASE, ESPECIALLY SINCE THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THIS HAPPENED TO HIS HOME. I know why I got robbed the first time, I used to sell drugs, that's probably why they robbed us this time, but I don't do it anymore that's why I was shocked. SHOCKING IS JUST WHAT THE ROBBERY WAS. "He said take pants off, take shirt off, w'ere going outside to start thecar, that's when I tried to get the gun from him"

					GABE WASN'T ABLE TO GET THE GUN BUT HE DID MAKE AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY. "He kept saying let go of the gun, but I didn't believe their guns were loaded because earlier he was pretending to load the guns, I found this bullet." THAT BULLET WAS THE ONLY VALUABLE THING THE ROBBER'S LEFT BEHIND "It's christmas, I know you got more presents, all I got was a jacket, you can have that, shut up, the next most valuable thing is my guitar.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT NOON**	**12/28**	**12:00 PM**	**1:40**	TARIQ KHAN GREW UP IN PAKISTAN, HIS HOME WAS RAWALPINDI, NOW KNOWN AS THE CITY WHERE BHUTTO DIED. NATS - BHUTTO AS KHAN PRAYS FOR PAKISTAN'S VOLATILE SITUATION, HIS COUNTRYMEN LIVE IT. NATS - CRYING ETC. REPORTS CAME IN OF ROADS STAINED RED WITH BLOOD, 20 DEAD AND SHREDED CLOTHES ON THE STREET. LATER RIOTS ... AS BHUTTO SUPPORTERS VOICED THEIR ANGER. NATS - CRYING BHUTTO WAS TARGETED BEFORE - BUT REPEATEDLY RETURNED... RESILIENT TO BRING DEMOCRACY TO HER COUNTRY. "I have a choice to keep silent and to allow the extremists to do what they've doing or have a choice to stand up and say, "This is wrong. And I'm going to try to save my country." THE 54 YEAR OLD LEADER WAS ON THE TICKET FOR PAKISTAN'S ELECTIONS, JANUARY 8TH... A DAY MANY HOPED WOULD LAY PAKISTAN'S POLITICAL INSTABILITY TO REST. NATS - RIOTS BUT THE COUNTRY IS AT A STANDSTILL AND THE POSSIBLITIY OF POLITICAL STABILITY LOOKS REMOTE.

					NATS - RIOTS "It is the darkiest, gloomiest day in the history of this country." BACK IN COLUMBIA, KHAN IS ANXIOUS BUT STILL OPTIMISTIC. "There will, a lot of people will come and go with people the nation cannot die." AND FROM A FAR, KHAN IS RESOLUTE EDUCATION HOLDS THE KEY. (khan) "If the people are educated they can make the right decision, if somebody is educated they know how important life is."
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/29**	**10:00 PM**	**1:40**	THE SUN IS SETTING ON A COLUMBIA STAPLE, AND LIKE CLOCKWORK THE OWNER KNEW IT WAS COMING. "After a while you gotta decide when it's time to fold the cards and move onto something else." OTTO'S BAR AND GRILL OPENED SIX YEARS AGO, BUT THE OWNER HAS BATTLED ALL YEAR TO STOP HIS BUSINESS BLEEDING OUT. ((joel)) "Through the year I've lost my health insurance cos I couldn't afford it anymore, we're all about to become out of a job, so no income coming in ya know, I've lost my house ya know. The ripple effect here is not just me and my employees, how about all the other companies I did business with?" THIEL SAYS HE'S NOT ALONE, HE BELIEVES HIS BUSINESS IS NUMBER 16 ON THE LIST OF FATALITIES FROM THE BAN. HINDMAN DISAGREES. "I'm frankly skeptical that this is the case, that I think is a wide variety of things that affect a business of a restaurant, it's a very risky business." LOOKING BACK ON THE DECISION THE MAYOR HAS NO REGRETS. ((hindman)) "There is no safe condition which you can be subjected to secondhand smoke, that's unacceptable to me." MANY BARS AROUND COLUMBIA HAVE COMPROMISED TO FOLLOW THE COUNCILS DIRECTION,

					AND SAY THEIR PATRONS ARE ADAPATING. BUT THIEL SAYS HE DIDN'T HAVE AN OPTION AND IT SHOWED WITH HIS PROFITS SUCKED DOWN 30 PERCENT. ((joel)) "In this kind of business you can't take that kind of a hit and expect to meet payroll, and your lease and all the other expenses." NOW THAT THE FLAME IS ALMOST OUT, THIEL MUST ADAPT JUST LIKE HIS SMOKING REGULARS, AND HINDMAN WILL TAKE THE HEAT CONVINCED HIS CITY WILL THANK HIM IN THE LONG RUN.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/30**	**10:00 PM**	**1:24**	DAY THAT CHANGED THE COURSE OF AMERICAN HISTORY. THE DAY THAT PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED. "For years before, so many people came to Dealey Plaza looking for information. What happened? How did the citizens of the United States react? What investigations took place? And at Dealey plaza there really wasnt that information provided." 26 YEARS LATER THE 6TH FLOOR MUSEUM OPENED IN DALLAS TO PRESERVE THIS PIECE OF HISTORY. THE MUSEUM IS LOCATED AS THE NAME MIGHT TELL YOU ON THE 6TH FLOOR OF THE TEXAS BOOK DEPOSITORY. "This is the Snipers Perch. Bullets were fired from this back corner window and then traveled a few hundred feet down this street where Kennedys motorcade was passing by." MORE THAN 325-THOUSAND PEOPLE VISIT THE MUSEUM EACH YEAR. "People are still fascinated with the Kennedys. They were so glamorous, and young, and vibrant. It was an exciting time in the country, and there were a lot of people who remember those times." (Marine) THE COLLECTION INCLUDES HUNDREDS OF

					PHOTOGRAPHS, DOCUMENTARY FILMS, INCLUDING THE ZAPRUDER FILM, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, AND OTHER ARTIFACTS TO HELP VISITORS UNDERSTAND WHAT TOOK PLACE. "Basically, what we do here is try to tell a very complicated story in simple terms." A STORY THAT CONTINUES TO BRING PEOPLE TO THE MUSEUM EVERY DAY.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU NEWS AT 10**	**12/31**	**10:00 PM**	**1:00**	IT MAY BE COLD OUTSIDE... NATS-kids BUT INSIDE A LITTLE UNDER TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHT PEOPLE ARE WARM... " It's a really special night because you get to be with friends and family." A STAFF OF MORE THAN 200 VOLUNTEERS IS PROVIDING ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY ON THIS NEW YEAR'S EVE. "It's the opportunity for people to celebrate downtown and enjoy some really incredible entertainment." NATS-puppets WITH PUPPETS NATS- music MUSIC AND PARTY DECORATIONS... "I was thinking it was fun." KIDS PUT ON THEIR GEAR....TO BRING IN THE NEW YEAR. 43-47 "When you see them come out in their masks and crowns that they made you know this is something that they will remember forever." "Happy New Year!" A MESSAGE FROM A FOUR YEAR OLD ON THIS FIRST NIGHT. ASHLEY REYNOLDS KOMU NEWS, COLUMBIA.