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THERE FOLLOWS A LISTING OF SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RESPONDED TO BY STATION KOMU-TV THROUGH ITS NEWS PROGRAMMING FOR THE PERIOD July 1st, 2008 TO September 30th, 2008. THE LISTING IS BY NO MEANS EXHAUSTIVE, BUT INSTEAD SHOWS THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF COVERAGE. THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ISSUES APPEAR DOES NOT REFLECT ANY PRIORITY OR SIGNIFICANCE.

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

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Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at Ten	7/1	10 pm	1:35	DELAYS WHEN TRAVELING HAVE, UNFORTUNATELY, BECOME THE NORM. GOVERNOR BLUNT APPROVED FIVE-MILLION DOLLARS FOR MODOT TO MAKE AMTRAK MORE DEPENDABL TWO AMTRAK TRAINS TRAVEL THIS RAILROAD TWICE EVERYDAY. BUT IT SHARES THE TRACKS WITH OTHER TRAINS. SINCE UNIOIN PACIFIC RAILROAD OWNS THE RAILWAY, FREIGHT TRAINS GET THE RIGHT-OF-WAY. AND THAT'S CAUSING AMTRAKS TO FALL BEHIND SCHEDULE. ALTHOUGH MODOT HAS NOT DECIDED ITS PLANS, IT HOPES TO EXTEND THE CURRENT SIDINGS NEAR STRASBURG AND CALIFORNIA. MO-DOT SAYS IT HOPES TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FIVE-MILLION-DOLLARS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT KOMU DOT COM.
Crime	KOMU News at Six	7/2	6 pm	:30	A MASSACHUSETTS JURY FOUND JAMES KEOWN, A FORMER JEFFERSON CITY RADIO TALK SHOW HOST, GUILTY OF KILLING HIS WIFE. PROSECUTORS SAID HE WAS IN DEBT... SO HE KILLED HIS WIFE TO GET HER 250-THOUSAND DOLLAR LIFE INSURANCE POLICY.

					IN 2004, JULIE KEOWN DIED FROM POISONING. PROSECUTORS PROVED KEOWN SPIKED HIS WIFE'S GATORADE WITH ANTIFREEZE. BUT KEOWN'S LAWYER SAID JULIE COULD HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE OR ACCIDENTALLY SWALLOWED IT. KEOWN FACES LIFE IN PRISON... WITHOUT PAROLE.
Government	**KOMU News at Five**	**7/3**	**5 pm**	**1:05**	THE BOONE COUNTY JAIL IS OVERFLOWING WITH INMATES. RIGHT NOW THERE ARE ABOUT 50 MORE INMATES THAT THE FACILITY IS DESIGNED TO HOUSE. THAT MEANS SOME PRISONERS HAVE TO GO TO OTHER COUNTIES, AND IT'S NOT FREE. THE BOONE COUNTY JAIL IS SO OVERCROWDED, IT HAS TO SEND SOME INMATES TO OTHER COUNTIES. THAT'S NOT NEW. THE JAIL HAS A BUDGET OF 300,000 DOLLARS TO PAY OTHER COUNTIES, BUT NOW THAT'S NOT EVEN ENOUGH. THE JAIL POPULATION IS GROWING, AND THAT MEANS TAXPAYERS HAVE TO PICK UP THE TAB. IT WILL COST AN EXTRA 100,000 DOLLARS TO HOUSE ADDITIONAL PRISONERS OUTSIDE OF BOONE COUNTY. THE BOONE COUNTY JAIL HOLDS 210 PRISONERS, THAT'S MAXIMUM CAPACITY FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN. AGAIN, THAT MEANS WHEN THERE ARE TOO MANY INMATES; THOSE INMATES GO TO JAILS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTIES, AT TAXPAYER EXPENSE.
Crime	**KOMU News at Ten**	**7/4**	**10 pm**	**:33**	A CAR ACCIDENT IN COLUMBIA LANDED TWO DRIVERS IN TROUBLE JUST AFTER ONE EARLY THIS MORNING. POLICE SAY RYAN BARLOW WAS SPEEDING ALONG PARIS ROAD WHEN HE STRUCK ANOTHER CAR. AFTER THE ACCIDENT POLICE SAY BARLOW RAN AWAY AND HID BEHIND A WALL AT A NEARBY BUSINESS. WITNESSES HELPED INVESTIGATORS FIND HIM. NOW THE 26-YEAR-OLD IS FACING CHARGES FOR ASSAULT AND LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT. THE DRIVER OF THE CAR BARLOW HIT IS ALSO IN TROUBLE.

					POLICE ISSUED SHERITA BOONE OF COLUMBIA SUMMONSES FOR DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENSE, FAILURE TO WEAR A SELT BELT, AND FAILURE TO SHOW PROOF OF INSURANCE.
Government	**KOMU News at Six**	**7/5**	**6 pm**	**1:25**	PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE BARACK OBAMA MADE HIS SECOND STOP IN MISSOURI THIS WEEK. FIRST IN INDEPENDENCE ON MONDAY...THEN TODAY IT WAS SAINT LOUIS. THE PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL SPOKE BEFORE MORE THAN 40 THOUSAND DELEGATES AND LEADERS OF THE NATION'S OLDEST BLACK DENOMINATION ... ...THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. OBAMA'S FAITH IS IN THE SPOTLIGHT BECAUSE OF RUMORS ABOUT ISLAMIC BELIEFS AND BECAUSE OF CONTROVERSIAL COMMENTS MADE BY LONGTIME PASTOR, REVEREND JEREMIAH WRIGHT. MEANWHILE, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE JOHN MCCAIN IS TAKING A SHORT BREAK FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL, WHILE SPENDING SOME TIME AT HIS FAMILY HOME IN SEDONA, ARIZONA. YESTERDAY OBAMA RECEIVED AN ENDORSEMENT FROM ONE OF THE NATION'S TOP TEACHER'S UNIONS. THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCED THEIR ENDORSEMENT AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN WASHINGTON, D-C THIS WEEKEND. SENATOR OBAMA ADDRESSED MEMBERS OF THE N-E-A-VIA SATELLITE FROM MONTANA WHERE HE WAS CELEBRATING THE FOURTH OF JULY WITH HIS FAMILY. THE ILLINOIS SENATOR CRITICIZED THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT AND SAYS HE WANTS TO CREATE A FINANCIAL AID MODEL THAT ENCOURAGES COLLEGE STUDENTS TO PURSUE TEACHING CAREERS. OBAMA'S CAMPAIGN MOVES ON TO NEW YORK NEXT WEEK WHERE HE AND HILLARY CLINTON WILL HOLD A SERIES OF FUNDRAISERS
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Ten**	**7/6**	**10 pm**	**1:30**	MORE THAN 40-MILLION AMERICANS HIT THE ROAD THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND; HALF A MILLION LESS THAN LAST

					YEAR. AND AS DRIVERS RETURN HOME PUMP PRICES CONTINUE TO DRAIN THEIR POCKETBOOKS. TRIPLE A SAYS GASOLINE PRICES ROSE SLIGHTLY THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND...TO YET ANOTHER HIGH. THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IS JUST UNDER 4 DOLLARS 11 CENTS PER GALLON... LOCALLY THOSE NUMBERS TOP OFF JUST BELOW THAT... AT 3 DOLLARS AND 90 CENTS PER GALLON. TRIPLE A SAYS PUMP PRICES PUT A SLIGHT CRIMP IN HOLIDAY TRAVEL...SAYING IT'S DOWN ABOUT 1-AND A HALF PERCENT. THAT MEANS ABOUT 40 MILLION DRIVERS HIT THE ROAD THIS HOLIDAY. AND AS DRIVERS ARE RETURNING HOME THEY CAN EXPECT TO SEE MORE PATROLS ALONG THE INTERSTATE. HOLIDAY TRAVELERS SAY THEY HAVEN'T CHANGED THEIR TRAVEL HABITS TOO MUCH...THOUGH THEY DID SAY THE COST OF DRIVING STILL FLIES CIRCLES AROUND AIRLINE COSTS. AND DESPITE THE GAS PRICES DRIVERS SAY THEY'VE SEEN A LOT OF TRAFFIC ON MISSOURI HIGHWAYS. BOTH MEMORIAL DAY AND INDEPENDENCE DAY SHOWED A DRAMATIC SLUMP IN TRAVEL...FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS DECADE. THURSDAY AND TODAY WERE THE BIG TRAVEL DAYS FOR THIS JULY 4TH WEEKEND. JUST TODAY...THERE'S A REPORTED 15 ACCIDENTS IN MID-MISSOURI...SO TAKE IT SLOW OUT THERE.
Education	**KOMU News at Five**	**7/7**	**5 pm**	**:40**	COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL WILL DECIDE TONIGHT WHETHER TO SIGN OFF ON ANOTHER YEAR'S PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY AND NURSING STUDENTS FROM CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY. THE UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF NURSING COOPERATES WITH THE BOONE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

					OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM. THE CITY HAS SIMILAR AGREEMENTS WITH MU AND LINCOLN UNIVERSITY'S NURSING SCHOOLS. ACREDITORS REQUIRE NURSING PROGRAMS TO SET UP ARRANGEMENTS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM.
Government	**KOMU News at Six**	**7/8**	**6 pm**	**:50**	GOVERNOR BLUNT SIGNED A BILL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. HE'S TAKING AGGRESSIVE STEPS TO CURB ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. THE NEW LAWS STRICKLY RESTRICTS ILLEGAL ALIENS IN MISSOURI THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION. MISSOURI'S CRACK-DOWN IS ONE OF THE TOUGHEST IN THE COUNTRY. FOR EXAMPLE: THE NEW LAW PROHIBITS THE CREATION OF SANCTUARY CITIES IN THE STATE. BLUNT SAYS THESE SANCTUARIES SERVE AS "MAGNETS' ATTRACTING ILLEGAL ALIENS AND ULTIMATELY COSTING THE STATE MONEY." ALSO, EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CAN BE PROSECUTED. BUT SOME BUSINESS OWNERS DON'T THINK THE CRACK DOWN IS THE SOLUTION. THE BILL ALSO ENFORCES PENALITIES FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE FRAUD. AND DRIVERS LICENSE EXAMINATIONS WILL BE ADMINISTERED ONLY IN ENGLISH.
Crime	**KOMU News at Ten**	**7/9**	**10 pm**	**1:00**	THIS AFTERNOON, JEFFERSON CITY POLICE FOUND A MAN WHO'D BEEN SHOT IN THE FACE. THEY ORIGINALLY RESPONDED TO A DIFFERENT CALL, BUT FOUND 26-YEAR OLD TYSON REID IN THE ONE-THOUSAND BLOCK OF ELIZABETH STREET. PARAMEDICS TOOK REID TO ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL BEFORE AIRLIFTING HIM TO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL. THE SHOOTING OCCURED ONLY A COUPLE HUNDRED FEET FROM A PLAYGROUND. IT'S DISAPPOINTING NEWS FOR ONE RESIDENT WHO RECENTLY MOVED FROM CHICAGO TO THE CAPITAL

					CITY, HOPING TO ESCAPE VIOLENCE. AS FAR AS SUSPECTS GO, POLICE OFFICIALS TOLD US TONIGHT THEY DON'T HAVE ANY CONCRETE LEADS YET. THEY ALSO SAY THEY'RE UNSURE OF WHAT LED TO THE SHOOTING. REID IS LISTED IN SERIOUS CONDITION.
Health	**KOMU News at Five**	**7/10**	**5 pm**	**1:50**	IMAGINE THE DAY WHEN THERE'S NO MORE WAITING FOR A PRESCRIPTION REFILL...OR WAITING IN LINE FOR A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT. NOW SOME DOCTORS ARE MOVING FROM THE OFFICE TO A VIRTUAL OFFICE ONLINE. THE TRADITIONAL DOCTOR'S VISIT -- IS GOING THE WAY OF THE TYPEWRITER. SHAWN DAVIDSON IS A MOM AND IS IN SCHOOL AND SAYS TAKING AN HOUR OUT OF HER DAY TO SEE HER DOCTOR IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE. SO SHAWN FOUND AN OB-GYN THAT OFFERED ONLINE SERVICES. SHE NOW HAS "VIRTUAL OFFICE VISITS." USING HER LOGIN, SHE CAN TYPE IN HER SYMPTOMS AND HER ANSWERS GO DIRECTLY TO *HER* DOCTOR, WHO CAN THEN DIAGNOSE HER AND CALL IN A PRESCRIPTION.SHAWN ALSO GETS PRESCRIPTION REFILLS, PAYS HER BILL, AND MAKES AN APPOINTMENT ... WITHOUT PICKING UP THE PHONE. BARBARA BUCKLEY IS A NURSE PRACTITIONER, IN CHARGE OF THE ONLINE SYSTEM HERE AT COMPREHENSIVE WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE IN GRAPEVINE.SHE SAYS IN THREE MONTHS, OVER 1,000 PATIENTS WERE SIGNED UP. VIRTUAL OFFICE VISITS -- COST WHAT FACE-TO-FACE VISITS COST. 35 DOLLARS. AND INSURANCE COMPANIES ARE STARTING TO COVER THEM. SHAWN SAYS -- IN HER BUSY LIFE-- TIME IS MONEY.
Government	**KOMU News at Six**	**7/11**	**6 pm**	**1:40**	A HIGH STAKES ISSUE IS A STEP CLOSER TO THE NOVEMBER BALLOT.

					A CASINO BALLOT MEASURE IS GENERATING HUDNREDS OF THOUSANDS OF SIGNATURES AND A HANDFUL OF LAWSUITS. OPPONENTS OF THE BILL TRIED TO KEEP THE PROPOSAL FROM GOING ONTO THE BALLOT. THE SCHOOLS FIRST COALITION SAYS THEY GATHERED 160-THOUSAND SIGNATURES FOR THE CASINO MEASURE. THE GROUP THEN SUBMITTED THE PETITION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE... AIMED AT AN INITIATIVE PETITION TO ELIMINATE CASINO LOSS LIMITS, OPPONENTS FILED SUIT AGAINST THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAYING HER SUMMARY OF THE MEASURE WAS "INSUFFICIENT AND UNFAIR." THE SECRETARY OF STATES OFFICE CLAIMS THE ARGUMENT IS TOO NARROW...SAYING IT'S AN ATTEMPT TO STONEWALL THE CASINO-BACKED MEASURE. JUDGE PAT JOYCE AGREED YESTERDAY, SAYING THE DESCRIPTION IS ACCURATE... JOYCE SAID THE SUIT IS SIMPLY AN ATTEMPT TO KEEP THE MEASURE OFF THE BALLOT. ADVOCATES SAY THE INITIATIVE WILL KEEP MISSOURI CASINOS COMPETITIVE WITH OTHER STATES WHILE HELPING EDUCATION. THE PROPOSAL BREAKS DOWN LIKE THIS... IT WOULD REPEAL MISSOURI'S LAW LIMITING GAMBLERS TO LOSING NO MORE THAN 500-DOLLAR IN TWO HOURS. IT ALSO WOULD CAP THE NUMBER OF CASINOS IN THE STATE AND RAISE THEIR TAXES SLIGHTLY. THAT MEANS GAMBLERS CAN BET MORE...AND LOSE MORE. CASINOS WILL GET HUNDRED OF MILLION OF DOLLARS OFF OF THOSE BETS. MEANING SCHOOLS AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS REAP MORE TAX REVENUES. NOW THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE IS STILL VERIFYING THE PETITION SIGNATURES...WE WON'T

					KNOW WHETHER IT'LL MAKE THE BALLOT UNTIL AUGUST.
Crime	**KOMU News at Ten**	**7/12**	**10 pm**	**:40**	A FRESH INVESTIGATION IN HOWARD COUNTY IS JUST HEATING UP TONIGHT AS POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A TIP ON A POSSIBLE MURDER CASE. POLICE ARRESTED ANOTHER MAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISAPPEARANCE OF JEFFREY WARD. WARD WENT MISSING JULY 4TH. POLICE BELIEVE WARD WAS MURDERED IN HOWARD COUNTY... THEN LATER HIDDEN. POLICE ARRESTED 19 YEAR OLD GABRIEL WORD LAST NIGHT. POLICE ALSO ARRESTED TWO HOWARD COUNTY MEN. JOHN W. FREESE AND JOSEPH WOODRUFF. POLICE ARE HOLDING BOTH MEN IN HOWARD COUNTY. POLICE THINK WARD DIED IN HOWARD COUNTY WHERE THEY BELIEVE HIS BODY IS HIDDEN. JEFFERSON CITY POLICE SEARCHED WARD'S CAR FOUND IN HOWARD COUNTY YESTERDAY. THE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AS POLICE ARE NOW INTERVIEWING THE THREE SUSPECTS... HOPING TO FIND WARD.
Drug/Alcohol Abuse	**KOMU News at Ten**	**7/13**	**10 pm**	**:24**	THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT IS INVESTIGATING A POSSIBLE ALCOHOL-RELATED ACCIDENT. AT ABOUT 11-THIRTY SUNDAY MORNING A MAN DRIVING EASTBOUND ON BROADWAY SLAMMED INTO AN ON-COMING CAR. POLICE SAY THE MAN THEN TRIED TO FLEE THE SCENE BY WALKING SOUTH ON GREENWOOD AVENUE. POLICE DETAINED HIM AND HAD HIM PERFORM FIELD SOBRIETY TESTS. AFTER HE FAILED THE TESTS, OFFICERS ARRESTED HIM FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE WRECK.
Health	**KOMU News at Five**	**7/14**	**5 pm**	**:30**	A NEW STUDY SAYS GLOBAL WARMING COULD DRAMATICALLY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF KIDNEY STONE CASES.

					RESEARCHERS AT U-T SOUTHWESTERN SAY A LINK BETWEEN WARMER CLIMATES AND KIDNEY STONES HAS BEEN WELL ESTABLISHED. IT PROBABLY STEMS FROM TAKING IN TOO LITTLE FLUID OR LOSING TOO MUCH WATER THROUGH DEHYDRATION. USING FORECASTING MODELS THEY COMPARED CLIMATE CHANGE WITH REGIONAL KIDNEY STONE RATES. THEY PREDICT BY 20-50... THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL ONE-POINT-SIX TO TWO MILLION CASES OF KIDNEY STONES.
Education	**KOMU News at Six**	**7/15**	**6 pm**	**1:05**	STUDENTS GOING TO COLLEGE NEXT MONTH ARE LIKELY TO SEE HIGHER TUITION RATES. WE'VE KNOWN SINCE APRIL THAT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS HERE WILL BE PAYING FOUR PERCENT MORE THAN LAST YEAR. AND MOST SCHOOLS IN MISSOURI AND ELSEWHERE ARE LOOKING AT SIMILAR INCREASES. COLLEGE STUDENTS PAY THEIR TUITION IN DIFFERENT WAYS. SOME DEPEND ON GRANTS AND LOANS WHILE OTHERS GET HELP FROM THEIR PARENTS. SOME AREN'T SURE HOW MUCH OF AN EFFECT THE TUITION INCREASE WILL HAVE ON THEM... BUT THINK THE INCREASE, COMBINED WITH A RISING COST OF LIVING, WILL TAKE ITS TOLL. MU SAYS ITS INCREASE IS JUST A RESULT OF KEEPING UP WITH INFLATION. MU OFFICIALS DECIDED ON THE INCREASE BY GOIING THROUGH A COST/REVENUE ANALYSIS. AS INCREASES GO, M-U FELL ROUGHLY IN THE MIDDLE OF INCREASES ACROSS THE STATE.
Crime	**KOMU News at Ten**	**7/16**	**10 pm**	**2:10**	ONE CRIME STATISTIC IN COLUMBIA JUMPED DRASTICALLY THIS YEAR. THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT'S CONCERNED ABOUT A RISE IN THE NUMBER OF BURGLARIES.

					POLICE SAY THE AMOUNT OF BURGLARIES IN COLUMBIA HAS INCREASED BY 87-PERCENT COMPARED TO THIS TIME LAST YEAR. OLD 63 SOUTH AND GRINDSTONE PARKWAY AREA HAS BEEN HIT HARDEST. OTHER TOP AREAS INCLUDE THE CLARK LANE/RICE ROAD AREA AND THE NEIGHBORHOODS AROUND DERBY RIDGE AND BLUE RIDGE ROADS. THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 2008 HAVE BROUGHT MANY BURGLARIES TO THIS SEEMINGLY-QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD ON RICE ROAD. THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS 175 TOTAL BURGLARIES BETWEEN JANUARY AND MAY OF 2007. COMPARE THAT TO THIS YEAR'S 328. 261 OF WHICH OCCURED IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS, A BURGLARY IS DEFINED AS THE ROBBERY OF A STRUCTURE THAT HAS FOUR WALLS, A ROOF AND A DOOR. POLICE SAY THE PERPETRATORS DID NOT USE ANY FORCE IN NEARLY A THIRD OF THIS YEAR'S BURGLARIES. THAT MEANS CITIZENS ARE NOT TAKING PROPER MEASURES TO KEEP THEIR PROPERTY SECURE. HERE ARE SOME TIPS THE POLICE SAY COULD HELP PREVENT SOME BURGLARIES. MAKE SURE YOU LOCK ALL OF YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS. KEEP THE PERIMETER OF YOUR HOME WELL-LIT. NEVER LEAVE CLUES THAT YOU ARE OUT OF TOWN--LIKE AN ANSWERING MACHINE RECORDING SAYING YOU'RE AWAY FROM HOME. AND KEEP THE SHRUBBERY AROUND YOU HOME NEATLY TRIMMED, AS LARGE BUSHES CAN PROVIDE A GOOD HIDING SPOT FOR THEIVES.
Government	**KOMU News at Five**	**7/17**	**5 pm**	**:35**	SENATOR MCCAIN SPOKE IN FRONT OF CLOSE TO A THOUSAND SUPPORTERS AND DECLARED HIMSELF THE

					UNDERDOG IN MISSOURI. ACCORDING TO A RECENT POLL BY KMOV AND THE ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH, OBAMA LEADS MCCAIN SLIGHTLY IN MISSOURI. MCCAIN FIELDED ABOUT A DOZEN QUESTIONS- WITH TOPICS RANGING FROM THE WAR IN IRAQ TO IMMIGRATION AND GAS PRICES. PRESIDENT BUSH RECENTLY LIFTED A 27- YEAR- BAN ON OFFSHORE DRILLING, WHICH MCCAIN ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTS.
Crime	**KOMU News at Six**	**7/18**	**6 pm**	**1:45**	CONVICTED MURDERER RYAN FERGUSON SPENT HIS THIRD STRAIGHT DAY IN COURT. HE'S TRYING TO GET A NEW TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF COLUMBIA TRIBUNE SPORTS EDITOR KENT HEITHOLT. THE MAIN AFTERNOON WITNESS WAS FORMER BOONE COUNTY PROSECUTOR KEVIN CRANE. CRANE WAS A WITNESS FOR THE STATE, BUT THE DEFENSE SAYS HIS TESTIMONY WILL HELP ITS CASE, TOO. FERGUSON AND HIS DEFENSE TEAM CALLED THEIR LAST WITNESS TO THE STAND TODAY AND THEN HANDED IT OVER TO THE PROSECUTION. LAW PROFESSOR RICHARD LEO TOOK THE STAND AND SAID HE BELIEVED CHUCK ERICKSON'S TESTIMONY THAT HE AND FERGUSON KILLED HIETHOLT WAS A FALSE CONFESSION. BUT THE MUCH ANTICIPATED TESTIMONY WOULD NOT COME UNTIL LATE IN THE DAY WHEN FORMER PROSECUTOR KEVIN CRANE TOOK THE STAND. TO RECAP THE HEARING UP TO THIS POINT, ON WEDNESDAY THE DEFENSE CALLED EYEWITNESS SHAWNA ORNT TO THE STAND. ORNT SAID NEITHER RYAN FERGUSON NOR CHUCK ERICKSON WERE THE MEN SHE SAW IN THE COLUMBIA TRIBUNE PARKING LOT WHEN THE PAPER'S EDITOR KENT HEITHOLT WAS MURDERED. ON THURSDAY, THE MAN CHUCK ERICKSON SAID HE

					CONFESSED TO MINUTES AFTER THE MURDER TOOK THE STAND. DALLAS MALLORY SEEMED UNSURE NOW ABOUT SOME OF THE NIGHTS EVENTS. BUT HE VEHEMENTLY DENIED HEARING ERICKSON'S CONFESSION. AND ONE OF THE ORIGINAL ATTORNEY'S ON FERGUSON'S DEFENSE TEAM ALSO TOOK THE STAND YESTERDAY. WHEN ASKED WHY THE TEAM DID NOT USE MALLORY'S TESTIMONY, JEREMY WEIS SAID HE AND HIS FELLOW LAWYERS WERE UNSURE HOW MALLORY WOULD PERFORM ON THE STAND. WHETHER THOSE ATTORNEYS DID THEIR JOB IS AT THE HEART OF THIS ATTEMPT FOR AN APPEAL. AGAIN, THE PAST THREE DAYS HAVE BEEN HEARINGS.... SO THE COURT CAN DECIDE WHETHER RYAN FERGUSON WILL GET TO APPEAL HIS MURDER CONVICTION.
Government	**KOMU News at Ten**	**7/19**	**10 pm**	**:25**	MISSOURI IS ASKING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO BUY OUT PROPERTY IN NINE AREAS HIT HARD BY FLOODING IN MARCH. THE STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY SAYS IT'S SEEKING BUYOUTS ON 150 HOMES. THAT WOULD COST NEARLY 9 MILLION DOLLARS. THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY PLANS TO REVIEW EACH OF THE NINE PROPOSALS AND DECIDE WHICH TO FUND. MORE REQUESTS ARE EXPECTED AFTER THE NEAR-RECORD FLOODING ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN JUNE AND JULY.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Ten**	**7/20**	**10 pm**	**:40**	THE PHONES RANG OFF THE HOOK AT THE JEFFERSON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT THIS WEEKEND. POLICE SAY CALLERS ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT A TELEPHONE BANK SCAM IN THE AREA. WE REPORTED LAST MONTH ABOUT AN ONLINE PHISHING SCAM... THIS TIME IT'S A RECORDED MESSAGE ASKING YOU TO

					DIAL IN YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION. THE SCAMMERS LEAVE VOICE MESSAGES CLAIMING THEY'RE FROM CENTRAL BANK. THEY THEN ASK FOR PERSONAL AND BANKING INFORMATION. THIS IS JUST THE MOST RECENT SCAM CENTRAL BANK HAS CONTENDED WITH THIS YEAR. DON'T RELEASE INFORMATION TO STRANGERS AND REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS INFORMATION THE BEST ADVISE... NEVER RELEASE ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION TO SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW AND REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO YOUR BANK. THE JEFFERSON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT SAYS THE BANK IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THE ISSUE.
Government	**KOMU News at Five**	**7/21**	**5 pm**	**:50**	JEFFERSON CITY HAS A HARD DECISION TO MAKE ON ITS PROPERTY TAX RATE. CURRENTLY THE CITY PROPERTY TAX IS EIGHT CENTS LOWER THAN A NEW LAW PERMITS. WITH THE CURRENT FORTY-SIX CENT TAX RATE, A ONE-HUNDREAD-THOUSAND VALUE HOUSE OWNER PAYS 950 DOLLARS. IF THE CITY INCREASES THE RATE TO 54 CENTS, THE SAME HOUSE COSTS 965 DOLLARS, FIFTEEN DOLLARS MORE. CITY OFFICIALS SAY THE INCREASE IS TEMPTING. CITY OFFICIALS WILL CALCULATE ALL THE OPTIONS AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN AUGUST. TO CACULATE HOW MUCH PROPERTY TAX YOU HAVE TO PAY IN THE CITY, LOG ON TO OUR WEBSITE KOMU.COM.
Government	**KOMU News at Six**	**7/22**	**6 pm**	**1:45**	ATTORNEY GENERAL JAY NIXON TRAVELED AROUND MISSOURI TODAY COMPLAINING ABOUT GOVERNOR BLUNT'S 2005 MEDICAID CUTS TO THE POOR. THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR SAID HE HAS THE CURE TO BLUNT'S BROKEN HEALTH PLAN. NIXON CALLED IN SUPPORTERS TODAY AT THREE EVENTS TO PROMOTE HIS REMEDY FOR THEIR HEALTH COSTS.

					NIXON AND COMPANY THINK GOVERNOR BLUNT'S 2005 MEDICAID CUTS NEED TO BE RESTORED. MAX LEWIS HAS BEEN DISABLED SINCE 1986. HE GETS HIS HEALTH CARE FROM MO HEALTH NET... BUT SAYS IT'S NOT ENOUGH. ATTORNEY GENERAL JAY NIXON HAS FIVE STEPS TO IMPROVE HEALTH COVERAGE. HIS PLAN INCLUDES A WEB SITE COMPARING HEALTH PRICES AND FOCUSES ON PREVENTION. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE IN MISSOURI HAS INCREASED FROM 6.2 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION IN 2005 TO 13.3 PERCENT IN 2007. AND LIKE LEWIS, OTHERS ARE FINDING IT HARD TO MAKE SACRIFICES. THE TWO REPUBLICANS FIGHTING TO FACE JAY NIXON IN THE GENERAL ELECTION -- CONGRESSMAN KENNY HULSHOF AND TREASURER SARAH STEELMAN -- BOTH BACK GOVERNOR BLUNT'S MEDICAID CUTS. STEELMAN SAYS THAT NIXON'S PLAN CAN'T BE DONE WITHOUT RAISING TAXES IN MASSIVE AMOUNTS.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Ten**	**7/23**	**10 pm**	**:45**	MEXICO, MISSOURI IS BUILDING A NEW ALTERNATIVE TO GAS-POWERED VEHICLES. TOMBERLIN AND CLUB CAR'S LOW SPEED VEHICLES... OR L-S-V'S... RUN ON BATTERIES YOU CAN CHARGE FROM ANY HOUSEHOLD OUTLET. WHEN FULLY CHARGED... AN L-S-V CAN TRAVEL ABOUT THIRTY-FIVE MILES. LSV'S ARE AVAILABLE IN TWO AND FOUR-PASSENGER MODELS... AS WELL AS S-U-V AND TRUCK MODELS. THE STATE WON'T ALLOW DRIVERS TO USE THEM ON HIGHWAYS... BUT THE CARS ARE LEGAL ON STREETS WITH POSTED SPEED LIMITS OF LESS THAN THIRTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR. TO TAKE A LOOK AT STATE LAWS REGARDING L-S-V'S... VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT KOMU-DOT-COM.
Government	**KOMU News at Five**	**7/24**	**5 pm**	**:21**	MISSOURI'S METHOD OF LETHAL INJECTION IS COMING UNDER FIRE AGAIN.

					A NEW CIVIL ACTION AGAINST THE METHOD WAS FILED TODAY IN COLE COUNTY CLAIMING IT VIOLATES THE STATE'S ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT. THE LAWSUIT IS ON BEHALF OF 13 OF THE 14 CONDEMNED PRISONERS FOR WHOM THE STATE IS SEEKING EXECUTION DATES, INCLUDING A MAN THAT COULD BE EXECUTED IN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Six**	**7/25**	**6 pm**	**1:40**	PEOPLE NEEDING HELP WITH THEIR UTILITY BILLS WILL HAVE TO WAIT A WHILE. CENTRAL MISSOURI COMMUNITY ACTION CAN'T HELP THE ELDERLY AND THE POOR FOR A WHILE. SOME PEOPLE ARE FINDING IT SHOCKING TO SEE THEY CAN'T BE HELPED. ORGANIZERS ARE WORRIED THIS WILL LEAD TO OTHER PROBLEMS. TIPTON SAYS PEOPLE CAN ALSO LEARN HOW TO SAVE ENERGY BY COMING TO THEIR OFFICE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AIR CONDITIONER EXCHANGE PROGRAM GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT KOMU DOT COM
Government	**KOMU News at Ten**	**7/26**	**10 pm**	**:45**	WHILE BARACK OBAMA IS TOURING EUROPE, VOLUNTEERS ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR HIM HERE IN MISSOURI. CAMPAIGNERS FOR OBAMA OPENED AN OFFICE TODAY IN COLUMBIA TO HELP GET THE GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGN IN MID-MISSOURI OFF AND RUNNING. THE COLUMBIA OFFICE OPENED ALONG WITH 24 OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. VOLUNTEERS IN COLUMBIA MET TO DISCUSS WAYS TO HELP THE CAMPAIGN, INCLUDING GOING DOOR TO DOOR TODAY TO REGISTER VOTERS. VOLUNTEERS SAY THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. THERE ARE EXACTLY ONE HUNDRED DAYS UNTIL THE NOVEMBER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WHICH WILL LIKELY PIT OBAMA AGAINST SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN. THE LOCAL JOHN MCCAIN CAMPAIGN OFFICE DID NOT

					IMMEDIATELY RETURN KOMU'S CALLS.
Health	**KOMU News at Five**	**7/27**	**5 pm**	**2:35**	DOCTORS AND NURSES HAVE A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITIES, SO SOMETIMES THE LITTLE, NON-MEDICAL REQUESTS BY PATIENTS CAN'T BE A PRIORITY. TONIGHT WE INTRODUCE YOU TO THE NEWEST WAY HOSPITALS ARE TRYING TO SHAKE THE INSTITUTIONAL STEREOTYPE WITH A DOSE OF HOSPITALITY. IF YOU'RE IN THE HOSPITAL, YOU'RE PROBABLY NOT IN THE BEST OF MOODS, SO THE LITTLE THINGS THAT HELP MAKE THE STAY MORE COMFORTABLE, LIKE NEWSPAPERS OR A FRESH CUP OF COFFEE, ARE IMPORTANT... BUT NOT REALLY A NURSE'S OR DOCTOR'S JOB. THAT LEAD TO THE BIRTH OF HOSPITALITY COORDINATORS. TISHA FLATT IS MAKING HER DAILY ROUNDS ON PATIENTS, CHECKING TO SEE IF THEY HAVE ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS. SHE IS A HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL. FLATT AND HER COLLEAGUES ARE A BIG HELP TO BOTH PATIENTS AND MEDICAL STAFF TOO. THEY ALSO STEP UP WHEN FAMILIES HAVE QUESTIONS TOO. OR MAKING SURE EVERYONE IS COMFORTABLE AND TAKEN CARE OF, NOT JUST THE PATIENTS. WHETHER THAT'S HAVING A REGULAR VISITOR WHO'S WILLING TO LISTEN OR SOMEONE TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE FOOD IS EXACTLY WHAT YOU ORDERED. HOSPITALITY COORDINATORS ARE ON DUTY AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, AND AT COLUMBIA REGIONAL HOSPITAL MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Six**	**7/28**	**6 pm**	**:20**	AMEREN U-E TOOK ANOTHER STEP TOWARD BUILDING A NEW 16 HUNDRED MEGAWATT NUCLEAR REACTOR TODAY.

					IT APPLIED TO FEDERAL REGULATORS FOR A LICENSE. AMEREN WANTS TO BUILD THE REACTOR AS AN ADDITION TO ITS CURRENT POWER PLANT IN CALLAWAY COUNTY. IT SAYS IT HAS NOT MADE A CONCRETE DECISION TO BUILD A SECOND NUCLEAR PLANT. APPROVAL AND A LICENSE WOULD PRESERVE THAT OPTION FOR THE FUTURE.
Government	**KOMU News at Ten**	**7/29**	**10 pm**	**1:00**	FROM THE HOMEOWNERS WHO LIVE IN THE PROPOSED ANNEX AREA. SOME ARE ANGRY. SOME ARE CONFUSED BY THE CITY'S PLAN... INCLUDING CHRIS AMSBURY WHO LIVES ON THE CORNER OF JACKSON AND KATHRYN ROAD. HE WONDERS WHERE THE SEWER SYSTEM WILL BE PUT, AND HE WORRIES ABOUT THE CONDITION OF JACKSON ROAD IF IT IS ANNEXED. THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION WOULD ADD ABOUT 13-HUNDRED ACRES TO THE CITY. CITY OFFICIALS WANT THE ANNEXATION TO FOSTER GROWTH. WHILE THE RESIDENTS WORRY ABOUT QUALITY OF LIFE.
Crime	**KOMU News at Five**	**7/30**	**5 pm**	**:50**	A 21-YEAR-OLD BOONE COUNTY MAN IS IN GOOD CONDITION AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL TODAY AFTER A DRIVE-BY SHOOTING LATE LAST NIGHT. SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES RESPONDED TO COMPLAINTS OF GUN SHOTS AT THE 7400 BLOCK OF MOBERLY DRIVE. CLYDE JONES SAYS HE WAS WALKING TOWARD A FRIENDS HOUSE ON THIS STREET WHEN A DARK-COLORED VAN FIRED AT LEAST FOUR SHOTS. ONE STRUCK JONES IN BOTH LEGS. JONES SAYS HE TRIED WALKING BACK TO HIS HOUSE, BUT NEIGHBORS WHO SAW THE INCIDENT TOLD HIM TO SIT DOWN. THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS YET TO IDENTIFY ANY SUSPECTS IN THE CASE. DEPUTIES CONTINUE TO ASK AROUND THE

					NEIGHBORHOOD FOR INFORMATION AND SAY JONES HAS BEEN COOPERATIVE.
Crime	**KOMU News at Six**	**7/31**	**6 pm**	**:20**	THERE'S BEEN ANOTHER DELAY IN THE ARRAIGNMENT OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR PETER KINDER'S FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF. ERIC FELTNER IS ACCUSED OF TWO MISDEMEANOR COUNTS OF ATTEMPTING TO FURNISH PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS TO A MINOR. THIS IS THE 3RD DELAY IN THE CASE. FELTNER'S ARRAIGNMENT IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 11TH.
Education	**KOMU News at Ten**	**8/1**	**10 pm**	**:40**	THE MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION RELEASED A STATEMENT TODAY SAYING, "THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SCHOOL BUILDINGS NOT MEETING ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS GOALS IN MISSOURI DEMONSTRATES FLAWS IN THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND LAW. THE COMPLAINT WENT ON TO SAY, NO CHILD IS FAILING TO PROVIDE AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF SCHOOLS THAT TRULY ARE IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT AND THOSE THAT ARE PERFORMING WELL." MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARDS SAY WITH THE INCREASE IN HOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CALCULATES THE YEARLY PROGRESS, EVERY SCHOOL IN MISSOURI WILL ULTIMATELY END UP ON THE "NEEDS IMPROVEMENT" LIST. FOR THE PERFORMANCE SUMMARY OF COLUMBIA AND JEFFERSON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, YOU CAN VISIT OUR WEBSITE, KOMU-DOT-COM.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Six**	**8/2**	**6 pm**	**:30**	PARENTS ARE ENJOYING A TAX-FREE WEEKEND FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES THIS WEEKEND. THE STATE SET UP THE TAX HOLIDAY TO HELP MAKE SUPPLIES CHEAPER. SCHOOL CLOTHES, SUPPLIES, SOFTWARE AND COMPUTERS WILL BE EXEMPT FROM THE FOUR POINT TWO-TWO CENT STATE SALES TAX. BUSINESSES WILL STILL CHARGE FOR CITY AND COUNTY

					SALES TAXES IN MOST PLACES. THE TAX HOLIDAY STARTED YESTERDAY AND RUNS THROUGH TOMORROW. FOR THE FULL LIST OF THE PLACES THAT OPTED OUT FROM THE TAX HOLIDAY PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINKS AND NUMBERS SECTION ON OUR WEBSITE.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Ten**	**8/3**	**10 pm**	**:25**	YOU REMEMBER WHEN GAS PRICED OUT AT A DOLLAR 99... A PRICE WE HAVEN'T SEEN IN A WHILE. IT'S THE BIGGEST GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE TO HIT MISSOURI IN A WHILE...AND DRIVERS ARE LINING-UP. THE OWNER OF VALERO GAS STATION IS GETTING OUT OF THE GASOLINE BUSINESS. SO HE'S SELLING ALL HIS PETROLEUM... PUMPED AT ONE DOLLAR AND NINETY-NINE CENTS PER GALLON. DRIVERS LINED UP AND CIRCLED AROUND THE BLOCK TO CATCH A BREAK AFTER MONTHS OF RECORD GAS PRICES.
Crime	**KOMU News at Five**	**8/4**	**5 pm**	**1:10**	THE MOTHER OF A MISSING COLE COUNTY WOMAN SAYS SHE'S BEEN THE VICTIM OF AN EXTORTIONIST, A MAN WHO SAYS HE KNOWS WHERE HER DAUGHER IS. THE FBI IS NOW INVOLVED IN THE CASE. PEGGY FLORENCE'S DAUGHTER JASMINE HASLAG HAS BEEN MISSING FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. FLORENCE SAYS ABOUT A MONTH AGO, SHE GOT AN EMAIL FROM SOMEONE USING THE NAME JOHN DOE. DOE CLAIMED FLORENCE'S DAUGHTER WAS ALIVE. AND HE KNEW WHERE SHE WAS. HE OFFERED TO SELL HER THE INFORMATION FOR 10-THOUSAND DOLLARS. DOE ALSO E-MAILED TO SAY FLORENCE COULDN'T TELL A SOUL, OR THE DEAL WOULD BE OFF. AGENT KEVIN STECK SAYS THE FBI BELIEVES THE SAME SUSPECT CONTACTED A VICTIM IN ST.LOUIS AND A FEW OTHER UNDISCLOSED CITIES IN MISSOURI. AND AGENT STECK SAYS IF ANYONE IS RECEIVING THE SAME TYPE OF EMAILS. CONTACT LAW ENFORCMENT BEFORE TAKING ACTION.

Education	**KOMU News at Six**	**8/5**	**6 pm**	**1:10**	ON A VERY BUSY ELECTION DAY IN MISSOURI... A SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS. PHYLLIS CHASE MADE THE ANNOUNCENT EARLIER TODAY: SHE'S RETIRING, SAYING IT'S A GOOD TIME FOR HER TO CALL IT A DAY. DOCTOR PHYLLIS CHASE'S DECISION TO RETIRE CAME A FEW WEEKS AGO WHEN CHASE REALIZED SHE WAS ELIGIBLE FOR FULL RETIREMENT. CHASE HAS BEEN SUPERINTENDENT SINCE 2003. AND AFTER FIVE YEARS SHE SAYS IT'S A GOOD TIME IN HER LIFE TO RETIRE. UNDER CHASES DIRECTION COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS WON DISTRICT OF DISTINCTION FOUR YEARS IN A ROW. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT LYNN BARNETT SAYS THIS SHOULDN'T END WITH CHASES DEPARTURE. CHASE OFFICALLY RETIRES AUGUST 31ST. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT AT 6 O'CLOCK TO DISCUSS CHASE'S REPLACEMENT
Consumer Issue	**KOMU News at Ten**	**8/6**	**10 pm**	**:55**	RESIDENTS OF PAQUIN TOWERS IN COLUMBIA ARE WORRIED ABOUT PROPOSED CITY BUDGET CUTS. TONIGHT MORE THAN 40 RESIDENTS TURNED OUT FOR A MEETING ABOUT THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF PARKS AND RECREATIONS PROGRAMS. RESIDENTS SIGNED A PETITION AND PROPOSED PICKETING THE CITY'S OFFICES. THEY'RE ALSO WRITING LETTERS TO COUNCIL MEMBERS. THE PROGRAMS THEY'RE WORRIED ABOUT LOSING INCLUDE FITNESS WALKS, AND TRIPS TO RESTAURANTS AND MOVIES AS WELL AS ARTS AND CRAFTS. THE PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO ALL COLUMBIA RESIDENTS, NOT JUST PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN PAQUIN TOWERS. THEY COST THE CITY ABOUT 88 THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH YEAR.

					THAT'S ABOUT POINT ZERO THREE PERCENT OF ITS BUDGET.
Drug/Alcohol Abuse	**KOMU New at Five**	**8/7**	**5 pm**	**:50**	THERE'S A RENEWED STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT DRINKING AND DRIVING. THE MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SAYS DRUNK DRIVING KILLS 250 PEOPLE A YEAR IN THE STATE. MID-MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENTS, MADD AND THE MISSOURI COALITION FOR ROADWAY SAFETY LAUNCHED THE LATEST "YOU DRINK AND DRIVE, YOU LOSE" CAMPAIGN. OFFICERS SAY THERE ARE MORE RESOURCES IN PLACE TO STOP DRINKING AND DRIVING THAN EVER. THE CAMPAIGN IS FEDERALLY FUNDED AND MISSOURI GETS UP TO 15 MILLION DOLLARS EVERY YEAR. MO-DOT DECIDES WHAT AREAS OF THE STATE GET THE FUNDS BASED ON THE HIGHEST RATES OF DRUNK DRIVING CASES.
Consumer News	**KOMU News at Six**	**8/8**	**6 pm**	**1:25**	THE PAIN AT THE PUMP IS SPREADING QUICKLY... AFFECTING YOUR WALLET IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. ASK ANYONE IN SEDALIA WHERE TO GET A BITE TO EAT.... THEY'LL POINT YOU HERE.... COME ON IN... THE PLACE HASN'T CHANGED IN YEARS... BUT THERE'S A BIG CHANGE ON THE MEN THE COST TO FILL UP A TANK OF GAS IS CUTTING INTO THE ORDER. SO THEY'RE SPLITTING A SALAD... TO KEEP THEY'RE POCKET BOOK FAT AND WHILE KEEPING TRIM. ACROSS THE STREET THE STATE FAIR IS LURING IN A LOT MORE BUSINESS. IT'S A GOOD TIME FOR KATY TO PLAY CATCH-UP... THE FAIR KEEPS THE DINER PACKED... BUT IN THE LONG RUN CAN'T FOOT THE BILL. KEHDE SAYS HE CHANGES PRICES WEEKLY. SO THAT ALSO MEANS HE PAYS TO CHANGE HIS MENU TO KEEP UP WITH RISING COSTS. WITH WHOLESALE PRICE UP ACROSS THE BOARD IT

					MEANS ALL ORDERS UP. FOOD COSTS ARE EXPECTED TO KEEP CLIMBING AS FUEL PRICES FALL.
Government	**KOMU News at Ten**	**8/9**	**10 pm**	**:20**	THE TIGHT CREDIT MARKET IS HOLDING UP A MASSIVE MISSOURI BRIDGE REPAIR PROJECT. LAWMAKERS PASSED THE LAW A YEAR AGO AFTER THE MINNESOTA BRIDGE COLLAPSE. NOW THERE ARE DELAYS WITH THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATION. THE PLAN CALLS FOR A SINGLE CONTRACT TO FIX 802 BRIDGES WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THE FINAL DRAFT HASN'T BEEN SIGNED... THOUGH ENGINEERS ARE NOW DESIGNING THE BRIDGES.
Health	**KOMU News at Ten**	**8/10**	**10 pm**	**5:00**	OF COURSE SUMMER MEANS IT'S TIME TO GET OUT DOORS AND ENJOY NATURE. IT'S ALSO THE SEASON WHEN TICKS BREAD... AND THIS YEAR THE TICK POPULATION IS LARGER THAN EVER. THEY ARE SMALL BUT CAN CAUSE A MUCH BIGGER PROBLEM. LAURICE STEVENS IS HEAD OF MID-MISSOURI TICK BORNE ILLNESS COALTION AND IS A VICTIM OF THE MOST COMMON TICK-BORNE DISEASE IN THE U.S, LYME DISEASE. THE JEFFERSON CITY WOMAN WAS ONE OF THREE MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY TO CONTRACT LYME DISEASE. HER HUSBAND WAS THE FIRST ONE TO ENDURE THE ILLNESS. BECAUSE TICK-BORNE ILLNESS SYMPTOMS ARE SIMILAR, DOCTORS CAN HAVE TROUBLE DIAGNOSING THEM IMMEDIATELY. IF DOCTORS CATCH THE DISEASE EARLY ENOUGH, THERE CAN BE POSITIVE OUTCOMES. ACCORDING TO STATISTICS COLLECTED BY THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES, THE TWO TICK-BORNE-ILLNESSES THAT INCREASED THE MOST IN THE STATE FROM 2006 TO 2007 WERE ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER WITH 354

					CASES AND EHRLICHIOSIS WITH 199 CASES. TICKS PREFER TO LIVE IN WOODS AND TALL GRASS. THEY WAIT FOR PEOPLE OR ANIMALS TO WALK BY SO THEY CAN LATCH ON AND FEED. IF YOU DO END UP WITH A TICK, YOU SHOULD KNOW IT TAKES SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE THEY CAN PASS DISEASE BACTERIA INTO YOUR BODY. SO THERE'S TIME FOR PROPER REMOVAL. USING MATCHES TO BURN THE TICK OFF, OR OTHER HOME REMEDIES CAN MAKE MATTERS WORSE BY STIMULATNG THE TICK TO RELEASE MORE HARMFUL FLUIDS. THE BEST METHOD IS TO: USE A FINE TIP TWEEZER OR SHIELD YOUR FINGERS WITH A TISSUE BEFORE REMOVING IT...THEN. GRASP THE TICK AS CLOSE TO THE SKIN SURFACE AS POSSIBLE. AND PULL AWAY. DO NOT TWIST OR JERK THE TICK. AND MAKE SURE TO DISINFECT THE BITE AND WASH YOUR HANDS THOROUGHLY. STEVENS BEGAN THE MID-MISSOURI TICK-BORNE ILLNESS COALITION, WITH 7 DIFFERENT SUPPORT GROUPS LOCATED THROUGHOUT MISSOURI. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING A GROUP OR SUPPORTING ITS EFFORTS LOG ON TO KOMU.COM AND GO TO THE LINKS AND NUMBERS SECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION.
Drug/Alcohol Abuse	**KOMU News at Five**	**8/11**	**5 pm**	**:30**	FOUR PEOPLE FACE DRUG CHARGES IN MILLER COUNTY AFTER A TIP LEAD TO A MID-MISSOURI DRUG TASK FORCE RAID. THE HOT LINE TIP LED POLICE TO TWO TRAILERS IN THE DOOLITTLE TRAILER PARK. POLICE CONFISCATED ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND MARIJUANA. POLICE ARRESTED 31-YEAR-OLD FREDERICK ZIEHMER OF CALIFORNIA, ALONG WITH 30-YEAR-OLD MELISSA SAINT, 38-YEAR-OLD PAUL DEAN AND 29-YEAR-OLD HEATHER SHIPMAN, ALL OF ELDON.

					THE DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES ALSO TOOK TWO CHILDREN FROM THE HOMES.
Government	**KOMU News at Six**	**8/12**	**6 pm**	**:30**	DIRTY STREETS. CLOGGED SEWERS. ANGRY RESIDENTS. THERE IS SOME OF ALL THREE IN MOBERLY TONIGHT. THE ISSUE IS GRASS CLIPPINGS SWEPT INTO THE STREET. MOBERLY PUBLIC WORKS IS TAKING IT A STREET AT A TIME... GOING DOOR TO DOOR AND TELLING RESIDENTS TO CLEAN UP THEIR GRASS CLIPPINGS. THE CITY SAYS THE MORE RAIN, THE MORE IT'S A PROBLEM. WITH HEAVY SUMMER RAIN, MORE CLIPPINGS FLOW DOWN AND CLOG UP THE DRAINS... SOMETIME ROADS GET FLOODED. IF RESIDENTS DON'T CLEAN UP THE MESS IN 24 HOURS... THEY HAVE TO PAY UP.
Education	**KOMU News at Ten**	**8/13**	**10 pm**	**1:30**	COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAS A NEW CHIEF---AT LEAST FOR NOW. BOARD MEMBERS TODAY ANNOUNCED JIM RITTER AS INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT. RITTER SERVED AS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DISTRICT FOR FIVE YEARS PRIOR TO PHYLLIS CHASE, WHO IS RETIRING AT THE END OF THE MONTH. RITTER WILL BE WORKING PART-TIME FOR 50 THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR. THE BOARD OFFERED RITTER 90 THOUSAND, BUT HE SAYS HE DECIDED NOT TO TAKE THAT OFFER BECAUSE OF THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL SITUATION. RITTER SAYS HIS MAIN ROLE AS INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT WILL BE TO REPAIR THE DISTRICT'S IMAGE IN THE COMMUNITY. HERE'S A TIMELINE LEADING UP TO TODAY'S DECISION. ON APRIL 8TH VOTERS IN COLUMBIA TURNED DOWN A 54-CENT SALES TAX FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. THEN, A LITTLE MORE THAN TWO WEEKS LATER THE

					SCHOOL BOARD DISCUSSED EXTENSIVE BUDGET CUTS FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR. ON MAY FIFTH, SUPERINTENDENT PHYLLIS CHASE AGREED TO TAKE A PAY CUT. BUT JUST THREE MONTHS LATER ON AUGUST FIFTH, CHASE ANNOUNCED HER RETIREMENT. FINALLY, TODAY THE BOARD SELECTED JIM RITTER AS INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT. THE SEARCH NOW BEGINS FOR A PERMANENT REPLACEMENT. BOARD MEMBERS HOPE MANY CANDIDATES WILL APPLY ONCE THE JOB IS POSTED.
Health	**KOMU News at Five**	**8/14**	**5 pm**	**:55**	COMBAT VETERANS AREN'T TAKING ADVANTAGE OF EXTENDED CARE FROM THE V-A HOSPITAL. THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION ESTIMATES ONLY 35 PERCENT HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE CARE. VETERANS MAY APPLY AT ANY TIME AFTER THEIR DISCHARGE FROM THE MILITARY. TRUMAN VA HOSPITAL ACCEPTS 40 NEW VETERANS EACH MONTH INTO THE PROGRAM. SO THE VA HOSPITAL HAS LAUNCHED A NEW PROGRAM TO LET MORE VETERANS KNOW THEIR BENEFITS. SO FAR, ABOUT ONE THOUSAND VETERANS HAVE COME TO TRUMAN TO GET THEIR BENEFITS. THOSE WHO SERVED BETWEEN 1998 ANBD 2003 HAVE FREE CARE UNTIL JANURARY 2011. TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HEALTH BENEFITS OF COMBAT VETERANS, LOG ON TO OUT WEBSITE AT KOMU.COM.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Six**	**8/15**	**6 pm**	**:25**	WACHOVIA JUST SIGNED A MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR AGREEMENT WITH MISSOURI. SECRETARY OF STATE ROBIN CARNAHAN SAYS WACHOVIA WILL BUY BACK 8-POINT-5 BILLION DOLLARS IN AUCTION-RATE SECURITIES. IT WILL ALSO PAY 50-MILLION DOLLARS IN FINES... THAT MONEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG ALL 50 STATES. WACHOVIA IS THE 5TH BANK... IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS... TO AGREE TO REPURCHASE THE TROUBLED

					SECURITIES.
Crime	**KOMU News at Ten**	**8/16**	**10 pm**	**:50**	MEANWHILE, POLICE FOUND A WOMAN IN THE TRUNK OF HER SON'S CAR... BUT HE'S NOT CHARGED WITH MURDER. COLUMBIA POLICE PULLED OVER DANIEL SANDERS AND HIS 16-YEAR OLD BROTHER THURSDAY NIGHT FOR ERRATIC DRIVING. DURING A SEARCH OF THE CAR OFFICERS FOUND THE BODY OF THE BOYS' MOTHER, 53-YEAR OLD HELEN SANDERS. ON FRIDAY, BOONE COUNTY PROSECUTORS CHARGED DANIEL SANDERS WITH TAMPERING WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. HE'S NOW AT THE BOONE COUNTY JAIL. POLICE SAY THE CASE IS SUSPICIOUS... BUT DANIEL SANDERS HAS NOT BEEN CHARGED WITH MURDE POLICE SAY THEY NEED TO SPEAK WITH ANYONE WHO SAW HELEN SANDERS IN THE DAYS BEFORE HER DEATH. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN CALL CRIMESTOPPERS.
Health	**KOMU News at Ten**	**8/17**	**10 pm**	**2:00**	FIVE MILLION AMERICANS SUFFER FROM HEART FAILURE, AND AN ESTIMATED 150 THOUSAND COULD BENEFIT FROM ADVANCED TREATMENTS SUCH AS HEART PUMPS OR TRANSPLANTS. BUT THERE AREN'T ENOUGH DONOR HEARTS, AND SOME PATIENTS ARE TOO ILL FOR MAJOR SURGERY. ANTOINETTE JACKSON WAS SURPRISED WHEN DOCTORS DIAGNOSED HER WITH AN ENLARGED HEART IN 2002. MEDICATIONS HELPED HER FEEL BETTER BUT IT WASN'T ENOUGH. HER DOCTOR TOLD HER SHE'D NEED A TRANSPLANT OR SOMETHING ELSE TO HELP HER FAILING HEART.HE SUGGESTED THIS ... AN EXPERIMENTAL DEVICE CALLED THE HEART NET. IT'S A STRETCHY, MESH NET THAT'S PLACED AROUND THE HEART LIKE A HAIR NET.

					SURGEONS ACCESS THE HEART THROUGH A SMALL INCISION BETWEEN THE RIBS. BECAUSE THE SURGERY IS MINIMALLY INVASIVE, IT'S EASIER ON PATIENTS.AFTER A FEW DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL THEY GO HOME AND RECOVER IN A FEW WEEKS. A MUCH BETTER ALTERNATIVE TO WHAT PATIENTS WOULD FACE WITHOUT THIS OPTION. NINE MONTHS AFTER SURGERY ANTOINETTE JACKSON IS WALKING FURTHER, EXERCISING MORE, AND ENJOYING LIFE.
Government	**KOMU News at Five**	**8/18**	**5 pm**	**1:00**	A LOCAL ACTIVIST GROUP WANTS THE COLUMBIA POLICE TO MAKE PUBLIC RECORDS OF TASER USE. GRASS ROOTS ORGANIZING OR GRO WANTS TO REVIEW THE RECORDS TO SEE HOW THE POLICE ARE USING THE WEAPON. WHEN HEARING GRO'S REQUEST, POLICE SAID THEY'LL SHARE INFORMATION BUT IT WILL COST ABOUT 15 HUNDRED DOLLARS TO FIND AND PRODUCE THE RECORDS. A LOCAL ACTIVIST GROUP WANTS THE COLUMBIA POLICE TO MAKE PUBLIC RECORDS OF TASER USE. GRASS ROOTS ORGANIZING OR GRO WANTS TO REVIEW THE RECORDS TO SEE HOW THE POLICE ARE USING THE WEAPON. WHEN HEARING GRO'S REQUEST, POLICE SAID THEY'LL SHARE INFORMATION BUT IT WILL COST ABOUT 15 HUNDRED DOLLARS TO FIND AND PRODUCE THE RECORDS. GRO IS ASKING THE PUBLIC TO HELP LIMIT THE USE OF TASERS. IT SAYS IT'S GATHERED MORE THAN 400 SIGNATURES.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Six**	**8/19**	**6 pm**	**1:55**	AN EIGHT MONTH LONG BATTLE BETWEEN DEVELOPERS, NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, AND THE CITY OF COLUMBIA COULD BE COMING TO AN END. THE COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO LET STADIUM 63 PROPERTIES DEVELOP CROSS CREEK...

					HERE'S A MAP OF THE LOCATION: IT'S EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF STADIUM AND HIGHWAY 63. THIS STORY STARTED BACK IN DECEMBER WHEN STADIUM 63 PROPERTIES SUBMITTED A PLAN TO DEVELOP CROSS CREEK, A MULTI-USE COMMERCIAL CENTER. THE PLAN IMMEDIATLY MET WITH OPPOSITION FROM TWO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS. AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS, A LOT OF TALK, AND A MEDIATOR... ALL THE PARTIES SEEM TO HAVE REACHED A COMPROMISE. THIS MAY BE THE QUIETEST INTERSECTION IN COLUMBIA. IT'S JUST EAST OF WHERE STADIUM AND HIGHWAY 63 MEET. IT WON'T BE THIS QUIET FOREVER, NOW THAT ONE CITY COUNCILMAN CHANGED HIS VOTE AND CHANGED THE LANDSCAPE OF THE CITY. JIM MUENCH IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHEPARD BOUELEVARD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. UP UNTIL A MONTH AGO HIS GROUP WAS AGAINST THE PLAN, BUT A MEDIATION AGREEMENT WITH THE DEVELOPER PUT ITS WORRIES TO REST. AMONG THE ELEMENTS THE NEIGHBORS LIKE... SMALLER SIGNAGE AND CONTROLLED GROWTH. MUENCH SAYS THE AGREEMENT ISN'T PERFECT, BUT HE'S GOING ALONG WITH THE PLAN, NOW THAT HIS GROUP MEMBERS HAVE GIVEN THEIR APPROVAL. NOW MUENCH SAYS, IT'S UP TO THE CITY TO MAKE SURE THE DEVELOPERS KEEP THEIR PROMISES. WORK AT THE SITE IS ALREADY UNDERWAY.
Crime	**KOMU News at Ten**	**8/20**	**10 pm**	**:40**	A WIDE-RANGE OF VIOLENT CRIMES KEPT COLUMBIA COPS BUSY THIS MORNING. POLICE FIRST RESPONDED TO CLAUDELL LANE. EAST OF THE MALL JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT. A HEATED CONVERSATION ERUPTED INTO A GUN FIGHT.

					THE GUNMAN SHOT A 25-YEAR OLD COLUMBIA MAN IN THE BACK AS THE VICTIM TRIED TO DRIVE AWAY FROM THE SCENE. POLICE ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR A SUSPECT. MEANWHILE FOUR SUSPECTS ARE BEHIND BARS TODAY FOR A SHOOTING AT A CONVENIENCE STORE ON RANGELINE. POLICE ARRESTED FOUR KANSAS CITY RESIDENTS FOR A RANGE OF CHARGES INCLUDING: ASSAULT, UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON, AND MULTIPLE DRUG CHARGES. IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT EITHER OF THESE CRIMES CALL CRIME STOPPERS.
Education	**KOMU News at Five**	**8/21**	**5 pm**	**:45**	THERE ARE A FEW CHANGES IN HOW JEFFERSON CITY'S SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS ARE GETTING HELP AT SCHOOL. TWO FACILITATORS WERE LET GO AND TWO MOVED FROM FULL TIME TO PART TIME. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SAYS THERE ARE 103 FACILITATORS WHO HELP WITH 14- HUNDRED KIDS WHO ATTEND 17 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS. THE NUMBER OF FACILITATORS CHANGED BECAUSE OF LESS NEED IN THE DISTRICT - NOT DUE TO BUDGET RESTRAINTS. A FULL-TIME FACILITATOR COSTS THE DISTRICT ABOUT 30-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Six**	**8/22**	**6 pm**	**1:10**	GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES KENNY HULSHOF AND JAY NIXON LAID-OUT THEIR PLANS FOR MISSOURI'S STRUGGLING ECONOMY TODAY. MORE THAN 250 PEOPLE GATHERED AT MID-MISSOURI'S ECONOMIC SUMMIT TO HEAR WHAT THE CANDIDATES SAY THEY WILL DO. THE CANDIDATES SPOKE HERE IN JEFFERSON CITY AT THE CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL. NIXON AND HULSHOF BOTH TALKED A LOT ABOUT IMPROVING EDUCATION... INVESTING IN MISSOURI... AND BRINGING JOBS BACK TO THE STATE. EACH CANDIDATE SPOKE ABOUT WHAT THEY BELIEVE

					HAS TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMY. THIS IS THE SECOND ANNUAL MID-MISSOURI SUMMIT. REPRESENTATIVES FROM 12 COUNTIES ATTENDED TODAY'S EVENT.
Crime	**KOMU News at Ten**	**8/23**	**10 pm**	**:35**	A BRAWL BROKE OUT AT HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL IN COLUMBIA LATE LAST NIGHT. AS A FOOTBALL JAMOREE LET OUT THE PARKING LOT FILLED WITH 3-HUNDRED FANS. POLICE SAID THEY ROLLED UP TO FIND HUNDRED OF PEOPLE RUNNING DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS AND SCREAMING. POLICE TRIED TO BREAK THROUGH THE CROWD TO BREAK UP A FIGHT BETWEEN THREE TEENS WITH A GUN. ONE TEEN POINTED A GUN AT ANOTHER MAN THEN PUT IT BACK IN HIS WAISTBAND. THE MAN WITH THE GUN RAN AWAY WHILE THE TWO OTHER BOYS CHASED HIM AND STARTED BEATING HIM. POLICE ARRESTED THE THREE MEN ON CHARGES OF UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.
Government	**KOMU News at Ten**	**8/24**	**10 pm**	**:45**	BARACK OBAMA MADE HIS RUNNING MATE ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY. SENATOR JOE BIDEN IS NOW HIS CHOICE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT IN HIS JOURNEY TO THE WHITE HOUSE. OBAMA AND BIDEN MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS TODAY... JUST DAYS BEFORE THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION IN DENVER. THAT STARTS ON MONDAY. VIRGINIA GOVERNOR AND MIZZOU ALUM TIM KAINE WAS RUMORED AS A STRONG POSSIBILITY TO BE OBAMA'S V-P CHOICE. THE JOHN MCCAIN CAMPAIGN WASTED NO TIME RESPONDING TO OBAMA'S ANNOUNCEMENT. JUST A SHORT TIME LATER, THE CAMPAIGN CAME OUT WITH A TV AD HITTING BIDEN FOR CALLING OBAMA INEXPERIENCED WHILE HE WAS STILL RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT.

Education	**KOMU News at Five**	**8/25**	**10 pm**	**:45**	THE BIGGEST FRESHMAN CLASS EVER FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI HAD ITS FIRST DAY OF CLASSES ON MONDAY. THE LARGE SIZE OF THE NEW CLASS PRESENTED A PROBLEM FOR MU RESIDENTIAL LIFE OFFICIALS. THE EXISTING TWENTY-ONE RESIDENCE HALLS ON CAMPUS DON'T HAVE ENOUGH ROOM TO HOUSE ALL FIFTY-EIGHT HUNDRED FRESHMAN IN THE INCOMING CLASS. SO MU RESIDENTIAL LIFE MOVED ABOUT 400 FRESHMAN TO OFF-CAMPUS APARTMENTS. THE DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS DIDN'T STOP STUDENTS FROM SIGNING UP FOR THE PROGRAM, AND AT LEAST SOME LIVING OFF CAMPUS ARE HAPPY SO FAR. MU PROVIDES THE STUDENTS LIVING OFF CAMPUS WITH BUSES TO CLASS AND OTHER ON-CAMPUS SERVICES.
Education	**KOMU News at Six**	**8/26**	**6 pm**	**3:30**	COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE STARTING THEIR SECOND WEEK OF CLASS. IT'S BEEN AN INTERESTING YEAR FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD BETWEEN THE BUDGET ISSUES AND PHYLLIS CHASE RETIRING A MONTH BEFORE SCHOOL STARTED. BUT NOW THINGS ARE GETTING BACK TO NORMAL. THE GUY WHO IS JUMPING INTO A HARD JOB WITH EASE OF A VETERAN IN TONIGHT'S SCHOOL REPORT. THE BOARD ROOM FOR COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS QUIET NOW BUT ONE SIGN SPEAKS LOUD AND CLEAR. AFTER THE SURPRISING RETIREMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT PHYLLIS CHASE, A FAIRLY QUICK ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FORMER SUPERINTENDENT JIM RITTER WILL STEP IN AS INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT. RITTER WAS SURPRISED TO GET THE CALL. THROUGHOUT THE NEXT WEEK RITTER MET WITH BOARD MEMBERS ONE ON ONE AS WELL AS A GROUP. RITTER SAYS HE GAVE THE BOARD AN HONEST OPINION ABOUT WHAT HE THOUGHT NEEDED TO CHANGE. AFTER LONG TALKS AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, RITTER IS JUMPING RIGHT IN.

					RITTER KNOWS ALL ABOUT COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PUTTING IN 28 YEARS AS A TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR BEFORE RETIRING AS SUPERINTENDENT. AND THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME HE'S COME TO COLUMBIA'S RESCUE. BUT RITTER IS QUICK TO SAY HE'S NO SUPER HERO. WHILE HE'S ONLY WORKING PART TIME ON THE CLOCK, ITS FULL TIME IN HIS HEAD AS HE PREPARES TO HELP FIND HIS PERMANENT REPLACEMENT, A JOB RITTER TAKES SERIOUSLY.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**8/27**	**10 pm**	**:45**	A PROPOSAL ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT COULD MEAN A NEW SOLUTION TO PAYING FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE IN COLE COUNTY. COLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECIDED ON TUESDAY TO PUT A HALF CENT SALES TAX UP FOR A VOTE THIS NOVEMEBER. THE TAX WILL BRING A SIXTY PERCENT ROLLBACK ON PROPERTY TAXES AND RAISE MONEY FOR AMBULANCE CARE. RIGHT NOW, CAPITAL REGION MEDICAL CENTER OPERATES AMBULANCES FOR THE COUNTY, BUT THE EXPENSES MIGHT BE TOO HIGH. IF THE HALF CENT SALES TAX PASSES, UP TO TWO MILLION DOLLARS COULD GO TO AMBULANCE CARE.
Education	**KOMU News at Five**	**8/28**	**5 pm**	**:35**	RECORD NUMBERS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE TAKING ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES IN MISSOURI. A-P CLASSES CAN HELP STUDENTS GET INTO COLLEGE BY IMPRESSING ADMISSIONS COMMITTEES. THEY CAN ALSO GIVE STUDENTS A HEAD-START ONCE THEY'RE IN COLLEGE. MANY SCHOOLS ALLOW STUDENTS TO GET COLLEGE CREDIT FOR A-P CLASSES IF THEY GET A QUALIFYING SCORE ON A FINAL TEST. SOME STUDENTS SAY THEY JUST LIKE THE CHALLENGE OF A HIGHER-LEVEL CLASS. A-P CLASSES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH

					THE MISSOURI VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM.
Government	**KOMU News at Six**	**8/29**	**6 pm**	**1:40**	TOUGHER LAWS TO FIGHT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IN MISSOURI ARE NOW IN EFFECT. EDUARDO CRESPI OVERSEES CENTRO LATINO ... AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES RESOURCES FOR MANY AREA LATINOS AND IMMIGRANTS. HE'S CONCERNED ABOUT THE TOUGHER IMMIGRATION POLICIES GOVERNOR BLUNT SIGNED INTO LAW. SOME OF THE LAWS....PROHIBIT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM OBTAINING A DRIVER'S LICENSE AND PUNISH THOSE WHO TRANSPORT AS WELL AS HIRE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. IN A STATEMENT GOVERNOR BLUNT SAID.... THE LEGISLATION I SIGNED EMBRACES THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT LAWFUL IMMIGRATION MAKES TO OUR SOCIETY AND SENDS A CLEAR MESSAGE THAT WE WILL DEFEND THE RULE OF LAW AND FIGHT TO PROTECT MISSOURIANS FROM ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. CRESPI SAYS HE DOESN'T PLAN TO PROTEST THE NEW LAWS... BUT WILL CONTINUE TO HELP LATINOS AND IMMIGRANTS IN THE COMMUNITY.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**8/30**	**10 pm**	**:45**	MID-MISSOURI RESIDENTS GOT A SNEAK PREVIEW TODAY OF A NEW EDUCATION FACILITY SLATED TO OPEN THIS SPRING. JEFFERSON FARM AND GARDENS WILL BE A YEAR ROUND AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM. THE 67 ACRE FARM IS HOME TO HUNDREDS OF PLANTS AND FLOWERS IN ADDITION TO FARM ANIMALS. THE ATTRACTION WILL FOCUS ON CONTEMPORARY AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES AND APPROACHES, MAKING THE FACILITY ONE OF A KIND. IF YOU MISSED TODAY'S EVENT, YOU CAN ATTEND THEIR FINAL OPEN HOUSE ON SEPTEMBER 27TH. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE FARM AND GARDENS YOU CAN GO TO KOMU.COM.

Government	**KOMU News at Ten**	**8/31**	**10 pm**	**3:30**	TODAY'S RALLY IS MCCAIN'S THIRD RALLY ON HIS ROAD TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION. A SEA OF RED WELCOMED SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN TO AN O'FALLON BALLPARK TODAY. SUPPORTERS LINED UP OUTSIDE THE PARK EARLY THIS MORNING... MANY TRAVELED ACROSS THE SHOW-ME STATE TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE SOON-TO-BE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE. JOE GILGOUR AND HIS WIFE MADE THE THREE HOUR TRIP FROM SEDALIA... WITH A BABY ON THE WAY AND STUDENT LOANS DUE, GILGOUR SAYS HE LIKES MCCAIN'S PLAN TO LOWER TAXES. BUT GILGOUR WASN'T ALWAYS A SURE VOTE... HE DIDN'T EVEN PLAN ON COMING TO TODAY'S RALLY, UNTIL MCCAIN ANNOUNCED ALASKA GOVERNOR SARAH PALIN AS HIS RUNNING MATE. COMING FROM A FAMILY OF HUNTERS, GILGOUR SAYS HE, LIKE MANY OTHER MISSOURIANS, APPRECIATES PALIN'S STANCE ON GUN RIGHTS. GILGOUR ISN'T ALONE; VOTERS OF ALL AGES WELCOMED PALIN TO THE CAMPAIGN. ONLY NOVEMBER WILL TELL IF THAT DREAM TICKET IS A WINNING TICKET. MCCAIN TRAVELED TO O'FALLON TODAY FROM A RALLY IN WASHINGTON PENNSYLVANIA YESTERDAY. HE'LL SPEAK AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION IN ST. PAUL MINNESOTA ON THURSDAY.
Crime	**KOMU News at Six**	**9/1**	**6 pm**	**1:35**	ARSON INVESTIGATORS WANT TO KNOW WHO TORCHED SEVERAL CARS LAST NIGHT ON COLUMBIA'S NORTH SIDE. THE INVESTIGATION KEPT POLICE AND FIRE CREWS BUSY FOR MANY HOURS. WHEN THIS CAR ON HOLLY AVENUE EXPLODED LAST NIGHT, DAVID BLAKE HEARD THE COMMOTION. THAT WAS ABOUT MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT. FIRE AND POLICE UNITS FOUND A TOTAL OF SIX CARS

					DAMAGED IN THE LOT. ONE VEHICLE WAS ENGULFED IN FLAMES; THREE OTHERS IN THE LOT WERE DAMAGED. TWO ADDITIONAL CARS WERE DOUSED WITH A FLAMMABLE LIQUID, BUT NOT IGNITED. TODAY, INVESTIGATORS ARE STILL UNSURE OF THE MOTIVE BUT COLLECTED MANY PIECES OF EVIDENCE FROM THE SCENE. HARTMAN SAYS ALTHOUGH IT IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION, THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY PREVIOUS ISSUES AT THE RESIDENCE. POLICE WERE ABLE TO SPEAK WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER LAST NIGHT. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION CAN CALL CRIME STOPPERS AT 573-874-TIPS.
Government	**KOMU News at Ten**	**9/2**	**10 pm**	**:25**	REPUBLICAN GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE KENNY HULSHOF HAS RAISED MORE THAN ONE MILLION DOLLARS SINCE THE REPEAL OF MISSOURI'S CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS JUST LAST WEEK. A NEW STATE LAW ALLOWS CANDIDATES TO GET DONATIONS OF UNLIMITED SIZE. DEMOCRATIC GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE JAY NIXON REPORTS GETTING ABOUT 400-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE THEN. HULSHOF AND NIXON HAVE AGREED TO DEBATE NEXT WEEK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Five**	**9/3**	**5 pm**	**1:13**	GEOTHERMAL TECHNOLOGY ... A COMPLICATED SOUNDING NAME FOR AN ENERGY SYSTEM THAT COULD SAVE YOU MONEY. LOCAL ELECTRIC COMPANIES ARE PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO USE THIS TECHNOLOGY, LIKE REBATES ON SOME HEATING AND COOLING EQUIPMENT. WORKERS HAVE STARTED BUILDING A GEOTHERMAL SYSTEM FOR WESTPHALIA INN. TODAY RIG OPERATORS DRILLED INTO THE SOIL TO MAKE ROOM FOR AN UNDERGROUND WATER SYSTEM. ONCE DONE, THE SUN HEATS THE WATER.

					THE HEATED WATER ALLOWS BOILERS AND AIR CONDITIONERS TO WORK MORE EFFICIENTLY, USING LESS ELECTRICITY AND SAVING YOU MONEY. THE SYSTEM COSTS ABOUT 23-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BUILD. LOCAL COMPANIES LIKE BOONE ELECTRIC, CALLOWAY ELECTRIC, AND CENTRAL MISSOURI ELECTRIC ALL OFFER REBATES FOR THE EQUIPMENT'S INSTILLATION. FOR A FULL LIST OF ELECTRIC COMPANIES OFFERING THESE GREEN REBATES VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT K-O-M-U DOT COM.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Five**	**9/4**	**5 pm**	**:35**	TODAY'S RAIN DIDN'T STOP COLUMBIA CITIZENS FROM TAKING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. HOWEVER, MANY RESIDENTS ARE WONDERING IF A PRICE INCREASE OF BUS FARES WILL. CITY COUNCIL WANTS TO DOUBLE THE PRICE OF BUS FARES. THE EXTRA MONEY WILL HELP PAY FOR THE MORE THAN 100 THOUSAND DOLLARS THE CITY SPENT ON FUEL THIS YEAR. BUS FARES IN COLUMBIA HAVE REMAINED THE SAME PRICE FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS, AND ONE COLUMBIA TAX PAYER SAYS THAT'S HOW IT SHOULD STAY. CITY COUNCIL HAS THE BUS FARE VOTE ON ITS SEPTEMBER 15TH AGENDA.
Education	**KOMU News at Six**	**9/5**	**6 pm**	**1:35**	OVERCROWDED CLASSROOMS...IT'S A PROBLEM COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ARE HAVING THIS FALL WITH BIGGER ENROLLMENTS. IN NINETEEN YEARS, LORI HUHMAN HAS NEVER HAD A CLASS AS BIG AS THIS ONE.... TOO MANY...THE DISTRICT SPILT HER CLASS IN TWO LEAVING HUHMAN WITH 16 STUDENTS BUT OTHER CLASSES STILL EXCEED MISSOURI'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CLASS ROOM SIZE. BOARD MEMBERS DISAGREED WITH HOW TO HANDLE THE OVERCROWDING--INES SEGERT SAYS THE BOARD SHOULD HAVE KEPT AS MANY CLASSROOM TEACHERS

					AS POSSIBLE, CUTTING MATH AND LITERATURE HELPERS--CALLED "COACHES" INSTEAD THE TEACHERS LEFT BEHIND SAY THEY'RE OVERWHELMED WITH STUDENTS.... BLUE RIDGE FOURTH GRADES...MIDWAY HEIGHTS' SECOND GRADES AND TWO MILE PRAIRIE'S THIRD GRADE STILL EXCEED THESE STANDARDS...
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Ten**	**9/6**	**10 pm**	**:40**	IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE TICKETS TO THE GAME YOU MIGHT HAVE HAD A HARD TIME FINDING IT ON TV. TODAY WAS THE EVER FIRST HOME GAME SHOWN ON PAY PER VIEW. IT COST ABOUT 30-DOLLARS TO ORDER THE GAME AT HOME, BUT FOR BAR OWNERS IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY. THEY HAD TO PAY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO PUT THE GAME ON THEIR TVS. BUT FOR TIGER FANS, GETTING TO SEE THE GAME MAKES IT ALL WORTH IT. NEXT WEEKEND'S GAME AGAINST NEVADA WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON PAY PER VIEW.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Five**	**9/7**	**5 pm**	**2:30**	THE GAME JUST GOT UNDERWAY HERE AND MOST OF THE FANS WHO HAVE TICKETS HAVE MADE THEIR WAY INSIDE THE STADIUM AFTER TAILGATING FOR HOURS. BUT THOSE TAILGATERS GOT A BIT OF A LATER START TODAY THAN USUAL. THAT'S BECAUSE WITH MIZZOU FOOTBALL IN THE NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS SEASON... THE MU ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT IS CRACKING DOWN ON AN OLD RULE. IT'S NOT SITTING WELL WITH SOME OLD TAILGATERS THOUGH. GAMEDAY TAILGATE TENTS COME IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES. YET WITH THE RECENT SUCCESS OF TIGER FOOTBALL, FAN CONGESTION AND FAIRNESS HAVE BECOME KEY CONCERNS. THAT'S WHERE THE M-U ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT STEPPED IN. HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

					WHEN TIGER GAMES START BEFORE SIX P-M YOU CAN'T SET UP TO TAILGATE UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK THAT MORNING. AND WITH GAMES STARTING AT SIX P-M OR AFTER, LIKE TONIGHT'S, YOU CAN'T START TAILGATING UNTIL TEN AM. SOUNDS SIMPLE ENOUGH RIGHT? NOT FOR FIVE YEAR TAILGATE VETERAN J. ATKINS AND HIS TAILGATE CREW. THIS IS NO NEW RULE, BUT THIS YEAR MUPD AND THE MU ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT WILL BE ENFORCING IT CLOSELY. AND THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT SAYS, SO FAR SO GOOD. FOR ONE FAN IT NEVER WAS AN ISSUE, HE FORGOT THE SET-UP INSTRUCTIONS... IN PAST SEASONS. TAILGATERS WOULD STAKE THEIR SPOT IN THE PARKING LOT AS EARLY AS THURSDAY AFTERNOON.
Crime	**KOMU News at Six**	**9/8**	**6 pm**	**:25**	COLUMBIA POLICE ARRESTED A HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT THIS MORNING, AFTER THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOUND A GUN IN THE STUDENT'S BACKPACK. NOW THE 17-YEAR-OLD IS FACING CHARGES FOR UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON. KYREE J. STATEN ADMITTED TO HAVING AN UNLOADED HANDGUN ON SCHOOL PROPERTY. THIS IS THE SECOND GUN INCIDENT ON HICKMAN PROPERTY IN LESS THAN THREE WEEKS. LAST MONTH POLICE ARRESTED THREE MEN ON CHARGES OF UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON AT A HICKMAN FOOTBALL JAMBOREE.
Government	**KOMU News at Ten**	**9/9**	**10 pm**	**:55**	SENATOR JOE BIDEN GOT A WARM WELCOME FROM A PARTISAN CROWD AT COLUMBIA'S ARC THIS MORNING. BIDEN TALKED ABOUT AMERICANS LOSING WORK OUTSOURCED TO OVERSEAS MANUFACTURERS. BIDEN ALSO TALKED ABOUT PRIVATIZING SOCIAL SECURITY, AND POOR ECONOMIC TIMES IN MISSOURI. ACCORDING TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, MISSOURI

					UNEMPLOYMENT IS AT 6-POINT-4 PERCENT, THE HIGHEST RATE THE STATE HAS SEEN IN 17 YEARS. BIDEN ALSO WENT ON THE OFFENSIVE, CRITICIZING JOHN MCCAIN AND SARAH PALIN'S SPEECHES AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION. SUPPORTERS SAY OBAMA WAS RIGHT TO CHOOSE BIDEN FOR VICE-PRESIDENT. TO SEE MORE ON WHERE THE VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES STAND, FOLLOW THE LINK ON OUR WEBSITE KOMU DOT COM.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Five**	**9/10**	**5 pm**	**:45**	THE NATIONAL BIODIESEL BOARD OPENED ITS NEW HEADQUARTERS IN JEFFERSON CITY TODAY. GOVERNOR BLUNT AND OTHER LAWMAKERS WERE ON-HAND FOR THE RIBBON-CUTTING. THEY JOINED BOARD LEADERS TO PLANT A TREE, TO SHOW THE COMPANY'S COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT. THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING USED TO BELONG TO THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE. THE NATIONAL BIODIESEL BOARD RENOVATED IT USING "GREEN" PRODUCTS LIKE RECYCLED CARPETS, SOLAR-POWERED LIGHTS AND NON-TOXIC PAINT. NATIONAL BIODIESEL BOARD LEADERS SAY THEY HOPE THE NEW BUILDING WILL SPUR OTHER RENOVATIONS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE HEADQUARTERS DOWN IN JEFFERSON CITY, AND BIODIESEL VISIT OUR WEBSITE KOMU-DOT-COM.
Government	**KOMU News at Six**	**9/11**	**6 pm**	**1:10**	THE MISSOURI SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM HOSTED A DEBATE THIS AFTERNOON BETWEEN ATTORNEY GENERAL CANDIDATES - REPUBLICAN MICHAEL GIBBONS AND DEMOCRAT CHRIS KOSTER. THE TWO HAVE WORKED TOGETHER IN THE SENATE AND HAVE BECOME FRIENDS OVER THE YEARS. BUT IN POLITICS, THEY DON'T AGREE ON ISSUES LIKE THE SUNSHINE LAW AND SHIELD LAWS. THE CANDIDATES DO AGREE ON SEVERAL ISSUES,

					INCLUDING CRACKING DOWN ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, THE NO-CALL INITIATIVE, EMINENT DOMAIN, A NON-PARTISAN OPTION FOR ELECTING JUDGES IN THE STATE, AND FIGHTING CYBER CRIMES AND DRUGS -- ESPECIALLY A SYSTEM TO MAKE SURE METH PRODUCERS CAN'T GET THEIR HANDS ON THE INGREDIENTS.
Education	**KOMU News at 10**	**9/12**	**10 pm**	**:45**	A NATIONAL EDUCATION CAMPAIGN FOUND IN THE PAST TWENTY YEARS COLLEGE TUITION HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED. LINCOLN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS VOICED THEIR OPINION ON THE ISSUE... COURTESY OF THE GOT TUITION CAMPAIGN. TODAY'S STOP WAS PART OF A 16 STOP NATIONAL TOUR. THE CAMPAIGN RAISES AWARENESS ABOUT COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY. TODAY STUDENTS SIGNED PETITIONS AND LEARNED ABOUT CANDIDATES' POSITION ON TUITION. SENIOR LAUREN TONEY SAYS SHE WORRIES ABOUT PAYING OFF HER LOANS AT THE END OF THE YEAR. GOT TUITION WILL VISIT CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY IN OHIO NEXT.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Six**	**9/13**	**6 pm**	**2:20**	IMAGINE WAKING UP ONE MORNING TO RAW SEWAGE IN YOUR FINISHED BASEMENT. AND THEN TWICE AGAIN IN THE NEXT FIVE MONTHS. FOR SIX TIPTON FAMILIES THIS HORRIFIC IDEA IS A REALITY. IT'S AN ENDLESS HEADACHE OF TIME, MONEY AND NO APOLOGIES, THEY SAY WHAT'S MOST INTERESTING TO NOTE, THE 25 YEARS LEADING UP TO THIS RECENT STRING OF FLOODING, NEVER A DROP OF WATER IN THE SUBDIVISION'S BASEMENTS. FROM THE ROAD, FAIRWAY LANE LOOKS LIKE HOMETOWN U.S.A. BUT THAT ROSY IMAGE VANISHES WHEN YOU ADD SEWAGE WATER SEEPING INTO THESE HOME'S

					BASEMENTS. TODAY THESE FLOODED FRIENDS TALK OPENLY ABOUT THE HARDSHIPS THEY'VE ENDURED. ACROSS THE STREET AND DOWN THE STAIRS TO YET ANOTHER HARD HIT HOME. REMNANTS OF ONE-WEEK OLD CARPET, TAKEN OUT THIS MORNING AFTER YESTERDAY'S FLOODING. DAMAGED PROPERTY SITS NEXT TO AN ARRAY OF FANS AND HUMIDIFIERS, THE THIRD CLEANUP NOW UNDERWAY. THE GAMBLE AT HAND: SHOULD THEY FORK UP THE MONEY TO RENOVATE A FORTH TIME. THE TOWN'S HIRED AN ENGINEER TO LOOK INTO THE PROBLEM, BUT THE FLOODING STILL CONTINUES. WE STOPPED BY THE MAYOR JENNIFER CARY'S HOME TO GET A COMMENT... NO ANSWER... THE SAME RESPONSE RESIDENTS SAY THEY'VE ACCEPTED FOR TOO LONG. BEFORE STOPPING AT THE MAYORS' HOME, I SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH HER EARLIER IN THE DAY. SHE DID NOT WANT TO COMMENT ON THE SITUATION UNTIL SHE SPOKE WITH THE CHIEF ENGINEER. I WAS NOT ABLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HER AGAIN. RESIDENTS I SPOKE WITH SAY THEY PLAN TO BRING THE FLOODING ISSUE TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING IN OCTOBER. UNTIL THEN, THEY CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE FLOODING WILL LIE OFF.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Ten**	**9/14**	**10 pm**	**1:20**	REMINANTS OF IKE ARE ON THE WAY TOWARDS MISSOURI. AND THERE'S STORMY WEATHER AT THE PUMP. THE ISSUE: PRICE GOUGING. GOVERNOR MATT BLUNT HOPES TO DETER ANY ILLEGAL ACTIONS AND ANNOUNCED TODAY ATTORNEY GENERAL JAY NIXON WILL INVESTIGATE THE ISSUE. IN A STATEMENT THE GOVERNOR SAID HIS INTENTIONS

					ARE TO PROTECT MISSOURI FAMILIES FROM ILLEGAL PRICE FIXING. HE WENT ON TO SAY - QUOTE - WE HAVE SEEN PRICE GOUGING IN OUR STATE BEFORE, AND I WILL NOT PERMIT BUSINESSES TO REAP UNJUSTIFIED PROFITS BY USING A NATURAL DISASTER AS AN EXUCSE TO GOUGE MISSOURI FAMILIES WHO ARE ALREADY DEALING WITH HIGH PRICES AT THE PUMP. PUMP PATRONS AGREE. PRICE GOUGING HAS BEEN A PROBLEM IN THE PAST FOR MISSOURI. AFTER HURRICANE KATRINA, THE STATE FOUND 10 STATIONS THAT UPED THEIR PRICES ILLEGALLY. AFTER THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER 11, INVESTIGATIONS STATE-WIDE UNCOVERED NEARLY 50 STATIONS. THEY WERE FINED FOR ILLEGALLY RAISING THEIR GAS PRICES.
Education	**KOMU News at Five**	**9/15**	**5 pm**	**1:30**	MEXICO HIGH SCHOOL IS NOW REQUIRING STUDENTS AND FACULTY TO WEAR SCHOOL I-D'S AT ALL TIMES. STUDENTS AT MEXICO HIGH HAVE TO WEAR I-D CARDS ANY TIME THEY'RE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY OR AT A SCHOOL EVENT. WHILE NO PARTICULAR SECURITY INCIDENT PROMPTED THE I-D CARD PROGRAM, SENIOR KARA SAFFORD SAYS THE IDS DO MAKE HER FEEL SAFE. A COLORED STICKER ON THE BACK OF EACH ID SHOWS WHERE THE STUDENTS CAN EAT LUNCH... IN THE CAFETERIA, THE GYM, OR OUTSIDE... AND IF THEY NEED ACADEMIC SUPPORT TO HELP KEEP GRADES UP. SAFFORD SAYS THE STUDENT BODY SEEMS FINE WITH THE IDs, BUT SOME STUDENTS DO HAVE ONE COMPLAINT. AN EASY PROBLEM TO FIX... STUDENTS CAN CHOOSE THEIR OWN LANYARDS IN PLACE OF MEXICO'S RED AND BLACK COLOR SCHEME. FAILURE TO WEAR THE I-D CAN LAND A STUDENT IN

					DETENTION OR EVEN SUSPENSION.
Government	**KOMU News at Six**	**9/16**	**6 pm**	**:50**	MAYORS AND CITY LOBBYISTS FROM ACROSS THE STATE MET TODAY IN JEFFERSON CITY TO TALK ABOUT THEIR CITY'S PLANS AND HOW TO IMPLEMENT THEM. MAYORS FROM COLUMBIA AND JEFFERSON CITY JOINED MAYORS FROM FIVE OTHER MAJOR CITIES. THE GROUP OUTLINED THREE PRIORITIES IT PLANS TO FOCUS ON DURING THE UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION. THEY INCLUDE PROTECTING MUNICIPAL CONTROL AGAINST THE STATE, AS WELL AS SEEKING MORE MONEY FOR CITY TRANSIT AND FUTURE WORKFORCE EDUCATION. THERE WAS ONE ISSUE THE GROUP ALL AGREED ON. THE LOCAL LEADERS PLAN ON MEETING AGAIN WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO CONTINUE THEIR DISCUSSIONS.
Crime	**KOMU News at Ten**	**9/17**	**10 pm**	**1:35**	THE MAN ACCUSED OF A DRIVE BY SHOOTING THAT GOT EVERYONE'S ATTENTION. PRINCE IS ACCUSED OF KILLING A 17-YEAR OLD COLUMBIA TEENAGER. KOMU SPENT TIME TALKING WITH THE VICTIM'S MOTHER AND GOT HER REACTION. SHE IS ASKING FOR WHAT ANY MOTHER WHO LOST A CHILD WOULD.... JUSTICE AND CLOSURE. SHE TOLD ME SHE BELIEVES JUSTICE WILL PREVAIL IN THE CASE AND WAS PLEASED WITH THE PROSECUTION TODAY. AT THE TRIAL TODAY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY DAN KNIGHT ALLEGED THAT PRINCE WAS THE ONE WHO SHOT THE SEMI-AUTOMATIC ASSAULT RIFLE THAT KILLED TEDARRIAN ROBINSON. THE PUBLIC DEFENDER ARGUED THAT LORENZO LADINER THE DRIVER OF THE CAR WAS THE SHOOTER. A HANDFUL OF OFFICERS TESTIFIED ALONG WITH THE VICTIM'S COUSIN.

					LORENZO LADINER, IS SET TO TESTIFY THIS WEEK. HE HAS ALREADY CUT A DEAL WITH PROSECUTION IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS TESTIMONY. THIS SHOOTING MADE ALL SORTS OF HEADLINES BECAUSE OF ITS PROXIMITY TO THE M-U CAMPUS, AND THE FACT THAT IT HAPPENED TWO DAYS AFTER THE VIRGINIA TECH SHOOTING.
Crime	**KOMU News at Five**	**9/18**	**5 pm**	**1:00**	SEVERAL COLUMBIA POLICE OFFICERS FOUND THEMSELVES IN THE LINE OF GUNFIRE EARLY THIS MORNING. IT HAPPENED DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA, IN AN ALLEY BY SAPPHIRE LOUNGE ON EAST BROADWAY.... THAT'S WHERE THREE OFFICERS SAW A FIGHT BREAK OUT BETWEEN TWO GROUPS OF PEOPLE. ONCE OFFICERS TRIED TO CONTROL THE FIGHT, SOMEONE FIRED ONE SHOT AT POLICE. NO ONE WAS HIT. POLICE ARRESTED TWO PEOPLE AFTER A FOOT CHASE... BUT ARE STILL LOOKG FOR THE SHOOTER. OFFICERS SAY BECAUSE OF THE SEVERITY OF SUCH EVENTS, THEY'RE RELIEVED AND PLEASED WITH ROBIN'S DECISION. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, POLICE ARE ASKING YOU CALL CRIME STOPPERS AT 875-TIPS.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Six**	**9/19**	**6 pm**	**:45**	LAST WEEK WE TOLD YOU HOW AN AUTOMOBILE COMPANY IN JEFFERSON CITY IS LAYING OFF MORE THAN ONE-HUNDRED WORKERS, AND TODAY MORE LAY OFFS ARE ON THEIR WAY... THIS TIME AT A COLUMBIA CORPORATION. THE DANA CORPORATION LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF COLUMBIA ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT WILL BE LYING OFF ABOUT 50 EMPLOYEES. THIS TIME LAST YEAR DANA EMPLOYED 366 WORKERS. TODAY THAT NUMBER IS DOWN TO 255. LAST AUGUST, DANA LAID OF 29 EMPLOYEES. AND NOW THEY ARE EXPECTING AND ADDITIONAL 50 LAY OFFS BY CHRISTMAS.

					K-O-M-U CONTACTED THE DANA CORPORATION BUT AN OFFICIAL REFUSED TO DO AN ON CAMERA INTERVIEW. THEY DID SAY THE LAYOFFS ARE A RESULT OF ONGOING DIFFICULTIES WITHIN THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY. DIFFICULTIES LIKE HIGH GAS PRICES AND LOW CAR SALES HAVE MADE 2008 DIFFICULT FOR MANY AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES, AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM DANA SAYS 2009 WILL NOT BE SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Ten**	**9/20**	**10 pm**	**:50**	MORE WINS MEANS MORE FANS FOR MISSOURI FOOTBALL. AND THAT'S SPURRING PARKING OFFICIALS TO ENFORCE AN OLD RULE. PREVIOUSLY, ATTENDANTS LET FANS PARK WHERE THEY WANTED AT REACTOR FIELD. WITH INCREASED TICKET SALES, THOSE ATTENDANTS NOW DIRECT FANS TO A PARTICULAR SPOT. THIS FRUSTRATES FANS WHO STILL THINK THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO PARK WHEREVER THEY WANT TO. THE UNIVERSITY DEFENDS THE RULE. IT SAYS PARKING CARS IN ORDER...ENSURES THAT NO SPOTS WILL GO UNUSED. A SELLOUT CROWD OF MORE THAN 65-THOUSAND PEOPLE ATTENDED TODAY'S GAME. THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT EXPECTS MORE SELLOUTS AS THE TIGERS BEGIN CONFERENCE PLAY OCTOBER 11TH AGAINST OKLAHOMA STATE.
Crime	**KOMU News at Ten**	**9/21**	**10 pm**	**:25**	COLUMBIA POLICE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR A WOMAN WHO STABBED TWO PEOPLE LAST NIGHT. AT 1:30 THIS MORNING... A WOMAN WENT TO 4400 RIA STREET WHERE SHE ARGUED WITH HER EX-BOYFRIEND AND ANOTHER WOMAN AT THE HOUSE. SHE THEN TOOK A KNIFE AND STABBED HER EX-BOYFRIEND IN THE ARM, STABBED THE WOMAN IN THE CHEST AND CUT HER HEAD. THE SUSPECT THEN TOOK OFF, POSSIBLY TO THE ST. CHARLES AREA.

					IF YOU AHVE ANY INFORMATION, CALL CRIME STOPPERS AT 875-TIPS.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Five**	**9/22**	**5 pm**	**:55**	CUSTOMERS OF AMEREN-U-E COULD SOON BE PAYING MORE. THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WILL HOST A HEARING IN MEXICO TONIGHT TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO COMMENT ABOUT A POSSIBLE ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE. THE PROPOSED INCREASE WOULD BE ABOUT 8 DOLLARS AND 66 CENTS PER MONTH. THAT ADDS UP TO AN INCREASE OF ANNUAL ELECTRIC REVENUES FOR AMEREN OF ABOUT 251 MILLION DOLLARS. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS INCREASE OR WANT TO COMMENT YOU CAN VOICE YOUR CONCERN AT TONIGHTS HEARING AT THE MEXICO TCRC. TONIGHT'S PUBLIC HEARING STARTS WITH A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION AT 5:30 FOLLOWED BY THE ACTUAL HEARING FROM 6 TO 9. IF YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO MAKE IT TO TONIGHT'S HEARING BUT STILL WANT TO COMMENT, GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO FIND OUT WHERE TO SEND YOUR COMMENTS...
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Six**	**9/23**	**6 pm**	**1:40**	COLUMBIA REGIONAL AIRPORT IS SEEING TWICE THE TRAFFIC IT DID JUST TWO MONTHS AGO. THE REASON -- A NEW AIRLINE PEOPLE ARE ACTUALLY USING, AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT. MORE PEOPLE ARE CHECKING IN AND LANDING INTO COLUMBIA'S AIRPORT. IT'S JOHN GRAVES FIRST TIME FLYING OUT OF COLUMBIA, AND HE SAYS HE WILL DEFINITELY DO IT AGAIN. FOR THE FIRST SEVENTEEN DAYS OF SERVICE IN SEPTEMBER, THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS USING MESABA AIRLINES AT THE AIRPORT WAS 770. THE PREVIOUS CARRIER, AIR MIDWEST, ONLY AVERAGED 497 PASSENGERS PER MONTH IN ITS LAST SIX MONTHS OF SERVICE.

					A TYPICAL FLIGHT FROM ST. LOUIS TO WASHINGTON D.C. ON ORBITZ DOT COM WOULD COST 258 DOLLARS IF YOU LEFT IN JANUARY. DURING THE SAME TIME, TO LEAVE FROM COLUMBIA, IT WOULD COST 326 DOLLARS. PASSENGERS SAY THEY ARE FINDING IT EASIER AND FASTER TO FLY OUT OF COLUMBIA'S AIRPORT AND WILL CONTINUE TO USE IT IN THE FUTURE. THIS EARLY SUCCESS HAS LOCALS EXCITED. BUT SO FAR, NO AIRLINE HAS NOT REALLY HAD LONG TERM SUCCESS AT COLUMBIA REGIONAL AIRPORT SINCE IT WAS BUILT IN 1969.
Education	**KOMU News at Ten**	**9/24**	**10 pm**	**:25**	COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS DECIDED TODAY IT WILL MOVE TOWARD A MORE TRADITIONAL METHOD OF TEACHING MATH IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. TAKING INTEGRATED MATH OUT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM DOESN'T CHANGE STUDENTS' LEARNING OBJECTIVES... JUST THE WAY MATH IS TAUGHT. INTEGRATED MATH IN SCHOOLS HAS BEEN A HOTLY DEBATED TOPIC THIS SCHOOL YEAR. THE DECISION WILL NOT AFFECT COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOLS OR MIDDLE SCHOOLS. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BACKGROUND TO THIS ISSUE... VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT KOMU-DOT-COM.
Health	**KOMU News at Five**	**9/25**	**5 pm**	**:25**	DOCTORS CAN NOW COMBINE CANCER SURGERY AND PLASTIC SURGERY INTO A SINGLE PROCEDURE FOR BREAST CANCER PATIENTS. FOR WOMEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE PHYSICAL RAMIFICATIONS OF CANCER TREATMENT AN ONCOPLASTY MAY BE THE ANSWER. THE PROCEDURE WHICH MARRIES PLASTIC SURGERY TECHNIQUES TO THE TREATMENT OF BREAST CANCER IN A SINGLE OPERATION. IT IS ALSO BEING USED FOR MASTECTOMY PATIENTS BY APPLYING BREAST AUGMENTATION TECHNIQUES, WHICH LEAVES PATIENTS WITH LESS SCARRING.

Crime	**KOMU News at Six**	**9/26**	**6 pm**	**:20**	FOUR TEENAGERS FELL FOR THE BAIT, A BAIT CAR THAT IS. COLUMBIA POLICE SAY THE TEENS TRIED TO GET INTO A BAIT CAR STATIONED AT THE CORNER OF PROVIDENCE AND WILKES BOULEVARD. IT HAPPENED AT ABOUT THREE A-M, LESS THAN A DAY AFTER OFFICERS PUT THE CAR IN PLACE. THE SUSPECTS, AGES 15 AND 16 FACE TAMPERING AND JUVENILE DELIQUENCY CHARGE.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**9/27**	**10 pm**	**:55**	IT'S DAY TWO OF THE OFFSHORE SUPER SERIES POWER BOAT RACE AT THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS. THE LOUD RUMBLING AND THE DIE HARD RACE FANS MAKES THE SPEED BOAT RACE FEEL A LITTLE LIKE NASCAR ON WATER. 30-THOUSAND BOATING FANS FOUND WHAT EVER STANDING ROOM THEY COULD JUST TO CATCH A GLIMPSE OF THE SPEED BOATS. BOATERS FLY AROUND A THREE POINT COURSE AT 150 TO 200 MILES PER HOUR... WITH THE HIGH SPEED POWER BOATS DOCKED ON THE LAKE... HOTELS ARE BOOKED FOR THE THREE DAY EVENT. UNLIKE NASCAR THE DRIVERS NEVER KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE RACE TRACK. THE SUPER SERIES BOAT RACES CONTINUE TOMORROW STARTING AT 11 A-M AT THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS. THE RACERS ARE CRUISING FOR THE NATIONAL SPEED RACING CROWN AT THE HORNY TOAD.
Government	**KOMU News at Ten**	**9/28**	**10 pm**	**:25**	KENNY HULSOF'S CAMPAIGN FOR GOVERNOR IS POINTING THE SPOTLIGHT ON THE 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT. RURAL VOTERS MAY BE THE KEY VOTE IN THIS RACE. REPUBLICAN BLAINE LUETKEMEYER IS FROM ST. ELIZABETH IN MILLER COUNTY; IT'S A TOWN WITH LESS THAN 300 PEOPLE. DEMOCRAT JUDY BAKER LIVES OUTSIDE OF COLUMBIA AND IS IN A NEIGHBORHOOD SURROUNDED BY

					FARMERS. THIS IS CONSIDERED A HOT RACE NATIONALLY. MANY NATIONAL PARTY ORGANIZATIONS ARE FUNNELING A LOT OF TIME AND MONEY INTO THIS RACE.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Five**	**9/29**	**5 pm**	**:40**	PARTLY POLITICAL, PARTLY PUBLIC SERVICE, A GROUP WANTS CLEANER ENERGY FOR COLUMBIA. AFTER RECENT SUCCESS WITH WIND POWER IN THE MISSOURI TOWN OF ROCK PORT, VOLUNTEERS ON THE MU CAMPUS WANT WIND POWER TO SWEEP ACROSS THE STATE. IF WIND POWER WERE USED, THEN MISSOURI WOULD GET LESS POLLUTION, MORE JOBS AND A SAVINGS OF 330 MILLION DOLLARS OVER 20 YEARS. THE ORGANIZATION CLEAN-ENERGY-WORKS-FOR-MISSOURI WILL BE CAMPAIGING MORE ON THE MU CAMPUS THIS WEEK. DETAILS ON THE JOBS THAT MIGHT BE CREATED IN A SWITCH TO WIND POWER ARE ON KOMU-DOT-COM.
Health	**KOMU News at Six**	**9/30**	**6 pm**	**:50**	WITH THE ECONOMIC CRISIS UP FRONT, IT'S EASY TO MISS OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES. BUT AMERICA'S RETIRED POPULATION IS ALSO FOCUSED ON HEALTHCARE. THE MISSOURI CHAPTER OF A-A-R-P TRAVELED ACROSS THE STATE PROMOTING AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE. THE GROUP TRAVELED FROM LEE'S SUMMIT TO ST. LOUIS BY AMTRAK TRAIN. THE A-A-R-P WANTS VARIOUS VOTING GROUPS TO DEMAND THAT POLITICANS MAKE AN IRON-CLAD COMMITMENT TO HEALTH CARE REFORM. EXACTLY WHAT KIND OF HEALTH CARE REFORM DOES A-A-R-P WANT? READ THE DETAILS AT KOMU-DOT-COM.