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1st QUARTER ISSUES: CONSUMER ISSUES, CRIME, DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, EDUCATION, JOBS/ECONOMY

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE	PROGRAM/ SEGMENT	DATE	TIME	DURATION	NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT
HEALTH	KOMU News at Six	1/1	6 pm	2:00	THE MAYOR'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS WANTS COLUMBIA TO GET HEALTHIER. TODAY WAS THE FIRST YEAR OF HAPPY NEW U. A THREE HOUR EVENT...FREE TO THE PUBLIC...TO PROMOTE LOCAL FITNESS OPTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR. HAPPY NEW U BROUGHT MEIR AND MANY OTHERS TOGETHER TO JUMP START HEALTH RESOLUTIONS.
CRIME	KOMU News at Six	½	6pm	1:00	CALLAWAY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT IS INVESTIGATING A HERMANN WOMAN WHO WAS CHARGED WITH THREE COUNTS OF STATUTORY RAPE. SARAH BROWN OF HERMANN POSTED HER BAIL ON DECEMBER 31ST AFTER BEING CHARGED WITH THE ASSAULT OF A 13 YEAR OLD BOY. THE ALLEGED SEXUAL ASSAULT HAPPENED IN CALLAWAY COUNTY. THE PROSECUTOR THERE SAYS THE TWENTY TWO YEAR OLD GAVE ALCOHOL TO THE YOUNG CALLAWAY COUNTY BOY AND THEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED HIM ON THREE OCCASIONS BETWEEN THE TWENTY-SIXTH OF MAY AND THE 30TH OF JUNE. THE BOY'S MOTHER ALLOWED BROWN TO WATCH OVER HER CHILDREN WHILE SHE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL

					AND HER HUSBAND WAS TRAVELING FOR WORK. THE YOUNG BOYS MOTHER SAYS HER SON IS GOING THROUGH A HARD TIME BUT IS WORKING WITH A CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER TO GET THROUGH THIS TRAMATIC EVENT.
CRIME	**KOMU News at Six**	**1/5**	**6pm**	**1:00**	BLOOD, DRUGS AND BULLETS.... THE ARRESTS AND SHOOTINGS AT GATEHOUSE APARTMENTS MARKS AN INCREASE IN CRIME THAT POLICE HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT. BULLET HOLES ARE LEFT OVER FROM SATURDAY OR ONE OF THE THREE OR FOUR OTHER INSTANCES OF GUNFIRE AT GATEHOUSE APARTMENTS IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS. IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS POLICE HAVE BEEN CALLED TO GATEHOUSE APARTMENTS 135 TIMES, WITH 27 OF THESE CALLS BEING PHYSICAL OR VERBAL DISTURBANCES. NOW, THIS AMOUNT FOR THIS QUARTER IS DOUBLE WHAT IT WAS LAST YEAR. THOUGH POLICE DON'T KNOW WHAT CAUSED THE INCREASE AND THE APARTMENT MANAGEMENT COMPANY REFUSES TO TALK, POLICE DO SAY THE APARTMENT COMPLEX NEEDS TO DO A BETTER JOB OF PRE-SCREENING TENANTS.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU News at Six**	**1/5**	**6pm**	**2:00**	GOVERNOR-ELECT JAY NIXON IS ONLY A WEEK AWAY FROM TAKING OFFICE. AND THERE'S NO DOUBT THE TROUBLED ECONOMY WILL BE HIS FIRST FOCUS. TO HELP BUSINESSES GROW, NIXON ANNOUNCED THE SHOW ME JOBS INITIATIVE WHICH WILL PROVIDE LOW-INTEREST LOANS, A BIGGER MISSOURI JOBS PROGRAM, AND MORE JOB TRAINING. IN ADDITION, THE NIXON PLAN WILL COORDINATE STATE ACTIONS WITH FEDERAL EFFORTS, ESTABLISH A

					TASK FORCE TO RE-TOOL MISSOURI'S AUTO INDUSTRY, AND EXPAND MISSOURI BUSINESS. BUT FUNDING FOR NIXON'S PLAN WILL COME OUT OF THE DREAM INITIATIVE , THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR MISSOURI. IT'S A PLAN FOR IMPROVING THE DOWNTTOWN DISTRICT OF SMALL MISSOURI CITIES -- MOST SMALL TOWN OFFICIALS LIKE IT. DOWNTOWN AREAS OF SMALL TOWNS LIKE MEXICO ARE NOT NECESSARILY LOOKING FOR MORE JOBS. PHILLIP IMAN OWNS A PAINT STORE IN MEXICO AND SAYS ADDING MORE JOBS ISN'T A PRIORITY IN EXPANDING HIS SMALL-TOWN BUSINESS.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at 10pm**	**1/6**	**10pm**	**2:40**	THE RECESSION IS TAKING A HIT ON THE LEASING BUSINESS. IT'S NOT NECESSARILY BUSINESS AS USUAL FOR COMPANIES THAT LEASE LOCATIONS FOR OTHER BUSINESSES. WE ALL KNOW WHEN IT COMES TO REAL-ESTATE WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT IS LOCATION--LOCATION--LOCATION. AND NOW, THERE'S PLENTY FOR RETAILERS TO CHOOSE FROM. WHILE NATION WIDE NUMBERS SHOW A ROUGH ECONOMY, AT LEAST ONE LOCAL BUSINESS IS IN THE BLACK. AESTHETIC STUDIO BY NAILS ONLY'S MARY PIPER HAS MOVED HER BUSINESS TO FOUR DIFFERENT LOCATIONS IN COLUMBIA. BUT NOW, SHE IS ON A SEVEN YEAR LEASE. THE FORUM DEVELOPMENT GROUP IS IN CHARGE OF LEASING LOCATIONS TO BUSINESSES LIKE PIPER'S. DESPITE SOME EMPTY SUITES,THE BUSINESS BEHIND THE BUSINESS IS FINDING NEW WAYS TO STAY

					IN BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU News at Six**	**1/6**	**6pm**	**2:50**	LAWMAKING IN THE MIDST OF A RECESSION. MISSOURI LAWMAKERS ARE SET TO CONVENE IN JEFFERSON CITY AS SOON AS NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE SWORE IN ON JANUARY 6, 2009. LAWMAKERS WERE SCURRYING ABOUT THE CAPITOL TODAY. AND SOME OF THEM WERE GEARING UP FOR THE DEBATING WARS ONCE AGAIN, MANY OF THEM ABOUT BUDGET PROBLEMS. LAWMAKERS FROM BOTH THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE WERE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, PREPARING BILLS, AND COMPROMISING ISSUES. SOME ARE GOING TO PROMOTE IMPROVEMENTS ON PROGRAMS ALL READY IN PLACE. THERE WERE OTHER LAWMAKERS PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES TO BILLS THAT WILL AT LEAST COMMITTEE DEBATE, AND MAYBE FLOOR ACTION IN THE COMING WEEKS. BUT THE ECONOMIC RECESSION DOES NOT TAKE AWAY ANY OF THE EXCITEMENT FROM NEW PEOPLE MOVING IN TO THE STATE CAPITOL. "IT LOOKS TO BE A LIVELY SESSION, AND I LOOK FORWARDS TO WORKING WITH EVERYBODY, THIS YEAR WE HAVE A NEW GOVERNOR A LOT OF NEW MEMBERS, SO IT WILL BE FUN GETTING TO KNOW EVERYBODY AND HEARING WHAT THEIR PRIORITIES ARE TO TRY TO WORK TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL," SAID MEXICO REPRESENTATIVE STEVE HOBBS. THE NEW LEGISLATIVE SESSION IS SCHEDULE TO START AT NOON. AND GOVERNOR-ELECT JAY NIXON IS EXPECTED TO BE SWORE IN ON JANUARY 12TH.
Education	**KOMU News at Six**	**1/6**	**6pm**	**2:30**	MONEY, SOME SAY IT MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND. EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT MONEY IS- HOW YOU SPEND

					IT, WHERE YOU KEEP IT IS A DIFFERENT STORY. SIXTH GRADERS AT THOMAS JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL MIGHT KNOW MORE THAN THE AVERAGE KID BUT THEY'RE GETTING SOME HELP. GINGER KOLB IS JUST ONE CENTRAL BANK EMPLOYEE WORKING WITH STUDENTS IN JEFFERSON CITY AND TEACHING THEM ABOUT MONEY. THE PRESENTATION IS CALLED *BANK ON IT* AND EACH GRADE IS GETTING A LESSON. IN THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES IT'S IMPORTANT TO EDUCATE KIDS ON WHAT'S GOING ON.CENTRAL BANK HAS A CLASS FOR ALL AGES IN THE JEFFERSON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.
Government	**KOMU News at Six**	**1/7**	**6pm**	**2:20**	LEGISLATORS HEAD BACK TO WORK AT THE STATE CAPITOL. THE FIGURE HEADS OF THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY CALLED THE BODIES TO ORDER THIS AFTERNOON. AS FRIENDS AND FAMILY LOOKED ON FROM THE GALLERIES LEGISLATORS TOOK THEIR OATH OF OFFICE, ELECTED LEADERSHIP AND LOOKED TO THE DIFFICULT CHALLENGES AHEAD. IN THE MISSOURI GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE FIRST DAY OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION IS ABOUT SYMBOLISM AND CELEBRATION. LEGISLATORS ASSEMBLED IN JEFFERSON CITY KNOW THEY FACE DIFFICULT DECISIONS IN THE YEAR AHEAD. AT THE STATE HOUSE MANY QUESTION WHETHER BIPARTISAN RELATIONSHIPS WILL MAKE IT FROM CAMPAIGN PROMISES TO REALITY WHEN IT COMES TIME TO MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS. BOTH PARTIES SAY THEY'RE READY TO HELP THE STATE CHANGE DIRECTION.

Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/7**	**10pm**	**2:00**	THE PRESIDENT-ELECT IS STARRING AT SOME TOUGH TO SWALLOW NUMBERS OUT TODAY, A DEFICIT OF MORE THAN A TRILLION DOLLARS FOR THE YEAR AND NEARLY 700 THOUSAND AMERICAN JOBS LOST LAST MONTH ALONE. THE NEWS HAS MANY EVERYDAY AMERICANS SHOCKED AND STRUGGLING. AT ATLANTA'S SILVER SKILLET DINER... THEY'RE STILL MAKING BISCUITS..BUT THESE DAYS .. THE OTHER KIND OF DOUGH IS HARDER TO COME BY. BUSINESS OFF SO MUCH, OWNER JEFF BRACKENRIDGE AND HIS WIFE HAVE STOPPED TAKING A SALARY, TRYING TO KEEP THE DOWNTOWN INSTITUTION ALIVE. A LITTLE FARTHER NORTH IN BELMONT, NORTH CAROLINA, TEXTILE MILL R.L. STOWE COULDN'T STAY AFLOAT AFTER MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS IN BUSINESS.WHILE ALCOA... THE WORLD'S LARGEST ALUMINUM MAKER IS NOW CUTTING 13 THOUSAND JOBS, AS ORDERS PLUMMET FOR THE METAL USED IN NEW CARS. THE ADP EMPLOYER SERVICES REPORT, PREDICTS A NATIONWIDE LOSS OF 693,000 JOBS IN DECEMBER- AND TODAY, THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE FORECAST AN UNPRECEDENTED DEFICIT OF $1.19 TRILLION DOLLARS IN 2009- A FIGURE THAT LED PRESIDENT ELECT BARACK OBAMA TO CALL THE SITUATION "DIRE." OBAMA PROMISES TO CONTROL FEDERAL SPENDING IN THESE TOUGH TIMES BY REFORMING SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE.

Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/8**	**10pm**	**1:30**	LOW GIFT CARD SALES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON DIDN'T INCLUDE AN INDUSTRY YOU WOULDN'T EXPECT. RETAIL GIFT CARD SALES WERE DOWN THIS HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON. BUT PEOPLE DID DECIDE TO GIVE THE GIFT OF LIGHT AND HEAT. UTILITY COMPANIES ACROSS THE NATION REPORTED GROWTH IN THEIR GIFT CARD SALES. THE GENERAL CONSENSUS IS IN TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES THE BEST GIFTS A PERSON CAN GIVE ARE THE BASIC NECESSITIES. THE ARMY WOULDN'T WANT TO CHANGE THE WAY IT CURRENTLY PROVIDES UTILITY ASSISTANCE, BUT WOULD BE HAPPY TO BE A MIDDLE MAN FOR A CARD DONOR AND A NEEDY FAMILY.
Government	**KOMU News at Six**	**1/8**	**6pm**	**2:00**	A SHOCKING ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SENATOR KIT BOND AT THE CAPITOL TODAY. AFTER 40- YEARS AS A POLITICIAN REPRESENTING MISSOURI, BOND ANNOUNCED ON THE HOUSE FLOOR TODAY QUOTE "THAT'S ENOUGH." SENATOR BOND IS UP FOR RE-ELECTION IN 2010 AND HE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HE WILL NOT SEEK A FIFTH TERM. THIS NEWS CAME AS A SURPRISE AFTER JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO HE SAID HE WAS PLANNING TO RUN AGAIN. KIT BOND BECAME MISSOURI'S YOUNGEST GOVERNOR BACK IN 1973. IT WAS IN 1986 HE BECAME A U.S. SENATOR, AND HE IS NOW IN HIS FOURTH TERM. TODAY, HE TOLD THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FORTY YEARS WAS ENOUGH. HE ASSURED PEOPLE IT WAS **NOT** BECAUSE OF HIS HEALTH. HE WAS ALSO INSISTENT HE **DOESN'T** KNOW WHO WILL TAKE HIS PLACE. WHAT HE WAS SURE OF IS HE NEEDS MORE TIME WITH LOVED ONES

					HE SAID HE DECIDED TO END HIS RUN IN THE U.S. SENATE WITH HIS FAMILY DURING THE HOLIDAYS. THIS LEAVES MANY MISSOURIANS WONDERING WHO WILL TAKE HIS PLACE.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU NEWS at Ten**	**1/9**	**10pm**	**1:30**	COLUMBIA WATER AND LIGHT HAS A NEW PLAN FOR DEALING WITH CONTAMINANTS IN CITY WATER. WATER AND LIGHT SAYS AMMONIA WILL LOWER THE NUMBER OF CANCER-CAUSING TRIHALOMETHANES OR T-H-M'S IN THE WATER. THE CHEMICAL IS THE RESULT OF CHLORINE TREATMENT. WATER AND LIGHT SAYS CHLORINE IS TOO IMPORTANT TO LEAVE OUT AND IS STILL ITS BEST OPTION. THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ARE DOING TESTS TO FIND HOW MUCH AMMONIA IT WILL TAKE. THE COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL LIKES THE PLAN, AND WILL VOTE WHETHER TO SPEND TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE SYSTME COULD BE OPERATIONAL BY SUMMER. THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SAYS THERE ARE NO HEALTH RISKS DRINKING THE AMOUNT OF AMMONIA COLUMBIA WOULD ADD TO THE WATER.
Crime	**KOMU News at Six**	**1/9**	**6pm**	**1:30**	POLICE ARRESTED FIVE WOMEN YESTERDAY IN COLUMBIA, IN A PROSTITUTION STING.THE ARREST WAS THE RESULT OF AN UNDERCOVER OPERATION THAT TOOK MONTHS TO DEVELOP. JUST FEET AWAY FROM I-70, COLUMBIA POLICE SET UP SHOP FOR A

					PROSTITUTION STING. THIS QUALITY INN WAS WHERE POLICE SAY 23-YEAR-OLD CANDRA GARCIA OFFERED SEX FOR MONEY, BUT SHE DIDN'T COME ALONE. SHE SHOWED UP TO THE CALL WITH TWO KIDS. POLICE ARRESTED GARCIA FOR PROSTITUTION AND ENDANGERING HER 4 AND 2 YEAR OLDS. CONCERNED CITIZENS CALLED THE COLUMBIA POLICE AND COMPLAINED ABOUT ADULT PERSONAL SERVICES ADS, AND LISTINGS ON THE WEBSITE CRAIGSLIST. FOR COLUMBIA POLICE CAPTAIN STEPHEN MONTICELLI, THERE'S A CYCLE THAT SEEMS FAMILIAR. ALSO ARRESTED WERE FOUR OTHER WOMEN RANGING IN AGE FROM 22 TO 30. AND AS FOR GARCIA'S CHILDREN, IT'S UP TO THE COURTS TO DECIDE.
Government	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/10**	**10pm**	**1:30**	WORK IS UNDERWAY FOR MISSOURI'S NEW GOVERNOR. MONDAY IS A FULL DAY OF EVENTS ON THE BIG DAY FOR GOVERNOR-ELECT JAY NIXON. THE STAGE IS ALMOST SET... FOR GOVERNOR-ELECT JAY NIXON'S INAUGURATION. AFTER HE'S SWORN IN.....THE PARTY WILL BEGIN! "THEN THEY WILL DO THE MISSOURI WALTZ AND AFTER THAT IT OPENS UP TO THE PUBLIC AND EVERYBODY CAN JOIN AND JOIN THE GOVERNOR ON THE DANCE FLOOR," SAID EVENT COORDINATOR, SILVIA MATTOS. IT MAY LOOK SIMPLE, BUT CREWS HAVE SPENT MONTHS PREPARING FOR THE GOVERNOR'S BIG DAY. CREWS HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO GET EVERYTHING READY. AND WITH MONEY TIGHT, MATTOS SAYS NIXON

					ASKED FOR A MORE MODEST CEREMONY. AND THIS YEAR'S FESTIVITIES MARK THE 55TH TIME A MISSOURI GOVERNOR WILL TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE.
Health	**KOMU News at 10**	**1/11**	**10pm**	**2:20**	DRUGS PRESCRIBED TO PREVENT SOME OF THE MORE DISTRESSING SYMPTOMS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE CAN DOUBLE THE RISK OF PATIENTS DYING. THE ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST FOUND SOME PATIENTS DIED WHEN GIVEN SO-CALLED ANTI-PSYCHOTIC DRUGS. DIAGNOSED WITH DEMENTIA IN HIS EARLY 40S LYNNE RAMSAY'S LATE HUSBAND DAVID WAS TREATED WITH MEDICINES NOTED AS ANTI PSYCHOTICS TO CALM HIM DOWN BUT LYNNE SAYS THIS WAS AGAINST HER EXPLICIT WISHES AND CAUSED HIM TO DEVELOP A PAINFUL BENT NECK. SHE'S FURIOUS AT CARE HOME'S USE OF WHAT'S DUBBED A CHEMICAL COSH. THE STUDY FOUND THAT ANTI-PSYCHOTIC DRUGS DOUBLED THE RISK OF DYING EARLY IF USED LONG TERM. IT'S ESTIMATED THIS CAUSES MORE THAN 20-THOUSAND PEOPLE A YEAR TO DIE PREMATURELY. DOCTORS SAY THE DRUGS SHOULD ONLY BE USED WHEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. BUT THIS DOCTOR SAYS USED CORRECTLY ANTI PSYCHOTIC DRUGS HELPED HIS AGED MOTHER. "SHE SEEMED CALMER...SHE STILL MIGHT NOT KNOW WHO I WAS BUT SHE WASN'T AGGRESSIVE TOWARD ME NOR THE PEOPLE AROUND WHOM SHE WAS SITTING," SAID ALZHIEMER'S EXPERT DR. FRANK ABRAMSON. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAYS THE CHEMICAL COSH ISSUE IS TO BE ADDRESSED IN A NATIONAL DEMENTIAL STRATEGY DUE OUT SOON.
Government	**KOMU News**	**1/12**	**6pm**	**1:45**	THE NEW GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

	at Six				TOOK HIS OATH OF OFFICE THIS AFTERNOON. AMONG THE MISSOURIANS LOOKING ON... PEOPLE OF ALL AGES. INCLUDING A TEN YEAR-OLD WHO GOT THE DAY OFF TO WITNESS HISTORY AS A CONDUCTOR STRUCK UP THE BAND, AND POLITICIANS TOOK THE PODIUM... SOME WIDE, WISE EYES A LITTLE SHORTER THAN THE REST. "MY MOM JUST CAME AND WOKE ME UP AND SAID I HAD A CHOICE... I COULD GO TO SCHOOL OR GO OUT WITH MY DAD TO JEFF CITY," SAID INAUGURATION SPECTATOR CHRISTIAN MAGLASANG. A CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT GOVERNMENT. AS CHRISTIAN LEARNS ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S ROLE, NIXON LEARNS HOW TACKLE THE CHALLENGES OF THE JOB.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/12**	**10pm**	**1:50**	THE CANDIDATES ARRIVED IN COLUMBIA TODAY, TWO FROM MISSOURI AND TWO FROM TEXAS... BUT **ALL** WITH THEIR EYES ON THAT EMPTY POLICE CHIEF SPOT. AFTER BEING INTERVIEWED THIS AFTERNOON, THE CANDIDATES ARRIVED AT THE ARC, READY TO PLEAD THEIR CASES -- THIS TIME, TO THE COMMUNITY. LOTS OF TALKING, AND LOTS OF QUESTIONS FOR THE FOUR CANDIDATES WHO **COULD** BECOME ONE OF COLUMBIA'S BIGGEST FIGURES. AND IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE CITY...THIS TIME, EVERYONE HAS A PART. CITIZENS WERE INVITED TO A 'ROUND-TABLE' DISCUSSION WITH EACH CANDIDATE...THEN ASKED TO GIVE THEIR INPUT ON THE CANDIDATES. COMMUNITY INPUT IS JUST ONE ASPECT, THOUGH -- THE CANDIDATES WILL ALSO MEET WITH CITY OFFICIALS. THE FOUR UP FOR THE JOB INCLUDE WAYNE MCCOY, POLICE CHIEF OF BLUE SPRINGS.

					TODD MILLER, MOST RECENTLY POLICE CHIEF OF TERRELL, TEXAS. KENNETH BURTON, POLICE CHIEF OF HALTOM CITY, TEXAS. AND CHRISTINE LAUGHLIN, POLICE MAJOR IN KANSAS CITY. FOUR CANDIDATES POISED TO TAKE THE TOP JOB...AFTER A LONG ROAD OF ANTICIPATION.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/12**	**10pm**	**1:30**	IF YOU HAVE HAD A HARD TIME FIGURING OUT YOUR MONTHLY CREDIT CARD STATEMENT, HELP IS ON THE WAY. THE GOVERNMENT IS FORCING A MAKEOVER. THE HOPE IS THAT BY MAKING STATEMENTS EASIER TO READ, AMERICANS WILL GET A BETTER HANDLE ON THEIR FINANCES. ULTRA FINE PRINT, CONFUSING EXPLANATIONS, MISSING INFORMATION. AT CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE, THEY'VE HEARD EVERY COMPLAINT ABOUT CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS. BUT NOW THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING ACTION, FORCING CREDIT CARD ISSUERS TO MAKE THEIR STATEMENTS EASIER TO READ AND UNDERSTAND. IN ADDITION TO TRANSACTION AND PAYMENT INFORMATION, IT WILL BE EASIER TO SEE IF YOUR INTEREST RATE HAS CHANGED, HOW MANY SERVICE FEES YOU'VE PAID, AND THE AMOUNT OF INTEREST YOU'RE SHELLING OUT. THE IDEA IS SIMPLE, KNOWLEDGE IS POWER. BUT IT WILL MEAN NOTHING IF CONSUMERS DON'T TAKE ACTION THEMSELVES. CREDIT CARD ISSUERS MUST CHANGE THE WAY THEIR STATEMENTS LOOK BY THE SUMMER OF 2010. BUT SOME COMPANIES ARE EXPECTED TO ROLL OUT THEIR MAKEOVERS MUCH SOONER.

Education	**KOMU News at Six**	**1/13**	**6pm**	**2:00**	LAST NIGHT, COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ANNOUNCED THEY WILL NOT RECOMMEND A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE TO OFFSET THE BUDGET DEFICIT. THAT MEANS THE BOARD MUST NOW FIND SOME OTHER WAY TO CLOSE THE MONEY GAP. AT THIS POINT, COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE FACING A PROJECTED 3.2 MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT. THE FIRST PLAN WAS TO LEVY NEW TAXES, BUT THE BOARD DECIDED AGAINST THAT... MEMBERS SAY COLUMBIA RESIDENTS ARE ALREADY STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET. SINCE TAXES ARE OFF THE TABLE, THE BOARD IS LOOKING TO ITS NUMBER ONE EXPENSE: PERSONNEL. STILL, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT RITTER'S PLAN RIGHT NOW IS TO KEEP CUTS OUT OF THE CLASSROOM. IN FACT, ONE PRICIPAL SAYS THAT EVEN IF TEACHERS POSITIONS ARE SAFE, STUDENTS MAY NOT BE IMMUNE. "THE CUSTODIAN IN THE BUILDING, THE FOOD SERVICE WORKER, THE SECRETARY IN THE OFFICE. EVERYTHING AFFECTS STUDENTS. IT PROVIDES SERVICES FOR STUDENTS," SAID HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, MATT JEFFERS. IN THIS TIME OF ECONOMIC TURMOIL, JEFFERS ADDS, THE SCHOOLS NEED TO FIGURE WHAT'S BEST. NOW, THE 3.2 MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT IS ONLY PROJECTED, SO OFFICIALS ARE HOPING THIS NUMBER HOLDS STEADY. NO DECISIONS WILL BE MADE OFFICIAL UNTIL JULY 1, WHICH IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE NEW FISCAL YEAR.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Six**	**1/13**	**6pm**	**2:30**	YOU GET A PHONE CALL FROM A COMPANY WITH A GREAT-SOUNDING OFFER: WE'LL GET YOUR CREDIT CARD INTEREST

					RATES LOWERED, FOR A FEE A PHONE CALL WITH BIG PROMISES SEEM TOO TEMPTING TO PASS UP. "IT SOUNDED SO GOOD TO ME, I THOUGHT OH MY GOODNESS IF I COULD GET THESE CUT DOWN THAT WOULD BE SUCH A HELP TO ME?" SAID WANDA BARNES, CREDIT CONSUMER. CLEANING UP IS A DIFFERENT STORY. "HE ASKED ME WHAT WAS MY HIGHEST INTEREST RATE AND I SAID WELL I BELIEVE WELL IT'S 30.5 AND HE SAID OH THATS WASHINGTON MUTUAL AND I SAID YES IT IS AND HE SAID WELL WE CAN GET THAT LOWERED FOR YOU," SAID BARNES. WHEN BARNE'S NEPHEW OVERHEARD THE INFORMATION HIS AUNT WAS GIVING OUT ON THE PHONE, HE THOUGHT THE NUMBERS DIDN'T ADD UP. HE STARTED HIS OWN RESEARCH, AND WASN'T COMFORTABLE WITH WHAT HE FOUND. WHAT HE SAW IS WHAT THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU SAYS IS CAUSE FOR CAUTION. SCOTT SAYS BUSINESSES THAT ASK FOR MONEY UP FRONT OR TRY TO PRESSURE YOU INTO QUICK DECISIONS ARE ONES YOU SHOULD THINK TWICE ABOUT. BARNES AND HER NEPHEW GEORGE DAY ARE HAPPY THEY DID. "IF THEY SAY IT'S GOING TO BE EASY IF THEY'RE GOING TO LOWER YOUR PAYMENT 50 PERCENT IF THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF ANY OF YOUR DEBTS IN SIX MONTHS THATS OBVIOUSLY NOT TRUE," SAID DAY. THE BARNES, ARE HAPPY THEY CAUGHT AND STOPPED THIS EARLY. OF COURSE THE AGE OLD ADVICE IS IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS. BUT EVEN SAFER, IF YOU'RE FACING TOUGH TIMES, DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH AND MAKE YOUR OWN CALLS.

					THERE ARE CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELORS THAT CAN HELP YOU PAY DOWN YOUR DEBT.JUST BE SURE TO DO YOUR HOMEWORK.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/14**	**10pm**	**1:30**	THE TERM IS WEATHERIZATION, ITS SOMETHING COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATIONS AND LAWMAKERS AGREE IS A BETTER SOLUTION THAN SIMPLY PROVIDING UTILITY BILL ASSISTANCE. THE MISSOURI COMMUNITY ACTION DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION SAYS WEATHERIZATION GETS CONSTRUCTION TEAMS WORKING, THIS MAKES HOMES MORE ENERGY-EFFICIENT. CREATING JOBS AND SAVING ON BILLS IN THE LONG RUN . MEMBERS OF THE MISSOURI COMMUNITY ACTION DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION MEET EVERY MONTH TO TRY AND BETTER RUN THE 19 ORGANIZATIONS THAT HELP LOW INCOME MISSOURIANS. WHILE THEY SIT IN THIS HEATED ROOM THEY TRY TO HELP OTHERS STAY WARM. THEY'RE HOPING FOR A LARGE FUND FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY THIS SUMMER, AND WANT TO BE READY TO USE THE MONEY IN PREPARING MISSOURIAN'S HOMES FOR THE WINTER. THEY HOPE TO GET THE MONEY FROM THE STATE UTILICARE PROGRAM WHICH MOSTLY FUNDS COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS. THE COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATIONS ARE ASKING THE STATE TO INCREASE THE UTILICARE PROGRAM'S BUDGET BY 10 MILLION DOLLARS, A SUM LAWMAKERS WILL BE ABLE TO BETTER ADDRESS WHEN GOVERNOR NIXON RELEASES THE STATE BUDGET.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/14**	**10pm**	**1:30**	IT'S SIX DAYS UNTIL BARACK OBAMA GETS SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT AND ALREADY HE'S LOCKED IN BATTLES WITH CONGRESS OVER TWO BIG ECONOMIC PLANS. THOSE PLANS ARE THE BANKING BAILOUT AND HIS

					STIMULUS PLAN. MAKING MATTERS WORSE... HIS POINT MAN ON BOTH OF THOSE PLANS... IS IN TROUBLE. HIS FRIENDS ON THE HILL SAY THESE ARE BIG TESTS FOR OBAMA, THEY SAY HE WON'T TRY AND PASS THEM THE EASY WAY. THE PRESIDENT ELECT STOOD BEHIND HIS POINT MAN ON THE ECONOMY, EVEN THOUGH HIS SENATE HEARING'S BEEN POSTPONED. OBAMA'S DESIGNATED TREASURY SECRETARY FAILED TO PAY TAXES ON INCOME EARNED FROM '01 TO '03 AT THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND. BUT OBAMA'S STILL IN TROUBLE IN CONGRESS OVER HIS ECONOMIC PLANS. THERE'S TARP, THE BANKING BAILOUT. DID THE FIRST 350 BILLION MAKE CREDIT MORE AVAILABLE? EXPERTS SAID NO. SOME BANKS WON'T ACCOUNT FOR THE FUNDS. SOME REPUBLICANS WON'T OK THE SECOND 350 BILLION. BUT OBAMA SAYS CREDIT IS KEY TO A RECOVERY. HE'S IS PROMISING TO POLICE THE BANKS AND ALLIES SAY OBAMA IS PASSING HIS FIRST TEST. PROBLEM TWO IS OBAMA'S STIMULUS PLAN. SOME ECONOMISTS SAY OBAMA OUGHT TO SPEND A TRILLION DOLLARS ON JOBS. HE WANTS ONE THIRD IN TAX CUTS. OBAMA IS STICKING TO HIS GUN AND WILL GO TO OHIO ON FRIDAY... IN A PRESIDENTIAL STYLE TRIP... TO SELL HIS STIMULUS PLAN.
Government	**KOMU News at Six**	**1/14**	**6pm**	**2:00**	183 LOCAL MOTOR VEHICLE OFFICES AROUND MISSOURI ARE IN PRIVATE HANDS. ON HIS THIRD DAY AS GOVERNOR, JAY NIXON ANNOUNCED PLANS TO REFORM HOW THE STATE

					AWARDS THE OFFICES. ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL NIXON PROMISED TO REFORM THE STATE DRIVERS' LICENSING OFFICES. THE GOVERNOR SAYS UNDER MATT BLUNT AND PREVIOUS GOVERNORS, THE OFFICES WENT TO POLITICAL SUPPORTERS, UNDER A PATRONAGE SYSTEM. UNDER THE NEW RULES, BIDDERS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE AND DRIVER LICENSE OFFICES WILL BE EVALUATED ON A POINT SYSTEM. THEN THE STATE WILL CONSIDER BIDDERS WITH THE MOST POINTS. HERE'S HOW THE STATE WILL EVALUATE BIDDERS: THEY CAN EARN 45 POINTS FOR EFFICIENCY OF OPERATION, 30 FOR FINANCIAL STABILITY AND RELIABILITY, AND 5 FOR A NON-PROFIT OR CIVIC ORGANIZATION BEING INVOLVED,MINORITY OR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES GET FIVE POINTS, AND BIDDERS CAN GET 5 POINTS FOR RETURNING PAST FEES COLLECTED. THIS NEW SYSTEM APPLIES TO NEW BIDDERS AS WELL AS EXISTING OFFICES. NEW BIDDERS WILL HAVE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO EARN THE REQUIRED POINTS. GOVERNOR NIXON WANTS LAWMAKERS TO PASS A MEASURE TO MAKE SURE THIS SYSTEM STAYS IN PLACE FOR YEARS TO COME.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/15**	**10pm**	**1:40**	WE'VE GOT ONE MORE NIGHT OF EXTREMELY COLD TEMPERATURES, WHICH MEANS PIPES FREEZING, FURNACES NOT WORKING, CARS NOT STARTING, AND THE LIST GOES ON AND ON. IT SEEMS WHEN IT GETS THIS COLD... A LOT OF THINGS BREAK. THEY SAY THE BEST WAY TO GUARANTEE THE CAR WILL RUN IN THE MORNING IS TO MAKE SURE THE FLUIDS DON'T FREEZE, THE BATTERY HOLDS CHARGE

					AND THE TIRES ARE AT PRESSURE. AFTER THE DRIVE TO GET YOUR CAR WARMED UP, IS YOUR FURNACE READY FOR EXTREME COLD TEMPERATURES AND LONG RUNS IT'LL TAKE TO KEEP YOUR HOUSE WARM. A CLEAN AIR FILTER MAKES IT EASIER FOR THE FURNACE TO WORK. PREVENTING TROUBLE THROUGH ROUTINE MAINTENANCE IS THE BEST WAY TO AVOID ENDING STUCK IN COLD. MECHANICS SAY CARS ONLY NEED 30 SECONDS FOR THE ENGINE TO BE READY TO ROLL. AS FAR AS YOUR FURNACE, IT WORKS LONGER AND HARDER AND IT'S ONLY NATURAL OLDER PARTS CAN BREAK AND NEED TO BE REPLACED.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Six**	**1/15**	**6pm**	**1:45**	ACROSS THE COUNTRY, EVEN THE U-S MAIL IS HAVING HARD TIMES, BUT COLUMBIA APPEARS TO BE AN EXCEPTION TO THE RULE. LOWELL BRANHAM HAS WORKED AS A POSTMAN FOR TWENTY YEARS AND HAS WALKED HIS CURRENT DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA BEAT FOR THE PAST FIVE. "I'M GOING TO RETIRE HERE, I LOVE THIS ROUTE. IT'S GREAT, AND IT'S REAL VARIED, AND YOU GET TO TALK TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE, AND YOU MEET NEW PEOPLE ALL THE TIME. YEAH I LOVE IT, THE VARIEDNESS. YEAH I LOVE IT, THE VARIEDNESS," SAID POSTAL WORKER, LOWELL BRANHAM. THE AMOUNT OF MAIL NATIONWIDE DROPPED BY TEN BILLION PIECES LAST YEAR, AND CITIES LIKE ST. LOIS AND KANSAS CITY ARE SHRINKING STAFF AND CONSOLIDATING ROUTES. BUT LOWELL'S SUPERVISOR SAYS LOWELL WON'T HAVE TO CHANGE. THE COLUMBIA POST OFFICE SAYS MAIL VOLUME DROPPED IN THE LAST YEAR, BUT NOW IT'S PRETTY

					CONSISTENT BECAUSE OF COLUMBIA'S GROWING POPULATION. EVEN FOR THE RURAL ROUTES, THE COLUMBIA POST OFFICE DOESN'T EXPECT CHANGES FOR A COUPLE MONTHS. AS FOR THE HOMES AND BUSINESSES LOWELL DELIVERS THE MAIL TO, EVERYONE'S HAPPY HE'S HERE TO STAY.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/16**	**10pm**	**1:40**	THE CITIES OF SALISBURY AND MOBERLY BOTH FACE PLANT CLOSINGS IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. SALISBURY'S POPULATION IS 12 HUNDRED. THERE JUST AREN'T ENOUGH JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SEVENTY WORKERS WHO'LL BE LAID OFF. IN NORMAL TIMES THE WORKERS WOULD JUST GO TO THE NEAREST BIG CITY TO FIND WORK, BUT NOT NOW. TWENTY MILES EAST IS MOBERLY, A MID SIZED CITY WITH A POPULATION OF FIFTEEN HUNDRED. THEIR CARROLLTON SPECIALTY PRODUCTS FACTORYJUST LAID OFF 200 WORKERS, AND THE RELATIVELY BIG CITY WITH BIG OPPORTUNITES WILL HAVE A THIN JOB MARKET. MOBERLY CITY LEADERS SAY IT'LL BE TOUGH TO FIND JOBS FOR THE CARROLLTON WORKERS, BUT MOST OTHER BUSINESSES IN TOWN ARE DOING WELL.
Crime	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/16**	**10pm**	**1:40**	AS THE TEMPS GO DOWN, THE URGE TO LEAVE CARS RUNNING GOES UP. **THIS** IS AN OPEN INVITATION FOR THEVES TO DRIVE AWAY WITH YOUR SET OF WHEELS. A MID-MISSOURI FAMILY HAD THEIR CAR STOLEN RIGHT OUT FROM BENEATH THEIR NOSES. IT TOOK LESS THAN A MINUTE AND ALL THAT'S LEFT. ARE FOOT PRINTS AND TIRE TRACKS. THIS IS VERY DISTRUBING, IT'S A QUIET

					NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY WERE ON THEIR WAY TO DINNER, AND TURNED THE CAR ON TO WARM IT UP. BUT SOMEONE MANAGED TO LEAVE THIER MARK. CLOSE TO 24 HOURS LATER THE FAMILY RECEIVED A PHONE CALL SAYING THEIR CAR WAS FOUND.THE BLOTZER FAMILY CAN NOW REST A **LITTLE** EASIER, LEAVING THE LIGHT ON. THE BIGGEST LESSON HERE IS TO KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR CAR. ONE THING TO NOTE, THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TELLS US IT IS ILLEGAL TO LEAVE A CAR RUNNING UNATTENDED ON A STREET OR ROAD.
Crime	**KOMU News at Six**	**1/16**	**6PM**	**2:00**	A HARTSBURG WOMAN IS OUT ON BOND AFTER HER ARREST ON SODOMY AND STATUTORY RAPE CHARGES. POLICE SAY MELODY LINK RENTED A HOUSE IN COLUMBIA JUST ACROSS FROM HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL. THERE, THEY SAY SHE HOSTED A 16 YEAR OLD FAMILY FRIEND AND HIS FRIENDS. INVESTIGATORS SAY THAT SEXUAL ACTS OCCURED IN THE HOUSE STARTING AROUND AUGUST. "WE SPOKE WITH THE VICTIM AS WELL AS POTENTIAL WITNESSES TO SEVERAL OF THE INCIDENCES, AND THEN DURING THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION, INVESTIGATORS WERE ABLE TO DEVELOP PROBABLE CAUSE TO MAKE AN ARREST, " SAID COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT SERGEANT KEN HAMMOND. ONE NEIGHBOR DIDN'T NOTICE ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY. SHE NOW WORRIES ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN. PROSECUTORS CHARGED LINK WITH THREE ACCOUNTS OF STATUTORY SODOMY

					AND THREE ACCOUNTS OF STATUTORY RAPE. LINK POSTED A TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND AFTER HER ARREST.
Government	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/17**	**10pm**	**2:00**	PRESIDENT-ELECT BARACK OBAMA IS ON TAP TO BE INNAGURATED ON TUESDAY. SOME MID-MISSOURIANS ARE MAKING THE JOURNEY TO WASHINGTON TO TAKE PART IN THE CEREMONIES. "WHAT'S REQUIRED IS A NEW DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE NOT JUST IN OUR NATION BUT IN OUR OWN LIVES..." SAID PRESIDENT-ELECT BARACK OBAMA. THOSE WORDS MAY BE A PREVIEW OF WHAT'S TO COME EARLY NEXT WEEK. AND BARBARA SCHLEMEIER OF MID- MISSOURI DOESN'T WANT TO MISS ANY OF IT. POLITICS RUN DEEP IN HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE HOPES THIS WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF THEM TO WATCH OBAMA BRING THE WORLD TOGETHER. AND WITH HER TICKET IN HAND SHE HOPES TO WITNESS HISTORY WITH SOME OF HER CLOSEST FRIENDS. SHE'S FLYING, BUT SOME OF THE ATTENDEES ARE TAKING BUSES, AND ONE GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE COLUMBIA TOMORROW. THE CURRENT RECORD FOR MOST PEOPLE AT A PRESIDENTIAL INAUGRATION WAS SET BACK IN 1965 FOR PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON. THERE,1.2 MILLION PEOPLE GATHERED ON THE MALL.
Health	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/18**	**10pm**	**2:00**	TALKING ABOUT SEX HAS COME A LONG WAY SINCE THE 1950'S. AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI RECENTLY TOOK A HUGE STEP IN PROTECTING STUDENT'S SEXUAL HEALTH.

					IT'S NOT SOMETHING ALL PARENTS FEEL COMFORTABLE TALKING ABOUT WITH THEIR KIDS. RECENTLY, THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI HAS INSTALLED FREE CONDOM DISPENSERS IN SOME DORMS. ONE TURN AND STUDENTS CAN HAVE FREE PROTECTION AT THEIR DISPOSAL. SPREAD OUT ACROSS THE CAMPUS, THOUSANDS OF MISSOURI DORM RESIDENTS ARE NOW WITHIN EASY REACH OF CONDOM DISPENSERS. THEIR INSTALLATION CAME AFTER A TWO YEAR DEBATE AMONG STUDENT GROUPS, PARENTS, AND SOME PARTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI COMMUNITY. IT COULD BE A LIFESTYLE NOT ALL PARENTS AGREE WITH. NOW THE STUDENT BODY AT LARGE CAN CHOOSE TO USE THE CONDOM DISPENSERS OR NOT.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/19**	**10pm**	**2:10**	THE OBAMA INAUGURATION DOESN'T COME WITHOUT ITS HEADACHES. THE CONCERTS, THE CROWDS,THE SWEARING-IN, AND THE SECURITY ALL WILL LIKELY HIT HISTORIC MARKS ON TUESDAY. AND THEY ADD UP TO ONE OTHER PIECE OF HISTORY, LIKELY THE MOST EXPENSIVE INAUGURATION EVER. JUST LOOK AT HOW MANY MILLIONS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN WASHINGTON, MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA SAY THEY'RE SPENDING. FEDERAL AND STATE MONEY-- PLUS PRIVATE FUNDS THE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S INAUGURAL COMMITTEE IS RAISING, COULD ADD UP TO MORE THAN 160-MILLION DOLLARS... EASILY SHATTERING RECORDS. STEVE ELLIS OF THE GROUP 'TAXPAYERS FOR

					COMMON SENSE', SAYS A LOT OF THAT IS JUSTIFIED--GIVEN THE SECURITY AND CROWD-CONTROL COSTS FOR HANDLING UP TO 2-MILLION PEOPLE EXPECTED TO COME TO WASHINGTON. HE'S SAYS IT'S THE CELEBRATIONS SURROUNDING THE EVENT THAT MAY NOT STRIKE THE RIGHT TONE, WHEN THE REST OF THE COUNTRY IS HURTING FINANCIALLY. LINDA DOUGLASS OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S INAUGURAL COMMITTEE SAYS THE COSTS ARE HIGHER PARTLY BECAUSE THEY'RE MAKING SO MANY CONCERTS AND BALLS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. BUT LINDA DOUGLASS POINTS ONE WAY THEY'RE TRYING TO MAKE PEOPLE OUTSIDE WASHINGTON FEEL THEY'RE PART OF THIS EVENT-- AND IT'S COMPLETELY COST-FREE. THAT'S PRESIDENT-ELECT OBAMA'S CALL TO PUBLIC SERVICE, TODAY, CALLING ON ALL AMERICANS TO ENGAGE IN SOME KIND OF SERVICE DURING THIS INAUGURATION AND BEYOND.
Consumer Issue	**KOMU News at Six**	**1/20**	**6pm**	**1:40**	AS OF TODAY THE CITY'S BUS SERVICE WILL HAVE MORE PASSENGERS AND NEW ROUTES. JEFFTRAN PASSENGERS NOW HAVE ACCESS TO EIGHT NEW ROUTES AND A BRAND NEW INDOOR WAITING AREA. THE WAITING AREA IS LOCATED ON EAST MILLER STREET, AND IT HAS HEAT, AIR CONDITIONING AND RESTROOMS. THE CHANGES WILL IMPACT RIDERS AND DRIVERS. "IT'S BETTER FOR OUR RIDERS SO, ANYTHING THAT'S GOOD FOR OUR RIDERS, OUR DRIVERS ARE OF COURSE GOING TO LIKE," SAID TRANSIT DIVISION DIRECTOR, RICHARD TURNER. JEFFTRAN STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE NEW TRANSFER SITE TO HELP PASSENGERS.

Education	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/21**	**10pm**	**1:30**	THE FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NOW FINDS ITSELF BATTLING WITH THE TOUGH ECONOMY. IT'S HARD TO MAKE THE MATH WORK THESE DAYS WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO RUN A SCHOOL DISTRICT. FULTON'S, LIKE MOST DISTRICTS THESE DAYS, IS CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS TO MAKE SURE STUDENTS ARE STILL GETTING THE BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE, ON A SHOE-STRING BUDGET.MARK ENDERLE IS PREPARING THE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR. THE PROBLEM IS, THESE NUMBERS MAY FACE CUTS OF UP TO ONE MILLION DOLLARS. HE SAYS WITH SUCH A LARGE CUT, IT IS INEVITABLE THAT MOST PROGRAMS WILL BE AFFECTED. JOB CUTS WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY. BUDGET CUTS WILL REACH THE ONE MILLION DOLLAR MARK IF THE ECONOMY CONTINUES GOING SOUTH. ENDERLE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT ABSOLUTE CHANGES WILL BE NECCESSARY BUT SAYS EVERYONE WILL KNOW MORE AS THE BUDGETING PROCESS CONTINUES. ENDERLE WILL PRESENT THE BUDGET TO THE SCHOOL BOARD IN FEBRUARY.T NEEDS TO BE FINALIZED BY JUNE 30TH. SUPERINTENDENT ENDERLE IS ON HIS WAY OUT.HE STARTS HIS NEW JOB IN FORT OSAGE IN JULY, BUT TOLD ME HE DOESN'T WANT TO LEAVE HIS REPLACEMENT WITH THE BIG JOB OF FIGURING OUT THIS BUDGET.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Six**	**1/21**	**6pm**	**1:25**	MISSOURI CASINOS FACE A CHALLENGE. EVEN THOUGH, CASINO REVENUES IN MISSOURI EXCEED THE NATIONAL AVERAGE, MORE GAMBLERS ARE STAYING HOME. EARLY IN THE DAY AT THE ISLE OF CAPRI, PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO FILL SEATS AT SLOT MACHINES AND CARD TABLES. OVERALL, THE CASINO IS SEEING FEWER VISITORS THAN LAST YEAR.

					SO IT'S OFFERING NEW INCENTIVES FOR THE NEW YEAR. "WE FOCUS A LOT ON PROMOTIONS WHETHER WE GIVE AWAY CASH OR GIVE AWAY MERCHANDISE. CURRENTLY, WE'RE GIVING AWAY A CAR ONCE A MONTH FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS," SAID ISLE OF CAPRI DIRECTOR OF MARKETING, HEATHER RAPP. THE ISLE OF CAPRI CASINO BROUGHT IN ADJUSTED GROSS RECEIPTS OF MORE THAN 82 MILLION DOLLARS LAST YEAR, ABOUT THE SAME AS 2007. MISSOURI HAS 12 CASINOS, THE NEWEST IS LUMIERE PLACE IN ST.LOUIS
Education	**KOMU News at Six**	**1/22**	**6pm**	**1:25**	GOVERNOR NIXON'S PLAN TO MAINTAIN FUNDING AT THE HIGHER EDUCATION LEVEL WAS CIRCULATING IN JEFFERSON CITY TODAY. THE GOVERNOR PROMISES NOT TO CUT HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING THIS YEAR, SO LONG AS STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES DON'T RAISE TUITION. BUT AN EFFORT NIXON SAYS IS VITAL, OTHERS CALL PREMATURE. THE STATE'S HIGHEST RANKING SENATOR SAYS NIXON'S PLAN MEANS INEVITABLE CUTS ELSWHERE. TO OTHER MISSOURI LEADERS THE SACRIFICE IS WORTH IT. GOVERNOR NIXON'S PROPOSAL WOULD MAKE HIGHER EDUCATION IMMUNE TO BUDGET CUTS NEXT YEAR. SENATOR SHIELDS SAYS THAT MEANS CUTS ARE MORE LIKELY FOR HEALTHCARE AND ELEMENATARY AND SECONDARY EDCUATION.
Crime	**KOMU News at Six**	**1/22**	**6pm**	**1:15**	THE MID-MISSOURI INTERNET CRIMES TASK FORCE HOSTED AN OPEN HOUSE TO HELP INFORM NEW LEGISLATORS ABOUT WHAT THEY DO.

					BASICALLY THE MISSOURI INTERNET CRIMES TASK FORCE INVESTIGATES AND NABS ON-LINE SEXUAL PREDATORS. JUST LAST WEEK AGENTS CRACKED A CASE INVOLVING A US ARMY RESERVIST WHO THOUGHT HE WAS COMMUNICATING WITH A TEENAGER. THAT TEENAGER WAS ACTUALLY A DECOY. REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS KELLY SPONSORED TODAY'S OPEN HOUSE. THE GOAL WAS TO EDUCATE NEW LEGISLATORS ABOUT THE WORK THE TASK FORCE DOES. THERE ARE NINE INTERNET CRIMES TASK FORCES THROUGHOUT THE STATE, AND THEY'RE FUNDED THROUGH THE INTERNET CYBER CRIMES GRANT.THIS GRANT IS FUNDED THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE. LAST YEAR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY GAVE 3-MILLION DOLLARS IN FUNDING TO THE GRANT. UNTIL THE TASK FORCES ARE SELF-SUFFICIENT, THEY REQUIRE THE FUNDING FROM THE GRANT. THE MONEY WILL PAY FOR MORE INVESTIGATORS AND THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY. THEY ALSO ASKED THE LAWMAKERS TO ENCOURAGE POLICE AND PROSECUTORS TO GET INVOLVED WITH THEIR LOCAL INTERNET CRIMES TASK FORCE.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/23**	**10pm**	**2:10**	IF THE PRESIDENT GETS HIS ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE PASSED, A TRICKLE DOWN EFFECT IS SURE TO FOLLOW HERE IN MISSOURI. PRESIDENT OMAMA'S STIMULUS PACKAGE CALLS FOR AT LEAST 25-BILLION DOLLARS FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS. CONSIDERING MISSOURI'S HIGHWAY SYSTEM NATIONAL RANKING, IT'S A SAFE BET A LOT OF FEDERAL MONEY COULD BE COMING THIS WAY. STATE LAWMAKERS ARE GEARING UP TO PASS A BILL

					THAT WOULD ALLOW MODOT TO AWARD SINGLE CONTRACTS FOR BIDDERS TO HANDLE BOTH THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND BRIDGES. PROJECTS WOULD BE AWARDED FROM THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE THAT COULD PROVIDE THE STATE AS MUCH AS FIVE-HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS. PROJECTS INCLUDE 137 MILLION DOLARS OF WORK ON INTERSTATES 70, 44, 55, 35 AND 29 AND APPROX. SIXTY MILLION DOLLARS FOR LETTERED AND NUMBERED ROUTES IN RURAL MISSOURI. THE REST WILL GO TO A VARIETY OF OTHER PROJECTS INCLUDING A RAILROAD BRIDGE OVER ROUTE 63 NEAR COLUMBIA. GOVERNOR NIXON WANTS TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO GET EVERY PENNY POSSIBLE FOR THE SHOW-ME STATE.
Health	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/24**	**10pm**	**1:40**	CAN PLAYING BINGO SAVE YOUR LIFE? ONE LOCAL GROUP THINKS SO. THE COLUMBIA CHAPTER OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES HELD A FUNDRAISER. "WE'RE PLAYING BINGO FOR CANCER, BASICALLY, TODAY...WE HAVE A LOT OF FUN HERE...IT'S THE CAMARADERIE OF ALL OF IT AS WELL AS WE'RE DOING SOMETHING FOR A GOOD CAUSE...THERE'S JUST A PRETTY LARGE VARIETY OF CHARITIES THAT WE WORKS TO RAISE MONEY FOR EVERY YEAR," SAID SECRETARY OF LADIES AUXILIARY, SUSIE SAPP. DART TOURNAMENTS, LIQUOR SALES, AND SILENT AUCTIONS BRING THE MONEY IN. BUT THEY'VE COME UP WITH SOME CREATIVE SOLUTIONS, TOO. WHAT LOOKS LIKE A FLAGPOLE IS ACTUALLY A CELL PHONE TOWER, WHICH BRINGS IN SEVEN-HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS A MONTH IN RENT FROM U-S CELLULAR. AND WHEN YOUR HEALTH TAKES A TURN

					FOR THE WORSE, MONEY HELPS. THE F.O.E. IS SELLING AND DELIVERING CHOCOLATE-COVERED STRAWBERRIES FOR VALENTINE'S DAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR HEART RESEARCH
Health	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/25**	**10pm**	**2:00**	THE DRUG, **TAMIFLU,** IS ONE OF THE MAIN ANTI-BIOTICS USED TO FIGHT THE FLU. BUT SCIENTISTS AND DOCTORS ARE SEEING TROUBLING SIGNS OF RESISTANCE AGAINST ONE OF THIS SEASON'S STRAINS. EXPERTS SAY ITS ALMOST HERE, THE DREADED FLU SEASON PEAK USUALLY HITS IN FEBRUARY. GIVE IT TWO OR THREE MORE WEEKS, AND IT MAY BE AT ITS HIGHEST POINT OF THE YEAR. BUT, DOCTORS SAY THEY ARE RUNNING INTO A BIT OF AN ISSUE WHEN TREATING ONE PARTICULAR STRAIN WITH THE MOST COMMON TREATMENT, TAMIFLU. HERE'S WHAT THE DRUG IS SUPPOSED TO DO: IT'S SUPPOSED TO WORK AS AN ANTI-BIOTIC AGAINST THE H1N1 STRAIN AND SHORTEN THE RECOVERY TIME BY 1-2 DAYS. TAMIFLU IS ALMOST ALWAYS COMPLETELY REJECTED THIS YEAR WITH THAT STRAIN OF THE FLU. SCIENTISTS SAY THIS ISNT THE FIRST TIME THEY'VE SEEN PROBLEMS WITH TAMIFLU. AS VIRUSES CHANGE, THERE IS NO WAY SCIENTISTS CAN TELL **THIS YEAR** IF THE ANTI-VIRAL DRUG WILL BE RESISTANT AGAIN NEXT YEAR. DOCTORS SAY ITS HARD TO TELL IF THE DRUG IS RESISTANT, THE ONLY WAY TO TELL, IS IF THE PARTICULAR H-1-N-1 STRAIN IS PRESENT IN THE COMMUNITY.

Government	**KOMU News at Six**	**1/26**	**6pm**	**1:40**	14 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN MISSOURI HAVE SOME SORT OF SMOKING BAN. SO FAR, THE STATE LEGISLATURE HAS LEFT SMOKING RULES UP TO THE CITIES. NOW A STATE LAWMAKER WANTS VOTERS TO DECIDE ON SMOKING, STATEWIDE. PHIL VANDERPOL HAS OWNED THE ECCO LOUNGE IN JEFFERSON CITY FOR 15 YEARS AND SAYS SMOKING HAS NEVER AFFECTED HIS BUSINESS AT LEAST ONE LAWMAKER WANTS TO LETS THE PEOPLE SHOULD VOTE FOR OR AGAINST A SMOKING BAN IN PUBLIC PLACES. THE ST. GENEVIEVE REPRESENTATIVE SAID HE WANTS THE MEASURE TO BE IN LINE WITH THE MISSOURI INDOOR CLEAR AIR ACT. MEANWHILE, VANDERPOL JUST WANTS TO LET HIS CUSTOMERS DO THE TALKING. THE RESOLUTION HAS NOT YET BEEN ASSIGNED TO A COMMITTEE. THE MISSOURI INDOOR CLEAN-AIR ACT IS THE ONLY LAW ON THE BOOKS THAT DEALS WITH SMOKING ON A STATEWIDE LEVEL.
Health	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/27**	**10pm**	**1:30**	WITH MENTAL DISORDERS, LIKE DEPRESSION ON THE RISE FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WANTS TO RAISE AWARENESS. MISSOURI BECAME ONE OF THE FIRST STATES TO USE THE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID PROGRAM. UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI RESIDENCE HALL ADVISOR MICHAEL MORAMARCO DEALS WITH STUDENTS MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS FIRST HAND. HE FEELS MORE STUDENTS SHOULD LEARN WHAT TO DO AND HOW TO HELP THEIR PEERS. THE 12 HOUR MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE TEACHES COLLEGE STUDENTS HOW TO SPOT WARNING SIGNS. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SAYS MORE

					THAN HALF OF MENTAL DISORDERS SHOW UP BEFORE AGE 25. EXPERTS EXPECT DEPRESSION TO BE THE SECOND LEADING ILLNESS BY 2010. THE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID PROGRAM WILL TEACH STUDENTS HOW TO ASSESS, LISTEN, AND ENCOURAGE HELP FROM THE RIGHT SPOT.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Six**	**1/27**	**6pm**	**1:30**	ONE WEEK INTO THE JOB, MISSOURI STATE REPRESENTATIVES REJECTED A BILL TO RAISE THEIR SALARY AND OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS,INCLUDING JUDGES. JOAN FAIRFAX RUNS A LOCAL BAKERY. AND SHE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE A PAY RAISE FOR POLITICANS. "I THINK IT'S QUITE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM TO REJECT IT IN THIS POOR ECONOMY, AND OF COURSE THAT HELPS THE WHOLE STATE. AND THEN THAT SHOWS THEY ARE THERE FOR THE RIGHT REASONS," SAID CHEZ MONET OWNER, JOAN FAIRFAX. SOME SUPPORTERS OF THE BILL SAY LOW PAY FOR OFFICIALS WILL KEEP MORE QUALIFIED PEOPLE FROM EVEN RUNNING FOR ELECTION. FAIRFAX SAYS SHE UNDERSTANDS THE STRAIN OF THE ECONOMY AND THE SACRIFICE POLITICIANS ARE MAKING. MISSOURI LAW REQUIRES THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO TURN DOWN A PAY RAISE OR ELSE IT WILL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY ON FEBRUARY FIRST.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/28**	**10pm**	**1:45**	INTEREST RATES ARE AT AN HISTORIC LOW AND ITS DEFINITELY A BUYERS MARKET. NOW A MISSOURI PROGRAM IS SETTING THE TREND FOR THE NATION WHEN IT COMES TO TURNING AROUND THE HOUSING MARKET. THE MISSOURI HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

					COMMISSION'S TAX CREDIT ADVANCE LOAN PROGRAM PROVIDES AN EASY KICKSTART FOR FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS. THE TAX CREDIT ADVANCE LOAN IS PAIRED WITH HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCING FOR A FIRST-TIME BUYER IN THE FORM OF A THIRTY-YEAR FIXED RATE MORTGAGE. THEY CAN GET UP TO SEVENTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. THE HOMEBUYER THEN FILES FOR THE FEDERAL TAX CREDIT AND USES THE REFUND TO PAY DOWN THE LOAN. THE PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH INCOMES UP TO EIGHT-FIVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. THE TAX CREDIT MONEY ACTS AS A SECOND MORTGAGE FOR BUYERS AND THEY HAVE UNTIL JUNE 2010 TO PAY BACK THE LOAN INTEREST FREE, AFTER THAT,INTEREST KICKS IN.
Education	**KOMU News at Six**	**1/29**	**6pm**	**1:30**	"YOU HAVE 219,000 MISSOURIANS WHO GOT UP THIS MORNING AND DIDN'T GO TO WORK..." IT'S THOSE OUT OF WORK MISSOURIANS JAY NIXON SAYS HE WANTS TO CHANGE HEALTH CARE EDUCATION FOR. NIXON WOULD DO THIS THROUGH A PROSED PLAN TO SPEND 39 POINT 8 MILLION DOLLARS OF STATE MONEY TO EXPAND TEACHING PROGRAMS IN EVERYTHING FROM DENTISRY TO NURSING TO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY. NIXON SAYS THAT EXTRA MONEY WOULD PUT MORE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS ON THE STREET, CREATING MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES. THE DETAILS OF THE PLAN CAME JUST A DAY AFTER NIXON ANNOUNCED THE STATE WOULD NO LONGER FOLLOW THROUGH ON PLANS TO BUILD A NEW CANCER CENTER AT MIZZOU.

					BUT CHANCELLOR DEATON SAYS THE GOVERNOR'S HEALTH EDUCATION PLAN IS A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. NIXON'S ENTIRE BUDGET MUST STILL GO TO A REPUBLICAN LEGISLATURE THAT HAS ALREADY QUESTIONED HIS PLEDGE TO HOLD HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING STEADY, IF SCHOOLS WILL DO THE SAME ON TUITION.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/30**	**10pm**	**1:20**	MID-MISSOURI RELIEF AGENCIES SAY THE RECESSION IS EFFECTING THEM. RELIEF AGENCIES ARE THINNING THE SOUP AS MORE PEOPLE ARE ASKING FOR HELP. THE SALVATION ARMY IS STILL FINDING A WAY TO ASSIST MID-MISSOURIANS WITH LESS TO SHARE. THE ECONOMIC RECESSION IS GIVING THE SALVATION ARMY A RUN FOR IT'S MONEY IN AIDING MID-MISSOURIANS. IN 2008, THE SHELTER HELPED ONE-THOUSAND MORE PEOPLE THAN IN 2007. THE SALVATION ARMY IS DEALING WITH A MAJOR INCREASE IN PEOPLE ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE. PEOPLE ARE ASKING THE SALVATION ARMY FOR MONEY TO PAY UTILITIES, FOOD, AND A PLACE TO STAY. DESPITE THE INCREASE IN NEED, FEWER PEOPLE ARE DONATING MONEY TO THE SHELTER. IT'S NOT ALL BAD NEWS. ONE SHELTER RESIDENT SAYS THE SHELTER'S POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE AND CONNECTIONS HELPED HIM FIND A JOB AT HARDEE'S.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/31**	**10pm**	**2:10**	THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS ARE GRAPPLING WITH SOLUTIONS TO FIX THE ECONOMY AS THE CASE FOR QUICK ACTION IS GROWING STRONGER.

					AND TENS OF THOUSANDS MORE AMERICANS LEARNED THIS WEEK THEY ARE LOSING THEIR JOBS. AROUND THE COUNTRY, FEARS ARE MOUNTING, AS JOBS BECOME EVEN SCARCER, AND PEOPLE'S HOMES AND PORTFOLIO'S CONTINUE TO PLUMMET IN VALUE. IN ORLANDO, FIVE-THOUSAND SNAKED AROUND A CONVENTION CENTER TO GET INTO A JOB FAIR. THIS WEEK ALONE, JOB CUTS IN CORPORATE AMERICA TOTALED MORE THAN 102,000, AT LEAST 22,000 AT CATERPILLAR, 7,000 AT HOME DEPOT, BOEING WILL CUT 10,000 AND STARBUCKS, 6,000. THE BLEAK ECONOMIC OUTLOOK IS STRENGTHENING THE CASE FOR SWIFT ACTION ON A STIMULUS PLAN....ACTION THAT COULDN'T COME SOON ENOUGH FOR JOBSEEKERS LIKE THESE, ACROSS THE COUNTRY.
Health	**KOMU News at Ten**	**2/1**	**10pm**	**2:20**	THE HYPERBARIC CENTERS OPENED JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO AND MANY MID-MISSOURIANS USE THE FACILITIES TO HELP HEAL. LARRY CLARK, A VERY ACTIVE **64**-YEAR-OLD MAN. HE WENT FROM 0 TO 360 15 YEARS AGO WHEN HIS DOCTOR DIAGNOSED HIM WITH CANCER-CARSANOVA OF THE LYMPH NODE, A SECONDARY CANCER. DOCTORS MONITORED HIM. WHEN THE LAB RESULTS CAME BACK CLARK'S DOCTOR WAS SHOCKED TO FIND SOMETHING MISSING INSIDE OF CLARK'S BODY, WEAK FROM LOSS OF MUSCLE YET STRONG ENOUGH TO FIGHT BACK. HIS BODY DESTROYED THE CANCER. BOONE HOSPITAL CENTER TREATS LARRY IN ITS WOUND FACILITY. LARRY'S EARLIER CANCER RADIATION TREATMENTS WEAKENED THE BLOOD CIRCULATION IN HIS BONES. HE NEEDS TREATMENT TO REDEVELOP RED BLOOD CELL LOSS IN HIS JAWBONE IN ORDER TO GET WISDOM TEETH TAKEN OUT.

					20 TREATMENTS DOWN ,10 MORE TO GO. THIS TIME AROUND, LARRY GETS TO PUT ON THE GLOVES FREE FROM WHAT'S BEEN STOPPING HIM...AND NEVER LOOK BACK. BOONE HOSPITAL CENTER USES HYPERBARIC THERAPY ON 5 PERCENT OF ITS PATIENTS. THE REST HEAL WITH STANDARD WOUND CARE MEDICAL THERAPY.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Six**	**2/2**	**6pm**	**2:00**	THOSE WHO KEEP MISSOURI'S WATERS SAFE COULD FIND THEMSELVES IN A PINCH IF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS GO THROUGH. THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR SUMMER SPOTS IN MISSOURI. CURRENTLY, THE MISSOURI WATER PATROL MONITORS THE LAKE WITH 22 OFFICERS. BUT... THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET **RECOMMENDATIONS** OF ALMOST NINE-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CUTS IN 2010 **COULD** PUT THE WATER PATROL IN TROUBLE. PATROLMAN STEPHEN BURGUN JUST FINISHED HIS FIRST YEAR AS AN OFFICER WITH THE MISSOURI STATE WATER PATROL. WATER PATROLMEN LIKE BURGUN MAY BE IN FOR A HARSH REALITY. GOVERNOR JAY NIXON'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2010 CALLS FOR LESS FUNDING AND ELIMINATES 22 POSITIONS IN THE WATER PATROL STATEWIDE. SOME OF THOSE CUTS COULD COME AT THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS. THERE ARE MORE THAN 20 WATER PATROL OFFICERS IN THE LAKE AREA AND ALL OF THEM ARE ON DUTY AT PEAK TIMES LIKE THE FOURTH OF JULY AND MEMORIAL DAY. BURGUN SAYS A REDUCTION WOULD PUT THE LAKE'S SAFETY IN JEOPARDY.
Education	**KOMU News at Ten**	**2/3**	**10pm**	**1:40**	THE TROUBLED ECONOMY DOESN'T SEEM TO BE STOPPING STUDENTS FROM APPLYING.

					RIGHT NOW, MORE THAN 15 THOUSAND APPLICATIONS ARE IN, UP 2,000 FROM LAST YEAR MAKING THAT ALMOST TWO THOUSAND MORE FROM LAST FEBRUARY. THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE SAYS WHILE THE TOTAL NUMBERS ARE UP, OUT OF STATE APPLICATIONS ARE WAY UP. AND FOR REASONS OTHER THAN BIG 12 FOOTBALL. ALMOST 17-HUNDRED MORE OUT-OF-STATERS APPLIED COMPARED TO THIS TIME LAST YEAR. AND WHILE MIZZOU WON'T KNOW THE FINAL ENROLLMENT NUMBERS UNTIL MAY, RESIDENCE HALLS ARE ALREADY PREPARING FOR A BIGGER FRESHMAN CLASS. MU WILL OPEN MID-CAMPUS HOUSING IN ADDITION TO DEFOE AND GRAHAM, MAKING 350 MORE SPOTS ON CAMPUS THAN LAST FALL.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Six**	**2/4**	**6pm**	**1:40**	AFTER JUST A FEW WEEKS IN OFFICE, GOVERNOR JAY NIXON HAS A LOT ON HIS PLATE. NIXON ORGANIZED A COUNCIL TO PLAN HOW MISSOURI WILL USE MONEY FROM THE PROPOSED FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE. NIXON IS RELYING ON HIS ECONOMIC STIMULUS COORDINATION COUNCIL TO COME UP WITH SPENDING PRIORITIES FOR PROPOSED FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY. THE COUNCIL WILL HELP MAXIMIZE THE FUNDS USED FROM THE FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE. ONCE THAT PACKAGE IS RELEASED, THE STATE OF MISSOURI WILL THEN ALLOCATE THOSE FUNDS TO CERTAIN AREAS. THOSE AREAS INCLUDE: ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT, LOOKING FOR ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, FOCUSING ON RESEARCH IN THE STATE. HEALTHCARE, TO HELP LOWER MEDICAL COSTS. EDUCATION, WITH MONEY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND K-12, AND TRANSPORTATION IS ALSO ON THE LIST,

					WITH MONEY FOR MODOT NIXON SAYS HE HOPES TO USE THE STIMULUS MONEY TO CREATE JOBS AND JUMP-START MISSOURI'S ECONOMY.
Health	**KOMU News at Ten**	**2/4**	**10pm**	**2:00**	TRADITIONAL AND MODERN MEDICINES CAN TREAT DIFFERENT ILLNESSES, SO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU COMBINE THE TWO? NO ONE KNOWS EXACTLY HOW LONG SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE USED THE DRUG SUTHERLANDIA... IN A COUNTRY RAVAGED BY HIV AND AIDS... MU RESEARCHERS SAY PEOPLE SWEAR BY ITS POSITIVE EFFECTS ON THE IMMUNE SYSTEM. AN OCEAN AND A CONTINENT AWAY, MU MEDICAL STUDENT KELSEY FLYNT RECEIVED MONEY FROM MU TO TEST THE EFFECTS SUTHERLANDIA WILL HAVE ON THE ENZYMES THAT BREAK DOWN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. DOCTORS COMPARE THE DRUG TO THE EARLY DAYS OF ASPIRIN. RESEARCHERS ARE IN THE PRELIMINARY TESTING STAGES OF SUTHERLANDIA. IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME BEFORE THEY HAVE ANY ANSWERS.
Health	**KOMU News at Six**	**2/5**	**6pm**	**1:20**	FOOD STORES PULLED ANOTHER PEANUT BUTTER-BASED PRODUCT OFF SHELVES TODAY. THAT MAKES ABOUT A THOUSAND FOOD ITEMS PULLED DURING THE CURRENT SALMONELLA OUTBREAK. SHOPPERS ARE SPENDING MORE TIME SCRUTINIZING LABELS WHEN SHOPPING FOR FOOD. SUSIE GERDES IS AVOIDING ITEMS WITH PEANUT BUTTER IN THEM. WITH THE RECENT SALMONELLA SCARE, CONSUMERS ARE NOT ONLY CAREFUL ABOUT

					PEANUTS, BUT FOOD IN GENERAL. ONE LOCAL FOOD STORE HAS BEEN THROWING OUT CONTAMINATED PRODUCTS. BUT NOT ALL PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE UNSAFE.
Crime	**KOMU News at 10**	**2/5**	**10pm**	**1:20**	THE NUMBERS SHOW MORE THAN A 36 PERCENT DECREASE IN VIOLENT CRIMES, BUT NEARLY A 19 PERCENT RISE IN PROPERTY CRIMES. COLUMBIA POLICE SAY THE THE JUMP IN PROPERTY CRIMES DOESN'T SURPRISE THEM. PROPERTY CRIMES ARE EASIEST FOR BURGLARS LOOKING FOR A QUICK STEAL. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS PROGRAMS TO SLOW DOWN PROPERTY CRIMES. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCHES KEEP PEOPLE LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER. POLICE SAY PEOPLE CAN ALSO DO SIMPLE THINGS LIKE REMOVING VALUABLES FROM THEIR CARS AND LOCKING THEIR DOORS. THESE ACTIONS CAN MAKE IT HARDER FOR BURGLARS TO STEAL.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**2/6**	**10pm**	**1:45**	A STATE LAWMAKER WANTS TO DECREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE FROM THREE-FIFTY TO TWO-THIRTEEN AN HOUR. REPRESENTATIVE TIM JONES FROM THE ST. LOUIS AREA HAS SPONSORED A BILL THAT WOULD LOWER MISSOURI'S TIP-SERVER PAY BY JUST MORE THAN A DOLLAR. THE BILL WOULD DECREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE FROM $3.50 TO THE FEDERAL STANDARD OF $2.13 AN HOUR. ACCORDING TO MISSOURI RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION, WAITERS, ON AN AVERAGE, EARN AROUND $12 AN HOUR INCLUDING WAGES AND TIPS. REPRESENTATIVE TIM JONES BELIEVES THAT IF THIS BILL DOESNT PASS, IT COULD HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE RESTAURANT COMMUNITY. THAT

					MEANS MORE JOB LAYOFFS AND LESS HOURS FOR THE WORKERS. THERE ARE CONCERNS FOR WAITERS WHO WORK DURING SLOW DAYTIME HOURS.
Crime	**KOMU News at Six**	**2/6**	**6pm**	**1:40**	SPRAY PAINT COSTS LESS THAN 3 BUCKS AND CAN COST PEOPLE A LOT MORE THAN THAT TO GET RID OF IT. IT'S COSTING PEOPLE TIME,MONEY, AND,CONFUSION. THE PROPER TERM IS TAGGING.VANDALS SPELL IT OUT. INITIALS, SYMBOLS, AND IMAGES. SOME USE SPRAY, SOME USE MARKERS. WHATEVER WORKS TO GET THE JOB DONE. AS FOR THIS MYSTERY PERSON OR PERSONS...COLUMBIA POLICE SAY IT'S HARD TO TELL. SOME KIDS TAG, AND SOME OLDER PEOPLE TAG. "SOME OF THESE TAGGERS ARE IN THEIR LATE TEENS, EARLY 20S," SAID LLOYD SIMMONS, OF THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE CITY OF COLUMBIA HAS PROGRAMS AIMED AT STOPPING GRAFFITI. THERE'S A HOTLINE TO REPORT IT AND A VOLUNTEER PROGRAM THAT CLEANS THE STREETS.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Ten**	**2/7**	**10pm**	**1:35**	MID-MISSOURI BARS ARE MIXING UP A NEW WORLD RECORD AT THIS MINUTE BY DRINKING DOWN COCKTAILS. ORGANIZERS FOR THE 8TH ANNUAL CRAWL SAY A BIG NIGHT OUT WILL HELP OUT OSAGE BEACH BARS. TO SET A WORLD RECORD FOR LAREST PUB CRAWL ATTENDANCE, OWNERS ARE CALLING IN FOR BACKUP. AND WITH 18 BARS INVOLVED, ONE REALTOR IS JUST DOING HER JOB. IN A POOR ECONOMY, BARS WANT TO

					BRING IN BUSINESS, AND RELATOR, LEN FERA IS ALSO LOOKING FOR BUSINESS. AS PEOPLE LOOSEN UP FOR A NIGHT A FUN AND NETWORKING. ORGANIZERS BROUGHT IN POLICE AND 18 BUSES TO MOVE GUESTS BETWEEN BARS.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**2/8**	**10pm**	**1:50**	UNEMPLOYMENT IS JUST ONE SIDE EFFECT OF AN UNHEALTHY ECONOMY. MEN HAVE BEEN LOSING THEIR JOBS IN GREATER NUMBERS THAN WOMEN. HEALTH CARE IS A STABLE FIELD IN THIS RECESSION. AND IT JUST SO HAPPENS WOMEN TEND TO BE EMPLOYED IN AREAS SUCH AS HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION. UNT ECONOMIST DOCTOR BERNARD WEINSTEIN SAYS MOST OF THE JOB LOSSES HAVE BEEN IN CONSTRUCTION, MINING, AND MANUFACTURING. THOSE INDUSTRIES ARE STILL PREDOMINANTLY DOMINATED BY A MALE WORKFORCE WEINSTEIN SAYS IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD BECAUSE THE RECESSION IS SO WIDESPREAD IT'S NOW TRICKLING DOWN AND AFFECTING SERVICE INDUSTRIES SUCH AS RETAIL, HOSPITALITY AND RESTAURANTS. AS LAYOFFS CONTINUE, WOMEN ARE POISED TO SURPASS MEN IN THE WORKFORCE, BUT IT HAS VERY LITTLE TO DO WITH GENDER EQUALITY. THE LATEST STATISTICS SHOW IN DECEMBER OF 2008 A LITTLE MORE THAN 200-THOUSAND MISSOURIANS WERE WITHOUT JOBS.
Education	**KOMU News at Six**	**2/9**	**6pm**	**1:15**	EDUCATION COULD TURN OUT TO BE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTS OF WASHINGTON'S STIMULUS BILL.THE HOUSE APPROVED AN 820-BILLION DOLLAR

					BILL LAST WEEK. AND THE SENATE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON *ITS* VERSION OF THE BILL, ESTIMATED AT 780-BILLION DOLLARS. WHEN APPROVED, THE TWO SIDES WILL MEET TO A COMPROMISE ON SCHOOL FUNDING FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS. BUT AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT SHOULD BE FELT IN MID-MISSOURI. ESTIMATES IN THE HOUSE BILL SET COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO RECEIVE 11 MILLION DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. JEFFERSON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS WOULD RECEIVE 5.4 MILLION DOLLARS, WHILE THE MOBERLY AND FULTON DISTRICTS WOULD GET CLOSE TO 1 AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS. HOWEVER, THE COLUMBIA SCHOOL'S ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT IS ALREADY ASKING QUESTIONS.
Education	**KOMU News at Ten**	**2/10**	**10pm**	**1:30**	WEAK ECONOMY. STRONG COLLEGE ENROLLMENT. WESTMINSTER COLLEGE IN FULTON HAS ALREADY SEEN AN INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2009 FALL SEMESTER ,JUST LIKE COLLEGES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. MORE PEOPLE WANT IN AT FULTON'S WESTMINISTER COLLEGE. APPLICATIONS ARE UP 50 PERCENT FROM THIS TIME LAST YEAR. TUITION DEPOSITS ARE ALSO UP 60 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR. AND ONE CAMPUS TOUR GUIDE IS PROOF OF IT. IF THESE TRENDS CONTINUE, WESTMINSTER WILL SEE RECORD ENROLLMENT FOR THE 11-TH YEAR IN A ROW.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**2/11**	**10pm**	**1:20**	JAMES WILES WAS UNEMPLOYED AND HAD NO MONEY TO PAY A COURT FINE. THAT'S WHY HE DID COMMUNITY SERVICE AT THE SALVATION ARMY. LITTLE DID HE KNOW, HIS SERVICE WOULD SOON

					LEAD TO AN INCOME. "I HADN'T WORKED FOR A WHILE, AND THAT'S KIND OF WHY I COULDN'T PAY MY FINE, AND YOU KNOW ITS JUST REALLY BEEN A BLESSING, "SAID WILES. A BLESSING FOR OTHERS TOO.. THE SALVATION ARMY HAS SEEN A 25 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE PEOPLE USING THEIR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THIS YEAR." IN THE CASE OF JAMES, IT WAS A JOB.. AND IT WASN'T A MATTER OF LUCK.THE SALVATION ARMY WILL CONTINUE TO BATTLE FOR THOSE IN NEED.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at 10**	**2/12**	**10pm**	**2:15**	POWER IS STILL OUT FOR SOME RESIDENTS IN THE MISSOURI BOOTHEEL, AND MID-MISSOURIANS ARE STILL HELPING OUT TWO WEEKS AFTER TERRIBLE WINTER STORMS. POLES, WIRING AND TRANSMISSION LINES, THERE ARE MANY PIECES AND THEY ALL HAVE TO BE IN PLACE TO GET POWER FULLY RESTORED. IN DUNKLIN COUNTY DAMAGE KNOW NO BOUNDARIES. ELECTRICITY ISN'T VISIBLE BUT THE DAMAGE IS. TWO WEEKS AFTER THE ICE STORM, THE BOONE ELECTRIC GARAGE REMAINS HALF EMPTY.FIVE TRUCKS ARE STILL IN SOUTHERN MISSOURI AS CREW CONTINUE WORKING TO RESTORE POWER. REBUILDING ENTIRE SYSTEMS A MILE AND A HALF OF POLES IN A 15 HOUR WORK DAY. T TAKES THREE MEN A HALF HOUR JUST TO GET ONE DONE. BUT POLES ARE ONLY PART OF THE PROBLEM: TRANSMISSION LINES ARE STILL DOWN AND THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF SUBSTATIONS WITHOUT POWER. ANOTHER CREW FROM BOONE ELECTRIC LEFT THIS MORNING.

Education	**KOMU News at Ten**	**2/13**	**10pm**	**1:40**	THAT'S RIGHT, THE BILL IS STILL UP FOR DEBATE... BUT IT COULD ALLOW MISSOURI SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CHANGE TO A **FOUR-DAY** SCHOOL WEEK. ECONOMIC TROUBLES ARE MAKING MISSOURI LEGISLATORS CONSIDER MAJOR CHANGES WHEN IT COMES TO A SCHOOL DAY. THE FOUR DAY SCHOOL WEEK WOULD GIVE PARENTS PLENTY TO DEBATE. 17 STATES ALREADY HAVE THE OPTION OF A FOUR DAY SCHOOL WEEK. IT HELPS SCHOOL DISTRICTS LOWER COSTS FOR BUSES AND POWER. IF PASSED... THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL HOURS IN A SCHOOL YEAR STAYS AT 1,044, BUT THE NUMBER OF DAYS SHRINKS FROM 174 TO 142. BUT LEAVES THE SAME 32 HOURS OF CLASS TIME PER WEEK.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**2/14**	**10pm**	**1:55**	MISSOURI COULD SEE AS MUCH AS FOUR-BILLION OF THE STIMULUS PACKAGE. AND, LIKE THE REST OF THE WORLD, MISSOURIANS WAIT TO SEE WHAT IT COULD MEAN FOR THEM. TO SAY THINGS ARE DIRE, THOUGH, WOULDN'T BE RIGHT, IN FACT, LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER ROSE KRAUS SAYS SHE WENT AGAINST THE ADVICE OF A FRIEND AND DIDN'T CUT BACK. BUT MANY IN MID-MISSOURI ARE DOING JUST THAT. AND WITH CUTS, GOES THEIR EXPENDABLE INCOME. EMPLOYEES THERE AND ACROSS MID-MISSOURI HAVING MIXED FEELINGS, BUT SHARING WHAT SEEMS TO BE A SENSE OF HOPE. THE MONEY GIVEN TO MISSOURI COULD GO TO MORE THAN TWO DOZEN PLACES. MISSOURI COULD SEE AS MUCH AS FOUR-BILLION OF THE STIMULUS PACKAGE. THOSE INCLUDE BOOSTS FOR HOMELESSNESS

					PREVENTION, TRANSIT PROJECTS, AND CLEAN DRINKING WATER. IF THE BILL STAYS THE SAME, MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE STATE'S MONEY WOULD BE FOR MEDICAID.
Health	**KOMU News at Ten**	**2/15**	**10pm**	**2:00**	USING ENERGY DRINKS TO GET THE BOOST YOU NEED TO GET THROUGH THE DAY MIGHT BE GETTING OUT OF HAND. ENERGY DRINKS ARE NOT NECESSARILY BAD FOR YOU, BUT THEY SHOULDN'T BE SEEN AS "NATURAL ALTERNATIVES" EITHER. SOME OF THE CLAIMS MADE LIKE "IMPROVED PERFORMANCE AND CONCENTRATION" CAN BE MISLEADING. THE AVERAGE 8 OUNCE ENERGY DRINK HAS ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT OF CAFFEINE AS A CUP OF COFFEE. ENERGY DRINKS ALSO CONTAIN HERBAL SUPPLEMENTS LIKE TAURINE AND GUARANA, WHICH THE F-D-A DOESN'T MONITOR.GUARANA IS 3 TIMES AS POTENT AS CAFFEINE. THE HEAVY DOSES OF CAFFEINE DON'T WORRY MOST FANS OF ENERGY DRINKS, MANY OF WHOM PREFER THE TASTE OVER COFFEE. SO WHETHER YOU WANT TO BE A ROCKSTAR OR JUST WANT SOMETHING TO GIVE YOU WINGS, ENERGY DRINKS OFFER MORE THAN A CAFFEINE KICK.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**2/16**	**10pm**	**2:10**	TOMORROW, PRESIDENT OBAMA SHOWCASES HIS FIRST BIG POLITICAL VICTORY--SIGNING THE DEMOCRATS' HUGE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE AT A CEREMONY IN DENVER. BACK FROM A WEEKEND IN CHICAGO, PRESIDENT OBAMA HEADS OUT TOMORROW TO SIGN HIS ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN. THE CEREMONY, TO CELEBRATE THE NEARLY 800 BILLION DOLLAR BILL, WILL BE IN DENVER,IN PART TO

					SHOWCASE CLEAN ENERGY SPENDING IN THE JOBS PLAN; COLORADO IS A LEADER IN THE FIELD. ***AND*** IN PART TO SHOW OFF THE PRESIDENT'S APPEAL IN WHAT USED TO BE A REPUBLICAN STATE. ONLY 3 REPUBLICANS VOTED FOR THE OBAMA STIMULUS PLAN...SOME COMPLAINING THAT IT DIDN'T FOCUS ON HOUSING. WEDNESDAY, THE PRESIDENT FLOATS HIS MORTGAGE PLAN. THAT COULD SPARK CROSS-PARTY COOPERATION. REPUBLICANS WILL BE WATCHING. APPARENTLY WILLING TO VOTE NO AGAIN, ON ECONOMIC PROGRAMS THE PRESIDENT SAYS THE NATION NEEDS. MISSOURI COULD SEE AS MUCH AS FOUR-BILLION OF THE STIMULUS PACKAGE GOING TO MORE THAN TWO DOZEN PLACES. THOSE INCLUDE BOOSTS FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION, TRANSIT PROJECTS, AND CLEAN DRINKING WATER.
Crime	**KOMU News at Ten**	**2/17**	**10pm**	**5:15**	SOME JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE DOING IT, ALONG WITH THEIR BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS. TALKING ABOUT SEX AND SHOWING IT ON THEIR CELL PHONES. IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE, BUT A CELL PHONE CAN CAUSE A WORLD OF TROUBLE FOR YOUR KIDS. WITH THE PRESS OF A BUTTON, THEIR LIVES CAN CHANGE FOREVER. YOUR KIDS ARE PROBABLY EXPORING JUST WHAT THEY CAN DO WITH THEIR CELL PHONES AND THAT LEAVES THEM AS A POSSIBLE TARGET FOR EXPLOITATION. TONIGHT, WE TAKE A CLOSER LOOK INTO A NEW PRACTICE CALLED "SEXTING.". THERE'S **A LOT** GOING ON IN PALMS, POCKETS AND PURSES, OF KIDS. NAT BREAK. A LOT OF KIDS CALL IT FUN.A LOT OF

					ADULTS CALL IT ILLEGAL.INSTANT PICTURES.INSTANT TEXTS. INSANT TROUBLE. IT INVOLVESTEXT MESSAGES AND SENDING EXPLICIT PICTURES OR CONTENT USING A PHONE. TEXT MESSAGES ARE JUST ONE PART OF IT. NAUGHTY PHOTOS ARE ANOTHER. NATIONALLY KIDS AND ADULTS HAVE GONE TO JAIL FOR THIS. THE MID-MO INTERNET CRIME TASK FORCE SAYS SINCE OCTOBER OF 2008, 3 OR 4 KIDS HAVE BEEN VICTIMS. THESE GIRLS MET STRANGERS ONLINE IN CHATROOMS AND IN ONE CASE THOUGH THE VIDEOGAME SYSTEM XBOX.
Crime	**KOMU News at Six**	**2/18**	**6pm**	**2:00**	IT TOOK POLICE LESS THAN A DAY TO ROUND UP SIX SUSPECTS A FATAL SHOOTING MONDAY. THE VICTIM WAS 18-YEAR-OLD RONALD BROWN, KNOWN AS COREY. NORMAN WEAVERS SITS IN SILENCE, THINKING ABOUT A MURDER, A MURDER HIS SON, NICK WEAVERS, IS BEING CHARGED WITH. NORMAN SAYS HE REGRETS HIS DECISION TO WORK THREE JOBS, WHEN HIS SONS WERE GROWING UP. HE WISHES HE'D GIVEN HIS BOYS HIS TIME INSTEAD. HIS OLDER SON WOKE HIM UP AT 5 O'CLOCK A-M THE DAY OF THE MURDER. IT HARD NEWS FOR A FATHER TO HEAR. WEAVERS DID WHAT HE FELT WAS RIGHT,HE TURNED HIS OWN SON INTO POLICE. NICK WEAVER IS ONE OF SIX SUSPECTS FACING CHARGES IN THE DEATH OF RONALD BROWN. COLUMBIA POLICE SAY THE SHOOTING HAPPENED AS PART OF ATTEMPTED DRUG DEAL AND ROBBERY.
Health	**KOMU News**	**2/19**	**6pm**	**1:25**	THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION SAYS MISSOURI

	at Six				HAS FALLEN SHORT OF FOUR KEY TOBACCO CONTROL GOALS-- AGAIN. PEOPLE IN MISSOURI SAY SMOKING IS ADDICTIVE. THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION GAVE MISSOURI AN 'F' ON NOT SPENDING ENOUGH ON TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CONTROL, ON NOT PROVIDING ENOUGH SMOKE FREE AIR, FOR HAVING TOO LOW OF A CIGARETTE TAX, AND FOR NOT PAYING ENOUGH TO HELP PEOPLE STOP SMOKING. THIS IS THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW MISSOURI HAS GOTTEN FAILING GRADES, AND THE FIRST TIME THE STATE'S GOTTEN ALL F'S. BUT THERE HAVE BEEN IMPROVEMENTS ON THE LOCAL LEVEL. THE SMOKING RATE IN COLUMBIA HAS GONE DOWN FROM TWENTY-SIX PERCENT TO EIGHTEEN PERCENT." THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SAYS THERE ARE TWELVE THOUSAND FEWER SMOKERS IN BOONE COUNTY FROM 2003 TO THE PRESENT. "SMOKING IS A HUGE ISSUE HERE IN PUBLIC HEALTH.. SO ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO HELP THE CITIZENS OF BOONE COUNTY KICK THAT HABIT, WE'RE HAPPY TO DO," SAID GENALEE ALEXANDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVIES. SOME PEOPLE SAY SMOKING IS A PART OF THE CULTURE HERE, AND SHOULD STAY.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Six**	**2/20**	**6pm**	**1:30**	DURING THE TOWN HALL MEETING FOSEE DISCUSSED INCREASING REVENUE THROUGH UNIVERSITY RESEARCH, STATE FUNDING AND TUITION. AS UM SYSTEM PRESDIENT GARY FORSEE SPOKE, EMPLOYEES LISTENED TO FIND OUT WHAT THE ECONOMIC CRISIS MEANS FOR THEM "I was hoping they would be able to say well here is our plan, and this is what we're going to do now and it seems like

					its still more of a run-around than what we are going to do...that's not comforting as a staffperson," said Sarah Taylor, MU Employee. BUT ONE POINT FORSEE MADE IT A LITTLE MORE COMFORTING, TELLING EMPLOYEES FURLOUGHS ARE NOW HIGHLY UNLIKELY. WHILE FORSEE SEEMED TO EASE SOME WORRIES AT THE MEETING, EMPLOYEES STILL HAVE CONCERNS.
Crime	**KOMU News at Six**	**2/21**	**6pm**	**1:10**	MORE THAN EVER, INCOME TAX TIME MEANS BE ON GUARD FOR SCAMMERS LOOKING TO STEAL EVERYTHING FROM YOUR REFUND TO YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBERS. AND EVERY YEAR THE THEIVES GET MORE CREATIVE. THE I.R.S. SAYS SCAM EMAILS ARE MORE PREVALANT THAN EVER. COMING FROM 50 COUNTRIES: THEYOFFER TAX REFUNDS, LINK YOU TO FAKE WEBSITES, AND ASK FOR YOU BANK INFO. USUALLY THE SCAM WEBSITES DISSOLVE WITHIN HOURS. BUT NOT BEFORE SOMEBODY GETS TRICKED.
Health	**KOMU News at Ten**	**2/22**	**10pm**	**2:15**	TOO MANY OF YOU HAVE LIVED WITH BACK AND LEG PAIN FOR SO LONG, YOU'VE COME TO ACCEPT IT. EITHER BECAUSE THE IDEA OF SPINAL SURGERY IS TOO SCARY, OR YOU'RE NOT A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR SURGERY BECAUSE OF HEALTH OR AGE. DR. CRAIG MEYER IS NEW TO THE COLUMBIA ORTHOPEDIC GROUP, AND HE BROUGHT A NEW APPROACH TO SPINAL SURGERY WITH HIM. THE XLIF APPROACH CUTS OUT A LOT OF RECOVERY TIME AND IS A MINIMALLY INVASIVE PROCEDURE, NOT SOMETHING YOU USUALLY ASSOCIATE WITH A SPINAL SURGERY. OLDER BACK AND LEG PAIN SUFFERS LIKE NIEDERS WERE ALSO USUALLY NOT GOOD CANDIDATES FOR

					SPINAL SURGERY BECAUSE OF THE LARGE INCISION, AND LENGTHY RECOVERY.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Ten**	**2/23**	**10pm**	**2:00**	PARENTS OF YOUNG MOTOR BIKE RIDERS SAY CONGRESS WENT TOO FAR BANNING SALES OF TOYS WITH LEAD. THOSE PARENTS SAY THE LAW UNINTENTIONALLY BARS THEIR KIDS FROM BUYING AND FIXING THEIR BIKES. CONGRESS PROBABLY DIDN'T HAVE THESE MOTORBIKES IN MIND WHEN IT PASSED THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT LAST YEAR. THE NEW LAW BANS THE SALE OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS CONTAINING MORE THAN SIX-HUNDRED PARTS PER MILLION OF LEAD. ALL MOTORBIKES HAVE PARTS CONTAINING AT LEAST THAT MUCH LEAD. UNTIL CONGRESS ADDRESSES THE ISSUE THE PEOPLE WILL BE LEFT SCRATCHING THEIR HEADS.
Crime	**KOMU News at Six**	**2/24**	**6pm**	**1:50**	PARENTS CALLED IT A WILDCAT PARK-OUT THIS MORNING, HANGING OUT IN THE PARKING LOT WAITING FOR SOME ANSWERS. MEANWHILE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS CLAIM THEY FOLLOWED THE SCHOOL'S PROCEDURES. THOSE PARENTS DISAGREE. A SCARY THREAT THAT HAS UPSET PARENTS ABOUT THE SCHOOL RESPONSE IN A TOWN HALF-WAY BETWEEN COLUMBIA AND ST. LOUIS. AFTER AN EIGHTH GRADER THREATENED FIVE STUDENTS ON THURSDAY. ADMINISTRATORS SAY THEY ARE TAKING CARE OF THE SITUATION AND KEEPING PARENTS INFORMED. THE STUDENT WAS TAKEN OUT OF SCHOOL AND IS

					DEALING WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT. BUT PARENTS WANT AN ANSWER ABOUT DISIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES AND AUTHORITIES HAVE A RIGHT TO KEEP QUIET.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**2/25**	**10pm**	**1:40**	A JEFFERSON CITY COMPANY IS CREATING JOBS WITHOUT NEEDING THAT STIMULUS MONEY. COMMAND WEB IS OPENING ITS DOORS TO ALLOW FOR GROWTH AND TO SHOW JEFFERSON CITY THAT IT'S THE START OF A NEW BEGINNING. MAYBE YOU CAN'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER, BUT THESE UNIFORMS WILL BE WORN BY 50 NEW BOOK MAKERS. A GOOD ECONOMIC FIT BECAUSE COMMAND WEB IS EXPANDING. THE COMPANY IS CURRENTLY CAPABLE OF PRODUCING UP TO ONE MILLION PAPERBACK BOOKS PER DAY AND THIS IS GOING TO INCREASE THAT SIGNIFICANTLY. THE "DIRT WORK" IS BEGINNING THIS WEEK. THAT MEANS GROUND BREAKING IN THE DIRECTION OF NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES.
Education	**KOMU News at Ten**	**1/26**	**10pm**	**1:50**	COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS USE NEW MATH TEXTBOOKS EVERY SIX YEARS. SINCE 2001, COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAVE USED A CONCEPTUAL MATH TEACHINGS, WHICH THEY SAW GOES BEYOND MEMORY, A CALCULATOR, AND A PENCIL. THEY HAVE ERASED THAT PLAN, AND STARTING IN AUGUST, WILL GO BACK TO A TRADITIONAL METHOD MORE FAMILIAR TO PARENTS. COLUMBIA MATH COORDINATOR, LINDA COUTT WANTS PARENTS TO FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH WHAT THEIR CHILDREN LEARN, SO, SHE'S LOOKING FOR PARENTS' FEEDBACK ON NEXT YEAR'S MATH BOOKS. COUTT SAYS SHE'S GOING TO SEND PARENT OPINIONS TO A COMMITTEE.THAT COMMITTEE WILL

					CHOOSE THE TEXTBOOK BY THE END OF MARCH. COLUMBIA PARENTS STILL HAVE MORE CHANCES TO SEE THE NEW BOOKS.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at 6pm**	**2/27**	**6pm**	**1:30**	WHEN IT COMES TO MECHANIC SHOPS...THE CUSTOMER PAYS,NOT THE INSURANCE COMPANY AND THERE'S NO DEDUCTABLES. GROVES SINCLAIR'S MECHANIC SHOP HAS CARS STACKED ON TOP OF EACH OTHER. NOT BECAUSE BUSINESS IS BOOMING, BUT BECAUSE CUSTOMERS CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY TO PICK THEM UP. THE LOT IS PACKED, BUT, NO MONEY'S COMING IN AND NO CARS ARE ROLLING OUT. LOCALS THAT CAN AFFORD TO PAY TO FIX THEIR CARS SAY THEY FEEL THE EFFECTS OF THE ECONOMY TOO. GROVES SINCLAIR IS IN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING MECHANIC LEANS ON THE VEHICLES. RIGHT NOW THEY SAY THEY'RE GIVING CUSTOMERS A CHANCE BECAUSE THEY FEEL IT'S EASIER FOR BOTH PARTIES. THEY TELL US MANY OF THE CAR OWNERS SAY THEY'RE WAITING ON THE INCOME TAX RETURNS.
Education	**KOMU News at Six**	**2/28**	**6pm**	**2:30**	UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI OFFERS A VARIETY OF ACTING CLASSES, AND BEHIND EACH CLASS IS A DIFFERENT CULTURE. CARLIA FRANCIS, BETTER KNOWN ON STAGE AS CFRANCIS BLACKCHILD TEACHES ACTING CLASSES AT UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, BUT DIDN'T ALWAYS LIKE THE STAGE. LATER IN COLLEGE BLACKCHILD HEARD ABOUT A PLAY THAT CALLED FOR A YOUNG JAMAICAN GIRL, AND SHE JUMPED AT THE PART. SINCE THAT TIME, BLACKCHILD HAS BEEN A PART OF

					MANY PRODUCTIONS, INCLUDING TWO HERE IN MISSOURI. AFTER GROWING UP IN JAMAICA AND LIVING IN SEVERAL U-S CITIES, BLACKCHILD LANDED IN COLUMBIA WITH A NEW PASSION, TEACHING BLACKCHILD BEGINS CLASS WITH DANCING, ROLE PLAYING, AND OTHER WARM UP ACTIVITIES.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**3/1**	**10pm**	**1:40**	PRESIDENT OBAMA IS FACING MANY CHALLENGES IN HIS ONE-MONTH PLUS PRESIDENCY. THE CHALLENGES BOIL DOWN TO TWO WORDS: CHANGE AND MONEY. HE WANTS TO CHANGE WASHINGTON AND BOOST THE ECONOMY. HE'S FACING TOUGH QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO PAY FOR IT ALL. AT THE NEW HOME OF THE NEW YORK METS, HUNDREDS LINED UP TO APPLY FOR JOBS THAT PROMISE SHELTER IN AN ECONOMY GONE COLD. THEY'RE COUNTING ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S ABILITY TO TURN THE CAMPAIGN PROMISE OF HOPE INTO ACTION ,ON A BUDGET OF THREE AND A HALF TRILLION DOLLARS. CHIEF OF STAFF RAHM EMANUEL SAYS THE ECONOMY MUST MODERNIZE OR FACE DIRE CONSEQUENCES JUST LIKE THE U-S AUTO INDUSTRY.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Six**	**3/2**	**6pm**	**1:50**	TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES HURT EVERYONE FROM WALL STREET TO MAIN STREET, TO DOWN ON THE FARM. NOW ANOTHER FARMER HERE IN MID MISSOURI IS COMPLAINING ABOUT FACTORY FARMS HOGGING THE NEARBY CATTLE AND FEED BUSINESSES. TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES HURT EVERYONE FROM WALL STREET TO MAIN STREET,TO DOWN ON THE FARM. SUE BIXENMAN PLANTED HER FARM FIFTY-THREE YEARS AGO. NOW SHE NEEDS HELP. SHE RALLIED CHARITON COUNTY RESIDENTS MONDAY TO FIND WAYS OUT OF THEIR ECONOMIC CORN MAZE.

					STANDING UP TO THE BIG CORPORATE FARMS HURTING CHARITON COUNTY WAS BIXENMAN'S MESSAGE. SHE SAYS THE COUNTY NEEDS A FEDERAL BAILOUT, JUST LIKE WALL STREET. CHARITON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SAY THEY WOULD NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH BAIL OUT MONEY IF WASHINGTON SENT IT.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Six**	**3/3**	**6pm**	**1:30**	RETIRED MILITARY VETERANS MAY GET A BREAK SOON. THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE COULD CREATE A TAX BREAK FOR MILITARY RETIREES. MISSOURI IS ONE STATE THAT DOES NOT GIVE BIG TAX BREAKS ON STATE INCOME TAXES FOR VETERANS. AND OFFICIALS SAY THE BILL COULD KEEP MORE VETERANS IN MISSOURI AND HELP THE ECONOMY. WILL KRAUS MAY BE A STATE REPRESENTATIVE, BUT HE'S ALSO AN ARMY RESERVIST. AND THAT'S WHY HE'S BEEN A CHAMPION FOR TAX BREAKS FOR VETERANS. CURRENTLY, RETIREES PAY 6-PERCENT IN STATE INCOME TAXES FOR MILITARY PENSION. THE NEW BILL WOULD PHASE THAT OUT OVER 6-YEARS. KANSAS, ILLINOIS, AND KENTUCKY ALREADY GIVE SIMILAR TAX BREAKS.
Jobs/ Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**3/4**	**10pm**	**1:40**	TAX REVENUES AREN'T THE ONLY THINGS THAT ARE DOWN THESE DAYS. UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI'S NEW ECONOMIC PLANS HAVE MANY EMPLOYEES DOWN TOO. A CHANGE TO THE SYSTEM'S PENSION PLAN BROUGHT ABOUT FIFTY EMPLOYEES TO THIS CAMPUS FORUM. IT MEANS EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ONE TO TWO PERCENT, DEPENDING ON SALARY. STILL, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI VICE PRESIDENT,

					RODRIGUEZ SAYS SOME FACULTY AND STAFF ARE TAKING THE CHANGE MORE IN STRIDE. ACCORDING TO FORSEE QUOTE "THE WORST THING THAT CAN HAPPEN IS THAT WE DELAY ACTIONS, THAT WE WAIT FOR THE PERFECT ANSWER TO COME, AND THEN WE FIND OUT THAT WE CAN'T EXECUTE A PLAN WITHOUT DOING SOMETHING THAT WOULD DRASTICALLY AFFECT OUR MISSION."
Education	**KOMU News at Ten**	**3/5**	**10pm**	**1:30**	AN MISSOURI PROFESSOR SAYS ALL LEVELS OF EDUCATION ARE MORE DIFFICULT FOR MEXICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS. HER STUDY FOUND THAT BEING AN ETHNIC MINORITY, LACK OF RESOURCES, ***AND*** COPING STRATEGIES ARE FACTORS. CELINA LOPEZ IS A FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT. SHE IS ONE OF 10 HISPANIC STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN THE MISSOURI LAW SCHOOL. SHE SAYS TEACHERS COULD HELP MEXICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS MORE. MEXICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS FIND IT DIFFICULT TO FIT IN WHEN THERE ARE NOT MANY STUDENTS LIKE THEM. BUT LOPEZ SAYS THE DESIRE TO SUCCEED IS GREATER THAN THE ODDS STACKED AGAINST HER.
Crime	**KOMU News at Ten**	**3/6**	**10pm**	**1:50**	IF YOUR HOME IS YOUR CASTLE, CASTLE DOCTRINE ALLOWS YOU TO PROTECT IT. BUT MISSOURI FARMERS ARE ASKING FOR MORE. LOCAL FARMER SALLY ANGELL UNDERSTANDS THE CAUSE OF THE DEFENSE BILL, BUT THINKS PREVENTION IS A BETTER OPTION THAN RELYING ON VIOLENCE. SOME OF THEM CAN BE VERY SIMPLE LIKE CHAIN AND LOCK OR MOVING CATTLE AWAY FROM THE LOADING FACILITIES, JUST ANYTHING THAT WOULD

					MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR SOMEONE TO COME HERE AND VERY QUICKLY LOAD CATTLE. CATTLE THEFTS ARE INCREASING IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI. IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS, THERE HAS BEEN MORE THAN THREE-THOUSAND CATTLE AND EQUIPMENT STOLEN TOTALLING MORE THAN $1.1 MILLION IN DAMAGES. THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION LOBBIED HEAVILY FOR THIS LEGISLATION LAST WEEK. AS FOR ANGELL, SHE FEELS SHOOTING SOMEONE ISN'T THE ONLY SOLUTION. BOTH THE MISSOURI FARM BUREAU AND THE MISSOURI CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION DECLINED TO TAKE A STAND AT THIS POINT. THE BILL WAS HEARD LAST WEEK AND WILL TAKE A FEW MORE WEEKS BEFORE IT ACTUALLY HITS THE HOUSE FLOOR.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**3/7**	**10pm**	**2:00**	AFTER FOCUSING ON SAVING AMERICAN JOBS AND HOMES PRESIDENT OBAMA IS TURNING TOWARD HEALTH CARE. HE SAYS THAT'S A KEY FRONT IN THE BATTLE TO FIX THE ECONOMY. A DAY AFTER THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE SOARED TO ITS HIGHEST LEVEL IN A QUARTER CENTURY, PRESIDENT OBAMA IS ASSURING AMERICANS THAT A TURNAROUND IS JUST A MATTER OF TIME. FOUR-POINT-FOUR MILLION TOTAL JOBS LOST SINCE THE RECESSION STARTED SOME FIFTEEN MONTHS AGO. FROM COAST TO COAST JOB FAIRS HAVE BECOME A GROWTH INDUSTRY. IN DALLAS, A GROUP OF JOB-SEEKERS JOINED FORCES, AFTER FINDING EACH OTHER THROUGH TWITTER AND FACEBOOK. BUT MANY MORE NOW FIND THEMSELVES ON THEIR OWN.

					THE PRESIDENT HAS ALREADY TACKLED A STIMULUS BILL,JOB CREATION AND THE FORECLOSURE CRISIS.
Health	**KOMU News at Ten**	**3/8**	**10pm**	**2:20**	ABOUT 18 THOUSAND MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN LIVING IN BOONE COUNTY ARE FACING EACH DAY WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE. AND OFTEN, THE EMERGENCY ROOM IS THEIR PRIMARY CARE. TRANSFORMING AN OFFICE INTO A MEDICAL CLINIC CALLED MEDZOU TAKES A LITTLE MORE THAN AN HOUR. THIS WEEKLY SHUFFLE TAKES PLACE FOR JUST 12 APPOINTMENTS FOR THE UNINSURED. THOSE 12 SPOTS COULD BE CONSIDERED MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE DOZENS A TRADITIONAL DOCTOR'S OFFICE GET THROUGH IN THE SAME TIME. MEDZOU IS THE BRAINCHILD OF A GROUP OF YOUNG MEDICAL STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI. IT GIVES FUTURE DOCTORS FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE IN DIAGNOSING AND TREATING REAL PATIENTS, WHO NEED THE HELP THE MOST. MEDZOU DOESN'T TAKE WALK-INS. IT OPERATES OFF OF A WAITING LIST OF REFERRALS FROM THE BOONE COUNTY FAMILY HEALTH CENTER. BESIDES EXAMS AND DIAGNOSIS, THEY CAN PERFORM LAB TESTING AND WRITE PRESCRIPTIONS, WHICH CAN ALSO BE FILLED FOR FREE THROUGH A LOCAL PHARMACY.
Jobs/ Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**3/9**	**10pm**	**3:09**	WHILE UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS ARE UP AND HOME VALUES ARE DOWN.. COLUMBIA HASN'T FELT THE PAIN OF THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AS MUCH AS OTHER AREAS THROUGHOUT THE NATION. IN FACT, CITY OFFICIALS SAY THEY'RE OPTIMISTICALLY BUDGETING AS THOUGH THE CRISIS WILL END IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. REGISTERS OF LOCAL BUSINESSES RING CLEAR, BUT

					LESS OFTEN THESE DAYS. DOWNTOWN BUSINESS OWNERS SAY RETAIL IN COLUMBIA HAS SLOWED AS IT HAS IN MOST AREAS OF THE COUNTRY. THOUGH SOME ARE OPTIMISTIC, A LOOK AT COLUMBIA'S TOP THREE EMPLOYERS TELLS A MORE DISMAL TALE. COLUMBIA'S TOP EMPLOYER, THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI PUT A HIRING FREEZE INTO EFFECT IN NOVEMBER. ACCORDING TO COLUMBIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INC, (REDI) THE UNIVERSITY EMPLOYS MORE THAN THIRTEEN THOUSAND PEOPLE. AND THE FREEZE COMES AT THE SAME TIME THE UNIVERSITY REACHES RECORD ENROLLMENT.
Education	**KOMU News at Six**	**3/10**	**6pm**	**2:00**	THE COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IS CUTTING MOST MENTORS OUT OF THE TEACHING EQUATION. ALL MATH AND LITERARY COACHES, TEACHERS WHO SERVE OFTEN AS MENTORS TO STUDENTS AND EVEN YOUNGER FACULTY,WILL BE CUT FOR THE 2009 SCHOOL YEAR. MOST OF THE CURRENT COACHES WILL COME BACK AS REGULAR FULL-TIME TEACHERS. BUT THIS WILL MEAN FEWER SPOTS TO FILL WITH NEW HIRES.
Crime	**KOMU News at Ten**	**3/11**	**10pm**	**1:50**	TONIGHT POLICE ARE WARNING PARENTS ABOUT A DARKER USE OF THE NINTENDO WII. ALTHOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE INNOCENT CONVERSATION, SOME PEOPLE ARE TAKING THE CONVERSATION FEATURE OF THE NINTENDO WII TOO FAR. POLICE ARE REVIEWING THREE REPORTS OF SEXUAL PREDATOR CONTACT IN THE STATE WITH ONE IN MID-MISSOURI.

					ONE DETAIL EACH CASE HAS IN COMMON IS THE GAME THE PREDATOR IS USING, CALLED ANIMAL CROSSING. THAT'S BECAUSE IT IS SO EASY TO TALK TO OTHER PEOPLE THROUGH IT. AND POLICE WARN THAT OTHER GAMES ALSO FEATURE ONLINE CONVERSATIONS.
Crime	**KOMU News at Six**	**3/12**	**6pm**	**1:10**	ANOTHER DRUG BUST HAPPENED THIS WEEK IN BOONE COUNTY , BUT THIS ONE, ACROSS THE STREET FROM A DAYCARE CENTER. KALE NICHOLS IS PLAYING IN SOUTHERN BOONE CHILDCARE CENTER. HE PROBABLY HAS NO IDEA THAT DRUG TRAFFICKING WAS GOING ON RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET. SOME NEIGHBORS WERE CONCERNED. BUT LITTLE KALE'S MOTHER FEELS THAT THE INCIDENT DOES NOT AFFECT HER. THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAYS THIS IS ONE OF FOUR METH LABS BUSTED THIS WEEK. THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN METH RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST YEAR.
Jobs/ Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**3/13**	**10pm**	**1:40**	THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS AREA KNOWS IT NEEDS TO ADVERTISE. BUT WHAT COUNTIES SHOULD FOOT THE BILL IS UP FOR DEBATE? MILLER COUNTY IS PAYING AN EXTRA CHUNK OF CHANGE SOME BUSINESS OWNERS FIND UNFAIR. THE RECESSION IS TAKING IT'S TOLL ON THE BUSINESSES IN LAKE OZARK AND IT'S HITTING MILLER COUNTY A LITTLE HARDER THAN IT'S NEIGHBORS.

					THAT'S BECAUSE LAST YEAR ONLY MILLER COUNTY PASSED A LODGE TAX INCREASE OF THE THREE COUNTIES TOUCHING THE LAKE, THAT IS MILLER, CAMDEN AND MORGAN. CAMDEN AND MORGAN VOTED NO ON A LODGE TAX INCREASE LAST SUMMER. THE TAX IS MEANT TO INCREASE ADVERTISING FOR THE ENTIRE REGION. MILLER COUNTY IS ELEVEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL LODGING FOR THE LAKE. CAMDEN IS MORE THAN EIGHTY FIVE PERCENT.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Six**	**3/14**	**6pm**	**1:30**	COLUMBIA'S BARS ARE NO STRANGERS TO LOCAL SPORTS. SO IT COMES AS NO SURPRISE THAT WHEN MARCH ROLLS AROUND, TRAFFIC GOES UP. BUT THIS YEAR IS DIFFERENT THAN YEARS PAST. THE TIGER FOOTBALL TEAM BROUGHT IN BUSINESS TWO YEARS IN A ROW. BUT IT'S BEEN A LONG-AWAITED SURGE FOR THE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM TO FOLLOW SUIT. IT'S NOT JUST DOWNTOWN, BARS ACROSS TOWN ARE SEEING A JUMP AS WELL. NOT A TOUGH THREAD TO FOLLOW, MORE HYPE, MEANS MORE PEOPLE, MEANS MORE BUSINESS,AND MORE BUSINESS, LEAVES LOCAL OWNERS CHEERING FOR TWO BIG SPORTS SEASONS, INSTEAD OF JUST ONE.
Health	**KOMU News at Ten**	**3/15**	**10pm**	**2:10**	WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY IS A GROWING OPTIONS FOR THE SERIOUSLY OVERWEIGHT. BUT SURGERY IS NOT SOMETHING TO TAKE LIGHTLY ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'VE GOT HIGHER RISK FACTORS DUE TO YOUR SIZE. DOCTORS AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL ARE AMONG

					THE FIRST TO TAKE PART IN A CLINICAL TRIAL OF INCISION FREE WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY. IT'S CALLED THE TOGA PROCEDURE. SURGEONS PASS A FLEXIBLE STAPLER THROUGH THE MOUTH TO MAKE A MUCH SMALLER STOMACH POUCH, ABOUT 97 PERCENT SMALLER. YOU'VE PROBABLY MORE COMMONLY HEARD IT CALLED STOMACH STAPLING, AND THIS IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME THING. IT DRAMATICALLY LIMITS THE AMOUNT OF FOOD A PATIENT CAN EAT AND THEY FEEL FULL AFTER ONLY A TINY MEAL. THERE ARE GOING TO BE 275 PATIENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY TAKING PART IN THE TRIAL. 32 WILL BE IN COLUMBIA. STUDY PARTICIPANTS ARE AT LEAST 100 POUNDS OVERWEIGHT AND HAVEN'T BEEN SUCCESSFUL TRYING TO LOSS WEIGHT ON THEIR OWN.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Six**	**3/16**	**6pm**	**1:55**	THREE WEEKS AFTER ELDON'S LAKEWAY FORD DEALERSHIP SHUT DOWN, THE CITY'S LAST REMAINING NEW CAR DEALERSHIP IS CLOSING TOO. IT USED TO BE LLOYD BELT'S CHRYSLER DEALERSHIP IN ELDON. RECENTLY, LLOYD BELT COMBINED IT WITH HIS GENERAL MOTORS DEALERSHIP JUST DOWN THE ROAD. AFTER LAKEWAY FORD SHUT DOWN IN FEBRUARY, LLOYD BELT WAS THE ONLY NEW CAR DEALER IN TOWN. BELT'S DEALERSHIP WAS THE CITY'S THIRD LARGEST EMPLOYER. 75 PEOPLE WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS. BELT HIMSELF WAS ALSO A MAJOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTOR TO THE CITY. POSSIBLY THE BIGGEST IMPACT, HOWEVER, WILL BE ON CITY REVENUE. NEW CAR SALES ARE A MAJOR SOURCE OF SALES TAX FOR THE CITY, AND WITHOUT THAT MONEY COMING IN, CITIZENS ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE CITY'S

					FUTURE.
Crime	**KOMU News at Ten**	**3/17**	**10pm**	**1:40**	A BURGLAR BREAKS INTO A REPAIR SHOP, THEN STEALS A TRUCK BEING WORKED ON IN THE SHOP TO CARRY OFF HIS LOOT. HE THEN HITS TWO OTHER SHOPS AND THEN RETURNS THE TRUCK. THE BURGLAR ENTERED ROB DOLLICH AUTO REPAIR LAST NIGHT AND STOLE A CHEVROLET TRUCK FROM THE GARAGE. THE PERSON THEN WENT TO ALTORFER MACHINERY BUT A POLICE OFFICER INTERRUPTED THAT BURGLARY. THE NEXT INCIDENT WAS REPORTED AT 4:15 THIS MORNING WHEN THE BURGLAR WENT TO A STORAGE FACILITY AND CAR WASH ON SOUTH MORLEY. THE PERSON DAMAGED SEVERAL UNITS AND A CHANGE BOX.
Education	**KOMU News at Ten**	**3/18**	**10pm**	**1:40**	GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT TESTS MAKE IT EASIER FOR WORKERS TO FIND JOBS. THE DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION DOUBLED THE NUMBER OF TEST DAYS FOR PEOPLE LOOKING TO TAKE THE GED. MARCH AND APRIL ARE USUALLY PEAK MONTHS FOR GED TEST-TAKERS, BUT NOW THE DEMAND IS EVEN HIGHER DUE TO LAYOFFS. THE ADULT EDUCATION CENTER IN COLUMBIA OFFERS FREE GED PREPERATION CLASSES. THESE CLASSES ARE BOOKED UNTIL JULY. GETTING THAT PEICE OF PAPER MAY MAKE THE DIFFERENCE IN GETTING A JOB. MISSOURIANS WHO WANT A GED NEED TO APPLY AND PAY A 20 DOLLAR FEE TO THE STATE OFFICE.

Government	**KOMU News at Six**	**3/19**	**6pm**	**1:15**	A LOCAL POLITICIAN WILL BE TAKING HIS VIEWS TO THE NATIONAL STAGE. COLUMBIA CITY COUNCILMAN KARL SKALA IS THE NEWEST MEMBER OF A GROUP WORKING ON PUBLIC POILICY ISSUES. KARL SKALA IS QUITE A TALKER, BUT THAT'S THE POINT. HE WANTS TO CONTINUE PUBLIC CONVERSATION IN LOCAL, AND ESPECIALLY CONTROVERSIAL, MATTERS. SKALA IS NOW A PART OF A NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES PANEL FOCUSED ON DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE. THE "CITYFUTURES" PROGRAM USES SKALA'S COMMITTEE TO FOCUS ON GETTING CITIZENS INVOLVED AND ENGAGED IN LOCAL POLITICS. AND SKALA HOPES THAT DEMOCRACY WILL SHARE THE LOAD OF SOLVING LOCAL PROBLEMS. SKALA'S GROUP MEETS TWICE A YEAR. THE CITY WILL PAY FOR SKALA'S TRAVEL TO THE MEETING IN NOVEMBER.
Health	**KOMU News at Ten**	**3/20**	**10pm**	**2:10**	YOU ALL KNOW HOW GRIMY COMPUTER KEYBOARDS CAN GET OVER TIME. WOULDN'T A SELF-SANITIZING KEYBOARD BE NEAT! NOW IT'S A REALITY. THESE DAYS, MANY OF US FOLLOW THE HAND SANITIZER RITUAL.SQUIRT, WIPE, THEN TYPE. INFECTIOUS DISEASE SPECIALIST MARTY SIEGEL SAYS KEYBOARDS DEFINITELY ARE ONE BREEDING GROUND FOR GERMS, ESPECIALLY IN HOSPITALS. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL ESTIMATE THAT HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED INFECTIONS KILL UP TO 99-THOUSAND PEOPLE EACH YEAR, WHICH IS WHY THEY STRESS HAND HYGIENE. BUT A WAVE OF A HAND ,COULD CUT THAT NUMBER SIGNIFICANTLY. YOU CAN JUST PUSH THE BUTTON AND SEND IT BACK

					MRSA, THE SO-CALLED SUPERBUG, MAY BE THE MOST NOTORIOUS HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED INFECTION. BUT THE VIOGUARD KEYBOARD GOES AFTER ALL OF THEM. A CONSUMER VERSION OF THE VIOGUARD KEYBOARD IS STILL A WAYS AWAY. FOR NOW, IF YOU WANT ONE, IT'LL RUN YOU ABOUT $600. IN AND IT WILL ACTUALLY GO THROUGH A CYCLE. A CYCLE OF INTENSE U-V LIGHT HITS THE KEYBOARD. IN AS LITTLE AS 10 SECONDS, WE'RE KILLING 99.9 PERCENT OF MRSA.
Consumer Issues	**KOMU News at Six**	**3/21**	**6pm**	**2:00**	SOME MID-MISSOURIANS ARE HELPING BUILD A PUZZLE. THEY'RE PIECING TOGETHER A WAY TO KEEP THE BOONE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS OUT OF DEBT. TEARING APART AN OLD BARN, RIPPING IT INTO PIECES TO FILL A **HOLE** SOME RESIDENTS SAY COLUMBIA NEEDS. THIS RUSTIC BARN WILL SOON HAVE A NEW HOME, WHERE IT WILL BE HOME TO HORSE SHOWS, 4-H CONTESTS AND FFA COMPETITIONS. BUT FIRST, THEY'VE GOT TO TAKE IT ALL APART, MOVE IT ACROSS TOWN AND REASSEMBLE IT PIECE BY PIECE. WHEN FINISHED, THE NEW BARN WILL ALLOW THE FAIRGROUNDS TO HOLD MORE THAN ONE SHOW AT A TIME. IT WILL ALSO SHELTER THE STAGES DURING BAD WEATHER. THE FAIRGROUND'S MANAGER HOPES THE VOLUNTEERS WILL STICK AROUND TO HELP REBUILD THE BARN AT ITS NEW LOCATION IN A FEW WEEKS.
Health	**KOMU News**	**3/22**	**10pm**	**2:00**	IN SO MANY PLACES, FOLKS ARE CUTTING BACK ON

	at Ten				WHERE THEY SPEND THEIR MONEY. BUT AS I FOUND OUT TODAY, IN SOME WAYS, PEOPLE ARE SPENDING NOW, TO SAVE LATER. GETTING FIT AND MAINTAINING HEALTH ARE TWO TRENDS MANAGERS AT THE ARC SAY ARE KEEPING PEOPLE ON THEIR MACHINES, DESPITE THE RECESSION. A STUDY BY BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD FOUND THAT PEOPLE WHO VISITED THE GYM AT LEAST EIGHT TIMES A MONTH FOR NINE MONTHS A YEAR OR MORE HAD CLAIM COSTS 17.8% LOWER THAN THOSE WHO DIDN'T EXERCISE. FREQUENT GYM USERS ALSO WENT TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM AT A RATE 38.7% LOWER THAN NON-EXERCISERS. ALL REASONS THAT ARE KEEPING GYM GOERS LIKE WILLIAM'S FORKING OUT THE CASH IN HOPES OF INCREASING HEALTH.
Education	**KOMU News at Ten**	**3/23**	**10pm**	**2:30**	COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ARE NOT IMMUNE TO TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES. BUDGETS AND GRANTS ARE SHRINKING, AND A NEW FRESHMAN CLASS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI AND CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY SET RECORDS LAST YEAR. MU WELCOMED ITS LARGEST FRESHMEN CLASS IN ITS HISTORy, ALMOST SEVEN THOUSAND (6,962). THATS MORE THAN 30% OF UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT. CMU BROUGHT IN MORE THAN 300 FRESHMEN IN FALL 2008, 29% OF THE FAYETTE CAMPUS. AS OF MARCH SIXTEENTH, ABOUT 2,000 MORE APPLICATIONS HAVE ROLLED INTO MU THAN AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR.

Crime	**KOMU News at Six**	**3/24**	**6pm**	**1:30**	MEXICO, FLORIDA, CALIFORNIA....ALL SPRING BREAK HOT SPOTS. BUT WHILE VACATIONERS ARE OUT OF TOWN, THIEVES ARE TARGETING VACANT HOMES. EVEN WITH OFFICERS PATROLLING THE STREETS, SPRING BREAK IS PRIME TIME FOR CRIMINALS. IF YOU'RE LEAVING FOR THE SPRING BREAK HOLIDAY THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS DOING SIMPLE THINGS LIKE LEAVING ONE LIGHT OF IN YOUR RESIDENCE OR HAVING A TIMER TURN LIGHTS ON IN THE EVENING BUGLARIES IN COLUMBIA INCREASED BY 41% IN 2008, A MAJORITY OF THOSE CRIMES TAKING PLACE DURING HOLIDAYS.
Jobs/ Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**3/25**	**10pm**	**2:00**	IN A POLITICAL MOVE, SENATOR CLAIRE MCCASKILL ANNOUNCED A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR GRANT THAT WILL SEND MONEY TO ALL CORNERS OF MISSOURI. A MID-MISSOURI WOMAN APPRECIATES HELP REGARDLESS OF WHERE IT COMES FROM. CHERI SMITH MOVED INTO LINDEN COURT APARTMENTS WHEN SHE HAD KNEE PROBLEMS ELEVEN YEARS AGO. SHE TAKES PRIDE IN WHERE SHE LIVES. BUT WITH BOARDED UP DOORS AND TORN UP LAWNS, MONEY GIVEN IS GLADLY TAKEN. H.U.D. WILL PROVIDE MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IN JEFFERSON CITY, AND MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS TO COLUMBIA.
Government	**KOMU News at Six**	**3/26**	**6pm**	**1:30**	GOVERNOR JAY NIXON SIGNED A NEW LAW TODAY ORGANIZING THE USE OF FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS. GOVERNOR NIXON SAYS THE LAW WILL HELP MISSOURIANS KEEP TRACK OF STIMULUS FUNDS. A POPULAR BILL, IT UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE MISSOURI SENATE WITH HELP FROM ITS MAIN SPONSOR, REPUBLICAN STATE SENATOR GARY

					NODLER. SENATOR NODLER SAYS THAT THE BILL WILL FORCE THE STATE BUDGET TO SHOW EXACTLY WHERE FEDERAL MONEY IS COMING. GOVERNOR NIXON CITED THE URGENCY OF TIME. STATE TREASURER CLINT ZWEIFEL SAYS THE NEW LAW SHOULD HELP KEEP THE MONEY ON-TRACK.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Six**	**3/27**	**6pm**	**1:40**	ONE LOCAL FACTORY SAW TOUGH TIMES, BUT IS GROWING AGAIN WITH SOME HELP. IT'S NOT OFTEN WE HEAR GOOD NEWS FOR MID-MISSOURI'S ECONOMY. BUT TODAY WAS DIFFERENT. A STRUGGLING GLASGOW MANUFACTURER RECEIVED A FRESH START, AND IS NOW DOING BETTER THAN EVER. 40 JOBS TERMINATED IN A FACTORY THAT ONCE EMPLOYED 250 WORKERS. ANOTHER WOMAN'S RETURN TO HER HOMETOWN FROM A CAREER IN BANKING MEANT A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR SOME OF THOSE LAID OFF WORKERS. CHRISTINE SANDERS FOUNDED AMERICAN DISCOVERY TEXTILE COMPANY. SHE REHIRED MANY LAID-OFF WORKERS AND PUT THEM BACK TO WORK IN THE SAME BUILDING, DOING THE SAME WORK FOR MORE CUSTOMERS. THE REOPENING OF THE COMPANY MEANT THAT NEARLY 1.7 MILLION DOLLARS WOULD BE SAVED FOR GLASGOW, AND HOWARD COUNTY. AMERICAN DISCOVERY TEXTILE CELEBRATED WITH A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**3/28**	**10pm**	**1:50**	LAST WEEK THE MARKET OPENED FOR THE SEASON WITH RECORD-BREAKING NUMBERS, MORE THAN 12-HUNDRED CUSTOMERS VISITED AND THIRTY-ONE

					VENDORS PUT UP BOOTHS. THOSE WHO SHOWED UP TODAY SAID IT'S FOR THE LOVE OF THE FOOD. THEY ALSO WANT TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL FARMERS AND ECONOMY. VERA GELDER IS A SIXTH-YEAR VENDOR AT THE COLUMBIA FARMERS' MARKET, WHICH HAS ONE OF THE EARLIEST OPENING WEEKENDS OF FARMERS' MARKETS IN MID-MISSOURI. "MISSOURI HAS A LOT TO OFFER IN THE WAY OF LOCALLY-GROWN PRODUCTS, AND I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY THE REASON WHY WE'RE OPEN SO LONG," SAID MARKET MANAGER, CAROLINE TODD. THE MARKET IS ONLY OPEN ON SATURDAY MORNINGS, BUT GELDER SAYS IT CAN BE MORE PROFITABLE THAN SELLING HER PRODUCTS AT A LOCAL STORE.
Health	**KOMU News at Ten**	**3/29**	**10pm**	**3:00**	C-T SCAN IS A COMMON WAY FOR DOCTORS TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH A PATIENT. NO ONE SAW IT BEFOREHAND, NOT EVEN HIS CARDIOLOGIST, BUT A NEW PIECE OF EQUIPMENT THAT FEW MEDICAL OFFICES IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE, CAUGHT IT AND IT LEAD TO A SERIOUS INTERVENTION WITH LITTLE TIME TO SPARE. "I WAS A TICKING TIME BOMB. I WAS ASYMPTOMATIC. THIS SCAN SHOWED DAMAGE THAT THE ONLY OTHER WAY IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FOUND OTHERWISE WAS ME HAVING A MASSIVE HEART ATTACK AND DYING," SAID PATIENT STEVE REGIER. REGIER VOLUNTEERED TO GET A CT ANGIOGRAM FROM ADVANCED RADIOLOGY OF COLUMBIA TO TEST ITS NEW 128 SLICE CT SCANNER. A CUTTING EDGE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT THAT REPRESENTS SOME BIG ADVANCES. A 128 SLICE CT SCAN IS MUCH LESS INVASIVE AS

					OTHER TESTS DOCTORS COULD ORDER TO GET THE SAME INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR HEART OR ANY PART OF YOUR BODY FOR THAT MATTER. IN REGIER'S CASE, IT ALERTED HIS DOCTOR TO THE FACT HIS HEART NEEDED IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.
Jobs/Economy	**KOMU News at Ten**	**3/30**	**10pm**	**1:40**	A SWEARING-IN CEREMONY TONIGHT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW COMMAND AT THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT. AFTER 22 YEARS AS A POLICE OFFICER IN TEXAS, CHIEF KEN BURTON STARTS HIS NEW POSITON IN COLUMBIA. BURTON SPENT 22 YEARS IN THE DALLAS AREA AS A POLICE OFFICER AND WAS THE CHIEF OF POLICE IN HALTOM CITY, TEXAS. THE MAN LEAVING THE TOP POST SAYS COMMUNICATION SKILLS WERE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT QUALITIES IN A NEW CHIEF AFTER THE SWEARING-IN, BURTON TOLD OFFICERS AND RESIDENTS THAT THEY'RE HIS FIRST PRIORITY. BURTON OFFICIALLY BEGINS WORK WEDNESDAY.
Education	**KOMU News at Six**	**3/31**	**6pm**	**1:40**	STUDENTS AND ADMINISTRATORS FROM THE STATE'S MAJOR COLLEGES ALL GATHERED IN JEFFERSON CITY TODAY TO FIGHT FOR EXPANSION OF A NEED-BASED GRANT PROGRAM. MEGAN DESHON IS THE SECOND OF SEVEN KIDS. SHE DEPENDS ON SCHOLARSHIP MONEY FROM THE NEED-BASED ACCESS MISSOURI PROGRAM. SO DESHON JOINED OTHER STUDENTS, LEGISLATORS AND EDUCATION OFFICIALS TO CALL FOR CHANGES TO THE SYSTEM THEY CALL UNEQUAL. ACCESS MISSOURI PAYS OUT BASED ON THE COST OF TUITION, SO STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MORE MONEY IF THEY CHOOSE A PRIVATE COLLEGE TWICE AS MUCH AS AT POUBLIC SCHOOLS.

					THE IDEA IS TO LET STUDENTS PICK THE RIGHT SCHOOL, NOT JUST THE CHEAPEST ONE. LEGISLATORS WANT TO BALANCE THE PAYOUTS BY REDUCING FUNDING FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT FOR STUDENTS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS--BY ABOUT $700 PER YEAR.