2nd QUARTER 2011
KOMU-TV COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

THERE FOLLOWS A LISTING OF SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RESPONDED TO BY STATION KOMU-TV THROUGH ITS NEWS PROGRAMMING FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1st, 2011 TO JUNE 30th, 2011. THE LISTING IS BY NO MEANS EXHAUSTIVE, BUT INSTEAD SHOWS THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF COVERAGE. THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ISSUES APPEAR DOES NOT REFLECT ANY PRIORITY OR SIGNIFICANCE.

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

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE	PROGRAM/ SEGMENT	DATE	TIME	DURATION	NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	4/1	5:00	1:05	GOVERNOR NIXON WANTS TO GET FEDERAL STIMULUS DOLLARS BACK INTO UNEMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION. NIXON URGED THE SENATE TO GET THE PIECES OF LEGISLATION TO HIS DESK. IF MISSOURI DOES NOT DO SO, THEIR ALLOCATED FUNDS WILL BE DISPERSED THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE COUNTRY BASED ON THE NON-APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL 15, MISSOURI COULD STAND TO LOSE ALMOST 190 MILLION DOLLARS STATEWIDE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN 2011 AND 2012. THIS INCLUDES MORE THAN 2 POINT 9 MILLION DOLLARS (2,966,503) FOR COLUMBIA, JUST UNDER 1 MILLION DOLLARS (947,500) FOR JEFFERSON CITY, AND MORE THAN 461 THOUSAND DOLLARS (461,801) FOR FULTON. AS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT, THE STATE SENATE TURNED DOWN A BILL THAT WOULD GIVE MISSOURI 105 MILLION FEDERAL STIMULUS DOLLARS TOWARDS UNEMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS. THIS WILL HURT FOR THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND MISSOURIANS TOMORROW. TEN THOUSAND MISSOURIANS WILL LOSE

					UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. AND AN ADDITIONAL TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND WILL LOSE EXTENDED BENEFITS. THIS MAKES MISSOURI THE ONLY STATE TO VOLUNTARILY DENY A FEDERAL STIMULUS PROGRAM THAT OFFERS THOSE EXTENDED BENEFITS. GOVERNOR NIXON DID SAY THAT THESE PROBLEMS ARE VERY REAL. YET VERY SOLVABLE.
CRIME	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE**	**4/2**	**5:00**	**3:40**	(NATS GUN CYLINDER SPINNING IN CIRCLE) IT'S A CYCLE COLUMBIA HAS SEEN BEFORE. GUN VIOLENCE AMONG COLUMBIA'S YOUTH. IN JANUARY A TEACHER FOUND A STUDENT WITH A LOADED GUN AT DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL. THE SAME TEENS WERE TIED TO A SHOOTING AT TOWN AND COUNTRY BOWLING ALLEY, WHERE ONE PERSON WAS HIT BUT WITH MINOR INJURIES.. LEUTENANT SCOTT YOUNG IS A PROFESSIONAL CLASS SHOOTER... AND HAS WORKED FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DURING MANY OF THESE "CYCLES". THE PEEKS, YOUNG SAYS, ARE GANG-FEUD RELATED. BUT THIS TIME... ... IT'S ON A *SMALLER* SCALE. CURRENTLY, YOU MUST BE 23 TO CONCEAL AND CARRY A LOADED GUN IN MISSOURI, HOWEVER... SOME LAWMAKERS ARE TRYING TO CHANGE THAT. AS WELL AS BEING GOOD FOR HIS BUSINESS, DALE BELIEVES THIS WILL ALSO BRING A LOT MORE MONEY TO THE STATE. STATE REPRESENTATIVE JILL SCHUPP THINKS THAT ISN'T WHERE THE PRIORITY SHOULD BE. NOW THAT THE CONCEAL AND CARRY LAW PASSED IN THE HOUSE, IT AWAITS A DECISION IN THE SENATE.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	4/3	10:00	2:10	CONGRESS IS FIGHTING DOWN TO THE WIRE ON THE 20-11 BUDGET ... WITH A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN POSSIBLE. THE DEADLINE IS MIDNIGHT ON FRIDAY ... AND IF LAWMAKERS DON'T REACH AN AGREEMENT ... HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF FEDERAL WORKERS AND CONTRACTORS WON'T GET PAID. OFFICES ... MUSEUMS ... AND NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES GRIND TO A HALT. PRESIDENT OBAMA SAYS IT COULD HURT THE ECONOMY ... AND BOTH PARTIES SAY THEY'RE FIGHTING TO AVOID A SCENARIO THAT WON'T PLAY WELL WITH VOTERS. PRESIDENT OBAMA AND HOUSE SPEAKER JOHN BOEHNER DON'T AGREE ON MUCH ... BUT BOTH INSIST A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN IS BAD NEWS ... AND THEY ARE PRODDING THEIR PARTIES TO REACH A BUDGET AGREEMENT BY MIDNIGHT FRIDAY TO AVOID ONE.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE	4/4	9:00	:40	MISSOURI DEMOCRATS CAME ONE STEP CLOSER TO LOSING A SEAT IN CONGRESS TODAY. THE SENATE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE GAVE UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO ITS VERSION OF A NEW CONGRESSIONAL MAP. THIS PROPOSAL WOULD MERGE SEVERAL DISTRICTS IN AND AROUND ST. LOUIS. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME SOME COMMITTEE MEMBERS SAW THE PROPOSAL. THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN THE SENATE SAYS THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF REDISTRICTING WILL CREATE A NEUTRAL PLAYING FIELD. DEMOCRATIC SENATOR ROBIN WRIGHT-JONES FROM ST. LOUIS SAID HER APPROVAL IS NOT FINAL. THE HOUSE HAS YET TO VOTE ON ITS OWN PROPOSAL. THE HOUSE COMMITTEE WILL HOST A PUBLIC

					FORUM AT THE CAPITOL AT 12:30 TOMORROW.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN**	**4/5**	**10:00**	**:54**	ACCORDING TO THE MISSOURI ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND INFORMATION CENTER-- THERE ARE MORE THAN 29-HUNDRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES IN BOONE AND COLE COUNTIES. TODAY I LEARNED HOW THREE ORGANIZATIONS MIGHT BE IMPACTED IF THE FEDERAL BUDGET SHUTS DOWN FRIDAY. ABOUT 1300 FEDERAL EMPLOYEES WORK AT THE V-A HOSPITAL IN COLUMBIA. AND ACCORDING TO ITS PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, THE V-A'S SPECIAL 2-YEAR BUDGET AFFECTS THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE V-A HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, SO HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES DON'T EXPECT ANY CHANGES-- SHOULD THE FUNDING RUN OUT. THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WON'T EXPECT ANY PROBLEMS EITHER. CONGRESS MANDATED IT OPERATE SELF-SUFFICIENTLY, COVERING ITS COSTS WITH POSTAGE AND FEES. AND FINALLY, THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI GETS SOME FEDERAL GRANT MONEY BUT DOESN'T EXPECT ANY SHORT-TERM HARM TO ITS FUNDING IF THE FEDERAL BUDGET IS SHUT DOWN.
CRIME	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN**	**4/6**	**10:00**	**:34**	THIS STREET IS WHERE THE VICTIM TOLD THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SHE WAS ROBBED. I SPOKE WITH DETECTIVE TOM O'SULLIVAN LATE TONIGHT. HE SAYS THIS WOMAN TOLD INVESTIGATORS SHE AGREED TO MEET WITH SOME MEN IN THE LAKE OF THE WOODS AREA THIS AFTERNOON. HE SAYS THEY TOLD HER TO COME HERE TO DEMARET DRIVE. O'SULLIVAN SAYS THE VICTIM CLAIMS THE MEN

					PULLED OUT A GUN AND FORCED HER TO DRIVE TO THE NEAREST ATM. HE SAYS SHE COULDN'T TAKE ANY MONEY OUT OF THE ATM. THE VICTIM TOLD DEPUTIES THEY SPED OFF WITH HER CAR. I SPOKE WITH A NEIGHBOR IN THIS AREA. HE SAYS HE DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING, BUT HE DEFINITELY HEARD SOMETHING DISTURBING.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX**	**4/7**	**6:00**	**:35**	SENATORS DEBATED ON EXTENDING JOBLESS BENEFITS 20 WEEKS FOR THIS OUT OF WORK MORE THAN A YEAR AND A HALF. DEBATE STARTED AROUND NOON AND LASTED UNTIL ABOUT 3. THIS DEBATE HAS BEEN ONGOING IN JEFFERSON CITY WITH A GROUP OF REPUBLICAN SENATORS CONTINUALLY FILIBUSTERING IT. IF THE BILL PASSES IT IS SET UNTIL AUGUST 2013. IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY RENEW UNTIL THAT DATE. A SENATOR PROPOSED AN AMENDMENT TO MOVE UP THAT DATE TO MAY 2012. THAT FAILED. ANOTHER AMENDMENT PROPOSED THE DATE BE MOVED FROM AUGUST 2013 TO AUGUST 2012. THAT ALSO FAILED AFTER ABOUT AND HOUR OF DEBATE. REPORTING LIVE IN JEFFERSON CITY, STEPHANIE ZEPELIN, KOMU8 NEWS
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE**	**4/8**	**5:00**	**:28**	THE AVERAGE PRICE OF GAS IN MISSOURI IS UP TO THREE DOLLARS AND 60 CENTS A GALLON. DRIVERS ARE DOING WHAT THEY CAN TO GET MORE FOR THEIR MONEY.

					SEVERAL COLUMBIA AUTO SERVICE AND PARTS SHOPS SAY THEY'VE SEEN MORE CUSTOMERS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE THEIR GAS MILEAGE. TIRE ROTATION, NEW AIR FILTERS, FUEL INJECTORS, AND REGULAR OIL CHANGES ARE THE BEST WAYS TO GET MORE MILES PER GALLON. THIS TIME OF YEAR, IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO SWTICH YOUR CAR'S WINTER TIRES THAT CAUSE EXTRA DRAG AND USE MORE GAS, FOR SUMMER TIRES.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX**	**4/9**	**6:00**	**1:37**	LAWMAKERS IN WASHINGTON WORKED RIGHT UP TO THE MIDNIGHT DEDLINE LAST NIGHT... AND REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS **FINALLY** CAME TO AN AGREEMENT ON THE BUDGET, SO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS **NOT** SHUTTING DOWN. N-B-C'S JAY GRAY HAS MORE ON LAST NIGHT'S DEBATE. THE HIGH-STAKES STARING MATCH WENT UNTIL THE FINAL HOUR.. WHEN APPARENTLY.. BOTH SIDES BLINKED.. AFTER MONTHS OF BITTER DEBATE - DRAWN ALONG PARTY LINES.. DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS FINALLY SIGNED OFF ON A BILL.. HELPING TO AVOID FURLOUGHS FOR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF FEDERAL WORKERS.. AND SUSPENSION OF KEY GOVERNMENT SERVICES.. THE DEAL CUTS AROUND 38-BILLION DOLLARS FROM THE BUDGET.. THE LARGEST DOMESTIC SPENDING CUT IN U-S HISTORY.. BOTH SIDES CLAIMING VICTORY.. REPUBLICANS FOR THE SHEER VOLUME OF THOSE CUTS..
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN**	**4/10**	**10:00**	**:30**	AND ANOTHER COMPROMISE--THIS TIME, IN THE MISSOURI SENATE. A GROUP OF REPUBLICANS ENDED THEIR FILIBUSTER AND FREED UP A VOTE TO ACCEPT FEDERAL MONEY TO EXTEND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR MISSOURIANS. IN TURN THE LEADERS SAY THEY'LL CUT 250 MILLION IN

					FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY, AND GIVE IT BACK TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. BOTH SIDES AGREE THAT THEY WON'T TAKE AWAY ANY MONEY DESIGNATED FOR EDUCATION. THE BILL NEEDS A FINAL VOTE IN THE SENATE, THEN IT WILL MOVE ON TO THE HOUSE. GOVERNOR NIXON HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THE REPUBLICAN'S COST-CUTTING DEMANDS.
CRIME	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**4/11**	**9:00**	**:33**	A DEATH INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY TONIGHT IN SEDALIA...AFTER A 41-YEAR-OLD MAN WAS FOUND DEAD. SEDALIA POLICE SAY WILLIAM BRANDON CAPP WAS FOUND DEAD INSIDE HIS HOME ON DOUGLAS LANE. OFFICERS SAY CAPP WAS SHOT TO DEATH. A JUVENILE IS IN CUSTODY WITH THE CASE... THAT PERSON'S IDENTITY HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED BECAUSE OF THE AGE... INVESTIGATORS SAY THE SHOOTING WAS NOT RANDOM. NEIGHBORS IN THE AREA DID NOT WANT TO TALK ON CAMERAS... POLICE WOULD NOT RELEASE ANY OTHER DETAILS. WE'LL BRING YOU ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.
CRIME	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN**	**4/12**	**10:00**	**:40**	JIM AND ANGIE I'M AT THE ...CHURCH ACROSS FROM WHERE THE SHOOTING OCCURED. POLICE HAVE ALREADY CLEARED THE SCENE BEHIND ME. WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE IS A PARK THAT IS AROUND THE BEND, WHERE WITNESSES SAY CHILDREN WERE PLAYING WHEN THE ROLLING SHOOT-OUT TOOK PLACE. POLICE RESPONDED TO A CALL AT THE CORNER OF COOK AND DONNELY. POLICE ARE SAYING AT LEAST THREE OR FOUR MEN OPENED FIRE AT ANOTHER VEHICLE. WITNESSES TOLD ME THAT ONE CAR WAS A SILVER/GREY GRAND MARQUIS... **BUT** THAT HAS **NOT**

					BEEN CONFIRMED WITH POLICE. ANOTHER WITNESS TOLD ME THERE WERE RAMPANT SHOTS AND THERE WERE CHILDREN RUNNING AWAY FROM THE SCENE. POLICE ARE CURRENTLY UNAWARE OF ANY INJURIES AT THIS TIME.
CRIME	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN**	**4/13**	**10:00**	**:56**	THE SEARCH IS OFF TONIGHT AFTER CALLAWAY COUNTY FOUND THE MAN THEY WERE LOOKING FOR. POLICE ARRESTED TRAVIS SCHROER IN THE TOWN OF FULTON. EMPLOYEES SAY HE WAS SEEN HERE IN THE LAST MONTH OR SO.. SOME OF THE LOCALS WE SPOKE TO... SAY HE WAS A GOOD PERSON GROWING UP... AND LIKED HUNTING. BUT SOME TELL US HE GOT INTO DRUGS - AND HIS LIFE CHANGED AFTER THAT. THOSE WE SPOKE TO SAY THEY DON'T WANT TO BE AROUND HIM NOW - BECAUSE HE'S A STRONG MAN AND HAS GOTTEN INTO FIGHTS BEFORE. WHENEVER SCHROER STEPPED FOOT IN THIS STORE - WORKERS SAY THEY HAD TO KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON HIM. SCHROER WAS ARRESTED WITHOUT INCIDENT SHORTLY AFTER 6 THIS EVENING... REPORTING LIVE IN FULTON, TONY ULRICH, KOMU 8 NEWS.
EDUCATION	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE**	**4/15**	**5:00**	**:33**	M-U'S RESIDENTIAL HALL ASSOCIATION HAS PASSED A RESOLUTION ASKING THE DEPARTMENT OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE TO PROVIDE "GENDER-NEUTRAL" LIVING OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS. STARTING IN FALL 2012 RESIDENCE MAY HAVE THE OPTION TO CHOOSE WHO THEY LIVE WITH - MALE OR FEMALE.... ITS GOAL IS TO CREATE A MORE FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT FOR GAY, LESBIAN AND

					TRANSGENDERED STUDENTS AND ALSO THOSE WHO FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE WITH THE OPPOSITE SEX. THE "GENDER-NEUTRAL" LIVING OPTION WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO SUITE-STYLE ROOMS ONLY. STUDENTS WOULD NOT BE RANDOMLY SELECTED TO LIVE WITH THE OPPOSITE SEX THEY WOULD HAVE TO REQUEST A "GENDER-NEUTRAL" ROOM. OTHER STUDENTS I TALKED TO WERE ALSO IN FAVOR OF THE CO-ED OPTION. ONE STUDENT SAID SHE HOPES IT WILL HELP BREAK SOME OF THE STEREOTYPES AND GENERALIZATIONS STUDENTS HAVE ABOUT THE L-G-B-T COMMUNITY.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE**	**4/16**	**5:00**	**1:27**	A COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL VOTE MONDAY NIGHT COULD DETERMINE JUST HOW MUCH CHANGE YOU PUT INTO DOWNTOWN PARKING METERS. IF IT PASSES, YOU'LL BE DIGGING DEEPER IN YOUR POCKET TO FEED THE METER. KOMU 8'S CHRISTIE NICKS PREVIEWS THE COUNCIL'S VOTE. METERED PARKING. LOVE IT OR HATE IT, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO PAY EVERYTIME YOU PARK IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA. AND COME MONDAY, CITY COUNCIL COULD ASK YOU TO SPEND EVEN MORE AT THE METER- A DEADLINE THE DISTRICT WANTS PUSHED BACK. GARTNER SAYS DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH TIME TO CONSIDER THE EFFECTS OF A METER RATE INCREASE. SO WHY THE RUSH TO VOTE ON RATES? CONTRACTORS NEEDING THE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE GARAGE HAS LEFT THE CITY SHORT ON TIME. STILL KRATZ QUESTIONS WHY THIS INCREASE IS NECESSARY AFTER THE CITY ALREADY UPPED PARKING TICKETS THIS WINTER.

					THE COUNCIL STILL HASN'T AGREED ON THE EXACT AMOUNT OF HOW MUCH MORE CHANGE YOU MIGHT NEED TO PARK DOWNTOWN.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN**	**4/17**	**10:00**	**:37**	MANY AMERICANS ARE CUTTING BACK ON DRIVING DUE TO HIGH GAS PRICES... BUT ONE LINE OF WORK HAS TO FILL UP THE TANK NO MATTER WHAT. KOMU-8'S DANNY SPEWAK SPOKE WITH A LOCAL CAB COMPANY CRIPPLED BY THE PRICE HIKE. NICKERSON SAID HIS COMPANY PREPARED FOR AN INCREASE IN GAS PRICES WHEN IT OPENED TWO YEARS AGO. GAS COST NEARLY THREE-SEVENTY A GALLON TODAY IN COLUMBIA. AND THERE'S AT LEAST ONE INDUSTRY THAT CRINGES EVERY TIME THAT NUMBER INCREASES... TAXI COMPANIES. NICKERSON SAID THE COMPANY CARS FILL UP ABOUT TWICE A DAY. AND HE SAID HE CAN'T EXPAND HIS EIGHT-CAR FLEET AT THE MOMENT BECAUSE OF THE GAS HIKE. THE COMPANY ALSO PUT A MAJOR PROJECT ON HOLD. NICKERSON SAID THE COMPANY PLANS TO EVENTUALLY COMPLETE THAT PROJECT. BUT THE DELAY STILL STINGS.
EDUCATION	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**4/18**	**9:00**	**:34**	A LOCAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM GOT A BIG BOOST TODAY THANKS TO A 10 THOUSAND DOLLAR DONATION. AMEREN MISSOURI PRESENTED THE MISSOURI SCHOLARS ACADEMY WITH THE CHECK TO SUPPORT ITS SUMMER PROGRAM. THE ACADEMY CONSISTS OF MORE THAN 300 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE STATE. THE STUDENTS SELECTED WILL TAKE CLASSES, LIVE IN RESIDENCE HALLS AND DO COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK THIS SUMMER. THE MISSOURI SCHOLARS ACADEMY IS IN ITS

					27TH YEAR.
CRIME	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN**	**4/19**	**10:00**	**:59**	BOONE COUNTY DEPUTIES ARE SEARCHING FOR A SUSPECT IN THE SHOOTING DEATH OF DONNELL COLEMAN. A COUNTY WARRANT CHARGES 26- YEAR OLD DEANGELO GRANT ON SUSPICION OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER, ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION AND FIRST DEGREE BURGLARY. GRANT ISN'T THE ONLY SUSPECT BUT HIS NAME SURFACED EARLY IN THE INVESTIGATION AND LED TO A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST. GRANT ALSO HAS OUTSTANDING WARRANTS IN OTHER COUNTIES FOR ILLEGAL DRUG VIOLATIONS AND PASSING BAD CHECKS.
CRIME/GOVERMENT	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**4/20**	**9:00**	**:31**	THE PUBLIC IS GETTING A CLOSER LOOK INTO CHILD ABUSE CRIMES... AND HOW THE CASES MOVE INTO THE COURTROOM. MORE THAN A HALF-DOZEN LOCAL DETECTIVES, PROSECUTORS AND LAWYERS GOT IN THE DISCUSSION THIS EVENING. TONIGHT MORE THAN 6 ORGANIZATIONS GATHERED ON MU'S CAMPUS TO BRING AWARENESS ON HOW TO EFFECTIVELY REPORT WHEN WE HAVE AN ALLEGATION OF CHILD ABUSE. PANEL MEMBERS INCLUDED RAINBOW HOUSE, COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, & UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AMONG OTHERS. THE PANEL ALSO EXPLAINED WHAT STEPS ARE TAKEN AS INVESTIGATIONS MOVE FROM THE CRIME TO THE COURTROOM. TONIGHT'S DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON HELPING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH AND AWARE OF THOSE WHO CAN HELP A CHILD IN A TIME WHEN ABUSE OCCURS.
CONSUMER ISSUE	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN**	**4/21**	**10:00**	**:31**	WITH LESS THAN A WEEK LEFT OF THE "SHOW ME GREEN" SALES TAX HOLIDAY, ONE COUPLE WENT

					APPLIANCE SHOPPING TODAY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DEAL KOMU8'S ERICA COGHILL SHOWS US HOW THEY'RE SAVING ON MONEY AND ENERGY.
CRIME/GOVERMENT	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**4/22**	**9:00**	**1:26**	CERRY AND ANN KLEIN ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW WASHER AND DRYER...BUT NOT JUST ANY SET. THEY WANT ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES, SO THEY CAN SKIP OUT ON THE STATE'S SALES TAX. A MOTHER OF EIGHT, ANN KLEIN SAYS THEY'RE NOT JUST SAVING MONEY. BUT WHAT'S QUALIFIES AS AN ENERGY STAR PRODUCT? "Well, it's going to depend on the product , like a dishwasher needs to not only be energy efficient, but also use low water." GENE LAVELY SAYS HE'S HAD A LOT OF BUSINESS SINCE THE HOLIDAY STARTED ON TUESDAY. HE SAYS THE ENERGY STAR PRODUCTS WILL SAVE YOU MONEY IN THE LONG RUN ON BILLS... ...AND THEY'RE JUST A COUPLE HUNDRED DOLLARS MORE THAN TRADITIONAL APPLIANCES THAT AREN'T ENERGY EFFICIENT.. THE TAX HOLIDAY RUNS THROUGH MONDAY.
EDUCATION	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**4/23**	**9:00**	**:36**	ONE ROCK BRIDGE STUDENT AND BURUNDI REFUGEE BECAME A RECIPIENT OF THE GATES MILLENIUM SCHOLARSHIP ON TUESDAY. NIYONZIMA ETIENNE IS ONE OF ONE-THOUSAND GRADUATING SENIORS NATIONWIDE TO RECEIVE THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD. EVERY YEAR MORE THAN 25 THOUSAND STUDENTS APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. THE SCHOLARSHIP COVERS ALL UNMET EXPENSES AND PROVIDES ACADEMIC, LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES. ETIENNE PLANS TO ATTEND MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE FALL WHERE HE WILL MAJOR IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGMENT.

					HIS GOAL IS TO EVENTUALLY OWN HIS OWN COMPANY AND HIRE AND BUILD HOUSES FOR OTHER REFUGEES LIKE HIM.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX**	**4/24**	**6:00**	**1:47**	COLUMBIA'S SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT PARKING ISSUES IN DOWNTOWN. THE DISTRICT RELEASED AN ONLINE SURVEY ASKING FOR YOUR INPUT ON THE CITY'S PROPOSAL TO RAISE PARKING METER RATES. EVERYONE'S GOT AN OPINION. A PROPOSAL'S ON THE TABLE TO RAISE METER RATES AND EXTEND ENFORCEMENT. PAYING MORE... AND PAYING LONGER... THE PROPOSAL WOULD RAISE RATES FROM 30 AND 50 CENTS AN HOUR TO 60 CENTS. AND EXTEND ENFORCEMENT FROM 5PM TO 9PM. DAVID ZIAMA WORKS NIGHTS AT A LOCAL DOWNTOWN BUSINESS AND SAYS IT COSTS HIM ABOUT THREE DOLLARS A SHIFT TO PARK AT METERS. IF THE RATES INCREASE AND ENFORCEMENT EXTENDS... ... A LOT MORE MONEY OUT OF HIS POCKET. THE DISTRICT WANTS TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE PROPOSAL. PARKING GARAGES WOULD REMAIN FREE AFTER 6PM.
DRUG ABUSE	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**4/25**	**9:00**	**1:00**	BUT A RECENT SHORTAGE OF THIS DRUG RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT THOSE STILL MAKING IT. SODIUM THIOPENTAL IS A SEDATIVE THAT INDUCES UNCONSCIOUSNESS -- SOMETIMES USED WITH OTHER DRUGS IN AN EXECUTION, OR SOMETIMES USED ALONE IN LARGE QUANTITIES. THE COMPANY THAT MADE AMERICA'S SUPPLY OF THE DRUG DECIDED TO SUSPEND PRODUCTION IN 2009. THE DRUG'S SHELF LIFE IS ONLY ABOUT 2 YEARS

					-- MEANING STATES ARE RUNNING VERY LOW. STATES WITH DEATH PENALTY LAWS -- LIKE MISSOURI -- NOW HAVE TO LOOK ELSEWHERE. ATTORNEYS FOR THE ALABAMA INMATE CLAIM THE STATE OBTAINED ITS SODIUM THIOPENTAL FROM TENNESSEE, AND TENNESSEE'S SUPPLY HAS BEEN SEIZED BY THE D-E-A BECAUSE OF CONCERNS IT WAS OBTAINED ILLEGALLY FROM OVERSEAS. NOW STATES ARE CONSIDERING OTHER OPTIONS TO OBTAIN THE DRUG. SO, WHERE DOES MISSOURI STAND? THIS STATE USED A THREE-DRUG PROTOCOL -- INCLUDING SODIUM THIOPENTAL AS THE SEDATIVE -- THE FIRST DRUG ISSUED. MISSOURI'S SUPPLY EXPIRED IN MARCH, AND NOW THE STATE IS LOOKING FOR ALTERNATIVES.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**4/26**	**9:00**	**1:17**	IT'S UNCERTAIN IF GOVERNOR NIXON WILL VETO THE BILL THAT LIMITS THE ABILITY OF WORKERS TO SUE THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR DISCRIMINATION. NIXON DOESN'T LIKE THE LEGISLATION. HE SAID SO MONDAY. KOMU 8'S CIDNEY KING TELLS US MORE ABOUT THE LATEST BATTLE BETWEEN WORKERS AND BOSSES. SENATE BILL 188 PASSED OUT OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE THIS MONTH, BUT NOT EVERYONE IS HAPPY ABOUT IT. IF GOVERNOR NIXON SIGNS THIS BILL, FILING DISCRIMINATION LAWSUITS AGAINST EMPLOYERS GETS MORE DIFFICULT. BILL SPONSOR BRAD LAGER SAYS NIXON SHOULD CONSIDER THE BILL WILL BOOST THE MISSOURI ECONOMY. LAGER SAYS HE IS NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE GOVERNOR VETOING THE BILL. THOSE IN OPPOSTION OF THE BILL SAY THIS BILL WILL HURT WORKERS IN MISSOURI. ALTHOUGH NIXON HAS NOT RELEASED A

					FORMAL STATEMENT, IT IS EXPECTED THAT HE WILL NOT SIGN THE BILL INTO LEGISLATION. CIDNEY KING, KOMU 8 NEWS, COLUMBIA. OBSERVERS AT THE CAPITOL SAY THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF PRO-WORKER DEMOCRATS AGAINST PRO-BUSINESS REPUBLICANS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**4/27**	**9:00**	**:20**	IF HIGH GAS PRICES ARE BURNING A HOLE IN YOUR POCKET, THERE MAY BE A WAY TO FIND SOME EXTRA CASH. AN OHIO GOLD AND SILVER REFINERY GROUP IS IN JEFFERSON CITY PURCHASING JEWELRY, OLD COINS, GUITARS AND OTHER ITEMS. BUYERS SAY THEY HAVEN'T SEEN SILVER RATES AT THIS LEVEL SINCE 1979. IF BRINGING IN OLD COINS, BUYERS SAY NOT TO CLEAN OR POLISH THEM - JUST TO BRING THEM IN AS IS.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN**	**4/28**	**10:00**	**1:07**	FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS, MISSOURI LAWMAKERS HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO THE NUMBER OF YEARS THEY CAN SERVE. BUT THE MISSOURI SENATE PASSED AN ADMENDMENT TODAY WOULD RE-CONFIGURE THAT LIMIT. THE SENATE PASSED AN AMENDMENT TODAY THAT COULD DOUBLE STATE HOUSE AND SENATE MEMBERS' TIME IN THE LEGISLATURE. SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES ARE CURRENTLY LIMITED TO EIGHT-YEAR TERMS. IF THE HOUSE PASSES THE AMENDMENT, LAWMAKERS' 16-YEAR TERMS COULD BE SPENT ENTIRELY IN ONE CHAMBER OR SPLIT BETWEEM THE TWO CHAMBERS. I LOOKED AT THE COMMENTS SECTIONS OF A FEW DIFFERENT WEBSITES, AND SOME MISSOURI RESIDENTS ARE SOUNDING OFF AGAINST THE POSSIBLE CHANGE. ON THE KANSAS CITY STAR'S SITE, USER

					EXPECTSARCASM SAID, "THAT'S EASY, KEEP THE TERM LIMITS. WITH OR WITHOUT TERM LIMITS, THE CORRUPT ONES COLLECT THEIR BRIBES. THE LONGER THEY'RE IN POWER, THE MORE THEY'LL COLLECT." ANOTHER USER, NIGHTFLY_DP, COMMENTED, "ELIMINATE THE LIMITS...WE ALREADY HAD/HAVE TERM LIMITS, THEY ARE CALLED ELECTIONS." THE SENATE'S 29 TO FOUR VOTE TODAY NOW SENDS THE MEASURE TO THE HOUSE. IF PASSED, THE ISSUE WOULD BE ON THE 20-12 BALLOT.
HEALTH	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**4/30**	**9:00**	**:31**	ONE MID-MISSOURI COMMUNITY IS COMING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT A LITTLE BOY CLINGING TO Life. IN STURGEON, 6 MONTH OLD WYATT HALLIBURTON HAD A STROKE JUST BEFORE HE WAS BORN. HIS MOTHER SAYS THE INCIDENT PUT A LOT OF PRESSURE ON HIS VISION AND HEART. TODAY, MOM AND DAD ARE CLOSE BY AT A ROCKIN FUNDRAISER FOR HIM WITH FOOD AND LIVE MUSIC. FAMILY FRIENDS PUT ON THE EVENT TO HELP DEFRAY WYATT'S MEDICAL EXPENSES.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN**	**5/1**	**10:00**	**:47**	WE'RE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A VERY BUSY FOUR-WEEK PERIOD IN JEFFERSON CITY AT THE END OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION... THE SENATE THIS WEEK APPROVED SCALING BACK SEVERAL OF MISSOURI'S TAX WRITE-OFFS... ...THE SAME DAY, IT GAVE THE GO-AHEAD TO WOO A CHINESE CARGO COMPANY TO MISSOURI WITH HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS IN TAX BREAKS. LET'S TAKE THE FIRST PART OF THE PLAN... LAWMAKERS SAY THE SCALING BACK COULD SAVE THE STATE 1.5 BILLION DOLLARS OVER 15 YEARS. THEY VOTED TO GET RID OF CREDITS FOR BUSINESSES AND DEVELOPERS, BUT ALSO ONE THAT

					HELPS LOW-INCOME SENIORS COVER THEIR RENTS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10**	**5/2**	**10:00**	**:37**	BIN LADEN'S DEATH MAY NOT MEAN LOWER PRICES AT THE PUMP. GAS PRICES JUMPED TODAY FROM 3-79 TO 3-85. EXPERTS SAY BIN LADEN'S DEATH IS **NOT** A SIGNIFICANT DAY FOR OIL MARKETS. THEY SAY OIL PRICES MOST LIKELY WILL NOT CHANGE MUCH. RIVERS SAY THEY'RE HOPING FOR THE BEST. EXPERTS SAY BIN LADEN'S DEATH MAY CAUSE OIL PRICES TO DROP SLIGHTLY.
JOBS & ECONOMY	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT 5**	**5/3**	**5:00**	**:59**	SARAH, THE PUBLIC -- FROM FARMERS TO FOOD PRODUCERS -- IS PROBABLY NOT GOING TO LIKE WHAT IT'S GOING TO HEAR. THE FARM BILL -- RE-WRITTEN EVERY FIVE YEARS -- WILL SEE CUTS THIS TIME AROUND. PANELIST OF THE FORUM BRAD REDLIN SAYS THERE COULD BE AS MUCH AS A 25% CUT FROM THE PREVIOUS FARM BILL BUDGET. ACCORDING TO REDLIN, THE LAST FARM BILL INCLUDED 285 BILLION DOLLARS IN CREDITS, SUBSIDIES AND PAYOUTS. THE FARM BILL TOUCHES FARM PRODUCTION, FOOD PROCESSING, DISTRIBUTION AND MARKETING OF MUCH OF WHAT AMERICANS EAT. REDLIN HOPES LOCAL PRODUCTION CAN BETTER BE ADDRESSED BY THE BILL, AND HE SAYS ITS A BOOMING NEW MARKET. THIS IS THE FOURTH OF FIVE STOPS FOR THE FARM BILL PANELISTS IN MISSOURI. THEIR TRIP WILL CONCLUDE IN ST. LOUIS TOMORROW EVENING. REPORTING LIVE IN COLUMBIA, MICHAEL GOSSUM, KOMU 8 NEWS.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10**	**5/4**	**10:00**	**1:32**	THE NUMBER OF D-W-I ARRESTS IS ON THE RISE IN BOONE COUNTY... AND OFFICERS ARE NOT PLANNING TO LET UP

					ANYTIME SOON. KOMU 8'S MAGGIE MILLER TELLS US WHAT POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN THE AREA ARE DOING TO TRY AND KEEP ALL DRIVERS SAFE. MAJOR TOM REDDIN HAS WORKED AT THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR 25 YEARS. IN THOSE YEARS, HE HAS SEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED ARRESTS. IN 2008, POLICE CHARGED 147 PEOPLE WITH D-W-I'S. THAT NUMBER MORE THAN DOUBLED IN 2009, WITH 351 PEOPLE ARRESTED FOR D-W-I. AND IN 2010, THAT NUMBER ROSE AGAIN TO 467. COLUMBIA POLICE ARE ALSO ENFORCING D-W-I LAWS DURING THIS TIME, BUT ARE FOCUSING MORE ON YOUTH ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION. REDDIN SAYS WHILE THESE CHECKPOINTS DO WORK WELL, SOMETIMES WORD OF MOUTH CAN HINDER THEIR EFFECTS AND CAUSE DRIVERS TO AVOID THE AREA. OFFICERS URGE DRIVERS TO ALWAYS GET A SAFE RIDE HOME AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN DRINKING. MAGGIE MILLER, KOMU 8 NEWS, COLUMBIA. OFFICERS SAY THERE WILL BE A D-W-I CHECKPOINT ANYTIME FROM NOW UNTIL MAY 13.
EDUCATION	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN**	**5/5**	**10:00**	**1:33**	MANY BUSINESSES HOLD A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP WITH COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS. KOMU8'S JESSICA SIBERT TELLS US WHY THIS PARTNERSHIP WAS CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION THIS EVENING. THE CITY OF COLUMBIA IS KICKING OFF ITS 27TH ANNUAL PARTNERS IN EDUCATION WEEK. A LARGE CROWD OF PARENTS AND STUDENTS ATTENDED THE CEREMONY TO SEE PERFORMANCES BY THE MID-MISSOURI HIGH STEPPERS, THE SEVENTH GRADE AWARD BAND, AND OTHERS. THE CELEBRATIONS ALSO INCLUDED A FLAG CEREMONY. THE PARTNERS IN EDUCATION PROGRAM BRINGS

					SCHOOLS AND BUSINESSES TOGETHER TO SHARE RESOURCES, ENHANCE STUDENT LEARNING, AND FURTHER ECONOMIC GROWTH. FOR MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, THIS CELEBRATION NOT ONLY REPRESENTS ALL THE EXPERIENCES THESE STUDENTS ARE GETTING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM WITH THEIR PARTNERS... SUPERINTENDENT CHRIS BELCHER SAYS BUSINESSES DONATED 7.8 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF SERVICE TO COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LAST YEAR. JESSICA SIBERT, KOMU8 NEWS, COLUMBIA. TO SEE A LIST OF THE BUSINESSES INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM, GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT KOMU.COM.
HEALTH	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE**	**5/6**	**5:00**	**:28**	DRUG MAKERS SAY THEY'LL RE-FORMULATE SOME INFANT PAIN RELIEVERS IN AN ATTEMPT TO CUT DOWN ON DOSING ERRORS. THE CONSUMER HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION IS THE TRADE GROUP FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG MANUFACTURERS. THE GROUP HAS ANNOUNCED CONCENTRATED INFANT TYLENOL AND OTHER PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN ACETAMINOPHEN WILL BE PHASED OUT THIS YEAR. DRUG MAKERS WILL ALSO INCORPORATE NEW CALIBRATED DOSING SYRINGES FOR THE INFANT PAIN RELIEVERS. THE TRADE GROUP SAYS THE CHANGES SHOULD SIMPLIFY DOSING FOR PARENTS.
HEALTH	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX**	**5/7**	**6:00**	**4:07**	IT'S A PROFESSION KNOWN TO GIVE PART OF THE WORLD'S FOOD AND FUEL...FARMING. BUT, IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH TODAY'S DEMAND, FARMERS OFTEN NEED TO USE NOISEY EQUIPMENT. NOW, MODERN MACHINES ARE SOUNDING THE ALARM FOR FARMERS TO COVER THEIR EARS. CHAINSAW NOISE PROBABLY WON'T MAKE YOUR EARS BLEED, BUT WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT? GETTING THE JOB DONE, OR KEEPING YOUR

					HEARING ?? LEE FORKER CARES ABOUT HIS TREES, NEARLY 8-THOUSAND OF THEM ON HIS FARM IN THE MILLERSBURG COUNTRYSIDE. SO, CHOPPING WOOD AND GETTING AROUND BY TRACTOR IS A REGULAR CHORE FOR HIM. BUT, WEARING EAR PROTECTION IS NO LONGER HIS CHOICE, IT'S PRACTICALLY REQUIRED. WHEN FORKER WAS A COLLEGE STUDENT PURSING MEDICINE, HE USED TO MAN A JACKHAMMER. BEING AROUND INTENSE NOISE WITHOUT PROTECTING HIS EARS WAS NOT A BIG DEAL THEN. SO NOW, ABOUT EVERY THREE MONTHS, FORKER SEES HIS EAR SPECIALIST IN COLUMBIA FOR A CHECK-UP ON HIS HEARING HEALTH AND HIS HEARING AIDS. A TINY CAMERA GOES INSIDE THE EAR FOR AN INSPECTION AND SHOWS IF ANY WAX IS BUILDING UP. EVEN THOUGH THE CAMERA'S INSIDE SCOOP LOOKS GOOD, FORKER STILL WON'T BE ABLE TO HEAR LIKE HE USED TO.
ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE**	**5/9**	**5:00**	**:59**	THAT'S CORRECT. ONE OF THEM INVOLVES DRUG TESTING FOR WELFARE RECIPIENTS..THAT'S IS HOUSE BILL 73. 73 STATES THAT APPLICANTS FOR THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE OF NEEDY FAMILIES OR TANF SUSPECTED OF DRUG USE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO A DRUG TEST. ON JANUARY 31ST...HOUSE BILL 73 WAS A GIVEN A THIRD READ. IT GOT 116 YES VOTES AND JUST 27 NO VOTES. SINCE THEN, THE BILL HAS GONE TO THE SENATE, AND IT HAS NOW BEEN PASSED WITH AMENDMENTS. IF THE HOUSE ACCEPTS THESE CHANGES, THE BILL WILL THEN GO TO THE GOVERNOR'S DESK. HOUSE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER TIM JONES WANTS PEOPLE TO REMEMBER THAT BOTH DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS HAVE SUPPORTED THE ISSUE. JONES ALSO SAID HE PLANS FOR THIS BILL TO BE

					DISCUSSED TOMORROW WITH THE AMENDMENTS ON THE HOUSE FLOOR. ALL IN PREPARATION FOR GETTING IT ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK BY FRIDAY EVENING.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX**	**5/10**	**6:00**	**1:05**	JIM, THIS CHANGE COULD GIVE WAY TO A WHOLE NEW POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE. RIGHT NOW, SENATORS CAN SERVE A TOTAL OF 8 YEARS, AND REPRESENTATIVES THE SAME. THE SENATE BILL WOULD ALLOW LEGISLATORS TO SERVE A TOTAL OF 16 YEARS IN EITHER CHAMBER OR SPLIT THE TIME BETWEEN THEM. SOME LAWMAKERS ARE OPPOSED TO THE SENATE BILL AND SAY LONGER TERMS ARE TOO MUCH FOR ONE CHAMBER. THEY ALSO SAY LONGER TERMS COULD LIMIT YOUNGER MEMBERS FROM GETTING INVOLVED IN THE POLITICAL SYSTEM AND LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF IDEAS FLOWING IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT. SUPPORTERS SAY THEY THINK THERE SHOULD BE A LITTLE MORE TIME TO SERVE IN OFFICE BECAUSE THERE'S A LEARNING CURVE IN STATE GOVERNMENT AND TAKES TIME TO GET USE TO WAYS OF GOVERNMENT, BUT ONE CITIZEN STILL THINKS THIS LEGISLATION IS BAD FOR THE STATE. THE BILL WOULD ASK VOTERS IN 2012 TO CHANGE TERM LIMITS FOR THE LEGISLATURE. VOTERS LAST APPROVED TERM LIMITS IN 1992. REPORTING LIVE IN JEFFERSON CITY, RICO BUSH, KOMU NEWS
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX**	**5/11**	**6:00**	**1:25**	STATE SENATORS VOTED TODAY TO LOWER THE CONCEAL AND CARRY PERMIT AGE TO 21. UNDER CURRENT LAW YOU MUST BE 23 OR OLDER TO GET YOUR PERMIT. K-O-M-U 8'S MIKE ANDREANI SHOWS US WHAT THIS MEANS FOR MISSOURI. THEY'RE ALWAYS LOUD. BUT GUNS ARE MAKING NOISE AT THE STATE CAPITOL AS WELL.

					THE CHANGE HILL IS TALKING ABOUT WOULD DROP THE CONCEAL AND CARRY AGE REQUIREMENT FROM 23 TO 21. BUT SOME LAWMAKERS SAID THEY WANTED TO SEE MORE TRAINING REQUIRED OF THOSE WHO WOULD GET CONCEAL AND CARRY PERMITS. CURRENTLY THOSE SEEKING A PERMIT MUST COMPLETE A BACKGROUND CHECK AND AN 8-HOUR COURSE. MOST AGREE THIS BILL WILL GENERATE REVENUE FOR THE STATE AS MORE MISSOURIANS APPLY. MIKE ANDREANI, K-O-M-U 8 NEWS, COLUMBIA. THE BILL GOES BACK TO THE HOUSE WHERE AN EARLIER VERSION ALREADY PASSED. IF THE AMENDED VERSION PASSES THE HOUSE IT COULD REACH THE GOVERNOR'S DESK TOMORROW.
CRIME	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN**	**5/12**	**10:00**	:41	IT TOOK MULTIPLE POLICE PURSUITS TO CATCH THE GUNMAN IN ROLLA TODAY. THIS VIDEO SHOWS *ONE* OF THE CHASES. IT WAS TAKEN BY A WITNESS ABOUT 200 FEET AWAY, WHERE HE SAID THE GUNMAN SPED BY FIRING AN AK-47 IN ALL DIRECTIONS. MOMENTS LATER, THREE COP CARS FOLLOWED THE SUSPECT NEAR AN INTERSTATE 44 EXIT. THE WITNESS SAID HE PULLED OVER TO LET COPS PASS AND THEN HEARD THE GUNSHOTS COMING FROM THE SUSPECT'S CAR.. AFTER SEEING THE CHASE AND HEARING THE GUNSHOTS, ERIC MAEDGEN SAYS HE WAS A LITTLE FRAZZLED. A REMINDER THAT YOU CAN CHECK OUT ALL OF OUR COVERAGE FROM TODAY'S EVENT ONLINE AT KOMU.COM
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE**	**5/13**	**5:00**	**1:23**	NO IT REALLY DOESN'T GUYS. THE HOUSE BILL THAT WAS ON THE TABLE EARLIER TODAY DEALING WITH TAX CREDITS IN A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE DIED. SO,

					MEMBERS IN THE HOUSE TRIED TO TAG THIS BILL ON TO A COUPLE OF OTHER BILLS. THIS TAX CREDIT BILL WOULD ALLOW FOR A TAX BREAK ALLOWING THE LAMBERT AIRPORT TO BUILD A CHINESE AIR CARGO HUB ATTRACTING BUSINESS FROM THAT COUNTRY. MISSOURI SENATORS WANTED LESS SAVINGS TO SOME OF THE BUSINESSES THAT WOULD BE HELPED OUT BY THIS TAX MODIFICATION. THE HOUSE WOULDN'T GO ALONG. ROLLA STATE REP DAN BROWN SAYS THIS CHINA HUB BILL WOULD HAVE HELPED SOME OF HIS CONSTITUENTS ATTRACT BUSINESS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD. BECAUSE THE TAX CREDIT BILL DID NOT PASS TODAY,BROWN THINKS THE HOUSE AND SENATE WILL HAVE TO GO INTO ANOTHER SPECIAL SESSION. MUCH MORE TONIGHT AT SIX. REPORTING LIVE AT THE CAPTIOL, JONATHAN KETZ, KOMU 8 NEWS.
EDUCATION	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX**	**5/14**	**6:00**	**3:22**	HIGH SCHOOL IS ALL ABOUT GETTING KIDS PREPARED FOR COLLEGE AND THE "REAL WORLD". KOMU 8'S KATIE STEINER SHOWS US HOW A SIMPLE ACTIVITY CAN CHANGE THE WAY STUDENTS THINK NOW, HE SPENDS EVERY MOMENT HE CAN IN THE ROBOTICS LAB. IN COMPETITION, BEING A PART OF THE FIRST TEAM IN THE AREA IS NOT ALWAYS EASY. HOWEVER, IT DID RUN AT THE REGIONAL COMPETITION. SO HOW MUCH WORK DOES IT TAKE TO BUILD A ROBOT LIKE THIS? IN THIS FIRST TEST, STUDENTS LEARNED MORE THAN JUST HOW TO BUILD AND PROGRAM. THIS HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IS WHAT SETS THIS GROUP APART. JIM KYD PREFERS THIS WAY OF TEACHING RATHER THAN LECTURING IN THE CLASSROOM. HIS COLLEAGUE THINKS THE ROBOTICS TEAM

					PREPARES STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE. THIS PROGRAM HASN'T JUST SPARKED INTEREST IN THE TEACHERS... PERFORMANCE IN ROBOTICS HAS FUSED WITH PERFORMANCE IN SCHOOL. AND THAT CHANGE SPREADS TO THE FACULTY, TOO. KATIE STEINER, KOMU 8 NEWS, COLUMBIA IN THEIR DIVISION AT THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION, THE COLUMBIA GROUP PLACED 54TH OUT OF 88 TEAMS.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**5/15**	**9:00**	**1:32**	BEFORE THE SESSION IN EARLY JANUARY, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY PUT OUT A LIST OF SIX PRIORITY BILLS IT SAID WOULD BOOST MISSOURI'S STRUGGLING ECONOMY. IT CALLED IT 'FIX THE SIX. FOUR MONTHS LATER...THE LEGISLATURE PASSED THREE OF THEM, ALTHOUGH GOVERNOR JAY NIXON THEN VETOED ONE. AND TWO PRO-BUSINESS INITIATIVES DIED IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. TAKE GFX - FRANCHISE TAX FREEZE FIRST TO THE THINGS THAT ARE NOW LAW... LAST MONTH, NIXON SIGNED A BILL FREEZING THE STATE'S CORPORATE FRANCHISE TAX AND PHASING IT OUT OVER TIME. MISSOURI IS ONE OF ONLY A HANDFUL OF STATES THAT HAS A CORPORATE INCOME TAX AND A FRANCHISE TAX, WHICH BUSINESSES SAID WAS DOUBLE TAXATION. NOW THAT THE FREEZE AND EVENTUAL PHASE-OUT IS IN EFFECT, BUSINESSES SAY IT'LL SAVE THEM 80 MILLION DOLLARS. THE SECOND ITEM...MORE CONTROVERSIAL. AFTER A GROUP OF REPUBLICANS DELAYED IT FOR WEEKS, NIXON WAS ABLE TO SIGN A 20-WEEK EXTENSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. BUT THERE'S A CATCH. THE BILL ESSENTIALLY HELPS THE CURRENT

					GROUP OF LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED MISSOURIANS AT THE EXPENSE OF THOSE IN THE FUTURE. THAT'S BECAUSE IT CUTS THE AMOUNT OF WEEKS SOMEONE CAN GET BENEFITS...FROM 26 TO 20 WEEKS. NOW, THE FOUR PARTS OF THE SIX ARE NOT LAW. A BILL MAKING IT HARDER FOR EMPLOYEES TO PROVE WORKPLACE DISCRIMINATION AND CAPPING DAMAGES PASSED THE LEGISLATURE... ONLY FOR NIXON TO VETO IT, CALLING THE BILL UNACCEPTABLE. LAWMAKERS COULD NOT GET A BILL BARRING EMPLOYEES WHO ARE HURT ON THE JOB FROM SUING FELLOW EMPLOYEES. HERE WAS LITTLE PROGRESS ON A BILL PROTECTING BUSINESSES IN SOME LIABILITY CASES. ND THE LEGISLATURE DID NOT OVERTURN A 2007 VOTER-APPROVED LAW TYING MISSOURI'S MINIMUM WAGE TO INFLATION. THAT MEANS MINIMUM WAGE WILL CONTINUE GOING UP WHEN INFLATION DOES.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT 9**	**5/16**	**9:00**	**1:18**	THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HOPES TO ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS SURROUNDING ITS PLANS TO LAYOFF EMPLOYEES AND RESTRUCTURE. MODOT IS HOLDING PUBLIC BRIEFINGS ALL WEEK. KOMU8'S JON STRAUB HAS MORE TONIGHT'S DISCUSSIONS FROM CAMDENTON. MODOT WILL HOLD FORUMS SIMILAR TO THIS ONE THROUGHOUT THE STATE THIS WEEK. MODOT PLANS TO LAY OFF 12-HUNDRED EMPLOYEES, AND MOST OF THEM WILL COME FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LEVEL. THE DISTRICTS WILL ALSO CHANGE FROM THE CURRENT 10 TO THIS PROPOSED 7 DISTRICTS. SOME HAVE CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PLANS AND HAD COME TO ADDRESS THEM. ROUGHLY 19 PERCENT OF MODOT JOBS ARE IN JEOPARDY, AND THAT IS SCARING SOME WORKERS AND

					THEIR FAMILIES. MODOT UNDERSTANDS THEIR LIMITED KNOWLEDGE, BUT HOPES IT CAN TAKE THE FEEDBACK FROM THIS WEEK AND USE IT IN A FINAL PLAN. JON STRAUB, KOMU 8 NEWS, CAMDENTON.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX**	**5/17**	**6:00**	**1:13**	IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE A PRODUCTIVE SUMMER IN MISSOURI-- ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT MISSOURI'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS THE LOWEST IT'S BEEN IN TWO YEARS. CONSTRUCTION WAS ONE OF THE AREAS THAT SAW THE BIGGEST GROWTH. KOMU 8'S NICOLE NIZIOLEK SAYS THAT MAY NOT BE TRUE HERE. NICOLE? ANGIE, THERE'S PLENTY OF WORK GOING ON HERE. I'M HERE AT THE POINTE, ALONG ROCK QUARRY ROAD, ONE OF THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH COLUMBIA. I TALKED TO SEVEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES IN COLUMBIA, AND GOT....WELL...NO GENERAL CONSENSUS. ONE LAWN CARE COMPANY WORKING ON THIS PROPERTY SAYS HE'S BUSY. BUT ONE BUILDER CLAIMED BUSINESS IS PRETTY MUCH THE SAME AS IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO -- AT THE DEEPEST PART OF THE HOUSING BUST. THE OWNER OF THIS PLACE SAYS BUSINESS IS GOOD FOR NOW, BUT HE'S TAKING IT "ONE DAY AT A TIME". THAT'S A CONTRAST TO WHAT A NEW REPORT BY THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SAID. THAT REPORT SAID APRIL'S JOBLESS RATE WAS 8.9 PERCENT. THAT'S DOWN TWO-TENTH OF A POINT FROM MARCH, MAKING IT THE LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE SINCE MARCH 2009. THAT REPORT SAID THERE THERE WAS A NET GAIN OF 2,500 NONFARM JOBS IN MISSOURI.

					AND, OF COURSE, ANGIE AND SARAH, THESE NUMBER CHANGE NOT JUST WITH THE ECONOMIC UPS AND DOWNS, BUT ALSO WITH THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ACTIVELY JOB HUNTING.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**5/18**	**9:00**	**1:08**	AMTRAK IS BREAKING ALL KINDS OF RECORDS LATELY...SOME GOOD, SOME NOT SO GOOD. KOMU 8'S DAVID EARL JOINS US IN THE STUDIO NOW. DAVID I HEAR RIDERS AND RED INK ARE INVOLVED.AMTRAK IS ON TRACK TO BREAK ITS RIDERSHIP RECORD. NEW NUMBERS RELEASED BY THE RAIL LINE SHOW THIS PAST APRIL WAS THE BEST APRIL IN AMTRAK'S HISTORY.... RIDERSHIP IS NOW UP NATIONWIDE FOR 18 MONTHS IN A ROW. BUT AS AMERICA'S RAILROAD CELEBRATES ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR, IT'S ALSO RACKING UP RECORD AMOUNTS OF RED INK. THIS YEAR, AMTRAK WILL SEE A MORE THAN 87 MILLION DOLLAR INCREASE IN ITS OPERATING LOSS. NEXT YEAR THE C-E-O SAYS IT WILL CLIMB ANOTHER 110 MILLION -- REACHING 616 MILLION. FEDERAL DOLLARS FILL SOME OF THE GAP....COVERING ABOUT 16 PERCENT OF AMTRAK'S OPERATING BUDGET. BUT SOME IN WASHINGTON ARE USING THE FUNDING TRAIN WRECK AS A WAY TO STEER DOLLARS AWAY FROM NATIONAL RAIL SERVICE. NOW IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT AMTRAK SAYS MOST OF ITS LOSSES COME FROM OPERATING THOSE LONG DISTANCE ROUTES...LIKE SAY FROM SAN FRANSISCO TO CHICAGO. BUT THE RAIL WAY ACTUALLY MAKES MONEY ON COMMUTER ROUTES LIKE THIS ONE FROM KANSAS CITY TO ST LOUIS.

CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	5/19	10:00	1:00	TONIGHT, COLUMBIA POLICE ISSUE A WARNING SOMEONE IS SHOPPING FAKE 20 DOLLAR BILLS AROUND TOWN. KOMU 8'S DANI WEXELMAN IS WITH US IN THE STUDIO TO EXPLAIN HOW TO TELL A REAL FROM A FAKE, DANI? I'VE GOT A REAL 20 DOLLAR BILL HERE, AND I'M NOT SURE IF I COULD TELL A FAKE JUST BY LOOKING. THE SECRET SERVICE HAS THREE EASY SECURITY FEATURES TO USE WHEN LOOKING FOR COUNTERFEIT MONEY. HE WEBSITE ADVISES TO CHECK FOR THE WATERMARK ON THE BILLS, THE SECURITY THREAD, AND THE COLOR SHIFTING INK. THE SECRET SERVICE'S SITE GOES INTO MORE DETAIL ABOUT DETECTING FAKE BILLS. THE PORTRAIT IS FAKE IF IT IS LIFELESS AND FLAT. THE TREASURY SEALS MAY HAVE AN UNEVEN, BLUNT, OR BROKEN SAW-TOOTH POINT. THE BORDER MAY BE BLURRED AND INDISTINCT. THE SERIAL NUMBERS MAY DIFFER IN COLORS OR SHADE OF INK AND THE SPACING MAY BE MIS-ALIGNED. AND LASTLY IF THE LINES ON THE PAPER ARE PRINTED ON THE SURFACE, YOU'VE PROBABLY GOT A COUNTERFEIT BILL. I COULDN'T FIND ANY BUSINESSES WHO EXPERIENCED THIS PROBLEM BUT I DID RUN INTO A WOMAN WHO WORKED FOR GOODWILL AND SAID PEOPLE WERE USING FAKE 20'S ABOUT A MONTH AGO.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT IVE	5/20	5:00	1:05	WE'VE BEEN ON A DEVELOPING STORY ALL DAY ABOUT CHARGES DROPPED IN A BOONE COUNTY MURDER CASE... THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TODAY REPORTED IT ASKED PROSECUTORS TO DROP HOMICIDE CHARGES AGAINST DEANGELO GRANT IN LAST MONTH'S DEATH OF DONNELL G. COLEMAN. BUT DEPUTIES SAY THEY ARE STILL LOOKING FOR SUSPECTS IN THE CASE AND KOMU 8'S ALLIE SPILLYARDS

					HAS MORE ON THAT. DEPUTIES ARE STILL INVESTIGATING THAT MURDER THAT OCCURRED LAST MONTH AT THE COUNTRY HOUSE APARTMENTS ON LAPORTE AVENUE. THEY ARRESTED DEANGELO GRANT FOR SECOND DEGREE MURDER, BURGULARY, AND ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION. BUT NOW DETECTIVES SAY NEW INFORMATION HAS THEM WANTING TO DROP THE CHARGES. THEY'RE NOW LOOKING FOR 2 SUSPECTS, BUT THE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT'S OPEN TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT MORE WERE INVOLVED. THE DEPARTMENT ISN'T RELEASING OTHER INFORMATION AT THIS TIME. GRANT IS STILL BEHIND BARS THOUGH. THE US MARSHALS HAVE HIM ON A FEDERAL WARRANT AND LOCAL CHARGES IN PLATTE AND LAFAYETTE COUNTIES. DETECTIVES SAY THOSE CHARGES AREN'T RELATED TO APRIL'S MURDER. HE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ASKING ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ON THIS CASE TO CONTACT CRIMESTOPPERS ONLINE OR CALL 875-TIPS, WHICH IS ALSO 875-7477.
EDUCATION	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN**	**5/21**	**10:00**	**:28**	TWO CALLAWAY COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS TODAY. THE KINGDOM PILOT'S ASSOCIATION HOSTED A PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE K-P-A AND ITS FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS. JAENA SMITH AND DUSTIN COLLIER WERE THE TWO RECIPIENTS OF THE NEWLY NAMED "CAPTAIN SAM KAISER ROBERTSON" SCHOLARSHIP TODAY. THEY BOTH RECEIVED FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS TO HELP THEM START THEIR AVIATION CAREERS. LONG WITH PANCAKES, THE KPA HOSTED A LIVE BAND, PROVIDED FLIGHTS FOR YOUNG STUDENTS, AND EVENS HOWCASED A HELICOPTOR.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE	5/23	9:00	1:30	A JOPLIN NATIVE NOW LIVING IN COLUMBIA IS HARD AT WORK RIGHT NOW PLAYING THE ROLE OF A SOCIAL MEDIA MIDDLE MAN FOR THE TORNADO CRISIS. KOMU 8'S JAMAL ANDRESS TELLS US HOW THIS LOCAL ENTREPRENEUR TURNED TO FACEBOOK TO BRING FAMILIES TOGETHER AFTER THE STORM.WHEN BRENT BESHORE HEARD ABOUT THE TORNADO HIS REACTION WAS TERROR. THAT FEELING LED BESHORE TO ACTION. BESHORE'S QUICK ACTION LED TO QUICK RESULTS. BESHORE'S RELIEF PAGE ON FACEBOOK IS NEARING 100 THOUSAND FANS... AND THE UNITED WAY'S TIM RICH SAYS THIS PAGE EXEMPLIFIES WHAT HIS ORGANIZATION IS ABOUT. AND BESHORE SAYS HE HOPES HIS EFFORT TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER WILL ALSO HELP THEM... JAMAL ANDRESS, KOMU 8 NEWS, COLUMBIA. IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON WHERE YOU CAN DONATE OR A LINK TO BESHORE'S FACEBOOK PAGE PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE, KOMU.COM.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	5/24	6:00	:35	U.S. SENATOR CLAIRE MCCASKILL LINKED UP WITH OTHER TOP STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS TODAY TO SURVEY THE DISASTER ZONE. SHE JOINED GOVERNOR NIXON AND FEMA ADMINISTRATOR CRAIG FUGATE. THE TRIO ALSO LOOKED AT THE DAMAGE FROM A HELICOPTER. PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS ALREADY REQUESTED FEDERAL AID FOR THE AREA. MCCASKILL SAYS MISSOURI IS GOING TO NEED HELP FROM THE FEDS FOR A WHILE. PRESIDENT OBAMA ANNOUNCED TODAY-- HE WILL VISIT JOPLIN ON SUNDAY.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	5/25	6:00	1:02	MISSOURI TASK FORCE ONE, A VOLUNTEER UNIT DEPLOYED TO JOPLIN AFTER THE TORNADO, RETURNED HOME TO BOONE COUNTY TODAY.

					KOMU 8'S JOSH FRYDMAN IS LIVE IN COLUMBIA WHERE THE TASK FORCE RETRUNED. JOSH, THE FORCE CAME BACK A LITTLE BIT LATER THAN THEY ANTICIPATED TODAY, CORRECT? I'M LIVE AT THE BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT WHERE MISSOURI TASK FORCE ONE CAME HOME TO TODAY...BUT NOT WITH OUT A LITTLE DELAY. THE TASK FORCE HAD TO RACE TODAY'S STORMS HOME, SOME OF THEM SHOWING US PICTURES OF FUNNEL CLOUDS THEY TOOK ON THEIR PHONES. THEY FINALLY ARRIVED AT ABOUT 2 P-M TO THE FIRE DISTRICT, AND HAD TO TAKE SHELTER WHILE THE MEDIA WAITED IN A STORAGE CLOSET TO RIDE OUT THE STORM. 85 MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE FROM ALL OVER THE STATE WERE IN JOPLIN SINCE 3 AM MONDAY MORNING. THEY HAD 100-THOUSAND POUNDS OF EQUIPMENT WITH THEM. ALL THESE MEN AND WOMEN ARE VOLUNTEERS, AND HAD TO LEAVE BEHIND THEIR OWN FAMILIES AND JOBS TO HELP THOSE IN JOPLIN. THE TASK FORCE SPENT CLOSE TO 40 HOURS STRAIGHT HELPING WITH THE SEARCH AND RESCUE IN JOPLIN. REPORTING LIVE IN COLUMBIA, JOSH FRYDMAN, KOMU 8 NEWS.
HEALTH	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE**	**5/26**	**5:00**	**:25**	STROKE PATIENTS WHO DO THEIR PHYSICAL THERAPY AT HOME MAY IMPROVE THEIR ABILITY TO WALK JUST AS WELL AS THOSE TREATED IN A REHAB CENTER. DUKE UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS COMPARED THE RESULTS OF A TREADMILL TRAINING PROGRAM COMMON AT MOST REHABILITATION CENTERS TO A HOME EXERCISE PROGRAM. AFTER 1-YEAR, THE PROPORTION OF PATIENTS WHO IMPROVED THEIR WALKING WAS THE SAME IN BOTH GROUPS -- AND THE AT-HOME GROUP WAS MORE LIKELY

					TO STICK WITH THE PROGRAM.
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	5/27	5:00	:29	HIGH LEVELS OF E.COLI SHUT DOWN BEACHES AT THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS THIS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, PUBLIC BEACH ONE AND THE GRAND GLAIZE BEACH IN THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS STATE PARK WILL BE CLOSED DUE TO HIGH LEVELS OF E.COLI. THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES BLAME RECENT RAIN. EVEN THOUGH THE BEACHES ARE CLOSED, VISITORS SAY THAT ISN'T STOPPING THEM FROM ENJOYING THEIR VACATION. HE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TAKE SAMPLES FROM EACH BEACH ON MONDAYS AND BY WEDNESDAY IT CAN DETERMINE IF A BEACH WILL OPEN.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	5/29	10:00	:23	THAT'S RIGHT ANGIE. HEAVY APRIL RAIN COULD MEAN LOWER YIELDS FOR MISSOURI'S CORN CROPS. ACCORDING TO THE NEW U-S-D-A CROP PROGRESS REPORTS, DUE TO DRIER WEATHER IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS-- SOUTHEAST MISSOURI HAS GONE FROM HAVING 43 PERCENT OF ITS CORN PLANTED ON MAY EIGHTH TO 77 PERCENT PLANTED LAST WEEK.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE	5/30	9:00	:47	IF YOU'VE DRIVEN AROUND COLUMBIA LATELY, YOU MIGHT NOTICE LOWER GAS PRICES. RICES ARE DOWN TO THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY THREE CENTS A GALLON. ANALYSTS PREDICT THIS SUMMER YOU CAN EXPECT TO SAVE AS MUCH AS FIFTY CENTS A GALLON AT THE PUMP. GAS PRICES HAVE BEEN SLOWLY DROPPING OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS. ONE MU STUDENT CAME BACK TO TOWN FROM CHICAGO FOR A BIRTHDAY, AND SAYS THE TRIP COST

					MORE THAN SHE'S USED TO PAYING. NDERSON SAYS SHE ALWAYS EXPECTS PRICES TO RISE AT ANY TIME SO SHE FILLS HER TANK FULL EVERY TIME AT THE PUMP. SHE DOESN'T PLAN ON DOING ANY OTHER BIG TRAVELING THIS SUMMER.
CRIME	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**5/31**	**9:00**	**1:42**	HERE IN MISSOURI, LIVESTOCK IS A HUGE INDUSTRY. WHICH MAKES LIVESTOCK THEFT A HUGE PROBLEM KOMU 8S JAMAL ANDRESS TELLS US HOW ONE GROUP IS TRYING A NEW TACTIC TO REDUCE RUSTLING. 0% OF RURAL CRIME IS LIVESTOCK THEFT. AND THE MOST POPULAR WAY TO RECIEVE THAT PAYMENT IS... AND WITH CATTLE PRICES BEING AT AN ALL TIME HIGH, STEALING CATTLE CAN BE VERY LUCRATIVE. TO PREVENT THE SALE OF STOLEN CATTLE THE LIVESTOCK AND FARM PROTECTION TASK FORCE IS NOW SENDING OUT EMAIL ALERTS TO SALE BARNS IN THE REGION. THESE ALERTS INCLUDE THE DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF THE LIVESTOCK OR THE TRAILER THAT WAS STOLEN. WINDETT SAYS THE CHANGE WILL CREATE WHILE THE CHANGE WILL HELP, WINDETT SAYS CATTLE OWNERS SHOULD TAKE CERTIN PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT LIVESTOCK THEFT. JAMAL ANDRESS, KOMU 8 NEWS, BOONVILLE. THE TASK FORCE IS ALSO WORKING ON A WEBSITE WHERE THE VICTIMS CAN FILE A REPORT AND SALE BARNS CAN VIEW THE STOLEN LIVESTOCK. THIS WEBSITE SHOULD BE UP AND RUNNING BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

CRIME	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN**	**6/1**	**10:00**	**:49**	THE SUSPECT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED AS THE PERSON WANTED FOR A HOMCIDE EARLIER TODAY IN ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI. ALLISON AND ANGIE, TY ARNOLD DIED AFTER A CHASE AND SHOOTOUT RIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 65 AND I-70. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER ARNOLD SHOT HIMSELF OR AUTHORITIES SHOT HIM. AUTHORITIES SAY ARNOLD FIRED SHOTS AT POLICE...AND ENDED UP HITTING A BYSTANDER, THE DRIVER OF A TANKER TRUCK. 0THAT DRIVER, ALONG WITH ANOTHER MAN WERE INJURED AND TAKEN BY HELICOPTER TO UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL IN COLUMBIA. A WOMEN WAS ALSO INJURED AND TAKEN TO SWEET SPRINGS. A STATE TROOPER SUFFERED A MINOR INJURY THAT'S NOT CONSIDERED TO BE LIFE-THREATENING. ARNOLD IS ALSO ACCUSED OF KILLING HIS WIFE IN ST. JOSEPH BEFORE HE MADE HIS WAY TO SALINE COUNTY.
ECONOMY	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**6/2**	**9:00**	**1:32**	GOVERNOR NIXON WAS IN COLUMBIA TODAY WITH A MESSAGE THAT THE STATES ECONOMY IS MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. DAN DAVIS HAS WORKED AT VA MORTGAGE CENTER-DOT-COM SINCE HE GRADUATED FROM MIZZOU 6 YEARS AGO. TODAY THE COMPANY ANNOUNCED IT WILL HIRE 300 MORE EMPLOYEES OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS. GOVERNOR NIXON CAME TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT. THE COMPANY STARTED IN 2002 WITH ONLY THREE

					EMPLOYEES AND NOW HAS MORE THAN 500. MOST WORK IN COLUMBIA, ENJOY A LAX DRESS CODE, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH GET THEIR OWN BOBBLE HEAD. THE STATE HELPED MAKE THE GROWTH POSSIBLE BY AUTHORIZING A 6-POINT-1 MILLION DOLLAR INCENTIVE PACKAGE FOR THE COMPANY. DAN LOVES HIS JOB AND PLANS TO WORK THERE UNTIL RETIREMENT. NOW THERE ARE 300 MORE REASONS TO LIKE THE COMPANY. BRIAN JOHNSON KOMU 8 NEWS COLUMBIA. IN 2010 V-A MORTGAGE CENTER-DOT-COM MADE MORE THAN ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN HOME FINANCING AVAILABLE. IT IS THE LARGEST DEDICATED V-A LENDER IN THE COUNTRY.
HEALTH	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE**	**6/3**	**5:00**	**:25**	MISSOURI GETS A 'C' WHEN IT COMES TO DENTAL HEALTH IN CHILDREN. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A REPORT THE PEW CENTER ON THE STATES RELEASED. MISSOURI MET HALF OF THE EIGHT POLICY BENCHMARKS USED TO ADDRESS CHILDREN'S DENTAL NEEDS. THE STATE SCORED BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE ON MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN GETTING DENTAL CARE. A LOCAL DENTIST HAS A THOUGHT ON CHILDREN ENROLLED ON MEDICAID ARE NOT GETTING MUCH DENTAL ATTENTION. A SHORTAGE OF DENTISTS IS ANOTHER FACTOR THAT KEPT MISSOURI FROM GETTING A HIGH RATING.
HEALTH	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX**	**6/4**	**6:00**	**:31**	A DEADLY E-COLI OUTBREAK CONTINUES TO SPREAD ACROSS EUROPE. NOW, WE'RE HEARING THAT AT LEAST FOUR AMERICANS, WHO WERE IN GERMANY THIS MONTH, HAVE BEEN INFECTED. BUT HEALTH OFFICIALS IN THE U-S EMPHASIZE

					THAT THE AMERICAN FOOD SUPPLY IS SAFE AND THAT THERE'S NO REASON TO BELIEVE THE OUTBREAK WILL CROSS THE ATLANTIC. NBC'S MICHELLE KOSINSKI REPORTS FROM HAMBURG. TODAY GERMAN AUTHORITIES ARE TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT A RESTAURANT WHERE SEVERAL OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE INFECTED MAY HAVE EATEN. THE RELENTLESSNESS OF THE OUTBREAK CONTINUES TO SURPRISE DOCTORS. 200 NEW CASES OF E-COLI INFECTION IN TWO DAYS, HERE IN GERMANY. 18 DEATHS. MORE THAN 1800 SICK, IN A DOZEN COUNTRIES. NOW WE KNOW, FOUR PEOPLE IN THE US HAVE IT. 3 OF THEM-- TWO WOMEN AND A MAN -- ARE HOSPITALIZED AFTER THE BACTERIA'S TOXINS ATTACKED THEIR KIDNEYS. THEY ALL HAD BEEN IN OR NEAR HAMBURG, IN MAY. TWO US SERVICE MEMBERS IN GERMANY ARE ALSO BELIEVED TO HAVE IT. SO, COULD THIS SPREAD, TO THE UNITED STATES? OFFICIALS SAY, HIGHLY UNLIKELY. SCIENTISTS THINK IT ORIGINATED IN RAW VEGETABLES FROM EUROPE -- POSSIBLY CUCUMBERS, TOMATOES OR LETTUCE... THE C-D-C SAYS THIS MUTANT STRAIN IS HIGHLY TOXIC, AND, ITS INCUBATION PERIOD UNUSUALLY LONG ... UP TO 12 DAYS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**6/6**	**9:00**	**:59**	THE NEW PARKING RATES AND POLICIES IN THE DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA AREA ARE ACTUALLY CONTINGENT ON THE NEW PARKING GARAGE ON SHORT STREET - THAT WAS ALSO ON THE AGENDA THIS EVENING. PLANS FOR THAT PARKING GARAGE WERE MOVED UP TO THE FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA, AND THE COUNCIL CONFIRMED THAT IT IS LIKELY THIS GARAGE WILL GET

					BUILT IN THE NEXT YEAR AND A HALF. ONE COMMUNITY MEMBER EVEN CALLED THE GARAGE "IMMINENT". FACING THE TASK OF HAVING TO PAY FOR THIS NEW PARKING LOT, THE CITY TOOK INTO ACCOUNT REACTIONS FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS AND DISPLAYED A LIST OF CHANGES THAT WERE LIKELY TO OCCUR. AMONG THESE CHANGES INCLUDED INCREASING PARKING RATES FROM 30 CENTS TO 60 CENTS AN HOUR DOWNTOWN, AND INCREASING RATES FROM 50 CENTS TO 75 CENTS FOR CAMPUS PARKING.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**6/7**	**9:00**	**:43**	THE POLLS CLOSED JUST HOURS AGO IN COLE COUNTY FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE HALF-CENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TAX. THE COLE COUNTY CLERK AND POLLING OFFICIALS IN COLE COUNTY TOLD KOMU TODAY'S VOTER TURNOUT WAS LOWER THAN NORMAL - THEY ESTIMATE ABOUT 4 OR 5 PERCENT OF REGISTERED COUNTY VOTERS ACTUALLY VOTED. VOTERS SEE THE PROPOSAL TO CONTINUE THE HALF-CENT TAX EVERY FIVE YEARS AND IT HAS PASSED EVERYTIME IT'S COME UP FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS. THE MONEY COLLECTED WOULD GO TO ROADS, BRIDGES, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. COLE COUNTY CELRK MARVIN REGISTER GAVE ME SOME EXAMPLES OF WHERE THOSE IMPROVEMENTS COULD BE INCLUDING SOME ROAD EXTENSIONS FOR THE ST MARY'S HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION. POLLS WERE OPEN FROM SIX A-M TO SEVEN TONIGHT.
CRIME	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**6/8**	**9:00**	**:53**	POLICE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE SUSPECT BUT HAVE NOT RELEASED HIS NAME. HE WAS WANTED FOR BURGLARY AND PAROLE VIOLATIONS IN MISSOURI ALONG WITH NUMEROUS CHARGES IN OTHER STATES. TAKE VO EARLIER THIS EVENING, STURGEON POLICE PULLED OVER A VEHICLE WITH THREE PEOPLE INSIDE.

					OFFICERS HANDCUFFED ALL THREE AND ARRESTED ONE MAN. THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO CALLED IN, AND DEPUTIES PUT THE SUSPECT INSIDE ONE OF THEIR CRUISERS. BUT HE DIDN'T STAY PUT FOR LONG.
EDUCATION	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**6/9**	**9:00**	**1:40**	COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL GET ANOTHER FREE DAY OFF NEXT SCHOOL YEAR. INSTEAD OF TWO PAID PERSONAL LEAVE DAYS...THEY'LL GET THREE. YEAR'S SCHEDULE. SHE'S GOT HER SISTER'S WEDDING TO GO TO IN SEPTEMBER. COBLE WILL USE ALL THREE OF HER PERSONAL LEAVE DAYS. NEXT YEAR THE THIRD DAY WILL STILL BE PAID. BUT IN THE PAST---TEACHERS LOST $70 ON DAY THREE. HOWEVER, THE DISTRICT WILL ONLY DROP THE NINTH COBLE ISN'T CONCERNED ABOUT RUNNING OUT OF HER SICK DAYS THOUGH. SHE'S GLAD SHE WON'T LOSE MONEY ON HER THIRD PERSONAL DAY OFF.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX THIRTY**	**6/10**	**6:30**	**:23**	MITT ROMNEY IS IN MICHIGAN TODAY WHERE HE DEFENDED HIS OPPOSITION TO FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE AUTO INDUSTRY OVERHAUL. UNITED AUTO WORKERS PICKETED ROMNEY'S ARRIVAL. ROMNEY BLAMED PRESIDENT OBAMA FOR THE COUNTRY'S WEAK ECONOMIC GROWTH. IN 2008...ROMNEY OPPOSED USING FEDERAL MONEY FOR THE AUTO INDUSTRY'S RESCUE. HE ARGUED THAT AN ORGANIZED BANKRUPTCY WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER FOR TAXPAYERS.
HEALTH	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX**	**6/11**	**6:00**	**:26**	OFFICIALS SAY GREEN TEA HARVESTED FROM JAPAN'S BIGGEST TEA-GROWING REGION IS CONTAMINATED WITH RADIATION. RADIOACTIVE CESIUM WAS DETECTED IN FIRST

					FLUSH GREEN TEA LEAVES THAT EXCEEDED OFFICIALLY PERMITTED LEVELS. A LOCAL NEWSPAPER REPORTED THE CONTAMINATED TEA LEAVES WERE FROM ONE PARTICULAR BRAND THAT MAKES UP ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE 35-THOUSAND TONS OF GREEN TEA LEAVES PRODUCED IN THE PREFECTURE. THE PREFECTURE'S GOVERNOR HAS IMPOSED A VOLUNTARY SHIPPING BAN.
EDUCATION	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**6/12**	**9:00**	**:56**	THAT WILL NOT BE THE CASE NEXT YEAR ACCORDING TO THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET. THE S-R-O'S OR SECURITY OFFICERS WILL NOT LOSE THEIR JOBS AS POLICE OFFICERS, BUT WILL SEE THEIR ROLES CHANGE AS A RESULT OF THE BUDGET CUTS. AT THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TONIGHT, RESIDENTS AND TEACHERS SPOKE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE OFFICERS AND WHAT KIND OF ROLE THEY PLAY IN THE SCHOOLS. THE 52 THOUSAND DOLLAR CUT WILL PLACE ONE S-R-O IN CHARGE OF A LARGER GROUP OF SCHOOLS INSTEAD OF HAVING THEM AT ONE SPECIFIC SCHOOL. ONE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER TOLD ME THAT YOU CAN'T PUT A PRICE ON THE FEELING OF BEING SAFE. NOW AGAIN, IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THESE OFFICERS ARE NOT LOSING THEIR JOBS. THEY WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS AND PLACED ON NORMAL POLICE DUTIES. OVERALL, THE SCHOOL BOARD NEEDS TO CUT ONE POINT EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE TOTAL BUDGET. IT MUST AGREE ON A PLAN BY THE END OF THE MONTH.
COSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**6/13**	**9:00**	**:40**	ACCORDING TO A REPORT RELEASED TODAY BY THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MAY WAS A GOOD MONTH FOR HANDING OUT PARKING TICKETS.

					THE CITY GAVE OUT 67-HUNDRED PARKING TICKETS. THE FINES TOTAL MORE THAN 70- THOUSAND DOLLARS. THAT MEANS PARKING VIOLATORS PAID 48-THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE THIS MAY THAN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR. WHILE THE CITY MAKES MORE IN METER VIOLATION FINES, ONE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER SAYS PARKING METER RATES WILL STILL GO UP. KESPOHL SAYS THE METER INCREASE IS NECESSARY BECAUSE THE MONEY FROM METERS AND METER VIOLATIONS GOES TO DIFFERENT FUNDS. THE MONEY PUT IN THE METERS GOES TOWARD THE PARKING UTILITY. WHILE TICKET MONEY GOES TO THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN**	**6/14**	**10:00**	**:43**	NOW TO THE TORNADO THAT HIT SEDALIA ... PETTIS COUNTY RESIDENTS CAN NOW APPLY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS IF A TORNADO DAMAGED THEIR HOME. MISSOURI'S DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NOW APPLIES TO THAT COUNTY. THIS TWENTY SIX WEEK PROGRAM GIVES FUNDS TO THOSE AFFECTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS ACROSS THE STATE WHILE THEIR COMMUNITIES REBUILD. ONE RESIDENT SAYS SHE HOPES THE BENEFITS WILL HELP REPAIR DAMAGES TO MANY UNINSURED HOMES.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN**	**6/15**	**10:00**	**1:37**	THE **MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL** ARRESTED JACKSON FOR DRUNK DRIVING AND **FOLLOWING ANOTHER VEHICLE TOO CLOSELY.** THIS IS ALL **AFTER HE ALLGEDLY CRASHED INTO THE CAR OF A PREGNANT WOMAN**. AND, AS YOU MIGHT GUESS, THAT WOMAN IS VERY

					UPSET ABOUT THE NEW CHIEF. POLICE SAY BACK ON JANUARY 9TH---TRAMPUS JACKSON RAN INTO THIS WOMAN--MARTY STERLEC---WHO WAS PREGNANT AT THE TIME. WE CAUGHT UP WITH STERLECK JUST AFTER WORK IN VERSAILLES. SHE HAD TO GET A NEW JEEP AFTER THE INCIDENT. EVEN THOUGH SHE AND HER BABY TURNED OUT TO BE OK---SHE NEVER THOUGHT THIS DAY WOULD COME. JACKSON GOT REMOVED FROM HIS POSITION AFTER THE DWI ARREST. EVEN SO---THE FOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO GIVE HIM THE NEW POSITION. CITY COUNCILMAN CODY WORTHLEY SAYS JACKSON'S LEARNED HIS LESSON. WHETHER JACKSON'S PAID FOR HIS MISTAKE OR NOT---STERLECK THINKS THE CITY JUST ISN'T SENDING OUT THE RIGHT MESSAGE. WE OF COURSE TRIED CONTACTING JACKSON EARLIER ON TODAY. STOVER POLICE SAY THE NEW CHIEF WILL CALL US BACK TOMORROW. THE COUNCIL HAD FIVE APPLICANTS TO CHOOSE FROM FOR THE JOB.
EDUCATION	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**6/16**	**9:00**	**:43**	THE JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOL BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET - JUST A FEW HOURS AGO. THE BOARD APPROVED THOSE INCREASES BACK IN APRIL BUT TONIGHT THE VOTE FINALIZED THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET. THE DISTRICT HAS A REDUCTION BUDGET OF 700-THOUSAND DOLLARS ... BUT IT CAN PAY FOR THAT DEFICIT WITH A LOT OF FUNDS AND RESERVES. ONE OFFICIAL SAYS IT'S NICE TO BE IN THIS POSITION. THE DISTRICT IS GROWING AND THE ECONOMY IS

					STABALIZING... AND THAT'S WHY THE DISTRICT CAN AFFORD TO SPEND A LITTLE MONEY. THE DISTRICT IS ACTUALLY LOSING MORE THAN 1 MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY - BUT HOFFMAN SAID THE DISTRICT KNEW THAT THE MONEY WAS JUST TEMPORARY... AND THEREFORE DID NOT TIE ANY EXPENSES TO THAT REVENUE.
CRIME	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX**	**6/17**	**6:00**	**:23**	THE MAYOR OF A KANSAS TOWN SAYS THREE FIREFIGHTERS HAVE BEEN FIRED FOR ALLEGEDLY LOOTING IN JOPLIN. THE FIREFIGHTERS ARE FROM BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS. THE FIRE CHIEF HAS ALSO BEEN PUT ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE. THE CITY HASN'T RELEASED THE FIREFIGHTERS NAMES OR ANY OTHER DETAILS. BUT THE JOPLIN GLOBE REPORTS THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION HAS BEEN HANDED OVER TO THE JOPLIN POLICE. THEIR INVESTIGATION IS JUST STARTING.

HEALTH	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN**	**6/19**	**10:00**	**:22**	THE U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL ARE REPORTING 12 CONFIRMED CASES OF A RARE, DEADLY FUNGUS CALLED MUCORMYCOSIS IN JOPLIN FOUND AFTER THE TORNADO. THE C-D-C IS WORKING ON DETERMINING WHAT THE RISK FACTORS OF THE FUNGUS ARE. AT LEAST THREE TORNADO SURVIVORS WHO WERE HOSPITALIZED WITH THE INFECTION HAVE DIED, BUT AUTHORITIES SAID IT WAS UNCLEAR WHAT ROLE THE FUNGUS PLAYED IN THEIR DEATHS.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	6/20	6:00	1:35	THE POTENTIAL INCREASE IN PARKING METER RATES MAY RESULT IN MORE VIOLATIONS AT THE TWO HOUR SPACES. KOMU-8'S REGGIE WILSON SHOWS US WHY COLUMBIA WANTS TO BETTER ENFORCE A FLAWED POLICY. CITY OF COLUMBIA IS TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT ITS CURRENT TOW POLICY FOR PARKING METER ENFORCEMENT.....BECAUSE MOST CARS AREN'T BEING TOWED. OFFICIALS WE TALKED WITH COULDN'T TELL US WHY. ONCE A METER MAID LOOKS UP A VEHICLE'S INFORMATION AND... THE CITY DOESN'T WANT TO DISCOURAGE DOWNTOWN VISITORS WITH STRICTER ENFORCEMENT. ALTHOUGH ONE VISITOR WALKS DOWNTOWN TO AVOID PARKING SHE SAYS THE CITY SHOULDN'T CARE WHERE SHE PARKS. BUT WHILE THE CITY CONSIDERS ITS OPTIONS IT HAS ONE MESSAGE. AND FOR THE TIME BEING...THESE SPOTS ARE ONLY THIRTY CENTS AN HOUR. REGGIE WILSON, KOMU-8 NEWS, COLUMBIA. SOME COLUMBIA RESIDENTS HAVE FINES AS HIGH AS 700 DOLLARS FOR PARKING METER VIOLATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. THE MAYOR WANTS TO FIND INCENTIVES TO GET PEOPLE TO PAY, BUT SO FAR...THERE ARE NO CONCRETE PLANS TO IMPROVE THE POLICY.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE	6/21	9:00	1:17	THERE IS CONCERN BECAUSE JUST IN THE LAST COUPLE YEARS MISSOURI'S MADE SOME BIG STRIDES IN ATTRACTING BIG BUDGET FILM PROJECT. OSCAR-NOMINATED FILMS LIKE "UP IN THE AIR" AND "WINTERS BONE" WERE SHOT HERE IN MISSOURI AND WERE SHOWN AT THEATRES LIKE THIS ONE, ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

					IN THE PAST, WHEN A FILM MAKER WANTED TO COME TO OUR STATE, THEY'D CONTACT THE FILM OFFICE, TO FIND OUT ABOUT LOCATIONS, PERMITS AND TAX CREDITS. KINDA LIKE A TRAVEL AGENCY WOULD HELP SOMEONE TAKE CARE OF THE DETAILS OF A TRIP. BUT THE GOVERNOR IS AXING THE FILM OFFICE, AND SOME MISSOURI FILM COMMISSION MEMBERS WORRY THEY'RE LOSING A VITAL COG IN THE FILM PRODUCTION MACHINE. THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TOLD ME TODAY THE TAX CREDITS WON'T BE AFFECTED. WITH THE OFFICE CLOSING, GOVERNOR NIXON'S SPOKESMAN TOLD ME THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FILM OFFICE WILL BE INTEGRATED INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE COMMISSION WILL CONTINUE TO MEET, BUT WON'T HAVE THE FILM OFFICE TO WORK WITH ANYMORE. A LOCAL FILMMAKER TOLD ME TODAY THIS MOVE COMES AT A BAD TIME FOR MISSOURI. I SPOKE WITH FILM COMMISSION MEMBER CINDY SHELTMIRE TODAY. SHE SAID SHE'S CONCERNED ABOUT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S HANDLING OF FILMS IN MISSOURI.
GOVERNMENT	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10**	**6/22**	**10:00**	**1:25**	GOOD EVENING TO YOU JIM. CHIEF KEN BURTON WANTS TO CHANGE UP SOME OF THE COLUMBIA CITIZENS POLICE REVIEW BOARD. THERE ARE EIGHT RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE BOARD THAT HE'S MADE TO BOARD OFFICIALS AS WELL AS CITY LEADERS. HERE'S A BREAKDOWN OF SOME OF THE CHIEF'S CONCERNS: AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW, THE REVIEW BOARD HAS NO CLEAR DEFINITION OF MISCONDUCT. SO HE WANTS TO ADD THE DEFINITION AS IT

					STANDS IN THE MISSOURI STATE STATUES. ALSO, THE CHIEF WANTS THE BOARD TO BE ABLE TO MEET IN CLOSED SESSION. AND HE WANTS TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO HAVE ONGOING TRAINING. EVEN THOUGH THE BOARD RECENTLY SPENT 2 THOUSAND DOLLARS ON MEMBER TRAINING. THERE'S NO STANDARDIZATION BETWEEN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND BOARD LANGUAGE, SO HE WANTS THE TWO ENTITIES TO START USING THE SAME ADMINISRATIVE TERMS AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WANTS TO LIMIT CLAIM FILINGS TO THOSE PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT. THAT'S IN RESPONSE TO A GROUP FROM CALIFORNIA FILING A COMPLAINT ABOUT THE SWAT RAID. NOW WIENEKE TOLD ME THIS EVENING THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS MODELING THESE RECOMMENDED CHANGES FROM THEIR OBSERVATIONS OF THE SYSTEM IN PLACE IN KANSAS CITY. THOUGH THERE IS NO CLEAR TIMELINE, THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ALL IN FRONT OF THE REVIEW BOARD ITSELF, AS WELL AS THE CITY COUNCIL -- WHO WILL DECIDE HOW TO PROCEED.
CRIME	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX**	**6/23**	**6:00**	**1:15**	POLICE LEARN TO CHASE THOSE SUSPECTS IN THE ACADEMY, AND THE HIGHWAY PATROL ACADEMY GRADUATED A NEW CLASS OF RECRUITS TODAY. KOMU-8'S AMANDA BELL WAS AT THE CEREMONY TODAY TO HEAR FUTURE GRADUATIONS MAY BE LESS COMMON AS THE PATROL REACHES ITS BUDGET LIMITS. THE BUDGET MAY BE TIGHT, BUT THAT DIDN'T PUT A DAMPER ON THIS GRADUATION. HOWEVER THE ACADEMY MAY SEE A FEW CHANGES NEXT YEAR. THE NINETY-THIRD RECRUIT CLASS MEMBERS JOINED THEIR FAMILIES ON THE CAPITOL LAWN TO ACCEPT THEIR DIPLOMAS.

					THE 41 GRADUATES WERE IN THE ACADEMY FOR 6 MONTHS--MOSTLY AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES DECREASING THE NUMBER OF GRADUATES FROM THE ACADEMY IS A LAST RESORT TO BALANCE THE BUDGET, BUT THESE GRADUATES LOOK FORWARD TO TEACHING THE ONES WHO HAVE YET TO COME. AMANDA BELL, KOMU-8 NEWS, JEFFERSON CITY.

CRIME	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**6/24**	**9:00**	**1:02**	COLUMBIA POLICE ARE STILL ON THE LOOKOUT THIS AFTERNOON FOR A MAN WHO MUGGED A WOMAN AND STOLE HER CAR OUTSIDE A PARIS ROAD BANK THIS MORNING ABOUT 7:30. POLICE SAY THE VICTIM TOLD THEM A MAN ARMED WITH A HANDGUN HID IN THE BUSHES OUTSIDE LANDMARK BANK AT PARIS AND MEXICO GRAVEL ROADS UNTIL THE FEMALE EMPLOYEE ARRIVED AT WORK. SHE SAYS AS SHE APPROACHED THE BANK, HE CAME OUT OF THE BUSHES WEARING ALL BLACK AND A SKI MASK AND TOOK HER WALLET AND CAR KEYS. THE VICTIM SAYS THE MAN STOLE HER CAR. POLICE FOUND IT ABOUT A QUARTER OF A MILE AWAY--STILL RUNNING--AT THE CORNER OF MEXICO GRAVEL ROAD AND ALPINE DRIVE. POLICE SAY THEY FOUND THE CLOTHES AND MASK THE SUSPECT WAS WEARING IN THE WOODS NEAR THE CAR, BUT HAVE NOT FOUND THE SUSPECT OR THE GUN.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT**	**6/26**	**9:00**	**:23**	SOME GOOD NEWS FOR DRIVERS--THE AVERAGE PRICE OF GAS HAS DROPPED ABOUT ELEVEN CENTS IN

	NINE				THE PAST TWO WEEKS. ACCORDING TO THE LUNDBERG SURVEY OF FUEL PRICES, THE NATIONWIDE AVERAGE FOR A GALLON OF REGULAR WAS 3- DOLLARS AND 63 CENTS. IN MISSOURI, THE AVERAGE IS LOWER, SITTING AT 3-DOLLARS AND 37 CENTS. LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME, THE AVERAGE NATIONWIDE PRICE FOR REGULAR WAS 2 DOLLARS AND 66 CENTS A GALLON.
CONSUMER ISSUES	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**6/27**	**9:00**	**1:38**	IF YOU'VE HAD A KNOCK ON YOUR DOOR FROM A CONTRACTOR PROMISING CHEAP ASPHALT-- WATCH OUT. TODAY, KOMU 8'S CAITLIN ALEXANDER MET A COUPLE WHO SAY THEIR RECENTLY PAVED DRIVEWAY ISN'T UP TO SNUFF... AND THE MAN THAT DID THE JOB WON'T CALL THEM BACK. MILLS SAYS IN LATE APRIL, A MAN PULLED INTO HIS ROCKY DRIVEWAY AND OFFERED TO CUT HIM A DEAL ON AN ASPHALT JOB. MILLS PAID HIM $7,600... BUT FOUND THAT ONLY A DAY LATER, THE SHODDY WORK WAS ALREADY CRUMBLING AWAY AND THE ASPHALT WAS EVERYWHERE. NAT- GARAGE DOOR. MILLS SAYS THE MAN'S NAME IS MICHAEL MADDOX, AND HE ONLY CAME BACK ONCE TO POLISH OFF THE JOB. HE SAYS MADDOX WON'T RETURN THE MANY COMPLAINT CALLS HE AND HIS WIFE HAVE MADE. IN THE PAST MONTH, O'SULLIVAN SAYS HIS DEPARTMENT'S RECEIVED BETWEEN SIX AND A DOZEN COMPLAINTS FROM SCAM VICTIMS. MANY OF THE SCAMMERS ARE ASPHALTERS BUT OTHERS ARE ROOFERS AND OTHER TYPES OF SERVICE WORKERS. O'SULLIVAN SAYS IT'S TOUGH TO PROSECUTE THESE WORKERS, BECAUSE THEY DEFEND THEMSELVES SAYING CUSTOMERS GET THE QUALITY WORK THEY PAY FOR. THE ONLY THING YOU CAN DO IS SAY NO WHEN

					THEY KNOCK ON YOUR DOOR. CAITLIN ALEXANDER, KOMU 8 NEWS, BOONE COUNTY.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE**	**6/28**	**9:00**	**1:23**	AS THE MISSOURI RIVER RISES, POTENTIAL FLOODING COULD EFFECT CYCLISTS AND BUSINESSES ON THE KATY TRAIL. BUT ONE BUSINESS IS AHEAD OF THE FLOODWATERS. FROM THE HOTEL FREDERICK IN DOWNTOWN BOONVILLE THERE IS A SCENIC VIEW OF THE MISSOURI RIVER AND THE KATY TRAIL. WITH RISING WATERS, SOMEDAY SOON THAT RIVER MAY COVER THE TRAIL. DESK MANAGER SHERRY HOPKINS SAYS THAT POTENTIAL FLOODING ON THE TRAIL HAS LED TO MANY PHONE CALLS, BUT FEW CANCELLATIONS. ONE WAY THE HOTEL KEEPS CUSTOMERS IS BY INFORMING THEM ABOUT TRAIL CONDITIONS. BOONVILLE HAS NOT FLOODED YET, BUT THE PORTION OF THE TRAIL IN ROCHEPORT IS IN DANGER. LAST WEEK CREWS INSTALLED FLOOD BARRIERS AND SANDBAGS ALONG THE ROCHEPORT PORTION OF THE TRAIL. THE WATER COMES JUST A FEW FEET FROM THE TRAIL'S BRIDGE. BACK IN BOONVILLE, THE HOTEL FREDERICK WILL CONTINUE TO SEND OUT EMAILS TO KEEP ITS HEAD ABOVE WATER.
EDUCATION	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN**	**6/29**	**10:00**	**1:34**	MU ISN'T THE ONLY COLLEGE FACING A FINANCIAL SHORTFALL. GOVENOR JAY NIXON CUT 1.9 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE MISSOURI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUDGET EARLIER THIS YEAR. KOMU 8'S MEENA MAY EXPLAINS WHILE FUNDING IS LOW, ENROLLMENT IS HIGH. SHERITA PATRICK ATTENDS MOBERLY AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

					PATRICK SAYS SHE ENJOYS THE INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION SHE GETS THERE. "Like high school, you know your teachers in high school and you know teachers here." OTHERS LIKE PATRICK CONSIDER COMMUNITY COLLEGE AN ALTERNATIVE TO A FOUR YEAR UNIVERSITY. AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENROLLMENT IS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH NATIONWIDE. ACCORDING TO THE EDUCATION CENTER IN THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY INCREASE OF STUDENTS IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, INCLUDING MOBERLY. HOWEVER, A SEVEN PERCENT DECREASE IN STATE FUNDING COULD TAKE AWAY SOME OF THE APPEAL. THE MISSOURI COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION SAYS ONE OF THE CUTS IS TO MAINTENANCE. A SMALLER BUDGET MEANS CLASS SECTIONS AND SIZES WILL INCREASE, WHICH WORRIES SOME TEACHERS. A PERSONAL INTERACTION THAT STUDENTS LIKE PATRICK HOPE TO SEE EVEN FOR A LITTLE LONGER. MEENA MAY KOMU 8 NEWS, COLUMBIA.
JOBS/ECONOMY	**KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN**	**6/30**	**10:00**	**:31**	BUSINESS LEADERS REACTED TODAY TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE UM SYSTEM IS CUTTING BACK ON ITS ENTERPRISE INVESTMENT PROGRAM. THE UNIVERSITY STARTED THE FUND ABOUT A YEAR AGO TO HELP CREATE JOBS IN MISSOURI AND CAPITALIZE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY. NEXT YEAR THE FUND WILL HAVE ABOUT TWO POINT TWO MILLION DOLLARS LESS. ONE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LEADER SAYS ITS ANOTHER SIGN THE ECONOMY IS STRUGGLING. THE UNIVERSITY HAS YET TO AWARD THE 5 MILLION DOLLARS IT STILL HAS FROM THE FISCAL YEAR THAT ENDS TODAY.