



KCWE-TV QUARTERLY ASCERTAINMENT REPORT – 1st QUARTER 2024

Community leaders and station employees identified the following issues and concerns as those most important facing the people in the Kansas City metropolitan area during the first quarter of 2024.

VETERAN AND MILITARY ISSUES:

WW11 VET FUNERAL

FAMILY AND FRIENDS SAID GOODBYE TO A LOCAL WORLD WAR TWO VETERAN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. ED HALE WAS ALMOST 98 YEARS OLD WHEN HE PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH.

HE SERVED AS A MARINE FOR FOUR YEARS --

THEN CAME BACK TO K-C AND WORKED AS AN AIRPLANE MECHANIC.

PEOPLE PAID THEIR RESPECTS AT CHARTER FUNERAL HOME ON BLUE RIDGE CUTOFF.

HALE'S SON-IN-LAW SAYS HE WAS A GREAT ROLE MODEL.

FREE HAIRCUTS FRO VETERANS

SOME LOCAL VETERANS GOT A FRESH CUT YESTERDAY --

COURTESY OF SPORTS CLIPS. THE SALON IS ALSO MAKING A BIG DONATION --

TO HELP THEM IN THEIR CAREERS *OUTSIDE THE MILITARY. THE COMPANY DONATED MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS --

TO THE V-F-W'S 'HELP A HERO' SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

THEY CELEBRATED YESTERDAY WITH FREE HAIRCUTS.

KANSAS NATIONAL GUARDSMAN JOHN LINSTRA CAME IN TO GET A TRIM.

HE KNOWS HOW DIFFICULT THE TRANSITION FROM MILITARY TO CIVILIAN LIFE CAN BE.

VA HEALTHCARE EXPANDS

IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN VETERANS OF AMERICAN (IAVA) CEO: "IN REAL TIME, WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF IMPACT THAT WOULD HAVE. BUT I WILL SAY THAT MOST OF US WERE THINKING - NOT NECESSARILY CANCER - BUT LIKE WHAT IS THIS DOING TO LIKE IF I'M BREATHING THIS IN EVERY SINGLE DAY."

EXPERTS SAY GETTING MORE VETERANS INTO THE V-A SYSTEM FOR PROACTIVE SCREENINGS AND SPECIALIZED CARE COULD SAVE LIVES.

COMMITMENT 2024: LEADERSHIP (POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP, CORPORATE LEADERSHIP):

HAPPENING TODAY--

JACKSON COUNTY LEGISLATORS WILL MEET TO DISCUSS AN EXTENSION TO THE SALES TAX -- THAT SUPPORTS THE TRUMAN SPORTS COMPLEX. THE KANSAS CITY ROYALS AND THE CHIEFS SAY THEY WON'T LEAVE THE COUNTY -- AS LONG AS VOTERS APPROVE THE TAX RENEWAL ON THE APRIL BALLOT. THAT SETS UP A DEADLINE THAT'S FAST-APPROACHING. IF APPROVED, REVENUE FROM THE TAX COULD GO TOWARD A NEW ROYALS STADIUM -- AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CHIEFS. THE EXTENSION WOULD BE FOR ANOTHER 40 YEARS.

HALEY SWEEPS DIXVILLE NOTCH PRIMARY

FORMER SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR NIKKI HALEY...

STARTING OFF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY WITH A WIN. IT COMES IN THE TINY TOWN OF DIXVILLE NOTCH.

ALL SIX VOTERS IN THE TOWN CHOSE HALEY.

DIXVILLE NOTCH IS HISTORICALLY THE FIRST TO DECLARE PRIMARY RESULTS--

BECAUSE IT OPENS AND CLOSES ITS POLL JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT LOCAL TIME.

THE MIDNIGHT VOTING TRADITION DATES BACK TO 19-60.

MO REP CAUCUS

MISSOURI REPUBLICANS HELD THEIR PRESIDENTIAL CAUCUS OVER THE WEEKEND. FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP WON. REPUBLICANS ALL OVER THE STATE GATHERED IN EACH COUNTY --

TO DECIDE WHO THEY WANTED TO NOMINATE.

JACKSON COUNTY REPUBLICANS HELD THEIR CAUCUS --

AT EAST TRAILS MIDDLE SCHOOL IN LEE'S SUMMIT.

THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR MISSOURI DID *NOT HAVE A STATEWIDE VOTE.

ECONOMY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ISSUES, EMPLOYMENT:

CRACKING DOWN ON EXPIRED TAGS

DAYS OF DRIVING WHILE EXPIRED APPEAR TO BE OVER. POLICE ARE NOW CRACKING DOWN ON DRIVERS AT THE WHEEL OF VEHICLES NOT PROPERLY REGISTERED. ALREADY THIS MONTH, MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS CAME TOGETHER FOR A JOINT ENFORCEMENT PUSH. IN JUST AN 8-HOUR SPAN, KANSAS CITY POLICE OFFICERS CONFISCATED 63 TEMPORARY TAGS, 23 EXPIRED LICENSE PLATES, AND ISSUED 271 CITATIONS. POLICE SAY THIS CRACKDOWN WILL CONTINUE. WE APPLAUD THIS ENFORCEMENT AND BELIEVE IT WAS OVERDUE. LAST MONTH, THE STATE OF MISSOURI ANNOUNCED IT IS OWED MORE THAN 78 MILLION DOLLARS IN FEES RELATED TO EXPIRED TAGS. TODAY, IT'S STILL EASY TO SPOT TAGS ON VEHICLES THAT HAVE BEEN EXPIRED FOR MONTHS, EVEN YEARS. WHEN BUYING A VEHICLE, REMEMBER YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY SALES TAX IN ORDER TO REGISTER. IF YOU ARE DRIVING A CAR NOT REGISTERED, NOW IS THE TIME TO TAKE ACTION. NOT ONLY WILL YOU AVOID A TICKET AND COURT FEES WHEN YOU DO, BUT YOU WILL ALSO HELP MAKE SURE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS HAVE THE FUNDING TO CONTINUE.

WORLD CUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIFA HAS ANNOUNCED THE 2026 WORLD CUP MATCHES FOR THE HOST CITIES. KANSAS CITY IS GETTING 6 GAMES. ARROWHEAD WILL HOST FOUR GROUP STAGE GAMES --

A ROUND OF 32 MATCH -- AND A QUARTERFINAL MATCH.

SOCCER FANS FILLED NO OTHER PUB FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY.

THE QUARTERFINAL WILL BE THE FIRST EVER TO BE PLAYED IN THE MIDWEST.

THE GAMES ALSO MEAN MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOBS --

AND OTHER GROWTH FOR KANSAS CITY

JAX CO STADIUM TAX LATEST

THIS APRIL, VOTERS IN JACKSON COUNTY WILL HAVE A SAY -- IN THE FUTURE OF THE ROYALS AND THE CHIEFS. THE 3/8THS CENT SALES TAX EXTENSION *WILL BE ON THE BALLOT --

AFTER LEGISLATORS OVERTURNED A VETO BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE FRANK WHITE.

IF APPROVED BY VOTERS, THE SALES TAX EXTENSION WOULD CONTINUE FOR ANOTHER 40 YEARS --

RAISING ABOUT TWO-BILLION DOLLARS FOR THE TEAMS.

BUT FRANK WHITE SAYS TAXPAYERS DESERVE MORE ANSWERS ABOUT THE TEAMS' PLANS --

BEFORE BEING ASKED TO MAKE A DECISION.

CRIME AND SAFETY:

WINTER SCAM

MISSOURI'S ATTORNEY GENERAL IS OUT WITH A WARNING -- ABOUT WINTER WEATHER SCAMS. ANDREW BAILEY SAYS SCAMMERS LOOK TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PEOPLE --

DURING EXTREME WEATHER LIKE THIS. SPECIFICALLY, BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR UTILITY SCAMS.

THAT OFTEN INVOICES SOMEONE PRETENDING TO BE WITH THE ELECTRICAL OR GAS COMPANY --

AND THREATENING TO CUT YOU OFF UNLESS YOU PAY UP. IF YOU THINK SOMEONE TRIED TO SCAM YOU, CONTACT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CONSUMER HOTLINE --

AT 1-800-392-8222.

PARENTS OF SHOOTER ON TRIAL

A TRIAL STARTS TODAY -- STEMMING FROM A DEADLY SCHOOL SHOOTING. BUT IT'S NOT THE SHOOTER ON TRIAL. IT'S HIS MOTHER. IN 2021, A TEEN BOY OPENED FIRE AT HIS HIGH SCHOOL IN OXFORD, MICHIGAN -- KILLING FOUR STUDENTS.

HE PLEADED GUILTY AND WAS SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON.

BOTH HIS PARENTS ARE CHARGED WITH INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER --

FOR BUYING THE SEMI-AUTOMATIC HANDGUN USED IN THE ATTACK --

AND FOR ALLEGEDLY IGNORING THEIR SON'S PLEAS FOR HELP --RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS. THE MOTHER OF ONE SURVIVOR SAYS -- SHE HOPES THIS LEADS TO LASTING CHANGE.

SEARCH FOR KC ROBBERY SUSPECT

KANSAS CITY MISSOURI POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A ROBBERY SUSPECT. DETECTIVES SAY THIS PERSON WAS INVOLVED IN AN ARMED ROBBERY AT A SMOKE SHOP IN WESTPORT.

THE BUSINESS IS NEAR 40TH AND BROADWAY. THE ROBBERY HAPPENED JUST AFTER NOON ON JANUARY 27TH.

THE SUSPECT GOT AWAY IN THIS CAR.

IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING -- CALL CRIME STOPPERS.

THE NUMBER IS 816-474-TIPS.

PARADE SHOOTING LATEST

THIS MORNING, WE CONTINUE TO KEEP AN EYE ON UPDATES --

IN THE WAKE OF THE SHOOTING AT UNION STATION LAST WEEK. RIGHT NOW -- TWO TEENS ARE CHARGED WITH GUN RELATED AND RESISTING ARREST CHARGES --

IN CONNECTION TO THE SHOOTING.

IN ALL 23 PEOPLE WERE SHOT.

HALF OF THEM WERE CHILDREN.

K-C RADIO HOST AND D-J LISA LOPEZ-GALVAN WAS KILLED. ALL OF THE KIDS BROUGHT TO CHILDREN'S MERCY HOSPITAL AFTER THE SHOOTING --

HAVE NOW BEEN SENT HOME. UNIVERSITY HEALTH TOOK CARE OF 8 VICTIMS.

WE CHECKED WITH THEM THIS WEEKEND.

AT LAST CHECK, THREE ARE STILL IN THE HOSPITAL -- BUT ONLY ONE IS STILL IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

YOUTH ISSUES:

YOUTH SPORTS BURNOUT

WE'RE KEEPING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE --

WITH A NEW WARNING FROM THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS.

A NEW STUDY SAYS TOO MUCH PRESSURE ON KIDS' PERFORMANCE IN YOUTH SPORTS -- LEADS TO OVER-TRAINING -- INJURIES -- AND BURNOUT. THE STUDY FINDS A WHOPPING 70-PERCENT OF KIDS ARE DROPPING OUT OF ORGANIZED YOUTH SPORTS BY AGE 13.

FACTORS INCLUDE DEPRESSION -- FATIGUE -- SLEEP PROBLEMS -- AND KIDS GETTING HURT.

IN RECENT YEARS, EXPERTS HAVE RAISED MORE CONCERNS -- ABOUT PARENTS TAKING THE FUN AWAY.

KYS FALLING FURNITURE

KMBC 9 NEWS IS WORKING TO KEEP YOU AND YOUR KIDS SAFE --

FROM A COMMON HOUSEHOLD HAZARD.

NEW RESEARCH FROM FEDERAL REGULATORS SHOWS --

MORE THAN 18-THOUSAND PEOPLE A YEAR -- ARE HURT BY FALLING FURNITURE. KIDS ARE AT HIGHEST RISK --

BUT REGULATORS SAY MORE ADULTS 60 AND OLDER ARE GETTING HURT.

ALL CLOTHING STORAGE FURNITURE MADE AFTER SEPTEMBER FIRST, 2023 --

HAS TO MEET UPDATED FEDERAL SAFETY MEASURES.

BUT NO MATTER WHEN YOUR FURNITURE WAS MADE --

EXPERTS SAY IT NEEDS TO BE ANCHORED TO THE WALL.

CLAY CO TEEN DRUG SIGNS

TONIGHT -THE CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL HOST AN EVENT TO HELP PARENTS SPOT ILLEGAL DRUG USE IN TEENS. IT WILL BE AT WINNETONKA HIGH SCHOOL AT 6 TONIGHT. THE "HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT" EVENT - WILL HAVE A TEEN'S BEDROOM - WHERE PARENTS WILL WALK THROUGH AND LEARN ABOUT THE TELL TALE SIGNS OF ILLEGAL DRUG USE. THE CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DRUG TASK FORCE WILL ALSO BE THERE TO DISCUSS THE LATEST DRUG TRENDS. S-R-O'S WILL ALSO BE ON HAND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

ADOPT US KIDS - DUFFLE

THOUSANDS OF TEENS IN FOSTER CARE ARE WAITING FOR THE LOVE AND SUPPORT FROM A FAMILY, BUT UNFORTUNATELY ALMOST 20,000 YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVE FOSTER CARE WITHOUT A FAMILY EVERY YEAR. FAMILIES THAT ADOPT TEENS PROVIDE THEM WITH STABILITY DURING A CRITICAL PERIOD IN THEIR LIVES. TEENS THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED ARE MORE LIKELY TO GRADUATE, GO TO COLLEGE, AND BE MORE EMOTIONALLY SECURE THAN THEIR PEERS THAT HAVE 'AGED OUT' OF FOSTER CARE WITHOUT THE SECURITY AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF FAMILY.

INSPIRED BY REAL FAMILIES' STORIES, THIS HONEST AND HEARTFELT CAMPAIGN REVEALS THE REMARKABLE VALUE OF ADOPTION FOR BOTH TEENS AND PARENTS. WITH THE TAGLINE, "YOU CAN'T IMAGINE THE REWARD," THESE EMOTIONAL MESSAGES REASSURE PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND INSPIRE THEM TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A TEEN. THIS SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE MORE THAN 900,000 CHILDREN AND YOUTH THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED FROM THE U.S. FOSTER CARE SYSTEM SINCE 2004.

HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

THE START OF A NEW YEAR IS A GREAT TIME TO SET NEW GOALS AND TO COMMIT TO BETTER HABITS. MANY OF US WILL MAKE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS ABOUT IMPROVING FITNESS, FINANCES, LOSING WEIGHT, OR EATING BETTER. THE REALITY IS, HOWEVER, MOST OF US WILL FAIL... OFTEN WITHIN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS. THIS IS BECAUSE TOO OFTEN WE TRY TO MAKE BIG CHANGES IN A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME. WE BELIEVE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS CAN BE POSITIVE IF APPROACHED THE RIGHT WAY. TIPS FOR IMPROVING YOUR CHANCES OF SUCCESS. SET A SPECIFIC GOAL. INSTEAD OF A GOAL OF GETTING HEALTHY, MAKE A GOAL TO EXERCISE FOR 30 MINUTES THREE TIMES A WEEK. BE REALISTIC. DON'T SET A GOAL THAT ISN'T ATTAINABLE GIVEN THE OTHER DEMANDS ON YOUR TIME. WRITE IT DOWN. THE ACT OF WRITING DOWN A RESOLUTION CAN INCREASE YOUR COMMITMENT TO IT. FINALLY, BE FLEXIBLE... IT'S NOT ALL OR NOTHING. GIVE YOURSELF SOME GRACE AND DON'T LET ONE BAD DAY OR BAD WEEK DERAIL YOUR EFFORTS FOR SELF-IMPROVEMENT. WITH OR WITHOUT A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION... WE WISH YOU BETTER HEALTH AND MORE HAPPINESS IN 2024.

JACKSON CO OPIOIDS

OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS HAVE SURGED BY 700 PERCENT SINCE 2018- ACCORDING TO MIDWEST HEALTH CENTER.

AND - TO SAVE LIVES-

DOCTORS SAY VICTIMS NEED HELP *AFTER* AN OVERDOSE-

NOT JUST *DURING ONE. NALOXONE - OR "NARCAN" - CAN SAVE OVERDOSE VICTIMS IN THE MOMENT -- BUT ONE STUDY SUGGESTS SURVIVORS HAVE A 10-PERCENT OF CHANCE OF DYING WITHIN A NEXT YEAR -- WITHOUT THE PROPER TREATMENT.

MIDWEST HEALTH CENTER OFFERS PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH AND *WITHOUT INSURANCE -- SO ANYONE CAN GET ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY -- AND SEE IT THROUGH.

COLORECTAL CANCER

ONE IN 24 PEOPLE WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH COLORECTAL CANCER IN THEIR LIFETIME, WHICH MEANS WE LIKELY ALL KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED. COLORECTAL CANCER IS THE SECOND DEADLIEST CANCER IN AMERICA. YET IT'S ONE OF THE FEW CANCERS THAT'S PREVENTABLE THANKS TO SCREENING. MARCH IS NATIONAL COLORECTAL AWARENESS MONTH. IF YOU ARE 45 YEARS OLD OR OLDER AND HAVE NOT BEEN TESTED, NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT. TALK TO A DOCTOR ABOUT GETTING TESTED, INCLUDING THE PROS AND CONS OF EACH TEST AND HOW OFTEN YOU NEED ONE. SCREENING CAN FIND PRECANCEROUS POLYPS, WHICH ARE ABNORMAL GROWTHS THAT CAN BE REMOVED BEFORE THEY TURN INTO CANCER. EARLY DETECTION CANNOT BE OVERSTATED. NINE OUT OF EVERY 10 PEOPLE WHO WERE DIAGNOSED EARLY AND MEDICALLY TREATED ARE STILL ALIVE FIVE YEARS LATER. WE BELIEVE WE CAN STOP COLON CANCER DEATHS. ACT NOW TO MAKE SURE YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES DON'T BECOME A VICTIM.

FAMILY ISSUES:

SOUTH KC ALLIANCE MEETING

TONIGHT, THE SOUTH KANSAS CITY ALLIANCE WILL FOCUS ON REDUCING VIOLENT CRIME. SEVERAL SPEAKERS WILL TALK ABOUT THEIR WORK TO MAKE THE CITY SAFER -- AND HOW YOU CAN HELP. THAT INCLUDES K-C-P-D CHIEF STACEY GRAVES -- CITY COUNCILMAN CRISPIN REA -- AND ROSILYN TEMPLE -- THE FOUNDER OF K-C MOTHERS IN CHARGE. THE MEETING STARTS AT 6 TONIGHT -- AT THE SOUTH PATROL POLICE CAMPUS.

WYANDOT BEHAVIORAL HELP

WE'RE SEEING SEVERAL LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH GROUPS OFFERING HELP -- TO ANYONE WHO NEEDS HELP COPING WITH WHAT HAPPENED WEDNESDAY. WYANDOT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NETWORK IN K-C-K -- IS INVITING ANYONE WHO NEEDS HELP TO COME IN TODAY -- FREE OF CHARGE. THE NETWORK SAYS IT'LL HAVE EXTRA STAFF ON HAND SO IT CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT TO VICTIMS -- WITNESSES -- AND THEIR FAMILIES. RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE FROM 9 TO FIVE.

THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION SAYS A NEW PROGRAM --

COULD LOWER THE COST OF CHILDCARE FOR SOME FAMILIES. FEDERAL OFFICIALS SAY THE PROGRAM WOULD PROVIDE SUBSIDIES TO LOW-INCOME FAMILIES -- WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY PAYING MORE THAN A QUARTER OF THEIR INCOME ON PAYMENTS. JUST LAST WEEK, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FINALIZED A RULE -- THAT WILL CAP CO-PAYS AT 7-PERCENT OF A FAMILY'S INCOME.

LAWRENCE MAN FENTANYL DEATH

A JUDGE WILL SENTENCE A LAWRENCE MAN TODAY -- FOR HIS ROLE IN A FENTANYL-RELATED DEATH. RANDALL MARK SMITH PLEADED NO CONTEST TO INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER AND UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION. POLICE FOUND A 33-YEAR-OLD MAN DEAD IN A HOME -- IN OCTOBER 2021. AN AUTOPSY LATER SHOWED FENTANYL INTOXICATION AS THE CAUSE OF DEATH. THE INVESTIGATION LED POLICE TO SMITH -- AS THE DISTRIBUTOR OF THE FENTANYL-LACED PILL.

RACE RELATIONS AND DISCRIMINATION:

RUSSIA UKRAINE LATEST

FIGHTING BETWEEN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE IS ALSO ESCALATING... AFTER THE TWO COUNTRIES TOOK TURNS LAUNCHING MISSILE AND ROCKET ATTACKS THIS WEEKEND. THE MOST RECENT DRONE STRIKES TARGETED THE UKRAINIAN CITY OF KHARKIV.

THE STRIKES DAMAGED A HOTEL -- APARTMENT BUILDINGS -- A KINDERGARTEN -- AND THREE HOSPITALS.

RUSSIAN MILITARY LEADERS SAID THE UKRAINIAN ATTACK ON THE CITY OF BELGOROD 'WILL NOT GO UNPUNISHED'.

SENATE PASSES FOREIGN AID BILL

WE'RE FOLLOWING BREAKING NEWS --

THE SENATE HAS JUST PASSED A 95-BILLION DOLLAR AID PACKAGE FOR UKRAINE, ISRAEL, AND TAIWAN -- AFTER MORE THAN A WEEK OF DELIBERATION.

A GROUP OF REPUBLICAN SENATORS OPPOSED TO HELPING UKRAINE TRIED TO BLOCK THE BILL OVERNIGHT.

BUT IN THE END, 70 OF THE 100 SENATORS -- INCLUDING ALMOST ALL DEMOCRATS -

VOTED TO APPROVE THE BIPARTISAN BILL.

THOSE COUNTRIES STILL MAY NOT SEE THE MONEY, THOUGH.

HOUSE SPEAKER MIKE JOHNSON IS AGAINST THE BILL -- AND HAS PLEDGED TO BLOCK IT.

AMERICANS FLEEING HAITI

THIS MORNING, THE U-S IS WORKING TO EVACUATE AMERICANS FROM HAITI --

AS THE SITUATION THERE CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE. A CHARTER FLIGHT CARRYING MORE THAN 30 U-S CITIZENS LANDED IN MIAMI SUNDAY.

THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS HAVE BEEN TRAPPED IN HAITI FOR WEEKS --

SINCE GANG VIOLENCE STARTED SPIRALING OUT OF CONTROL.

THE MAIN AIRPORT IN PORT AU PRINCE IS STILL CLOSED.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING LIMITED CHARTER FLIGHTS FOR AMERICANS --

FROM A SLIGHTLY MORE STABLE *NORTHERN CITY.

ISRAEL BLOCKING AID TO NORTH OF GAZA

THE HEAD OF THE MAIN U-N AGENCY WORKING IN PALESTINE SAYS --

ISRAEL PLANS TO BLOCK ITS FOOD AID FROM GOING TO NORTHERN GAZA.

THE U-N-W-R-A SAYS ISRAEL HAS INFORMED THEM THAT IT WON'T APPROVE ANY FOOD CONVOYS TO THE NORTH --

AND THAT IT'S BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE IT'S BEEN ABLE TO SEND FOOD THERE.

SEVERAL DONOR COUNTRIES WITHDREW THEIR SUPPORT FROM THE GROUP IN JANUARY -- AFTER ISRAEL CLAIMED THAT A DOZEN OF ITS MEMBERS WERE INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK BY HAMAS IN OCTOBER.

THE U-N-R-W-A SAYS IT FIRED 10 OF THOSE STAFFERS --

AND THAT THE OTHER TWO ARE DEAD.

EDUCATION:

SCHOLAR ATHLETE NOMINATIONS

TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR KMBC 9 AND HYVEE'S SCHOLAR ATHLETE!
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SCHOOLS CANCELLING FOR PARADE

MORE LOCAL SCHOOLS HAVE CANCELLED CLASS ON WEDNESDAY --
TO ALLOW STUDENTS AND STAFF TO ENJOY THE PARADE.
THOSE INCLUDE THE KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT --
INDEPENDENCE -- LEE'S SUMMIT -- NORTH KANSAS CITY -- AND SHAWNEE MISSION.
WE'RE KEEPING TRACK OF THOSE CLOSURES AS THEY COME IN.
YOU CAN FIND A RUNNING LIST ON OUR WEBSITE -- KMBC DOT COM.

LEE'S SUMMIT SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM

THE LEE'S SUMMIT PARENT-TEACHER-ASSOCIATION IS HOLDING A CANDIDATE FORUM FOR LEE'S SUMMIT SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES TONIGHT, TOO.
IT'LL BE AT THE LEE'S SUMMIT NORTH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER FROM 6:30 TO 8 TONIGHT.
THIS FORUM IS ALSO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
BOTH THE INDEPENDENCE AND THE LEE'S SUMMIT SCHOOL BOARD POSITIONS --
WILL BE ON THE APRIL SECOND BALLOT.

PROJECT COMMUNITY / COMMUNITY:

PROJECT 1020 WARMING SHELTER

DEMAND AT LOCAL SHELTERS IS RISING -- BECAUSE OF THIS BITTER, DANGEROUS COLD. THE FOLKS WITH PROJECT 10-20 IN JOHNSON COUNTY SAY -- THEY'RE DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO FILL THAT NEED.

THE SHELTER IS MEANT FOR ADULTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY.

LEADERS SAY THEIR NUMBERS ARE UP -- BUT THEY'D RATHER SEE THAT THAN LEAVE ANYONE OUTSIDE.

HOPE FAITH NEEDS MEN'S CLOTHES AND SHOES

HOPE FAITH IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF MEN'S WINTER CLOTHES AND SHOES. THE SHELTER SAYS A MAN CAME IN THE OTHER NIGHT IN JUST FLIP-FLOPS -- AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY BOOTS TO GIVE HIM.

IF YOU CAN HELP -- DROP OFF DONATIONS ANY TIME FROM 8 TO ONE --

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY --

AT THE CAMPUS AT EAST 8TH AND VIRGINIA.

YOU CAN ALSO BUY THINGS OFF THE SHELTER'S AMAZON WISHLIST --

TO BE SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO THEM.

I'VE POSTED A LINK ON MY SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES.

KELCE FOUNDATION REPAIRS HOME

A KANSAS CITY NATIVE WAS CHEERING ESPECIALLY HARD FOR TRAVIS KELCE LAST NIGHT. KELCE AND HIS FOUNDATION "87 AND RUNNING" CAME TO THE RESCUE WHEN GLORIA WHITE REACHED OUT TO A LOCAL NONPROFIT FOR HELP

GLORIA'S HUSBAND DIED THREE YEARS AGO--

AND SHE HAS BEEN IN A WHEELCHAIR BUT WANTED TO STAY IN HER HOME OF 56 YEARS.

THANKS TO KELCE AND "REBUILDING TOGETHER KANSAS CITY"--

GLORIA GOT A NEW HOT WATER HEATER, SINK, ROOF, AS WELL AS MODIFICATIONS TO HELP HER MOVE AROUND BETTER.

DIAPER MADNESS

IMAGINE NOT BEING ABLE TO GO TO WORK --

BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T HAVE EXTRA DIAPERS FOR YOUR CHILD'S DAYCARE. THAT'S THE REALITY FOR NEARLY HALF OF THE FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. DIAPERS AREN'T COVERED BY GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS LIKE WIC OR FOOD STAMPS.

THAT'S WHY KMBC 9 CARES FOR KIDS AND HAPPYBOTTOMS ARE TEAMING UP FOR "DIAPER MADNESS."

WE HAVE A GOAL OF RAISING MONEY FOR HALF A MILLION DIAPERS THIS MONTH. SO FAR, GENEROUS VIEWERS LIKE YOU HAVE PROVIDED MORE THAN 201-THOUSAND DIAPERS!

12 DOLLARS WILL COVER THE COSTS OF A ONE-MONTH SUPPLY OF DIAPERS FOR ONE CHILD.

ENVIRONMENT:

JAPAN TSUNAMI WARNINGS

RIGHT NOW -- PEOPLE IN JAPAN ARE ON HIGH ALERT.

STRONG EARTHQUAKES HIT THE WESTERN PART OF THE NATION -- AND NOW THE COUNTRY IS BRACING FOR POSSIBLE A TSUNAMI. THE 7-POINT-6 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE HIT THE ISHI-KAWA PREFECTURE MONDAY.

PEOPLE LIVING THERE ARE BEING URGED TO GO TO HIGH LAND -- OR GO TO THE TOP OF A BUILDING.

WAVES COULD REACH AS HIGH AS 16-AND-A-HALF FEET.

JACKSON COUNTY RECYCLE YOUR TREES

ITS ABOUT THAT TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

IF YOUR LOOKING FOR A PLACE IN K-C TO DISPOSE OF YOURS -- WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED. IF YOUR ON THE KANSAS SIDE -- YOU CAN TAKE YOUR OLD TREE TO ANY OF THE LOCATIONS ON YOUR SCREEN. THOSE ON THE MISSOURI SIDE -- CAN HEAD TO THESE LOCATIONS.

A REMINDER -- ARTIFICIAL TREES ARE NOT RECYCLABLE.

THOSE CAN BE PUT WITH NORMAL TRASH COLLECTION.

KC LED STREETLIGHT UPDATE

KANSAS CITY CREWS ARE GIVING US AN UPDATE ON THE NEW L-E-D STREETLIGHTS.

THE CITY POSTED THIS PICTURE -- SAYING THE PROJECT IS 77-PERCENT FINISHED. THE CITY SAYS THE NEW BULBS LAST LONGER -- AND ARE MORE ENERGY-EFFICIENT.

CREWS ARE MAKING THE CHANGE TO ABOUT 90-THOUSAND OF THE CITY'S 100-THOUSAND STREETLIGHTS.

US EXTREME WEATHER

AS SPRING BREAK GETS STARTED IN THE METRO --

SOME POPULAR WARM-WEATHER DESTINATIONS ARE DEALING WITH DAMAGING STORMS. IN SOUTHERN GEORGIA -- A TORNADO TORE THROUGH A TOWN IN BRANTLEY COUNTY.

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA SAW MORE THAN THREE AND A HALF INCHES OF RAIN -- STRANDING CARS IN THE STREETS.

AND STORMS DELAYS HUNDREDS OF FLIGHTS INTO AND OUT OF FLORIDA OVER THE WEEKEND.

PROGRAM TITLE	BROADCAST DATE	BROADCAST		BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE
		TIME	DURATION	
ABC NEWS	JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31	12:00 PM	1:00:00	GMA3: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW A ONE-HOUR NEWS PROGRAM FEATURING ABC NEWS CORRESPONDENTS EVA PILGRIM, DEMARCO MORGAN, AND DR. JENNIFER ASHTON FEATURING NEWS REPORTS INFORMATIVE HEALTH AND LIFESTYLE FEATURES. (HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE, RACE RELATIONS AND DISCRIMINATION, FAMILY ISSUES, GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, YOUTH ISSUES, EDUCATION, VETERAN AND MILITARY, ENVIRONMENT, CRIME AND SAFETY)
FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 1	6:00 AM	0:00:23	RUSSIA UKRAINE LATEST FIGHTING BETWEEN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE IS ALSO ESCALATING... AFTER THE TWO COUNTRIES TOOK TURNS LAUNCHING MISSILE AND ROCKET ATTACKS THIS WEEKEND. THE MOST RECENT DRONE STRIKES TARGETED THE UKRAINIAN CITY OF KHARKIV. THE STRIKES DAMAGED A HOTEL -- APARTMENT BUILDINGS -- A KINDERGARTEN -- AND THREE HOSPITALS. RUSSIAN MILITARY LEADERS SAID THE UKRAINIAN ATTACK ON THE CITY OF BELGOROD 'WILL NOT GO UNPUNISHED'. (RACE RELATIONS AND DISCRIMINATION)
FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 1	6:00 AM	0:00:21	JAPAN TSUNAMI WARNINGS RIGHT NOW -- PEOPLE IN JAPAN ARE ON HIGH ALERT. STRONG EARTHQUAKES HIT THE WESTERN PART OF THE NATION -- AND NOW THE COUNTRY IS BRACING FOR POSSIBLE A TSUNAMI. THE 7-POINT-6 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE HIT THE ISHI-KAWA PREFECTURE MONDAY. PEOPLE LIVING THERE ARE BEING URGED TO GO TO HIGH LAND -- OR GO TO THE TOP OF A BUILDING. WAVES COULD REACH AS HIGH AS 16-AND-A-HALF FEET. (ENVIRONMENT)
FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 1	6:00 AM	0:00:20	JAX COUNTY TAX DEADLINE PAST JACKSON COUNTY HOMEOWNERS -- THE DEADLINE IS NOW PAST FOR YOU TO HAVE PAID YOUR 2023 PROPERTY TAXES. THAT'S EVEN IF YOU'RE ONE OF THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T GOTTEN THEIR APPEALS FINALIZED YET. LATE FEES RANGE BETWEEN 15 TO 105 DOLLARS OR MORE DEPENDING ON YOUR ASSESSMENT. YOU COULD GET A REFUND NEXT YEAR - IF THE COUNTY AGREES THAT YOU

OVERPAID.

(COMMITMENT 2024, ECONOMY, ECONOMIC IMPACT)

FIRST NEWS JANUARY 1 6:00 AM 0:00:08

STADIUM SALES TAX DELAY

THE JACKSON COUNTY LEGISLATURE STILL NEEDS TO DECIDE ON A SALES TAX SUPPORTING THE TRUMAN SPORTS COMPLEX. THEY PUT THE DECISION ON HOLD FRIDAY. THEY HOPE TO HAVE THE APPROVAL PROCESS FINISHED EARLY THIS MONTH... SO IT CAN BE ON THE APRIL BALLOT FOR VOTERS.

THE TAX EXTENSION WOULD HELP THE ROYALS FINANCE A NEW STADIUM. IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE MONEY FOR THE CHIEFS TO FIX UP ARROWHEAD.

(COMMITMENT 2024, ECONOMY, ECONOMIC IMPACT)

FIRST NEWS JANUARY 1 6:00 AM 0:00:17

LOCAL COMPANY IN PARADE

IF YOU PLAN ON WATCHING THE PARADE THIS MORNING -- BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE 'FEED THE LOVE' FLOAT. IT WAS PUT TOGETHER BY TOPEKA-BASED HILLS PET NUTRITION.

THE GOAL OF THE FLOAT IS TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR ADOPTION AT SHELTERS. THEY ALSO HOPE TO PROMOTE MORE DIVERSITY IN THE INDUSTRY.

(COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY, FAMILY ISSUES)

FIRST NEWS JANUARY 1 6:00 AM 0:00:22

JACKSON COUNTY RECYCLE YOUR TREES

ITS ABOUT THAT TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

IF YOUR LOOKING FOR A PLACE IN K-C TO DISPOSE OF YOURS -- WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED. IF YOUR ON THE KANSAS SIDE -- YOU CAN TAKE YOUR OLD TREE TO ANY OF THE LOCATIONS ON YOUR SCREEN. THOSE ON THE MISSOURI SIDE -- CAN HEAD TO THESE LOCATIONS.

A REMINDER -- ARTIFICIAL TREES ARE NOT RECYCLABLE.

THOSE CAN BE PUT WITH NORMAL TRASH COLLECTION.

(ENVIRONMENT)

FIRST NEWS JANUARY 1 6:00 AM 0:00:25

KS SCHOOL CHOICE BEGINS

IN KANSAS -

20-24 ALSO MARKS THE BEGINNING OF SCHOOL CHOICE IN THE SUNFLOWER STATE. STUDENTS CAN TRANSFER TO ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT HAS ROOM FOR THEM.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR EACH DISTRICT IN KANSAS HAD TO DETERMINE THE CAPACITY OF EVERY GRADE LEVEL FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS BY TODAY. STUDENTS CAN START TRANSFERRING TO SCHOOLS OUT OF THEIR DISTRICT - STARTING IN THE 20-24 - 20-25 SCHOOL YEAR -

WITH APPLICATIONS BEING SUBMITTED IN JUNE.
(EDUCATION, YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES)

FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 1	6:00 AM	0:00:15	COPA AMERICA IN 2024 LATE THIS YEAR - WE LEARNED KANSAS CITY WILL BE ONE OF 14 CITIES TO HOST THE 2024 COPA AMERICA SOCCER TOURNAMENT - IN JUNE AND JULY. GAMES IN KANSAS CITY WILL BE HELD AT CHILDREN'S MERCY PARK. AND ALSO AT ARROWHEAD STADIUM - WHICH WILL HOST WORLD CUP MATCHES IN 2026. (ECONOMY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ISSUES, EMPLOYMENT)
FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 1	6:00 AM	0:00:15	30 OAKLAND HOMICIDE 2023 KANSAS CITY MISSOURI POLICE - ARE LOOKING FOR A KILLER THIS MORNING IN ONE OF 20-23'S FINAL HOMICIDES. IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 9 LAST NIGHT - AT 107TH AND OAKLAND. POLICE FOUND A MAN UNRESPONSIVE ON THE SIDEWALK. THEY LATER DETERMINED THE MAN DIED AFTER BEING SHOT. THERE IS NO SUSPECT INFORMATION -BUT IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING - CONTACT THE CRIMESTOPPERS TIPS HOTLINE - AND YOU COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR A REWARD. (CRIME AND SAFETY)
FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 1	6:00 AM	0:00:26	INDEPENDENCE HIT AND RUN INDEPENDENCE POLICE ARE ASKING FOR THE PUBLIC'S HELP IN A DEADLY HIT AND RUN. ON DECEMBER 18TH - A CAR HIT A PEDESTRIAN WHO DIED FROM HIS INJURIES. THIS WAS JUST BEFORE 6 P-M NEAR 40 HIGHWAY AND NORFLEET. POLICE BELIEVE THE CAR IS A BLACK SEDAN. IT MOST LIKELY HAS DAMAGE ON THE FRONT, PASSENGER SIDE AND MISSING IT'S MIRROR THERE. IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING THAT COULD HELP -- YOU'RE ASKED TO CALL THE TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT. THAT NUMBER IS ON YOUR SCREEN. (CRIME AND SAFETY)
EDITORIAL	JANUARY 5, 6, 7	VARIOUS	0:01:10	NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

THE START OF A NEW YEAR IS A GREAT TIME TO SET NEW GOALS AND TO COMMIT TO BETTER HABITS. MANY OF US WILL MAKE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS ABOUT IMPROVING FITNESS, FINANCES, LOSING WEIGHT, OR EATING BETTER. THE REALITY IS, HOWEVER, MOST OF US WILL FAIL... OFTEN WITHIN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS. THIS IS BECAUSE TOO OFTEN WE TRY TO MAKE BIG CHANGES IN A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME. WE BELIEVE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS CAN BE POSITIVE IF APPROACHED THE RIGHT WAY. TIPS FOR IMPROVING YOUR CHANCES OF SUCCESS. SET A SPECIFIC GOAL. INSTEAD OF A GOAL OF GETTING HEALTHY, MAKE A GOAL TO EXERCISE FOR 30 MINUTES THREE TIMES A WEEK. BE REALISTIC. DON'T SET A GOAL THAT ISN'T ATTAINABLE GIVEN THE OTHER DEMANDS ON YOUR TIME. WRITE IT DOWN. THE ACT OF WRITING DOWN A RESOLUTION CAN INCREASE YOUR COMMITMENT TO IT. FINALLY, BE FLEXIBLE... IT'S NOT ALL OR NOTHING. GIVE YOURSELF SOME GRACE AND DON'T LET ONE BAD DAY OR BAD WEEK DERAIL YOUR EFFORTS FOR SELF-IMPROVEMENT. WITH OR WITHOUT A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION... WE WISH YOU BETTER HEALTH AND MORE HAPPINESS IN 2024.

(HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE, PROJECT COMMUNITY)

MATTER OF FACT

JANUARY 7

9:30 PM

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MATTER OF FACT

AMERICA'S LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY INDUSTRIES ARE WORTH MORE THAN \$100 BILLION ANNUALLY. TO ENSURE ANIMALS' HEALTH, FARMERS AND RANCHERS NEED ACCESS TO VETERINARY SERVICES. BUT IN 2023, MORE THAN 230 REGIONS ACROSS 47 STATES WERE DESIGNATED AS "VETERINARIAN SHORTAGE AREAS" BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. THAT'S THE MOST EVER. CORRESPONDENT JESSICA GOMEZ TAKES US TO SOUTH DAKOTA TO MEET A VETERINARIAN STRUGGLING WITH A BRUTAL WORKLOAD AND THE YOUNG STUDENT TRAINING TO ONE DAY TAKE OVER THE ROLE. WAWA GATHERU, 25, IS AN INAUGURAL MEMBER OF A NEW ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COUNCIL. IT'S THE EPA'S FIRST-EVER NATIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL. THE COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF 16 PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 29. THEY'RE NOW TASKED WITH PROVIDING THE EPA ADMINISTRATOR WITH POLICY ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES INCLUDING CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND AIR QUALITY. GATHERU SHARES HER HOPES FOR THE COMMITTEE AND EXPLAINS HOW YOUNG PEOPLE CAN USE HISTORY AS A GUIDE FOR ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS FRACTURING. MORE THAN 7,000 CONGREGATIONS HAVE RECEIVED PERMISSION TO BREAK AWAY FROM THE UMC SINCE 2019. THE DIVIDE IS DRIVEN IN LARGE PART BY DISAGREEMENTS OVER THE CHURCH'S APPROACH TO LGBTQ POLICY. THIS FRACTURING ISN'T UNIQUE TO THE

UMC. CORRESPONDENT DINA DEMETRIUS TRAVELED TO MICHIGAN, WHERE A YOUTH PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY ARE COMING TO GRIPS WITH LOSING THEIR OWN FAITH COMMUNITY OVER HIS REFUSAL TO DENOUNCE THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY. THE GREAT RECESSION. THE BIG QUIT. IN RECENT YEARS, MANY AMERICANS LEFT THEIR JOBS CITING FRUSTRATIONS LIKE STAGNANT PAY. BUT NOW, A NEW SURVEY SHOWS SEVERAL PROFESSIONS ARE SEEING SUBSTANTIAL WAGE INCREASES. SOLEDAD BREAKS DOWN WHO'S MAKING MORE AND WHO ISN'T. FINALLY, WHERE DO TRAIN CARS GO WHEN THEY'RE RETIRED? SOLEDAD HAS THE STORY ABOUT A CENTURIES-OLD METHOD OF GETTING RID OF OLD VEHICLES, WHILE FOSTERING A THRIVING MARINE ENVIRONMENT.
(ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, ECONOMICS, FAMILY ISSUES, YOUTH ISSUES, JOBS)

FIRST NEWS JANUARY 8 6:00 AM 0:00:29

LEAVENWORTH OIS
 THE KANSAS BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION IS INVESTIGATING A DEADLY OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN LEAVENWORTH. THIS HAPPENED AT 5TH AND OSAGE -- JUST BEFORE 9 SATURDAY NIGHT. OFFICERS TELL US A MAN CALLED 9-1-1 TO REPORT A CRIME -- AND SAID HE WAS ARMED. OFFICERS SAY WHEN THEY GOT THERE -- THE MAN WAS IN THE FRONT YARD OF A HOME WITH A KNIFE. WHEN THEY TOLD HIM TO DROP THE KNIFE -- HE CHARGED AN OFFICER. THAT OFFICER FIRED SEVERAL SHOTS -- HITTING THE SUSPECT. HE LATER DIED. ONE NEIGHBOR TOLD US WHAT HE HEARD FROM HIS HOME.
(CRIME AND SAFETY)

FIRST NEWS JANUARY 8 6:00 AM 0:00:21

SOUTH KC ALLIANCE MEETING
 TONIGHT, THE SOUTH KANSAS CITY ALLIANCE WILL FOCUS ON REDUCING VIOLENT CRIME. SEVERAL SPEAKERS WILL TALK ABOUT THEIR WORK TO MAKE THE CITY SAFER -- AND HOW YOU CAN HELP. THAT INCLUDES K-C-P-D CHIEF STACEY GRAVES -- CITY COUNCILMAN CRISPIN REA -- AND ROSILYN TEMPLE -- THE FOUNDER OF K-C MOTHERS IN CHARGE. THE MEETING STARTS AT 6 TONIGHT -- AT THE SOUTH PATROL POLICE CAMPUS.
(CRIME AND SAFETY, FAMILY ISSUES, YOUTH ISSUES, COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY)

FIRST NEWS JANUARY 8 6:00 AM 0:00:36

JACKSON CO FUTURE OF STADIUMS

HAPPENING TODAY--
 JACKSON COUNTY LEGISLATORS WILL MEET TO DISCUSS AN EXTENSION TO THE SALES TAX --
 THAT SUPPORTS THE TRUMAN SPORTS COMPLEX. THE KANSAS CITY ROYALS AND THE CHIEFS SAY THEY WON'T LEAVE THE COUNTY --
 AS LONG AS VOTERS APPROVE THE TAX RENEWAL ON THE APRIL BALLOT. THAT SETS UP A DEADLINE THAT'S FAST-APPROACHING.
 IF APPROVED, REVENUE FROM THE TAX COULD GO TOWARD A NEW ROYALS STADIUM --
 AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CHIEFS.
 THE EXTENSION WOULD BE FOR ANOTHER 40 YEARS.
(COMMITMENT 2024, LEADERSHIP, ECONOMIC IMPACT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, JOBS, ECONOMY)

FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 8	6:00 AM	0:00:29	<p>WEATHER PREP TEAM STORM COVERAGE THIS MORNING, WE'RE GETTING YOU PREPARED FOR THE INCOMING WINTER WEATHER. OUR CREWS ARE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STATE LINE TO GET YOU READY. WE'LL CHECK IN WITH OUR MARTIN AUGUSTINE IN KANSAS CITY IN A FEW MINUTES. BUT FIRST, WE WANT TO HEAD OUT TO OVERLAND PARK -- AND KMBC 9'S MORGAN MOBELY. MORGAN, CITY CREWS ARE GEARING UP FOR THIS STORM. (ENVIRONMENT, CRIME AND SAFETY)</p>
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FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 8	6:00 AM	0:00:25	<p>DEADLY NORTHLAND FIRE RIGHT NOW, FIRE CREWS ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT CAUSED A HOUSE FIRE - - THAT KILLED A 17-YEAR-OLD GIRL WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. THIS HAPPENED EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING IN THE NORTHLAND --ON NORTHEAST 103RD TERRACE NEAR MARSH AVENUE. THE KANSAS CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT TELLS US MEDICS TOOK FIVE PEOPLE TO THE HOSPITAL -- THREE OF THEM CHILDREN. SOPHIE FAZEL DIDN'T MAKE IT OUT OF THE HOUSE. ONE NEIGHBOR TELL US -- SHE'LL BE DEEPLY MISSED. (CRIME AND SAFETY)</p>
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FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 8	6:00 AM	0:00:17	<p>EARLY AGREEMENT LAWMAKERS ARE BACK IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK -- WITH JUST 12 DAYS TO AVOID A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CUT A BIPARTISAN DEAL -- WHICH INCLUDES ONE-POINT-FIVE TRILLION DOLLARS IN SPENDING --</p>
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AND 16-BILLION DOLLARS IN CUTS.
BUT CONSERVATIVES SAY -- THOSE CUTS AREN'T ENOUGH.
(POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP, CORPORATE LEADERSHIP)

FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 8	6:00 AM	0:00:17	PROSPECT HOMICIDE KANSAS CITY POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING -- AFTER A MAN WAS FOUND SHOT IN A PARKING LOT. OFFICERS GOT THE CALL JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT SUNDAY -- TO 63RD AND PROSPECT. PARAMEDICS RUSHED THE VICTIM TO THE HOSPITAL -- WHERE HE LATER DIED. OFFICERS ARE STILL WORKING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT LED UP TO THE SHOOTING. YOU CAN HELP THEM PUT THE PIECES TOGETHER. CALL THE CRIMESTOPPERS TIPS HOTLINE IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING THAT CAN HELP. (CRIME AND SAFETY)
EDITORIAL	JANUARY 12, 13, 14	VARIOUS	0:01:10	SEVERE WEATHER COVERAGE SEVERE WEATHER HAS ARRIVED WITH THE NEW YEAR. TWO ROUNDS OF SNOW FOLLOWED BY DANGEROUSLY LOW TEMPERATURES CREATED LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS. DAYS BEFORE, THE KMBC 9 FIRST ALERT WEATHER TEAM PREPARED YOU ON AIR AND ONLINE -- FORECASTING THE DANGER AND DECLARING ALERT DAYS FOR DAYS WITH THE MOST EXTREME WEATHER. KMBC 9 NEWS KEPT YOU INFORMED WITH LIVE, AROUND-THE-CLOCK REPORTS ON CONDITIONS. SEVERE WEATHER IS WHEN OUR TEAM IS AT ITS BEST BECAUSE ALERTING YOU TO DANGEROUS SITUATIONS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE DO AS BROADCASTERS. WEATHER WATCHES, WARNINGS, AND CLOSINGS ARE SHARED INSTANTLY -- ON TELEVISION AND ON PHONES VIA THE KMBC 9 APP. IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE APP, JUST SCAN THIS QR CODE. COUNT ON KMBC 9 NEWS TO ALWAYS BE YOUR FIRST ALERT FOR SEVERE WEATHER NO MATTER THE TIME OF DAY OR DAY OF THE WEEK. WINTER HAS JUST BEGUN. OUR TEAM WILL BE WORKING ALL SEASON TO KEEP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE. THAT IS KMBC 9'S COMMITMENT TO YOU. (CRIME AND SAFETY, COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY, FAMILY ISSUES, ENVIRONMENT)
MATTER OF FACT	JANUARY 13	9:30 PM	0:30:00	MATTER OF FACT THE UNITED STATES HAS THE HIGHEST POPULATION OF INCARCERATED PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. THAT INCLUDES THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AWAITING TRIAL, UNABLE TO AFFORD THEIR BAIL. SEVERAL STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE RECENTLY REFORMED THEIR BAIL SYSTEMS. IN MICHIGAN, ADVOCATES FOR REFORM HOPE TO SEE ACTION BY THE END OF THE YEAR WHILE OPPONENTS ARGUE ANY CHANGES

WILL THREATEN PUBLIC SAFETY. CORRESPONDENT DAN LIEBERMAN TRAVELS TO MICHIGAN AND SPEAKS WITH A SHERIFF, A JUDGE AND A WOMAN WHO SPENT MONTHS BEHIND BARS AS A TEEN, UNABLE TO PAY HER BAIL. MORE THAN 400 MILLION CHILDREN LIVE IN COUNTRIES WHERE THERE IS ONGOING WAR OR VIOLENT CONFLICT. AND THESE FIGHTS ARE OFTEN PROTRACTED, LIKE THE CONFLICT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE AND THE WAR IN UKRAINE. DR. ZLATINA KOSTOVA IS A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS. SHE'S HELPING TRAIN MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS IN UKRAINE ON HOW TO ASSIST CHILDREN LIVING THROUGH WAR. SHE TELLS SOLEDAD ABOUT HOW WAR IMPACTS CHILDREN'S BRAINS AND DEVELOPMENT AND WHAT CAN BE DONE TO HELP THEM COPE WITH THE TOXIC STRESS CREATED BY THEIR ENVIRONMENT. EVEN AS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE "GET ONLINE," THE DIGITAL DIVIDE PERSISTS. ACCORDING TO PEW RESEARCH CENTER, MORE THAN 40% OF ADULTS MAKING UNDER \$30,000 DO NOT OWN A LAPTOP OR COMPUTER. A BUSINESS IN MINNESOTA IS WORKING TO CHANGE THAT BY PROVIDING PEOPLE WITH FREE OR DISCOUNTED COMPUTERS. CORRESPONDENT LAURA CHAVEZ MEETS THE OWNER AND CREATOR OF PCS FOR PEOPLE AND A WOMAN WHO SAYS THE ORGANIZATION CHANGED HER LIFE. THE 2024 PRIMARY SEASON GETS UNDERWAY WITH THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS IN IOWA FOLLOWED BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY. AS VOTERS DECIDE WHO WILL BE ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT, SOME STATES ARE TRYING TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY SHOULD RETHINK THEIR PRIMARY PROCESS. FOR EXAMPLE, ARIZONA, IDAHO AND OREGON ARE ALL CONSIDERING MOVING TO NONPARTISAN PRIMARIES. SOLEDAD BREAKS DOWN WHICH STATES ARE CONSIDERING WHAT CHANGES. FINALLY, SOME OF THE BEST-KNOWN ARTISTS IN THE WORLD CONTRIBUTED TO AN AMUSEMENT PARK IN THE 1980S. IT OPENED FOR A SHORT TIME IN HAMBURG, GERMANY AND THEN WAS VIRTUALLY FORGOTTEN. THAT IS UNTIL NOW. SOLEDAD TELLS THE STORY BEHIND "LUNA LUNA: FORGOTTEN FANTASY," NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN LOS ANGELES, CA.

(YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES, HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE, ECONOMY, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP)

FIRST NEWS

JANUARY 15

6:00 AM

0:00:23

FROSTBITE DANGER

TEMPERATURES THIS LOW MEAN FROSTBITE IS A BIG RISK -- EVEN IF YOU WON'T BE OUTSIDE FOR LONG. IN FACT, IT ONLY TAKES 15 MINUTES FOR FROSTBITE TO SET IN. THE FIRST SYMPTOMS ARE A TINGLING OR BURNING SENSATION. YOUR SKIN MIGHT CHANGE COLOR -- TO PURPLE OR BLUE. TO AVOID FROSTBITE, MAKE SURE YOU WEAR A HAT AND GLOVES -- AND KEEP YOUR FACE COVERED.

IF YOU START TO FEEL SYMPTOMS -- USE WARM WATER TO WARM UP *SLOWLY.
(ENVIRONMENT, CRIME AND SAFETY, HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE)

FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 15	6:00 AM	0:00:13	IOWA VOTES TURNING TO OUR COMMITMENT 2024 COVERAGE -- THE IOWA CAUCUSES ARE HERE. REPUBLICAN VOTERS WILL GATHER IN JUST A FEW HOURS -- FOR THE COLDEST CAUCUS IN RECENT HISTORY. OUR JACKIE DEFUSCO IS IN DES MOINES -- TO EXPLAIN HOW IT ALL WORKS. (COMMITMENT 2024)
FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 15	6:00 AM	0:00:23	KCPS WINTER RESOURCES FAMILIES IN THE KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT GOT SOME HELP - AS THE WINTER WEATHER KEEPS KIDS OUT OF SCHOOL. THE DISTRICT GAVE OUT FREE MEALS TO STUDENTS AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL. ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS SAYS A LOT OF FAMILIES RELY ON THE PROGRAM -- AND RECENT SNOW DAYS THREW A WRENCH IN THEIR PLANS. (COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY, FAMILY ISSUES, YOUTH ISSUES)
FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 15	6:00 AM	0:00:50	VERY LOCAL TSHIRT SHOP POPUP HOW WOULD YOU LIKE SOMETHING THAT'S NOT ONLY "VERY LOCAL" -- BUT ALSO VERY FREE? THE VERY K-C TEE T-SHIRT IS BACK -- THIS TIME WITH LONG SLEEVES FOR THE COLD WEATHER! IT WAS SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR K-M-B-C BY A KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE STUDENT. TO GET ONE - YOU NEED TO DOWNLOAD THE "VERY LOCAL" STREAMING APP (COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY)
FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 15	6:00 AM	0:00:17	MO BREAK OUT IN MISSOURI -- THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTED TO DO AWAY WITH ITS OWN PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY IN 20-22. THIS SAVED THE STATE MILLIONS OF DOLALRS. NOW -- VOTERS FROM EACH PARTY WILL VOTE IN A CAUCUS. FOR REPUBLICANS -- IT'S MARCH SECOND. DEMOCRATS WILL HAVE A MAIL-IN ELECTION -- WITH SOME IN-PERSON VOTING ON MARCH 23RD. CHECK THE STATE PARTIES' WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION. (COMMITMENT 2024)

FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 15	6:00 AM	0:00:20	<p>PROJECT 1020 WARMING SHELTER</p> <p>DEMAND AT LOCAL SHELTERS IS RISING -- BECAUSE OF THIS BITTER, DANGEROUS COLD. THE FOLKS WITH PROJECT 10-20 IN JOHNSON COUNTY SAY -- THEY'RE DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO FILL THAT NEED. THE SHELTER IS MEANT FOR ADULTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY. LEADERS SAY THEIR NUMBERS ARE UP -- BUT THEY'D RATHER SEE THAT THAN LEAVE ANYONE OUTSIDE.</p> <p>(COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY)</p>
FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 15	6:00 AM	0:00:26	<p>SPACE HEATER SAFETY</p> <p>WITH THE EXTREME COLD STICKING AROUND FOR A COUPLE MORE DAYS -- MORE PEOPLE ARE USING SPACE HEATERS TO KEEP WARM. WE ARE KEEPING YOU SAFE -- WITH SOME ADVICE TO REMEMBER. MAKE SURE TO PLUG THOSE HEATERS DIRECTLY INTO A WALL OUTLET. DON'T USE A POWER STRIP. KEEP IT AT LEAST THREE FEET AWAY FROM OTHER ITEMS IN YOUR HOME. DON'T LEAVE IT ON WHILE SLEEPING. IF YOU CAN -- GET A SPACE HEATER WITH A TIMER. A SPACE HEATER CAN START A FIRE WHEN USED INCORRECTLY.</p> <p>(CRIME AND SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT)</p>
FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 15	6:00 AM	0:00:31	<p>ARTIC BLAST</p> <p>IT'S NOT JUST KANSAS CITY FEELING THE CHILL THIS MORNING. MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE DEALING WITH DANGEROUSLY LOW TEMPERATURES. IN TEXAS, THE POWER GRID OPERATOR IS ASKING PEOPLE TO CONSERVE ELECTRICITY -- WITH WIND CHILLS OVERNIGHT HITTING NEGATIVE 7. PEOPLE IN ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI ARE BEING ENCOURAGED TO INSULATE THEIR PIPES -- WITH TEMPERATURES IN THE TEENS EXPECTED THERE THIS WEEK. SNOW HAS ALSO BEEN A MAJOR PROBLEM OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS. COMMUNITIES FROM OREGON TO THE GREAT LAKES ARE DIGGING OUT -- WITH SOME GETTING MORE THAN A FOOT OF SNOW.</p> <p>(ENVIRONMENT)</p>
FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 15	6:00 AM	0:00:31	<p>WINTER SCAM</p> <p>MISSOURI'S ATTORNEY GENERAL IS OUT WITH A WARNING -- ABOUT WINTER WEATHER SCAMS. ANDREW BAILEY SAYS SCAMMERS LOOK TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PEOPLE -- DURING EXTREME WEATHER LIKE THIS. SPECIFICALLY, BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR UTILITY SCAMS.</p>

THAT OFTEN INVOICES SOMEONE PRETENDING TO BE WITH THE ELECTRICAL OR GAS COMPANY --
AND THREATENING TO CUT YOU OFF UNLESS YOU PAY UP. IF YOU THINK SOMEONE TRIED TO SCAM YOU, CONTACT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CONSUMER HOTLINE -- AT 1-800-392-8222.

(CRIME AND SAFETY)

FIRST NEWS JANUARY 16 6:00 AM 0:00:26

HOPE FAITH NEEDS MEN'S CLOTHES AND SHOES

HOPE FAITH IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF MEN'S WINTER CLOTHES AND SHOES. THE SHELTER SAYS A MAN CAME IN THE OTHER NIGHT IN JUST FLIP-FLOPS -- AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY BOOTS TO GIVE HIM.
IF YOU CAN HELP -- DROP OFF DONATIONS ANY TIME FROM 8 TO ONE -- MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY -- AT THE CAMPUS AT EAST 8TH AND VIRGINIA.
YOU CAN ALSO BUY THINGS OFF THE SHELTER'S AMAZON WISHLIST -- TO BE SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO THEM.
I'VE POSTED A LINK ON MY SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES.

(COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY, FAMILY ISSUES)

FIRST NEWS JANUARY 16 6:00 AM 0:00:28

SIGNS OF HYPOTHERMIA

WITH TEMPERATURES STILL DANGEROUSLY LOW -- IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THE SIGNS OF HYPOTHERMIA. ACCORDING TO THE C-D-C SOME OF THOSE SYMPTOMS INCLUDE SHIVERING -- FATIGUE -- CONFUSION -- AND SLURRED SPEECH.
IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW SHOWS THESE SIGNS -- GET TO SOMEWHERE WARM -- AND TAKE OFF ANY WET CLOTHES.
YOU SHOULD TRY TO WARM THE CENTER OF THE BODY -- INCLUDING THE CHEST, NECK, HEAD, AND GROIN -- USING BLANKETS OR SHEETS -- OR AN ELECTRIC BLANKET.
THEN GET MEDICAL HELP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

(HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE)

FIRST NEWS JANUARY 16 6:00 AM 0:00:27

JAX CO CHIEFS TAX PROPOSAL

TODAY, JACKSON COUNTY LEGISLATORS WILL DISCUSS A PROPOSAL -- TO KEEP THE CHIEFS IN THE COUNTY. IT INVOLVES A NEW SALES TAX. COUNTY LEADERS ARE PROPOSING A COUNTYWIDE PARKS SALES TAX OF THREE-16THS OF A PERCENT -- TO KEEP THE CHIEFS IN THE COUNTY FOR 25 YEARS. THIS IS *SEPARATE FROM THE

HELP MAKE SURE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS HAVE THE FUNDING TO CONTINUE.
(CRIME AND SAFETY, ECONOMIC IMPACT, ECONOMY)

MATTER OF FACT

JANUARY 21

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MATTER OF FACT

THE WINTER COLD IS ADDING URGENCY TO THE MIGRANT CRISIS IN MANY MAJOR CITIES INCLUDING NEW YORK, CHICAGO AND DENVER. IN NEW YORK CITY, MORE THAN 170,000 MIGRANTS HAVE ARRIVED SINCE SPRING 2022, STRAINING THE CITY'S SUPPORT SYSTEM. BUT ST. LOUIS, MO, WHICH A HISTORY OF ROLLING OUT THE WELCOME MAT TO REFUGEES, SEES THE MIGRANTS' ARRIVAL AS AN OPPORTUNITY. AN ORGANIZATION THERE IS CREATING PROGRAMS TO HELP ASYLUM-SEEKERS FROM THE SOUTHERN BORDER, HOPING THEY CAN RESETTLE THERE AND BOOST THE CITY'S ECONOMY. CORRESPONDENT JOIE CHEN TRAVELS TO THE GATEWAY TO THE WEST AND MEETS WITH THE PEOPLE WHO IMMIGRATED THERE YEARS AGO. ROB REINER IS MANY THINGS: ACTOR, DIRECTOR, FILMMAKER AND NOW, PODCASTER. AS THE SON OF COMEDIAN AND EMMY-WINNING ACTOR CARL REINER, IT'S CLEAR THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY IS IN HIS BLOOD. SOLEDAD VISITED ROB REINER AT HIS HOME IN CALIFORNIA WHERE HE TOLD HER ABOUT GROWING UP AS CARL REINER'S SON, HIS MOST PERSONALLY MEANINGFUL WORKS, AND HIS FASCINATION WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. THAT FASCINATION LED HIM TO LAUNCH HIS LATEST PROJECT, "WHO KILLED JFK," A PODCAST HE AND SOLEDAD PARTNERED ON. THIS YEAR BRINGS A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT FOR VETERANS STRUGGLING WITH PTSD AND DEPRESSION. THE VETERAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED IT WILL FUND STUDIES INTO WHETHER PSYCHEDELIC-ASSISTED THERAPY IS HELPFUL IN TREATING MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS FOR FORMER MILITARY PERSONNEL. THIS COMES AFTER LOBBYING BY SEVERAL COMBAT VETERANS WHO SAY THEY TURNED TO PSYCHEDELICS AS A LAST RESORT. CORRESPONDENT JESSICA GOMEZ SITS DOWN WITH A FORMER MARINE WHO SHARES HOW THE TREATMENT WORKED FOR HIM. AS THE 2024 ELECTION OFFICIALLY GETS UNDERWAY WITH THE START OF PRIMARIES, RECENT POLLING BY THE BIPARTISAN POLICY CENTER SHOWS MORE THAN 80% OF VOTERS ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE STATE OF AMERICA'S DEMOCRACY. ONE VOTING METHOD THAT'S GARNERING TRACTION AS A POSSIBLE SOLUTION IS RANK-CHOICE VOTING. SOLEDAD BREAKS DOWN HOW RANK-CHOICE VOTING WORKS AND WHY SOME ARE WARNING AGAINST IT. FINALLY, LARGE PORTIONS OF THE COUNTRY HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH SNOWY, ICY ROADS. WHILE SALT IS KEY TO KEEPING THE ROADS SAFE, SOME STATES AND MUNICIPALITIES ARE ADDING ANOTHER INGREDIENT TO THE MIX: BEET JUICE. THE MOLASSES-LIKE BYPRODUCT OF BEETS LOWERS THE FREEZING-POINT OF ICE. IT ALSO HAS ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS, LOWERING THE AMOUNT OF SALT NEEDED TO TREAT THE ROADS. BUT SOLEDAD EXPLAINS THAT, AS WITH ANYTHING, IT'S NOT

A MIRACLE CURE.
(RACE RELATIONS AND DISCRIMINATION, HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE, VETERANS, POLITICS, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP)

FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 22	6:00 AM	0:00:24	<p>JACKSON COUNTY STADIUM VOTE</p> <p>THE JACKSON COUNTY LEGISLATURE PLANS TO DISCUSS THE RENEWAL OF THE THREE-EIGHTHS OF ONE PERCENT SALES TAX AT ITS MEETING TODAY. THIS TAX WOULD PROVIDE THE ROYALS AND THE CHIEFS WITH BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OVER 40 YEARS. THE DEADLINE TO GET THE PROPOSED TAX BACK ON THE APRIL BALLOT IS TOMORROW.</p> <p>COUNTY EXECUTIVE FRANK WHITE VETOED THE MEASURE AFTER LEGISLATORS PASSED IT THE FIRST TIME. SIX VOTES ARE NEEDED TO OVERRIDE THE VETO.</p> <p>(COMMITMENT 2024, ECONOMY, ECONOMIC IMPACT)</p>
FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 22	6:00 AM	0:00:22	<p>SCHOLAR ATHLETE NOMINATIONS</p> <p>TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR KMBC 9 AND HYVEE'S SCHOLAR ATHLETE!</p> <p>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ACROSS THE METRO CAN SUBMIT NAMES OF OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - WHO EXCEL IN BOTH SPORTS AND ACADEMICS.</p> <p>TEN HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WILL WIN A THOUSAND DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP - AND BE FEATURED ON KMBC 9 NEWS. GO TO KMBC-DOT-COM "SLASH" SCHOLAR ATHLETE 2024 TO GET STARTED.</p> <p>(EDUCATION, COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY)</p>
FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 22	6:00 AM	0:00:23	<p>LAWRENCE LOOP MEETING</p> <p>TODAY -- THE CITY OF LAWRENCE WANTS YOU TO WEIGH IN ON FINISHING UP THE 'LAWRENCE LOOP' -- A SERIES OF TRAILS WRAPPING AROUND TOWN. LEADERS HOPE TO COMPLETE ONE OF THE LAST GAPS REMAINING IN THE LOOP -- FROM 7TH STREET TO CONSTANT PARK. AND THEY NEED YOUR IDEAS.</p> <p>TODAY -- PROJECT STAFFERS WILL BE AT THE LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY LOBBY. YOU CAN GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK - IN PERSON FROM 4 TO 6 TONIGHT.</p> <p>(COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ISSUES, EMPLOYMENT, ENVIRONMENT)</p>
FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 22	6:00 AM	0:00:16	<p>CAMPAIGN 2024</p> <p>THERE'S A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE RACE FOR PRESIDENT. RON DESANTIS IS OUT -- AND SUPPORTING FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMP. TRUMP COULD TAKE THE STAND IN A NEW YORK CITY COURTROOM TODAY.</p>

AND IT'S ALL HAPPENING -- JUST BEFORE VOTERS HEAD TO THE POLLS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE TOMORROW.

HERE'S A-B-C'S MELISSA ADAN.

(COMMITMENT 2024, LEADERSHIP, POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP, CORPORATE LEADERSHIP)

FIRST NEWS

JANUARY 22

6:00 AM

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YOUTH SPORTS BURNOUT

WE'RE KEEPING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE --

WITH A NEW WARNING FROM THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS.

A NEW STUDY SAYS TOO MUCH PRESSURE ON KIDS' PERFORMANCE IN YOUTH SPORTS -- LEADS TO OVER-TRAINING -- INJURIES -- AND BURNOUT. THE STUDY FINDS A WHOPPING 70-PERCENT OF KIDS ARE DROPPING OUT OF ORGANIZED YOUTH SPORTS BY AGE 13.

FACTORS INCLUDE DEPRESSION -- FATIGUE -- SLEEP PROBLEMS -- AND KIDS GETTING HURT.

IN RECENT YEARS, EXPERTS HAVE RAISED MORE CONCERNS -- ABOUT PARENTS TAKING THE FUN AWAY.

(YOUTH ISSUES, EDUCATION, FAMILY ISSUES)

FIRST NEWS

JANUARY 22

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KELCE FOUNDATION REPAIRS HOME

A KANSAS CITY NATIVE WAS CHEERING ESPECIALLY HARD FOR TRAVIS KELCE LAST NIGHT. KELCE AND HIS FOUNDATION "87 AND RUNNING" CAME TO THE RESCUE WHEN GLORIA WHITE REACHED OUT TO A LOCAL NONPROFIT FOR HELP

GLORIA'S HUSBAND DIED THREE YEARS AGO--

AND SHE HAS BEEN IN A WHEELCHAIR BUT WANTED TO STAY IN HER HOME OF 56 YEARS.

THANKS TO KELCE AND "REBUILDING TOGETHER KANSAS CITY"--

GLORIA GOT A NEW HOT WATER HEATER, SINK, ROOF, AS WELLS AS MODIFICATIONS TO HELP HER MOVE AROUND BETTER.

(COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY)

FIRST NEWS

JANUARY 22

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15 YEAR OLD DEAD IN OLATHE HOMICIDE

OLATHE POLICE ARE WORKING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENED - TO A 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL SHOT AND KILLED LATE FRIDAY NIGHT.

STAFFERS AT OLATHE MEDICAL CENTER CALLED POLICE - AFTER SOMEONE DROVE THE GIRL TO THE HOSPITAL, WHERE SHE DIED. DETECTIVES SAY THE SHOOTING HAPPENED ON WEST 127TH STREET NEAR I-35 IN NORTHEAST OLATHE. CALL THEM IF YOU CAN HELP SHED LIGHT ON WHAT HAPPENED.

(CRIME AND SAFETY, YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES)

FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 23	6:00 AM	0:00:21	<p>CHANGES IN KCPD SHIFTS</p> <p>KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI POLICE ARE NOW WORKING UNDER A NEW SHIFT SCHEDULE. OFFICERS IN ALL PATROL DIVISIONS HAVE NOW MOVED TO 11-HOUR SHIFTS. THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO STATION OFFICERS IN AREAS -- THAT HAVE SEEN A LOT OF CALLS OR VIOLENCE IN THE PAST. CHIEF STACEY GRAVES SAYS THE GOAL TO MAKE THE OFFICERS MORE AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCIES -- AND HOPEFULLY DO MORE PROACTIVE WORK.</p> <p>(CRIME AND SAFETY, LEADERSHIP, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP, CORPORATE LEADERSHIP, ECONOMY, JOBS)</p>
FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 23	6:00 AM	0:00:27	<p>KYS: BS CREDIT CARD SKIMMERS</p> <p>WE'RE WORKING TO KEEP YOU SAFE WITH A WARNING -- ABOUT A SCAM THAT TARGETS PEOPLE AT THE PUMP. BLUE SPRINGS POLICE SAYS THEY'VE FOUND THREE DIFFERENT ILLEGAL CREDIT CARD SCANNERS -- INSTALLED AT GAS PUMPS. THIS VIDEO SHOWS ONE OF THEIR OFFICERS FINDING ONE. CRIMINALS USE THE SCANNERS TO STEAL YOUR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION. OFFICERS WANT YOU TO KNOW -- THESE DEVICES COME OFF VERY EASILY. IF THE SCANNER LOOKS SUSPICIOUS -- GIVE IT A GENTLE PULL. IF IT COMES OFF, IT'S ILLEGAL.</p> <p>(CRIME AND SAFETY)</p>
FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 23	6:00 AM	0:00:31	<p>PARENTS OF SHOOTER ON TRIAL</p> <p>A TRIAL STARTS TODAY -- STEMMING FROM A DEADLY SCHOOL SHOOTING. BUT IT'S NOT THE SHOOTER ON TRIAL. IT'S HIS MOTHER. IN 2021, A TEEN BOY OPENED FIRE AT HIS HIGH SCHOOL IN OXFORD, MICHIGAN -- KILLING FOUR STUDENTS. HE PLEADED GUILTY AND WAS SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON. BOTH HIS PARENTS ARE CHARGED WITH INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER -- FOR BUYING THE SEMI-AUTOMATIC HANDGUN USED IN THE ATTACK -- AND FOR ALLEGEDLY IGNORING THEIR SON'S PLEAS FOR HELP --RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS. THE MOTHER OF ONE SURVIVOR SAYS -- SHE HOPES THIS LEADS TO LASTING CHANGE.</p> <p>(YOUTH ISSUES, CRIME AND SAFETY, FAMILY ISSUES)</p>
FIRST NEWS	JANUARY 23	6:00 AM	0:00:23	<p>BERKLEY RIVERFRONT MULTIMODAL STUDY</p>

TODAY -- YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO WEIGH IN ON THE FUTURE OF KANSAS CITY'S RIVERFRONT. DEVELOPER PORT K-C IS HOSTING AN OPEN HOUSE -- SHOWING THEIR FINDINGS FROM A CONNECTIVITY STUDY. THEY'RE EXPLORING OPTIONS TO MAKE BERKLEY RIVERFRONT SAFER AND EASIER TO GET AROUND. YOU CAN LEARN ABOUT THE PROJECT -- AND GIVE FEEDBACK. THE OPEN HOUSE IS TONIGHT FROM 5 TO 8 -- AT THE DON BOSCO CENTER COMMUNITY ROOM IN K-C MO.
(ECONOMY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ISSUES, EMPLOYMENT)

FIRST NEWS JANUARY 23 6:00 AM 0:00:21

HALEY SWEEPS DIXVILLE NOTCH PRIMARY
FORMER SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR NIKKI HALEY...
STARTING OFF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY WITH A WIN. IT COMES IN THE TINY TOWN OF DIXVILLE NOTCH.
ALL SIX VOTERS IN THE TOWN CHOSE HALEY.
DIXVILLE NOTCH IS HISTORICALLY THE FIRST TO DECLARE PRIMARY RESULTS-- BECAUSE IT OPENS AND CLOSES ITS POLL JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT LOCAL TIME. THE MIDNIGHT VOTING TRADITION DATES BACK TO 19-60.
(COMMITMENT 2024: LEADERSHIP POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP, CORPORATE LEADERSHIP)

FIRST NEWS JANUARY 23 6:00 AM 0:00:27

JAX CO STADIUM TAX LATEST
THIS APRIL, VOTERS IN JACKSON COUNTY WILL HAVE A SAY -- IN THE FUTURE OF THE ROYALS AND THE CHIEFS. THE 3/8THS CENT SALES TAX EXTENSION *WILL BE ON THE BALLOT --
AFTER LEGISLATORS OVERTURNED A VETO BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE FRANK WHITE. IF APPROVED BY VOTERS, THE SALES TAX EXTENSION WOULD CONTINUE FOR ANOTHER 40 YEARS --
RAISING ABOUT TWO-BILLION DOLLARS FOR THE TEAMS.
BUT FRANK WHITE SAYS TAXPAYERS DESERVE MORE ANSWERS ABOUT THE TEAMS' PLANS --
BEFORE BEING ASKED TO MAKE A DECISION.
(ECONOMY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ISSUES, EMPLOYMENT, COMMITMENT 2024)

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WW11 VET FUNERAL
FAMILY AND FRIENDS SAID GOODBYE TO A LOCAL WORLD WAR TWO VETERAN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. ED HALE WAS ALMOST 98 YEARS OLD WHEN HE PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH.

POLICE ARE NOW CRACKING DOWN ON DRIVERS AT THE WHEEL OF VEHICLES NOT PROPERLY REGISTERED. ALREADY THIS MONTH, MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS CAME TOGETHER FOR A JOINT ENFORCEMENT PUSH. IN JUST AN 8-HOUR SPAN, KANSAS CITY POLICE OFFICERS CONFISCATED 63 TEMPORARY TAGS, 23 EXPIRED LICENSE PLATES, AND ISSUED 271 CITATIONS. POLICE SAY THIS CRACKDOWN WILL CONTINUE. WE APPLAUD THIS ENFORCEMENT AND BELIEVE IT WAS OVERDUE. LAST MONTH, THE STATE OF MISSOURI ANNOUNCED IT IS OWED MORE THAN 78 MILLION DOLLARS IN FEES RELATED TO EXPIRED TAGS. TODAY, IT'S STILL EASY TO SPOT TAGS ON VEHICLES THAT HAVE BEEN EXPIRED FOR MONTHS, EVEN YEARS. WHEN BUYING A VEHICLE, REMEMBER YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY SALES TAX IN ORDER TO REGISTER. IF YOU ARE DRIVING A CAR NOT REGISTERED, NOW IS THE TIME TO TAKE ACTION. NOT ONLY WILL YOU AVOID A TICKET AND COURT FEES WHEN YOU DO, BUT YOU WILL ALSO HELP MAKE SURE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS HAVE THE FUNDING TO CONTINUE.

(ECONOMY, ECONOMIC IMPACT, ECONOMIC ISSUES)

MATTER OF FACT

JANUARY 28

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MATTER OF FACT

AMERICA'S TEACHERS ARE FINDING THEMSELVES ON THE FRONTLINES OF THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. ACCORDING TO A GOVERNMENT SURVEY IN 2021, 42% OF HIGH SCHOOLERS REPORTED FEELING PERSISTENTLY SAD OR HOPELESS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY CHALLENGING FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES THAT LACK THE ACCESS TO TREATMENT CENTERS. CORRESPONDENT DINA DEMETRIUS VISITED A SCHOOL IN THE CALIFORNIA DESERT THAT'S LAUNCHED A NEW PROGRAM AIMED AT PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH BETTER MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT. SHE INTRODUCES US TO THE TEACHERS RUNNING THE PROGRAM AND A STUDENT WHO SAYS IT'S MADE A MAJOR IMPACT ON HER, AND HER FRIENDS' LIVES. BEVERLY JOHNSON MADE HISTORY IN 1974 AS THE FIRST BLACK MODEL TO APPEAR ON THE COVER OF AMERICAN VOGUE. BUT JOHNSON TELLS SOLEDAD WHILE THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS IN THE FASHION INDUSTRY TOWARDS GREATER DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION, THERE'S STILL WORK TO BE DONE. JOHNSON IS MARKING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HER BREAKTHROUGH COVER WITH A ONE-WOMAN SHOW IN NEW YORK CITY. SHE TALKS WITH SOLEDAD ABOUT THE SHOW, THE MODELING INDUSTRY AND HER FASCINATING CAREER. IT TOOK SEVERAL DAYS FOLLOWING THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION BEFORE IT WAS CLEAR WHO HAD WON THE WHITE HOUSE. THAT'S BECAUSE ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED MORE TIME TO PROPERLY TO PROCESS AND COUNT THE INFLUX OF MAIL-IN BALLOTS. NOW SOME STATES ARE CONSIDERING CHANGES TO THEIR BALLOT-PROCESSING RULES TO ENSURE THINGS RUN MORE SMOOTHLY, AND QUICKLY, IN FUTURE ELECTIONS. SOLEDAD BREAKS DOWN THE

POTENTIAL CHANGES. HOME OWNERSHIP IS OUT OF REACH FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICANS. HOUSING PRICES ARE HIGH AS ARE INTEREST RATES. AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVOCATES SAY PRIVATE INVESTMENT COMPANIES ARE FURTHER UPSETTING THE MARKET. CORRESPONDENT DAN LIEBERMAN TRAVELED TO MILWAUKEE TO SEE HOW ONE INNOVATIVE PROGRAM IS HELPING RESIDENTS COMPETE AGAINST PRIVATE COMPANIES FOR THE KEYS TO THEIR FIRST HOMES. FINALLY, PLASTIC SIX-PACK RINGS ARE GETTING A MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY UPGRADE. A COMPANY IN MEXICO HAS DEVELOPED SIX AND FOUR-PACK HOLDERS THAT ARE 100% BIODEGRADABLE AND WON'T POLLUTE OCEANS OR LANDFILLS. SOLEDAD HAS THE DETAILS.

(ENVIRONMENT, CORPORATE LEADERSHIP, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP, YOUTH ISSUES, HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE)

FIRST NEWS JANUARY 29 6:00 AM 0:00:17

DEADLY ESCALATION

RIGHT NOW, TENSIONS ARE AT A NEW HIGH IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE U-S SAYS A DRONE STRIKE BY AN IRANIAN-BACKED MILITANT GROUP -- KILLED AND HURT SEVERAL U-S SERVICE MEMBERS BASED IN JORDAN. IRAN IS DENYING HAVING ANY PART IN THE ATTACK.

AMY LU'S IN OUR WASHINGTON BUREAU -- WITH WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR.

(RACE RELATIONS AND DISCRIMINATION)

FIRST NEWS JANUARY 29 6:00 AM 0:00:25

MSHP DEADLY CASSCO CRASH

MISSOURI STATE TROOPERS SAY A GIRL WAS KILLED -- AND 7 OTHER PEOPLE WERE HURT -- IN A CRASH IN CASS COUNTY. TROOPERS WERE CALLED TO 7 HIGHWAY AT COUNTY ROAD 227 -- SOUTH OF HARRISONVILLE -- AFTER 2:30 SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

A KIA SOUL MISSED A STOP SIGN AND HIT A HONDA PILOT --CAUSING IT TO ROLL OVER TWICE.

A 9-YEAR-OLD GIRL IN THE KIA SOUL DIED IN THE CRASH.

THREE MORE KIDS BETWEEN 6 AND 14 YEARS OLD WERE HURT.

FOUR ADULTS WERE ALSO HURT.

(CRIME AND SAFETY)

FIRST NEWS JANUARY 29 6:00 AM 0:00:19

GOV KELLY VETOES FLAT TAX

IN TOPEKA, THE BIG QUESTION IS WHAT'S NEXT --

AFTER KANSAS GOVERNOR VETOED A PLAN --

FOR A FLAT TAX FOR ALL KANSANS.

THE GOVERNOR SAYS ONLY THE RICHEST PEOPLE WOULD BENEFIT. KELLY ALSO SAYS THE G-O-P PLAN COULD COST THE STATE OVER A BILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS

OVER THREE YEARS.
REPUBLICANS SAY THE PLAN WOULD DELIVER TAX RELIEF FOR ALL.
(LEADERSHIP, POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP, CORPORATE LEADERSHIP, ECONOMY, ECONOMIC IMPACT)

FIRST NEWS JANUARY 29 6:00 AM 0:00:16

TAX SEASON BEGINS TODAY
IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR -- TAX SEASON STARTS TODAY. THE I-R-S IS NOW ACCEPTING AND PROCESSING 20-23 FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS.
MOST PEOPLE HAVE UNTIL APRIL 15TH TO FILE.
PEOPLE WHO MISS THE TAX FILING DEADLINE WILL LIKELY FACE A HEFTY PENALTY -- UNLESS THEY ASK FOR AN EXTENSION.
(ECONOMY, ECONOMIC IMPACT, JOBS, ECONOMIC ISSUES)

FIRST NEWS JANUARY 29 6:00 AM 0:00:25

POTHOLE PATROL
THE POTHOLE PROBLEM ACROSS THE METRO IS STILL CAUSING DRIVERS HEADACHES. THEY'VE POPPED UP ALL OVER AFTER THE RECENT SNOW AND COLD -- CAUSING DAMAGE TO CARS' SUSPENSION AND TIRES.
YOU CAN REPORT POTHOLES TO MANY CITIES.
IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI -- THAT NUMBER IS 3-1-1.
YOU CAN ALSO FILE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR POTHOLE DAMAGE TO K-DOT AND MODOT -- THOUGH YOU MAY NOT GET REIMBURSED.
WE HAVE LINKS TO FILE CLAIMS ON OUR WEBSITE --KMBC DOT COM.
(LEADERSHIP, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP, CORPORATE LEADERSHIP, ECONOMY, ECONOMIC IMPACT, FAMILY ISSUES)

FIRST NEWS JANUARY 29 6:00 AM 0:00:28

SOUTHPOINTE DEVELOPMENT GROUNDBREAKING
TODAY -- THERE'LL BE A GROUNDBREAKING FOR A NEW HOUSING PROJECT IN KANSAS CITY MISSOURI. IT'S CALLED SOUTHPOINTE DEVELOPMENT.
IT'LL TAKE UP 25 ACRES OF SPACE AT 63RD AND PROSPECT -- ACROSS THE STREET FROM H-C-A MIDWEST HEALTH CENTER -- JUST OFF OF 71 HIGHWAY.
THE MIX-USE SPACE WILL HAVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING -- A HOTEL -- GAS STATION -- RESTAURANTS -- AND STORES.
CITY LEADERS INCLUDING FIFTH DISTRICT COUNCILMEMBERS AND THE MAYOR -- WILL BE AT TODAY'S GROUNDBREAKING.
IT'S AT 11-30 THIS MORNING.
(LEADERSHIP, POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP, CORPORATE LEADERSHIP, ECONOMY, ECONOMIC IMPACT, FAMILY ISSUES, COMMUNITY)

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CHRONICLE; CHILDREN OF THE SHAWNEE MISSION

A FIERCE DEBATE IS UNDERWAY ON 12 ACRES OF THE MOST HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT LAND IN KANSAS. THE REAL-ESTATE BATTLE CENTERS AROUND A GROWING NATIONWIDE RECKONING -- THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF NATIVE CHILDREN. KMBC 9 CHRONICLE: CHILDREN OF THE SHAWNEE MISSION FOLLOWS SHAWNEE TRIBE CHIEF BEN BARNES FOR TWO YEARS AS HE PUSHES FOR CONTROL OF THE SHAWNEE INDIAN MISSION IN FAIRWAY, A STATE OF KANSAS PROPERTY FOR NEARLY 100 YEARS. HE WANTS TO UNCOVER THE TRUE STORY OF WHAT HAPPENED HIS TRIBE'S CHILDREN AS THEY ATTENDED THE LAND'S FORMER SHAWNEE INDIAN MANUAL LABOR BOARDING SCHOOL, RUN BY A FORMER MISSIONARY AND SLAVEHOLDER, THOMAS JOHNSON. BUT CITY AND STATE LEADERS DON'T WANT TO LOSE CONTROL OF THE LAND, ACCUSING CHIEF BARNES OF USING HIS ANCESTORS' STORY TO PLAN A CASINO OR SOME OTHER USE FOR THE PROPERTY IN THE HEART OF KANSAS'S WEALTHIEST COUNTY.

(YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES, ECONOMIC IMPACT, ECONOMY ISSUES, COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY, LEADERSHIP)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 1 6:00 AM 0:00:18

TEACHER WINS FREE TICKETS

A LOCAL TEACHER GETS TO GO TO THE SUPER BOWL FOR FREE. KAYLA MCCLELLEN WAS AWARDED THE "NORMA HUNT SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP OF EDUCATION AWARD." THE AWARD RECOGNIZES TEACHERS WHO ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY.

THE RECOGNITION CAME WITH SUPER BOWL TICKETS.
THIS IS AN HONOR THAT COMES WITH SO MUCH GRATITUDE.

(EDUCATION, COMMUNITY)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 1 6:00 AM 0:00:20

JACKSON CO OPIOIDS

OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS HAVE SURGED BY 700 PERCENT SINCE 2018- ACCORDING TO MIDWEST HEALTH CENTER.

AND - TO SAVE LIVES-

DOCTORS SAY VICTIMS NEED HELP *AFTER* AN OVERDOSE-

NOT JUST *DURING ONE. NALOXONE - OR "NARCAN" - CAN SAVE OVERDOSE VICTIMS IN THE MOMENT --

BUT ONE STUDY SUGGESTS SURVIVORS HAVE A 10-PERCENT OF CHANCE OF DYING WITHIN A NEXT YEAR --

WITHOUT THE PROPER TREATMENT.

MIDWEST HEALTH CENTER OFFERS PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH AND *WITHOUT INSURANCE --

SO ANYONE CAN GET ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY -- AND SEE IT THROUGH.

(HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE, CRIME AND SAFETY)

EDITORIAL

FEBRUARY 1, 2, 3

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CRACKING DOWN ON EXPIRED TAGS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR KANSAS CITY CHIEFS! WE CAN ALL UNITE AND TAKE PRIDE TOGETHER FOR A TEAM THAT OVERCAME MANY OBSTACLES THIS SEASON. THERE WERE INJURIES, AND THERE WERE DROPPED BALLS, BUT THIS TEAM NEVER GAVE UP. THROUGH THE REGULAR SEASON, THE CHIEFS ALWAYS WORKED TO FIX MISTAKES AND GET BETTER. GAME AFTER GAME, THE PLAYERS DISPLAYED A MENTAL FORTITUDE AND DETERMINATION THAT IS THE HALLMARK OF CHAMPIONS. THE CHIEFS ARE NOW PLAYING THEIR BEST FOOTBALL OF THE SEASON, AND THE STAGE IS SET FOR ANOTHER SUPER BOWL VICTORY. THEY ARE NOT MERELY PLAYING FOR THE TITLE BUT FOR A LEGACY. SAFE TRAVELS TO THE CHIEFS. KANSAS CITY WILL BE READY TO WELCOME YOU HOME AS SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS AGAIN. OUR TEAM AT KMBC 9 IS ALSO GEARING UP AND TRAVELING. KMBC 9 NEWS WILL BE WITH THE TEAM IN LAS VEGAS ALL WEEK LONG TO FOLLOW FANS AND PLAYERS. WE HOPE OUR COVERAGE HELPS YOU STAY CONNECTED TO THE ACTION AND SUPPORT THE TEAM. LOOK FOR SPECIAL "CHASING THE CHAMPIONSHIP" COVERAGE AND SPECIALS ALL WEEK. LET'S GO CHIEFS!
(COMMUNITY)

MATTER OF FACT

FEBRUARY 4

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MATTER OF FACT

THE SUPREME COURT WILL SOON HEAR A CASE THAT IS CRITICAL TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY CALENDAR. A GROUP OF REPUBLICAN AND UNAFFILIATED VOTERS IN COLORADO SAID THAT FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMP CANNOT BE ON THE STATE'S REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT. THEIR DECISION PERTAINS TO THE 14TH AMENDMENT, WHICH STATES THAT ANYONE WHO HAS TAKEN AN OATH TO THE CONSTITUTION AND GONE ON TO ENGAGE IN INSURRECTION, CANNOT HOLD OFFICE. IN EARLY 2022, KIM WEHLE, A PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW, WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PEOPLE TO NOTE THE 14TH AMENDMENT'S POTENTIAL IMPACT ON ANY FUTURE RUN BY FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMP. SOLEDAD SPEAKS WITH WEHLE ABOUT HOW THE SUPREME COURT MIGHT HANDLE THE CASE. "I HAVE FINALLY GOTTEN SO I'M NOT ANGRY, BUT IT'S TAKEN A LONG TIME." THOSE ARE THE WORDS OF EDUCATOR AND PORTLAND, OR NATIVE, DONNA MAXEY. SHE WAS 12 YEARS OLD WHEN HER FAMILY WAS FORCED OUT OF A PREDOMINANTLY BLACK COMMUNITY. THE CITY HAD CLAIMED MUCH OF THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, CALLED ALBINA, FOR WHAT IT DUBBED "URBAN RENEWAL." THEIR HOME, AND HER FATHER'S BUSINESS, WERE DEMOLISHED ALONG WITH DOZENS OF OTHERS. CORRESPONDENT ALEXIS CLARK VISITED PORTLAND WHERE A NON-PROFIT NOW HAS A BOLD PLAN TO BUILD A NEW COMMUNITY WHERE THE NEIGHBORHOOD ONCE STOOD. MORE THAN 30 MILLION CHILDREN IN AMERICA CAN'T AFFORD

SCHOOL MEALS, INCREASING LUNCH DEBT FOR MANY. DURING THE PANDEMIC THE GOVERNMENT PAID FOR EVERY PUBLIC-SCHOOL STUDENT TO EAT, BUT NOW ONLY NINE STATES OFFER FREE MEALS. CORRESPONDENT LAURA CHAVEZ TRAVELED TO PENNSYLVANIA, WHERE ADVOCATES ARE PUSHING FOR FREE LUNCHES, TO TALK TO TEACHERS AND CAFETERIA EMPLOYEES WHO ARE FIGHTING FOR ALL CHILDREN TO EAT. PLUS, TAX SEASON IS UNDERWAY, AND THIS YEAR BRINGS SOME BIG CHANGES. TAX BRACKETS HAVE BEEN AMENDED AND COULD PROVE FAVORABLE FOR MANY FAMILIES. AND FOR THOSE MOVING TO CLEANER ENERGY, THE IRS IS OFFERING TAX CREDITS ON NEW ELECTRIC VEHICLES, AS WELL AS FOR ANY ENERGY-EFFICIENT HOME IMPROVEMENT. SOLEDAD REPORTS ABOUT ADDITIONAL CHANGES AND TOOLS TO HELP YOU FILE. FINALLY, MOST WORKERS IN THE U.S. HAVE DESK JOBS. ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY PUBLISHED BY THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, THAT'S TAKING A TOLL ON PEOPLE'S HEALTH. THOSE WHO SIT ALL DAY HAVE A 16% HIGHER RISK OF MORTALITY - FROM ALL CAUSES - THAN THOSE WHO HAVE MORE ACTIVE JOBS. BUT THE RESEARCH ALSO FOUND THAT IF DESK-WORKERS DID 15 TO 30 MINUTES OF ADDITIONAL EXERCISE EACH DAY, THE INCREASED HEALTH RISKS DISAPPEAR.
(POLITICS, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP, YOUTH ISSUES, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE, ECONOMIC)

FIRST NEWS

FEBRUARY 5

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CASS COUNTY BRIDGE CLOSURE

HEADS UP FOR DRIVERS IN CASS COUNTY - WE'RE GETTING YOU PREPARED FOR SOME ROAD WORK. TODAY, CREWS WILL CLOSE PECULIAR DRIVE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS -- FROM 237H STREET TO JUST PAST THE BRIDGE -- OVER THE EAST BRANCH SOUTH GRAND RIVER. THIS CLOSURE IS FOR BRIDGE DEMOLITION AND RECONSTRUCTION. IT STARTS AT 7 THIS MORNING -- AND IS SET TO LAST UNTIL 8 SATURDAY NIGHT. 237TH STREET WILL STAY OPEN.
(ECONOMIC ISSUES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMY, FAMILY ISSUES. LEADERSHIP)

FIRST NEWS

FEBRUARY 5

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CORRINE O'CONNOR IN COURT

CORRINE O'CONNOR -- THE MOTHER OF FIVE-YEAR-OLD GRAYSON O'CONNOR -- WILL BE IN COURT TODAY FOR A BOND REVIEW. SHE'S CHARGED WITH ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD -- IN CONNECTION WITH HER SON'S DEATH. POLICE SAY GRAYSON FELL FROM THEIR 17TH-STORY APARTMENT WINDOW -- AT

THE GRAND BOULEVARD LOFTS. O'CONNOR WAS EVICTED FROM THAT COMPLEX LAST WEEK.

(CRIME AND SAFETY, FAMILY ISSUES, YOUTH ISSUES)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 5 6:00 AM 0:00:26

99TH TERR SHOOTING

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI POLICE ARE NOW INVESTIGATING A SHOOTING AS A HOMICIDE -- AFTER THE VICTIM DIED. OFFICERS SAY THE SHOOTING HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 11 WEDNESDAY MORNING -- ON WEST 99TH TERRACE NEAR WORNALL ROAD. POLICE FOUND THE VICTIM SHOT IN AN APARTMENT COMPLEX PARKING GARAGE. THEY DIED SATURDAY. WE'RE STILL WORKING TO GET INFORMATION ON A SUSPECT. IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING THAT COULD HELP DETECTIVES -- CALL THE CRIMESTOPPERS TIPS HOTLINE -- AT 816-474-TIPS.

(CRIME AND SAFETY)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 5 6:00 AM 0:00:21

BAKERIES PREPARING

LOCAL BAKERIES ARE BUSY PREPARING FOR THE BIG GAME. YOU MAY REMEMBER *BEST REGARDS BAKERY* IN OVERLAND PARK -- MADE SOME TREATS EARLIER THIS SEASON. THEY'RE EXPECTING A BIG RUSH OF ORDERS. THE BAKERY LAUNCHED ITS SUPER BOWL SUGAR COOKIE PRE-ORDER SALE ONLINE -- AND *THOUSANDS OF COOKIES WERE GONE IN MINUTES. THE OWNER SAYS THE CHIEFS HAVE A HUGE IMPACT ON THEIR BOTTOM LINE.

(ECONOMY, ECONOMIC IMPACT, COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 5 6:00 AM 0:00:24

WORLD CUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIFA HAS ANNOUNCED THE 2026 WORLD CUP MATCHES FOR THE HOST CITIES. KANSAS CITY IS GETTING 6 GAMES. ARROWHEAD WILL HOST FOUR GROUP STAGE GAMES --

A ROUND OF 32 MATCH -- AND A QUARTERFINAL MATCH. SOCCER FANS FILLED NO OTHER PUB FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY. THE QUARTERFINAL WILL BE THE FIRST EVER TO BE PLAYED IN THE MIDWEST. THE GAMES ALSO MEAN MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOBS -- AND OTHER GROWTH FOR KANSAS CITY.

(ECONOMY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ISSUES, EMPLOYMENT)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 5 6:00 AM 0:00:23

CHIEFS FAN OF THE YEAR GOING TO SB

SPEAKING OF FANS, ONE LUCKY FAN IS HEADED TO LAS VEGAS FOR THE SUPER BOWL ALONG -- WITH THE CHIEFS.

KELLY KENNEDY FROM HAYSVILLE, KANSAS WAS SELECTED AS THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS *FAN OF THE YEAR.

*THIS AWARD GUARANTEED HIM A SPOT AT THE SUPER BOWL- BUT THIS WAS BEFORE ANYONE KNEW IF THE CHIEFS WOULD MAKE IT. WHEN THE CHIEFS BEAT THE RAVENS IN THE A-F-C CHAMPIONSHIP-- IT WAS AN EMOTIONAL NIGHT FOR KELLY AND HIS FAMILY.

(COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 5 6:00 AM 0:00:27

KYS: MAGNETIC BALL RECALL

KMBC 9 NEWS IS WORKING TO KEEP YOU SAFE -- WITH A WARNING ABOUT A TOY -- THAT COULD PUT YOUR CHILD AT RISK. FEDERAL REGULATORS SAY DAILY-SALE IS RECALLING ITS HIGH-POWERED MAGNETIC BALLS -- OVER CONCERNS THAT KIDS CAN SWALLOW THEM -- AND INJURE THEIR INTESTINES. IT'S THE LATEST RECALL FOR MAGNETIC BALL TOYS LIKE THIS. SEVERAL OTHER RETAILERS AND COMPANIES HAVE PULLED THE TOY FROM SHELVES. IF YOU HAVE ONE OF THESE SETS, KEEP THEM AWAY FROM YOUR KIDS -- AND CALL THE COMPANY FOR A REFUND.

(FAMILY ISSUES, YOUTH ISSUES)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 5 6:00 AM 0:00:27

KYS: TESLA RECALL

TESLA IS RECALLING ALMOST ALL OF ITS CARS IN THE U-S -- BECAUSE THE FONTS ON THE WARNING LIGHTS ARE TOO SMALL. THIS COULD INCREASE THE RISK OF A CRASH. TESLA SAYS IT'S NOT AWARE OF ANY CRASHES OR INJURIES CAUSED BY THE ISSUE. THE COMPANY RELEASING OVER-THE-AIR SOFTWARE TO FIX THE ISSUE FOR FREE. IF CAR'S IMPACTED -- YOU'LL BE GETTING A LETTER IN EARLY APRIL.

(ECONOMY, ECONOMIC IMPACT, ECONOMICS ISSUES, LEADERSHIP)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 5 6:00 AM 0:00:20

SEARCH FOR KC ROBBERY SUSPECT

KANSAS CITY MISSOURI POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A ROBBERY SUSPECT. DETECTIVES SAY THIS PERSON WAS INVOLVED IN AN ARMED ROBBERY AT A SMOKE SHOP IN WESTPORT.

THE BUSINESS IS NEAR 40TH AND BROADWAY. THE ROBBERY HAPPENED JUST AFTER NOON ON JANUARY 27TH.

THE SUSPECT GOT AWAY IN THIS CAR.

IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING -- CALL CRIME STOPPERS.

THE NUMBER IS 816-474-TIPS.
(CRIME AND SAFETY)

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PH SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK

"WHERE CAN WE RUN?"
SIMILAR TO THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS... "OUTSIDE!"
THE FEARLESS LEADER OF CLASSROOM 105 AT THE EARL WATSON JUNIOR EARLY
EDUCATION CENTER"WOW!
WEARS A 15 ON HER JERSEY.
"THEY CAME IN THIS MORNING AND LOOKED AT MY HAIR AND THEY WERE LIKE, OH,
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HAIR, MISS JULIE? HAHA."
LIKE HER THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLD STUDENTS -- MISS JULIE IS DRESSED FOR
MAHOMES MONDAY.
"WHO'S GONNA BE PLAYING FOOTBALL? ME! YOU? YOU'RE GONNA HELP THE CHIEFS
OUT?"
HER TEAM IS EXCITED FOR WHATEVER IS COMING THIS WEEKEND. "DO YOU KNOW
WHAT THE SUPER BOWL IS? YEAHHHH! WHAT IS IT? YOU KICK IT AND CATCH IT."
"THEY THROW THE BALL AND I GO." "DO YOU KNOW PATRICK MAHOMES? YEAH!
WHAT DOES HE DO? HE PLAYS SOCCER!"
SOCCER, FOOTBALL OR WHATEVER IT IS -- THEY'RE READY TO STEP IN.
"READY SET GO."
WITH A QUICK RUN "SEE I'M FAST LIKE SONIC."
OR A TOUCHDOWN CELEBRATION. TOUCHDOWN DANCE "WHEN EVERYBODY ELSE
GETS EXCITED, THEY GET EXCITED, BUT THEY MIGHT NOT KNOW WHY THEY'RE
EXCITED, BUT. SO IT'S FUN TO SEE THAT."
IT'S THAT EXCITEMENT "YEAHHHH!" THAT WILL CARRY THEM THROUGH THEIR
SPIRIT WEEK.
"WHEN THEY GET THE BALL AT THE END OF THE ENDZONE ARE THEY GONNA GO
TOUCHDOWN CHIEFS."
JUST LIKE THE CHIEFS -- THEY'LL BE READY COME SUPER BOWL SUNDAY. " I LOVE
YOU CHIEFS!

(EDUCATION, COMMUNITY)

FIRST NEWS

FEBRUARY 6

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STADIUM LETTERS OF INTENT

LAWMAKERS ARE TAKING ANOTHER STEP FORWARD --
ON THE ROAD TO A NEW ROYALS STADIUM -- AND RENOVATIONS AT ARROWHEAD.
LAWMAKERS VOTED TO APPROVE THE OUTLINE OF AN AGREEMENT --
BETWEEN THE COUNTY -- THE JACKSON COUNTY SPORTS AUTHORITY -- AND THE
TWO TEAMS.
THEY'RE CALLING IT "A LETTER OF INTENT."

ALL PARTIES HAVE SIGNED IT -- BUT THE WORK ISN'T DONE YET.
(ECONOMY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ISSUES, EMPLOYMENT)

FIRST NEWS	FEBRUARY 6	6:00 AM	0:00:22	STADIUM LETTERS OF INTENT KANSAS CITY'S ONE STEP CLOSER TO HOSTING A VICTORY PARADE -- IF THE CHIEFS BRING HOME THE LOMBARDI TROPHY. <I WOULD LOOK FOR A MOTION TO ADOPT" "SO MOVED" "SECOND" "THIRD" "FOURTH, FIFTH" JACKSON COUNTY LEGISLATORS APPROVED 75-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A PARADE - DURING THEIR MEETING YESTERDAY. LAST WEEK, THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED ALMOST A MILLION DOLLARS. (ECONOMY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ISSUES, EMPLOYMENT, LEADERSHIP, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP)
FIRST NEWS	FEBRUARY 6	6:00 AM	0:00:19	CHIEFS YMCA CLASS FOR DISABLED THE Y-M-C-A IS GETTING IN ON THE SUPER BOWL FESTIVITIES. TODAY -- ITS HOLDING A CHIEFS-THEMED "ADAPTIVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION" CLASS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. IT'LL FEATURE A DYNAMIC WARM-UP, FOOTBALL DRILLS AND SKILLS COMPETITIONS. IT'LL BE AT THE YMCA'S COMMUNITY CENTER IN PLATTE CITY -- AT 10-30 THIS MORNING. (PROJECT COMMUNITY, COMMUNITY)
EDITORIAL	FEBRUARY 9,10, 11	VARIOUS	0:01:10	POTHOLE SAFETY FREEZING AND THAWING TEMPERATURES HAVE TURNED OUR ROADS INTO ROUGH AND DANGEROUS DRIVES. SEEMINGLY OVERNIGHT, THOUSANDS OF POTHOLES APPEARED. THE START OF POTHOLE SEASON HAS CREWS ALREADY BUSY WORKING TO SMOOTH STREETS. WE URGE ALL CITIES AND BOTH STATES TO CONTINUE MAKING ROAD REPAIRS A PRIORITY. WE BELIEVE ALL DRIVERS ALSO NEED TO PLAY THEIR PART. WITH MORE REPAIRS COME MORE WORKERS AND CONSTRUCTION ZONES. BY SIMPLY EASING OFF THE ACCELERATOR, WE HELP KEEP CREWS SAFE. LET US PLEDGE TO SLOW DOWN AND REMAIN ATTENTIVE. MORE PRECAUTIONS NOW MIGHT ALSO KEEP YOUR CAR OUT OF THE REPAIR OR TIRE SHOP. IF YOU DO HIT A POTHOLE AND DAMAGE YOUR VEHICLE, KEEP IN MIND YOU COULD RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT. BOTH KANSAS AND MISSOURI ALLOW ANYONE TO FILE A CLAIM

FOR DAMAGES. YOU CAN FIND A LINK TO FILE A CLAIM UNDER THIS EDITORIAL ON KMBC.COM. REMEMBER, WE ALL NEED TO PLAY OUR PART IN ROAD SAFETY. THE LIFE YOU SAVE BY SLOWING DOWN MIGHT VERY WELL BE YOUR OWN.
(CRIME AND SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMIC ISSUES)

MATTER OF FACT

FEBRUARY 11

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MATTER OF FACT

AS CONGRESS STALLS ON BORDER LEGISLATION, THE RESIDENTS OF DENVER ARE CONFRONTING THE MIGRANT CRISIS HEAD ON. MORE THAN 38,000 MIGRANTS HAVE ARRIVED IN DENVER IN THE LAST 14 MONTHS, STRAINING THE CITY'S SERVICES. NOW, LOCAL VOLUNTEERS AND BUSINESS OWNERS ARE FILLING THE GAP. CORRESPONDENT JESSICA GOMEZ TRAVELED TO DENVER TO MEET THE CITY'S NEW MAYOR AND A LOCAL MOTEL OWNER WHO HAS OPENED HER DOORS, TAKING IN HUNDREDS OF MIGRANTS IN NEED OF SHELTER. LILLIANA MASON IS A POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGIST WHO FOR YEARS HAS BEEN TRACKING AMERICANS' FEELINGS ABOUT POLITICS. RECENTLY, SHE STARTED TO NOTICE A DISTURBING TREND. AS AMERICANS BECAME MORE DIVIDED POLITICALLY AND GEOGRAPHICALLY, THEY BECAME MORE DISTRUSTING, HOSTILE AND EVEN ACCEPTING OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE AGAINST PEOPLE IN THE OPPOSING PARTY. IN FACT, THESE SENTIMENTS WERE PARTICULARLY HIGH AROUND THE JANUARY 6TH INSURRECTION. MASON SHARES HER FINDINGS WITH SOLEDAD AND EXPLAINS HOW GEORGE WASHINGTON ACTUALLY WARNED HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO THAT THIS COULD HAPPEN. "OUR VOICES WERE LARGELY ABSENT FROM THE CONVERSATION AND WE HAD REALLY IMPORTANT INSIGHTS." THOSE ARE THE WORDS OF AALIYAH BILAL, A BLACK MUSLIM AMERICAN. WHEN SHE REALIZED SHE DIDN'T SEE ANYONE LIKE HERSELF IN THE MEDIA, LITERATURE OR THE NATIONAL CONVERSATION, SHE DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. HER RESULTING BOOK, "TEMPLE FOLK", LANDED THE FIRST-TIME AUTHOR A FINAL SPOT IN THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD IN 2023. SHE SHARES HOW SHE APPROACHED THE BOOK AND THE ROLE SHE HOPES IT PLAYS IN SHEDDING LIGHT ON THE BLACK MUSLIM EXPERIENCE. TIP EARNERS ARE NOT GUARANTEED THE MINIMUM WAGE UNDER FEDERAL LAW, BUT SOME STATES ARE CONSIDERING STEPPING IN. MANY TIP WORKERS EARN THE FEDERAL SUB-MINIMUM WAGE OF \$2.13. IF THEIR TIPS PLUS THOSE WAGES DON'T ADD UP TO THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE OF \$7.25 AN HOUR, EMPLOYERS ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE, BUT INDUSTRY ANALYSTS SAY MANY DON'T. NOW SOME STATES ARE CONSIDERING BALLOT MEASURES THAT WOULD REQUIRE BUSINESSES TO PAY ALL EMPLOYEES THE MINIMUM WAGE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY EARN TIPS OR NOT. FINALLY, RESEARCHERS WOULD LIKE YOU TO GO OUTSIDE AND COUNT THE BIRDS. THE ANNUAL GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT RUNS FROM FEBRUARY 16 TO 19.

PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO SPEND 15 MINUTES COUNTING AND RECORDING ALL THE BIRDS THEY SEE OR HEAR. THEY THEN REPORT THAT INFORMATION TO THE CORNELL LAB OF ORNITHOLOGY. BIRDS ARE AN EXCELLENT INDICATOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, SO THE GLOBAL COUNT HELPS RESEARCHERS BUILD A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD AROUND US.

(RACE RELATIONS AND DISCRIMINATION, ECONOMICS, EMPLOYMENT, COMMITMENT, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP, POLITICAL LEADERSHIP)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 12 6:00 AM 0:00:20

SCHOOLS CANCELLING FOR PARADE
MORE LOCAL SCHOOLS HAVE CANCELLED CLASS ON WEDNESDAY -- TO ALLOW STUDENTS AND STAFF TO ENJOY THE PARADE. THOSE INCLUDE THE KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT -- INDEPENDENCE -- LEE'S SUMMIT -- NORTH KANSAS CITY -- AND SHAWNEE MISSION. WE'RE KEEPING TRACK OF THOSE CLOSURES AS THEY COME IN. YOU CAN FIND A RUNNING LIST ON OUR WEBSITE -- KMBC DOT COM.
(EDUCATION)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 12 6:00 AM 0:00:16

50TH AND BELLEFONTAINE HOMICIDE
BREAKING OVERNIGHT -- KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A DEADLY SHOOTING -- NEAR 50TH AND BELLEFONTAINE. IT HAPPENED AROUND 12-30 THIS MORNING. POLICE SAY THEY FOUND A WOMAN WHO'D BEEN SHOT. SHE DIED AT THE SCENE. POLICE HAVE DETAINED TWO PEOPLE FOR QUESTIONING.
(CRIME AND SAFETY)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 12 6:00 AM 0:00:23

39 TH AND WOODLAND HOMICIDE
POLICE ARE ALSO INVESTIGATING A DEADLY SHOOTING -- AT 39TH AND WOODLAND. THEY TELL US IT STARTED WITH A CRASH AROUND TWO THIS MORNING. NOBODY WAS HURT -- BUT SEVERAL PEOPLE STARTED ARGUING -- WHICH LED TO SHOTS FIRED. TWO PEOPLE WERE SHOT. ONE DIED AT THE SCENE. POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A SUSPECT. IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING THAT COULD HELP POLICE SOLVE EITHER CASE -- CALL THE CRIMESTOPPERS TIPS HOTLINE AT 816-474-TIPS.
(CRIME AND SAFETY)

FIRST NEWS	FEBRUARY 13	6:00 AM	0:00:15	<p>ROYALS ANNOUNCEMENT</p> <p>AFTER MONTHS OF WAITING, WE'LL FINALLY GET AN ANSWER TODAY -- ON WHERE THE KANSAS CITY ROYALS WANT TO BUILD A NEW STADIUM. KMBC 9'S MARTIN AUGUSTINE IS LIVE THIS MORNING AT KAUFFMAN STADIUM. MARTIN, WE'RE GETTING A BIG HINT THIS MORNING WHERE THE BALLPARK WILL GO.</p> <p>(ECONOMIC IMPACT, ECONOMIC ISSUES, JOBS, COMMUNITY)</p>
FIRST NEWS	FEBRUARY 13	6:00 AM	0:00:19	<p>ECONOMY UPDATE</p> <p>THE FIRST INFLATION DATA OF 2024 IS OUT TODAY. ECONOMISTS PREDICT IT COULD FALL BELOW THREE-PERCENT -- THE LOWEST NUMBER WE'VE SEEN IN ALMOST THREE YEARS. THE BIGGEST REASON FOR THAT DROP? FALLING GAS PRICES. THIS COULD GIVE THE FED MORE CONFIDENCE THAT POST-PANDEMIC INFLATION IS DROPPING -- PUTTING IT CLOSER TO LOWERING INTEREST RATES.</p> <p>(ECONOMIC ISSUES, ECONOMIC IMPACT, JOBS)</p>
FIRST NEWS	FEBRUARY 13	6:00 AM	0:00:28	<p>KYS FALLING FURNITURE</p> <p>KMBC 9 NEWS IS WORKING TO KEEP YOU AND YOUR KIDS SAFE -- FROM A COMMON HOUSEHOLD HAZARD. NEW RESEARCH FROM FEDERAL REGULATORS SHOWS -- MORE THAN 18-THOUSAND PEOPLE A YEAR -- ARE HURT BY FALLING FURNITURE. KIDS ARE AT HIGHEST RISK -- BUT REGULATORS SAY MORE ADULTS 60 AND OLDER ARE GETTING HURT. ALL CLOTHING STORAGE FURNITURE MADE AFTER SEPTEMBER FIRST, 2023 -- HAS TO MEET UPDATED FEDERAL SAFETY MEASURES. BUT NO MATTER WHEN YOUR FURNITURE WAS MADE -- EXPERTS SAY IT NEEDS TO BE ANCHORED TO THE WALL.</p> <p>(YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES)</p>
FIRST NEWS	FEBRUARY 13	6:00 AM	0:00:28	<p>SENATE PASSES FOREIGN AID BILL</p> <p>WE'RE FOLLOWING BREAKING NEWS -- THE SENATE HAS JUST PASSED A 95-BILLION DOLLAR AID PACKAGE FOR UKRAINE, ISRAEL, AND TAIWAN -- AFTER MORE THAN A WEEK OF DELIBERATION. A GROUP OF REPUBLICAN SENATORS OPPOSED TO HELPING UKRAINE TRIED TO BLOCK THE BILL OVERNIGHT.</p>

BUT IN THE END, 70 OF THE 100 SENATORS -- INCLUDING ALMOST ALL DEMOCRATS - VOTED TO APPROVE THE BIPARTISAN BILL.
THOSE COUNTRIES STILL MAY NOT SEE THE MONE, THOUGH.
HOUSE SPEAKER MIKE JOHNSON IS AGAINST THE BILL -- AND HAS PLEDGED TO BLOCK IT.

(RACE RELATIONS AND DISCRIMINATION, LEADERSHIP, POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, POLITICS, ECONOMIC IMPACT, ECONOMIC ISSUES)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 13 6:00 AM 0:00:21

KC PET PROJECT ADOPTION SPECIAL EXTENDED
K-C PET PROJECT IS EXTENDING ITS SUPER BOWL ADOPTION EVENT -- TO GET MORE ANIMALS INTO HOMES.
YOU CAN ADOPT AN ADULT DOG FOR JUST 15 DOLLARS -- OR A PUPPY FOR 87 DOLLARS.
THERE ARE SOME EXCEPTIONS - BUT FOR THE MOST PART THE SPECIAL APPLIES TO DOGS AT ALL THREE CAMPUSES AND IN FOSTER CARE.
TO SEE A LIST OF PETS READY FOR THEIR FOREVER HOMES -- GO TO K-C PET PROJECT DOT ORG.
(COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 13 6:00 AM 0:00:21

VALENTINE'S IMPACT AND PARADE
TOMORROW'S CHIEFS VICTORY PARADE ALSO FALLS ON VALENTINE'S DAY. SOME BUSINESS OWNERS ARE WORRIED THE PARADE COULD AFFECT THEIR WORK DAY. WORKERS AT SOME FLOWER SHOPS DOWNTOWN WARN - ROAD CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC FROM THE PARADE COULD MAKE IT HARD TO MAKE DELIVERIES ON TIME. THEY SUGGEST CUSTOMERS REQUEST FLOWERS TODAY - BECAUSE VALENTINE'S DAY BRINGS ENOUGH OF A CRUNCH AS IT IS.
(ECONOMIC IMPACT, JOBS, COMMUNITY)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 13 6:00 AM 0:00:24

FLIGHT ATTENDANT PROTEST
TODAY, FLIGHT ATTENDANTS AROUND THE WORLD WILL BE ON THE PICKET LINE -- IN WHAT'S EXPECTED TO BE THEIR BIGGEST PROTEST EVER.
MORE THAN 100-THOUSAND FLIGHT ATTENDANTS FROM SEVERAL AIRLINES -- INCLUDING AMERICA, ALASKA, SOUTHWEST, AND UNITED -- ARE DEMANDING BETTER PAY -- RETIREMENT BENEFITS -- AND MORE FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES.
GOOD MORNING AMERICA WILL LOOK AT THE IMPACT THE PROTEST COULD HAVE ON FLIGHTS TODAY.
THAT'S NEXT ON CHANNEL 9.
(ECONOMIC IMPACT, ECONOMY ISSUES, JOBS, LEADERSHIP, CORPORATE LEADERSHIP)

MATTER OF FACT

FEBRUARY 18

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MATTER OF FACT

IT'S THE FIRST IN THE SOUTH! SOUTH CAROLINA'S REPUBLICAN PRIMARY IS FAST APPROACHING, AND IT'S GAINED A REPUTATION FOR BEING INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT IN THE RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE. SOUTH CAROLINA'S REPUBLICAN VOTERS HAVE A NEARLY PERFECT RECORD OF PICKING THE EVENTUAL PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE. AND THIS ELECTION IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTING WITH THE STATE'S FORMER GOVERNOR ON THE BALLOT. NIKKI HALEY WON SOUTH CAROLINA TWICE AS GOVERNOR AND WAS QUITE POPULAR IN THE STATE. BUT, AS GIBBS KNOTTS, CHAIR OF THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AT THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON, EXPLAINS TO SOLEDAD, HALEY IS UP AGAINST SOMEONE WHO ALSO WON THE STATE TWICE AND IS EXTREMELY POPULAR WITH ITS VOTERS, FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP. PHILADELPHIA'S CHINATOWN IS ONE OF THE OLDEST IN THE COUNTRY. BUT NOW, THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION LISTS IT AS ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST ENDANGERED HISTORIC PLACES. THE ORGANIZATION SITES A PLAN TO BUILD A NEW BASKETBALL ARENA ABUTTING THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AS THE PRIMARY THREAT. RESIDENTS WORRY THE YEARS-LONG CONSTRUCTION PROJECT COULD BLOCK ITS STREETS, HURTING LOCAL BUSINESSES. BUT THE DEVELOPERS TELL SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT JOIE CHEN THAT THEIR PROJECT WOULD ACTUALLY BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY AND THAT PRIVATE INVESTMENT IS "CRITICAL FOR THE LONG-TERM HEALTH AND VIBRANCE OF CENTER CITY." JOIE CHEN TRAVELS TO THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE WHERE A COMMUNITY FINDS ITSELF CAUGHT BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT AND PRESERVING IDENTITY. AMERICA'S SCHOOLS ARE FACING SHORTAGES ON SEVERAL FRONTS: TEACHERS, CUSTODIANS AND IN MANY PLACES, BUS DRIVERS. CORRESPONDENT LAURA CHAVEZ TRAVELS TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT IN CARROLL, IOWA THAT'S TAKING AN ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK APPROACH TO GETTING KIDS TO CLASS. EVERYONE FROM TEACHERS TO THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT IS DRIVING A BUS, EASING THE BURDEN ON THE PARENTS LIKE ADAM AND BAILEY WARNKE WHOSE SON USES A WHEELCHAIR AND NEEDS A SPECIALLY EQUIPPED BUS TO GET TO SCHOOL. IN THE 1980S, AMERICA'S MALLS WERE IN THEIR PRIME. BUT RECENTLY, SPURRED BY THE CONVENIENCE OF ONLINE SHOPPING, MALLS HAVE STRUGGLED, AND MANY HAVE HAD TO CLOSE THEIR DOORS. THAT'S LEFT MASSIVE, EMPTY RETAIL SPACES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. DR. RESA LEWISS, A PROFESSOR OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE AND PHYSICIAN HEALTH CARE DESIGNER, IS LOBBYING FOR THESE SPACES TO BE CONVERTED INTO MEDICAL MALLS. MEDICAL MALLS ARE ONE-STOP-SHOPS FOR HEALTH CARE NEEDS. FROM SEEING THE DOCTOR TO GETTING AN MRI TO PHYSICAL THERAPY, IT WOULD ALL BE UNDER ONE ROOF. DR. LEWISS SAYS SUCH CENTERS COULD BE ESPECIALLY HELPFUL FOR DISADVANTAGED NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE PEOPLE OFTEN LACK ACCESS TO PROPER HEALTH CARE.

FINALLY, HUMANS ARE CHANGING THE GEOLOGY OF THE PLANET. SCIENTISTS HAVE FOUND THAT PLASTICS IN OUR ENVIRONMENT ARE STARTING TO FUSE WITH ROCKS. THESE PART-PLASTIC ROCKS HAVE BEEN FOUND IN MORE THAN 11 COUNTRIES. NOW, SCIENTISTS SAY THEY'RE DISTINCTIVE AND PERVASIVE ENOUGH TO MERIT THEIR OWN DESIGNATION AS A TYPE OF SEDIMENTARY ROCK. SOLEDAD TAKES US TO SCIENCE CLASS.

(ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMICS, JOBS, ECONOMIC IMPACT, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 19 6:00 AM 0:00:34

PARADE SHOOTING LATEST

THIS MORNING, WE CONTINUE TO KEEP AN EYE ON UPDATES -- IN THE WAKE OF THE SHOOTING AT UNION STATION LAST WEEK. RIGHT NOW -- TWO TEENS ARE CHARGED WITH GUN RELATED AND RESISTING ARREST CHARGES -- IN CONNECTION TO THE SHOOTING. IN ALL 23 PEOPLE WERE SHOT. HALF OF THEM WERE CHILDREN. K-C RADIO HOST AND D-J LISA LOPEZ-GALVAN WAS KILLED. ALL OF THE KIDS BROUGHT TO CHILDREN'S MERCY HOSPITAL AFTER THE SHOOTING -- HAVE NOW BEEN SENT HOME. UNIVERSITY HEALTH TOOK CARE OF 8 VICTIMS. WE CHECKED WITH THEM THIS WEEKEND. AT LAST CHECK, THREE ARE STILL IN THE HOSPITAL -- BUT ONLY ONE IS STILL IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

(CRIME AND SAFETY, YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 19 6:00 AM 0:00:17

INDY TRANSPORTATION

THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE WANTS YOUR INPUT ON IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION AT AN OPEN HOUSE TONIGHT. YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD -- ON HOW TO MAKE SIDEWALKS, BIKE PATHS, AND TRANSIT ROUTES MORE EFFICIENT IN THE AREA. THE EVENT RUNS FROM FIVE TO 7 TONIGHT -- AT THE SERMON COMMUNITY CENTER.

(COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC ISSUES, ENVIRONMENT)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 19 6:00 AM 0:00:16

SEVENDAYS TEENS VOLUNTEER

TODAY, SOME LOCAL TEENS ARE BRINGING SOME JOY -- TO FOLKS WHO COULD REALLY USE IT.

A GROUP OF MORE THAN 30 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE METRO -- IS VOLUNTEERING AT KANSAS CITY HOSPICE HOUSE. THE TEENS WILL BE BAKING COOKIES FOR FAMILIES -- WHO ARE VISITING WITH THEIR LOVED ONES.

(COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY, YOUTH ISSUES)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 19 6:00 AM 0:00:15

JAX CO MEETING TODAY

JACKSON COUNTY LEGISLATOR MANNY ABARCA HID WITH HIS YOUNG DAUGHTER INSIDE UNION STATION -- AFTER THE GUNFIRE AT THE RALLY. KMBC 9'S MARTIN AUGUSTINE IS LIVE THIS MORNING AT UNION STATION. MARTIN, THAT EXPERIENCE IS PROMPTING ABARCA TO EXAMINE MISSOURI'S GUN LAWS.

(CRIME AND SAFETY, LEADERSHIP, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP, POLITICS)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 19 6:00 AM 0:00:22

WYANDOT BEHAVIORAL HELP

WE'RE SEEING SEVERAL LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH GROUPS OFFERING HELP -- TO ANYONE WHO NEEDS HELP COPING WITH WHAT HAPPENED WEDNESDAY. WYANDOT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NETWORK IN K-C-K -- IS INVITING ANYONE WHO NEEDS HELP TO COME IN TODAY -- FREE OF CHARGE. THE NETWORK SAYS IT'LL HAVE EXTRA STAFF ON HAND SO IT CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT TO VICTIMS -- WITNESSES -- AND THEIR FAMILIES. RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE FROM 9 TO FIVE.

(HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE, YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 19 6:00 AM 0:00:30

KEARNEY SCHOOL RIGHTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

TONIGHT, YOU CAN LEARN ABOUT HOW TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AT A COMMUNITY FORUM. IT'S BEING PUT ON BY KEARNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT. ORGANIZERS ARE INVITING THE COMMUNITY TO LEARN HOW TO HELP IDENTIFY -- PREVENT -- AND RESPOND TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING. THEY SAY IT'S ONLY APPROPRIATE FOR PEOPLE OVER 18 -- SO THE DISTRICT IS PROVIDING FREE CHILDCARE DURING THE FORUM AS WELL. STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE GETTING THEIR OWN AGE-APPROPRIATE TRAINING SESSIONS LATER THIS WEEK. THE FORUM RUNS FROM 6 TO 7-30 TONIGHT - AT KEARNEY HIGH SCHOOL.

(CRIME AND SAFETY, YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES, COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY)

FIRST NEWS	FEBRUARY 19	6:00 AM	0:00:20	<p style="text-align: center;">GAS PRICES RISING</p> <p>IF YOU PLAN ON FILLING UP YOUR GAS TANK FOR THE WEEK - YOU'LL LIKELY BE PAYING MORE MONEY. A SEASONAL INCREASE IS TO BLAME ACCORDING TO TRIPLE-A, THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR GAS IS SITTING AT 3-DOLLARS AND 27-CENTS A GALLON. THAT'S UP 11-CENTS JUST IN THE LAST WEEK. EXPERTS AT GAS-BUDDY SAY MANY FACTORS CONTRIBUTE TO THE ANNUAL RISE IN PRICES.</p> <p>(ECONOMIC ISSUES, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT)</p>
FIRST NEWS	FEBRUARY 19	6:00 AM	0:00:28	<p style="text-align: center;">VOTING BREAKOUT</p> <p>THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS THAT HAVE TO HAPPEN BEFORE THOSE PLANS CAN MOVE FORWARD. ONE INVOLVES AN ELECTION ON APRIL SECOND. JACKSON COUNTY VOTERS WILL DECIDE IF THEY'LL EXTEND A 3/8TH CENT SALES TAX FOR THE ROYALS AND CHIEFS - FOR ANOTHER 40 YEARS. REGISTERED VOTERS CAN REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS STARTING THIS WEEK. COUNTY EXECUTIVE FRANK WHITE IS CALLING FOR EVEN MORE TRANSPARENCY AHEAD OF THAT VOTE. HE SAYS THIS IS A DECISION INVOLVING AN INVESTMENT OF MORE THAN TWO-BILLION DOLLARS BY TAXPAYERS.</p> <p>(LEADERSHIP, POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, ECONOMIC ISSUES, ECONOMY)</p>
FIRST NEWS	FEBRUARY 19	6:00 AM	0:00:20	<p style="text-align: center;">BIG NATIONAL STORY</p> <p>THIS MORNING, FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP IS FACING NEW CRITICISM -- FOR STAYING SILENT ABOUT THE DEATH OF RUSSIAN LAWYER ALEXEI NAVALNY. ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON POST, TRUMP DID SHARE A SOCIAL MEDIA POST THIS WEEKEND -- COMPARING HIMSELF TO NAVALNY. GOOD MORNING AMERICA WILL HAVE REACTION FROM OTHER CANDIDATES AND LAWMAKERS -- NEXT ON CHANNEL 9.</p> <p>(POLITICS, LEADERSHIP. GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP)</p>
FIRST NEWS	FEBRUARY 20	6:00 AM	0:00:17	<p style="text-align: center;">KYS: MEASLES</p> <p>ACCORDING TO THE C-D-C, MEASLES WAS ERADICATED IN THE U-S AT THE START OF THE CENTURY.</p>

OFFICIALS ARE SEARCHING FOR NEW SOURCES OF WATER TO SUSTAIN GROWTH AND A FUTURE WITH MORE PEOPLE. CORRESPONDENT DAN LIEBERMAN HEADS TO THE CITY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF PHOENIX AND TALKS TO THE MAYOR AND RESIDENTS ABOUT THE CHALLENGES AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. NEARLY 17 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE LOST MEDICAID COVERAGE IN THE LAST 11 MONTHS. ON THE FACE OF IT, THAT NUMBER SEEMS STAGGERING. BUT MATT SALO, FORMER FOUNDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAID DIRECTORS, TELLS SOLEDAD THE PROGRAM IS SIMPLY RIGHT SIZING FOLLOWING THE PANDEMIC. BUT SOME PEOPLE WHO STILL QUALIFY, ARE LOSING THEIR HEALTH COVERAGE. SALO EXPLAINS THE STEPS STATES ARE TAKING TO MINIMIZE THAT NUMBER AND WHAT THEY'RE DOING TO HELP THOSE REMOVED, REENROLL QUICKLY. COLORADO IS ONE OF THE MANY STATES HEADED TO THE PRIMARY POLLS ON SUPER TUESDAY. THE CENTENNIAL STATE HAS HAD A FAIR AMOUNT OF TURNOVER IN ITS ELECTION OFFICES SINCE THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL RACE. MORE THAN A THIRD OF THE ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS HAVE EITHER QUIT OR LEFT THEIR JOBS BECAUSE OF TERM LIMITS. WE INTRODUCE YOU TO JEFFERSON COUNTY'S CLERK, AMANDA GONZALEZ, WHO'S TAKEN ON THE JOB OTHERS ARE WALKING AWAY FROM. THE GREAT RESIGNATION IS BEING REPLACED BY THE GREAT RETIREMENT. DURING THE PANDEMIC THERE WAS A SPIKE IN RETIREMENTS BUT ACCORDING TO NEW MODELING BY THE ST. LOUIS FEDERAL RESERVE, WE'RE SEEING A SECOND SURGE. THE ANALYSIS PROJECTS THAT THERE ARE NEARLY THREE MILLION MORE PEOPLE RETIRED NOW THAN ORIGINALLY PREDICTED. WHAT'S THAT MEAN FOR THE BALANCE OF THE ECONOMY AS MORE BABY BOOMERS REACH RETIREMENT AGE? WENDY EDELBERG OF THE BROOKINGS INTUITION EXPLAINS. FINALLY, THIS MONTH NASA'S MARS ROVER, PERSEVERANCE, IS MARKING THREE YEARS SINCE ITS ARRIVAL ON THE RED PLANET. THE LITTLE ROVER IS CONTINUING TO AMAZE. SOLEDAD SHOWS SOME OF THE IMAGES IT JUST CAPTURED OF A SOLAR ECLIPSE ON MARS, AS ONE OF THE PLANET'S MOONS CROSSED IN FRONT OF THE SUN.

(HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE, ECONOMIC IMPACT, FAMILY ISSUES, JOBS, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT)

FIRST NEWS

FEBRUARY 26

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KC LED STREETLIGHT UPDATE

KANSAS CITY CREWS ARE GIVING US AN UPDATE ON THE NEW L-E-D STREETLIGHTS. THE CITY POSTED THIS PICTURE -- SAYING THE PROJECT IS 77-PERCENT FINISHED. THE CITY SAYS THE NEW BULBS LAST LONGER -- AND ARE MORE ENERGY-EFFICIENT. CREWS ARE MAKING THE CHANGE TO ABOUT 90-THOUSAND OF THE CITY'S 100-THOUSAND STREETLIGHTS.

(ENVIRONMENT, LEADERSHIP, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP)

FIRST NEWS	FEBRUARY 26	6:00 AM	0:00:17	<p>CROSSROADS ROYALS SURVEY</p> <p>RESULTS ARE IN FROM A NEW POLL -- ABOUT THE ROYALS' PLANS FOR A NEW STADIUM IN THE CROSSROADS. THE CROSSROADS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SURVEYED 145 PEOPLE *IN THE DISTRICT. 59-PERCENT OF THOSE SAY THEY'RE OPPOSED TO THE PLAN. AND 9-PERCENT SAY THEY'RE UNDECIDED.</p> <p>(POLITICS, LEADERSHIP, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP, ECONOMY, ECONOMIC IMPACT)</p>
FIRST NEWS	FEBRUARY 26	6:00 AM	0:00:23	<p>ABSENTEE VOTING UNDERWAY</p> <p>THE NEW STADIUM PLAN HINGES ON WHAT HAPPENS APRIL SECOND. VOTERS ARE BEING ASKED TO RENEW A 3/8THS CENT SALES TAX -- TO SUPPORT THE STADIUM -- AND IMPROVEMENTS AT ARROWHEAD. IF YOU LIVE SOUTH OF THE RIVER -- YOU CAN VOTE IN-PERSON ABSENTEE AT THE KANSAS CITY MISSOURI ELECTION BOARD OFFICE -- FROM 8 TO 5 MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. REMEMBER, THE OFFICE IS NO LONGER AT UNION STATION. IT'S NOW AT THE SHOPS ON BLUE PARKWAY.</p> <p>(POLITICS, LEADERSHIP, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP)</p>
FIRST NEWS	FEBRUARY 26	6:00 AM	0:00:21	<p>INDY SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM</p> <p>CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR A POSITION ON THE INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL BOARD -- WILL GET TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO VOTERS TODAY. THE FORUM IS ORGANIZED BY THE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE *OUR I-S-D SCHOOLS.* STUDENTS WILL ASK THE CANDIDATES PRE-SUBMITTED QUESTIONS. IT STARTS AT 6 THIS EVENING AT THE MIDWEST GENEALOGY CENTER. YOU CAN ALSO WATCH IT ONLINE ON THE *OUR I-S-D SCHOOLS* FACEBOOK PAGE.</p> <p>(EDUCATION. POLITICS, LEADERSHIP, YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES)</p>
FIRST NEWS	FEBRUARY 26	6:00 AM	0:00:19	<p>LEE'S SUMMIT SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM</p> <p>THE LEE'S SUMMIT PARENT-TEACHER-ASSOCIATION IS HOLDING A CANDIDATE FORUM FOR LEE'S SUMMIT SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES TONIGHT, TOO. IT'LL BE AT THE LEE'S SUMMIT NORTH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER FROM 6:30 TO 8 TONIGHT. THIS FORUM IS ALSO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. BOTH THE INDEPENDENCE AND THE LEE'S SUMMIT SCHOOL BOARD POSITIONS -- WILL BE ON THE APRIL SECOND BALLOT.</p> <p>(EDUCATION. POLITICS, LEADERSHIP, YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES)</p>

FIRST NEWS	FEBRUARY 26	6:00 AM	0:00:17	<p style="text-align: center;">OWASSO VIGIL FOR NEX BENEDICT</p> <p>THIS MORNING, STUDENTS ARE MOURNING THE DEATH OF THEIR CLASSMATE -- AFTER A FIGHT. NEX BENEDICT -- WHO IDENTIFIED AS NON-BINARY -- DIED IN OKLAHOMA EARLIER THIS MONTH. IT HAPPENED ONE DAY AFTER THEY TOLD THEIR FAMILY THEY GOT INTO A FIGHT AT SCHOOL. NOW, MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMUNITY ARE CALLING FOR CHANGE. (YOUTH ISSUES, CRIME AND SAFETY, FAMILY ISSUES)</p>
FIRST NEWS	FEBRUARY 26	6:00 AM	0:00:27	<p style="text-align: center;">SUPERHERO RUN</p> <p>ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S BIGGEST MARATHONS IS COMING UP. RUNNERS ARE GETTING CREATIVE TO RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITY. MORE THAN A HUNDRED PEOPLE DRESSED UP AS SUPERHEROES -- TO RACE THE FINAL 17 MILES OF THE BOSTON MARATHON. IT'S A YEARLY TRADITION HELD BY A GROUP CALLED "CHARITY TEAMS" -- TO HELP RUNNERS MEET THEIR CHARITY GOALS. THE RACE INCLUDED SUPERHEROES OF ALL KINDS -- FROM THE INCREDIBLE HULK AND THE FLASH -- TO TAYLOR SWIFT AND TED LASSO. (COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY, HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE)</p>
FIRST NEWS	FEBRUARY 26	6:00 AM	0:00:21	<p style="text-align: center;">POST SHOOTING BLOOD DRIVE</p> <p>TODAY, YOU CAN HELP THE SURVIVORS AND THOSE IMPACTED BY THE SHOOTING -- BY DONATING BLOOD. THE COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER IS PARTNERING WITH KANSAS CITY -- TO REPLENISH THE BLOOD SUPPLY AFTER THE MASS SHOOTING. THE BLOOD DRIVE RUNS FROM 9 TO ONE TODAY -- AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFF 24TH AND TROOST. YOU CAN SIGN UP THROUGH THE COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER'S WEBSITE -- SAVE A LIFE NOW DOT ORG. (HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE)</p>
FIRST NEWS	FEBRUARY 26	6:00 AM	0:00:20	<p style="text-align: center;">RAYTOWN MAIL</p> <p>KMBC 9 INVESTIGATES IS GETTING RESULTS ON MAIL DELIVERY ISSUES. THE LATEST PERSON TO REACH OUT TO US -- IS ART WILLIAMS OF RAYTOWN. HE SAID THE POST OFFICE STOPPED DELIVERING HIS MAIL LAST YEAR. HIS CARETAKER SAYS THE POST OFFICE THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD.</p>

HE HOPED THAT BRINGING HIS STORY TO LIGHT --
WOULD HELP HIM FINALLY GET REGULAR MAIL DELIVERY.
**(HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE, LEADERSHIP, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP, ECONOMY,
ECONOMIC ISSUES)**

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 26 6:00 AM 0:00:26

LIBERTY STEM CELL REG
TWO PEOPLE IN LIBERTY ARE TURNING A LIFE-CHANGING DIAGNOSIS --
INTO A CHANCE TO SAVE LIVES.
JOE GREENWALD AND SUSAN CULL ARE BATTLING BLOOD CANCER.
NOW, THEY'RE ON A MISSION TO REGISTER POTENTIAL BLOOD STEM CELL DONORS.
THEY WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO MATCH WITH DONORS IN THEIR FAMILY--
BUT THAT'S NOT THE CASE FOR MOST PATIENTS.
JOE AND SUSAN ARE PARTNERING WITH D-K-M-S --
THE WORLD'S LARGEST BLOOD STEM CELL DONOR CENTER --
FOR A REGISTRATION DRIVE TODAY.
(HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE, FAMILY ISSUES, COMMUNITY)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 26 6:00 AM 0:00:24

MEASLES OUTBREAK
RIGHT NOW, MEASLES CASES ARE ON THE RISE IN PARTS OF THE U-S. NATIONWIDE,
THE C-D-C'S REPORTING A TOTAL OF 35 MEASLES CASES IN 15 STATES -- INCLUDING
MISSOURI. MEASLES IS HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS AND SPREADS THROUGH THE AIR --
WHEN AN INFECTED PERSON COUGHS OR SNEEZES
KIDS WITHOUT IMMUNITY ARE TYPICALLY RECOMMENDED TO STAY AT HOME FOR
21 DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE.
DOCTORS SAY THEY'RE SEEING MORE AND MORE KIDS WITH NO PROTECTION.
(HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE, YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES)

FIRST NEWS FEBRUARY 26 6:00 AM 0:00:20

CDC: NOROVIRUS ON THE RISE
THE C-D-C IS ALSO SEEING A RISE OF NOROVIRUS CASES- --
ALSO KNOWN AS THE STOMACH BUG.
MORE THAN 12-PERCENT OF NOROVIRUS TESTS CAME BACK POSITIVE IN THE WEEK
ENDING FEBRUARY 17TH.
AND IN THE NORTHEAST, IT'S OVER 13-PERCENT --
AND HAS BEEN THAT HIGH SINCE LATE JANUARY.
THE C-D-C SAYS CASES OF NOROVIRUS TEND TO OCCUR IN THE LATE FALL, WINTER.
AND EARLY SPRING.
(HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE, YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES)

MATTER OF FACT MARCH 3 9:30 PM 0:30:00

MATTER OF FACT

CHILDREN ARE MISSING SCHOOL AT A RECORD RATE IN THE UNITED STATES. DURING THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR, NEARLY 15 MILLION STUDENTS WERE CHRONICALLY ABSENT. THAT'S ALMOST TWICE WHAT IT WAS BEFORE THE PANDEMIC. "IF WE DON'T ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AMONG OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS, WE ARE GOING TO SUFFER HUGE CONSEQUENCES AS THEY GROW OLDER," SAYS HEDY CHANG, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ATTENDANCE WORKS. NOW, ONE SCHOOL IN VIRGINIA IS TAKING A NEW, MORE PERSONAL APPROACH TO GETTING KIDS BACK INTO THE CLASSROOM BY WORKING WITH THEIR FAMILIES. CORRESPONDENT JESSICA GOMEZ TRAVELS TO RICHMOND, VA AND MEETS THE PEOPLE GOING DOOR-TO-DOOR TO MAKE SURE KIDS ARE GETTING THE EDUCATION THEY NEED. WASTEWATER TESTING IS QUICKLY BECOMING AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR COMMUNITIES' HEALTH. THIS TESTING METHOD ROSE TO PROMINENCE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AS A WAY TO MEASURE INFECTION RATES AT A TIME WHEN INDIVIDUAL TESTS WERE STILL HARD TO COME BY. BIOBOT, AN MIT STARTUP IN MASSACHUSETTS, ASSISTED IN THAT TESTING BUT ITS HEAD OF CHEMISTRY, KAITLYN HESS JIMENEZ, SAYS WASTEWATER CAN HELP COMMUNITIES WITH SO MUCH MORE, FROM DETECTING OTHER ILLNESSES LIKE FLU TO SUBSTANCES LIKE MEDICATIONS IN WASTEWATER. FINDING LOVE ONLINE CAN BE EXCITING BUT IT CAN ALSO BE EXHAUSTING. RESEARCHERS SAY OUR BRAINS CAN ONLY PROCESS A FEW OPTIONS AT A TIME, MAKING "DATING APP FATIGUE" AN ISSUE AS PEOPLE BECOME OVERWHELMED BY POSSIBLE CONNECTIONS. CORRESPONDENT LAURA CHAVEZ TALKS WITH A DATING APP EXPERT ABOUT THE IMPACT ALL THAT SWIPING, AND MESSAGING HAS ON OUR BRAINS. METHANE IS A GREENHOUSE GAS THAT TRAPS HEAT, RAISING THE EARTH'S TEMPERATURE. RESEARCHERS SAY CUTTING METHANE EMISSIONS FROM FOSSIL FUEL OPERATIONS, AGRICULTURE AND OTHER SECTORS COULD SLOW GLOBAL WARMING BY AS MUCH AS 30%. BUT TRACKING THE SOURCES OF THOSE EMISSIONS IS CHALLENGING. ONE SOLUTION COULD BE AN INNOVATIVE SATELLITE THAT IS ABOUT TO LAUNCH. IT WILL PROVIDE ACCURATE, DETAILED, FREE MAPPING OF METHANE EMISSIONS AROUND THE WORLD. FINALLY, THIS SPRING BRINGS AN HISTORIC EVENT. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MORE THAN TWO CENTURIES, TWO BROODS OF CICADAS WILL EMERGE AT THE SAME TIME. SOLEDAD EXPLAINS THAT WHILE ANNOYING AND MAYBE A LITTLE UNSETTLING, THIS MASSIVE INFLUX OF CICADAS ACTUALLY HAS ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS.

(YOUTH ISSUES, EDUCATION, FAMILY ISSUES, VETERANS AND MILITARY ISSUES, ENVIRONMENT)

FIRST NEWS	MARCH 4	6:00 AM	0:00:26	<p>WEEKEND VIOLENCE SETUP</p> <p>IT WAS ANOTHER VIOLENT WEEKEND IN THE METRO. K-C-P-D DETECTIVES HAVE OPENED A HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION -- AFTER FINDING A MAN'S BODY. THEY HAVE A PERSON OF INTEREST IN CUSTODY. OFFICERS FOUND WILLIAM BOOKER - HURT AND UNCONSCIOUS - NEAR FRONT STREET AND NORTH CENTURY AVENUE SATURDAY NIGHT. PARAMEDICS TRIED TO SAVE HIM -- BUT HE WAS GONE. POLICE ARE WAITING FOR AN AUTOPSY -- TO SEE *HOW HE DIED. OFFICERS SAY THEY FOUND THE PERSON OF INTEREST NEAR THE SCENE.</p> <p>(CRIME AND SAFETY)</p>
FIRST NEWS	MARCH 4	6:00 AM	0:00:13	<p>PRICE CHOPPER DONATIONS</p> <p>RIGHT NOW, LOCAL PRICE CHOPPERS ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS -- TO HELP OFFICER ALLEN'S AND MR. MACK'S FAMILIES. THE COMPANY SAYS 100-PERCENT OF THE MONEY COLLECTED WILL GO TO THEM. YOU CAN DONATE AT ANY PRICE CHOPPER THROUGH SUNDAY.</p> <p>(COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY)</p>
FIRST NEWS	MARCH 4	6:00 AM	0:00:27	<p>CORINNE INDICTED</p> <p>A GRAND JURY HAS INDICTED CORRINNE O'CONNOR -- THE MOTHER OF GRAYSON O'CONNOR -- WITH ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD -- RESULTING IN DEATH. POLICE SAY GRAYSON FELL OUT OF A HIGH RISE WINDOW IN NOVEMBER. HIS MOTHER WAS CHARGED IN JANUARY. ACCORDING TO THE INDICTMENT -- SHE FAILED TO SUPERVISE GRAYSON AROUND THE FULLY-OPEN WINDOW -- IN THEIR 17TH-FLOOR APARTMENT.</p> <p>(CRIME AND SAFETY, FAMILY ISSUES, YOUTH ISSUES)</p>
FIRST NEWS	MARCH 4	6:00 AM	0:00:24	<p>MARIAH THOMAS ARRAIGNMENT</p> <p>A MOTHER CHARGED IN THE DEATH OF HER ONE-MONTH-OLD -- WILL BE ARRAIGNED IN COURT TODAY. WE WANT TO WARN YOU -- THE DETAILS OF THIS STORY ARE DISTURBING. MARIAH THOMAS IS CHARGED WITH ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD -- RESULTING IN DEATH.</p>

IN COURT RECORDS, INVESTIGATORS SAY THOMAS ACCIDENTALLY PUT THE BABY IN THE OVEN --
INSTEAD OF THE CRIB.
TWO WEEKS AGO, THE JUDGE LOWERED HER BOND --
AND ORDERED A MENTAL EVALUATION.
(CRIME AND SAFETY, FAMILY ISSUES, YOUTH ISSUES)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 4 6:00 AM 0:00:21

COUPLE TRAPPED IN URGENT CARE
A COUPLE IS ASKING FOR AN APOLOGY --
AFTER AN URGENT CARE VISIT GONE WRONG. THEY SAY THEY GOT LOCKED IN THE CLINIC --
WHEN THE STAFF WENT HOME. AUSTIN JENNINGS AND HIS WIFE WENT TO A TEXAS CLINIC --
TO GET TREATMENT FOR HIS STREP THROAT AND THE FLU.
THEY SAY A NURSE BROUGHT HIM A BREATHING TREATMENT --
AND PROMISED TO COME BACK WHEN HE WAS FINISHED.
BUT NOBODY CAME BACK.
(CRIME AND SAFETY, HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 4 6:00 AM 0:00:26

MO REP CAUCUS
MISSOURI REPUBLICANS HELD THEIR PRESIDENTIAL CAUCUS OVER THE WEEKEND.
FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP WON. REPUBLICANS ALL OVER THE STATE GATHERED IN EACH COUNTY --
TO DECIDE WHO THEY WANTED TO NOMINATE.
JACKSON COUNTY REPUBLICANS HELD THEIR CAUCUS --
AT EAST TRAILS MIDDLE SCHOOL IN LEE'S SUMMIT.
THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR MISSOURI DID *NOT HAVE A STATEWIDE VOTE.
(POLITICS, LEADERSHIP, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 4 6:00 AM 0:00:19

KS PRIMARY
KANSAS - HISTORICALLY - HAS BEEN A CAUCUS STATE.
BUT THERE'S A STATEWIDE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY THIS YEAR. VOTERS WILL VISIT THEIR USUAL POLLING PLACES ON TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH.
PARTY LEADERS WILL TAKE THOSE RESULTS TO THEIR NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.
STATE LAWMAKERS ONLY FUNDED THIS PRIMARY FOR *THIS YEAR --
SO KANSAS MAY GO BACK TO CAUCUSES IN 2028.
(POLITICS, LEADERSHIP, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 4 6:00 AM 0:00:22

CHILDCARE INITIATIVE

THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION SAYS A NEW PROGRAM --
COULD LOWER THE COST OF CHILDCARE FOR SOME FAMILIES. FEDERAL OFFICIALS
SAY THE PROGRAM WOULD PROVIDE SUBSIDIES TO LOW-INCOME FAMILIES -- WHO
WERE PREVIOUSLY PAYING MORE THAN A QUARTER OF THEIR INCOME ON
PAYMENTS.
JUST LAST WEEK, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FINALIZED A
RULE -- THAT WILL CAP CO-PAYS AT 7-PERCENT OF A FAMILY'S INCOME.
(LEADERSHIP, POLITICS, YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 4 6:00 AM 0:00:25

SCOTUS TRUMP BALLOT DECISION
A SUPREME COURT DECISION COULD COME AS SOON AS TODAY --
ABOUT WHETHER FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD RUMP CAN BE KICKED OFF THE
BALLOT IN CERTAIN STATES. TRUMP IS CHALLENGING A DECISION BY THE COLORADO
SUPREME COURT -- THAT SAID HE'S DISQUALIFIED FROM BEING PRESIDENT AGAIN.
IT POINTS TO A POST-CIVIL WAR PROVISION -- AIMED AT PREVENTING PEOPLE WHO
'ENGAGE IN INSURRECTION' FROM HOLDING OFFICE.
UNTIL NOW, THE SUPREME COURT HAS NEVER RULED ON THE PROVISION.
(POLITICS, LEADERSHIP GOVERNMENT)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 4 6:00 AM 0:00:30

KC BUDGET HEARING
THERE'S ONLY ONE PUBLIC HEARING LEFT FOR THE PROPOSED KANSAS CITY
MISSOURI BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR.
IT'S TONIGHT IN THE NORTHLAND.
IT RUNS FROM 6 TO 8:30 AT NORTHLAND NEIGHBORHOODS INCORPORATED.
CITY LEADERS SAY THIS IS THE BIGGEST BUDGET YET --
AT 2-POINT-3 *BILLION DOLLARS.
THE MAIN FOCUSES ARE ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY.
BUT CRITICS ARGUE THE CITY ISN'T SETTING ASIDE ENOUGH MONEY FOR PROGRAMS
LIKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION -- AND PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS.
THESE PUBLIC HEARINGS GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO WEIGH IN ON CITY
SPENDING.
(POLITICS, LEADERSHIP GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENT)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 6 6:00 AM 0:00:19

VA HEALTHCARE EXPANDS
IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN VETERANS OF AMERICAN (IAVA) CEO: "IN REAL TIME, WE
DIDN'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF IMPACT THAT WOULD HAVE. BUT I WILL SAY THAT
MOST OF US WERE THINKING - NOT NECESSARILY CANCER - BUT LIKE WHAT IS THIS
DOING TO LIKE IF I'M BREATHING THIS IN EVERY SINGLE DAY."
EXPERTS SAY GETTING MORE VETERANS INTO THE V-A SYSTEM FOR PROACTIVE

SCREENINGS AND SPECIALIZED CARE COULD SAVE LIVES.
(VETERANS, HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE)

EDITORIAL MARCH 8, 9, 10 VARIOUS 0:01:10

THE 2024 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE IN KANSAS CITY
WE ARE JUST DAYS AWAY FROM THE FIRST LARGE CITY CELEBRATION SINCE THE DEADLY SHOOTING FOLLOWING THE CHIEFS PARADE AND RALLY. THE KANSAS CITY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE WILL ONCE AGAIN TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 17 THROUGH THE STREETS OF MIDTOWN AND WESTPORT. LAST MONTH'S SHOOTING SHATTERED OUR SENSE OF SAFETY, BUT WE BELIEVE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE PARADE IS THE RIGHT DECISION. WE CANNOT, AND SHOULD NOT, LET THE ACTIONS OF A FEW DEFINE THE EXPERIENCES OF THE MANY. WE KNOW THAT SAFETY WILL BE ON THE MINDS OF MANY BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO ATTEND. WE TRUST EVERY PRECAUTION WILL BE TAKEN TO KEEP PARTICIPANTS AND PARADE-GOERS SAFE. EACH ATTENDEE MUST ALSO DO THEIR PART. THIS MEANS SAYING SOMETHING IF THEY SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS. ABOVE ALL, WE MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR OWN BEHAVIOR AND COOPERATE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE. THIS YEAR'S PARADE WILL BE MORE THAN JUST A CELEBRATION OF IRISH HERITAGE. IT WILL BE A DISPLAY OF OUR CITY'S STRENGTH, RESILIENCE, AND UNITY.

(COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY, CRIME AND SAFETY)

MATTER OF FACT MARCH 10 9:30 PM 0:30:00

MATTER OF FACT
COMEDIAN AND ALABAMA NATIVE ROY WOOD JR. JOINS SOLEDAD IN THE STUDIO TO TALK ABOUT THE 2024 ELECTION, HIS PASSION FOR BASEBALL AND HIS COMMITMENT TO HIS HOME STATE. HE SAYS, "A LOT OF PEOPLE MAKE A MISTAKE OF THINKING THAT THE NEWS THAT COMES OUT OF ALABAMA REPRESENTS ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN ALABAMA, AND THAT'S NOT THE TRUTH." ALABAMA IS ON THE VERGE OF MAKING STATE HISTORY IF IT SENDS A SECOND BLACK REPRESENTATIVE TO THE U.S. CONGRESS. ROY WOOD JR. ALSO DIGS INTO THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF COMEDY IN POLITICS. AND WE HEAD TO VIRGINIA TO MEET A RETIRED COAL MINER WHO SUFFERS FROM BLACK LUNG. THE DISEASE IS CAUSED BY EXPOSURE TO SILICA DUST WHICH, WHEN INHALED, CAN DAMAGE AND SCAR LUNGS. JOHN ROBINSON IS BEING TREATED IN AN APPALACHIAN CLINIC THAT HAS SEEN A SPIKE IN CASES. FROM 2013 TO 2017, MORE THAN 400 PEOPLE WERE DIAGNOSED WITH BLACK LUNG. ROBINSON, WHO STARTED WORKING UNDERGROUND WHEN HE WAS 20 YEARS OLD, SHARES HIS STORY. PLUS, AT LEAST 10 MILLION PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD ARE CONSIDERED STATELESS, SOMEONE WHO THE UN DEFINES AS "NOT RECOGNIZED AS A NATIONAL BY ANY STATE UNDER OPERATION OF ITS LAW." MORE THAN 200,000 OF THEM LIVE IN THE UNITED

STATES. MATTER OF FACT'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT JOIE CHEN TALKED TO TWO STATELESS PEOPLE TRYING TO NAVIGATE THEIR UNUSUAL IMMIGRATION SITUATIONS. SOME U.S. CITIES ARE TURNING TO ZONING REFORM TO TRY AND MITIGATE THE COUNTRY'S HOUSING CRISIS. STRATEGIES THEY'RE EMPLOYING INCLUDE ALLOWING MULTIFAMILY HOMES TO BE BUILT IN NEIGHBORHOODS THAT TRADITIONALLY ONLY HAD SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS. STEPHEN MENENDIAN, THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKLEY'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE "OTHERING AND BELONGING INSTITUTE," TELLS US ABOUT AN INTERACTIVE MAP TRACKING THESE ZONING REFORM EFFORTS. FINALLY, OUR VIEWFINDER SEGMENT FEATURES IMAGES FROM THE ANNUAL HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO. HOUSTON CHRONICLE PHOTOGRAPHERS GIVE VIEWERS A GLIMPSE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST SHOW AND RODEO OF ITS KIND, WITH FAMOUS MUSICIANS, CARNIVAL RIDES AND PORTRAITS OF SOME OF THE MORE THAN TWO MILLION PEOPLE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S EVENT.

(POLITICS, GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIPS, HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE, RACE RELATIONS AND DISCRIMINATION)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 11 6:00 AM 0:00:23

DREXEL MACK MEMORIAL

THIS MORNING, THE COMMUNITY WILL HONOR THE LIFE OF DREXEL MACK -- A LONGTIME CIVIL PROCESS SERVER FOR THE JACKSON COUNTY COURT. MACK WAS SHOT AND KILLED A WEEK AND A HALF AGO -TRYING TO SERVE AN EVICTION NOTICE IN EASTERN INDEPENDENCE.

THE POLICE OFFICER WHO TRIED TO SAVE HIM -- CODY ALLEN ---WAS ALSO KILLED. KMBC 9'S MORGAN MOBLEY IS LIVE DOWNTOWN -- AHEAD OF THIS MORNING'S SERVICE.

(CRIME AND SAFETY, COMMUNITY)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 11 6:00 AM 0:00:22

SCHOOL FIGHT CAUGHT ON CAM

THIS MORNING, A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IS IN THE *HOSPITAL -- AFTER SOMEONE BRUTALLY ATTACKED HER. IT HAPPENED *AT THEIR SCHOOL -- JUST OUTSIDE ST. LOUIS.

COUNTY POLICE SAY THEY SHOWED UP AT THE SCHOOL FOR A FIGHT -- AND THAT A GIRL WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL WITH CRITICAL INJURIES. A NEW SURVEY SAYS CLOSE TO 50-PERCENT OF SCHOOLS IN AMERICA -- HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN FIGHTING AND VIOLENCE.

(YOUTH ISSUES, EDUCATION, CRIME AND SAFETY)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 11 6:00 AM 0:00:21

TEACHERS UNION PRESIDENT IN KC

THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS IS IN TOWN TODAY -- TO TALK WITH LOCAL EDUCATORS. RANDI WEINGARTEN IS HERE TO TALK ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR K-C STUDENTS. HER VISIT IS A PART OF THE "REAL SOLUTIONS FOR KIDS AND COMMUNITIES" CAMPAIGN -- WHICH SPOTLIGHT AND CELEBRATES PROGRAMS KIDS NEED TO RECOVER AND THRIVE. TODAY'S TALK STARTS AT 12-15 AT ARGOSY CASINO.
(EDUCATION, JOBS, ECONOMY, YOUTH ISSUES)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 11 6:00 AM 0:00:41

DIAPER MADNESS

IMAGINE NOT BEING ABLE TO GO TO WORK -- BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T HAVE EXTRA DIAPERS FOR YOUR CHILD'S DAYCARE. THAT'S THE REALITY FOR NEARLY HALF OF THE FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. DIAPERS AREN'T COVERED BY GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS LIKE WIC OR FOOD STAMPS. THAT'S WHY KMBC 9 CARES FOR KIDS AND HAPPYBOTTOMS ARE TEAMING UP FOR "DIAPER MADNESS." WE HAVE A GOAL OF RAISING MONEY FOR HALF A MILLION DIAPERS THIS MONTH. SO FAR, GENEROUS VIEWERS LIKE YOU HAVE PROVIDED MORE THAN 201-THOUSAND DIAPERS! 12 DOLLARS WILL COVER THE COSTS OF A ONE-MONTH SUPPLY OF DIAPERS FOR ONE CHILD.
(YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES, COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 11 6:00 AM 0:00:15

OLATHE STUDENT IN COURT

TODAY, A TEEN ACCUSED OF BRINGING A GUN TO OLATHE NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL -- WILL GO BEFORE A JUDGE. POLICE FOUND THE LOADED GUN IN THE STUDENT'S BACKPACK -- ON FEBRUARY 23RD. THEY SAY THE TEEN NEVER THREATENED ANYONE -- AND NO ONE WAS HURT WHEN OFFICERS TOOK THE WEAPON.
(YOUTH ISSUES, EDUCATION, CRIME AND SAFETY)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 11 6:00 AM 0:00:21

US EXTREME WEATHER

AS SPRING BREAK GETS STARTED IN THE METRO -- SOME POPULAR WARM-WEATHER DESTINATIONS ARE DEALING WITH DAMAGING STORMS. IN SOUTHERN GEORGIA -- A TORNADO TORE THROUGH A TOWN IN BRANTLEY COUNTY. CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA SAW MORE THAN THREE AND A HALF INCHES OF

RAIN -- STRANDING CARS IN THE STREETS.
AND STORMS DELAYS HUNDREDS OF FLIGHTS INTO AND OUT OF FLORIDA OVER THE WEEKEND.

(ENVIRONMENT)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 11 6:00 AM 0:00:23

BUCK O'NEIL CLOSURES MONDAY
WE'RE GETTING YOU PREPARED FOR MORE CLOSURES --
AS CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW BUCK O'NEIL BRIDGE CONTINUES.
STARTING AT 7 THIS MORNING --
THIRD STREET NEAR BROADWAY BOULEVARD WILL CLOSE.
SO WILL THE RAMP FROM 5TH STREET TO SOUTHBOUND I-35. THEN FROM 9 TO
THREE --
THE RIGHT LANE OF WESTBOUND I-70 WILL CLOSE --
ALONG WITH SEVERAL RAMPS.
DETOURS WILL BE MARKED IN THE AREA --
BUT TAKE IT SLOW IF YOU'RE THERE.

(ECONOMIC ISSUES, ECONOMIC IMPACT, ENVIRONMENT, LEADERSHIP)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 12 7 AM 0:00:38

KC LANDFILL LATEST
"WE HAD 112 REPRESENTATIVES ACROSS THE STATE SUPPORT OUR BILL, THAT'S AN
OVERWHELMING MAJORITY ON A BIPARTISAN BASIS WHICH IS VERY INTERESTING.
:43 IN TODAY'S ENVIRONMENT, THAT'S PRETTY RARE.
2:21 YOU FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE ENOUGH SUPPORT TO DEFEAT THESE BILLS THERE IN
JEFFERSON CITY?
YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT THERE IS SOME GOOD DIALOG BEING HAD THERE. I DON'T
KNOW WHERE WE'LL END UP. YOU KNOW, I'M HOPEFUL THAT THAT PEOPLE WILL
SEE OUR SIDE AND , YOU KNOW, BACK THAT. BUT WE'LL SEE." THERE ARE SEVERAL
BILLS THAT ARE UP FOR DEBATE IN JEFFERSON CITY ON THIS ISSUE IN THE COMING
WEEKS.

(ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY, LEADERSHIP GOVERNMENT)

MATTER OF FACT MARCH 17 9:30 PM 0:30:00

MATTER OF FACT
WITH NEARLY 400,000 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE, THE SYSTEM IS STRAINED. THAT
MEANS WHEN KIDS TURN 18, THEY'RE OFTEN PUSHED OUT OF THE SYSTEM AND ON
THEIR OWN. YOUNG PEOPLE WHO AGE OUT OF FOSTER CARE ARE MORE LIKELY TO
EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS AND INCARCERATION. CORRESPONDENT LAURA
CHAVEZ TRAVELS TO BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO WHERE VOLUNTEERS AND NON-
PROFITS ARE STEPPING IN TO MAKE SURE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE LAND ON THEIR

FEET. FROM WORK CONTRACTS TO INTERNSHIPS TO GRANTS, A SERIES OF LAWSUITS ACROSS THE COUNTRY IS TAKING AIM AT PROGRAMS THAT HELP MINORITIES. ONE OF THE LATEST CASES IS AGAINST THE MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (MBDA), A FEDERAL AGENCY THAT'S BEEN AROUND MORE THAN 50 YEARS. A FEDERAL JUDGE IN TEXAS SAYS IT'S VIOLATING THE CONSTITUTION BY PROVIDING SERVICES BASED ON RACE. SOLEDAD SPEAKS WITH CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY ALPHONSO DAVID ABOUT THE RULING'S POTENTIAL IMPACT. DAVID ALSO REPRESENTS THE FEARLESS FUND, AN ORGANIZATION THAT'S BEING SUED BECAUSE IT HELPS BUSINESSES RUN BY WOMEN OF COLOR. PLUS, THIS WINTER DIDN'T FEEL MUCH LIKE WINTER AT ALL FOR MOST OF THE UNITED STATES. ACCORDING TO NOAA, THIS WAS THE WARMEST WINTER ON RECORD FOR THE LOWER 48. IT'S THE LATEST INDICATION OF THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE. THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IS SEEKING SOME FRESH PERSPECTIVES AS IT LOOKS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CONCERNS. IT'S LAUNCHED THE FIRST-EVER FEDERAL ADVISORY COUNCIL COMPRISED SOLELY OF YOUNG PEOPLE. WE MEET A 25-YEAR-OLD CLIMATE ACTIVIST WHO NOW SITS ON THAT PANEL. THERE'S A NATIONAL PUSH TO REMOVE THE LEAD SERVICE PIPES STILL CARRYING WATER TO MILLIONS OF HOMES. THIS EFFORT COULD BE GETTING A LITTLE EASIER, THANKS TO RESEARCHERS AT DREXEL UNIVERSITY, WHO SAY THAT BY PINGING A PIPE STILL BURIED UNDERGROUND AND MEASURING THE SOUND WAVES, THEY CAN DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS MADE OF LEAD. FINALLY, THE SMITHSONIAN WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM IS MARKING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH WITH AN INAUGURAL ONLINE EXHIBITION. DIGITAL CURATOR LIZ HARMON EXPLAINS THAT THE EXHIBIT BRINGS ATTENTION TO SOME OF HISTORY'S HIDDEN WOMEN.

(YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES, ECONOMIC ISSUES, JOBS, RACE RELATIONS AND DISCRIMINATION)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 18 6:00 AM 0:00:12

GLADSTONE CITY COUNCIL FORUM TUESDAY
 ALSO TOMORROW -- GLADSTONE, MISSOURI IS HOSTING A FORUM --
 FOR CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES. THIS IS AHEAD OF THE ELECTION ON APRIL SECOND.
 STUDENTS FROM OAK PARK HIGH SCHOOL'S GOVERNMENT CLUB WILL BE
 MODERATING AND ASKING THE CANDIDATES QUESTIONS.
 THE EVENT STARTS AT 6-30 TOMORROW NIGHT AT THE GLADSTONE COMMUNITY
 CENTER.

(POLITICS, EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 18 6:00 AM 0:00:23

KS PRIMARY TUESDAY
 TOMORROW, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN DECADES, KANSANS WILL VOTE IN STATEWIDE
 PRIMARY ELECTIONS --

TO PICK THEIR PARTIES' CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT. POLLS OPEN AT 7 TOMORROW MORNING -- AND WILL STAY OPEN UNTIL 7 P-M.
AS LONG AS YOU'RE IN LINE BY THEN -- YOU'LL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE.
(POLITICS, LEADERSHIP GOVERNMENT)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 18 6:00 AM 0:00:26

OHIO STORM DAMAGES

CLEANUP EFFORTS CONTINUE IN OHIO --
AFTER A ROUND OF STORMS CAUSED MAJOR DAMAGE TO SEVERAL COMMUNITIES.
AT LEAST THREE PEOPLE ARE DEAD --
WITH MANY MORE HURT. THURSDAY NIGHT'S TORNADO REACHED SPEEDS BETWEEN
136 AND 165 MILES PER HOUR.
IT DESTROYED HOMES AND BUSINESSES --
LEAVING BEHIND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN DAMAGE.
FIRST RESPONDERS CONTINUED SEARCHING THE WRECKAGE THIS WEEKEND.
THE LOGAN COUNTY SHERIFF SAYS HE'S GRATEFUL FOR HOW NEIGHBORS ARE
BANDING TOGETHER.

(ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMIC IMPACT, COMMUNITY)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 18 6:00 AM 0:00:27

AMERICANS FLEEING HAITI

THIS MORNING, THE U-S IS WORKING TO EVACUATE AMERICANS FROM HAITI --
AS THE SITUATION THERE CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE. A CHARTER FLIGHT
CARRYING MORE THAN 30 U-S CITIZENS LANDED IN MIAMI SUNDAY.
THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS HAVE BEEN TRAPPED IN HAITI FOR WEEKS --
SINCE GANG VIOLENCE STARTED SPIRALING OUT OF CONTROL.
THE MAIN AIRPORT IN PORT AU PRINCE IS STILL CLOSED.
THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING LIMITED CHARTER FLIGHTS FOR AMERICANS --
FROM A SLIGHTLY MORE STABLE *NORTHERN CITY.

(LEADERSHIP, RACE RELATIONS AND DISCRIMINATION)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 18 6:00 AM 0:00:29

8 YEAR OLD DIES FROM EATING STRAWBERRIES

A COMMUNITY IS ON EDGE -- AFTER BEING TOLD NOT TO EAT STRAWBERRIES SOLD
AT A SCHOOL FUNDRAISER. THAT'S AFTER AN 8-YEAR-OLD BOY DIED. INVESTIGATORS
IN KENTUCKY SAY THE BOY'S PARENTS TOOK HIM TO THE HOSPITAL --
AFTER HE GOT A RASH.
THEY NEVER SAW A DOCTOR -- AND TOOK THEIR SON HOME. THAT'S WHERE HE
DIED.
AFTER THAT, HOSPITAL STAFFERS TOLD POLICE THEY'D SEEN OTHER PEOPLE COME IN
WITH ALLERGIC REACTIONS -- AFTER EATING THE SAME STRAWBERRIES.
RUMORS HAVE BEEN RUNNING RAMPANT -- SINCE POLICE TOLD THE PUBLIC TO TOSS
THEM.

(CRIME AND SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE)

FIRST NEWS	MARCH 18	6:00 AM	0:00:25	IRS TAX FRAUD WE'RE WORKING TO KEEP YOU SAFE FROM SCAMMERS -- TRYING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOU DURING TAX SEASON. THE I-R-S SAYS SCAMMERS ARE USING A-I TO MAKE PHISHING TEXTS AND E-MAILS LOOK MORE CREDIBLE. IF YOU CLICK ON ONE OF THESE LINKS, YOU'LL BE PROMPTED TO GIVE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION -- WHICH SCAMMERS CAN USE TO TAKE YOUR MONEY OR TAX REFUND. ANOTHER TREND THIS YEAR INVOLVES TRYING TO DEFRAUD TAX PREPARERS -- TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT CLIENTS. (LEADERSHIP GOVERNMENT, ECONOMY, ECONOMIC ISSUES, CRIME AND SAFETY)
FIRST NEWS	MARCH 18	6:00 AM	0:00:19	ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE KANSAS CITY CELEBRATED ITS 50TH ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE SUNDAY. IT'S ONE OF THE BIGGEST PARADES IN THE COUNTRY -- BUT TURNOUT WAS A LITTLE MORE TAME THIS YEAR. THIS IS VIDEO FROM NEWSCHOPPER 9. THERE WAS SOME ANXIETY AFTER LAST MONTH'S DEADLY SHOOTING -- AFTER THE CHIEFS PARADE AND RALLY -- BUT EVERYTHING WENT OFF WITHOUT A HITCH. (CRIME AND SAFETY, COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY)
FIRST NEWS	MARCH 18	6:00 AM	0:00:19	ICELAND VOLCANO ERUPTS IN ICELAND, PEOPLE ARE EVACUATING THEIR HOMES -- AS A NEW VOLCANO ERUPTS. THIS THE FOURTH TIME THIS SPECIFIC VOLCANO HAS ERUPTED SINCE DECEMBER. THE LAVA FROM THE ERUPTION IS NOW FLOWING TOWARDS A LOCAL FISHING TOWN -- WITH FOUR-THOUSAND PEOPLE LIVING THERE. OFFICIALS SAY SO FAR -- THE ERUPTIONS HAVE BEEN CONTAINED TO A SMALL AREA. (ENVIRONMENT)
FIRST NEWS	MARCH 18	6:00 AM	0:00:38	STADIUM TAX DEBATE AT KC PUBLIC LIBRARY WE'RE GETTING YOU PREPARED FOR A BIG DECISION THAT WILL AFFECT THE FUTURE OF KANSAS CITY -- AND YOUR TAX DOLLARS. TOMORROW -- THE KANSAS CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY IS HOSTING A PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON THE STADIUM TAX DEBATE. IT'S AHEAD OF THE BIG VOTE ON APRIL SECOND. JACKSON COUNTY VOTERS WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO ESSENTIALLY EXTEND A

THREE-EIGHTH CENT SALES TAX THAT -- RIGHT NOW -- GOES TOWARD THE MAINTENANCE OF KAUFFMANN AND ARROWHEAD STADIUMS. TOMORROW, A PANEL OF EXPERTS AND INTERESTED PARTIES -- WILL TALK ABOUT THE PROS AND CONS OF SUPPORTING THE SALES TAX -- AND WHAT YOUR VOTE COULD MEAN FOR THE FUTURE IDENTITY OF KANSAS CITY. IT'S TOMORROW NIGHT FROM 6 TO 7 AT THE LIBRARY'S PLAZA BRANCH.
(LEADERSHIP, ECONOMIC IMPACT, ECONOMY, ECONOMIC ISSUES)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 18 6:00 AM 0:00:15

GERMANY, US, JORDAN AIRDROP AID SATURDAY
GERMANY IS NOW THE LATEST COUNTRY TO SEND AID INTO GAZA. MEANWHILE, U-S CENTRAL COMMAND SAYS U-S FORCES -- ALONG WITH THE ROYAL JORDANIAN AIR FORCE -- DID AN AIRDROP IN NORTHERN GAZA THIS WEEKEND. THE U-S AIR FORCE DROPPED HUNDREDS OF BUNDLES OF FOOD SUPPLIED BY JORDAN.
(RACE RELATIONS AND DISCRIMINATION)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 18 6:00 AM 0:00:26

CLAY CO TEEN DRUG SIGNS
TONIGHT -THE CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL HOST AN EVENT TO HELP PARENTS SPOT ILLEGAL DRUG USE IN TEENS. IT WILL BE AT WINNETONKA HIGH SCHOOL AT 6 TONIGHT. THE "HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT" EVENT - WILL HAVE A TEEN'S BEDROOM - WHERE PARENTS WILL WALK THROUGH AND LEARN ABOUT THE TELL TALE SIGNS OF ILLEGAL DRUG USE. THE CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DRUG TASK FORCE WILL ALSO BE THERE TO DISCUSS THE LATEST DRUG TRENDS. S-R-O'S WILL ALSO BE ON HAND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.
(YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES, EDUCATION, CRIME AND SAFETY)

EDITORIAL MARCH 22, 23, 24 VARIOUS 0:01:10

KC CURRENT'S NEW STADIUM MAKES HISTORY
IT IS FITTING THAT THE KC CURRENT'S NEW STADIUM OPENED DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. NOT ONLY IS CPKC STADIUM THE FIRST IN THE WORLD BUILT SPECIFICALLY FOR A WOMEN'S PRO SPORTS TEAM, BUT THE MOMENT IS A HISTORIC LEAP FORWARD IN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS. FOR TOO LONG, FEMALE ATHLETES PLAYED IN THE SHADOW OF THEIR MALE COUNTERPARTS. FOR GENERATIONS, HIGH SCHOOL MARKED THE END OF MOST WOMEN'S COMPETITIVE SPORTS CAREER. WE BELIEVE A NEW ERA IS UPON US -- AN ERA OF VISIBILITY, EQUALITY, AND OPPORTUNITY. WITH THE KC CURRENT PLAYING IN THE NEW STADIUM, WE CAN NOW CHEER ON PROFESSIONAL FEMALE ATHLETES COMPETING AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL AT A VENUE WITH FIRST-CLASS AMENITIES IN FRONT OF SELLOUT CROWDS. KC CURRENT PLAYERS ARE ROLE MODELS WHO WILL INSPIRE YOUNG GIRLS TO DREAM

WITHOUT LIMITS. WE ARE CELEBRATING THIS EVENT IN A NEW SPECIAL AIRING ON KMBC 9. WATCH CHRONICLE "A PITCH FIT FOR A QUEEN" AIRING APRIL 10 AT 9 P.M. CONGRATULATIONS KC CURRENT AND THANKS FOR MAKING MORE DREAMS A REALITY.

(COMMUNITY, PROJECT COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC IMPACT, ECONOMY)

MATTER OF FACT

MARCH 24

9:30 PM

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MATTER OF FACT

SWATTING IS WHEN SOMEONE CALLS 911 REPORTING AN ACTIVE ATTACKER AT A LOCATION. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SWAT TEAMS RACE TO THE SCENE, WEAPONS AT THE READY. BUT THESE CALLS ARE COMPLETELY FABRICATED AND THAT MEANS AN UNSUSPECTING PERSON AND THEIR FAMILY ARE SHOCKED BY AN INTENSE POLICE RESPONSE. LAWMAKERS ARE SOME OF THE MOST COMMON TARGETS, AND WITH INCIDENTS RISING, THE FBI HAS LAUNCHED A NATIONAL DATABASE TO TRACK THESE CALLS. IN GEORGIA, A RASH OF CALLS RECENTLY SENT POLICE RUSHING TO SEVERAL LAWMAKERS' HOMES. CORRESPONDENT DAN LIEBERMAN TRAVELED TO ATLANTA WHERE THOSE REPRESENTATIVES ARE NOW COMING TOGETHER ACROSS THE AISLE TO STOP SWATTING. ON TUESDAY THE SUPREME COURT TAKES UP ONE OF ITS BIGGEST CASES OF THE TERM. IT INVOLVES MIFEPRISTONE, ONE OF THE MOST USED ABORTION PILLS. THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) APPROVED MIFEPRISTONE IN 2000. AND THEN TWICE IT EXPANDED ACCESS TO THE DRUG, INCLUDING ALLOWING DOCTORS TO PRESCRIBE IT VIA TELEHEALTH APPOINTMENT. NOW, A GROUP OF ANTI-ABORTION DOCTORS IS CHALLENGING THE FDA'S EXPANDED ACCESS TO THE DRUG. AMY HOWE COVERS THE SUPREME COURT AND JOINS SOLEDAD IN THE STUDIO TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL IMPACT THIS CASE COULD HAVE ON BOTH ACCESS TO MIFEPRISTONE AND THE FDA'S APPROVAL PROCESS. BASEBALL SEASON'S OPENING DAY IS MARCH 28TH, BUT ONE FORMER PLAYER IS TRYING FOR A DIFFERENT KIND OF WIN, ONE FOR HIS HOMETOWN. CLEON JONES WAS PART OF THE "MIGHTY METS", THE TEAM THAT WON THE 1969 WORLD SERIES. EVEN THOUGH HE RETIRED FROM THE GAME DECADES AGO, JONES HASN'T SLOWED DOWN. FOR THE LAST 40 YEARS HE HAS BEEN REVITALIZING HIS HOMETOWN OF AFRICATOWN. ALEXIS CLARK VISITS THE MOBILE, ALABAMA NEIGHBORHOOD TO SEE WHAT JONES IS DOING TO SAVE THE PLACE THAT GAVE HIM HIS START. NEW MAPS REVEAL SEVERAL CITIES ALONG THE EAST COAST ARE SINKING AT AN ALARMING RATE. NEW YORK CITY AND BALTIMORE ARE DROPPING BY AN AVERAGE OF ALMOST TWO MILLIMETERS A YEAR. CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA IS ONE OF THE FASTEST-SINKING CITIES; THE DOWNTOWN AREA IS JUST TEN FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL. SOLEDAD REPORTS ON THE REASONS AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO STOP THE SINK. FINALLY, A TINY FISH IS CREATING AN UNDERWATER CACOPHONY. RECENTLY DISCOVERED IN MYANMAR, THE DANIONELLA

CEREBRUM LIVES IN MURKY WATERS. GERMAN SCIENTISTS DISCOVERED THAT THE FISH MAKES AN INCREDIBLY LOUD NOISE, COMPARABLE TO A JET ENGINE. SOLEDAD SHARES THEIR FINDINGS.

(CRIME AND SAFETY, HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE, ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP)

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JAX CO GUN REFORM MEETING

THIS MORNING, THE JACKSON COUNTY LEGISLATURE IS HOSTING A CONVERSATION ON GUN REFORM.

THIS IS ITS 6TH MEETING ON THE TOPIC -- SINCE THE DEADLY PARADE DAY SHOOTING.

THIS WEEK, THE ORGANIZATION GRANDPARENTS FOR GUN SAFETY IS SET TO SPEAK. THE TALK STARTS AT 10-30 THIS MORNING -- AT THE JACKSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

(LEADERSHIP, GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, CRIME AND SAFETY)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 25 6:00 AM 0:00:23

AMAZON PACKAGING RECYCLING

A NEW STUDY SHOWS THAT MOST OF THE PLASTIC AMAZON USES FOR SHIPPING -- ENDS UP IN LANDFILLS. THE U-S PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP TRACKED AMAZON SHIPPING MATERIALS BROUGHT TO DROP-OFF SITES.

OUT OF 93 ITEMS -- ONLY FOUR MADE IT TO A RECYCLING SORTING CENTER. AMAZON SAYS IT'S CONSTANTLY WORKING TO MAKE RECYCLING EASIER FOR CUSTOMERS.

BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE CONTROL OVER HOW PACKAGING IS HANDLED -- AFTER IT'S DISPOSED OF.

(ENVIRONMENT)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 25 6:00 AM 0:00:38

GAS PRICES RISING

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE LATE LAST YEAR --

WE'RE SEEING THE IMPACT OF INFLATION ON GAS PRICES.

THAT'S BECAUSE OF DRONE ATTACKS ON RUSSIAN OIL FACILITIES RIGHT NOW, PRICES AT THE PUMP ARE HIGHER ON A YEAR-OVER-YEAR BASIS. THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR A GALLON OF REGULAR IS THE HIGHEST IT'S BEEN ALL YEAR -- AT 3-53 A GALLON. GAS IS SIGNIFICANTLY CHEAPER IN OUR NECK OF THE WOODS.

IN MISSOURI, THE AVERAGE PRICE IS 3-28 PER GALLON. IN KANSAS, IT'S 3-17.

EXPERTS ARE CONCERNED THAT THE JUMP IN GAS PRICES --

COULD MEAN THE FED WON'T CUT INTEREST RATES AS SOON AS EXPECTED.

SOME ECONOMISTS WERE PREDICTING THEY'D MAKE THE CUT THIS MONTH.
NOW, INVESTORS ARE BETTING ON JUNE OR JULY.
(ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, ECONOMIC ISSUES, ECONOMIC IMPACT, LEADERSHIP GOVERNMENT)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 25 6:00 AM 0:00:16

HEAD OF UN CALLS FOR A CEASE FIRE
RIGHT NOW, THE HEAD OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS NOW CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE -- BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HAMAS. THE U-N SECRETARY GENERAL VISITED THE EGYPTIAN SIDE OF THE BORDER WITH GAZA THIS WEEKEND. HE MADE AN URGENT PLEA FOR MORE AID -- AND AN END TO THE ATTACKS THERE.
(RACE RELATIONS AND DISCRIMINATION, LEADERSHIP GOVERNMENT)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 25 6:00 AM 0:00:31

ISRAEL BLOCKING AID TO NORTH OF GAZA
THE HEAD OF THE MAIN U-N AGENCY WORKING IN PALESTINE SAYS -- ISRAEL PLANS TO BLOCK ITS FOOD AID FROM GOING TO NORTHERN GAZA. THE U-N-W-R-A SAYS ISRAEL HAS INFORMED THEM THAT IT WON'T APPROVE ANY FOOD CONVOYS TO THE NORTH -- AND THAT IT'S BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE IT'S BEEN ABLE TO SEND FOOD THERE. SEVERAL DONOR COUNTRIES WITHDREW THEIR SUPPORT FROM THE GROUP IN JANUARY -- AFTER ISRAEL CLAIMED THAT A DOZEN OF ITS MEMBERS WERE INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK BY HAMAS IN OCTOBER. THE U-N-R-W-A SAYS IT FIRED 10 OF THOSE STAFFERS -- AND THAT THE OTHER TWO ARE DEAD.
(RACE RELATIONS AND DISCRIMINATION, LEADERSHIP GOVERNMENT)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 25 6:00 AM 0:00:22

SOLAR ECLIPSE PREVIEW
THE COUNTDOWN IS ON! JUST TWO WEEKS TO GO UNTIL THE ONCE-IN-A-GENERATION TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE. IT'S COMING UP ON APRIL 8TH. FOR FOUR MINUTES, IT'LL PLUNGE SKYWATCHERS FROM DAYLIGHT INTO DARKNESS. WITH 13 STATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN THE PATH OF TOTALITY -- LOCAL ECONOMIES EXPECTING TO SEE A BOOST. INDIANA IS GEARING UP FOR UP TO HALF A MILLION PEOPLE -- AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN BUSINESS.
(ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMIC IMPACT, ECONOMY)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 25 6:00 AM 0:00:23

LAWRENCE MAN FENTANYL DEATH

A JUDGE WILL SENTENCE A LAWRENCE MAN TODAY --
FOR HIS ROLE IN A FENTANYL-RELATED DEATH. RANDALL MARK SMITH PLEADED NO
CONTEST TO INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER AND UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION.
POLICE FOUND A 33-YEAR-OLD MAN DEAD IN A HOME -- IN OCTOBER 2021.
AN AUTOPSY LATER SHOWED FENTANYL INTOXICATION AS THE CAUSE OF DEATH.
THE INVESTIGATION LED POLICE TO SMITH --
AS THE DISTRIBUTOR OF THE FENTANYL-LACED PILL.
(CRIME AND SAFETY, FAMILY ISSUES, HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE)

FIRST NEWS MARCH 25 6:00 AM 0:00:29

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN AVERTED

ANOTHER GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN NARROWLY MISSED -- AT LEAST FOR NOW.
PRESIDENT BIDEN SIGNED THE 1-POINT-2 TRILLION DOLLAR SPENDING BILL EARLY
SATURDAY... FUNDING THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH OCTOBER FIRST. IT'S THE END
OF A MONTHS-LONG SAGA OF BACK-AND-FORTH NEGOTIATIONS IN CONGRESS...
WITH LAWMAKERS STRUGGLING TO SECURE A PERMANENT BUDGET RESOLUTION.
BUT EVEN THOUGH THE MEASURE PASSED WITH BIPARTISAN SUPPORT -
IT MAY COME AT A PRICE FOR HOUSE SPEAKER MIKE JOHNSON.
HARDLINE HOUSE REPUBLICANS NOW WANT HIM OUT OF THE SEAT.
(LEADERSHIP GOVERNMENT, ECONOMIC IMPACT, ECONOMY, ECONOMIC ISSUES)

EDITORIAL MARCH 29, 30, 31 VARIOUS 0:01:10

COLORECTAL CANCER

ONE IN 24 PEOPLE WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH COLORECTAL CANCER IN THEIR
LIFETIME, WHICH MEANS WE LIKELY ALL KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN
DIAGNOSED. COLORECTAL CANCER IS THE SECOND DEADLIEST CANCER IN AMERICA.
YET IT'S ONE OF THE FEW CANCERS THAT'S PREVENTABLE THANKS TO SCREENING.
MARCH IS NATIONAL COLORECTAL AWARENESS MONTH. IF YOU ARE 45 YEARS OLD
OR OLDER AND HAVE NOT BEEN TESTED, NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT. TALK TO A
DOCTOR ABOUT GETTING TESTED, INCLUDING THE PROS AND CONS OF EACH TEST
AND HOW OFTEN YOU NEED ONE. SCREENING CAN FIND PRECANCEROUS POLYPS,
WHICH ARE ABNORMAL GROWTHS THAT CAN BE REMOVED BEFORE THEY TURN
INTO CANCER. EARLY DETECTION CANNOT BE OVERSTATED. NINE OUT OF EVERY 10
PEOPLE WHO WERE DIAGNOSED EARLY AND MEDICALLY TREATED ARE STILL ALIVE
FIVE YEARS LATER. WE BELIEVE WE CAN STOP COLON CANCER DEATHS. ACT NOW TO
MAKE SURE YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES DON'T BECOME A VICTIM.
(HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE)

MATTER OF FACT MARCH 31 9:30 PM 0:30:00

MATTER OF FACT

FROM OVERSEEING THE ELECTION TO THE POWER OF VOTERS, THIS WEEK MATTER OF FACT FOCUSES ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF DEMOCRACY. THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS JUST MONTHS AWAY BUT WITH HIGH TURNOVER IN ELECTION OFFICES, ARE STATES READY FOR VOTING DAY? ACCORDING TO A SURVEY BY THE BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE, THIS WILL BE THE FIRST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION FOR ONE IN FIVE LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS. CORRESPONDENT DAN LIEBERMAN TRAVELS TO PENNSYLVANIA, ONE OF THE STATES LOOKING TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN ITS ELECTION STAFF. OFFICIALS THERE TELL HIM MORE SECURITY AND SUPPORT ARE NEEDED TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR THE PEOPLE AT THE BACKBONE OF OUR DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. NEARLY 70 PERCENT OF U.S. ADULTS SAY THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IS A SIGNIFICANT SOURCE OF STRESS IN THEIR LIVES, ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION. BUT A POLITICAL CARTOONIST IS HOPING BREVITY, AND SOME LEVITY, CAN HELP PEOPLE ENGAGE IN POLITICS. SOLEDAD SITS DOWN WITH AWARD-WINNING CARTOONIST CHRISTOPHER WEYANT WHO SAYS HIS GOAL ISN'T TO CHANGE MINDS BUT TO MAKE PEOPLE THINK ABOUT IMPORTANT ISSUES. EVERY VOTE COUNTS, BUT WHERE YOU LIVE CAN IMPACT HOW YOUR VOTE COUNTS. IN OHIO, ADVOCATES ARE CONCERNED THAT CURRENT VOTING MAPS ARE GERRYMANDERED TO WEAKEN THE POLITICAL POWER OF MINORITIES. REDISTRICTING HAS BEEN A LONG-RUNNING ISSUE IN THE STATE, AND A COMMISSION WAS FOUNDED TO HELP DRAW FAIRER MAPS. BUT CRITICS SAY THE COMMISSION IS MAKING THE SITUATION WORSE. CORRESPONDENT DIANE ROBERTS TRAVELS TO OHIO AND MEETS THE PEOPLE DIVIDED OVER THE STATE'S DIVIDING LINES. DURING AN ELECTION YEAR, BILLIONS OF DOLLARS GO TO TURNING OUT THE VOTE. THE LAST THREE NATIONAL GENERAL ELECTIONS SAW SOME OF THE HIGHEST VOTER TURNOUT IN DECADES. STILL, LESS THAN 40% OF AMERICANS VOTED IN ALL THREE ELECTIONS. THAT'S ACCORDING TO NEW NUMBERS FROM THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER. SOLEDAD EXPLAINS WHAT THE FINDINGS TELL US ABOUT WHO IS AND WHO ISN'T HEADING TO THE POLLS. FINALLY, WE PIVOT FROM POLITICS TO ASTRONOMY. NASA IS LOOKING TO BUILD ON RESEARCH FROM THE 1930S DURING APRIL'S SOLAR ECLIPSE. SOLEDAD EXPLAINS THE PROJECT AND WHY NASA IS ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TO COMPLETE THIS MISSION.

(POLITICS, GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP, COMMITMENT)

PSA	AD COUNCIL	VARIOUS	0:00:30	<p>NHTSA – BUZZED DRIVING</p> <p>DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT’S ILLEGAL TO DRIVE DRUNK, ONE PERSON WAS KILLED EVERY 39 MINUTES IN A DRUNK DRIVING CRASH ON OUR NATION’S ROADS IN 2021. THAT’S A TOTAL OF 13,384 PEOPLE WHO DIED IN ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES IN ONE YEAR. EVEN A SMALL AMOUNT OF ALCOHOL CAN AFFECT DRIVING ABILITY. IN 2021, THERE WERE 2,226 PEOPLE KILLED IN ALCOHOL-RELATED CRASHES WHERE A DRIVER HAD A BAC OF .01 TO .07.</p> <p>(FAMILY ISSUES, YOUTH ISSUES, CRIME AND SAFETY)</p>
PSA	AD COUNCIL	VARIOUS	0:00:15	<p>NHTSA – DISTRACTED DRIVING</p> <p>WHILE DRIVERS RECOGNIZE THAT USING THEIR PHONE WHILE DRIVING IS DANGEROUS, THEY’RE DOING IT ANYWAY. THE TEMPTATION FOR TECH IS VISCERAL AND EVER-PRESENT, SO DRIVERS DON’T ALWAYS REALIZE WHEN THEY SHIFT INTO DISTRACTED DRIVING. RUN NEW PSAS TO HELP HIGHLIGHT THE PROBLEM AND ENCOURAGE DRIVERS TO KEEP THEIR EYES FORWARD AND AVOID DISTRACTED DRIVING.</p> <p>(FAMILY ISSUES, YOUTH ISSUES, CRIME AND SAFETY)</p>
PSA	AD COUNCIL	VARIOUS	0:00:30	<p>ADOPT US KIDS - DUFFLE</p> <p>THOUSANDS OF TEENS IN FOSTER CARE ARE WAITING FOR THE LOVE AND SUPPORT FROM A FAMILY, BUT UNFORTUNATELY ALMOST 20,000 YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVE FOSTER CARE WITHOUT A FAMILY EVERY YEAR. FAMILIES THAT ADOPT TEENS PROVIDE THEM WITH STABILITY DURING A CRITICAL PERIOD IN THEIR LIVES. TEENS THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED ARE MORE LIKELY TO GRADUATE, GO TO COLLEGE, AND BE MORE EMOTIONALLY SECURE THAN THEIR PEERS THAT HAVE ‘AGED OUT’ OF FOSTER CARE WITHOUT THE SECURITY AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF FAMILY. INSPIRED BY REAL FAMILIES’ STORIES, THIS HONEST AND HEARTFELT CAMPAIGN REVEALS THE REMARKABLE VALUE OF ADOPTION FOR BOTH TEENS AND PARENTS. WITH THE TAGLINE, “YOU CAN’T IMAGINE THE REWARD,” THESE EMOTIONAL MESSAGES REASSURE PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND INSPIRE THEM TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A TEEN.</p> <p>THIS SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE MORE THAN 900,000 CHILDREN AND YOUTH THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED FROM THE U.S. FOSTER CARE SYSTEM SINCE 2004.</p> <p>(YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES)</p>
PSA	PSA CONNECT	VARIOUS	0:00:30	<p>DUCKS UNLIMITED - WETLANDS</p> <p>OUR ENVIRONMENT IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING. NATURAL DISASTERS, VARIATIONS IN WEATHER AND CLIMATE, POLLUTION, UNCHECKED DEVELOPMENT AND MORE THREATEN NORTH AMERICA’S WATERFOWL AND OTHER WILDLIFE SPECIES EACH DAY. WETLANDS ARE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ECOSYSTEMS ON THE PLANET. THESE COMPLEX HABITATS BENEFIT MANY WILDLIFE SPECIES AND PROVIDE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, FLOOD CONTROL, CLEAN WATER AND OTHER ECOLOGICAL BENEFITS FOR PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY LIVE.</p> <p>(ENVIRONMENT, PROJECT COMMUNITY)</p>

PSA	PSA CONNECT	VARIOUS	0:00:30	EDUCATIONAL PLAY – THE TOY FOUNDATION – DEAR PARENTS – TIME OUT SPEAKS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY FOR A CHILDS DEVELOPMENT BOTH MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY. (YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES)
PSA	TEXTING AND DRIVING PREVENTION	VARIOUS	0:00:30	TEXTING AND DRIVING PREVENTION SPEAKS TO TEXTING AND DRIVING PREVENTION. SHOWS TEEN IN VIOLENT CRASH AND GOES BACK IN TIME. (YOUTH ISSUES, SAFETY, FAMILY ISSUES)
PSA	PSA CONNECT	VARIOUS	0:01:00	VETERANS AFFAIRS – HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS (HFOT) IS A PUBLICLY FUNDED 501(C) (3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT BUILDS AND DONATES SPECIALLY ADAPTED CUSTOM HOMES NATIONWIDE FOR SEVERELY INJURED POST-9/11 VETERANS, TO ENABLE THEM TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES. (VETERAN AND MILITARY)
PSA	COLORECTAL COUNCIL ALLIANCE	VARIOUS	0:00:30	COLORECTAL SCREENING CANCER HASN'T STOPPED DURING COVID, BUT THE PANDEMIC HAS CREATED A NEW NEED AND NUMEROUS CHALLENGES THAT ARE CRITICAL TO ADDRESS. SCREENINGS HAVE DROPPED BY 86% RELATIVE TO AVERAGES PRIOR TO JANUARY 20, 2020, RESULTING IN AT LEAST 18,000 ADDITIONAL MISSED. (HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE)
PSA	PANCREATIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION	VARIOUS	0:00:30	PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH THIS PSA DEMONSTRATES OUR COMMITMENT TO RESEARCH TO PUT AN END TO PANCREATIC CANCER DEATHS. WE ENCOURAGE VIEWERS TO VISIT LUSTGARTEN.ORG TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FIGHT AGAINST PANCREATIC CANCER. (HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE, FAMILY ISSUES)
PSA	HRSA POISON CONTROL	VARIOUS	0:00:30	POISON CONTROL HOTLINE - KIDS

2,200,000 POISONINGS OCCUR ANNUALLY, WITH NEARLY 50% OF ALL EXPOSURES INVOLVING CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN AGE 6. TO ADDRESS THIS THREAT, THE HUMAN RESOURCES & SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA) CONTINUES ITS POISON HELP CAMPAIGN WITH THE "MAKE THE CALL" SERIES.

(YOUTH ISSUES, SAFETY, HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE)

PSA	GUN SAFETY	VARIOUS	0:00:30	GUN SAFETY – BRADY – END FAMILY FIRE SPEAKS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING GUNS LOCKED UP AT HOME TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL DEATHS. (SAFETY, FAMILY ISSUES, YOUTH ISSUES)
PSA	AHA STROKE	VARIOUS	0:00:30	AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION AS THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION IS THE LARGEST NOT-FOR-PROFIT FUNDING SOURCE FOR CARDIOVASCULAR AND CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE RESEARCH NEXT TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, RESULTING IN 14 NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS AND SEVERAL IMPORTANT MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS INCLUDING TECHNIQUES AND STANDARDS FOR CPR, THE FIRST ARTIFICIAL HEART VALVE, IMPLANTABLE PACEMAKERS, CHOLESTEROL INHIBITORS, MICROSURGERY AND DRUG-COATED STENTS. THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION HELPS SAVE LIVES THROUGH RESEARCH THAT LEADS TO MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS; EDUCATION THAT LEADS TO INDIVIDUAL PREVENTION; AND ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE IN SYSTEMS AND POLICIES THAT TOGETHER HELP LOVED ONES, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES LIVE HAPPIER, HEALTHIER AND LONGER LIVES. (HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE, FAMILY ISSUES)
PSA	WOUNDED WARRIOR	VARIOUS	0:00:30	WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT® (WWP) IS A NONPROFIT, NONPARTISAN ORGANIZATION. SINCE 2003 WE'VE BEEN TIRELESS ADVOCATES FOR OUR NATION'S FINEST, IMPROVING THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF WARRIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES. WWP IS TRANSFORMING THE WAY AMERICA'S INJURED VETS ARE TREATED. (VETERANS AND MILITARY)
PSA	FOUNDATION FOR A BETTER LIFE	VARIOUS	0:00:30	PASS IT ON - KINDNESS KINDNESS. A WORD THAT IMMEDIATELY BRINGS A FEELING TO YOUR MIND. AND OFTEN A SMILE. WE REMEMBER A KINDNESS DONE FOR US AND ARE WARMED BY THE MEMORY. THIS PSA IS A POIGNANT MENU OF MOMENTS THAT BRING THOSE GOOD MEMORIES BACK. THE WORDS OF STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN INSPIRE AND MOTIVATE US: "WHEN I THINK ABOUT WHAT HAS THE

POWER TO CHANGE THE WORLD, IT COULD ALL BE SAID IN JUST ONE WORD, KINDNESS."
(YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES)

PSA	AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	VARIOUS	0:00:10	ACS: BETTER TOGETHER THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S HOPE LODGE COMMUNITIES OFFER A FREE HOME AWAY FROM HOME CLOSER TO CANCER CARE. PEOPLE ARE MEANT TO BE TOGETHER DON'T NEED TO HELP KEEP IT THAT WAY. (HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE, FAMILY ISSUES)
PSA	BREAST CANCER AWARENESS	VARIOUS	0:00:15	BREAST CANCER AWARENESS – HOPE BREAST CANCER IS ONE OF THE LEADING HEALTH CRISES FOR WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES. 1 IN 8 WOMEN WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER IN HER LIFETIME. THERE IS CURRENTLY NO KNOWN CURE FOR BREAST CANCER, AND ITS EARLY DIAGNOSIS IS CRITICAL TO SURVIVAL. (HEALTH, FAMILY ISSUES)
PSA	US FOREST SERVICES	VARIOUS	0:00:30	US FOREST SERVICE – SMOKEY BEAR WITH HIS ICONIC, "ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES," CATCHPHRASE AND SIGNATURE BELT AND HAT, SMOKEY CONTINUES TO REMIND AUDIENCES THAT WHEN WE PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY, WE ALL DO OUR PART IN KEEPING OUR NATION'S WILDLANDS SAFE. RUN NEW PSAS TO ENCOURAGE VIEW (ENVIRONMENT)
PSA	AD COUNCIL	VARIOUS	0:00:0	ADOPT TEEN - SISTERS THOUSANDS OF TEENS IN FOSTER CARE ARE WAITING FOR THE LOVE AND SUPPORT FROM A FAMILY, BUT UNFORTUNATELY ALMOST 20,000 YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVE FOSTER CARE WITHOUT A FAMILY EVERY YEAR. FAMILIES THAT ADOPT TEENS PROVIDE THEM WITH STABILITY DURING A CRITICAL PERIOD IN THEIR LIVES. TEENS THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED ARE MORE LIKELY TO GRADUATE, GO TO COLLEGE, AND BE MORE EMOTIONALLY SECURE THAN THEIR PEERS THAT HAVE 'AGED OUT' OF FOSTER CARE WITHOUT THE SECURITY AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF FAMILY. INSPIRED BY REAL FAMILIES' STORIES, THIS HONEST AND HEARTFELT CAMPAIGN REVEALS THE

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(YOUTH ISSUES, FAMILY ISSUES)

PSA	BONE HEALTH & OSTEOPOROSIS	VARIOUS	0:00:30	BONE HEALTH AND OSTEOPOROSIS FOUNDATION THERE IS A LOT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOUR BONES THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFE. YOU’RE NEVER TOO YOUNG OR TOO OLD TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF YOUR BONES. MOST PEOPLE ARE NOT AWARE THAT ALL PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 65 THAT ARE ON MEDICARE ARE ENTITLED TO FREE BONE D (HEALTH, FAMILY ISSUES)
PSA	CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL	VARIOUS	0:00:15	STOP SMOKING - WILMA THE TIPS FROM FORMER SMOKERS CAMPAIGN FEATURES REAL PEOPLE SUFFERING AS A RESULT OF SMOKING AND EXPOSURE TO SECONDHAND SMOKE. THEIR COMPELLING STORIES SEND A POWERFUL MESSAGE: QUIT SMOKING NOW. OR BETTER YET - DON’T START. (HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE, FAMILY ISSUES)
PSA	BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF KC	VARIOUS	0:00:10	BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS: BE A GOOD SPORT ENCOURAGES KIDS TO BETTER THEMSELVES BY NOT BEING A BULLY, BEING A GOOD SPORT, VOLUNTEERING, EXERCISING THEIR MINDS, AND STAYING SAFE ONLINE. (YOUTH ISSUES)
PSA	MY ACTION HERO	VARIOUS	0:00:30	ACTION FOR HEALTHY KIDS THERE’S NO DOUBT THAT THE PANDEMIC INDUCED CHALLENGES WE’VE BEEN FACING FOR THE PAST YEAR AND HALF HAVE SHAKEN THINGS UP IN SCHOOLS. MORE NOTABLY, IT HAS ALSO IMPACTED FAR TOO MANY KIDS’ ACCESS TO ESSENTIALS, LIKE NUTRITIOUS MEALS,

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXORCISE.
(YOUTH ISSUES, HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE)

PSA	AD COUNCIL	VARIOUS	0:00:30	ALZHEIMER'S HOPEFUL MORE THAN 6 MILLION AMERICANS LIVE WITH ALZHEIMER'S, BUT FEWER THAN HALF HAVE RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL DIAGNOSIS. CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS KNOW THEIR LOVED ONES BEST AND ARE TYPICALLY THE FIRST TO NOTICE MEMORY ISSUES OR COGNITIVE PROBLEMS BUT THEY'RE OFTEN HESITANT TO INITIATE A CONVERSATION—EVEN WHEN THEY KNOW SOMETHING IS WRONG – OR ASSUME EARLY SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S ARE TYPICAL ASPECTS OF AGING. (HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE, FAMILY ISSUES)
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