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Schools & Education

STORY: SCHOOL GUARD

DATES: 1/3/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: TWO SCHOOL SECURITY GUARDS IN JAIL TONIGHT -- ACCUSED OF STEALING FROM THE VERY SCHOOL THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE PROTECTING. EIGHT LAP-TOPS, AND SEVERAL CELL PHONES. THE TWO GUARDS WORKED FOR A COMPANY THAT MONITORS ALARMS FOR ST. LOUIS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AFTER-HOURS. THEY ALLEGEDLY BROKE INTO FANNING MIDDLE SCHOOL, SATURDAY NIGHT.

STORY: MO & IL BEST SCHOOLS

DATES: 1/4/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: MISSOURI AND ILLINOIS... BOTH LAND ON KIPLINGER'S LIST OF 100 BEST VALUES IN PUBLIC COLLEGES. BASED ON IN STATE TUITION... THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CHAPEL HILL TOOK THE TOP SPOT WITH 17 THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR FOR TUITION. TRUMAN STATE RANKED 23RD AND IS THE BEST LOCAL VALUE COSTING 15 THOUSAND A YEAR. THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA CHAMPAIGN RANKED 27, WITH TUITION AT 25 THOUSAND A YEAR. THEN, THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI COLUMBIA RANKED 79TH, COSTING AN AVERAGE OF 19 THOUSAND A YEAR.

STORY: KC SCHOOLS

DATES: 1/6/12 (4PM, 7PM), 1/8/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: EDUCATION FUNDING IS ON THE TOP OF MISSOURI LAWMAKERS TO DO LIST DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS YEAR. AND NOW THE UNACREDITED KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS BEING CALLED ONE OF THE WORST IN THE NATION. THE CITY'S MAYOR SAYS HE GOT THE ASSESSMENT FROM THE U-S SECRETARY OF EDUCATION.... AND SAYS HE WAS STARTLED BY THE NUMBERS.

STORY: SCHOOL TAX HIKE

DATES: 2/1/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: THE PRICE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION MAY BE GETTING HIGHER FOR SOME SCHOOLS IN THE SHOW ME STATE. THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI MAY RAISE IN-STATE TUITION BY 7 POINT 5 PERCENT AT THE COLUMBIA CAMPUS. UMSL... WOULD GO UP BY 8 POINT 2 PERCENT AND ROLLA WOULD GO UP 9 PERCENT. THE PROPOSED HIKE ARE DUE TO STATE BUDGET CUTS. THE TUITION HIKE WOULD ALSO AFFECT OUT OF STATE STUDENTS.

STORY: WESTBORO PROTEST AT FORT ZUMWALT

DATES: 2/5/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: SOME PARENTS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT TWO PLANNED PROTESTS AT TWO AREA HIGH SCHOOLS TOMORROW. A CHURCH GROUP KNOWN FOR ITS MESSAGES OF HATE PLANS TO PROTEST OUTSIDE CLAYTON AND FORT ZUMWALT EAST HIGH SCHOOLS. NEWS 11'S JEFF BERNTHAL HAS MORE DETAILS FROM ST. PETERS WHERE PARENTS HAVE CONCERNS.

STORY: WESTBORO CLAYTON PROTEST

DATES: 2/6/12 (4PM, 7PM)

SYNOPSIS: THE FOGGY MORNING DIDN'T STOP HUNDREDS OF CLAYTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM GETTING A REAL LIFE CIVICS LESSON... PROTESTING THE CONTROVERSIAL WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH. FIVE WESTBORO MEMBERS...WERE GREETED WITH MESSAGES OF LOVE AND UNITY IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. WESTBORO BAPTIST MEMBERS CARRIED SIGNS AGAINST ABORTION.. AND AGAINST GAYS. THE GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE FROM CLAYTON HIGH ORGANIZED THE COUNTER DEMONSTRATION... TO PREACH TOLERANCE FOR ALL.

STORY: JOPLIN SCHOOL DEMOLITION

DATES: 2/6/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: IT'S BEEN 9 MONTHS SINCE A KILLER TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN IN JOPLIN.... DESTROYING HUNDREDS OF HOMES, BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS. THE CITY'S HIGH SCHOOL WAS DESTROYED AND STUDENTS NOW GO TO CLASS IN AN EMPTY MALL. BUT WHAT'S LEFT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING IS ABOUT TO COME DOWN. DEMOLITION WORK BEGINS EARLY NEXT WEEK. A TOTAL OF 5 SCHOOLS WERE DESTROYED BY THE TWISTER... SEVERAL OTHERS WERE DAMAGED.

STORY: ROBOTICS COMPETITION AT PARKWAY

DATES: 3/3/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: THE COMPETITION AT PARKWAY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL WAS FURIOUS WITH A TRIP TO "L-A" POTENTIALLY ON THE LINE. THAT MAY SOUND LIKE THE "AMERICAN IDOL" AUDITIONS AT SCOTT TRADE CENTER. NEWS 11'S ANDY BANKER REPORTS, THIS WAS MORE LIKE THE "AMERICAN IDOL" OF ROBOTICS.

STORY: TURNER VS CLAYTON CASE

DATES: 3/5/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: A CASE WITH POTENTIALLY HUGE IMPLICATIONS FOR MANY ST. LOUIS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS IS SET TO GET UNDERWAY THIS MORNING IN CLAYTON. IT FOCUSES ON WHETHER STUDENTS IN UNACCREDITED DISTRICTS LIKE ST. LOUIS CITY SCHOOLS SHOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND BETTER NEARBY SCHOOLS AND WHO SHOULD PAY FOR IT. NEWS ELEVEN CHRIS REGNIER IS IN CLAYTON WITH MORE DETAILS ON THE CASE.

STORY: JACOLOGY – SCHOOL TRANSFERS

DATES: 3/7/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: THE MISSOURI SUPREME COURT HAS RULED THAT KIDS FROM UNACCREDITED SCHOOL DISTRICTS...LIKE THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AND RIVERVIEW GARDENS...SHOULD BE FREE TO TRANSFER TO OTHER SCHOOLS. AND THAT THE UNACCREDITED SCHOOLS...PAY FOR IT. THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY CASE GOING ON RIGHT NOW HAS TO DECIDE HOW TO DO THAT WITHOUT OVERWHELMING NEARBY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

STORY: BULLYING TOWN HALL

DATES: 3/13/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: EXPERTS SAY BULLYING IS PLAGUING SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. NOW PARENTS AND SCHOOLS ARE TAKING ACTION. INSIDE OF THE ACTIVITIES CENTER AT CHRISTIAN BROTHERS COLLEGE HIGHSCHOOL...STUDENTS AND PANELIST ARE SPEAKING OUT ABOUT BULLYING AND ITS IMPACT ON SCHOOLS. K-T-R-S RADIO AND THE ST LOUIS BEACON JOINED FORCES TO BRING TOWN HALLS TO SCHOOLS ACROSS THE METRO. ITS THE SECOND OF A MONTHLY PROJECT TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT CYBERBULLYING.... SOCIAL MEDIA AND SOLUTIONS.

STORY: UNIVERSITY OF MO SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIPS

DATES: 3/26/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: LOTTERY MONEY... WILL HELP SOME LUCKY STUDENTS LAND SCHOLARSHIPS AT UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SCHOOLS. THE SYSTEM WILL TAKE THE ONE POINT ONE MILLION DOLLARS THE GOVERNOR GAVE THEM FROM THE LOTTERY PROCEEDS... AND WILL RAISE A MATCHING AMOUNT. THE MORE THAN TWO MILLION DOLLARS WILL GO TO CREATE NEARLY 60 NEW NEED BASED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATES.

STORY: ANTONIA STUDENTS SERVICE PROJECT

DATES: 3/30/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: SOME LUCKY PEOPLE IN JEFFERSON COUNTY... HIT A JACKPOT OF SORTS... GETTING FREE GAS FROM GRADE SCHOOLERS. THESE STUDENTS KNOW THE BASICS OF READING, WRITING, ARITHMETIC...AND GAS IS AROUND FOUR BUCKS A GALLON. IT'S ALL PART OF ANTONIA GRADE SCHOOLS SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT. THEY RAISED 1520 DOLLARS AND DECIDED TO PAY IT FORWARD, GIVING AWAY TEN DOLLAR GAS CARDS TO STRANGERS.

Crime & Violence

STORY: FLORISSANT SHOOTING

DATES: 1/2/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: ONE MAN IS FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE AFTER A SHOOTING AND CARJACKING OVERNIGHT IN NORTH CITY. RIGHT NOW, AUTHORITIES ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR A SUSPECT. NEWS 11'S CHRIS REGNIER IS DOWNTOWN AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS WITH THE LATEST ON THE INVESTIGATION.

STORY: OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

DATES: 1/10/12 (4PM, 7PM)

SYNOPSIS: A CHAOTIC SCENE IN NORHT ST. LOUIS THIS AFTERNOON... INVOLVING ST. LOUIS POLICE. OFFICERS SAY IT STARTED WHEN POLICE CAME UP ON A DRUG DEAL ALONG MARTIN LUTHER KING BOULEVARD. POLICE SAY THE SUSPECTS RAMMED TWO POLICE CARS.. TRYING TO GET AWAY... THEN HIT A PEDESTRIAN... AND DRAGGED THAT PERSON. OFFICERS FIRED SHOTS AT THE CAR AND HIT THREE PEOPLE INSIDE THE CAR.. BUT IT KEPT GOING.

STORY: BUSTAMANTE GUILTY PLEA

DATES: 1/11/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: TEENAGE MURDER SUSPECT ALYSSA BUSTAMANTE-- PLEADED GUILTY TO SECOND DEGREE MURDER TODAY. SHE WAS WORKING A PLEA DEAL... SO THAT SHE WOULD NOT BE TRIED FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER. IN COURT BUSTAMANTE TOLD THE JUDGE QUOTE "I STRANGLED HER AND STABBED HER IN THE CHEST" END QUOTE. BUSTAMANTE WAS JUST 15-YEARS-OLD -- WHEN SHE MURDERED ELIZABETH OLTEN IN OCTOBER 2009 IN A RURAL TOWN NEAR JEFFERSON CITY.

STORY: ANTI VIOLENCE MARCH

DATES: 1/14/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: WASHINGTON PARK RESIDENTS... CALLING FOR AN END..TO VIOLENCE..IN THEIR SMALL TOWN. FOUR PEOPLE..WERE KILLED THERE LAST MONTH. NEWS 11'S..BETSEY BRUCE REPORTS THE POLICE CHIEF WANTS HELP FROM THE PUBLIC TO SOLVE THE CRIMES.

STORY: MO MALL SHOOTING

DATES: 1/15/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: SOME TENSE MOMENTS INSIDE AN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI MALL YESTERDAY AFTER AN ALTERCATION ENDED IN A SHOOTING. POLICE SAY A VERBAL ALTERCATION BETWEEN FOUR PEOPLE.. LED TO A FIGHT... AND THEN SOMEONE PULLED OUT A GUN AND STARTED FIRING. THE MALL WENT INTO LOCKDOWN - THOSE INSIDE... SAY THEY SPENT UP TO 15 MINUTES... IN LIMBO.

STORY: FATAL SHOOTING

DATES: 1/15/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: A 32-YEAR-OLD MAN IS SHOT TO DEATH AND TWO OTHERS WOUNDED IN AN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY AT A HOME IN THE 43-HUNDRED BLOCK OF SWAN IN SOUTH ST. LOUIS. POLICE SAY SEVERAL MEN ENTERED THE HOME WHERE THE VICTIMS WERE AND OPENED FIRE. JERALD MASSEY WAS SHOT IN THE STOMACH AND LATER DIED. TWO OTHER VICTIMS WERE SHOT AS THEY RAN OFF BUT WILL RECOVER FROM THEIR WOUNDS. THE SUSPECTS ARE ON THE LOOSE.

STORY: CRIME STATS

DATES: 1/19/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: POLICE IN BOTH SAINT LOUIS CITY AND COUNTY ARE HAPPY TO REPORT SERIOUS CRIME WAS DOWN IN 2011... FROM THE YEAR BEFORE. THE LOOP STRADDLES THE CITY-COUNTY DIVIDE ALONG DELMAR AND OVER SKINKER. POLICE IN BOTH AREAS ARE HAPPY REPORT 2011 SAW THE LOWEST NUMBERS OF SERIOUS CRIMES LIKE MURDERS, CAR THEFTS AND ARSONS IN FORTY YEARS.

STORY: POLICE SHOOTING LAWSUIT

DATES: 2/6/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: A WRONGFUL DEATH LAWSUIT... SCHEDULED TO BE FILED AGAINST THE ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPARTMENT. IT'S FOR THE DEATH OF 24-YEAR-OLD ANTHONY LAMAR SMITH. BACK IN DECEMBER INVESTIGATORS SAY HE DROVE AT AN OFFICER -- WHO TRIED TO STOP HIM DURING A SUSPECTED DRUG DEAL. THAT OFFICER OPENED FIRE... KILLING SMITH. THE LAWYER FILING THE SUIT FOR SMITH'S 1-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER CLAIMS HE WAS UNARMED... AND THAT POLICE PLANTED A GUN ON HIS BODY AFTER THE SHOOTING... TO JUSTIFY THEIR ACTIONS.

STORY: ROAD RAGE SHOOTING

DATES: 2/7/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: A NEWS 11 FOLLOW UP TONIGHT. CONCERNING THE SHOOT OUT AND POSSIBLE CASE OF ROAD RAGE NEAR MERAMEC CAVERNS AN 18 YEAR OLD MAN HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH FIRING SEVERAL SHOTS AT A FATHER AND HIS TWO YOUNG DAUGHTERS. NEWS 11'S ROCHE MADDEN IS IN STANTON MISSOURI WITH THE LATEST.

STORY: JEFF CO HOMICIDE

DATES: 2/16/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: MURDER INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY AFTER A MAN'S BODY WAS FOUND IN THE BED OF A PICKUP TRUCK. THE TRUCK HAD ACTUALLY BEEN IN FULL VIEW ALL WEEK ON MORSE AVENUE. BUT NO ONE KNEW THERE WAS A DEAD MAN IN THE TRUCK BECAUSE HIS BODY WAS WRAPPED IN A TARP. THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS NOT RELEASED HIS NAME YET OR SAY HOW HE DIED.

STORY: FRIEND SHOOTS FRIEND

DATES: 2/23/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: A ST. LOUIS MAN FACES MURDER CHARGES TONIGHT.. AFTER SHOOTING A BALLWIN TEEN. THE TEEN WAS SHOT IN A CAR ON TUESDAY NIGHT. THE SUSPECT TOLD POLICE.. THE VICTIM ASKED HIM TO PULL THE TRIGGER. NEWS 11'S MICHELLE ANSELMO SPOKE WITH THE VICTIMS FAMILY AND HAS MORE DETAILS FROM BALLWIN.

STORY: STOP THE VIOLENCE RALLY

DATES: 2/25/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: EAST ST. LOUIS..POLICE CHIEF..SAYS IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE...SENSELESS VIOLENCE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. FOX 2'S..TERESA WOODARD REPORTS - YOUNG AND OLD...ARE ON THE WAR-PATH..WITH HIM FOR THE STOP THE VIOLENCE RALLY.

STORY: FATAL EAST ST. LOUIS SHOOTING

DATES: 3/11/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: TWO SHOOTINGS IN TWO DAYS OUTSIDE EAST ST. LOUIS NIGHTCLUBS....ONE OF THEM DEADLY. AS NEWS 11'S TERESA WOODARD REPORTS ... TONIGHT THE MAYOR IS MAKING TEMPORARY CHANGES TO THE CITY'S LIQUOR LAWS, AS A FAMILY IS GRIEVING AGAIN.

STORY: OFFICER SHOOTING

DATES: 3/23/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: TWO TEENS NOW FACE CHARGES OF SHOOTING A ST. LOUIS POLICE SERGEANT AFTER INVADING HIS RIVERVIEW HOME THURSDAY.... AND APPARENTLY THEY USED HIS OWN GUN DURING THE CRIME. THESE PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT SAYS "THE DEFENDANTS FORCIBLY STOLE A 9 MM HANDGUN IN THE POSSESSION OF SGT. RICHMOND LINGARD. POLICE SAY CHRISTOPHER GALES AND MONTEZ THOMAS REPORTEDLY SHOT HIM IN THE STOMACH AND THE MANHUNT WAS ON.

STORY: FLIP FLOP BANK ROBBERY

DATES: 3/27/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: AN ILLINOIS WOMAN FACES FEDERAL CHARGES AFTER POLICE SAY SHE ALLEGEDLY ROBBED HER HOMETOWN BANK AT GUNPOINT. THE WOMAN RAN FROM THE BANK WEARING FLIP-FLOPS..AND WAS CAUGHT JUST HOURS AFTER THE HOLD-UP. NEWS 11'S MICHELLE ANSELMO IS IN LEBANON.. WITH THE CLUES THAT LEAD TO HER QUICK ARREST.

STORY: DOUBLE SHOOTING

DATES: 3/27/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: ST. LOUIS POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR THE GUNMAN RESPONSIBLE FOR A DOUBLE SHOOTING THAT LEFT ONE PERSON DEAD. SHOTS WERE FIRED AROUND SEVEN O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT... ALONG UNION AND THEKLA IN NORTH ST. LOUIS. A YOUNG MAN WAS SHOT IN THE CHEST WHILE GETTING OUT OF HIS CAR... AND A STRAY BULLET HIT AN ELDERLY WOMAN IN THE LEG AS SHE SAT INSIDE HER HOME. THE MAN DIED...THE WOMAN IS EXPECTED TO SURVIVE.

STORY: HOME INVASION

DATES: 3/29/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: A TERRIFYING HOME INVASION IN ST. CHARLES COUNTY ENDED IN GUNFIRE AND THE SUSPECT DEAD. THE DARDENNE PRAIRIE COUPLE NOTICED 20 YEAR OLD WILLIAM CARLTON PEERING INTO THEIR HOUSE THROUGH THEIR FRENCH DOORS. HE THEN THREW A BRICK THROUGH THE DOORS...BARGED IN...AND POLICE SAY BEGAN ASSAULTING THE COUPLE. THE HUSBAND GOT AWAY...GOT A HAND GUN..AND TELLS POLICE HE ORDERED CARLTON TO STOP. THE HOMEOWNER SAYS HE FIRED WHEN THE SUSPECT REFUSED...STRIKING THE MAN IN THE CHEST. CARLTON DIED AT A HOSPITAL.

Health & Healthcare

STORY: NEW HEALTH CLUB- OVERWEIGHT ONLY

DATES: 1/6/12 (4PM), 1/8/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: WANT TO STICK TO YOUR RESOLUTION TO LOSE WEIGHT... HERE'S A WAY ONE GYM FOUND TO OFFER SUPPORT TO THOSE SHY ABOUT GYMS. A HEALTH CLUB IN CHICAGO IS ONLY ALLOWING THOSE WHO ARE OVERWEIGHT TO JOIN. IT'S CALLED DOWNSIZE FITNESS AND IT OPENED LAST OCTOBER. THE OWNERS WANTED TO CREATE A COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR PEOPLE WHO SHY AWAY FROM THE BIGGER GYMS. TO JOIN, YOU NEED TO BE AT LEAST 50 POUNDS OVERWEIGHT.

STORY: SITTING RUINS HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

DATES: 1/9/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: A STUDY REPORTED IN THE JANUARY JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY SAYS BRITISH RESEARCHERS FOUND THAT THOSE WHO SAT FOR MORE THAN 4 HOURS A DAY IN FRONT OF SCREENS WERE TWICE AS LIKELY TO BE HOSPITALIZED OR DIE FROM A MAJOR CARDIAC EVENT... REGARDLESS OF HOW PHYSICALLY ACTIVE THEY WERE OUTSIDE OF THAT.

STORY: CDC WARNING INSULIN PENS

DATES: 1/16/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL IS ISSUING A REMINDER TO PEOPLE IN THE HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY. INSULIN PENS SHOULD NEVER BE REUSED ON MULTIPLE PEOPLE... EVEN IF THE NEEDLE IS CHANGED. THE PENS ARE USED TO INJECT PEOPLE WITH INSULIN. THEY CAN BE USED MULTIPLE TIMES... BUT THE C-D-C SAYS THEY SHOULD ONLY BE USED ON ONE PERSON. THE C-D-C REISSUED ITS WARNING AFTER IT SAYS IT GOT INCREASING REPORTS THAT THE PENS ARE BEING USED ON MULTIPLE PATIENTS.

STORY: ILLINOIS HELPS

DATES: 1/16/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: THE STATE OF ILLINOIS IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS IN CASE OF A MAJOR DISASTER OR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. VOLUNTEERS WOULD SIGN UP FOR A STATEWIDE DATABASE CALLED "ILLINOIS HELPS." OFFICIALS SAY THEY NEED BOTH MEDICAL AND NON-MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS. SO FAR, MORE THAN 37-HUNDRED ILLINOIS RESIDENTS HAVE REGISTERED.

STORY: STEM CELL EYE THERAPY

DATES: 1/24/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: EXCITING BUT PRELIMINARY ADVANCES IN THE AREA OF EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH. DOCTORS USED AN EMBRYO TO CREATE A TREATMENT. THE TREATMENT WAS GIVEN TO TWO WOMEN WHO WERE HAVING TROUBLE SEEING. IN FACT, THEY WERE HAVING PROFOUND VISION LOSS. NOW THEY DIDN'T GET ALL OF THEIR VISION BACK AFTER THE TREATMENT, BUT BOTH OF THEM SAID THAT THEY SAW DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENT.

STORY: FLU CLOSES SCHOOL

DATES: 1/27/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: ILLNESS FORCED EMPTY DESKS AT ONE DISTRICT TODAY. THE PHELPS COUNTY R-3 SCHOOL IN EDGAR SPRINGS....CLOSED TODAY BECAUSE OF THE FLU BUG. ABOUT 50-STUDENTS WERE SICK YESTERDAY. AND BECAUSE OF THE HIGH NUMBER OF ABSENCES...SCHOOL OFFICIALS DECIDED TO CLOSE THE SCHOOL TODAY. PHELPS COUNTY R-3 HAS ABOUT 200-STUDENTS. CLASSES WILL RESUME ON MONDAY.

STORY: MEDICAID SMOKERS

DATES: 1/31/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: A UTAH LAWMAKER IS TAKING ISSUE WITH SMOKERS ON MEDICAID.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE PAUL RAY IS PROPOSING A BILL THAT WOULD MEAN A HIGHER CO-PAY FOR SMOKERS, IN UTAH WHO USE MEDICAID. RAY SAYS SMOKERS ON MEDICAID COST UTAH MORE THAN A HUNDRED- MILLION BUCKS EVERY YEAR. THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION DISAGREES WITH THE PROPOSED BILL, SAYING IT PUNISHES SMOKERS AND DOES NOT ENCOURAGE QUITTING.

STORY: BIRTH CONTROL CONTROVERSY

DATES: 2/9/12 (4PM), 2/10/12 (4PM, 7PM)

SYNOPSIS: CONTRACEPTION IS BIRTHING HEATED DEBATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

PART OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S HEALTH CARE PLAN REQUIRES EMPLOYERS TO COVER BIRTH CONTROL AND OTHER CONTRACEPTIVES. NOW, A MISSOURI STATE SENATOR WANTS TO BLOCK THAT PART OF THE PLAN. HE IS PROPOSING A MEASURE TO AMEND THE STATE'S CONSTITUTION TO FORBID STATE LAWS FROM FORCING AN INDIVIDUAL, EMPLOYER OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO COVER BIRTH CONTROL. THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS SLAMMED THE NEW RULE AS AN ATTACK ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

STORY: DRUG DROPOFF BOX

DATES: 2/15/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: POLICE IN O'FALLON MISSOURI UNVEILED A PERMANENT DRUG DISPOSAL UNIT AIMED AT CURBING PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE. A DRUG TAKE BACK BOX IS NOW IN THE LOBBY OF THE O'FALLON MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT. O'FALLON IS THE SECOND AREA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A PERMANENT DROP OFF LOCATION FOR UNUSED OR EXPIRED MEDICATIONS. O'FALLON POLICE SAY RECENT DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAMS ARE SO SUCCESSFUL, RESIDENTS NEEDED A SAFE WAY TO DISCARD PRESCRIPTION DRUGS EVERYDAY.

STORY: PREGNANCY CARDIOVASCULAR

DATES: 2/17/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: DEVELOPING PREGNANCY-RELATED HYPERTENSION OR DIABETES MAY INCREASE YOUR RISK OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE LATER IN LIFE. RESEARCHERS FOUND WOMEN WITH GESTATIONAL DIABETES HAD A TWENTY-SIX PERCENT GREATER RISK OF DEVELOPING CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE. WOMEN WITH PRECLAMPSIA ... MORE THAN A THIRTY PERCENT RISK. STUDY AUTHORS SAY THE FINDINGS CAN GIVE THESE WOMEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A PRO-ACTIVE APPROACH TO THEIR HEART HEALTH.

STORY: EAT, MOVE, SLEEP

DATES: 2/24/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: HEART DISEASE IS THE NUMBER ONE KILLER IN THIS COUNTRY, BUT 80% OF IT COULD BE PREVENTED BY ADOPTING A BETTER LIFESTYLE. NEWS 11'S JOHN LISK TELLS US ABOUT A SIMPLE STRATEGY THAT CAN HELP AMERICANS GET HEART-HEALTHY.

STORY: HPV RECCOMENDATIONS

DATES: 2/27/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: PARENTS HAVE BEEN HEARING A LOT ABOUT THE HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS OR H-P-V VACCINE. WHAT WAS ONCE DESIGNED FOR YOUNG GIRLS TO PROTECT THEM FROM A VIRUS KNOWN TO BE THE ROOT CAUSES OF CERVICAL CANCER, IS NOW BEING MADE AVAILABLE FOR YOUNG MEN. IS THE VACCINE SAFE. SHOULD YOUR CHILD BE GETTING IT? HERE'S BARBARA HALL WITH TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE.

STORY: FLU OUTBREAK

DATES: 2/27/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: MISSOURI HEALTH OFFICIALS REPORTED 854 NEW FLU CASES LAST WEEK...AND 156 IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY. THOSE NUMBERS ARE STILL LOWER THAN A TYPICAL YEAR... THE MILD FLU SEASON CAN BE TRACED BACK TO A NUMBER OF REASONS INCLUDING THE WARM WINTER...MANY PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO GET OUTSIDE AND AVOID THE SPREAD OF DISEASE IN CONFINED AREAS. THIS YEAR'S STRAIN IS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR'S AND VACCINATIONS MEAN PEOPLE ARE NOT AS SUSCEPTIBLE.

STORY: KIDS AND SUGAR

DATES: 3/1/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: IN TODAY'S STL MOMS REPORT... AMERICAN CHILDREN ARE CONSUMING A LOT OF ADDED SUGAR AND MOST OF IT COMES FROM PROCESSED FOODS - NOT SUGARY DRINKS. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL STUDIED DATA FROM 2005 TO 2008. IT FOUND 59-PERCENT OF CALORIES FROM ADDED SUGAR FROM FOODS - AND 41-PERCENT FROM DRINKS. THE STUDY ALSO FOUND BOYS CONSUMED MORE CALORIES PER DAY THAN GIRLS. THE C-D-C SAYS IT COUNTED ALL SUGARS, WHETHER THEY WERE USED IN FOOD PREPARATIONS OR ADDED AT THE TABLE.

STORY: BIRTH CONTROL VOTE

DATES: 3/1/12 (4PM, 7PM)

SYNOPSIS: A MAJOR VOTE IN THE U.S. SENATE TODAY DEFEATS A BILL TO REVERSE A BIRTH CONTROL RULE IN THE OBAMA HEALTH CARE PLAN. THE MEASURE WAS SPONSORED BY MISSOURI U-S SENATOR ROY BLUNT. IT WAS DEFEATED 51-48. IT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED EMPLOYERS TO OPT OUT OF PROVIDING HEALTH CARE COVERAGE THEY DISAGREE WITH ON MORAL GROUNDS. MANY RELIGIOUS LEADERS, INCLUDING THE NATION'S CATHOLIC BISHOPS, SAID THE OBAMA HEALTH CARE PLAN WOULD HAVE INCLUDED A REQUIREMENT THAT INSURERS COVER THE COSTS OF BIRTH CONTROL.

STORY: VETERANS BATTLING MENTAL HEALTH

DATES: 3/12/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: AS TROOPS RETURN HOME FROM WAR, MORE AND MORE VETERANS ARE FINDING THEMSELVES IN NEED OF TREATMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. MANY OF THEM END UP HAVING TO WAIT FOR LONG PERIODS TO GET THE HELP THEY NEED. ATHENA JONES SPOKE WITH ONE FAMILY WHO HAS STRUGGLED.

STORY: HEALTH – YOGA INJURIES

DATES: 3/13/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF TALK LATELY ABOUT THE POSSIBLE DANGERS OF YOGA. BUT ENTHUSIASTS SAY, IF PRACTICED PROPERLY, THE ANCIENT ART OF HEALING CAN GIVE YOU FLEXIBILITY, HELP YOUR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL STATE, AND ALLEVIATE STRESS. BUT YOU GOT TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING. HERE'S NATASHA CURRY WITH TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE.

STORY: HEALTH CARE LAW BAN

DATES: 3/22/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: A MISSOURI HOUSE PANEL... GAVE ITS SUPPORT TODAY TO A BILL MAKING OBAMA CARE ILLEGAL IN THE SHOW ME STATE. THE LEGISLATION STATES ANY FEDERAL OFFICIAL, AGENT OR EMPLOYEE THAT TRIES TO ENFORCE THE HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL IN THE STATE MAY BE CHARGED. THE PROPOSED BILL ALSO STOPS OFFICIALS FROM ENFORCING THE HEALTH CARE LAW.

STORY: MO WEIGHT LOSS APP

DATES: 3/26/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: THE KEY TO LOSING WEIGHT COULD BE RIGHT IN YOUR POCKET. ONE MISSOURI WOMAN SAYS SHE LOST MORE THAN 100 POUNDS WITH THE HELP OF AN APP. STACEY TOPPED OUT AT 265-POUNDS. BUT WITH THE HELP OF HER TRAINER AND THE APP 'MY FITNESS PAL'... SHE'S KEPT OFF MORE THAN 100 POUNDS. YOU PUT IN YOUR START WEIGHT AND GOAL WEIGHT.... LOG YOUR FOODS FROM A LIST OF HUNDREDS OF CHOICES... AND 'MY FITNESS PAL' DOES THE MATH FOR YOU.

STORY: OBAMA'S HEALTH CARE LAW

DATES: 3/27/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: THE NATION'S TOP JUDGES... ARE HEARING MORE TESTIMONY ON THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH CARE LAW... AND THEIR DECISION WILL IMPACT MILLIONS OF AMERICANS. THE SUPREME COURT'S JUSTICE... ASKING TOUGH QUESTIONS OF THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION. KARIN CAIFA TAKES US INSIDE THE HEARINGS.

STORY: HEALTH CARE RALLIES IN MISSOURI

DATES: 3/27/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: THERE HAVE BEEN RALLIES TAKING PLACE IN THE NATION'S CAPITOL OVER THE FEDERAL HEALTH CARE DEBATE... AND RIGHT HERE IN MISSOURI. NEWS 11'S BETSEY BRUCE SPENT THE DAY IN JEFFERSON CITY... WITH PROTESTORS. SHE HAS MORE ON THE RALLIES THERE.

STORY: CANCER PREVENTABLE

DATES: 3/29/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: MORE THAN HALF OF ALL CANCER IS PREVENTABLE...AND WE KNOW HOW TO DO IT. THAT'S THE MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY'S SITEMAN CANCER CENTER. THEY SAY BY CHANGING JUST ONE RISK FACTOR...LIKE QUITTING SMOKING...EATING A HEALTHY DIET...OR EXERCISING...YOU CAN REDUCE YOUR CHANCES OF GETTING CANCER GREATLY.

STORY: HEALTH CARE & BROCCOLI

DATES: 3/29/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: AT ISSUE HERE IS THE INDIVIDUAL MANDATE - A PART OF THE BILL THAT REQUIRES NEARLY EVERY AMERICAN TO BUY SOME LEVEL OF HEALTH INSURANCE OR FACE A TAX PENALTY OF UP TO 700 DOLLARS A YEAR. THAT'S WHY BROCCOLI KEEPS COMING UP - IT WAS USED AS AN EXAMPLE IN LOWER COURTS AND THEN SUPREME COURT. JUSTICE ANTHONY SCALIA SAID - 'IF YOU CAN FORCE PEOPLE TO BUY HEALTH INSURANCE - YOU CAN FORCE THEM TO BUY BROCCOLI' - IN OTHER WORDS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN'T FORCE YOU TO BUY A PRODUCT.

Finance & Economy

STORY: ECONOMY NYE

DATES: 1/2/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: WHILE THE CONCERN IS GROWING FOR SOME... OTHERS SEE SIGNS THAT THE ECONOMY IS STARTING TO TAKE A TURN. A LOCAL ECONOMIST SAYS THE ROLLER COASTER RIDE OF THE PAST WON'T BE AS BUMPY IN 2012. WEBSTER BUSINESS DEAN DOCTOR BENJAMIN AKANDE SAYS "THERE ARE SEVERAL SECTORS THAT WILL START TO SLOWLY IMPROVE." THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY WILL HELP THE ECONOMY TAKE OFF IN ST. LOUIS... WITH BOEING STARTING TO DELIVER THEIR NEW 747'S.

STORY: WALMART TAXES

DATES: 1/10/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: WALMART SAYS THAT IN THE COMING WEEKS, AMERICANS WILL BEGIN COLLECTING OVER \$31 BILLION DOLLARS IN TAX REFUND CHECKS. NOW THE SUPERSTORE IS EXPANDING ITS FINANCIAL SERVICES WITH THAT THOUGHT IN MIND. WALMART IS TEAMING UP WITH TAX PREPARERS JACKSON HEWITT AND H-AND-R-BLOCK, ADDING OVER 3-THOUSAND TAX PREPARATION KIOSKS IN ITS STORES NATIONWIDE. THE GOAL IS TO PROVIDE LOW COST TAX SERVICES FOR CUSTOMERS ...AND DRAW MORE SHOPPERS INTO ITS STORES.

STORY: ARCH GRANTS DOWNTOWN

DATES: 1/24/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: THE LAW SCHOOL... MAY NOT BE THE ONLY ONES CALLING DOWNTOWN THEIR NEW HOME. ENTREPRENEURS CAN START APPLYING FOR THE ARCH GRANTS CONTEST. THOSE INTERESTED IN STARTING A BUSINESS CAN APPLY FOR A 50 THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT TO START A COMPANY IN ST. LOUIS. FINANCIAL AND LAW SERVICES AS WELL AS MENTORING WILL BE OFFERED. THERE WILL ALSO BE DISCOUNTS ON HOUSING AND OFFICE SPACE.

STORY: IL FINANCIAL DISASTER

DATES: 1/31/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: AN ILLINOIS WATCHDOG GROUP SAYS.. THE STATE'S MONEY PROBLEMS ARE ONLY GOING TO GET WORSE. COULD GROW TO 35 BILLION DOLLARS IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. RIGHT NOW ILLINOIS OWES THOSE GROUPS ABOUT NINE BILLION. THE WATCHDOG GROUP SUGGESTS-- CUTTING RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND REDUCING MEDICAID COSTS.

STORY: IL STATE BUDGET CUTS

DATES: 2/1/12 (4PM, 7PM), 2/2/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: TO THE LAND OF LINCOLN... WHERE BUDGET WOES ARE PLAGUING THE STATE. DURING TODAY'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS... GOVERNOR PAT QUINN.... SAID CUTS TO THE STATE BUDGET WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH TO FIX THE DIRE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS CAUSED BY UNPAID BILLS AND PENSION OBLIGATION.

STORY: JACOLOGY – RIGHT TO WORK

DATES: 2/2/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: MISSOURI IS ALREADY A LOW-TAX STATE FOR BUSINESSES. SOME LAWMAKERS AND COMPANIES WANT TO TURN IT INTO A LOW-WAGE STATE, TOO. THE MISSOURI GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS CONSIDERING A PAIR OF BILLS. ONE MAKES IT HARDER FOR WORKERS TO SUE FOR DISCRIMINATION. ANOTHJER WOULD TURN MISSOURI INTO A SO-CALLED RIGHT-TO-WORK STATE. BOTH OF THESE MEASURES TAKE AIM AT WORKERS. NEITHER DOES ANYTHING TO CREATE JOBS OR PROSPERITY.

STORY: UNEMPLOYMENT

DATES: 2/3/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: HE NEW LABOR DEPARTMENT NUMBERS SHOW THAT THE BIG TIMES SQUARE BALL WASN'T THE ONLY THING THAT DROPPED IN JANUARY -- UNEMPLOYMENT DID, TOO. 243,000 PREVIOUSLY-UNEMPLOYED AMERICANS GOT JOBS. IT'S NEWS PRESIDENT OBAMA WANTS IN THIS ELECTION YEAR. THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPPED FROM 8.5 PERCENT TO 8.3 PERCENT -- BETTER THAN ECONOMISTS EXPECTED. THE STRONGEST GROWTH WAS IN MANUFACTURING, LEISURE, HOSPITALITY, AND HEALTHCARE.

STORY: HOME FORECLOSURES

DATES: 2/7/12 (7PM), 2/10/12 (12PM)

SYNOPSIS: HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS. A NATION-WIDE SETTLEMENT IS FORCING THE FIVE LARGEST MORTGAGE LENDERS...TO REDUCE LOANS FOR ABOUT A MILLION HOUSEHOLDS. BANK OF AMERICA, J-P MORGAN CHASE, WELLS FARGO, CITIGROUP AND ALLY FINANCIAL... WILL REDUCE LOANS FOR HOMEOWNERS WHO ARE BEHIND ON THEIR PAYMENTS....AND OWE MORE THAN THEIR HOMES ARE WORTH.

STORY: JACOLOGY – CREDIT BORROWING

DATES: 2/13/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: THE FEDS SAY OUR NATIONAL SAVINGS RATE IS AROUND FOUR PER-CENT. THOSE OF US WHO CAN AFFORD TO SAVE...ARE ONLY PUTTING AWAY AN AVERAGE OF FOUR PER-CENT OF OUR EARNINGS...NOT NEARLY ENOUGH. ON TOP OF THAT...AROUND 12 PER CENT OF ALL MORTGAGES ARE DELINQUENT. THAT MEANS ONE OUT OF EVERY EIGHT OF US...IS BEHIND ON OUR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS. SO WHILE THINGS ARE GETTING SLOWLY BETTER....THEY'RE STILL NOT NEARLY GOOD ENOUGH FOR US TO BE BORROWING THIS MUCH MONEY.

STORY: MILITARY FAMILIES HELPED

DATES: 2/15/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: A MISSOURI CONGRESSMAN IS BEHIND CHANGES THAT WILL HELP EASE THE BURDEN ON MILITARY FAMILIES. RUSS CARNAHAN PUSHED FOR THE MILITARY SPOUSE JOB CONTINUITY ACT... WHICH THE WHITE HOUSE UNVEILED TODAY. IT AIMS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR MILITARY SPOUSES TO TRANSITION TO JOBS ACROSS STATE LINES... CUTTING DOWN ON THE FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS FOR GETTING NEW PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS.

STORY: GOV QUINN - BUDGET

DATES: 2/22/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: LLINOIS GOVERNOR PAT QUINN TOLD LAWMAKERS TODAY IT IS TIME TO BE TRUTHFUL ABOUT THE STATE'S FINANCIAL TROUBLES. HE PRESENTED A BUDGET TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT RELIES ON THEM TO FIND CUTS TO BOTH MEDICAID PROGRAMMING AND STATE PENSIONS. NEWS 11'S BETSEY BRUCE IS IN SPRINGFIELD WHERE LAWMAKERS ARE FACING SOME VERY TOUGH CHOICES.

STORY: EMPLOYMENT IN MISSOURI

DATES: 2/28/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: FINDING WORK IN MISSOURI IS GETTING EASIER. UNEMPLOYMENT IN MISSOURI IS SEVEN POINT FIVE PERCENT, AFTER 21 THOUSAND NEW JOBS WERE FILLED IN JANUARY. GOVERNOR NIXON SAYS THE JOBLESS RATE IS THE LOWEST IT'S BEEN SINCE NOVEMBER 2008. HE CREDITS POLICIES FOCUSED ON CREATING JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES.

STORY: EDWARDSVILLE SCHOOL JOB CUTS

DATES: 3/3/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: JOR BUDGET CUTS -- ANNOUNCED IN THE EDWARDS-VILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT -- LAST NIGHT. 86 JOBS -- INCLUDING DOZENS OF TEACHING POSITIONS -- WILL BE ELIMINATED. IN TOTAL -- CLOSE TO 40 TEACHERS -- WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS -- AS WELL AS -- 10 ADMINISTRATORS, TWO MAINTENANCE WORKERS, AND 35-EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF MEMBERS. ALMOST 3 MILLION DOLLARS IS BEING SLASHED FROM THE BUDGET AND ACCORDING TO DISTRICT LEADERS, THE STATE OF ILLINOIS IS TO BLAME.

STORY: SCOTT AFB LAYOFFS

DATES: 3/7/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: HUNDREDS OF MILITARY JOBS ARE ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK AROUND MISSOURI AND ILLINOIS. MORE THAN 200 JOBS FOR THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD AT JEFFERSON BARRACKS AND 500 ACTIVE DUTY AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AT SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE ARE PART OF PROPOSED CUTS. OTHER AIRFORCE CUTS ARE PROPOSED AT WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE AND IN ST. JOSEPH.

STORY: GAS PRICES DIP

DATES: 3/8/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: PRICES ROSE STEADILY FOR 27 DAYS STRAIGHT, BEFORE DIPPING A BIT THIS WEEK. WEDNESDAY, REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE NEWT GINGRICH CAMPAIGNED ON THE ISSUE IN ALABAMA. PRESIDENT OBAMA ALSO SAYS PRICES ARE TOO HIGH. PRESIDENT OBAMA SAYS DOMESTIC OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION IS THE HIGHEST IT'S BEEN IN NINE YEARS. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED A CLEAN-ENERGY PLAN THIS WEEK IN NORTH CAROLINA.

STORY: ILLINOIS PRISON BUDGET

DATES: 3/13/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: ILLINOIS GOVERNOR PAT QUINN'S PRISON BUDGET PLAN NOT ONLY CALLS FOR CLOSING EIGHT FACILITIES -- BUT ALSO 12 MILLION DOLLAR CUTS IN DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT AND JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS. A PRISON WATCHDOG GROUP SAYS CUTTING THOSE SERVICES WILL LEAVE EX-CONVICTS ILL-PREPARED FOR LIFE AS A FREE CITIZENS AND THEY COULD END UP BACK IN PRISON.

STORY: NCAA -- LOCAL ECONOMY

DATES: 3/20/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: MARCH MADNESS HAS ALREADY TAKEN OVER ST. LOUIS. AND NOW THE CITY IS GEARING UP FOR A FRONT ROW SEAT.. AT THE N-C-DOUBLE-A THE SECOND ROUND OF THE MIDWEST REGIONAL.. WILL BE PLAYED AT THE EDWARD JONES DOME. MONDAY THE FLOOR FOR THE GAMES WAS LAID.. AND ALL THE LIGHTING WAS INSPECTED. THE ST. LOUIS CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION.. SAYS THE REGIONAL WILL BRING IN PLENTY OF FANS AND THEIR CHECKBOOKS.. TO DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS.

STORY: MEGA MILLIONS JACKPOT

DATES: 3/27/12 (NOON, 4PM, 7PM), 3/28/12 (4PM, 7PM), 3/29/12 (4PM, 7PM) 3/30/12 (NOON, 4PM, 7PM),

SYNOPSIS: A FUTURE MILLIONAIRE MIGHT BE WAKING UP THIS MORNING IN ST. LOUIS. THE MEGA MILLIONS JACKPOT IS UP TO 363 MILLION DOLLARS. THE ODDS FOR PICKING THE WINNING COMBINATION...ARE ONE IN MORE THAN 175 MILLION. IF YOU LIVE IN ILLINOIS... YOU CAN NOW BUY YOUR LOTTERY TICKETS ON-LINE.

Charities

STORY: THE CIRCLE OF CONCERN

DATES: 1/2/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: IN THIS TIGHT ECONOMY A RECORD NUMBER OF PEOPLE TURNED TO CHARITIES FOR HELP. THE CIRCLE OF CONCERN... SAYS IT SAW 13 PERCENT JUMP IN 2011. THE VALLEY PARK CHARITY ESTIMATES IT HELPED FEED MORE THAN 25 THOUSAND PEOPLE. BASED ON TRENDS DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS... THE GROUP IS EXPECTING TO FEED EVEN MORE PEOPLE IN 2012.

STORY: CARCINOMA FUNDRAISER

DATES: 1/8/12 (4PM, 7PM)

SYNOPSIS: A ST. LOUIS WOMAN IS FACING THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OF HER LIFE. SHE HAS A RARE CANCER AND THERE'S NOT REALLY CHEMOTHERAPY FOR IT YET. THIS WOMAN AND HER FRIENDS ARE TEAMING UP FOR A FIGHT TOGETHER TONIGHT AT THE SOUTH COUNTY HOLIDAY INN, 100% OF THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO HELP PAY HER MEDICAL EXPENSES.

STORY: PARADE FUNDRAISER

DATES: 1/31/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: ABOUT 100-THOUSAND PEOPLE TOOK PART IN SATURDAY'S PARADE TO WELCOME HOME TROOPS. THE EVENT WAS SO SUCCESSFUL, IT INSPIRED A NEW NATIONWIDE CHALLENGE... TO RAISE SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS IN SEVEN DAYS. ORGANIZERS WANT THE PUBLIC TO THINK ABOUT WHAT THE TROOPS HAVE DONE FOR OUR NATION, THIS WEEK IN PARTICULAR. THE MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO 'THE MISSION CONTINUES'... A ST. LOUIS BASED NON-PROFIT THAT HELPS VETERANS TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE.

STORY: RISE AND SHINE

DATES: 2/10/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: THIS WAS THE MORNING TO RISE AND SHINE FOR A WORTHY CAUSE. HARDEE'S HOLDING ITS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR HEAT UP ST. LOUIS. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "HAVE A HEART...HEAT A HOME." HARDEE'S SAUSAGE AND EGG BISCUITS WERE SOLD FOR A REDUCED PRICE OF ONE DOLLAR. MONEY COLLECTED WILL HELP KEEP THE HEAT ON FOR ELDERLY AND LOW INCOME FAMILIES IN THE METRO AREA WHO ARE HAVING TROUBLE WITH THEIR UTILITY BILLS.

STORY: JAYCEE PARK FUNDRAISER

DATES: 2/17/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: THE CITY OF ST CHARLES IS RAISING MONEY TO MAKE SOME VERY IMPORTANT UPGRADES TO JAY-CEE PARK. NEWS 11'S SHAWN DREA THOMAS SPOKE TO ONE PARENT WHO'S GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO MAKE THE PARK A REALITY.

STORY: RED LIGHT ACCIDENT FUNDRAISER

DATES: 2/22/12 (4PM, 7PM)

SYNOPSIS: THE FAMILY OF A YOUNG WOMAN... KILLED IN A RED LIGHT CAMERA CRASH IS RAISING MONEY TO HELP PAY FOR HER FUNERAL. AND WE WANT TO WARN YOU... THE IMAGES OF THE CRASH MAY BE DISTURBING. DAIONSHA {DAY-ON-SHAY} SCOTT DIED SATURDAY WHEN A DRIVER RAN THE LIGHT... HITTING THE CAR SHE WAS IN... AND PLOWING INTO A METRO BUS. SCOTT AND 21 YEAR OLD MORION ROBINSON DIED. THE OWNER OF THE QUICK STOP NEAR THE CRASH SITE ON NATURAL BRIDGE HOSTED A BARBEQUE FUNDRAISER TO HELP COLLECT THE MONEY.

STORY: AMERICAN LIVER FOUNDATION BOOGIEBALL

DATES: 2/23/12 (7PM) 2/24/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: A LITTLE BOY FROM IMPERIAL, MISSOURI HAS BEEN NAMED THE AMERICAN LIVER FOUNDATION "AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR." JAX GUFFEY UNDERWENT A LIVER TRANSPLANT IN 2010 WHEN HE WAS 11 MONTHS OLD. HE AND HIS FAMILY WILL BE HONORED TOMORROW NIGHT, FEBRUARY 24TH, AT THE AMERICAN LIVER FOUNDATION "BOOGIE BALL", 7 PM AT THE RITZ-CARLTON HOTEL IN CLAYTON. YOU CAN TAKE PART AND HELP OUT THE LIVER FOUNDATION AND DANCE TO THE TUNES OF "THE GROOVE THANG" TO A 1970S THEMED EVENING.

STORY: STARK FAMILY FUNDRAISER

DATES: 2/25/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: AN ILLINOIS COMMUNITY IS RALLYING AROUND A FAMILY DEVASTATED BY A FATAL FIRE. TONIGHT RESIDENTS IN THE JERSEYVILLE AREA ARE HOLDING A FUND RAISER TO BENEFIT THE STARK FAMILY. NEWS ELEVEN'S BETSEY BRUCE JOINS US FROM THE EVENT WITH MORE ON THE EFFORT.

STORY: ARNOLD FIRE DONATION

DATES: 2/26/12 (7PM), 2/27/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: ONE WEEK AGO TONIGHT - A TERRIBLE FIRE SWEEPED THROUGH AN ARNOLD HOME. A MOTHER AND FATHER HAD TO BE RESCUED FROM THEIR ROOF...THEY SURVIVED, BUT NONE OF THEIR POSSESSIONS DID. NEWS 11'S TERESA WOODARD REPORTS ON AN EFFORT TO HELP, ORGANIZED BY FRIENDS...ONE WITH A SHARED HISTORY.

STORY: CINDERELLA PROJECT

DATES: 3/3/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: IT'S EVERY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR'S FAVORITE TIME OF YEAR: GRADUATION, AND PROM. A SPECIAL PROJECT IN ST. LOUIS MAKES SURE GIRLS...GET THE DRESSES OF THEIR DREAMS...EVEN WHEN THEY CAN'T AFFORD IT. NEWS 11'S TERESA WOODARD HAS MORE DETAILS ...ABOUT AN...UPCOMING FUNDRAISER TO HELP MAKE...EVERY GIRL, THE BELL OF THE BALL.

STORY: MILLIONTH CAN DONATION

DATES: 3/14/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: ST. LOUIS CITY SCHOOLS... ARE DOING THEIR PART TO FILL FOOD BANKS... ALL YEAR LONG. THE HEARTS FOR HUNGER FOOD DRIVE COLLECTED ITS MILLIONTH CAN FOR LOCAL PANTRIES. THE STUDENT WHO COLLECT THAT MILESTONE CAN WAS HONORED. THE PROGRAM IS IN ITS TENTH YEAR.

STORY: "HOMERS" FOR HEALTH

DATES: 3/26/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: VERYTIME THE BALL LEAVES THE PARK THIS SEASON ... THERE MAY BE ANOTHER REASON TO CELEBRATE. HOME RUNS COULD MEAN MONEY FOR S.S.M CARDINAL GLENNON CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER. "HOMERS FOR HEALTH" WAS INTRODUCED LIVE ON THE WEB BY POPULAR PLAYERS DAVID FREESE AND MATT HOLIDAY IN FLORIDA. CARDINALS FANS ARE ASKED TO MAKE PLEDGES - STARTING AT A QUARTER - FOR EVERY HOMERUN THE CARDINALS HIT THIS SEASON.

STORY: EGG DONATION – FOOD BANK

DATES: 3/27/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: LOCAL FARMERS MAKING AN INCREDIBLE DONATION... OF THOUSANDS OF INCREDIBLE, EDIBLE EGGS. ST. LOUIS AREA EGG FARMERS DELIVERED MORE THAN 280 THOUSAND EGGS TO THE ST. LOUIS AREA FOODBANK IN TIME FOR EASTER. THIS IS THE FIFTH YEAR... FARMERS DONATED THE EGGS... WHICH ARE A MUCH NEEDED SOURCE OF PROTEIN... AND OFTEN HARD TO ACQUIRE.

STORY: UNDY 5000 EVENT

DATES: 3/31/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE RAN IN FOREST PARK..IN THEIR UNDERWEAR...DURING THE FOURTH..ANNUAL "UNDY 5000" TO HELP FIGHT COLON CANCER. NEWS 11'S KIM HUDSON REPORTS. THE EMCEE...IS A RECENT SURVIVOR.. AND A BELOVED MEMBER OF THE FOX 2 - NEWS 11 FAMILY – ROCHE MADDEN.

Recalls

STORY: CHEVY VOLT RECALL

DATES: 1/5/12 (7PM), 1/8/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: GENERAL MOTORS IS RECALLING THE CHEVY VOLT TO MAKE SOME CHANGES. RIGHT NOW.. IF THE CAR IS HIT FROM THE SIDE.. THE COOLANT COULD BEGIN TO LEAK.. WHICH COULD SPARK A FIRE. DEALERS ARE ADDING ANOTHER METAL STRUCTURE AROUND THE BATTERY PACK TO HELP IN CASE A CRASH HAPPENS.

STORY: NOVARTIS DRUG RECALL

DATES: 1/9/12 (NOON, 7PM, 1/10/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: TIME TO CHECK THE MEDICINE CABINET. SOME BOTTLES OF EXCEDRIN, NODOZ, BUFFERIN AND GAS-X ARE BEING RECALLED. DRUG MAKER 'NOVARTIS' SAYS THERE ARE CONCERNS THE BOTTLES COULD CONTAIN STRAY PILLS FROM OTHER MEDICINES, OR CHIPPED OR BROKEN TABLETS. THE MEDS AFFECTED INCLUDE BOTTLES OF EXCEDRIN AND NO-DOZ WITH EXPIRATION DATES OF DECEMBER 20TH, 2014...OR EARLIER.

STORY: MINI COOPER RECALL

DATES: 1/16/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: DRIVERS BEWARE... NEARLY 90-THOUSAND MINI COOPERS ARE BEING RECALLED BECAUSE OF A POSSIBLE FIRE HAZARD.THE RECALL INCLUDES SOME MODELS MADE BETWEEN 2006 AND 2011... INCLUDING MINI COOPER CLUBMAN VEHICLES AND MINI COOPER CONVERTIBLES. A FAULTY CIRCUIT BOARD INSIDE A WATER PUMP IS TO BLAME. THE DEVICE CAN MALFUNCTION AND OVERHEAT.

STORY: BIRTH CONTROL RECALL

DATES: 2/1/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: MORE THAN ONE-MILLIONS PACKS OF ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES FROM PFIZER ARE BEING RECALLED AFTER THE COMPANY DISCOVERED A PROBLEM WITH INCORRECT DAILY DOSAGES THAT COULD RESULT IN PREGNANCY. THE RECALL INVOLVES LO-OVRAL 28 TABLETS AND A GENERIC VERSION OF THE BIRTH CONTROL PILLS. THE COMPANY SAYS THE PROBLEM WAS IDENTIFIED AND CORRECTED AND THEY'VE HAD NO REPORTS OF ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS.

STORY: INFANT TYLENOL RECALL

DATES: 2/17/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: JOHNSON AND JOHNSON IS VOLUNTARILY RECALLING MORE THAN A HALF MILLION BOTTLES OF GRAPE-FLAVORED LIQUID INFANT TYLENOL IN THE UNITED STATES. THE DRUGMAKER ISSUING THE RECALL AS A PRECAUTION AFTER PARENTS COMPLAINED ABOUT PROBLEMS WITH THE SIMPLE MEASURE DOSING SYSTEM. IT INCLUDES A DOSING SYRINGE WHICH WHEN INSERTED INTO THE BOTTLE GOES INTO A FLOW RESTRICTOR SO THE DOSE IS MEASURED PROPERLY.

STORY: BIRTH CONTROL RECALL

DATES: 2/28/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: "GLENMARK GENERICS" ISSUING A RECALL OF SEVEN LOTS OF BIRTH CONTROL PILLS. THE PILLS ARE LABELED "NOR-GESTIMATE AND ETHINYL ES-TRA-DIOL TABLETS." BECAUSE OF A PACKAGING ERROR... SOME OF THE PILLS WERE PLACED IN THE WRONG ORDER WITHIN THE PACKS. AND WOMEN MAY NOT BE GETTING THE CORRECT HORMONES.. LEAVING THEM AT RISK FOR AN UNPLANNED PREGNANCY.

STORY: GERBER FORMULA RECALL

DATES: 3/11/12 (7PM), 3/12/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: GERBER HAS ISSUED A RECALL FOR SOME POWDERED INFANT FORMULA. THE RECALL IS RELATED TO GERBER GOOD START GENTLE POWDERED INFANT FORMULA IN 23-POINT-2 OUNCE PLASTIC PACKAGING. THE PRODUCT NUMBER IS G-X-P-1-6-8-4 WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF MARCH 5TH, 2013. OFFICIALS SAY THE FORMULA DOES NOT POSE A HEALTH RISK, BUT IT MIGHT HAVE A FOUL ODOR.

STORY: RECALL – CHILD SAFETY LOCKS

DATES: 3/23/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: IN TODAY'S STL-MOMS REPORT... A RECALL ON CHILD SAFETY LOCKS FOR YOUR HOME. THE U-S CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION SAYS 900-THOUSAND PUSH "N" SNAP CABINET LOCKS PRODUCED BY DOREL INDUSTRIES ARE BEING RECALLED. THEY REPORT... THE LOCKS DON'T ADEQUATELY SECURE CABINETS. THE C-P-S-C SAYS YOUNG CHILDREN CAN GET THROUGH THE LOCKS, POSSIBLY LEADING TO EXPOSURE TO UNSAFE OR HAZARDOUS ITEMS.

Technology

STORY: ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL LAW

DATES: 1/1/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: THE NEW YEAR ALSO MEANS AN ELECTRONICS BAN IN ILLINOIS LANDFILLS. STARTING TODAY... PEOPLE ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED TO THROW AWAY... UNWANTED ELECTRONICS... IN THE TRASH. COMPUTERS... MONITORS... ELECTRONIC KEYBOARDS..AND OTHER ITEMS HAVE TO BE TAKEN TO A REGISTERED RE-CYCLER FOR DISPOSAL.

STORY: IPAD AS PASSPORT

DATES: 1/5/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: A MONTREAL MAN CREDITS HIS IPAD WITH SAVING THE DAY AFTER HE FORGOT HIS PASSPORT ON A TRIP TO THE U-S. HE SAYS HE JUST HAPPENED TO HAVE A SCANNED COPY ON HIS DEVICE. AS NEWS 11'S KRISTIN FALCAO TELLS US, THAT WAS ENOUGH TO GET HIM ACROSS THE BORDER.

STORY: NEW INFRARED-LIKE TECHNOLOGY - POLICE

DATES: 1/18/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: NEW YORK CITY POLICE TRYING TO UP THEIR CRIME FIGHTING GAME. N-Y-P-D IS LOOKING INTO INFRARED-LIKE TECHNOLOGY THAT WOULD ALLOW OFFICERS TO SEE IF SOMEONE IS CARRYING A WEAPON. THE DEVICE WOULD BE ABLE TO READ THE ENERGY EMITTED FROM PEOPLE... AND SHOW WHERE THE ENERGY IS BLOCKED BY AN OBJECT LIKE A GUN. RIGHT NOW THE DEVICE IS NOT PORTABLE...IT'S ABOUT THE SIZE OF A FLAT SCREEN TV.

STORY: SOLDIER HI TECH

DATES: 1/19/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: AN IRAQ WAR VET FROM MISSOURI IS BECOMING THE FIRST VETERAN IN THE COUNTRY TO USE A NEW PROSTHETIC TECHNOLOGY. HE LOST HIS RIGHT LEG IN SEPTEMBER 2003 WHILE SERVING IN IRAQ AS AN ARMY SERGEANT. HE'S BEEN USING WALKING SOCKETS THAT WEIGH ABOUT A POUND AND A HALF EACH. THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY MAKES SOCKETS LIGHTER, FASTER, AND STRONGER.

STORY: IPAD SHOULDER

DATES: 1/26/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: BEWARE OF THE SO CALLED IPAD SHOULDER. RESEACHERS NOW SAY TABLET COMPUTERS CAN ENCOURAGE POOR POSTURE. APPARENTLY, USING A TABLET ON YOUR LAP MEANS YOU LOOK DOWN MORE, PUTTING PRESSURE ON YOUR JOINTS. THAT CAN LEAD TO ACHING SHOULDERS AND NECK INJURIES.

STORY: AFGHANISTAN ULTRASOUND

DATES: 2/10/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: ANY COUPLES WILL BE SPENDING VALENTINE'S DAY SHARING THE LOVE IN THEIR HEARTS. FOR ONE METRO EAST COUPLE AN EXTRA HEART IS BEATING THIS HOLIDAY. AND THANKS TO TECHNOLOGY A MAN SERVING THE NAVY IN AFGHANISTAN GOT TO HEAR HIS UNBORN BABY'S HEART BEAT FROM AN ULTRASOUND IN BELLEVILLE.

STORY: APPLE STOCK

DATES: 2/13/12 (4PM)

SYNOPSIS: IF YOU HAD THE CHANCE TO BUY APPLE STOCK YEARS AGO... YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHANGE THE CHANNEL. SHARES OF APPLE HIT AN ALL-TIEM HIGH... REACHING FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TODAY. RECORD SALES OF THE IPHONE AND IPAD PUSHED THE SURGE. JUST THREE YEARS AGO, APPLE SHARES TRADED AT 78-DOLLARS.

STORY: MICROCHIP MEDICINE

DATES: 2/17/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: IMAGINE HAVING YOUR MEDICINE DELIVERED BY REMOTE CONTROL... IT'S NOT THAT FAR AWAY. MASSACHUSETTS RESEARCHERS HAVE DEVELOPED AND SUCCESSFULLY TESTED A DRUG-RELEASING MICRO-CHIP IN HUMANS. IT'S THE SIZE OF A PACEMAKER AND IS IMPLANTED NEAR THE WAISTLINE. DOCTORS WERE ABLE DELIVER AS MANY AS 19 DAILY DOSES OF MEDS ... WHICH NORMALLY WOULD REQUIRE INJECTIONS.

STORY: STEM CELLS – GROW HUMAN EGGS

DATES: 2/27/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: IN TODAY'S STL MOMS REPORT... NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR TREATING INFERTILITY. SCIENTISTS IN MASSACHUSETTS ARE USING STEM CELLS TO GROW HUMAN EGGS. THEY FIRST TESTED THE THEORY ON MICE, CULTIVATING EGGS THAT COULD BE FERTILIZED AND PRODUCE EMBRYOS. THEY WERE ABLE TO PRODUCE IMMATURE EGG CELLS USING HUMAN OVARIES. THE WORK IS STILL IN THE EARLY STAGES.

STORY: NEW GOOGLE PRIVACY POLICY

DATES: 3/1/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: IF YOU USE GOOGLE - LISTEN UP. THE COMPANY'S NEW PRIVACY POLICY GOES INTO EFFECT TODAY. IF YOU HAVE A GOOGLE ACCOUTN - THE COMPANY IS GOING TO KEEP TRACK OF EVERYTHING YOU DO ON ALL OF ITS SITES. A SENIOR ATTORNEY AT GOOGLE, KEITH ENRIGHT, HELPED DRAFT THE COMPANY'S CONTROVERSIAL NEW PRIVACY POLICY. IT DOES THAT BY KEEPING TRACK OF ALL YOUR ACTIVITY ACROSS ALL OF GOOGLE'S SITES, LIKE YOUTUBE, GMAIL AND MAPS. IT TAKES THAT INFORMATION AND BUILDS A PROFILE OF YOU TO DISPLAY MORE RELEVANT ADS AND SEARCH RESULTS.

STORY: COLLEGE COMPUTER PROGRAM CATCHES CHEATERS

DATES: 3/5/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: IN TODAY'S STL MOMS.... GOT A COLLEGE-BOUND KID? BETTER WARN THEM NOT TO COPY AND PASTE. A COMPUTER PROGRAM IS HELPING COLLEGES SCAN FOR APPLICATION SCAMMERS. AND THE TECHNOLOGY IS TAKING DOWN PLAGIARIZERS. THE PROGRAM SCANS A STUDENT'S WORK, THEN CROSS MATCHES IT WITH THE INTERNET, LOOKING FOR THE TELL TALE SIGNS OF A COPY AND PASTE JOB. AND IT'S NOT JUST WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND THESIS PAPERS.

STORY: SIREN FAILURE

DATES: 3/6/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: RALPH PHILLIPS HAS LIVED PEACEFULLY IN LAKEWOOD ESTATES SINCE 2001. WHEN THE STORM HIT, IT WASN'T THE SIRENS THAT WOKE HIM. THE CITY OF BRANSON HAS 23 TORNADO SIRENS. THIS ONE DIDN'T WORK BEFORE THE STORM... AND ANOTHER ONE WAS DAMAGED AFTER THE STORM. BUT THAT WASN'T THE ONLY THING THAT DIDN'T WARN RESIDENTS. THE SYSTEM SENDS TARGETED MESSAGES TO CELL PHONES AND LAND LINES IN TIMES OF SEVERE WEATHER. WHEN THE EF-2 TORNADO HIT NOTHING WAS SENT. THE CHIEF SAYS THE CODE RED PROBLEM WASN'T THE CITY'S FAULT - THEY SIMPLY DIDN'T TURN THE SYSTEM ON.

STORY: ILLINOIS CELL PHONE BAN

DATES: 3/9/12

SYNOPSIS: A BAN ON USING HAND-HELD CELLPHONES WHILE DRIVING MAY SOON EXPAND STATEWIDE. THE ILLINOIS HOUSE PASSED THE BAN ON A CLOSE VOTE AND SENT THE MEASURE TO THE SENATE. THE LAW WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE ONE IN CHICAGO WHICH REQUIRES DRIVERS TO USE A HANDS-FREE DEVICE FOR THEIR PHONES. BUT THE STATE PENALTY IS TOUGHER BECAUSE IT WOULD BE A MOVING VIOLATION ... NOT JUST A TICKET .. AS IT IS IN CHICAGO. DRIVERS CAN LOSE THEIR LICENSES IF THEY GET THREE MOVING VIOLATIONS WITHIN A YEAR.

STORY: HYATT USING INTERNET BASED TV

DATES: 3/13/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: A MAJOR HOTEL CHAIN IS GETTING MORE IN TUNE WITH ITS TECH-SAVVY CUSTOMERS. HYATT WILL BECOME THE FIRST MAJOR HOTEL BRAND TO OFFER AN IN-ROOM TV SYSTEM CENTERED AROUND THE INTERNET, ACCORDING TO USA TODAY. GUESTS IN ALL FULL-SERVICE HYATT HOTELS IN NORTH AMERICA WILL BE ABLE TO LOG ONTO THEIR FACEBOOK ACCOUNT OR STREAM A MOVIE FROM THEIR NETFLIX ACCOUNT AND PLAY THE CONTENT ON THE 40 TO 50 INCH TV IN THEIR ROOM. YOU'LL BE ABLE TO USE YOUR I-PAD, LAPTOP AND OTHER DEVICES TO OPERATE THE TV.

STORY: STOP TEXTING DRIVING APP

DATES: 3/18/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: A LITTLELTON, COLORADO FATHER HAS A PLAN TO HELP STOP TEXTING AND DRIVING. TROY ORNER CREATED AN APP FOR CELL PHONES THAT BLOCKS CALLS, E-MAILS, AND TEXTS WHILE DRIVING. THE FATHER OF TRIPLETS GOT THE IDEA AS HE THOUGHT MORE ABOUT HIS KIDS DRIVING.

STORY: NEW IPAD PROBLEMS

DATES: 3/21/12 (7PM)

SYNOPSIS: APPLE'S NEW I-PAD HAS BEEN ON STORE SHELVES FOR LESS THAN A WEEK -- BUT CONSUMERS ARE ALREADY VOICING COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE DEVICE. THE BIGGEST ISSUE SEEMS TO BE HOW HOT THE NEW I-PAD GETS -- ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S PROCESSOR IS WORKING HARD TO PUMP OUT HIGH DEFINITION GRAPHICS. CHECK OUT THIS PICTURE FROM CONSUMER REPORTS TAKEN WITH A THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA. IT SHOWS THE I-PAD TWO ON THE LEFT AND THE NEW I-PAD ON THE RIGHT.

STORY: GOOGLE PHONE ADS

DATES: 3/23/12 (NOON)

SYNOPSIS: GOOGLE... GETTING READY TO DO A LITTLE MORE SPYING ON YOU... TO MAKE MORE AD MONEY. THE SEARCH ENGINE GIANT HAS FILED FOR A PATENT CALLED "ADVERTISING BASED ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS." GOOGLE PLANS TO SPY ON BACKGROUND NOISE IN YOUR PHONE CALLS TO BOMBARD YOU WITH TAILORED ADVERTISEMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE IF YOU'RE TALKING AND GOOGLE HEARS KIDS IN THE BACKGROUND YOU MIGHT GET ADS FOR KIDS PRODUCTS AND MORE.