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Crime and Safety	The Statewide Emergency Food Provider, Montana Food Bank Network, is promoting awareness through "CAN-struction", April 9-12. Kathryn McCleery, Administrator for MFBN hopes that the event will make the public aware of the need for steady food contributions in the event of area emergencies that may cause displacement of residents and other hardships.	040610 Interview
Crime and Safety	A tough economy means that fewer traffic tickets will be issued around the state. Budget cuts have led to decreased numbers of officers on the streets in western Montana cities. It is the opinion of some law enforcement and safety officials that drivers tend to drive more aggressively when patrols are thin, however that statement is countered by the decreased number of accidents on Montana's roads. Although patrol budgets could be smaller for some time, it is believed that the increased budgets for drunk driving campaigns have had a favorable impact on driver safety.	041910 2:27 PKG
Crime and Safety	A Driver Safety Program for Senior Citizens, sponsored by AARP, will be held today at St. Patrick Hospital from 9-11 a.m. The program is designed to make older drivers more aware of safe driving techniques to keep them and other people on the road safe. For more information call 543-7184.	040910 1:29 VO
Crime and Safety	The National Association of Childcare Resources gives Montana a failing grade as far as how Public Health and Safety governs the licensing of small family childcare home facilities, which approves licenses for homecare facilities before inspecting them. Current regulations by the state do not require routine inspections of home	041910 01:37 Reader

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	<p>daycare facilities, nor does it call for comprehensive background checks on providers. A spokesman for Public Health and Safety says that licensees are approved before inspections so that children are present when inspections do take place.</p>	
Crime and Safety	<p>Officials in Iceland have evacuated the area around the ash-spewing volcano that has air travel restricted in European airspace. Some major airlines sent test flights into the subject airspace and found no damage to engines from the ash, therefore raising pressure on governments to ease the restrictions on flying. Some airports in Europe have reopened, but authorities in Britain, France, Germany and Netherlands still report closed airspace, leaving some 12,500 travelers waiting for a way to get home. Australia's Qantas said it will continue to cancel flights to Europe for at least another day.</p>	041910 0:53 VO/SOT/TAG
Crime and Safety	<p>Montana Tech officials are addressing reports that Arab students have been harassed and mistreated in Butte. Two students are transferring to other colleges after experiencing vandalism to their cars, mistreatment in stores, restaurants and bars, and threats by telephone. Butte Police have not made a public determination on whether the incidents are racially motivated, however officials at Montana Tech will be conferencing with other schools to explore ways to educate students and the public on racial tolerance and acceptance.</p>	041910 0:58 VO/SOT
Crime and Safety	<p>Prosecutors have charged two men, Jeffrey Nixon and Robert Lake, with murdering a Kalispell medical marijuana patient, Wesley Collins, who is a convicted felon, reported missing on April 12th. His beaten body was discovered five days later. Investigators claim Nixon</p>	042310 2:12 PKG

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	<p>and Lake plotted to kill Collins for his medical marijuana, prescription pills and money. According to charging documents, officers responded when a neighbor spotted the accused moving the deceased's pot plants and reported a burglary in progress. Nixon and Lake beat Collins with hammers while smoking dope with him, borrowed a truck to dump his body west of Kalispell, then returned to Collins apartment to clean the walls and carpets. Police apprehended Lake after he jumped from a second-floor window. Lake's arrest led police to Nixon.</p>	
Crime and Safety	<p>A third man, Cody Naldrett, has been arrested in the murder of Wesley Collins. He is being charged with helping Jeffrey Nixon and Robert Lake to dispose of Collin's body, and also for possessing dangerous drugs. Nixon and Lake had been familiar faces at Shawn Stipe's "Dragon's Den Tattoos Studio, known as a hangout for sometimes large gatherings of "Third and Main Kids". Stipe says he opened his shop to give the kids a place to get together in a drug and alcohol-free environment, offering them job training and substance abuse counseling. Stipe says that he hopes the actions of a few will not become a label for all of the others finding hope and help at his shop.</p>	042310 0:57 PKG
Crime and Safety	<p>Missoula City Council has voted down a motion to reconsider how the City's Anti-Discrimination Ordinance is worded. This means that the Ordinance will go into effect in two and a half weeks. As currently worded, the Ordinance outlaws discrimination in public facilities, employment and housing based on sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. The request to reconsider the wording comes from council member Dick Haines who says that overlapping definitions contained therein could create loopholes in court, among</p>	042610 1:29 VO/SOT/TAG

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	other weaknesses. The council members who voted down this requests say that there was plenty of time to bring up wording concerns before the measure came to a vote. Further discussion could take place in six months, but for now, Missoula's Anti-Discrimination Ordinance will become law in mid-May. [See also <i>Politics</i> .]	
Crime and Safety	Beginning this Saturday, Flathead County residents will need a permit for open burns. You may apply online, or visit the City/County Health Department or the DNRC office in person. Open Burn Permits are required through the end of June.	042810 0:26 VO/TAG
Crime and Safety	The Consumer Product Safety Commission has announced a voluntary recall of around 21,000 "Basic Rhythms Drums" by a company named "Step 2". Officials say plastic clips attached to the drums can break and create a choking hazard. No injuries have been reported. Step 2 is offering replacements. For more information, go to Step2.com or CPSC.gov.	042810 0:25 VO
Crime and Safety	Supporters for an Abuse Free Environment (S.A.F.E) is an organization that provides crucial emergency and ongoing services to over 400 adult and child survivors of domestic or sexual violence each year. They will be hosting an annual fundraiser on Friday, May 21 to raise awareness and funds to continue support to people in the community that are victims of such crimes. For more information, please call the 24-hour phone line, 363-2793.	042810 1:25 Interview
Crime and Safety	Crews are keeping close watch on a gasoline spill in the Target Range area of western Missoula. Early Saturday morning, a vehicle crashed into a gas pump at the Target Range Market. The owner of the gas station involved	050310 0:52 VO/SOT

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	<p>said that there is no indication that the spill has contaminated well water. Officials say that over 2,000 gallons of gas spilled into storm drains in the area. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has tested 100 CY of dirt and installed deep pipes to test the ground weekly for the next year to measure contamination. If residents in the area suspect contamination, officials are requesting that they call the Health Department immediately.</p>	
<p>Crime and Safety</p>	<p>Darby is the first Montana town to make it a crime to refuse to give a breath or blood sample when pulled over for suspicion of driving under the influence. The City Prosecutor says that he has received a lot of good feedback from the public since the town approved the measure a month ago. Darby Police Chief, Larry Rose, also thinks that the ordinance is playing a role in keeping people from driving under the influence. While Stevensville is considering a nearly identical ordinance, and Missoula a similar one, many other towns are waiting to see what action the Legislature takes in the next session to address drunk driving. <i>[See also DUIs]</i></p>	<p>051010 1:55 PKG</p>
<p>Crime and Safety</p>	<p>Flathead Valley's new \$6 million Emergency Communications Center has opened its doors. 911 calls that used to feed in to individual dispatch centers in Whitefish, Columbia Falls and Kalispell will now feed in to the new center, making it easier and quicker for officials to respond to emergency calls. The Whitefish Police Department reports that relaying calls through the center will also save \$30,000 annually for the City. <i>[See also Government Spending.]</i></p>	<p>061510 0:51 VO/SOT</p>
<p>Economy / Economic</p>	<p>The challenges of homelessness in Northwest Montana during these tough economic times will be addressed at</p>	<p>040610 1:28 VO/Reader</p>

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Recovery	the Samaritan House Homeless Shelter Benefit this Saturday. Ticket price includes a pig roast dinner and live music. For information, call 257-5801	
Economy / Economic Recovery	Struggling Bank of America customers can now look to update their second mortgages. B of A will be the first major lender to offer troubled customers modifications to home equity loans. Following suit soon will be Citigroup, Wells Fargo and JP Morgan Chase, who also signed up for the program in March when the government issued updated guidelines to initiatives to help lenders.	042210 0:26 VO
Economy / Economic Recovery	As the economy fights for a solid footing, shoppers begin a comeback. Although economists have not agreed n whether or not the recession has ended, shoppers have returned to the stores in droves, as indicated by the increased sales figures for March 2010, over 2009. Leading the way are luxury store sales and furniture sales. Economists say this is due to cautious consumers finally releasing pent-up demand.	042610 0:28 VO
Economy / Economic Recovery	Washington will vote today on new rules to protect consumers and prevent banks from being reckless with account-holders' money. The Obama administration is hoping that putting such measures on the table will prevent a future financial crisis and steer banks away from risky investments. All of this is happening amidst claims that Goldman Sachs knew it would profit from consumers losing their homes. Republicans and Democrats both say that they are close to working out conflicts on this vote, which is a testing ground for senators to refine language that points out conflicts of interest on Wall Street.	042610 1:32 PKG

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Economy / Economic Recovery	Around the country, Americans are eating out more and restaurants are reporting a steady increase in business over 2009. Restaurants report that patronage is up and customers are even starting to splurge on bottles of wine instead of glasses, and ordering desserts.	042910 0:17 VO
Economy / Economic Recovery	In the latest debates on Wall Street reform, the senate voted down Obama's proposal on fixing how the banks do business. The bank in the hot seat right now is Goldman Sachs. Its CEO testified today before Senate that despite millions of emails to the contrary, Goldman Sachs did not profit by betting against their customers. In an exclusive CNBC interview, CEO Lloyd Blankenfield said that Wall Street was on the edge because that's what customers wanted. "These were professional investors who sought the risk and obtained the risk they wanted in the market." Now the senate is at a standstill in consensus on solutions to prevent these risks. Senator Tester blasted Goldman Sachs, accusing them of "making money in both directions" while the people who paid for it in Montana and rural America paid the price. If Washington won't back the financial reform plan, Obama is hoping that America will. He is off to Illinois today to make his pitch. [See also <i>Politics</i> .]	042810 2:08 VO/SOT/TAG
Economy / Economic Recovery	The relocation of the Evergreen Wal-Mart to Kalispell will not only keep the existing 250 employees, but will add close to 150 new jobs that are badly needed, according to the Flathead County Job Service who has already had over 400 inquiries from prospective applicants. Along with providing new jobs, the new store will also likely boost Kalispell's property tax base over time. [See also <i>Jobs/Employment</i> .]	042810 1:40 PKG
Economy /	Larger Banks, such as B of A and Wells Fargo, have	050310 0:43 VO

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Economic Recovery	dropped or reduced origination and service fees for reverse mortgages, which allow homeowners aged 62 and above to get cash from their home equity. Home equity conversion mortgage volume dropped in the last six months, ending in March, and analysts see this as a way of growing the business. In turn, lenders are now converting the reverse mortgage loans into bonds, backed by Federal Guarantor Ginnie Mae.	
Economy / Economic Recovery	President Obama talked with a group of fishermen in the Gulf Coast today, promising to make sure that claims against BP related to the oil spill from a leaking rig are processed in a timely manner. As the growing oil slick invades fertile fishing grounds, the government has instituted a ban on fishing from the mouth of the Mississippi to the Florida Panhandle, leaving many who once made their living on these waters no lining up to ask BP for jobs with the cleanup efforts. The President said BP's responsibility should include business losses, but in areas where so much of the economy is tied to fishing or tourism, it is impossible to estimate how high that total could go. [See also Jobs/Employment and Tourism.]	050310 3:07 PKG
Economy / Economic Recovery	President Obama's Wall Street "crackdown" passed a big hurdle in Congress last night, leaving one more step before the biggest reforms since the Great Depression become law. The Senate's Bill would police risky financial deals and clarify complex trading, creating a new government agency to protect consumers, in ways such as making sure proof is shown that mortgages are within a person's means to pay, and also develop processes for shutting down failing banks without using depositor's money. Critics point out that the bill does not address the bailouts of mortgage giants, Fannie Mae	051410 1:21 PKG

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	and Freddie Mac, now at \$146 billion dollars. Also needing clarification is whether the new bill will enforce the newly established rules on auto dealers who finance cars. Congress hopes to have the bill ready for the President to sign by July 4 th , 2010.	
Economic Recovery	As the Senate debates tighter financial reform, the New York Attorney General is investigating whether eight banks provided false information to receive bailouts, as four of the biggest banks made money every trading day this year. President Obama believes that the economy is moving in the right direction, but only 50% of people polled believe that he is more concerned about average Americans rather than corporations.	051310 0:41 VO/SOT/TAG
Economy / Economic Recovery	Market watchers report that mortgages have dropped to year-to-date lows of 5.3% on May 14 th . Advisors say it's an optimum time to shop for a mortgage and to be sure to get your finances in order before you apply. A credit score of 720 or better is needed to qualify for a Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac loan, according to HSH Associates.	052710 0:28 VO
Economy / Economic Recovery	President Obama praised his Economic Recovery Act for putting people to work and improving the lives of middle Americans. In Youngstown today to trumpet the growth of the Economy under his leadership, he donned a hard hat and fire-retardant jacket to tour a pipe and tubing manufacturer. The President told the crowd assembled that his administration's initiatives were having a positive impact on the economy, even though the unemployment rate remains high.	061810 0:57 VO/SOT/TAG
Economy / Economic Recovery	Applications for mortgages rose last week. According to the Mortgage Bankers Association, the 9% growth in borrowing is the result of people applying to refinance	063029 0:29 VO

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	existing homes, rather than for home purchases. Refinancing was up by 13%, the highest level since May 2009, while new mortgages fell by 4%.	
Education	The University of Montana School of Physical Therapy is hosting a spring massage clinic next Monday. Money raised will assist students in attending a professional conference in their last semester before graduating.	040210 1:29 VO
Education	The University of Montana's Bachelor of Fine Arts Senior Thesis Exhibition will be the center of attention at The Beaux Arts "Fools" Ball, April 9 at Zootown Brew, sponsored by the Artist Collective to support 2010 graduates.	040510 Interview
Education	On April 10, the College of Visual and Performing Arts at the University of Montana celebrates the 10th anniversary of what has become the college's signature scholarship benefit, Odyssey of the Stars – A Celebration of Artistic Journeys, by honoring UM alumnus Dr. Firman H. (Bo) Brown. Brown would go on to teach, direct and work as an administrator at Ithaca College, Rollins College and Ohio State University. He returned to live in Montana in 2006, and in 2008, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts by UM. Students, faculty and alumni will celebrate the arts at UM and Brown's illustrious career at 7:30 p.m. April 10 in the University Theatre. For sponsorship and ticket information, call 406-243-4970.	040910 0:33 VO/Reader
Education	Heidi Wallace of the National Coalition Building Institute Respect Club, Missoula Chapter, would like to inform the public about the NCBI's dedication to educating students about ways to end prejudice and violence by	041210 Interview

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	<p>contributing to community-building and developing leadership. The Middle School NCBI designates April 12 as Missoula's first annual Diversity Day. There will be a rally with Mayor Engen who will make an official proclamation at Caras Park. The NCBI's offices are located at the YWCA.</p>	
Education	<p>The Bigfork Center for Performing Arts will host "Cowabunga", the theme for this year's variety show featuring "Live at the O'Cow Corral". Proceeds from the event, held this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, will go to benefit Big Fork School District and highlight local talent.</p>	040810 1:18 VO
Education	<p>Linn Veen, organizer of Missoula Community School's Annual Fund Raising Silent Auction announces that the Third Annual Taste Trifecta will be held on April 17 from 6-10 p.m. Event sponsors will be hosting wine, coffee and chocolate-tasting tables for ticket buyers to enjoy. Proceeds from the event will fund need-based scholarships at Missoula Community School, an independent, progressive early childhood education center inspiring children to explore, create and care.</p>	040710 Interview
Education	<p>The National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR) is working to promote undergraduate research, scholarships and creative activity in all fields of study. According to Professor Garon "G-Wiz" Smith, this year's annual conference will bring more than 2,500 students and faculty members from across the nation to the University of Montana campus. The Public is invited.</p>	041510 Interview
Education	<p>Teen Challenge International will present a theatrical play based on the Columbine tragedy. The purpose of this fundraising event is to reach into the lives of youth and educate them about ways to steer away from</p>	041910 VO

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	destructive behaviors that have deadly consequences.	
Education	Over 150 MSU students have volunteered more than 9,000 hours of community service so far this year. In educating the public, raising awareness, collecting funds, food and clothing for health-related and local and worldwide causes, the students are expected to rack up well of 10,000 hours by the end of this school year next month.	041610 0:50 SOT/VO/TAG
Education	A collective of University of Montana Social Work students is working to educate the public about Foster Care in the Missoula Community. They will host an event on April 27 to publicize the need for quality parenting of foster children. For further information, call Tim Petersen at 381-4660.	041510 Interview
Education	A Board of Trustees vote could lead to a tobacco ban at Flathead Valley Community College. The policy draft proposal will allow tobacco only in designated areas. A plan is also in the works to make the University of Montana tobacco-free by 2011. [See also <i>Health and Healthcare</i>]	042610 0:59 VO/SOT/TAG
Education	Sending text messages during class is actually being encouraged at one school. A Georgia State University Business Professor is using new software that projects text messages on a screen to enable students to ask questions without raising their hands. The professor said he got the idea at a pro hockey game, and then contacted the software company about adapting the technology for the classroom.	042810 0:26 VO
Education	The Montana University System is expected to cut its budget close to five percent at a meeting today. The cuts,	042910 0:43 VO

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	<p>estimated at about \$7 million, follow a request from Governor Brian Schweitzer to trim the budget. The Board of Regents will be analyzing a final package of cuts put together by staff, including nearly \$1 million from the Agriculture Experiment Stations. A decision is expected today, although the Board may delay the matter and ask for more changes. This could mean larger class sizes, fewer classes and less tuition assistance.</p>	
Education	<p>The “Build a New Playground” committee for Franklin Elementary school will be hosting a fundraising garage sale on Saturday, May 1st at the school between 9am-1pm. The goal is to raise \$45,000 to restore the existing 30-year old playground, which will be of use to the entire community. For more information on how to participate in raising funds to improve the school playground, please call Julie McLennan at 880-0595.</p>	043010 0:45 Interview
Education	<p>A research committee hired by the University of Montana to examine ways to save money has determined that the school would save \$85,000 annually by adopting a 4-day school week. The proposed plan would allow the school’s labs, dorms and other essential services to continue to operate 5 days a week.</p>	050610 0:33 VO
Education	<p>Executive Director Deb Fassenacht shares background on the Watershed Education Network’s (WEN) dedication to “growing the next generation of watershed stewards” by fostering knowledge, appreciation and awareness of watershed health through science and outreach. Each fall and spring the WEN takes more than 2,700 K-12th grade students from local schools to over thirty stream sites across western Montana, gathering chemical, biological and physical data of water health. A</p>	050710 Interview

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	"Mayfly Fling" fundraiser to keep the program viable will take place on Sunday, May 16 th at Caras Park in Missoula. For more information call (406) 541-9287.	
Education	An AARP Driver Safety Program will be held this Friday at the Darby Public Library from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 363-3387 for information and to register.	051110 0:35 VO
Education	Want to learn more about bird watching? The Flathead Audubon Society is hosting an introduction to bird watching for families tomorrow from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Whitehead Public Library, and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the Springs at Whitefish. This will be a two-part class with basics of bird identification for kids and parents, including a field trip to observe birds on Saturday. For more information, call 837-0181.	051210 0:45 VO
Education	Polson Middle School and Linderman Elementary School are sponsoring a summer food program to provide nutritious meals to kids when school is not in session, beginning today. For times and eligibility information, call 726-8002.	051420 0:31 VO
Education	Explore planets, nebulae and distant galaxies during free, family-friendly, public observing nights this summer at the Blue Mountain Observatory. The Observatory is located atop Blue Mountain at an elevation of 6,300 feet and is operated by the University of Montana. Astronomers will be on hand at all events. Viewing nights will be cancelled if the sky is cloudy or threatened by thunderstorms. Call 243-5179 for weather and cancellation updates.	052810 1:30 VO
Education	The Glacier Institute is offering two exciting classes that start this Wednesday and continue for two weeks. The	052810 1:28 VO

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	<p>“Nature Photography” course prepares students with all the tools they need to take great outdoor photographs. The class entitled “100 Years of Riding the Rails” class allows visitors to ride the Empire Builder Train from West Glacier to East Glacier while learning about historic structures and getting a taste of the railroad’s early days. For more information on these and other classes, call 755-1211.</p>	
Education	<p>The Howard Hughes Medical Institute awarded Montana State University a grant of more than \$2 million to provide students with better educational opportunities. MSU plans to fund summer and academic research opportunities for undergrads, fine tune biomedical curriculum and continue the Montana Apprenticeship Program (MAP) for Native American Students. MSU is one of fifty universities to receive the grant.</p>	052010 0:41 VO
Education	<p>A statewide reading program, “Storymakers”, aims to create a home learning environment for underprivileged children. Studies show that reading to babies can help cognitive skills later in life and prevent struggled in school. The nonprofit organization hands out over 7,000 books twice a year to help rural and tribal children prepare for success at an early age. Many of the books have math and science themes.</p>	060110 1:05 PKG
Health/ Healthcare	<p>The cancer support group, “Survivors and Thrivers” will be hosting a fundraiser on April 29th to benefit counseling for cancer survivors and caregivers. For more information please call 982-2325.</p>	040210 1:30 Interview
Health/ Healthcare	<p>Frontier Hospice will be sponsoring a Women’s Grief Support Group in Kalispell each Wednesday in April from 1:30 -3p.m. There is no fee to attend. For more</p>	040810 5:30 VO

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	information, call 755-4923.	
Health/ Healthcare	Currently, all that is required to obtain a medical marijuana card is your name, address, driver's license number and a doctor to state that you have a condition that qualifies on the list of ailments approved by the state for treatment with marijuana. Kevin Kerr of the Montana Cannabis Foundation states that there are no lawful reasons to prevent a person from qualifying for a card, a situation that many hope will be carefully scrutinized by a special panel of lawmakers that will convene in Helena next week.	042110 0:55 VO/SOT/TAG
Health/ Healthcare	Legislators in Helena have formed an interim committee to identify issues that have emerged since voters approved the Medical Marijuana Act in 2004. As part of a series of meetings that include panel discussions and public testimony, the goal is to come up with solutions for the 2011 legislature to consider. The News Channel will be in Helena for the meeting and will have the latest on Tuesday night's news.	042610 0:56 VO
Health/ Healthcare	A Board of Trustees vote could lead to a tobacco ban at Flathead Valley Community College. The policy draft proposal will allow tobacco only in designated areas. A plan is also in the works to make the University of Montana tobacco-free by 2011. [See also <i>Education</i>]	042610 0:59 VO/SOT/TAG
Health/ Healthcare	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana is voluntarily moving to cover dependents as old as 26 in advance of a federal mandate to do so. Current Montana law allows dependents to stay on policies until 25. The change should not result in a significant increase in premiums.	042910 0:20 VO
Health/	New medical marijuana dispensaries will not be allowed	050410 2:21 PKG

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Healthcare	in Kalispell, the result of a City Council vote last night. Mayor Tammi Fisher says that marijuana grow operations are essentially a breach of federal contract and will not be allowed within the City's limits. The law does allow existing operations to continue to operate. Council member Jim Atkinson said that the law was not meant to come between patients and caregivers, rather to limit the growth of dispensaries in Kalispell. The public was allowed 45 minutes to comment before the vote.	
Health/ Healthcare	In March, Legislation passed a provision in health care reform to provide funds for asbestos-related diseases. In Libby, Social Security workers will be working to enroll people for screenings as well as Medicare coverage for Libby residents with illness caused by exposure to Asbestos. For more information, call (888) 482-3128.	050710 0:38 VO
Health/ Healthcare	Alamedas Hot Springs will be hosting a Grass Roots Health Festival from 11 am to 6 p.m. on May 8. Featured will be lectures and hands-on seminars, including massage, acupuncture, herbology and more. For more information, please call 741-2424.	050710 0:35 VO
Health/ Healthcare	The Lakeside Quick Response Unit is having a kick-off party this Sunday from 11-3 p.m. There will be a car seat safety check, child helmet fitting, blood pressure screening and drug awareness education. Ambulance tours, hot dogs, chips and soda, too!	051210 VO
Health/ Healthcare	Community Health Organizations in Missoula are hosting Health Lives Under Five at Southgate Mall tomorrow. The Child Development Center invites parents to come from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for free developmental screenings, immunization, records reviews, and answers	052010 0:45 VO

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	to questions about healthy development and sign ups for low-cost health insurance. For more information, call 549-6413.	
Health/ Healthcare	To raise funds for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, KTVM will be hosting a fundraising weenie roast at the TV station on Friday, June 18 from 5-7 p.m. For more information call 586-0296.	051910 0:45 VO
Health/ Healthcare	The Golf For Sight Tournament, hosted by the Hamilton Lions Club and Bitterroot Chamber of Commerce will donate a portion of the event's proceeds to help provide eye care for those in need in Ravalli County. For more information or to register, call 363-2400.	051910 0:45 VO
Health/ Healthcare	Recent medical studies show that even if you're faking it, laughter and smiling can actually have a positive impact on preventing heart attacks, cancer, dealing with chronic pain, and even depression.	052710 1:58 PKG
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Politics	Gallatin Republicans will hold their annual Lincoln-Reagan Dinner tomorrow. Congressman Denny Rehberg will be this year's keynote speaker. The event will serve as a fundraiser and a party rally.	
Politics	Former presidents and prime ministers from 17 countries gathered in Hiroshima, Japan, yesterday to discuss the abolition of nuclear weapons. Former Georgia Senator, Sam Nunn, was among the delegates for the annual opening of the summit, a ceremony that has been taking place since 1983. The goal of a world free of nuclear weapons is metaphorically represented by the uphill climb each year to the summit talks.	041910 0:58 VO/SOT
Politics	The Missoula Elections Office has mailed 50,000 ballots for the May 4 th School Election. You may now track the status of mail-in only elections online. Missoula is the first county in the state of Montana to offer online ballot tracking, telling you when your ballot was mailed and received, or if it was returned as undeliverable or rejected for some other reason. For more information, go to www.nbcmontana.com and click on the "Mail-In Ballots" article.	042310 1:06 VO/SOT/TAG
Politics	Missoula City Counsel has voted down a motion to reconsider how the City's Anti-Discrimination Ordinance is worded. This means that the Ordinance will go into	042610 1:29 VO/SOT/TAG

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	<p>effect in two and a half weeks. As currently worded, the Ordinance outlaws discrimination in public facilities, employment and housing based on sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. The request to reconsider the wording comes from council member Dick Haines who says that overlapping definitions contained therein could create loopholes in court, among other weaknesses. The council members who voted down this requests say that there was plenty of time to bring up wording concerns before the measure came to a vote. Further discussion could take place in six months, but for now, Missoula's Anti-Discrimination Ordinance will become law in mid-May. [See also <i>Crime & Safety</i>].</p>	
<p>Politics</p>	<p>In the latest debates on Wall Street reform, the senate voted down Obama's pitch to fix how the banks do business. The bank in the hot seat right now is Goldman Sachs. It's CEO testified today before Senate that despite millions of emails to the contrary, Goldman Sachs did not profit by betting against their customers. In an exclusive CNBC interview, CEO Lloyd Blankenfield said that Wall Street was on the edge because that's what customers wanted. "These were professional investors who sought the risk and obtained the risk they wanted in the market." Now the senate is at a standstill in consensus on solutions to prevent these risks. Senator Tester blasted Goldman Sachs, accusing them of "making money in both directions" while the people who paid for it in Montana and rural America paid the price. If Washington won't back the financial reform plan, Obama is hoping that America will. He is off to Illinois today to make his pitch. [See also <i>Economy/Economic Recovery</i>.]</p>	<p>042810 2:08 VO/SOT/TAG</p>
<p>Substance</p>	<p>Missoula Police report that prescription drug abuse is a</p>	<p>041110 0:38 VO/TAG</p>

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Abuse/DUIs	growing problem. Robbers his two local pharmacies in the last week, Montana teens rank third in the nation for abuse of prescription drugs, and overdoses are reported for every age group by medical authorities, 19 of the 321 prescription drug-related deaths in Montana were Missoulians. To combat the growing problem, health workers, law enforcement and citizen volunteers have formed a special committee to help figure out ways to help. For more information, see details on Operation Medicine Cabinet at www.prevention.mt.gov .	
Substance Abuse/DUIs	State Officials believe that a new program that will be in place this September could change the attitudes of convicted drunk drivers. "Prime for Life", a program that focuses on getting people to realize how drinking and driving can affect them, their friends and family, increases treatment for offenders by an additional four hours – and as many as twenty additional hours for repeat offenders. Montana will now be joining ten other states that will be using this as their curriculum for dealing with DUI recidivism. "Prime for Life" has been studied in other states and has proven successful in reducing drunk driving.	042610 0:48 VO/SOT/TAG
Substance Abuse/DUIs	In the Montana Highway Patrol's Annual Report for 2009, the number of people killed in fatal crashes was down 3.5% to 221 people in 198 crashes. However, more than 1,400 drivers were sited for being under the influence of alcohol. [See also <i>Crime/Safety</i> .]	050710 0:25 VO
Substance Abuse/DUIs	Wyoming is looking to adopt an anti-meth program that has shown proven success in Montana. By copying the model for the Montana Meth Project's "Paint the State" contest, Wyoming Meth Project is now working on securing funding, including private sponsors and	060710 0:45 VO/SOT/TAG

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	donations, to award cash prizes on a county-by-county basis for art projects that promote remedies and prevention of meth addiction.	
Taxes/Govt. Spending	The Bozeman Public Library has come up with a new way to check on what's being checked out that will save the City time and money. The new system tags all Audio/Visual material such as CDs, DVDs and audio books with radio frequency identifiers, similar to those being used in retail stores to prevent theft. The new system cost taxpayers \$147,000, funded by the City's Capital Improvement Fund and is expected to save money in the long run.	040510 1:59 SOT/TAG
Taxes/Govt. Spending	Mired in debt, the U.S. Postal Service is asking for ideas about how to cut costs. Facing billions of dollars in losses, the Post Office is considering all options in its efforts to cuts costs, including limiting delivery to certain days of the week and raising rates again. The public may contribute ideas to the Postal Regulatory Commission at nbcmontana.com, and click on the "Post Office Cuts" Fastlink.	042610 0:34 VO
Taxes/Govt. Spending	The 107-year old Flathead County Courthouse will undergo renovations expected to cost upwards of \$1.8 million to bring the building up to code and restore an old staircase and windows. County Commissioners have decided to set aside plans for a new \$4 million Administration building, instead putting \$1.4 million toward the renovation. The County hopes to have the project completed by early 2011.	052410 0:31 VO
Taxes/Govt. Spending	Flathead Valley's new \$6 million Emergency Communications Center has opened its doors. 911 calls that used to feed in to individual dispatch centers in Whitefish, Columbia Falls and Kalispell will now feed in	061510 0:51 VO/SOT

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	to the new center, making it easier and quicker for officials to respond to emergency calls. The Whitefish Police Department reports that relaying calls through the center will also save \$30,000 annually for the City. [See also <i>Crime & Safety</i> .]	
Taxes/Govt. Spending	A small school district in Victor, south of Missoula, has started its own summer lunch program to make sure that kids and community members in need of nourishment get fed. The lunches, free to children and \$3.50 to adults runs Monday through Thursday from 11:30-12:30 until the end of July and will be funded by a federal reimbursement program. [See also <i>Education</i> .]	062810 0:19 VO
Tourism	President Obama talked with a group of fishermen in the Gulf Coast today, promising to make sure that claims against BP related to the oil spill from a leaking rig are processed in a timely manner. As the growing oil slick invades fertile fishing grounds, the government has instituted a ban on fishing from the mouth of the Mississippi to the Florida Panhandle, leaving many who once made their living on these waters no lining up to ask BP for jobs with the cleanup efforts. The President said BP's responsibility should include business losses, but in areas where so much of the economy is tied to fishing or tourism, it is impossible to estimate how high that total could go. [See also <i>Jobs/Employment</i> and <i>Economy/Economic Recovery</i> .]	050310 3:07 PKG
Tourism	Camping is more popular than ever, even during the current rainy season, as thousands take advantage of what is usually the most affordable way to vacation, as well as a way to promote family togetherness. While many campers upgrade to RV's as a way to see the countryside, Park and National Forest officials report large numbers of tent campers at sites for the holiday	053110 1:24 PKG

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	weekend.	
Tourism	The City of Butte is gearing up for summer festival season, expected to bring an influx of tourism business and money into the economy. Last year's festivals such as 4 th of July, Evil Knieval Days and the Folk Festival brought over 23 million dollars and scored Butte the distinction of "Tourism City of the Year". There will be a public meeting on June 14 th at 6 p.m. to discuss possible solutions for not blocking access to certain downtown businesses that are usually forced to close their doors during the festivals.	060710 1:06 VO/SOT/Reader
Weather	First Alert Forecast: a strong storm system will bring periods of heavy snow and cold temperatures to western Montana. Glacier National Park could receive 8 to 16 inches of snow. Mountain passes are going to be problematic today, so use extreme caution and carry traction devices. Passes at Lookout, Lolo and Lost Trail may stack up to 6-9 inches.	042910 0:34 VO
Weather	A number of warning and advisories are in effect as winds will strengthen throughout the day. Gusts of 55 mph and sustained winds of 35-35 mph are expected. With gusts this strong, property damage may occur.	050310 0:28 VO
Weather	Despite a year of mostly drought, melting snowpack mixed with rain in recent weeks has led to a flood warning in Gallatin County and some flood watches for other areas of southwest Montana. Fast-moving water, increased flows, debris and other items that might be carried down the river impose a risk to people and property. Emergency Management cautions that the smaller rivers and streams can be more of a surprise flood threat than big rivers, since they don't have the	061010 2:29 PKG

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	capacity to handle large quantities quickly as well, and tend to “creep up” on people at night. The Erwin Bridge fishing access on the Gallatin River has been closed because of unsafe conditions until further notice.	
Weather	Billings officials have declared a State-of-Emergency after a tornado touched down yesterday afternoon, demolishing a 12,000 seat sports arena and other downtown structures. There were no reports of injury or death. The tornado touched down at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday with little warning. Governor Schweitzer and Representative Denny Rehberg, onsite to examine the damage today, pledged to help bring in federal money to the City of Billings and Yellowstone County to assist in recovery.	062110 2:09 PKG

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Crime and Safety	The Statewide Emergency Food Provider, Montana Food Bank Network, is promoting awareness through "CAN-struction", April 9-12. Kathryn McCleery, Administrator for MFBN hopes that the event will make the public aware of the need for steady food contributions in the event of area emergencies that may cause displacement of residents and other hardships.	040610 Interview
Crime and Safety	Missoula City Council has passed an ordinance that will make housing and employment discrimination, based on sexual orientation, gender or race, civil actions that will become criminal misdemeanors if the court receives more than three complaints against the same defendant over twelve months. The new ordinance puts the complaints in the hands of a judge, rather than a specially appointed commission.	041310 2:11 PKG
Crime and Safety	A Driver Safety Program for Senior Citizens, sponsored by AARP, will be held today at St. Patrick Hospital from 9-11 a.m. The program is designed to make older drivers more aware of safe driving techniques to keep them and other people on the road safe. For more information call 543-7184.	040910 1:29
Crime and Safety	The National Association of Childcare Resources gives Montana a failing grade as far as how Public Health and Safety governs the licensing of small family childcare home facilities, which approves licenses for homecare facilities before inspecting them. Current regulations by the state do not require routine inspections of home daycare facilities, nor does it call for comprehensive background checks on providers. A spokesman for Public Health and Safety says that licensees are	041910 0:47 VO

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	approved before inspections so that children are present when inspections do take place.	
Crime and Safety	Toyota is expected to pay record fines of \$16 million dollars for failing to tell the government about sticky gas pedals. According to Transportation officials, it is opinioned that Toyota will do so without seeking an appeal or arguing to the contrary. The government asserts that Toyota knew about the gas pedal problems in September of 2009, but did not issue a recall until January of the following year. The recall affected 8 million vehicles worldwide.	041910 0:22 VO
Crime and Safety	Montana prosecutors think that medical marijuana laws need to be changed. Missoula County Attorney, Fred Van Valkenberg, elected in 1998, states that for the issues surrounding medical marijuana, we have no precedent; therefore the outcomes could take a number of scenarios. Flathead County Attorney, Ed Corrigan, made the statement that current laws are too vague, and that if medical marijuana is to be treated as a medicine, then it needs to be closely regulated and prescribed legitimately by a physician. Still to be decided are issues such as whether a person with a criminal drug background has the right to obtain a medical marijuana card, and where individuals are allowed to use medical marijuana. Bozeman leaders are asking for citizen input. Last month commissioners there temporarily banned new dispensaries from opening near schools and daycares. The public can attend two meetings tonight to ask questions and offer suggestions, 6 p.m. at Bozeman City Hall.	042110 1:50 PKG
Crime and Safety	Montana Transportation Department Engineers report that the Hutton Ranch Plana Shopping Center draws	042110 0:33 VO/TYAG

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	<p>more cars that the access roads around it can safely handle. Traffic analysts have recommended building a new through road that will guide drivers on a different route to exit the Wal-Mart parking lot. This will mean less traffic on Highway 93 and Reserve. The Department of Transportation is also in support of the projects as they will mean the creation of much-needed construction jobs. [See also <i>Jobs/Employment.</i>]</p>	
Crime and Safety	<p>The Bozeman Police Department is going from hitting the streets to hitting the tweets. The Department now “twitters” day-to-day information to the public as a way to connect to the public faster than they could with regular news outlets. Though there have been mixed reactions from the public, the Department asks that people not jump to conclusions while the program is in its beginning stages of determining how it will best be used.</p>	042310 0:47 VO/SOT/TAG
Crime and Safety	<p>Amtrak is rolling across western Montana with a message of how to stay safe on the tracks by launching “Operation Lifesaver”, a non-profit program established in 1972. The Project aims to make sure people are informed about avoiding a dangerous encounter with a train, and what to do if you find yourself in one. The goal is to end collisions at railway crossings.</p>	042310 0:45 VO/SOT/Reader
Crime and Safety	<p>Everyone assembled at the Capitol for Committee hearings today concerning laws to govern medical marijuana agree that current laws need to be overhauled. Lewiston Police Chief Kevin Myhle says that current state law is too vague and needs to be rewritten so that police officers can understand what is legal and what isn’t. Many State Representatives were in agreement at the hearing that when the legislation was</p>	042710 2:24 PKG

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	voted on there were a lot of things that weren't thought out, and as a result, as more people obtain prescribed marijuana, more and more problems will continue to arise. The Interim Committee will be making recommendations to the Legislature as such issues are defined.	
Crime and Safety	Today in an inquest, it was the testimony of witnesses that Merlin Ladue was returned to his jail cell after being questioned by police. Twenty-five minutes later, he was discovered hanging from a bunk bed in his cell. The coroner's inquest ruled today that negligence did not contribute to his suicide in the Butte Detention Center.	042710 0:19 VO/Reader
Crime and Safety	Sourdough Canyon Trail south of Bozeman is in need of safety improvements. R.E.I. has donated \$10,000 to the Gallatin County Land Trust toward this purpose. If you would like to learn more about how to participate in supporting these safety improvements,, log on to NBCmontana.com and click on the Sourdough Trailhead Fastlink.	042710 0:38 VO/TAG
Crime and Safety	Prosecutors have charges a University of Montana student with breaking into University district houses and exposing himself to women. Youused Mashhad faces two felonies for burglary. Documents claim that he broke into two houses last weekend, dropped his pants, tried to kiss a woman and made suggestive statements. Mashhad, who is being held on \$50,000 bond and will be in court on Monday, told the judge that he is worried about missing finals.	042810 0:26 VO/TAG
Crime and Safety	The Kalispell Police Department is concerned that recent activities of the White Nationalist Movement in Flathead Valley may be a threat to public safety. The anti-Semetic	043010 1:25 PKG

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	<p>group has had four showings of propaganda films in recent months and their ranks of protestors have been gaining momentum in Montana. Another film slated to be shown May 29, is entitled, "The Truth Behind the Gates of Auschwitz". Police response has been to put extra units on force during the group's events, such as a film shown at the Flathead County Library. Another film slated to be shown May 29, is entitled, "The Truth Behind the Gates of Auschwitz".</p>	
Crime and Safety	<p>Darby is the first Montana town to make it a crime to refuse to give a breath or blood sample when pulled over for suspicion of driving under the influence. The City Prosecutor says that he has received a lot of good feedback from the public since the town approved the measure a month ago. Darby Police Chief, Larry Rose, also thinks that the ordinance is playing a role in keeping people from driving under the influence. While Stevensville is considering a nearly identical ordinance, and Missoula a similar one, many other towns are waiting to see what action the Legislature takes in the next session to address drunk driving. <i>[See also DUIs]</i></p>	051010 1:55 PKG
Crime and Safety	<p>In the Kalispell area, Police report that some people's credit cards are being overcharged in restaurants, specifically on tips. While this can sometimes be a simple mistake, it can also be an intentional theft by servers. Investigators are urging people to check their bank account balances often and make sure the numbers match what they have indicated as tips. Contact restaurant managers if you notice a discrepancy, and if they do not respond, report it to the police.</p>	051710 0:34 VO
Crime and Safety	<p>A Congressional Committee grilled Toyota automakers today about the safety of its cars in the second hearing</p>	052010 0:42 VO

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	into massive recalls. Lawmakers criticized Toyota for not calling in outside consultants to figure out why accelerators are sticking in some cars. The automaker has recalled 8.5 million vehicles globally for this and other problems.	
Crime and Safety	A division of Johnson & Johnson has recalled millions of containers of 40 different types of over-the-counter medications for children, including Tylenol, Motrin, Benadryl and Zyrtec. Representatives from the company testified before a House Oversight Committee on Thursday after an inspection at a Fort Washington plant revealed bacterial contamination of ingredients, thick dust, grime-covered equipment and the potential for medications to become too potent through inaccurate measuring equipment. At this time, no injuries or illnesses have been reported. Johnson & Johnson has changed leadership at the suspect plant and brought in outside experts in quality control and testing. <i>[See also Health.]</i>	052710 2:16 PKG
Crime and Safety	Flathead Valley's new \$6 million Emergency Communications Center has opened its doors. 911 calls that used to feed in to individual dispatch centers in Whitefish, Columbia Falls and Kalispell will now feed in to the new center, making it easier and quicker for officials to respond to emergency calls. The Whitefish Police Department reports that relaying calls through the center will also save \$30,000 annually for the City. <i>[See also Government Spending.]</i>	061510 0:51
Crime and Safety	In response to recent incidents involving attacks on other dogs, a proposed ordinance is before the City of Butte calling for tighter regulations to ensure that Pit Bulls are leashed in places where people gather. A public	062210 0:39 VO/SOT/TAG News at 5

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	hearing will be held at the Butte Plaza Mall tonight at 7 p.m.	
Crime and Safety	More than two million brand-name cribs, including Evenflo, Delta, Jardine, Simmons and Million Dollar Baby have been recalled due to reports that babies can become trapped and strangle or suffocate. Although no deaths have been reported, there have been at least sixteen cases of infants being trapped, and one found unconscious. The Consumer Product Safety Commission cautions that consumers should not try to repair or fix the cribs with homemade remedies, urging people to contact the manufacturers to obtain a specially designed repair kit that will permanently affix the crib drop-side and make it a stationary crib. For more information visit cpsc.gov .	062410 1:05 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6 & 10
Economy/ Economic Recovery	The challenges of homelessness in Northwest Montana during these tough economic times will be addressed at the Samaritan House Homeless Shelter Benefit this Saturday. Ticket price includes a pig roast dinner and live music. For information, call 257-5801	040610 1:28
Economy/ Economic Recovery	Federal Reserve Chairman Bend Bernacke has made statements that he believes the U.S. Economy will keep improving. While his comments on the economy were encouraging, he added that there is little that can be done to fix the deficit. Also today, President Obama met with Senate leaders to hammer out financial reform, omitting any mention of bank bailouts.	041410 0:18 VO
Economy/ Economic Recovery	According to recent figures, one in every four homes sold is in foreclosure. However, the market is up from where it was a year ago. More homes are being built than expected and building permits are up 7.5%. Housing	041610 0:34 VO

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	construction rose to a 16-month high in March.	
Economy/ Economic Recovery	Good news for those who expected their unemployment checks to run out last week. Congress has passed another extension of unemployment and health benefits for another two months. President Obama says he is focused on finding a long-term solution.	041610 0:15 VO
Economy/ Economic Recovery	With sixty votes lacking, today Republicans won senate showdown on financial reform. This means that there will be no further debate on overhauling the Nation's regulatory system to prevent another financial meltdown.	042710 0:17 SOT/VO/Reader
Economy/ Economic Recovery	New home sales jumped 27% in March 2010, the largest percentage gain in nearly half a century. Although some experts attribute the rise to the temporary homebuyer's tax credit, better weather also seems to have contributed. Although housing is the first indicator of a recession, it is also among the last indicators of recovery. [See also <i>Weather</i> .]	042310 0:37 VO/SOT/Reader
Economy/ Economic Recovery	The relocation of the Evergreen Wal-Mart to Kalispell will not only keep the existing 250 employees, but will add close to 150 new jobs that are badly needed, according to the Flathead County Job Service who has already had over 400 inquiries from prospective applicants. Along with providing new jobs, the new store will also likely boost Kalispell's property tax base over time. [See also <i>Jobs/Employment</i> .]	042810 1:40 PKG
Economy/ Economic Recovery	People in need of economical housing options may submit applications for Butte's first Affordable Housing Project: Mountain View Apartments, which just broke ground today. The apartments, located in four buildings	042710 0:42 VO/SOT/TAG

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	uptown, will be available for three to five member families that make between \$8,000-\$25,000 a year. Money for the \$2 million project comes from state and federal grants and should be completed in November.	
Economic Recovery	Costco is promoting a variety of local products in their warehouse shopping facilities, from wines and beers, to gift cards, honey and preserves. This new emphasis on shopping local provides lower prices to members and helps to support local community economies. Costco plans to have additional local products in area stores this summer.	043010 0:32 VO/TAG
Economic Recovery	As the Senate debates tighter financial reform, the New York Attorney General is investigating whether eight banks provided false information to receive bailouts, as four of the biggest banks made money every trading day this year. President Obama believes that the economy is moving in the right direction, but only 50% of people polled believe that he is more concerned about average Americans rather than corporations.	051310 0:41 VO/SOT/TAG
Education	The University of Montana School of Physical Therapy is hosting a spring massage clinic next Monday. Money raised will assist students in attending a professional conference in their last semester before graduating.	040210 1:29
Education	The University of Montana's Bachelor of Fine Arts Senior Thesis Exhibition will be the center of attention at The Beaux Arts "Fools" Ball, April 9 at Zootown Brew, sponsored by the Artist Collective to support 2010 graduates.	040510 Interview
Education	On April 10, the College of Visual and Performing Arts at the University of Montana celebrates the 10th	040910 0:33

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	<p>anniversary of what has become the college's signature scholarship benefit, Odyssey of the Stars – A Celebration of Artistic Journeys, by honoring UM alumnus Dr. Firman H. (Bo) Brown. Brown would go on to teach, direct and work as an administrator at Ithaca College, Rollins College and Ohio State University. He returned to live in Montana in 2006, and in 2008, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts by UM. Students, faculty and alumni will celebrate the arts at UM and Brown's illustrious career at 7:30 p.m. April 10 in the University Theatre. For sponsorship and ticket information, call 406-243-4970.</p>	
Education	<p>Heidi Wallace of the National Coalition Building Institute Respect Club, Missoula Chapter, would like to inform the public about the NCBI's dedication to educating students about ways to end prejudice and violence by contributing to community-building and developing leadership. The Middle School NCBI designates April 12 as Missoula's first annual Diversity Day. There will be a rally with Mayor Engen who will make an official proclamation at Caras Park. The NCBI's offices are located at the YWCA.</p>	041210 Interview
Education	<p>The Bigfork Center for Performing Arts will host "Cowabunga", the theme for this year's variety show featuring "Live at the O'Cow Corral". Proceeds from the event, held this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, will go to benefit Big Fork School District and highlight local talent.</p>	040810 1:18
Education	<p>Linn Veen, organizer of Missoula Community School's Annual Fund Raising Silent Auction announces that the Third Annual Taste Trifecta will be held on April 17 from 6-10 p.m. Event sponsors will be hosting wine, coffee and chocolate-tasting tables for ticket buyers to enjoy.</p>	040710 Interview

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	Proceeds from the event will fund need-based scholarships at Missoula Community School, an independent, progressive early childhood education center inspiring children to explore, create and care.	
Education	The Green Movement is growing in popularity at campuses like Montana State University, turning “green” into more than just a buzzword for students during Earth Week on campus. A part of a student-led effort to get people to start thinking about ways to be kinder to the environment, MSU students handed out stickers and even wore costumes to bring an emphasis to the cause. Other organizations, such as the Bozeman Youth Initiative (BYI) are making a contribution to supporting the cause. BYI is giving tours on it’s mobile greenhouse bus to educate younger students about where their food comes from. MSU students will cap Earth Week with a “Cleanup Bozeman Day” on Saturday.	042010 1:52 PKG
Education	Montana State University administrators plan to use \$1.5 million dollars in extra tuition money to offset losses and cuts. The school landed a 2.5 million dollar windfall from student enrollment tuition this year, allowing the school to keep its goals intact.	042110 0:35 VO
Education	University of Montana student leaders have voted to increase athletic fees. The ASUM decided that conditions in the current weight room are unhealthy and to move it into the new Art Annex building as soon as it is completed. If the Board of Regents approves the plan by vote in May, full-time students will pay \$50 more each per year to use the facilities.	042110 0:53 VO/SOT/TAG
Education	The Foster Grandparent volunteer program, which has been sending senior citizens into elementary schools for	042310 0:48 VO/SOT/TAG

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	twenty years, received special recognition in schools across nine southwest Montana counties. Each volunteer received a \$25 gift certificate to a grocery store as a thank-you for their work in supporting the education and welfare of children.	
Education	The Montana School Districts will not okay medical marijuana on school property, but school districts need to clarify certain issues before putting policies in place. Such issues include what to do about students athletes who have legal prescriptions and come to sporting events under the influence. A panel has been formed to examine the questions and how best to approach the making of policies.	042610 1:17 PKG
Education	The Robotics Team at Hellgate High School created a 120-pound robot named Mr. T that placed Fifth in regional competition in Salt Lake City against entries from 33 schools in late March. Raising over \$13,000 to fund the project, the Robotics Team spent six weeks creating the robot, learning much about science, engineering and cooperation in the process.	042710 1:37 PKG
Education	Area fifth graders received a lesson in contemporary forestry harvesting practices today in an annual event sponsored by the Missoula Chamber of Commerce. Held at Pattee Canyon, the youngsters were shown demonstrations of a bio-mass machine that converts wood chips into energy, and a look at what pine beetles do to a Ponderosa tree. About 500 students were in attendance.	042810 0:54 VO/SOT/Reader
Education	University of Montana's ASUM will vote next Monday and Tuesday on increasing athletic fees to pay for moving the current weight room. An independent	042810 0:44 VO/SOT/TAG

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	review committee feels that the ASUM has overstepped its bounds in the matter and has called for an informal meeting tonight on the fourth floor of the fine arts drawing room at 7:30 p.m. All students are welcome.	
Education	Some Montana High-schoolers are taking the fight against meth into their own hands. "Paint The State" is a Montana Meth Project aimed at giving students a chance to express themselves through public art, with a grand prize of \$5,000. The last day to register to participate in the contest is June 30 th . Winners will be announced in August.	051910 0:48 PKG News at 6
Education	Over 400 students protested on the football field of Belgrade High the day prior to School Board votes on teacher contracts. Students are jubilant that the job of a favorite teacher has been spared. A 4-2 vote of the Belgrade School Board on whether or not to renew the contract of teacher, Lisa Nesbit, ensures that her contract will be automatically renewed.	052510 1:30 PKG News at 6 & 10
Education	A statewide reading program, "Storymakers", aims to create a home learning environment for underprivileged children. Studies show that reading to babies can help cognitive skills later in life and prevent struggled in school. The nonprofit organization hands out over 7,000 books twice a year to help rural and tribal children prepare for success at an early age. Many of the books have math and science themes.	060110 1:05 PKG
Education	Newsweek Magazine has named two Montana high schools among the best in America: Bozeman and Stevensville High. Out of 1,600 schools selected, Bozeman ranked number 675, and Stevensville ranked 1,368. The analysis was based on the percentage of students taking college level advanced classes.	061610 0:47 VO/SOT/TAG

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	Administrators give the credit to the hard work of teachers and students.	
Education	A small school district in Victor, south of Missoula, has started its own summer lunch program to make sure that kids and community members in need of nourishment get fed. The lunches, free to children and \$3.50 to adults runs Monday through Thursday from 11:30-12:30 until the end of July and will be funded by a federal reimbursement program. <i>[See also Government Spending.]</i>	062810 0:35 VO/SOT/TAG
Health/ Healthcare	Frontier Hospice will be sponsoring a Women's Grief Support Group in Kalispell each Wednesday in April from 1:30 -3p.m. There is no fee to attend. For more information, call 755-4923.	040810 5:30
Health/ Healthcare	A doctor's visit and tests may be expensive, but the decision to stay away could cost someone's life. Doctors are stressing that it is vital to get to the hospital as soon as possible if you think you are having a heart attack. Many cities have financial aid programs to help those who cannot afford medical care. You may call your local hospital or doctor for information.	041310 0:33 VO
Health/ Healthcare	Governor's Schweitzer's request to the U. S. Veterans Affairs office to purchase prescription drugs at cheaper prices for our state has been denied. The V.A., which is able to buy drugs at greatly reduced rates from suppliers, has deemed it against Federal Law to resell drugs to Montana.	041410 0:15 VO
Health/ Healthcare	Despite the AMA saying that they should not be able to prescribe medications, twenty-eight states have measures on the table to give Nurse Practitioners more	041910 0:23 VO

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	authority. States counter that the severe shortage of primary care physicians would be alleviated, and that Nurse Practitioners are just as effective during office visits.	
Health/ Healthcare	Gay rights advocates are praising a new patient's rights order issued by the White House dictating that hospitals that receive federal money have to let patients who decide who can visit and consult with them, including gay and lesbian partners. The President said that he wanted to make sure that such partners are given access if requested.	041910 0:22 VO
Health/ Healthcare	Governor Schweitzer and legislators are seeking answers on how to handle the medical marijuana industry. They will meet next week to tackle some of the issues. Kalispell City Council decided to ban any new medical marijuana shops in city limits, amending City zoning codes to prohibit anything illegal to federal, state or local standards. Shops already open before the new zones were in effect will be allowed to stay.	041910 0:47 VO
Health/ Healthcare	Currently, all that is required to obtain a medical marijuana card is your name, address, driver's license number and a doctor to state that you have a condition that qualifies on the list of ailments approved by the state for treatment with marijuana. Kevin Kerr of the Montana Cannabis Foundation states that there are no lawful reasons to prevent a person from qualifying for a card, a situation that many hope will be carefully scrutinized by a special panel of lawmakers that will convene in Helena next week.	042010 0:55 PKG
Health/ Healthcare	Veterans with questions about health care, retirement and even home loans are getting help from Montana's	042010 0:50 VO/SOT/TAG

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	Disabled American Veteran's Mobile service, which stopped in Missoula today. One vet even found out that his Type II Diabetes may be service related. The van enables veterans in rural areas to receive a wide-variety of assistance in finding out what benefits are available to them. The mobile service office will set up outside the V.A. clinic in Kalispell tomorrow, in Havre on Thursday and in Great Falls on Friday. [See also <i>Taxes/Government Spending</i>]	
Health/ Healthcare	The military is worried that too many overweight teens will make it tough to find recruits. Nearly a third of all 17 to 24-year old Americans are too overweight to enter military service. One report blames school menus as a major contributing factor. The Obama administration is pushing for healthier school breakfasts and lunches, which could cost upwards of one billion dollars. Military leaders support the idea of getting junk foods out of schools, even if it means more government spending. [See also <i>Taxes/Government Spending</i>].	042010 044 VO
Health/ Healthcare	Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Montana has announced that they will allow dependant coverage up to age 26. Other health insurance providers are expected to make similar announcements in the near future, thanks to the passing of a Health Care Reform Law that allows young adults to stay on their parent's plans. Blue Cross said the change should not result in an increase in premiums.	042810 0:26 VO/TAG
Health/ Healthcare	Montana's Attorney General is spearheading an effort to educate people to properly dispose of prescription medications. Many harmful drugs are showing up in our water supplies from drugs flushed down toilets and disposed of in landfills. Also, many are showing up in the hands of teens. Valley Drug and Variety in Stevensville	042810 0:52 VO/SOT/TAG

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	has a drop off for old prescriptions, however it does not accept controlled drugs, such as narcotics. The State's effort, Operation Medicine Cabinet Montana, is set for June 5 th . Controlled substances/narcotics will be accepted at take-back events throughout the state.	
Health/ Healthcare	Major League Baseball is taking a swing at breast cancer. For the fifth year in a row, the makers of Louisville Slugger are making 250 pink bats to be used by celebrated pro hitters such as Derek Jeter and Ken Griffey, Jr. The bats will then be autographed and auctioned off to raise money for Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The Pink Bat Project has raised over \$1 million for breast cancer research.	042810 0:28 VO
Health/ Healthcare	A new type of spa is offering services for those with Seasonal Affective Disorder, a form of depression linked to the seasons. "Staycations" is a light-therapy salon in Missoula for individuals seeking full-spectrum light exposure, or just a getaway from everyday stress. Proprietor, Joy Twite, says that it is a much safer and enjoyable alternative to tanning. Rooms in the spa are heated between 77-80 degrees and decorated with crystal white sand, soothing music, fresh scents and an ocean "view".	051610 1:44 PKG
Health/ Healthcare	Presented by the First Lady, a White House Task Force is tackling childhood obesity, laying out a 70-point plan to help kids get fit. The plan calls for better meals, more exercise and less time in front of the TV. It also calls for healthier school meals. The President wants a billion dollars to expand school breakfast and lunch programs and is quoted as saying, "No one gets off the hook on this one - from governments to schools, corporations to nonprofits, all the way down to families sitting around	051110 0:48 VO/SOT/TAG

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	<p>their dinner table.” Fixing the problem may take serious investment, however the White House estimates that obesity-related health care costs this county over 150 billion dollars a year. <i>[See also Government Spending.]</i></p>	
Health/ Healthcare	<p>Botox has recently been approved for stroke victims to help restore movement to paralyzed areas. Doctors warn that it may not be effective for all patients, however many report substantial improvement in post-stroke patients.</p>	051410 0:29 VO/SOT/TAG
Health/ Healthcare	<p>New technology may soon be available for burn victims without the risks of infection and scarring associated with skin grafting. “Bioprinting” uses skin cells instead of ink to literally print new skin over wounded areas. It could also be used to help patients with scars that are years old.</p>	051710 0:39 VO
Health/ Healthcare	<p>The Center for Science In The Public Interest held a press conference earlier today to announce “Extreme Eating Awards” to nine dishes served by seven American restaurant chains. Among the items featured were the Tostada pizza with grilled steak from California Pizza; the Chicken Pasta Carbonara from Cheesecake Factory; and Cinnamon Cream Stacked Pancakes from Bob Evans’ Restaurant. According to officials with CSPI, the dishes contain high calories and excessive amounts of sodium and saturated fat. In some cases, one meal totals a whole day’s recommended maximum intake of 2,000 calories.</p>	052510 00:45 VO
Health/ Healthcare	<p>Recent medical studies show that even if you’re faking it, laughter and smiling can actually have a positive impact on preventing heart attacks, cancer, dealing with chronic pain, and even depression.</p>	052710 1:58 PKG

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Health/ Healthcare	New treatment protocol for children with severe food allergy reactions is showing substantial success. Under supervision of a nurse, kids are given small doses of the foods they're allergic to and monitored for adverse reactions. The dosage is gradually increased until the body builds up a tolerance to the food. Some kids are eventually able to get over the allergy completely.	053110 0:25 VO
Jobs/ Employment	In addition to creating jobs, Senator Testor's Forest Jobs Bill would designate 600,000 acres in Montana as "Wilderness" and set aside areas for recreation, trails, and logging. In answer to detractors of the Bill, groups such as Pyramid Mountain Lumber say it would balance logging and stewardship and become a model for other states. The "Last Best Place" Wildlife Campaign claims that the Bill calls for unsustainable logging levels that will strip money from other forests and break Wilderness Act rules. The Bill is currently being examined by the Energy and National Resources Committee.	041510 0:23 VO
Jobs/ Employment	Montana Transportation Department Engineers report that the Hutton Ranch Plaza Shopping Center draws more cars than the arterial roads around it can safely handle. Traffic analysts have recommended building a new through road that will guide drivers on a different route to exit the Wal-Mart parking lot. This will mean less traffic on Highway 93 and Reserve. The Department of Transportation is also in support of the projects as they will mean the creation of much-needed construction jobs. [See also <i>Safety</i> .]	042110 0:33 VO/TAG
Jobs/ Employment	Wal-Mart attorneys are getting ready for a massive class action suit over whether women workers are paid less than men. A Federal Appeals court agreed to let the case	042710 0:38 VO

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	move forward, despite Wal-Mart's claims that the suit is wrong and it is an excellent employer. If it loses in court, the company will have to pay billions of dollars to well over a million workers.	
Jobs/ Employment	The relocation of the Evergreen Wal-Mart to Kalispell will not only keep the existing 250 employees, but will add close to 150 new jobs that are badly needed, according to the Flathead County Job Service who has already had over 400 inquiries from prospective applicants. Along with providing new jobs, the new store will also likely boost Kalispell's property tax base over time. [See also <i>Economic Recovery</i> .]	042810 1:40 PKG
Jobs/ Employment	A new \$1.8 million federal grant will help train laid-off workers in western Montana. Over 450 workers from Plum Creek and Smurfit-Stone will receive job training and help with education and employment plans. The Department of Labor and Industry will head up the program. The money will be distributed to seven western Montana counties. [see also <i>Government Spending</i> .]	052410 0:22 VO
Politics	The Obama administration has announced new finalized rules requiring car makers to build more efficient vehicles. These rules will be phase in by 2016 and will require cars and trucks to perform at 35.5 mpg, almost twice more than the average vehicle gets now. Steve Cochran, Director of Environmental Defense Fund's National Campaign says this will eventually mean the probability of 20% less greenhouse emissions in our nation. President Obama says the beneficial effects will be like taking 58 million cars off the road for an entire year.	040110 1:45 PKG

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Substance Abuse/DUIs	Missoula Police report that prescription drug abuse is a growing problem. Robbers his two local pharmacies in the last week, Montana teens rank third in the nation for abuse of prescription drugs, and overdoses are reported for every age group by medical authorities, 19 of the 321 prescription drug-related deaths in Montana were Missoulians. To combat the growing problem, health workers, law enforcement and citizen volunteers have formed a special committee to help figure out ways to help. For more information, see details on Operation Medicine Cabinet at www.prevention.mt.gov .	041110 0:38 VO/TAG
Substance Abuse/DUIs	In September, Montana will join ten other states that will be using a new curriculum developed to change the attitudes of convicted drunk drivers.. "Prime for Life" focuses on getting people to realize how drinking and driving can affect them, their friends, and their family. The program makes offenders attend an additional four hours of treatment and as many as twenty hours for repeat offenders. Officials in other states report that the program is credited with reducing drunk driving statistics.	042610 0:42 VO/SOT/TAG
Substance Abuse/DUIs	Darby is the first Montana town to make it a crime to refuse to give a breath or blood sample when pulled over for suspicion of driving under the influence. The City Prosecutor says that he has received a lot of good feedback from the public since the town approved the measure a month ago. Darby Police Chief, Larry Rose, also thinks that the ordinance is playing a role in keeping people from driving under the influence. While Stevensville is considering a nearly identical ordinance and Missoula a similar one, many other towns are waiting to see what action the Legislature takes in the next session to address drunk driving. <i>[See also Crime.]</i>	051010 1:55 PKG

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Substance Abuse/DUIs	Parents in Bozeman are concerned about a kind of meth that is being manufactured to target kids. Some are calling it "Strawberry Meth" and it is pink and looks like candy. School officials are taking precautions with preventative education, although there have been no reports in Bozeman schools at this time. The drug first surfaced in 2007 in several states, including Washington, California and Idaho.	051910 0:46 VO/SOT/TAG
Substance Abuse/DUIs	Doctors in the UK are prescribing heroin to treat heroin addicts. Experts say 5-10% of addicts don't respond to conventional treatments like methadone and are more likely to use dirty needles and dangerous street drugs. Researchers at Kings College report a significant drop in use of "street heroin" after six months.	052810 0:25 VO
Taxes/Govt. Spending	Fifty-six percent of Montanans have responded to the 2010 Census and the government is ready to spend more taxpayer dollars to track down the remainder who have not yet responded. Responses are necessary to secure federal funding for road construction, repairs, hospital advances, schools and other programs that benefit our citizenry. Census officials hope that ads on TV and shortening the census forms will prompt more people to respond.	040110 2:31 VO
Taxes/Govt. Spending	The Tea Party Federation held a dozen rallies in Montana to make a statement on Tax Day as part of a larger national tour that began three weeks ago. The Tea Party members believe that they have the size and influence to change the direction and cost of government. Another activist group, "Drinking Liberally", a national group with a chapter in Kalispell is also growing in size and support. One Flathead member plans to run for office	041510 2:21 PKG

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	next year.	
Taxes/Govt. Spending	The Center for Tax Justice reports that taxes have decreased for most Montanans, and that 99% of working people benefit from at least ne of President Obama’s tax cuts, which applied to all income classes. The report claims that workers benefited by a little more than \$1,000. You may read the report at nbcmontana.com.	041510 0:23 VO
Taxes/Govt. Spending	Veterans with questions about health care, retirement and even home loans are getting help from Montana’s Disabled American Veteran’s Mobile service, which stopped in Missoula today. One vet even found out that his Type II Diabetes may be service related. The van enables veterans in rural areas to receive a wide-variety of assistance in finding out what benefits are available to them. The mobile service office will set up outside the V.A. clinic in Kalispell tomorrow, in Havre on Thursday and in Great Falls on Friday. [See also <i>Health/Healthcare</i>]	042010 0:50 VO/SOT/TAG
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Taxes/Govt. Spending	A home is Whitefish has been awarded top honors from the Energy Department as one of the greenest homes in America. Owners Heidi and Mark Van Everen built the	042110 0:48 VO/SOT/TAG

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	home themselves, and though it cost more to build than the average home, they received an \$11,500 rebate from the government.	
Taxes/Govt. Spending	Bozeman's one-hundred year old Story Mansion will soon see a decrease in heating costs. The City of Bozeman has been awarded a nearly \$25,000 grant to use in improvements to the property, which will be used for new insulation. The new insulation is expected to decrease heating costs by 30-40%. The historic monument is open to the public for tours.	043010 0:32 VO/TAG
Taxes/Govt. Spending	Presented by the First Lady, a White House Task Force is tackling childhood obesity, laying out a 70-point plan to help kids get fit. The plan calls for better meals, more exercise and less time in front of the TV. It also calls for healthier school meals. The President wants a billion dollars to expand school breakfast and lunch programs and is quoted as saying, "No one gets off the hook on this one - from governments to schools, corporations to nonprofits, all the way down to families sitting around their dinner table." Fixing the problem may take serious investment, however the White House estimates that obesity-related health care costs this county over 150 billion dollars a year. <i>[See also Government Spending.]</i>	051110 0:48 VO/SOT/TAG
Taxes/Govt. Spending	Homeless advocates, such at the Montana Continuum of Care (MCCC), tally numbers to obtain federal funds. The MCCC reports that on 1/28/10 if found 411 homeless people in Missoula; 264 individuals and 147 people in homeless families. MCCC counts in Bozeman showed 17 homeless individuals and 7 people living in homeless families, for a total of 24 homeless people in Bozeman. So why are there hundreds more homeless in Missoula? Reporter Mike Mestas spoke with a woman in a	051810 2:21 PKG

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	homeless campground in Bozeman who said the reason is because it's easier to get help for the homeless in Missoula than in other cities. You can read more about the homeless survey by logging on to NBCmontana.com and clicking on the Homeless Survey Fastlink.	
Taxes/Govt. Spending	A new \$1.8 million federal grant will help train laid-off workers in western Montana. Over 450 workers from Plum Creek and Smurfit-Stone will receive job training and help with education and employment plans. The Department of Labor and Industry will head up the program. The money will be distributed to seven western Montana counties. [See also <i>Employment.</i>]	052410 0:22 VO
Taxes/Govt. Spending	Flathead Valley's new \$6 million Emergency Communications Center has opened its doors. 911 calls that used to feed in to individual dispatch centers in Whitefish, Columbia Falls and Kalispell will now feed in to the new center, making it easier and quicker for officials to respond to emergency calls. The Whitefish Police Department reports that relaying calls through the center will also save \$30,000 annually for the City. [See also <i>Crime & Safety.</i>]	061510 0:51 VO/SOT
Taxes/Govt. Spending	A small school district in Victor, south of Missoula, has started its own summer lunch program to make sure that kids and community members in need of nourishment get fed. The lunches, free to children and \$3.50 to adults runs Monday through Thursday from 11:30-12:30 until the end of July and will be funded by a federal reimbursement program. [See also <i>Education.</i>]	062810 0:19 VO
Tourism	According to local travel agencies, more Montanans are spending money on travel, taking advantage of hotel and cruise company discount deals, and although	052810 1:08 PKG

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	<p>international travel may be down due to increased summer airfares, the dollar is strong in Europe right now. For many Montanans who have scaled-down vacation budgets, getaways will be limited to in-state travel, enjoying Glacier and Yellowstone Parks, as evidenced by higher-than-usual numbers of visitors reported.</p>	
Weather	<p>Montana State University scientists are participating on a NASA project to better understand the weather in space. The new project is giving scientists an unprecedented look at the sun, with images from the Solar Dynamics Observatory of 4,000 x 4,000 pixels, which is ten times better than HDTV. For the last two months, six cameras take pictures every ten seconds, producing images that NASA weather experts have never seen before. It is anticipated that the space weather program will enable scientists over the next ten years to predict the sun's impact on space weather, the same way that meteorologists predict weather on earth. You can follow the progress of the mission on NBCmontana.com by clicking on the Fastlink labeled Solar Dynamics Observatory.</p>	
Weather	<p>New home sales jumped 27% in March 2010, the largest percentage gain in nearly half a century. Although some experts attribute the rise to the temporary homebuyer's tax credit, better weather also seems to have contributed. Although housing is the first indicator of a recession, it is also among the last indicators of recovery. [See also <i>Economy./Economic Recovery.</i>]</p>	042310 0:37 VO/SOT/Reader
Weather	<p>The worst of a storm system is still to come, and travel over mountain passes is not advised on Thursday, as snow will be stacking up in the higher elevations. High</p>	042810 0:54 VO/SOT/Reader

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	<p>winds have made docks unstable on Flathead Lake, as water slams into the shoreline. The same storm knocked out power to thousands in Bozeman. Northwestern Energy reports that the electrical shortage was caused by rain and snow creeping into a power pole. While Sacajawea and Morning Star Elementary schools were without power for a few hours, most power was restored by 10 a.m. this morning.</p>	
Weather	<p>Snow that started early this morning has not let up all day. Not only are drivers dealing with slick roads, but strong winds are also wreaking havoc around the area, with visibility hampered by the blowing snows. Montana Highway Patrol reports several slides-offs and wrecks on 1-90 east of Bozeman, with no life-threatening injuries. Northwestern Energy sent out a warning today to remind people to be extremely careful around downed and sagging power lines. Rural areas may see prolonged outages if this weather keeps up.</p>	042910 0:47 VO.SOT/TAG
Weather	<p>Water specialists report that this is the first time since October that dehydrated crop regions have accumulated average to above-average amounts of precipitation. The current storm that has brought some areas to flooding levels has benefited many agricultural areas such as White Sulphur Springs and parts of the Gallatin Valley.</p>	043010 1:46 PKG
Weather	<p>An annual drought assessment reveals that western Montana is looking at one of the driest years on record, and if nothing changes we could be in store for a bad fire season. The State would like residents in wooded areas to do what they can to fireproof their property. Governor Schweitzer says we need more rain before July to prevent problems; however, eastern Montana is experiencing plenty of moisture so far this year.</p>	050710 0:25 VO

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Weather	Despite a year of mostly drought, melting snowpack mixed with rain in recent weeks has led to a flood warning in Gallatin County and some flood watches for other areas of southwest Montana. Fast-moving water, increased flows, debris and other items that might be carried down the river impose a risk to people and property. Emergency Management cautions that the smaller rivers and streams can be more of a surprise flood threat than big rivers, since they don't have the capacity to handle large quantities quickly as well, and tend to "creep up" on people at night. The Erwin Bridge fishing access on the Gallatin River has been closed because of unsafe conditions until further notice.	061010 2:29 PKG
Weather	Water is moving fast and rising quickly in the Gallatin River by Logan, nearing flood stage. People are urged to be careful when visiting areas with fast-moving water.	061610 0:16 V0
Weather	Billings officials have declared a State-of-Emergency after a tornado touched down yesterday afternoon, demolishing a 12,000 seat sports arena and other downtown structures. There were no reports of injury or death. The tornado touched down at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday with little warning. Governor Schweitzer and Representative Denny Rehberg, onsite to examine the damage today, pledged to help bring in federal money to the City of Billings and Yellowstone County to assist in recovery.	062110 2:09 PKG

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Crime and Safety	Fire fighters evacuated a few buildings at Tracy and Main Streets in Bozeman this morning because a gas line connected to a meter was snagged by a garbage truck. The area was closed off, and no one was injured. A Northwest Energy spokesperson informed KTVM that crew are replacing the meter and piping into the building and that no other pipes were damaged. Repairs should be finished today.	040210 0:36 VO/TAG News at 6 & 10
Crime and Safety	Montana Highways are currently de-iced in winter with a solution of liquid magnesium chloride, which causes roadways and bridges to deteriorate prematurely. Keeping roads safe in winter has also become more environmentally friendly in neighboring states such as Idaho and Washington. A concoction made from beet juice works up to 30 degrees below zero in keeping roadways safe and clear of ice buildup and does not degrade asphaltic and concrete surfaces.	040510 1:43 PKG News at 6 & 10
Crime and Safety	A couple and their child were frightened but not hurt after a man pointed what appeared to be an assault weapon at them on Huffine Lane in Bozeman on Saturday as they passed him while driving. The Police have apprehended Peter Haire and charged him with felony Assault with a Weapon, even though the alleged assault was carried out with a replica air-soft gun. Police also found a 12-gauge shotgun in Haire's car. He is being held in the Gallatin County Detention Center.	040510 0:32 FS News at 6 & 10
Crime and Safety	Workers will kick off one of the biggest and most expensive Super Fund projects in Montana this summer in the cleanup of dangerous contamination at Beal Mountain Mine, sixteen miles southwest of Butte. Cleanup will cost	040610 0:45 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6 & 10

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	<p>\$40 million dollars and will be paid by federal funds. The mine is located on Beaverhead-Deer Lodge National Forest lands, so the project, which has been studied for two years, will be organized by the Forest Service. [See also <i>Taxes/Government Spending.</i>]</p>	
Crime and Safety	<p>Bozeman City Manager announced the selection of a new City Police Chief from among three finalists; however he will not yet announce a name until the finalist passes a background check and psychological examination in approximately 30 days. The three finalists are: Scott Gerlicher, Deputy Police Chief for Minneapolis P.S., Bill Gardiner, Chief of Police for Grand Junction, Colorado, and Captain Ron Price from Kent Washington. Candidates were also considered from Bozeman P.D. Fifty-nine candidates applied and were screened by an outside recruiting firm.</p>	<p>040710 0:52 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6 & 10</p>
Crime and Safety	<p>The National Coalition Building Institute's "Respect Club" (NCBIRC), dedicated to prejudice-reduction, violence prevention, developing leaders and strengthening communities, is working to address the issue of bullying in schools. Two Missoula programs have been initiated for middle and high schools for after-school programs for students to discuss issues. NCBIRC also offers a violence prevention initiative, of which Hellgate and Big Sky are making use, training students and educators to create safer, more inclusive schools. To find out more about anti-bullying laws, go to KTVM.com and click on that Fastlink. [See also <i>Education.</i>]</p>	<p>040910 2:50 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6 & 10</p>
Crime and Safety	<p>Bozeman is working to expand its anti-discrimination policies. Commissioners adopted the resolution, "All Are Welcome" in the City of Bozeman last November, and are currently adding a resolution that extends the ban to discrimination in employment and benefits, as well as</p>	<p>041210 0:46 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6 & 10</p>

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	contracts and agreements.	
Crime and Safety	Facebook is making changes to improve online safety by launching a "Safety Center" internal site designed to make members aware of dangers while surfing the net. The Center will include tools for parents, teachers, teenagers and law enforcement and is an outgrowth of Facebook's new Global Safety Advisory Board.	041310 0:20 VO News at 6 & 10
Crime and Safety	GM is recalling all Hummer H3 SUV's produced since 2006 to fix a small part on the hood that can detach during driving. The recall affects around 164,000 H3 owners nationwide and 198,000 worldwide. Dealers will have to apply adhesive to the part to fix it.	050510 0:31 VO News at 6 & 10
Crime and Safety	In the Montana Highway Patrol's Annual Report for 2009, the number of people killed in fatal crashes was down 3.5% to 221 people in 198 crashes. However, more than 1,400 drivers were cited for being under the influence of alcohol. [See also <i>DUIs</i> .]	050710 0:25 VO News at 6 & 10
Crime and Safety	Wildlife agents captured and relocated two Grizzly Bears in the South Fork of the Flathead River Drainage. The bears, a 209-pound female and a 228-pound male, had been frequenting the Ferndale area and were moved because they were eating grass in yards, approaching houses and were not wary of people. The bears were both radio collared and released into the Flathead National Forest near the northern edge of the Bob Marshall Wilderness.	051010 0:55 VO/SOT/TAG News at 10
Crime and Safety	The Kent Police Department will have a new Police Chief, Ron Price, as of July 1 st . He has made it known that among his priorities will be addressing the frequent turnover in officers, and finding ways to ensure officer retention.	051410 0:31 VO/SOT/TAG News at 10

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Crime and Safety	<p>School lunches should soon be safer thanks to new standards from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Officials for USDA announced today that ground beef purchased for federal food and nutrition programs, including school lunches, will need to meet new safety standards. Testing protocols will be tightened, samples will be tested more often, and the limits that determine whether meat is acceptable will improve as part of a larger overhaul announced in February designed to improve food safety. Companies with long term poor safety records will be ineligible vendors until more research is done. These new standards will be applied to contracts awarded after July, 2010. [See also <i>Education</i>.]</p>	051410 0:51 VO News at 10
Crime and Safety	<p>Bozeman Police and Fire Department will be sponsoring a “Public Safety Day” at the Story Mansion from 2-6 p.m. this Saturday, May 22. Activities will include a bike rodeo, free kids bike helmets with proper fitting checks, free gun safety locks, personal and internet safety fliers and photos with police and fire officers.</p>	051910 0:35 VO News at 6 & 10
Crime and Safety	<p>A Congressional Committee grilled Toyota automakers today about the safety of its cars in the second hearing into massive recalls. Lawmakers criticized Toyota for not calling in outside consultants to figure out why accelerators are sticking in some cars. The automaker has recalled 8.5 million vehicles globally for this and other problems.</p>	052010 0:42 News at 6 & 10
Crime and Safety	<p>In an effort to keep the public safer this Memorial Day Weekend, Bozeman Police are cracking down on drivers who don’t buckle up as part of the nationwide “Click It or Ticket” campaign. Child Connections is working with law enforcement in support of the campaign, which puts more officers on busy roads from now until June 6th. Over 30%</p>	052610 0:45 PKG News at 6 & 10

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	<p>of people injured in car accidents were not wearing seat belts last Memorial Day Weekend. Not wearing a seat belt is a secondary offense in Montana, so officers cannot ticket you for such unless another traffic violation was committed first.</p>	
Crime and Safety	<p>A division of Johnson & Johnson has recalled millions of containers of 40 different types of over-the-counter medications for children, including Tylenol, Motrin, Benadryl and Zyrtec. Representatives from the company testified before a House Oversight Committee on Thursday after an inspection at a Fort Washington plant revealed bacterial contamination of ingredients, thick dust, grime-covered equipment and the potential for medications to become too potent through inaccurate measuring equipment. At this time, no injuries or illnesses have been reported. Johnson & Johnson has changed leadership at the suspect plant and brought in outside experts in quality control and testing. <i>[See also Health.]</i></p>	<p>052710 2:16 PKG News at 6 & 10</p>
Crime and Safety	<p>In response to recent incidents involving attacks on other dogs, a proposed ordinance is before the City of Butte calling for tighter regulations to ensure that Pit Bulls are leashed in places where people gather. A public hearing will be held at the Butte Plaza Mall tonight at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>062210 0:39 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6 & 10</p>
Crime and Safety	<p>More than two million brand-name cribs, including Evenflo, Delta, Jardine, Simmons and Million Dollar Baby have been recalled due to reports that babies can become trapped and strangle or suffocate. Although no deaths have been reported, there have been at least sixteen cases of infants being trapped, and one found unconscious. The Consumer Product Safety Commission cautions that consumers should not try to repair or fix the cribs with homemade remedies, urging people to contact the</p>	<p>062410 1:05 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6 & 10</p>

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	manufacturers to obtain a specially designed repair kit that will permanently affix the crib drop-side and make it a stationary crib. For more information visit cpsc.gov .	
Crime and Safety	Kellogg's has announced a voluntary recall of 28 million boxes of Apple Jacks, Corn Pops, Froot Loops and Honey Smacks cereals amid concerns of an "unusual smell and flavor" emanating from the boxes caused by package liners which could make people sick. There have been five reports of nausea and vomiting from consumers. Kellogg's is asking people who have purchased boxes to contact the company directly at 888-801-4163.	062510 0:25 VO News at 6 & 10
Crime and Safety	Montana Department of Transportation is working on a project to discourage people from talking or texting while driving. MDT is labeling turnoffs on highways as places drivers can stop to use their cell phones. The signs will be located in areas where cell phones have service. Because the turnoffs to be designated as cell phone stops already exist, the small cost of adding signage for 18 stops around western Montana is minimal when weighed against the safety benefits. The signs should be in place by July 4 th , 2010.	063010 0:35 VO News at 6 & 10
Economy / Economic Recovery	Governor Schweitzer believes that Montana will have a new economy six months from now. Montana is one of two states that still has a surplus, which he credits to questioning every expense. Along with his observation that he is seeing more small businesses with increases in sales, he promised to find a way to deliver the same government for less money to keep Montana on track.	041510 0:26 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6
Economy / Economic Recovery	The nation added 290,000 jobs in April, with around 230,000 of them coming from the private sector. Although the unemployment rate rose to 9.9%, the President said	050710 1:04 VO/SOT/TAG

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	<p>this morning that people who have been out of work for longer periods of time are starting to look for work again. The President went on to say that the vast majority of the jobs added are in the manufacturing sector – a good sign for the rest of the economy. [See also Jobs / Employment.]</p>	
Economy / Economic Recovery	<p>Senator Tester toured Universal Technical Resources Services, a federally-funded Butte facility that claims to be on the cutting edge of producing titanium. The company’s process, which they are keeping secret, claims to be a greener process that produces higher-quality titanium than traditional processes. Senator Tester said he is hopeful that this endeavor will in time create a lot of local jobs. [See also Jobs and Government Spending.]</p>	050710 0:52 VO/SOT/TAG
Economy / Economic Recovery	<p>Recent national statistics reveal a boost for the economy, as retail sales increased for a seventh straight month, rising 4% in April. Health and beauty shops, gas stations and hardware stores showed the fastest pace of spending in over three years.</p>	051610 0:18 VO News at 6 & 10
Economy / Economic Recovery	<p>REI plans to open it’s Bozeman location this Friday, 10 a.m. In addition to REI donating funds to the Gallatin Valley Land Trust to expand and improve the Sourdough Canyon/Bozeman Creek Trailhead, REI employees donated two hours of their time to conduct cleanup of the trailhead on April 27th. A number of outdoor related classes such as outdoor cooking, nature presentations, volunteer opportunities and REI supported events are scheduled following the grand opening weekend.</p>	051710 0:38 VO/TAG News at 6 & 10
Economy / Economic Recovery	<p>President Obama praised his Economic Recovery Act for putting people to work and improving the lives of middle Americans. In Youngstown today to trumpet the growth of the Economy under his leadership, he donned a hard hat and fire-retardant jacket to tour a pipe and tubing</p>	061810 0:57 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6

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	<p>manufacturer. The President told the crowd assembled that his administration's initiatives were having a positive impact on the economy, even though the unemployment rate remains high.</p>	
Economy / Economic Recovery	<p>The opening of a Bozeman REI store has created 40 jobs right off the bat, and may create more depending on the success of the new store. Two other big retailers have announced plans to move to Bozeman: Best Buy and Kohl's. [See also <i>Jobs/Employment</i>.]</p>	<p>052110 1:40 PKG News at 6 & 10</p>
Economy / Economic Recovery	<p>Applications for mortgages rose last week. According to the Mortgage Bankers Association, the 9% growth in borrowing is the result of people applying to refinance existing homes, rather than for home purchases. Refinancing was up by 13%, the highest level since May 2009, while new mortgages fell by 4%.</p>	<p>063029 0:29 VO News at 6 & 10</p>
Education	<p>The National Coalition Building Institute's "Respect Club" (NCBIRC), dedicated to prejudice-reduction, violence prevention, developing leaders and strengthening communities, is working to address the issue of bullying in schools. Two Missoula programs have been initiated for middle and high schools for after-school programs for students to discuss issues. NCBIRC also offers a violence prevention initiative, of which Hellgate and Big Sky are making use, training students and educators to create safer, more inclusive schools. To find out more about anti-bullying laws, go to KTVM.com and click on that Fastlink. [See also <i>Crime & Safety</i>].</p>	<p>040910 2:50 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6 & 10</p>
Education	<p>A record 105 Native American students are slated to receive Bachelors and Master's Degrees during Montana State University's 114th Commencement Ceremonies set for tomorrow in Bozeman. The grad rate has increased nearly</p>	<p>050710 0:34 VO News at 6 & 10</p>

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	60% from last years. Many of the Native American grads this spring were enrolled in MSU's Indian Leadership Education and Development and Early Childhood Education Distance Partnership Programs.	
Education	Not only is MSU's football team beloved, but so is the stadium food. The National Association of College and University Food Services presented the MSU catering team with a gold medal, based on such menu items as applewood smoked prime rib, "Bobcat Cheeseballs" and logo-shaped shortbreads. Accepting the medal for his team, Catering Director Todd Jutila is proud of the student caterers' accomplishment.	051110 0:30 VO News at 6 & 10
Education	School lunches should soon be safer thanks to new standards from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Officials for USDA announced today that ground beef purchased for federal food and nutrition programs, including school lunches, will need to meet new safety standards. Testing protocols will be tightened, samples will be tested more often, and the limits that determine whether meat is acceptable will improve as part of a larger overhaul announced in February designed to improve food safety. Companies with long term poor safety records will be ineligible vendors until more research is done. These new standards will be applied to contracts awarded after July, 2010. [See also Safety .]	051410 0:51 VO News at 10
Education	Some Montana High-schoolers are taking the fight against meth into their own hands. "Paint The State" is a Montana Meth Project aimed at giving students a chance to express themselves though public art, with a grand prize of \$5,000. The last day to register to participate in the contest is June 30 th . Winners will be announced in August.	051910 0:48 PKG News at 6

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Education	<p>The Howard Hughes Medical Institute awarded Montana State University a grant of more than 2 million dollars to provide students with better educational opportunities. MSU plans to fund summer and academic research opportunities for undergrads, fine tune biomedical curriculum and continue the Montana Apprenticeship Program (MAP) for Native American Students. MSU is one of fifty universities to receive the grant.</p>	<p>052010 0:41 VO News at 6 & 10</p>
Education	<p>A 4-2 vote of the Belgrade School Board on whether or not to renew the contract of teacher, Lisa Nesbit, ensures that her contract will be automatically renewed. Whether or not the vote was influenced by the over 400 students that rallied on the football field the day prior to the vote, students are jubilant that the job of a favorite teacher has been spared.</p>	<p>052510 1:30 PKG News at 6 & 10</p>
Education	<p>Brooks Hallin, a Bozeman High School student, has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as one of Montana's 2010 Presidential Scholars. Another student from Montana, Allison Ray, has also been named for this distinguished award in academics. The students will be honored during a White House ceremony in June.</p>	<p>052810 0:29 VO News at 6 & 10</p>
Education	<p>A statewide reading program, "Storymakers", aims to create a home learning environment for underprivileged children. Studies show that reading to babies can help cognitive skills later in life and prevent struggled in school. The nonprofit organization hands out over 7,000 books twice a year to help rural and tribal children prepare for success at an early age. Many of the books have math and science themes.</p>	<p>060110 1:05 PKG News at 6 & 10</p>
Education	<p>MSU graduate Paul Ullmann recently won a graduate research fellowship from the National Science Foundation.</p>	<p>060210 0:44 VO News at 6 & 10</p>

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	<p>He plans to use the \$121,500 fellowship to fund his research and doctoral studies in paleontology at Drexel University in Pennsylvania. As a toddler, Ullmann listened to bedtime stories that his parents would read about dinosaurs, and at the age of three he declared that he would someday be a paleontologist. He fulfilled that dream working alongside Jack Horner at MSU as an undergrad.</p>	
Health/ Healthcare	<p>The Montana Caregivers Network is working to give people an opportunity to learn about medical marijuana. According to the Network's Founder, Jason Christ, most patients seek such treatment for chronic pain and that the law is very specific about who qualifies for medical marijuana. Scientists are working to establish how certain elements of marijuana affect certain ailments. Isolating these elements and letting people know what is in each one gives people more control over their treatment. Opponents worry that marijuana's bad effects outweigh the benefits. John Coleman, President of Drug Watch International, says smoking anything is bad for humans and that there are safer, more effective drugs already on the market.</p>	040710 2:56 PKG News at 6 & 10
Health/ Healthcare	<p>The new Small Business Healthcare Bill has some business owners frustrated about what exactly this bill is and how it works. KTVM did some investigation to provide clarification: The Bill allows small businesses to provide healthcare coverage at a cost similar to larger companies. Small businesses will benefit by receiving two tax credits, one for the employer and another for individual employees. The new Bill will also give owners the power to pick-and-choose which plan is best for them. [See also <i>Taxes.</i>]</p>	040710 0:46 VO News at 6 & 10
Health/ Healthcare	<p>Missoula Health Department (MHD) reports that thirty percent of adults in Missoula are obese or overweight.</p>	040810 1:02 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6 & 10

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	<p>More than twenty percent of grade-school kids have weight problems. MHD is encouraging parents to keep the TV off, especially during mealtimes, and is re-embarking on a campaign to encourage breast-feeding of infants to combat child obesity rates later in life. The MHD is also forming a Food and Nutrition Task Force, named "The East Smart Coalition", with the goal of bringing community leaders together to explore ways to make food selections easier and more convenient.</p>	
Health/ Healthcare	<p>The medical marijuana industry has been growing since voters made it legal in 2004, even more so not that President Obama has told the Federal Government to lay off growers and users in states that allow it. Government and medical groups are looking for ways to control the industry, and City attorneys and Police complain of users smoking openly in public. Also at issue are some cities that have no zoning codes in force to restrict where medical marijuana dispensaries conduct business. The Legislative Committee that oversees the Department of Public Health and Human Services is schedules to meet on April 27 to discuss the issues, and the Montana League of Cities and Towns plans to hold a forum. Next month, the Montana Board of Medical Examiners will also discuss the issues during a two-day retreat.</p>	041310 0:46 VO/TAG News at 6 & 10
Health/ Healthcare	<p>New medical marijuana dispensaries will not be allowed in Kalispell, the result of a City Council vote last night. Mayor Tammi Fisher says that marijuana grow operations are essentially a breach of federal contract and will not be allowed within the City's limits. The law does allow existing operations to continue to operate. Council member Jim Atkinson said that the law was not meant to come between patients and caregivers, rather to limit the growth of dispensaries in Kalispell. The public was allowed</p>	050410 2:21 PKG

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	45 minutes to comment before the vote.	
Health/ Healthcare	Senator Baucus announced that asbestos-sickened residents in Libby will soon be able to apply for Medicare benefits. Social Security Administration workers will be in Libby on May 17 th to assist Libby residents file Medicare applications. Libby is a decade into a massive cleanup of an asbestos problem blamed on vermiculite mining. Nearly 300 deaths have been attributed to asbestos poisoning, and hundreds more have been sickened.	050610 0:34 VO News at 6 & 10
Health/ Healthcare	The First Interstate Bank Walk MS will take place in Bozeman on Saturday, May 15 th and will be a fundraiser to aid in Multiple Sclerosis research and the search for a cure. Last year's walk attracted 1,100 walkers statewide who raised \$191,000. To volunteer or for more information, call 252-5927.	051010 0:52 VO News at 10
Health/ Healthcare	Genetic tests that can tell if you are at risk for Alzheimer's Disease or Prostate Cancer are coming to a Walgreens near you. While scientists and health care professionals agree that it's good for the general public to be empowered with better tools to control their health, they caution that the saliva tests do not tell an individual much about what diseases could develop when environmental factors are added to the genetic factors. Professor Winikoff of U.C. Berkeley advises, "...if you care about your future health, the message is to eat well, exercise, have checkups and lower stress."	051210 1:14 PKG News at 6 & 10
Health/ Healthcare	A new type of spa is offering services for those with Seasonal Affective Disorder, a form of depression linked to the seasons. "Staycations" is a light-therapy salon in Missoula for individuals seeking full-spectrum light exposure, or just a getaway from everyday stress.	051610 1:44 PKG News at 6

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	<p>Proprietor, Joy Twite, says that it is a much safer and enjoyable alternative to tanning. Rooms in the spa are heated between 77-80 degrees and decorated with crystal white sand, soothing music, fresh scents and an ocean “view”.</p>	
Health/ Healthcare	<p>In 2007, thirty-seven states had comprehensive smoking ban laws that make lighting-up in a public place illegal. In these states, researches found an 11% drop in heart attack rates in the year following the ban. Using that percentage, they estimated that a national smoking ban would result in 18,000 fewer hospitalizations from heart attacks and \$92 million a year in healthcare costs. More studies are underway to determine the effect a smoking ban would have on other diseases.</p>	<p>052010 0:34 VO News at 6 & 10</p>
Health/ Healthcare	<p>The Center for Science In The Public Interest held a press conference earlier today to announce “Extreme Eating Awards” to nine dishes served by seven American restaurant chains. Among the items featured were the Tostada pizza with grilled steak from California Pizza; the Chicken Pasta Carbonara from Cheesecake Factory; and Cinnamon Cream Stacked Pancakes from Bob Evans’ Restaurant. According to officials with CSPI, the dishes contain high calories and excessive amounts of sodium and saturated fat. In some cases, one meal totals a whole day’s recommended maximum intake of 2,000 calories.</p>	<p>052510 00:45 VO News at 6 & 10</p>
Health/ Healthcare	<p>A division of Johnson & Johnson has recalled millions of containers of 40 different types of over-the-counter medications for children, including Tylenol, Motrin, Benadryl and Zyrtec. Representatives from the company testified before a House Oversight Committee on Thursday after an inspection at a Fort Washington plant revealed bacterial contamination of ingredients, thick dust, grime-</p>	<p>052710 2:16 PKG News at 6 & 10</p>

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	covered equipment and the potential for medications to become too potent through inaccurate measuring equipment. At this time, no injuries or illnesses have been reported. Johnson & Johnson has changed leadership at the suspect plant and brought in outside experts in quality control and testing. <i>[See also Safety.]</i>	
Health/ Healthcare	A new study from University of Tuscon and Loma Linda University found nearly all reusable grocery bags tested in a random sampling contained a large number of bacteria. Over 10% were contaminated with ecoli and 50% tested positive with coliform from storing raw meat or undercooked food -- bacteria levels high enough to pose major risks. A majority of the study participants, 97%, reported that they had never washed or bleached their reusable grocery bags, which would disinfect them and make them safe for use.	062510 0:50 VO News at 6 & 10
Jobs/ Employment	Senate Democrats are examining ways to come up with a plan to extend unemployment benefits through Memorial Day. It is hoped that extending the benefits beyond the three-week cutoff will give senators a chance to resolve differences between parties and revive tax breaks that have also expired. A pending bill would set a May 5 th deadline. <i>[See also Politics.]</i>	041310 0:48 VO News at 10
Jobs/ Employment	According to Senator Testor, his Forest Jobs Bill will designate 600,000 acres in Montana as wilderness, set aside areas for recreation, trails and logging, create jobs and protect resources. Groups such as Pyramid Mountain Lumber say that it would balance logging and stewardship and become a model for other states. Critics, such as "The Last Best Place" Wilderness Campaign, say that the Bill will bring about unsustainable logging that will strip money from other forests. Critics also counter that within the	041510 1:40 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6 & 10

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	<p>language of the Bill are approvals to allow use of motor vehicles for herding of livestock and sheep with ATVs, and also allowing for landing of helicopters for military training exercises. It would also allow for structures and development in a number of areas, and motor vehicle use for wildlife management purposes.</p>	
Jobs/ Employment	<p>The Bozeman Job Service Center has seen an increase in college students looking for work. Business student, Kevin Loudon, says the key to finding jobs is to be aggressive in these rough times. Many students have sought out internships with local companies as a way of getting a foot in the door. Many are seeking guidance through requesting informational interviews with local companies who may not be hiring but will spare some time to offer tips on how an individual performs during an interview process. Some students in fields such as architecture and specialized construction that cannot find work locally have found employment in other states such as Texas and Idaho.</p>	050310 1:57 PKG News at 6 & 10
Jobs/ Employment	<p>The nation added 290,000 jobs in April, with around 230,000 of them coming from the private sector. Although the unemployment rate rose to 9.9%, the President said this morning that people who have been out of work for longer periods of time are starting to look for work again. The President went on to say that the vast majority of the jobs added are in the manufacturing sector – a good sign for the rest of the economy. [See also <i>Economic Recovery</i>.]</p>	050710 1:04 VO/SOT/TAG
Jobs/ Employment	<p>Senator Tester toured Universal Technical Resources Services, a federally-funded Butte facility that claims to be on the cutting edge of producing titanium. The company's process, which they are keeping secret, claims to be a greener process that produces higher-quality titanium than traditional processes. Senator Tester said he is hopeful that this endeavor will in time create a lot of local jobs.</p>	050710 0:52 VO/SOT/TAG

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Jobs/ Employment	The opening of a Bozeman REI store has created 40 jobs right off the bat, and may create more, depending on the success of the new store. Two other big retailers have announced plans to move to Bozeman: Best Buy and Kohl's. [See also <i>Economic Recovery</i> .]	052110 1:40 PKG News at 6 & 10
Jobs/ Employment	Montana's Governor is requesting more money from feds to train Montanans how to weatherize their homes. Governor Schweitzer and an advisor to the U.S. Secretary of Energy held a news conference in Helena today to announce that 29 million dollars in federal funds would be earmarked for 34 weatherization projects specifically to expand the weatherization training network. The goal is to cut energy consumption at all state facilities 20% by year end. The Governor thinks that these projects will also create more jobs as well as making Montana more energy efficient. [See also <i>Jobs</i> .]	060410 1:16 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6 & 10
Politics	Preparations are underway at Prague Castle, one of the Czech Republic's most notable landmarks, for this week's nuclear treaty signing ceremony between President Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev. Both Presidents are scheduled to sign the Arms Reduction Treaty in the Castle's Spanish Hall on Thursday. The Treaty would limit the number of operationally deployed nuclear warheads to 1550 for each country. This is down nearly two-thirds from the start of a prior treaty signed in 1991.	040610 0:49 VO/TAG News at 6 & 10
Politics	Senate Democrats are examining ways to come up with a plan to extend unemployment benefits through Memorial Day. It is hoped that extending the benefits beyond the three-week cutoff will give senators a chance to resolve differences between parties and revive tax breaks that	041310 0:48 VO News at 10

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	have also expired. A pending bill would set a May 5 th deadline. [See also Employment and Taxes.]	
Politics	From Kalispell to Bozeman and across the country, conservative activists are lining the streets to make a statement on Tax Day, rallying to bring attention to what they believe are taxes that are too big and government that is too big. In ten communities in Montana, Tea Party activists, in what were mostly quiet crowds of several dozen to several hundred, gathered in a self-described movement of "Activists Bent on Making a Difference". [See also Politics.]	041510 3:20 PKG News at 6 & 10
Politics	The Bozeman league of Women Voters, Bozeman Business and Professional Women and Bozeman American Association of University Women will be co-sponsoring candidate forums on Monday May 24 th , 7 p.m. at the Gallatin County Courthouse.	051910 0:49 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6
Politics	Immigration system reform dominated private discussions in the White House Rose Garden today between President Obama and Mexican President Felipe Calderon. The President pledged to work with Congress on reform, saying legislation currently being considered "can and should move forward". Both Presidents agreed that the Arizona anti-immigration law is "misdirected", and Obama said that his administration may sue the state on civil rights grounds. The pair vowed to continue the fight against drug cartels and stressed the importance of overcoming economic struggles on both sides of the border.	051910 0:50 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6
Politics	Montana's Secretary of State has launched a Twitter page to provide information and updates leading up to Tuesday's primary election. The social media website will be used to quickly distribute information such as polling	060310 0:36 VO News at 10

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	locations, turnout and results. It will also be used by election officials to communicate with the public on Election Day, June 8 th .	
Substance Abuse/DUIs	State leaders are working to combat Montana's drunk driving problem. Trading ideas today in Helena on how to cut down on repeat offenders, some suggested installing interlock devices that require a breath sample from drivers before they can drive. Another possibility may be to require repeat offenders to check-in for sobriety tests twice a day.	040510 0:26 SOT/TAG News at 6 & 10
Substance Abuse/DUIs	KTVM has learned more about discussions taking place in Helena today. Testimony from a man who's wife was killed while driving under the influence compelled lawmakers to give further consideration to requiring the use of car interlocking devices for repeat DUI offenders, letting judges having more control over which offenders should be ordered into residential treatment, and even the possibility of letting game wardens hand out alcohol or drug citations to kids. Also discussed were ways to provide support and funding for drunk driving courts. KTVM will keep you updated on any decisions.	040510 0:47 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6 & 10
Substance Abuse/DUIs	Top Montana Leaders have unveiled a new push to keep kids of meth in a program called "Paint the State 2010" that will be run by the Montana Meth Project. The idea is to convince kids to stay away from meth by sponsoring contests for artwork about its possible effects. In Missoula, Big Sky students plan to put together a mural in hopes of winning the top cash prize.	041510 0:58 SOT/VOT/TAG News at 6
Substance Abuse/DUIs	People in our community that have been killed by drunk drivers were honored this evening in a remembrance vigil sponsored by the Gallatin chapter of Mothers Against	041610 1:40

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	<p>Drunk Driving. More than two dozen people gathered in Bozeman with candles lit to remember their loved ones and to remind the public of the devastating consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. More than 11,700 people nationwide in 2008 were killed in crashes related to drunk driving. In Montana alone, 91 people were killed.</p>	
Substance Abuse/DUIs	<p>In the Montana Highway Patrol's Annual Report for 2009, the number of people killed in fatal crashes was down 3.5% to 221 people in 198 crashes. However, more than 1,400 drivers were cited for being under the influence of alcohol. [See also <i>Crime/Safety</i>.]</p>	<p>050710 0:25 VO News at 6 & 10</p>
Substance Abuse/DUIs	<p>In a special program designed to teach teen drivers to make safe choices, educators teamed with Saint Vincent Hospital in Billings to stage a mock car crash and rescue mission at Belgrade High School today, complete with a fatal injury, broken glass, debris and fake blood to graphically drive home the risks of driving while impaired. Students interviewed after the demonstration said that it had a powerful impact on them.</p>	<p>051410 1:55 PKG News at 6 & 10</p>
Substance Abuse/DUIs	<p>The Montana Department of Corrections estimates 80% of the people in state prisons have a drug or alcohol problem. Gallatin County's Drug Court has helped 171 people over the last ten years to enroll in a rehabilitation program. Roughly 52% of the enrollees made it through the full 18 months of the program. Court officials say that the program not only saves lives, but also saves taxpayer dollars, as it costs a lot less to put someone through Drug Court than it does to incarcerate them. If someone you know needs help, call AlAnon at 585-4258 or check out Narcotics Anonymous Montana at NAMontana.com.</p>	<p>052110 2:34 PKG News at 10</p>
Substance	<p>Wyoming is looking to adopt an anti-meth program that</p>	<p>060710 0:45 VO/SOT/TAG</p>

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Abuse/DUIs	has shown proven success in Montana. By copying the model for the Montana Meth Project's "Paint the State" contest, Wyoming Meth Project is now working on securing funding, including private sponsors and donations, to award cash prizes on a county-by-county basis for art projects that promote remedies and prevention of meth addiction.	News at 6 & 10
Taxes/Govt. Spending	Montana Sheep Ranchers are praising the Federal Government's decisions to award a \$140,000 grant to help protect livestock from wolves. A total of one million dollars will be granted to ten states for this purpose, with Idaho and Wyoming receiving a major portion due to greater numbers of wolves in those states. Along with paying back ranchers for livestock killed by wolves, the money will be used to build fences and other non-lethal ways to protect livestock.	040210 0:30 VO News at 6 & 10
Taxes/Govt. Spending	Tax deadline looms in the near future; however, if you are not ready to file by April 15th, there is no need to panic. You may file an extension to receive a six-month grace period by filing form 4868 instead of your full tax return. Bear in mind that filing an extension does not mean that you don't have to pay what the government thinks you owe. If you do not pay, you will be subject to penalties. You can find more information at KTVM.com on the Tax Information Fastlink.	040710 0:28 VO/TAG News at 6 & 10
Taxes/Govt. Spending	Workers will kick off one of the biggest and most expensive Super Fund projects in Montana this summer in the cleanup of dangerous contamination at Beal Mountain Mine, sixteen miles southwest of Butte. Cleanup will cost \$40 million dollars and will be paid by federal funds. The mine is located on Beaverhead-Deer Lodge National Forest lands, so the project, which has been studied for two years,	040610 0:45 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6 & 10

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Taxes/Govt. Spending	<p>will be organized by the Forest Service. [See also <i>Safety</i>.]</p> <p>The new Small Business Healthcare Bill has some business owners frustrated about what exactly this bill is and how it works. KTVM did some investigation to provide clarification: The Bill allows small businesses to provide healthcare coverage at a cost similar to larger companies. Small businesses will benefit by receiving two tax credits, one for the employer and another for individual employees. The new Bill will also give owners the power to pick-and-choose which plan is best for them. [See also <i>Healthcare</i>.]</p>	040710 0:46 VO News at 6 & 10
Taxes/Govt. Spending	<p>Tax day is coming up soon. The IRS now accepts credit cards, but you will have to pay an administrative fee. You may also apply to pay in installments, but missing a payment will result in having that arrangement revoked. It is even possible to plea for a “compromise” in lieu of total amount owed, but the IRS may not accept it. And finally, you may file for an extension allowing up to 120 days to pay, however you will owe penalties and interest.</p>	040910 0:24 VO News at 10
Taxes/Govt. Spending	<p>Senate Democrats are examining ways to come up with a plan to extend unemployment benefits through Memorial Day. It is hoped that extending the benefits beyond the three-week cutoff will give senators a chance to resolve differences between parties and revive tax breaks that have also expired. A pending bill would set a May 5th deadline. [See also <i>Employment</i> and <i>Politics</i>.]</p>	041310 0:48 VO News at 10
Taxes/Govt. Spending	<p>From Kalispell to Bozeman and across the country, conservative activists are lining the streets to make a statement on Tax Day, rallying to bring attention to what they believe are taxes that are too big and government that is too big. In ten communities in Montana, Tea Party activists, in what were mostly quiet crowds of several</p>	041510 3:20 PKG News at 6 & 10

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	dozen to several hundred, gathered in a self-described movement of “Activists Bent on Making a Difference”. [See also <i>Politics</i> .]	
Taxes/Govt. Spending	In an attempt to secure additional funds for the Interstate 90 access to Gallatin Field Airport, Commissioner Bill Murdock will be in Washington DC next week visiting with Montana’s congressional delegation. The delegation previously earmarked ten million dollars, matching the amount earmarked by the Montana Highway Commission. The Airport has set aside three million dollars to contribute to the project, and the City of Belgrade will cough up between five and seven million dollars to push this project through.	041610 0:50 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6 & 10
Taxes/Govt. Spending	Senator Tester toured Universal Technical Resources Services, a federally-funded Butte facility that claims to be on the cutting edge of producing titanium. The company’s process, which they are keeping secret, claims to be a greener process that produces higher-quality titanium than traditional processes. Senator Tester said he is hopeful that this endeavor will in time create a lot of local jobs. [See also <i>Jobs</i> and <i>Economic Recovery</i> .]	050710 0:52 VO/SOT/TAG
Taxes/Govt. Spending	Bozeman City Commissioners have unanimously voted to give the American Legion over \$30,000 to help rebuild Post 14, which lost it’s headquarters in last year’s Main Street gas explosion. The Post is actively fundraising to rebuild, and cutting corners in construction expenses wherever it can.	051810 0:34 VO News at 6 & 10
Taxes/Govt. Spending	A state grant and local donations will be used to build a “rain garden” at Bozeman City Hall to demonstrate how to improve water quality. With input and support from the Greater Gallatin Watershed Council, Sweet Pea’s Nursery will create the garden with a selection of plants that filter	052410 0:40 VO/SOT News at 6 & 10

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	<p>out contaminants from runoff water and return clean water to the basin. Organizers will stage a party n June 19th while the rain garden is being built. To participate, call 219-3739 or email info@greatergallatin.org.</p>	
<p>Taxes/Govt. Spending</p>	<p>Montana’s Governor is requesting more money from feds to train Montanans how to weatherize their homes. Governor Schweitzer and an advisor to the U.S. Secretary of Energy held a news conference in Helena today to announce that 29 million dollars in federal funds would be earmarked for 34 weatherization projects specifically to expand the weatherization training network. The goal is to cut energy consumption at all state facilities 20% by year end. The Governor thinks that these projects will also create more jobs as well as making Montana more energy efficient. <i>[See also Jobs].</i></p>	<p>060410 1:16 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6 & 10</p>
<p>Tourism</p>	<p>Governor Schweitzer wants Montanans to take a “stay-cation” this year. His office says that tourism is one of Montana’s major industries, bringing in \$3 billion dollars from out-of-state visitors, and sustain more than 42,000 jobs in Montana. The Governor urges Montanans to explore our state’s treasures such as Glacier National Park, the National Folk Festival in Butte and the White Cliffs of the Missouri River. If you’d like more ideas for Montana destinations, go to KTVM’s Website, KTVM.com and click on the “Schweitzer Urges Montanans to Explore Their State” article.</p>	<p>051210 0:49 VO News at 10</p>
<p>Tourism</p>	<p>According to local travel agencies, more Montanans are spending money on travel, taking advantage of hotel and cruise company discount deals, and although international travel may be down due to increased summer airfares, the dollar is strong in Europe right now. For many Montanans who have scaled-down vacation budgets, getaways will be</p>	<p>052810 1:08 PKG News at 6 & 10</p>

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	limited to in-state travel, enjoying Glacier and Yellowstone Parks, as evidenced by higher-than-usual numbers of visitors reported.	
Tourism	Camping is more popular than ever, even during the current rainy season, as thousands take advantage of what is usually the most affordable way to vacation, as well as a way to promote family togetherness. While many campers upgrade to RV's as a way to see the countryside, Park and National Forest officials report large numbers of tent campers at sites for the holiday weekend.	053110 1:24 PKG News at 10
Tourism	The City of Butte is gearing up for summer festival season, expected to bring an influx of tourism business and money into the economy. Last year's festivals such as 4 th of July, Evil Knieval Days and the Folk Festival brought over 23 million dollars and scored Butte the distinction of "Tourism City of the Year". There will be a public meeting on June 14 th at 6 p.m. to discuss possible solutions for not blocking access to certain downtown businesses that are usually forced to close their doors during the festivals.	060710 1:06 VO/SOT/Reader
Weather	One storm is on its way out, but another is headed our way. The next storm system will move into far western Montana late Friday and area wide Friday night. Be aware that falling temperatures in the tens in Butte area could mean for icy road conditions.	040110 0:05 VO News at 6 & 10
Weather	People in Butte are braced for wind gusts close to 45 mph, about 20 mph more than commercial flights can handle n a cross-wind. Airport Directors will be making decision about whether or not to shut down.	040210 0:37 VO News at 5
Weather	Windy weather could make air travel tough this weekend, with gusts up to 45MPH in Butte, about 20 MPH more than	040210 0:46 VO/SOT/TAG News at 6 & 10

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	<p>what commercial flights can handle in a crosswind. Bert Mooney Airport's Manager, Rick Griffith Explains that Butte's geographic location works to its advantage, being screened by mountains. The wind is expected to be a factor in late afternoon, so check airline Websites or call ahead to see if there are delays.</p>	
Weather	<p>Low winter snowfalls may have an impact on river flows this summer if temperatures rise too soon. Roy Kaiser, Water Specialist shares with us information on conserving water, and advises that if you have a river trip planned, to go early this season to avoid low flows. He will be watching how precipitation and temperatures affect our water supply so that he can advise us what we can expect in the coming months locally and statewide.</p>	<p>040210 1:56 PKG News at 6 & 10</p>
Weather	<p>Our ongoing snows throughout the day have prompted the Montana Highway Patrol to report that road conditions are risky, with at least weather-related accidents so far. Wet, heavy snow is making travel slick business. For some people, this is a welcomed event. Water specialists say we need as much precipitation a possible before the dryer climate of spring moves in.</p>	<p>041310 0:56</p>
Weather	<p>KTVM is keeping an eye on the spring runoff and working to keep you informed on the flooding season. Bozeman Fire Chief Jason Shrauger informs us that flooding is not unusual for a couple of day each year and that is easy to get into a dangerous situation by mistaking deep water for shallow water. Emergency Crews caution drivers and pedestrians to stay away from both moving and standing bodies of water, because it only takes a few inches of fast-moving water to sweep a car or person downstream. [See also <i>Safety</i>.]</p>	<p>041410 0:47 VO News at 6 & 10</p>

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Weather	A frost advisory is posted for northwest and central Montana. Temperatures are expected to fall to 32 degrees and below in areas around Missoula, Bozeman, Kalispell and Butte tonight, so you may want to cover tender vegetation and bring the potted plants indoors.	052010 0:31 VO News at 6 & 10
Weather	Despite a year of mostly drought, melting snowpack mixed with rain in recent weeks has led to a flood warning in Gallatin County and some flood watches for other areas of southwest Montana. Fast-moving water, increased flows, debris and other items that might be carried down the river impose a risk to people and property. Emergency Management cautions that the smaller rivers and streams can be more of a surprise flood threat than big rivers, since they don't have the capacity to handle large quantities quickly as well, and tend to "creep up" on people at night. The Erwin Bridge fishing access on the Gallatin River has been closed because of unsafe conditions until further notice.	060710 2:29 PKG News at 6 & 10
Weather	Flooding has interrupted mail service in Belgrade. The Postmaster informed KTVM that carriers will not be delivering mail to six households until the Amsterdam Road Bridge, which was washed out by heavy rains, is repaired sometime in September. Crews have detoured all traffic in the meantime.	061610 0:46 VO/SOT/TAG News at 10
Weather	Billings officials have declared a State-of-Emergency after a tornado touched down yesterday afternoon, demolishing a 12,000 seat sports arena and other downtown structures. There were no reports of injury or death. The tornado touched down at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday with little warning. Governor Schweitzer and Representative Denny Rehberg, onsite to examine the damage today, pledged to help bring in federal money to the City of Billings and Yellowstone	062110 2:09 PKG News at 6 & 10

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	County to assist in recovery.	