

***KUDL-HD3 QUARTERLY LISTING OF PROBLEMS AND NEEDS***

April, 2010 – June, 2010

Each quarter, KUDL-HD3 places in its Public Inspection File a list of what it considers to have been some of the significant problems and needs of its service area and some of its most significant programming broadcast to help meet those problems and needs.

The attached Quarterly Listing of Problems and Needs is being filed in the Public Inspection File of Station KUDL-HD3 in accordance with FCC requirements for the three month period April, 2010 – June, 2010. While this list contains a brief description of much of KUDL-HD3's most significant typical and illustrative programs and program segments, it does not include all programs and program segments broadcast by the station during the three months which related to other issues.

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## **KUDL-HD3 – AM QUARTERLY LISTING OF PROBLEMS AND NEEDS**

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### **1. BUSINESS/JOBS**

The downturn in the economy has hit area businesses, with several companies having to layoff workers. The now-passed bailout in Washington of the auto industry will have a far reaching impact in the Kansas City area with the two auto plants. The subprime problem continues to haunt local business, with H & R Bloch reporting a lower quarterly profit, and several area lenders also reporting major problems

### **2 VIOLENCE/CRIME**

Crime continues to be a major problem facing the Kansas City area. New statistics out show that violent crime is up among all ages and races and in all cities. White collar crime is also becoming a problem for businesses. The Kansas City Crime Commission working to better enable police departments with new information. Kansas City Police Department revamping and looking at more police on streets.

### **3. GOVERNMENT**

Local problems exist at city hall in Kansas City, Missouri as the Mayor continues to wrangle with the city council over several issues including that of his wife. A recent effort to recall the mayor is underway. As both Kansas and Missouri lawmakers get set to convene next quarter, numerous committees are drafting legislative proposals dealing with education, infrastructure and immigration.

### **4. EDUCATION**

The battle to find education dollars for both Kansas and Missouri still a hot topic as the legislative session will begin next quarter. Missouri is looking at a problem with student loans and how to handle the agency that is in charge. Many of the local school districts, such as Shawnee Mission, Liberty, Kansas City are facing money issues, and with the state's economies continuing to slide many of the education dollars are being withheld. Kansas City, Missouri continues its search for a new superintendent.

### **5.MINORITIES**

As Congress tries to come up with a plan on how to deal with illegal immigrants, Kansas city's Hispanic community rallies joining other cities nationwide to try and show how important the worker's are to the economy. Meanwhile, area churches are trying to find ways to battle racism. Missouri lawmakers looking at measure to punish businesses and landlords that hire and house illegals.

### **6. YOUTH**

The growing crime rate in Kansas City has hit the area youth hard. The nationwide school shootings causing more schools to crackdown on any truancy problems. Many of the homicide victims have been young and officials are concerned about growing gang violence. There is concern that as the economy continues to slide, more and more young people will be out of work, and could turn to crime.

### **7. DRUGS**

While both states have made headways into the problem of drugs in the metro area, methamphetamine is still the drug of choice. While both states have enacted legislation to crack down on over the counter medicines that can be used to make meth, law enforcement officials say it's too early to tell if the measures are working. New surveys out that while hard drugs are on a decline among teens, prescription drugs are now the number one problem.

## **8. WOMEN**

The issue of low pay, lack of child care continue to be a problem among working women in the metro area. As the metro area braces for the economic downturn, more women are seeing their jobs eliminated and that is adding to pressure. More employers though seem to be working better with women in the area of health care and that has been noted as a plus among women's organizations.

## **9. HEALTH**

Missouri and Kansas committees are looking at how to handle the ranks of the under and uninsured. Kansas City health department trying to work up plans on how to battle a pandemic if and when it occurs here.. The focus of health care will be a big topic in the upcoming presidential election, and as the campaigns come through Kansas City, many are asking the candidates their views.

## **10.. CHARITY**

Area food banks have been tapped, and more charities are seeing more and more working poor coming to their doors. The holiday season was a tough one for area charities, and they are still playing catch up.

## **1.BUSINESS/JOBS**

### **MORNING NEWS**

4.1.10: We had heard that Continental Airlines was outsourcing jobs from KCI... now we know HOW MANY jobs will be lost. Continental plans to lay off 30 ramp workers at KCI. The airline is cutting a total of 150 workers at seven airports, effective June first.

4.1.10: A Kansas City-based company could triple its workforce by the end of the year, thanks to a federal grant that'll help it develop all-electric vehicles. Smith Electric Vehicles is getting 22-million-dollars from the department of energy, on top of 10-million it was awarded in august. Senator Claire McCaskill says it'll be a big boost to the local economy. The plant's production could go up to 25 vehicles a week by the end of the year. As part of the grant, Smith Electric will provide subsidies to buyers of commercial electric vehicles - to get them to take part in a study about how the vehicles work.

4.20.10: Home sales in the Kansas City area took a big jump last month. Sales of new and existing homes in Kansas City went up more than 50-percent from February to March. Those sales were also up more than 12-percent from March of last year. The average price of a home in the Kansas City area has gone up from a year ago, too - by more than 5-percent, to an average of about 158-thousand-dollars.

5.3.10: United and Continental Airlines say they're joining to form the world's largest airline in a deal worth about \$3 billion. The new airline would jump past Delta Air Lines in size. But first it will need approval from shareholders and antitrust regulators. The announcement today says the new carrier will keep the Continental colors and logo, but use the United name.

5.18.10: The Missouri General Assembly might have adjourned Friday without passing incentives for manufacturers like the Ford plant in Claycomo -- but a local state lawmaker says - it's not over. Jerry Nolte of Gladstone has written Governor Nixon requesting a SPECIAL SESSION to consider the tax incentives that would benefit the Claycomo plant.

The bill's primary intent was to persuade Ford to upgrade its Claycomo assembly plant near Kansas City instead of building its next generation of vehicles elsewhere.

## **2. VIOLENCE/CRIME.**

## MORNING NEWS

4.1.10: The man accused of gunning down late-term abortion provider goes for a sentencing hearing today. Scott Roeder faces a mandatory life sentence for the murder of George Tiller. A judge will have to decide how much time Roeder will HAVE to serve before he's eligible for parole.

4.5.10: Police are investigating whether a Topeka man died from a gunshot wound or from injuries sustained in a rollover accident. Police say Duke Sanders was struck in the abdomen during a drive-by shooting. A friend was attempting to drive Sanders to the hospital when he lost control and rolled the vehicle. Sanders was pronounced dead at a local hospital.

4.19.10: Two people were shot - one of them fatally - in an incident in the 400 block of East Armor last night. Kansas City police say they were called out to investigate a shooting, and when they got to the apartment, they found a male in the lobby who said he had been shot, and said another male was shot in the doorway of his apartment. When cops went to the apartment, they found a male in his 20s dead in the doorway. Police say it appears the man who died was trying to break into the other man's apartment.

4.21.10: Kansas City police say a double-shooting in the 38-hundred block of east 60th terrace on Monday night was a murder-suicide. A man apparently shot his estranged wife after convincing her to come to the home by saying he needed help starting his vehicle, according to the star. The man reportedly shot the woman, then shot himself in front of his 12-year-old daughter. Police have not released the victims' names.

6.1.10: It would appear this latest and "greatest" of recessions was accompanied by an overall DECREASE in criminal activity, bucking what many consider a consistent trend across the U.S. Former FBI Agent Jeff Lanza says a drop in illegal drug activity also helped hold violent and property crime rates down. He says however, with the down economy, white collar crimes like identity theft HAVE been on the rise.

6.2.10: A 23-year-old Kansas City man has been charged in Jackson County court in the deaths of two brothers who were found in a shopping cart last week. Loyal Hayes is charged with two counts of second-degree murder in the deaths of Joseph Hooker and John Hooker, whose bodies were found last Thursday behind an abandoned building in the 45-hundred block of Askew Avenue. Hayes is being held on 1-million-dollars bond.

6.8.10: Kansas City police are investigating a double-shooting from last night in which one of the victims has died. Detective Laurie Borkowski of the homicide unit tells KMBZ, two men in a car were shot while they were driving at around 8-45 last night... they tried to drive off, but ended up stopped near Linwood and Highland. Both men had life-threatening injuries. One of them died at a local hospital. Borkowski says there is no suspect information.

6.10.10: A woman who was once an FBI Ten Most Wanted fugitive has lost her appeal on a voluntary manslaughter conviction in the death of a man in September of 2006. A Missouri

appeals court up held the conviction for Shauntay Henderson in the death of DeAndre Parker, according to the Star. He was killed as he sat in a pick-up truck outside a convenience store. Henderson - a Kansas City gang leader - was released on probation in April.

### **3. GOVERNMENT**

#### **SHANIN AND PARKS**

4.19.10: Mayor Mark Funkhouser joins Shanin and Parks in studio.

4.22.10: Nick Jordan, former state senator and one time republican congressional nominee, drops out of the 2010 race to succeed Dennis Moore in the U.S. House. Citing a lack of funds and the likelihood that he would lose in August, Jordan became the first to drop out.

6.3.10: Sam Brownback and Jeff Colyer join Shanin and Parks in studio. The duo is considered the odds on favorite to win the Governor/Lt. Governor race in Kansas in November.

#### **MORNING NEWS**

4.20.10: A couple of weeks ago, Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders was warning that state budget cuts could lead the county to close part of the jail and free some inmates... But it looks like things have changed. The state has not passed a budget yet - but Sanders says at this point, it appears that the county is not in jeopardy with state budget cuts. He says a couple of local legislators worked to protect the county from the cuts. The county would have had to free about 120 inmates with the kind of cuts Sanders was expecting.

4.26.10: Two state lawmakers in Illinois say it's time to call out the National Guard in an effort to do something about escalating violence in Chicago. They're asking Gov. Pat Quinn to do that. The request comes amid a recent surge in violent crime, including a night last week that saw seven people killed and 18 wounded, mostly by gunfire. One lawmaker notes Chicago has had 113 homicides this year.

5.5.10: Just before the Kansas City city council is set to vote on a proposal to create a new department to oversee infrastructure projects, the acting city manager has appointed someone to a new position to manage construction in the city. Troy Schulte appointed Sherri McIntyre to be an assistant city manager in charge of infrastructure in the city. She had worked as a senior engineer at a local firm.

5.5.10: Kansas City's bus service could get three-million-dollars in state funding a budget that recently went to Governor Nixon. Bus service leaders say the money will replace stimulus

money that helped fund operations last year - but it will NOT result in the restoring of service cuts, according to the Star. Last year, Saint Louis got 12-million-dollars in state funding, while Kansas City got nothing. This year, Saint Louis got no state money for public transit.

5.10.10: The Raymore City council tonight is expected to vote on changes to the city's gun laws. A couple of weeks ago - the council gave first-round approval to a plan to let city council members - but not citizens - carry concealed weapons at city council meetings. The changes also would allow citizens to carry guns into city properties such as parks and City Hall. But the council could not allow citizens to carry guns to council meetings because that is prohibited by state law. Instead, the council agreed to ask the Missouri Legislature to change state law to allow cities to decide the issue.

5.11.10: Light-rail activist Clay Chastain says he has about a quarter of the signatures needed to get his light-rail proposal on the ballot in November. Chastain needs more than 4-thousand signatures on petitions in support of his proposal, which calls for building 22 miles of light rail from UMKC to KCI, plus a street-car line. He is asking for a three-eighths-cent-sales tax increase over 25 years, plus federal dollars.

6.1.10: State Treasurer Dennis McKinney is expanding a program that he hopes will help return unclaimed property to thousands of Kansas veterans. McKinney's office is renewing a partnership with the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs. The treasurer has a list with some 10,000 names of veterans with property held by the state totaling about \$4.5 million. A program was started in November 2009. A website has been created to assist veterans and service organizations in finding the owners of the property. In all, the treasurer's office is holding roughly \$209 million in unclaimed property that it seeks to return to Kansans or their heirs.

## **4. EDUCATION**

### **980 LIVE WITH DARLA JAYE**

5.7.10: Mayor Mark Funkhouser of Kansas City joins Darla in studio to discuss his Schools First initiative.

### **MORNING NEWS**

4.2.10: The only charter school in the Kansas City, Kansas school district has lost its charter. The KCK school board voted this week to revoke the charter for Holman Academy, because of a major gap in funding. Incoming KCK superintendent Cynthia Lane said the board will discuss the future of the school at its next board meeting. District leaders have indicated the school could stay open and operate as a regular district school.

4.19.10: A local community college is going to drop a program that helps students with mental disorders because of a lack of money. A 10-year-old program - called ABLE - or Academic Bridges for Learning Effectiveness - at Metropolitan Community College's Penn Valley campus is ending at the end of the spring semester, as the college tries to fill a 52-million-dollar budget gap, according to the Star.

The program helps students who have problems like brain injuries or autism. Once the program ends at Penn Valley, students can find transportation to the college branch at Longview in Lee's Summit - where the program also exists.

4.27.10: Through Friday "non certified" employees of the Kansas City school district have a chance at early buyouts! Those working in areas such as food preparation or building maintenance could be eligible. The requirements, ten years of service and pay of at least 12-dollars thirty cents and hour. District spokesperson Eileen Houston-Stewart says it's all part of the so called "rightsizing" plan. District employees interested in the buyout have to report to Manual Career Technical Center on Truman Road, any evening through Friday between 6PM and 8PM. A million dollars has been set aside for the offer.

5.7.10: The stagnant economy is pushing more prospective workers in Missouri into the kitchen. The state Department of Higher Education says enrollment in postsecondary culinary arts programs was up by more than 500 percent last year compared with 1999. Enrollment has grown by 62 percent in just two years. More than 2,600 students were enrolled in such programs last year, compared with fewer than 500 in the year 2000. And the number of Missouri colleges with culinary arts programs has grown from four to 11 since 2001. Among those receiving training at L'Ecole Culinaire in St. Louis were displaced General Motors factory workers who received government employment training after losing their jobs.

5.12.10: The Department of Defense is making a \$23 million investment in the schools at Fort Riley. Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback says the money will be transferred from the defense budget to the U.S. Department of Education. The money will pay for a new elementary school on the northeast Kansas post. The funding was announced over the weekend when Defense Secretary Robert Gates attended a town hall meeting at Fort Riley with soldiers and families. Fort Riley schools are part of the Junction City district. Brownback says enrollment of Fort Riley students has grown with the return of the 1st Infantry Division from Germany and the Army's decision to assign more soldiers to the post.

7.7.10: Budget axes have landed hard on teachers here in the metro lately and around the country. More than 300-thousand teachers are expected to lose their jobs before next school year....now leaders with the nation's union of educators plan to lobby Washington for help. Leaders with the American Federation of Teachers want 23 billion federal dollars sent to states including Missouri and Kansas to mitigate what they've called "draconian cuts" to teacher jobs. Kansas City's union president Andrea Flinders says more money means...more teachers. Flinders couldn't say how additional federal funding might impact major cuts coming to the Kansas City school district. She says more than 72-hundred teachers are expected to lose their jobs in Missouri.

## **5. MINORITIES**

### **SHANIN AND PARKS**

4.14.10: Kansas City is reeling following last weekends flash mob on the Country Club Plaza. Shanin and Parks discuss who has the “primary” obligation to solve this problem. Police? Parents? The city? The city’s black leaders?

5.24.10: The Kansas City Council has approved a resolution opposing Arizona’s tough new anti-illegal immigration measure, SB 1070.

6.4.10: A new CNN poll finds the nation is basically split down the middle on whether or not President Barack Obama has improved race relations in America.

### **980 LIVE WITH DARLA JAYE**

5.19.10: David Lopez talks about Hispanics FOR tougher Illegal Immigration laws, and being branded a traitor for not being down with the so-called struggle.

### **MORNING NEWS**

4.2.10: Reversing course, Army Secretary John McHugh warned soldiers Thursday that they still can be discharged for acknowledging they are gay, saying he misspoke earlier this week when he suggested the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy had been temporarily suspended. The public stumble by a senior service official is an indication of the issue's legal complexity. The Pentagon has said it wants to hear from gay troops as it conducts a broad study on how it could lift the ban, as President Barack Obama wants. But to do that, gay service members would have to break the law, which prohibits them from discussing their sexual orientation. Defense Department officials say they plan to hire an outside contractor to survey the troops, and that gay troops won't be punished for sharing their views with that third party.

5.10.10: He was printing and selling so called " green cards" and is now headed to prison ! 26 year old Isidro Castro-Lopez, a Mexican citizen was sentenced in KCK yesterday. Jim Cross, a spokesman for the U S attorney's office,says Castro-Lopez offered several type of documents. Cross says Castro-Lopez, who drew a 10 month sentence, printed the documents on a home

computer. He says immigration officials are now working with employers to teach them how to spot phony documents.

5.10.10: As pressure for boycotts of Arizona mounts, an Olathe man expects several states to "pick up the gauntlet." Ed Hayes heads the Kansas-Missouri chapter of the Patriot's Coalition. He says New Jersey senator Robert Menendez, is an "enabler." Menendez wants major league players to boycott next year's all star game scheduled to be played in Phoenix. Hayes says Kansas should adopt a law similar to Arizona's. But Hayes says he doesn't expect Kansas to change it's laws anytime soon, although he thinks Missouri could crack down on illegal immigration. As far as the boycotts are concerned, Hayes says he thinks Arizona resident's don't take them very seriously.

6.2.10: New data shows African-Americans are far more likely to be pulled over than whites or Hispanics in Missouri!! That from Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster who says the data is very concerning. Kansas City Police Captain Rich Lockhart says they have a policy against any racial profiling when making vehicle stops. He says they have had complaints but nothing recently. The 2009 vehicle stops report shows you're 70 percent more likely to be stopped if you're an African-American. The data though did NOT indicate whether or not the stops were warranted. Koster says it's possible they could go into more detail to find out why individuals were stopped.

6.3.10: The NAACP is announcing its lineup for its 2010 convention in Kansas City. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said in a news release Wednesday that the Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton will attend. Other high-profile participants will include gospel music stars BeBe and CeCe Winans, actresses Cicely Tyson and Tatyana Ali, and Democratic Congressmen Bobby Scott of Virginia and Emmanuel Cleaver of Missouri. The event will run July 10-15.

6.7.10: More Hispanic students are enrolling in college, but a disproportionate number drop out. This, according to a study by the American Enterprise Institute. Especially at risk are students from underperforming high schools or with parents unfamiliar with the demands of college life. Fifty-one percent of Hispanic students earn a bachelor's degree in six years, compared to 59 percent for white students.

## **6. YOUTH**

### **MORNING NEWS**

4.19.10: Yesterday, police chief Jim Corwin said Kansas City has great kids ! The chief held a summit on youth violence. He wants to set up a communications link between the city and the

groups to let youngsters know what kind of recreation is available. The meeting was the result of the recent incident on the Plaza.

6.2.10: The reigning National Spelling Bee champion is back again \_ this time with her 8-year-old sister. Third-grader Vanya Shivashanka from Kansas is the youngest competitor at this year's bee, which begins Wednesday and ends with the finals Friday night. Vanya's sister, Kavya, won last year's bee and has been helping her sister out. Still, it was a bit of a surprise that Vanya would get to the finals at such a young age. Vanya traces the words on her hand before spelling them, just as her sister did. One difference: Kavya wants to be a neurosurgeon when she grows up, while Vanya wants to be a heart surgeon.

6.10.10: Gov. Jay Nixon scheduled signing ceremonies today for legislation aimed at helping Missouri children with autism and related disorders. Nixon planned stops in suburban St. Louis, Springfield and Columbia to sign the bill requiring insurance companies to write policies that cover the diagnosis and treatment of autism. The governor's office says the measure specifically requires coverage of a therapy called Applied Behavioral Analysis, or ABA. Nixon's office says experts believe ABA is a vital tool in helping children with autism and related disorders. The bill requires insurance providers to cover up to \$40,000 of the therapy each year for children until age 18.

## **7. DRUGS**

### **MORNING NEWS**

4.1.10: If Jackson County prosecutor Jim Kanatzar gets his wish, Clayton Dunlap will be locked up for life ! Three additional charges have been filed against the Kansas City man in connection with a crash Saturday that killed a 12 year old boy and seriously injured his mother. Dunlap had 16 convictions for driving without a license at the time of the wreck, but Kanatzar says he thinks the laws are sufficient. Dunlap's statement said that he had smoked PCP laced marijuana and taken two prescription drugs shortly before the crash. He's now held under three hundred thousand dollars bond. Kanatzar expects additional charges.

4.20.10: An Associated Press-CNBC poll shows the majority of Americans don't think marijuana should be legalized. But a larger percentage believe it has medical benefits. People under 30, the group most apt to favor legalization, were most likely to see pot as a way to help the economy.

5.3.10: Kansas officials are launching a new website to help with the implementation of a new statewide smoking ban. Lt. Gov. Troy Findley and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment will announce the new site today. The ban was signed in March by Gov. Mark Parkinson and takes effect July 1. It prohibits smoking in most enclosed public places, businesses, taxis, limousines, restaurants, bars and within 10 feet from entrances and air intakes

at such facilities. Members of the Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition are attending a press conference with Findley and KDHE Secretary Rod Bremby.

5.14.10: They're just lucky no one died. That's what Platte County Prosecutor Eric Zahnd tells KMBZ News after a metro mom admits she got six young teenagers drunk at her daughter's 14th Birthday Party. Zahnd is asking the court for a maximum amount of shock jail time. Another adult in the home at the time has been charged. Zahnd says he hopes this case sends a message to parents that serving underage kids, could land them in jail!

## **8. WOMEN**

### **980 LIVE WITH DARLA JAYE**

4.14.10: Vicki Tiahrt, the wife of Congressman and senatorial candidate Todd Tiahrt, joins Darla in studio to talk about the campaign and the difficulty of being a woman married to a politician.

### **MORNING NEWS**

5.3.10: The future of late term abortion in Kansas hangs in the balance today, with a final vote in the state House aimed at overriding a veto of major abortion restrictions. Not long ago, Democratic Governor Parkinson vetoed a bill that would virtually erase late term abortions and Republican led House members supporting the bill who failed to reach an override majority on Friday....will try again today. Three lawmakers were absent during Friday's vote....that gives legislators a second shot, according to House rules. The bill would allow families to sue abortion doctors if they have evidence the doctor violated state law...and it requires doctors to provide significantly more details about late-term abortions.

6.2.10: A man accused of raping four women in the Waldo area in the 1980s is expected back in court today. A public defender was recently appointed to represent bernard Jackson, who faces 15 felony counts in the series of rapes and robberies from the 1980s. He's also been labeled a "person of interest" in five rapes in Kansas City's Waldo neighborhood from September 2009 through February of this year, but he has NOT been charged in those incidents.

## **9. HEALTH**

### **MORNING NEWS**

4.21.10: A clog in a sewer line resulted in more than 36-hundred gallons of wastewater getting into a creek that runs into the Blue River. The city says drinking water was NOT badly affected by the problem. A sewer line overflowed at East 78th street and Agnes Avenue because of the clog. We don't know exactly when it happened. Crews still have to repair the line, but the overflow was stopped.

5.6.10: Kansas city leaders today are expected to vote on cuts to health care providers that city leaders say have become necessary to make up for falling property tax revenue. The city needs to cut 3-and-a-half-million-dollars from the budget. One proposal is to cut 1-point-7-million-dollars from Truman Medical Center, and a million dollars from the city's ambulance service, along with 360-grand to the city's health department, according to the Star. The council is expected to vote on those cuts today.

5.13.10: The government says it recovered \$2.5 billion in overpayments for the Medicare trust fund last year as the Obama administration focused attention on fraud enforcement efforts in the health care industry. In a report, the Justice Department and the Health and Human Services Department say their cooperative efforts are showing results as they put investigative resources in areas where health care fraud is especially widespread. Those areas include South Florida; Los Angeles; Houston; Detroit; New York City's Brooklyn borough; Baton Rouge, La.; and Tampa, Fla.

## **10. CHARITY**

### **SHANIN AND PARKS**

6.4.10: Actor Paul Rudd joins Shanin and Parks to talk about his Big Slick Celebrity Poker Tournament which will be held at Harrah's. All proceeds from the event will benefit Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City.

### **MORNING NEWS**

4.5.10: The United Way is hoping that uninsured children and families get access to publicly-funded health care programs, using thousands of dollars from last year's united way

campaign. The United Way is donating more than 250-thousand-dollars among several non-profit agencies. The United Way says caseworkers will go into neighborhoods that currently have a lot of low-income residents, and help them get access to the health care programs, according to the Star.

4.19.10: Food, shelter and other badly needed aid finally is arriving in the remote town in western China town shattered by last week's earthquake. The surge in aid coincided with the arrival in the Tibetan region yesterday of Chinese President Hu Jintao (hoo jihn-tow). The death toll from the is more than 1,700 and another 256 people are still missing.

4.20.10: Recent changes to the Obama administration's mortgage assistance program may make it more vulnerable to fraud, a government watchdog says. The changes, announced last month, are intended to make it easier for struggling homeowners to avoid foreclosure. But the administration hasn't done enough to warn the public about fraud and hasn't included sufficient safeguards to prevent abuse, the special inspector general for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, or TARP, said.

4.27.10: MidAmerica Nazarene University is giving \$50,000 to help build a medical clinic in Guatemala, and students will give the check to Olathe-based Heart to Heart International today. It says the clinic will be in a poor, rural area that has no hospital.

5.7.10: Wanna help feed the hungry? just go through your cabinets, pull out the food you don't need, and put it out in time for when the mail carrier arrives on Saturday. Tomorrow is the annual stamp out hunger drive by the nation's mail carriers. The carriers pick up the donations on their routes, and then give the food to local food banks.

5.10.10: Governor Jay Nixon's plan to curtail tax incentives has united some charities against the idea. The clock is ticking for Missouri charities with the legislative session ending this Friday. The group, including representatives from children's agencies and domestic violence shelters, say tax credits for donors can double the money they bring in. Nixon says tax credits are taking away budget money that could go to education. He wants lawmakers to reorganize Missouri's tax credit programs and cap the total amount of credits that can be authorized annually.

6.2.10: Harvesters doesn't want metro area kids to go hungry while school is out ! For the second summer it's conducting the " No School No Lunch" program. The community food bank has teamed up with Price Chopper. It says lots of youngsters depend on low cost or free meals while in class, and when summer comes, it's tough for cash strapped parents. Harvesters CEO Karen Haren says helping out is easy. Haren says the financial meltdown, requests for aid have increased 30 per cent. She thinks those numbers will hold through the summer.

6.4.10: The Salvation Army is trying to create more space for homeless families in Johnson county. the agency has kicked off a campaign to raise 2-point-2-million-dollars for a new homeless shelter that could house up to 60 people at a time. Major Mark Martsoff tells KMBZ, he was surprised to find out about the homeless problem in Johnson County, but, the rapid

growth in the area has brought many people looking for jobs. And... he says those people sometimes have a hard time finding affordable housing. The current facility was built in the 1940s. The new one will have larger rooms and house more families.