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**SEXUAL ASSAULT**  
**Sexual assault a growing epidemic**

**by Liz Cohen**  
 News Writer

Franklin, Mo. — The Center for Disease Control and Prevention says that sexual assault is one of the most common forms of violence against women in the United States. In 2010, one in four women reported being sexually assaulted at some point in their lives, and one in five women reported being sexually assaulted in the last 12 months.

**GROWING TOGETHER**  
 Community gardens cultivate more than vegetables

**by Liz Cohen**  
 News Writer

Franklin, Mo. — Community gardens are more than just a place to grow vegetables. They are a place where people come together to share knowledge, build relationships and improve their communities.

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**Kan. Senate passes expanded school funding plan**

State says 'NO' to funding increase

**by Liz Cohen**  
 News Writer

TOPEKA — The Kansas State Board of Education on Friday approved a plan to increase school funding by 5.4 percent over the next five years. The plan also includes a 22 percent sales tax and a 24 percent property tax.

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**Water rates in Salina aimed at keeping precious commodity**

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