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KOMU-TV Columbia, Missouri

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by station KOMU-TV through its news programming for the period January 1, 2001 to March 31, 2001. The listing is by no means exhaustive, but instead shows the depth and breadth of coverage. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

1st Quarter Issues: Consumer Issues, Crime, Drug/Alcohol Abuse, Government, Health, Education, Jobs/Economy

Description of Issue	Program/ Segment	Date	Time	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program/Segment
Education	NBC8 News at 10	1/1	10 pm	2:00	Fayette Schools Superintendent Larry Leech says a cord failure caused Friday's fire at Fayette High School. An electric space heater was turned off, but it was still plugged in. The fire destroyed classrooms, administration offices, and the new library, as well as lesson plans and textbooks.
Economy	NBC8 News at 6	1/2	6 pm		Missouri's economy could slow down this year. The state Department of Economic Development says more inflation, less consumer confidence, and a slightly higher jobless rate will contribute to the slowdown.
Government	NBC8 News at 6	1/3	6 pm	2:00	At 11 Missouri time, Jean Carnahan became Missouri's first female U-S senator. And, while she took her oath in Washington, friends and family watched from the state Capitol. Even Russ Carnahan couldn't find the words to describe the mix of sadness and celebration as family and friends gathered in what used to be his father's office--the Governor's office. They celebrated as his mother, Jean, takes a position he hoped his father would.
Government	NBC8 News at 10	1/4	10 pm	2:00	President-elect Bush says he's considering changing the timing, but not the size of his proposed tax cut, in the wake of the federal reserve's move to cut interest rates. That move sent stock prices zooming up, although they level off as analysts caution a recession is still possible. In Austin, Bush meets with CEO's of high tech firms and says he's optimistic about their long-term prospects. Then announces his plan to

					phase in 1.3 trillion dollars in tax cuts over ten years, which may not give the economy the kick start he says it needs.
Jobs	NBC8 News at 10	1/5	10 pm	:40	And, a new Missouri governor means a new look for many of the staff at the Capitol in Jefferson City. Several state employees were busy cleaning out their desks and sorting through old papers today. Some workers are moving to different state offices, while others are just leaving the government. Many say they're sad to go, but they knew their time was coming.
Government	NBC8 News at 6	1/7	6 pm	:30	State Representative Robert Clayton and Republican challenger John Cauthorn are preparing a series of debates for a January 22nd election. That election would decide who would take over Joe Maxwell's state senatorial position. It could also decide which party would control the state senate. Cauthorn and Clayton have scheduled a debate to run in Northern Missouri.
Government	NBC8 News at 10	1/8	10 pm	2:00	There's new trouble tonight for one of George's w. Bush's cabinet pick and new questions about another. As the president-elect was returning from his ranch to his Austin residence in his limousine. His aides confirmed labor secretary nominee Linda Chavez housed an undocumented worker from Guatemala in the early 1990's. The top senate democrat says if it's true, it's a serious problem. A spokesman for Bush says Chavez helped the woman out of compassion and broke no laws. She suspected the woman was here illegally but didn't employ her. A top senate republican says Chavez can expect questions about the situation at her confirmation hearing.
Crime	NBC8 News at 6	1/9	6 pm	:20	Columbia police have arrested a man in connection with two car fires on New Year's Eve. The defendant, 19-year-old David Glaser, is charged with burning the cars. The fire destroyed both of them. Glaser faces up to five years in jail or a five thousand dollar fine on each count. He's in the Boone County Jail on 10-thousand dollars' bond.
Education	NBC8 News at 10	1/ 10	10 pm	2:00	The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, or DESE, has a special theme for this year..."On the road to learning." In a national study, Ed Week gave Missouri grades ranging from C+ to D-. The report says Missouri is on the road to upgrading standards and finding effective ways to measure them. But, the Show-Me State gets Ds for not providing enough financial resources to schools. Orlo Shroyer knows the

					problem. He's the deputy commissioner of DESE.
Economy	NBC8 News at 10	1/ 11	10 pm	1:00	One reason is here at the Department of Revenue. State analysts predicted sales tax revenues to grow by four-point-two percent this fiscal year. But, officials now say, early indications show a slowing economy that's not expected to achieve that growth. Another problem is unexpected growth in Medicaid expenses, especially to help Missourians pay for prescription drugs.
Health	NBC News at 6	1/ 12	6 pm	1:30	If you turn to the refrigerator for relief in times of stress, you're not alone. Food can provide feelings of warmth and comfort, but in this case, too much of a good thing can lead to weight gain without relieving stress. That's why researchers at Baylor college of medicine are studying the physiological reasons that stress triggers overeating. Doctor Goodrick and his colleagues believe people can avoid overeating in stressful situations by simply learning to put relaxation techniques into practice before grabbing a snack. They also hope the study of a biofeedback device, which measures bodily functions, will help patients relax.
Government	NBC8 News at 10	1/ 13	10 pm	2:00	After Ashcroft spends another day at the capitol lobbying his former colleagues, the bush team finally provides a much-awaited transcript of Ashcroft's 1999 speech to Bob Jones University--the now infamous college that's banned interracial dating and expressed anti-catholic views. Ashcroft's enemies may be disappointed. The speech was a short but strong statement of his faith...often invoking the phrase, "we have no king but Jesus."--a slogan, he said, of the American revolution. Of Bob Jones University, he said: "I thank God for this institution."
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 10	1/ 14	10 pm	5:00	A washing machine you can take with you wherever you go... that's the portable power washer. When we saw the catalog ad for the portable power washer we figured we had to get one of these. So we did, and we took it to Mark Leitman's house to check it out. The power washer does come in several pieces, so it does require a bit of assembly. But it didn't take Mark Leitman long to figure out how the pieces fit. Our portable power washer cost $40 plus $10 shipping. However it says we're going to save money on water detergent and electric bills.
Health	NBC8 News at 6	1/ 15	6 pm	2:30	At 15, Mary Ellen was diagnosed with attention deficit disorder. Her doctor prescribed Ritalin, a stimulant that can improve focus and concentration and control emotional swings. As Mary Ellen got older,

					Ritalin didn't work as well for her. She had mood swings and trouble sleeping. Her doctor, Leslie walker, says her problems are common among teens and young adults on Ritalin. For college students with add, life can be even more difficult. Suddenly, there's more responsibility, and more freedom. That transition was tough for Mary Ellen. She went away to college, stopped taking her medicine, missed a lot of classes, and her schoolwork really suffered. Eventually, she returned home, to classes at southern Maryland. And found a support system there, for students with A.D.D.
Government/ Education	NBC8 News at 10	1/ 16	10 pm	2:30	It's music they're used to playing. But, they'll perform for a different audience in the Presidential Inaugural Parade. And that makes some Marching Mizzou members a bit uneasy.
Alcohol Abuse	NBC8 News at 6	1/ 17	6 pm	:30	A Missouri Senate committee heard testimony today on a bill to lower the blood-alcohol content for drunk drivers. The proposal calls for lowering the state's B-A-C to point-zero-eight. The nation's biggest beer maker, Saint Louis-based Anheuser Busch, says it won't oppose the plan. The federal government says it will withhold highway money, if Missouri doesn't lower its blood-alcohol level from point-one-zero. And, state lawmakers say Missouri already faces a budget shortfall for next year.
Government	NBC8 News at 10	1/ 18	10 pm	2:30	Most of us think of first ladies as president's wives, and for the most part that's true today. But a look at history shows that first ladies haven't always been married to presidents. We've had daughters, sisters, cousins, family, and friends.
Government	NBC8 News at 6	1/ 19	6 pm	:30	The publisher of the Columbia Business Times, Fred Parry, opposed the sales tax hike for the Stephens Lake property. That's when he led a group called Boone County Citizens for Good Government. Now, he supports the Boone County Commission's proposed sales tax increase to pay for a jail and courthouse expansion and add deputies to the sheriffs department.
Government	NBC8 News at 10	1/ 20	10 pm	2:00	The election that elevated George W. Bush to the presidency was extraordinary. The formalities of his inauguration day are reassuringly routine. Family pride, civility between foes, a parade down Pennsylvania Avenue and even protests that on this day are loud but not disruptive. These are traditions that continue no matter the name of the president, no matter how divisive the election.

Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 10	1/ 21	10 pm	1:30	But now that interest rates have gone down buyers like Kent Shelton can expect to get more house for their money. The interest rate in Columbia has dropped about a half-percent in the last few weeks. That means an owner paying on a loan for a house like this, valued at just under 120-thousand saves almost 50 dollars per month. And with the Federal Reserve Board planning to meet next week many believe that will help open the door to owning a home.
Crime	NBC8 News at 10	1/ 22	10 pm	1:30	After five weeks on the run from prison four of what's come to be known as the Texas 7 are back in custody, arrested in Woodland Park, Colorado, a mountain town near Colorado Springs
Economy	NBC8 News at 6	1/ 23	6 pm	:30	Boone county residents are looking at a permanent sales tax increase on their April 3rd ballot. If you live in Columbia, expect to vote on the third tax increase in the last year and a half. It's set to go on the April third ballot. The Boone County Commission today proposed a quarter-cent sales tax hike to pay for law enforcement.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 6	1/ 24	6 pm	2:00	During the holiday season, consumers shopped 'till they dropped ... And while many paid for their gifts with this. Financial experts say, more of them paid with this. Consumer debt is at an all time high. If you are buying something that will appreciate and you can't pay cash for, it's considered good debt. The most obvious example, Real Estate. The most obvious way to convert bad debt, to good is to use a home equity loan. The interest is tax deductible.
Health	NBC8 News at 10	1/ 25	10 pm	1:30	A bet with her husband six years ago changed all that. Quit smoking and she could pick anywhere she would like to eat dinner in the world. She won that bet, and then decided to get in shape. Now, Judy covers her head with a bicycle helmet. In just four years, she was ready to conquer the nation. Twice. From San Francisco to New York...from Washington to Massachusetts, Judy covered eight thousand miles over two summers. Biking has greatly improved Judy's health, but she's surprised how it's helped others.
Education	NBC8 News at 10	1/ 26	10 pm	2:00	Bad weather has really tied the Columbia Public School calendar into quite a knot. The district cancelled classes at six this morning due to sleet on the roads. That's the seventh cancellation this year. Today's snow day means Columbia Public School students will not end classes until the first week in June, moving back the last day from June first to

					June fourth. The district has no snow days left.
Government	NBC8 News at 10	1/ 27	10 pm	7:00	In his first weekly radio address to the nation, President Bush called for "a new way of thinking" about education. Devoting the entire address to the topic, Bush says every child must be offered a fair start in life with quality education. Bush presented his education reform package to congress on Tuesday. Today, Bush talked about his education plans, which calls for emphasis on early reading, yearly testing, local control, accountability for results and consequences for failure.
Economy	NBC8 News at 10	1/ 28	10 pm	2:00	Sheriff Ted Boehm says his department needs money to expand the jail and pay for more officers. Presiding Commissioner Don Stamper says the county needs money to expand the courthouse. On Tuesday, Boone County commissioners said this is what voters will see in April. A request for a quarter-cent sales tax that would go to--quote--general law enforcement functions and services. Now Boehm is publicly opposing the bill because it does not specify where the almost 25 million dollars collected in the next five years would go.
Education	NBC8 News at 10	1/ 29	10 pm	2:00	Teaching social studies...amid a chorus of coughs...that's the challenge for Mexico Junior High School teacher Cindy Hurts. One look at this month's attendance book shows Hurt's students are hurting. These A's aren't for "excellence." They're for absences due to illness. Mexico Junior has 600 students, today, more than 100 out sick. Mexico Junior High is not alone. Schools all across Mid-Missouri are reporting a higher-than-normal number of absentees this month. At some schools, as much as 15 percent of the student body call in sick on a given day.
Education	NBC8 News at 10	1/ 30	10 pm	1:30	A Columbia teacher has already gone through the national certification process. Typically, this process involves more than 200 hours of after-school work from teachers, detailing and reflecting upon their teaching approach and strategies. Governor Holden honored her in Jefferson City today. And, local school district numbers show several other teachers have also made the grade.
Jobs	NBC8 News at 6	1/ 31	6 pm	2:00	The 26-thousand layoffs that Chrysler announced this week are part of a nationwide slowdown in the auto industry. Chrysler is reducing some production, but not for minivans at the Saint Louis assembly plant. That's where Textron sends all its Chrysler dashboards. Menezes says the Saint Louis plant is not reducing production. In fact, it's running overtime. So,

					Textron will be working overtime, too, during the next couple of months. Textron says 80 percent of its business is with Chrysler.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 10	2/1	10 pm	3:00	Federal money to help ease the energy crisis is finally reaching Mid-Missouri. Eight counties in Mid-Missouri are offering the heat assistance. The guidelines are 150 percent of poverty and what that means is for a one-person household they need to have a monthly income of $1,044 dollars or less. For a three person household that's $1,769 or less. In years past, you had to have a shut-off notice in order to receive assistance, but today you only need a bill.
Education/Health	NBC8 News at 6	2/2	6 pm	2:00	Computers can definitely have a positive effect on a child's education, but punching a keyboard everyday can also have its drawbacks. If kids spend too much time in front of the screen, it can increase that risk of obesity, it can lead to repetitive stress injuries to their hands, wrists and arms. There are some studies that indicate that too much time in front of the screen can lead to loneliness and depression.
Health	NBC8 News at 10	2/3	10 pm	2:00	Imagine an accident victim having in his wallet a complete set of medical records, so that any emergency room doctor will be able to access a medical history within a few minutes, including x-rays, lab reports and even cat scans. It's now possible with the new Dat card, a c-d that can be used on any computer around the world that has a windows application. Dr. Christopher Duma is Jackie's neurosurgeon and also c-e-o of Dat card systems, incorporated. He saw a need for a Dat card as he watched patients fumble with all kinds of medical records, now all of that can be easily transferred to a c-d and slipped into a c-d rom.
Government	NBC8 News at 10	2/4	10 pm	:30	Today, he met with Democrats in another effort to boost bipartisanship in Washington. Bush's appearance at the issues retreat comes two days after he spoke at similar session for Senate Democrats. The President talked about several issues he wants to move through Congress. Bush prepares to send his tax cut proposals to Congress this Thursday.
Government	NBC8 News at 6	2/5	6 pm	1:00	Boone County won't ask taxpayers for law enforcement money on the April third ballot, after the sheriff opposes the tax hike. He commission voted today to withdraw a quarter-cent sales tax increase that would pay to expand the county courthouse, jail and sheriff's staff. Two reports show the courthouse and jail are overcrowded, and the sheriff's department is

					understaffed. The commission says it will appoint a committee of criminal justice officials and community members to help decide the best way to fix those problems.
Health	NBC8 News at 6	2/6	6 pm	1:30	The Alzheimer's Association says 14-million baby boomers will get the disease. There's no cure for it...and, in Mid-Missouri, not enough space to care for patients. Boone County has only two specialized facilities for people with Alzheimer's. Both have waiting lists. Another will open this spring. With our growing elderly population, the Alzheimer's Association says one in five Americans will be diagnosed with the disease. Old age is not a prerequisite for this brain-deteriorating disease. Diagnosis for Alzheimer's comes for some patients in their late 30s. Alzheimer cases are predicted to triple in the next 50 years.
Crime	NBC8 News at 10	2/7	10 pm	2:00	Complaints about prostitution and drug deals are keeping Columbia police busy. The calls are coming from first ward neighborhoods that are fighting an uphill battle against drugs and crime. So police and concerned citizens are working together. Recent complaints are about prostitution with some alleged acts taking place in the stairwell of the Progressive Missionary Baptist Church. Officer Chris Kelley says although they've tried to crack down like raiding this home on Banks Avenue, they still need more help from citizens.
Health	NBC8 News at 6	2/8	6 pm	1:30	Mad Cow Disease continues to worry many Europeans, but we aren't directly affected. This calf was born earlier today in Mexico. While he may be dazed and confused, he's probably not mad. Professor Tyler says the disease, which has killed 80 people in Europe, started when bone meal from a diseased sheep was fed to cattle. Tyler says it's almost impossible to pass the disease across species - - like from cows to humans.
Jobs	NBC8 News at 10	2/9	10 pm	1:00	University of Missouri Health Care laid off 91 more employees today, bringing the total to 166. The hospital has been laying off workers since last November, as part of what it calls, a redesign process. The hospital cut another 500 jobs since last fall by eliminating some vacant positions. Officials say those cost-cutting moves will save the hospital 21-million dollars a year. They add non-job related cuts will save another 19-million.
Crime	NBC8 News at 10	2/ 10	10 pm	1:30	Three banks, one-hour, no weapon, and tonight one man behind bars. Police say the tellers' descriptions helped them catch the crook and recover all the money. Once caught, the suspect admitted to police he

					committed the robberies. 23-year-old Bruce Jason Commander is accused of robbing three banks in Columbia this morning. At 9:14 this morning, police say Commander held up Commerce Bank on West Business Loop. Only half an hour later, at 9:48 Commander supposedly robbed the Boone County National Bank on Paris Road. Then at 9:55, only seven minutes later, police say he hit Union Planters Bank, also on Paris Road.
Health	NBC8 News at 10	2/ 11	10 pm	1:00	Arthritis patients are fortunate to have a lot of treatment options. We are lucky to have a wide variety of medications to treat some common Conditions like arthritis. But as the number of treatment options increases, specific information about them can be confusing to patients. That's why the arthritis foundation is offering a free guide to patients with Information about drugs used to treat the disease. The "2001 drug guide" is a 21-page guide listing over 250-drugs alphabetically, giving both their generic and brand name. The guide lists dosage, special instructions, potential side effects important considerations like periodic blood or eye tests and cautions like allergies or other pre-existing conditions that could interfere with a drug's effect.
Jobs	NBC8 News at 6	2/ 12	6 pm	1:00	Some unemployed Mid-Missourians get help finding a new job. Almost half the laid-off workers showed up at today's Jefferson City Job Fair. Many hope to find a job as good as their last one. From Quaker Oats to Scholastic Books, 11 Mid-Missouri companies came to find new employees. Most companies are looking for workers with mechanical experience. But, other agencies were also there to help workers during their transition.
Education/ Government	NBC8 News at 6	2/ 13	6 pm	1:00	About 240 teachers met in Jefferson City today, but not at a school or in a classroom. Each year, members of the Missouri National Education Association trade a day of teaching students for a day of talking with lawmakers. This helps bring ideas of education to the lawmakers for further process in education.
Health	NBC8 News at 10	2/ 14	10 pm	1:30	This Valentine's day, there's news worth celebrating. If you're worried about caffeine, research shows a piece of chocolate has about the same amount of caffeine as a cup of decaffeinated coffee. And that's not all. It has the same antioxidants in it as red wine that helps reduce the risk of heart disease.

Crime	NBC8 News at 10	2/ 15	10 pm	1:00	Studies have criticized DARE's effectiveness. Now, 50-thousand students in six U-S cities will participate in a study to develop a new program. 80-percent of school districts nationwide use DARE. Columbia has participated in the program since 1989.
Government	NBC8 News at 10	2/ 16	10 pm	:30	President Bush is back home on his Texas ranch for the weekend after a day of foreign policy firsts for his administration. Delivering greetings to Mexico, and warnings to Iraq. In the darkness over Baghdad, Iraqi anti-aircraft fire streaks through the sky. But two-dozen U.S. and British warplanes had come and gone.
Health	NBC8 News at 10	2/ 17	10 pm	2:00	Four million Americans and Canadians are expected to go blind in the next ten years. And macular degeneration is the leading cause of blindness in older people. To find out if macular degeneration is happening to you, take an online test and to watch this story online, log onto the internet at healthsurfing.com
Government	NBC8 News at 10	2/ 18	10 pm	4:00	The first look at the sunken Japanese fishing vessel through the cameras of the U.S. navy robotic vehicle Scorpio two. The one hundred ninety foot long Ehime Maru, sitting slightly tilted under two thousand three feet of water. Nine people, who were aboard the vessel missing, maybe stuck inside. The families of the victims were permitted to view the tape last night before the U.S. navy released it to the public. Now the navy says it will convene a formal court of inquiry on Thursday to Investigate the collision of the submarine Greeneville with the Japanese Vessel.
Government	NBC8 News at 10	2/ 19	10 pm	4:00	Missouri's Jean Carnahan moved to Washington, D-C early last month to start her political career as a freshman senator. Jean Carnahan joins the Senate, quickly learning that walking these halls as a freshman aren't much different from that first day of school. Carnahan's already set up shop in two different offices since she's was sworn in in January, this tiny office is her second so far. But it's still temporary. Carnahan's moving yet again on Wednesday to what she hopes will finally become her permanent office space.
Government/ Education	NBC8 News at 6	2/ 20	6 pm	1:00	President Bush stopped at Moline elementary school in Saint Louis this afternoon. He spoke with educators about his plans to reform education and cut taxes. His plan gives federal money or vouchers to students who want to go to another school, if they're at an under performing public

					school.
Alcohol Abuse	NBC8 News at 6	2/ 21	6 pm	4:00	Senators fought hard today over whether point-oh-eight blood alcohol content means you're a drunk driver. If you blew a point-one tonight, you're guilty of drunk driving. Some senators say, they want the stricter drunk driving bill required by Congress to take into account whether a driver can pass other tests, like walking a straight line. Finally, the Senate narrowly voted to make it a crime, if a driver blows .08.
Education	NBC8 News at 10	2/ 22	10 pm	1:00	Many public schools depend on state Incentive Grants to help pay for basic learning. One of those grants bought a fraction board this year for the First Grade class at Bentley Elementary in Fulton. But teachers will have to find other money, if the state drops the program. Last school year, Fulton received 100-thousand dollars out of the state's six million incentive grant fund. This year, it got 44 thousand out of two million. School officials hope lawmakers amend the budget to include the grant money again next year.
Government/ Health	NBC8 News at 6	2/ 23	6pm	1:30	Governor Holden and Missouri lawmakers are trying to fix a 127-million dollar shortfall. The cost of prescription drugs is skyrocketing, so it seemed like a good idea for Missouri lawmakers to help senior citizens. A 1999 prescription drug tax credit was supposed to cost the state 20 million dollars a year. Instead, it cost more than 80 million in one year. And, that gave Holden an even tougher time tightening the budgetary belt.
Health/ Consumer Issue	NBC8 News at 6	2/ 24	6 pm	2:00	Savary's goal is ten thousand steps each day. This 100-dollar gadget works with her home computer to count each step that she takes. The American council on exercise says high-tech gadgets, like this, are a hot fitness trend this year. For about 80 dollars, a talking heart rate monitor might get you moving. It announces your heart rate and urges you on if you start to slack off. Many gyms add high-tech equipment to distract you from your pain. You can watch t-v and even "surf the net" while you sweat. And there's no fudging when cardio and strength machines track your progress. Fitness experts say the right gadget for you is the one that helps you stick with a program.
Government	NBC8 News at 10	2/ 26	10 pm	:30	He explained his plan at the national governors conference today. Bush delivers his budget speech to congress tomorrow night. He plans to boost spending in a few areas, such as 11 percent for education and five percent for defense. But, critics say, it will be hard to stop congress from

					spending more than the president wants in his budget.
Education	NBC8 News at 10	2/ 27	10 pm	2:00	Some Jefferson City parents say school officials treat their kids differently because of their race. These students, parents, and teachers are hoping for end to what they consider...discrimination by Jefferson City Schools. They've formed the Concerned Citizens Group to tackle the problem, often meeting at Quinn Chapel Church. Members say for years the school district has disciplined African-American students more severely than White students. Statistics from the district show in an average month for grades 6 thru 12...one out of 259 White students is suspended...one in 117 other minority students is suspended...and one out of 46 African-American student face the same discipline.
Government	NBC8 News at 10	2/ 28	10 pm	2:00	A House committee heard testimony today on a bill that adds two words to Missouri law: "sexual orientation." The bill hasn't made it to the House floor, but it's already controversial. House Bill 7-12's definition of sexual orientation includes, among other things, "having a self-image or identity not traditionally associated with one's biological maleness or femaleness." And that distinction between biology and self-image concerns lawmakers. For example, at the University of Missouri, student housing is separated by sex. Gay rights advocates say gays face discrimination in housing and employment, if the bill does not pass. It still faces a committee vote, before going to the House floor.
Jobs	NBC8 News at 6	3/1	6 pm	3:30	The unemployment rate in Columbia remains low at 1.1 percent for last December. But, some employers in Columbia realized hiring the growing American's baby boomers facing retirement could be a workable option. And the customers seem to enjoy the help. Most of the senior employees here have had a career in the past. Now, they're just looking for something to do during daytime.
Education	NBC8 News at 6	3/2	6 pm	2:00	Using cardboard boxes, soda bottles...and anything else that holds money, this fundraising campaign started out as a penny drive...then shifted into high gear, attracting the likes of Thomas Jefferson and George Washington. On the 100th day of school, teachers asked students to bring 100 items from home. This 1st grader chose 100, one-dollar bills. Quite a chunk for charity. Fayette High School hopes to have a new building by August of next year. With the help of a bond issue, these Columbia students and a few former presidents, it's possible.

Jobs/Health	NBC8 News at 10	3/3	10 pm	1:45	Most businesses that I talked to said they didn't know anything about new regulations that would be set by the Organization of Safety and Health Administration. They could force companies to change workstations, redesign their buildings, or change tools and equipment, and all of that could cost businesses more money. The new rules are being set up to help workers avoid repetitive stress injuries, like carpal tunnel syndrome. The regulations took effect in January, but businesses have until October to comply.
Health	NBC8 News at 10	3/4	10 pm	1:30	It's estimated that eighty percent of Americans don't floss regularly. And it's flossing that prevents periodontal disease. To help this, the food and drug administration has just approved a new treatment for periodontitis, or infectious gum disease. Periodontal disease destroys gum tissue and bone, forming small pockets around the teeth where plaque accumulates and bacteria spreads. This condition has been linked to other serious health problems including coronary artery disease, Stroke and diabetes. The new treatment, 'arestin' uses patented micro sphere technology to deliver an antibiotic directly to the site of infection under the gum line. Clinical studies of arestin show the drug to be effective in reducing the size of these plaque-filled pockets, even in the hardest to reach teeth.
Health/ Government	NBC8 News at 6	3/5	10 pm	1:30	Across the country, Medicaid spending is one of the fastest-growing state budget items...up nine percent nationwide from last year. Many states believe they're being force-fed Medicaid standards. But recent lobbying efforts in Washington may change that. Governors from both parties are working on a plan to revoke some of the Clinton standards...to develop a health insurance plan that could cover more people...but offer them fewer benefits.
Education	NBC8 News at 6	3/6	6 pm	2:45	Starting next school year Missouri's Department of Education will require all schools to have an emergency plan for intruders. Officer Steve Brown thinks a drill while students are outside the classroom could also be useful. But he says you can never prepare for all situations. Students seem receptive to the idea.
Government	NBC8 News at 10	3/7	10 pm	:30	Republican lawmakers gear up to offer their own transportation-funding package, just one day after Governor Holden finally reveals his

					transportation plan. The governor wants to raise 620-million dollars through gas and sales tax hikes. But, Senate Republicans say, they want a transportation package that shifts funds without a tax increase...giving Mo-DOT 200-million dollars to work with.
Government	NBC8 News at 6	3/8	6 pm	2:30	This is kind of complicated, but in basic terms -- the Supreme Court ruled against Associated Industries. This company lobbies for businesses on the hill here and says the conservation tax, taxes on parks and other beautification projects, should have fallen under the Hancock Amendment since it started in 1980. And if the group got its way -- 244 million dollars would have been returned to you this year.
Education	NBC8 News at 10	3/9	10 pm	2:00	Mid-Missouri school officials deal with district-wide threats, the same week that schools in California and Pennsylvania deal with shootings. Oakland students heard about possible threats of violence and passed the word along. At the end of the day, it's hard to know if there was a threat, and what it was. School officials called police to help investigate, but Presko says they found no real threat. Still, the school and parents of the students involved reached an agreement. The two students at the heart of the two rumors stayed home today. But, Presko says it's *not* a suspension.
Crime	NBC8 News at 10	3/ 10	10 pm	2:30	The incident happened on Kent drive in Boone County, and the Columbia domestic violence enforcement unit, or DOVE came to the woman's rescue. The DOVE unit responds to more than 120 domestic violence cases each month... but Westbrook estimates that three times as many cases are never reported... that would bring Columbia's total to nearly 500 a month. Westbrook says that Boone County's DOVE unit is one of the best in the state because it doesn't take domestic violence lightly. And Westbrook says the best advice he can give to a victim, is talk to someone - a friend, counselor, or the DOVE unit.
Crime/ Government	NBC8 News at 10	3/ 11	10 pm	3:30	On a weekend of funerals in Santee California, first for 17 year old Randy Gordon and now for 14 year old Bryan Zuckor, two of President Bush's Cabinet Secretaries say there are some steps the federal government can take to make schools safer. Attorney General John Ashcroft says a special government task force will look into gun violence. But the President remains opposed to mandatory trigger locks for handguns. Education Secretary Rod Paige says there will be more after-school activities for

					teen-agers if Congress approves Bush's plan to send federal money to social programs run by religious groups. Paige and Ashcroft caution, though, the ultimate answers won't come from Washington.
Education	NBC8 News at 6	3/ 12	6 pm	2:30	The first covers what information kids take home to parents. The second determines where activists stand on election day. Lane says the School Board shouldn't make exceptions to what information is passed out. Some citizens complained about where schools let them stand to campaign on election day last November. There's a school district official in charge of literature for kids to take home to their parents.
Health	NBC8 News at 6	3/ 13	6 pm	2:30	What he's talking about is nanotechnology, building devices from individual molecules and eventually, atoms. These tiny machines are designed to someday actually work inside cells of the human body. They could potentially replace or fix parts of the body that have been damaged, such as the spinal cord. Dr. Hiroshi Matsui at u-c-f is working on the development of specialized nano tubes. The tiny dots you see in this bottle of water are actually millions of nano tubes tied together. These synthetic syringes will travel into cells and inject life saving drugs, genes or other chemical weapons directly into diseased cells that cause everything from cancer to Alzheimer's disease
Education	NBC8 News at 6	3/ 14	6 pm	1:30	Another choking incident at a district high school last year have led a group of parents to demand the district crack down on hazing and bullying. The new policy tries to cover all basis of bullying with this language. The policy passed by a six to one vote still one student sees problems.
Health	NBC8 News at 6	3/ 15	6 pm	2:30	When you're pregnant, it's no time to sit down. Rather, it's time to get up and move. Nurse Debbie Hannah suggest pregnant women walk three times a week for at least 20 to 30 minutes.
Education	NBC8 News at 6	3/ 16	6 pm	1:00	Between 10 and 15 percent of California Elementary School is Hispanic. Linda Modesitt deals with most of them. Modesitt teaches English as Second Language classes, or E-S-L. Students borrow books to also learn English at home. But, not all parents can help their kids learn. And students with more exposure to English, learn the language faster
Health	NBC8 News at 10	3/ 17	10 pm	3:00	Fears of foot and mouth disease are increasing across the world, but those fears are hitting home in Mid-Missouri. Unlike the livestock in Europe that are catching foot and mouth disease at an alarming rate.

					This disease is harmless to humans, but could it infect livestock in Mid-Missouri. Whitlock says its so contagious the disease could spread up to forty miles from the source, which right now is only in Europe
Government	NBC8 News at 10	3/ 18	10 pm	:30	They plan to talk about recent economic troubles and slumping stock prices. Last week Japan's Yen currency reached a 22 month low and continues to worry the U-S. Now, the Bush administration hopes to help reform Japan's weakening economy.
Education	NBC8 News at 6	3/ 19	6 pm	1:30	A new salary survey says Jefferson City teachers are paid below the state average. The report released last week shows Jefferson City's behind other districts in Mid-Missouri for teacher pay. First-time teachers in Fulton make about 20 percent more than new Jeff City teachers. Jefferson City voters rejected a 59-cent tax increase for teachers last November. But, even that wouldn't have been enough. At tomorrow night's meeting, board members will discuss how much to ask for from voters
Education	NBC8 News at 10	3/ 20	10 pm	1:30	Members decided at tonight's emergency School Board meeting that their plan will not be ready for the June ballot. Farmer says many residents think the district has the money for a pay increase. But, he says, it does not. He also says the board's confidant the bond issue will eventually pass, if the district educates the public about the issue.
Health	NBC8 News at 6	3/ 21	6 pm	1:00	Home is where the heart is. But it can also be the heart of your problems. Your home contains many allergens that can make you suffer. The refrigerator is a breeding ground for mold. Deli meats and cheese, even ketchup contain mold. Some allergy sufferers have to rely on medication to ease their symptoms, but they may not always do the trick.
Health/ Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 6	3/ 22	6 pm	4:00	A cereal is a cereal, is a cereal right? Apparently it's not, if your a woman. At least, that's what General Mills says about its newest product "Harmony". It says one serving of harmony has all the nutrients women need to stay healthy...including calcium, antioxidants, iron folic acid and soy. Quaker Oats also has a new oatmeal called "Nutrition for Women". It too says it has added nutrients for ladies: soy, iron folic acid.
Government/ Crime	NBC8 News at 10	3/ 23	10 pm	2:00	Law enforcement officials say it's one of the newest weapons in the so-called "war on drugs." Around the world and here in the Show-Me State, drug courts are used to provide treatment instead of jail time for low-risk offenders. Despite requiring a 250-dollar fee, and extra time and resources from judges, prosecutors and rehab centers, law enforcement

					officials say they like the new program. In fact, Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice William Ray Price Junior asked lawmakers to expand the drug court program in his State of the Judiciary speech this January. Price says it costs the state only five thousand dollars a year to move offenders through the drug court program. And, he says, only five percent of them are arrested again on drug charges.
Education/ Government	NBC8 News at 6	3/ 24	6 pm	3:00	The tax increase would be 26-cents per year, which averages out to about 60-dollars a year for a homeowner with a one hundred thousand dollar house. The vote is on April 3rd, but before then, members of a committee looking to get the bond issue passed will hold more open forums. Current estimates put costs at around four million dollars, three and a half million for the buildings and half a million for supplies. The school already has almost two million dollars from the insurance company, but they need the two million from taxes to fund the rest of their plan.
Government	NBC8 News at 10	3/ 25	10 pm	1:30	The rivalry between the two top republicans began in the presidential election. Now their views differ on campaign finance reform and other issues. It's deeper than that, though. The McCain forces say the president can't tolerate dissent. The president will promote his tax cut plan that faces strong opposition from some in the senate, including John McCain.
Health	NBC8 News at 6	3/ 26	6 pm	3:00	Agriculture officials took this flock of Belgium sheep to slaughter last week, when the animals were suspected of having a form of mad cow disease. The Missouri Department of Agriculture says its prepared for any similar situations. That protects the food chain, but who protects the farmer? There is an appraisal within our appropriations there'd be reimbursement to the owners for the animals. That means if a flock of sheep like these from Vermont were diseased and slaughtered here, the owner would get a fair market appraisal and compensation within the limits of the state's appropriated money.
Health	NBC8 News at 6	3/ 27	6 pm	3:30	Tom Brunick, Director of Research and Development for the athlete's foot shoe stores, and a shoe consultant to several professional sport teams says there's more to walking than just putting one foot in front of the other. First, you need to get that foot in the right shoe. Fortunately, high technology is making it easier to pick the right walking shoe. Athlete's foot features a computerized 'fit print system' that determines your foot

					pressure, how you walk, and which shoe has the best cushioning and support to meet your needs. Sometimes those walking shoes are best met by a running shoe, but Brunick says that requires special attention because some running shoe soles are too aggressive for walkers.
Education/ Health	NBC8 News at 6	3/ 28	6 pm	1:30	The heart isn't just a picture in a textbook to these 4th graders, it's a sound - a live, beating sound. Learning the mechanics of how the heart works is part of the heart power program and these students are getting it. Once they understand how important the heart is, then the heart power program focuses on how to take care of your heart, even as a fourth grader.
Health	NBC8 News at 6	3/ 29	6 pm	1:30	Harvey Meagher can't remember the last time he was sick. Late last year he learned that he had colon cancer and that it had spread to his lungs and his liver. The standard treatment for this condition is chemotherapy, but that may be about to change. That's why doctor smith asked Harvey to try a new experimental treatment called anti-veg-f. And that's exactly what dr. Smith hopes this treatment will do, stop the process called angiogenesis, which helps blood vessels grow and feed tumors, and it does so without poisoning the body. Harvey says it was an easy choice to make.
Crime	NBC8 News at 6	3/ 30	6 pm	1:30	In January 1994, Earl Lindemann was found floating in this creek in Montgomery County. His decapitated and dismembered body was pulled from Elkhorn Creek. Police started looking for his Lindemann's killer. They say evidence led them to his wife and daughter, seven years later. Prosecutors are considering the death penalty for the mother and daughter.
Consumer Issue	NBC8 News at 6	3/ 31	6 pm	1:30	Every year, almost 2-thousand children die in car crashes and 200-thousand are injured. There are three main things you should look for when choosing a car seat for your child. First, chose a seat that fits your child age, weight, and height. Second, check your car's owner manual to make sure the seat will fit well in the car. And third, make sure it's easy to use, do you'll use it every time you travel. If you're in a crash, the fire department says your child is 80 percent more likely to survive if they're in a child restraint seat that has been properly installed.