2nd Quarter 2001
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 April 1, 2001 to June 30, 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.

2nd 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	4/1	10 pm	2:00	The Columbia school board election is only two days away and one of the candidates says he will sue a Columbia newspaper for libel. Henry Lane told us today that he is filing a law suit against the Columbia Daily Tribune because of a cartoon it ran on Friday.
Drug/Alcohol Abuse	NBC8 News at 6	4/2	6 pm	3:00	Columbia's Boys and Girls Club had to move from its old home last December. Not only did a donor donate the building, but he remodeled it how the club wanted. But, construction took longer than expected. The club left its old location at the end of last year, and today's the first day in this new facility. But, director Grady DaVolt says the club used those three months for other restoration work.
Education Government	NBC8 News at 10	4/3	10 pm	35:00	Extended election night coverage of important government and education issues, as well as office holders.
Government Education	NBC8 News at 6	4/4	6 pm	4:00	M-U's new arena starts the race for money in the Missouri legislature. The university says it will cost 75-million dollars to build a new arena. An anonymous donor gave MU 25-million dollars. But, the university's lobbying lawmakers for another 35-million...and it doesn't look like its going to be an easy prize to win.

Health Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at 10	4/5	10 pm	2:00	Some residents of a Columbia mobile home park say they're still fighting a battle against raw-sewage. But, the Public Works Department says the landowner's cleaned up the plumbing problems. The old sewer system has been a problem for some time at Cedar Oaks Mobile Home Park. But, things started to change last month -- for the worse.
Government	NBC8 News at 6	4/6	6 pm	2:00	Missouri's county roads are taking all of us for a bumpy ride. The state transportation department estimates traffic crashes on Missouri roads cost us one-billion dollars every year. Quite often, those accidents occur on county roads. But, which county roads need to be fixed first? Diagnosing the problem is easy. But, coming up with the right prescription is more difficult.
Government	NBC8 News at 10	4/7	10 pm	2:00	The top Republican leader in Missouri's senate is accusing the governor of dragging his feet on new appointments. Senator Peter Kinder says Governor Holden is *purposely* waiting to fill jobs in his administration so he doesn't have to get approval from the republican-controlled Senate. As of yesterday, the Senate had approved 25 Holden appointees. At the same point in Governor Carnahan's first administration, 89 appointees had been confirmed.
Crime	NBC8 News at 10	4/8	10 pm	2:00	Jefferson City police are investigating the city's first murder in almost two years. One man is dead.....and the suspect turned himself in earlier tonight. Police say a group of men were fighting over money in this Jefferson City apartment when the suspect, David Williams, Jr. shot Bryce Besche. Police say he ran away after he fired the one gun shot that killed the 26 year-old man.
Jobs/Economy Government	NBC8 News at 6	4/9	6 pm	2:00	Small town politics causes hard feelings in Ashland. Ashland's government just can't seem to get along. There are two disagreements. One is over last week's elections, and the other is over a nomination. Alderman Carl Long went to the Boone County clerk March 20th to make sure Ashland's wards had the correct boundaries. But, he was working with an old map.
Crime	NBC8 News at 10	4/ 10	10 pm	5:00	Eleven years ago, Diann Campbell's ex-husband beat her nearly to death, the last in a long string of beatings and psychological abuse. "I had a full order of restraint on him. He was supposed to stay away from me. But, one morning, he kicked my door in, came in and beat me pretty bad. I had around 13 skull fractures, and I've got steel in my face where he broke bones in my face." While she now looks healed...Campbell still suffers from migraine since the incident....an incident she fears might happen again.

Government	NBC8 News at 6	4/ 11	6 pm	3:00	The Missouri Constitution requires them to finish redistricting by the end of this session. But, there are less than five weeks to go...and still no map. A special Senate committee met today, expecting a map. Instead of a map with the entire state of Missouri and new lines drawn all over the place, the Republican Committee chairman handed out these maps, of the first district in St. Louis, not the entire state of Missouri, and not what Democratic committee members expected. My expectation was to have, I guess, some kind of basic map, putting the whole state into Congressional districts. Congressional District Number One needs to pick up 107-thousand people. That is so much more than a lot of districts we have, whether a gain or a loss, that it just appeared like a very good place to start. And to work out from that.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 10	4/ 12	10 pm	2:00	A warning tonight about a popular way to get around. It comes from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, after several accidents involving full-size vans. And, many Mid-Missourians depend on them. You see them all around Columbia. At the MO-X airport shuttle service... and on the MU campus taking athletes to competitions. Now there's an advisory for large vans, regardless of the year, make or model. When they're full, the center of gravity moves back into the vehicle.
Education Crime	NBC8 News at 6	4/ 13	6 pm	2:00	More threats of violence at a Mid-Missouri School. Some students and parents at West Junior High in Columbia are on edge this afternoon. And police are investigating rumors that a student threatened to bring a gun to school. Concerned parents flocked to West Junior High today, removing their children amid threats of violence. Bertha Warrick came to school after her granddaughter called, panicking after she heard another classmate mention the rumor.
Consumer Issues Government	NBC8 News at 10	4/ 14	10 pm	2:00	As gas prices continue to increase, the impacts are being felt across Mid Missouri. The increase is causing the Missouri Water Patrol to reevaluate their fuel consumption. "Basically I think our supervisors want us to increase stationary patrol. That doesn't mean we won't respond to emergency situations or calls that need to be responded to." Officer Morgan said gas to fuel their boats currently costs about $1.89 but is expected to go well beyond the $2.00 mark in the near future.

Health	NBC8 News at 6	4/ 16	6 pm	2:00	Changing weather can be hard on people with asthma. Karen Fletcher has severe asthma. To Fletcher, spring means more frequent asthma attacks. Her doctor says to avoid being outside in the middle of the day because her triggers are weather related. "The most important triggers in Springtime in Missouri are pollens, especially trees and grasses and molds, in particular molds related to humidity." Fletcher uses a bag full of medicines everyday to control her asthma.
Government Crime	NBC8 News at 10	4/ 17	10 pm	2:00	Local law enforcement tried to tackle racial profiling tonight. Missouri's racial profiling law requires officers to file information about all traffic stops, including the race of the drivers. Supporters and critics disagree about the value of the new requirement. Tonight they tried to find some solutions. A panel at M-U today discussed why racial profiling is a problem.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 6	4/ 18	6 pm	2:00	You might say we're feeling the calm after last week's storm. But, it's not very calm for insurance companies... flooded with claims. This roof may need repairs after high winds ripped through Columbia and much of Mid-Missouri. Brian Callahan belongs to a storm team. He's called in by an insurance company to assess the damage after tornadoes or other disasters. "They gave me a stack and they keep coming in. I just pick up my stack and start working." Shelter Insurance alone had more than 800 property claims.
Drug/Alcohol Abuse	NBC8 News at 10	4/ 19	10 pm	2:00	Big-city problems like homelessness can happen in Mid-Missouri, too. Many who don't have a place to stay are teenagers. But, local groups are trying to change that. Everyone agreed tonight...there are lots of homeless teens in Columbia. The League of Women Voters, Caring Communities, and local health departments want to get these kids off the street. Some kids leave home because their parents kick them out. Others leave because of drug problems. Sometimes teens just don't want to live with their parents' rules.
Drug/Alcohol Abuse	NBC8 News at 6	4/ 20	6 pm	2:00	It's a household drug that worries some Mid-Missouri parents. One nurse says she sees inhalant use as fairly high in Mid-Missouri. In the U-S almost 18 percent of high school students use or have experimented with inhalants. Hair spray...cleaning products...nail polish remover. They're common households products. But, for parents and kids, they're dangers lurking right beneath your noses. One out of every five American teens has used inhalants to get high. Doctors say the problem is, users don't realize their deadly consequences. "There will be micro-hemorrhages in the brain...in some cases where they are like tiny strokes. And scar tissue will form over long-term use."

Crime	NBC8 News at 10	4/ 21	10 pm	2:00	A key witness in the case of a missing Columbia woman is fearing for his life tonight. Three years after the disappearance of Sheri Montague, court papers reveal information that could threaten the life of a key source in the case. His name is Dennis McCurley. A single parent of two... and he's worried that the information in this six page affidavit could put him in harm's way.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 6	4/ 23	6 pm	2:00	Another investigation...this one into alleged fraud in the University of Missouri system. The M-U cashier's office works with all four campuses to collect tuition. And, just like any business, the University accepts all major credit cards. A few M-U students and their families are seeing their credit card bills skyrocket. That's because someone's using their credit card numbers to buy thousands of dollars worth of airline tickets.
Government Education	NBC8 News at 10	4/ 24	10 pm	2:00	The Cardinals struck out today in Jefferson City. But, M-U's still at bat. Governor Holden says he won't support paying for a new Saint Louis Cardinals stadium. But, there's no final word yet on M-U's arena plan. One local lawmaker's trying to drum up fan support. Mark McGuire couldn't hit a home run off Holden...for a new stadium. "I wanted a plan that encompasses rebuilding the Saint Louis downtown area, and it had to be more than just building a ball park." But, a Columbia lawmaker says M-U's a whole other ball game.
Health Government	NBC8 News at 6	4/ 25	6 pm	2:00	A Mid-Missouri town is going to the dogs...literally. Holts Summit police have several suspects. They're chasing children, tearing up gardens and ripping through garbage. "Jumping up on you when on your way to work to your car. They're not vicious, they're not trying to attack you, they're just a nuisance." But, the dogs can also be threatening. "Many stray dogs come to this bus stop, where kids are picked up in the morning and dropped off in the afternoon. But, a lot of stray dogs in one spot often results in dangerous dog fights." There's also a cat problem.
Education	NBC8 News at 10	4/ 26	10 pm	2:00	It was the expedition that founded our state. And, a big anniversary's coming up. Missouri lawmakers want to make sure our history's remembered. It's a familiar story of our frontier...and a classic example of the American mind. It was almost 200 years ago, when Lewis and Clark set out to explore the newly-purchased Louisiana Territory. This is where Missouri's history starts -- and this week is when that history hits the books. This will be a really first-class curriculum, made available to the schools about this particular part of Missouri's history." You see, the Missouri House Education Committee passed a resolution this week asking the state Department of Education to develop a Lewis and Clark lesson plan.

Consumer Issues Government	NBC8 News at 6	4/ 27	6 pm	2:00	American drivers...spending billions of dollars to look good behind the wheel.... and Missouri drivers picking-up the tab for smooth roads. We have two spending stories tonight, the first from the state capitol where the Missouri House says yes to toll roads. Toll roads will likely affect only Missouri's interstates. But, the House resolution doesn't have the green light...yet.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 10	4/ 28	10 pm	2:00	Today one Mid-Missouri group worked to make the area a little greener. In honor of Arbor Day volunteers from TreeKeepers of Columbia gathered at a local grocery store to share some leafy friends with their neighbors. TreeKeepers designs green space for city projects... then plants the trees. The group offered ten different species of trees at today's giveaway.
Education	NBC8 News at 10	4/ 29	10 pm	2:00	Class can sometimes be a bore, but a group of MU students found a way to liven up their learning. "The Black Family" class turns their work into a celebration. With song and dance, they prepare. As they hang their props and rehearse their lines, "The Black Family" class has just hours before their performance. The presentation titled "Snapshots of Black Family History" is the work of teacher Sharon Squires and her students. Squires says that learning should be an active experience.
Crime	NBC8 News at 6	4/ 30	6 pm	3:00	Two robberies in two counties...one botched... has a man behind bars. The Cole County prosecutor today charged Travis L. Pritchard with second-degree robbery. The tale of two robberies starts here, in Moniteau County at the Dollar General Store in California. Detectives say Travis L. Pritchard tried to rob this Discount store but the clerk couldn't hand over the money. "She didn't sleep at all last night. She's was really shook up..." Here's how clerks say it happened. "The man took a box of Tang like this, but instead of paying his two-oh-six, he asked for all the money in the cash register." Manager Barbara Davenport says her clerk was too distraught to get the register open and a couple of approaching customers may have prompted the robber to run. They say they saw no weapon but heard the threats and told detectives he smelled strongly of alcohol. The man has yet to be charged in Moniteau (MON-i-taw) County. That's because, the Cole County Sheriff's office says, he didn't stop there.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 10	5/1	10 pm	2:00	Today's the deadline to sign up for Missouri's no-call telemarketing list. That's because July first is the beginning of the end for telemarketers' calls in Missouri. So far, the Attorney General's office says, more than one-million residents are taking advantage of the program, so telemarketers can't take advantage of them. About 24-thousand people registered yesterday for the list. And officials say its not too late for you to get on that list tonight.

Drug/Alcohol Abuse	NBC8 News at 6	5/2	6 pm	2:00	New, stricter drunk-driving legislation is closer to becoming law in Missouri. It refers to your legal blood alcohol limit. Right now in Missouri, the law says if you blow a point-one-oh on a breathalyzer, you are legally drunk. But, now the legislature is closer than ever to lowering that limit to point-oh-eight.
Education	NBC8 News at 10	5/3	10 pm	2:00	The Mexico north of the border has something in common with the country - more Spanish speakers. As more and more Hispanics settle in Mid-Missouri.. school districts face an educational gap. Mexico and its schools are welcoming another culture...by trying to bridge the language *gap.*
Education	NBC8 News at 6	5/4	6 pm	2:00	Officials say there's good news for financially-troubled Kemper Military School. The Boonville school issued a statement late this afternoon, after its annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. Kemper has taken some drastic steps to jump start its lagging finances. It was just about a year ago Kemper filed for federal bankruptcy protection. Such a radical move got the attention of the school's alumni.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 10	5/5	10 pm	2:00	The phones are back on in parts of Columbia. Hundreds of Columbia residents have been without telephone service since Tuesday. But, as promised, workers finished their repairs this evening. At 5-17 tonight, workers connected the last pair of the 85-hundred damaged wires. A Verizon spokesperson says there were several factors that contributed to the length of time it took to repair the damage.
Government	NBC8 News at 10	5/6	10 pm	2:00	A legal loophole could mean the end of Osage Beach's most popular airport. One group is fighting back. The Grand Glaize airport is home to 23 private planes and seven employees. But, things could soon come to an end. This is the foundation for a Mexican Air Force restaurant. That sounds perfect because the airport is across the street. But, it could be this foundation that causes trouble for Grand Glaize Airport.
Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at 6	5/7	6 pm	2:00	Life on the highway may soon be a career choice for 18-year-olds. Older teenagers could soon drive big-rigs. Many people complain about the number of trucks on the road. But, the truck industry says it needs even more...drivers. Wayne Narron's been driving for 32 years. But, a Gallup Poll says the U-S needs 80-thousand more truck drivers each year. So, the federal transportation department hopes to help fill that need by lowering the driving age to 18, between states. And, newer trucks may appeal to younger people.

Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at 10	5/8	10 pm	2:00	The owners of a Mid-Missouri home are trying to make it more comfortable for their guests. The guests are actually homeless men who have no where else to go. I'm standing at the St. Francis House...a home for the homeless for the last 16 years. That's why it's owners want to make right here to its west side. But first the owners want neighbors in the area to understand the plan.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 6	5/9	6 pm	2:00	Missouri has hundreds of pay-day loan companies. State-auditor Claire McCaskill today issued a critical report about those companies. McCaskill says the Missouri Division of Finance does not have enough control over those institutions. "I borrowed 200 dollars, with the annual percentage rate of 304-point-17 percent." "It is outrageous, the way consumers are being taken advantage of, as it relates to these loan practices." McGuire says she eventually repaid almost 600 dollars for her 200-dollar loan, because of the 300-percent interest rate.
Education Crime	NBC8 News at 10	5/ 10	10 pm	2:00	Ashland school officials aren't talking tonight about a former teacher who had sex with a teenage student. She pleaded guilty this week to statutory rape. 27-year-old Loree Deann Teter faces five years in prison. The Boone County prosecutor's office recommended that sentence.
Government Crime	NBC8 News at 6	5/ 11	6 pm	2:00	Missouri lawmakers sent a measure to Governor Holden today, to keep mentally-retarded killers off Death Row. The measure made it to Governor Holden's desk this morning. Holden says he agrees with the bill. "I've always said that someone that meets the definition of mentally retarded, that I would have serious concerns about ever putting an individual like that to death." Lawmakers haggled over the definition of mental retardation during their debate. The new bill says a mentally-retarded person is someone who has "substantial limitations in general functioning." You may remember Antonio Richardson. He's a Saint Louis man on Death Row. The U.S. Supreme Court stayed his execution in March, because of questions about his mental stability. If Holden signs the bill, it will not prevent Richardson's execution.
Drug/Alcohol Abuse	NBC8 News at 10	5/ 12	10 pm	2:00	Every year people die on the Lake of the Ozarks because of drunk boaters. This year the Missouri Water Patrol is trying harder than ever to keep them off the water. This Memorial Day they will have extra officers on the water, focusing mainly on the Party Cove. The rest of the summer, they will have three checkpoints to look for drunk boaters. One checkpoint will be at the triangle area near mile marker 19, the others will be near mile markers 30 and six.

Crime	NBC8 News at 10	5/ 13	10 pm	2:00	Police arrest a Columbia bus driver for fondling a female rider on his bus. The driver has resigned at the city's request. Police say 36-year-old Michael Stephenson fondled a 22-year-old female passenger on his bus Thursday, May 3. The alleged incident happened near Nifong and Bearfield Road in Southeast Columbia. Police arrested Stephenson on charges of sexual misconduct last Wednesday. "Sexual misconduct is something similar to touching somebody's breasts through the clothing, something of that nature." And Stephenson says that's just what happened, but he says the incident is a misunderstanding."
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 6	5/ 14	6 pm	2:00	What you pay at the pump seems like a lot, but it's not when you look at diesel prices. Even if you don't drive big rig, diesel prices will take their toll on you too. "You gotta watch every penny. I have to cut down on eating so I can afford the diesel prices." They may look like the lowest gas prices, but they're about 50 cents higher than last year. That's why truck driver, Jim Behnke, is sacrificing so much to deal with the pinch at the pump.
Government	NBC8 News at 10	5/ 15	10 pm	2:00	Republicans rule the Missouri Senate. But, tonight, they're divided. Some Republican Senators have been filibustering for most of the day. They're doing it to stop a vote other Republican members want to see. The Senate is still in session and the handful of Republicans from St. Louis are still filibustering. And its all over a few lines on a map.
Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at 6	5/ 16	6 pm	2:00	It's another round of cutbacks for a Mid-Missouri company. 3M in Columbia told 70 of its warehouse workers they won't be needed past next month. It all comes down to this little ink cartridge. 3M sells this gold seal to Hewlett Packard, who uses it on their computer products. But, with a slowing economy, demand for the cartridges is very low. The result? The layoffs of 16 employees last month, and now, another 70 today. 3M told the workers last night and this morning. No one from the company would speak to us on camera. But, the 3M spokesperson told me, many employees were expecting this to happen. Most of the laid off workers have been here less than a year. The company has decided not to offer them severance packages

Health	NBC8 News at 10	5/ 17	10 pm	5:00	Before children in Missouri start kindergarten, they are required to get at least 20 shots. These vaccines are mandated by the state and proof of immunizations is as important as a birth certificate to school officials. But are vaccines posing a threat to our children? Can something that's supposed to save lives actually be destroying them? "Just wondering how much time my children have left." You never know which day you will wake up and they'll be gone." Cheryl Carrier's twin daughters were born perfectly healthy. These home videos show Lindsey and Chelsea crawling and acting like normal babies. But as the girls passed their second birthday, all that changed. "They didn't progress with their, they couldn't run. I have a nephew that is a few months younger. He could run across the yard, they couldn't do that. They started going back to toddley stages." Now the girls can no longer hear, talk, or breathe on their own. They require round-the-clock care from a team of nurses to monitor their conditions.
Government	NBC8 News at 6	5/ 18	6 pm	30:00	A special edition of MBC8 news brought us live coverage of the closing of the 2001 Missouri General Assembly session.
Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at 10	5/ 19	10 pm	10:00	Yesterday we looked at how and why Mexican immigrants come to work for Tyson Foods, the largest poultry provider in Missouri and in the country. The Tyson plant in Sedalia employs about 900 Latino employees...turning out about a million chickens a week. But, despite steady work found by immigrants at Tyson, government records show many workers also find danger at the plant. On October 14, 1999, the federal Department of Labor fined Tyson 59-thousand dollars, for violating the child labor provision of the Fair Labor Standard Act. The department says those violations contributed to the death of a 15-year-old chicken chaser in Hempstead, Arkansas and injuries to a 15-year-old sanitation worker in Sedalia.
Health	NBC8 News at 10	5/ 20	10 pm	2:00	Authorities speak out about safety after a child nearly drowns in a neighborhood pool. The accident happened shortly after 1 PM Saturday, at the Thornbrook Neighborhood pool, when 37-year-old Garry Brooks spotted a four-year-old at the bottom of the pool. But because Garry has had training in C.P.R. he was able to save the child. If you see someone drowning, fire officials say get help as soon as possible.

Government Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 6	5/ 21	6 pm	2:00	Live in Boone County? If so, you'll soon find out how much your home is worth. It's something Boone County does every four years. New homes continue to pop up across mid-Missouri. Contractors built about 1,000 new homes last year. One of the most important questions, prospective homeowners ask - how much will the home will cost? This week Boone County homeowners will get a notice with their home's value.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 10	5/ 22	10 pm	2:00	If you drive a Ford, get ready for another tire recall. The Ford Motor Company announced plans to replace tires made by its former partner, Bridgestone-Firestone. Managers at Mike Kehoe Ford in Jefferson City got an ear full this afternoon. In a closed-circuit broadcast Ford's C-E-O, Jacques Nassar, made a huge announcement. "The Ford Motor Company will replace all Wilderness AT tires on our vehicles. We simply do not have enough confidence in the future performance of these tires keeping our customers safe." Replacing the tires on the Ford Explorers, Expeditions and other SUV's could cost the car maker nearly three billion dollars. This *recall* is not one mandated by the government, but a massive *replacement* effort that Ford initiated.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 6	5/ 23	6 pm	2:00	You probably just got a letter in the mail telling you about your privacy rights with your bank or credit card. Banks and other financial institutions hold a lot of personal information about you. That includes your identity, your address and social security number, your account balance along with other bank transactions, and any information received from loan or account forms and sometimes that information is sold or released. But now...a new law forces banks to allow their customers to "opt out", meaning institutions can't release that personal info.
Education	NBC8 News at 10	5/ 24	10 pm	2:00	A new school and a new crop of students. Tonight, Columbia's school board decided which students will go there in two years. After 18 months of meetings and 14 different proposals, the Board finally approved a plan at a special meeting tonight. The two schools affected by the re-zoning are Fairview and Russell Elementary schools. The boundaries were changed so that a block of students from each school will attend the new school when it's built. The newly drawn map looks like this.

Government	NBC8 News at 6	5/ 25	6 pm	2:00	The governor says he was wrong to spend a million dollars on his inauguration. It was Missouri's costliest inauguration ever...and the governor says his inaugural committee still hasn't finished paying all the bills. But, for Governor Holden, it's a costly affair that's left him more than 350-thousand dollars in debt. And, that isn't good for more than a dozen Mid-Missouri businesses, who are still waiting for the governor to pay up.
Government	NBC8 News at 10	5/ 26	10 pm	2:00	Columbia residents have won a battle with the Columbia Area Transportation Study Organization. CATSO wants a road that would help create a loop around the city. But, residents say that plan would put a road in their back yards. Not in my back yard could be the mantra for residents of Wellington Estates. The city has proposed connecting Mexico Gravel Road with Route B, also known as Paris Road, but they aren't sure how they want to do it. They first planned on extending Benedict Road and Starke Avenue so that the two roads joined. "This is my driveway. This is the way I get up to my house. If they take a road up through here. It's going to take out my husband's garage." Residents of Wellington Estates didn't like the extension of Benedict Road through their space either.
Government Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 10	5/ 27	10 pm	2:00	Many people who live by lakes know the ups and downs of having wildlife as neighbors. The residents of Lakewood estates in Columbia have experienced the benefits and drawbacks for years. And now they're at odds over whether the state should kill some of those animals "It's not their fault that they're landing...they're innocent animals. It's too bad that we've had this problem for a long time but..." The animals are geese. Many residents see geese as controversial creatures. "The geese like to come up in the yard and make messes, down on the edge of the lake especially and kill the grass, they eat the grass. They're just very, very messy." The movement of the geese to the two lakes that make up Lakewood Estates has been a gradual progression.
Education	NBC8 News at 10	5/ 29	10 pm	2:00	There's also a competition of sorts for teenagers, right here in Mid-Missouri this week. These campus maps came in handy today because there are about four-thousand teens here from around the world participating in a Christian students convention. Organizers say the convention is like the Olympics...with students competing in 150 events. Those include art, drama, music, academics and athletics. Earlier, I talked with a group competing in the One-Act Play event.

Health Government	NBC8 News at 6	5/ 30	6 pm	2:00	The trend of rising prescription drug costs could be coming to an end. Today, Governor Holden announced Lt. governor Joe Maxwell will head a special task force to come up with a solution to soaring prescription drug prices. "The seniors in this state are choosing between buying food and having to pay for drugs and that is sinful. That's a shame." The task force will hold public hearings across the state this summer. Some local pharmacists and customers feel the task force is a good idea. "It would be nice for customers if we could give them lower prices." "Costs are high, and I'm sure we do get some comments on a daily basis on costs being a little high." The Governor's new task force hopes to have a solution to the high cost of prescriptions when the General Assembly holds its special session in September.
Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 10	5/ 31	10 pm	2:00	The latest round of Firestone recalls may cause problems for the nation's tire supply. Local customers may have trouble finding replacements. The Ford Motor Company is divorcing the Firestone Corporation. And, customers are separating Firestone tires from their Ford Explorers. But, the Bridgestone-Firestone Company is still Ford's biggest tire supplier. "We had the Firestone tires, ones that have blowouts. We ask for the Michelin tires. But Michelin was entirely out. We ended up with the Bridgestones." This brand of tire would be suitable for Explorers. They are running out quickly to replace the Firestones that have been recalled. Local stores say they're better prepared for this recall, with more tires like Michelin on hand.
Crime Government	NBC8 News at 6	6/1	6 pm	2:00	Startling numbers about racial profiling in Missouri today. Those numbers come from a report released today by the attorney general's office. His analysis confirms that blacks are more likely to be pulled over and searched...and Asians are the least likely. But, do those numbers hold up for Boone County? Missouri attorney general Jay Nixon spoke in St. Louis this morning after releasing the results of a statewide study on traffic stops from September through December of last year.

Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at 10	6/2	10 pm	2:00	A Mid-Missouri company catches fire a year and a day after its last blaze. Firefighters got the call from Huebert Fiberboard just after four this morning. Hubert Fiberboard is getting a reputation for burning, even though this is the first serious fire with the Hubert family in charge. The other three fires came in the past three years...when the company was under different ownership. Today's warehouse fire did not hurt the factory's plant, but fire officials estimate the damage at a quarter of a million dollars. Employees say they are glad to work for the Huebert brothers again, and the company was just starting to get back on its feet after layoffs.
Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at 10	6/3	10 pm	2:00	A Columbia staple for almost 40 years will shut down tonight. Where will you eat your eggs, hash browns, or Stretch for the next month? The Broadway diner has been parked in this spot since 1962. It's usually closed all day and open all night....but not tonight. The diner is closing its door and reopening it at a new location two blocks away... one month from now. The diner is moving to the corner of Cherry and fourth street and a Walgreen's drug store will be resting on it's old foundation.
Government	NBC8 News at 6	6/4	6 pm	2:00	Ever since Jean Carnahan was appointed to a two-year Senate term, the political question in Missouri was...who will run for her seat next year? Now, we know one name that WON'T be on the 2002 ballot. At his Columbia home, Ninth District Congressman Kenny Hulshof announced that he would not be the Republican candidate for senator. "While I would consider it an honor to represent Missouri in the U.S. Senate, my wife and I have decided that now is not the right time."
Crime	NBC8 News at 10	6/5	10 pm	2:00	A Fulton man is behind bars tonight...accused of molesting a child. The Callaway County Sheriff's department was on the case for three months before arresting John Andrade this afternoon. Police say the victim's parent called them about 45-year-old John Andrade They say he's a friend of the family who molested their child. Right now, Andrade faces one first degree molestation charge but police are looking into whether he molested another child. So more charges could be filed. The Sheriff's department won't say where the abuse happened but we do know the victim is less than 12 years old. Andrade is being held on 75-thousand dollars bond here at the Callaway County Jail.

Government	NBC8 News at 6	6/6`	6 pm	2:00	Some churches in Boonville may not get the renovations they want. Saint Mathew's A-M-E in Boonville was built in 1881...First Presbyterian Church in 1821. Nelson Memorial United Methodist church built in 1917. But, in the last few years it's got new lights, new pews and carpet, and a fresh coat of paint. "We're just blessed here to solely rely on our congregation for the support of the ministries here. And, I guess, I feel like that's the way it should be." First Presbyterian and Saint Mathew's wanted to fix up their old walls, too. But, they could not break older barriers down. They applied for part of the city's 850-thousand dollar historic preservation grant from the new Island of Capri Casino. But, the city council voted unanimously against them.
Health Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 10	6/7	10 pm	2:00	It's been approved for almost four years. But, you still may not know about this relatively new way to process your food. It could change the way you buy your meat. Mike John is a cattle farmer. He says food safety is his number-one concern. "I support anything that makes our product more wholesome and safer for the consumer." He's talking about beef irradiation, which exposes meat to low levels of radiation to destroy e-coli and salmonella. It's the radiation that makes the process controversial. Critics say there hasn't been enough testing about the long-term effects of irradiated meat on people.
Health	NBC8 News at 6	6/8	6 pm	2:00	Off the top of your head, what would you guess the leading cause of death is for women? "I'm sure it's breast cancer and cervical cancer." "I'd say breast cancer." That's the most common answer. But, in fact, more than 500-thousand women die from *heart disease*... And doctors say cancer kills only *half* as many. Fortunately, doctors believe correcting what is known as *lifestyle risk factors* reduces the risk by 82-percent. Smoking cessation...a low fat, high fiber diet...a regular aerobic exercise program and adopting some stress management techniques into their lifestyle.
Government Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at 6	6/ 10	6 pm	2:00	But, Governor Holden says *talking* is the only way to get things done. The governor has created a task force to study agriculture. And, he says, it'll make recommendations for rural Missouri, and for communities like Columbia and Jefferson City, too. The governor say farmers make the food and energy that all Missourians use in places like Columbia and Jefferson City. And, that's why he's appointed 38 members to his agriculture task force, including 12 members from Jefferson City and 11 from Columbia.

Crime Government	NBC8 News at 10	6/ 11	10 pm	2:00	Workers at the Federal Building in Columbia hoped to return to a quiet workplace today. They were greeted with yet another reminder of Timothy McVeigh. Graffiti covered a wall of the Federal Building in downtown Columbia this morning. Yet another reminder of the Oklahoma City bombing workers hoped to finally forget. The words were in Latin, and roughly translated, said, "Thus always to tyrants, Remember: Tim McVeigh." Many workers at federal buildings across the nation, including Columbia, did not go to work yesterday. They may have feared what might happen. The Columbia vandalism apparently happened between two and six this morning. Clean-up crews arrived early this afternoon, and quickly removed the spray-painted message. The building supervisor says the graffiti did make an impact on employees.
Drug/Alcohol Abuse	NBC8 News at 6	6/ 12	6 pm	2:00	Missouri's new .08 law is now official, with the Governor's signature. Now, drivers will have to pay closer attention to how much alcohol they drink. The new law bypassed boaters. It's getting closer to summer everyday, but boaters are already taking advantage of warm weather. The peaceful water has a calming effect, but one issue has some people on edge. That's because the new, lower blood alcohol level does not apply to people driving boats or other water vehicles. "If it's not safe to drive a car at anything above .08, it should not, I see no difference in being able to drive a boat or a car." The Missouri Water Patrol says 55 percent of boating deaths last year involved alcohol.
Education Government	NBC8 News at 10	6/ 13	10 pm	2:00	Of course you've heard of student report cards...but what about report cards for the school? Governor Holden signed a bill today, requiring performance reports. Parents could only get overall district reports every year....and those didn't have much detail about individual schools. But under the new law, they can get a report from each school and compare it with others. Students were excited to see a bill signed by Governor Holden.

Crime	NBC8 News at 6	6/ 14	6 pm	4:00	Across the state in another Missouri prison....there's a move to make inmates with children into real fathers. And with Father's Day just two days away, N-B-C 8 found men who are learning to be fathers -- and grandfathers -- just in time. "All kids love their daddy. But, do they feel loved by us? That's the part we miss most of the time." They miss it because wrong deeds and razor wire keep them from being with their children. These fathers are prisoners at the Algoa Correctional Center. But, a new course called Long Distance Dads is giving them hope. "It's a course about parenting, but it's also a course about your humanity." Fathers in prison volunteer for the 12-week course. Prison staffers teach inmates how to express their feelings and communicate with their kids.
Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at 10	6/ 15	10 pm	2:00	Cedar Oak Mobile Home residents now have two weeks to move their trailer homes out of the park. Residents can't do anything about the deadline. It all began with sewage problems. "It was really bad at first. Sewage was all over the place and vultures were swarming all around..." The solution? The owner decided to close down the whole trailer park... bringing even more trouble for the residents. These Cedar Oak residents got eviction notices... just 60 days to find a new home. "A lot of people are signing up, that have the old trailers that are too old to move, for housing. But I've checked on housing too and a lot them got waiting lists." And time isn't the only problem... many of them are still struggling to come up with the money for the big move.
Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at 10	6/ 16	10 pm	2:00	It may be father's day, but one mid-Missouri family has another reason to celebrate. With bible in hand, Anita ayers and her family received a generous gift in the form of a brand new home. Show me central habitat for humanity in partnership with five local churches dedicated the newly built house to the ayers family during a special ceremony this afternoon. The ayers family was also part of the partnership. "the ayers family will move into their new home later this month.

Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 6	6/ 17	6 pm	2:00	Phone lines continue to cause problems on Columbia's College Avenue. N-B-C 8's Jennifer Clark explains what crews are working on. This sign has been near the corner of Walnut and College since the beginning of May. That's when workers accidentally cut phone lines, while fixing a stoplight after a traffic crash. But, why are they still working a month later? They're resplicing all the temporary underground wires...which is tedious. "What happened before was, we could work on it above ground with the temporary cable and get several people working on it. The situation now is, you're down to having one person in each of two manholes, and they can only do so much." "This looks a lot like a frayed rope. But, actually it's about 18-hundred different phone lines. Right now, all the phone cables with the phone lines are above ground. But, Verizon is hoping to have them underground by August first." And, as the work continues, Verizon says don't worry...all of the re-splicing won't affect your phones.
Education Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at 10	6/ 18	10 pm	2:00	Jefferson City is struggling to find teachers for the next school year. The Jeff City Jays are struggling through summer practice, while the district struggles to find enough teachers for the fall. The district has filled more than 50 openings, but still has 22 remaining. The Jeff City district usually gets one thousand to 15-hundred applications. But, so far this year, the district has only 300 applicants. "Not only is the teacher applicant pool low, but the spots that still need to be filled are for specialized teachers for areas such as yearbook, school newspaper and special ed." District officials say they know the reason for the low response. "The key reason must be, our starting pay is considerably lower than our competitors, and our middle and upper end is lower than a lot of districts our size around the state." Starting pay for teachers in Jeff City is 21-thousand dollars, but Columbia's is almost 26-thousand.
Health	NBC8 News at 6	6/ 19	6 pm	2:00	Decayed and rotted teeth aren't a problem for most Mid-Missouri children. And, if they have serious dental problems, they can go to their dentists for help. But, panelists at a meeting in Columbia today says it's getting tougher to find treatment...when the state's paying the bill. They just don't want to deal with too little repayment, or too much paperwork. So, that puts the burden on the 600 dentists in Missouri, like Dr. Ahlagenhauff, who *do* accept the state's money.

Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at 10	6/ 20	10 pm	2:00	In school we learn the American system is designed so we all have access to our legal rights. But sometimes the people who need those rights the most have trouble getting access. Mary Wise wants to know how she can stop her trailer park from evicting her. "I tried to get a lawyer here in town, but nobody would touch it. They said they couldn't help me and I go 'why not' and they go, you know. I feel like I've been, I mean I have not committed a crime. " Evictions, domestic abuse and rising utility costs are all problems that came up tonight...when Grass Roots Organizing, an advocacy group for low-income tenants, brought together its members and lawyers to answer questions about legal problems.
Government	NBC8 News at 6	6/ 21	6 pm	2:00	Eight days away from the start of a new budget year and the Governor takes out the axe. Referring to a slow economy...Governor Holden says he's found plenty of places to cut. Governor Holden signed 19 bills, but not without making a few changes that Holden says will save millions . Holden vetoed more than 36 million dollars out of bills the legislature had already approved.
Government	NBC8 News at 10	6/ 22	10 pm	2:00	Members of a national organization protesting against the U.S. embargo on Cuba are on their way to the Communist state....but, not before making a stop in Mid-Missouri. Pastors for Peace began its 12th U.S.-Cuba Friendshipment Caravan last weekend. Elizabeth Marino leads one of the eleven groups traveling across Canada and the U.S. collecting donations like this school bus. But they didn't get a license for the trip from the U.S, Treasury department, which makes these donations illegal. "We have to face prosecution because we're violating law of embargo, the immoral law that denies medicine and food to Cubans. We do it as civil disobedience because not only are we not allowed to trade with Cuba, but we're not allowed to even donate humanitarian aid." Local support groups, such as . Peaceworks, Fellowship of Reconciliation and Columbia Interfaith Peace Alliance supported the Caravan by sponsoring today's meeting.
Education	NBC8 News at 6	6/ 24	6 pm	2:00	Adding football to the Ashland athletic department has been discussed for the past five years. Now, it's finally being proposed to the Southern Boone County School Board. The Southern Boone County school board will get together in 30 minutes to look at the plan. The high school here is growing quickly and it needs more activates for the students. That is one of the main reasons the addition of football and volleyball is being proposed.

Consumer Issues	NBC8 News at 10	6/ 25	10 pm	2:00	Tired of high gas bills? Tonight we have a report on high electrical bills. Donna Westin hangs her laundry out every day. Westin has a dryer, but she can't afford to use it anymore. Like many Mid-Missourians, she's trying to save money. "My budget bill, like I said, has gone up from 150 dollars to 230 dollars in a year, year and a half." But, Boone Electric says bills have gone up because people are using more electricity. So the company says if you want to lower THEM invest in energy-saving products, like a furnace filter.
Health	NBC8 News at 6	6/ 26	6 pm	2:00	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say about one-third of Americans infected with HIV don't know it. "It's not a one-shot message, it's something we have to continue to give to people over and over again." And that's exactly what the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network is trying to do. Not only does the network offer HIV testing, but so does the Columbia Department of Health. University of Missouri student Monique ?? offered to show us how the oral, swab test works. It may take a bit longer for these results, and the OraSure test is more expensive, but they're ideal for outreach efforts. "Those who are at higher risk are less likely to come in to get tested." And those who have been tested show these statistics: Nationally, there are about 40,000 new HIV cases each year.
Jobs/Economy Government	NBC8 News at 10	6/ 28	10 pm	2:00	Good news for farmers as a new law will help them cut costs. Glen Stephens clears farms after they sell their land to developers. Until now...farmers had to pay for new sewer and water lines on their property when urban growth moved close to their land. Now the Farmland Protection Bill has changed the lay of the land. Instead developers have to foot the bill and Stephens says it can help struggling farmers. "Right in around the towns, I say within five miles of any large city the farmers have really been put in a squeeze. Their property taxes are just going through the roof."

Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at 6	6/ 29	6 pm	2:00	T and H Restaurant on Garth Avenue has served its community for 11 years. A customer can eat breakfast or lunch for less than five dollars. It's one of the few places in Columbia that still serves grits...and it's the only place to get pigs feet. "They are very friendly. They have very good food, home-cooked food, at reasonable prices. We really hate they are going to close up." "T&H is not just a restaurant. It is an environment. People here are not just customers. They are part of a family." In fact, waitresses seem to know every customer by name...and their favorite meals.
Jobs/Economy	NBC8 News at 10	6/ 30	10 pm	2:00	Their leases are up, they're supposed to be out, but many of them are staying put. Today was moving day for residents of Cedar Oak Mobile Home park. It's time to pick up and move, but some of them aren't budging. "I'm not going to leave until the sheriff brings me an eviction notice." Residents of Cedar Oak had 60 days to leave before today's deadline came. Landlord Bob Mongler gave notice of the eviction, and said he had plans to fix up the place. "The sewer line, and the hose and stuff busted. You can see a flood of water there." But even if their landlord does fix the problems, the current residents still have to move.