2nd Quarter 2002
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, 2002 to June 30, 2002. 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
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU News at 6	4/1	6pm	2:00	Designated drivers will get free non-alcoholic drinks under a new program in the capital city. Bars, restaurants, hotels... a variety of Jefferson City businesses are participating in the Cheers program. Designated drivers get unlimited non-alcoholic beverages.... the only requirement?... that you're in a group of two or more. Designated drivers also get a free gift bag... Inside there's a t-shirt, cup, highlighters and other sobering trinkets.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU News at 10	4/2	10pm	1:30	Columbia voters pass Proposition One...repealing the city's controversial can deposit law. Retailers complained the ordinance cost them money and wasted space to store empty bottles and cans. But, supporters say, the ordinance encouraged recycling and helped keep the city clean. The deposit law has appeared on the Columbia ballot four times in the past 20 years. And, now Columbia will no longer be the only city in the U-S with a can deposit law. Supporters and opponents have argued for months about the issue. But, now they're ready to move forward.
EDUCATION	KOMU News at 6	4/3	6pm	2:00	Jefferson City teachers will get a raise... and administrators hope to get a bigger pool of teacher applicants. 5th graders at Belair Elementary learn how to measure heights while teachers try to measure excitement. That's because 52% of the voters said "yes" to a tax increase that will raise teachers' salaries. It's a perk that will keep Riley in 5th grade and bring more teachers to the district. The salary raises start this fall and are spread out over a two year period.

HEALTH	KOMU News at 10	4/4	10pm	1:30	Kindergarten registration is going on now and there's more to it than signing up and sending your child next fall. Schools require certain immunizations. Those include Polio, DPT, rubella, measles, mumps and hepatitis B. There are some "optional" shots parents can choose for their children. Besides the chicken pox vaccine, parents may consider getting their children hepatitis A, pneumococcal and influenza shots. And for a kindergartener to be who's got his shots but just needs a booster... well, there's always the option to get it here. If your child isn't vaccinated because of religious or philosophical beliefs, you'll have to fill out a little extra paperwork, but the district will let the student in.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU News at 6	4/5	6pm	1:30	The Missouri House finished its budget plan today, but it's short by several million dollars. The 66-million-dollar question is, will lawmakers use the state Rainy Day Fund to cover the shortfall? House Democrats hope to be able to use the Rainy Day fund, but Republicans oppose the idea. Minority Leader Catherine Hanaway says the state is in better shape than estimated. She says there will be enough money without using rainy day funds, and if there isn't enough, the state has opportunities to make cuts later. Democrats say Republicans didn't help make enough cuts in the first place. Republicans say the important budget items made it into the core budget, not the part that requires Rainy Day money. Monday, the House will consider how much of the Rainy Day Fund to use...if any. That plan needs a two-thirds vote to pass.
CRIME	KOMU News at 10	4/6	10pm	2:00	Missouri lawmakers consider a bill to combat computer-based crimes. The internet is an educational tool for your children. But cyberspace can also be a scary place. Now a St. Louis Senator wants to put a stop to internet predators. Under Dougherty's proposal, a person 21 or older would be guilty of a *felony for using the internet or any electronic communication to lure a person younger than 15 into sexual contact.
CRIME	KOMU News at 10	4/7	10pm	1:00	How much do you know about a taxi driver when you step inside their car? A Kansas City girl had no idea what one sexual predator had in store for her when she hailed his cab. A flawed ordinance and city workers' mistakes allowed sex offenders behind the wheel of the city's taxis. Now one driver's charged with molesting a 15-year-old girl he took home in his cab. He was approved to drive a taxi even after revealing assault and child endangerment convictions. The convictions involved molesting school

					children when he drove a school bus. But how safe are Columbia cabs? Local taxicab companies use outside sources for the hiring process. Which they say helps ensure your safety.
HEALTH	KOMU News at 6	4/8	6pm	1:00	Mental-health patients fear budget cuts in Jefferson City will keep them from getting treatement. So the "Mental Health Movement" protested outside the Boone County Courthouse this morning. Missouri lawmakers are considering cutting 92 million dollars from the Mental Health budget. The areas most affected would be adult programs, prevention and treatment. Protesters say increased crime and homelessness could be side affects of the cuts. They also took their complaints to the capital steps hoping lawmakers will change their minds.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU News at 10	4/9	10pm	2:00	A new study on college campus drinking links alcohol to 1400 student deaths each year. The study shows most die in drunk driving accidents. Missouri judges have a unique sentence to stall repeat offenders. After downing a few drinks.... if you can't stop yourself from getting behind the wheel... a judge can. Not with a jail sentence... but with a new passenger in your car. It's called "the ignition interlock system" and acts as a personal breathalizer. It's mounted right on the dashboard. Before the car will start... the driver has to blow into the machine. If it detects alcohol, you're not going anywhere. But in Mid-Missouri there's criticism judges don't order it often enough. Evergreen Ignition Interlock is one company that supplies the device. A worker there says the number of systems installed is rising but the company does not keep exact numbers.
CONSUMER ISSUES/GOVERNMENT	KOMU News at 6	4/10	6pm	1:30	You haven't seen a tax increase this high for nearly a decade. Three eighths of a cent means more than 500 million dollars for the state. You might be spending 3/8 of this penny every time you shop if the Senate passes a general sales tax increase to fund roads. The head of the Senate Transportation Committee said earlier today he was confident there was enough support to pass the bill. But, so far he's run into opposition from his own party. Around 3:30 this afternoon, Republicans staged what seemed like a filabuster... taking the floor for more than an hour. The last time the Senate passed a major tax increase was 1993. If it passes there, voters still get the final say.
HEALTH	KOMU News at 10	4/11	10pm	2:00	Sometimes there are no symptoms, and millions of Americans may not even know they're infected. And getting treatment for sexually transmitted

					diseases can be especially hard, since the topic makes some people uncomfortable. Thehealth department does free testing and counseling every Tuesday. The city helps prevent more cases by distributing condoms to downtown businesses like Ninth Street video. No appointment's necessary for the health departments free S-T-D Clinic every Tuesday from six to eight p-m.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU News at 6	4/12	6pm	1:30	It's the last day on the job for 160 Mid-Missouri workers. The majority of employees at A-P Green in Mexico put in their last shift at the plant today. Things were a little gray for about 160 workers at A-P Green who spent one last day at the plant... packing up personal items. A-P Green has employed hundreds over the years... even former workers will feel the loss. For the workers there who are losing their jobs... and for the city that loses a piece of history. Machine shop workers will stay on and work at the plant along with security but we don't know for how long. Tomorrow morning, employees will find out what they're getting in the company severence packages.
CRIME	KOMU News at 10	4/13	10pm	:30	Jefferson City police go on a high-speed chase after a man shoplifts from Wal-Mart. The suspect fled in his Chevy Nova. Police and the Highway Patrol followed the suspect northbound on highway 54. Then the suspect went eastbound on highway 50. He exited highway 50 about a half mile from the Osage River. Speeds reached more than 1-hundred miles an hour during the chase. The suspect was stopped when his car landed in a ditch. Police took the man to Capital Region Hospital. But there were no major injuries. Police say the man eluded police in Blue Springs earlier this week.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU News at 10	4/14	10pm	1:30	Time's almost up. The deadline for filing your taxes is tomorrow. The time leading up to tax day can be stressful for both taxpayers *and* accountants. Last minute filers work the accounting firms to death. Tax Help LLC is just one of many accounting firms that thrive this time of year. Thriving...because of these last minute filers. But don't worry if you can't make the deadline. You can still file for an extension.
EDUCATION	KOMU News at 6	4/15	6pm	1:30	Are students getting access to the material they need on-line. X-Stop - that's the name of the new filter system to keep students from accessing "innappropriate" websites at public schools. The Children's Internet Protection Act required public schools like Columbia to install the new software or risk losing federal funding for computers. The filters searches

					for obscene words then can block the site. But officials say it can also block information the student needs. School officials say, the problem can be fixed by just un-blocking access to a specific site and putting it on a "safe list." And even before installing X-stop we're told students rarely look at inappropriate material at school. But they did access games.
HEALTH	KOMU News at 10	4/16	10pm	1:45	An outbreak of meningitis leads to widespread vaccinations. Health Department workers asked residents near Fort Leonard Wood to come in for a shot after three confirmed cases of bacterial meningitis. It's just a precautionary measure and the best way health workers say there is to prevent future outbreaks. Workers are now targeting a specific group of people to get the meningitis vaccine. The health department now says you need the vaccine if you are between the ages of two and 19 and work, go to school, live or spend ten or more hours per week at the post.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU News at 6	4/17	6pm	:30	Hickman High School students get a reality check... just in time for proms and graduation parties. The school staged a mock car crash to show the dangers of drinking and driving. Columbia firefighters and police and University Health Care staff responded to the simulation. Hickman drama students were the make-believe victims, with only the driver surviving. The others wore black T-shirts when they returned to class. And, of course, the mock fatalities couldn't talk.
EDUCATION	KOMU News at 10	4/18	10pm	:30	Elementary and Secondary schools probably won't get the additional funding they were expecting. That's because Missouri lawmakers aren't willing to hand-out as much money as the Governor wants. Bob Holden wants elementary and secondary education to receive an additional 220-million dollars. The Senate Appropriations Committee is only offering 100 million. Meanwhile, the Missouri House is somewhere in between with 175-million.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU News at 6	4/19	6pm	1:00	Missouri's Economic Development Director came out with another bleak view of the state's economy today, but one local retailer says he doesn't know what all the fuss is about. Hibbit's althletic store's having a great season. While other business declined as a result of September eleventh, this store's had an increase in its retail sales. Managers think the increase is a result of people trying to get their minds off of the tragic event. While manufacturing jobs are declining, this store is adding employees. The entire gang here expects as long as people play sports, business will

					continue to rise.
HEALTH	KOMU News at 10	4/20	10pm	2:00	When we first became aware of AIDS in the early eighties, not many people knew how to deal with the disease. Now, twenty years later, education is wide spread, but AIDS still continues to be an epidemic. The Regional AIDS Interfaith Network of Central Missouri, or RAIN is the *only AIDS organization in the area. RAIN raised a little over *seventeen thousand dollars at today's march.
CRIME	KOMU News at 10	4/21	10pm	1:00	One public university comes under fire four years after a woman was sexually assaulted. Emilie Ostrander's suing several University of Missouri officials, and the university itself. She says they're to blame for the assault, which took place in the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house in 19-98. M-U officials say they had no control over the fraternity member's actions. And they cannot be held responsible for any rapes that occur. Jury selection for the case starts tomorrow.
EDUCATION	KOMU News at 6	4/22	6pm	2:00	Henry Lane may have dropped his lawsuit against the Columbia School District, but now he's going after the county collector. Lane is suing the Boone County Collector over what he calls unfair property taxes. Lawyers for the school district say it's just as much their fight as it is the county collector's fight. But, Lane and his lawyer do not want the school to be a part of it. They argue in other cases of tax issues in other school districts, only the taxpayers and the county collector are involved. Lane's attorney says if the school board wanted in, then it should have done so three months ago. A Boone county judge will rule on the question sometime later this week.
HEALTH	KOMU News at 6	4/23	6pm	1:30	A serviceman is the fourth meningitis victim at Fort Leonard Wood in the past month. When a 12-year-old boy died from the disease, officials realized it also affected those who had contact with people who spend time at the post. Now, after the most recent case last weekend, they're encouraging more people to be vaccinated. People need the vaccine if they work or live on the post, go to school or daycare on the post, have spent at least 10 hours on the post this year, or go to Waynesville High School.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU News at 6	4/24	6pm	1:33	The rainy day fund is slowing down work on a new state budget. One Senator has demanded paying for public schools by taking money from the budget reserve. The Senate has started a controversial budget

					debate...whether or not to tap into the state's rainy day fund. Dangerous because the house already rejected dipping into the fund after it lacked enough votes--a 2/3 majority of both houses. Senator Ken Jacob says the Missouri Senate has to use rainy day money to fully fund the school foundation formula. The formula gives money to state schools...and is determined by tax levy, school enrollment and property wealth. Like Jacob, most Democrats favor using the rainy day fund. But Republicans say the budget is due to the governor on May 10th...and it's time to vote on a plan that doesn't include reserve funds.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU News at 10	4/25	10pm	1:00	One company's downfall put more than 100 workers out of a job. But, another company's success could help the town's economy. The 40-year-old, family-owned, Spartan Light and Metal Products may help Mexico residents...just when they could use it. Spartan has about 200 workers, and the company will hire 40 more this year.
CRIME	KOMU News at 6	4/26	6pm	:30	Police are searching for man who disappeared this morning. Tyrone Quick fled police near the Maplewood Barn Theater in Columbia. He was riding in a car pulled over by highway patrol, then gave a false name and ran into the woods upon further questioning. He is wanted in Illinois for parole and drug violations. Illinois authorities say Quick is armed and dangerous. He has shaved his beard and gained some weight since this photo was taken, but he still has a mustache. He may also be going by the name Ronnie Turnball.
HEALTH	KOMU News at 10	4/27	10pm	:30	The Missouri Heart Center hosted the event to help women make informed decisions about their health, well-being, and personal safety. Residents heard speeches on topics ranging from mind and body wellness... to keeping the romance alive. The event also featured a heart healthy meal. Columbia's one of only 34 cities chosen to hold a conference of this kind.
CRIME	KOMU News at 10	4/28	10pm	:30	A third suspect is on trial tomorrow for his part in a failed jail escape. The botched jailbreak resulted in the murder of two Randolph County jailers. In June of 2000, Roy Vance tried to escape his cell in this jail with the help of his girlfriend, Tracie Bulington and Michael (TYE-see-us). The two claimed they were bringing the defendant cigarettes. Instead, they had a concealed weapon. Both were charged with first-degree murder for shooting guards Jason Acton and Leon Egley.

JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU News at 6	4/29	6pm	1:30	Months of contract disputes at ABB have yielded no solutions. So, today, employees in the Capital City turned to their last option. They went on strike. They say a walkout was the best way to show ABB owners they're serious about labor contracts. Although the workday ended early for ABB workers, their fight over contracts will continue. After 16 weeks of negotiations, union representatives say the strike should catch ABB's attention. Workers will strike in four hour shifts for the next three days. But if ABB officials don't make acceptable contract changes the end of striking may not be in sight.
EDUCATION	KOMU News at 10	4/30	10pm	1:30	The budget cuts are real. They're not here just yet. And Mid-Missouri colleges and universities are bracing for the worst. Tonight, higher education officials told the public what the cuts could mean. By July, Chancellor Wallace expects to have a better idea of how many jobs will be cut. And Lincoln University may end its open admissions policy because there won't be money to cover the cost of tutoring new students.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU News at 6	5/1	6pm	1:30	One week to go before state lawmakers must balance next year's budget. Using reserve funds is not an option anymore. The Senate appropriations committee has a huge job ahead. It's finding solutions after Governor Holden's announced last week the state is 250-million dollars short for 20-02. The Senate's considering a proposal to make up the 250 million dollar budget shortfall by taking 120-million from the rainy day fund and 50-million from tobacco settlement money. It totals only 170-million. To make up the difference the Senate Appropriations chair says the state should take money from the maintenance reserve fund and state agencies. Even those options leave the state about seven million short. If the House and Senate can't reach an agreement next week the the legislature will go into special session. If lawmakers agree to use the rainy day fund this year, the state must pay a third of it back by next year.
EDUCATION	KOMU News at 10	5/2	10pm	1:30	The Partners in Education program matches local schools and businesses. One partner, 3-M, helps schools out by giving them free stuff when they need it. The All-City Seventh Grade Band played. And students shared their experiences with Partners in Education. Many mascots showed their support. And there was free transportation, ranging from carriage rides...to a rocket car. Many families enjoyed the festivities, and everyone had favorites. Students from all Columbia public schools carried flags in a

					parade before and after the ceremony. After the ceremony, school choirs performed on downtown sidewalks and street corners. More than 120 businesses participate in Columbia's Partners in Education program. Partners in Education Week include Taste of Teaching, Nickels for Novels, and Service Day Projects.
CRIME	KOMU News at 6	5/3	6pm	1:30	Police believe the Callaway County woman murdered last week knew her killer. The Missouri Major Case Squad hasn't named a suspect in the murder of Debra Dickens, but it says the killer was not a stranger to her. The major case squad says it's still an open case, and that means police are releasing little information. The major case squad has received more than 80 tips during its four days on the case. It has until one p-m tomorrow to disband.... or file an extension to continue the investigation. Dicken's brother found her body in her mobile home last Sunday. If the major case squad doesn't find any significant information today, it will file that extension tomorrow. Then the investigation would be turned to the Callaway County Sheriffs Department.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU News at 10	5/4	10pm	1:30	Columbia's Biscayne Mall opened in the 1960s...now, the last tenant closes it's doors. Alexander's Steakhouse employees are closing up for the night... and for good, right now... People are shocked it's happening so soon. But this closing was to be expected. It makes room for the new Famous-Barr that the Kroenke group brought to Columbia. A steakhouse manager says 50 workers learned yesterday that they would lose their jobs when the restaurant closed tonight.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU News at 6	5/6	6pm	2:00	ABB union workers have picketed another business in Jefferson City. Some union workers took their picket line to C-&-S Services. The union says C&S is providing temporary workers to ABB during the strike. Most of the 740 union workers walked off the job last week citing unfair labor practices. They say ABB forces too much mandatory overtime and doesn't provide a safe work environment. The union says C and S is the company's ally.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU News at 6	5/7	6pm	2:00	This month, the city will send Columbians its annual water quality report with your bill. Columbia tap water is tested for 203 containments. And in the 2001 report, 15 traces of the containment were found but all were under allowed levels according to the City Light and Water Department. That's not unusual to find in all water systems. But despite clean drinking water, bottled water sales are on the rise.

EDUCATION	KOMU News at 10	5/8	10pm	3:30	About 137-thousand Missouri students have special needs. But, schools are not using the highest standards to teach them. One Mid-Missouri student challenged the system. Missouri law requires special education services "maximizes the capabilities of handicapped and severely-handicapped children." No school district in Missouri uses that standard. Instead, they use a much lower federal standard that only requires schools to provide some "educational benefits" for students with disabilities. To maximize students' capabilities, schools would have to make some changes. After seven years of court battles, Missouri's Western Court of Appeals ruled that schools should use the maximizing standard.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU News at 6	5/9	6pm	1:30	Less than 24 hours from now lawmakers must meet the deadline for next year's budget. And a bill to use the rainy day fund for *this year's* budget is slowing the whole process in the House. If there's no vote by tomorrow, we could see a special session. The House has been hearing debate on and off about whether to use the rainy day fund to make up for this year's budget shortfall. The state does not have 230 million dollars it needs to balance the budget for the last two months of the fiscal year.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU News at 6	5/10	6pm	1:30	A nationwide gun safety campaign launched today. Organizers will travel across the state, distributing these free cable-locks. The goal: give away a total of 60,000 locks in a month and keep kids from using them. They work on ninety-five percent of all firearms, like shotguns, revolvers and rifles. A renewed commitment to gun safety is partly due to a new family situation.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU News at 10	5/11	10pm	1:30	Some local postal workers took up the fight against hunger. Volunteers prepare to fill mail bags with a different kind of delivery. It's all part of the postal service's annual food drive to fight hunger in Mid-Missouri. Any help was welcomed this year to help put Mid-Missouri on the map for the national food drive. Volunteers collected more than 97-thousand pounds of food from local residents.
EDUCATION	KOMU News at 10	5/12	10pm	1:00	Educators and legislators gear up for budget talks for the 2002-2003 school year. Funding for classrooms will be one of the main points of discussion at tomorrow night's meeting. They'll also be discussing pay raises for faculty and staff. Last month, the school board issued teacher contracts for next year that will keep teacher salaries the same as last year's. The contracts don't allow for any salary increases, even those based

					on experience. But the state budget is more than 100-million dollars out of balance. So, lawmakers will have to come up with new sources of revenue.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU News at 6	5/13	6pm	1:30	About 700 A-B-B workers are back on the job today in Jefferson City, after a two-week strike. Union workers are cheering, because they're one step closer to resolving their dispute. And, they have a lot of work to do yet, because they still don't have a contract. The company permanently replaced 67 of them, when it sent letters to them last weekend. For now, workers started reporting to work at 3:30 this afternoon. The union says it may resume the strike, if A-B-B does not let *all* workers return.
EDUCATION	KOMU News at 6	5/14	6pm	2:00	Students, faculty, staff...they'll all feel the pinch from latest budget cuts. University of Missouri knew there would be more cuts, but they didn't know it would be so harsh. The UM System found out they needed to cut 41.5 million dollars late Friday. The University of Missouri says it will eliminate 400 jobs through either early retirement incentives or terminations. Most employees will suffer either a 10 percent salary reduction for one month.....or a three day furlough. The price of admission goes up, too. Student fees will increase at least 4, maybe 5 percent. And this increase is in addition to the more than 8 percent increase that MU already approved.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU News at 10	5/15	10pm	2:00	One-million dollars--that's what it cost to prepare Columbia Regional Airport for another airline. One to provide direct flights to cities across the nation...putting Columbia, Missouri back on the map. But, the airline went belly up. In fact, Ozark Air was in the air for only about one year. When Ozark took off in February 2000, its owner and the city had high hopes. Columbia was once again connected...with direct flights to Chicago, Dallas and Joplin. But after a year, Ozark wasn't making any money. It will take more than passenger numbers to bring Ozark back to Columbia. What Ozark wants is a contract, guaranteeing enough ticket sales to make the flights profitable.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU News at 6	5/16	6pm	1:30	Missouri lawmakers passed a bill requiring students to say the pledge of allegiance at least once a week. Even though the Pledge of Allegiance bill gives students who don't believe in God the option to leave, students in that category says it would make them feel segregated. It's exactly why some school administrators object to forcing the pledge.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU News at 6	5/17	6pm	2:00	Senator Morris Westfall, a conservative Republican ,sponsored the measure to increase the transportation tax. He says it's time to fix the roads simply

					because they aren't safe. But some Senators voted against the plan, saying that taxing those who don't use the roads is wrong. The majority of senators agreed with Westfall, voting in favor of the tax increase. Though this issue made it through the legislature... voters still get the final say. The tax question will be on the August ballot.
CONSUMER ISSUES/GOVT	KOMU News at 6	5/20	6pm	2:00	The trip from Moberly to Columbia will soon be easier, but heading north form Moberly...Highway 63 remains two lanes. Some drivers on that road are willing to pay the price for 4-lanes. Everyday, 9-thousand people travel from Moberly to Macon on a two-lane highway. Many of them are willing to pay more tax to build two more lanes. Paying the tax won;t be just up to these drivers....state lawmakers decided last week to ask voters to approve the taxes this August
CRIME	KOMU News at 10	5/21	10pm	1:30	A Connecticut prosecutor says a man confessed to killing a 13-year-old girl he met over the Internet. The suspect led authorities to the body of Christina Long. One *Mid-Missouri* detective who's trying to prevent sex predators from using the Internet to attract children. Jeff Vogan of the Randolph County Sheriff's Department works undercover to catch men like the one who killed Christina Long. He spends a few hours each night on his laptop computer in Internet chat rooms, waiting for someone to contact him.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU News at 10	5/22	10pm	2:00	Boone County Commissioners are close to bringing a hockey rink and baseball field right here. Three different developers are competing for a lease on the land. Commissioner Skip Elkin says it's likely a committee will decide tomorrow how the county should develop the fairgrounds but they won't make an announcement until Tuesday. The proposed facilities would be huge, seating 5-thousand people and stretching back to those buildings. Each of the plans calls for a hockey rink. Costs range from 8- to 20-million dollars.
EDUCATION	KOMU News at 6	5/23	6pm	1:30	State funding cuts have been avoided, but elementary and secondary schools are looking closely at their budgets, too. The Columbia School Board has decided to give teachers a raise...but at what cost? Looking at the salaries offered to public school teachers, Sisson thinks the city loses good and qualified candidates. The Columbia Board of Education met to discuss the same concerns. The Board recommended a 150-dollar increase in the base salary of Columbia teachers. But.... Insurance premiums will

					also increase. To help make up money.. the board suggested cutting budgets for supply, travel, personnel, and maintenance budgets.
CRIME	KOMU News at 6	5/24	6pm	1:30	A Mid-Missouri family says enough is enough after two drive-by shootings and the stabbing of a family member. No one was injured in the drive by shootings earlier this week in Mexico. But the stabbing victim's still in the hospital, in good condition. Berry says another man stabbed him twice yesterday at a Mexico convenience store. Police arrested Derrick Aaron for assault yesterday...but then released him without charging him. Prosecutors say assault charges weren't filed because there isn't enough evidence.
HEALTH	KOMU News at 10	5/26	10pm	1:00	A recent study by the US department of agriculture shows grapes may help fight cancer. A little round fruit may pack a powerful cancer fighting punch. Studies show that the compound resveratrol, which protects grapes from fungus, also protects cells from cancer and other diseases. And now they've uncovered another disease fighter in grapes – called pterostilbene. Studies in mice show the chemical has the same cell protecting potential as resveratrol.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU News at 10	5/27	10pm	1:30	Memorial Day weekend marked the start of a new water safety measure at the Lake of the Ozarks. The Missouri Water Patrol has to rely on fewer officers to enforce it. Officer Andy Morgan says the new, No-Wake Area requires boaters to maintain idle speed. The No-Wake, Idle-Speed area covers 45-hundred feet from the Grand Glaize Bridge to the Moorings Yacht Club. But, some boaters are *not* sure what the new rule means. Those who *do* know, think it helps them. The new rule's in effect from 10 in the morning to sunset on weekends and holidays until Labor Day.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU News at 6	5/28	6pm	1:30	The Boone County Commission has chosen one of the three proposals for the sports complex at the County Fairgrounds. The proposal from Columbia Sports Ventures is getting the committee's recommendation. The fifteen-million-dollar project includes a 5-thousand seat multipurpose ice facility and a Minor Hockey League franchise. The proposal also includes a 5-thousand seat outdoor baseball stadium with a possible Central Baseball League franchise. Economics played a major role in deciding which proposal to go with.
GOVERNMENT/ CONSUMER	KOMU News at 6	5/29	6pm	1:30	For a local woman, losing medicaid means she's counting down the days to what may be her last dentist appointment ever. Most people aren't so

					happy to visit the dentist- especially if a drill is involved. But Roberta Cason is grateful she has Medicaid to felp foot the bill. But to balance the budget- Governor Holden slashed funding for adult dental care- cutting off people like Cason in the next fiscal year. After July 1st, if you're one of the nearly 330,000 Missourians whose dental care is covered by Medicaid and you have a toothache, you won't go to a dentist, you'll come here to the emergency room.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU News at 6	5/30	6pm	1:30	Two Republican lawmakers accuse Governor Holden, by e-mail, of not using millions of dollars in lapsed money to balance the budget. The e-mails went to several mailboxes including some state workers and university employees. Lapsed funds are money that state agencies have left over and rolls over into the next fiscal year. Representatives Connie Cierpiot and Luann Ridgeway say that money could have prevented budget cuts.But, they have vastly different numbers than the governor. According to the state budget office, there was a 65 million dollar budget lapse into 2002.
HEALTH	KOMU News at 10	5/31	10pm	2:00	Many doctors believe we are close to finding a cure for cancer. But we're not there yet. Tonight, some Mid-Missourians partnered with American Cancer Society to help doctors and patients reach that goal.The Relay for Life helps support more than a cure. The American Cancer society uses the money raised tonight towards research, education, advocacy, and patient services.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU News at 10	6/2	10pm	2:00	t's a small building...but it could lead to big problems for Howard County residents. The sheriff says the county jail's falling apart. On average, the Howard county jail holds about nine inmates. A new report issued by the Missouri-Kansas jail task force says that current security measures at the facility are not up to par... Which may require a whole new building. Security cameras monitor the cells. But who's monitoring the jail? The sheriff says updating the jail facilities would cost the *same* as building a new one. Residents were asked to fill out a survey to see what *they* think about the jail's condition.
CRIME	KOMU News at 6	6/3	6pm	2:00	After ten years of waiting, family members have relief and grief about murder charges. Authorities say there's now enough evidence to charge Richard Williams with a decade old Columbia crime. Back in 1992, he allegedly gave ten patients at Veteran's Memorial Hospital a fatal dose of a muscle relaxer. Today, police arrested Richard Williams in St. Louis and

					brought him to Boone County. A new inspector re-opened the cold case involving the deaths of ten patients. He decided to run tests that weren't available back in 19-92 when the deaths happened and Williams became a suspect. The new tests revealed it wasn't codeine, but sus....that killed ten VA hospital patients. It's a muscle relaxer Williams allegedly injected and it may have stopped their breathing.
EDUCATION	KOMU News at 6	6/4	6pm	2:00	A Fulton based college makes a move to Columbia. William Woods University is opening a satellite campus here. William Woods University first expanded as far as Columbia... 10 years ago. To widen curriculum choices, administrators decided to include night classes for young professionals in their mid 20s and 30s. It's quiet now, but in the evening this class is filled with young professionals. The most common programs are those for Master of Education, Master of Business Administration and undergraduate degrees.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU News at 6	6/5	6pm	1:30	A lot of parents are trying to solve the problem of finding child daycare. Director Julean Evans says with 60 kids, she can't take anymore. Evans says parents should investigate daycares early to make sure their child gets in. The demand for childcare is so high that Personalities Daycare in Moberly will be opening a Columbia location in six weeks.
HEALTH	KOMU News at 10	6/6	10pm	2:00	On the 58th anniversary of D-Day, the Department of Veterans Affairs announces a plan to reform its own health care. Soon Mid-Missouri will serve as an example of how to heal those who VE served. The future means fewer hospital visits and more out-patient care. A new out-patient V-A clinic will open in Mexico later this month. Outpatient clinics are part of an overall trend. That means fewer people who served the red white and blue will walk through these doors when they're black and blue. Truman Hospital spokesman Stephen Gaither emphasizes only seriously ill people need in-patient care.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU News at 6	6/7	6pm	1:30	The president wants to change the way the U.S. government handles terrorism...and Missouri is getting a jump. On the same day the president announced his new plan, the U.S. government released 15 million dollars to Missouri to fight bioterrorism here. One way the state plans to fight bioterrorism is by recognizing attacks early. So, 4 and a half million dollars will go to help emergency rooms, like the one at University Hospital, track reports of unusual diseases so they can spot a trend. Money will also go for

					more equipment, medicine and to train health care workers how to deal with terrorism.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU News at 6	6/9	6pm	1:30	State representative Vicky Riback-Wilson says six years in office wasn't enough. So she's trying for another two-year term. Riback-Wilson announced she's running for re-election at an ice cream social today. About two hundred people came out to support the democratic representative. Riback-Wilson says she wants to address health care concerns, balance the budget. And find support for the University of Missouri system.
CRIME	KOMU News at 6	6/10	6pm	2:00	A Missouri health department report on suspicious deaths is due out in a few weeks. And this report is not about the Columbia V-A hospital. Authorities are taking a closer look at patients under the care of nurse Richard Williams. Now, they're investigating suspicious deaths at an Ashland nursing home in the mid-90s.The Missouri Department of Health is re-opening a seven-year-old investigation. It's looking deeper to see if Richard Williams is connected to any deaths while working here at Ashland Health Care. Those numbers, combined with the recent media attention, prompted the health department to take a closer look at patient deaths in Ashland Health Care between July 1993 and July 1994...when Williams was a nurse here.
CRIME	KOMU News at 10	6/11	10pm	2:00	The city of Columbia is trying to get its trail system back on track. The city's Park Patrol has started training its latest group of new volunteers. Two men stabbed another man who was riding his bike to work earlier this month. Park Patrol coordinators met tonight with new members to train them. About 55 people help patrol Columbia's trails. Police help train the new volunteers. Officer Jessie Haden says violent crime is rare on the trails. Haden says most offenses involve littering, vandalism or leash-law violations. She also says only three violent crimes have been reported on the trails in the last 20 years.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU News at 10	6/12	10pm	1:30	Shoppers in Miller County could pay a higher sales tax, starting this fall. Miller County officials want voters to pass a half-cent sales tax increase this August. Officials say the increase will help crews maintain county roads, and complete more construction projects. But, the state's also asking for more sales tax money now. *That* half-cent increase will help pay for *MO-DOT* highway projects. If voters pass both proposals, Miller County's sales tax will rise above eight percent. One area business owner says it's a tough

					decision.
CRIME	KOMU News at 6	6/13	6pm	1:30	An Eldon man told authorities early today he killed his new bride. They would have been married one month tomorrow. The Miller County prosecutor charged Royal Gregory with second-degree murder and armed criminal action. Police say the 37-year-old man walked into the sheriff's department about two this morning and confessed. Police found her body on the living room floor. They say she had stab wounds in her chest and both arms. Police say Royal Gregory served 18 years in prison for first-degree robbery, second-degree assault, kidnapping and armed criminal action. A neighbor says he heard the couple argue and fight everyday.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU News at 6	6/14	6pm	1:30	Missouri transportation commissioners met today to decide how to spend 500-million dollars. They want voters to pass a transportation tax increase to triple state spending on major road projects. The proposed increase raises the state fuel tax four cents, to 21 cents a gallon, and increase the state sales tax by one-half cent to about five cents per dollar. Mid-Missouri projects that could receive funding include: . . . Missouri route 763 in Columbia. . . . U.S. routes 50/63 in Jefferson City. . . . US route 50 improvements from Sedalia to Linn.
CONSUMER ISSUES/GOVT	KOMU News at 6	6/15	6pm	2:00	Some Missouri seniors will soon have help paying for their veggies. State officials announced a program that will give money to seniors who don't have the funds to buy fresh produce. A program helps Missouri farmers... As well as the elderly. Local farmers will also benefit because the money can *only* be used at *local* markets... Not grocery stores like Gerbes or Nowell's. It's called the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program. And although no one's using it yet... Those involved call it a *win-win situation.* Now seniors can apply for financial help to pay for groceries. Single seniors are eligible if their weekly income is less than 316 dollars. And married seniors are eligible if their combined weekly earnings are less than 425 dollars.
EDUCATION	KOMU News at 6	6/17	6pm	2:00	Tired and delirious medical residents may become a thing of the past, once a new national standard kicks in, limiting the number of hours junior doctors work.New standards may change the quality of medical education. While the hours are long, the University program does have limits. University Hospital puts limits on the number of hours medical residents

					can work here but many hospitals around the country don't establish restrictions. A new national standard will change that practice. Under the new regulations, medical residents will not work more than 80 hours per week. Residents must get at least ten hours of rest in between shifts. They also will not work more than 24 hours straight.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU News at 10	6/18	10pm	2:00	A Columbia driver and a seven year-old on a bike learned how dangerous it can be to share the road, so parents and PedNet hope things will improve. On Monday afternoon, a driver hit seven year old Jonathan Hubbard as he rode his bike near the intersection of Ballenger Lane and Rice Road. A member of the Pedestrian Pedaling Network or PedNet says Columbia streets should be safer for bikers. The intersection of Ballenger and Rice doesn't have a traffic light. So there's nothing to slow down traffic or help kids cross Ballenger. Until changes are made, drivers and bikers must look out for each other and know they're not the only ones on the road.
HEALTH	KOMU News at 6	6/19	6pm	2:00	Some Mid-Missouri kids may not get vaccinated in-time for school because there's a statewide shortage of the Tetanus-Diptheria vaccine. 5-year-olds to ninth graders who need boosters are on the waiting list. The shortfall comes after one of only two manufacturers of tetanus vaccine stopped producing it. Health officials say the kindergarteners without the vaccine are at a higher risk passing the virus to their peers. So they'll get the first shots once the vaccine comes in. Missouri health officials will find out tomorrow when they'll get more vaccine. They're waiting word from the Centers for Disease Control.
EDUCATION	KOMU News at 6	6/20	6pm	1:30	By late June you'd think teachers would have finished grading all that work from the past school year. We take a look at some instructors who still have a lot of grading to do, and it's making them better teachers. Instead of taking time off this summer, some teachers are scoring MAP tests....the state's achievement tests...The training involved made Houf think about her teaching style. Nineteen teachers from mid-Missouri are spending the week checking answers on fourth-grade math tests from all over the state. But, they had to pass a test before they could grade one. Missouri teachers will grade about eight percent of the tests in-state. The other portion goes to the test maker for scoring.
GOVT/ CONSUMER	KOMU News at 6	6/21	6pm	2:00	When you think of reform.. you can look in your wallet. The back of a dollar bill might read "In God We Trust", but the Treasury Department doesn't

ISSUES					trust anyone else. hat's why, starting next year, look for different colored dyes to make it harder to counterfeit our money. Counting money at a bank is a common activity but when it stops...it could be because of fake money. In 1998, an effort started to reform money and make it harder to forge. They can use an iodine pen where they can actually mark on the bill and see if it creates a dark mark . If it does, it could be counterfeit. And they can even call the security service in Kansas City to call and check on a serial number. At local businesses, managers also have to be careful what their employees accept in every transaction.
HEALTH	KOMU News at 10	6/22	10pm	1:30	The Boonville Family Health Clinic is closing it's doors at the end of July. Upset by the closing are doctors and communit residents. Dr. Phil Rumbaoa's lived and worked in Boonville for the past *two* years, taking are of two thousand patients. Now, that's all going to change because Boone Hospital, which operates the clinic, is pulling the plug. Boone Hospital officials say his clinic wasn't growing fast enough. Boone Hospital spokesperson Lynn Hostetler did say that Rumbaoa was going into his own independent practice at a later date.
CRIME	KOMU News at 6	6/23	6pm	1:30	A ruling by the United States Supreme Court today could mean convicted murderer Deandra Buchanan's death sentence will be overturned. A judge gave Buchanan the death penalty in April for the murders of his aunt, stepfather and girlfriend. Buchanan's jury could not decide between life in prison or death. But the High Court ruled that juries - not judges - must make that decision. One of Buchanan's defenders says his team argued that point during the sentencing.
CRIME	KOMU News at 10	6/24	10pm	1:30	One of Jefferson City's boys in blue was busted over the weekend. Around 1:30 Saturday morning, someone called the Cole County Sherrif's Department and reported seeing a driver going at a "slower than normal speed" on Route C. And that's when the Cole County Sheriff's department pulled over and arrested 28-year-old Officer Michael J. Ottolini for D-W-I. And *this* arrest shows police sometimes must keep their fellow officers in line.
GOVT/HEALTH	KOMU News at 6	6/25	6pm	1:30	Not everyone is happy with the bills the Governor signed today. One change will affect many. People like Dan Kent think what Governor Holden approved is more than just numbers on paper. Under the new budget, he won't get that money back.Kent's wife, for example, also depends on

					Medicaid. Both disabled, the two will have to live in a nursing home... abandoning their 15 year old son. The governor's spokeswoman says Missouri has to change its Medicaid plan in order to receive federal funds. The state will, however, continue to look for a compromise.