1st Quarter 2003
KOMU-TV Columbia, Missouri

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by station KOMU-TV through its news programming for the period January 1st , 2003 to March 31st, 2003. The listing is by no means exhaustive, but instead shows the depth and breadth of coverage. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

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

Description of Issue	Program/ Segment	Date	Time	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program/Segment
Crime	KOMU News at 10	01/ 01	10 p.m.	1:20	A Williamsburg man is found shot dead in front of his home. His death is under investigation tonight, after the Boone-Callaway County Medical Examiner says Hazlett was shot twice in the head.
Government	KOMU News at 6	01/ 02	6 p.m.	2:00	Missouri's budget gets the axe. It will save more than 67-million dollars from the budget for the next six months. That includes laying off 96 people and eliminating 774 positions.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	01/ 03	6 p.m.	1:56	A state law expires this week that says nursing-homes have to be 90-percent full before a new one can be built in the same area. KOMU looks at the debate that could affect elder care.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	01/ 04	6 p.m.	1:50	State parks are usually a wildlife refuge that ban hunting. But, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources will close eight state parks each weekend

					in January for special deer hunts.
Economy/ Jobs	KOMU News at 10	01/ 05	10 p.m.	1:50	Low-income women looking for some help now have a song of inspiration. A Jefferson City native is selling a CD she recently recorded and giving all of her profits to an organization called Dreams to Reality.
Education	KOMU News at 6	01/ 06	6 p.m.	1:40	An M-U researcher says his study shows fatal flaws in how Missouri handles capital punishment. Michael Lenza hopes his study snuffs the life out of the death penalty.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	01/ 07	6 p.m.	1:30	The search for a missing California, MIssouri woman leads police to a car and a body. Police believe a sad end has come to the search for Leslie Gregory.
Government	KOMU News at 10	01/ 08	10 p.m.	2:30	The Capitol challenge begins as Republicans take control of the General Assembly, Governor Holden now has to weigh in. One thing is for sure with the new majority...things will be different this time around and much more combative.
Economy	KOMU News at 6	01/ 09	6 p.m.	1:35	Road maintenance is always expensive...especially in tight budget times. MODOT hopes to stretch highway dollars across the state.
Health	KOMU News at 10	01/ 10	10 p.m.	2:00	This new year brings the threat of *another* disease that may hit Missouri. Exotic Newcastle Disease has already hit Southern California poultry.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	01/ 11	10 p.m.	1:25	After a few weeks of construction, both westbound lanes are open. Commuters are surprised MoDOT was able to fix the bridge so quickly.
Jobs/Economy	KOMU	01/	10	2:05	The Missouri Theatre Center of the Arts is looking for

	News at 10	12	p.m.		a new partner to help raise money for renovations.
Health	KOMU News at 6	01/ 13	6 p.m.	1:30	A three-day weekend wasn't enough to get rid of the flu bug at a Pettis County school.
Economy	KOMU News at 6	01/ 14	6 p.m.	1:45	Missouri's slow economy is hitting many industries hard...but there's at least one politicians say they'll support.
Economy/ Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	01/ 15	10 p.m.	2:25	More taxes for the wealthy, gamblers and smokers...if Governor Holden has his way. Just after Holden announced his plan to solve a billion-dollar budget deficit, Republican leaders say it's not enough.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	01/ 16	6 p.m.	1:30	Even if you have a place to stay, cold weather can make it even more expensive to live there.
Government	KOMU News at 10	01/ 17	10 p.m.	1:40	One prominent Republican politician won't run for Missouri governor next year. Congressman Kenny Hulshof says he's happy representing the Ninth District.
Government	KOMU News at 6	01/ 18	6 p.m.	2:10	Earlier this week Missouri Congressman Dick Gephardt who's now running for president, said he's opposed to the Confederate flag flying anywhere at anytime. More than 50 Missourians rallied in Jefferson City today to protest the removal of Confederate flags.
Economy	KOMU News at 10	01/ 19	10 p.m.	:30	Two mental health facilities are preparing to shut down July first. Governor Holden's budget plan calls for partial closing of a psychiatric center in St. Joseph and a skilled nursing center in Marshall.
Government	KOMU News at 6	01/ 20	6 p.m.	1:50	The House will begin dissecting Governor Holden's proposed tax increases this week. The power lies with voters because the state constitution lets lawmakers

					off the hook.
Economy	KOMU News at 6	01/ 21	6 p.m.	1:50	More state cuts will take effect at the end of next week. General relief checks will be cut by about 90 percent. General relief recipients are often recently disabled people who can't work, and are waiting to get a disability check.
Drug/Alcohol Abuse	KOMU News at 6	01/ 22	6 p.m.	1:40	Supporters of a measure to partially legalize marijuana in Columbia have to take their fight directly to the people. That's because the city council turned down a request to make the change on its own.
Health	KOMU News at 10	01/ 23	10 p.m.	2:00	Smallpox vaccinations are on the way to mid-Missouri. Doses of the smallpox vaccine could be here in less than one week. The state health department ordered four-thousand doses of the vaccine yesterday.
Education	KOMU News at 6	01/ 24	6 p.m.	1:45	The U-M system will have another 14-million dollars next year after Curators made a tuition hike permanent today. Beth, they won't see anything new. That's because they're already paying the extra nine dollars per credit hour.
Economy	KOMU News at 6	01/ 25	6 p.m.	2:00	The Boone County Fire Protection District says a tax increase would help pay the price of rising costs. Members of the district's board voted unanimously to not put a tax increase on the April ballot.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	01/ 26	10 p.m.	2:00	Today West Broadway residents met to discuss how a city sidewalk plan could change their historic neighborhood.
Government	KOMU	01/	6	1:30	Starting Thursday, schools across the U-S must

	News at 6	27	p.m.		follow a federal law requiring them to keep better track of students visiting from another country.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	01/ 28	6 p.m.	1:40	When you're out of bread, milk and potatoes you simply go to the grocery store. Some Chariton County residents who say they've gone too long without their own store.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	01/ 29	10 p.m.	1:50	Back in Mid-Missouri, the Federal Aviation Administration is enforcing new regulations for small commuter planes. The new rule from the Federal Aviation Administration forces airlines to ask passengers on small commuter planes how much they weigh.
Health/ Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	01/ 30	6 p.m.	2:45	On-line Canadian pharmacies are popular because they offer prescription drugs at a discount. Canada has government price controls on prescriptions making them cheaper for patients.
Economy	KOMU News at 10	01/ 31	10 p.m.	2:00	Four Mid-Missouri grocery stores shut down tonight. And, for the time being, we don't know when they'll reopen.
Government	KOMU News at 6	02/ 01	6 p.m.	1:40	Governor Holden issued an order today to remember the victims of today's explosion.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	02/ 02	10 p.m.	1:45	Groundhogs' burrows can make porches and patios unstable, in addition to uprooting large parts of homeowners' yards.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	02/ 03	10 p.m.	1:25	A Mid-Missouri man is one step closer to getting a new trial in a murder case. Michael Gennetten was convicted of killing an infant nine years ago. A state appeals court has ordered another trial.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU	02/	6	1:50	Mexico residents suffer more layoffs as another plant

	News at 6	04	p.m.		closes. exans, which makes copper magnet wire, will lay off all its employees, 123 workers. But, the state sent a Rapid Response Team today to help find jobs for those laid-off workers.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	02/ 05	6 p.m.	1:00	Today, Mid-Missourians saw the second gas price increase in the last week. he average price for regular unleaded in the state of Missouri is about one fifty. That's an increase of almost 50 cents from this time last year.
Government	KOMU News at 10	02/ 06	10 p.m.	1:35	Chalk up another 60-million dollars in state government cuts. KOMU reports the latest round of cutbacks in Governor Holden's attempt to balance the budget.
Health	KOMU News at 6	02/ 07	6 p.m.	1:50	In Boone County, local health officials began a prevention measure of their own today. They started inoculating health workers against smallpox.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	02/ 08	10 p.m.	2:10	That national state of alert doesn't seem to be trickling down to mid-Missouri. Hearnes Center officials say they are not handling security at tomorrow's basketball game any differently.
Health	KOMU News at 10	02/ 09	10 p.m.	2:00	The Food and Drug Administration is telling the U-S blood industry to double check its supply
Education	KOMU News at 6	02/ 10	6 p.m.	1:30	Every high school guidance counselor faces the challenge of keeping teens in school. The drop-out rate at Jefferson City High School has increased from four to five percent in the past few years.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	02/ 11	10 p.m.	1:30	Missouri's Ricky Clemons finally had his day in court...but not a basketball court. Clemons is charged

					with second-degree domestic assault against 20-year-old Jessica Bunge.
Health	KOMU News at 6	02/ 12	6 p.m.	2:40	Osage, Miller and Maries counties are among 39 in Missouri that need more doctors. Rachel Busacker looks at federal efforts to improve health care in our area.
Government	KOMU News at 6	02/ 13	6 p.m.	1:40	No parent wants to see their kids cry, after a shot at the doctor's office. A senate bill may let you pick which vaccines your children get before they go to school.
Government	KOMU News at 6	02/ 14	6 p.m.	1:50	The nation prepares for possible bioterrorism attacks. With the U-S on high alert, Missourians are taking notice. Earlier this week, the federal government recommended buying several items to prepare for bioterrism.
Health	KOMU News at 10	02/ 15	10 p.m.	1:25	A trip to the dentist isn't always possible for some Mid-Missourians. Centro Latino opened its doors so patients could open their mouths...for free dental service.
Education	KOMU News at 10	02/ 16	10 p.m.	1:35	The superintendent's position came open after current Superintendent Jim Ritter announced his retirement, effective June Thirtieth.
Government	KOMU News at 10	02/ 17	10 p.m.	2:00	The State said no more pay raises. But some departments are finding ways around it. The House Budget Chairman Carl Bearden says raises for 12-thousand state employees are costing the state 20 million dollars.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	02/ 18	6 p.m.	1:00	A charge of sexual abuse in the church hits home in Mid-Missouri. The charge includes two bishops, two

					priests and the Jefferson City Diocese.
Government	KOMU News at 6	02/ 19	6 p.m.	1:50	The Senate is picking apart the plan to use tobacco money to fix a more than 300 million dollar shortfall.
Economy/Government	KOMU News at 6	02/ 20	6 p.m.	1:20	Republicans put Governor Holden to the test. It's up to Holden now to make a final decision on the state's budget shortfall.
Education	KOMU News at 10	02/ 21	10 p.m.	:40	The Columbia School Board today announced its new superintendent. Phyllis Chase is deputy superintendent in Springfield.
Education	KOMU News at 6	02/ 22	6 p.m.	2:00	The Jefferson City school district is beefing up security with cameras now being installed at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	02/ 23	10 p.m.	1:50	The death toll of Rhode Island's nightclub fire climbed to ninety-seven today. But in Columbia, officials are making sure accidents like those won't happen.
Education	KOMU News at 6	02/ 24	6 p.m.	1:20	Columbia residents got to welcome the district's new superintendent this afternoon. More than 50-people turned out here today, to meet Phyllis Chase who will take over as Columbia school district's top admistrator on July first.
Health	KOMU News at 6	02/ 25	6 p.m.	1:00	The Hunter group discusses the financial future of U-M health care. And the future might not look as bleak as was once thought.
Education	KOMU News at 10	02/ 26	10 p.m.	1:40	As America prepares for the possibility of war, some Mid-Missouri college students wonder if they'll be involved.
Education	KOMU News at 6	02/ 27	6 p.m.	1:30	The University of Missouri system says its four campuses won't absorb most of the state's budget

					cuts.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	02/ 28	10 p.m.	1:40	A Lincoln University student is still in the hospital tonight, after he was shot outside a Jefferson City hotel early this morning.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	03/ 01	6 p.m.	1:25	The Kroenke Group wants to build a Wal-Mart Super Center to this 17.7 acre site on West Broadway.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	03/ 02	10 p.m.	2:10	This morning, members of two Eldon churches prayed for the people who painted words and symbols of hate on their front windows. If the vandals are adults they will face up to a thousand dollar fine or one year in jail.
Health	KOMU News at 6	03/ 03	6 p.m.	1:45	Warmer weather is on the way...and so are those pesky mosquitoes. And that means the West Nile virus will hit Mid-Missouri again.
Government	KOMU News at 6	03/ 04	6 p.m.	1:00	Governor Holden says cutting Missouri's corporate income tax will help solve the state's budget problem.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 6	03/ 05	6 p.m.	2:30	Missouri's Liquor Control is feeling the crunch of the tight budget. Cutbacks have cost eight employees their jobs.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 6	03/ 06	6 p.m.	1:30	In Columbia today, Governor Holden talks about his new jobs plan. Holden says the purpose of the plan's to support education and research.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	03/ 07	10 p.m.	1:35	An undercover investigation led to 53-year old Frank William Petering's arrest. His investigation started more than 500-miles away.
Government	KOMU News at 10	03/ 08	10 p.m.	1:50	It's up to the Senate to decide if Missourians can carry concealed weapons. Governor Holden says he will veto the bill.
Education	KOMU	03/	10	1:50	Jefferson City and Columbia Public School boards will

	News at 10	09	p.m.		hold meetings tomorrow that could change the direction of education.
Health	KOMU News at 10	03/ 10	10 p.m.	1:35	Lawmakers want to make sure Missouri's kids get enough calcium. Dietary specialists say one carton provides nearly 80 percent of the daily calcium requirement. But the Centers for Disease Control say kids aren't getting enough.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	03/ 11	6 p.m.	1:50	Missourians get about 26-hundred pieces of spam each year. And Missouri is on its way to becoming one of the first states to make Spam illegal.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	03/ 12	6 p.m.	1:00	A Cole county man gets 20 years in prison for beating another man at a Christmas party.
Government	KOMU News at 6	03/ 13	6 p.m.	1:10	The Republican budget proposal would change the way state departments operate. Under the plan, lawmakers would give departments, like education, a lump sum of money.
Government	KOMU News at 10	03/ 14	10 p.m.	2:00	The Senate gave first-round approval tonight to a bill that would change some lawsuits. Lawmakers will need to compromise before the bill goes to the governor.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	03/ 15	10 p.m.	2:00	Columbia's Parks and Recreation Department held a fundraiser tonight. But no matter how much fundraising is done, nearly 1 out of every 5 Columbians do not have access to the ARC.
Government	KOMU News at 10	03/ 16	10 p.m.	:30	Missouri's former first family is looking toward future races. Russ Carnahan is expected to announce within weeks if he'll run for Congressman Dick Gephardt's

					seat.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	03/ 17	6 p.m.	1:00	The Moniteau County Sheriff's Department is investigating the death of a 14-year-old boy whose body was found near Clarksburg yesterday. The boy lived with his mother in Centertown.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	03/ 18	10 p.m.	1:35	One of Columbia's oldest and busiest streets may get more traffic. Residents of the Broadway Boulevard Neighborhood Association are divided over whether to add a bike path and widen the sidewalk.
Drugs/ Alcohol Abuse	KOMU News at 10	03/ 19	10 p.m.	1:12	Some Mid-Missourians have successfully ended their battle...against drugs and alcohol.
Education	KOMU News at 6	03/ 20	6 p.m.	:50	The University encourages international students to keep in touch with their families, refer to their embassy's website for updates, and make sure M-U has current contact information during war.
Education	KOMU News at 6	03/ 21	6 p.m.	1:20	For students, school's a good place to get in touch with the world. Missouri State Teachers Association say MAP Test put a lot of pressure on teachers.
Government	KOMU News at 10	03/ 22	10 p.m.	1:30	There were many speakers on the capitol lawn in Jefferson City to support troops. there were several notable speakers there, like the governor, and Congressmen Hulsolf.
Education	KOMU News at 10	03/ 23	10 p.m.	1:40	Some Mid-Missouri schools may have to cut their summer school programs. Lawmakers expect to save 91 million dollars with the cut. They already cut the operating budget for schools across the state.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	03/ 24	6 p.m.	2:00	Local gas stations are seeing brisk business from low prices. Sources at Triple-A tell me the average price

					of regular unleaded in Columbia is 1.55.
Health	KOMU News at 10	03/ 25	10 p.m.	1:40	Humans and horses were hard hit by west nile and now horseowners are preparing to combat another season of the virus. Some veterinarians are protecting horses from getting it this year.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	03/ 26	6 p.m.	1:20	A Jefferson City man faces two charges in connection with a shooting last night. He's charged with first-degree assault and armed criminal action.
Health	KOMU News at 6	03/ 27	6 p.m.	:30	Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon's suing a Canadian maker of a weight-loss supplement. His lawsuit says the business misrepresented the product's effectiveness.
Health	KOMU News at 10	03/ 28	10 p.m.	1:00	A visit to the doctor can be difficult for Missourians who live in rural areas. But a new machine is making it easier. MU Health Care is using tele-conferencing technology to link patients and doctors throughout the state.
Government	KOMU News at 6	03/ 29	6 p.m.	1:50	Senator Kit Bond was in Jefferson City to talk about programs in Washington. He was there to about the Washington perspective on conservation issues.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 10	03/ 30	10 p.m.	1:40	Governor Holden brings economic support to small businesses in Southern Missouri. The GMF provides low interest revolving loans for small business in southeast and south-central Missouri.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 10	03/ 31	10 p.m.	1:30	The Hunter Group is putting off layoffs. Director David Coates says the group won't layoff employees at M-U Health Care, as long as the number of patients continues to rise.