2nd 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 April 1st , 2003 to June 30th, 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.

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	KOMU News at 10	04/ 01	10 p.m.	1:45	There may be some changes in Columbia's kindergarten program. Some parents want the district to keep the half-day program at one school.
Health	KOMU News at 10	04/ 02	10 p.m.	1:31	The University of Missouri's 42-thousand employees *could* see an increase in their health care premiums rates through a proposed bill that would consolidate the state's various employee health-care plans- including the University's plan - into one unit. KOMU shows us what this would mean for university employees.
Drug/Alcohol Abuse	KOMU News at 6	04/ 03	6 p.m.	2:04	A White House administrator has a strong message for Columbia voters, about marijuana. A top Washington D-C official was in Columbia today to speak against proposition-1.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	04/ 04	10 p.m.	1:35	There's updated information in the murder of the Columbia Tribune's former sports editor. Police released a new, more accurate composite drawing of the suspect.

Economy/ Jobs	KOMU News at 10	04/ 05	10 p.m.	1:50	Competition between two farmer's markets in the area is heating up because of costly building plans. They also don't want to form a partnership with the city.
Government	KOMU News at 10	04/ 06	10 p.m.	2:26	Mid-Missouri residents got active to support their neighbors serving in the armed forces, despite the rainy weather..
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at 6	04/ 07	6 p.m.	1:41	State officials keep looking to the skies for money, but will they find enough to make a difference? KOMU went to Jefferson City's airport to find out how much money the state would save by driving more... and flying less.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	04/ 08	10 p.m.	1:37	A Columbia man's charged with two counts of child abuse, after twin boys he was watching showed signs of Shaken Baby Syndrome. KOMU reports on this hard-to-detect syndrome..
Education	KOMU News at 10	04/ 09	10 p.m.	2:42	Schoolhouse discrimination hits the Missouri Statehouse. One House bill could prohibit any school from protecting sexual orientation.
Health	KOMU News at 10	04/ 10	10 p.m.	2:00	Missourians who are worried about health care tried to find some solutions tonight in Jefferson City. The Missouri Foundation for Health sponsored a public forum.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	04/ 11	10 p.m.	1:25	A Fulton man's charged with having child pornography. And, KOMU reports that it's not the first time he's accused.
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at 6	04/ 12	6 p.m.	2:05	Recruiting season is underway, though not the kind of recruiting you're probably thinking of. The Missouri Highway Patrol has only a few days left

					before the 2003 recruiting season is over. But with all the budget cuts, is this year's class going to be any smaller?
Crime	KOMU News at 10	04/ 13	10 p.m.	1:30	A man is in the Cole County Jail...charged with involuntary manslaughter. Jefferson City Police officials say a car driven by Cecil Kamara crossed lanes, hitting another car.
Jobs & Economy	KOMU News at 6	04/ 14	6 p.m.	1:45	The Missouri Department of revenue is not only waiting for your 2002 return, but other ones too. Much older ones, as it turns out, Missouri has alot of money to collect.
Jobs & Economy	KOMU News at 6	04/ 15	6 p.m.	1:29	The Missouri Chamber of Commerce declares a state of emergency. Missouri lost more jobs than any state last year. KOMU reports on the chamber's criticism...and the state's response.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	04/ 16	10 p.m.	1:33	A Callaway County grand jury today indicted a mother for biting her child. But the child abuse charge against the mother is a twist in the awful story of a child mauled to death by the family dog.
Education	KOMU News at 6	04/ 17	6 p.m.	2:04	And, the federal education department could see some changes, too. The Head Start Program would shift from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Education.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News	04/	10	1:40	Columbia will soon have more room for travelers and

	at 10	18	p.m.		visitors. Construction is underway on two hotels, with another almost ready to break ground, plus another in negotiations.
Government	KOMU News at 10	04/ 19	10 p.m.	1:45	Current Missouri law is supposed to prevent convicted felons from driving your child's school bus. But, the State Auditor's Office says it's *not* working.
Education	KOMU News at 10	04/ 20	10 p.m.	1:30	A little known agreement may save St. Louis schools from budget cuts. And leave the rest of the state to cover an additional 15-million dollars in cuts.
Government	KOMU News at 6	04/ 21	6 p.m.	1:27	The Boone County Commissioners might turn to Washington, D.C. to raise money for their budget. The commission is debating whether to hire a lobbyist to get federal funding. KOMU reports that Boone County wouldn't be the first county to do it.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	04/ 22	10 p.m.	1:45	And, for *non-violent* mental health cases, some Boone County residents may find themselves in a different court. That court opened today for the first time, offering alternative sentences for people with mental health problems.
Education	KOMU News at 6	04/ 23	6 p.m.	1:28	Benton Elementary School was supposed to have a visit from the U-S Department of Education this afternoon. But KOMU reports why education officials did not end up paying a visit.
Government	KOMU News at 10	04/ 24	10 p.m.	1:34	An anti-abortion bill is one step closer to passing in the Missouri house.

					House Bill 4-81 received initial approval yesterday.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	04/ 25	10 p.m.	1:44	The Adult Entertainment Tax Act would tack on a five-percent sales tax to sexually- explicit material or any live, nude performances. KOMU reports on how local customers feel about this proposed entertainment tax.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	04/ 26	10 p.m.	1:21	A hit and run accident produced a deadly result. The suspect has been charged with involuntary manslaughter and leaving the scene.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	04/ 27	10 p.m.	2:01	Residents in the Clark Lane area aren't happy about proposed changes. Clark Lane area is known for heavy traffic. But residents think more development in their neighborhood will only make the problem worse.
Education	KOMU News at 6	04/ 28	6 p.m.	1:33	School superintendents mad about a lack of money want to take the state to court. A large group of school officials is preparing to sue the state over lack of funding.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	04/ 29	6 p.m.	1:25	A Columbia junior high student faces a first-degree arson charge. A bathroom fire at Oakland Junior High this morning forced an evacuation and caused thousands of dollars in damage.
Government	KOMU News at 6	04/ 30	6 p.m.	1:50	The Senate gave final approval today to a bill that will impose tougher regulations on nursing homes. It sets fines of 10-thousand dollars a day for violations that endanger nursing home residents.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	05/ 01	6 p.m.	1:30	A Jefferson City teenager is hospitalized condition after someone shot him in the neck last night.

Health	KOMU News at 6	05/ 02	6 p.m.	1:48	Drinking too much alcohol can damage your body, including permanent damage to your liver. KOMU reports on how alcohol can also damage another, unseen body.
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at 6	05/ 03	6 p.m.	1:40	Education, health care, and now law enforcement agencies face budget woes. The Missouri State Highway Patrol needs about 100 more patrolmen.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	05/ 04	10 p.m.	3:40	The lynching story has been told many times before but now two men are trying to make sense of it. It's one of Columbia's ugliest episodes and was front page news in newspapers across the country.
Government	KOMU News at 6	05/ 05	6 p.m.	1:49	Governor Holden has declared a state of emergency, calling the tornadoes the worst in state history. KOMU reports on what the declaration means.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	05/ 06	6 p.m.	2:22	The Missouri Department of Insurance is trying to stop a disturbing trend: insurance companies not renewing policies because of weather damage.
Education	KOMU News at 6	05/ 07	6 p.m.	1:41	Money might not be as tight as we've been hearing when it comes to paying for education in Missouri. KOMU reports that there's a growing consensus to leave education alone when it comes to more cuts.
Government	KOMU News at 6	05/ 08	6 p.m.	3:40	A bill that would make sign language an official foreign language is making its way through the Missouri legislature.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	05/ 09	6 p.m.	1:20	Mid-Missouri hadn't been able to test the new AMBER alert system yet.... Until this morning when a 21-month old girl was abducted

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Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	05/ 10	6 p.m.	1:34	Last night and this morning's storms made a change to the Mid-Missouri area KOMU reports on one place that's gone fr to a lake.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	05/ 11	10 p.m.	1:34	A Cole County deputy accused of perjury KOMU reports on why the charges The Cole County Prosecutor says Micha testified against at least three defendants in
Government	KOMU News at 6	05/ 12	6 p.m.	1:47	The Senate has just passed major foster c KOMU reports on the major changes
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	05/ 13	10 p.m.	1:52	Some Mid-Missouri families celebrate Christ That's because Ameren U-E paid ab customers' over-due bills.
Health	KOMU News at 10	05/ 14	10 p.m.	1:34	A classic summer season irritant is bac force...already. Today's summer weather requires extra enjoyment outdoors. KOMU reports on what bug's plaguing M even before summer starts.
Education	KOMU News at 6	05/ 15	6 p.m.	2:28	Most M-U students are paying more but s financial aid dollars, especially minority s M-U's started using several new tactics more minorities on its campus.
Government	KOMU News at 10	05/ 16	10 p.m.	2:06	The governor, Democrats and Republicans r end of the session. Those reactions come after four months of fic For the first time in half a century, Democ control either the House or Senat
Education	KOMU News	05/	10	1:03	The secret service is in tow, preparing fc

	at 10	17	p.m.		Presidential visit for MU's graduation
Government	KOMU News at 10	05/ 18	10 p.m.	1:38	There are two sides to every issue, and today Columbia protestors shared their thoughts about Cheney to whoever would listen. KOMU reports how they rallied for and against the vice president.
Government	KOMU News at 6	05/ 19	6 p.m.	1:45	Governor Holden vetoes the budget bill for health and mental health. But, lawmakers weren't at the state Capitol to hear his decision.
Education	KOMU News at 6	05/ 20	6 p.m.	1:31	Raising tuition again tops the agenda for the University of Missouri Board of Curators meeting this week. KOMU reports on how students are reacting to this latest double-digit tuition hike.
Education	KOMU News at 10	05/ 21	10 p.m.	1:36	MU Curators could make students pay more tomorrow. They will vote on whether or not to approve a 19.8% tax increase.
Health	KOMU News at 6	05/ 22	6 p.m.	1:24	More than 200 Mid-Missourians are volunteering to face terrorism. But, the Columbia-Boone County Health Department needs more.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	05/ 23	6 p.m.	1:33	Investigators say an employee dispute led to a big fire near Centralia today. Firemen say four workers at a recycling business set four old mobile homes on fire.

Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	05/ 24	10 p.m.	1:33	It's Memorial Day weekend, and that means vacation, cookouts, and lots of traffic.
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at 10	05/ 25	10 p.m.	1:40	It's never too early to plan for the future. That's why the Air Force wants young Mid-Missourians to *aim high.*
Crime	KOMU News at 10	05/ 26	10 p.m.	1:52	The Columbia City Council plans to vote on a proposed curfew for kids under 17. The council delayed the vote last week, after some residents called the proposed law too vague and racist.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	05/ 27	10 p.m.	1:51	The state of Missouri had high hopes for Keno. In fact, the lottery expected the game to generate about 80 million dollars in the first year. But that hasn't happened.
Government	KOMU News at 6	05/ 28	6 p.m.	1:32	The federal government may help Missouri fix its budget shortfall. A federal tax cut will send 400-million dollars to Missouri.
Government	KOMU News at 10	05/ 29	10 p.m.	1:16	Missouri spent nearly one-million dollars for private guards at the Capitol and other government buildings after 9-11. Now, budget cuts will eliminate that extra security.
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at 6	05/ 30	6 p.m.	1:20	Not all students spend their days at the pool...some need summer jobs. KOMU reports on how a tough economy may make it tougher to find one.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	05/ 31	6 p.m.	1:07	A man suspected of the Olympic park bombing and several abortion providers is in custody tonight. KOMU is live at Columbia's Planned Parenthood where people say they are relieved to hear of Eric Rudolph's

					capture.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	06/ 01	10 p.m.	1:38	Truck stops are notorious for being rough and tough. But KOMU reports on the softer side of one truck stop in Kingdom City.
Health	KOMU News at 6	06/ 02	6 p.m.	1:42	A plan to give the states more control over Medicaid is drawing criticism. The plan goes to lawmakers in Washington D.C tomorrow.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	06/ 03	6 p.m.	1:50	The federal budget's tax package included a 400-dollar per-child boost to the child tax credit. But as KOMU reports, many mid-Missouri moms were surprised to find they didn't qualify.
Drugs/Alcohol	KOMU News at 10	06/ 04	10 p.m.	1:44	Moberly's Parks and Recreation Department says using alcohol to raise funds is a misconception that needs to be parked.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	06/ 05	6 p.m.	1:32	And some people could take a hit to their household budget. A water company is asking for a major rate hike in two Mid-Missouri towns.
Government	KOMU News at 6	06/ 06	6 p.m.	1:56	If a Republican has his way, taxes will go *up.* Senator Doyle Childers says he's doing his best to lure Republicans to his plan...a plan that would increase sales and income taxes..
Education	KOMU News at 10	06/ 07	10 p.m.	1:52	Graduation day rolls into Mid-Missouri, and more than one thousand graduated from Columbia's high schools But are they all keeping safe tonight?
Education	KOMU News at 10	06/ 08	10 p.m.	1:40	A college professor and seven of his students are excavating former slave quarters.

Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at 6	06/ 09	6 p.m.	1:32	The recession affects us on a national, state and local level. Cities like Columbia are forced to cut back wherever they can. But, one Mid-Missouri town's doing exactly the opposite.
Education	KOMU News at 10	06/ 10	10 p.m.	1:21	The Jefferson City School District doesn't offer all day kindergarten. The school board is looking at the issue.
Health	KOMU News at 10	06/ 11	10 p.m.	1:51	Blood and tissue samples from that boy have been sent to Jefferson City for testing. So far, 48 Midwest cases of the infectious disease have been reported.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	06/ 12	6 p.m.	1:31	A 17-year-old murder case is back in court today in Cole County. Joseph Amrine is out of state prison tonight, but he's in the Cole County Jail instead.
Drugs/Alcohol	KOMU News at 10	06/ 13	10 p.m.	1:34	Missouri kids are hitting the bottle...the wrong bottle...at an early age, The average age that kids start drinking in Missouri is about 13.
Health	KOMU News at 10	06/ 14	10 p.m.	2:05	But first, Washington may have a fix for some seniors left out in the cold by Missouri's prescription drug program. The U-S Senate's considering discounting the least expensive prescription drugs for those on Medicaid.
Government	KOMU News at 10	06/ 15	10 p.m.	1:37	Budget cuts are forcing Missouri's Agriculture Department to close an animal health lab in Northwest Missouri.

Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at 6	06/ 16	6 p.m.	1:07	61 University Hospital employees will be out of work by the end of the month. The hospital announced the cuts today.
Drugs/Alcohol	KOMU News at 10	06/ 17	10 p.m.	1:23	Budget cuts are also cutting into liquor enforcement. KOMU reports on how lawmakers cut the Division of Liquor Control's budget by about one million dollars.
Education	KOMU News at 10	06/ 18	10 p.m.	1:45	M-U officials knew for some time they would receive less money from the state. But, they were not prepared for the six-million dollar shortfall the governor's veto has created for the University of Missouri System.
Education	KOMU News at 10	06/ 19	10 p.m.	1:48	The Columbia school board is crunching numbers as the governor threatens another education funding veto. The School Board met tonight to try to settle budget questions.
Health	KOMU News at 6	06/ 20	6 p.m.	1:49	A recent study of sperm counts is getting national attention for local doctors. It's beginning to bring up questions *here* of what's in the water.
Health	KOMU News at 6	06/ 21	6 p.m.	1:14	Heartburn sufferers won't need a prescription to get Prilosec. The F-D-A approved over-the-counter sales of the drug known as the little purple pill.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	06/ 22	10 p.m.	1:44	If you tried to drive through downtown Columbia today, you probably had some trouble, unless you were driving a soap box car.
Government	KOMU News at 6	06/ 23	6 p.m.	1:01	Part two of the legislature's special session starts tomorrow. How much will it cost?

Education	KOMU News at 6	06/ 24	6 p.m.	1:41	Starting this fall, U-M System employees can save money if they send their kids or spouses to one of the four campuses.
Health	KOMU News at 10	06/ 25	10 p.m.	1:37	Because of recent budget cuts, the state health department says tens of thousands of women do not have access to family planning services.
Government	KOMU News at 10	06/ 26	10 p.m.	1:11	Mid-Missouri's gay community says it's a big step towards equal rights. A decision from the U.S. Supreme Court could change Missouri laws.
Education	KOMU News at 10	06/ 27	10 p.m.	1:26	Leaders at state colleges and universities will spend the summer working with a new budget as well. KOMU reports on how one Sedalia college will handle the cuts.
Health	KOMU News at 6	06/ 28	6 p.m.	1:50	It's hard when someone you know is diagnosed with an incurable disease. KOMU went to a rally for Parkinson's to see how new information is getting to the public.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	06/ 29	10 p.m.	1:31	Time is up for the owner of Southwood Mobile Home Park. The landlord must submit a plan to the Department of Natural Resources on how he'll bring the park's lagoons up to code.
Health	KOMU News at 6	06/ 30	6 p.m.	1:34	Beginning in July, donors at the Columbia Red Cross will have their blood tested for West Nile virus.