4th 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 October 1st , 2002 to December 31st, 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.

4th 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
Health	KOMU News at 6	10/ 01	6 p.m.	2:00	Starting today, they have to pay what's called a "spend-down." It's like a deductible...the amount patients have to pay before Medicaid benefits kick in. Previously, they had to pay nothing. Some say they don't know where they'll find the money.
Health	KOMU News at 6	10/ 02	6 p.m.	2:00	Glasses or contact lenses help us see. Now, there's a better way to correct bad vision. The experts say there is a non-laser procedure.
Economy	KOMU News at 10	10/ 03	10 p.m.	1:40	Some Boone County trailer parks still are not making the grade... after being inspected by an area Grass Roots Organization, known as GROW. Out of 25 trailer parks, six received failing grades but now one of those is getting an A.
Economy/ Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	10/ 04	10 p.m.	2:35	The Department of Housing and Urban Development is threatening to shut down King's Cove in Camdenton. HUD says living conditions need to be improved.

Government	KOMU News at 6	10/ 05	6 p.m.	1:40	Fulton's new city hall opened today. It took 5-million dollars and about a year to complete. The new building has more space for employees, larger conference rooms and more storage.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	10/ 06	10 p.m.	1:16	Two men are dead, and another is in the hospital after an armed robbery, and high speed chase. Fulton Police say two masked men entered the residence armed and demanded money.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	10/ 07	6 p.m.	1:30	A Columbia business has launched a pilot program fueled by a 3 million dollar federal grant. That money goes to work for people in need... even right here in Mid-Missouri.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	10/ 08	6 p.m.	1:10	Charges are filed against a Mid-Missouri school superintendent for child sexual exploitation.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	10/ 09	10 p.m.	1:40	Turning up the heat in your house this winter will cost more compared to last year. The Energy Department forecasts people could pay up to 20 percent more.
Education	KOMU News at 6	10/ 10	6 p.m.	1:40	Many young men wondered where to go, when Boonville's Kemper Military School closed last spring. Several of them transferred to another Mid-Missouri military school.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	10/ 11	6 p.m.	2:00	An Osage County man pleads guilty to abusing an eight-year-old boy after the child soiled his pants.Rick Meyer admits the abuse led to Ryan Beers' death.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	10/ 12	10 p.m.	2:00	Freezing temperatures are expected tomorrow and you may want to bundle up more than just your family. Gardeners should bring in their outside plants to protect them from the cold.
Crime	KOMU	10/	10	1:00	Family and friends mourn the loss of an M-U

	News at 10	13	p.m.		graduate. Maryland police found 26 year-old Irina Hans shot to death. They say they don't have a motive nor do they have a suspect.
Health	KOMU News at 6	10/ 14	6 p.m.	1:00	Hospitals and health agencies in Missouri are now relying on the internet, to help save lives. The new E-M system was unveiled today.
Economy/ Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	10/ 15	10 p.m.	1:40	Many people in Moberly are still upset about a big jump in water rates. City officials say the only way to pay for repairs, is to charge people more for the water they use.
Government	KOMU News at 6	10/ 16	6 p.m.	:40	Each Missouri voting precinct could get thousands of federal dollars, thanks to action on Capitol Hill today.The Senate passed the Help America Vote Act.
Health	KOMU News at 6	10/ 17	6 p.m.	1:43	Since last Wednesday, three people in Columbia have come-down with bacterial meningitis, that can be deadly if it goes untreated.
Economy	KOMU News at 10	10/ 18	10 p.m.	1:30	After weeks of belt-tightening talk, University Health Care says it won't get rid of most of its rural clinics. Thirteen rural clinics and two specialty clinics cost University Hospital two and a half million dollars in the last fiscal year.
Government/Economy	KOMU News at 6	10/ 19	6 p.m.	1:50	Fulton's new city hall is here. And this building's just one in a series of new buildings opening in Fulton. With all the growth, the economic atmosphere in Fulton is just as impressive as the new building.
Health	KOMU News at 10	10/ 20	10 p.m.	1:45	Experts say the flu affects between 15 and 42 percent of school-aged children every year. For the elderly, it can lead to time in the hospital.
Government	KOMU	10/	6	1:35	Attorney General Jay Nixon and two lawmakers are

	News at 6	21	p.m.		proposing legislation to crack down on spam in your mailbox. Nixon doesn't expect the proposed law to cost Missouri taxpayers anything.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	10/ 22	10 p.m.	1:50	After the September 11th attacks, car sales sputtered badly.But, in October of 2001, special financing deals lured some customers back. That gave car dealers their best sales month in history.
Government	KOMU News at 6	10/ 23	6 p.m.	1:00	A Cole county judge will decide tomorrow how some Missourians will vote on November 5th. At issue, are "provisional ballots" that voters can use when their name doesn't show up on a precinct roster.
Government	KOMU News at 6	10/ 24	6 p.m.	2:30	Candidates covered policy issues, such as possible war with Iraq, to personal issues, like Carnahan's experience in the Senate. Talent said he would have supported the president's request for a green-light to fight in Iraq. Carnahan opposed the measure.
Government	KOMU News at 10	10/ 25	10 p.m.	2:00	Minnesota's democratic senator Paul Wellstone, his wife Sheila, and daughter Marcia, the three among eight people who died when their small twin engine beech king engine crashed several miles from the airport runway in Eveleth Minnesota.
Economy	KOMU News at 10	10/ 26	10 p.m.	1:40	Today is "Make a Difference Day", the nation's largest day of volunteering. Kids from twenty area schools helped in today's food drive for the people in need.
Consumer Issues/ Government	KOMU News at 10	10/ 27	10 p.m.	0:40	More than 360 residences and businesses may be changing their addresses. Columbia's Planning and Zoning Commission recommended changing the name of what is now Nifong Boulevard to "Old Nifong Road."

Crime	KOMU News at 6	10/ 28	6 p.m.	1:00	A shooting and stabbing in Columbia early today wounded three people. Police arrested two suspects.
Government	KOMU News at 10	10/ 29	10 p.m.	1:40	As many as a thousand Columbia voters want the City Council to put a question about the penalty for marijuana possession on next April's ballot.
Health	KOMU News at 10	10/ 30	10 p.m.	2:00	Missouri is ready for a smallpox outbreak. The state Department of Health has finished its plan to handle the disease.
Education	KOMU News at 6	10/ 31	6 p.m.	1:10	Columbia Public Schools are seeing an increase in the number of minority teachers. Since 1991, the number of minority teachers in Missouri has decreased from 8-percent to 7-percent.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	11/ 01	6 p.m.	2:35	A high profile murder in Columbia remains unsolved after a year. Tribune sports editor Kent Heitholt was murdered in the paper's parking lot.
Health	KOMU News at 6	11/ 02	6 p.m.	1:40	The Center for Disease Control and Prevention says 20 thousand people die every year from the flu. So, experts recommend getting a flu shot.
Health	KOMU News at 10	11/ 03	10 p.m.	1:40	Diabetes effects one in 15 Missourians.Today, the Diabetes Management Center opened to give more Missourians help.
Government	KOMU News at 6	11/ 04	6 p.m.	2:20	The featured race on tomorrow's ballot is for the U-S Senate. The U-S Senate has 49 democrats, 49 republicans, and two independents.
Health	KOMU News at 6	11/ 05	6 p.m.	1:40	As many as 1-thousand MU students showed up today at the Student Rec Center. Students have been lining up here all day to get vaccinated for a deadly disease, meningitis.
Government	KOMU	11/	10	2:00	Jean Carnahan will remain Missouri's senator, and

	News at 10	06	p.m.		keep the U-S Senate in the hands of Democrats, for at least two weeks.
Government	KOMU News at 6	11/ 07	6 p.m.	1:00	Democratic state lawmakers met in Jefferson City for the first time since the election. This is the first time they have met as the minority party in both the House and the Senate since 1948.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	11/ 08	10 p.m.	1:10	The station accused of selling gasoline mixed with water is "Gas Plus," at the intersection of East McCarty and Jackson streets, near the Capitol.
Education	KOMU News at 10	11/ 09	10 p.m.	2:00	Angry Fulton parents and students voiced their frustrations to the board of education Thursday night. Nonathletes and their parents say there's a double standard for Fulton High students
Government	KOMU News at 10	11/ 10	10 p.m.	1:00	Civilians and military personnel alike gathered in front of the Boone County Court House today to honor war veterans. The trumpet marked the beginning of the 17th annual Veterans Day Vigil and Parade.
Health	KOMU News at 6	11/ 11	6 p.m.	3:10	A study shows significantly poorer quality of semen from men in rural Mid-Missouri. A new University of Missouri study shows sperm in rural Mid-Missouri face a rougher journey than most.
Education	KOMU News at 10	11/ 12	10 p.m.	1:10	U-M Curator Paul Steele says he's certain the new president for U-M will be Elson Floyd. Floyd has been president of Western Michigan University for the past four years.
Health	KOMU News at 6	11/ 13	6 p.m.	1:20	Body piercing's all the rage on college campuses these days. But, it also can be dangerous. A doctor says there can be serious piercing infections.
Health	KOMU	11/	10	3:45	When you hear about arthritis, you probably think it's

	News at 10	14	p.m.		a disease that affects only the elderly. But, thousands of kids live with it, too.
Education	KOMU News at 6	11/ 15	6 p.m.	2:00	A group of math teachers wants to raise all students' math satisfaction quotient. About 40 teachers met today in Jefferson City to discuss how to reach those expections. They want to add communication about teaching math in all grades.
Economy	KOMU News at 6	11/ 16	6 p.m.	2:00	Residents of a few subdivisions in Osage Beach are worried about the safety of their water and sewage systems. "Our biggest asset is at risk. We can't sell our homes all because of an issue so important as water and sewage was not followed through one-hunderd percent."
Job/Economy	KOMU News at 10	11/ 17	10 p.m.	1:40	Eldon shocked its public safety department last week when the city's new budget was announced. All public safety personnel in Eldon, that is EMS workers, firefighters and police officers, suffered pay cuts and the loss of holiday and overtime pay as a result.
Government/ Economy	KOMU News at 6	11/ 18	6 p.m.	3:00	The Missouri Department of Transportation recently finished a feasibility study on the impact toll roads could have in the state. Tolls are just one option to get Missouri on the "Road to Recovery."
Government	KOMU News at 10	11/ 19	10 p.m.	2:00	Missouri's having a tough time with its child support payments. Missouri duplicated payments to almost 77-hundred parents. But now, the Division of Child Support Enforcement can't get parents to pay what they owe.
Government/ Health	KOMU News at 6	11/ 20	6 p.m.	1:00	A Missouri appeals court rules against part of the state's abortion law. The appeals court says a late-

					term abortion procedure, sometimes called partial-birth abortion, does not include a health exception for the mother.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	11/ 21	10 p.m.	1:30	Brandy Hill's four-year-old son, Elliott, was kidnapped six weeks ago. The kidnapper is Elliott's father, Oscar Label. He and Elliott flew to Israel October 11th.
Government	KOMU News at 6	11/ 22	6 p.m.	1:20	Governor Holden presented his plan to make up for an expected 500 million dollar shortfall in the state budget. But, Holden is going to have to convince Republicans who, right now, have little confidence in his approach.
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at 6	11/ 23	6 p.m.	1:25	Area businesses make a profit despite the outcome on the football field. They say football games mean big money.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	11/ 24	10 p.m.	1:30	A Ferrari is really fast, and expensive, but it does turn a lot of heads.The Mini Cooper S can do almost the same thing...for a fraction of the cost.
Government/ Economy	KOMU News at 6	11/ 25	6 p.m.	1:30	An early holiday present from the "Fed" lets growing families get a bigger home. Lower interest rates are making a bigger impact on the housing market.
Government/ Economy	KOMU News at 10	11/ 26	10 p.m.	1:00	Missouri lawmakers may try to apply sales tax to delivery businesses, including the Internet. The tax plan would affect furniture, flower and other delivery businesses, as well as the Internet.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	11/ 27	6 p.m.	1:00	Centrailia's former police chief, James A. Enlow, admitted to recording private phone conversations. He resigned last week, after a former police officer presented a letter to the city council.
Consumer	KOMU	11/	10	1:00	The Food and Drug Administration has approved

Issues/ Health	News at 10	28	p.m.		Claritin as an over-the-counter medication. Patients could find Clariton on store shelves as early as next week.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	11/ 29	6 p.m.	1:30	Peace Nook's trying to find a midway point between buying nothing...and buying something more simple. They are hosting a free gift-making workshop in Columbia on December 7th and 8th.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 10	11/ 30	10 p.m.	:50	State officials say rising unemployment and increased payouts will drain the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund in early 20-03. The fund pays unemployment benefits to Missouri workers.
Economy	KOMU News at 10	12/ 01	10 p.m.	1:43	Store owners at Columbia mall say sales are down from last year. Economists say a rebound in consumer confidence in the month of November shows promise for a profitable shopping season.
Government	KOMU News at 6	12/ 02	6 p.m.	1:30	Many lawmakers filed bills today, during the traditional pre-filing period. By filing now, lawmakers can line up support for bills...and opponents can also plan their strategy.
Education/ Economy	KOMU News at 10	12/ 03	10 p.m.	1:20	The audit outlines how the school district can solve its financial problems. Gillespie says, the school board plans to use many of the audit's suggestions to fix some of the district's financial problems.
Education/ Economy	KOMU News at 6	12/ 04	6 p.m.	1:10	The governor wants to protect higher education from a blizzard of budget cuts. Governor Holden says he does not yet have an estimate on how much money higher education will get.
Government/ Crime	KOMU News at 6	12/ 05	6 p.m.	1:35	Lawmakers and law enforcers are working together to use D-N-A to solve more crimes. Missouri law now

					says only sex offenders and violent criminals must give D-N-A samples.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	12/ 06	10 p.m.	1:30	Doctors must have malpractice insurance, but now it costs much more. And, more expensive insurance premiums mean more costs for patients.
Health	KOMU News at 10	12/ 07	10 p.m.	1:22	Cooper County Nursing Service gave flu shots to those who didn't get one earlier. Hein says they expected only a handful of people to come today.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 10	12/ 08	10 p.m.	:40	The Optimist Club in Jefferson City had strong weekend sales.Managers thought bad weather would keep customers away, but the sunny weekend meant two good days of sales.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	12/ 09	6 p.m.	1:00	If you haven't finished your holiday shopping and you feel pressed for time, one option is buying online. Gray says one reason on-line shopping is becoming more popular is because customers now feel comfortable putting their credit card numbers online.
Government	KOMU News at 10	12/ 10	10 p.m.	2:00	It's not a new district, but a new law affecting the Missouri governor's race in 2004. The McCain-Feingold campaign finance bill took effect last month.
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at 6	12/ 11	6 p.m.	1:50	The state says Missouri's economy has been in a downward spiral...for more than a year and a half. And, with 77-thousand jobs already lost, officials say the state's economic future is not certain.
Government/ Economy	KOMU News at 10	12/ 12	10 p.m.	:45	Senator Kit Bond's new job in the nation's Capitol could mean more dollars for Missouri highways. He now heads a subcommittee that's re-doing the federal highway bill.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU	12/	10	2:45	More business problems in Mexico, Missouri, as

	News at 10	13	p.m.		another plant says it's closing down. Nexans told its workers yesterday that it will close the Mexico plant by the middle of next year.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	12/ 14	10 p.m.	1:20	A Mid-Missouri power plant shut down this morning. Many local residents are not afraid of the nearby reactor. The Callaway nuclear plant will remain out of service until a complete evaluation is done.
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at 10	12/ 15	10 p.m.	1:33	It's not all ringing registers and credit card receipts for local retailers this holiday season. Adams says he has no idea when the current economic downturn will end, but Christmas is always a profitable time of year.
Economy	KOMU News at 6	12/ 16	6 p.m.	:40	Boonville is seeing more money, thanks to the Isle of Capri Casino. Boonville got about four-million dollars in taxes from the casino's first year of operation.
Economy/ Government	KOMU News at 10	12/ 17	10 p.m.	1:50	The state of Missouri could be in the hole by as much as 1-billion dollars.The budget is in a crisis and higher education stands to lose the most.
Drug/ Alcohal Abuse	KOMU News at 6	12/ 18	6 p.m.	1:30	The government says 523 Missourians died in alcohol-related crashes last year. Nationwide, the number of alcohol-related deaths dropped by half in the past 20 years.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 6	12/ 19	6 p.m.	1:45	With a not so bright economy, new jobs bring some hope to Mid-Missouri. The DELTA USA's 60-employees fill up only half of the parking lot. But by next spring, that will change because DELTA USA plans to hire at least 60 more employees.
Government	KOMU News at 10	12/ 20	10 p.m.	1:30	Senate Republican leader Trent Lott officially stepped down as majority leader late this morning.

Economy	KOMU News at 10	12/ 21	10 p.m.	2:10	Retailers are trying to get last minute shoppers to come out before Christmas. Experts predict a last-minute surge in holiday shopping thanks in part to a shopping season, from Thanksgiving to Christmas, 6 days shorter than last year.
Economy/ Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	12/ 22	10 p.m.	2:00	Is mid-Missouri's shoppers changing their holiday buying habits because of the bad economy? American Express says the national average of holiday spending is around 1500 dollars per family.
Government	KOMU News at 10	12/ 23	10 p.m.	1:15	Last month's election losses left Democrats out in the cold...nationwide and in Missouri. And, because of those losses, the leader of the state Democratic Party resigned today. Mike Kelley served for less than a year and a half.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	12/ 24	10 p.m.	3:40	Ameren U-E generates power with a license from the federal government. That has some groups concerned about the Bagnell Dam 's effects on the environment, wildlife and tourism. The dam's massive water releases erode riverbanks, bad news for farmers.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	12/ 25	10 p.m.	5:00	Bagnell dam generates hydro-electric power for customers in Missouri and Illinois.Some people (who likes to fish) worry about wildlife near the lake.
Government/ Economy	KOMU News at 6	12/ 26	6 p.m.	2:00	A December court decision gave Cole County commissioners 1-point-8 million dollars from unclaimed money for various projects. hey're already working on improving handicapped accessibility at the courthouse.
Health/ Government	KOMU News at 10	12/ 27	10 p.m.	2: 45	Osage, Miller and Maries counties are among 39 in Missouri with doctor shortages. There are now 203

					rural health clinics in Missouri, but more than half of them already existed. The federal government offers loans to attract doctors and nurses to rural areas.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 10	12/ 28	10 p.m.	:40	Thousands of Missouri workers who've lost their jobs will now lose their unemployment checks. Those without jobs had been receiving a 13-week extension on unemployment benefits.
Ecomony	KOMU News at 10	12/ 29	10 p.m.	2:15	The people of St. Paul's A-M-E Church had until the end of the year to raise enough money for an expansion. St. Paul's Church has raised over ten thousand dollars to purchase the property.
Economy/ Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	12/ 30	6 p.m.	1:40	We know Missouri's statewide economy is down this year. But some Mid-Missouri counties are seeing a boost in revenue. Cooper County's making money from a sales tax...without increasing costs for consumers.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	12/ 31	10 p.m.	1:40	Audrain County authorities have charged a Mexico man with murder in the death of a two-year-old little boy.