4th 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 October 1st , 2003 to December 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.

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
Crime	KOMU News at 10	10/ 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.
Education	KOMU News at 6	10/ 02	6 p.m.	1:22	Lincoln University became a diverse campus. With nonblack enrollment at 60 percent, Lincoln university has a mixed campus.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	10/ 03	6 p.m.	1:29	A year-long investigation by federal, state and local law enforcement authorities led to a forfeiture of $375,000.
Consumer Issues/ Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at 6	10/ 04	6 p.m.	2:18	Renewable energy at the pump is fueling up Missouri's economy. Paying a few more cents at the pump may mean more money and jobs for Missourians.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	10/ 05	10 p.m.	1:35	The search for a Calloway County murderer is being revived. It's been more than a year and a half since Debbie Dickens was murdered, but her family is still searching for closure.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 5	10/ 06	5 p.m.	1:53	The Columbia City Council meets tonight to discuss the latest attempt to build another Wal-Mart SuperCenter. It would go on land along Grindstone Parkway. Between Green Meadows and Rock Quarry Road.
Government	KOMU News at 6	10/ 07	6 p.m.	2:05	Anheuser-Busch may not like all of Holden's policies, but under Missouri law it takes a lot more than unhappy voters to recall a governor.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	10/ 08	10 p.m.	1:31	Grilling a hamburger on a weekend may cost a little more than you're used to. The price of beef at the grocery store is up. And the rise isn't over yet.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 6	10/ 09	6 p.m.	1:26	Fulton leaders hope to bring more jobs into town. But to strengthen the economy for the future, Missouri Senator Jim Talent says it will take a lot of work.
Education	KOMU News at 6	10/ 10	6 p.m.	1:14	Imagine driving 71 miles just to get a higher education. That's what high school graduates have to do in the Camden County region.
Government	KOMU News at 10	10/ 11	10 p.m.	1:28	A legislative over-ride that means 'conceal and carry' in Missouri is on hold. The Conceal and Carry law would allow people 23 and older to get a permit and carry hidden guns.

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Crime	KOMU News at 10	10/ 12	10 p.m.	:40	A homecoming celebration at Lincoln University last night left Jefferson City police busy this morning. Authorities say the distraction may have led to a rash of car thefts.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 5	10/ 13	5 p.m.	1:31	People who live there have a chance to talk to the city council about a possible smoking ban.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	10/ 14	10 p.m.	4:01	Identity theft is the fastest-growing consumer crime in the United States and criminals can get everything they need to steal your identity right outside your backdoor.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	10/ 15	10 p.m.	1:11	People in a number of Jefferson City communities learned about plans for new power lines. And got to speak out.
Education	KOMU News at 6	10/ 16	6 p.m.	1:45	The University of Missouri Board of Curators decided today to include sexual-orientation in the system's non-discrimination policy.
Education	KOMU News at 5	10/ 17	5 p.m.	2:22	.some parents and teachers from across Missouri are turning their attention to protecting students. A statewide PTA meeting in Columbia is trying to make schools a better place.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 6	10/ 18	6 p.m.	1:34	One of the largest labor unions in Missouri is gearing up to help the economy by continuing education.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 10	10/ 19	10 p.m.	1:51	Business owners are looking for a boost in southern Boone County. The Ashland Chamber of Commerce hired a consulting firm to bring more money into the community.
Government	KOMU News at 6	10/ 20	6 p.m.	1:31	Politicians in Jefferson City reacted to McCaskill's announcement. KOMU tries to translate what both parties are saying will be an historic race.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	10/ 21	6 p.m.	1:48	Some organizations say there's a big need for improvement in Columbia's transportation services. And a few are stepping up to fill in the gaps of public transportation.
Education	KOMU News at 5	10/ 22	5 p.m.	1:56	Many have seen the shocking Ohio video where a school bus flips on its side, sending the kids flying. But an even bigger threat exists to kids once they get off the bus from passing drivers.

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Crime	KOMU News at 10	10/ 23	10 p.m.	1:06	Shannon Phillips and Christopher Sims are accused of killing another inmate, then they disappeared. But not before leaving a note warning they'll kill anyone who gets in their way.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	10/ 24	10 p.m.	1:33	Two violent inmates remain unaccounted for tonight. There's word the two men horded 30- dollars of food right before they killed an inmate and disappeared.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	10/ 25	10 p.m.	1:56	Putting french fry oil in your fuel tank is not a typical thing to do. Neither is building a house with mud and straw. But, Columbia residents learned today that both are ways you could save money.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	10/ 26	10 p.m.	2:08	Two missing inmates in Missouri's State Penitentiary are in custody again tonight, ending a three day search.
Government	KOMU News at 10	10/ 27	10 p.m.	1:42	The next presidential election may be a year away. But next week Randolph County tests its new election plan that does away with hanging chads.
Health	KOMU News at 5	10/ 28	5 p.m.	1:40	A small Mid-Missouri town is worried its cancer rate is unusually high. Tebbetts area residents voiced their concerns to the state. They feel no one is investigating fast enough.
Education	KOMU News at 6	10/ 29	6 p.m.	1:29	A mid-Missouri school district is behind on its budget and hopes to use next week's general election to get more money.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	10/ 30	10 p.m.	1:20	AmerenUE wants to raise an extra 27 million dollars, and it wants you to pay for it. The average customer will pay an extra 16-dollars and 26-cents a month on their gas bill.
Health	KOMU News at 5	10/ 31	5 p.m.	2:06	Most people get their flu shot every year, without fail. But, getting pneumonia shots may be more important to remember.
Government	KOMU News at 6	11/ 01	6 p.m.	1:38	Voters decided in April to annex the Algoa area to the state capital. That annexation took effect at midnight.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	11/ 02	10 p.m.	1:54	The World Trade Organization will soon be debating an issue that could have a big impact on Missouri farmers.
Crime	KOMU News at 5	11/ 03	5 p.m.	1:26	Jefferson City Police are trying to track down one or more BB-gun vandals who hit cars and businesses over the weekend.

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Education/ Crime	KOMU News at 10	11/ 04	10 p.m.	4:25	When you drop your kids off at school, you expect them to be safe. That expectation's most obvious in school zones. You can find them anywhere close to a school. But often, many drivers simply ignore the signs.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	11/ 05	10 p.m.	1:24	Water in Mexico will cost customers more money. But now, the water running through these pipes here at the Missouri American Water Company will cost its customers more money.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 6	11/ 06	6 p.m.	1:27	Experts shared ideas about improving the Midwest's economy, by improving education and work skills, increasing research and targeting certain industries.
Health	KOMU News at 5	11/ 07	5 p.m.	1:46	More than 60-thousand Missourians rely on home health care. And finding the right nurse can be a tough decision. A new website that can help people choose which home health care agency is right for them.
Education	KOMU News at 6	11/ 08	6 p.m.	1:17	The band at Clark County R 1 High School is used to hitting the high notes. The band won first place in its class again at MU's Champion of Champions Marching Band Contest.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	11/ 09	10 p.m.	2:10	Zbinden and his 6 year old grandson were the only two people at home when the shooting happened.
Education	KOMU News at 10	11/ 10	10 p.m.	1:49	A Cole County Judge dismisses a lawsuit by Kansas City school districts against Governor Holden. The districts sued the governor and others for withholding almost 200 million dollars from schools across the state.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 5	11/ 11	5 p.m.	1:30	A new phone number can be expensive and inconvenient, especially for businesses. But a new federal law could help you keep the same number, even if you change to a cell.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	11/ 12	10 p.m.	1:42	People who can't travel to Jefferson City or other nearby towns may soon have more public transportation. Mid-Missourians are limited where they can travel if they don't have cars.
Government	KOMU News at 6	11/ 13	6 p.m.	1:34	Randolph County's debate about its Justice Center continued today at the county commissioner's meeting. And one commissioner still can't sign off on the construction proposal.

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Health/ Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	11/ 14	10 p.m.	1:32	Jefferson City hopes to have more free health care. One clinic plans to expand to offer better service.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	11/ 15	10 p.m.	1:24	Imagine spending time with your family...without being at home. While others saw it from further away. Teleconferencing equipment keeps National Guard officials in touch with troops.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	11/ 16	10 p.m.	1:57	Columbia has its second homicide in three days. Twenty-year-old MU sophomore Charlie Blondis died at the scene of a shooting on Riva Ridge Court.
Government	KOMU News at 6	11/ 17	6 p.m.	1:30	Randolph County can get back to the business of building a new justice center. Randolph County Commissioner Jim Myles and his Citizens for Good Government dropped its lawsuit against fellow commissioners.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 6	11/ 18	6 p.m.	1:30	It could be considered a knock- out punch in the boxing industry. By the end of this year, Moberly becomes the worldwide producer for a well- known boxing equipment company.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	11/ 19	10 p.m.	2:22	If you wanted to use public transportation from Columbia to Fulton, you can't. But getting from here to there between Mid-Missouri cities may be on the way.
Government	KOMU News at 10	11/ 20	10 p.m.	1:25	MODOT gets an earful tonight in Columbia. They held another meeting about proposed changes to I-70 in Columbia and not everybody's happy.
Health/ Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 5	11/ 21	5 p.m.	2:19	A new mid-Missouri company can help you save money at the pharmacy. But buying drugs online may be opening a bottle full of trouble with the law.
Health/ Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	11/ 22	10 p.m.	2:00	Senators are currently debating that Medicare bill. Some local seniors who could be affected by the bill say it's bad news.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	11/ 23	10 p.m.	2:00	Dramatic weather changes cause havoc for some mid-Missourians. Farmers just finished harvest, but the cold weather can still keep them busy.
Health/ Government	KOMU News at 5	11/ 24	5 p.m.	2:17	The historic 125 billion dollar Medicare reform bill is still waiting for a vote in the US Senate. And Missourians reactions to the legislation are as different as those of the Senators.

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Education	KOMU News at 6	11/ 25	6 p.m.	5:00	KOMU is taking a detailed look at what's working and not working for schools across the country in a series we call "Learning with Less." How are schools dealing with some pretty tight budgets?
Health/ Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 5	11/ 26	5 p.m.	1:40	The new prescription drug program from Congress should make Medicare cover part of senior's prescriptions. But there's a gap -that "donut hole"-where there's no coverage.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	11/ 27	6 p.m.	1:05	Today is the first real day of the holiday season. With whole neighborhoods deserted, holiday season might also be "burglary season".
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	11/ 28	6 p.m.	2:50	With cold weather upon us, you might not think to take your kids to a waterpark in Missouri. That is, unless you are staying at a hotel. Some themed hotels are starting to make a splash in Mid-Missouri.
Health	KOMU News at 10	11/ 29	10 p.m.	1:36	A Mid-Missouri community holds a fundraiser after a car show host loses his battle with an illness.
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at 10	11/ 30	10 p.m.	1:50	Just as clothing and gift businesses see big increases during holiday months, so do restaurants. But more business doesn't always mean more money for everyone.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	12/ 01	10 p.m.	1:40	Juvenile officers are known for helping kids get out of trouble. But one officer's job could be in trouble. For the last few years, one of Cooper County's two officers faced the threat of losing the position.
Education/ Government	KOMU News at 10	12/ 02	10 p.m.	2:45	Missouri public schools got some good news today. And more than 80-million dollars are returning to schools across the state.
Education	KOMU News at 5	12/ 03	5 p.m.	1:40	Starting this week, report cards are available online. But not for your child. These report cards are for your schools. These report cards grade your child's school.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 6	12/ 04	6 p.m.	1:26	Tax breaks and other incentives seem to work for Mexico. Mexico has used those incentives to bring in a record number of jobs this year.

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Government/ Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 5	12/ 05	5 p.m.	1:40	Department of Natural resources investigated Pilot Grove's public water system two months ago. The department found the town wasn't totally up to date in how it ran its water system.
Government	KOMU News at 6	12/ 06	6 p.m.	1:28	This holiday season will be a tight one for the Central Missouri Food Bank. But senator Kit Bond proposed a bill to get the food bank $250,000.
Health	KOMU News at 10	12/ 07	10 p.m.	1:40	Farming Christmas trees is a harmless tradition, but some say it's bad for the environment. The Sierra Club says pesticides and chemical dyes make it bad for the environment. But disposing artificial trees is as much worse problem.
Education	KOMU News at 10	12/ 08	10 p.m.	2:54	Summer school doesn't bring smiles to most students' faces. But the Columbia School District might hire an outside company to try and change that. And summer public school could go private.
Crime/ Drug/ Alcohol	KOMU News at 5	12/ 09	5 p.m.	1:30	The State Committee of Psychologists is investigating one of its own. It filed a 55 page complaint against Springfield psychologist Thomas DeVol. Now he's facing his accusers.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	12/ 10	6 p.m.	2:35	Clemons spoke in great-length about illegal activity in the athletic department. That information comes from taped telephone conversations released to three Missouri newspapers.
Health	KOMU News at 10	12/ 11	10 p.m.	1:20	Missouri is also one of the states that are getting more flu vaccine from the federal government. About 2,000 flu shots are on their way to Missouri, but not just anyone will be able to get them.
Consumer Issues/ Health	KOMU News at 6	12/ 12	6 p.m.	1:27	Flu shots supplies are falling short of demand this year. There's an alternative, but it's hard to find in mid-Missouri.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	12/ 13	6 p.m.	2:10	You may have read reports about what Ricky Clemons told people over the phone while he was in jail. The tapes reveal the two women tried to help him get his life back on track.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	12/ 14	10 p.m.	1:25	A man shot at Lincoln University graduation yesterday is still in the hospital tonight.

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Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 6	12/ 15	6 p.m.	1:16	Getting out of welfare can be tough. That's why Boone county started a welfare- to- work program five years ago. Now there's new statistics that show how that program works.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 10	12/ 16	10 p.m.	1:23	Moberly won't have to demolish a 97 year old landmark. The Brown Shoe Company building will come back to life.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	12/ 17	6 p.m.	3:15	The Catholic priest scandal not only shook the archdiocese reputation, but now it's shaking its pocketbooks. Earlier this month, the Archdiocese of Boston reportedly mortgaged its cathedral and seminary to pay a 90 million dollar settlement to sex abuse victims.
Government	KOMU News at 6	12/ 18	6 p.m.	1:21	A ballot initiative could increase sales taxes by as much as one percent. The proposed amendment would generate as much as 550 million dollars to fund education and health care in a fiscal emergency.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 6	12/ 19	6 p.m.	1:30	It's not a rosy outlook, but it's not horrible either, that's the word on Missouri's economy. The Missouri Department of Economic Development gave us a look at current economy and the forecast.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 10	12/ 20	10 p.m.	:43	The Centralia Medical Clinic will close its doors by the end of the year. Its parent company, Audrain Medical Center, says its having financial problems.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	12/ 21	10 p.m.	2:34	A suspected murderer is in custody after a more than four mile police chase on foot. A 24 year old Moberly man was shot last night and died just hours later.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 5	12/ 22	5 p.m.	1:34	With Christmas just days away, many kids are dreaming of new toys under the tree. But some of those toys could be harmful.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 5	12/ 23	5 p.m.	1:25	Governor Bob Holden announces details of a plan he believes will help restart the states sluggish economy.
Health/ Government	KOMU News at 6	12/ 24	6 p.m.	1:36	State officials try to play down a mad cow disease scare. Officials held an emergency meeting to discuss the first case of mad cow disease in this country.

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Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	12/ 25	10 p.m.	1:57	A heightened terror alert did not ground air travelers even on Christmas day. The US government raised the national threat level to a high risk of terrorist attack just in time for the rush of holiday travel.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 6	12/ 26	6 p.m.	1:32	There's no delay in people filing plans for building ethanol plant in Missouri. In fact the Marshall area's now looking at two ethanol plants.
Health/ Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	12/ 27	6 p.m.	2:06	The USDA has just announced that the Untied States is technically mad cow free, or as known in the industry BSE free. Missouri cattle farmers say this is good news for the state's beef industry.
Jobs/ Economy	KOMU News at 10	12/ 28	10 p.m.	:30	One year ago, Missouri's job situation appeared to be one of Governor Holden's biggest problems. Now, Holden may count it as one of his strengths.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	12/ 29	10 p.m.	1:34	Burglars are looking for a different sign of the season. Many college students are out of town for the holidays, leaving their empty homes an easy target for thieves.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 5	12/ 30	5 p.m.	1:20	It's not something you look forward to but it's a job that must be done. And time is running out for paying your property taxes.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	12/ 31	10 p.m.	1:37	Heating bills are soaring in Missouri, and so is the number of people who need help to pay them.