3rd 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 July 1, 2002 to September 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.

3rd 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
Government	KOMU News at 6	7-1	6pm	2:00	As the nation braces for a July fourth terrorist threat, Missourians can look to a new law for more security. Today, Governor Holden approved new anti-terrorism legislation. These laws are designed to do a lot of things - from addressing bio-terrorism threats to strengthening the government's ability to tap phones. This comes even though there's no specific threat to Missouri.
Govt./Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	7/2	6pm	1:00	Governor Holden signs two bills into law that will protect children. One allows parents to *legally* abandon their newborn babies... until they're a month old. The baby would have to be turned over to a policeman, fireman or doctor. The second bill requires priests to report suspected cases of child abuse. That's in response to the recent sex-abuse scandal in the Catholic church.
Government	KOMU News at 10	7/3	10pm	1:30	A new twist in the debate over the Pledge of Allegiance. Governor Holden signed a bill today requiring Missouri schools to recite the Pledge once a week, despite a federal court ruling that says it's unconstitutional. Holden hopes the new state law helps schools teach respect for the American flag. Reciting the pledge is not mandatory for students. The governor also signed 12 other bills today promoting patriotism.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	7/4	6pm	2:00	Police are keeping their eyes open at the state capital's holiday celebration. Security's tight all over the country. Law enforcement at the Capitol has doubled officers on patrol and even called in a bomb-sniffing dog. Police have also established special mobile command center. But, this morning, the number of officers seemed much more routine....like for any large event. Hundreds of people packed the streets by ten this morning, and organizers expect thousands by the end of the day. Police stood by during the morning parade, but no one was in sight at the command center.
Education	KOMU News at 6	7/5	6pm	2:00	A grassroots effort led by principal Greg Early is mounting to save Kemper Military School. The Boonville school closed in May because of financial trouble but it could only be a summer absence... Now to tell us how supporters are campaigning to reopen the school in August. Kemper Military School Alumni and former employees are pledging to save the 158-year-old-school. A campaign called Project KMS is in the works to reopen the school this August.
Crime Drug/Alcohol Abuse	KOMU News at 10	7/7	10pm	2:00	A new bill could take the responsibility out of the hands of *bartenders*... And hold *drinkers* accountable for their own actions. If senate bill zero-8-1-7 passes...Bars and taverns would *no longer* be held responsible if customers leave their building drunk...And then cause an accident. The current law's called the Dram shop liability statute. And it says that anyone who's hurt in an alcohol-related accident can sue *all* of the bars the drunk driver visited that day.
Government	KOMU News at 6	7/8	6pm	1:30	The entire balance of power in Washington D.C. could come down to Carnahan vs. Talent. The August Primary is a month away, and even though both Jean Carnahan and Jim Talent face token opposition, it should be a real dog-fight in November. The Democrats hold a 50-49 margin in the U.S. Senate, that makes the Missouri race so extra special. Here's a look at the first KOMU Smart decision 2002 voter's poll. Jean Carnahan, filling-in for her late husband has the early lead, 48-to-40, with 12 percent of those Missourians polled undecided. The poll has a margin of error of 4-percent either plus or minus.

Government	KOMU News at 6	7/9	6pm	1:30	Jefferson City and Columbia have a lot in common when it comes to a vote in February, both cities want to grow through annexation. Jefferson City officials will hear from the public tonight. Some residents and businesses don't like the annexation plan. Residents say they don't want to pay higher city taxes because the county's already doing fine in providing services, like road maintenance.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	7/10	10pm	1:30	Prosecutors present their key witness in a Randolph County double murder trial. Prosecution witness Tracie Bulington is the former girlfriend of defendant Roy Vance. Bulington says Vance told her many times over the phone he wanted to get out of jail. She says he told her to talk to Michael Tisius. And, that's when Bulington learned about the men's plan.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	7/11	10pm	2:00	The judge could decide any minute if a Mid-Missouri man's guilty of first degree murder. Roy Vance faces first-degree murder for his alleged connection to two fatal shootings. Randolph County jail supervisor Leon Egley and jailer Jason Acton were gunned down in June 2000. Vance didn't pull the trigger, Mike Tisius, who tried to break him out , did. But, prosecutors argue Vance is just as guilty because he helped plan the shootings. If found guilty though, Vance will not face the death penalty.
Government	KOMU News at 6	7/12	6pm	2:00	Missouri's high-profile Senate race is turning into the blame game. Primary elections are four weeks away. But today State Democrats and Republicans filed new complaints against November's likely opponents - Jim Talent and Senator Jean Carnahan. They both have to do with campaign money. Both sides say the other party's candidate raised funds illegally. The Missouri Republican Party says Carnahan illegally took money from non-profit organizations. Those groups are Pro-Vote, the Missouri Citizens Education Fund and the Service Employees International Union.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	7/13	10pm	1:00	Recent kidnappings, like Elizabeth Smart's disappearance...have all parents looking for ways to protect their children. Some Mid-Missouri parents got a little peace-of-mind today...should their child disappear. The parents learned about a simple process that could end up saving their child's life. It's called a D-N-A Management Kit. And it provides parents with the F-B-I's best method of identification for finding missing children.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	7/15	6pm	1:30	After 3 years, have Columbia police finally nabbed the so-called Pot-Bellied Pervert? Even if Dennis McLove-Scott is the man who's been exposing himself for years, prosecutors may not be able to charge him with those crimes. Police took McLove-Scott into custody on this corner Saturday night....for exposing himself to a woman.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	7/16	6pm	1:00	Construction's behind schedule on Columbia's rec center. But, the city's parks and recreation department says, users will get more for their money. The Rec Center will include a basketball court, multi-purpose room, new tile finish on the pool, an upgraded system to monitor the pool water, and a running track that extends into the pool area. But, instead of being done July 12th...the center won't be ready until fall.

Crime	KOMU News at 6	7/17	6pm	1:30	They've waited a decade... now 10 families will see Richard Williams go to trial. Today, a grand jury indicted the former nurse on 10 counts of first degree murder. This decision means there's enough evidence to go on with the case against Williams. Boone County Prosecutor Kevin Crane made the decision to go for a grand jury indictment... instead of holding a hearing before a judge.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	7/18	6pm	2:00	A five-year-old girl's dead and a teenager's still missing. Two national cases about the kidnappings of Samantha Runnion and Elizabeth Smart have brought safety to the forefront. One learning center protects your children...and how you can help. Children at the Academy of Fine Arts and Early Childhood Learning are calm. Being kidnapped is the last thing on their mind. That's because right now *big brother* is watching. Sergeant Danny Grant goes out and gives those talks.
Job/Economy	KOMU News at 10	7/19	10pm	1:00	The University of Missouri system's bracing for more budget cuts. The Board of Curators met today in Columbia to discuss funding plans. Curators want 565-million dollars in state aid for the next fiscal year. But, U-M President Manuel Pacheco told them again today, more cuts could force the board to close one of its four universities.
Health	KOMU News at 10	7/20	10pm	1:00	For the second year in a row...The West Nile Virus makes its way to Missouri. It's already killed two birds... But health officials say humans are at risk, as well. Infected mosquitoes give the virus to other animals when they bite. The virus has killed 18 people since it first appeared in the U-S in 19-99. But so far, no Missouri residents have been infected. Children are at a higher risk for infection. And that has some parents worried.
Government	KOMU News at 6	7/21	6pm	2:00	A new state tax on cell phones could mean the difference between life and death. Proposition A will soon appear on Missouri ballots. Say your car breaks down on a remote country road...And your cell phone's *registered* in another part of the state...If you call 911, you may get connected to emergency services at the registered location. That can cause confusion...and delay response time. Proposition A calls for a 50-cents or less *monthly* tax on your cell phone. That money will pay for technology that would connect you to the right people in an emergency.
Health	KOMU News at 10	7/22	10pm	2:00	Patients at a Boonville health care clinic just found out it *will* stay in business. Marsha Goodin has been a patient at the Boonville Family Health Clinic for the last year. Now, two doctors associated with Boone Hospital, Ray Puri and Toni Almond, will run the Boonville clinic.
Government	KOMU News at 6	7/23	6pm	2:00	50 million dollars.... if it goes in the state budget it won't be spent on tobacco prevention. And I'm Beth Malicki, thanks for joining us. Missouri gets the money to help curb smoking... but the governor says he needs it somewhere else. Governor Holden today, putting another 50 millon into the state's budget. This, one day after the American Lung and American Cancer Society called Missouri the most disappointing state when it comes to using tobacco money. The state ranks last in spending for tobacco prevention.

Govt./Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	7/24	6pm	1:00	A state audit begs for new changes in the daycare business. Auditor Claire McCaskill is focused on concerns with unlicensed providers. Rachel... the fact is, 150-thousand kids are in unlicensed daycares. And McCaskill says the problem with that is the state doesn't know how many of those daycares exist. And they follow fewer rules. Yet it seems to be the way parents go.
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at 6	7/25	6pm	2:00	Systemwide, University of Missouri libraries lose nearly half a million dollars. University curators have just made the first wave of budget cuts.... and already it's changing the system's libraries. And more than one person will feel it. The 10% cut will mean fewer people to help you... and less time to find your book. Ellis Library is cutting back 20 hours of service. That's happening at all campuses. And though no one's losing their job yet... a hiring slowdown is in the future.
Health	KOMU News at 10	7/26	10pm	1:30	Boone County Health officials are testing a 7th bird for the deadly West Nile Virus. The Health Department has received many calls about dead blue jays lately. They want anyone who finds a bird dead for no apparent reason to call. But that doesn't mean the mosquito carried virus isn't here.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	7/27	10pm	1:00	A missing child scare grips a Columbia neighborhood. 4-year-old Denez Bradford disappeared from his grandmother's home early this evening. Authorities have now confirmed that Denez is with his mother, but they do not know where. Neighbors and Police began scouring the neighborhood surrounding Bellview Drive soon after the report came in..
Consumer Issues/Health	KOMU News at 10	7/28	10pm	2:00	Some Fulton residents want their city officials to take action. Citizens say it's time the city tidies up Truman Lake.It used to be a great place for kids to play.... And a popular fishing spot. But now Truman Lake's deserted and dirty. Now Klaes says the city's lack of maintenence, and the overpopulation of geese makes this lake an aquatic eyesore.
Health	KOMU News at 6	7/29	6pm	1:30	Scientists said it would only be a matter of time. And now West Nile Virus is here. Boone County officials have confirmed one case in Boone County. That makes it the third case in the state this year. The dead blue jay was found on July 4th... But MU veterinarians just confirmed today that it died of West Nile transmitted by mosquitoes with the virus. And there could be more.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	7/30	10pm	2:00	Some poor measurements may keep a pedestrian bridge designed to connect parts of the M-U campus - from opening on time. By the Tiger's first home game on September 7th, the new walkway over Providence Road was supposed to allow fans to walk across safely. Now engineers found a flaw. The bridge over the southbound lane of Providence is too low. About a foot to low to be exact.

Government	KOMU News at 6	7/31	6pm	1:30	No new taxes for Columbia and the city's preparing in case of a bio-terrorism attack. Today city manager, Ray Beck, outlined the city's budget status and goals. Unlike many cities in the state, Columbia won't suffer any budget cuts next year.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	8/1	6pm	2:00	Some Mid-Missouri cancer patients have more reason to worry. Their doctor may have diluted their drugs. The F-B-I and F-D-A are both looking into allegations against an oncologist who treats patients in Columbia and other parts of Mid-Missouri. No, the U-S attorney's office hasn't filed charges yet. But his case might sound a lot like the Kansas City pharmacist who recently pleaded guilty to diluting chemotherapy drugs.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	8/2	10pm	2:30	Several Mid-Missouri businesses teach kids self defense. A skill, that recently, seems almost necessary given the number of child abductions. Those skills are definitely taught and kids say they're confident about using them. I talked with one group that makes self-defense practice a real *family* experience. Instructors say using martial arts properly could help a child escape from an attacker...and save that child's life.
Government	KOMU News at 10	8/3	10pm	2:00	S-M-A-R-T stands for students of Missouri Assisting Rural and Urban Transportation. The students formed the group after one of their classmates was killed in a head on collision...That was more than two years ago.Now those same students are pushing for the passage of proposition B in Tuesday's election. S-M-A-R-T rolls across Missouri, with a lot of determination and some help from the top, Governor Holden, and his family.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	8/4	10pm	2:00	Some Mid-Missouri parents are upset because Columbia has no money for lifeguards at Stephens Lake.If the proposed city budget passes...Lifeguards will *NOT* be keeping an eye on swimmers at Stephens Lake next summer. The budget proposal didn't float with most of the parents. Columbia's recreation services fund runs like a business. Profits and city funding need to match expenses...But Stephens Lake is drowning in debt.
Government	KOMU News at 6	8/5	6pm	2:00	The August election is one day away.. do you know what's on the ballot? You might still have some questions about what you'll vote on...A lot of questions on the ballot are statewide issues... such as sales and gas tax increases...But there are also questions that are limited to certain counties. Basically, this ballot will touch nearly every Missourian.

Government	KOMU News at 6	8/6	6pm	2:00	Boone County folks find out tonight whether they're city folks. Columbia and Boone County voters have to decide on five annexation questions... one for each area in the city's plan. It was a very unscientific poll... but I talked to voters both in and out of Columbia about which way they were leaning. And I found a somewhat clear division...While some people chose to only drive by the polling place, others decided to sign in and cast their votes. Inside city limits it seemed to go one way... Outside of Columbia.... the vote leaned towards no.
Government	KOMU News at 6	8/7	6pm	2:00	Voters gave Proposition B an overwhelming "No" forcing the Missouri Department of Transportation to take a different look at its highway plan. Proposition B would have increased the gas and sales tax... it failed by more than 400-thousand votes. MoDot still wants to finish all these projects.
Government/Economy	KOMU News at 10	8/8	10pm	1:30	A new law enforcement tax in Boone County gives judges more sentencing options than jail. The crowded county jail could become less congested, thanks to Proposition L. There are several programs other than jail...for non-violent offenders. Boone's the only Missouri county to pay by itself for an alternative called home detention.
Government	KOMU News at 6	8/9	6pm	1:30	Citizens for a Healthy Missouri thought they had enough signatures to put a cigarette tax issue on the November ballot. But they came up 700 short. It's because some of the petition signatures were not valid. And now smokers in downtown Columbia won't have to worry about paying an extra 55 cents per pack. But that doesn't mean the fight is over.
Drug/Alcohol Abuse	KOMU News at 10	8/11	10pm	:30	The mother of a drug suspect in Columbia isn't allowed back in her house for 60 days. Authorities say that's because she didn't do enough to stop drug use and deals at her home. Dorothy Allen's attorney says Allen did all she could. Her son faces felony drug possession charges in Boone County.
Health	KOMU News at 6	8/12	6pm	:30	Columbia hardware dealers say the West Nile Virus is increasing sales *and* concern. Some shelves and racks usually full of bug repellant are empty. Retailers say customers are most concerned about standing water. Stores have sold out of repellant discs for water. Shoppers seem to be looking for an in-expensive quick fix.
Government	KOMU News at 10	8/13	10pm	2:00	Ashland's debt may take a bite out of residents property tax bills. The city held a public hearing tonight on the issue. The city is considering a tax hike. Ashland's bond payments for water and sewer projects in the mid-19-90s are growing, but revenue isn't. That's why the city's proposing a property tax increase of 23 cents per 100 dollars of assessed value. Someone with a 100,000-dollar home would see their property taxes increase 43 dollars per year. The tax would only pay off debt... not help any new projects.
Health	KOMU News at 6	8/14	6pm	1:00	Four people in St. Louis tested positive today for the West Nile Virus. And some residents in a Columbia neighborhood fear standing water may be a breeding spot for mosquitoes. So they want the city to do something about it.Some Columbia residents are concerned about standing water in a creek near their homes. Stagnant water attracts female mosquitoes. They lays eggs here which hatch and become adults. The city health department says it will use larva-cide here.

Health	KOMU News at 10	8/15	10pm	2:00	The West Nile Virus is spreading.Now the question is, are you at risk?.The Centers for Disease Control, and the Food and Drug Administration, are working to find answers.It can be contracted through mosquito bites *or* blood transfusions. So, the newest focus is on the safety of blood. There are no tests to screen blood collected by blood banks. And, there are obvious risks, if you're on the receiving end of the needle.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	8/16	6pm	1:30	Relief and disappointment for the families of two jailers shot to death more than two years ago. One family wanted the death penalty. The other is satisfied with today's sentencing. The Egley and Acton families wanted to be in court today... to see the final step for the Tracie Bullington and Roy Vance.
Consumer Issues/Health	KOMU News at 10	8/17	10pm	2:00	The Missouri State Fair celebrates its one hundredth year, but there's something else for the fair to be proud of. In the fair's history, they've never had an animal disqualified for testing for illegal drugs. Drug testing on livestock isn't anything new. The livestock and agriculture industry have been aware of drug testing policies for many years.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	8/18	10pm	1:30	A woman walking through flood water in her apartment ends up in the hospital after getting an electrical shock. And renters in the flooded neighborhood blame poor management for the accident. Flood waters filled Meredith Branch, a stream in southwest Columbia. And soon water was flowing into the surrounding neighborhoods. Allen and his girlfriend Kelly Songster were trying to grab some of their things. Kelly grabbed a lamp, and then the charge went into her. Power had to be shut off in Allen's apartment, and two others before tenants could look at the damage.
Education	KOMU News at 6	8/19	6pm	2:00	Some Mid-Missouri schools opened this morning. The governor says he'll do everything he can to get more money for schools. Holden also says he wants parents to be more involved in their children's education. Holden has two kids in Jefferson City schools. He and his wife, Lori, spend time with their sons every day if possible.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	8/20	6pm	1:00	At many Columbia restaurants customers can enjoy food and good company And sometimes they get a taste of something they didn't order.... cigarette smoke.The chances of smokers being butted out of Columbia restaurants won't happen for a while.... But the Boone County Coalition on Tobacco Concerns does want restaurants to follow the Broadway Diner's example and go tobacco free.
Education	KOMU News at 6	8/21	6pm	1:30	Unbearable heat sent students at five school districts home early today. Even though Mid-Missouri isn't under a heat advisory. A heat index of 100 sent some kids home early. At Cole County R-5... sitting in an un air conditioned room makes it almost unbearable to learn or teach...As daytime temperatures top 90 degrees this week... the thermometer inside the school rises.

	News at 10				new cameras at a Columbia intersection. It's what you don't know...that's the real story. They're watching the corner of Providence and I-70. The cameras here cost a total of 32-thousand dollars.
Crime	KOMU News at 6	8/23	6pm	2:00	Tax critic Henry Lane gets his day in court....Judge Frank Conley made no ruling in Lane's lawsuit against the Columbia School District. This is a case where you see a lot of numbers...and witnesses today basically got up to explain what those numbers meant. Lane's suing the Columbia School District and county collector Pat Lensmeyer. He says they collected an excess of more than one million dollars in property taxes in 20-01.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	8/24	6pm	2:00	Prevent Child Abuse Missouri's committed to keeping show me state kids safe. And they got their message out this weekend. This is a popular family event that's gone on for the past five years. But this is the first year Prevent Child Abuse Missouri's been on hand. While kids got an eyeful of balloons, parents were students for the day.
Education	KOMU News at 6	8/25	6pm	2:00	Some teachers and pre-school students spend their last day of summer... at school. Kids in Mexico just can't seem to wait to head back to the classroom. The Children's Therapy and Early Education School opens its doors on the first day of class for the fiftieth time Monday. But some kids couldn't wait that long.
Education	KOMU News at 6	8/26	6pm	2:00	Enrollment may be up... but money is down for the University. Lawmakers slashed the budget by 10 percent across the board. Most departments worked all summer trying to figure out how to handle the increase in students and a drastically reduced budget. But, today, faculty members say they're just focused on teaching. Now one of the big concerns of students and administrators was that they'd have to cancel certain classes. That did happen to some sections listed here in the Fall 2002 course schedule.
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at 6	8/27	6pm	2:00	Some new Medicare cuts could hurt Missouri nursing homes. Missouri Medicare patients may see a 37-million dollar cut...if congress doesn't renew a bill next month to keep the money. Nursing home resident Mary Whittman is taking a stand for health. Whittman just started walking again...and says her strides are thanks to physical therapy, paid by Medicare.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 6	8/28	6pm	1:30	New road closings are a source of frustration for Columbia drivers. It's not fun for the dozens of drivers who have had to turn around at Old 63. The Missouri Department of Transportation workers closed Old 63 and Ponderosa Drive this morning in order to build a new road that will allow drivers to reach Highway 63 straight from Providence. The construction will take about two months.

Government	KOMU News at 6	8/29	6pm	1:00	The state auditor wants to close the wallet on government credit cards...State Auditor Claire McCaskill says state employees with company cards are spending too much money and doing it the wrong way. The worst offender--the department of transportation. In the last six months, MODOT put more than four-million dollars of expenses on credit cards.MODOT has about 40-percent of the state's credit cards, but spent 80-percent of the charge card dollars.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	8/30	10pm	:30	The Daniel Boone Regional Library re-opens next week, after months of waiting. New artwork outside the building caused the most recent delay. The library was scheduled to open this week, but the art took longer to make the trek from New York to Columbia. So, the library postponed the opening until both pieces arrived in town.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	9/1	10pm	1:30	Water Patrol authorities say it's important to be aware of boat safety this holiday weekend. A simple boating mistake led to the death of two 20-year-old women. Lake authorities say they weren't paying attention. When they were caught in the wake of another boat, a passing boat struck and killed the girls. A reminder of why it's so important for lake goers to follow just a few rules of safety.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	9/2	10pm	2:00	People are mystified as to why a boy left, only to come back and shoot a man in the chest. Police have not ruled out anything. But, witnesses say, it was murder. They tell me the boy partied with the victim, 25-year-old Kenneth Flannery, overnight in an Eldon home. They say the boy left the apartment this morning, but returned with a gun.
Government	KOMU News at 6	9/3	6pm	1:00	There may be a solution to a park controversy in Columbia. The Grasslands neighborhood had asked the city to help it buy land for a park. The Grasslands is the site of some development controversy in Columbia. Residents of Clarkson Road and nearby streets are trying to stop Kansas developer, Roger Morningstar, from building a 72-unit apartment complex in the area. The city council was supposed to hear discussion about it at tonight's meeting.
Education	KOMU News at 6	9/4	6pm	1:30	Half a million students took the Missouri Assessment Program exam last spring. Today, the Department of Education opened the grade card. In some cases, Missouri schools are improving. But, there's also a slight drop-off in some areas. Reading scores are up, but math scores are down.
Drug/Alcohol Abuse	KOMU News at 6	9/5	6pm	:30	Police say drug abuse is up in Columbia, but officers and the Department of Mental Health says anti-drug programs are working. Patients at the McCambridge treatment center in Columbia are a part of the health department's C-Star program. It's all the treatment that women need under one roof. Children can live in the center with their moms during re-habilitation. Both mothers and kids learn about addiction.

	News at 10				The governor says now is not the time for MoDot to make excuses. Holden is talking tough now, a month after voters rejected a transportation tax hike. The governor wants MoDot to rebuild public trust that's been absent for some time. He spoke out today at the Highways and Transportation Commission meeting in Springfield. Missouri roads are known for their condition...terrible.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	9/7	10pm	:30	M-U's new pedestrian bridge leading to Memorial Stadium was open for tonight's home football game, despite construction setbacks. The bridge had been several inches too low on the west side. But workers finished construction yesterday. The bridge cost nearly two million dollars. And aims to reduce pedestrian traffic across Providence Road... Especially traffic from tailgaters during home football games. Many tailgaters say the bridge is well worth the money.
Government	KOMU News at 6	9/9	6pm	2:00	Callaway County residents who need help will have a harder time applying for government-subsidized housing. The Section-8 waiting list is full, so the county stopped taking applications at five this afternoon. The county says it has 120 applicants. That's five percent more than the usual limit. The assistant director told me the demand is probably because of recent plant layoffs in Fulton and Mexico.
Government	KOMU News at 6	9/10	6pm	2:00	On the day before the 9-11 anniversary, live missiles are loaded into launchers around Washington, D-C. The fear of more terrorism increases. The Justice Department announced the country is at an *orange* threat level. All state security agencies will follow a procedure for an *orange* threat level. Capitol police had already planned on having an increased presence tomorrow.
Education	KOMU News at 6	9/11	6pm	1:30	9-11 is all you hear about today. But are schools putting it in their lesson plan? For some local students, today was just another school day. While the rest of America is tuned into remembering 9-11, students in Hank Landry's social studies class are listening about different moments in history today.
Government	KOMU News at 10	9/12	10pm	2:00	Annexation in Jefferson City heats up once again.The Committee Against Annexation held its fourth meeting tonight. Residents say it's not really annexation they're worried about--it's the way Jefferson city officials are handling it.
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at 6	9/13	6pm	:30	More than one-million Missourians will get state refund checks over the next five weeks -- thanks to a Missouri Supreme Court ruling. The state Department of Revenue says almost six-Million dollars in refunds will start going out today. But don't get too excited--the average refund will only be about two dollars. Checks will be sent in order of zip code, from lowest to highest....which means Mid-Missourians will have to wait until St. Louis and Kansas City get their refunds.

Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at 6	9/23	6pm	2:00	Unemployment's down in some parts of Missouri this month. But, unemployment's an increasing problem for many Americans, including those in Mid-Missouri. Rebecca McCurdy types at her desk, one of her duties at Preferred Housing Services. She finally found temporary work there. But, times weren't always so good.
Health/Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	9/24	10pm	2:00	The Columbia-Boone County Community Partnership listened to ideas tonight about the group's future. The group is supposed to help social services in Boone County, ranging from after-school programs like Fun City...To mental health counseling for individuals and families at area schools. But, the organization's reeling from budget cuts, and trying to reorganize, to best use the money it still does have.
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at 6	9/25	6pm	2:00	The Hunter Group was hired to manage the debt-plagued University Health Care. The group claims nursing jobs will not be cut because of the national nurse shortage. According to the people at both Boone and University hospitals, nurses do *not* have to worry about lay-offs, but that does not mean they can keep the jobs they have now....As departments change and shut down, some nurses may have to make difficult choices.
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at 10	9/26	10pm	1:30	Ameren U-E wants to expand its power across Mid-Missouri. Farmers fear losing their land. Beth, Ameren U-E's plan to build transmission lines and substations....could cost farmers their livelihood. Now, they're looking at what options they may have.
Government	KOMU News at 6	9/27	6pm	1:00	Many people are anxiously awaiting the announcement of the new University of Missouri president. The Board of Curators met today. The selection committee moved a step closer today. The committee held a closed meeting to review the 15 candidates who made it this far, from the original 80. Now, the committee's narrowed the list to about eight finalists. Curator Paul Steele says the selection will take just a little more time.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	9/29	10pm	2:00	If you have a one-hundred dollar bill you might want to take a closer look...some phony Franklins are circulating in Columbia. Osama's coffee zone was just one of several Columbia establishments fooled by fake franklins. Taco bell, a few burger kings and even the Mizzou Credit union all recieved counterfeit bills...like these....They look and feel almost like the real thing...
Government	KOMU News at 10	9/30	10pm	2:00	The Columbia Peace Coalition and M-U's Peace Studies Program sponsored tonight's town hall meeting. A standing-room-only crowd packed the church this evening to discuss their views. What began with a range of opinion changed to a decidedly anti-war rally by the end of the evening. However, elected officials who inevitably decide the destiny of a possible conflict were noticeably absent from tonight's meeting.

Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	9/14	10pm	1:30	The electricity is out in large portions of Jefferson City right now. Details are still sketchy as to why the power is out in Jefferson City at this hour. Jefferson City police say at 3:45 this afternoon, power went out over a large portion of Jefferson City. Police tell us this is because a line was cut on a construction site near the Truman Building, which is near the state capitol. Right now, police are still directing traffic at many major intersections. And some stores such as Wal-Mart have had to close early.
Government	KOMU News at 10	9/15	10pm	1:30	Construction crews are working on city roads right now...But don't worry about taking a detour tomorrow. This road will be freshly paved by morning. All of the road construction will cost taxpayers 100-thousand dollars. And for many workers, it's been a long day.
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at 6	9/16	6pm	2:00	A tight budget has the University of Missouri saying *no* to employee raises. But, M-U is finding money to build a drain to protect a piece of art. It's been a tough year for the University. Layoffs, budget cuts and tuition increases. But, how can things be that bad, when the campus is spending 11-thousand dollars on a drain? At the botton of the library stairs, the tiger known as Spot, cost about $180,000 in donated funds. Maintenance of the mosaic is funded by donations, but the area around it is the responsibility of the University.
Government	KOMU News at 6	9/17	6pm	1:00	Funding cuts force Mo-Dot to cut back projects. Voters easily rejected Proposition B, the transportation tax, last month. Now, MoO-Dot says it's put on hold more than 300 construction projects across the state. At Silver Fork Creek, about three miles south of Route C-C, where Mo-Dot planned to pave two lanes and build a two-lane bridge. This is one of nine area projects on hold.
Health	KOMU News at 6	9/18	6pm	2:00	A new management team's in place at M-U Health Care. The Florida-based Hunter Group officially took over today. The contract signed today is for up to two years, and will pay the group as much as 94-thousand dollars a month. The Hunter Group sent two administrators to try to bring the hospital out of its 4-point-9 million dollar debt.
Crime	KOMU News at 10	9/19	10pm	1:00	A Missouri mother and her son are accused of planning to distribute thousands of gallons of a date rape drug. The arrests are part of the U-S government's crackdown on Internet drug trafficking. The Saint Louis area mother and son could face up to 20 years in prison, if they're convicted.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at 10	9/20	10pm	1:00	Ma Bell's bill was never this high. Mid-Missouri residents should beware of making a certain type of long-distance call. It's even more expensive than some 900-numbers. This long-distance phone scam tries to lure customers several ways.
Government	KOMU News at 10	9/22	10pm	2:00	Tis year, 13 states approved significant tax increases...and Missouri could be the next. After November 5th...smokers may have to pay even more for a pack of cigarettes. I has been talked about for years...how to get people to stop smoking. Many states have simply hit smokers in their pocketbooks.