3rd 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 July 1st , 2003 to September 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.

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
Crime	KOMU News at Ten	7/1	10 pm	1:00	Residents at Columbia Square Apartments woke up this morning...to drug dogs sniffing at their doors. The Yarco Company manages the property. It brought in a private security company with drug-sniffing dogs. Yarco says it's doing the searches to provide a safe, drug-free environment for residents.
Crime	KOMU News at Ten	7/2	10 pm	1:30	Unlike bigger cities, Mid-Missouri rarely has shooting sprees like the one in Jefferson City. That's why security may not be at the top of every business budget. "We in Jefferson City, in terms of security, we're rural. We aren't accustomed to all those things done in major metropolitan areas." Hudson says the most common security features in Mid-Missouri include...Fire alarms, burglar alarms, closed-circuit television, and card keys.
Government	KOMU News at Six	7/3	6 pm	:30	The Kansas City International Airport is getting more than three-million dollars for improvements.

					The federal grant money will buy a new generator, plus two new aircraft rescue and fire-fighting trucks. The money comes from the Department of Transportation.
Consumer Issues	KOMU New at Ten	7/4	10 pm	2:00	The Missouri Water Patrol has found the body of a man who has been missing, after a boating accident today at the Lake of the Ozarks.
Economy	KOMU News at Ten	7/5	10 pm	:30	The economy, unemployment and excessive heat have not affected one business. The Farmer's market in Jefferson City is enjoying a promising summer in sales. The demand for fresh vegetables has forced them to extend hours.
Consumer Issue	KOMU News at Ten	7/6	10 pm	:30	Soldier has been killed in Iraq. The soldier was shot in the head while waiting to buy a soft drink at Baghdad University. He was shot at point-blank range. The attacker escaped.
Crime	KOMU News at Six	7/7	6 pm	1:30	A brother and sister are accused of murdering a Columbia man. Gerald Duncan is charged with killing his sister Lucille Duncan's former lover.
Government	KOMU News at Ten	7/8	10 pm	2:15	For the first time, the White House admits it made false accusation in it's pre-war case against Saddam Hussein. N-B-C's Steve Handelsman reports the admission comes on the same day the Iraqi media released tapes allegedly recorded by the former leader.
Government	KOMU News at Six	7/9	6 pm	:30	Before today's 22 vetoes, the Governor still has to decide on 99 measures from this year's legislative session. The House and Senate passed 254 bills.
Government	KOMU News at Ten	7/10	10 pm	:45	Attorney General Jay Nixon says he's going after some of the largest long-distance carriers in Missouri. Nixon says M-C-I and A-T-and T and Southwestern Bell are violating

					the federal law by making telemarketing calls to people who asked them to stop.
Education	KOMU News at Six	7/11	6 pm	1:30	Those budget cuts are having an impact on all schools in Missouri. Today, the Columbia school board approved bids for a few projects, but most will remain on the back-burner for now. KOMU's Yusuf Kalyango Junior takes a look at just where the budget ax dropped.
Drug/Alcohol	KOMU News at Ten	7/12	10 pm		You think budget cuts are bad...try talking to some liquor control agents. Agents across the state are using their homes and garages as offices after the state closed four of the Liquor Control offices in June. The offices were closed, and 13 agents laid off, after the state cut nearly 500-thousand dollars from the Liquor Control budget.
Crime	KOMU News at Ten	7/13	10 pm	:30	The search for the bodies of two missing children lead authorities to Ohio today received information that Sarah and Philip Gehring might have been dropped off in Toledo. Authorities searched areas and parks along the Ohio turnpike, but there were no signs of the children. The search was called off this afternoon.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at Six	7/14	6 pm	:30	A Wichita Kansas woman spoke out today after being accused of child endangerment. The woman admit she made a mistake when she locked three of her four young children in a van yesterday. But, she says she was only gone for a few minutes and the temperature inside her van was still cool. The four children range in ages from 1 to 9, and all are in protective custody tonight.
Consumer Issue	KOMU News at Ten	7/15	10 pm	:30	A missing former Marine calls home, after disappearing with a 12-year-old girl from England. His brother says Toby Studabaker phoned relatives to say the girl is safe and he'll contact the F-B-I. Leo Studabaker says the girl

					lied to his 31-year-old brother about her age after meeting Toby on the Internet.
Health	KOMU News at Six	7/16	6 pm	1:30	Just a few miles away in the small town of Clark... there's Another big problem. Water pipes have burst all over town, and there's no money to fix them. Clark residents are boiling their drinking water until further notice.
Health	KOMU News at Ten	7/17	10 pm	:45	Mid-Missouri has another case of West Nile virus. M-U scientists diagnosed two new animal cases today. One is a bird from Boone County. And, researchers say, a horse near Kansas City also died from the virus. No human cases are reported in Missouri.
Consumer Issue	KOMU New at Six	7/18	6 pm	:30	Some elderly riders in Jefferson City may soon be stranded. The Older Adult Transportation Service, OATS, is cutting back by 50 percent starting August first. Jeff Tran and its program, Handiwheels, will try to pick up some of those passengers.
Consumer Issue	KOMU New at Ten	7/19	10 pm	1:30	40-Thousand tires piling up on land in Boone County are on their way out. After plenty of complaints from neighbors, the tires are finally getting hauled out...and recycled.
Crime	KOMU News at Ten	7/20	10 pm	:45	Columbia police are looking for the suspect in an overnight stabbing. Police officers responded to a call from a local hospital at about 3:30 this morning. Someone brought in a 19-year-old woman with a puncture wound in her chest.
Consumer Issue	KOMU New at Six	7/21	6 pm	1:45	Despite a lawsuit, the state is going forward with a plan to put a list of Missouri's convicted sex offenders online. KOMU's Tim Ragones joins us at our cyber desk. How will this online list change how people learn about sex offenders in their neighborhood?

Education	KOMU News at Ten	7/22	10 pm	1:45	Some M-U students could arrive on campus this fall without a place to live. Residence halls are packed... That's why some returning students who want to live on campus could be out of luck.
Education	KOMU News at Six	7/23	6pm	:30	State budget cuts mean fewer standardized tests for Missouri students. After the state cut half the funding for the Missouri Assessment Program, some districts are cutting out standardized science and social studies Tests.
Health	KOMU News at Ten	7/24	10 pm	:30	An out-of-court settlement means more money for Missouri's Medicaid program. A medical products maker, Abbot Laboratories, was accused of defrauding the state and federal governments. Abbot denies the charge, but agrees to pay 414-million dollars in damages.
Government	KOMU News at Six	7/25	6 pm	:45	Extra security at the state Capitol building has come and gone the past two years...now, it might be coming back. After 9-11, security was tight around the entrance. But, budget cuts forced more than 25 private security guards off the job…after July first. Now, there's more concern for safety after events like Wednesday's fatal shootings at New York City Hall.
Consumer Issues	KOMU News at Ten	7/26	10 pm	1:00	But the remembrance does not come without Controversy. K-O-M-U's Megan Jennings is live from the sight of tonight's vigal. Tonight's vigil has two purposes? That's right. Its part protest, part memorial. Mothers Against Drunk Driving members and supporters gathered here at the capital holding candles, (show it) to raise awareness about drunk driving. The flames purposes are to remember victims of drunk driving accidents.
Consumer Issue	KOMU News	7/27	10	:45	Local veterans marked the anniversary with a reception in

	at Ten		pm		Fulton. The reception provided a chance to remember and talk with other vets about their war experiences. Many veterans think the Korean War has been ignored, and veterans overlooked. They say that makes today's tributes long overdue and bittersweet.
Crime	KOMU News at Six	7/28	6 pm	:30	Police responded to a bank robbery at Boone County National Bank at the corner of Nifong and Providence Around two this afternoon. The suspect used a gun to demand money. And then ran off in a older model white four door heading west on Nifong.
Crime	KOMU News at Ten	7/29	10 pm	:30	Students, teachers and staff are cleaning up in Cairo (KAY-roh). The Randolph County sheriff says juveniles broke into the school and caused as much as half a million dollars in damage. One 16-year old's in custody and the sheriff says two more arrests are possible.
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at Six	7/30	6pm	:30	The number of jobs in Missouri is increasing... but supply is falling behind demand. The state added 48-hundred new jobs last month...and a total of 37 thousand since January. HOWEVER, the June *unemployment* rate is Actually up by three-tenths of a percent.
Jobs/Economy	KOMU News at Ten	7/31	10p m	:30	Columbia's City Manager released the city's latest budget It's totals more than 235- million dollars in spending. The plan includes Public Safety a number of Improvements for public safety...is including an additional juvenile detective and the replacement of emergency warning sirens. It proposes the test of pre-paid Parking meter cards. And work on converting the city's vehicles to bio-diesel.

Consumer Issue	KOMU News at Six	8/1	6 pm	1:00	Thousands of people have helped the Central Missouri Food Bank... But it's still not enough. The food bank says it's dangerously low on food. So, the food bank's holding a fundraiser tonight at the Moberly Wal-Mart Super center.
Government	KOMU News at Ten	8/2	10 pm	:45	Representative Ike Skelton was one of the government officials at the rally. Skelton is the top Democrat for the House Armed Services Committee. He's looking for answers in Josh Neushe's (NEW-shees) death.
Government	KOMU News at Ten	8/3	10 pm	1:30	Israeli and Palestian foreign ministers are meeting face-to-face in another effort to forge peace in the Middle East. The latest meeting is part of the U-S sponsored "Road Map" to Peace plan, which would establish a separate Palestinan state by 20-05.
Education	KOMU News at Six	8/4	6 pm	:45	Linn has had trouble with school finances for a long time. But, tomorrow voters will decide on a tax increase to fix Their schools. This would raise property taxes by 17 cents.
Education	KOMU News at Ten	8/5	10 pm	1:30	We have all your results... starting with a Mexico school tax. Voters in the Mexico district rejected a 50-cent personal property tax increase to help fund schools.
Consumer Issue	KOMU News at Six	8/6	6pm	1:40	Paying a little more at the cash register could make a big difference to Jefferson City's parks. A proposed sales tax would mean more money for Parks and Recreation.
Crime	KOMU News at Ten	8/7	10 pm	:30	The Saint Louis Area Major Case Squad is investigating an apparent murder in a usually peaceful neighborhood. The body of 16-year-old Rodney Rankins Junior was Found last night in the suburb of Ladue.

Health	KOMU News at Six	8/8	6 pm	1:15	Missouri health officials say dry weather could be responsible for fewer human cases of West Nile virus this summer. So far, there's been one reported human case of the virus in Missouri, but that's not confirmed. About 40 birds have died this year, half as many as last year.
Consumer Issue	KOMU News at Ten	8/9	10 pm	:15	Two Lebanon teenagers are dead after the car they were in crossed the median on Interstate. The highway patrol says 17-year-old Brian Mcfadin and 16-year-old Nicholas Shearer died when a tractor-trailer hit their car.
Consumer Issue	KOMU News at Ten	8/10	10 pm	:20	Two men are in the hospital after they fell hundreds of Feet down a cliff at Cliff Cave Park in St.Louis. One landed in a tree. The other hit the ground.
Crime	KOMU News at Six	8/11	6pm	1:15	Columbia Police are looking for help tonight... after someone fired more than 20 shots into a Columbia apartment building. K-O-M-U's Miun Seo is live at the Jefferson Commons apartment complex. Columbia police Say ten people were inside the apartment when two people opened fire outside.
Consumer Issue	KOMU News at Ten	8/12	10 pm	:30	Why would you think about the furnace when it's 85 degrees outside? Because the Department of Natural Resources wants you to. At a meeting in Jefferson City today, the D-N-R again warned about higher heating bills this winter.
Education	KOMU News at Six	8/13	6 pm	1:00	Increasing class size may be the answer Missouri school Districts are looking for to deal with their tight budgets. Classes at Columbia's Rock Bridge High School will have Another four or five students each.
Consumer Issue	KOMU News at Ten	8/14	10 pm	1:45	Two dollars and fifty cents isn't much unless you have to pay it time and time again. Full time Lake of the Ozarks drivers are fed up with paying two fifty at the five year old

					toll bridge. They say the toll's too high, so they're trying to lower it.
Consumer Issue	KOMU News at Six	8/15	6 pm	1:15	The lights are back on in the Northeast, after the biggest blackout in U-S history. Could a similar incident happen in Mid-Missouri? One utility official in Jefferson City says our region is better connected than the Northeast.
Consumer Issue	KOMU News at Ten	8/16	10 pm	:30	Residents are divided over a centuries-old house in Jefferson City. Some want to save it...others want to demolish it. The Salvation Army owns the Lohman House. But the old building has been too dangerous to use and no one has come forward to move it.
Consumer Issue	KOMU New at Ten	8/17	10 pm	:30	Fairgoers in Washington saw a horrifying sight. A Man dies after getting stuck in the tracks of a moving roller coaster. Officials say that the 40-year-old man was trying to lubricate the ride while it was in progress.
Education	KOMU New at Six	8/18	6 pm	1:00	A challenging new school year begins in several Mid Missouri school districts this week. State funding cuts for education forced some districts to cut teachers.
Government	KOMU News at Ten	8/19	10 pm	:45	Attorney General John Ashcroft is campaigning across the U-S to defend the Patriot Act. Ashcroft also reacted to today's bombing at U-N headquarters in Baghdad. He says America's winning the war on terror, thanks to Anti-terrorist laws that Congress passed after 9-11.
Health	KOMU New at Six	8/20	6 pm	:15	A former Kansas City paramedic faces charges of diluting Painkillers. Police say 39 year old Craig Starr switched Demerol with salt-water. Police say the switch wasn't life-threatening to the patients in the ambulance.
Government	KOMU New at Ten	8/21	10 pm	:30	About 140-thousand U-S troops are on guard against increasing violence in Iraq. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld say that's enough troop strength. The Bush

					Administration says the country will get the most help from international military.
Health	KOMU New at Six	8/22	6pm	:45	Hundreds of Kansas city residents camped out overnight on the Kansas City speedway, but not to get tickets to a race. In fact they were lined up to get free dental care. More than 900 dentists, hygienists and office personnel Volunteered to give service to anyone without insurance.
Crime	KOMU New at Ten	8/23	10 pm	:15	The former priest at the center of the Boston archdiocese's sex abuse scandal is dead--after another Inmate kills him while in prison.
Education	KOMU New at Ten	8/24	10 pm	1:00	This week's hot weather is causing schools to close early. On their first day back...Columbia schools will let out students at all non-air-conditioned elementary schools at Noon. There are 16 in all...so be sure to look for yours.
Government	KOMU New at Six	8/25	6pm	:30	President Bush plans to hold a fundraiser in St. Louis tomorrow. It's going to be his 12th visit to Missouri since he took office. Along with raising money for his re-election campaign, the president hopes to raise money for Missouri Senator Kit Bond.
Government	KOMU News at Ten	8/26	10 pm	2:10	During his visit, the president focused on the war against Terrorism. "We've adopted a new strategy, for a new kind of war, will not wait for known enemies to strike us again".
Economy/Jobs	KOMU New at Six	8/27	6 pm	:20	If you think we pay a lot for electricity, a new ranking might interest you. The Department of Economic Development says Missouri ranks seventh in the nation for the lowest residential energy prices. Last year, we paid an average of six-point-four cents per kilowatt hour for electricity, compared to the national average of eight-point-two cents.

Consumer Issue	KOMU News at Ten	8/28	10 pm	:40	The Highway Patrol says it can *not* follow a new law requiring a statewide, online sex offender list because of lack of funding. That means Missouri is one of only seven states without a sex offender website.
Education	KOMU New at Six	8/29	6pm	2:00	The Jefferson City school district released its MAP test Scores today. And by next Tuesday, all Missouri schools will announce their scores. Hours of class time are spent making sure students do well on the standardized tests.
Economy/Jobs	KOMU News at Ten	8/30	10 pm	:40	Many of those drivers have seen gas prices rising recently. And the start of the Labor Day weekend has some gas prices reaching even higher. But one station in Massachusetts is offering gas for a dollar a gallon. The station lowered their prices today from eight AM to noon to show their customer appreciation.
Consumer Issue	KOMU New at Ten	8/31	10 pm	:40	Kansas authorities are looking for victims of a flash flood. Four children are dead and two others missing after a flash flood washed *seven* cars off right off of Interstate 35 in Kansas. Water pushed through cement flood barriers.
Consumer Issue	KOMU New at Ten	9/1	10 pm	:20	It's been a deadly weekend for driving in Missouri. So far, 11 people have died on state roads this three-day Holiday weekend. A total of 10 people died during last year's Labor Day weekend. The Highway Patrol counts deaths on state roads from 6 o'clock last Friday night until midnight tonight.
Education	KOMU New at Six	9/2	6 pm	:45	Leaders from school districts across Missouri say they're tired of losing money from the state budget...Some districts may sue to get a change. That's a big Reason why lawmakers started reviewing the state's public school funding processes.

Economy/Jobs	KOMU New at Ten	9/3	10 pm	:30	Mid-Missouri town will gain jobs, starting next spring. A sporting goods plant, Ardent Outdoors, will open in Macon's Industrial Park. Improvements to local highways and other facilities make this a hot spot for development, and development means more jobs.
Education	KOMU New at Six	9/4	6 pm	1:30	School superintendents had lunch today with Governor Holden to talk about budget cuts. The educators discussed the effects of the budget cuts resulting from Holden's school fund withholdings.
Consumer Issue	KOMU News at Ten	9/5	10 pm	:20	Landlords disagree about what to do with bad roads in a Neighborhood south of Columbia. They own the private roads which are filled with potholes. One landlord says they won't get fixed because part of the neighborhood has Government housing and those owners won't pay. One driver says the roads have been full of potholes for Years.
Jobs/Economy	KOMU New at Ten	9/6	10 pm	1:00	Fayette residents hope stores will soon open *their* doors in the community. Financial experts say the economy is on the upswing, but residents disagree. Officials in Fayette hope economic change will come in the form of new business. Right now, there are no retail outlets in the area.
Consumer Issue	KOMU New at Ten	9/7	10 pm	:20	Wild mountain lions are moving back into the Ozarks--but Nobody knows just how many, or how far they've spread. The lions are the biggest cats in North America, and were Spotted north of the Missouri River. It's illegal to hunt mountain lions unless they are pursuing humans, livestock or domestic animals.
Education	KOMU New at Six	9/8	6 pm	:20	The Columbia School board meets tonight and will discuss statewide performance standards ...and how to

					measure them. Less than half of Columbia public schools did not meet minimum progress standards last year under the No Child Left Behind Act. That's a federal Law to measure student progress through testing.
Education	KOMU New at Ten	9/9	10 pm	:30	Belt tightening at the University of Missouri results in an Audit of six programs. The audit includes art history, And archaeology, physics and astronomy, theatre, physiology, Industrial and manufacturing and entomology. Administrators picked programs like the entomology department because of their high cost and low enrollment.
Government	KOMU New at Six	9/10	6 pm	:40	The veto override brought many protestors to the capitol to voice their opinions on the abortion bill. Groups from each side hoped representatives would vote for their cause. Some say the 24 hour waiting period would protect women from hasty decisions, while others say Lawmakers should stay out of women's personal lives.
Consumer Issue	KOMU New at Ten	9/11	10 pm	:45	More than 200 people gathered near the Boone County Courthouse for today's 9-11 memorial service. Many recalled the victims of the terrorist attacks, while others thought of their families.<"I feel it's important that we keep the thought, and we keep praying for the people that have to deal with this daily.">
Government	KOMU New at Six	9/12	6 pm	1:15	Lawmakers voted to override the governor's veto...making a 24-hour waiting period mandatory before an abortion. K-O-M-U's Sarah Pierik is here with both sides of the issue. Missouri abortions have been dropping since 1980, but lawmakers still feel women who do choose to have one are not aware of the consequences. The new waiting period is supposed to be a time when doctors must tell patients about the potential physical and

					emotional risks.
Consumer Issue	KOMU News at Ten	9/13	10 pm	:45	Security was out in full force for the first Mizzou Home Football Game. Columbia and M-U Police Departments... along with the Missouri Highway Patrol took part. They searched bags to make sure people didn't bring weapons into the game. While M-U Police say there have not been major changes in the rules at Faurot, one fan says regulations can sometimes go too far.
Consumer Issue	KOMU New at Ten	9/14	10 pm	1:00	Columbia's Pagan community held its second Pride Day. The festival includes vendors from area pagan artists and businesses...As well as booths for other groups like The Green Party. The event kicked off with a pagan Ritual. Organizers say the goal is education.
Government	KOMU New at Six	9/15	6 pm	1:20	Missourians are getting ready to take advantage of the State's new law that allows people to carry concealed weapons. But not everyone knows what the law is About. K-O-M-U's Greg Moore has the answers. Mark Kelly has been a distribution driver for 20 years. He worries about where guns might show up. "People carrying these firearms, they feel they're above the law. They feel they can do whatever they want to do because They can carry a weapon."
Health	KOMU new at Ten	9/16	10 pm	:30	The Red Dress campaign has science to back it up: A study released this week finds women who exercise regularly live longer than any other group. Researchers on 6,000 women followed six- thousand women for eleven years. They found women heart problems who were most fit had the lowest rate of heart problems. The American Heart Association and the Centers for Disease Control recommends women exercise 30-

					minutes a day to prevent heart disease.
Consumer Issue	KOMU New at Six	9/17	6 pm	1:30	You see parents waiting at the school bus stop.. Waiting for their kids to come home safely... are the bus drivers themselves safe? New rules for school bus drivers went into effect last month.
Consumer Issue	KOMU New at Ten	9/18	10 pm	:40	22- pit bulls are recovering after the Pettis County Sheriff's department shut down a suspected dog fighting ring. Deputies took the dogs after receiving an anonymous tip. The Central Missouri Humane Society says some of the dogs have cuts and scars and weren't cared for. No one knows where the owners are ... But the Sheriff's Department says they may face serious Consequences.
Crime	KOMU New at Six	9/19	6 pm	:30	St. Louis could have its lowest murder rate in forty years. The police chief says the last time the city's murder rate was this low . . . . John F. Kennedy was president. In 20-01, the city had 140 homicides. Last year, there were 113. And, right now, there have been only 56 in the city so far. The police chief hopes the city ends the year below 100 murders.
Government	KOMU New at Ten	9/20	10 pm	:30	The Missouri Democratic Party has a new home in the Capital city. Representatives from across the state came to Jefferson City for the grand opening of the new Democratic Headquarters. They took tours of the building, saw a ribbon cutting and attended the Democratic State Meeting.
Consumer Issue	KOMU News at Ten	9/21	10 pm	1:30	The war in Iraq might be over, but lots of local soldiers Are still serving their country. One mid-Missouri man decided to open his home for a party to honor them .K-O-

					M-U's Knez Walker tells us how small town parties Draw big time festivities. <It wasn't just Centertown that came out to celebrate troops.
Economy/Jobs	KOMU News at Six	9/22	6 pm	:30	Columbia's 3-M plant employs seven hundred people. The last layoffs were in 2000. One employee K-O-M-U talked to today says the reason for the layoffs is because more work is heading overseas to 3M's plant in Singapore. He predicts Columbia's plant will lose as much as half its production. He says only 192 labor workers will still be employed by the end of 20--04.
Economy/Jobs	KOMU News at Ten	9/23	10 pm	2:15	Other Columbia businesses try to absorb 3-M employees. Recent layoffs at 3M and other businesses mean more than 100 Mid-Missourians will soon be searching for New places to work.
Economy/Jobs	KOMU News at Six	9/24	6 pm	:45	Natural gas prices are expected to jump 25 percent this winter. So, Mid-Missourians are finding ways to reduce Heating bills. One way they're doing it is by adding insulation. The Nemow (NEE-moh) Insulation Company says business is booming. Adding insulation to attics can reduce gas bills by as much as 30 percent.
Health	KOMU News at Ten	9/25	10 pm	2:00	If you live in Columbia or Jefferson City, finding a Dentist probably isn't that difficult. But K-O-M-U's Ilana Goldfogel is here to tell us that finding a dentist in Small town is like pulling teeth. It is a problem And it may get worse before it gets better. That's because dental school graduates seem to want To live and work in metropolitan areas. So when an older Dentist retires, there's no one to takeover.

Education	KOMU News at Six	9/26	6 pm	:20	Missouri is getting 108-million dollars for a statewide reading program. The federal grant will help the Reading First program over the next six years. It's part of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. And can be used to hire reading coaches and offer teacher training. Districts will compete for that money.
Consumer Issue	KOMU New at Ten	9/27	10 pm	:30	Minnesota tonight are trying to identify the remains of four people who died when a train hit their car at a railroad crossing. Officials say the driver ignored warning Lights and drove around the cross-arms. The train Conductor saw the car, hit the emergency brakes, but the car did not stop. Emergency crews pronounced the four Passengers in the car dead at the scene.
Education	KOMU News at Ten	9/28	10 pm	2:15	The achievement gap is standardized test scores a problem across the country. And today in Columbia, five African-American educators were honored for their work in closing this gap.
Economy/Jobs	KOMU News at Six	9/29	6 pm	2:00	Fewer drivers, means less demand, which means.. gas Prices are dropping. But how much longer will gas Prices stay down? KOMU's Sarah Jackson is live at a Sinclair gas station. This gas station has one of the Cheapest prices in town, but the trend is spreading throughout Mid-Missouri.
Economy/Jobs	KOMU New at Ten	9/30	10 pm	:30	The road to economic growth was the focus of a meeting today in Columbia. Part of Mid-Missouri's strategy is to get ideas from local businesses on how to generate more jobs in the area. The Department of Economic Development appointed several teams across the state to come up with suggestions.