Stories we never want to see again
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Warning: Only pay attention to this list if you want to pitch good story ideas. Remember, there are ways to *creatively* break the rules in reporting. If there is something *new* with any of the following, pitch it as a *news* story.

- Farmer’s market
- Community gardening
- Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture (CUCA)
- Pagans/Wiccans
- Society for Creative Anachronism
- Belly Dancers
- Tattoos/tattoo artists
- PedNet/Get About Columbia
- PET Project
- How bad Columbia’s water tastes
- Blood drives/Red Cross is on “red alert”
- Overeating causes weight gain
- A new restaurant is opening
- A new/existing restaurant is giving away freebies
- Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri needs help
- People are shopping/preparing for: Christmas, Hanukkah, Valentine’s Day, Halloween, 4th of July, Veteran’s Day, Memorial Day, etc.
- Twilight Festival/Festival of Lights
- Homeless people are cold
- Homeless people are hot
- It’s cold/hot/snowy/rainy
- Economic impact of a sporting event
- Anything about why there are so many Wal-Marts in Columbia, or new things happening in those stores
- Greek stories – no, not the country – fraternity/sorority stories
- Where are folks going on spring break?!
- How do downtown merchants survive without student income/workers over the summer?
- Stories on events taking place at Daniel Boone Public Library
- Cool new websites, apps, etc.
- Musical events, new plays in town
- Tips. Things like: how to winterize your car, how to save money on your energy bill
- Therapeutic Riding Center helps the disabled
- Local train club plays with its models
- Yoga – I didn’t know you could do that in Columbia!
• Organic foods in mid-Missouri
• Student Organization “X” does “Y”
• Hey everybody, let's recycle!
• How to treat medical condition “X” with drug/therapy/spiritual beliefs/personal philosophy “Y”
• The people and programs of your favorite local charity (Salvation Army/Voluntary Action Center/American Cancer Society, etc.)
• Anything having to do with any kind of diet
• Annual stories: Fireworks safety, back to school shopping, the first snow of the year, snow plows are out, etc.
• Wear sunscreen, your seatbelt, eat more veggies, exercise more, or anything else that falls in the realm of common sense
• Anything related to any reality tv series
• Anything about how bad Columbia's roads are (without any new research)
• Biofuels
• Anything “green”
• Profile of a drag queen
• What do international students think about Columbia
• Stories about MizzouRec, its programs, facilities, etc.
• Colony Collapse Disorder/mysteriously dying bees
• Chronic Wasting Disease
• iPads in kindergarten classrooms (or any classroom)
• Fashion/makeup trends
• 3D printing
• Millennial farmers
• Roller derby
• Solar panels
• Cigarettes are cheap here/tobacco tax reintroduced
• Dairy farmers get tax breaks
• Boonville reconstruction/economic redevelopment