Commentary: Putting Lock's old tweets in perspective
Columbia Daily Tribune – August 1, 2018
Saturday morning, a reader emailed the Columbia Daily Tribune with a news tip. This reader pointed out that one of University of Missouri’s faces of its athletic department, quarterback Drew Lock, had crafted some unflattering tweets when he was a teenager.

Lock’s old, insensitive tweets surface
Columbia Missourian – August 1, 2018
University of Missouri’s football team is the latest to be hit by the recent trend of digging up old, insensitive tweets. Multiple tweets from quarterback Drew Lock surfaced Wednesday in a report from the Columbia Daily Tribune after the outlet received a tip from a reader Saturday. The tweets, which the reader sent in links to the Tribune in an email, dated back to 2011 when Lock was in middle school.

Report proposes University of Missouri Greek system changes
The Kansas City Star - August 1, 2018
University of Missouri recommendations to improve its fraternity and sorority system could sharply reduce freshmen students living in chapter houses.

Research study looks at air quality and child health*
KOMU - August 1, 2018
Parents are on the hunt for school supplies, but researchers are finding not all school supplies are safe. A group of researchers from the University of Missouri are working to determine how harmful volatile organic compounds impact children’s health.

This $89 Star Wars-themed droid inventor kit is a STEM toy parents like me can really get behind — and my kids love
Business Insider UK - August 1, 2018
Summer is when kids are supposed to laze around the house and let their brains rot, right? Think again. A University of Missouri meta-analysis of several studies suggests that students lose about a month’s worth of school learning during the summer, math declines are sharper than reading, and higher grade levels have steeper losses.

Legal experts weigh in on 3D printed guns debate
KOMU - August 1, 2018
MU law professor Royce Barondes, who teaches firearms law, said Lasnik used an administrative statute to block the settlement. "A federal judge has said that it needs to ascertain whether or not the law governing how rules are changed and promulgated by the federal government, whether those statutes have been followed," he said.

Kris Kobach’s Lucrative Trail of Courtroom Defeats
Mother Jones and ProPublica – August 2, 2018
"This sounds a little bit to me like Harold Hill in 'The Music Man,'” said Larry Dessem, a law professor at the University of Missouri who focuses on legal ethics. "Got a problem here in River City and we can solve it if you buy the band instruments from me. He is selling something that goes well beyond legal services."

New survey puts Missouri in the middle for student debt
KRCG – August 1, 2018
No MU Mention - A new survey by the personal finance website WalletHub ranked Missouri 26th for student debt. Past studies by U.S. News & World Report and The Institute for College Access & Success have ranked Missouri 22nd and 29th, respectively. The latter study also found the average Missouri college student graduates with $27,532 worth of debt.

University of Missouri System

UM System curators move to appeal graduate employee ruling
Missouri Business Alert - August 1, 2018
The University of Missouri System Board of Curators has filed a notice of appeal that challenges a June decision regarding a lawsuit brought against the board by graduate student workers.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Through Rose-Colored Glasses*
UMKC Today – July 31, 2018
Through word and action, Mahryn Barron connects with others.

Historic Kansas City Adds Westport To Annual List Of 'Most Endangered' Places
KCUR – July 31, 2018
This year’s list contains at-risk closed schools, historic churches, and apartment buildings as well as sites such as baseball legend Buck O’Neil’s home, the Epperson House on the UMKC campus, and the Aladdin Theater in the historic Northeast.

How’s It Moving? We Check In A Year After Our Infrastructure Project
Flatland KC – July 30, 2018
As Kansas City voters went to the polls for a ballot measure to extend the streetcar to the Plaza and UMKC campus, KCPT’s Week in Review host, Nick Haines, asked local reporters about the likelihood of approval.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

College Factual again rates S&T among best for engineering, great value*
Phelps County Focus - Jul 31, 2018
For traditional students, non-traditional adult learners, military veterans and the value-conscious, Missouri University of Science and Technology is one of the nation's best universities, according to the latest rankings by the college ratings site College Factual.

Learn how women shaped the American Civil War this Friday*
Phelps County Focus – August 1
Community members can learn about the changing roles of women during the Civil War at a guest lecture at Missouri University of Science and Technology this Friday, Aug. 3.

New 3D-printing tech can make phones last longer
The Times of India (13 million reach) – August 1
Scientists, including one of Indian origin, have developed a new method to 3D print battery parts that can vastly improve the capacity and life of smartphone batteries... Researchers from Carnegie Mellon University and Missouri University of Science and Technology in the US developed a method of 3D printing battery electrodes that creates a 3D microlattice structure with controlled porosity.

How mobster 'Bugsy' Siegel shaped Las Vegas
Las Vegas Channel 3/KSNV – August 1
Perhaps the best-known underworld figures whose name is associated with the early years of the Las Vegas Strip is Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel. The mobster's name is also the title of a book by Missouri University of Science and Technology professor Larry Gragg, who is giving a lecture on the subject Thursday night at the Clark County Library on East Flamingo.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

St. Louis Democrat hopes to duplicate Ocasio-Cortez feat
The Associated Press (via ABC News) - August 1, 2018
Experts say Bush faces long odds. University of Missouri-St. Louis political scientist Terry Jones said Clay may have a relatively low national profile, but that doesn't matter to his constituents.

UA launches Blockchain Center of Excellence to work on industry applications
Talk Business & Politics - August 1, 2018
The university tapped Mary Lacity from the University of Missouri-St. Louis as the director of the center. Lacity is an author on the blockchain topic and deemed one of the foremost educators in the new field. She joined the UA this summer after being a keynote speaker at the UA’s blockchain conference held in Fayetteville on April 6. Lacity foresees the center of excellence serving as a platform-agnostic, open and inclusive resource for Arkansas and beyond. She said the technology is immature and enterprises need to overcome significant obstacles to transition more blockchains out of innovation labs into real world use. She said most of the value in blockchain lies in its yet-to-be developed potential and a wide range of research and business applications.

PGA Championship 2018: Michael Block is coming back home—thanks to his quick-thinking son
Golfworld - August 1, 2018
Block, who played college golf at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, grew up two miles from Bellerive. He attended the PGA Championship there in 1992 and had Payne Stewart and winner Nick Price sign his program.
Ohio State Places Head Football Coach on Leave
The Chronicle of Higher Education – August 2, 2018
Ohio State University announced on Wednesday that it was placing its head football coach, Urban Meyer, on paid administrative leave while it investigates allegations that he knew that one of his assistant coaches had been accused of domestic violence three years ago.

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