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INTERNATIONAL:

J. Brian Atwood, dean of the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, and former director of the U.S. Agency for International Development discusses the upcoming referendum on the Iraqi constitution (10/5/05). Stephen Van Evera, a professor of political science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology discusses the current status of the Iraqi war and the future of the new Iraqi constitution (10/26/05). Peter Wallensteen, professor of peace and conflict research at Uppsala University discusses the legacy of former United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, at the Westminster Town Hall Forum in downtown Minneapolis (10/27/05). Minnesota Republican Congressmen Mark Kennedy and John Kline, and J. Brian Atwood, dean of the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, on their recent trips to Iraq (11/25/05). Abbas Mehdi, an American citizen, Iraq native and sociologist at St. Cloud State, on the progress of the Saddam Hussein trial (12/8/05). Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in conversation with former Rep. Vin Weber, R-Minn., on the future of Middle East peace efforts (12/9/05). J. Brian Atwood, dean of the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs on the Iraq elections (12/15/05). Author and journalist George Packer at the Commonwealth Club of California on why the conduct of the Iraq war is "a disaster" and his new book, "The Assassins' Gate: America in Iraq" (12/20/05). Former Ambassador Barbara Bodine, who worked with the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq during 2003 and is currently the executive director of the Middle East Governance Initiative at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, on the charges of fraud in the recent Iraqi elections (12/22/05).

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

David Stras, a law professor at the University of Minnesota discusses John Roberts debut as Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and the announcement of Harriet Miers as replacement for the retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (10/3/05). Congressional expert Norman Ornstein of the American Enterprise Institute analyzes the federal preparations for and response to Hurricane Katrina in a speech at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute (10/7/05). The NPR series "Justice Talking" examines the limits of attorney-client privilege in terrorist cases (10/11/05). Jennifer Bloom, executive director of the Learning Law and Democracy Foundation discusses fundamental rights in the U.S. Constitution (10/18/05). Vin Weber, a former Minnesota Republican congressman and co-director of the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute Policy Forum discusses Harriett Miers' withdrawal from nomination as a U.S. Supreme Court justice (10/27/05). Daria Roithmayr, law professor at the University of Minnesota served as special counsel to Sen. Ted Kennedy from 1990-91 during the confirmation hearings for Justices David Souter and Clarence Thomas and discusses the future of the U.S. Supreme Court (10/28/05). Steven Smith, director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis on President Bush's new Supreme Court nominee, Judge Samuel Alito (10/31/05). Former Ambassador Joseph Wilson at the National Press Club in Washington on the indictment and resignation of Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff Lewis "Scooter" Libby in the case of outed undercover CIA agent – and Wilson's wife -Valerie Plame (10/31/05). Louis Freeh, who served as FBI director under President Bill

Clinton, on his book "My FBI: Bringing Down the Mafia, Investigating Bill Clinton, and Fighting the War on Terror" (11/3/05). U.S. Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn. on latest congressional developments in Washington (11/4/05). David Gergen, adviser to Republican and Democratic administrations running back to Richard Nixon, in a recent speech in Minneapolis on the performance of the Bush administration (11/8/05). U.S. Sen. John McCain laid out his own blueprint for winning the war in Iraq during a speech at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington (11/11/05). Former Republican Congressman Bob Barr, speaking recently at the City Club of Cleveland on extension of the Patriot Act (11/17/05). Former Minnesota congressman Tim Penny, now a senior fellow and co-director of the Humphrey Institute Policy Forum at University of Minnesota, on the details of the new U.S. budget bill (11/18/05). Two opposing views on the war in Iraq: one from Vice President Dick Cheney, another from Rep. John Murtha, D-Penn. (11/21/05). Michael Hurley, senior director of policy for the 9/11 Public Discourse Project, on the poor implementation of the 9/11 Commission's recommendations, followed by Washington Post reporter Dana Priest on her own scorecard for America's progress in the war on terror. (12/5/05). Steven Smith, director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis, on President Bush's latest visit to Minnesota (12/9/05). James Lee Witt, who was director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency during the Clinton Administration, at the City Club Forum in Cleveland on how to improve the agency in the wake of Hurricane Katrina (12/19/05). Susan Bloch, a constitutional law professor at the Georgetown University Law Center's Supreme Court Institute, and Minnesota native Norman Ornstein, a political analyst and resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, discuss the constitutional limits of presidential power (12/20/05).

STATE POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Legislative leaders House Speaker Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon, and Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar, discuss the likelihood of a special session (10/7/05). Political analysts Bob Meek and Tom Horner discuss the upcoming city/county elections on Nov. 8 (10/24/05). Minneapolis mayoral candidates R.T. Rybak and Peter McLaughlin faced off in a debate Thursday night moderated by Midday host Gary Eichten (10/28/05). St. Paul Mayor Randy Kelly and his challenger, former City Council Member Chris Coleman, followed by incumbent Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak and Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin in their last debates before the cities' mayoral elections (11/7/05). Mayoral race winners R.T. Rybak and St. Paul Mayor-elect Chris Coleman on their plans for their cities' future (11/9/05). Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar, and House Speaker Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon, on legislative plans for the state's budget surplus (11/30/05). Former Minnesota Gov. Arne Carlson on his recent cause of civility in politics and responsibility in public finance (12/2/05). The pros and cons on the recent Hennepin County smoking ban revision with Commissioner Peter McLaughlin, smoking ban critic and bar owner Martin Duffy of Osseo, St. Paul City Council Member Dave Thune, Minneapolis City Council President Paul Ostrow and statewide smoking ban proponent Rep. Ron Latz, DFL-St. Louis Park. (12/14/05). Political analysts Bob Meek, a democrat, and Tom Horner, a Republican, on the year in Minnesota politics (12/26/05). St. Paul Mayor Randy Kelly, who leaves office next week after losing his reelection bid to Chris Coleman, looks back on the highlights of his career (12/29/05).

EDUCATION:

Sir Kenneth Robinson, a retired professor of education at the United Kingdom's University of Warwick on why creativity is just as important as reading, writing and arithmetic in an a speech at the Children's Theatre Company in Minneapolis (11/2/05). The Milken award winners from Minnesota: Jeannine Salzer, a math teacher at Hopkins North Junior High, and Karen Teff who teaches math in Deer River (11/3/05). Charlie Kyte, executive director of the Minnesota Association of School Administrators, and Mark Steffer, vice president of the state teacher's union Education Minnesota, on a proposal to extend the state's K-12 school year (12/13/05). A roundtable discussion on the year in Minnesota education issues (12/27/05).

HEALTH/SCIENCE:

Rich Naistat, science and operations officer in the Twin Cities office of the National Weather Service on the recent extremes in Minnesota weather (10/5/05). Dr. Harry Hull, state epidemiologist, on the threat of avian flu pandemic, followed by a new documentary from the Gray Matters series exploring cutting-edge brain research on frontal lobe damage, memory and Parkinson's disease (10/10/05). Mark Seeley, a meteorologist and climatologist at the University of Minnesota on the latest weather trends and the coming winter (10/21/05). Susan Bartlett Foote, a professor at the Division of Health Services Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota, and Kelli Jo Greiner, Medicare Part D coordinator at the Minnesota Board on Aging, on the new Medicare drug plan that takes effect Jan. 1st (11/15/05). Dr. Jon Ebbert, professor of medicine at the Mayo Clinic and member of its Nicotine Dependence Center, on the latest research in smoking cessation therapy (11/17/05). Michael Osterholm, director of the University of Minnesota's Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, on the CDC's plans for fighting bird flu (11/23/05). Mark Seeley, a meteorologist and climatologist at the University of Minnesota, on winter in Minnesota (12/28/05). Veterinarian Dr. Kate An Hunter, owner of the Carver Lake Veterinary Center, on proper pet care (12/29/05).

BUSINESS/ECONOMICS:

United States Comptroller General David Walker, head of the non-partisan Government Accountability Office, on the future of the U.S. budget, followed by remarks from former U.S. Sen. David Durenberger, R-Minn. (10/19/05). MPR Chief Economics Correspondent Chris Farrell and Louis Johnston, an economist at St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict in Collegeville discuss the future of the Federal Reserve after the retirement of its chairman, Alan Greenspan (10/25/05). Minnesota State Revenue Commissioner Dan Salomone on what Minnesotans can expect from two possible plans to overhaul the Federal tax system (11/2/05). Richard Bohr, professor of Asian history at St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict, on Gov. Pawlenty's economic trade trip to China (11/8/05). Reagan administration trade official Clyde Prestowitz in a recent speech at the Commonwealth Club of California on how America's budget deficits are accelerating the rise of Asian economic power (11/9/05). Roy Grow director of the international relations program at Carleton College in Northfield, on American prospects for trade in China (11/16/05). The world of entrepreneurship with Dick Schulze, founder and chairman of Richfield-based Best Buy, in conversation with Bill Gates, founder and chief software architect of Microsoft at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul (11/16/05). Automotive journalist Paul Eisenstein, publisher of the internet magazine thecarconnection.com

on the survival of the U.S. auto industry (11/22/05). State Revenue Commissioner Dan Salomone and Senate Tax Committee Chair Larry Pogemiller, DFL-Minneapolis, on the upcoming Truth In Taxation hearings throughout Minnesota (11/28/05). Vicki Tigwell, chair of the Metropolitan Airports Commission, and Terry Trippler, a travel analyst with cheapseats.com, on the future of Northwest Airlines (11/29/05). Arthur Rolnick, senior vice president and director of research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, on the future of the St. Paul Ford plant (12/7/05). Economist Ed Lotterman, who writes a regular column for the St. Paul Pioneer Press, and Fred Zimmerman, a professor of engineering and technology management at the University of St. Thomas, on the future of Minnesota manufacturing jobs (12/19/05). A repeat of a conversation at the University of St. Thomas this past fall with Dick Schulze, founder and chairman of Richfield-based Best Buy, and Bill Gates, founder and chief software architect of Microsoft (12/28/05). Looking ahead to the 2006 economy with MPR Chief Economics Correspondent Chris Farrell (12/30/05).

SPORTS:

Jerry Bell, president of Twins Sports Incorporated, on legislative proposals for a new Twins ballpark (10/11/05). Sports reporter Sean Jensen of the St. Paul Pioneer Press, and Jim Klobuchar, longtime reporter and Star Tribune columnist discuss the impact of the Minnesota Vikings' cruise boat incident on the team's future (10/13/05).

CULTURE/ARTS:

Dominic Papatola, a theater critic for the St. Paul Pioneer Press, reviews the life and career of playwright and former St. Paul resident August Wilson who died of liver cancer Sunday (10/3/05). Playwright Edward Albee, best known for writing "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf," speaks from the Westminster Town Hall Forum in downtown Minneapolis (10/6/05). Jonathan Eig, author of "Luckiest Man: The Life and Death of Lou Gehrig," and Bruce Feiler, who wrote "Where God Was Born: A Journey By Land to the Roots of Religion" in recent Twin Cities speeches (10/19/05). Minnesota history buff Dave Kenney, author of "Minnesota Goes to War" and "Twin Cities Album" (10/20/05). Excerpts of the American RadioWorks documentary "No Place for a Woman" followed by MPR's Movie Maven, Stephanie Curtis on the new motion picture based on the incident, "North Country" (10/21/05). Nathaniel Fick discusses his new book "One Bullet Away: The Making of a Marine Officer" in a recent appearance at the Commonwealth Club of California (10/26/05). Salman Rushdie, the Indian-born British novelist who was forced into hiding after the Iranian government put out a death warrant on him in 1989, at the Westminster Town Hall Forum in downtown Minneapolis (11/10/05). Jim Klobuchar, longtime sportswriter and columnist at the Minneapolis Star Tribune, on his latest book of essays, "Walking Briskly Toward the Sunset," followed by this year's edition of "Giving Thanks" with MPR music host John Birge with music, poetry and stories of the Thanksgiving season (11/24/05). A performance by Bernice Johnson Reagon, founder of the Grammy Award-winning singing group "Sweet Honey in the Rock" at the Westminster Town Hall Forum (11/25/05). National Book Award laureate T.C. Boyle reads his short story "Chicxulub" (11/29/05). Journalist Jonah Eller-Isaacs on his discovery that people in sub-Saharan Africa are using the unlikely tool of music to fight the dread disease of AIDS (12/1/05). Voices of Minnesota profiles Lou Bellamy, director of the African-American Penumbra Theater in St. Paul, and Rick Shiomi, director of Minneapolis' Mu Performing Arts, which presents Asian-American theater and traditional Japanese Daiko drumming (12/7/05). The public radio series "Hearing Voices" in a

special program remembering John Lennon's life and music on the 25th anniversary of his death (12/8/05). The American RadioWorks documentary "No Place for a Woman" tells the true story that inspired the motion picture, "North Country" (12/15/05). MPR's experimental new show "The Loop" seeks out the sentiments of the holiday season in some unusual places (12/22/05). Stephanie Curtis, AKA the Movie Maven, on the year in movies (12/23/05). MPR's annual airing of "Chanukah Lights," a collection of short stories about the Jewish winter holiday in everyday life (12/26/05). A 1991 address by the late playwright August Wilson to the University of Minnesota Alumni Association (12/27/05). One of the most widely cited books of 2005 was Thomas Friedman's "The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century." Friedman gave a speech on his book in April, 2005 at St. Paul's Fitzgerald Theatre (12/30/05).

SOCIAL ISSUES:

Jon Gordon, host of the American Public Media program "Future Tense," returns from two weeks in Mississippi, and reports on the recovery from hurricanes Katrina and Rita (10/4/05). Dr. Kate An Hunter, owner of the Carver Lake Veterinary Center, and president-elect of the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association discusses the proposed bill in Congress to force state and local governments to make evacuation plans for domesticated animals (10/6/05). The latest American RadioWorks documentary, "Finding Home: Fifty Years of International Adoption" (10/24/05). Pulitzer Prize-winning author and National Public Radio senior correspondent Juan Williams speaking about leadership and the civil rights movement at the Aspen Ideas Festival in July (11/1/05). Richard Harwood, founder and president of the Harwood Institute, on why people are becoming increasingly insular and are retreating from public life (11/10/05). An MPR report on the history of the "Floyd of Rosedale" football trophy, and how it relates to race relations in Minnesota and Iowa (11/17/05). Former U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale on the viability of dissent in wartime (11/21/05). Author and activist Frances Moore Lappé, on why Americans have let their democracy grow "thin" in favor of consumerism and her vision for a "living democracy" in a Minneapolis speech (11/22/05). National Public Radio's "Justice Talking" program hosts a debate on whether people accused of capital crimes receive effective legal representation (11/28/05). Charles Haynes, senior scholar at the Freedom Forum First Amendment Center, and University of St. Thomas law professor Tom Berg, discuss the ongoing battle over religious symbols in public places (11/30/05). David Walsh, president of the National Institute on Media and the Family, on a recent survey by the Associated Press that found that nearly 7 in 10 Americans think people are ruder than they were 20 or 30 years ago (12/1/05). Minnesota Public Radio reporter Mark Zdechlik, recently back from a visit to Camp Shelby, on Minnesotans training for Iraq deployment (12/6/05). The American RadioWorks documentary, "Married To The Military" examines how the Iraq war impacts the families left behind on the home front (12/13/05). An American RadioWorks documentary looks at the history of international adoption and profiles two people brought to the U.S. as children (12/14/05).

RELIGION:

Best-selling religion writer Karen Armstrong in a recent speech at St. Mark's Cathedral in Minneapolis on the rise of religious fundamentalism around the world (10/4/05). A new program from American Public Media's "Speaking of Faith" series with Leila Ahmed, a professor at Harvard Divinity School and a contemporary scholar of women and Islam (10/13/05). Best-selling author Rabbi Harold Kushner in a recent Twin Cities speech on the unexpected rise of the religious right in the U.S. and around the world (10/17/05).

MEDIA:

Jane Kirtley, Silha Professor of Media Ethics and Law at the University of Minnesota on the future of newspapers in the U.S. (10/12/05). Former CBS producers Joseph and Shirley Wershba, and Kathleen Hall Jamieson, the director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania on the legacy of Edward R. Murrow, followed by the 1954 CBS "See It Now" program on Sen. Joseph McCarthy (10/14/05). A speech from Floyd Abrams, the lawyer who represented New York Times Judith Miller in her fight to protect her confidential sources (10/25/05). Legendary CBS News anchor Walter Cronkite looks back on his career in a conversation with CBS News Sunday Morning anchor Charles Osgood at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum (11/4/05). David Carr, a media columnist for the New York Times, on Judith Miller's impact on journalism (11/11/05). Hannah Allam, who has spent the last two years serving as Baghdad bureau chief for the Knight Ridder newspaper chain, on whether media ignores good news out of the Iraq war theater (12/6/05). Jim Boyd, deputy editorial page editor of the Minneapolis Star Tribune, on the art of newspaper editorial writing (12/16/05). National Public Radio's Martin Kaste and American RadioWorks reporter Stephen Smith discuss their recent reporting on Hurricane Katrina (12/21/05).

ENVIRONMENT:

Kevin Knoblach, president of the Union of Concerned Scientists, discusses the impact of global warming in a recent speech at the Cleveland City Club Forum (10/12/05).

HISTORY:

Two lifelong black Minnesotans: Harry Davis of Minneapolis and Janabelle Taylor of St. Paul discuss history of race relations in Minnesota in light of the death of civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks (11/1/05). Joseph Galloway, senior military correspondent for the Knight Ridder chain of newspapers, on the 40th anniversary of the first major battle of the Vietnam War (11/14/05). "Voices of Minnesota" visits two prominent native-American Minnesotans: Helen Blue-Redner is the former chairwoman of the Upper Sioux Community, and Carl Gawboy is an artist (11/14/05). The latest documentary from American RadioWorks, "Las Vegas: An Unconventional History" (11/15/05). A documentary produced by the Veterans History Project of the Library of Congress on the 60th anniversary of the Nuremberg war crimes trials (11/18/05). The legacy of President Lyndon Johnson with Johnson biographer Robert Caro and former Johnson advisor Jack Valenti at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum (11/23/05). Former St. Paul Mayor George Latimer and former Minnesota Gov. Wendell Anderson remember Gerald Christenson, one of the architects of the 1971 Minnesota Miracle state government overhaul, who died Tuesday of cancer at 75 (12/2/05). Longtime McCarthy friend Louise Klas and others remember former U.S. Sen. Eugene McCarthy who passed away over the weekend, followed by a tour of the Midday archive with showcases of McCarthy's brilliance, wit and wisdom (12/12/05). A repeat of the latest documentary from American RadioWorks, "Las Vegas: An Unconventional History" (12/16/05). Historian Doris Kearns Goodwin on her new presidential biography of Abraham Lincoln (12/21/05). Bruce Forbes, who is writing a book on the holiday's history, discusses how Christmas has changed over the centuries (12/23/05).

FCC ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT – **July - September 2005**

From MPR's **Midday** broadcast:

INTERNATIONAL:

Live coverage from the BBC on the London terrorist bombings, followed by Michael Hurley, senior director of policy for the 9-11 Public Discourse Project, the follow-up entity to the 9-11 Commission. Hurley made his remarks to the Minnesota Anti-terrorism Advisory Council (7/7/05). New York University law professor Noah Feldman at the Aspen Ideas Festival on U.S. efforts in the Middle East causing instability in the area (7/12/05). Carleton College International Relations professor Roy Grow on the nature of international terrorism, followed by a documentary by Michael Goldfarb, "British Jihad: Inside Out" on how Britain has become a recruiting center for Al Qaeda and other Islamic extremist groups (7/18/05). A National Press Club appearance by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India (7/20/05). Daniel Goure, vice president of the Lexington Institute in Virginia and a former Pentagon official offers his insight on the current military situation in Iraq (8/9/05). Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., and John McCain, R-Ariz., at the Aspen Institute discussing subjects ranging from the war in Iraq to global climate change (8/11/05). Michael Hudson, director of the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown University on the failure of Iraqis to agree to a new constitution (8/16/05). Paul Scham, an adjunct scholar at the Middle East Institute and a visiting scholar at George Washington University on the repercussions of Israel's Gaza eviction process (8/17/05). Barbara Bodine, Executive Director of the Governance Initiative in the Middle East at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University on the latest deadline for an Iraqi constitution (8/22/05). The future of U.S. involvement in Iraq with Roy Grow, director the international relations program at Carleton College in Northfield (9/23/05).

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Suzanna Sherry, law professor at Vanderbilt University and political scientist Steven Smith from Washington University in St. Louis on Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's retirement from the U.S. Supreme Court (7/1/05). Sandra Day O'Connor reflects on her career at a 2004 Aspen Institute forum (7/1/05). Virginia Democratic Gov. Mark Warner, chairman of the National Governors Association, speaks about the future of the National Guard live from the National Press Club in Washington (7/6/05). Steven Smith, director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis, and Ann Althouse, a professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison on Pres. Bush's new choice for the U.S. Supreme Court (7/20/05). Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., speaks about the future of the U.S. Supreme Court live from the National Press Club in Washington (7/27/05). Michael Noble, executive director of Minnesotans for an Energy Efficient Economy, and David Morris, co-founder and vice president of the Institute for Local Self-Reliance on the energy bill before Congress (7/29/05). Former presidential candidate General Wesley Clark reflects on his failed bid to top the Democratic ticket in 2004 at the Aspen Institute (8/8/05). Journalist Bob Woodward in a speech about the state of journalism and reflected on Presidents George W. Bush and Richard M. Nixon (8/10/05). Sen. Mark Dayton, DFL-Minn., discusses his recent two-week visit to China and CAFTA's impact in Minnesota (8/15/05). Former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich at the National Press Club (8/19/05). Robert Bork, whose nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court was rejected by the Senate in 1987, speaks live from the National Press Club in Washington (9/6/05). Steven Smith, director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis discusses Congressional politics in the post-Rehnquist, post-Katrina era (9/7/05). U.S. District Judge John Tunheim, who has argued several cases before the Supreme Court, discusses the

late U.S. Chief Justice William Rehnquist (9/7/05). Senate confirmation hearings for John Roberts as the next Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court (9/12 – 14/05). Minnesota-born journalist and Washington insider Al Eisele on his career in Washington politics (9/27/05). Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis, and Paul Burka, executive editor of Texas Monthly Magazine discuss the future of U.S. House leadership in the wake of the indictment of House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (9/29/05)

STATE POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

House Speaker Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon, and Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar on the fifth day of the state government shutdown (7/5/05). Political analysts Bob Meek, a Democrat, and Tom Horner, a Republican, on the political fallout from the state shutdown (7/8/05). Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar, and House Speaker Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon on the latest budget deal to end the state shutdown (7/11/05). Chris Gilbert, a political science professor at Gustavus Adolphus College on the end of the legislative special session (7/14/05). Gov. Tim Pawlenty gives his assessment of the legislative session and future issues (7/19/05). Brian Sullivan, a committeeman for the Republican National Committee, discusses what the legislative session for state Republicans (7/21/05). CAFTA opponent Larry Weiss, executive director of the Citizens Trade Campaign, and CAFTA supporter Daniella Markheim, senior policy analyst in the Center for International Trade and Economics at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank on the effects of CAFTA for Minnesota (7/27/05). A DFL perspective on the just-completed legislative session with Roger Moe, former DFL Senate majority leader for 21 years starting in 1981 (7/28/05). Kathy Swanson, director of traffic safety for the Department of Public Safety, and Maj. Mike Asleson of the Minnesota State Patrol on the effects of Minnesota's new blood alcohol law (8/1/05). State Sen. Becky Lourey, DFL-Kerrick talks about losing her son in the war in Iraq, followed by the St. Paul mayoral debate featuring Mayor Randy Kelly and challengers Chris Coleman and Elizabeth Dickinson (8/23/05). Amy Klobuchar, Hennepin County Attorney. Susan Gaertner, Ramsey County Attorney discuss fairness in government at the Minnesota State Fair (8/25/05). Debate among the three candidates in Minneapolis mayoral primary - Mayor R.T. Rybak, Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin and Green Party candidate Farheen Hakeem (8/26/05). Gov. Tim Pawlenty answers questions from his constituents at the Minnesota State Fair (9/2/05). Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner Michael Campion and National Guard Adjutant Gen. Larry Shellito discuss how Minnesota is opening its doors to at least 3,000 refugees displaced by Hurricane Katrina (9/6/05). Issues in the upcoming primaries with three of the St. Paul mayoral candidates: Green Party candidate Elizabeth Dickinson, incumbent Mayor Randy Kelly and former City Councilman Chris Coleman; and three of the Minneapolis mayoral candidates: Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin, incumbent Mayor R.T. Rybak and Green Party candidate Farheen Hakeem (9/8/05). Recent developments in Minnesota politics and a preview of the upcoming Legislature with Larry Jacobs, director of the Center for the Study of Politics at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute (9/26/05). Wayne Simoneau, a longtime DFL legislator who also served in Republican and Independence Party administrations, House Speaker Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon, Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar discuss the governor's criteria for a special session (9/28/05). Kathleen Blatz, the outgoing chief justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court discusses her time on the state high court and her plans for the future (9/30/05).

EDUCATION:

Minnesota Education Commissioner Alice Seagren on impending school budget boost at Legislature (7/13/05). Joe Nathan, director of the Center for School Change at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute on his recent report on school choice (8/18/05). Minnesota Education Commissioner Alice Seagren on improving the quality of state schools (8/29/05).

James McCormick, chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System discusses the upcoming higher ed year (8/31/05).

HEALTH/SCIENCE:

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., at the Aspen Ideas Forum in Aspen, Colo., on the importance of science in the global economy (7/11/05). Longtime public radio space reporter Pat Duggins' documentary on the space shuttle "Discovery" and the efforts to make it safer than "Columbia," its predecessor that exploded in 2003 (7/13/05). Sally Ride, the first American woman to fly in space, at the Commonwealth Club of California on the future of women in space exploration (7/22/05). Medicare and Medicaid administrator Dr. Mark McClellan talks about the 40 year old Medicare program from the National Press Club in Washington (7/28/05). Harvard public health professor David Hemenway on a public health approach to gun control in the US (7/29/05). Col. Bob Cabana, NASA astronaut and Minneapolis native, on the future of the US space program (8/5/05). The American RadioWorks documentary, "A Mind Of Their Own," examines behavior problems and mental illness among children (8/5/05). A discussion of the recent hurricanes on the Gulf coast and the effects of global warming with Hugh Willoughby, a research professor and senior scientist at Florida International University's International Hurricane Research Center in Miami (9/22/05)

BUSINESS/ECONOMICS:

Journalist and former Al Gore speech writer Daniel Pink says that the traditional roads to affluence in America are closing and there's a burgeoning demand for creative, artistic, right-brained workers (7/21/05). Chris Farrell, Minnesota Public Radio's chief economics correspondent, Louis Johnston, an economics professor at St. John's University on U.S.-China economic relations (7/22/05). Journalist and author Daniel Pink on the burgeoning demand for creative, artistic, right-brained workers in the U.S. (7/25/05). Peter Rachleff, a labor historian at Macalester College, Julie Schnell, president of the SEIU Minnesota State Council, and Ray Waldron, president of the Minnesota AFL-CIO on the developing rift in U.S. unions (7/26/05). Minnesota State Demographer Tom Gillaspay and State Economist Tom Stinson on changes to the Minnesota population and its effects on Minnesota's economy and way of life (8/4/05). Robert Stephens, founder of the Geek Squad, answers computer questions and discusses all things technical (8/8/05). Joel Denney, an airline analyst with Piper Jaffray, and John Budd, an industrial relations professor at the University of Minnesota on a possible mechanics union strike at Northwest Airlines (8/10/05). Fred Zimmerman, a professor of engineering and technology management at University of St. Thomas on the future of Minnesota manufacturing (8/11/05). Minnesota Public Radio News has a series of in-depth reports on Northwest Airlines, its unions and the contentious negotiations underway in Washington as the strike deadline approaches (8/19/05). Outgoing CEO of Disney, Michael Eisner, speaking at the Aspen Institute in Aspen, Colorado (8/22/05). U.S. Rep. Jim Oberstar, D-Minn., ranking Democrat on the House Aviation Subcommittee, discusses Northwest Airlines' problems and the airline industry at large (8/26/05). The latest developments in the Northwest Airlines strike is discussed by Gary Chaison, a professor of labor relations at Clark University, and Joel Denney, an airline analyst with Piper Jaffray (9/9/05). Tom O'Connell, a political scientist and labor expert at Metropolitan State University, and Mario Bognanno, professor of industrial relations at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management on the future of U.S. unions (9/13/05). Rajesh Aggarwal, a professor of finance and bankruptcy expert at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management on Northwest Airlines' decision to file bankruptcy, followed by National Air Traffic Controllers Association President John Carr at the Cleveland City Club Forum on the union's negotiations with the FAA (9/15/05). Minnesota Public Radio's Chief Economics Correspondent Chris Farrell, and Louis Johnston, an economics professor at St.

John's University and the College of St. Benedict in Collegeville on the economic impact of recent hurricanes in the Gulf (9/21/05).

SPORTS:

Minneapolis StarTribune's Howard Sinker, who covered the Minnesota Twins for years, on this year's All Star Game and the future of the Minnesota Twins (7/12/05). Aron Kahn, who covers the business and politics of sports for the St. Paul Pioneer Press, Jerry Bell, president of Twins Sports Inc., the holding company that owns the Twins, Richard Pfitzenreuter, the University of Minnesota's vice president and chief financial officer, stadium opponent Rep. Phil Krinkie, R-Lino Lakes on the possibility of a second special session at the Legislature on the stadium issue (7/15/05). Frank DeFord, National Public Radio sports commentator, on his new book: "The Old Ball Game: How John McGraw, Christy Mathewson, and the New York Giants Created Modern Baseball" at the Commonwealth Club of California (7/26/05). The need for a new Twins' stadium discussed by stadium proponents Hennepin County Commissioner Mark Stenglein and Minneapolis City Council member Barb Johnson; and stadium opponents: Sen. John Marty, DFL-Roseville, and Hennepin County Commissioner Gail Dorfman (9/2/05). Howard Sinker, who covered the Twins for many years for the Minneapolis Star Tribune, discusses sports in Minnesota (9/5/05). Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig talks about current controversies in professional sports in a speech from the Commonwealth Club of California (9/9/05).

CULTURE/ARTS:

Historian David McCullough speaks about his new book, "1776" (7/4/05). A "Voices of Minnesota" special with Dan Olson's interview with opera singer and Minnesota native Maria Jette (7/14/05). Jack Gillis, director of public affairs for the Consumer Federation of America, is out with the 25th edition of "The Car Book," a guide to buying an automobile (7/25/05). Catherine Watson, retired Star Tribune travel writer on summer travel tips (8/3/05). A 1991 address on African-American influence on the arts and history by playwright August Wilson to the University of Minnesota Alumni Association (9/1/05). Stephanie Curtis, AKA the Movie Maven, discusses upcoming new film releases (9/5/05). A Voices of Minnesota with two of the state's foremost architects - Ralph Rapson, who designed the original Guthrie Theater, and Leonard Parker, who created the Minneapolis Convention Center, the Humphrey Institute and Minnesota Public Radio's St. Paul studios (9/16/05). A Westminster Town Hall Forum with Indian-born filmmaker Mira Nair (9/22/05). Garrison Keillor speaking about the poetry anthology he edited, "Good Poems for Hard Times" in a recent speech in Edina (9/23/05). Caroline Kennedy, sole surviving child of President John F. Kennedy, at the Commonwealth Club of California. Kennedy is out with a new book, "A Family Book of Poems: My Favorite Poetry for Children" (9/28/05).

SOCIAL ISSUES:

American Radio Works' latest documentary, "Married To The Military" examines how war impacts the families left behind on the home front (7/5/05). Speaking of Faith explores the quality and meaning of death in "A Midwife to the Dying" (7/8/05). Scientist Jane Goodall on the parallels between animal and human behavior in the pursuit of world peace (7/15/05). American RadioWorks' "No Place to Hide" tracks the dawning of the brave new world of private and government surveillance (8/1/05). American RadioWorks' "Locked Down: Gangs In The

Supermax" on the effectiveness of the new US high security prisons (8/2/05). Comedian Bill Cosby on the need for poor black parents to set a better example for their children (8/15/05). Author Michael Eric Dyson countering remarks made earlier by Bill Cosby as blaming the victims of an unfair system (8/16/05). Boston College sociologist Juliet Schor in a Chautauqua Lecture on why Americans work too much (8/17/05). Pulitzer Prize-winning author and National Public Radio senior correspondent Juan Williams talks about leadership and the Civil Rights movement (8/24/05). NPR/MPR reports on the various social impacts of Hurricane Katrina (9/1/05). NPR Reporter Martin Kaste and ARW's Steven Smith on the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina (9/16/05). Author Harold Kushner, rabbi laureate of the Temple Israel in Natick, Mass., on what recent hurricanes teach about the human condition (9/19/05). Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Kathleen Blatz and Rebecca Rimel, president and CEO of the Pew Charitable Trusts speak on overhauling the U.S. child protection system (9/20/05). Minneapolis-based refugee expert Hugh Parmer, president of the American Refugee Committee, discusses the long-term effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the American populace (9/26/05). Longtime Twin Cities journalist and retiring University of St. Thomas journalism professor Dave Nimmer in a recent Twin Cities speech on the challenges of aging gracefully (9/30/05)

RELIGION:

Lawyer and Baptist minister Oliver Thomas says that the Supreme Court has blurred the line between church and state in America (7/19/05). The debate on separation of church and state in the U.S. with speeches by House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Tex., former Georgia Democratic Sen. Zell Miller and Focus on the Family Founder James Dobson criticizing the U.S. Supreme Court for what they see as a secular, liberal bias. And on the other side, a recent speech by Rev. Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State at the Cleveland City Club Forum (8/18/05). A new Speaking of Faith special, "Conservative Politics and Moderate Religion," with Episcopalian priest and former U.S. Sen. John Danforth in conversation with host Krista Tippett (9/8/05). Best-selling author and Rabbi Harold Kushner on the unexpected rise of the religious right (9/20/05).

MEDIA:

Jane Kirtley, director of the University of Minnesota's Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law, and William Michael Jr., a former federal prosecutor now in private practice with the Minneapolis law firm Lindquist & Vennum on confidentiality of reporter sources (7/6/05). Minnesota Public Radio President Bill Kling answers questions from Midday listeners (8/9/05). Arab-American reporter and author Anthony Shadid at the Commonwealth Club of California on his perspective covering the Iraqi war (9/21/05). CBS News' top pollster Kathy Frankovic on the art and science of media polls (9/27/05). Middle East expert Shibley Telhami in a Chautauqua Institution speech on media consumption and public opinion in the Arab world (9/29/05).

ENVIRONMENT:

Mike Sandusky, director of environmental outcomes and analysis at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; Kris Sigford, water policy director for the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy; Mike Robertson, environmental policy consultant for the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce; and Rep. Jean Wagenius, DFL-Minneapolis, on reducing Minnesota's mercury

levels (8/2/05). An MPR investigative report, "Toxic Traces" examines the handling of a recent 3M environmental pollution case which raises questions about whether state agencies are doing enough to protect citizens from toxic chemicals (8/3/05). Mark Seeley has the annual weather quiz from the Minnesota State Fair (8/25/05). John Holdren, director of the Program on Science, Technology and Public Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government discusses the environmental impact of fossil fuels, followed by an America Abroad special on the history of U.S. dependence on foreign oil. (8/30/05).

HISTORY:

Historian Hy Berman on the history of Minnesota on the 100th anniversary of the State Capitol (7/4/05). The American RadioWorks documentary, "Say It Plain: A Century of Great African American Speeches" explores the crucial role black US orators played in the long struggle for equal rights (8/4/05). Nina Archabal, director of the Minnesota Historical Society, and Douglas Bekke, curator of the Minnesota Military Museum at Camp Ripley on the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II and its effects in Minnesota history, followed by a program from radio dramatist Norman Corwin, plus remarks by Tom Brokaw, author of "The Greatest Generation," and World War II recollections from two former Minnesota governors, Orville Freeman and Harold Stassen. (8/12/05). Dave Kenney, author of the new book "Twin Cities Album: A Visual History" on the events that shaped the Twin Cities over the last 150 years (8/24/05). On the 37th anniversary of Hubert Humphrey's nomination as the Democrats' 1968 presidential candidate, the History Theatre Radio Series presents: "All the Way With LBJ," followed by a panel discussion featuring former Vice President Walter Mondale and others on Humphrey's unsuccessful campaign (8/29/05). Historian Kathleen Dalton on then-Vice President Theodore Roosevelt's famous "speak softly and carry a big stick" speech made at the Minnesota State Fair (8/31/05). American RadioWorks' new documentary, "No Place for a Woman" tells the story of the first women hired in Iron Range taconite mills (9/19/05).

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From MPR's **Midday** broadcast:

INTERNATIONAL:

The Iranian presidential election in June is expected to bring a conservative successor to reformist President Mohammad Khatami, but Iranian-American journalist Azadeh Moaveni says that her generation of young Iranians is hungry for democratic reform. Our guest Moaveni is the author of the bestselling "Lipstick Jihad: A Memoir of Growing up Iranian in America and American in Iran." (4/05/05) It was just under a year ago that 60 Minutes II first broadcast photographs of the prisoner abuse at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison. Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, who was chief officer in charge of military prisons in Iraq at the time of the abuses, was removed from her post and was criticized by investigators, told her side of the Abu Ghraib story recently at the Commonwealth Club of California. (4/18/05) Speaking recently at the University of St. Thomas, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk outlined four reasons for hope and four reasons for despair in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. (5/03/05) Jeffrey Sachs, director of The Earth Institute at Columbia University, says that while globalization may be dragging some parts of the world out of poverty, there are huge areas of the globe that are being completely passed by. In his new book, "The End of Poverty," Sachs says the richest countries in the world could eradicate extreme poverty worldwide for for less than one percent of their annual gross national products. (5/10/05) It could have been a near miss or a red herring. An Islamist Web site reported Tuesday that Iraq's Al-Qaeda kingpin Abu Musab al-Zarqawi was wounded, but the report could not be authenticated. What progress, if any, has the U.S. made in fighting terrorism in Iraq and across the globe? Louise Richardson, executive dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University is our guest. (5/25/05) Speaking Friday at the Commonwealth Club of California, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice urged the Senate to confirm President Bush's nominee for United Nations ambassador, John Bolton. Rice admitted that Bolton had some "rough edges," but said the U.N. needed "a strong voice for reform." (5/31/05). A Commonwealth Club speech by Iranian-American journalist Azadeh Moaveni on reform movement among young Iranians (6/15/05). Stephen Van Evera, professor of political science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Duluth native, on the one-year anniversary of the new Iraqi government (6/28/05).

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

In his first visit back to South Dakota since losing re-election in 2004, former Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle said that liberty goes well beyond the freedoms outlined in the Bill of Rights. Daschle argued for "a progressive vision of American liberty" that includes universal health care, freedom from want and freedom from fear. (4/06/05) U.S. intelligence agencies have come under some stiff criticism over the last several years from government investigations and to tell-all books alike. One such insider account, "Blowing My Cover: My Life as a CIA Spy," by our guest Lindsay Moran, paints the picture of an agency often bureaucratic, sometimes comical and utterly unprepared for the challenge of the War on Terrorism. She was a case officer in the Central Intelligence Agency from 1998-2003. (4/07/05) Minnesota is getting visits from some high-powered political operatives this week. President Bush's Senior Advisor Karl Rove is coming to a fundraiser for Gov. Tim Pawlenty on Friday and Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., speaks to Minnesota Democrats on Saturday. MPR's political analysts, Republican analyst Tom Horner and DFL analyst Bob Meek weigh in on the state's political climate. (4/08/05) Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., is frequently mentioned as a potential Democratic presidential candidate. And while Clinton didn't say anything about running in

2008 when she spoke at a DFL fundraiser in Minneapolis on Saturday, she drew endorsements from two of Minnesota's top Democratic officeholders: Attorney General Mike Hatch and Sen. Mark Dayton. (4/11/05) Our guest, former Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Charles Rossotti, says that Americans who dutifully fill out their 1040s every year pay a 15 to 20 percent "honesty tax" to make up for all the people who cheat the IRS. Rossotti also says that Congress encourages cheating by skimping on the IRS's enforcement budget and designing a tax code that becomes more complex with each passing year. (4/14/05) The relationship between the legislative and judicial branches of government has always been a contentious one, dating back to the beginning of American jurisprudence. Today, conservatives condemn what they call activist judges, and the Senate is bitterly divided over whether its duty to "advise and consent" to the president's judicial nominees precludes Democratic filibusters. Our guest today, Steven Smith, a professor of political science and the director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis answers the question: How independent should the courts be? (4/20/05) Speaking at a fundraiser for the American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota on Wednesday, Democratic National Committee Chair Howard Dean said his party needs to do a better job of appealing to voters emotionally. (4/21/05) Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., often billed as a rising star in his party, speaks about his opposition to President Bush's proposal to change Social Security live from the National Press Club in Washington. Obama shares the stage with James Roosevelt, grandson of President Franklin Roosevelt and a former associate commissioner of Social Security (4/26/05) An epic showdown is underway in the Senate over whether Democrats can use the filibuster to block the confirmation of judicial nominees. Will the Republican majority succeed in permanently ending the filibuster for judges? Our guests are Steven Smith, director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis, and Ann Althouse, a law professor at the University of Wisconsin. (5/20/05) The issue of Social Security's financial future has moved onto the front burner of American politics in a way it hasn't in years. The University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute recently took the opportunity to host a forum on the policy possibilities and political pitfalls surrounding Social Security. (5/27/05). The conservatism of the Bush administration with former Environmental Protection Agency administrator and Republican Christine Todd Whitman, author of "It's My Party, Too: The Battle for the Heart of the GOP and the Future of America" (6/8/05). Live coverage of President Bush's visit to Maple Grove to discuss his Medicare prescription drug benefit plan (6/17/05).

STATE POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Gov. Tim Pawlenty's plan to use casino revenue to balance the state budget deficit suffered a setback in a Senate committee Monday. While the Agriculture, Veterans and Gaming Committee rejected two separate gambling bills, proponents still have options for bringing up the issue this session. Minnesota's legislative leaders, House Speaker Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon, and Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar, provide an update on the casino proposals and a host of other initiatives pending at the Capitol. (4/05/05) Reacting testily to criticism from former Gov. Jesse Ventura last week, House Speaker Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon, shot back that "the former governor and [former] governors always have more strength, more criticism, more vision and knowledge after they've left office, then when they were in." Our guests today, Former Govs. Al Quie, a Republican, and Wendell Anderson, a Democrat tell us what some other former Minnesota governors think of the current legislative session? (4/11/05) In his fourth annual State of the City address Tuesday evening, Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak enumerated the accomplishments of his first term and said Minneapolis is "leading the way creating the new American city." He also announced a plan to rebuild the city's North Side. (4/13/05) Minnesota's Senate Democrats released a budget Wednesday outlining \$1 billion in new state spending, mostly for education, but they refused to say how they would raise the money. Republican leaders blasted the proposal, calling it "laughable" and "a complete sham," and scolded the DFL for not suggesting a funding source for their plan. Will the two parties be able to find a budget they can agree on? Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar, and House Speaker Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon give it a try on today's program. (4/21/05) St. Paul Mayor Randy Kelly gives a sneak preview of the final State of the City address of his first term. Kelly delivers his speech on Tuesday afternoon at

St. Paul's Dorothy Day Center to underscore his plan to alleviate chronic homelessness in St. Paul. (4/26/05) The St. Paul DFL convenes on Saturday to anoint a candidate for mayor. Mayor Randy Kelly is not seeking his party's endorsement for the first time in his 30 years of public life, but his two challengers are. Our guests are Ramsey County Commissioner Rafael Ortega and former St. Paul City Council member Chris Coleman are vying for the DFL endorsement at Saturday's convention. (4/27/05) Whereas the Minnesota House has moved to reduce the number of people covered by MinnesotaCare state-subsidized health insurance, the Minnesota Senate passed a bill Wednesday that would increase the MinnesotaCare rolls. Rep. Fran Bradley, R-Rochester, chair of the House Health Policy and Finance Committee, and Sen. Linda Berglin, DFL-Minneapolis, chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee's Budget Division and discuss whether the State government should pay more or less for health care for the citizens of Minnesota. (5/05/05) The Minneapolis mayor's race is getting hotter in the lead up to Saturday's DFL convention. The candidates have sparred over the proposed Twins ballpark, donor lists, a newsletter and their Democratic credentials. What does Minnesota's largest city need in a chief executive? Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak and Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin, who is trying to unseat him are our guests today. (5/10/05) The Republican-controlled House voted Wednesday to give Minnesota communities the option to enact half-cent sales tax increases, to cut back local government aid to Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth and to curtail the renters' property tax credit. How will the House tax bill be reconciled with a very different Senate bill based on an income tax increase for the richest 44,000 Minnesotans? The chairmen of the House and Senate Taxes Committees: Rep. Phil Krinkie, R-Shoreview, and Sen. Larry Pogemiller, DFL-Minneapolis are our guests today. (5/12/05) Gov. Tim Pawlenty stands poised with his veto pen should a 10-cent gas tax hike passed by the Minnesota House Thursday make it to his desk. The bill goes to the Senate next and could be considered as early as Monday. The chairs of the House and Senate Transportation Committees: Rep. Ron Erhardt, R-Edina, and Sen. Steve Murphy, DFL-Red Wing are today's guests. (5/13/05) With one week left to go in the session, there is a dizzying list of legislation still unresolved at the Capitol. Education, taxes, transportation, health care and a number of smaller proposals are still very much up in the air. Will the Senate, the House and the governor be able to reach a mutually agreeable solution before the May 23 deadline? House Speaker Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon, and Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar help us with the answers. (5/16/05) For the second day in a row, the House Taxes Committee postponed a hearing Tuesday on a plan to build two casinos at Canterbury Park race track. The bill's backers conceded that they did not have the votes they needed. With a standing pledge to veto statewide tax increases, what will the governor do to balance the budget if his \$200 million casino plan fails? Tim Pawlenty, in his first term as governor, is our guest today (5/18/05) It looks likely that the Minnesota Legislature will head into special session at some point between the end of the regular session at midnight on Monday and the end of the budget biennium on June 30. On the final day of the regular session, a parade of legislators talk about how to balance the budget. Our guests today, Gov. Tim Pawlenty, House Minority Leader Matt Entenza, and House Speaker Steve Sviggum and others help us make sense of all this. (5/23/05) It's a Midday tradition: as the Legislature's regular session comes to a close the major players at the Capitol talk about what they've accomplished and the significant work that remains to be done. We have with us today Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson, Senate Minority Leader Dick Day and others. (5/23/05) As the Legislature's regular session swung to a close Monday night, Minnesota's smaller political parties got a surprise boon. Lawmakers passed a bill that confers major party status on any party that runs a sufficient number of candidates for the Legislature, Congress and state constitutional offices. What politics are at play in that bill and in the three-day old special legislative session? Our guests are political analysts Bob Meek, a Democrat, and Tom Horner, a Republican. (5/26/05) Voices of Minnesota takes a tour of the GOP's big tent with three prominent Minnesota Republicans from the party's left wing to its right: Sally Pillsbury, Wheelock Whitney and Bill Cooper. (5/26/05). Sen. Scott Dibble, DFL-Minneapolis, and Rep. Laura Brod, R-New Prague on the 2020 Caucus, a bi-partisan group of junior legislators trying to take a long-term view of the issues facing Minnesota (6/8/05). House Speaker Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon, and Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar on the impending state shutdown and budget impasse (6/13/05). Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar, and House Speaker Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon on the latest state Supreme Court ruling regarding taxes on Minnesota companies' overseas subsidiaries and effects on the budget impasse (6/22/05).

Wayne Simoneau, a longtime DFL legislator who also served in Republican and Independence Party administrations, and former Republican Gov. Al Quie on how state budget negotiations work (6/27/05). Metropolitan Council Chair Peter Bell on the new transit budget plan at the Legislature (6/29/05). The impending state government shutdown with Pam Wheelock, the senior vice president and CFO of Minnesota Sports and Entertainment, who served as finance commissioner under Gov. Jesse Ventura, Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar, Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Gene Merriam, Department of Employee Relations Commissioner Cal Ludeman, MnDOT Assistant to the Commissioner for Transportation Policy and Public Affairs Bob McFarlin, Senate Minority Leader Dick Day, R-Owatonna, Education Commissioner Alice Seagren, Human Services Commissioner Kevin Goodno, House Speaker Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon, House Minority Leader Matt Entenza, DFL-St. Paul, and Sen. Ann Rest, DFL-New Hope (6/30/05).

EDUCATION:

Big changes are afoot at the University of Minnesota. As part of its push to be one of the top three public research universities in the world, the U is planning to close two colleges: the College of Human Ecology and the General College, which works with under-prepared students. It isn't the first time General College has been on the chopping block. Is closing schools the best way for the U of M to achieve its ambitions? We put the question to Robert Bruininks, president of the University of Minnesota, David Taylor, longtime dean of the General College, Senate Higher Education Budget Division Chair Sandy Pappas, DFL-St. Paul, and James McCormick, chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. (4/06/05) Our guests, Rep. Karen Klinzing, R-Woodbury, who co-authored the bill, and Charlie Kyte, executive director of the Minnesota Association of School Administrators discuss Gov. Tim Pawlenty throwing his weight behind a proposal that would require schools to spend at least 65 percent of their budgets directly on classroom instruction on Wednesday and what qualifies as "classroom instruction?" Is setting a quota the best way to ensure money makes it to the students? (4/28/05) Speaking to the National Governors Association in February, Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates said that "America's high schools are obsolete" and that he was "terrified for our work force of tomorrow." The lone superpower lags behind a number of other countries in science and math scores. What's the best way to inspire tomorrow's scientists? Our guest, Glen Sorenson, 2005 Minnesota Teacher of the Year, teaches science at Proctor High School., helps us answer this dilemma. 5/02/05) Legislators on both sides of the aisle in both houses of the Legislature seem to agree that Minnesota schools need more money. But how much money and the even stickier question of where to get it from are still very much up in the air. Our guests, Sen. Steve Kelley, DFL-Hopkins, chair of the Senate Education Policy Committee, and Rep. Barb Sykora, R-Excelsior, chair of the House Education Finance Committee discuss the issues. (5/06/05) The Minnesota Legislature moved into special session one minute after adjourning its regular session around midnight on Monday. One of the big unresolved issues is education: how to fund it, how to pay teachers, whether to ban teacher strikes during the school year and whether to enact a voucher program. We discuss the issues today with our guests Sen. Steve Kelley, DFL-Hopkins, and Rep. Barb Sykora, R-Excelsior (5/24/05). The push for school before kindergarten in Minnesota with Al Stroucken, president and CEO of H.B. Fuller and chairman of Minnesota Business for Early Learning, and Zoe Nicholie, director of public policy at Ready 4 K (6/10/05). Minneapolis Superintendent Thandiwe Peebles and Joseph Erickson, chair of the Minneapolis School Board on progress in the city's schools (6/15/05).

HEALTH/SCIENCE:

Our guest Minnesota State Epidemiologist Dr. Harry Hull used to direct the World Health Organization's Global Polio Eradication Initiative. He explains how fifty years ago, researchers at the Universities of Michigan and Pittsburgh announced they had created a polio vaccine that was "safe, effective and potent." The Salk vaccine and the oral vaccine that followed eradicated polio in the United States in less than 25 years, but the disease still lingers in places like Nigeria, India and Pakistan. (4/12/05) Most children can be volatile at some point in their development, but at what point do irritability, mood swings, and tantrums constitute a

mental illness? American RadioWorks documentary "A Mind of their Own" explores the issues. (4/22/05) Dr. William McGuire, CEO of Minnetonka-based UnitedHealth Group, says there is already plenty of money in the health care system to meet the medical needs of all Americans. In a speech from MPR's "Executive Briefings" series on Thursday, McGuire said the government needs to mandate the elimination of the paperwork and unnecessary procedures he believes are driving up medical costs. (4/25/05). Healthy pet care with veterinarian Dr. Kate An Hunter, owner of the Carver Lake Veterinary Center, and her dog Ansel (6/21/05).

BUSINESS/ECONOMICS: New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman, three-time Pulitzer Prize winner, a bestselling author and a native of St. Louis Park, Minn, has come to the conclusion that Christopher Columbus had it all wrong. He says the world isn't round, at least not anymore. In his new book, "The World is Flat: A Brief History of the 21st Century," Friedman argues that communication technology has leveled the international economic playing field, allowing people from Brainerd to Bangalore to compete on a more or less even footing. (4/28/05) The concept of globalization has been around for years, but what it means and how it affects people has been constantly evolving. Today, it's not as simple as rich countries getting richer at the expense of the poor. This American RadioWorks documentary demonstrates how quickly the world is shrinking and the playing field is flattening, creating both wealth and uncertainty. (5/16/05) Are Minnesotans who buy their vegetables from local farmers, their trucks from Ford, their electronics from Best Buy and their tape from 3M making an impact on their local economies? Minnesota Public Radio's Chief Economics Correspondent Chris Farrell and Russell Roberts, an economics professor at George Mason University and author of "The Choice: A Fable of Free Trade and Protectionism" will sort it all out for us. (5/17/05) Every day, somewhere in the world, a bribe changes hands. Corruption entraps entire countries, leaving ordinary citizens in poverty. In "The Cost of Corruption," American RadioWorks visits three countries where global forces contribute to corruption, but where a movement for greater openness is helping people fight back. (5/17/05) Globalization affects Minnesota in myriad ways: from lumber to iron, charities to the arts. Minnesota Public Radio produced a series of reports about Minnesota's role on the world stage as part of the public radio collaboration "Think Global." (5/19/05). Bill George, former CEO of Twin Cities-based Medtronic and chairman of the Global Center for Leadership and Business Ethics at KPMG on the corporate ethics and the legacy of William Donaldson at the SEC (6/2/05). The future of Minnesota's small towns with Ben Winchester, coordinator of data analysis and research at the University of Minnesota Morris' Center for Small Towns, Jane Leonard, president of Minnesota Rural Partners, and Andrew Haeg, the producer who directs MPR's small town "Idea Generator" (6/9/05). A Commonwealth Club address by former General Electric CEO Jack Welch on U.S. corporate reform in the post-Enron era (6/14/05).

SPORTS:

Monday is opening day of the 2005 Major League Baseball season, with the Twins squaring off against the Mariners in Seattle. Will Minnesota enter into that exclusive club of teams to win four division titles in a row? Howard Sinker, state news and general assignment editor at the Minneapolis Star Tribune who has covered the Twins for many years predicts the season's outcome for us. 4/04/05 The Minnesota Twins and Hennepin County officially unveil a plan Monday for a new ballpark next to the Target Center in Minneapolis. Will this stadium proposal succeed where others have failed? Our guests, Aron Kahn, who covers the business of sports for the St. Paul Pioneer Press, and Jay Weiner, a sportswriter at the Minneapolis Star Tribune and the author of "Stadium Games: 50 years of Big League Greed and Bush League Boondoggles answer our questions. (4/25/05) NFL owners gave their blessing to Vikings suitor Zygi Wilf on Wednesday, clearing the way for the New Jersey real estate developer to buy the team for a reported \$600 million. Will Wilf have better luck talking Minnesotans into helping him build a stadium than his predecessor did? We ask Jay Weiner, sportswriter for the Minneapolis Star Tribune, Sean Jensen, who covers the Vikings for the St. Paul Pioneer Press, Steve Novak, director of Anoka County's Governmental Services Division, and Bill Lester, executive director of the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission. (5/27/05). The upcoming Great River Energy Bicycle Festival with John Wilcockson, journalist and author of "23 Days in July: Inside Lance Armstrong's Record-Breaking Tour de France Victory," and bike racer David LaPorte, the founder and director of the festival (6/7/05).

CULTURE/ARTS:

Jane Fonda, our guest today is out with a memoir called "My Life So Far," and her first new movie in 15 years, "Monster-in-Law," opens in May. Jane Fonda's movie roles, workout videos and outspoken political views have made her an American icon. Her image even resurfaced during the 2004 presidential race when she was depicted protesting the Vietnam War with Sen. John Kerry in a doctored photo, and many veterans have never forgiven her for posing with an anti-aircraft gun in North Vietnam. (4/20/05). The History Theater Radio Series "Judy Garland: Beyond The Rainbow" tells the story of Garland's short life, spanning 47 years and over 40 movies (6/10/05). Stephanie Curtis, AKA the Movie Maven, on the latest summer release movies and the worst summer films of all time (6/16/05).

SOCIAL ISSUES:

At a forum in Minneapolis on April 7, Rev. Al Sharpton and Gary Cunningham, director of the African American Men Project, talked about the problems facing black families, and in particular young black men. They both urged a combination of personal responsibility and collective political action as first steps in addressing the problems. (4/13/05) Betty Crocker was born in 1921 in the Home Services Department of Minneapolis' Washburn Crosby Company, which would later become General Mills. She was conceived as a pen name to answer the torrent of baking questions pouring into the office, and the name stuck. Our guest Susan Marks, the author of "Finding Betty Crocker: The Secret Life of America's First Lady of Food" describes how in the decades that followed she became the domestic ideal, the role model to which millions of American women aspired, or were expected to aspire. (4/14/05) Speaking at a forum in St. Paul on Tuesday, two leading scholars said that anti-Semitism and anti-Catholicism are alive and well in 21st Century America. Our guests, Hyman Berman, a historian at the University of Minnesota, and Rev. Mark Massa, S.J., a professor of theology and co-director at the Center for American Catholic Studies at Fordham University, participated in a discussion entitled "What's New About Old Hatreds?" at the University of St. Thomas on April 12. (4/15/05) U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., has a plan to keep people from coming to the U.S. to work illegally: legalize it. Kolbe, who addressed a Minnesota Meeting in Minneapolis on Monday, supports a guest worker program similar to one proposed by President Bush, but Kolbe's plan would also offer temporary legal status to immigrants currently in the U.S. illegally. (4/27/05) Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., says political partisanship is tearing the Senate apart. Speaking Thursday at the National Press Club in Washington, Hagel said the American public will eventually run out of patience with its elected officials if Congressmen and women don't learn how to compromise. (4/29/05) A Star Tribune poll released Sunday indicated that 71 percent of Hennepin County residents think they should get to vote on a proposed 0.15 percent sales tax to fund a new Twins ballpark. The Hennepin County Board votes Tuesday on whether to send the proposal to the Legislature, which could approve it, deny it or put it up for referendum. Which decisions should be made by the people and which ones should be left to their elected representatives? Chris Gilbert, a professor of political science at Gustavus Adolphus College. (5/03/05) Pfc. Lynndie England pleaded guilty Monday to seven counts of abusing prisoners at Iraq's infamous Abu Ghraib prison. England, who was pictured in photographs holding a naked, hooded detainee on a dog leash, will now be sentenced by a six-person military jury. Our guest, Law professor Scott Silliman, director of Duke University's Center for Law, Ethics and National Security. explores if England's conviction will bring closure to the Abu Graib incident for the U.S. (5/04/05) Robert Putnam, the Harvard political scientist who has tracked the declining membership in everything from bowling leagues to rotary clubs, wants Americans to start doing things in groups again. Putnam says that people who socialize have longer lives, better health and are better citizens. (5/05/05) More than 100 police officers fanned out across St. Paul's Dayton's Bluff neighborhood Friday morning in search of the person or persons who allegedly shot and killed Sgt. Gerald Vick. They arrested two suspects. One has been charged and the other is being held as a material witness. How does a police force cope psychologically when one of their own dies in the line of duty? Our guests William

Lewinski, a professor of law enforcement and the director of the Force Science Research Center at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Lewinski has interviewed nearly 1,000 police officers who have killed people in line of duty or have witnessed the killing of a fellow officer. (5/11/05) Civil rights worker Charles Sherrod says that the fight for racial equality is far from over and that the strategies that were so effective during the Civil Rights Movement could still work today. Our guest is Charles Sherrod, who spoke recently at Hamline University. (5/11/05) For 85 years the League of Women Voters has been trying to get Americans interested and involved in their government. Our guest, Kay Maxwell, president of the League of Women Voters tells us that while remaining non-partisan, the league does take stands on issues of public policy and has recently waded into the debate on everything from campaign finance reform to oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. (5/12/05) Globalization confers a mixed blessing upon the world. Information and capital cross borders more easily than ever before, but so too do weapons of mass destruction, HIV/AIDS, small arms, terrorism and organized crime. Can we find global responses to these global challenges? (5/18/05) Every year, the global economy puts another previously isolated corner of the Earth in touch with the rest of the world. From Andean potato farmers trying to sell their wares abroad to Newfoundland cod fishermen turning to tourism, traditional cultures now have to reconcile their ways of life with the world marketplace. (5/19/05) For generations, immigrants who came to the U.S. were forced to make a clean break with home. Today, many find themselves in constant contact with their home countries. "Feet in Two Worlds" follows immigrants in New York as they learn to live in two places at once. (5/20/05). Sen. Tom Neuville, R-Northfield authored the bill. Mark Ponsolle, director of the Child Support Enforcement Division in the Ramsey County Attorney's office on Minnesota's new child support law (6/3/05). Eveline Herfkens, executive coordinator of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, on America's role in eradicating poverty and hunger (6/7/05). New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman at the Fitzgerald Theatre on his new book, "The World Is Flat" (6/20/05). Judith Martin writes the "Miss Manners" columns and author of "Miss Manners' Guide to Excruciatingly Correct Behavior" (6/23/05). War correspondent Michael Phillipon his new book "The Gift of Valor" profiling the human cost of war (6/28/05). Author Kevin Powell on his book "Who's Gonna Take the Weight?" and the state of the black community (6/29/05).

RELIGION:

The Vatican said that the health of Pope John Paul II had "further worsened" Friday, as his breathing became shallow. The 84-year-old pontiff suffered heart failure and septic shock during treatment for an infection. What will the pope's legacy be? Fr. Columba Stewart, a professor of theology at St. John's University in Collegeville, and Bill Cahoy, dean of St. John's graduate school of theology explore the question. (4/01/05) John Paul II's papacy was dramatic and historic on many fronts. Speaking of Faith explores some of the critical religious issues of his 26 years as pontiff and discusses the great and contradictory impact he made on the Catholic Church in America and abroad with NPR's senior European correspondent Sylvia Poggioli, priest and author Donald Cozzens and Yale theologian Margaret Farley. (4/04/05) Jim Wallis, executive director and editor of Sojourners magazine, says that politicians from both sides of the aisle could use a little Bible study. Wallis, author of the best-selling book "God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It," speaks live from the Westminster Town Hall Forum in Minneapolis. (4/07/05) The College of Cardinals begins its conclave on Monday, a secret deliberation to choose the first new pope in over 26 years. What forces will influence the Cardinals' decision, and what challenges will the next pope face in leading the more than one-billion Catholics worldwide. We discuss these questions with Lawrence Cunningham, a professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame. (4/18/05) The first hour of Midday on April 19, 2005 was pre-empted for NPR coverage of the selection of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger at Pope Benedict XVI. Coverage extended into the second hour. (4/19/05). A Westminster

Town Hall Forum speech by Jim Wallis, executive director and editor of Sojourners magazine on effects of religion in politics (6/22/05).

MEDIA:

Though overall attacks on Americans in Iraq have dropped off steeply since the Jan. 30 elections, many journalists still describe reporting on the conflict there to be extremely dangerous. In a war where civilians can be high-value targets for the insurgency, how do reporters go about telling the country's story? Our guest, Hannah Allam, Baghdad bureau chief for the Knight Ridder newspaper chain, used to be a reporter at the St. Paul Pioneer Press. (4/01/05) A Minnesota institution passes a milestone this weekend. Almanac, Twin Cities Public Television's weekly discussion of Minnesota news and culture, celebrates its 20th anniversary Saturday with a special live broadcast, complete with Minnesota dignitaries and maybe even a little hoopla. We celebrate with Almanac co-hosts Eric Eskola and Cathy Wurzer, longtime producer Brendan Henehan and former co-host Jan Smaby. (4/15/05) James Fallows says if the public's disenchantment with the news media continues, and people gravitate towards news sources that reinforce their own view points, it will have negative consequences for U.S. politics and foreign policy. (5/09/05) Public radio stations around the world have been toiling for months to produce an entire week of programs focused on globalization, airing May 16-22. How does "Think Global" fit into the bigger picture of public radio news? Bill Buzenberg, executive director of the Public Radio Collaboration and senior vice president for news at Minnesota Public Radio and American Public Media gives us the lowdown. (5/13/05) The chairman of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting has accused the Public Broadcasting Service of having a liberal bias and wants the network to feature more conservative voices. PBS President Pat Mitchell responds to the criticism in a live speech from the National Press Club in Washington. (5/24/05) Kenneth Tomlinson, chairman of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, says the public perceive a liberal bias in public television and that he wants to make the medium "attractive to a broader cross-section of Americans." Tomlinson has particularly criticized Bill Moyers and the the program he founded, "Now." Moyers fired back in a May 15 speech at the National Conference for Media Reform in St. Louis. (5/25/05). Jane Kirtley, director of the Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law at the University of Minnesota, Nick O'Hara, an inspector at the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office who spent 30 years at the FBI, and Dave Nimmer, a veteran reporter, editor, journalism professor and news anchor on the revelation of the identity of "Deep Throat" and Watergate's effect on American journalism (6/1/05). A Commonwealth Club speech by New York Times reporter Judith Miller, who faces 18 months in jail for refusing to identify her source (6/6/05). Two of the biggest names in journalism - The New Yorker magazine's Seymour Hersh and former ABC News executive Av Westin. - on the state of broadcast journalism and journalists' problems with the Bush administration (6/9/05). Vice President Dick Cheney officiates the Ford Journalism awards ceremony live from the National Press Club in Washington (6/13/05). The effects of mass media coverage on the U.S. justice system with Ron Meshbesher, one of Minnesota's most prominent defense attorneys (6/14/05). Bill Kling, president of Minnesota Public Radio, discusses government involvement in broadcasting and latest developments at MPR (6/24/05).

ENVIRONMENT: So you want to be a good global citizen, but where do you begin? Ned Brooks, an environmental planner at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and Ron Struss, an educator at the University of Minnesota Extension Service are among the kindred spirits convening this weekend in St. Paul for the fourth annual Living Green Expo to learn how to cook, clean, consume, drive, garden and invest with minimal impact on the environment. (4/29/05) Weather permitting, Memorial Day marks the unofficial first day of summer for many Minnesotans, and that often means heading for the state's myriad waterways. But how clean are our lakes and rivers, and what can be done to make them cleaner? Our guests today, Kent Lokkesmoe, director of the Department of Natural Resources' Waters Division and Lisa Thorvig, assistant commissioner for water policy at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency give us the answers. (5/30/05). Mark Seeley, a meteorologist and climatologist at the

University of Minnesota on spring weather (6/1/05). Minnesota fishing with Chet Meyers (6/6/05).

HISTORY:

One-hundred-and-forty years ago Saturday, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox. Less than a week after Appomattox, President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. The seeds of a never-ending conflict were planted that month but they never came to fruition and in his book, "April, 1865: The Month That Saved America," author Jay Winik explains how such a tragedy was averted. (4/08/05) Tuesday marks the 60th anniversary of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's death. Presidential historian Michael Beschloss spoke about his book "The Conquerors: Roosevelt, Truman and the Destruction of Hitler's Germany," at the Commonwealth Club of California in December of 2002, and explained Roosevelt's determination to keep Germany from ever threatening the world again. (4/12/05) Holocaust survivor, Nobel Peace Prize winner and author Elie Wiesel reflected on his experiences in the concentration camps at Auschwitz and Buchenwald in a recent interview with radio producer Larry Josephson. (5/02/05) On May 8, 1945, the treaty declaring Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender to the Allies officially went into effect. That night, Americans across the country gathered around their radios to hear Norman Corwin's "On a Note of Triumph," a radio drama celebrating the victory in Europe. Sixty years later, it stands as a document of American sentiment at the time and an age of radio now long gone. (5/06/05) Our guest, Nick Hayes is a professor of history and holds the University Chair in Critical Thinking at Saint John's University describes how to Americans, the 60th anniversary of Nazi Germany's defeat marks an unadulterated moment of triumph, but to Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia it is an unpleasant reminder of the beginning of a new tyranny: the sometimes brutal rule of the Soviet Union. What is the legacy of World War II in Eastern Europe? (5/09/05) Since 2000, the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project has been interviewing former service men and women about their experiences in and after war. "Lest We Forget" features stories from World War II, both on the battlefield and on the home front. (5/30/05). A "Voices of Minnesota" interview with Edgar Hetteen, the Minnesotan who founded snowmobiling giants Polaris and Arctic Cat (6/2/05). A 2001 Commonwealth Club address by award-winning journalist Richard Reeves on Richard Nixon's legacy as person and politician (6/3/05) American RadioWorks historical documentary "White House Tapes: The President Calling" (6/17/05). American RadioWorks' 2001 documentary, "Oh Freedom Over Me" (6/23/05). American RadioWorks' 2003 documentary "Korea: The Unfinished War" (6/27/05).

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INTERNATIONAL:

Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn., has just returned from a trip to Iraq, Israel and Jordan. He shares his observations and offers his goals for this year in the Senate. (MIDDAY 1/05/05) The nations of the world, private individuals and organizations have pledged over \$3 billion to rush relief to southern Asia's earthquake and tsunami victims. Now the challenge is turning those pledges into cash and that cash into humanitarian aid. What do officials need to do to help the estimated 500,000 plus people injured, 1 million homeless and 2 million left in need of food by the disaster? J. Brian Atwood, dean of the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota is our guest today. Before coming to the U of M, Atwood headed up the U.S. Agency for International Development for six years. (MIDDAY 1/07/05) Violence in Iraq continues leading up to the national parliamentary elections scheduled for Jan. 30. Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said Tuesday that "some pockets" of the country would likely be too unstable to participate in the vote, but that the elections would go on as scheduled. Will an election amid violence be viewed as legitimate? Will it bring stability to the country? These issues discussed today by Rick Stoll, associate dean of the School of Social Sciences at Rice University in Houston. (MIDDAY 1/11/05) Absentee voting begins on Friday in the Iraqi parliamentary elections, but the real test will be Sunday: election day in Iraq. Insurgent groups are vowing to disrupt the vote and the U.S. has responded by banning most vehicle traffic on Sunday. Will the elections be the turning point the U.S. is hoping for? What are the broader implications of President George W. Bush's inaugural vow to spread democracy across the globe? We hear from guests Nick Hayes, professor of history and holder of the University Chair in Critical Thinking at Saint John's University, and Roy Grow, Frank Kellogg Chair of International Relations at Carleton College. (MIDDAY 1/27/05) Iraqi expatriates living in the U.S. and elsewhere begin casting their votes in the Iraqi parliamentary elections Friday. And while fears of violence and questions of legitimacy may keep some people living in Iraq away from the polls on Sunday, absentee voter turnout is expected to be low chiefly for logistical reasons. Our guest is Abbas Mehdi, a native of Iraq, a U.S. citizen, and a professor of sociology at St. Cloud State University. Mehdi is not voting in the Iraqi parliamentary elections because he would have to make two trips to Chicago, and election officials couldn't guarantee they would accept his Iraqi birth certificate and passport as identification. (MIDDAY 1/28/05) The people of Iraq went to the polls by the millions on Sunday and cast ballots in the country's first democratic elections in half a century. At least 35 people were killed in 10 suicide attacks--a level of violence characterized as "light" by military officials. Were the elections a turning point, a baby step or a lucky break? Edmund Ghareeb, our guest, is an adjunct professor at American University and Georgetown University. Ghareeb is the co-author of "Historical Dictionary of Iraq" and "War in the Gulf, 1990-91: The Iraq-Kuwait Conflict and its Implications." (MIDDAY 1/31/05) Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice urged the French people this morning to "turn away from past disagreements" over US foreign policy, and work with America to foster democracy in the Arab world. In this speech from the school Science Politique in Paris, Rice emphasized France and America's shared value of freedom and intertwining histories, saying that both countries would be judged "not by our old disagreements, but by our new achievements." (MIDDAY 2/8/2005) The assassination Monday of Lebanese ex-Prime Minister Rafik Hariri escalated ongoing tensions between Lebanon, Syria and the international community. While stopping short of blaming Damascus for the bombing, the U.S. pulled its Syrian ambassador from the country Tuesday citing "distortions of Lebanese politics" caused by the 15,000 Syrian soldiers stationed in Lebanon. What are the roots of the present-day tensions? What impact will Monday's bombing have on the stability of the Middle East? Our guest is James Gelvin, a history professor at UCLA, and the author of "The Modern Middle East: A History." (MIDDAY 2/16/2005) Former Democratic Sen. Sam Nunn speaks about the threat of nuclear terrorism live at the National Press Club in Washington. During his time in the Senate, Nunn co-authored a bill with Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., to help Russia and the former Soviet republics secure or dismantle their weapons of mass destruction. (MIDDAY 3/9/2005) Saturday marks the 20th anniversary of Mikhail Gorbachev's election as

General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and President of the USSR. What impact does Gorbachev's legacy have on today's Russia and what role does he play in the Russian imagination? Our guest, Nick Hayes, professor of history and holder of the University Chair in Critical Thinking at Saint John's University, is in Russia interviewing journalists, ordinary people, academics and political leaders for a retrospective he's writing on Gorbachev. (MIDDAY 3/11/2005) Sunday marks the second anniversary of the start of the Iraq war, and Shiites and Kurds in the parliament are hammering out an agreement on territorial boundaries and government posts. What will the new government look like and will it be able to maintain security in Iraq? Our guest, Abbas Mehdi is a native of Iraq, a U.S. citizen and a professor of sociology at St. Cloud State University. (MIDDAY 3/18/05) Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice wraps up her weeklong tour of Asia Monday in China. Rice has used the trip to push for the spread of democracy, permanent U.N. Security Council membership for Japan and an end North Korea's nuclear weapons program. How do people across Asia view the United States? Our guest is Professor Roy Grow, an Asia specialist who directs the international relations program at Carleton College. (MIDDAY 3/21/05) Ismail Serageldin believes that change in the Arab world has to come from within, and he says one place to start is investing in science. Serageldin, director of Egypt's Library of Alexandria, gave the inaugural lecture in the Humphrey Intstitute's Freeman Forum on Mar. 24. (MIDDAY 3/28/05)

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Congress is back to work--and back to battling over a range of highly contentious issues from ethics rules to Social Security. With stronger majorities in both the House and Senate, Republicans have made it clear they intend to flex their enhanced political muscles this year. What can the American public expect from 109th Congress? Nationally renowned congressional scholar Steven Smith, director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis is our guest. (MIDDAY 1/05/05) Alberto Gonzales, President George W. Bush's nominee for attorney general, promised to respect all international treaties governing the treatment of prisoners at his Senate confirmation hearing Thursday. Gonzales has been criticized for a January 2002 legal memo in which he argued the War on Terrorism rendered the anti-torture provisions of the Geneva Conventions "obsolete." National Public Radio has live coverage of his confirmation hearings. (MIDDAY 1/06/05) A small group of House Democrats, joined by Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., is submitting a challenge to the electoral vote count in Ohio, citing alleged voting irregularities. The congressional count of electoral votes is interrupted by the challenge, and the two houses of Congress will go to their respective chambers for up to two hours of debate. National Public Radio provides coverage of this unusual event. (MIDDAY 1/06/05) The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule any day now on the future of Federal Sentencing Guidelines. Last June, the court struck down Washington State's sentencing scheme, deciding that too much decision-making was being passed from jury to judge. Now the court must decide whether it must extend that logic to federal rules. National Public Radio's Justice Talking program examines the impact sentencing guidelines have had in the 27 years since Congress first signed them into law. (MIDDAY 1/11/05) In light of its electoral defeats in the House, Senate and the presidency, the Democratic Party is looking for ways to recapture the hearts of American voters. Democratic leader and eight-term Massachusetts Sen. Edward M. Kennedy outlines his vision for the party in a live speech from the National Press Club in Washington. (MIDDAY 1/12/05) America's role in the world took center stage on Tuesday at the Senate confirmation hearings of Secretary of State-designate Condoleezza Rice. How does the United States' conduct in war, diplomacy and humanitarian aid impact life at home? How much effect does the secretary of state have in shaping America's image abroad? Our guest is Former Vice President Walter Mondale. (MIDDAY 1/19/05) President George W. Bush gives his official inaugural address. National Public Radio has live coverage of the historic event. (MIDDAY 1/20/05) National Public Radio's ongoing live coverage of President George W. Bush's second inauguration continues with analysis of Bush's speech and updates on the

festivities around Washington, D.C. (MIDDAY 1/20/05) Our guest today, Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn., was one of 13 Senate Democrats to vote against the confirmation of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Wednesday. Several of the senators criticized Rice's role in the run up to the Iraq war, but only Dayton directly accused the Bush administration of lying about the reasons for the war. Why did Dayton decide to escalate his criticism of the Bush administration? Sen. Dayton is serving in his first term. (MIDDAY 1/28/05) President George W. Bush gives the first State of the Union address of his second term Wednesday night, and administration officials say that the president plans to "advance the debate" on social security reform in his speech. Bush is also expected to celebrate the success of the Iraqi elections, but refrain from offering a specific timetable for U.S. troop withdrawal. Our guest, Steven Smith, director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis shares his analysis. (MIDDAY 2/2/05) On Thursday, fresh from the first State of the Union address of his second term, President George W. Bush heads to Fargo, N.D. The visit is part of the president's five-state tour to sell his plan to overhaul Social Security. Minnesota Public Radio has live coverage and analysis provided by our guest, Larry Jacobs, McKnight Land Grant Professor of political science at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute. (MIDDAY 2/3/05) What qualities make a great American president? Intelligence? Leadership? Principle? Pragmatism? Personality? Do historians agree on who the greats were and what made them so? Our guests are presidential historians Robert Dallek, author of "Hail to the Chief: The Making and Unmaking of American Presidents," and Charles Calhoun of East Carolina University. (MIDDAY 2/21/2005) Our guest, National Public Radio's Senior News Analyst Cokie Roberts gives her take on President George W. Bush's European tour, the political climate in Washington and the state of journalism. Cokie Roberts is also a political commentator with ABC News and a bestselling author. (MIDDAY 2/24/2005) Scholars, journalists and pundits from across the political spectrum have called the special prosecutor law that expired in 1999 "politically corrosive" and "profoundly unwise." National Public Radio's Justice Talking series hosted this debate on the merits of the law between two people intimately familiar with presidential investigations: Clinton-era Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr and Nixon White House Counsel John Dean. (MIDDAY 3/7/2005) Tax day is now officially one month away. To mark the start of the final filing deadline countdown, Mark Everson, commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, talks about his goal of shifting IRS's focus to enforcement. Everson speaks live from the National Press Club in Washington. (MIDDAY 3/15/2005) With the president's re-election, Republicans picked up several House and Senate seats and most of the newcomers hail from the party's conservative wing. Is it possible for the GOP to continue both its expansion and its move to the right? (MIDDAY 3/30/05) Representatives of Terri Schiavo's parents and her husband announced Thursday morning that she had died after nearly two weeks without her feeding tube. The brain-damaged Florida woman was at the center of a 12-year legal, political and public relations battle over whether she should be allowed to die. What has Schiavo's case taught us about the law and ethics surrounding end-of-life decisions? University of Minnesota law and medicine professor Susan Wolf. (midday 3/31/05)

STATE POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

The Minnesota Legislature convenes Tuesday for its 2005 session with plenty on its plate: a projected \$700 million budget shortfall, mounting transportation and education needs as well as contentious social issues like same-sex marriage and abortion. How do the challenges facing this legislature compare with those of years past? We discuss this issues with three past players in Minnesota state government: Republican Duane Benson, former Senate minority leader, DFLer Roger Moe, former Senate majority leader, and Pam Wheelock, who served as finance commissioner in the Ventura administration. (MIDDAY 1/03/05) Midday kicks off the the 2005 legislative session with a special live broadcast from the Minnesota State Capitol. A parade of legislative leaders share their goals and expectations as they prepare to deal with a projected budget deficit and a series of sticky issues ranging from education to abortion, transportation to same-sex marriage. Our guests today are Minnesota House Speaker Steve

Sviggum, R-Kenyon, House Minority Leader Matt Entenza, DFL-St. Paul, Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar, and others. (MIDDAY 1/04/05) Our guest Minnesota Rep. Jim Ramstad who represents Minnesota's 3rd Congressional District was named last week to chair the Oversight Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee. This year the subcommittee plans to investigate ways to reform the tax code and Social Security--two of President George W. Bush's top legislative priorities. Why have these major parts of the federal government been marked for an overhaul, and what sorts of changes are on the table? (MIDDAY 1/10/05) A coalition of Minnesota cities released a report Wednesday calling for more money from the state and more flexibility in local tax collection. The report alleged that the "current system is not serving Minnesotans well or ensuring the state's competitiveness in an increasingly global economy." What's the best way to make certain that citizens get the best city government services at the best price? Our guests are Plymouth Mayor Judy Johnson, president of the League of Minnesota Cities, and St. Cloud Mayor John Ellenbecker, president of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities. (MIDDAY 1/13/05) In anticipation of Gov. Tim Pawlenty's annual "State of the State" address in Rochester on Tuesday, our guests, Al Quie, Wendell Anderson and Arne Carlson, three former Minnesota governors talk about what they would say if they were in the Pawlenty's shoes today. They also look back on their days as the state's chief executive. (MIDDAY 1/17/05) Gov. Tim Pawlenty gives his annual "State of the State" address in Rochester Tuesday morning. Minnesota Public Radio has live coverage. (MIDDAY 1/18/05) What course will the governor set for the state of Minnesota in 2005? What will his choices mean for the people of Minnesota? What effect will the more Democratic Minnesota Legislature have on Gov. Tim Pawlenty's agenda? Our guest, Chris Gilbert, political scientist at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, gives us his analysis. (MIDDAY 1/18/05) Gov. Tim Pawlenty laid out his 2005 agenda in his annual "State of the State" address on Tuesday; now two of Minnesota's legislative leaders—our guests Minnesota House Speaker Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon, and Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar—have their say. From budgets to bonding, education to gambling, what should the state's priorities be? (MIDDAY 1/21/05) When Gov. Tim Pawlenty proposes his budget on Tuesday, he will likely spark a debate and put into sharp relief two starkly different fiscal philosophies. Should resources be pooled and redistributed, or collected and controlled at the local level? Does Minnesota have a revenue problem or a spending problem? Is private initiative or public investment the best path to prosperity? Our guests are Gov. Tim Pawlenty's Chief of Staff Dan McElroy, a Republican who previously served as Pawlenty's finance commissioner, and Jay Kiedrowski, who served as finance commissioner under Democratic Gov. Rudy Perpich. Kiedrowski is currently a senior fellow at the Center for Leadership of Non-Profits, Philanthropy and the Public Sector at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute. (MIDDAY 1/24/05) Gov. Tim Pawlenty released his budget proposal on Tuesday, recommending increased education funding, eliminating health care subsidies for over 27,000 childless adults and seeking new revenue by building a metro area casino in partnership with Indian tribes. While the budget does not include a tax increase, Democrats claim the governor is just forcing local governments to raise property taxes to fill gaps in funding. Rep. Jim Knoblach, R-St. Cloud, chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, and Sen. Larry Pogemiller, DFL-Minneapolis, chair of the Senate Tax Committee, are our guests. (MIDDAY 1/26/05) The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce added its voice on Wednesday to the growing chorus of organizations calling for more transportation spending. The chamber's proposal broke ranks with its political ally, Gov. Tim Pawlenty, by suggesting a nickel-a-gallon gas tax hike to pay for additional highway expansions, bridge building and other projects. Are Minnesotans willing to pay a premium on fuel to ease the flow of traffic? We hear from guests Rep. Ron Erhardt, R-Edina, and Sen. Steve Murphy, DFL-Red Wing, the chairs of the House and Senate Transportation Committees. (MIDDAY 1/27/05) Our guest, Minnesota Senate Minority Leader Dick Day, R-Owatonna, broke ranks with Gov. Tim Pawlenty in two significant ways in recent weeks. Last week Day proposed a nickel-a-gallon gas tax hike to pay for transportation projects, which would violate Pawlenty's staunch no-new-taxes pledge. Day has also rejected the governor's plan for a new metro-area casino, favoring expanded gambling at Canterbury Park racetrack in Shakopee. (MIDDAY 2/8/2005) Saying he was not "the best candidate to lead the DFL Party to victory," Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn., announced Wednesday that he would not seek a second term. Republicans, who widely considered Dayton vulnerable, had already been lining up to challenge him, and now a number of Minnesota Democrats say they're considering a run as well. What factors led to Dayton's decision? How will Minnesota's 2006 Senate race look with

Dayton out of the picture? Our guests, former U.S. Attorney and senatorial candidate David Lillehaug, a DFLer, and MPR political analyst Tom Horner, a Republican, provide their analyses. (MIDDAY 2/10/2005) Now that our guest, Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn., isn't seeking a second term, what will he do with his last two years in the U.S. Senate? (MIDDAY 2/18/2005) Our guest, Gov. Tim Pawlenty, a Republican, was elected Minnesota's governor in 2002. He offers his thoughts on how the 2005 legislative session is shaping up. There are a host of proposals on the table this year, from cigarette taxes to casinos, school vouchers to stiffer penalties for sex offenders. (MIDDAY 2/23/2005) The White Earth, Leech Lake and Red Lake Indian tribes are proposing to build a metro-area casino in partnership with the state of Minnesota. The Mall of America's owners say they'd like to expand the mall and add a gambling component, and a number of Republicans in the Legislature would like to see slot machines at Canterbury Park. Will Minnesota become a gambling mecca, or will the casino plans fizzle? Hear from our guest, Dan McElroy, Gov. Tim Pawlenty's chief of staff and his top negotiator on gambling issues, along with a number of other people with stakes in the gambling debate. (MIDDAY 3/7/2005) Gov. Tim Pawlenty's proposal to let taxpayers signal their satisfaction, or lack thereof, with their property taxes has begun its way through the Legislature. Under the proposal, if enough property owners complain, it would trigger a referendum that would allow voters to repeal the levy. Who should decide whether taxes go up? Our guests are House Taxes Committee Chairman Rep. Phil Krinkie, R-Shoreview, who is sponsoring the bill, and Senate Taxes Committee Chairman Sen. Larry Pogemiller, DFL-Minneapolis. (MIDDAY 3/10/2005) The legislative session is about half over, and bills and proposals are piling up fast and furious at the Legislature. Leaders from both sides of the aisle give their assessment of how the session is shaping up and the prospects for everything from increasing school funding to expanding gambling to banning gay marriage. We hear from guests, Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar, and House Speaker Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon. (MIDDAY 3/14/2005) As the Minnesota Legislature takes its Easter recess, leaders from the House Republicans and the Senate Democrats talk about the progress of the session. What issues have been resolved? Which ones remain? What do they hope to hear from their constituents during their break? House Majority Leader Erik Paulsen, R-Eden Prairie, and Senate Assistant Majority Leader Ann Rest, DFL-New Hope help us answer these questions. (MIDDAY 3/24/05)

EDUCATION:

As expected, Minnesota's Senate Education Committee cleared the way on Tuesday for our guest, Education Commissioner Alice Seagren's confirmation. While the Republican Seagren enjoys bipartisan support in the Legislature, she still faces a difficult job in reconciling educators' calls for increased funding with a looming state budget deficit. What can students, teachers, parents and taxpayers expect from Minnesota's Department of Education this year? (MIDDAY 1/12/05) Gov. Tim Pawlenty released his plan for increasing K-12 education funding two percent a year over the next two years on Thursday. Pawlenty's proposal also included incentives for schools to scrap their seniority-based teacher compensation plans in favor of performance pay. Democrats and school officials called the proposed funding increase a good start, but insufficient. Guests today are State Reps. Mindy Greiling, DFL-Roseville and Barb Sykora, R-Excelsior. We also hear from Judy Schaubach, president of the statewide teachers union Education Minnesota. (MIDDAY 1/14/05) In an Op-Ed in Tuesday's *Star Tribune*, our guest, Sen. David Hann, R-Eden Prairie, threw down the gauntlet. He challenged our other guest, Sen. Steve Kelley, DFL-Hopkins, to a public debate on the issue of school vouchers. Hann is sponsoring a bill that would allow low-income families to spend state education dollars at private schools, and Kelley has accused him of trying to "blow up public education." Today, we give them a forum for that debate. (MIDDAY 2/9/2005) The University of Minnesota is charting a course aimed at making it one of the top three public research universities in the world. In order to get there university officials say they will likely have to eliminate programs. That concerns some critics, while others worry that the U's drive for academic excellence will undercut its accessibility. And then there's the question of money. What should the university's mission be, and what's the best way to get there? Hear from our guests, Robert Bruininks, president of the University of Minnesota, and U of M Provost Tom Sullivan. (MIDDAY 2/14/2005) A bill before the Legislature this session would take public schools out of the sports business. For that matter it would take debate, one-act play and band competitions

away from the schools and put them, along with athletics, under the control of city park and recreation departments or their equivalents. Critics worry that the bill would decrease participation in extracurricular activities, or, worse, lead kids to drop out of school. Our guests are Rep. Mark Buesgens, R-Jordan, one of the bill's sponsors, and Lou Kanavati, an area superintendent for St. Paul schools who is on the board of the Minnesota State High School League. (MIDDAY 3/9/2005) A report in Sunday's Star Tribune found that fully 83 percent of students who score poorly on state tests get no extra help under the sweeping 2002 federal education reform law No Child Left Behind. Can No Child Left Behind live up to its name? Hear from guests, Minnesota Education Commissioner Alice Seagren and Sen. Steve Kelley, DFL-Hopkins, chair of the Senate Education Committee. Kelley co-chaired a bi-partisan task force of the National Conference of State Legislatures on No Child Left Behind. (MIDDAY 3/15/2005) Just a year and a half after the fatal shooting at Rocori High School in Cold Spring, Red Lake became the site of the deadliest U.S. school shooting since Columbine. Ten people are dead including the shooter, his grandfather, the grandfather's girlfriend, five students, a teacher and a school security guard. At least 14 others are wounded. What can be done to make schools safe? State Education Commissioner Alice Seagren and Charlie Kyte, executive director of the Minnesota Association of School Administrators discuss the matter. (midday 3/22/05)

HEALTH/SCIENCE:

The Minnesota Medical Association released a report Monday claiming that essential health care access can be expanded to everyone in the state without a significant rise in costs. The report pushes for universal health insurance, encouraging patients to seek care early before costly emergency room visits and long-term treatments become necessary. Is it really possible to provide universal health care in Minnesota without a large infusion of extra cash? Our guests today are Dr. J. Michael Gonzalez-Campoy, president of the Minnesota Medical Association, and Jan Malcolm, who served as state health commissioner under Gov. Jesse Ventura and staffed the MMA task force that developed the report. Malcolm currently works for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. (MIDDAY 1/25/05) University of Minnesota Physicist Robert Pepin, who served as science adviser for Apollo lunar missions 14 through 17, is confident that there is another earth-like planet somewhere that may be capable of supporting life. Voices of Minnesota pays a visit to Pepin as he recounts his remarkable career, exploring the cosmos without ever leaving the planet earth. (MIDDAY 2/1/05) There are over 45 million Americans without health insurance and nearly 500,000 of them live in Minnesota. There are proposals on the table at the state and federal level to cut funding for government-subsidized health insurance for the poor. With medical costs spiraling ever higher, is there a way to expand access to health care? We hear from guest, David Durenberger, chair of the National Institute of Health Policy at the University of St. Thomas. Durenberger represented Minnesota as a Republican in the U.S. Senate from 1978 to 1995. (MIDDAY 2/10/2005) Dr. Julie L. Gerberding, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Monday that avian influenza could spark a flu pandemic on the scale of the 1918 outbreak that killed millions worldwide. Why are public health experts so concerned about a virus that has only killed 45 people in the last year? Our guest is Michael Osterholm, director of the University of Minnesota's Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy. (MIDDAY 2/22/2005) Five years ago, 3M announced it would stop making its Scotchgard fabric protector because the chemicals in it didn't break down in the environment. The announcement led to a major investigation by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, but the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency let two years pass before it began any inquiries. This documentary from MPR and American RadioWorks tells the story of the chemicals, the politics of investigating them and the concerns of people living near the plants where they were produced. (MIDDAY 2/22/2005) By the time you finish this sentence, you may very well have decided whether or not to listen to Malcolm Gladwell's speech at the Commonwealth Club of California. Gladwell's book "Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking" is about these kinds of split-second decisions: how they are made, why they are often surprisingly good and why they are sometimes tragically bad. Gladwell is a New Yorker Staff Writer. "Blink" is number one on the New York Times Best Sellers list. (MIDDAY 2/25/2005) Curious where snow comes from? Ever

wondered what a cold front actually is? U of M weather guru and our guest, Mark Seeley, seeks to solve meteorological mysteries and stump MPR listeners with his weather quiz. Mark Seeley is a meteorologist and climatologist at the University of Minnesota. (MIDDAY 3/3/2005) Scientists used to think that people couldn't grow new brain cells, but now they say the brain can regenerate itself, and what's more, there are things people can do to keep their minds limber as they grow old. This new program from Public Radio International's Gray Matters series looks at how our brains acquire and retain information from the time we're babies to old age. (MIDDAY 3/14/2005) [Medical marijuana: wonder drug or smokescreen?](#) Is marijuana a wonder drug that should be made legal, or are efforts to push for medicinal marijuana a smokescreen for wholesale legalization of recreational pot use? We air this NPR Justice Talking program today (MIDDAY 3/16/05) New smoking bans for bars and restaurants take effect in Bloomington, Minneapolis and Golden Valley, as well as Hennepin and Ramsey Counties Thursday. They join Olmstead County and Duluth. What impact will the bans have on smokers, wait staff, the hospitality industry and public health? Is a statewide ban next? Our guests today are Janne Weigum, president of the Association for Non-Smokers, and Jim Farrell, executive director of the Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association. (MIDDAY 3/29/05)

BUSINESS/ECONOMICS:

Voices of Minnesota goes in-depth with two of the state's most prominent business leaders: Marilyn Carlson Nelson, the head of Carlson Companies, and Dr. Hugh Smith, the chair of the Mayo Clinic's board of governors in Rochester. (MIDDAY 1/03/05) Thanks in part to pensions problems at United Airlines and US Airways, the federal government's pension insurance program is running into the red, itself. U.S. Labor Secretary Elaine Chao proposes changes to the government's Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation live from the National Press Club in Washington. (MIDDAY 1/10/05) Once a year economist and novelist Paul Erdman appears before the Commonwealth Club of California, peers into his crystal ball and attempts to predict what the U.S. and world economies might have in store for the coming years. Among Erdman's predictions are an impending peak in world oil production, a steady rise in real estate prices, and a period of sub-par returns on investments. (MIDDAY 1/24/05) New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer explains why he has made it his mission to reform Wall Street and why he's decided to run for governor of New York in a live address from the National Press Club in Washington. (MIDDAY 1/31/05) President George W. Bush took his plan to reform Social Security on tour on Thursday, including a stop in Fargo, N.D. What is Bush proposing? What would it mean for future retirees? Our guest is Minnesota Public Radio's Chief Economics Correspondent Chris Farrell. (MIDDAY 2/3/05) The AARP spent \$5 million on newspaper ads in January warning young people that President George W. Bush's Social Security reform plan would put their golden years at risk. AARP CEO Bill Novelli speaks live from the National Press Club in Washington. His speech is entitled "How America Can Afford to Grow Older: A Vision for the Future." (MIDDAY 2/9/2005) Economist Arthur Rolnick predicts that the U.S. can look forward to strong economic growth in spite of high oil prices, a trade deficit and a federal budget deficit. In this speech in Minneapolis on Tuesday, Rolnick, senior vice president and director of research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, said that people have long been predicting America's economic decline, but history has proved them wrong. (MIDDAY 2/18/2005) For years, today's guest, New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman wrote prolifically on globalization. Then 9/11 happened, and the tragedy consumed his attention. Friedman has said he "lost the thread" of globalization for a while. His forthcoming book, "The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century," picks up the thread. Thomas Friedman is a three-time Pulitzer Prize winner, a bestselling author and a native of St. Louis Park, Minn. (MIDDAY 3/4/2005) The car club AAA said Tuesday that gas prices were hovering within a mere tenth of a cent of hitting an all-time high, not accounting for inflation. With OPEC meeting in Iran, the U.S. Senate considering drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and a rally on the Minnesota State Capitol's steps in favor of ethanol, what are America's options for future energy production? Hear from our guests, Robert Ebel, chairman of the Energy Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Michael Noble, executive director of Minnesotans for an Energy Efficient Economy. (MIDDAY 3/16/2005)

SPORTS:

Minnesota Timberwolves owner and our guest, Glen Taylor, said Tuesday he intends to offer around \$600 million to buy the Minnesota Vikings if the team is still on the market in March. Arizona businessman Reggie Fowler has been courting the Vikings for months, and Taylor says Fowler has until the end of the month to negotiate exclusively. If Fowler hasn't made a successful offer by that time, Taylor has vowed to place his bid within 24 hours. (MIDDAY 2/11/2005) Arizona businessman and ex-professional and college football player Reggie Fowler agreed to buy the Minnesota Vikings for \$625 million in a deal announced Monday. The National Football League still has to approve the sale. Will Fowler have better luck convincing the people of Minnesota to help build him a new stadium than present owner Red McCombs has? Our guests are Aron Kahn, who covers the business of sports for the St. Paul Pioneer Press, and Jay Weiner, a sportswriter at the Minneapolis Star Tribune. (MIDDAY 2/15/2005) Former Oakland A's outfielder Jose Canseco created quite a stir recently with his book, "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits and How Baseball Got Big," claiming he used steroids with several of his former teammates. St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony LaRussa, who used to manage the A's, tried to refute a number of Canseco's allegations and reflected on the state of baseball in this Feb. 11 conversation with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Buzz Bissinger. (MIDDAY 2/23/2005)

CULTURE/ARTS:

Los Angeles Times film critic Kenneth Turan says that movie production houses have figured out how to minimize the impact of bad reviews and even old-fashioned word of mouth. Using mass marketing blasts to pack theaters on a film's opening weekend, Turan says the big studios can make most of their money before word gets out about how bad a movie is. In this speech from the Commonwealth Club of California, he argues that this strategy of cashing out quick has led to lower standards in cinema. (MIDDAY 1/14/05) Oscar nominations are out Tuesday morning, and Minnesota Public Radio's Movie Maven is prepared with a list to rival the Academy's. Are the awards a fair measure of a movie's merit? What makes an Oscar-caliber film? We hear from guest, Stephanie Curtis, AKA the Movie Maven, the producer of the Minnesota Public Radio program "State of the Arts." (MIDDAY 1/25/05) Arthur Miller, one of the America's best known and most prolific playwrights, has taken his final bow. Miller, who wrote "Death of a Salesman," "The Crucible" and "All My Sons," died Thursday at his home in Connecticut. He was 89 years old. Miller came to Minneapolis' Guthrie Theater in 2002 for the premiere of his play "Resurrection Blues" and had this conversation with Guthrie Artistic Director Joe Dowling. (MIDDAY 2/11/2005) Our guest, Minnesota author Judith Guest is drawn to the dark side of life. She loves reading the most lurid tales from the daily newspapers: the kidnappings and the murders. Her latest novel, "The Tarnished Eye," is based on the real-life unsolved killings of a father, mother and their four children. Guest was accompanied by pianist Dan Chouinard in a discussion at the Fitzgerald Theater on Feb. 2. (MIDDAY 2/16/2005) In her last MIDDAY appearance, our guest, the Movie Maven (AKA Stephanie Curtis) successfully predicted the Oscar winners for best actor and best actress: Jamie Foxx and Hillary Swank, respectively. But she didn't anticipate that the Academy would scorn Scorsese and favor Eastwood for best director and best picture. Is there a sure fire way to foresee who gets the gold statue every year? Stephanie Curtis is the producer of Minnesota Public Radio's "State of the Arts" and "Weekend America." (MIDDAY 2/28/2005) Martin Luther King, Jr. was the most famous black orator in history, but he was hardly alone. For generations, African Americans have been demanding justice and equality, reminding America to make good on its founding principles. This new documentary from American RadioWorks explores the crucial role these orators played in the long struggle for equal rights. Following the documentary, hear famous black orators Thurgood Marshall, Stokely Carmichael, Shirley Chisholm, Dick Gregory, Clarence Thomas and Randall Robinson in their own words with commentary from the producers of the radio documentary "Say It Plain." Our guests are Stephen Smith and Kate Ellis, the producers of "Say It Plain: A Century of Great African American Speeches." (MIDDAY 3/1/2005) John Feinstein, today's guest, covered sports and

politics in his eleven years at the Washington Post. He has written several bestselling books, including "A Season on the Brink" and "A Good Walk Spoiled," but Feinstein's latest novel is his first foray into the genre of young adult fiction. "Last Shot" is the story of two teenagers who win press passes to cover college basketball's Final Four and unearth a plot to fix the big game. John Feinstein is a frequent contributor to National Public Radio, CBS Sports, AOL, Golf Magazine and the Washington Post. (MIDDAY 3/2/2005)

SOCIAL ISSUES:

In the 1990s, the data industry mushroomed. Vast computer systems quietly gathered staggering amounts of personal information about virtually every American adult, mostly for business and marketing purposes. After the 9/11 attacks, national security officials reached out to data companies for help in finding potential terrorists. "No Place to Hide," a new documentary from American RadioWorks, tracks the dawning of this brave new world of private and government surveillance. (MIDDAY 1/13/05) Gov. Tim Pawlenty's recommendation to reduce the number of people eligible for what he calls Minnesota's "welfare health care" programs has returned to the fore debates over welfare and work reminiscent of American politics from a decade ago. New York Times reporter Jason DeParle is out with a new book on America's 1996 welfare overhaul called "American Dream: Three Women, Ten Kids and a Nation's Drive to End Welfare." DeParle gave this speech at a recent forum on welfare reform in St. Paul. (MIDDAY 1/26/05) As part of his plan to balance the state budget, Gov. Tim Pawlenty is advocating limiting eligibility for MinnesotaCare, a state program that provides subsidized health insurance to low-income working people. The governor says that what he calls "welfare health care" is growing out of control and needs to be reigned in. Critics counter that those who lose their health insurance will eventually end up in emergency rooms and cost the state more in the long run. Human Services Commissioner Kevin Goodno and Sen. Linda Berglin, DFL-Minneapolis, chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee's budget division, are today's guests. (MIDDAY 2/1/05) Martin Luther King, Jr. was the most famous black orator in history, but he was hardly alone. For generations, African Americans have been demanding justice and equality, reminding America to make good on its founding principles. This new documentary from American RadioWorks explores the crucial role these orators played in the long struggle for equal rights. (MIDDAY 2/2/05) Minnesota native Michael Hurley, senior director of policy at the 9/11 Public Discourse Project, says that young people need to focus their energy and talents on preventing future terrorist attacks. Hurley, who served senior counsel and counter-terrorism policy team leader with the 9/11 Commission and has worked with American operations in Bosnia and Afghanistan, spoke Tuesday at the University Center Rochester. (MIDDAY 2/7/2005) The Minnesota Department of Human Services is out with a new report suggesting Minnesotans start saving during their working years to pay for their own long-term care. The number of Minnesotans over the age of 85 is expected to double over the next 25 years, quadrupling by 2050, and DHS says caring for them "could overwhelm the state budget" if nothing is done. How will the state get Baby Boomers to start planning for their golden years? Our guest is LaRhae Knatterud, planning director at the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Knatterud has been studying the impact of Minnesota's aging population for decades and heads up the department's initiative on the subject: Project 2030. (MIDDAY 2/17/2005) Recent polls suggest that many Minnesotans are suspicious of immigrants, believing the 325,000 Minnesotans born abroad take more from the state than they contribute. Author Mary Pipher, who wrote the bestseller "Reviving Ophelia," is out with a new book that details what happened when her hometown of Lincoln, Neb. became an official refugee resettlement community. Pipher talks about writing "The Middle of Everywhere" in this live speech from the Westminster Town Hall Forum in Minneapolis. (MIDDAY 2/17/2005) Julianne Malveaux and Deborah Perry Piscione discussed their book at the University of St. Thomas on Monday night, "Unfinished Business: A Democrat and a Republican Take on the 10 Most Important Issues Women Face." (MIDDAY 3/8/2005) Julian Bond, chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, gives a speech entitled "The Quest for Meaningful Equality" live from the Westminster Town Hall Forum in Minneapolis. (MIDDAY 3/10/2005) Is marijuana a wonder drug that should be made legal, or are efforts to push for medicinal marijuana a smokescreen for wholesale legalization of recreational pot use? (MIDDAY 3/16/2005) Should Minnesota marriages be permanently defined as between one man and one woman? The House Civil Law Committee

heads to Grand Rapids Friday to hold a hearing on a proposed constitutional amendment banning gay marriage with House Speaker Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon, a co-author of the bill, and Rep. Nora Slawik, DFL-Maplewood, lead Democrat on the committee. (MIDDAY 3/17/05)

In honor of St. Patrick's Day: A speech from former Irish President Mary Robinson. Robinson, who served as the United Nations high commissioner for human rights from 1997-2000, spoke at the University of St. Catherine in February. (MIDDAY 3/17/05)

The parents of brain-damaged Florida woman Terri Schiavo are appealing a federal judge's decision not to order their daughter's feeding tube restored. Acting hurriedly over the weekend, Congress passed a law that placed Schiavo's case under federal jurisdiction in an effort to keep her alive. What implications will Congress' action have for Schiavo's case and in the broader debate over the right to die? Ann Althouse, a professor specializing in constitutional law at the University of Wisconsin Law School, and Chris Gilbert, a professor of political science at Gustavus Adolphus College help us understand the implications (MIDDAY 3/22/05)

While overall the National Guard is struggling to meet its recruitment goals, Minnesota's Army National Guard is leading the nation in signing people up for the service. But with another 2,000 Minnesota guard troops notified Thursday that they may be called up next year, will those recruiting successes continue? Larry Shellito, adjutant general of the Minnesota National Guard is our guest. (MIDDAY 3/23/05)

[Locked Down: Gangs in the Supermax](#) Twenty years ago, a new kind of prison was taking America by storm. The supermax prison was designed to incapacitate dangerous criminals by locking them down in stark isolation, sometimes for years on end. This new documentary from American RadioWorks asks if the supermax has lived up to its promise of stopping violent criminals. (MIDDAY 3/23/05)

The Red Lake shootings have raised new questions about mental health services and counseling available in Minnesota schools. Relatives of Jeff Weise say he was depressed, was being treated and was on medication. But he still committed a horrendous act of violence. Are counselors and psychologists equipped to identify and help kids who are having serious problems? Our guests today are Tammy Roth, president of the Minnesota School Counselors Association, is a counselor at Morris Area Elementary and. Brenda Cumming is a psychologist at Apple Valley High School. (MIDDAY 3/25/05)

National media attention focused on Minnesota on Monday, when a Red Lake student allegedly killed himself and nine other people. Four days later, what have we learned about that tragic day? Who was Jeff Weise, and what impact has the shooting had on the close-knit Red Lake community? We air MPR special program What Happened at Red Lake today (MIDDAY 3/25/05)

Before last week, the rest of the world didn't take much notice of the Red Lake Nation. Then came Monday's shooting, and suddenly people across the country became curious about the life on the reservation, the tribe's history and the problems it faces. Brenda Child, associate professor of American studies at the University of Minnesota and a member of the Red Lake band, and Vikki Howard, community liason for the U of M's American studies department and a member of the Leech Lake Ojibwe Nation. (MIDDAY 3/28/05)

The Bureau of Justice Statistics estimated that in 1999 nearly 1.5 million U.S. children were growing up with a parent in prison. This Humankind special tells the stories of some of those children (midday 3/29/50)

The terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 sent shock waves through the American psyche. They changed the way we travel, sparked off two wars and introduced words like Al Qaeda, WMD and dirty bomb into the working vocabularies of ordinary citizens. As National Public Radio's David Welna explained in a speech at Carleton College this February, the aftershocks of 9-11 are still reverberating through American politics, as well (midday 3/31/05)

RELIGION:

While the line of argument that said "moral values" voters were the overwhelming force propelling George W. Bush into the White House for a second term has been largely discredited, it is beyond dispute that notions of morality play a big role in American politics. This program from American Public Media's "Speaking of Faith" series explores the myth and the real meaning of moral values in American life. Speaking of Faith's guest is Steven Waldman, a former editor for U.S. News and World Report, and co-founder and CEO of Beliefnet. Beliefnet describes itself as "a multi-faith e-community designed to help you meet your own religious and spiritual needs." (MIDDAY 1/19/05) The 20th Century theologian Reinhold Niebuhr was one of the most influential thinkers of his day. He rubbed elbows with Supreme Court justices, politicians, laborites, Cold War diplomats, and civil rights activists. His thinking moved from early socialist leanings, through pacifism, support for the Cold War and eventual opposition to U.S. involvement in Vietnam. This program from American Public Media's Speaking of Faith series looks at why thinkers from across the political spectrum are calling for a Niebuhr for our day. (MIDDAY 2/14/2005) Rev. Pat Robertson, founder and chairman of the Christian Broadcasting Network, says that the American media don't understand the evangelical Christian movement, its goals or its scope. Robertson tries to set them straight in this live speech from the National Press Club in Washington. (MIDDAY 2/15/2005) The presiding judge in the case of Terri Schiavo ruled Friday that the feeding tube keeping the brain-damaged woman alive can be removed despite efforts by congressional Republicans to block the move by seeking her appearance at hearings. Another judge had temporarily blocked the removal just an hour before. University of Minnesota law and medicine professor Susan Wolf discusses the issues. (MIDDAY 3/18/05)

MEDIA:

Have a question about how Minnesota Public Radio covers the news? The music we choose? The new 89.3? The future of public radio? Our guest, MPR President Bill Kling makes one of his periodic visits to Midday to get feedback and field questions from listeners. (MIDDAY 1/21/05) Michele Norris, co-host of NPR's All Things Considered, marvels at the impact technological advances have had on news reporting. Going from dictating stories over pay phones to transmitting them using modems and BlackBerries has escalated the speed and ease of filing stories, and the Internet has revolutionized the way journalists research stories. In this speech in St. Paul on Thursday night, Norris said that while technology's impacts are mostly positive, she worries about reporters using sources without ever looking them in the eye. (MIDDAY 2/4/2005) CBS Evening News Anchor Dan Rather makes his last broadcast on Wednesday night, 24 years to the day after he took over the chair from Walter Cronkite. The end of Rather's career was marred by the scandal surrounding a discredited report on President Bush's National Guard service. What role do the network newscasts play in the age of CNN, Fox News and the so-called blogosphere? Our guests are Jane Kirtley, director of the Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law at the University of Minnesota, and Scott Johnson, one of the founders of the Minnesota-based Power Line blog that initially cast doubt on CBS's report. (MIDDAY 3/8/2005)

ENVIRONMENT:

For the first time in 25 years this week the air in Twin Cities was declared unhealthy for everybody to breathe. Unusual weather patterns caused soot from car exhaust, fireplaces and industrial combustion to build up in the atmosphere until winds finally cleared the air on Thursday. Was this week's bad air just an aberration? Should Minnesotans be holding their breath? Our guests are Sheryl Corrigan, commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and Pat Bloomgren, director of the Minnesota Department of Health's Environmental Health Division. (MIDDAY 2/4/2005) The Minnesota Senate takes up Gov. Tim Pawlenty's proposal Monday to raise the ethanol levels in Minnesota's fuel supply from 10 to 20 percent by 2012. The ethanol debate is multi-faceted, pitting farmers against car makers and

environmentalists--who disagree about the net environmental impact of ethanol production--against each other. Taking everything into account, from reduced emissions and domestic energy cultivation to market distortions and voided vehicle warranties, is more ethanol a good idea? Our guests, David Morris, vice president of the Minneapolis and Washington D.C.-based Institute for Local Self Reliance, and Jerry Taylor, director of natural resource studies at the Cato Institute, weigh in. (MIDDAY 2/7/2005) The car club AAA said Tuesday that gas prices were hovering within a mere tenth of a cent of hitting an all-time high, not accounting for inflation. With OPEC meeting in Iran, the U.S. Senate considering drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and a rally on the Minnesota State Capitol's steps in favor of ethanol, what are America's options for future energy production? Robert Ebel, chairman of the Energy Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Michael Noble, executive director of Minnesotans for an Energy Efficient Economy are the guests today discussing these issues. (MIDDAY 3/16/05) Environmental activists and duck hunters are joining forces in hopes of saving Minnesota's dwindling wetlands. On Saturday they are rallying on the Capitol steps to pressure legislators to pass a host of initiatives aimed at restoring habitats and increasing the waterfowl population. When the unlikely coalition speaks, will legislators listen? Rally coordinator Dave Zentner, past state and national president of the Izaak Walton League. Answer the questions for us. (MIDDAY 3/30/05)

HISTORY:

More than 40 years after the fact, an ugly chapter in U.S. race relations--long thought closed--has reopened. A 79-year-old preacher named Edgar Ray Killen pleaded not guilty Friday to the infamous 1964 murders of three civil rights workers. James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner had been in Mississippi that year to register black people to vote--part of a remarkable moment in the Civil Rights Movement that came to be known as Freedom Summer. This American RadioWorks documentary tells the story of Freedom Summer. (MIDDAY 1/07/05) National Public Radio senior correspondent Juan Williams, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his history of the civil rights movement, "Eyes on the Prize," was the featured speaker Monday at the annual Martin Luther King holiday breakfast. (MIDDAY 1/17/05) Americans seem to enjoy ranking their presidents: best to worst, smartest to dumbest and even tallest to shortest. In this speech at the Minnesota Historical Society in January, historian Kathleen Dalton makes the case that the distinction of "most interesting president" should go to Theodore Roosevelt. (MIDDAY 2/21/2005) Most Americans have at least a passing familiarity with the so-called founding fathers: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and the like. But our guest, National Public Radio's Cokie Roberts says it's high time that people took notice of the women who influenced the birth of America. Cokie Roberts, a senior news analyst at NPR and a political commentator at ABC News, is the author of the bestselling book "Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation." (MIDDAY 2/24/2005) Minnesota has been lucky to play host to some of the finest black baseball players of all time, in a history stretching back through Kirby Puckett, Willie Mays and Roy Campanella, all the way to the turn-of-the-Century St. Paul Colored Gophers and before. A new book from the Minnesota Historical Society Press details the history of black baseball in Minnesota. Our guests are Steven Hoffbeck, the editor of "Swinging for the Fences: Black Baseball in Minnesota," and Kwame McDonald, who contributed to the book. (MIDDAY 3/2/2005) Modern people move through life surrounded by hundreds, perhaps thousands, of simple tools: pencils and paper clips, zippers and silverware. Duke University civil engineering and history professor Henry Petroski studies the genesis and refinement of these humble everyday objects. (MIDDAY 3/21/05) Most historians seem to agree that the top tier of U.S. presidents includes the likes of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt, in varying order. But what about the presidents since F.D.R.? Historian Robert Divine paid a visit to the Minnesota Historical Society on Saturday to assess the last ten presidents. (midday 3/24/05)