

FCC Quarterly Programming Report October - December 2009

Date	Key 1	Synopsis	Guest/Reporter
10/1	SOC	NAACP chairman Julian Bond reflects on the state of the civil rights movement now that a black man is president of the United States.	Julian Bond
10/1	ENVR	Lisa Jackson, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, laid out the Obama administration's plan for improving water quality and fighting global warming in a speech this week at the Commonwealth Club of California.	Lisa Jackson
10/2	NATL POL	The U.S. Supreme Court begins its next term on Monday. University of Wisconsin professor Ann Althouse joins Midday for a preview of the big cases and the newest justice.	Ann Althouse
10/2	SPORTS	Unless they catch the Detroit Tigers in the standings, this weekend will be the last time the Minnesota Twins play baseball in the Metrodome, their home since 1982. Midday looks at the history, and the future, of the Metrodome.	Bill Lester
10/5	ENVR	Internationally-known marine ecologist Nancy Rabalais joins Midday to explain the Mississippi River ecosystem and what can be done to protect it. Rabalais is at Gustavus Adolphus College for the Nobel Conference, "H2O: Uncertain Resource."	Nancy Rabalais
10/5	ENVR	The acclaimed wildlife artist and best-selling author of "The Sibley Guide to Birds" is out with his latest book, "The Sibley Guide to Trees." Many consider David Sibley to be the "new John James Audubon."	David Allen Sibley
10/6	SPORTS	Tips for fun and adventure outdoors in fall and winter. The "Gear Junkie" suggests equipment, adventures and outdoor activities for all ages on today's Midday program.	Stephen Regenold
10/6	INTL POL	As President Obama faces a crucial decision about whether to send more troops to Afghanistan, Gen. David Petraeus takes questions about security concerns in the region. Petraeus, who oversees the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan as head of U.S. Central Command, spoke at a conference convened by the Aspen Institute and the Atlantic magazine.	none

10/7	INTL POL	Why public support for war in Afghanistan is so low. On the eighth anniversary of the war in Afghanistan, Middy compares public opinion in 2001 and in 2009.	Michael Hurley
10/7	INTL POL	Gates and Clinton say Taliban has momentum in Afghanistan. The Secretaries of State and Defense appear in a joint interview at George Washington University about the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.	Hillary Clinton, Robert Gates
10/8	HEALTH/SCI	Some H1H1 flu vaccines have arrived in Minnesota, and some seasonal flu vaccine clinics have been cancelled. Who's at risk? Answers from the Minnesota Department of Health on today's Middy.	Kris Ehresmann
10/8	BUS/ECON	The U.S. Postal Service may lose more than \$7 billion this fiscal year. How can it cut costs and raise revenue when fewer people send mail?	John Potter
10/9	INTL POL	President Barack Obama said this morning he accepts the Nobel Peace Prize as a "call to action." Two international relations experts join Middy to discuss the award and its impact.	J. Brian Atwood, Richard Stoll,
10/9	SPORTS	How far will the Twins go in the post-season? Sports analyst Howard Sinker joins Middy to discuss the chances the Twins will be playing in the 2009 World Series.	Howard Sinker
10/12	STATE POL	MIDDAY offers a primer on what's also called Ranked Choice Voting, which will be used in the Minneapolis general election in November. St. Paul voters will decide if they want to employ IRV in future elections.	Rachel Smith, Curtis Gilbert
10/12	INTL POL	An 'Intelligence Squared' debate featuring three panelists FOR and three panelists AGAINST the proposition: America Cannot and Will Not Succeed in Afghanistan/Pakistan.	Steven Clemons, Patrick Lang, Ralph Peters, Steve Coll, John Nagl, James Shinn
10/13	ARTS/CULTURE	Best-selling author Harold Kushner joins Middy to talk about his newest book, "Conquering Fear: Living Boldly in an Uncertain World."	Harold Kushner
10/13	SOC	Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Nicholas Kristof addresses the Westminster Town Hall Forum about his new book, "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide."	Nicholas Kristof

10/14	NATL POL	NPR's health reporter Julie Rovner answers questions about all the elements of the health care and insurance reform bills being debated in Congress.	Julie Rovner
10/14	BUS/ECON	How are small businesses weathering the recession? MPR's Phil Picardi moderates a discussion in the UBS Forum.	Linda McMahon, Walter Gray, Kevin Stirtz, Beth Freschi, Amy Goetz, Chad Salewski, Crystal Pollard, Jason Rysavy, Shawn Seely, Michael Schaffer, Stefan Silverman, Greg Boettner, Roger O'Daniel, Anderson Mitchell, Lonny Gulden
10/15	BUS/ECON	State economist Tom Stinson and economics professor Tony Barrett join Middy to analyze the latest unemployment numbers and the condition of Minnesota's economy.	Tom Stinson and Tony Barrett
10/15	REL	Author Bruce Feiler discusses his newest book, "America's Prophet: Moses and the American Story," in conversation with Stephen Smith, executive editor of American RadioWorks.	Bruce Feiler and Stephen Smith
10/16	INTL POL	President Barack Obama continues his strategy review of the deteriorating war in Afghanistan. MIT political scientist Stephen Van Evera joins Middy to discuss the president's options and the factors that could influence the president's decision.	Stephen Van Evera
10/16	HEALTH/SCI	Veterinarian Kate An Hunter and her dog, Ansel, stop by the MPR studios to answer questions about animal care and training.	Kate An Hunter
10/19	MEDIA	Mitch Albom, columnist and author of "Tuesdays with Morrie," joins Middy in the studio to talk about his latest book, "Have a Little Faith."	Mitch Albom
10/19	HEALTH/SCI	Explorer, author, and Minnesota native Dan Buettner speaks about his latest research into regions of the globe where people live particularly long, healthy lives. Buettner is the author of, "The Blue Zones: Lessons for Living Longer From the People Who've Lived the Longest."	Dan Buettner

10/20	INTL POL	Afghan President Hamid Karzai will face his main rival in a runoff election on Nov. 7. The runoff is intended to resolve a disputed first round that plunged Afghanistan into political uncertainty. The election has complicated President Barack Obama's decision on whether to send thousands more U.S. troops to Afghanistan.	Steven Simon, Jonathan Landay
10/20	INTL POL	A new America Abroad documentary explores the history --and future-- of the economic ties that bind the United States and Mexico.	None
10/21	MEDIA	A longtime national investigative journalist joins MIDDAY to discuss the watchdog role of the news media. Is the public as well informed as it should be? What is "freedom of the press" really for?	Charles Lewis,
10/21	NATL POL	Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Taylor Branch speaks at the Commonwealth Club of California about the presidency and the legacy of former president Bill Clinton. Branch is the author of the new book, "The Clinton Tapes: Wrestling History with the President," which is based on 79 secret conversations with Clinton.	Taylor Branch
10/22	HEALTH/SCI	University of Minnesota Climatologist and Meteorologist Mark Seeley joins MIDDAY to explain the fall weather and tell us what looms ahead this winter.	Mark Seeley
10/23	ARTS/CULTURE	Kate DeCamillo discusses her books with MPR's Cathy Wurzer at the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul. "Because of Winn-Dixie" and "The Tale of Despereaux" won Newbery Awards and were made into movies. Her newest book is "The Magician's Elephant."	Kate DeCamillo
10/26	HEALTH/SCI	Dr. Ruth Lynfield, Minnesota's top infectious disease expert, joins MIDDAY to discuss the latest news about H1N1 and to take listener questions about the flu.	Dr. Ruth Lynfield
10/27	ARTS/CULTURE	Garrison Keillor talks about life, literature, and his latest book, "Pilgrims: A Wobegon Romance." Keillor is the host of the public radio program "A Prairie Home Companion" and the author of more than a dozen books.	Garrison Keillor
10/28	ARTS/CULTURE	The Youth Radio Project - Selections from high school and college-age reporters, from MPR's Youth Radio Project. Presented by the series producer, Sasha Aslanian.	Valencia McMurray, Kao Choua Vue, Paris Porter, Sasha Aslanian

10/28	EDUCATION	PBS NewsHour correspondent Ray Suarez discusses how America's demographics are changing -- and what our schools need to do to keep up.	Ray Suarez
10/29	BUS/ECON	MPR's chief economics correspondent Chris Farrell joins Midday to discuss the stock market crash of 1929, and the lessons learned -- and not learned from that event. How does our economy today compare to 1929 and what does the future hold?	Chris Farrell
10/29	ARTS/CULTURE	Rabbi Harold Kushner, Rabbi Laureate of Temple Israel in Natick, Massachusetts, speaks about his new book, "Conquering Fear: Living Boldly in an Uncertain World."	Rabbi Harold Kushner
10/30	INTL POL	President Barack Obama is considering how to proceed in Afghanistan. Republican Rep. John Kline, who represents Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District, joins Midday to discuss the war in that country	Rep. John Kline
10/30	EDUCATION	The Perry Preschool Project is one of the most famous education experiments of the last 50 years. The study asked a question: Can preschool boost the IQ scores of poor African-American children and prevent them from failing in school? The surprising results are now challenging widely-held notions about what helps people succeed -- in school, and in life.	none
11/2	STATE POL	Tomorrow Minneapolis will hold its first election using a new voting system called instant runoff voting. St. Paul residents will see a question on their ballot asking whether they want to switch to instant runoff voting, too. Midday offers a primer on how this voting system works.	Rachel Smith, Curtis Gilbert
11/2	STATE POL	Minneapolis and St. Paul voters both go to the polls tomorrow to elect a mayor. In advance of the election, major-party-endorsed mayoral candidates from both cities join Midday to debate the issues.	Chris Coleman, Eva Ng, R.T. Rybak, Papa John Kolstad
11/3	INTL POL	On Nov. 4, 1979, U.S. Embassy charge d'affaires L. Bruce Laingen and 51 others were taken hostage in Tehran during the Iranian revolution, and held captive for 444 days. Now 87 and living in Virginia, Bruce Laingen joins Midday to discuss the situation then and now.	L. Bruce Laingen

11/3	NATL POL	An MPR documentary looks back at the 2008 U.S. Senate election, the closest and most expensive Senate race in state history. The race concluded June 30, 2009 when former Senator Norm Coleman conceded to Al Franken after the Minnesota Supreme Court ruled Al Franken won by 312 votes.	
11/4	STATE POL	MPR political analysts Todd Rapp and Tom Horner join Midday for analysis of last night's elections, both in Minnesota and across the nation.	Todd Rapp and Tom Horner
11/4	INTL POL	As President Barack Obama considers a new strategy in Afghanistan, a new documentary from America Abroad explores the current counterinsurgency campaign in Afghanistan, the history of U.S. policy there, and the fight against terrorism across the border in Pakistan. The documentary is called, "Taking on the Taliban."	
11/5	HEALTH/SCI	Minnesota health officials are reporting three more deaths from H1N1 flu and another death from a flu-like illness that wasn't confirmed as H1N1. However, the number of schools reporting outbreaks dropped considerably in the past week. Dr. Michael Osterholm joins Midday to discuss the latest news about H1N1 and to take listener questions about the flu.	Dr. Michael Osterholm
11/5	REL	Harvey Cox, Jr., a Baptist minister and retired Harvard University professor, speaks live at the Westminster Town Hall Forum in Minneapolis. Cox is the author of the new book, "The Future of Faith."	Harvey Cox, Jr.
11/6	BUS/ECON	For some areas of Minnesota, economic recovery means overcoming unemployment rates that have reached double digits. Midday features stories from four cities with some of the highest jobless rates in the state: Hibbing, Bemidji, Albert Lea and Brainerd.	Louis Johnston

11/6	EDUCATION	The United States is facing a dramatic demographic challenge: Young Latinos are the fastest-growing segment of the population, and they are the least likely to graduate from college. Experts say the future of the American economy is at stake, because higher education is essential in the 21st century economy. A new American RadioWorks documentary, "Rising by Degrees," tells the story of Latino students working towards a college degree -- and why it's so hard for them to get what they want.	
11/9	INTL POL	Twenty years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, Professor Nick Hayes joins Midday to look back at the events of Nov. 9, 1989. Hayes teaches history and holds the University Chair in Critical Thinking at Saint John's University in Collegeville.	Nick Hayes
11/9	INTL POL	A new survey from the Pew Research Center looks at attitudes in Germany and Eastern Europe, twenty years after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and former Republican Congressman Vin Weber discuss the results at a Pew Research Center event.	Madeleine Albright and Vin Weber
11/10	NATL POL	President Obama will be among those at memorial service today for the victims of the shooting at Fort Hood Army Base in Texas. In advance of that service, McClatchy Newspapers Pentagon correspondent Nancy Youssef joins Midday to talk about military culture.	Nancy Youssef
11/10	MEDIA	An 'Intelligence Squared' debate features three panelists FOR and three panelists AGAINST the proposition: Good Riddance to the Mainstream Media.	Jim VandeHei, Michael Wolff, Phil Bronstein, David Carr, Katrina vanden Heuvel, John Hockenberry
11/11	HIST	Minnesota native Richard Moe is retiring as president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C. He joins Midday to talk about community revitalization and why it's important to save America's historic buildings and places.	Richard Moe
11/11	HIST	The Vietnam Tapes is a special Midday program featuring audio letters from the Vietnam War. Dan Kleven of Willmar, Minn., spent 11 months in combat in Vietnam in 1970. He recorded his thoughts on cassette tapes in the field, and sent them back to his family.	Dan Kleven

11/12	INTL POL	President Barack Obama wants more war options as he considers the next step for the U.S. in Afghanistan. A senior official says Obama is refusing to accept all the proposals presented by his national security team. Obama is expected to announce a revamped U.S. strategy in a couple of weeks.	Gretchen Peters
11/12	REL	A new documentary from America Abroad looks at the United States' efforts to promote religious liberty around the world.	none
11/13	INTL POL	In Tokyo Friday, in Singapore for APEC meetings, and in Shanghai and Beijing China November 16-18, the President also stops in South Korea before heading home from his first presidential trip to Asia. Two Asia experts join MIDDAY to discuss what he might try to accomplish.	Roy Grow and Richard Bohr
11/13	EDUCATION	A good education can be the ticket to a good job. But for many students conventional school isn't working, and thousands drop out of high school every day. A new documentary from American RadioWorks reports on a growing movement to turn workplaces into classrooms, and marginal students into productive workers.	
11/16	BUS/ECON	On the first day of commuting on the Northstar commuter rail line, Middy discusses the present and future of transit in the metropolitan area. 11:00 a.m.	Peter Bell and Jim McDonough
11/16	INTL POL	President Obama told Chinese students in a speech Monday the U.S. does not want to impose a system of government on others, but he believes freedom of expression and religion, access to information, and political participation are universal rights.	President Barack Obama
11/17	NATL POL	NPR's national political correspondent Mara Liasson joins Middy to discuss former Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin's book released Tuesday, "Going Rogue: An American Life."	Mara Liasson
11/17	ENVR	Lester Brown, a longtime leader in the environmental movement, discusses climate change, food security, and energy policy. He is out with a new book titled, "Plan B 4.0: Mobilizing to Save Civilization."	Lester Brown
11/18	HEALTH/SCI	Two cancer experts join Middy to answer questions about the latest research and guidelines for cancer screening: mammograms for breast cancer and PSA tests for prostate cancer.	Dr. Sandhya Pruthi, Dr. Christopher Warlick

11/18	NATL POL	In an address to the John F. Kennedy Jr. Forum at Harvard University Tuesday, former Minnesota GOP Sen. Norm Coleman said America is a "center-right" nation now.	Norm Coleman
11/19	MEDIA	Minnesota Public Radio President Bill Kling joins Midday host Gary Eichten in the studio to answer listener questions about MPR and about the future of news.	Bill Kling
11/19	INTL POL	Journalist Sarah Chayes, who has lived in Afghanistan since 2001 and is author of "The Punishment of Virtue: Inside Afghanistan After the Taliban," speaks live at the Westminster Town Hall Forum in Minneapolis.	Sarah Chayes
11/20	NATL POL	The U.S. Senate is set for a crucial vote Saturday night on one of President Obama's signature issues - overhauling the health care system. Former Republican Sen. David Durenberger, dubbed "Senator Health" when he was in the Senate, joins Midday to discuss the political and policy controversies over health care reform.	David Durenberger
11/20	NATL POL	Jim Leach, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities and a former Republican congressman who represented Iowa for 30 years, speaks live at the National Press Club.	Jim Leach
11/23	BUS/ECON	Longtime investigate journalist Lowell Bergman turns his attention to the consumer loan industry in a new documentary "The Card Game." The joint project with the New York Times airs November 24th on PBS "Frontline." Bergman answers listener questions about his reporting on today's Midday program.	Lowell Bergman
11/23	NATL POL	Norm Ornstein on achievements of the President and the Congress so far - Hear a speech by Minnesota native and nationally-recognized political analyst Norman Ornstein, given November 20, 2009 at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute.	Norman Ornstein
11/24	BUS/ECON	MPR's senior economics correspondent Chris Farrell stops by Midday during a busy shopping week, to answer questions about consumer spending and the health of the economy.	Chris Farrell and Gita Sitaramiah

11/24	MEDIA	Why are doctors so bad at washing their hands? Did television cause a rise in crime? Those questions, and many more, are answered in the new book, "Superfreakonomics." The authors of that book, economist Steve Levitt and journalist Stephen Dubner, spoke at the Commonwealth Club of California about their work.	Steve Levitt and Stephen Dubner
11/25	EDUCATION	Valeria Silva was named St. Paul superintendent of schools this week and she stops by Midday to talk about ways to improve St. Paul schools for students, parents, teachers, administrators and taxpayers.	Valeria Silva
11/25	BUS/ECON	In an unusual event at the University of St. Thomas School of Law, convicted white-collar criminals discussed how they got into trouble, and how the experience changed them. They shared the stage with the prosecutors and judges who sent them to prison.	none
11/26	ARTS/CULTURE	Join Lynne Rosetto Kasper for two hours of live Thanksgiving cooking tips--and special guest Garrison Keillor.	Lynne Rosetto Kasper and Garrison Keillor
11/26	ARTS/CULTURE	MPR's John Birge presents Thanksgiving music, stories and poems from writers John Updike and Kevin Kling.	John Birge, John Updike and Kevin Kling
11/27	NATL POL	U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar stops by Midday to answer questions about the economy, health care, climate change, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and other key issues facing Congress as it returns from the Thanksgiving break Monday.	Sen. Amy Klobuchar
11/27	ARTS/CULTURE	Playwright and humorist Kevin Kling talks about his new book, "Holiday Inn," which he calls "a romp through a year of holidays." Kling spoke at the Minneapolis Central Library as part of the library's Talk of the Stacks program.	Kevin Kling
11/30	HIST	On the eve of President Obama's Afghanistan speech, historian Douglas Brinkley discusses presidential leadership and controversy in our nation's past.	Douglas Brinkley
11/30	NATL POL	As the economy slowly begins to recover from the financial meltdown, an "Intelligence Squared" debate features three panelists for and three panelists against the proposition: Obama's economic policies are working effectively.	Lawrence Mishel, Steve Rattner, Mark Zandi, James K. Galbraith, Allan H. Meltzer, Eliot Spitzer

12/1	INTL POL	In a speech Tuesday night, President Obama is expected to announce he is sending 30,000 more troops to Afghanistan, and will outline a timetable for the end of the U.S. military mission there. Midday previews the speech.	J. Brian Atwood
12/1	BUS/ECON	Beginning Dec. 7, representatives from all over the world will meet in Copenhagen, Denmark for a much-anticipated summit on climate change. "The Climate Race," a special program produced by Marketplace, explores how the realities of climate change are already altering the global economy.	
12/2	STATE POL	State Finance Commissioners under Republican Governor Arne Carlson and DFL Governor Rudy Perpich discuss Wednesday's announcement of the state revenue forecast.	John Gunyou and Jay Kiedrowski
12/2	INTL POL	Midday rebroadcasts President Obama's December 1, 2009 speech about a U.S. troop surge in Afghanistan and his plans for withdrawal in 2011.	
12/3	BUS/ECON	Two Minnesota economists discuss today's White House Forum on Jobs and Economic Growth. How does the economy generate jobs and what can the government do to influence this?	V.V. Chari and Ed Lotterman
12/3	HIST	Capt. Chesley Sullenberger, the pilot who successfully landed US Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River last winter, discusses what happened that day and how it's affected his life since. Sullenberger spoke at the Commonwealth Club of California.	Capt. Chesley Sullenberger
12/4	HIST	Journalist and pilot William Langewiesche talks about his new book, "Fly By Wire: The Geese, The Glide and the Miracle on the Hudson."	William Langewiesche
12/4	INTL POL	Mary Kay Magistad, the Asia Correspondent for PRI's The World, discusses the future of China and its relationship with the United States. Magistad was a featured guest at Minnesota Public Radio's Broadcast Journalist series at the University of St. Thomas.	Mary Kay Magistad
12/7	STATE POL	Senate Finance Committee chair Richard Cohen and House Finance Committee chair Lyndon Carlson join Midday to discuss plans to erase the \$1.2 billion state budget deficit.	Richard Cohen and Lyndon Carlson

12/7	HIST	On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese warplanes attacked the U.S. fleet at Pearl Harbor, marking the entry of the United States into World War II. American RadioWorks Executive Producer Stephen Smith has listened to some audio recordings from those first days of war. He joins MIDDAY to talk about what Americans heard back in 1941.	Stephen Smith
12/8	NATL POL	Sixteen members of the Minnesota National Guard have been killed in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, and 2,240 Minnesota National Guard soldiers and airmen will spend Christmas overseas. On MIDDAY, Adj. Gen. Larry Shellito talks about Minnesotans who are serving in wartime.	Adj. Gen. Larry Shellito
12/8	NATL POL	Speaking at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., President Barack Obama unveils a plan to get more Americans back to work. A White House official calls the President's speech an "outline for the way forward."	Chris Farrell
12/9	HEALTH/SCI	University of Minnesota Climatologist and Meteorologist Mark Seeley joins MIDDAY to talk about Minnesota's first snowstorm of the season, as well as the climate change summit in Copenhagen.	Mark Seeley
12/9	ARTS/CULTURE	Garrison Keillor speaks at the Virginia Street Swedenborgian Church in St. Paul about life, literature, and his new book, "A Christmas Blizzard." Keillor is the host of the public radio program "A Prairie Home Companion" and the author of more than a dozen books.	Garrison Keillor
12/10	NATL POL	Minnesota U.S. Sen. Al Franken joins MIDDAY to discuss congressional action on health care reform, the economy and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.	Sen. Al Franken and Steven Smith
12/10	INTL POL	Hear the complete speech President Barack Obama gave Thursday, December 10, 2009 in Oslo, Norway, as he accepted the Nobel Peace Prize.	President Barack Obama
12/11	ENVR	As delegates from around the world meet in Copenhagen to discuss climate change, one of the nation's top climate scientists joins MIDDAY to answer questions about the conference and about global warming.	James Hansen
12/11	REL	The Jewish festival of Hanukkah begins Friday at sundown. By tradition to mark the occasion, MIDDAY presents National Public Radio's "Hanukkah Lights," which features four short stories about Hanukkah and Jewish life.	none

12/14	HEALTH/SCI	State health officials are today expected to announce plans to expand the H1N1 vaccination program beyond high risk groups. The chief of immunization at the Minnesota Department of Health, Kris Ehresmann, joins Midday for an update on H1N1 in Minnesota.	Kris Ehresmann
12/14	BUS/ECON	Karen Mills, head of the U.S. Small Business Administration, discusses the administration's efforts to boost the small business sector and drive economic recovery.	Karen Mills
12/15	HIST	Longtime war correspondent Joseph Galloway compares Afghanistan to Vietnam, saying President Obama's presidency will be "blighted" by this war, just as Lyndon Johnson's presidency was destroyed by Vietnam.	Joseph Galloway
12/15	INTL POL	President Obama and his top commander in Afghanistan argue that it'll take more than boots, bullets and brawn to win the war. They say it will take a "civilian surge" - a surge of governance, education and agricultural specialists. A new documentary from America Abroad looks at the history of U.S. foreign development aid, and whether it has been successful.	none
12/16	BUS/ECON	The bipartisan Peterson-Pew Commission on Budget Reform presents a six-point plan this week to deal with the federal debt. The report is titled "Red Ink Rising--A Call to Action to Stem the Mounting Federal Debt."	Tim Penny
12/16	HIST	Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Taylor Branch speaks at the Commonwealth Club of California about the presidency and the legacy of former president Bill Clinton. Branch is the author of the new book, "The Clinton Tapes: Wrestling History with the President," which is based on 79 secret conversations with Clinton.	Taylor Branch
12/17	ENVR	Reporters and climate change experts join Midday both in studio and in Copenhagen to discuss the final days of the climate change summit.	Jon Foley, Will Steger, Kate Knuth, Michael Noble, Rob Schmitz
12/17	ARTS/CULTURE	America's divorce rate soared in the 1970s. Thirty years later, in a documentary by producer Sasha Aslanian, kids who grew up in the divorce revolution look back on that experience and describe how it shaped them as adults.	

12/18	NATL POL	National Public Radio's Juan Williams joins Midday to discuss what President Barack Obama has accomplished, and where he's fallen short, during the first year of his presidency.	Juan Williams
12/18	HEALTH/SCI	Veterinarian Kate An Hunter and her dog, Ansel, stop by the MPR studios to answer questions about animal care and training.	Kate An Hunter
12/21	NATL POL	Senate Democrats won a crucial test vote on President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, putting them on track for passage before Christmas. If the Senate passes the measure, the bill will have to be harmonized with the House version before heading to the president's desk. Former Minnesota Republican Sen. Dave Durenberger joins Midday in studio to discuss the political and policy controversies over health care reform.	Dave Durenberger
12/21	HEALTH/SCI	Harvard psychologist Daniel Gilbert spoke at the 2009 Aspen Ideas Festival about his research on what makes us happy, and why happiness often eludes us. Gilbert is the author of "Stumbling on Happiness."	Daniel Gilbert
12/22	SOC	As many Americans prepare to travel over the holidays, travel expert Rudy Maxa joins Midday to answer listener questions and talk about new rules for airplanes stuck on the tarmac.	Rudy Maxa
12/22	EDUCATION	PBS NewsHour correspondent Ray Suarez discusses how America's demographics are changing -- and what our schools need to do to keep up.	Ray Suarez
12/23	MEDIA	A Minneapolis nonprofit run by parenting expert David Walsh is closing due to lack of funding. The National Institute on Media and the Family, which is nationally known, has fought for safe video games and television shows for children.	David Walsh
12/23	ARTS/CULTURE	President Barack Obama, former President Bill Clinton, and many well-known broadcasters gathered in New York in September to remember Walter Cronkite. Midday features highlights from the memorial service.	
12/24	HEALTH/SCI	A major winter storm is dumping snow across the region. University of Minnesota Climatologist and Meteorologist Mark Seeley joins Midday for the latest on storm -- and a look back at the year in weather	Mark Seeley

12/24	ARTS/CULTURE	Minnesota Public Radio producer and "Movie Maven" Stephanie Curtis joins Midday for a look at new releases around the holidays.	Stephanie Curtis
12/25	ARTS/CULTURE	A MIDDAY Christmas special, including Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory," a short Christmas story from Garrison Keillor, and MPR's Dan Olson reading the New York Sun editorial, "Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus."	none
12/25	ARTS/CULTURE	National Public Radio's "Tinsel Tales" features stories from NPR's archives that touch on the meaning of Christmas. Lynn Neary hosts. Featuring David Sedaris, Bailey White, John Henry Faulk, and NPR voices past and present.	Lynn Neary
12/28	STATE POL	MPR political analysts Todd Rapp and Tom Horner join Midday to review the year in politics and look ahead to 2010.	Todd Rapp and Tom Horner
12/28	EDUCATION	The Perry Preschool Project is one of the most famous education experiments of the last 50 years. The study asked a question: Can preschool boost the IQ scores of poor African-American children and prevent them from failing in school? The surprising results are now challenging widely-held notions about what helps people succeed -- in school, and in life.	none
12/29	NATL POL	President Barack Obama has ordered a review of U.S. security policies following the failed Christmas Day attack on a Detroit-bound flight from Amsterdam. International aviation security consultant Douglas Laird joins Midday for a look at what's being done to keep Americans safe in the air.	Douglas Laird
12/29	REL	National Public Radio correspondent Barbara Bradley Hagerty explores the quest to find actual physical evidence of God in her book, "Fingerprints of God: The Search for the Science of Spirituality." Hagerty spoke about her book as part of Minnesota Public Radio's Broadcast Journalist series.	Barbara Bradley Hagerty
12/30	SOC	Midday discusses the big technology developments of the 2000's, including broadband adoption, social networking, smart phones, TV and music distribution, Google, Microsoft and Apple.	Jon Gordon

12/30	ARTS/CULTURE	At year's end, Midday remembers poet, essayist, memoirist and musician Bill Holm of Minneota, Minnesota who died earlier this year. Hear highlights from a tribute program held at the Fitzgerald Theater, and Bill Holm reading his own works. Holm wrote more than a dozen books, including "The Heart Can be Filled Anywhere on Earth."	Bill Holm
12/31	BUS/ECON	MPR chief economics correspondent Chris Farrell makes his traditional year-end appearance on Midday to account for his 2009 predictions and to look into his crystal ball for 2010 and the new decade ahead.	Chris Farrell
12/31	SPORTS	Sports analyst Howard Sinker will join Midday in the studio for our traditional New Year's sports show. Sinker will look back at the sports stories of 2009, and ahead to next year.	Howard Sinker

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7/1	BUS/ECON	Eric Schmidt of Google speaks at the Aspen Ideas Festival with APM's Marketplace host Kai Ryssdal about his company, the economy and key global issues.	Eric Schmidt, Kai Ryssdal
7/1	NATL POL	Sen.-elect Franken celebrates victory at Capitol rally Live coverage of Sen.-elect Al Franken's victory rally at the State Capitol, as well as commentary from MPR's political analysts.	Tom Horner, Todd Rapp
7/2	EDU	Education Commissioner explains student test results The 2009 Minnesota test scores in reading and math improved slightly, but do not meet national goals under the No Child Left Behind law.	Alice Seagren
7/2	NATL POL	Al Franken's Road to the Senate - A new MPR documentary about the 2008 U.S. Senate election, which concluded June 30, 2009 when former Senator Norm Coleman conceded to Al Franken after the Minnesota Supreme Court ruled Al Franken won by 312 votes.	none
7/3	SOC	This week marks the 45th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. The acclaimed author of "Eyes on the Prize" discusses history lessons from the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and landmark civil rights legislation.	Juan Williams
7/3	INTL POL	Susan Rice, the new U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, reflects on key issues facing the nation and the world, in conversation with James Bennet, editor of The Atlantic magazine.	Susan Rice, James Bennet
7/6	INTL POL	President Obama meets with Russian President Dimitry Medvedev in Moscow, for the first US-Russia summit since 2002. Will years of suspicion and rancor be put behind them?	Nick Hayes

7/6	NATL POL	Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty spoke Friday as part of the "Life in America" series at the 2009 Aspen Ideas Festival in Aspen, Colo.	Tim Pawlenty, Mickey Edwards
7/7	NATL POL	Senator-elect Al Franken becomes Senator Al Franken (D-Minn.) this hour. on MIDDAY, Congressional expert Steven Smith discusses his possible impact on the Senate and the country.	Steven Smith
7/7	ARTS	The memorial service for Michael Jackson is being broadcast live around the world, and the 20,000-seat arena is expected to be packed. Participants include an all-star cast from the music world, headlined by Stevie Wonder, Mariah Carey, Lionel Richie and Usher.	Steve Seel, J.D. Steele, Grant West
7/8	INTL POL	As tensions rise and ethnic violence continues in China, International Relations professor Roy Grow joins MIDDAY to discuss the situation in China and other international issues. Grow has lived and traveled in China for many decades.	Ray Grow
7/8	INTL POL	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff live at the National Press Club - Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, speaks about recent developments in U.S. national security and priorities going forward.	none
7/9	INTL POL	South Korean Web sites were attacked again Thursday, after a wave of Web site outages in South Korea and the U.S, including sensitive sites at the Pentagon, White House, Treasury Department and NASDAQ. Some observers suspect North Korea is behind the outages.	Gene Spafford
7/9	MEDIA	Three journalists on an Aspen Ideas Festival panel titled, "Tweeting the Revolution: Will Social Networking and Journalism Drive Democracy?"	James Fellows, Andrew Sullivan, Jeffrey Goldberg, Mark Whitaker
7/10	BUS/ECON	Is a second economic stimulus needed? An economist discusses the latest economic numbers and job uncertainty, as well as predictions that the global economy might be recovering	Louis Johnston
7/10	HLTH/SCI	Dr. Kate An Hunter answers listener questions about pets.	Kate An Hunter

7/13	NATL POL	Live coverage of the confirmation hearings for U.S. Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor. Judge Sotomayor will be questioned by members of the Senate Judiciary committee.	none
7/13	NATL POL	Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, sitting Justice Stephen Breyer, and Georgetown Law Professor Viet Dinh sat down recently for a discussion about how the U.S. selects its judges. They spoke at the 2009 Aspen Ideas Festival in Aspen, Colorado. Three people who know all about selecting both federal and state judges sat down for a conversation two weeks ago at the Aspen Ideas Festival in Aspen, Colorado: retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, sitting Justice Stephen Breyer, and Georgetown Law Professor Viet Dinh.	Sandra Day O'Connor, Stephen Breyer, Viet Dinh
7/14	NATL POL	Live coverage of the confirmation hearings for U.S. Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor. Judge Sotomayor will be questioned by members of the Senate Judiciary committee.	none
7/14	NATL POL	Law professors will join Midday to discuss Day 2 of the confirmation hearings for U.S. Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor. Judge Sotomayor is being questioned by members of the Senate Judiciary committee.	David Stras
7/15	NATL POL	Live coverage of the confirmation hearings for U.S. Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor. Judge Sotomayor will be questioned by members of the Senate Judiciary committee.	none
7/15	NATL POL	Midday will offer analysis of Day 3 of the confirmation hearings for U.S. Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor. Judge Sotomayor is being questioned by members of the Senate Judiciary committee, including Minnesota's U.S. senators, Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken.	Tom Berg, Amy Klobuchar

7/15	NATL POL	U.S. Supreme Court justice Stephen Breyer recently spoke at the 2009 Aspen Ideas Festival about his work on the U.S. Supreme Court. He talked with Harvard Law School professor Charles Ogletree.	Stephen Breyer
7/16	NATL POL	The author of a new book out this week, "The Heart of Power: Health and Politics in the Oval Office," joins Midday to discuss the history of health care reform and the current debate. 11:00 a.m.	James Morone
7/16	NATL POL	On the 40th anniversary of the moon launch, Midday features a documentary about the politics of the space program. It's titled, "Washington, We Have a Problem." 12:00 p.m.	none
7/17	NATL POL	Walter Mondale, former vice president and U.S. senator and ambassador, reflects on the 25th anniversary of his Democratic presidential nomination on July 18, 1984 in San Francisco.	Walter Mondale
7/17	SPORTS	MPR sports analyst Howard Sinker will be in the MPR studios to talk about the second half of the Minnesota Twins season and next weekend's Hall of Fame inductions of Jim Rice and Rickey Henderson.	Howard Sinker
7/20	HLTH/SCI	University of Minnesota planetary scientist and Apollo advisor Robert Pepin joins Midday to discuss the first humans landing on the moon and what we learned from lunar exploration.	Robert Pepin
7/20	MEDIA	Longtime CBS news anchor Walter Cronkite spoke at a 2005 event at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston. He discussed news events from D-Day to the moon landing, as well as the current state of the news media. Cronkite died Friday at the age of 92.	Walter Cronkite
7/21	HLTH/SCI	Deborah Swackhamer, co-director of the University of Minnesota's Water Resources Center, answers questions about water in all its forms, and what the land of 10,000 lakes needs to know about the cleanliness of its water.	Deborah Swackhamer

7/21	INTL POL	At this year's Aspen Ideas Festival, Ambassador Michael Oren of Israel and Ambassador Imad Moustapha of Syria discussed the relationship between the U.S. and their countries, and the chances for peace in their region.	Michael Oren, Imad Moustapha
7/22	STATE POL	Secretaries of State from 30 states discussed voting procedures at their annual summer meeting in Minneapolis last weekend. Can voter registration, absentee voting and vote counting be improved?	Mark Ritchie
7/22	BUS/ECON	Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne, speaking at the Chautauqua Institution in New York, discusses the limits of economic markets and the ethics of capitalism.	E.J. Dionne
7/23	HLTH/SCI	Todd Krause, meteorologist and weather warnings coordinator at the Twin Cities office of the National Weather Service, will answer questions about lightning, thunder, hail, tornadoes, drought and other summer weather happenings.	Todd Krause
7/23	CULTURE/ARTS	Pulitzer prize-winning author Frank McCourt died Sunday; he was 78 years old.	none
7/24	ENVIRMNT	Director of Science and Quality at Rainbow Treecare, Dr. John Lloyd joins Midday for an update on the emerald ash borer, and to take listener questions about Minnesota trees.	John Lloyd
7/24	NATL POL	Congressman John Conyers (D-MI), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and dean of the Congressional Black Caucus, discusses health care reform, the war in Iraq, warrantless wiretapping, and accountability for policies on torture.	John Conyers
7/27	BUS/ECON	Two labor market experts join Midday to discuss a recent report from the state showing that men are losing more jobs than women in this recession -- and that in Minnesota the disparity is even greater.	Amy Lindgren, Steve Hine

7/27	NATL POL	U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., chairman of the Committee on Financial Services, speaks live at the National Press Club about current issues facing Congress.	Barney Frank
7/28	NATL POL	Regina Herzlinger, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute Center for Medical Progress and author of "Who Killed Health Care: America's \$2 Trillion Problem and the Consumer-Driven Cure," discusses consumer-driven health care.	Regina Herzlinger
7/28	BUS/ECON	Harvard professor Niall Ferguson and journalist James Fallows discuss the economic relationship between China and the United States.	Niall Ferguson, James Fallows
7/29	MEDIA	The Star Tribune is scheduled to be in bankruptcy court today for a hearing on the company's disclosure statement, which outlines its reorganization plan. Meanwhile, Midday considers the future of the newspaper business.	Rick Edmonds, Ken Doctor
7/29	RELIGION	Elie Wiesel, holocaust survivor and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, speaks at the Chautauqua Lecture Series in New York about what makes us moral.	Elie Wiesel
7/30	BUS/ECON	Jon Gordon of "Future Tense" joins Midday to share his research on smart phones and answer questions about the rapidly changing world of technology.	Jon Gordon
7/30	RELIGION	A Chautauqua Lecture series this week features theologians, ethicists and Nobel winners. Today on Midday, Rev. Gene Robinson, Episcopal bishop of New Hampshire.	Gene Robinson
7/31	HISTORY	Douglas Brinkley, author of "The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America" joins Midday to discuss the first naturalist president, and what impact his appreciation for nature still has today.	Douglas Brinkley

7/31	NATL POL	Gov. Tim Pawlenty spoke to the Republican National Committee (RNC) in San Diego Thursday. The governor expressed strong opinions on what he thinks President Barack Obama is doing wrong, and discussed being a Republican governor in a primarily Democratic state.	Tim Pawlenty
8/3	SPORTS	Former Vikings offensive guard Randall McDaniel joins MIDDAY to talk about his upcoming induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame and about being an educator in Minnesota. McDaniel currently teaches at Hilltop Elementary School in Mound, Minnesota.	Randall McDaniel
8/3	MEDIA	Dan Rather, former CBS News anchor, speaks as part of the McCloskey Speaker Series in Aspen, Colorado about the future of the news media.	Dan Rather
8/4	SOCIAL ISSUE	Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman stops by MIDDAY to talk about crime, criminals, public safety and crime prevention in connection with National Night Out.	Mike Freeman
8/4	INTL POL	A new documentary from America Abroad investigates whether the U.S. State Department is able to meet the diplomatic challenges of a changing world. It's titled, "Diplomacy Under Fire."	none
8/5	NATL POL	Will massive federal debt stifle economic growth and reduce the American standard of living? public debt will reach 82 percent of GDP by 2019.	Tim Penny
8/5	HLTH/SCI	Nathan Wolfe, visiting professor of human biology at Stanford University and director of the Global Viral Forecasting Initiative, spoke at the 2009 Aspen Ideas Festival about his research into how viruses move from animals to humans -- and how to slow their spread.	Nathan Wolfe
8/6	BUS/ECON	MPR's chief economics correspondent Chris Farrell stops by MIDDAY to discuss the latest economic indicators, and whether they point to the end of the recession.	Chris Farrell

8/6	HLTH/SCI	George Lakoff, professor of cognitive linguistics at the University of California, Berkeley and author of "The Political Mind: A Cognitive Scientist's Guide to Your Brain and Its Politics," discusses the use of language in politics.	George Lakoff
8/7	NATL POL	Congress takes its traditional August recess and will hear from constituents on subjects ranging from the economy and health care to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. A political scientist grades Congress and the president on their accomplishments so far.	Dan Hofrenning
8/7	ENVIRMNT	Two leading voices in wildlife conservation discuss their work, and the future of animals on the African continent.	Patrick Bergen, Jane Goodall
8/10	INTL POL	The Obama administration is asking Congress for time to see whether a revamped war plan for Afghanistan is working; meanwhile, Afghanistan is preparing for an Aug. 20 presidential election.	Christine Fair, Ronald Neumann
8/10	HLTH/SCI	Harvard psychologist Daniel Gilbert spoke at the 2009 Aspen Ideas Festival about his research on what makes us happy, and why happiness often eludes us. Gilbert is the author of "Stumbling on Happiness."	Daniel Gilbert
8/11	EDU	Education Commissioner Alice Seagren joins Midday to discuss the latest test results, which show more than 1,000 Minnesota schools did not make "adequate yearly progress" under the No Child Left Behind law.	Alice Seagren
8/11	INTL POL	Middle East expert Aaron David Miller, who worked for two decades in the U.S. State Department as an advisor to six secretaries of state, offers some suggestions for working toward peace in the Middle East today. Miller is the author of "The Much Too Promised Land: America's Elusive Search for Arab-Israeli Peace."	David Miller

8/12	HLTH/SCI	Dr. Ruth Lynfield, Minnesota's top infectious disease expert, predicts thousands of residents will get the flu this fall and winter. She joins Midday to explain how the state is preparing for another round of the H1N1 flu this fall, as well as the return of seasonal flu.	Ruth Lynfield
8/12	INTL POL	Middle East expert Shibley Telhami, the Anwar Sadat professor for peace and development at the University of Maryland and author of "The Stakes: America and the Middle East," discusses the influence of religion and culture on diplomacy. Telhami spoke at the Chautauqua Institution in New York. 12:00 p.m.	Shibley Tehami
8/13	SPORTS	Award-winning and best-selling author and sports writer John Feinstein joins Midday to talk about the PGA golf championship underway at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska.	John Feinstein
8/13	BUS/ECON	Ken Fisher, Forbes Magazine columnist and author of "How to Smell a Rat: The Five Signs of Financial Fraud," speaks at the Commonwealth Club of California about how to spot a financial scam.	Ken Fisher
8/14	STATE POL	Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak and St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman join Midday to explain their proposed budgets for next year, and the state of their cities	R.T. Rybak, Chris Coleman
8/14	HLTH/SCI	Helen Fisher, an anthropology professor and human behavior researcher at Rutgers University, discusses her research into why we fall in love with the people we do, and what happens to our brains when we are in love. Fisher is spoke at the 2009 Aspen Ideas Festival.	Helen Fisher
8/17	NATL POL	Politics and public affairs veteran D.J. Leary bemoans the low level of public discourse in the Internet age.	D.J. Leary

8/17	SOCIAL ISSUE	Award-winning journalist Matt Miller argues that many of our current ideas about economic and social well-being need to change. He spoke at the 2009 Aspen Ideas Festival about his latest book, "The Tyranny of Dead Ideas: Letting Go of the Old Ways of Thinking to Unleash a New Prosperity."	Matt Miller
8/18	HLTH/SCI	Two experts who have researched health care and long-term care for the elderly and disabled join MIDDAY to discuss what's available and who pays for it.	Howard Gleckman, Kathryn Roberts
8/18	RELIGION	Award-winning journalist and author Robert Wright is out with a new book about how our conceptions of God have changed over the centuries. Wright spoke about his book, "The Evolution of God" at the 2009 Aspen Ideas Festival in Aspen, Colorado.	Robert Wright
8/19	NATL POL	U.S. Rep. Tim Walz, who represents Minnesota's 1st Congressional District, is holding a town meeting on health care reform in Mankato Thursday evening. In advance of that meeting, Walz joins MIDDAY to talk about health care and other issues facing Congress.	Tim Walz
8/19	SPORTS	Longtime sports writer Jim Klobuchar joins MIDDAY to talk about the Vikings and their new QB...and the growing popularity of football.	Jim Klobuchar
8/20	NATL POL	Former Republican Sen. David Durenberger, dubbed "Senator Health" when he was in the Senate, joins MIDDAY to discuss the political and policy controversies over health care reform.	David Durenberger
8/20	INTL POL	General Anthony Zinni, Former Commander in Chief of U.S. Central Command, speaks at the Commonwealth Club of California about what the battlefield can teach us about leadership. Zinni is the author of a new book, "Leading the Charge: Leadership Lessons from the Battlefield to the Boardroom."	Anthony Zinni

8/21	HLTH/SCI	Midday discusses the factors that contribute to good or poor health. How is our health affected by food, exercise, chemicals and pollution?	Thomas Kottke, David Wallinga
8/21	HLTH/SCI	Three scientists sat down together at the 2009 Aspen Ideas Festival in Aspen, Colo. to discuss how our brains develop over the course of our lives.	Patricia Kuhl, Andrew Meltzoff, Harold Koplewicz, William Haseltine
8/24	INTL POL	U.S. military commanders in Afghanistan say more troops are needed, and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs says there is danger that the Taliban will take over again. Election results are uncertain.	Soraya Sarhaddi Nelson
8/24	HISTORY	Two speeches from journalists at the Aspen Ideas Festival: Fred Kaplan on his new book "1959" and David Quammen on his book "The Reluctant Mr. Darwin."	Fred Kaplan, David Quammen
8/25	BUS/ECON	How long should passengers have to stay on board a plane sitting on the tarmac? What's the best way to solve flight delays?	George Wozniak
8/25	ENVIRMNT	Satirist PJ O'Rourke told the Commonwealth Club of California the automobile is what the founding fathers had in mind when they wrote about freedom.	P.J. O'Rourke
8/26	BUS/ECON	Minnesota's jobless rate fell to 8.1 percent, but twice as many people are without jobs as a year ago. The state's top employment and economic development official joins Midday to talk about the facts and the trends.	Dan McElroy
8/26	SOCIAL ISSUE	America's divorce rate soared in the 1970s. Thirty years later, in a documentary by producer Sasha Aslanian, kids who grew up in the divorce revolution look back on that experience and describe how it shaped them as adults.	Sasha Aslanian
8/27	NATL POL	U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, DFL-Minn., joins Midday at the Minnesota State Fair to discuss current events and answer questions from the audience.	Amy Klobuchar

8/27	HLTH/SCI	University of Minnesota climatologist and meteorologist Mark Seeley joins Gary Eichten on stage at the Minnesota State Fair to talk about the weather and give listeners a chance to take the 13th annual weather quiz.	Mark Seeley
8/28	HLTH/SCI	State officials say they are hoping for the best and preparing for the worst. Federal officials say H1N1 swine flu may infect half the U.S. population and 90,000 people may die. A top epidemiologist joins MIDDAY to answer questions about the flu.	Michael Osterholm
8/28	NATL POL	Thousands of people are paying their final respects to Sen. Edward Kennedy, who died this week after a battle with brain cancer. We look back at Sen. Kennedy's life and career.	none
8/31	EDU	Three award-winning Minnesota teachers offer guidance for parents, students and teachers at the beginning of the school year.	Amber Damm, Derek Olson, Sharon Ornelas
8/31	RELIGION	Acclaimed religion writer Karen Armstrong speaks at the Chautauqua lecture series about the role of compassion in the world's great religions.	Karen Armstrong
9/1	HISTORY	On this day in 1939 German troops rolled into Poland, beginning World War II. Neville Chamberlain declared war, FDR declared neutrality. Minnesotan Charles Lindbergh addressed the America First rally. Hear their voices, and an historian, on Middy.	Nick Hayes
9/1	HISTORY	CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow and his team of radio reporters broadcast from the rooftops and streets of Europe during WWII, providing Americans with real-time information about the war. On the 70th anniversary of the beginning of WWII, Midday listens back to some of those CBS broadcasts.	none
9/2	STATE POL	Former Republican Governor Arne Carlson and Former DFL House Speaker Dee Long preview the "Leadership Summit" on Minnesota state finances.	Arne Carlson, Dee Long

9/2	NATL POL	A special NPR report recaps the recent political developments in the health care debate and explores the roles various parties -- patients, physicians, hospitals, insurance companies, the government, and business -- play in the debate over the future of health care in America.	none
9/3	HLTH/SCI	Best-selling author T.R. Reid toured the globe to write "The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care." He joins MIDDAY to discuss what he learned.	T.R. Reid
9/3	CULTURE/ARTS	Minnesota Public Radio producer and "Movie Maven" Stephanie Curtis looks back at summer movies and ahead to fall. She also, in a nod to the health care debate, reveals her most- and least-favorite movies featuring doctors and nurses.	Stephanie Curtis
9/4	NATL POL	U.S. Sen. Al Franken, DFL-Minn., joins Midday at the Minnesota State Fair to discuss current events and answer questions from the audience.	Al Franken
9/4	MEDIA	Garrison Keillor --author, storyteller, humorist, and host of the radio show "A Prairie Home Companion"-- joins Midday at the Minnesota State Fair.	Garrison Keillor
9/7	STATE POL	MPR political analysts Todd Rapp and Tom Horner join Midday at the Minnesota State Fair to talk politics, and take questions from the audience.	Todd Rapp, Tom Horner
9/7	SPORTS	MPR sports analyst Howard Sinker joins Midday for his annual Labor Day State Fair sports extravaganza.	Howard Sinker
9/8	EDU	As students all over the state head back to school, Midday features President Barack Obama's remarks to school children and a discussion about current education issues in Minnesota.	Tom Doohar, Charlie Kyte
9/8	EDU	Three education experts -- a brain scientist, a former U.S. secretary of education, and the head of a reading institute -- discuss why it's so difficult to learn to read, and how we can help kids master the skill. They spoke at the 2009 Aspen Ideas Festival.	Patricia Kuhl, Margaret Spellings, Claiborne Barksdale

9/9	NATL POL	Congressional analyst Steven Smith joins MIDDAY to sort through the key issues in the health care reform debate in Congress, and the President's address to Congress and the American people.	Steven Smith
9/9	EDU	Education expert Geoffrey Canada, founder of Harlem Children's Zone, discusses the achievement gap between high and low-income students in America and how to close it.	Geoffrey Canada
9/10	NATL POL	Two health care policy experts join MIDDAY to analyze President Obama's speech last night to a joint session of Congress.	Jan Malcolm, Stephen Parente
9/10	NATL POL	President Barack Obama addressed a joint session of Congress on Wednesday night, spelling out his positions on key issues in the health care reform debate.	Barack Obama
9/11	STATE POL	The leaders of the House and Senate recap what was learned at this week's "Leadership Summit" featuring former Governors and legislative leaders. The budget is likely to be billions of dollars out of balance.	Larry Pogemiller, Margaret Anderson Kelliher
9/11	MEDIA	President Barack Obama, former President Bill Clinton, and many well-known broadcasters gathered in New York this week to remember Walter Cronkite. MIDDAY features highlights from the memorial service.	Bill Clinton, Tom Brokaw, Nick Clooney, Linda Mason, Bob Schieffer, Barack Obama
9/14	NATL POL	The President speaks on the one-year anniversary of the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy and calls for sweeping regulatory changes. MIDDAY has live coverage.	Barack Obama
9/14	BUS/ECON	Economist Louis Johnston and MPR's chief economics correspondent Chris Farrell join MIDDAY to answer listener questions about the economy and our financial systems.	Louis Johnston, Chris Farrell
9/15	HLTH/SCI	State Epidemiologist Dr. Ruth Lynfield answers questions about the H1N1 flu, and the seasonal flu, on today's MIDDAY.	Ruth Lynfield

9/15	HLTH/SCI	Journalist and best-selling author T.R. Reid travelled the world to write "The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care." He spoke at the Commonwealth Club of California about his new book.	T.R. Reid
9/16	HISTORY	Award-winning war correspondent Joe Galloway offers insights based on 40 years of reporting on war and national security. Galloway says Afghanistan is not worth one more American life.	Joseph Galloway
9/16	INTL POL	U.S. Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair says the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks would not have happened had U.S. intelligence agencies been organized then the way they are now. Blair spoke at the Commonwealth Club of California.	Dennis Blair
9/17	BUS/ECON	Employment advisor and career strategist Amy Lindgren answers questions about finding or keeping a job during a recession.	Amy Lindgrn
9/17	BUS/ECON	Ali Velshi, chief business correspondent for CNN, speaks live at the Westminster Town Hall Forum in Minneapolis about the economic crisis. Velshi is author of "Gimme My Money Back: Your Guide to Beating the Financial Crisis."	Ali Velshi
9/18	NATL POL	Former Minnesota Republican Congressman Jim Ramstad joins Midday to discuss rancor in Congress, civility in public discourse and the future of the GOP.	Jim Ramstad
9/18	NATL POL	Dr. Denis Cortese, president and CEO of the Mayo Clinic, speaks live at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. about health care reform. His speech is titled, "Great Expectations: What Lawmakers Must Do to Reform U.S. Health Care."	Denis Cortese
9/21	HLTH/SCI	Medical ethicist Arthur Caplan joins Midday to discuss how medical care is delivered and paid for in other countries and how our system compares in cost and quality.	Arthur Caplan

9/21	NATL POL	Pulitzer Prize-winning author Haynes Johnson and Washington Post writer Dan Balz speak at the Commonwealth Club of California about their new book, "The Battle for America 2008: The Story of an Extraordinary Election."	Haynes Johnson, Dan Balz
9/22	HLTH/SCI	The doctor makes radio house calls today on Midday, with the flu season at hand, lots of medical news, and the health care reform debate underway in Congress.	Jon Hallberg
9/22	INTL POL	Scholar, best-selling author, and Iranian native Reza Aslan speaks at the Commonwealth Club of California about his new book, "How to Win a Cosmic War: God, Globalization, and the End of the War on Terror."	Reza Aslan
9/22	INTL POL	President Barack Obama declared that the United States is a serious partner in combating global warming. The president spoke at a high-level climate summit convened at the United Nations in New York.	Barack Obama
9/23	INTL POL	President Obama called for global decisions based on "four pillars"-- nuclear disarmament, promotion of peace and security, preservation of the planet, and global economic opportunity for all people. A former US AID chief analyzes the speech.	Barack Obama
9/23	BUS/ECON	David Wessel, economics editor of the Wall Street Journal, speaks at the Commonwealth Club of California about his new book, "In Fed We Trust: Ben Bernanke's War on the Great Panic."	David Wessel
9/24	SOCIAL ISSUE	A Duluth man was charged this week with murder of a St. Paul man in 1977. Cold case homicides and other crimes are sometimes solved decades later, often with the help of DNA evidence.	Susan Gaertner
9/24	STATE POL	Speaking with former Vice President Walter Mondale at an event sponsored by the organization Growth and Justice, former Republican Governor Arne Carlson said Governor Pawlenty should buckle down and work with the legislature to address a "budget tsunami."	Walter Mondale, Arne Carlson

9/25	NATL POL	Gov. Tim Pawlenty speaks Saturday at the Michigan Republican Leadership Conference. Hear highlights of his recent speech to the Values Voter Summit in Washington, and analysis by MPR political commentators on Midday.	Tom Horner, Todd Rapp
9/25	NATL POL	Former Republican U.S. Senator from Nebraska Chuck Hagel speaks about the challenges the U.S. is facing both domestically and internationally. Hagel was in Minnesota this week to give the third annual Eugene McCarthy Lecture at St. John's University in Collegeville.	Chuck Hagel
9/28	INTL POL	Tehran capped off two days of war games Monday by firing off missiles capable of carrying warheads and reaching Israel and U.S. bases in the Middle East. The testing comes just days after the disclosure that Iran is building a uranium enrichment facility.	William Beeman
9/28	CULTURE/ARTS	Documentary filmmaker Ken Burns speaks live at the National Press Club about his new six-part PBS series on the national parks. More than six years in the making, the series is titled, "The National Parks: America's Best Idea."	Ken Burns
9/29	INTL POL	The U.S. has been in Afghanistan nearly eight years, and yet the situation there is increasingly unstable. Both civilian and U.S. casualties are up significantly from a year ago. Now America must decide whether to commit more troops to the conflict.	Tim Walz
9/29	BUS/ECON	In an Oxford-style debate, six experts discuss whether Buy American and Hire American provisions actually work.	Jagdish Bhagwati, Douglas Irwin, Susan Schwab, Jeff Madrick, John R. MacArthur, Leo Gerard
9/30	INTL POL	This week, the Communist Party will celebrate 60 years of rule over mainland China. Carleton College International Relations Professor Roy Grow joins Midday to discuss the history of China, and how it's	Roy Grow

		changed over the past six decades.	
9/30	BUS/ECON	In a summit on leadership during crisis, prominent business leaders and a former presidential advisor gather to discuss what it takes to lead during turmoil. The summit was moderated by Bill George, retired CEO of Medtronic.	Bill George, John Donahoe, Anne Mulcahy, David Gergen, Marilyn Carlson Nelson

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INTERNATIONAL:

11--Menzie Chinn, University of Wisconsin economist, discusses G-20 Summit (4/2/09). 11--Nick Hayes, St. John's University, discusses NATO and US-Russian relations (4/3/09). 12--President Barack Obama speaks about US-European relations and holds town hall style meeting in conjunction with 60th anniversary of NATO (4/3/09). 11--Brian Atwood, Humphrey Institute, discusses first Obama diplomatic mission (4/6/09). 12--Martii Ahtissari, Nobel Peace Prize winner, discusses world peace issues (4/7/09). 12--Pakistani journalist Hamid Mir discusses Pakistan, bin Laden, and Taliban (4/9/09). 1--Ahmed Samatar and Hussein Samatar discuss Somali disappearances, piracy, cultural challenges (4/15/09). 11--David Samuels, U of M, discusses US-Cuban relations (4/20/09). 12 – America Abroad documentary on the international criminal court (4/27/09). 11 – Gregory Feifer NPR's Moscow correspondent on Russia's experience in Afghanistan (4/28/09). 12 – Documentary from American Abroad about the U.S. Government's plan to exit Iraq (5/05/09). 11 – Christine Fair, Senior political scientist at the RAND Corporation, on widening efforts to attack Taliban and Al-Qaida in Afghanistan (5/12/09). 12 – Former U.N. Chief Kofi Annan speaks at Macalester college about ongoing global challenges (5/22/09). 11 – David Kang, Director of the Korean Studies Institute at the University of Southern California, on possible international sanctions against North Korea (5/28/09). 11 – U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison on how the U.S. can rebuild relations with the Muslim world (6/02/09). 11 – Roy Grow, Professor of international relations at Carleton College, on the 20th anniversary of Tiananmen Square (6/04/09). 12 – President Obama's speech at Cairo University on U.S.-Muslim relations (6/04/09). 12 – Kenneth Pollack, former CIA and national security expert on the Persian Gulf, Nicolas Burns, professor of Diplomacy at Harvard, Liz Cheney, daughter of Dick Cheney and Deputy Asst. Sec. of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Dan Senor, Senior Fellow for Middle East Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, on diplomacy in Iran (6/10/09). 12 – General James Conway, the commander of the U.S. Marine Corps, speaks at the National Press Club about the deployment of more troops in Afghanistan (6/11/09). 12 – America Abroad documentary looks at the controversy around torture and the need to provide safety to the country (6/15/09). 12 – Daniel Brumberg, Georgetown University professor of government, on the disputed election in Iran (6/16/09). 12:25 – Jacqueline Novogratz, founder of the nonprofit capital firm Acumen, discusses her experience fighting poverty in the third world (6/17/09). 11 – William Beeman, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Minnesota, on the protests in Iranian presidential election (6/19/09). 11 – L. Bruce Laingen, former Iranian hostage and Charge D'Affaires at U.S. Embassy in Tehran, on current protests in Iran (6/22/09). 12 – Nick Hayes, Professor of history and University Chair in Critical Thinking at St. John's University, on the American response to public

uprisings abroad (6/23/09). 11 – Jon Gordon, producer and host of “Future Tense” on how new technology is being used to communicate during the Iranian protests (6/24/09). 11 – Jim Walsh, Research associate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Security Studies Program, on how the protests in Iran will affect U.S. diplomacy with the company (6/26/09). 11 – Stephen Van Evera, MIT professor of political science and international relations, Ross Holtan, Iraq war veteran, on the upcoming deadline for pulling out U.S. troops from Iraq (6/30/09).

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

12--Former Deputy Attorney General James Comey discusses national security issues (4/1/09). 11--Election law experts Ned Foley, Ohio State, and Guy Charles, UofM and Duke, discuss latest developments in US Senate recount trial (4/7/09). 12--Barack Obama discusses the state of the economy at Georgetown and MPR reporter Mark Zdechlik updates the US Senate recount (4/14/09). 12--Gwen Ifill, PBS host and author, discusses politics in the age of Obama (4/16/09). 12--Nancy Pelosi, US House speaker, discusses her career (4/20/09). 11--Norm Ornstein, political analyst, discusses Obama's first 100 days (4/21/09). 11:30--John Radsan, former CIA general counsel, William Mitchell Law School, discusses CIA "torture" memos (4/21/09). 12 -- Nadine Strossen, Professor of Law, New York Law School, and former president of the ACLU, on SCOTAS FCC ruling (4/28/09). 12 – Steven Smith, Director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, on the possibility of a filibuster-proof majority in Congress (4/29/09). 12 – Speech from Justice David Souter (5/01/09). 12 – Speech from Jane Mayer, New Yorker staff writer and author of “The Dark Side” on the war on terror vs. American values (5/04/09). 12 – Speech from New York Times columnist David Brooks at the University of St. Thomas, on the Age of Obama (5/08/09). 12 – Vanderbilt University law professor Suzanna Sherry on Obama’s options for Supreme Court pick (5/14/09). 11 – U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar discusses key issues facing Congress (5/20/09). 11 – Former Republican senator and Chair of Senate Intelligence Committee David Durenberger on torture controversy (5/21/09). 12 – President Obama gives national security at the National Archives (5/21/09). 11 – Steven Smith, Director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy at Washington University, on the looming confirmation hearings for Judge Sonia Sotomayor (5/27/09). 11 – President Obama’s press conference on the GM Bankruptcy filing (6/01/09). 12:30 – Former vice-president Dick Cheney at the National Press Club for the Gerald Ford Journalism Awards (6/01/09). 12 – Former state rep. Vin Weber speaks at the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs on President Obama’s political strategies (6/08/09). 11 – Live coverage of President Obama’s press conference covering Iran, health care, and energy legislation (6/23/09). 11 – Suzanna Sherry, professor of constitutional law at Vanderbilt University, on the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to overturn a lower court ruling by panel including Judge Sonia Sotomayor (6/29/09). 2 –

Steven Smith, Director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy at Washington University and Ned Foley, Professor of election law at Ohio State University, on reaction to the Minnesota Supreme Court ruling that Al Franken is the winner (6/30/09).

STATE POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

11—MPR Capitol reporters Tom Scheck and Tim Pugmire update legislation as Easter break begins (4/8/09). 12--Minnesota House republican leader Marty Seifert discusses his legislative philosophy (4/8/09). 11--Political analysts Tom Horner and Todd Rapp discuss the recount, Obama, legislative session, etc (4/10/09). 11--Governor Tim Pawlenty discusses legislative issues, politics (4/13/09). 11--DFL leaders Margaret Anderson Kelliher and Larry Pogemiller discuss legislative issues (4/14/09). 11--David Schultz, Hamline and UofM Law, and former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Sandra Gardebring Ogren discuss US Senate recount appeal (4/16/09). 1--Tax committee chairs Representative Ann Lenczewski and Senator Tom Bakk discuss DFL tax increase plans (4/23/09). 12--Governor Tim Pawlenty and legislative leaders Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Larry Pogemiller, Marty Seifert, Dave Senjem, discuss legislative issues (4/24/09). 11 – Robert Bruininks, President of the University of Minnesota, discusses concerns about Gov. Pawlenty's budget cuts (5/05/09). 11—Senatory Larry Pogemiller, Senate Majority Leader, and Rep. Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Speaker of the Minnesota House, on the state legislature's plan to address budget deficit (5/06/09). 12 – Former Senate DFL Majority Leader Roger Moe and Former Republican state Senator Duane Benson on final week of legislative session (5/11/09). 11 – Rep. Mindy Greiling and Sen. Leroy Stumpf discuss education funding (5/14/09). 11 – MPR Political editor Mike Mulcahy and MPR State Capitol reporters Tim Pugmire and Tom Scheck on closing weekend of legislature (5/15/09). 11 – Pam Wheelock, Former state finance commissioner and chief legislative negotiator and MPR political editor Mike Mulcahy live at the capitol on the closing days of the legislature (5/18/09). 11 – MPR Republican political analyst Tom Horner and MPR DFL political analyst Todd Rapp on failure of legislature to come to budget deal (5/19/09). 12 – Governor Tim Pawlenty and other legislative leaders speak about the legislative session (5/19/09). 11:40 – Retired Minnesota Supreme Court Associate Justice Jim Gilbert and Law professor at Ohio State University on Minnesota Supreme Court hearing on senate race vote recount (6/01/09). 11 – Republican political analyst Tom Horner and Democratic political analyst Todd Rapp on Gov. Tim Pawlenty's future as he is not running for a third term (6/03/09). 11 – Speaker of the Minnesota House Margaret Anderson Kelliher, on the state's budget deficit and the end of the legislative session (6/05/09). 11—Joan Growe – Former Minnesota Secretary of State, talks about her career as a trailblazing woman in Minnesota politics (6/16/09). 11 – Tom Hanson, Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget, Richard Cohen, Chair of Senate Finance Committee in

Minnesota, and Loren Solberg, Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee in Minnesota, talk debate about Gov. Pawlenty's budget plan (6/17/09). 12 – A rebroadcast of 2000 interview with former Governor Elmer L. Andersen (6/17/09). 11 – State Rep. Kurt Zellers, Minnesota House minority leader, on his vision for the future of the GOP (6/25/09).

EDUCATION:

11--Education Commissioner Alice Seagren discusses education issues (4/22/09). 11 – Amber Damm, Minnesota's Teacher of the Year, and middle school arts teacher (5/04/09). 12 – Amber Damm, Minnesota's Teacher of the Year, on her ideas about education (5/15/09). 11 – Charlie Kyte, Executive Director of the Minn. Association of School Administrators and Tom Doohar, President of Education Minnesota, the state teachers union, recap the school year (6/09/09). 12 – Geoffrey Canada, executive director of the Harlem Children's Zone, speaks at a Minnesota Meeting event about the achievement gap between high- and low-income students (6/09/09).

HEALTH/SCIENCE:

11--Scott Peterson of the Nuclear Energy Institute and former Nuclear Regulatory Commissioner Peter Bradford of the Vermont Law School and a member of the group, Union of Concerned scientists discuss nuclear energy (4/17/09). 11 - Gary Kravitz: Epidemiologist at United Hospital in St. Paul answers questions about H1N1 swine flu (4/27/09). 11 – Dr. Gregory Filice, Chief of Infectious Disease Section at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis, on latest developments on H1N1 Swine Flu (4/29/09). 12 – Dr. Michael Osterholm, Director of the University of Minnesota's Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, on Minnesota's first confirmed case of H1N1 Swine Flu (4/30/09). 11 – Highlights from MPR's Severe weather forum featuring Mark Seeley, University of Minnesota climatologist and meteorologist, Paul Huttner, Minnesota Public Radio meteorologist, and Craig Edwards, MPR Meteorologist (5/07/09). 12 – Mark Seeley, University of Minnesota climatologist and meteorologist, answers listener questions about severe weather in Minnesota (5/07/09). 11 – Chuck Blahous, Former Executive Director of President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security, on the financial health of Social Security and Medicare (5/13/09). 12 – University of Minnesota stem cell researcher Doris Taylor talks with Mayo Clinic pediatrician Dr. Patricia Simmons for the University of Minnesota's Great Conversation series (5/20/09). 11 – Former FDA Commissioner David Kessler on his book "The End of Overeating: Taking Control of the Insatiable American Appetite" (6/10/09). Dick Edwards, Retired Mayo Clinic Eldercare Specialist, on challenges for caring for aging (6/11/09). 11 – Dave Durenberger, former U.S. Senator, discusses President Obama's speech from the American Medical Association's annual meeting, on

his health care plan (6/15/09). 11 – Dr. Jon Hallberg, family practice physician at Mill City Clinic, answers listener questions about health issues (6/18/09). 12 – MPR Chief Meteorologist Paul Huttner talks about the beginning of summer weather season and recent storms (6/19/09).

BUSINESS/ECONOMICS:

11--Auto Industry analysts Paul Ingrassia and Jim Harbour discuss future of the domestic auto industry (4/1/09). 12-1:40..President Barack Obama press conference on G-20 economic summit; includes analysis from Menzie Chinn, University of Wisconsin, and Chris Farrell (4/2/09). 12--Douglas Shulman, IRS commissioner, discusses taxes (4/13/09). 12--Dominique Strauss-Kahn, International Monetary Fund, discusses economic crisis in poor nations (4/17/09). 12--American Radio Works documentary, "Foreclosure City" (4/23/09). 11--Amy Lindgren, Prototype Career Service, discusses searching for a job (4/24/09). 11—Chris Farrell, Minnesota Public Radio Chief Economics Correspondent, and Louis Johnston, St. John's University professor of Economics, on impact of recession on individual lives (4/30/09). 11—Gerald Myers, University of Michigan Professor of business, on future of U.S. auto industry (5/01/09). 11 – Paul Eisenstein, publisher of "The Detroit Bureau" on the future of the U.S. auto industry (5/26/09). 12 – American RadioWorks documentary "Middletown" on how the economic crisis is affecting Muncie, Indiana (5/28/09). 11 – MPR Chief economics correspondent Chris Farrell on how the recession is affecting the American Dream (5/29/09). 11 – Tom Stinson, Minnesota State Economist, and Steve Hine, Director of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Development, on the state's employment outlook (6/08/09). 12 – New York Times columnist and author Thomas Friedman on how the U.S. can renew its economy by embracing green strategies (6/24/09). 12 – Economist Robert Frank, professor of economics at Cornell University's Johnson Graduate School of Management, speaks at the Commonwealth Club of California on the recession (6/26/09).

SPORTS:

12--Sports analyst Howard Sinker discusses start of the baseball season (4/6/09).

CULTURE/ARTS:

12--Playwright Tony Kushner discusses the theater (4/15/09). 12:30 – Jungle theater founder and McKnight Artist Bain Boehlke discusses his career (5/01/09).

12 – A tribute to poet Bill Holm (5/13/09). 12 – Stephanie Curtis, Senior Producer, the UBS Forum at Minnesota Public Radio, gives her list of the best summer movies (6/05/09). 12 – Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Tony Kushner discusses the creative process with Joe Dowling, artistic director of the Guthrie Theater (6/12/09).

SOCIAL ISSUES:

11 –P.M. Forni, Director of the Civility Initiative at John Hopkins University, on how modern society discourages civility (5/11/09). 12 – Journalist and author Michael Pollan speaking in Edina about his book, “In Defense of Food: An Eater’s Manifesto” (6/03/09). 12 – MPR hosts a forum in Grand Rapids, Minnesota on what makes small towns thrive (6/22/09). 12 – MPR hosts a forum in Willmar on the changing face of small towns (6/25/09). 12 – Various speeches from the Aspen Ideas Festival including former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, Atlantic Media Company Chair David Bradley, Sean Carroll, Prof. of molecular biology and genetics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madrina Pisklova – Founder of a crisis counseling center in Russia, Robert Socolow – Prof of mechanical and aerospace engineering at Princeton University, Marian Wright Edelman – president and founder of the Children’s Defense Fund, U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan from Wisconsin, CEO of Human Rights First Elissa Massamino, and PBS Frontline Executive producer David Fanning (6/30/09).

RELIGION:

11 – Speech from Eboo Patel, founder and director of Interfaith Youth Core, on interfaith understanding (5/08/09). 12 – Speech from Barbara Brown Taylor, Episcopal priest and author, at the Westminster Town Hall Forum (5/12/09).

MEDIA:

12—Roger Mudd, former correspondent for CBS News, NBC News, and the NewsHour, on the ‘glory days’ of TV news (5/06/09).

ENVIRONMENT:

11--Hydrologist Steve Buan, Fargo Mayor Dennis Walaker, Doctor Andrew McLean, and reporter Dan Gunderson discuss Fargo-Moorhead flood situation (4/9/09). 12--Purdue University documentary for Earth Day: "Global Challenges: Sustainability" (4/22/09). 11 – Chet Meyers, retired educator working with the Red-headed Woodpecker Recovery Project and Jim Williams, writes about birds for the Minneapolis Star-Tribune, on threats to bird population in Minnesota

(6/12/09). 12 – Dave O'Reilly, CEO of Chevron, and Carl Pope, Executive director of the Sierra Club, debate energy policy at the Commonwealth Club of California (6/18/09). 12 – "Inside Out" series documentary on the role of zoos in education and conservation (6/29/09).

HISTORY:

12--Hard Times and Pastimes: excerpts from a UBS forum on how individuals survived the Great Depression (4/10/09). 12--Voices of Minnesota interviews with Sabina Zimering and Lucy Smith on surviving the Holocaust (4/21/09). 11 – Curator Brian Horrigan and Elaine Tyler May, Regents Professor of American Studies and history at the University of Minnesota discuss Minnesota History Center exhibit "Minnesota's Greatest Generation" (5/22/09). 11 – Martin Dugard, author of "The Training Ground: Grant, Lee, Sherman, and Davis in the Mexican War 1846-1848" on the Mexican War of 1848 (5/25/09). 12 – WWII veteran Dr. John Linnear talks about his wartime journal and his record of his experiences 5/25/09). 12 – American RadioWorks documentary, "A Better Life: Creating the American Dream" (5/26/09). 12 – American RadioWorks documentary. "Bridge to Somewhere: Lessons from the New Deal" (5/27/09). 12 – Documentary on the landing at D-Day and recorded speech from Stephen Ambrose (06/03/09).

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INTERNATIONAL:

12--Stephen Van Evera, MIT, discusses Clinton nomination and foreign policy challenges (1/13/09). 12--Aaron David Miller, former state department advisor, discusses Middle East peace prospects (1/26/09). 12--America Abroad documentary on public diplomacy (1/29/09). 12--James Fallows of The Atlantic on China, at Commonwealth Club of California (2/3/09). 12--America Abroad documentary about Afghanistan/Pakistan border, "Terror, Tribes & the Taliban" (2/4/09). 12-- A speech by Paul Rusesabagina, portrayed in the movie "Hotel Rwanda," about the Rwandan genocide (2/5/09). 12--America Abroad documentary about America's future as the world's lone superpower (2/17/09). 12--Thomas Ricks, author and journalist, discusses the surge and Iraq war strategy (2/26/09). 11--President Obama outlines his Iraq troop withdrawal plan (2/27/09). 11--Seth Jones, Rand Corporation, discusses Afghanistan (3/9/09). 12--Ahmed Rashid, Pakistani journalist and author, discusses US policy in Pakistan and Afghanistan (3/12/09). 11--Former ambassador Barbara Bodine, Princeton, discusses the Iraq war on this 6th anniversary of the invasion (3/19/09). 12--Tom Gjelten, National Public Radio, discusses foreign policy challenges (3/19/09).

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

11--Steven Smith, Washington University, previews 111th Congress (1/1/09). 11--Former Vice President Walter Mondale discusses his career and current events (1/5/09). 12--Six candidates for Republican National Committee chairman, debate party issues (1/7/09). 11--Norm Ornstein, American Enterprise Institute, discusses transition. 12--President George W. Bush final press conference (1/12/09). 11--Live coverage of Hillary Clinton secretary of state confirmation hearings (1/13/09). 11--Senate Judiciary committee confirmation hearings for attorney general nominee Eric Holder (1/15/09). 11--Presidential scholar Bruce Buchanan, University of Texas, discusses George W. Bush legacy 12--Ted Sorensen, speechwriter, discusses writing John F. Kennedy inaugural (1/16/09). 11--Congressman Keith Ellison, former mayor Sharon Sayles Belton, historian and Minneapolis School Superintendent Bill Green, and listeners, discuss first African American president (1/19/09). 11--Live coverage of the Obama inauguration. 12--Live coverage of the Obama inauguration (1/20/09). 11--Live coverage of the Timothy Geithner Treasury Secretary confirmation hearings by Senate Finance committee. 12--Live coverage of President Obama's announcement regarding lobbying restrictions, pay freeze and freedom of information rules (1/21/09). 12--Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell at National Press Club (1/23/09). 11--Senator Amy Klobuchar discusses major issues (1/27/09). 12-- Gwen Ifill, host of PBS' "Washington Week," talking about her book "The Breakthrough: Politics in the Age of Obama" (1/30/09). 12--Former Senators Dave Durenberger, Rod Grams, and Mark Dayton and

former representative Mark Kennedy discuss how to improve Congress (2/11/09). 11--Congressman John Kline discusses his role on the House Intelligence committee and national security challenges (2/17/09). 11 and 12--Political analysts Tom Horner and Todd Rapp discuss Obama speech to Congress (2/25/09). 12--David Sanger, New York Times, discusses challenges facing President Obama (3/3/09). 12--Bob Edgar, Common Cause, discusses open government (3/9/09). 12--Investigative journalist Seymour Hersh and former Vice President Walter Mondale discuss executive power (3/11/09). 11--Rich Neumeister and attorney Mark Anfinson on Freedom of Information Day (3/16/09). 12--Pollster Stan Greenberg discusses polling (3/18/09). 12--Former Ambassador Nicholas Burns, professor Andrew Bacevich, and ABC News correspondent Martha Raddatz discuss US foreign policy (3/23/09). 11--Steven Smith, Weidenbaum Center, discusses Obama presidency (3/25/09).

STATE POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

11--Opening day of the legislative session; includes Pam Wheelock, Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Dick Cohen, Lyn Carlson, David Hann, Mindy Greiling, Larry Pogemiller, Ellen Anderson, Jean Wagenius, Jenifer Loon, Ken Kelash, Marty Seifert, Alice Hausman, Morrie Lanning. 12--Opening Day continues; includes Pam Wheelock, Tom Hanson, Dan McElroy, Sandy Pappas, Linda Berglin, Jim Abeler, Karen Clark, Gene Pelowski (1/6/09). 11--Larry Jacobs of University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute on the Senate recount. Elizabeth Stawicki report on legal issues. Includes former Elmer Anderson chief of staff Tom Swain on the 1962 Minnesota gubernatorial recount (1/7/09). 11--Sen. Ann Rest (DFL-New Hope) and Rep. Laura Brod (R-New Prague) discuss changes in Minnesota election laws (1/8/09). 11--Legislative tax committee chairs Tom Bakk and Ann Lenczewski discuss state tax policy (1/14/09). 12--Live coverage of Governor Tim Pawlenty's state of the state speech (1/15/09). 11--Political analysts Tom Horner and Todd Rapp discuss politics (1/23/09). 11--Governor Tim Pawlenty discusses budget (1/26/09). 12--Opening statements at the Senate Election contest; includes Coleman attorney Joe Friedberg and Franken attorney Kevin Hamilton (1/27/09). 11--Legislative leaders Sen. Tarryl Clark and Rep. Marty Seifert discuss Governor's budget (1/28/09). 11--Joe Mansky, Ramsey County Elections Mgr; Guy Charles, law prof at Duke University & Univ of Minnesota. recount and election contest & court challenge (2/6/09). 11--Secretary of State Mark Ritchie discusses his legislative proposals (2/13/09). 11--Legislative leaders, House Speaker Margaret Anderson Kelliher and Senate Majority Leader Larry Pogemiller discuss state budget (2/18/09). 11--Former Governor Al Quie and Former Senate Majority Leader Roger Moe discuss state budget problems (3/2/09). 11--Governor Tim Pawlenty press conference on the budget forecast; Dane Smith, Growth and Justice and Phil Krinkie, Taxpayers League, respond (3/3/09). 11--Former Governor Arne Carlson discusses budget crisis (3/5/09). 12--Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Minnesota House Speaker, discusses Minnesota government and budget (3/6/09). 11--State Senators Ann Rest and Dave Senjem discuss state taxes (3/11/09). 11--Ned Foley, Ohio State law professor, and MPR reporter Elizabeth Stawicki discuss MN-US Senate recount trial (3/12/09). 11--State Senators Dick Cohen and Geoff Michel discuss budget proposals (3/18/09). 11--State

representatives Tony Sertich, DFL, and Kurt Zellers, Republican, discuss House DFL and other budget plans (3/20/09).

EDUCATION:

11--University of Minnesota president Robert Bruininks and Minnesota State College and University MnSCU chancellor James McCormick discuss higher education funding (1/29/09). 12--Legislative summit on early childhood, includes David Lawrence and Jim Hoolihan, CEO of Blandin Foundation (2/9/09). 11--Lee Warne, Minnesota Rural Education Association and Jay Haugen, Superintendent, West St. Paul-Mendota-Eagan, discuss school financing; includes interview with McLeod West high school students (2/12/09). 12--MPR UBS Forum event on upcoming college grads and their job prospects (3/13/09). 11--State Senator Tarryl Clark and State Representative Mindy Greiling discuss education finance proposals; includes interview with State Senator David Hann (3/24/09). 12--Kati Haycock and Rudy Crew discuss the education achievement gap (3/26/09).

HEALTH/SCIENCE:

11--Michael Osterholm of University of Minnesota on salmonella, flu, bioterrorism and more (1/9/09). 12--Zeke Emanuel, Obama health care expert, discusses health care reform (1/14/09). 11--Public Insight forum on health care (1/22/09). 11--Ellie Garrett of MN Center for Health Care Ethics, Debra DeBruin of U of M Center for Bioethics, & State Epidemiologist Dr. Ruth Lynfield on planning for flu pandemic (2/3/09). 11-- MN native and Nobel prize-winning scientist Peter Agre, the new president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, on the role of science in public policy (2/5/09). 11--Susan Foote, University of Minnesota, discusses health care reform (3/6/09). 11--Susan Wolf, bio-ethicist, University of Minnesota, discusses stem cell research (3/10/09). 12--Brian Newhouse documentary about Alzheimer's Disease (3/10/09). 12--Veterinarian Kate An Hunter fields pet care questions (3/20/09). 11—Dr. Jon Hallberg discusses medical issues (3/26/09).

BUSINESS/ECONOMICS:

12--Bob Greifield, CEO of NASDAQ, live at National Press Club (1/8/09). 12--MPR Public Insight Network program on economy (1/9/09). 12--President Obama statement on the economic stimulus package; Univ of California economist Robert Reich previews the economic outlook for 2009 (1/28/09). 11--Amy Lindgren of Prototype Career Services, on job layoffs, pay cuts, strategies.(2/2/09). 11--Economist Barry Eichengreen, Berkeley, discusses economic stimulus issue and historical lessons from the Great Depression, FDR, New Deal (2/9/09). 11--Bonnie Watkins, Minnesota Women's Consortium, and Joan Kuriansky, Wider Opportunities for Women, discuss launch of Elder Economic Security Index (2/10/09). 12--President Barack Obama

campaigns for his economic stimulus plan in Florida (2/10/09). 11--Louis Johnston, St. John's, and Bill Hudson, St. Cloud State, discuss Geithner financial bailout plan (2/11/09). 11--Darrell West, Brookings Institution, discusses economic stimulus package (2/16/09). 12--President Barack Obama talks about his plan to counter home foreclosures; Federal Reserve Board chairman Ben Bernanke discusses FED response to economic crisis (2/18/09). 11 and 12--John Ydstie, NPR economics correspondent, discusses the economy (2/24/09). 11--Chris Farrell discusses Obama budget and economy (2/26/09). 11--George Wozniak, Hobbitt Travel, discusses impact of Southwest Airlines' entry into Minnesota market (3/4/09). 11--Chris Farrell and Louis Johnston discuss AIG bonuses and other economic news (3/17/09). 11--Economist Ed Lotterman, Augsburg, discusses new financial bailout plan (3/23/09). 12--IQ II debate; who is to blame for the economic crisis--Washington or Wall Street (3/25/09). 11--State Economist Tom Stinson discusses Minnesota economy (3/30/09). 11--George Buckley, CEO of Minnesota-based 3M discusses his company and the latest economic developments in the U-S (3/31/09).

SPORTS:

11--Howard Sinker on sports (1/1/09). A Broadcast Journalist Series discussion on sports in American life with NPR commentator Frank Deford (3/31/09).

CULTURE/ARTS:

12--Garrison Keillor discusses literature (1/1/09). 12--Stephanie Curtis, Movie Maven, discusses academy award nominations (1/22/09). 12--Rick Steves, PBS travel guide, on his recent visit to Iran. Commonwealth Club (2/6/09). 11 and 12--Stephanie Curtis, the Movie Maven, discusses the Academy Awards (2/23/09). 12-- Minnesota author Bill Holm remembered (2/27/09).

SOCIAL ISSUES:

12--Colin Powell, featured speaker at the Martin Luther King breakfast; excerpt from Barack Obama speech on race given in 2008 (1/19/09). 11--Norman Bowie of U of M on ethics in government, politics and business leaders (2/4/09). 12--Matt Miller, author, "The Tyranny of Dead Ideas: Letting Go of the Old Ways of Thinking to Unleash a New Era of Prosperity" (2/13/09). 12--America Abroad documentary on genocide, "Responsibility to Protect" (3/30/09).

RELIGION:

12--Who Speaks for Islam; Dalia Mogahed and Irshad Manji (1/5/09). 12--Barbara Brown Taylor, Episcopal priest, discusses slower lifestyle (3/5/09). 12--David Plotz, author and journalist, discusses his book about reading every word in the Bible (3/24/09).

MEDIA:

12--Memorable stories from 2008; includes stories about the RNC, the Obama rally, the Northwest Airlines merger; the Minnesota economic recession; and homeless students in Minneapolis (1/2/09). 11-- MPR President Bill Kling answers listener questions about the network (1/30/09). 12--Len Downie, former Washington Post, Commonwealth Club on newspapers, novels, politics and more (2/2/09). 12--Vivian Shiller, National Public Radio president, discusses public radio (3/2/09).

ENVIRONMENT:

11 and 12--Mark Seeley, University of Minnesota, discusses weather (2/20/09). 11-- Andrew Revkin of New York Times on global warming and climate change (3/13/09). 12--Jim Lyons of Oxfam America, on global warming, climate change, global poverty in Nobel Peace Prize conference at St. Olaf College (3/16/09). 11--Meteorologist and climatologist Mark Seeley and hydrologist Mike Anderson discuss Red River flooding; includes interviews with reporters Dan Gunderson and Bob Collins and Moorhead resident Bruce Johnson (3/27/09).

HISTORY:

12--Highlights from the US Capitol Abraham Lincoln bicentennial celebration; includes President Obama, House leaders Pelosi and Boehner, and presidential historians Harold Holzer, Richard Norton Smith and Doris Kearns Goodwin; also, historian James Swanson tours the Ford Theater and recalls Lincoln assassination (2/12/09). 12-- Ronald White, author of "A. Lincoln: A Biography," discusses Lincoln (2/16/09). 11 and 12--Stephen Smith, American Radio Works, plays radio clips from the Depression (2/19/09). 12--Suzanne Mettler, Cornell University, discusses the history of the GI Bill (3/4/09). 12--Walter Mondale and Dave Durenberger discuss current events, public service, and their public careers (3/17/09). 12-Giavanna D'Agostino, restaurateur Mama D, talks about her life (3/18/09). 12--Documentary tracing impact of 1997 Grand Forks flood (rebroadcast); includes update on profiled families; John Hope Franklin remembered; includes extended excerpt from 1969 speech and Franklin's StoryCorps remembrance (3/27/09).