

FCC Quarterly Programming Report Oct. 1, — Dec. 31, 2011

Date	Key 1	Synopsis	Guest/Reporter
10/03	International Government / Politics	Minneapolis attorney Sam Kaplan is U.S. ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco. He and his wife Sylvia join Midday to talk about diplomacy in a time of upheaval in North Africa, and their life in Morocco.	Sam Kaplan Sylvia Kaplan
10/03	Education	Midday presents an American RadioWorks documentary, "Some College, No Degree." There are an estimated 37 million college dropouts in this country. The program looks at the why so many people start college but don't graduate, and what kinds of things are being done to bring them back.	American Radio Works
10/04	National Government	In the new Supreme Court term that opened Monday, justices will decide controversial cases ranging from the federal health care law and immigration to affirmative action and broadcast indecency. Law Dean Jim Chen previews the biggest cases and the court's dynamics.	Jim Chen
10/04	Education	Experts question whether today's college graduates have the right skills for the jobs of tomorrow. Midday presents an American RadioWorks documentary looking at how traditional forms of teaching are failing to provide many college students with the knowledge they need.	American RadioWorks
10/05	Business / Economics	Wall Street is nearing a bear market this week and most recent economic indicators suggest sluggish economic growth. Federal Reserve Bank Chairman Ben Bernanke described the economy as "deteriorating." Two economists shed light on the national and global outlook for jobs and economic stability.	Louis Johnston Chris Farrell
10/05	Education	Midday presents a new American RadioWorks documentary looking at the future of liberal arts education in America, and whether this traditional form of higher learning can respond to the demands of the 21st century economy.	American RadioWorks
10/06	National Politics / Economics	Nationwide demonstrations against Wall Street and corporate greed are scheduled to spread to Minnesota Friday in downtown Minneapolis. OccupyMN organizer Osha Karow and a Metro State professor who studies protest movements join Midday to discuss the role of this protest, and others, in changing America.	Tom O'Connell Osha Karow

10/06	Education	Midday presents a forum discussion about the kinds of skills and learning that college graduates need in the 21st century. American RadioWorks' Stephen Smith hosts a conversation with MaryAnn Baenninger, the President of the College of St. Benedict, Kevin Kopischke, president of Alexandria Community and Technical College, and Humphrey School Senior Fellow Art Rolnick.	American Radio Works' Documentary MaryAnn Baenninger Kevin Kopischke Art Rolnick
10/07	International Government / Politics	America's longest war reaches the 10 year mark August 7, 2011. The war, started by President George W. Bush, continues under President Barack Obama, who has set an end-of-2014 deadline for withdrawal of most US troops. A foreign correspondent who has reported from Afghanistan for more than 25 years joins Midday to analyze the prospects for a stable and peaceful Afghanistan.	Jonathan Landay
10/07	National Government / History	A giant in the civil rights movement that many people did not know, Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth died Wednesday in Birmingham at the age of 89. He was beaten, bombed and jailed dozens of times during an adult lifetime fighting for, and preaching for, civil rights for black Americans. Listen to a 1998 conversation with Gary Eichten in the MPR studios.	Fred Shuttlesworth
10/10	National Politics / History	Hear excerpts of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's inaugural address and fireside chats, given during the Great Depression. Was President Roosevelt's approach effective for its time?	Michael Hiltzik
10/10	History / Media / Social Issues	Documentary filmmaker Ken Burns discusses his latest series for public television, "Prohibition," at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. He talks about the social forces that shaped the prohibition movement and how it essentially hurt American progress by spurring other social ills like organized crime.	National Press Club Ken Burns
10/11	National Politics	Former GOP presidential candidate and former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty sits down with MPR's Gary Eichten to reflect on his failed presidential bid, his two terms as governor ... and his future career in -- or out -- of politics.	Tim Pawlenty
10/11	Media	Can network TV news stay relevant? Midday presents two conversations from the annual Washington Ideas Forum in Washington D.C. The first features a panel discussion with the heads of NBC, ABC, and CBS News. The second is a conversation between former NBC Nightly News anchor Tom Brokaw and NBC's "Meet the Press" host, David Gregory.	Washington Ideas Forum TV network execs Tom Brokaw David Gregory

10/12	National / State / Politics / Government	MPR's DFL and GOP political commentators size up the large field of Republican challengers to President Barack Obama, including the two Minnesotans who jumped into the race this year-- Tim Pawlenty and Michele Bachmann.	Todd Rapp Maureen Shaver
10/12	National Politics / Government	PBS NewsHour political commentator Mark Shields gives the Eugene J. McCarthy lecture at Saint John's University. He discusses how American voters are motivated by both optimism and pragmatism in their decisions on selecting presidents.	Mark Shields
10/13	History	A new Minnesota Historical Society exhibit opens October 14th featuring the extraordinary events of 1968: the peak of the Vietnam War, the assassinations of RFK and MLK, the election of President Richard Nixon, love-ins and feminist demonstrations, polarizing music, television and movies. If you were living then, what did you experience in 1968? If you were born afterward, what do you make of it?	Brian Horrigan Brad Zellar
10/13	Health / Science	Social psychologist Jonathan Haidt speaks at the Aspen Ideas Festival about his book, "The Happiness Hypothesis." It's an examination on how the mind works and the search for happiness and meaning in our lives, using the wisdom of the past as a guide.	Aspen Ideas Festival Jonathan Haidt
10/14	History / Media	Hear extended excerpts of Jacqueline Kennedy's 1964 interviews with Arthur Schlesinger about JFK and his presidency, as featured in the best-selling book and CD's "Jacqueline Kennedy: Historic Conversations on Life with John F. Kennedy." Also, Caroline Kennedy and presidential historians speak at the JFK Library in Boston.	Caroline Kennedy Jacqueline Kennedy
10/14	History / Media	Extended excerpts from the 1964 Arthur Schlesinger interviews with Jacqueline Kennedy, as recorded and presented in a book and 8 CD set. Also, historians Michael Beschloss and Ted Widmer, and former JFK aide Richard Donahue, speaking at the JFK Presidential Library and Museum in Boston.	Jacqueline Kennedy Arthur M Schlesinger, Jr. Michael Beschloss Ted Widmer Richard Donahue
10/17	Education	Wayzata West Middle School math teacher Seth Brown won the Milken Educator Award, known as the "Oscar" of teaching. What are the best ways to teach-- and learn--math? Are math skills important?	Seth Brown

10/17	Media	The Journalism Center on Children & Families at the University of Maryland is honoring MPR's Young Reporters series with a Casey Journalism Award for its exemplary reporting. Midday presents three stories from the series: Brenda's story as an undocumented teen, Roy Lee Spearman's tale of being gay and homeless while in high school, and Tiara Bellafant's experience as part of an experiment to keep kids in school.	Young Reporters Series Brenda Roy Lee Spearman Tiara Bellafant
10/18	Health / Science	MPR's medical analyst Dr. Jon Hallberg answers your questions about medical issues in the news. He sorts out the confusing reports about cancer screenings, the causes of infectious and chronic diseases, immunizations and more.	Jon Hallberg
10/18	Health / Science	MPR medical analyst Dr. Jon Hallberg answers more questions about health and medical issues in the news.	Jon Hallberg
10/19	Social Issues / State Government	From the University of St. Thomas Murphy Institute's "Hot Topics: Cool Talk" Lecture Series, Maggie Gallagher and Dale Carpenter debate the same-sex marriage amendment on the 2012 election ballot in Minnesota.	Maggie Gallagher Dale Carpenter
10/20	Science / Environment	University of Minnesota meteorologist and climatologist Mark Seeley will discuss fall weather and the upcoming winter season. He'll also touch on the 20th anniversary of the Halloween Blizzard.	Mark Seeley
10/20	International Government	The Libyan transitional government says Colonel Moammar Gadhafi has been captured and possibly killed by rebel forces. The BBC will share the latest developments along with reports on the ground from Libya.	BBC live coverage
10/21	State Government / Sports	A flurry of meetings and proposals this week has intensified discussions of a new stadium for the Minnesota Vikings. What are the proposals, and what are the chances something will be built?	Tim Nelson Tom Scheck
10/21	National Politics / Government	Michele Bachmann, Minnesota Congresswoman and Republican Presidential Candidate, speaks at the Commonwealth Club of California about her ideas for spurring job growth and restoring America's competitive edge in the global economy.	Michele Bachmann
10/24	Business / Economics	Minnesota's unemployment rate dropped from September to August, even while employers cut more than 7,400 jobs. State economist Tom Stinson will be on Midday to explain what these latest figures mean and the economic outlook for the state.	Tom Stinson

10/24	Economics / Environment	Jeffrey Sachs is a professor of health policy and management at Columbia University, and Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia. The renowned economist speaks at the Westminster Town Hall Forum about his work to promote economic development with environmental sustainability.	Westminster Town Hall Forum: Jeffrey Sachs
10/25	International Government	The Middle East continues to undergo major changes with the recent death of Moammar Gadhafi, growing protests in Syria, and the planned withdrawal of all American troops from Iraq by year's end. Former Ambassador to Yemen Barbara Bodine will discuss the shifting dynamics in the region and the significance of these recent events.	Barbara Bodine
10/25	State Government / Politics	Gov. Mark Dayton is hosting a daylong summit on job creation in St. Paul. Midday will present speeches from University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler, and keynote speaker Michael Mandelbaum, co-author with Thomas Friedman of "That Used to Be Us: How America Fell Behind in the World It Invented and How We Can Come Back."	Eric Kaler Michael Mandelbaum
10/26	State Government / Politics	Gov. Mark Dayton will discuss his recent jobs summit and his ideas for strengthening Minnesota's economic growth. He'll also discuss other recent issues he's been tackling, including a new Vikings stadium.	Mark Dayton
10/26	Education	Host Stephen Smith talks to college admissions expert Carol Stack about how to get a good college education and afford it, too.	Bright Ideas: Carol Stack
10/27	Health / Science	A new study led by University of Minnesota researchers shows that annual flu shots protect only about 59 percent of the population. How good are vaccines, and how important to public health?	Michael Osterholm
10/27	Social Issues	Midday presents an Intelligence Squared debate on the whether our society is no longer male dominated. Two teams debate the proposition "men are finished."	Intelligence Squared: Dan Abrams Hanna Rosin Christina Hoff Sommers David Zinczenko
10/28	National Government / Health	Medicare enrollment is underway and the government announced Thursday that the monthly basic premium will be much lower than expected next year. How the Medicare system work and what does it cover? Two experts answer your questions.	Kellijo Greiner Marilyn Theesfeld

10/28	History	Author and historian Woody Holton speaks at the Minnesota History Center about the original framers of the Constitution, and their motivations for writing it. He says the framers who gathered in Philadelphia in 1787 wanted a Constitution that actually took power away from the average American, because they believed average citizens exercised too much influence on the government.	Woody Holton
10/31	National Government / Politics	Mitt Romney, Herman Cain and Rick Perry are now considered the frontrunners for the GOP presidential nomination, and Rep. Michele Bachmann trails in most state and national polls. How do they match up against President Obama? MPR political commentators discuss national and Minnesota politics on today's Middy.	Maureen Shaver Todd Rapp
10/31	National Government / Politics	Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain has been getting a lot of attention since rapidly moving to frontrunner status in recent weeks. The former Godfather's Pizza executive speaks at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. about why he believes his experience as a businessman appeals to voters.	National Press Club: Herman Cain
11/01	State Government / Education	After three decades of service as a Minnesota State Senator, Larry Pogemiller begins a new job as director of the Office of Higher Education. He joins Middy to talk about his views on Minnesota's colleges and universities.	Larry Pogemiller
11/01	Media	Middy looks back at the life and career of Tom Keith. He was known nationally as the sound effects man on A Prairie Home Companion, and he also co-hosted The Morning Show on Minnesota Public Radio for 25 years. Friends and colleagues reminisce about the legendary radio personality.	Tim Russell Sue Scott Dale Connelly Mike Pengra Garrison Keillor
11/02	State Government / Politics / Sports	Gov. Dayton and legislative leaders are sparring over taxes, gambling and other sources of revenue for a new Vikings stadium, and whether to hold a special legislative session on this subject. MPR reporters explain the latest proposals.	Tim Nelson Tom Scheck
11/02	National Politics	National Review editor Ramesh Ponnuru speaks at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota about the state of conservatism within the Republican party. He argues that the GOP is endangering its future by focusing on narrow issues instead of trying to broaden its base.	Ramesh Ponnuru

11/03	Education	Minnesota students' math and reading scores are above average, but several states have pulled ahead of Minnesota. Only about half of Minnesota's 4th and 8th grade students are proficient in math, and fewer are proficient in reading. Why this and what is should/can be done?	Kent Pekel
11/03	National Politics / Religion	Midday presents a documentary from America Abroad Media, "The Politics of Faith: The Role of Religion in Divided Societies." It looks at how religion is becoming a major source of tension between many societies around the world. Nearly a third of the world's population faces some type of religious persecution including imprisonment, torture, and death.	America Abroad Media
11/04	Media	Just named "Publisher of the Year," Michael Klingensmith of the Star Tribune joins Midday to talk about health of the state's largest newspaper and the future of news...in print and in digital form. What is the role of newspapers?	Michael Klingensmith
11/04	Social Issues	Criminologist David Kennedy joins Stephen Smith to discuss how cities can end drug and gun violence. He is best known for developing and implementing Boston's Operation Ceasefire, a program that helped dramatically reduce homicides among young adults.	David Kennedy
11/07	State & Local Government / Education	On Tuesday, 126 Minnesota school districts, including the state's largest, hold elections to raise money for schools. Do Minnesota schools have the money they need, and would more money help the schools succeed in their mission to educate the children?	Pat Garofalo Mindy Greiling
11/07	National Government / Politics	Midday presents a new debate from NPR's Intelligence Squared series. Two groups will argue whether entitlements for seniors saddle future generations with unmanageable debt.	Intelligence Squared: Howard Dean Margaret Hoover Jeff Madrick Mort Zuckerman
11/08	Government	Elections expert Joe Mansky answers questions about voting procedures: registration, voting locations, ranked choice voting, ballots and voting machines, and more.	Joe Mansky
11/08	National Politics	Former PBS NewsHour anchor and executive editor Jim Lehrer speaks at the Commonwealth Club of California about his new book, "Tension City: Inside the Presidential Debates, from Kennedy-Nixon to Obama-McCain."	Commonwealth Club: Jim Lehrer
11/09	National Politics	Washington University's Steven Smith profiles businessman Herman Cain, who tops the field of GOP contenders for president in 2012.	Steven Smith

11/09	Politics / Social Issues	Former NBC News anchor and author Tom Brokaw speaks at the Westminster Town Hall Forum about his new book, "The Time of Our Lives: A Conversation about America." It's a reflection on the lost American dream and a search for possible solutions by looking at earlier generations.	Westminster Town Hall Forum: Tom Brokaw
11/10	State Government / Politics / Economics	The state revenue forecast out December 1st is expected to show more bad news for Minnesota's budget. Former Republican Governor Arne Carlson is experienced in budget negotiations and offers his advice.	Arne Carlson
11/10	National Government / Politics	Eight candidates seeking the Republican nomination for president in 2012 focused on economic issues during a debate at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan on November 9, 2011.	Michele Bachmann Herman Cain Rick Perry Mitt Romney Newt Gingrich Rick Santorum Ron Paul Jon Huntsman
11/11	History	Two Minnesotans are among the 6,000 military nurses who served in the Vietnam War. Their story is told in a new book, "Sisterhood of War: Minnesota Women in Vietnam." Why did they enlist, and what did they experience in Vietnam and at home after the war?	Kim Heikkila Kay Bauer Mary Beth Crowley
11/11	Media / History	Norman Corwin has been called the poet laureate of radio's golden age. He died last month at the age of 101. Midday remembers Corwin with a short documentary on his career, and excerpts from his masterpiece, "On a Note of Triumph", which remains the most listened to radio drama in U.S. history.	Documentary
11/11	History	Later in the hour, author Tim O'Brien discusses his critically acclaimed short story collection on the Vietnam War, "The Things They Carried."	Tim O'Brien
11/14	International Government / Politics	Asia expert Roy Grow of Carleton College joins Midday to discuss the President's 9-day trip to the Asia-Pacific region, where China is extending its sphere of influence. Should the US expand trade, security alliances and cultural ties with Asia?	Roy Grow
11/14	Culture / Arts	Stage, film, and television star John Lithgow sits down with Garrison Keillor to discuss Lithgow's new memoir, "Drama: An Actor's Education." It's an account of his life growing up with his father, a stage director, producer, and actor who immersed his son in the world of theater.	Garrison Keillor John Lithgow

11/15	National Government / Health	The U.S. Supreme Court announced it will hear the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" case in March. Which elements of the controversial health care reform law are more--or less-- likely to be the focus of the court's review? Should all, or parts, of the law be tossed out?	Julie Rovner
11/15	National Government / Politics	Harvard University sociologist Theda Skocpol speaks at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs about her research into who exactly makes up the tea party. Former Minnesota House member and GOP candidate for governor Tom Emmer also joins the discussion.	Theda Skocpol Tom Emmer
11/16	Culture / Media	In their earliest days, American libraries were repositories of books to read and share. Now libraries offer e-books, audio books, periodicals, music, art, movies, computer access and community services. Which library functions are most important now and in the future?	Audrey Betcher Kit Hadley
11/16	National Politics	The New York Times Talks series brings together chief political correspondent Matt Bai, Nate Silver from the FiveThirtyEight blog, and Caucus blog editor Megan Liberman to discuss the current political climate and the campaign for president.	Matt Bai Nate Silver Megan Liberman
11/17	National Government / Politics	University of Minnesota's Kathryn Pearson profiles former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich. The latest national poll shows Gingrich in a dead heat matched up against President Obama. What are his views on the issues, and his history as a leader of the GOP-controlled House of Representatives?	Kathryn Pearson
11/17	National Government / Politics	President Barack Obama says his jobs plan will help prevent another recession, yet Congress refuses to pass almost every part of the plan. Midday presents an Intelligence Squared debate on whether Congress should pass Pres. Obama's jobs bill piece by piece.	Intelligence Squared: Richard Epstein Daniel Mitchell Cecilia Rouse Mark Zandi
11/18	National Government / Politics	The congressional "Super Committee" has a Wednesday deadline to cut the federal budget deficit by \$1.2 trillion. Congressman Tim Walz joined a bipartisan group urging the panel to "go big" and exceed the minimum target. He joins Midday from Washington to discuss today's balanced budget amendment vote, the Super Committee options and ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. What should the priorities be?	Tim Walz

11/18	National Politics	Conventional wisdom says the economy will be the main issue of the 2012 presidential election. But foreign policy issues will remain a major concern for whoever is in the White House after 2012. A new documentary from America Abroad Media examines what American voters expect their next president to do about the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, and any fallout from the economic turmoil in Europe.	America Abroad Media documentary
11/21	National Government / Politics	The bi-partisan congressional committee charged with finding \$1.2 billion to reduce the federal deficit is unlikely to meet the Wednesday deadline. What should be the priorities for budget attention in the months and years ahead?	Tim Penny
11/21	National Government	U.S. Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe speaks live at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. about how the U.S. Postal Service plans to face its many challenges, including an expected \$10 billion loss for the year. The agency says it will close some offices, layoff workers, and possibly stop Saturday delivery service.	National Press Club: Patrick Donahoe
11/22	National Politics	University of Minnesota's Lawrence Jacobs profiles Texas Congressman Ron Paul, who is one of the top contenders for the nation-leading Iowa Caucuses January 3, 2012.	Larry Jacobs
11/22	National Government	Former Wyoming Sen. Republican Alan Simpson speaks at the City Club of Cleveland about his work as co-chair of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, popularly known as the Simpson-Bowles Commission.	City Club of Cleveland: Alan Simpson
11/23	International Government / Politics	McClatchy Cairo Bureau Chief Hannah Allam joins Midday from Cairo to report on thousands of protesters who want the military to leave power. What has happened to Egypt's democratic revolution?	Hannah Allam
11/23	Arts / Culture	Minnesota Public Radio's Movie Maven Stephanie Curtis joins Midday to talk about upcoming holiday film releases and presents some of her favorite movies about animals.	Stephanie Curtis
11/24	Culture / History	Host Lynne Rossetto Kasper and her guests give tips for a great Thanksgiving meal.	Lynne Rossetto Kasper
11/24	Culture / History	American Public Media's John Birge hosts music and stories for Thanksgiving. Classical music selections and authors Nora Ephron, Garrison Keillor and Roy Blount, Jr.	John Birge

11/25	Sports / State Politics / History	Longtime Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission director Bill Lester discusses the history of the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, and its future. What kinds of facilities does Minnesota need, and for what purposes? Who should pay for them?	Bill Lester
11/25	Media / History	New Yorker staff writer Susan Orlean speaks at the St. Paul Jewish Community Center's Twin Cities Jewish Book Fair about her new book, "Rin Tin Tin: The Life and the Legend." The book explores the fascinating origins of the canine star of film and television.	Susan Orlean
11/28	Business / Economics	Augsburg College economist Jeanne Boeh joins Midday to discuss the importance of the retail sector of the US economy, and the condition of the economy generally. Is consumer spending key to a healthy economy?	Jeanne Boeh
11/28	Religion	Midday presents an Intelligence Squared U.S. debate on religion. Does it breed intolerance, violence, and the promotion of medieval ideas? Or has it been a source for good, encouraging morality and ethical behavior? Four debaters square off on the subject.	Matthey Chapman Dinesh D'Souza A. C. Grayling Rabbi David Wolpe
11/29	International Government	The NATO cross border attack that killed 25 soldiers in Pakistan has resulted in today's announcement that Pakistan has withdrawn from an international conference on the future of Afghanistan.	C. Christine Fair Peter Tomsen
11/29	Education	Carol Stack is a higher education consultant with the firm Hardwick-Day. Host Stephen Smith talks to her about how to get a good college education and afford it, too.	Carol Stack Stephen Smith
11/30	Business	Longtime job and career counselor Amy Lindgren of Prototype Career Services gives advice to those over 50 who have been laid off or are seeking new work.	Amy Lindgren
11.30	National Politics	John Hinderaker is the founder of the popular conservative blog Power Line. He speaks with host Stephen Smith about the current presidential campaign, the economy, and his work as a lawyer.	John Hinderaker
12/01	State Government / Politics	The latest state revenue forecast is released today, and former House Speakers Margaret Anderson Kelliher and Steve Sviggum reflect on tax and budget battles past, present and future.	Margaret Anderson Kelliher
12/01	Media / History	'11/22/63' : Stephen King on his new time travel book Stephen King's latest novel, "11/22/63", centers on a man who travels back in time to try to prevent JFK's assassination. King discusses the book and his writing career at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston.	Stephen King

12/02	Environment	Jerry Dennis and Darby Nelson have written about lakes, great and small. What do we most value about lakes and what should be done to protect them?	Darby Nelson Jerry Dennis
12/02	Business / Economics	Reporter Bethany McLean broke the Enron scandal as a reporter for Fortune Magazine and wrote about it in the bestseller, "The Smartest Guys in the Room." She speaks at the Chautauqua Institution about her latest book, co-written with Joe Nocera, "All the Devils Are Here: The Hidden History of the Financial Crisis."	Chautauqua Institution: Bethany McLean
12/05	History / International Government	In December 1991 the world watched in amazement as the USSR collapsed. What has happened to Russia in the 20 years since? What is its future?	Nick Hayes
12/05	Education	The conventional wisdom about college degrees is being challenged in light of ballooning student debt and the success of young start-up entrepreneurs without college degrees. NPR's Intelligence Squared U.S. invites four debaters to square off on the proposition that too many kids are pushed into attending college.	Intelligence Squared: Henry Bienen Charles Murray Peter Thiel Vivek Wadhwa
12/06	Business / Economics	Chris Farrell of APM's Marketplace Money answers your questions about managing your personal finances in the final weeks of the year.	Chris Farrell
12/06	Education	Midday presents a new American RadioWorks documentary looking at the future of liberal arts education in America, and whether this traditional form of higher learning can respond to the demands of the 21st century economy.	American RadioWorks
12/07	History	On the 70th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack, Midday presents a special rebroadcast of American RadioWorks 2002 documentary, "Days of Infamy: December 7 and 9/11." It compares the public reactions to both surprise attacks, drawing from recordings made by the Library of Congress.	American RadioWorks: "Days of Infamy"
12/07	History / Media	Midday presents excerpts from the American RadioWorks documentary, "Battles of Belief in World War II." It focuses on how the radio became a modern weapon of war. The first part of the program is the conclusion to the documentary, "Days of Infamy."	American RadioWorks: "Battles of Belief in World War II"
12/08	National Politics / Government	The Iowa caucuses on January 3, 2012 and the New Hampshire primary on January 10th are only a month away. Which issues are driving the presidential nomination process on the GOP side, and how will the current and future president work with Congress to get something done?	Steven Smith

12/08	Culture / Social Issues	New York Times columnist and author David Brooks brings his 'modesty manifesto' to the Aspen Ideas Festival. He argues Americans need to embrace modesty as a virtue again so we can work together at solving some of the major problems are country is facing.	Aspen Ideas Festival: David Brooks
12/09	International Government / Economics	Midday presents a new documentary from America Abroad Media that goes to the front lines of the European debt crisis. "Europe in Crisis" looks at how structural issues in Italy and Greece helped precipitate their countries huge debts that could potentially bring down the European economy.	America Abroad Media
12/09	International Government / Economics	Midday presents the final part of "Europe in Crisis", America Abroad's new documentary that looks at some of the causes of the European debt crisis. We also hear excerpts from a speech by historian Mark Stoler on the life of George Marshall, who is credited with establishing an integrated European economy with his Marshall Plan.	America Abroad Media
12/12	Environment	A University of Minnesota scientist landed in "Nature" and "Scientific American" with his major analysis of the impact of agriculture on the global environment. Which practices need to change, in order to reduce the environmental impact of feeding nine billion people in 2050? The results of his study may surprise you.	Jonathan Foley
12/12	National Politics / Government History	MSNBC host and political commentator Chris Matthews speaks at the Westminster Town Hall Forum about his new book about President John F. Kennedy, "Jack Kennedy: Elusive Hero." The book highlights episodes of JFK's life with fresh details that have been little discussed until now.	Westminster Town Hall Forum: Chris Matthews
12/13	State Government / Politics	Gov. Mark Dayton reflects on the first year of his four-year term and answers questions about taxes and the budget, education policies, public employee unions, Vikings stadium and more.	Mark Dayton
12/13	History / Media	Isabel Wilkerson was the first African American woman to win the Pulitzer Prize, for her reporting on the Midwestern floods of 1993. She speaks about her new book, "The Warmth of Other Suns," about the migration of 6 million black Southerners who moved from to the North over a period of six decades beginning around 1915. Wilkerson spent 15 years researching the book and interviewed more than 1,200 people.	Isabel Wilkerson

12/14	National Politics	The GOP presidential candidates debate the issues again Thursday night. MPR's political analysts Maureen Shaver and Todd Rapp discuss how the candidates differ on the issues, background and style and how they match up against President Barack Obama.	Todd Rapp Maureen Shaver
12/14	National Government	President Barack Obama will commemorate the end of the Iraq War with an address to service members and their families at Fort Bragg in North Carolina. He will discuss efforts to care for returning veterans and find jobs for them. Special Forces from Fort Bragg were among the first troops to enter Iraq in the invasion of 2003.	Barack Obama
12/15	International / National Government / Politics	Longtime war correspondent and Bronze Star medal of valor winner Joe Galloway shares his views on the day the American flag is lowered in Baghdad after nine years of war. What was accomplished, and at what cost? Are there some lessons to learn?	Joseph L. Galloway
12/15	National Government / Politics / History	Midday presents excerpts from an interview with Former Vice President Walter Mondale. The complete interview will be part of a special "Walter F. Mondale Collection" at the Minnesota Historical Society. Walter Mondale reflects on his time as vice president, senator, ambassador, and other roles.	Walter Mondale
12/16	International Government / Politics	Former US Ambassador Barbara Bodine joins Midday to discuss the one year anniversary of the Arab Spring. A Tunisian street vendor set himself on fire on Dec. 17, 2010, setting off a series of demonstrations that toppled governments across the Arab world.	Barbara Bodine
12/16	History / Culture	Author Walter Isaacson discusses his recent biography of Apple founder Steve Jobs at the Commonwealth Club of California. He describes what he learned about the legendary entrepreneur from the more than forty interviews he conducted with Jobs for the book.	Commonwealth Club of California: Walter Isaacson
12/19	Business / Economics	Mayor Chris Coleman on the closing of the Ford plant St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman joins Gary Eichten to discuss the closing of the Ford plant and other issues in St. Paul.	Chris Coleman
12/19	International Government / History	The BBC's World Have Your Say hosts a discussion on the death of North Korean dictator Kim Jong II, speaking to reporters and experts in the region.	BBC World Have Your Say

12/20	Business / Economics	MPR News has been reporting on how Minnesota cities have been dealing with shrinking budgets on the "Forced to Choose" series. Midday hosts a discussion with reporter Jennifer Vogel, editor Dave Peters, and Jim Mulder, former director of the Association of Minnesota Counties, about what was learned from the project.	Jim Mulder Dave Peters Jennifer Vogel
12/20	Religion	NPR's annual holiday program celebrating the Jewish festival of lights. Hosts Susan Stamberg and Murray Horwitz read from a collection of specially commissioned stories centering on Hanukkah.	Susan Stamberg Murray Horwitz
12/21	Environment	U of M climatologist and meteorologist Mark Seeley discusses Minnesota weather on the first day of winter. He'll also have the official weather forecast for Santa's sleigh travels Saturday night.	Mark Seeley
12/21	Arts / Media	Lisa See is the author of "Shanghai Girls" and "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan." Many of her books center on Chinese and Chinese American characters. She discusses her writing and the influence of her Chinese American heritage at the Hennepin County Central Library in downtown	Lisa See
12/22	Education	Six months into the job, new University of Minnesota president Eric Kaler answers your questions about University policies and the purpose of higher education.	Eric Kaler
12/22	History	A few months after President Kennedy's assassination, historian Arthur Schlesinger recorded many hours of interviews with Jacqueline Kennedy. On the 50th anniversary of JFK's presidency, the tapes were released in a book and CD collection, "Jacqueline Kennedy: Historic Conversations on Life with John F. Kennedy." Hear excerpts from an event at the JFK Library.	Caroline Kennedy Jacqueline Kennedy Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.
12/23	International Government / Politics	With the death of dictator Kim Jong Il, will the North Korean regime collapse tomorrow or continue long into the future?	Roy Grow
12/23	Culture / Arts	Stories of winter fairies and elves, from a performance at the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul.	Kevin Kling
12/26	State Government / Politics	MPR political analysts Todd Rapp, Maureen Shaver and Tom Horner review the year's most important stories and look into their crystal balls for 2012.	Todd Rapp Maureen Shaver Tom Horner
12/26	Health / Science	Veterinarian Kate An Hunter is in the Midday studio, with her champion agility dog Ansel, to answer all your pet care questions.	Kate An Hunter

12/27	International Government / Politics	Tens of thousands of Russians have taken to the streets in Moscow protesting corruption and brutality. Is this a new Russian Revolution?	Nick Hayes
12/27	Culture / Arts	Author Susan Orlean speaks about her new best-selling book, "Rin Tin Tin, The Life and the Legend" at the Twin Cities Jewish Book Fair at the St. Paul Jewish Community Center.	Susan Orlean
12/28	Education	Three award-winning teachers take a day from their winter school vacation to share their education strategies and ideas for students, teachers and parents.	Ryan Vernosh Joyce Baumann Peter Redmond
12/28	State Government / Politics	The new Senate Majority Leader, Dave Senjem of Rochester, joins Midday to talk about the issues and strategies for the GOP in the 2012 session and the elections that follow.	David Senjem
12/29	Media	University of Minnesota media ethics and law professor Jane Kirtley reviews the biggest and most important developments in the media world, press freedom around the world, and she looks to the future.	Jane Kirtley
12/29	History / Social Issues	American RadioWorks documentary, "State of Siege: Mississippi Whites and the Civil Rights Movement." No state in the South was more resistant to the struggle for black equality, or more violent. Hear the tactics whites used to battle integration and the lasting impact of that battle in American politics today.	American RadioWorks documentary
12/30	Economics / Business	For the last 15 years, economist Chris Farrell has joined Midday at the end of the year to discuss the performance of the economy and make predictions for the year ahead. What was the biggest economic news story in 2011, and will it be the same story in 2012?	Chris Farrell Mike Pengra
12/30	Sports	Since 1995, Howard Sinker has joined Midday at year's end to talk about the biggest sports stories of the year. What do you think is the most important or most interesting sports story of the year 2011?	Howard Sinker

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Date	Key 1	Synopsis	Guest/Reporter
7/01	State Politics / Government	Many state government functions are closed Friday, as Gov. Mark Dayton and Republican legislative leaders failed to solve a \$5 billion budget shortfall by the June 30 deadline. How did it get to this point, and what can be done to get the state moving again?	Pam Wheelock Mike Mulcahy Paul Thissen Amy Koch Kurt Zellers
7/01	History / Religion / Social Issues	Longtime foreign correspondent Robin Wright speaks at the Aspen Ideas Festival about her new book, "Rock the Casbah: Rage and Rebellion Across the Islamic World." The book details the movements shaking the Middle East, fueled by a huge cultural shift happening among a young populace.	Aspen Ideas Festival; Robin Wright
7/04	State Politics / Government	Minnesota state government is shut down and the federal government is threatening to default on its debts. On Independence Day, Middy discusses the quality of our government. What would make the government work better? Do we have the leadership we deserve?	Lawrence Jacobs
7/04	History	Carlyle Group co-founder and managing director David Rubenstein speaks at the Aspen Ideas Festival about two of the most important presidential speeches in history, Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address. He compares and contrasts them, and argues why they stand the test of time and are still celebrated to this day as great speeches.	Aspen Ideas Festival: David Rubenstein
7/05	State Politics / Government	Independence Party gubernatorial candidate Tom Horner, who received less than 12 percent of the vote, suggests a middle road to balance the state budget and end the government shutdown. Should both sides compromise on raising taxes and cutting more government spending?	Tom Horner
7/05	National Politics / Government / Social Issues	White House domestic policy adviser Melody Barnes speaks at the 2011 Aspen Ideas Festival. She explains the president's strategy for reforming the American immigration system, and dealing with approximately 10 million undocumented immigrants living in the United States.	Aspen Ideas Festival: Melody Barnes
7/06	Health / Science	MPR's medical analyst Dr. Jon Hallberg answers questions about health and medical issues in the news, and general summer health concerns.	Dr. Jon Hallberg

7/06	International Politics / Government / History	New York Times foreign correspondent David Rohde and his wife, Kristen Mulvihill, speak at the Aspen Ideas Festival about their new book, "A Rope and A Prayer: A Kidnapping From Two Sides." The book is their shared account of Rohde's kidnapping and imprisonment by the Taliban for seven months, and Mulvihill's efforts to free him.	David Rohde Kristin Mulvihill
7/07	State Politics / Economics	Four Minnesota economists discuss the economic underpinnings of the debate over cutting budgets and raising taxes. From an economist's point of view, what is best for Minnesota's economy?	Tom Stinson Louis Johnston Ed Lotterman, Varadarajan V. Chari
7/07	History / Science	NASA Administrator Charles F. Bolden, Jr. and astronaut Mark Kelly speak at a National Press Club luncheon. He flew four shuttle missions and was appointed by President Barack Obama to head NASA in 2009. He will discuss the end of the Space Shuttle program and the future of America's space program.	Charles F. Bolden, Jr. Mark Kelly
7/08	National / State Politics / Government	Minnesota native and nationally-renowned congressional analyst Norm Ornstein compares the sharp divide in Washington to the sharp divide in Minnesota. Will Democrats and Republicans find common ground either place? What prevents this from being accomplished more smoothly?	Norman Ornstein
7/08		Krista Tippett talks about what it means to live a spiritual life in a modern society, at the Westminster Town Hall Forum. She is the host of the Peabody award-winning public radio program, "On Being."	Westminster Town Hall Forum: Krista Tippett
7/11	State Politics / Government	The finance commissioners under GOP Gov. Arne Carlson and DFL Gov. Rudy Perpich answer questions about the wide range of government spending and tax options available to Gov. Dayton and the legislature. What are the biggest items, and how controversial are they?	John Gunyou Kay Kiedrowski
7/11	Education / Social Issues	The achievement gap between genders has been closed, and women are now beginning to outpace men in attaining college degrees. Is this a sign girls are now beating the boys in society? A panel of women at the Aspen Ideas Festival tackles the subject and upends the notion that women are moving ahead of men in work and home life.	Aspen Ideas Festival panel
7/12	Business / Economics	Chris Farrell examines the economic underpinnings of the debate over government spending, taxes and the debt ceiling. How do these things affect individuals, business, Wall Street, and the U.S. and global economies?	Chris Farrell

7/12		Will the Twins dig themselves out of a hole in the second half of the season? Sports analyst Howard Sinker answers your questions and responds to your comments about "America's pastime."	Howard Sinker
7/13	State Politics / Government	Longtime Senate DFL Majority Leader Roger Moe and former Republican Senate Minority Leader Duane Benson weigh in on Minnesota's budget stalemate and ways to possibly break the deadlock between Gov. Mark Dayton and Republican legislative leaders.	Roger Moe Duane Benson
7/13	National Politics / Government	Political analyst David Gergen speaks at the Chautauqua Institution in New York about the need to restore a healthy political culture back in Washington to address the many challenges the country faces. He was an adviser to four U.S. presidents. Currently he's a political analyst for CNN and the director of Center for Public Leadership at Harvard's Kennedy School of government.	Chautauqua Institution of NY: David Gergen
7/14	State Politics / Government	As the Minnesota Legislature wrestles over the budget with DFL Gov. Mark Dayton, the first-term GOP lawmakers represent a key voting bloc. There are 30 new Republicans in the House and 19 in the Senate. Four GOP members of the freshman class share their perspectives on the shutdown and the budget impasse.	King Banaian Gretchen Hoffman John Howe John Kriesel
7/14	State Politics / Government	Gov. Mark Dayton speaks Thursday at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota about his policy goals as chief executive of the state and the current budget stalemate with Republican legislative leaders.	Mark Dayton
7/15	State Politics / Government	DFL Gov. Mark Dayton and Republican legislative leaders are moving forward on a budget framework that relies heavily on one-time money and pushes a big part of the budget problem into the future.	Maureen Shaver Todd Rapp Kurt Zellers
7/15	State Politics / Government	DFL Gov. Mark Dayton made the move that will likely end the state government shutdown by accepting a Republican budget offer -- with a few new conditions - - that he had initially rejected two weeks ago.	Mark Dayton
7/18	State Politics / Government	Lawmakers are still laboring over the details of a \$35.4 billion state budget deal struck last week. The deal between DFL Gov. Mark Dayton and the GOP-controlled Legislature includes \$1.4 billion in accounting shifts and borrowed money. How will those one-time fixes affect future budgets?	Jay Kiedrowski Tom Hanson

7/18	Business / Economics	Author and New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman speaks at the Aspen Ideas Festival about his forthcoming book, "That Used to be Us: How America Fell Behind in the World It Invented, and How We Can Come Back." In it he describes four challenges America needs to overcome in order to return it to prosperity.	Aspen Ideas Festival: Thomas Friedman
7/19	Environment	With a possible high of 100 degrees today -- not counting the stifling humidity -- Minnesotans have lots of weather questions on their minds. What's yours?	Paul Huttner
7/20	State Politics / Government	Gov. Mark Dayton signed nine budget bills today from the Minnesota Legislature, ending the state government shutdown. Members of the GOP leadership in the Minnesota House and Senate will discuss the marathon special session and the bills that were passed.	Matt Dean, David Hann
7/20	International Politics / Government	The United Nations has declared a famine in drought-stricken areas of south Somalia. The BBC continues coverage of the humanitarian crisis, connecting with people working in the region and reporters in its Africa bureau.	BBC
7/21	Business / Economics	Diane Lim Rogers, chief economist at the non-partisan Concord Coalition, answers your questions about the federal budget deficit, the national debt, and the debate over raising the debt ceiling.	Diane Lim Rogers
7/21	National Politics / Government	Political gridlock in Washington has made Americans even more cynical about our political system. Midday presents a panel discussion from this year's Aspen Ideas Festival looking at whether the American political system still works, and is able to come up with solutions for the country's most pressing problems.	Vin Weber Jane Harman David Axelrod Thomas J. Wilson Mark McKinnon
7/22	Social Issues	New York state will issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday. Meanwhile, campaigns are ramping up for a battle over the definition of marriage in Minnesota. Voters will decide next year whether the state constitution should limit marriage to heterosexual couples.	Brian Brown Monica Meyer
7/22	International / Social Issues	The BBC continues its live coverage of the bombing near the government center in Norway, plus reports of shootings at a youth camp near Oslo.	BBC
7/25	International Politics / Government / Social Issues	International relief groups are poised to offer food and medicine to millions who are fleeing a drought in Somalia in the middle of civil war. But will insurgent fighters allow western help in for starving people? We'll ask whether a declaration of famine is enough to help a desperate situation.	Mohamed Idiris Daniel Wordsworth Daniel Needham

7/25	International / Social Issues	The BBC's "World Have Your Say" will talk to Norwegians about life after the massacre of more than 90 people. They will share their reactions and their reactions and what the attacks mean for their country.	BBC
7/26	National Government / Business / Economics	The U.S. economy has had a tough couple of years, but is showing signals of a slow recovery. But if the federal government defaults on its debt obligations will it mean a giant step back?	Art Rolnick, Catherine Rampell
7/26	History / Social Issues	Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne speaks at the Chautauqua Institution about the role of the common good in our history, and the constant pull between our sense of individualism and need for community.	Chautauqua Institution of NY: E. J. Dionne
7/27	Education	Part of the solution to the \$5-billion state budget deficit delayed money for Minnesota's K-12 schools. What does that shift mean at the school district level?	Charlie Kyte Jim Hess Chris Richardson
7/27	National Politics / Government	Former United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor speaks at the Aspen Ideas Festival about the country's legacy of judicial appointments and the need to limit popular elections of judges in order to shield them from outside influence.	Aspen Ideas Festival: Sandra Day O'Connor
7/28	Business / Economics	The housing sector of the economy continues to send mixed signals about its recovery from the market bust of a couple of years ago. We'll look at what the indicators mean and ask whether there are any encouraging trends.	Herb Tousley Susan Wachter
7/28	National Politics / Government	Congresswoman Michele Bachmann's run for the Republican presidential nomination is raising her national profile considerably. She spoke live at a National Press Club luncheon about her campaign and career in politics.	National Press Club Michelle Bachmann
7/29	Environment	It's peak season for hitting one of Minnesota's thousands of lakes. But it's also a time when the threats to the health of those lakes are most evident. We'll get a mid-summer status report on one of Minnesota's greatest treasures: its lakes.	Luke Skinner Jason Moeckel Patrick Sweeney
7/29		Bright Ideas host Stephen Smith speaks with chef Isaac Becker from 112 Eatery and Bar LaGrassa. Becker won this year's James Beard award for best chef in the Midwest.	Isaac Becker
8/01	National Politics / Government	Congressional observer Steven Smith of Washington University explores the deal-making and substance of the budget and debt debate in Washington. How good is the "solution" scheduled for a vote today or tomorrow?	Steven Smith

8/01	International Politics	Former deputy secretary of state Jim Steinberg discusses the complicated relationship between the United States and Pakistan. The two countries are key allies in the war on terror but mistrust on both sides is becoming a major problem.	Jim Steinberg
8/02	National Politics / Government	A political scientist and former congressional aide for a Republican and a Democratic member in the 1990s joins Midday to analyze the way the debate was conducted, and what it means for the Congress, the President, and the American public.	Kathryn Pearson
8/02	History / Religion / Politics	Feisal Abdul Rauf gained national attention for his plans to build Park51, an Islamic Community Center, two blocks from Ground Zero in Lower Manhattan. The imam and author speaks at the Aspen Ideas Festival about the uproar over the proposed center, and how Muslims can become more accepted in American society.	Aspen Ideas Festival Feisal Abdul Rauf
8/03	National Politics / Government	A bipartisan congressional committee will be named to produce major budget recommendations, as part of the debt ceiling law signed this week. What should the special committee recommend in the way of budget cuts, policy changes and taxes?	Tim Penny
8/03	International Politics / Government	The Arab Spring protests have been hailed as shining examples of democracy-in-action in the Middle East. Yet the Syrian government continues its violent crackdown of protestors in Hama and other cities, while the regimes in Yemen and Bahrain are still in power. The BBC's World Have Your Say hosts a discussion on whether the movement is flagging or if it still has momentum.	BBC World Have Your Say
8/04	Business / Economics	Volatile stock indexes, a downturn in consumer spending and retail sales, and a manufacturing slowdown have economists worried about the condition of the U.S economy. Is this a double-dip recession?	Louis Johnston
8/04	History / Literature	Lisa See's novels include "Dreams of Joy," "Shanghai Girls," and "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," which has been made into a Hollywood film. Her stories offer a fascinating glimpse into different periods of China's history. She spoke at the Hennepin County library in downtown Minneapolis on how her writing has been influenced by the Chinese side of her family.	
8/05	Education	The new chancellor of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Steven Rosenstone, answers questions about higher education at the end of his first week on the job. Are MnSCU's 31 colleges meeting the needs of students, and the state?	Steven Rosenstone

8/05	Cultural issues / Technology	William Powers speaks to the 2011 Aspen Ideas Festival about his book, "Hamlet's BlackBerry: A Practical Philosophy for Building a Good Life in a Digital Age." Is life better with these technological connections?	Aspen Ideas Festival: William Powers
8/06	National Politics / Government	Two Minnesotans running for president face off in a GOP presidential debate Thursday and the important Iowa Straw Poll on Saturday. Will Tim Pawlenty or Michele Bachmann win the debate and/or the straw poll? What will this mean for their candidacies for president of the United States?	Dennis Goldford
8/06	National Politics / Government / Economy	Live coverage from NPR of President Obama's remarks. He is expected to speak about the downgrading of the U.S. credit rating and the state of the economy.	Barack Obama
8/09	Economy / Business	Chief economics correspondent Chris Farrell joins Midday to discuss Monday's stock plunge and the condition of the U.S. and global economy.	Chris Farrell
8/09	International / Government	British Prime Minister David Cameron is putting 10,000 additional police officers on the streets of London after three days of rioting in the British capital. The BBC's World Have Your Say speaks with London residents about their feelings about the	BBC World Have Your Say
8/10	Economy / Business	What are the most important investment and personal finance principles to remember when dealing with a volatile stock market and an uncertain economy? On today's Midday, ask financial planner Ross Levin your questions.	Ross Levin
8/10	Health / Science	Thomas Rando, the director of the Stanford Center of Longevity and professor at Stanford University's School of Medicine, speaks at the Aspen Ideas Festival about his research into the biology of aging. He looks at how genetics or the environment can affect aging, and if the aging process can be manipulated.	Aspen Ideas Festival Thomas Rando
8/11	Education	Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius wants Minnesota to get a waiver from the No Child Left Behind testing program, seek federal money from the Race to the Top initiative and improve and rate the preschool programs in Minnesota. What are the most important things to improve or change in Minnesota's schools?	Brenda Cassellius

8/11	Economy / Business	Journalist and author Bethany McLean speaks at the Chautauqua Institution about her latest book, "All the Devils Are Here: The Hidden History of the Financial Crisis." Co-written by Joe Nocera, the book attempts to show how many factors and parties were responsible for the Great Recession of the last decade, and how ultimately, almost everyone bears some responsibility.	Chautauqua Institution speech: Bethany McLean
8/12	History	Historian Nick Hayes describes the events that led up to the Soviet and East German governments' decision to build the wall dividing East and West Germany, as well as the city of Berlin. The Wall came down November 9, 1989.	Nick Hayes
8/12		Author and humorist Roy Blount Jr. is a regular panelist on NPR's Wait Wait Don't Tell Me. He speaks at the Hennepin County Library's Talk of the Stacks series about his new book, "Alphabetter Juice: or the Joy of Text." It's a witty take on the English language, looking at the connection between sounds and meaning, and the sometimes funny origins of words.	Roy Blount, Jr.
8/15	National Politics / Government	President Barack Obama is scheduled to speak in Cannon Falls, Minn., as part of a special three-day trip through the Upper Midwest. He is expected to discuss economic development in rural areas and his plan to create more jobs. MPR's political analysts Todd Rapp and Maureen Shaver join Midday to talk about the President's visit, before we hear live coverage of Mr. Obama's remarks.	Barack Obama Todd Rapp Maureen Shaver
8/15	National Politics / Government	Continued live coverage of President Obama in Minnesota	Barack Obama Todd Rapp Maureen Shaver
8/16	State Politics / Government / Health	State Senator Linda Berglin stepped down this week after a 39-year career in the Minnesota House and Senate. There was only one woman already serving in the legislature when she entered the House in 1973. Her legislative specialty was health care, and she moves to a new public policy job at Hennepin County. Is Minnesota's health care system moving in the right direction?	Linda Berglin
8/16	History / Culture	A special rebroadcast of the American RadioWorks documentary, "Power and Smoke: A Nation Built on Coal." It looks at the roots of America's reliance on coal, and shows how our fuel choices changed American culture and history	American Radio Works

8/17	International Government / Politics	This week saw the bloodiest day in the Iraq war this year. Seventy people were killed Monday in a wave of attacks in cities across Iraq. Violence has increased in Afghanistan as well, as the United States tries to manage troop withdrawals in both wars. What does this mean for the future?	Andrew Bacevich
8/17	Social Issues	Social psychologist Jonathan Haidt speaks at the Aspen Ideas Festival about his book, "The Happiness Hypothesis." It's an examination on how the mind works and the search for happiness and meaning in our lives, using the wisdom of the past as a guide.	Aspen Ideas Festival Jonathan Haidt
8/18	National Politics / Government	NPR's Wade Goodwyn profiles Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who entered the presidential campaign Saturday and has rocketed to the top of some national polls. Ask your question about Perry's background, experience and views on the major issues on today's Midday.	Wade Goodwyn
8/18	Media / Social Issues	Midday presents a special panel from the Aspen Ideas Festival looking at the impact of social media on journalism. Panelists include: Huffington Post founder Arianna Huffington, Thomas Goetz of Wired Magazine Vivian Schiller former NPR CEO Pete Cashmore, Mashable founder Jay Chandrasekaran, editor, Washington Post Orville Schell, former dean of the University of California Berkeley's journalism school.	Aspen Ideas Festival
8/19	History	Architectural historian Larry Millett has written beautiful and informative books about Minnesota's most interesting homes and buildings. His newest book, "Once There Were Castles," describes 90 mansions and estates that have disappeared from Minnesota. Are there homes or buildings that you remember from the past? Some gems still standing?	Larry Millett
8/19	Culture / Arts	Emmy-nominated actor Rainn Wilson speaks at the Guthrie Theater with Guthrie Director Joe Dowling. Wilson is one of the stars of the hit sitcom, "The Office" and appeared in past productions at the Guthrie. He discusses his early career as a stage actor and his rise to stardom in Hollywood.	Joe Dowling Rainn Wilson
8/22	National Politics	Boston Globe reporter Brian Mooney profiles former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. Ask your question about Romney's background, experience and views on the major issues on today's Midday.	Brian Mooney

8/22	International Government	The BBC's "World Have Your Say" continues its live coverage of the latest developments in the conflict in Libya. Rebel forces have moved into Tripoli and are enclosing in on the last of Colonel Moammar Gadhafi's forces. The BBC speaks to people in the area and its reporters on the ground.	BBC's "World Have Your Say"
8/23	Education	Some of the best in the business answer your questions about how to get the most out of the new school year.	Ryan Vernosh Joyce Baumann Peter Redmond
8/23	International Government	Libyan rebels continue to press against forces loyal to Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, as optimism of a quick victory fades. The BBC's "World Have Your Say" program will attempt to reach people in the area to discuss the situation, as well as share reports from BBC correspondents.	BBC's "World Have Your Say"
8/24	International Government	Will peace, democracy and prosperity prevail in Libya? How might a transition unfold, and what impact will this have in the Mideast region?	Bruce Jentleson
8/24	Education	Two leading voices in the conversation on school reform debate the merits of charter schools, testing, and teacher evaluations, at a panel from this year's Aspen Ideas Festival. Diane Ravitch is a professor of education at New York University and a historian of education, and Wendy Kopp is the founder and CEO of Teach for America.	Aspen Ideas Festival Diane Ravitch Wendy Kopp
8/25	Environment / Science	Meteorologist and climatologist Mark Seeley joins Gary Eichten at the MPR State Fair booth for the 15th annual State Fair Weather Quiz, and Mark answers weather questions from fairgoers and the radio and online audiences.	Mark Seeley
8/25	National / State / Politics / Government	Senator Al Franken answers questions from fair-goers and the radio and on-line audiences about the US role in the world, the economy, and other important issues facing the country.	Al Franken
8/26	Business / Economics	Minnesota's top labor market analyst explains the job trends in various sectors of the economy and in different regions of the state. Where are the biggest gains and losses? What does the future hold?	Steve Hine
8/26	Culture / Arts	An encore broadcast of a special documentary from Minnesota Public Radio News. "Boy from the north country" explores Dylan's Minnesota roots and how they influenced the evolution of his music.	MPR News documentary
8/29	Government / Politics	Sen. Amy Klobuchar joins MPR's Gary Eichten at the Minnesota State Fair to answer questions about international, national and local current events.	Amy Klobuchar

8/29	Health / Education	Veterinarian Dr. Kate An Hunter and her agility and obedience champion dog Ansel join Gary Eichten at the MPR State Fair booth to answer questions about pet care.	Kate An Hunter
8/30	National Government / Business / Economics	President Barack Obama speaks in Minneapolis to the national convention of the American Legion, about problems facing veterans and returning military service members.	Barack Obama Steven Schier
8/30	History / Culture / Arts	Best-selling author Erik Larson is considered a master of narrative non-fiction. He speaks at the Chautauqua Institution about his latest book, "In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin", which is a window into Hitler's rise to power through the eyes of William Dodd, America's first ambassador to Nazi Germany.	Chautauqua Institution Erik Larson
8/31	National Government / Politics	MPR reporter Mark Zdechlik answers questions about Rep. Michele Bachmann's background and biography, and her views on the major issues.	Mark Zdechlik
8/31	Health / Science	Despite years of research and promising treatments, cancer remains one of the most deadly and persistent diseases for humans. Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee discusses the history of cancer treatment, innovations in treating the disease, and the kinds of knowledge and research that needs to be shared to effectively fight cancer, at this year's Aspen Ideas Festival. He is one of the country's top cancer researchers and wrote the Pulitzer Prize-winning book, "The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer".	Aspen Ideas Festival Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee
9/01	Education	Middy presents an MPR special report from reporter Sasha Aslanian looking at a school that was held up as a model in St. Paul, but has since failed to meet federal standards. Following the report, St. Paul Superintendent Valeria Silva and Eric Mahmoud, founder of Harvest Prep and Best Academy, will discuss ways to improve the achievement of minority students.	Sasha Aslanian Valeria Silva Eric Mahmoud
9/01	Culture / Technology	Twitter co-founders Evan Stone and Biz Williams speak at the Aspen Ideas Festival about the future of the Internet, social networking's influence on Internet use, and how the user experience can be improved.	Aspen Ideas Festival Evan Stone Biz Williams
9/02	Business / Economics	Louis Johnston and Chris Farrell appear on the Carousel Park Stage at the Minnesota State Fair to answer questions about the condition of the US economy and personal finance.	Louis Johnston Chris Farrell

9/02	Media / Culture	Garrison Keillor, the host of public radio's A Prairie Home Companion, joins MPR's Gary Eichten on the Carousel Park Stage at the Minnesota State Fair to share stories and answer questions from the audience about his long career as a broadcaster and author.	Garrison Keillor
9/05	Culture / Arts	The Movie Maven, Stephanie Curtis, joins Gary Eichten at the MPR State Fair booth to talk about the best and worst remakes. Helen Mirren's "The Debt" is the latest remake.	Stephanie Curtis
9/05	Sports	Howard Sinker joins Gary Eichten at MPR's State Fair booth for the annual Labor Day Sports Extravaganza.	Howard Sinker
9/06	National Politics / Government	Both houses of Congress end their August recess this week. Will the time away from the Capitol improve the dialogue and result in accomplishments?	Steven Smith
9/06	National Politics / Government	Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani will talk about the state of the country's national security coming up to the ten-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.	National Press Club: Rudy Giuliani
9/07	National Politics / Government	Minnesota native Michael Hurley led CIA and US Special Forces in Afghanistan right after 9/11, and was senior counsel and counterterrorism investigator for the 9/11 Commission. What have we learned since 9/11 and the investigations that followed?	Michael Hurley
9/07	National Politics / Government	Middy presents an American RadioWorks documentary from 2004, "Witnesses to Terror: The 9/11 Hearings." It captures some of the testimony and recordings from the 9/11 Commission investigation, piercing together new details and evidence from the attacks.	American Radio Works documentary
9/08	History	Former Vice President Walter Mondale and other Minnesotans share their remembrances of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, and the meaning of the attacks today. How did you feel then, and now? Has anything changed?	Walter Mondale
9/08	National Politics / Government	Hear eight of the 2012 Republican presidential candidates debate the issues at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in California on Sept. 7, 2011.	Rick Perry Mitt Romney Michele Bachmann Ron Paul Newt Gingrich Rick Santorum Herman Cain Jon Huntsman
9/09	Business / Economics	What do Minnesota businesses need to spur economic growth and job opportunities in the state? 11:00 a.m.	Teresa Bohnen Rob West Mike Hickey

9/09	National Politics / Government	Midday presents a special program from the Aspen Ideas Festival, looking how America's national security has changed since the Sept. 11 attacks and if we're still vulnerable to another terrorist attack.	Aspen Ideas Festival Michael Chertoff Jan Harman Mike McConnell Philip Zelikow
9/12	National Government / Economics	How does the Federal Reserve actually work, what does it do, and why is the system and its leaders so controversial?	Ed Lotterman
9/12	International Government / Politics	Best-selling author and New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman speaks with Larry Jacobs from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs. He discusses his latest book, "That Used to Be Us: How America Fell Behind in the World It Invented and How We Can Come Back."	Thomas Friedman Larry Jacobs
9/13	National Government / Politics	The future of the Social Security system is the subject of political debate and financial controversy. What are the underlying principles and how does Social Security currently work? What lies ahead?	Henry Aaron
9/13	National Politics / Government	Eight Republican candidates for president in 2012 debated the major issues in Tampa, Fla., on Sept. 12, 2011. The debate was sponsored by CNN and the Tea Party Express. Hear the entire debate on MPR's Midday program.	Michele Bachmann Newt Gingrich Rick Perry Mitt Romney Herman Cain Jon Huntsman Rick Santorum Ron Paul
9/14	Education	Minnesota students' annual math and reading test scores are released Wednesday, and an education policy debate will follow. What should be done to improve reading and math achievement, and what are the most important priorities for schools this year?	Joe Nathan
9/14	National Politics / Government	Ten years after the Sept. 11 attacks, is it time to reassess America's approach to national security? Midday presents an Intelligence Squared debate on the topic featuring four national security experts. In favor of overhauling the system is Peter Bergen, co-director of New America Foundation's counter-terrorism strategy initiative, and Juliette Kayyem, former assistant secretary of Homeland Security under President Obama. Against the motion are former CIA and NSA Director Michael Hayden and Richard Falkenrath, homeland security policy adviser to President George W. Bush.	Intelligence Squared Peter Bergen Juliette Kayyem Michael Hayden Richard Falkenrath

9/15	National Politics / Health	Presidential candidate Michele Bachmann says a woman told her daughter became "retarded" after getting the HPV vaccination. Two medical ethicists have offered a monetary reward for medical proof of this. Why is there now so much controversy about vaccines?	Steven Miles
9/15	National Politics / Government	Political analyst and Minnesota native Norm Ornstein speaks at the Westminster Town Hall Forum on our broken government and what can be done to improve the system. Ornstein is a Resident Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, an election analyst for CBS, and writes a weekly column for Roll Call, the Capitol Hill newspaper. 12:00 p.m.	Westminster Town Hall Forum: Norm Ornstein
9/16	National Politics / Government	Norm Ornstein, author of "The Broken Branch," discusses how Congress and the presidency function. Are we getting the leadership we deserve?	Norm Ornstein
9/16	Sports	Writer Jim Klobuchar covered the Vikings from day one, September 17, 1961. He joins Midday to talk about the history of the team and the game of football - then and now.	Jim Klobuchar Tommy Mason
9/19	Business / Economics	Economist Art Rolnick offers perspective on the condition of the state and national economy, and the key measures needed to improve the short term and long term outlook.	Art Rolnick
9/19	Media	Minnesota Public Radio's new president and CEO Jon McTaggart joins Gary Eichten in the studio to answer questions from the audience.	Jon McTaggart
9/20	Science	The first day of autumn is Friday, but Indian Summer is underway. MPR meteorologist Paul Huttner answers questions about the summer we had, the fall that's upon us, and the looming winter.	Paul Huttner
9/20	National Politics / Government	Former Minnesota Republican Congressman Vin Weber speaks at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs about the current presidential race. He shares his insight into the state of the Republican party, the GOP's roster of presidential candidates, and what factors are at play in next year's election. 12:00 p.m.	Vin Weber
9/21	International Politics / Government	President Barack Obama wants Palestinian and Israeli leaders to return to peace talks and discuss future statehood for the Palestinians, rather than seek recognition at the UN. GOP presidential candidates boost Israel's cause. An international relations expert joins Midday to discuss why middle east peace is so complicated and politically controversial.	Michael Barnett

9/21	International Politics / Government	As President Obama reaffirmed his objection to Palestinians seeking statehood through the United Nations, the BBC's "World Have Your Say" asks Americans if they agree with the President's stand.	BBC "World Have Your Say"
9/22	National Politics / Government	What's become known as the "Buffett Rule," has stirred controversy about the taxes paid by the rich, the middle class and the poor. A tax expert from the Tax Policy Center answers questions about what the data really show.	Joe Rosenberg
9/22	History	Congress passed the Peace Corps Act ON Sept. 22, 1961. Four Peace Corps volunteers shared their experiences in a panel discussion at the Kennedy Library in Boston. The moderator was Stanley Meisler, author of "When the World Calls: The Inside Story of the Peace Corps and its First Fifty Years."	Stanley Meisler Joe Kennedy III Elaine Jones Sarah Chayes Paul Theroux
9/23	Economics / History	The latest census numbers show that one in 10 Minnesotans live in poverty. What does the data show about the economic and lifestyle situations in Minnesota, and how has this changed over the years?	Tom Gillaspay
9/23	National Politics / Science	Environmental authors and educators Bill McKibben and Paul Hawken speak at the Commonwealth Club about the best ways to combat climate change in an uncertain economy and turbulent political era.	Paul Hawken Bill McKibben
9/26	National Politics	Nationally syndicated columnist and PBS political commentator Mark Shields shares wit and wisdom about the political scene today, and compares it to the scene during the nine presidencies he's covered. What's new about politics?	Mark Shields
9/26	National Politics / Government	Supreme Court Associate Justice Stephen Breyer and former associate justice Sandra Day O'Connor spoke at the Aspen Ideas Festival in Aspen, Colorado. Joining them was court historian Larry Kramer. The panel discussed the role of the court--should it reflect public opinion and follow the will of the people?	Aspen Ideas Festival: Sandra Day O'Connor Stephen Breyer Larry Kramer Jeffrey Rosen
9/27	Minnesota Politics / Government	After a long career formulating and analyzing Minnesota tax policy for state government and for the Minnesota Taxpayers Association, Dan Salomone retires next week. On his way out, he explains how we got to the system we have now, and why it happened.	Dan Salomone
9/27	International Politics / Government	America Abroad Media and NPR-affiliate WAMU in Washington, D.C. present a townhall conversation on the state of women's rights in Afghanistan as America begins a slow exit from the country. A group of advocates and citizens in Kabul are connected with another group in Washington D.C. to share their concerns and views.	America Abroad Media

9/28	National Politics / Health	The cost of health insurance increased this year, GOP presidential candidates urge repeal of President Obama's health care reform law, and Congressman Paul Ryan's new idea this week is to give individuals a refundable tax credit to buy their own insurance in the marketplace. The Supreme Court is expected to rule on the constitutionality of the federal law sometime before the 2012 election. Are there ways to improve the health care system?	David Durenberger
9/28	National Politics	In a speech to the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce, former Government Accountability Office head David Walker discusses the political dysfunction hindering the country's weak economy, and what needs to happen to restore America's fiscal stability.	David Walker
9/29	National Politics / Education	Minnesota's 2nd District Rep. John Kline, the chairman of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, answers questions about education reform and the nation's job situation on Middy.	John Kline
9/29	Science	SpaceX, one of the first commercial space transportation companies, will replace the cargo transport function of the retired Space Shuttle program for NASA. Elon Musk will discuss the future of space exploration in advance of his company's Nov. 30 flight to the International Space Station.	Elon Musk
9/30	Education	Nearly half of the Minnesota schools are considered "failing" under the federal No Child Left Behind standards. How important are these ratings, and what is the best way to evaluate schools and the learning that occurs there?	Tom Weber
9/30	National Politics / Government / History	Columnist and PBS political commentator Mark Shields delivers the Eugene J. McCarthy lecture at Saint John's University, speaking about the enduring optimism and pragmatism of the American voter, and how that has played out in the elections from the past few decades.	Mark Shields

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4/01	state politics / government	MPR political editor Mike Mulcahy and State Capitol reporter Tim Pugmire answer questions about the major bills being passed by the new GOP majority, and the competing plans from the new DFL Gov. Mark Dayton.	Mike Mulcahy, Tim Pugmire
4/01	science	Author and New York Times columnist David Brooks discusses his new book, "The Social Animal," at the Westminster Town Hall forum. Brooks examines discoveries in neuroscience and cognition that reveal how life is shaped by imagination, emotion, and intuition.	David Brooks
4/04	media / history	Award-winning investigative reporter and author Mark Feldstein discusses journalistic ethics, from newspaper columnist Jack Anderson, who was a fierce critic of President Richard Nixon, to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. Feldstein is out with a new book, "Poisoning the Press: Richard Nixon, Jack Anderson, and the Rise of Washington's Scandal Culture."	Mark Feldstein
4/04	history	Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated 43 years ago today. Midday presents an American RadioWorks documentary looking at the last year of his life. Although King remains one of the most vivid symbols of hope for racial unity in America, he was viewed differently in that final year.	American Radio Works
4/05	national politics / government	With the potential for a partial government shutdown looming, President Obama met with congressional leaders Tuesday morning to search for a compromise on this year's budget. What are the political ramifications of the standoff?	Steven Smith
4/05	history	A memorial service is being held for the iconic reporter David Broder today. He died last month after reporting on politics for more than four decades for the Washington Post. Midday presents a speech from David Broder from our archives as well as an earlier interview with him.	David Broder
4/06	education	Is this a good time to change collective bargaining, the tenure system, evaluation, pay and benefits for teachers? What should be done to get good teachers in the classroom?	Pat Garofalo, Tom Doohar
4/06	national government	As the April 18 tax filing deadline looms, IRS Commissioner Douglas Shulman speaks live at the National Press Club Speakers Luncheon.	Douglas Shulman
4/07	national politics / economics / health	The proposal by Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan would end Medicare for seniors and replace it with a "premium support" program for anyone retiring after 2021. Should older Americans pay more for their health care?	David Durenberger

4/07	sports	Spring is here, and baseball has begun. The home opener is Friday afternoon. What are the Twins' prospects in the 2011 season?	Howard Sinker
4/08	national politics / government	A University of Minnesota political science professor with bi-partisan experience on capitol hill during the shutdowns in the 1990's joins Midday to analyze how this happens and what it means.	Kathryn Pearson
4/08	education / politics	Lawmakers in Minnesota and across the country have been debating changes in the way public school teachers are compensated, hired, and fired. The question remains: what makes a good teacher? American RadioWorks examines that question in a recent documentary, "Testing Teachers."	American Radio Works
4/11	state politics / government	Conference committees start work on the major budget bills this week. The House GOP Speaker and DFL Minority Leader outline their strategies to address the \$5 billion deficit in the final six weeks of the session.	Kurt Zellers, Paul Thissen
4/11	history / social issues	David Rubenstein, managing director of The Carlyle Group, discusses why President Abraham Lincoln decided to issue the Emancipation Proclamation, and how it ended up changing the course of the Civil War and the country. Rubenstein spoke from last summer's Aspen Ideas Festival.	David Rubenstein at the Aspen Ideas Festival
4/12	sports / state politics	Legislators introduced a football stadium bill Monday. Should the state or local governments facilitate or pay for a new stadium for the Minnesota Vikings? Under what circumstances?	Jay Weiner
4/12	state politics / government	Midday presents a panel discussion from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs featuring leaders from the Senate, House, and Dayton Administration discussing how to find common ground to fix the state's massive budget deficit.	Amy Koch, Kurt Zellers, Myron Frans, Jim Schowalter, Steve Sviggum
4/13	national politics / government / economics	Norm Ornstein analyzes the politics of the budget debate between both houses of Congress and the President, and Chris Farrell analyzes the economic impact of the debt and deficit.	Norman Ornstein, Chris Farrell
4/13		Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., joins Midday from Washington to share his ideas about budget and tax priorities	Al Franken
4/13	national politics / government	President Barack Obama presents his plan to address the budget deficit and the national debt, in a speech at George Washington University.	Barack Obama

4/14	science / environment	It's Severe Weather Awareness Week, and statewide tornado drills take place today. Meteorologist Mark Seeley explains the forecasting of severe storms (and spring snow!) and answers weather questions from the MPR audience.	Mark Seeley
4/14	national politics / government	Midday presents an Intelligence Squared debate featuring four high level national security leaders about whether the United States should scale back its foreign policy ambitions.	Elliot Abrams, Eliot Cohen, Peter Galbraith, Lawrence Korb
4/15	national politics / economics	A little history of America's system of taxation on Midday. Which taxes are considered progressive and which regressive? Does this matter?	Chuck Marr
4/15	culture	Midday presents a special program showcasing some of the most exciting literary work coming out of the state. "Writing Minnesota" weaves together poetry and author interviews, and includes an innovative adaptation of a short story set in a mysterious compound north of Duluth.	Minnesota writers
4/18	state politics / government	Senate GOP leader Amy Koch and Senate DFL leader Tom Bakk join Midday from the MPR Capitol Bureau to discuss progress on balancing the budget as the legislature recesses for Passover and Easter. What are the priorities for spending and taxes?	Tom Bakk, Amy Koch
4/18	national politics / government / religion	Bright Ideas host Stephen Smith and the Rev. Peg Chamberlin sat down to discuss civil discourse, ethics and her work on President Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.	Rev. Peg Chamberlin
4/19	international	Japanese officials say a partial meltdown occurred and radiation levels are still too high for repair crews to go inside. An international meeting in Ukraine seeks funding for a containment shelter, 25 years after the Chernobyl accident. A nuclear engineer joins Midday to answer questions about nuclear power plants.	Arjun Makhijani
4/19	environment / national politics	Media mogul Ted Turner speaks with financier T. Boone Pickens at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. about American energy policy. Pickens has been an advocate for alternative energy sources like wind and natural gas while Turner has promoted the use of solar power.	Ted Turner, T. Boone Pickens
4/20	national politics / economics	In recent polls, 75 to 80 percent of Americans say they oppose lifting the debt limit, yet many economists and finance officials say it is imperative. Economist Louis Johnston explains the debate over the federal deficit, the debt and the health of the US economy. Might the US default?	Louis Johnston

4/20	education	Veterinarian Kate An Hunter and her dog, Ansel, stop by our studios to answer questions about our mysterious furry friends.	Kate An Hunter
4/21	local politics / government	St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman joins Midday to answer questions about city schools, jobs, parks, transportation, the Central Corridor LRT, development and taxes.	Chris Coleman
4/21	religion	Internationally renowned scholar Marcus Borg speaks about reclaiming the language of Christianity at the Westminster Town Hall Forum. He has written a number of books that re-examine the life of Jesus and take a fresh look at the bible.	Marcus Borg
4/22	environment	The director of the University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment, Jon Foley, gives an Earth Day report card on the quality of our water, air and land. What are the biggest problems, and the biggest successes?	Jonathan Foley
4/22	business / economics	Marketplace Money Economics Editor Chris Farrell talks with economist Lawrence Mishel about the effect of unemployment on working and middle-class families and shares possible solutions to get Americans back to work.	Chris Farrell, Lawrence Mishel
4/25	state politics / government	Legislators return to the capitol Tuesday after hearing from constituents during the recess. In dozens of Citizens League public meetings and MPR on-line forums, citizens have weighed in on priorities for government spending and taxes. The conveners report back. How do these ideas compare with yours?	Pam Wheelock, Stacy Becker, Michael Caputo
4/25	education	American Federation of Teachers president Randi Weingarten speaks at the Commonwealth Club of California. She discusses recent efforts to curb teacher compensation and limit their ability to collectively bargain.	Randi Weingarten
4/26	state politics / government	Former GOP House Speaker Steve Sviggum and former DFL House Speaker Dee Long share their ideas on how to proceed in the final month of the legislative session. The GOP legislature and the DFL Governor are far apart on tax increases and budget cuts.	Steve Sviggum, Dee Long
4/26	international / government	With regimes falling or in flux in the Middle East, Iran stands to benefit from the instability. "Tehran Rising: Persian Power in an Unstable Region" is a new documentary from American Abroad looking at how Iran is extending its influence in the region in the wake of regime change.	American Abroad documentary
4/27	international / government	A former NATO ambassador joins Midday to discuss Syria's violent crackdown on anti-government protestors and the ongoing violence in Libya. What is the future of the pro-democracy uprisings in the middle east?	Ambassador Robert Hunter

4/27	history / media	American University law professor Stephen Wermiel discusses a new book he co-authored, "Justice Brennan: Champion of the Free Press" at the Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law at the University of Minnesota's School of Journalism. Wermiel explains the complicated relationship Supreme Court Justice William Brennan had with the press. While he publicly championed the ideals of a free press, he privately disliked journalists.	Stephen Wermiel
4/27	national politics / government	An unprecedented event, the first news conference by the Chairman of the Federal Reserve, Ben Bernanke.	Ben Bernanke, Chris Farrell
4/28	international / government / security	CIA director Leon Panetta is scheduled to become Defense Secretary in July, replacing Robert Gates. What will it mean for the conduct of the wars the U.S. is currently engaged in, and how should the Gates era be rated?	Owen Cote
4/28	health / science	Dr. Nicolas Larusso is a physician and scientist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. He directs the Mayo's Center for Innovation, an ambitious project to transform health care. He joined Stephen Smith in conversation for Bright Ideas at the UBS forum.	Stephen Smith, Dr. Nicolas Larusso
4/29	health / media	Veteran health care journalist Gary Schwitzer reviews health and medical news coverage on HealthNewsReview.org. We talk with Schwitzer about how accurate health care journalism is today.	Gary Schwitzer
4/29	media / history	The BBC presents highlights from the royal wedding of Britain's Prince William and Kate Middleton. The couple wed earlier today at Westminster Abbey in a ceremony broadcast around the world.	
5/02	international / government	The hunt for Osama bin Laden is over How did it happen, and what are the implications?	C. Christine Fair, Roy Grow
5/02	international	NPR presents the latest analysis and news on al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden's death at the hands of U.S. forces in Pakistan.	NPR
5/03	national politics / government	President Obama asked Congressional leaders to "harness some of the unity" washing over the nation upon the death of Osama bin Laden to move forward on contentious budget and debt negotiations. Senator Klobuchar answers questions about the wars and the foreign and domestic priorities of the Congress.	Amy Klobuchar
5/03	international	Midday presents a special documentary from the BBC on how Osama bin Laden was able to elude capture for more than a decade. Then the BBC turns to callers from around the world for their reaction to the killing of the Al Qaeda leader on the program, "World Have Your Say."	BBC "World Have Your Say"

5/04	history / social issues	On May 4, 1961, seven blacks and six whites left Washington, DC in two public buses headed for the deep south to test the Supreme Court ruling desegregating public transportation. They endured violence, beatings and jail terms...and one of the buses was burned...but they continued, and inspired dozens more "Freedom Rides". The hostility of southern whites is explored in an American RadioWorks documentary, "State of Siege: Mississippi Whites and the Civil Rights Movement."	American Radio Works "State of Siege"
5/05	media	MPR reporters won broadcast awards for reports on Minnesota's economy, political history, immigration enforcement and the obesity epidemic. Hear reports this hour by Annie Baxter, Curtis Gilbert, Sasha Aslanian and Lorna Benson.	Annie Baxter, Curtis Gilbert, Sasha Aslanian, Lorna Benson
5/05	media	MPR reports won many broadcasting awards this spring. Hear reports this hour on the deployment and return of the Red Bulls, decades of change in Austin, and central Minnesota horse farmers. The award-winning reporters heard this hour are Tom Robertson, Elizabeth Baier and Sasha Aslanian.	Tom Robertson, Elizabeth Baier, Sash Aslanian
5/06	education	The 2011 Minnesota Teacher of the Year is Katy Smith, an early childhood/family education teacher at Goodview School in the Winona school district. How can we improve child development and preparation for the school years?	Katy Smith
5/06	Minnesota history	Author Lori Sturdevant tells us about one of Minnesota's most prominent families, and its impact on Minnesota history. The Pillsburys were involved in everything from flour milling and business to founding and financing Minnesota institutions of higher education, social services, health care, the arts and parks. Many had careers in elected public service, including a Minnesota Governor.	Lori Sturdevant
5/09	state politics / government	The 2011 legislative session must adjourn May 23rd, two weeks from today. None of the major budget bills have passed and almost none of the controversial subjects have been resolved.	Mike Mulcahy, Tom Scheck, Tim Pugmire
5/09	media / culture	Kenneth Turan, film critic for the Los Angeles Times and NPR's Morning Edition, joins Stephanie Curtis, MPR's Movie Maven, for a discussion about the state of the film industry. Their conversation was part of the Broadcast Journalist Series hosted at St. Thomas University.	Stephanie Curtis, Kenneth Turan
5/10	media / history	Reporter and author T.R. Reid discussed his long career covering politics, foreign affairs, and more recently, health care, at the University of St. Thomas as part of Minnesota Public Radio's Broadcast Journalist Series.	T. R. Reid

5/10	state politics / government / sports	Minneapolis city officials announced a Vikings stadium proposal for downtown Minneapolis and Ramsey County is working toward a site in Arden Hills. How do the proposals compare, and what is the likelihood that the Governor and Legislature will approve a stadium plan?	Jay Weiner
5/11	culture	Pops conductor Sarah Hicks talks to MPR's Stephen Smith about the world of music-- from the classics to the modern.	Sarah Hicks
5/11	culture	Author and "A Prairie Home Companion" host Garrison Keillor speaks at the Friends of the University of Minnesota Libraries Dinner about writing, performing, and how libraries are a refuge from the outside world.	Garrison Keillor
5/12	environment	University of Minnesota meteorologist/climatologist Mark Seeley answers your questions about spring weather and severe weather events.	Mark Seeley
5/13	international	National security and counterterrorism expert Michael Hurley, former staff to the 9/11 Commission, explains what we know about the decade-long search for al Qaeda's top leader.	Michael Hurley
5/13	religion / health	Frederic Luskin, the Director of the Stanford University Forgiveness Project, speaks at the Westminster Town Hall Forum about his work. He is a pioneer in the practice of forgiveness therapy, which tries to incorporate religious traditions of forgiveness into secular practices.	Frederic Luskin
5/16	state politics / government	House Speaker Kurt Zellers and Senate Majority Leader Amy Koch outline their plans to balance the budget by the constitutional deadline of Monday, May 23, 2011. Where are the best places to cut five billion dollars out of the state budget?	Kurt Zellers, Amy Koch
5/16	international / security	The former National Security Advisor for the Obama administration and retired four-star general will speak at a National Press Club Luncheon. He will discuss the impact of Osama bin Laden's death on al Qaeda and how shifts in power throughout the Middle East is changing America's strategic goals.	James L. Jones
5/17	state politics / government	Gov. Mark Dayton outlines his strategy for concluding negotiations on the budget and taxes, education, human services, transportation, the Vikings, abortion, constitutional amendments and other key issues that remain to be resolved before the May 23rd constitutional adjournment date.	Mark Dayton
5/17	sports / history	Middy presents a special hour remembering Minnesota Twins Hall of Famer Harmon Killebrew, who died Tuesday of esophageal cancer. He was 74.	

5/18	state politics / government	MPR's GOP analyst Maureen Shaver and DFL analyst Todd Rapp discuss the strategies, politics and policies of the final days of the 2011 legislative session. Will agreement be reached to balance the state budget? Which controversial policy issues will be signed into law or put on the ballot for the voters to decide?	Maureen Shaver, Todd Rapp
5/18	national government / politics	Midday presents a debate from NPR's Intelligence Squared series. Debaters argue for and against the proposal, "Don't give us your tired, your poor, your huddled masses."	Julian Castro, Tamar Jacoby, Kris Kobach, Tom Tancredo
5/19	international	President Obama gives a major address at the State Department about the Middle East and North Africa. Live coverage from NPR and analysis from NPR's foreign editor Loren Jenkins and studio guests.	President Barack Obama (Live coverage)
5/19	social issues / education	Midday presents a forum on bullying in Minnesota schools including students, parents, teachers, and a panel of experts held last night at the UBS forum. The forum tops off a special series of reports on bullying from Minnesota Public Radio News.	
5/20	state politics / government	Longtime Senate DFL Majority Leader Roger Moe and House GOP Speaker Steve Sviggum take us behind the scenes of the closing days of a legislative session. How do things get done as a constitutional deadline looms?	Roger Moe, Steve Sviggum
5/20	national politics	AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka will speak live at a National Press Club luncheon. He will talk about recent efforts to curb collective bargaining rights in states across the country. He will also discuss the upcoming 2012 elections and the role the union will play.	Richard Trumka

5/23	state politics / government	<p>Midday Live at the Capitol (2 hours)</p> <p>Gary Eichten and MPR's political editor Mike Mulcahy will speak live at the closing day of the legislative session. The Republican led House and Senate will have to reach a budget deal with Governor Mark Dayton or a special session will have to be called.</p>	<p>Rep. Kurt Zellers Rep. Matt Dean Sen. Amy Koch. Dave Jennings Rep. Pat Garofalo Rep. Mindy Greiling Sen. Dick Cohen Rep. Tony Cornish Sen. John Harrington Sen. Julianne Ortman Rep. Ann Lenczewski Rep, Tom Rukavina Sen. Michelle Fischbach Rep. Jim Abeler Sen. Linda Berglin Sen. Warren Limmer Sen. Scott Dibble Sen. Dave Thompson Gov. Mark Dayton Dave Jennings Sen. Tom Bakk Rep. Paul Thissen Sen. Geoff Michel Rep. Alice Hausman Rep. Mike Beard Rep. Frank Hornstein Rep, Dean Urdahl Rep. Jean Wagenius Sen. Doug Magnus Sen. John Marty Rep. Mary Kiffmeyer</p>
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5/24	state politics / government	The 2011 legislative session is adjourned. None of the major tax and spending bills passed. GOP legislative leaders and the Governor face a special session and a budget year ending in about a month. Former DFL Governor Wendell Anderson recounts what happened in 1971 with a special session running to October.	Gov. Wendell Anderson
5/24	culture / arts	Midday presents a new documentary from Minnesota Public Radio News that explores Dylan's Minnesota roots and how they influenced the evolution of his music.	
5/25	history / government	Minnesota historian Hy Berman discusses the personality, policies and legacy of former 1968 Democratic Presidential candidate, Vice President, U.S. Senator and Minneapolis Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey. He was born 100 years ago on May 27, 1911. Commemorative events, reunions and numerous policy discussions are being held Thursday and Friday.	Hy Berman
5/25	international / government / politics	Midday presents President Barack Obama's speech to the British Parliament today. He reflects on the shared history between the two countries and how they can work together to confront their common challenges. The rest of the hour will be highlights from the joint press conference between President Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron	Barack Obama
5/26	education	The latest math and reading test scores show minimal improvement, and the large racial achievement gap persists. The 2011 legislature has adjourned without a K-12 education bill. Minnesota might get federal money in a new round of "Race to the Top." What's your priority for education?	Brenda Cassellius
5/26	media	Political commentator and Fox News contributor Juan Williams speaks live at the National Press Club. NPR came under a storm of criticism for firing Williams in October after he made controversial comments about Muslims	Juan Williams

5/27	national politics / government	On May 23, 2011 former GOP Gov. Tim Pawlenty became the fifth Minnesotan to seek a major party nomination for President of the United States. Hear his address on Midday, followed by analysis from political scientist Steven Smith.	Tim Pawlenty, Steven Smith
5/27	history / politics	A special rebroadcast of "The Politics of Joy: A Radio Remembrance of Hubert Humphrey." This 1988 MPR documentary follows the career of one of the most significant politicians in Minnesota's history. It features interviews with Vice President Walter Mondale, Sen. Eugene McCarthy, and some of Humphrey's closest confidantes.	Walter Mondale, Eugene McCarthy
5/30	history	On this Memorial Day, Midday features the stories of three Minnesotans who won the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award, as well as a World War II survival account of this country's worst naval disaster at sea.	
5/30	culture / arts	Guthrie Theater Director Joe Dowling interviews actor David Hyde Pierce on his experiences working on stage, television, and film. Pierce had performed at the Guthrie Theater early in his acting career, starring in the "The Seagull" by Anton Chekhov.	Joe Dowling, David Hyde Pierce
5/31	history	In May 1961, President Kennedy asked a joint session of Congress to put a man on the moon within the decade, and return him safely to earth. The final space shuttle launches in a few weeks. What have we learned from these explorations?	Robert Pepin
5/31	international / history	America Abroad Media and NPR-affiliate WAMU present a discussion on the state of women's rights in Afghanistan since U.S. and NATO allies invaded the country in 2001 and ousted the Taliban. The program connects speakers and audience members in Kabul and Washington D.C.	Michelle Barsa, Anita McBride, Sima Samar, Safia Sidiqi
6/01	business / economics	Home prices around the country continued to decline, and Minneapolis-St. Paul had the steepest decline of 20 major cities. The Fed says skyrocketing rents are boosting inflation. Americans have low confidence in housing as an investment. What does all this bad housing news mean?	Herb Tousley
6/01	science / politics	Internationally acclaimed scientist Tim Flannery offers solutions on how the international community can address climate change. He headed the Copenhagen Climate Council, a coalition of community, business, and political leaders who came together to confront climate change ahead of the U.N Climate Change Conference in 2009.	Tim Flannery

6/02	business / economics	The DOW dropped 280 points Wednesday, unemployment applications were higher than economists expected, and manufacturing factory orders fell. Is a double-dip recession looming? Economist Louis Johnston joins Midday from the American Economic Association meeting in San Francisco.	Louis Johnston
6/02	history	Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Edmund Morris discusses the third book in his series on President Theodore Roosevelt. "Colonel Roosevelt" examines the waning years of Roosevelt's political career after he left White House, from his frustrations with President Taft and his unsuccessful presidential campaign for a third term under the Bull Moose Party.	Edmund Morris
6/03	state politics / government	Two former lawmakers join Midday to discuss the Governor's call for a professional mediator, as layoff notices are set to go out next week and a government shutdown looms 4 weeks from today.	Fritz Knaak, Matt Entenza
6/03	culture / arts	The Movie Maven, Stephanie Curtis, joins Midday to talk about the new summer movies, and some old favorites. What are your favorites? Are there some movies you consider "guilty pleasures" for summer viewing?	Stephanie Curtis
6/06	education	Funding for schools and education policy changes were passed by the GOP legislature but vetoed by the DFL Governor. What should education priorities be for next fall?	Charlie Kyte
6/06	media / business	Jack Dorsey created Twitter and launched the company in 2006 with two partners. He is the executive chairman of the company and leads product development. The Commonwealth Club of California named Dorsey its 21st Century Visionary Award winner and invited him to discuss how Twitter came about and talk about his new venture, Square, which lets users accept credit card payments for their products via mobile phones.	Jack Dorsey
6/07	social issues	Hunger-Free Minnesota launches a three-year effort today to provide 100 million more meals a year for hungry adults and children in Minnesota. How can an initiative like this work? What's needed to make it successful?	Rob Zeaske, Robbin Johnson
6/07	international	The BBC's "World Have Your Say" turns its attention to the crises in Syria, Yemen, and Libya and the affect they are having on residents who live there. Violent clashes against the government have been reported in Syria and Yemen, and in Libya NATO jets unleashed a series of air strikes on Tripoli.	BBC "World Have Your Say"

6/08	state politics / government	Former 5th District Democratic Congressman Martin Sabo chaired the House Budget Committee and 3rd District GOP Congressman Jim Ramstad served on the House Ways and Means Committee. They join Midday to discuss the way the current Congress is wrestling with the budget deficit and debt ceiling.	Martin Olav Sabo, Jim Ramstad
6/08	social issues / politics	Pulitzer-prize winning journalist and author James Stewart speaks at the Commonwealth Club about his new book, "Tangled Webs: How False Statements are Undermining America." Stewart details four high-profile cases of perjury in the court system and argues they are symptomatic of a broader breakdown in American life.	James B. Stewart
6/09	international / national politics / government	Minnesota 1st District Democratic Rep. Tim Walz is the highest ranking enlisted soldier ever to serve in the Congress. He joins Midday to discuss the dangers involved in the Iraq War troop withdrawal, and what the Red Bulls may face when deployed to this effort in July. The Afghanistan troop drawdown begins this summer as well.	Tim Walz
6/09	science / politics / culture	Biology professor PZ Myers writes one of the most popular science blogs in the world, Pharyngula. He teaches at the University of Minnesota Morris. PZ Myers sat down with Bright Ideas host Stephen Smith to discuss his blog, evolution, and the intersection of science and politics.	PZ Meyers, Stephen Smith
6/10	state politics / government	Former Republican Gov. Arne Carlson shares his experience holding budget and tax negotiations with legislative leaders of the opposite party. What is the best way to proceed, so the GOP legislature and DFL governor can avert a government shutdown by July 1?	Arne Carlson
6/10	international	The BBC's "World Have Your Say" program broadcasts live from Cairo, Egypt, to reflect on the Arab Uprisings. The program will focus on the international response to the uprisings, and the subsequent changes to the economies of the region.	BBC "World Have Your Say"
6/13	education / politics	University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks presented his final budget to the Regents and steps down at the end of June. What are the biggest challenges facing the University, its students, faculty, researchers and staff? What are the most urgent needs and top priorities? 11:00 a.m.	Robert Bruininks

6/13	national politics / government	U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack will speak live at the National Press Club in advance of the first meeting of G-20 agricultural ministers later this month. Vilsack will discuss how the United States plans to help deal with rising commodity prices and food shortages worldwide caused by climate change and a weak global economy. The former Iowa governor will also address what he says are misconceptions about U.S. production of biofuels.	Tom Vilsack
6/14	state politics / government	Attorney General Lori Swanson has asked a judge to authorize state spending for essential services in the event of a government shutdown July 1st. How might this process unfold, and what happened during the partial shutdown in 2005? What is a core government function?	Lori Swanson
6/14	national politics	Seven GOP presidential candidates, including Minnesota U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann and former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, participated in a debate Monday evening in New Hampshire, which hosts the first in the nation primary election. Hear the entire two-hour debate at St. Anselm College, hosted by CNN's John King.	7 GOP presidential candidates debate hosted by John King.
6/15	media	The 2011 national conventions of "Netroots Nation" and "RightOnline" attract bloggers and big name newsmaker-hopefuls to Minneapolis later this week. Midday discusses the current and future role of bloggers and online journalism as well as print and broadcast news media. Is there a difference between a blogger, a reporter and an opinion column? What is the future of newspapers and broadcast news reporting? What is the role of editors? What do news consumers want or need?	David Folkenflik
6/15	social issues / politics	Planned Parenthood Federation President Cecile Richards speaks at the Commonwealth Club of California about the recent political storm focused on her organization. She also discusses the state of women's reproductive health care in the United States and how younger generations are becoming more involved.	Cecile Richards
6/16	international / history / culture	Author Lisa See visits Minneapolis to talk about her new novel set in 1950's Communist China, "Dreams of Joy." It debuted at the top of the June 19 New York Times' best-seller list. Her book, "Snowflower and the Secret Fan" is a Hollywood movie coming out this summer. Her other best-sellers set in China include "Shanghai Girls" and "Peony in Love," all popular with book groups.	Lisa See

6/16	media / government	Where is the line between freedom of the press and protecting classified information? Midday presents an Intelligence Squared debate on the need for government secrecy and the public's right to know.	Michael Chertoff, Alan Dershowitz, David Sanger, Gabriel Schoenfeld
6/17	national politics	In a major address about the economy, GOP presidential candidate Tim Pawlenty proposed the "Google test": if you can find a good or service available on the internet, the government probably doesn't need to be providing that good or service. Is this a good test? Why or why not?	Peter Nelson, Dane Smith, Michael Caputo
6/17	history / social issues	Journalist and author Gal Beckerman discusses his book, "When They Come for Us, We'll Be Gone: The Epic Struggle to Save Soviet Jewry." It traces the emergence of an international human rights movement that helped Jews in the Soviet Union escape that nation. He spoke at the St. Paul Jewish Community Center as part of the Twin Cities Jewish Book Festival.	Gal Beckerman
6/20	state politics / government	Four of the state's top economists discuss the short-term and long-term impact of tax increases and budget cuts on Minnesota's economy. Which economic factors should politicians pay attention to when making decisions about balancing the budget?	Tom Stinson, Louis Johnston, Varadarajan V. Chari, Ed Letterman
6/20	international / social issues / economics	A bleak economy and high unemployment among young people have fueled much of the discontent in the Arab spring uprisings. A new documentary from America Abroad looks at how democracy alone cannot solve the major issues that plague the economies of these countries.	America Abroad documentary
6/21	state politics / government	Republican Speaker of the House Kurt Zellers and Republican Senate Majority Leader Amy Koch say they want the special session to begin now, in hopes of avoiding a government shutdown July 1. What are the GOP priorities and proposals to balance the budget in the next 10 days?	Kurt Zellers, Amy Koch
6/21	education / environment	Author and journalist Richard Louv speaks at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum about his new book, "The Nature Principle." Louv started a movement to help children reconnect with nature and coined the term "nature deficit-disorder" in his best-selling book, "Last Child in the Woods."	Richard Louv
6/22	international / national / politics / government	Tonight the president will tell the American people his plans for U.S. troop withdrawal from Afghanistan. How fast should this occur? What are the goals?	Stephen Van Evera

6/22	international / government	Daniel C. Kurtzer, former ambassador to Israel (2001-2005) and Egypt (1997-2001) speaks about the recent shifts in power in the Middle East and the prospects for peace and democracy in the region. The speech was part of a special program for the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas.	Daniel Kurtzer
6/23	state politics / government	Are the House and Senate DFL minority leaders' budget priorities the same as DFL Gov. Mark Dayton's? MPR's Midday program hears from legislative leaders of both parties this week, as they outline their priorities and strategies to balance the state budget by July 1.	Tom Bakk, Paul Thissen
6/23	history / national politics /government	Former President Jimmy Carter speaks with Ray Suarez of PBS' NewsHour about his "White House Diary", a recently published collection of personal memos he wrote during his time in the Oval Office. Their conversation was hosted by the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston.	Jimmy Carter, Ray Suarez
6/24	state politics / government	If the budget is balanced -- or state government shuts down -- on July 1, will Minnesota Democrats, Republicans and independent voters be satisfied with their elected leaders?	Todd Rapp, Maureen Shaver
6/24	business / economics	Outgoing FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair speaks at the National Press Club about her efforts to bring stability to the financial sector during a turbulent period for the American economy. Bair was appointed by President George W. Bush and will end her five-year term on July 8.	Sheila Blair
6/27	national politics / government	Minnesota 6th District GOP Rep. Michele Bachmann, born and raised in Waterloo, Iowa, joined the 2012 presidential race on Monday. Hear her speech on Midday, and analysis of her prospects.	Michele Bachmann, Steven Schier
6/27	media	Outgoing MPR Founder, President and CEO Bill Kling is in studio one last time to answer your questions after 44 years of service to the organization.	Bill Kling
6/28	state politics / government	Former DFL House Minority Leader Matt Entenza and former GOP House Tax Chairman Phil Krinkie offer insights into the budget negotiations between the Republican-controlled Legislature and the DFL governor.	Phil Krinkie, Matt Entenza

6/28	social issues / government / economics	Twelve speakers from this year's Aspen Ideas Festival present their "big idea" on the first night of the festival.	Salman Khan, Paola Antonelli, Michele Norris, James Fallows, Kristina Johnson, Ta-Nehisi Coates, Robin Wright, Clive Crook, Michel Martin, Mark Tramo, David Leonhardt, Melody Barnes, Hanna Rosin
6/29	national government / politics /	The president answers questions about the federal budget debate. At the conclusion of the news conference, Midday discusses Minnesota's budget debate and the possible government shutdown on Friday.	Barack Obama, David Jennings,
6/29	state politics / government	Midday hosts a discussion with MPR's political reporting team and answers questions about the court ruling on the core services that will remain open if there is a state government shutdown	Mike Mulcahy, Tom Scheck
6/30	state politics / government	Former DFL Speaker of the House Margaret Anderson Kelliher and Tom Hanson, former deputy chief of staff and finance commissioner for Gov. Tim Pawlenty, explain the budget negotiating process. They were both involved in the 2005 budget impasse and partial government shutdown. What needs to happen today?	Margaret Anderson Kelliher; Tom Hanson
6/30	social issues	David Brooks speaks at the 2011 Aspen Ideas Festival about what he sees as a disturbing shift in our cultural values. He argues we have become a nation of over-confident individuals drowning in praise, and warns some of the larger problems of modern society are reflective of these attitudes.	David Brooks

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Date	Key 1	Synopsis	Guest/Reporter
1/3	state politics / gov	Outgoing Speaker of the House Margaret Anderson Kelliher and former House Minority Leader Marty Seifert look at the new governor and Legislature coming into power and the kinds of challenges they will face in the upcoming legislative session.	Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Marty Seifert
1/3	state politics / gov	Midday presents live coverage of the inauguration of Governor-elect Mark Dayton at the Landmark Center in St. Paul. He will become the first Democratic governor in Minnesota in 20 years. Lieutenant Governor-Elect Yvonne Prettner Solon, Attorney General Lori Swanson, State Auditor Rebecca Otto, and Secretary of State Mark Ritchie will also be sworn in. Former Vice President Walter Mondale will speak at the event.	Mark Dayton, Lori Swanson, Rebecca Otto, March Ritchie, Yvonne Prettner Solon
1/4	state politics / gov	Host Gary Eichten and MPR News political editor Mike Mulcahy broadcast from the Capitol rotunda at the start of the new legislative session. Their guests, including influential lawmakers and Gov. Mark Dayton, will discuss how they will tackle major issues like the \$6.2 billion budget deficit.	<p>Guests:</p> <p>Mark Dayton: DFL-Minnesota Governor.</p> <p>Rep. Kurt Zellers: R-Maple Grove, Speaker of the House.</p> <p>Sen. Richard Cohen: DFL-St. Paul.</p> <p>Rep. Mary Liz Holberg: R-Lakeville.</p> <p>Sen. Gen Olson: R-Minnetrista.</p> <p>Rep. Mindy Greiling: DFL-Roseville.</p> <p>Sen. David Senjem: R-Rochester.</p> <p>Rep. Alice Hausman: DFL-St. Paul.</p> <p>Sen. Amy Koch: R-Buffalo, Senate Majority Leader</p> <p>Sen. Julianne Ortman: R-Chanhassen.</p> <p>Sen. John Marty: DFL-Roseville.</p> <p>Rep. Tom Rukavina: DFL-Virginia.</p> <p>Sen. Claire Robling: R-Jordan.</p> <p>Rep. Matt Dean: R-Dellwood.</p> <p>Sen. Linda Berglin: DFL-Minneapolis.</p> <p>Sen. Dave Thompson: R-Lakeville.</p> <p>Pam Wheelock: Commentator. Former finance commissioner.</p> <p>Rep. Jim Abeler: R-Anoka.</p>

1/4	state politics / gov	In Midday's second hour broadcasting from the Capitol rotunda, Gary Eichten and Mike Mulcahy speak with newly elected Gov. Mark Dayton. They also interview other key DFLers and Republicans about the new Legislature.	Mark Dayton: DFL-Minnesota Governor. Rep. Greg Davids: R-Preston. Rep. Ann Lenczewski: DFL-Bloomington. Rep. Tim Mahoney: DFL-St. Paul. Rep. Paul Thissen: DFL-Minneapolis. Rep. Sarah Anderson: R-Plymouth. Rep. Mary Murphy: DFL-Hermantown. Rep. Joyce Peppin: R-Rogers. Rep. Ryan Winkler: DFL-Golden Valley. Pam Wheelock: Commentator. Former finance commissioner.
1/5	national poolitics / gov	The former US Senator and Vice President reflects on his service in the Senate in the 60's and 70's and offers advice for the new Congress on issues and procedures.	Walter Mondale
1/5	national politics / gov / education	Former U.S. Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and David Souter discuss the importance of civic education to a democratic society, reforming state judicial elections, and their takes on some of the Supreme Court decisions since they left the court. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor was the first woman justice appointed to the Supreme Court (1981-2006). In 2009 she helped launch iCivics.org, an interactive website designed to teach students about civics. Justice David Souter (1990-2009) was appointed by President George H. W. Bush.	Sandra Day O'Conner, David Souter
1/6	national politics / gov / health	The new GOP majority in the House plans to vote Wednesday to repeal the 2010 health care law. Should, and will, all or part of the law be repealed? How much has taken effect already and what can consumers expect in the near future if there is no repeal?	Julie Rovner
1/6	international	The people of Sudan will vote this weekend on whether to split the northern and southern parts of Sudan into two countries. A new documentary from America Abroad looks back at the tumultuous history of the nation, where a civil war between the north and the south raged for decades until 2005. It also highlights some of the challenges in holding the referendum vote, and the possible dangers that could follow if the country votes to split.	

1/7	national politics / government	Award-winning author and historian Richard Beeman discusses the writing of the US Constitution and the decades of debates over its interpretation.	Richard Beeman
1/7	state politics / government	Governor Mark Dayton followed Gubernatorial tradition and addressed the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce at its annual Session Priorities event Thursday. All four legislative leaders responded to the Governor's speech.	Mark Dayton, Kurt Zellers, Paul Thissen, Amy Koch, Tom Bakk
1/10	state politics / government	Newly appointed Management and Budget Commissioner Jim Schowalter joins Midday to explain the state budget priorities of the new administration and answer questions about how to erase a 6.2 billion budget deficit.	Jim Schowalter
1/10	national politics / government	In the aftermath of the shooting of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords in Arizona, some Americans are wondering if the gunman might have been influenced by an atmosphere of increasingly angry political rhetoric. Or was this simply a senseless violent act by a disturbed individual? The BBC's World Have Your Say invites listeners from around the world to share their thoughts on this debate.	
1/11	national politics / government	National political communications expert Kathleen Hall Jamieson joins Midday to compare our discourse today to that of earlier decades.	Kathleen Hall Jamieson
1/11	education / media	Midday presents six stories from MPR's Youth Radio series from the past year, including updates from some of the reporters on what's changed since their stories were first broadcast.	
1/12	business / economics	A longtime auto industry reporter at the North American International Auto Show answers questions about the new cars and the future of the auto industry.	Paul Eisenstein
1/12	international	American Red Cross President and CEO Gail McGovern speaks live at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. about the progress made and the challenges remaining in Haiti one year after a devastating earthquake. The ARC responds to disasters worldwide with a \$3.3 billion budget.	Gail McGovern
1/13	international / economics	St. John's professor Nick Hayes joins Midday from St. Petersburg, Russia to discuss the country's economy, politics and society.	Nick Hayes
1/13	national / politics	Former Gov. Tim Pawlenty speaks live at the National Press Club about his memoir, "Courage to Stand." He discusses his experience in the governor's office and how some of the things he's done in Minnesota might translate on a national level.	Tim Pawlenty

1/14	education	Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius joins Midday to share her ideas about improving education and answer questions about what students, teachers, parents and administrators can do to improve educational achievement.	Brenda Cassellius
1/14	politics	New York Times columnist and political commentator David Brooks speaks at a Commonwealth Club of California forum. He looks at the psychology behind current politics, from the strong personalities and egos to how Americans think differently than they used to about politics. He has a new book coming out in March, "The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character, and Achievement."	David Brooks
1/17	national politics / gov	Two Minnesota Republicans have not ruled out presidential campaigns in 2012 -- former Gov. Tim Pawlenty and U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann. They hold major events this month in Iowa, which will be an early test of any presidential candidate.	Dennis Goldord
1/17	history / social issues	Newark, New Jersey Mayor Cory Booker speaks today at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast in Minneapolis. We also hear Charlayne Hunter-Gault's story of becoming the first African-American woman to enter the University of Georgia.	Cory Booker, Charlayne Hunter-Gault
1/18	business / economics	The stock market has rebounded, corporate profits are rising, but home values and retirement savings have dropped. What is happening to the middle class after the recession has officially ended?	Louis Johnson
1/18	national politics / gov	An "Intelligence Squared" debate features two panelists for, and two panelists against, the proposition: We should repeal the health care law.	Jonathan Cohn, Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Paul Starr, John Shadegg
1/19	politics / business / economics	Two members of the Itasca Project, the CEO's of General Mills and Ecolab, discuss their priorities for action in business and government to improve the economy and create more jobs.	Ken Powell, Doug Baker
1/19	history / politics / government	Four journalists discuss the continued relevance of President Eisenhower's famous farewell address 50 years ago this day. In the speech Eisenhower cautioned against a growing "military industrial complex," a potentially unstoppable union of defense contractors with the armed forces.	James Fallows, David Gergen, Dana Priestly, Evan Thomas
1/20	national politics / gov	Before heading back to Washington for the State of the Union address, Sen. Franken stops by Midday to answer questions about all the major issues facing Congress.	Sen. Al Franken

1/20	social issues	Midday presents a special conversation from the UBS Forum with "Being" host Krista Tippett. Audience members and online participants discuss how to bring society together towards a common life, even while holding deep disagreements on difficult issues.	Krista Tippett
1/21	state politics / gov / health	Commissioner Lucinda Jesson takes over the agency that provides services for the poor, the sick, the disabled and the elderly. How strong is the social safety net, and can the taxpayers afford the costs?	Lucinda Jesson
1/21	national politics / gov / social issues	President Lyndon Johnson hired Sargent Shriver to lead his war on poverty in the 1960s. Shriver died earlier this week, but poverty levels in America remain shockingly high. An American RadioWorks documentary, "The War on Poverty: From the Great Society to the Great Recession," examines the modern face of poverty and asks why LBJ's dream of a Great Society is still beyond reach.	
1/24	environment / economics	How does the DNR balance environmental quality with jobs and economic development? Will Minnesota's land, water and wildlife be of top quality for future generations?	Tom Landwehr
1/24	national gov / economics	Economist Tom Campbell lays out his predictions for the American economy in the upcoming year. He gave the Bank of America Walter E. Hoadley Annual Economic Forecast from the Commonwealth Club of California last week.	Tom Campbell
1/25	national politics / gov	Stephen Hess wrote speeches for Presidents Eisenhower and Nixon and was an advisor to Presidents Ford and Carter. He previews President Obama's second State of the Union address and talks about memorable speeches from the past 50 years.	Stephen Hess
1/25	entertainment	Let the movie horse race begin! The nominations for this year's Academy Awards were announced today. "The King's Speech," "The Social Network," and "Black Swan" are among the Best Picture contenders. Movie Maven Stephanie Curtis weighs in on the nominees.	Stephanie Curtis
1/26	state politics / gov	Two Minnesotans, each with more than 40 years of participation in Washington politics and journalism, join Midday to discuss how Minnesota's power and influence has ebbed and flowed over the years.	Al Eisele, Bill Frenzel

1/26	national politics / gov	Hear the President's complete hour-long speech to the Congress and the nation, given January 25, 2011. On mprnews.org listen to the Republican response from Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and the Tea Party response from Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota.	President Barack Obama
1/27	state politics / gov	Gov. Dayton named Kathy Tunheim his Senior Advisor for Job Creation. She brings decades of experience in the private sector to a volunteer job as the top advisor to Governor Dayton, who has said jobs are his number one priority. What needs to be done?	Kathy Tunheim
1/27	international	The BBC's "World Have Your Say," invites callers from around the world to weigh in on the wave of protests that have erupted in Egypt, Yemen, and other Arab countries in the Middle East and North Africa. The overthrow of the government in Tunisia has inspired protestors, but will they have the same success?	
1/28	international	Protestors in Egypt are demanding an end to President Hosni Mubarak's 30-year rule. Why is this happening and what is likely to come of it? What are the implications for stability in the middle east?	Diane Singerman
1/28	international	Huge crowds have taken to the streets across Egypt in protests against the country's government. The BBC program "World Have Your Say" hosts a worldwide discussion on the massive demonstrations and police crackdown. The program shifts later in the hour to look at the legacy of Nelson Mandela.	
1/31	international	Protestors plan for another major event in the popular uprising Tuesday. President Hosni Mubarak clings to power as he changes his cabinet. The Army may hold the key to Mubarak's fate.	Michael Barnett
1/31	business / economic / social issues	From selling Cheerios to fighting poverty, Mark Addicks says marketing can make a better world. Addicks spends a billion dollars a year on advertising as the Chief Marketing Officer for General Mills, but is crazy about the new influence of social media. He sat down with Bright Ideas guest host Jeremy Hobson for a conversation in the UBS forum.	Mark Addicks, Jeremy Hobson
2/1	international / national politics / gov	A former Mideast advisor to President's Carter and Clinton joins Midday to analyze the Egyptian protests and the prospects for President Hosni Mubarak's autocratic rule. Will democracy, repression or extremism result?	Robert Hunter

2/1	media	MPR founder, president and CEO Bill Kling joins Midday to answer your questions about the future of MPR and public broadcasting.	Bill Kling
2/2	international	There is uncontrolled violence in Cairo as protestors and Mubarak government supporters are hurling rocks, bricks and firebombs. After several days of peaceful protests, things have turned violent and the Egyptian army is on the scene. Midday features the latest news from the BCC and context from a foreign policy expert.	Bruce Jentleson
2/2	international	The BBC's World Have Your Say invites listeners to weigh in on the latest developments in the Egyptian protests.	BBC
2/3	international	Tensions are building and confrontations continue to be violent in Cairo and other Egyptian cities. Midday presents the latest news from Cairo and context from an expert at Harvard's Center for Middle Eastern Studies.	Paul Beran
2/3	national government / politics / economy	Federal Reserve Chief Ben Bernanke will speak live at a National Press Club luncheon. He holds one of the most influential positions in the country and will discuss the burgeoning economic recovery.	Ben Bernanke
2/4	international	A longtime Washington Post foreign correspondent and former Cairo Bureau chief discusses the protests, the reporting, the media crackdowns and the broader implications for the middle east and the world.	David Ottaway
2/4	international	The BBC's World Have Your Say hosts a worldwide discussion about the latest developments in Egypt and asks if it's time for Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to go.	BBC
2/7	national government / politics	"Cap and trade" legislation is all but dead in Congress, but what are the economists saying about how to control human impact on the environment? Which economic, tax or regulatory measures have any political or public support?	Richard Sandor, Robert Litterman
2/7	national government / politics / history	Former NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw hosts a distinguished panel of historians and politicians at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library for a look back at the leadership of President Reagan and the legacy he's left behind.	Tom Brokaw and panel
2/8	state / education	Sheila Wright, the new director of the Office of Higher Education, discusses college tuition, financial aid options, course and degree options, enrollment trends and the role of public and private higher education.	Sheila Wright

2/8	international	Midday presents a special "international radio town hall" about the war in Afghanistan from America Abroad and NPR-affiliate WAMU. An American audience in Washington D.C. and a group of Afghans in Kabul get to talk directly to one another about life during wartime.	
2/9	state / politics / government	The man who delivered eight State of the State addresses in the 1990's comments on the conditions in Minnesota today. In what ways is Minnesota better or worse in 2011?	Arne Carlson
2/9	state / politics	Listen to Governor Mark Dayton's first State of the State Address, given February 9, 2011 in the chamber of the Minnesota House of Representatives. Reaction from GOP Legislative leaders follows.	Governor Mark Dayton
2/10	international	Reports from Egyptian officials and US officials indicate President Mubarak may resign today. The military is suggesting that the protestors' demands may be met today. The BBC has all the latest news.	BBC
2/10	international	The BBC's World Have Your Say hosts a worldwide call-in program on the latest developments in Egypt. They examine the possibility of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak stepping down.	BBC
2/11	international	Egyptian Vice President Omar Suleiman announced today that President Hosni Mubarak has given up power to the Egyptian military and left Cairo. National Public Radio gets reaction from protesters and experts in the region.	
2/11	international	National Public Radio continues its special live coverage of celebrations in Egypt in the wake of President Hosni Mubarak's resignation.	
2/14	national / politics / government	How will the budget deficit, government spending and taxes affect the economic recovery? And what does this mean for a person's individual finances?	Chris Farrell
2/14	culture / arts	The Movie Maven Stephanie Curtis joins Midday to discuss some of the best love stories dished out by the film industry. She also looks at some of the Hollywood stars we associate most with romantic movies.	Stephanie Curtis
2/15	national / politics / government	Influential political scientist and author Jacob Hacker speaks at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute about his new book, co-written with Paul Pierson, "Winner Takes All Politics: How Washington Made the Rich Richer--and Turned Its Back on the Middle Class." His book looks at how government policies have helped promote income inequality over the past four decades.	Jacob Hacker

2/15	state / politics / government	MPR political editor Mike Mulcahy and state capitol reporter Tom Scheck outline the major elements of the Governor's budget proposal and answer questions from listeners. Reporter Tim Pugmire has the details from the GOP budget news conference.	Mike Mulcahy, Tom Scheck, Tim Pugmire
2/16	history / culture	American RadioWorks' Stephen Smith and Kate Ellis present selections of speeches featured in their new book, "Say it Loud: Great Speeches on Civil Rights and African American Identity" before a live audience in the UBS Forum.	Stephen Smith, Kate Ellis
2/16	history / culture	Midday presents more speeches featured in the new book by Stephen Smith and Kate Ellis, "Say it Loud: Great Speeches on Civil Rights and African American Identity." Speeches in this hour include ones from Shirley Chisholm, James Cone, Colin Powell, and Henry Louis Gates, Jr.	Stephen Smith, Kate Ellis
2/17	environment	Mark Seeley explains Minnesota's weather highlights-- from freezing to fog to floods.	Mark Seeley
2/17	international / politics / government	The BBC's World Have Your Say reaches out to Arabs to comment on growing unrest across the Middle East and in North Africa. A week after massive protests toppled the regime in Egypt, demonstrations have risen up in areas like Yemen, Bahrain, and Libya against their governments.	BBC
2/18	national / politics / government	Republican House and Senate Majority Leaders join Midday to compare their budget and tax priorities with those offered by Governor Dayton earlier in the week.	Amy Koch, Matt Dean
2/18	culture / arts	"A Prairie Home Companion" host and creator Garrison Keillor speaks to an audience at Concordia University in St. Paul about the challenges he's had to face as a writer and how his upbringing has helped him deal with them.	Garrison Keillor
2/21	national / politics / government	On Presidents' Day, Midday compares President Barack Obama's leadership and accomplishments to previous presidents.	Kathleen Dalton
2/21	international / politics / government	The BBC's "World Have Your Say" program features live coverage of today's protests in Libya and Morocco. Part of MPR's continuing coverage of the upheaval in the Arab world.	BBC
2/22	business / government	What is the history of unions, and how do public and private sector unions work? Which employee benefits have been secured by unions and which by law? How has this changed over the years? Your questions answered on Midday.	John Remington

2/22	international / politics / government	The BBC's "World Have Your Say" talks to people on the ground in Libya about the clashes between anti-government forces and Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's forces. There is also a discussion about the 6.3-magnitude earthquake that struck New Zealand.	BBC
2/23	international / politics / government	GOP Congressman John Kline (R-Minn) shares what he saw on a congressional fact-finding trip to Afghanistan and Pakistan earlier this month, and discusses the uprisings in the Arab world as well as the budget battles in Congress.	John Kline
2/23	national politics / government	National Public Radio's Intelligence Squared series presents a debate on the proposition: "The two-party system is making America ungovernable."	Arianna Huffington, David Brooks, Zev Chafets, P. J. O'Rourke
2/24	international / politics / government	Michael Barnett, author of "Dialogues in Arab Politics," analyzes the uprisings in Libya, Tunisia, Egypt, Bahrain and Yemen and looks to the future through his international relations "crystal ball."	Michael Barnett
2/24	social issues / politics	Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis hosts an interfaith forum featuring Congressman Keith Ellison (D-Minn) speaking on "The Generosity of Inclusion: Everybody Counts, Everybody Matters."	Keith Ellison
2/25	state politics / government	MPR reports from three Wisconsin border communities (Superior, Hudson and Trempealeau County) about the role and power of state and local public employee unions, and from the Minnesota State Capitol about legislative proposals to rein in unions here. Also, a debate between Phil Krinkie and Eliot Seide.	Phil Krinkie, Eliot Seide
2/25	history / culture	Generations of black Americans used the power of sermons and speech-making to fight for equal rights. Midday presents a new American RadioWorks documentary, "Say It Loud: Great Speeches on Civil Rights and African American Identity."	Stephen Smith, Kate Ellis
2/28	national politics / government	The new revenue forecast sharpens the focus for budget deliberations between the GOP-controlled legislature and DFL Governor Dayton. The GOP-controlled US House of Representatives also faces off with President Barack Obama. What's the best way to reach accord?	Maureen Shaver, Todd Rapp
2/28	culture / arts	Minnesota Public Radio's Movie Maven Stephanie Curtis joins Midday to discuss the highs and lows from Sunday's Academy Awards broadcast.	Stephanie Curtis
3/1	state politics / government	Gov. Mark Dayton answers questions from host Gary Eichten and the MPR audience about the state's budget and tax situation.	Mark Dayton

3/1	national politics / history	Midday presents a new American RadioWorks documentary, "Power and Smoke: A Nation Built on Coal." It looks at the roots of America's addiction to coal, and shows how our fuel choices changed American culture and history.	American Radio Works
3/2	social issues	A national expert on domestic violence responds to the MPR Youth Radio report by a young woman who was exposed to the abuse of her mother, and the efforts of the police, courts and social workers to address this violence.	Jeffrey Edleson
3/2	international politics / government	The BBC's "World Have Your Say" looks at the latest developments in the uprisings in Libya, North Africa and the Middle East.	BBC
3/3	business / economics	Minnesota's 6.7 unemployment rate is the lowest since 2008, but employers aren't creating many new jobs. What does this mean for the people who want work, and for Minnesota's economy? How does the local economy compare to the nation as a whole?	Louis Johnston
3/3	national politics / government / economics	Academy-Award winning filmmaker Charles Ferguson talks about his documentary, "Inside Job," at the Commonwealth Club of California. It looks at the causes of the financial crisis that pushed the world economy to the brink and is a scathing critique of the financial and banking industries.	Charles Ferguson
3/4	state politics / government / education	The legislature is debating school funding, public employee salaries and benefits, alternative ways to license teachers, and much more. What should be done to improve teaching and learning?	Charlie Kyte
3/7	international government	Gadhafi's army has escalated the counter-offensive in an intensified effort to put down the uprising in Libya. Yemen's president calls for a national dialogue, a "day of rage" looms in Saudi Arabia Friday and Egypt has scheduled a constitutional referendum next week. How will the Arab world be different in the weeks and years ahead?	Bruce Jentleson
3/7	media	National Public Radio president and CEO Vivian Schiller speaks to the National Press Club and answers questions about NPR's vision for the future of public radio.	Vivian Schiller
3/8	state politics / government	A tri-partisan group of former elected officials wants a non-partisan commission of retired judges to draw the new legislative and congressional district boundaries, instead of the legislature. Usually the task ends up in the courts anyway. Can elected politicians draw fair districts? Should the party in power have more say?	Steve Sviggum, Roger Moe

3/8	international politics / religion	Midday presents "Alms in the Name of Allah", a new documentary from America Abroad that looks at the growth of Muslim aid organizations across the globe as well as the care they provide and the concerns they raise.	America Abroad documentary
3/9	business / economics	In his 2011 State of the City address, Mayor R.T. Rybak said the city must invest in business development, public safety, transit and roads. How can he accomplish this with tight city and state budgets?	R. T. Rybak
3/9	national politics / government / economics	Phil Angelides, the head of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, speaks at the Commonwealth Club of California. The commission released its report in January that investigated the causes of the most recent financial meltdown.	Phil Angelides
3/10	national politics / government	Democrats and Republicans have made little progress reaching agreement on the federal budget. Will they be able to find compromise before a stopgap funding measure expires on March 18?	Tim Penny
3/10	state politics / environment	Peabody and Emmy award-winning documentary filmmaker Larkin McPhee speaks live at the Westminster Town Hall Forum. Her latest film, Troubled Waters: A Mississippi River Story examines how farming practices have contributed to pollution in the Gulf of Mexico. The University of Minnesota made a controversial decision last year to cancel a screening of the film and later rescheduled it after coming under criticism.	Larkin McPhee
3/11	international	Live coverage of President Barack Obama's press conference addressing the magnitude 8.9 earthquake. Midday will present live BBC coverage of the earthquake before the press conference.	President Obama / BBC earthquake coverage
3/11	international	Live coverage from the BBC continues on the earthquake in Japan.	BBC
3/14	national politics / media	With its president ousted and its federal funding in jeopardy, what should NPR do to maintain its reputation and independence?	Alicia Shepard
3/14	history	Midday presents a new documentary from American RadioWorks, looking at the fight for equal rights on America's roads and transit lines, and the disparities that still persist.	American Radio Works
3/15	state politics / government / economics	While DFL Gov. Mark Dayton's plan to fix the state's \$5 billion projected deficit relies heavily on tax increases for high-income Minnesotans, the GOP alternative relies exclusively on cuts. Two Republican budget leaders explain why they favor that approach.	Claire Robling, Mary Liz Holberg

3/15	international	The BBC's "World Have Your Say" brings live coverage of events unfolding in Japan as it struggles with containing possible breaches in nuclear reactors damaged from the recent earthquake and tsunami.	BBC
3/16	state politics / government / economics	Minnesota Public Radio News is hosting a week-long discussion on Minnesota's long-term budget problems. The online conversation is based on a recent series of workshops held around the state. They were sponsored by the Citizens League, the Bush Foundation and other groups.	Peter Hutchinson
3/16	history	Historian and author Jeremi Suri speaks at the Minnesota History Center about America's long and complicated history in the Middle East, from Iraq in the 1920's to the present day, and how they have laid the foundation for what is happening in the region today.	Jeremi Suri
3/17	international	The United States has authorized the evacuation of U.S. citizens from Japan in light of the nuclear crisis there. What dangers does the situation there pose?	Paul Wilson
3/17	international	The BBC's "World Have Your Say" continues its live coverage of the earthquake and tsunami aftermath in Japan, this time looking at the desperation of the people who lack food, water, and information. The program will also bring updates from the uprisings in Libya and Bahrain.	BBC
3/18	international government	Libyan rebels say fighting continues, in spite of government promises of a cease fire. With international forces poised to use military force against the Gaddafi regime, what will the situation in Libya mean for the broader region?	Barbara Bodine
3/18	international	The BBC's World Have Your Say continues its coverage of the latest from the uprisings in Libya. The United Nations Security Council authorized military action to protect Libyan civilians against pro-Gaddafi forces.	BBC
3/21	state / government / politics	Minnesota House Republicans today will outline their plan to cut \$1.8 billion from the state's human services budget. Former Human Services Commissioner Michael O'Keefe, who served during the Ventura administration, explains the challenges involved in slowing the growth of Minnesota's	Michael O'Keefe
3/21	international	The BBC's "World Have Your Say" looks at the latest developments in the conflict in Libya. Allied forces, including the United States, continue to provide air support to rebel forces. Part of the program will focus on yesterday's presidential election in Haiti.	BBC

3/22	health	Family physician Dr. Jon Hallberg of the University of Minnesota answers questions about health and medical issues in the news	Dr. Jon Hallberg
3/22	culture / arts	Sarah Hicks is the first woman to hold a titled conductor post in the Minnesota Orchestra's history and she also heads the innovative "Inside the Classics" series. She joined Stephen Smith in conversation for Bright Ideas at the UBS forum.	Sarah Hicks
3/23	environment	Meteorologist Paul Huttner gives the latest winter storm and spring flood forecasts and answers questions about historic floods in Minnesota's past.	Paul Huttner
3/23	education / politics	The controversial figure in education reform was tapped by former Washington D.C. Mayor to head the city's public school district. She speaks at the City Club of Cleveland, Ohio about her contentious tenure as Chancellor of public schools and why she still firmly believes she made the right choices.	Michelle Rhee
3/24	state politics / government	The GOP chair and DFL ranking member of the Senate Taxes committee debate the merits of the income, sales and property tax proposals in the 2011 legislative session	Sen. Julianne Ortman, Sen. John Marty
3/24	international / economics	Former World Bank economist and author Dambisa Moyo speaks at the Commonwealth Club of California about her latest book, "How the West Was Lost." The book is a call for the U.S. to adopt radical solutions to its economic problems or risk losing its dominance in the global economy to developing countries like China and India.	Dambisa Moyo
3/25	crime / social issues	The results of a four month investigation on the impact of gun violence in Minneapolis. In-depth reports and interviews from the series, "Following the Firearms: Gun Violence in Minneapolis."	Brandt Williams
3/25	social issues / history	Midday presents an encore broadcast of the American RadioWorks documentary, "No Place for a Woman." It recounts the women who endured abuse and harassment while working in the male-dominated iron ore mines in northern Minnesota. A group of these women filed the nation's first sexual harassment class action lawsuit that helped change the American workplace forever.	American Radio Works
3/28	health / social issues	How can potentially deadly diseases be prevented, and why are some people skeptical of immunizations? Minnesota's new Health Commissioner answers questions about public health concerns.	Dr. Ed Ehlinger

3/28	health / history	The influenza pandemic of 1918 is considered by many the most devastating epidemic in history, killing tens of millions of people worldwide in a year. Author and influenza expert John Barry speaks at the Minnesota History Center on the pandemic of 1918, and what it can teach us about handling similar outbreaks in the future.	John Barry
3/29	media / social issues	Are technologies like the internet, cable, radio and social networking having an impact on democracy and American political life?	Kathleen Hall Jamieson
3/29	media	Accusations of liberal bias at NPR and public radio ramped up in the wake of a scandal involving the former chief fundraiser at National Public Radio. On the Media, the public radio program that critiques the news and media, investigates charges of liberal media bias in public radio through a series of interviews with conservative listeners, watchdogs, and media analysts.	On the Media
3/30	international / national politics	Former State Department and USAID official J. Brian Atwood discusses the "Obama Doctrine" and the role of the United States military and diplomatic corps around the world.	J. Brian Atwood
3/30	history	Former New York Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro died on Saturday at the age of 75. Midday presents an encore broadcast of a conversation with her and Vice President Walter Mondale at the University of Minnesota, about their history-making run for the White House in 1984. Ferraro was the first woman to be nominated as a vice presidential candidate by a major political party.	Geraldine Ferraro, Walter Mondale
3/31	state politics / government	GOP political analyst Maureen Shaver and DFL political analyst Todd Rapp share their views on the contentious legislative session with a new GOP majority and a new DFL Governor. Also, will there be two GOP presidential candidates from Minnesota? A repeat of 1968?	Maureen Shaver, Todd Rapp
3/31	sports / history	Author and historian John Thorn was just named the Official Baseball Historian for Major League Baseball. He speaks with Garrison Keillor at the Fitzgerald Theater about the early history of baseball and his new book, "Baseball in the Garden of Eden: The Secret History of the Early Game," as part of a series of conversations sponsored by Common Good Books.	Garrison Keillor, John Thorn

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