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<b>Date</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Synopsis</b>	<b>Guest/Reporter</b>
10/01	International / Technology /	When Foreign Policy unveiled its list of the world's most dynamic cities, one trend stuck out: 40 percent were in China. With a car-focused approach, some urban designers warn that China is making the same mistakes the United States did in the 20th century.	Greg Lindsay Harrison Fraker
10/01	Science / Technology / Exploration	Oceanographer David Gallo has seen the wreck of the Titanic up close and is one of the few people to have explored the ocean floor. He's in Minnesota this week for the 48th annual Nobel Conference at Gustavus Adolphus College.	David Gallo
10/01	National Government / Law / Books	We'll air Kerri Miller's conversation with author Jeffrey Toobin from the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul. His latest book is "The Oath: The Obama White House and the Supreme Court." This was the second Talking Volumes of the season.	Kerri Miller Jeffrey Toobin
10/01	Politics	Super PAC spending is on course to make 2012 the most expensive presidential election in history. Super PACS may spend and receive unlimited amounts of money from individuals, corporations and unions to advocate for political candidates. Have Super PACS changed the political landscape, and are they good for democracy?	IQ2 Debate: David Keating Jacob Sullum Trevor Potter Jonathan Soros
10/02	National Politics	The first presidential debate is Wednesday. How important are the debates to the ultimate outcome on Election Day? How much preparation work goes into them?	Carole Simpson Diana Carlin Dennis Eckart
10/02	Books	Louise Erdrich's latest novel, "The Round House," tells the story of a crime on a North Dakota reservation in 1988. She'll join us to discuss her new book.	Louise Erdrich
10/02	Ethics / Science / Parenting	More couples are paying to select the sex of their children when they conceive. About 80 percent of American parents are using the procedure to have girls. Is it ethical to choose the sex of a child?	Jeffrey Kahn

10/02	Government / Public Policy / Books	Pulitzer prize-winning former New York Times reporter Hedrick Smith talks about his new book, "Who Stole the American Dream?" Smith says large income inequality will stall America's economic growth and erode middle class prosperity.	Commonwealth Club: Hedrick Smith
10/03	Books	Novelist Alan Furst's World War II-era spy novels regularly top The New York Times bestseller list. He's out with his latest thriller, "Mission to Paris" and joined The Daily Circuit to discuss it.	Alan Furst
10/03	Books	Daniel Silva's latest spy novel, "The Fallen Angel," opens with a murder in St. Peter's Basilica to weave a mystery of corruption in the Vatican. The story follows Gabriel Allon, an art restorer and Israeli intelligence agent.	Daniel Silva
10/03	Books	Author Alexander McCall Smith will talk about his new book "The Limpopo Academy of Private Detection," the latest installment in his No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series.	Alexander McCall Smith
10/03	Politics / Media	Political communications expert Kathleen Hall Jamieson told a University of Minnesota audience that elections are intended to inform the public about the choices they are making. She says campaign advertisements are usually accurate, but do not tell us what we really need to know	Kathleen Hall Jamieson
10/04	Science / Books	In Caleb Scharf's new book, "Gravity's Engines," the astrophysicist looks at the most recent research on one of the great mysteries of outer space: black holes. Some of the latest data shows a new side to these elements of understanding space-time.	Caleb Scharf
10/04	Ethics / Behavioral Science / Books	If you think you're an honest person, think again. In his latest book, "The Honest Truth About Dishonesty," Dan Ariely says we are all cheaters. He'll explain research that proves we're all guilty of some unethical behavior in our lives.	Dan Ariel
10/04	Behavioral Science / Books	Bestselling author Garth Sundem's latest book, "Brain Trust," asks a big question: What would your life be like if you could ask 93 top scientists for research-based advice to best perform your daily activities?	Garth Sundem

10/04	National Politics / Government	President Barack Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney debated domestic issues -- the economy, health care, the role of government and governing -- at the University of Denver on October 3, 2012.	Jim Lehrer Barack Obama Mitt Romney
10/05	Exploration / Books	Mountain climber and arctic explorer Lonnie Dupre has a new book out called "Life on Ice," which chronicles 25 years of polar exploration. Fellow Minnesotan Ann Bancroft is getting ready for another expedition in November 2012.	Lonnie Dupre Ann Bancroft
10/05	Books	Author Adam Johnson will join us to discuss his acclaimed novel "The Orphan Master's Son." The book tells the story of Pak Jun Do, a young man who grew up in North Korea in the orphanage his father ran.	Adam Johnson
10/05	Behavioral Science / Books	Journalist Nancy Mullane went into an assignment to report on the costs of incarceration. Out of her time spent behind bars with prisoners, Mullane has pulled out the stories of five convicted murderers who were sentenced to life without parole in her new book, "Life After Murder."	Nancy Mullane
10/08	Politics / Religion / Social Issues	Krista Tippett of APM's "On Being" program hosts a conversation at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School, about the divisive topic of abortion.	Civil Conversations Project: Krista Tippett David Gushee Frances Kissling
10/08	Government / Politics	Approval ratings for the U.S. government are at a 15-year low. Now that mistrust has infected all sorts of American institutions. Have we been through this before and will America recover its trust?	Ron Fournier Marc Hetherington
10/08	Politics	Opposition research has become a staple of almost all elections and two researchers -- Alan Huffman and Michael Rejebian -- know just how dirty politics can get. We'll go inside the process of digging up the dirt on candidates.	Ann Huffman Michael Rejebian
10/08	History / Government / Books	Author Thomas Mallon is out with his latest historical novel, "Watergate." The narrative weaves the stories of seven characters for a view into what life during the Nixon presidency looked like.	Thomas Mallon

10/08	Arts & Culture	British playwright, film director and screenwriter Christopher Hampton discusses his craft with Bright Ideas host Stephen Smith before a live audience at MPR on September 25, 2012. The Guthrie Theater is staging a festival of three of Hampton's plays, including the world premiere of a new work titled, "Appomattox."	Bright Ideas: Stephen Smith Christopher Hampton
10/09	Family Life / Demographics / Books	In "Yes, Chef," world-renowned chef Marcus Samuelsson tells the story of growing up as an adopted Ethiopian boy cooking with his Swedish grandmother. His new memoir is "his love letter to food and family in all its manifestations."	Marcus Samuelsson
10/09	Health / Books	Trying to get over every past trauma, fear, hang-up, obsession and hurdle in your life? Just ask author Augusten Burroughs. He'll join us to talk about his collection of essays.	Augusten Burroughs
10/09	Family Life / Books	In Deni Bechard's latest memoir, "Cures for Hunger," questions about his family history arise when he is asked to complete a family tree in school. Bechard will join us to talk about his book.	Deni Bechard
10/09	National Politics	Eighth district Congressional debate in Duluth.	Chip Cravaack Rick Nolan Gary Eichten
10/10	Behavioral Science	Meg Jay turns the notion "30s are the new 20s" on its head when she says your twenties are critical to defining your future. In her new book, she uses case studies of her clients and the latest science to explain why the 20s are one's defining decade.	Meg Jay
10/10	Economics / Family Life	Women are expected to become the main breadwinners in America by 2030. Liza Mundy sheds light on how this flip is affecting our culture from the bedroom to the family room and to the boardroom.	Liza Mundy
10/10	Books / Parenting / Family Life	As 38-year-old Joel Stein prepares for the birth of his son, the Time magazine staff writer decided to go on a "manquest" to learn about some of the more manly things in life he's neglected. He spent time with firefighters, Boy Scouts, learns about baseball, goes hunting and becomes a day trader.	Joel Stein

10/10	National Politics	1st District incumbent U.S. Rep. Tim Walz (D) debates his challenger, former State Rep. Allen Quist (R) in a "Debate Minnesota" event moderated by Gary Eichten in Mankato.	Tim Walz Allen Quist Gary Eichten
10/11	Books	The fall book season is officially in full swing. With the long winter months ahead for plenty of reading, we want to know: What was the last book you told a friend they have to read?	John Freeman Marjorie Kehe
10/11	Books / Tourism	Books and travel go hand in hand. Often a book inspires wanderlust or travel inspires us to read something new. What role do books play in your travel plans?	Karen Berger Bret Love
10/11	Politics / Media / Arts & Culture	Sometimes a political junkie needs an escape from the stump speeches, attack ads and reports about the horse race. We'll talk about the best political movies to watch this season.	Bob Mondello Mike Mayo
10/11	Politics / History	Former Vice President Walter Mondale had a different, and more elevated, role as vice president than did all of his predecessors. In a 2002 speech, he talks about the challenges of serving in the number two role.	"50 Years: The Mondale Lectures on Public Service" Walter Mondale
10/12	International / National Politics / Media	This week on the Friday Roundtable, we welcome World Press Institute fellows to The Daily Circuit. We'll discuss how their countries view American elections and international affairs.	Friday Roundtable: Leda Balbino Wilson Fernando Vega Rivera David King
10/12	History	We'll air a BBC interview with Kofi Annan, former secretary general of the United Nations. Annan looks back on his life and gives an inside look on negotiating with world leaders.	BBC Interview: Kofi Annan Matthew Bannister
10/12	Finance / Economics	Our personal finance guru Ruth Hayden is back to talk money and divorce. Divorce rates are high in this country, and disagreements and strain over financial issues can put marriages in jeopardy.	Ruth Hayden
10/12	National Politics / Government	Rebroadcast of Vice-Presidential debate.	Joe Biden Paul Ryan
10/15	Law / Crime	As concealed carry gun laws spread across the country, America has seen a sharp rise in the number of guns in civilian life. Is the increase in guns linked to crime rates in those parts of the country?	Paul Barrett David Hemenway

10/15	Government / Business	Reporters James Steele and Don Barlett argue that government and business policies have betrayed the 'American Dream.' Through studies and stories, they investigate the systemic erosion of America's middle class in their book "The Betrayal of the American Dream."	James Steele Donald L. Barlett
10/15	Books	We'll air Kerri Miller's conversation with author Abraham Verghese from the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul. His latest book is "Cutting for Stone."	Talking Volumes: Abraham Verghese Kerri Miller
10/15	Government / Politics	Dan McGrath of ProtectMyVote.com and Doran Schrantz of ISAIH and Our Vote, Our Future debate the pros and cons of a constitutional amendment in Minnesota to require a photo ID to vote. The 'Debate Minnesota' debate was held October 4, 2012 at Metropolitan State Univ. and moderated by Bill Salisbury of the Pioneer Press.	Dan McGrath Doran Schrantz
10/16	Business / Behavioral Science	Are you happy in your current job? And who is responsible for it? Teresa Amabile's research shows everything from small wins to inner work life make a big difference in an individual's ability to be creative, happy and productive at work.	Teresa Amabile Cal Newport
10/16	Politics	Conservative commentator Matt K. Lewis says that Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney's gaffe-prone campaign is not the only problem facing the GOP. He says that the party faces a much deeper crisis of identity and ideas.	Matt K. Lewis Ed Morrissey
10/16	Health / Parenting	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota was criticized when it released new anti-obesity ads. A departure from its well-known "do.groove" ads and its latest "do.town" campaign, these new ads show children modeling behavior of overweight parents.	Joe Nadglowski Marc Manley
10/16	Politics / Government	Republican U.S. Rep. Chip Cravaack and his Democratic challenger Rick Nolan, who are facing each other in the 8th Congressional District, debate the major issues facing the country Tuesday at Anoka-Ramsey Community College in Cambridge. MPR News aired the debate live. The event is sponsored by Debate Minnesota.	Gary Eichten, moderator Chip Cravaack Rick Nolan

10/17	Politics / Government	We'll be taking a look at Tuesday night's second presidential debate. What worked and what didn't? What issues dominated the discussion? What are we still hoping to see discussed in the final debate?	Jeff Lord Ari Berman
10/17	Education	Character, not test scores, is the key to children succeeding in school and in life, says Paul Tough. He argues that character can be taught and that we all have a responsibility to help develop it in students.	Paul Tough
10/17	Science / Crime	NOVA Science Now host David Pogue wanted to know: "Can science stop crime?" From the so-called warrior gene to getting ahead of the hackers to predictive policing, how is science aiding police?	David Pogue Jeff Brantingham
10/17	Politics / Government	President Barack Obama and Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney meet in their second debate October 16, 2012 at Hofstra University in New York. Candy Crowley is moderator of the town hall style forum.	Barack Obama Mitt Romney
10/18	Politics / Public Policy	As the candidates continue to compare and contrast their respective plans for Medicare reform on the campaign trail, we're joined by two experts who will sort out fact from fiction.	Stephen Parente David Kendall
10/18	Religion / Faith	Rabbi Harold Kushner spoke at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis about his latest book, 'The Book of Job: When Bad Things Happened to a Good Person.'	Rabbi Harold Kushner
10/18	Books	In 1989, writer Salman Rushdie went into hiding after the Ayatollah Khomeini issued a fatwa for his book "The Satanic Verses." His new memoir "Joseph Anton" details that experience and Rushdie's rise to literary fame.	Salman Rushdie
10/18	Politics / Government	Republican U.S. Senate candidate Kurt Bills discusses the economy, jobs, debt, taxes, health care, same-sex marriage and more. Larry Jacobs of the University of Minnesota interviewed the high school economics teacher and Minnesota state representative.	Larry Jacobs Kurt Bills

10/19	Politics / Government	This week on the Friday Roundtable, our panelists will look at Minnesota's congressional and state legislative races and how the ballot amendments are impacting them. Will voters come to the polls for the amendments and swing races?	Friday Roundtable: Jim Ragsdale Peter Bell Javier Morillo
10/19	Science / Faith	Astronomer Jennifer Wiseman will discuss the latest discoveries in astronomy and the depth into space and time that deep images are enabling us to see. She'll also share her thoughts on how science, faith and our view of ourselves as humans.	Jennifer Wiseman
10/19	Books	In 'Hidden America,' author Jeanne Marie Laskas takes readers down deep into coal mines, out on Alaskan oil rigs and up into the air traffic control tower at New York's LaGuardia Airport. She was on a mission to tell the stories in parts of the country we know so little about.	Jeanne Marie Laskas
10/19	Politics / Faith / Social Issues	Krista Tippett discusses the definition of marriage with Jonathan Rauch and David Blankenhorn, in an event recorded at the University of Minnesota on Oct. 10, 2012.	Krista Tippett Jonathan Rauch David Blankenhorn
10/22	Politics / Economics	The question, made famous by President Reagan in a 1980 debate, has reemerged as a popular talking point this election season.	Romesh Ratnesar Doug Holtz-Eakin Charles Wheelan
10/22	Media / Business	We're talking about the craft of restaurant reviewing. Splendid Table host Lynne Rossetto Kasper and the chef-owner of Heartland Lenny Russo will join us.	Lynne Rossetto Kasper Lenny Russo
10/22	Books	Author John Sandford has just come out with a new thriller, "Mad River." It's the fifth installment in his Virgil Flowers series about a rural Minnesotan cop.	John Sandford
10/22	Politics / Economics / Environment	Alex Chadwick explores the energy policies of Barack Obama and Mitt Romney and looks at energy issues the next president will face.	Alex Chadwick
10/23	Politics // International Relations	While the economy has been the main focus of the presidential race, foreign policy took center stage in the third and final debate between President Barack Obama and Republican nominee Mitt Romney.	Roger Cohen Anthony Cordesman Robert Ross

10/23	Behavior	Why do we worry about some things and not others? In a recent op-ed, David Ropeik notes, "while our choices about risk invariably feel right when we make them, many of these decisions end up putting us in greater peril."	David Ropeik Joseph LeDoux
10/23	Books	In Prothero's new book, "The American Bible," he looks at the texts that have generated controversy, driven debate and shaped how Americans view their country.	Stephen Prothero
10/23	Politics / Government	President Barack Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney debate for the final time at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla.	Bob Schieffer, moderator Barack Obama Mitt Romney
10/24	Education / Economics	At last week's presidential debate, a college student asked Barack Obama and Mitt Romney about his prospects for finding employment once he graduates. How can college students prepare for the job market?	Lindsey Pollak Steven Rothberg
10/24	International Government / Politics	Within 10 years, the number of people in the world over age 60 will exceed 1 billion. A new report from the United Nations Population Fund says developing countries aren't prepared to support them.	Neil Howe Michael Herrmann Dan Buettner
10/24	Parenting / Family Life	Canadian radio host Buzz Bishop created a stir when he admitted to having a favorite child on his blog. Should he be criticized for voicing his favoritism? Is it possible for any parent to be completely impartial? What's the science behind favoritism?	Jeffrey Kluger
10/24	Politics	MPR editor-at-large Gary Eichten and journalist and author Cokie Roberts explore the history and dynamics of the presidential and congressional elections in an event at the Fitzgerald Theater in downtown St. Paul.	Gary Eichten Cokie Roberts
10/25	Family Life /	Distracted drivers killed more than 3,000 people in 2010. It's a particularly deadly problem for teens, as the family of 17-year-old Alex Brown knows tragically well.	Jeanne Brown Paul Atchley
10/25	Politics / Social Media	In this presidential election season, an increasing number of people are flying their political flags and engaging in partisan battles on social media.	Judith Donath Lee Rainie

10/25	Books	Author Justin Cronin is out with 'The Twelve' - the follow-up to his bestselling vampire thriller, 'The Passage.'	Justin Cronin
10/25	Politics / Social Policy / Religion	Sasha Aslanian's special report, "The Deep Roots of the Marriage Debate" goes back 40 years to explain the evolution of today's debate over the same sex marriage amendment.	Sasha Aslanian MPR audio archives
10/26	Politics / Behavior	This week, our panelists will discuss the problem with political labels, what was learned from the Presidential debates and the fall of Lance Armstrong.	Friday Roundtable: Patricia Lopez Nate Garvis David Cazares
10/26	Business / Economics	Americans put in some of the longest work hours in the world, yet productivity levels are surprisingly low. How can we change a culture that rewards face time in the office over results?	Robert Pozen
10/26	Politics / Social Issues	Three other states will vote on measures related to same-sex marriage on Election Day: Maine, Maryland and Washington.	Susan Cover John Wagner
10/26	Government / Economics	Democrat Alice Rivlin and former Republican U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici discuss how to reach common ground in the debate over federal taxing and spending. Krista Tippett moderates the conversation she calls "The Political Bridge People."	Civil Conversations Project: Krista Tippett Pete Domenici Alice Rivlin
10/29	Politics / Behavioral Science	Why can't politicians give Americans the facts? Why can't the presidential candidates tell it like it is? It might be America's need for reassurance that we are extraordinary.	Scott Shane Clifford D. May
10/29	Books	Jo Nesbo, the popular Norwegian author of crime thrillers, is often compared to Steig Larsson. And for good reason; one of his books is sold every 23 seconds around the world. His latest in the Harry Hole series is 'Phantom.'	Jo Nesbo
10/29	Government / Politics	Five-term incumbent Republican Rep. John Kline is facing a challenge from former state Rep. Mike Obermueller in Minnesota's 2nd congressional district. The Daily Circuit hosts a debate Monday.	John Kline Mike Obermueller

10/29	Economics / Business / Politics	Are the nation's wealthiest not paying "their fair share," or should tax breaks be extended for everyone in the name of job creation? In this debate from the Intelligence Squared series, Glenn Hubbard and Arthur Laffer argue the rich are taxed enough. Robert Reich and Mark Zandi argue they are not.	IQ2 Debate: Glenn Hubbard Arthur Laffer Robert Reich Mark Zandi
10/30	Economics / Family Life	The effect of unemployment on individuals is clear: loss of income, housing and lack of career experience. But what do we know about the impact of unemployment on children?	Ann Huff Stevens Ariel Kalil
10/30	War / Military / books	The killing of Osama bin Laden in 2011 was the culmination of a 10-year search for the mastermind of the 9/11 attacks. Peter Bergen's new book documents that search.	Peter Bergen
10/30	Politics	With Election Day just a week away, the candidates in the 3rd Congressional District debated on MPR News' Daily Circuit program Tuesday.	Erik Paulsen Brian Barnes
10/30	Politics	Republican incumbent U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann and Democratic challenger Jim Graves, the candidates in the 6th Congressional District, are set to debate Tuesday. The debate is sponsored by the St. Cloud Chamber, St. Cloud Rotary, and city of St. Cloud.	Theresa Bohnen, moderator Michele Bachmann Jim Graves
10/31	National Government / Politics	Voters have heard a lot from Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney on the campaign trail as to why they should vote for him. What do we know about Romney's close advisers and the policies they'd aim to enact?	Jonathan Allen Jeremi Suri
10/31	War / Government / Media	The Obama administration set a goal to end veteran homelessness by 2015. To reach its goal, it has encouraged innovative solutions from boot camps to mobile apps. Have we made any progress?	Laura Green Zeilinger Beth Sandor Jonah J. Czerwinski
10/31	War / Books	The United States has been in Afghanistan for more than a decade and lost nearly two thousand soldiers, yet the goals of the war remain unclear and elusive. In his new book, 'Little America,' Rajiv Chandrasekaran looks at what went wrong.	Rajiv Chandrasekaran

10/31	State Politics / Government	The MPR News debate on the Voter ID constitutional amendment featured State Rep. Mary Kiffmeyer and State Rep. Steve Simon, as well as election expert Doug Chapin. The debate took place at the Fitzgerald Theater on Oct. 30, 2012 and was moderated by MPR's Tom Crann.	Mary Kiffmeyer Steve Simon Doug Chapin
11/01	National Government / Politics	President Barack Obama released a booklet last week outlining his vision for a second term. Critics say his Blueprint for America's Future still lacks specifics. We will look at his first term to predict what a second term may encompass.	George E. Condon Jr. Peter Kastor
11/01	Business	Americans tend to picture successful entrepreneurs as young, bold risk takers, like Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg. But older entrepreneurs start companies too. We'll discuss the trend of aging entrepreneurs.	Chris Farrell Edward Rogoff Kieran Folliard
11/01	National Politics	Sixth Congressional District candidates Republican Rep. Michele Bachmann and Democratic challenger Jim Graves debated Thursday for a second time, less than a week before Election Day.	Michele Bachmann Jim Graves
11/01	National Politics	Republican Congressman Chip Cravaack and Democratic challenger Rick Nolan debate jobs, the economy, health care, mining, the environment and other issues in a 90 minute Debate Minnesota event at Mesabi Range College in Virginia, Minnesota on October 31, 2012.	Barbara Reyelts, moderator Chip Cravaack Rick Nolan
11/02	Environment / National / State Politics	This week on the Friday Roundtable, our panelists discuss Hurricane Sandy and its impact on the presidential race. They also offer predictions on Minnesota's ballot amendments.	Friday Roundtable: Larry Jacobs Dane Smith Mike Zipko
11/02	Climate / Environment	The human impact on the Earth is now creating a new geological time period called Anthropocene, geologists say. The changes happening to the Earth will be visible in rocks today for geologists in the future.	BBC Documentary: The Age We Made – Part 2
11/02	Science / Climate	Maggie Koerth-Baker, Boing Boing science editor, will talk about the link between severe weather and climate change. Can we attribute Hurricane Sandy to climate change?	Maggie Koerth-Baker

11/02	Religion / Politics	Gene Robinson, Brian Brown, Jerry McAfee and Sarah Walker debate the constitutional amendment on the definition of marriage. The event was held November 1 at the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul.	Kerri Miller moderator Gene Robinson Brian Brown Jerry McAfee Sarah Walker
11/05	Education / Public Policy	During a recent appearance on the Daily Circuit, former Metropolitan Council Chairman Peter Bell theorized on what could be done to tackle the number of high school dropouts. Bell's idea: Let them go.	Peter Bell Susan Bowles Therriault Karen Stout
11/05	National Government	Should we ditch the Electoral College in favor of a straight popular vote? The possibility that there could be a split between the popular vote and Electoral College this year has ratcheted up the discussion for 2012.	Alexander Keyssar David Lanoue
11/05	Religion / Faith / Politics	With faith emerging as a factor in this year's national and local elections, Kerri Miller sat down with a panel of faith leaders to discuss the role of faith in politics.	Leith Andersen Jon Armajani Marcia Zimmerman Bill Vos
11/05	National Politics	Incumbent Democratic Senator Amy Klobuchar and her Republican challenger Kurt Bills debate the major issues at the Fitzgerald Theater in downtown St. Paul on November 4, 2012. MPR's Cathy Wurzer is the moderator.	Cathy Wurzer, moderator Amy Klobuchar Kurt Bills
11/06	National Government	It's Election Day! Or is it? Due to early voting, voters in 34 states and Washington D.C. could have already voted. That means up to 40 percent of voters could have cast their votes prior to today.	Paul Gronke Dante Chinni
11/06	History / Books	In architecture writer Hugh Howard's latest book, he takes us into the places presidents lived. 'Houses of Presidents' offers a tour of the homes and explains the daily lives of America's chief executives.	Hugh Howard Patrick Clarke
11/06	History / Culture / Books	During a recent show about texts that typify the American experience, many listeners wanted to apply this lens to music. We continue the discussion looking at songs and artists that exemplify the American spirit.	Jim McGuinn David Browne
11/06	Books / National Government	Nancy Duffy and Michael Gibbs, authors of 'The Presidents Club,' speak at the about the personal and policymaking relationships among the former presidents and the current president.	Westminster Town Hall Forum: Nancy Gibbs Michael Gibbs

11/07	Politics / Government	Professors, pundits and election experts will join The Daily Circuit Wednesday to look at the election results locally and across the country.	Susan MacManus Kathryn Pearson Vin Weber Michael Fauntroy Marc Hetherington
11/07	Politics / Government	We continue our coverage of Tuesday's election results in Minnesota and across the country. We'll be looking at the presidential race, local races and the state amendments.	Jim Graves Paul Thissen Sarah Walker Dave Senjem Rick Nolan
11/07	National Government	As this year's election comes to a close, anticipation of long-awaited immigration reform is already starting to build. What should it look like?	Pilar Marrero
11/07	Politics / Government	MPR political editor and MPR political commentators analyze the election results. The re-election of President Obama, the congressional vote in Minnesota, the DFL control of the Minnesota House and Senate, and the defeat of constitutional amendments on marriage and voter ID.	Mike Mulcahy Todd Rapp Maureen Shaver
11/08	National Politics / Government / Economics	President Barack Obama doesn't have much time to celebrate his re-election. He must now confront the fiscal cliff - nearly \$500 billion in automatic tax hikes and spending cuts set to take effect in January that could throw the nation back into recession.	Andrew Fieldhouse Steve Bell
11/08	Books	Playwright Tennessee Williams was awarded four Drama Critic Circle Awards, two Pulitzer Prizes and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, so it's no surprise one of his plays ended up on the Library of Congress' list of 88 Books that Shaped America.	David Kaplan Stephen C. Byrd
11/08	Politics / Technology / Demographics	The 2012 election cycle brought big change in the way technology, data, money and changing demographics shape how the media reports on campaigns and issues. What went well or went awry under these circumstances of reporting?	Dori Maynard Walter Shapiro
11/08	Health / Ethics / Economics	Just because we can extend life, should we? If health care is a scarce resource, limited by its availability and our ability to pay for it, should government step in to ration care? How much is an extra month or year of life worth?	IQ2 Debate: Dr. Art Kellerman Pete Singer Sally Pipes Ken Connor

11/09	Politics / Government	Our panelists look at the meaning of the Obama victory, the ballot amendment defeats and what DFL control of state government will mean for the Minnesota.	Mike Hatch Phil Krinkie David Cazares
11/09	Politics / Government / Demographics	Election Day gave a face to the America's growing minority-majority population. Did we learn about what motivates Latino, millennial and female voters to support a party or candidate?	Ange-Marie Hancock Paul Taylor
11/09	Finance / Economics	The past few years have not been good to people's retirement savings. Personal finance columnist Gail MarksJarvis joins us to talk about what people can do to build that savings back up.	Gail MarksJarvis
11/09	National Government	Part One: President Barack Obama's statement at the White House. Part two: Minnesota native Tim O'Brien is awarded the Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation's Distinguished Achievement Award in ceremonies on Veterans Day 2012.	Barack Obama Tim O'Brien
11/12	National Government / Employment / Labor	Republicans and Democrats endorse retraining for the jobless, but is it enough to help the unemployed find work? How can American businesses best find workers to fill positions requiring particular skills?	Amy Goldstein
11/12	Science / Books	In Stuart Firestein's new book, he argues that ignorance is the engine of science. Should we really think of ideas like the scientific method as something set in stone?	Stuart Firestein
11/12	Culture / Books	R&B singer Bettye LaVette joins us to talk about her new album 'Thankful 'N Thoughtful' and her new book 'A Woman Like Me.'	Bettye LaVette
11/12	Politics / Government	Former GOP U.S. Rep. Vin Weber and former DFL Speaker of the House Margaret Anderson Kelliher join professor Larry Jacobs at the University of Minnesota to discuss the meaning of the 2012 election and the future direction of the country and its leaders.	Vin Weber Margaret Anderson Kelliher Larry Jacobs
11/13	National Government	Alex Nowrasteh, immigration policy analyst at the Cato Institute, will join The Daily Circuit Tuesday in the second of two conversations about immigration reform.	Alex Nowrasteh

11/13	National Government / Public Policy	Hurricane Sandy has once again brought criticism of the Federal Emergency Management Agency as some Americans believe the government organization isn't an efficient use of money. Is FEMA outdated?	Kathleen Tierney Susan Cutter Barry W. Scanlon
11/13	Books / History	We continue our look at titles from the Library of Congress' 88 Books that Shaped America list with Dee Brown's 'Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee.'	Brenda Child David Treuer
11/13	Books	The author of "Enrique's Journey" speaks as part of MPR's Broadcast Journalist Series, moderated by MPR News editor Toni Randolph.	Sonia Nazario Toni Randolph
11/14	Health / Economics	We've all heard about the millions of children who have been diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Are pharmaceutical companies now trying to tap adults to widen the market?	Larry Diller John Abramson
11/14	Business	In the last 15 years, the number of corporations publicly traded on American stock exchanges dropped 44 percent. Some people say this is a sign that public corporations are on their way out.	Gerald Davis Lynn Stout
11/14	National Government / Public Policy	On Wednesday, President Obama will hold his first full press conference in eight months. With the Petraeus scandal unfolding and the looming fiscal cliff, what will he discuss with the press corps?	Richard Stoll Jason Johnson Josh Gerstein John Nichols
11/14	National Government / Public Policy	President Barack Obama holds his first news conference since being re-elected November 6, 2012. He's expected to establish his priorities for the work of the lame-duck Congress.	Barack Obama
11/15	Science / Health	Laurence Steinberg, professor of psychology at Temple University, has spent his career studying adolescent brain development and his findings have led him to believe that our society needs to rethink the way we discipline teenagers.	Laurence Steinberg
11/15	Law / National Government	Fisher v. University of Texas, a case currently before the Supreme Court, concerns the affirmative action admissions policy at the University of Texas. But the case could have far-reaching implications nationwide.	Richard Sander Emily Bazelon

11/15	War / Leadership	There have been many reasons given for America's struggle in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Defense writer and strategist Thomas Ricks believes that the culture of mediocre leadership in our military is the true source of the problem.	Thomas Ricks
11/15	Public Policy / Government / Politics	News and analysis from the annual Washington Ideas Forum held at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. November 14 and 15.	Lawrence Summers John McCain Lindsey Graham Barney Frank Steve Case Douglas Holtz-Eakin Robert Kimmitt Michael Porter
11/16	Ethics / Leadership	Our panelists will take a wide-angle look at the Gen. David Petraeus scandal. Do leaders have an obligation to lead moral and ethical private lives? Does this story further erode our trust in leaders and institutions?	Friday Roundtable: Brian Rosenberg Dawn Elm Amy Ihlan
11/16	Climate / Environment	The human impact on the Earth is now creating a new geological time period called Anthropocene, geologists say. The changes happening to the Earth will be visible in rocks for future geologists.	BBC Documentary: The Age We Made – Part 3
11/16	Conservation / Books	In her new book, Mary Ellen Hannibal looks at what she calls the "most ambitious wildlife conservation project ever undertaken" to protect a network of conservation lands from northern Alaska into northern Mexico.	Mary Ellen Hannibal Kenyon Fields
11/16	International Government / Military	LIVE coverage from the BBC World Service on the increasing violence between Palestinians and Israelis.	BBC World Have Your Say
11/19	Law / Public Policy / Politics	Physician-assisted suicide for the terminally ill is currently legal in Oregon and Washington. But for the terminally ill elsewhere in America who want to end their life, going underground for guidance and information is the only option.	Karen O'Connor Susan M. Wolf
11/19	Technology / International Terrorism	How can the U.S. best protect its communications systems, power grids and manufacturing sector in the event of a serious cyber attack by the likes of China, Russia or North Korea?	Neal Ungerleider John Arquilla

11/19	Books	We'll air Kerri Miller's conversation with author Erin Morgenstern from the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul. Her latest book is "The Night Circus." This was the final Talking Volumes of the season.	Talking Volumes: Kerri Miller Erin Morgenstern
11/19	Government / Politics / Public Policy	News and analysis from the annual Washington Ideas Forum held at the Newseum in Washington, DC on November 14 and 15, 2012.	Marco Rubio Michael Steele Nancy Pelosi Madeleine Albright David Rubenstein Trevor Potter Bill Burton
11/20	Climate / Environment	During his press conference last week, President Barack Obama affirmed his belief that climate change is real and something needs to be done to address it. What would a short-term solution look like, and is it enough to address the issue?	David Orr Kevin Trenberth
11/20	Books	Daniel Silva's latest spy novel, "The Fallen Angel," opens with a murder in St. Peter's Basilica to weave a mystery of corruption in the Vatican. The story follows Gabriel Allon, an art restorer and Israeli intelligence agent.	Daniel Silva
11/20	Arts / Culture	When the nominations for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame class of 2013 were announced in October, the debate began. Who from the list should be inducted? Who was left off the list?	Ann Powers Mark Wheat
11/20	International Government / Politics / Religion	The Intelligence Squared US debate looks at the popular uprisings of Arab Spring and considers the leadership of Islamist majorities. Will there be radicalization and increased anti-Americanism in the region, or will the spread of democratic values bring about a more liberalized Arab world?	IQ2 Debate: John Donvan, Moderator Reuel Marc Gerecht Brian Katulis M. Zuhdi Jasser Daniel Pipes
11/21	National Politics	Now that the post-election soul searching is underway, what lies ahead for the Republican party? What ideas will take hold among the conservative base?	Ramesh Ponnuru James Hohmann
11/21	National Government / Economics	The Simpson-Bowles deficit-cutting plan is in the spotlight as pundits and politicians speculate about what a bipartisan budget compromise will look like.	Marc Goldwein Joel Friedman Robert Bixby

11/21	Books	The National Book Awards were announced last week and today we'll hear Kerri Miller's conversations with two of the winners.	Katherine Boo Louise Erdrich
11/21	International Government / Politics	From the America Abroad series, a program about young people in Libya, Egypt, Tunisia and Syria. Libya, Tunisia and Egypt have new governments, but what has changed for young people and their social and political activism?	America Abroad Series: "Youth in the Arab World: After the Revolution"
11/22		No listings for The Daily Circuit on Nov. 22, 2012	
11/22	Culture	A traditional noon hour Thanksgiving special from MPR's John Birge, featuring music and stories for Thanksgiving.	John Birge
11/23	Books / Religion	Rabbi Harold Kushner spoke at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis about his latest book, 'The Book of Job: When Bad Things Happened to a Good Person.'	Harold Kushner
11/23	Books	In 1989, writer Salman Rushdie went into hiding after the Ayatollah Khomeini issued a fatwa for his book "The Satanic Verses." His new memoir "Joseph Anton" details that experience and Rushdie's rise to literary fame.	Salmon Rushdie
11/23	Books / History	In Prothero's new book, "The American Bible," he looks at the texts that have generated controversy, driven debate and shaped how Americans view their country.	Stephen Prothero
11/23	Social Issues / Demographics	Joan Chittister of the Benedictine Sisters speaks about equality, justice, feminism and oppression in an address titled, "American Women and the Women of the World: No Woman Left Behind."	Westminster Town Hall Forum: Joan Chittister
11/26	Health / Behavior	A new report shows that a growing number of teen boys are bodybuilding, and using supplements and steroids to bulk up. The effects of steroids may be particularly dangerous for adolescents.	Dr. Linn Goldberg Jeffrey Potteiger
11/26	National Government / Health / Economics	The re-election of President Obama guaranteed that the country will be moving forward with the Affordable Care Act. For hospitals, that means big changes in the way they get paid.	Dr. Ben Bache-Wiig

11/26	Books	Author Sherman Alexie is out with 'Blasphemy,' his new collection of short stories. He joins The Daily Circuit Monday to discuss his work.	Sherman Alexie
11/26	National Government / History	Presidential historian Ronald White speaks at the Chautauqua Institution about presidential power and the importance of President Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address in March 1865. White says what Lincoln did not say is as important as what he did say.	Ronald C. White
11/27	National Politics / Technology	To reelect President Barack Obama, the campaign's technology leaders hired a crew of top-notch engineers from companies like Google, Facebook and Twitter to build a new form of software to reach voters.	Alexis Madrigal Joshua Green
11/27	Health / Science	During Thanksgiving dinner, did you have a second, third or fourth piece of pumpkin pie because you "couldn't" help yourself? More researchers in food addiction today are crossing paths with those who study drug addiction.	Ashley Gerhardt Richard Shriner
11/27	Arts / Culture	Four-time Grammy nominee and former Minneapolis resident Karrin Allyson is in studio to play from her latest album, 'Round Midnight,' and discuss her decades on the road as a jazz vocalist.	Karrin Allyson
11/27	Books / National Government / Law	Legal analyst and author Jeffrey Toobin explores the legal, ideological and political disputes involved in interpreting the meaning of the US Constitution, and his new book "The Oath: The Obama White House and the Supreme Court." He spoke Nov. 18, 2012 at the JFK Library in Boston.	Jeffrey Toobin
11/28	International Government	American diplomacy has vastly changed over the past three decades, Robert F. Worth says in his recent New York Times magazine article. The increased emphasis on security for diplomats, he says, has changed the way we negotiate abroad.	Robert F. Worth Edward Djerejian
11/28	Government / Politics / Public Policy	Washington and Colorado voters signified that marijuana legalization is no longer a fringe issue. How has marijuana legalization become a more mainstream political conversation and what is the impact on the United States.	Tony Dokoupil Beau Kilmer

11/28	Arts / Culture	The Great American Novel - we all dream about writing it, but who has the time? Maybe it would be a little less daunting if you could work on it 140 characters at a time. The Twitter Fiction Festival gets underway today.	Jennifer Egan Erin McKean
11/28	Books / History	Salman Rushdie delivers a lecture about his memoir and his nine years living with death threats and a fatwa issued upon the publication of his novel, 'The Satanic Verses.' He lived under the pseudonym Joseph Anton.	Pen Pals Lecture: Salman Rushdie
11/29	Immigration / Citizenship	How do some groups make the leap from being identified as "immigrants" to "Americans?" Is it the passage of time or something more? We'll discuss the moment when immigrants finally feel like Americans.	Nell Irvin Painter Ruben Martinez
11/29	Culture / Media / Parenting	How do you know when to expose children to difficult films, books and plays? Before taking his two teenage children to a Broadway production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?," New York Times critic Dwight Garner wondered whether they were ready.	Dwight Garner Ty Burr
11/29	Health / Science / Military	Virtual reality can be an effective therapy for military personnel suffering from PTSD, according to researchers. It's also being used to reduce symptoms and prevent PTSD in combat soldiers.	Skip Rizzo JoAnn Difede
11/29	National Politics	Political commentator and DNC vice chairwoman Donna Brazile speaks at the Westminster Town Hall Forum about the meaning of the 2012 presidential election.	Dona Brazile
11/30	National Government / Politics	This week on the Friday Roundtable, our panelists will look at the controversy over Susan Rice, the ethics of drones and other foreign policy challenges facing President Obama as he prepares for his second term.	Friday Roundtable: Nick Hayes Barbara Frey Eric Schwartz
11/30	Environment	Bill McKibben is using math as a tool of persuasion in his fight against climate change. The author, educator and environmentalist is in the Twin Cities for a stop on his "Do the Math" tour.	Bill McKibben
11/30	Arts / Culture	Minnesota folk musician Charlie Parr recently stopped by the MPR studios for a conversation and performance. He performed tracks from "Barnswallow," a new album he plans to release in February.	Charlie Parr

11/30	Books / National Politics	Conservative author and columnist David Frum speaks at the University of St. Thomas as part of MPR's Broadcast Journalist Series. Frum offers ideas for a healthy center-right political party in America. He's out with an e-book titled "Why Romney Lost."	David Frum Tom Crann
12/03	National Politics / Demographics	President Barack Obama won 60 percent of the vote among those younger than 30, according to a new Pew report. Now that young voters have shown themselves to be a serious political force, what do they want?	Heather Smith Andrew Friedson
12/03	Books	The "Hunger Games" trilogy and the "Twilight" series are just two reasons why sales of teen and young adult novels are booming. And it's not just teens consuming these books; adults are buying them too. What books in the genre should you read?	Nancy Pearl Deborah Taylor
12/03	Social Relationships / Family Life	Advice columnist Carolyn Hax has handled her fair share of holiday questions. How do you get relatives to help handle the holiday hosting workload? How do you deal with bickering guests?	Carolyn Hax
12/03	National Government / Politics / Economics	Two economists discuss the future of Social Security and Medicare at a forum held November 28, 2012 at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School.	Dean Baker Kevin Hassett Larry Jacobs
12/04	National Government / Economics	Mortgage deductions, 401k savings plans and other financial tools that help consumers save money cost the federal government billions of dollars of potential revenue. Might popular tax deductions be in danger with the looming Jan. 1 fiscal cliff?	John Friedman Eugene Steurle
12/04	Education	This year's Washington Monthly College Guide took a different approach to the much-anticipated college rankings report. The magazine created a new ranking algorithm, where cost, accountability and productivity are taken into account.	Kevin Carey Paul Peterson
12/04	Parenting / Family Life	Some parents dream of having a gifted and talented child, but the reality of raising one may be more than parents bargain for. Parents say in many ways raising a child prodigy is equivalent to bringing up a special needs child who requires constant and unique attention.	Andrew Solomon David Shenk

12/04	National Government / Politics / Public Policy	From the Intelligence Squared debate series, four people debate the proposition that we should legalize drugs in the United States.	IQ2 Debate: Paul Butler Nick Gillespie Asa Hutchinson Theodore Dalrymple
12/05	Health / Economics	Would you pay a doctor a monthly membership fee for unlimited access? This direct pay for service model of medicine, dubbed concierge medicine, is a growing niche in U.S. health care.	Mark Pauly Doug Nunamaker
12/05	Science / Business	Can we train our brains to become more intelligent? In recent years a number of commercial ventures have appeared promising to not just improve test scores, but improve underlying intelligence.	Dan Hurley Zach Hambrick
12/05	Culture	Whether you love or hate Christmas carols, you can't escape them during the holiday season. Members of VocalEssence will join us to perform the good, the bad and the ugly.	Philip Brunelle VocalEssence
12/05	Media	Minnesota Public Radio President and CEO Jon McTaggart answers questions from the radio and online audiences about MPR's news, information and music programming on the radio and in the digital world.	Jon McTaggart
12/06	Criminal Justice / Social Policy	The photos of Richard Ross are bleak: incarcerated children in cells, behind locked doors without windows. It's a stark view inside places that many of us are unfamiliar with. Is this the best way to address juvenile offenses?	Richard Ross Xavier McElrath-Bey
12/06	Books	Writer Calvin Trillin always finds the humor in politics and the 2012 presidential campaign provided it in spades. Trillin finished his new collection of poems the day after Barack Obama's re-election.	Calvin Trillin
12/06	Books / Business	Writers don't have to rely on traditional publishing houses to get their work to the public anymore. As costs drop and digital opportunities grow, many writers avoid traditional steps.	Guy Kawasaki Lee Goldberg Andrew Karre
12/06	Science / Politics	Bill McKibben and John Hofmeister at the Commonwealth Club: an environmentalist and a former oil company president discuss the extent and impact of carbon pollution and the science and politics of global warming.	Bill McKibben John Hofmeister

12/07	National Politics / Demographics	This week on the Friday Roundtable, our panelists will discuss the changing demographics of the country and what it will mean when the U.S. becomes a "majority-minority" nation in the coming decades.	Friday Roundtable: Brother Ali Pakou Hang David Cazares
12/07	International Government / Politics	He took the summer off from his job as a professor at Macalester College in St. Paul to run for president of his home country. Ahmed Samatar is back from Somalia and thinking about the country's future.	Ahmed Samatar
12/07	Science / Environment	National Geographic photographer James Balog and Minnesota's renowned polar explorer Will Steger look to ice to document the impact of climate change on our planet.	James Balog Will Steger
12/07	Religion / Faith	National Public Radio's Susan Stamberg and Murray Horwitz present new stories commissioned for Hanukkah, which begins December 8, 2012.	Susan Stamberg Murray Horwitz
12/10	State Government	The Minnesota budget forecast released last week shows the state is facing a \$1.1 billion deficit. Incoming Minnesota House leaders Paul Thissen and Kurt Daudt join us to discuss their plans to address the budget next year.	Paul Thissen Kurt Daudt
12/10	National Government / Environment	Historians have said that the beginning of the American environmental movement can be traced back to the date, 50 years ago, when Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" was published. The work led to the passage of the Clean Water Act and the founding of the Environmental Protection Agency.	William Souder Linda Lear
12/10	Books / Science / Mental Health	Oliver Sacks is out to remove some of the stigma attached to people who see and hear things that aren't there. Sacks, a physician and professor of neurology at the New York University School of Medicine, is out with a new book, "Hallucinations."	Oliver Sacks
12/10	Health / Science	Dr. Otis Brawley, oncologist and chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society speaks to the Commonwealth Club of California about his new book, "How We Do Harm: A Doctor Breaks Ranks About Being Sick in America."	Otis Brawley

12/11	Economics / Labor	According to the monthly report released Friday by the Labor Department, unemployment rates dropped to the lowest rate in four years. We'll look at what the jobs report means for the U.S. economy.	Derek Thompson Russ Roberts
12/11	Finance / Economics	Have you made poor decisions in your life because you couldn't slow down to think critically about your choices? Do you give yourself enough time to make good decisions, especially with regard to your financial affairs?	Charles Duhigg Chris Farrell
12/11	Tourism	Keith Bellows, editor-in-chief of National Geographic Traveler magazine, and Rudy Maxa will join us to discuss travel experiences that truly changed or enlightened them.	Keith Bellows Rudy Maxa
12/11	History	A Mankato native, John Biewen, revisits the places where the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862 took place, and explores the way this history is told.	"Little War on the Prairie," John Biewen, narrator
12/12	Media	What are the major news stories of 2012 that didn't receive enough media attention? We'll look back on the biggest stories that missed the front page and look ahead to what might dominate the headlines in 2013.	Joshua Keating Roger Cohen
12/12	National Politics	Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said last week that rural America is "becoming less and less relevant" after an election where Democrats won despite heavily Republican rural districts. We'll talk about ideas to revitalize rural America.	Jack Geller Chuck Hassebrook Jeff Kletscher
12/12	Science	This year was full of significant astronomical discoveries. Two experts will join us to talk about the biggest astronomical breakthroughs of 2012, including Alpha Centauri's orbiting planet, Curiosity and black holes.	Ken Croswell Heidi Manning
12/12	Environment / Science	From the Climate One series at the Commonwealth Club of California, three climate scientists who were part of a UN report on severe weather around the world discuss the links between burning fossil fuels and severe storms and drought.	Chris Field Richard Alley Michael Oppenheimer Richard Muller Karen O'Brien David Friedberg Greg Dalton

12/13	Government / Health / Economics	Several health care-related matters await lawmakers as the state moves to implement the federal Affordable Care Act by its 2014 deadline. We'll discuss whether the state needs or can afford a Basic Health Plan to help residents afford insurance.	Lucinda Jesson Christina Wessel Julie Brunner
12/13	Sports / Public Policy	How can a city incorporate a sports stadium into their downtown plan? Architects and urban planners agree that it's hard to do, which is why most large sports facilities exist away from city centers.	Thomas Fisher Tim Chapin
12/13	Business /	Rick Nelson, restaurant critic and food writer for the Star Tribune, is back on The Daily Circuit to talk about places to eat, drink and be merry this month. We'll look at the best places for holiday dining and some of the new restaurants in town you should check out.	Rick Nelson
12/13	Education	'Left Behind: Dropping Out' explores the reasons kids drop out of school and what can be done about it. The special is part of American Graduate: Let's Make it Happen, a public media initiative supported by the CPB.	Andrea Seabrook, host
12/14	National Government / Politics /	This week on the Friday Roundtable, our panelists will discuss the fiscal cliff negotiations. What does the battle over the fiscal cliff say about the state of our politics, and what will it mean for the nation, and Minnesota, if the issue isn't resolved?	Sean Kershaw Jeanne Boeh Matthew Filner
12/14	Crime / Criminal Justice	The BBC looks at the city of Philadelphia, where more than 300,000 people since 1971 owe \$1.5 billion in unpaid bail, fees and fines related to their run-ins with the court system. Criminal court debt is a growing problem in the United States.	BBC: Documentary "The Cost of Doing Time"
12/14	National Government / Politics	We'll look at the battle over filibuster reform. A citizen lobbying group has sued to challenge the current Senate rules, which is used by members of the minority in Congress to kill legislation.	Gregory Koger
12/14	Live coverage	Coverage from WNPR, Connecticut Public Radio, on the elementary school shooting this morning. 27 people are reported to be dead, including 18 children.	CNN: Live Coverage

12/17	Parenting / Education / Health	As Newtown residents make plans to put their loved ones to rest, how do we as a nation come to grips with such a tragic and incomprehensible event? How do we talk to children about what happened?	Jane Katch Frank Farley
12/17	National Government / Business / Law	Regulators are completing final elements of the Dodd-Frank Act, and the new financial regulation rules are set to go into effect soon. What will these rules accomplish in terms of monitoring the banking industry?	Gretchen Morgenson
12/17	Education / Public Policy	After Friday's school shooting in Newtown, Conn., we wanted to look at how Minnesota schools prepare for such an event. Did schools make changes after the 2005 Red Lake school shooting? How does Minnesota compare with other states?	Charlie Kyte Jason Matlock Mary Cathryn Ricker
12/17	Books / Religion / Health	At an event sponsored by Park Nicollet Foundation's "Growing Through Grief" Rabbi Harold Kushner spoke about coping with hard times and the lessons that can be learned from the Bible's Book of Job. His newest bestseller is "The Book of Job: When Bad Things Happened to a Good Person."	Harold Kushner
12/18	International Government / Economics	Despite America's focus on Mexico's troubling drug war and illegal immigration, many believe that the tides are turning for the country. Last year the country had larger GDP growth than Brazil, and as wages in China rise, the country looks to take a large hold of the world manufacturing market.	Tom Wainwright John Bailey
12/18	Science / Health	The fifth version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual will be published in May 2013, and it includes some big changes. How will it change how psychiatrists and psychologists diagnose patients?	Ron Steingard Allen Francis
12/18	National Government / Public Policy	In the wake of the 27 deaths in the Newtown, Conn. school shooting, we'll analyze the state of gun control in America. We'll look at our country's current policies and laws and discuss why the topic is so charged.	Robert J. Spitzer James Peterson Reid Wilson
12/18	Government / Military	Just back from Afghanistan, Kuwait and Turkey, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta makes a final Press Club appearance to address military budgets and U.S. military priorities around the world.	National Press Club: Leon Panetta

12/19	Education / Crime	The shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary triggered a lockdown plan that teachers and students had practiced - and in fact, activated - on many occasions. How do Minnesota's schools handle crises?	Larry Guggisberg Rick J. Kaufman
12/19	Health / Science	Nearly 90 percent of adults and 76 percent of children ingest caffeine in some form on a daily basis. Many Americans may not realize how much caffeine they're getting because manufacturers are not required to list the amount of caffeine in the product. What should you know about caffeine?	Abraham Palmer Bennett Alan Weinberg
12/19	Technology	From Amazon Kindles to Apple's iPad Mini, there's a gadget for everyone's holiday wish list. What tech products will put a smile on the face of your gift recipients this year?	Omar Gallaga Dana Wollman
12/19	Books / History	Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning author and journalist Robert Caro, speaking at the JFK Library in Boston about his fourth volume of Johnson biographies, "Passage of Power: The Years of Lyndon Johnson."	Mark Feeney, moderator Robert Caro
12/20	Employment / Labor / Economics / Demographics	While the American economy is still strong, Jonathan Rauch says a fundamental problem remains: millions of workers, especially less-educated males, are leaving the workforce in record numbers.	Robert J. Shapiro Lawrence Mishel
12/20	Science / Health	New research indicates that some people may be hard-wired for binge drinking. We'll look at the latest research, and what colleges are doing to fight the problem.	Vivian Faden Gunter Schumann Ervin Cox
12/20	Economics / Demographics	By some measures Generation X came out of the latest recession more bruised and battered than other age groups. Those aged 35 to 44 saw the biggest decline in net worth.	Richard K. Green Lauren Stiller Rikleen Lauren Leader-Chivee
12/20	Religion	The recent attack on the US Consulate in Benghazi underscores the dangers of extremist groups in Libya, and elsewhere in Africa. The rise of Islamism in Africa-- Mali, Nigeria, Kenya and Libya.	American Abroad Documentary: Islamism in Africa
12/21	Education / Parenting / Crime	This week, our panelists will discuss the school shooting in Newtown, Conn. where a gunman killed 27 people before taking his own life.	Friday Roundtable: Sami Rahamim Sue Abderholden Tim Westermeyer

12/21	National Government / Law / Public Policy	The nation's largest gun-rights lobby is calling for armed police officers to be posted in every American school to stop the next killer "waiting in the wings."	Saul Cornell Adam Winkler
12/21	Culture	Tired of hearing the same songs over and over during the holidays? Looking for Christmas tunes that won't drive you crazy? Two music lovers will join us to share their favorite "deep cuts" from the holidays.	Chris Klimek Andy Cirzan
12/21	History	Lady Bird Johnson was an early environmentalist and one of the country's most influential first ladies. She campaigned alone, and sought to sell President Johnson's civil rights agenda in the deep south. "Lady Bird Johnson: Legacy of a First Lady" is a 2001 documentary from public radio station KUT in Austin, Texas. Lady Bird Johnson would have been 100 on December 22, 2012.	Documentary: Lady Bird Johnson, Legacy of a First Lady
12/24	Books	Rebroadcast of Kerri Miller's conversation with author Junot Diaz from the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul. His latest book is "This is How You Lose Her." This was the first Talking Volumes of the season.	Junot Diaz
12/24	Books	Rebroadcast of Kerri Miller's conversation with author Abraham Verghese from the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul. His latest book is "Cutting for Stone." This was the third Talking Volumes of the season.	Abraham Verghese
12/24	Books	Rebroadcast of Kerri Miller's conversation with author Jeffrey Toobin from the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul. His latest book is "The Oath: The Obama White House and the Supreme Court." This was the second Talking Volumes of the season.	Jeffrey Toobin
12/24	Books	Rebroadcast of Kerri Miller's interview with Chris Van Allsburg, author of "The Polar Express" the December 2004 selection for Talking Volumes.	Chris Van Allsburg
12/25		No listings for The Daily Circuit on Dec. 25, 2012	
12/25	Arts	Master comedian Jonathan Winters presents a distinctive reading of "A Christmas Carol," using a special performing edition prepared by Charles Dickens for his own presentations.	Jonathan Winters

12/26	National Government / Education	As President Barack Obama prepares for his second term, we'll look back on the education policies put into place during his first four years. We'll talk about what we federal education changes we can expect from Obama in the coming year.	Alyson Klein Frederick Hess
12/26	Arts / Culture / Economics	As The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra lockout enters its third month, we'll talk with representatives of the musicians and management about the main sticking points in their negotiations.	Dobson West Lynn Erickson
12/26	Arts / Culture / Media	Minnesota's Okee Dokee Brothers are celebrating a big nod from the Grammys this month: Their album "Can You Canoe?" was nominated for best children's album.	Justin Lansing Joe Mailander
12/26	History	During the 150th anniversary of the US-Dakota War of 1862, members of a Minnesota Historical Society panel discuss what we have learned about the events of 1862 and how history is told.	Cathy Wurzer, moderator Annette Atkins Syd Beane Dean Urdahl Curt Brown
12/27	National Politics / Government	If the farm bill doesn't pass as part of a new budget during fiscal cliff negotiations, the 2008 Farm Bill will expire and could cause the price of milk to jump. How will this impact Minnesota dairy producers and consumers?	Marin Bozic Patrick Lunemann
12/27	Technology / Science	Your password of gibberish isn't good enough to stop today's best hackers. We'll look at the latest in cyber security and efforts to create new computers that can protect your data.	Peter Neumann Mat Honan
12/27	State Government / Education	We'll come down to the state level and look at what we might expect from lawmakers on the topic of education funding when they return to the Capitol next month.	Paul Marquart Kelby Woodard
12/27	Books / Environment	William Souder speaks at the University of Minnesota Bookstore about his book, "On a Farther Shore: The Life and Legacy of Rachel Carson." This year marks the 50th anniversary of her influential book, "Silent Spring."	William Souder
12/28	Media	Our panelists take a look at the big news stories of 2012, and how the media fared in covering those stories.	Friday Roundtable: Jane Kirtley Wendy Wyatt Chris Clonts

12/28	Education	Holding up the examples of Microsoft's Bill Gates and Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg, some soon-to-be college students are skipping the traditional higher education path. What do some of these higher education alternatives look like?	Jim O'Neill Blake Boles Rick Wartzman
12/28	Health / Science	Veterinarian Justine Lee will join us again to take calls from listeners on all their animal-related questions.	Justine Lee
12/28	Sports / Education	Historian Brian Ingrassia speaks about the origins of college football in the late 1800's and traces the evolution of the sport to a multi-million dollar athletic spectacle on university campuses. His new book is "The Rise of the Gridiron University: Higher Education's Uneasy Alliance with Big-Time Football." He spoke November 9, 2012 at the Clinton School of Public Service in Little Rock, Arkansas.	Brian Ingrassia
12/31	National Government / Politics	A Capitol Hill deal to avert the "fiscal cliff" was proving elusive Sunday as a deadline to avert tax hikes on virtually every American worker and block sweeping spending cuts grew perilously near.	Bricklin Dwyer Lori Montgomery
12/31	Health / Science	The U.S. Supreme Court's decision on the healthcare reform law may have dominated health news in 2012, but there were many other big medical stories. We'll discuss the discoveries that captured our attention.	John Noseworthy Brent Asplin
12/31	Books	We'll take a look back at the best books of 2012. We covered a lot of literary ground on The Daily Circuit this year, and many of the books featured on the show have ended up on critics' lists of top reads.	Ron Charles David Ulin
12/31	Business / Economics	<b>Part 1:</b> The founder of Surly Brewing Company, Omar Ansari, speaks with MPR's Stephen Smith, host of the "Bright Ideas" series. -----	Amar Ansari
	National Government / Politics	<b>Part 2:</b> Live coverage of President Obama's statement on the fiscal cliff negotiations.	Barack Obama

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07/02	Law / National Government / Politics	Thursday's monumental Supreme Court health care decision, and Chief Justice Roberts deciding vote, was a surprise to many. How will the new health care law play out, and what does the ruling mean for Justice Roberts' legacy?	Susan Bloch Brad Joondeph
07/02	Environment / Nature / Science	Duluth continues its cleanup efforts following the June 20 flood. Plans to rebuild could be influenced by climate change. The flood caused major damage to the city's private property, infrastructure and public works.	Brian Stone, Jr. Diane Desotelle
07/02	Environment / Science	In "What a Plant Knows," biologist Daniel Chamovitz uses plant research to explain how plants survive, adapt and react to their surrounding environment. How much do humans have in common with plants?	Daniel Chamovitz
07/02	National Government / Politics / Health	On the day of the Supreme Court ruling upholding President Obama's health care law, a panel debates the pros and cons of the American health care system and ideas for insurance reform.	Aspen Ideas Festival: David Brooks Vin Weber Tom Daschle
07/03	Science / Health / Medicine	New evidence suggests that the rise in allergic and autoimmune disorders in the past few decades is due, at least partly, to our obsession with sanitation and aversion to dirt. Do we need to dirty up our diets to stay healthy?	Jeff Leach Rob Knight
07/03	Science / Health / Medicine	Minneapolis-based General Blood is breaking into the \$4.5-billion-a-year blood distribution business. How are they convincing hospitals to buy blood from them instead of the American Red Cross, which controls 44 percent of the blood supply?	Ben Bowman
07/03	Sports / Culture	Sports play a role in our culture and our personal lives even if we aren't fans of the game. This year marks the 40th anniversary of Title IX and the summer Olympics in London. How have sports been a positive or negative catalyst for change over the years?	Dave Zirin Mary Jo Kane

07/03	History	Financier, historian and philanthropist David Rubenstein tells the story of American independence and suggests we should celebrate the day on July 2, when the Continental Congress voted for independence.	Aspen Ideas Festival:
07/04		No listings for July 4, 2012	
07/05	Economics / Social Issues	Roughly four years into the housing crisis, there are still tens of thousands of foreclosures happening every month. We'll look at new initiatives and the impact they are having on homeowners and the housing market.	Prentiss Cox David Snyder Chris Gray
07/05	Business / Economics / National Government	The U.S. Postal Service has been on a slow decline, running deficits in the billions of dollars every fiscal year with 650,000 employees. What is the future of the post office in America, and what can -- or should -- be done to save it?	Ian Lee A. Lee Fritschler
07/05	Environment / Health	Minneapolis is continuously listed as one of the most bike-friendly cities in America. We'll take your questions about the rules of the road and talk about how to stay safe this summer.	Mike Magnuson Steve Clark
07/05	National Politics	Boston Globe reporter Michael Kranish tells the Aspen Ideas Festival what he learned about GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney in five years of research and reporting for his book, "The Real Romney."	Michael Kranish
07/06	Demographics / Business / Law / Politics	Our panelists discuss the voter ID amendment, the racial unemployment gap in the Twin Cities, and whether U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts changed his vote on healthcare reform.	Melvin Carter III Raleigh Levine David Cazares
07/06	Science / Education	Is scientific theory inaccessible to the general public? Astrophysicist Martin Rees argues it's accessible to everyone in his new book, "From Here to Infinity." He joins us to discuss the ideas behind his book.	Martin John Rees
07/06	Environment / Nature / Health	Wondering what to do when you find an injured or orphaned critter in your yard? Phil Jenni, executive director of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota, will join us to take your questions about handling injured animals.	Phil Jenni

07/06	Behavioral Science / Culture	The birth of a new idea could be the strongest force for change that we know. Understanding where ideas come from can help us harness the power of our thoughts. In this hour, we'll explore what happens when ideas interact and procreate. Then, we'll look at how to broaden our approach to cultivating ideas from the quieter voices in the room.	TED Radio Hour: Matt Ridley Susan Cain Steven Johnson
07/09	Business / Economics	U.S. employers added only 80,000 jobs in June, according to the latest Labor Department report released on Friday. We'll look at how to maximize the results of your job search in tough economic times and get advice from employment counselors.	Amy Lindgren Paul DeBettignies
07/09	Arts / Culture / Social Issues / Business	NPR All Things Considered intern Emily White recently sparked a heated debate on the station's blog about music consumption in the digital age when she mentioned how little of her music she's actually paid for in her lifetime. What pay model works best for listeners and artists?	Jeremy Messersmith Sean McPherson Emily White
07/09	Parenting / Family Life / International Law	Minnesota is the top state for international adoptions per capita, but tighter regulations have caused those numbers to decline. What are the options for American families looking to adopt internationally?	Dana Johnson Maureen Warren Jodi Harpstead David McKoskey
07/09	Law / National Government / Politics / Health / Economics	Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel and other panelists at the Aspen Ideas Festival discuss the Supreme Court ruling and the future of health care reform. Will the political rhetoric die down? Will a new president and Congress repeal the Affordable Care Act? What difference would this make to health care and the economy?	Aspen Ideas Festival: Ezekiel Emanuel Tyler Cowen Neera Tanden David Leonhardt
07/10	Business / Economics / International Politics	Analysts believe that the United States may be inching toward independence from foreign oil in as little as 20 years. How would a shift in our dependence on oil change our foreign policy and interactions?	Ed Morse Michael A. Levi
07/10	Education	The controversy surrounding the ouster and reinstatement of University of Virginia president Teresa Sullivan last month has sparked a national debate involving private sector influence on public education.	Richard Legon Jeff Selingo

07/10	Ethics/ Science / Health	This month marks 34 years since the first test tube baby was born. While the procedures are becoming quite common, ethical questions linger. What are these concerns?	Susan Wolf Erik Parens
07/10	Military / International Government / Politics	Retired chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mike Mullen is interviewed by NPR's Steve Inskeep about American values in military action and diplomacy around the world. What is the role of a military superpower in the 21st century?	Aspen Ideas Festival: Mike Mullen Steve Inskeep
07/11	National & State Politics	As the 2012 presidential election draws near, what is the one issue that will bring you to the polls? We discuss voters' top election issues and how they might play out in the upcoming election.	Jason Johnson Tim Hagle
07/11	Military / Law / Gender Issues	There were more than 19,000 rapes or sexual assaults in all military branches in 2010, according to an estimate from the U.S. Department of Defense. What is being done to prevent sexual assaults in the military?	Anu Bhagwati Jen Norris
07/11	Business / Economics / Technology	How close are we to a mostly cashless society? According to the majority of people surveyed recently by Pew, mobile-device swiping will have largely replaced cash and credit cards within a decade. What would the changes mean for us?	David Wolman Susan Crawford
07/11	National Politics	Four of the country's top political observers were convened at the Aspen Ideas Festival to discuss the key issues for voters, and the effectiveness of campaign tactics, in the 2012 presidential election.	Aspen Ideas Festival: Charlie Cook Ron Brownstein Molly Ball Mike Allen Gwen Ifill
07/12	Tourism / Business	With the increase of low-cost airline carriers such as Spirit and JetBlue, the experience of travel has changed and flier satisfaction has dropped. How has the culture of travel changed, and what is the future of airlines in America?	Ben Mutzabaugh William McGee
07/12	Ethics / Conservation / Science	The recent flooding at the Duluth zoo and numerous dolphin deaths at the Minnesota Zoo made us think about the issues surrounding animals in captivity. Is it ethical? And what is the purpose of zoos today?	Jeffrey Hyson Jordan Schaul

07/12	Government / Economics / Business	In an attempt to balance the city budget, Scranton, Pa. slashed all city worker pay last week to minimum wage. Would raising the minimum wage provide a better quality of life for hourly workers?	Jordan Weissmann David Neumark
07/12	Business / Economics / Government	David Rubenstein of the private equity firm the Carlyle Group and real estate and media owner Morton Zuckerman say business confidence is low, consumer confidence is low and confidence in government is low. How will this combination of negative attitudes affect the US economy? What are the latest and most important economic indicators?	Aspen Ideas Festival: Morton Zuckerman David Rubenstein
07/13	Parenting / Family Life	This week on the Friday Roundtable, we've invited panelists to continue our conversation about adoption. Adult adoptees have been at the forefront of advocacy for changes that put a child's interest first.	Friday Roundtable: Kim Park Nelson JaeRan Kim Kelly Fern
07/13	Tourism / Parenting / Family Life	It's peak season for family vacations and many will choose to hit the road instead of fly. But traveling long distances by car with children can worry any parent. Can the family road trip be an enjoyable and memorable experience?	Elizabeth Foy Larsen Suzanne Rowan Kelleher
07/13	Environment / Science / Health / Economics	Two years ago this Sunday, the BP wellhead that ruptured in the Gulf of Mexico was capped. The disaster killed 11 people and spilled nearly five million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. How has the Gulf recovered and what have we learned?	Antonia Juhasz Aaron Viles
07/13	Government	For centuries, cities have been bringing people together. For the first time in history, more than half the world's population lives in cities. What draws people to them? What changes when we live closer together? We investigate the future of our urban zones, and what cities offer humanity toward a sustainable future.	TED Radio Hour: Stewart Brand Robert Neuwirth Ellen Dunham-Jones Geoffrey West
07/16	Education / Health / Medicine	As high schools and colleges continue to become more competitive, students are seeking out medication for an academic edge. What's the cost when these drugs get into the hands of students who don't actually need them?	Judith Warner Leonard Sax

07/16	Sports / Science	Watching elite athletes at the top of their game is quite a spectacle, but what makes them great? Are these athletes simply born with skills and bodies that the majority of people lack, or does their greatness come from dedication and practice?	John Krakauer Michael Joyner Trevor Moawad
07/16	Education / Social Issues	Teach for America is one of the largest service programs in the country, with more than 10,000 corps members. The program has also received push back from people who think the program is contributing to the demise of American schools.	Gary Rubenstein John Kaczorek
07/16	International Government / Economics	The IMF forecasts weaker global economic growth in its report out today and says the European debt crisis is dragging down emerging market nations as well as the rest of the global economy. International panelists at the Aspen Ideas Festival say the European Union has structural flaws and the euro crisis is a "dagger" pointed at the US economy.	Aspen Ideas Festival: Simon Johnson Richard Haass Beppe Severgnini Clive Crook
07/17	Military / National Government / Politics	Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the former top commander of international forces in Afghanistan, recently said that America should bring back the draft if it ever goes to war again. What would this change mean for the United States?	Lawrence Korb Elliot Feldman
07/17	Sports / Health / Books	The 'Life Cycle Of An Athlete' series looks at life after the headlines for elite athletes. What's life like after competition and what are the long-term physical and psychological consequences?	BBC "Life Cycle of an Athlete" series
07/17	State / National Government / Politics	It's been a busy summer so far for Gov. Mark Dayton. Since we last spoke to him in March, northern Minnesota has flooded, he returned from a trip to China and the Supreme Court affirmed the constitutionality of the health reform law.	Mark Dayton
07/17	National Government / Politics / Social Issues	Former Minnesota U.S. Rep. Vin Weber says if people don't change their attitudes toward solving problems, changes in the congressional process itself won't make any difference at all. He made his remarks at this year's Aspen Ideas Festival.	Aspen Ideas Festival: Vin Weber Melody Barnes

07/18	State / National Politics /	As the election gears up, strategy teams are beginning the push to get voters to the polls. Researchers are attempting to find the best way to motivate people -through science and cognitive psychology - and are discovering that traditional methods may be outdated.	Shane D'Aprile Dan Schnur
07/18	Health / Science / Books	Is illness part of life or something we're unnecessarily suffering from? Is a disease something you get or something the body does? In David Agus' book "The End of Illness," the oncologist and researcher looks at illness from a preventative standpoint.	David B. Agus
07/18	Health / Science	Have you noticed that a lot of the most creative people you know are also a bit eccentric? That's not a coincidence - there's neuroscience that backs it up. From Emily Dickinson to Albert Einstein to Steve Jobs, we look at the link between creativity and eccentricity.	Shelley Carson Rex Jung
07/18	Gender Issues / Business / Media	Anne-Marie Slaughter speaks at the Aspen Ideas Festival about her controversial cover story in The Atlantic, "Why Women Still Can't Have it All." She's interviewed by television journalist Katie Couric. Random House announced Tuesday it is publishing her book on the same subject in 2014.	Aspen Ideas Festival: Anne-Marie Slaughter Katie Couric
07/19	Business / Economics / Demographics	The recent mortgage crisis in America devastated thousands of individuals - but some groups were hit harder than others. The consequences of the subprime lending crisis have disproportionately affected minorities, particularly black Americans.	Darrick Hamilton James Carr
07/19	International / National Government / Politics	Foreign Policy Editor-in-Chief Susan Glasser explores Hillary Clinton's tenure as U.S. secretary of state. Glasser charts Clinton's evolution from outspoken advocate during her time as first lady, to a diplomatic, strategic leader in her current position.	Susan Glasser
07/19	Sports / Health	Veteran news correspondent Lynn Sherr's new book, "Swim" examines why we love the water - through history, anecdote and Sherr's own quest to swim across the channel separating Asia and Europe.	Lynn Sherr

07/19	Sports / Education / Books	The authors of "The Shame of College Sports" and "Game On: The All-American Race to Make Champions of our Children" discuss their ideas with a college basketball coach and a NCAA vice president.	Aspen Ideas Festival: Taylor Branch Wallace Renfro Craig Robinson Joe Nocera Tom Farrey
07/20	Sports	Panelists look ahead to the upcoming London Olympic games and discuss the experience of training for - and participating in - the most famous sporting event in the world. What is it like to compete for gold?	Friday roundtable: Caitlin Gregg Rachel Blount John Roethlisberger Justin Leopold
07/20	Sports	With the 2012 London Olympics fast approaching, it's time to look back at the most memorable moments in the history of the games. With athletes like Usain Bolt and Michael Phelps already expected to win big, the pressure is on for the 2012 games.	David Wallechinsky
07/20	National Politics / Government	GOP Rep Michele Bachmann has increased her claims that a number of federal officials have ties to the Muslim Brotherhood. In an interview with radio host Glenn Beck on Thursday, Bachmann accused DFL Rep. Keith Ellison of having "a long record" with the Muslim Brotherhood.	Alex Seitz-Wald Lauren Fox Jim Graves
07/20	Education	Ideas from three speakers on how to change the way teaching and learning occur in American classrooms.	TED Radio Hour: Ken Robinson Salman Khan John Hunter
07/23	Sports / Education	The NCAA announced its punishment for Penn State this morning following a child sex-abuse scandal involving former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky. Penn State faces a \$60 million fine, as well as four-year postseason ban.	Michael Buckner Chuck Smrt Mary Jo Kane
07/23	International Government / Military	The United States has been in Afghanistan for more than a decade and lost nearly two thousand soldiers, yet the goals of the war remain unclear and elusive. In his new book, 'Little America,' Rajiv Chandrasekaran looks at what went wrong.	Rajiv Chandrasekaran
07/23	Education / Science / Books	Like many kids, Marlene Zuk spent much of her childhood fascinated by insects. As she grew up that passion lead her to career in science. Her newest book, "Sex on Six Legs," examines how even the smallest creatures lead complex lives.	Marlene Zuk

07/23	Leadership / Politics / Media	Five long-time observers of the presidency tell an Aspen Ideas Festival audience the keys to leading the country and working with Congress. The discussion features a former senator, a former White House adviser to four presidents, and three experienced award-winning journalists.	Aspen Ideas Festival George Mitchell David Gergen Andre Mitchell Joe Klein Michael Kranish Ron Brownstein
07/24	Economics / National Politics / Government	The Great Recession had devastating effects for American families. Layoffs, foreclosures and income loss all contributed to a decline in lifestyle - and morale. How can Americans rebuild the wealth lost during the Great Recession?	Dana Goldstein Phillip Longman
07/24	Family Life / Demographics / Books	In "Yes, Chef," world-renowned chef Marcus Samuelsson tells the story of growing up as an adopted Ethiopian boy cooking with his Swedish grandmother. His new memoir is "his love letter to food and family in all its manifestations."	Marcus Samuelsson
07/24	Health / Medicine	In the aftermath of the Aurora, Colorado shooting, the mental health of 24-year-old suspect James Holmes is being called into question. How can mental illness lead to serious tragedies, and what are the warning signs to look for in young adults?	Harold Koplewicz Frank Farley
07/24	International Government / Politics	Three experienced diplomats and foreign policy experts discuss the options for U.S. policy around the world, in what the Aspen Ideas Festival moderator dubbed "the tryouts for Secretary of State."	Aspen Ideas Festival: Nicholas Burns Robert Kagan James Steinberg Jeffrey Goldberg
07/25	National Politics / Military	President Obama and Mitt Romney courted military veterans this week at the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention. What have they done for veterans, and what can we expect for veteran support?	Shad Meshad Barry Jesinoski
07/25	Sports / Economics /	BBC's security correspondent takes a look at the work behind the security operations of the 2012 Olympics in London. The cost of the security is estimated at one billion pounds.	BBC Documentary: Securing the Games
07/25	Arts & Culture / Books	Novelist Alan Furst's World War II-era spy novels regularly top The New York Times bestseller list. He's out with his latest thriller, "Mission to Paris" and joined The Daily Circuit to discuss it.	Alan Furst

07/25	National Politics / Military	President Barack Obama and his Republican challenger, former Gov. Mitt Romney, gave foreign policy speeches this week to the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in Reno, Nev. Hear both speeches in their entirety on MPR News Presents.	Barack Obama Mitt Romney
07/26	Education / Business / Social Issues	We hear a lot about the richest 1 percent in America these days, but a Duke University researcher says we should focus on the smartest 1 percent instead. How do they affect our GDP, and are we nurturing the next generation of the cognitive elite?	Jonathan Wai Frank Lawlis
07/26	Leadership / Social Relationships	With the upcoming presidential elections, candidates are trying their best to relate to voters and appear charismatic. But what is charisma? Two researchers say that the trait doesn't come from leaders themselves, but from their followers.	Alex Haslam Stephen Reicher
07/26	Arts & Culture / Books	Daniel Silva's latest spy novel, "The Fallen Angel," opens with a murder in St. Peter's Basilica to weave a mystery of corruption in the Vatican. The story follows Gabriel Allon, an art restorer and Israeli intelligence agent.	Daniel Silva
07/26	Sports	Two former Olympians, Michelle Kwan (1998 & 2002) and Tom McMillen (1972) share their Olympic memories and discuss the meaning of the Olympic movement with sports journalists Christine Brennan and Jeremy Schaap.	Aspen Ideas Festival: Michelle Kwan Tom McMillen Jeremy Schaap Christine Brennan
07/27	Social Issues / Sports / Politics	Our panelists discuss the Colorado movie theater shooting, the NCAA's penalties against Penn State, and Rep. Michele Bachmann's claims of U.S. government infiltration by the Muslim Brotherhood.	Friday Roundtable: Susan Gaertner Jim Ragsdale Jose Santos
07/27	Education / Culture / Books	Mignon Fogarty is the 'Grammar Girl' - answering silly and challenging questions you've been embarrassed to ask about trickier parts of language. Her latest book tackles the words that can wreak havoc on your writing and vocabulary.	Mignon Fogarty
07/27	History / Arts & Culture / Books	The Library of Congress created a list of 88 books that shaped America. From Thomas Paine to Toni Morrison, the LOC hopes this list will start a discussion about books written by Americans that influenced our lives.	Gordon Hutner Mark Dimunation

07/27	International Government / History / Economics	There are many stereotypes about Africa: that it's a place of conflict, of disease, war and famine. Or that it's a single place rather than a continent of 54 distinct countries. TED speakers who are constructing new realities for their respective countries -- and for the African continent a whole.	NPR's TED Radio Hour: Ory Okolloh Chimamanda Adichie Eleni Gabre-Madhin Emeka Okafor Patrick Awuah Ofeibea Quist-Arcton Andrew Mwenda
07/30	National Politics / Government / Economics	The U.S. House took up a Senate-passed bill this week that would limit Bush-era tax cuts to the first \$250,000 of income. With both the White House and Congress up for grabs in the November elections, the debate - and the eventual deal - has higher stakes than ever.	Kevin Hassett Chuck Marr
07/30	Tourism	Tourism is up worldwide as populations boom and the middle-class in many countries expands. But not every country is ready for a great influx of tourists, and tourism agencies are struggling to adapt.	Doug Lansky Joe Diaz
07/30	Education / Ethics	There was no shortage of new cheating scandals in academic settings in the past few months. But a new problem is beginning to surface: Many students don't even understand what constitutes cheating.	David Callahan Don McCabe Victor Dorff
07/30	National Politics	Columnists Mark Shields and Michael Gerson join Jim Lehrer at the Chautauqua Institution to analyze the presidential election. Both think the national convention speeches and the 3 presidential debates will be critical to victory for Obama or Romney. They offer suggestions on how to deal with a highly polarized electorate.	Mark Shields Michael Gerson Jim Lehrer
07/31	Demographics / Economics / Politics	Current demographics show a growing presence of minorities in small towns and suburbia as well as large cities becoming minority-majority populations. The changes continue to shape communities and force tough conversations on race, economics and shared priorities.	Ron Brownstein Kai Wright Myron Orfield
07/31	International Law / Government	After the mass killings of civilians in Houla, the BBC looks at the state of the court, whether current flaws can be overcome, and the prospects for future international justice. Currently, any path to an investigation by the International Criminal Court doesn't look promising.	BBC Documentary

07/31	Health / Medicine / Science	Mosquitoes have been called "mans' deadliest foe". They spread diseases like malaria, dengue fever and West Nile. To stem the spread of these sometimes deadly diseases, scientists are beginning to alter their genetics.	Daniel Strickman Eric Hoffman
07/31	International Government / Ethics	When there are people in harm's way anywhere on the globe, what is the US responsibility to stop it? Do the American people have a moral responsibility to protect other people from genocide, civil war, mass slaughter, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity?	Aspen Ideas Festival: Michael Abramowitz Steven Carter Dele Olojede Anne-Marie Slaughter
08/01	National Politics / Education	Gearing up for the election, President Obama and Mitt Romney have each formed their own education platforms that may, from some angles, seem unusually similar. How will this impact the upcoming debates, and will the topic even garner adequate attention?	Paul Peterson Fawn Johnson
08/01	History / State & National Politics	Five years ago, the I-35W bridge over the Mississippi River in Minneapolis collapsed, killing 13 people and injuring more than 100 others. After the disaster many lawmakers called for increased funding and regulation to improve our nation's infrastructure.	James Oberstar Jack Basso David Goldberg
08/01	Books / Parenting / Family Life	As 38-year-old Joel Stein prepares for the birth of his son, the Time magazine staff writer decided to go on a "manquest" to learn about some of the more manly things in life he's neglected. He spent time with firefighters, Boy Scouts, learns about baseball, goes hunting and becomes a day trader.	Joel Stein
08/01	Books / Media / Politics	New York Times opinion columnist Gail Collins says we all have a stake in what happens in Texas. Her newest book is titled "As Texas Goes: How the Lone Star State Hijacked the American Agenda." Hear her analysis of the Texas identity, the 2012 election and the future of newspapers.	Commonwealth Club of California: Gail Collins
08/02	Behavioral Science Education	Car accidents are the leading cause of death for teenagers. Some experts think scaring teens with images of crashes is the way to get teens to realize how serious driving is. Others say that's not the way to build skills necessary to produce good drivers.	David Strayer Chris Mullen

08/02	Finance / Education	Money-related concerns are top sources of stress for college students, according to a recent report by Inceptia. How should students, especially freshmen, manage their money well? Are there new tools or resources for students on money management?	Kelli Grant
08/02	Law / Science	The St. Paul Police crime lab scandal brought up questions about the use of forensic evidence in court. This isn't the first lab to face criticism of tainted evidence and poor science practices. What can be done to ensure that crime labs process all evidence correctly?	Christine Funk Jay Siegel
08/02	Science / Economics	The Intelligence Squared debate series was staged to debate the motion, "No Fracking Way: The Natural Gas Boom is Doing More Harm Than Good." Two experts on each side debated the pros and cons of natural gas development and the hydraulic fracturing technology used to extract natural gas.	Aspen Ideas Festival: Deborah Goldberg Katherine Hudson Joe Nocera Sue Tierney
08/03	Business / Media / Sports	This week on the Friday Roundtable, our panelists will discuss Best Buy founder Richard Schulze's plan to buy back the company, Jonah Lehrer's resignation from The New Yorker after publishing fake Bob Dylan quotes and the Olympics	Andrew Eklund Catherine Squires David Cazares
08/03	National Politics / Business / Economics	The latest jobs report shows U.S. employers added 163,000 jobs in July. President Obama and Mitt Romney are sure to spin the numbers in their favor in upcoming speeches. How much do the jobs numbers really matter for the results of an election?	Dean Baker Jim Tankersley
08/03	Books / Media	The Splendid Table host Lynne Rossetto Kasper is joining The Daily Circuit Friday to discuss all things grilling. She's out with a new book, "A Summertime Grilling Guide" and has her ongoing Key 3 series.	Lynne Rossetto Kasper
08/03	Medicine / Science	Three doctors debate the pros and cons — and the costs and benefits — of high-tech and genomic medicine.	Aspen Ideas Festival: Ezekiel Emanuel Eric Topol Margaret Hamburg
08/06	Labor / Economics	Amid booming business and record profits, Caterpillar seeks concessions from workers. The company and the machinists' union in Illinois have been deadlocked since June. What are the larger implications?	Bob Bruno William P. Boehler

08/06	Books / Science	After receiving a magic kit from his dad when he was 5 years old, Alex Stone became hooked on illusions and the mysterious nature of the magic scene. In his new book, "Fooling Houdini," Stone explains the science of illusion through psychology, neuroscience and physics.	Alex Stone
08/06	Technology / Politics / Social Media	As technology evolves, so must political polling. The classic model had people answering specific questions over the phone. In the age of social media, cell phones and instant messaging, what's the future of political polling?	Joe Lenski Kirby Goidel Philip Resnick
08/06	Books / Science	Brian Greene of Columbia University discusses his best-selling books, "The Elegant Universe" and "The Hidden Reality." He says science is about big ideas, not technical details.	Pen Pals Lecture: Brian Greene Stephen Smith
08/07	Technology / Politics	The presidential campaigns are using high-tech tools to tailor messages to voters by compiling bits of data to figure out what arguments will win their favor. But sometimes they get it wrong.	Eitan Hersh Lois Beckett
08/07	Sports / History	The BBC profiles Team Rwanda, the national cycling team, in a country known for the 1994 100-day genocide of an estimated 800,000 people, mainly ethnic Tutsis.	BBC Documentary
08/07	Science / Education / National Government	With low test scores in math and science and a growing need for workers in science-related fields, the spotlight is back on improving science education.	Pat Wingert Karen Panetta
08/07	State Politics	Three DFLers seeking their party's nomination for Congress in the 8th District debate the major issues in Brainerd at a debate sponsored by the non-partisan group, Debate Minnesota.	Tarryl Clark Rick Nolan Jeff Anderson
08/08	Demographics / Economics	The idea of generational conflict isn't new, but lately it seemed to take on an uglier tone as the economy continued to stall. Are the Millennials' woes a consequence of the Baby Boomers' success? Or is this all a red herring? Can we all find some common ground?	Chris Farrell Joel Kotkin

08/08	Law / Health / Economics	Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick signed a bill into law this week that aims to balance and control costs of the state's health care system. It's the first state to attempt to cap overall health care spending, both private and public, at a growth rate steady with the state's economy.	Amy Whitcomb Slemmer Joshua Archambault
08/08	Business / Economics	The average American is moving away from the traditional grocery store and buying groceries elsewhere. Consumers looking for cheaper options are moving toward big-box options like Wal-Mart, while others are opting for high-end specialty stores such as Whole Foods.	Phil Lempert Jim Hertel
08/08	Social Media / Technology	Google's executive chairman speaks about the role of the internet in spreading democracy and building community. He says the digital world has removed the limitations of time and space and made society closer. Schmidt urges people to use the "virtual world" to make your "real world" experience bigger and more meaningful.	Aspen Ideas Festival: Eric Schmidt
08/09	National Politics	Poverty in America is rising to levels not seen since the 1960s. Instead of offering solutions for America's poor, President Obama and GOP challenger Mitt Romney are focusing their campaign efforts on the middle class.	Peter Edelman Oleta Garrett Fitzgerald
08/09	Health / Science	Choosing Wisely, a national campaign that debuted back in April, asked nine medical specialty organizations to choose five tests that doctors and patients should question because they are often unnecessary or ineffective. Are you being over tested?	H. Gilbert Welch Steven Nissen
08/09	Books / Science	In Stuart Firestein's new book, he argues that ignorance is the engine of science. Should we really think of ideas like the scientific method as something set in stone?	Stuart Firestein
08/09	Religion	A new documentary about the rise of Islamist governments in the Middle East and the rights of religious minorities.	America Abroad Documentary: Katherine Lanpher host
08/10	Politics / Government	This week on the roundtable, our panelists discuss congressional primary races in Minnesota and other states. Will these races indicate anything we can expect for the fall elections?	Rachel Stassen-Berger Mike Zipko Barbara Palmer

08/10	Economics / Family Life	How does debt affect your relationship? With more people in America accruing debt, many worry about taking on their partners' student loans or credit card debt. Ruth Hayden will take your questions.	Ruth Hayden
08/10	Science	The dramatic landing of the Mars rover Curiosity is one of the big science stories of the summer. We'll talk with two science writers about what this achievement means for American science and space exploration.	Maggie Koerth-Baker Ivan Semeniuk
08/10	History / Public Policy /Government	A Chautauqua Lecture given Aug. 7, 2012 by civil rights leader, former Atlanta Mayor, Georgia Congressman and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Andrew Young.	Chautauqua Lecture Series: Andrew Young
08/13	National Politics / Government	Mitt Romney's choice of Wisconsin Congressman Paul Ryan as his running mate has turned the Presidential election in part into a referendum on the role of government in the economy and society.	Sarah Imhof Jonathan Bernstein Stephen Parente
08/13	Law / Government / Social Issues	The First Amendment protects Americans' right to free speech and assembly - even that which many of us find offensive and potentially dangerous. Where is that thin line between hate speech and a real threat?	Brian Levin\ Heidi Beirich Pete Simi
08/13	Books	Two of our favorite book critics will give us a roundup of some of the best books that have come out this summer, and what titles will have a lot of buzz this fall.	Janice Harayda Ron Charles
08/13	Military / History / Ethics	Rajiv Chandrasekaran recounts the history of America's longest and most complicated war. The author of "Little America: The War Within the War for Afghanistan" told a Commonwealth Club audience there is no confidence that Afghanistan will not fall back into chaos, but America has an ongoing moral obligation to the people of Afghanistan.	Commonwealth Club: Rajiv Chandrasekaran
08/14	National Politics / Demographics / Gender Issues	Single women are one of the country's fastest-growing demographic groups, but they are not a monolithic voting bloc. Are their votes up for grabs?	Page Gardner Sabrina Schaeffer Nadia Brown
08/14	Health / Medicine	According to the National Institute on Mental Health, over 40 million American adults have an anxiety disorder, yet only a third of anxiety-ridden adults seek treatment.	Daniel Smith Dr. Jonathan Abramowitz

08/14	History / Books	In his book, Snow-Storm in August, Jefferson Morley explores the tensions over abolitionism and slavery that led to a now-forgotten race riot.	Jefferson Morley
08/14	Books / Politics / Social Relationships	David Brooks speaks about character, values and the importance of protecting our most important institutions. His views are outlined in his latest book, "The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character and Achievement."	Aspen Ideas Festival: David Brooks
08/15	National Politics	A new ABC poll shows that more independents favor President Obama than his challenger, Mitt Romney. Are these independent voters truly independent? What issues matter to them in this election?	Linda Killian Jon Cohen
08/15	History / Health	A look at the famous IE scale published by Julian Rotter in 1966 which measured whether people believed they could affect the course of their life or if their life plan was due to luck or fate. The test is still used widely today in different forms.	BBC World Service: Claudia Hammond Julian Rotter
08/15	Philanthropy / Education	A group of foundations that make grants to journalism education and innovation recently wrote an open letter asking journalism schools to blend more practice with scholarship.	Eric Newton Emily Ramshaw
08/15	Economics / Business	The chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers speaks about the job situation for middle class Americans. Krueger is a labor economist on leave from Princeton University.	Aspen Ideas Festival: Alan Krueger
08/16	National Government / Politics / Environment	In his reelection campaign, President Obama has been touting his record and criticizing GOP challenger Mitt Romney for his dismissive attitudes toward alternative energy. What has Obama done, and how does that stack up to what he said he would do?	Lance Brown Ken Silverstein
08/16	National Politics	In a general election with a predetermined Republican candidate up against an incumbent, one could argue that the time and money spent on national party conventions is a waste. Will the RNC and DNC be of any use this time around?	Julian Zelizer Robert Weiner Michael V. Miller

08/16	Education / Medicine	A few medical schools have been leading the way to provide third-year medical students the opportunity to work with patients and get to know them beyond the procedures and health issues that land them in a clinic or hospital.	David Hirsh Kathleen Brooks
08/16	Politics / Books	The author of "Republic, Lost" says President Obama promised to change the way Washington works, and he did not. Lawrence Lessig says the founders never imagined our representative democracy would evolve to a point where we have two elections: a "money" election and a "voters" election. In a republic, he says campaigns need to be dependent on the people, not the funders.	Lawrence Lessig
08/17	Politics	This week on the Friday Roundtable, our panelists examine the state of political advertising. We'll look at what's true, what's false and why political ads are so uncreative.	Catharine Richert John Rash Christine Dennis
08/17	Politics / Books	Politicians tend to take themselves very seriously. That's why we're fortunate enough to have writers like Calvin Trillin, who's been gently poking fun at politicians for decades.	Calvin Trillin
08/17	Arts / Culture	Can just one song really be the song of summer? We listen and muse over the best songs of summer 2012 and talk about upcoming fall albums.	Gerrick Kennedy Annie Zaleski
08/17	History	On the 150th anniversary of the start of the US-Dakota War, MPR presents a documentary "Minnesota's Uncivil War," additional MPR reports, and interviews with historian Annette Atkins.	MPR Special Report Documentary
08/20	International Government	Monday is the United Nations' deadline for Somalia to take the final steps in order for a new president to be elected as the transitional government ends. What measures are still needed in order to ensure a smooth election?	Abdi Kusow Abdi Samatar Laura Yuen
08/20	Economics / Parenting / Family Life	Minnesota ranked the second most-costly state for full-time center-based infant care in the country, according to a new report from Child Care Aware of America. What accounts for the high prices?	Chad Dunkley Ann McCully

08/20	Politics / Books	After Paul Ryan was named Mitt Romney's running mate, a lot of attention has been paid to his self-declared affinity for Ayn Rand. And it's not just him - a lot of influential American politicians cite Rand as a major influence.	Gary Weiss Anne C. Heller
08/20	War / Books	Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist David Rohde was kidnapped by the Taliban in Afghanistan in 2008. He spoke at the Chautauqua Institution on August 17, 2012 about his forthcoming book, "Beyond War: The Failed American Effort to Back Moderate Muslims Since 9/11."	Chautauqua Lecture: David Rohde
08/21	Law / Business	When credit card companies try to get consumers to pay their unpaid bills, they allegedly use fake documents and generic testimony to make their case in court. We'll take a look at the debt collection practices of credit card companies.	Mark Heaney Jeff Horwitz
08/21	Medicine / Science / Social Issues	Breakthroughs in medicine and science have nearly doubled life expectancy in developed countries since the 20th century. While many view that as a positive, others see it as a burden. Do we need to re-frame how we view aging in America?	James Pacala Linda Fried
08/21	Conservation / Environment / Economics	As money and manpower run low, scientists are beginning to acknowledge that not all critically endangered species can or should be saved. So how do we choose what species will live and what will die? How can those decisions be made?	Michelle Nijhuis Holly Doremus
08/21	Books / Environment	Journalist Peter Maass speaks to the Chautauqua Institution about his new book, "Crude World: The Violent Twilight of Oil." He explores the local and global problems oil has created in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Russia, Nigeria, Venezuela and beyond.	Chautauqua lecture: Peter Maass
08/22	Environment	When President Obama was in Iowa talking wind energy, Mitt Romney campaigned in coal country and promised energy independence for North America by the end of his second term. Where does Romney stand on energy and how would he differ from Obama?	Kevin Book Daniel Simmons

08/22	Sports	In 2000, the Spanish Paralympics basketball team was caught pretending to have mental disabilities during the Sydney Games, prompting the organization to ban athletes with learning disabilities. During this year's London games, the ban is lifted in swimming, table tennis and athletics.	BBC Documentary: Inside the Paralympics
08/22	Books / Politics	As we gear up for the start of political convention season next week, we take a look at the world of political books. What are your favorite political books? What books are more relevant today than ever before?	Lissa Muscatine J. Peder Zane
08/22	Arts & Culture / History	Science fiction writer Ray Bradbury, who died in June 2012, giving a Pen Pals lecture in the Minnesota back in 2000 about the influences on his life and work. He was born Aug. 22, 1920.	Pen Pals lecture: Ray Bradbury
08/23	Government / Economics	To kick off the first live show of The Daily Circuit at the Minnesota State Fair Thursday, we've invited the Twin Cities mayors to talk about their recently released city budgets and compete in a game of Twin Cities trivia.	Chris Coleman R. T. Rybak
08/23	Environment Science	Live at the Fair Thursday, we're talking weather with MPR meteorologists Paul Huttner and Craig Edwards. We'll discuss the ongoing drought, Minnesota's classification as a fast warming state and the Duluth flooding.	Paul Huttner Craig Edwards
08/23	Arts / Culture	Kathleen Turner was in town starring in the national tour of the play 'HIGH.' She talked with us about the difference between the screen and the stage and the importance of listening to other actors.	Kathleen Turner
08/23	Health / Parenting	MPR's regular medical analyst, Dr. Jon Hallberg, joins Tom Crann at MPR's State Fair booth to answer questions about health and medical concerns related to the state fair, the end of summer and the beginning of the new school year.	Jon Hallberg
08/24	Science / History	Macalester geology professor Kristi Curry Rogers has been researching dinosaurs for more than a decade. She'll join us to talk about her latest research.	Kristi Curry Rogers

08/24	Education	Have questions about end-of-summer home repair projects? Home inspector John Trostle and contractor Samantha Strong join the show at the Fair to give advice and make suggestions.	John Trostle Samantha Strong
08/24	Arts / Culture / Books	Legendary blues musician Buddy Guy is out with a new memoir, "When I Left Home: My Story." The book chronicles his journey from the cotton fields of Louisiana to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.	Buddy Guy
08/24	Economics / Business	MPR's Kate Smith hosts American Public Media economics editor Chris Farrell at the MPR State Fair booth, to answer audience questions about how the economy is affecting household budgets. Wages, interest rates, pensions, prices, the stock market, unemployment, mortgage finance, and more.	Chris Farrell
08/27	Education	The middle school years are tough: It can be difficult socially and it's the crucial time to identify potential high school dropouts to try to reverse their course. What can be done to make sure the middle-school years are the best they can be?	Amber Damm Deborah Kasak
08/27	Politics / History	Between Pussy Riot, the Occupy movement and demonstrations in Europe over the economy, it seems the world is always protesting. But are these protests really effecting change, or are they merely an outlet for anger?	Michael Kazin Ralph Young
08/27	Politics	Political slogans can be the difference between a campaign that sounds tight, focused, and smart, and a campaign that's in search of itself. What makes a campaign slogan work?	Dan Schnur Pete Snyder
08/27	History	LIVE at MPR's Minnesota State Fair booth, host Stephen Smith and his guest Brian Horrigan of the Minnesota Historical Society discuss the legacy of Charles Lindbergh.	Stephen Smith Brian Horrigan
08/28	Politics / Demographics / Social Issues	In order to compete with President Obama's turnout in 2008, the Republicans need to woo younger voters - many of whom don't fit the traditional idea of the party's values. Many young Republicans are leaning more moderate on social issues while voicing conservative economic views.	Karen Agness Jackie Curtiss Paul Conway

08/28	Business	The Twin Cities is one of the top metropolitan areas for highly skilled workers in the U.S. with the H-1B visa. Why is the demand so high here and in other metro areas you wouldn't expect? Does the program help grow talent?	Isaac Cheifetz Neil Ruiz
08/28	Technology / Law / Business	The verdict against Samsung last week and the continued rumors of a new iPhone 5 to debut next month are bringing the tech industry to the forefront of consumers' minds this month. How will the verdict impact anticipated product launches?	Omar Gallaga Meghan Kelly
08/28	National Politics / Government	The three candidates vying for Minnesota's 4th Congressional District seat say job creation would be their top priority in Congress - but they have dramatically different views on how to grow employment.	Tony Hernandez Steve Carlson Betty McCollum
08/29	National Politics / Demographics	The Republican National Convention in Tampa is a chance for the party to highlight its own rising Latino political stars and pitch Latino voters. What pitches are they making and which political figures should we be watching?	Susan MacManus Mark Hugo Lopez Luz Urbaz Weinberg
08/29	Business / Economics / Demographics	We've heard a lot recently about Millennials and their economic woes. As young people continue to hold off on the purchasing of cars and houses, we look at if this is due to their economic struggles or a changing ideology on major purchases.	Derek Thompson Jordan Weissman
08/29	National Government / Politics	The House and Senate passed their versions of the farm bill before leaving town, but still have a long way to go to passing a final version before they adjourn for the year. What needs to be resolved to ensure passage?	Vincent H. Smith
08/29	National Politics / Government	When it comes to policy issues facing Minneapolis residents and the nation, Minnesota's 5th Congressional District Rep. Keith Ellison and his Republican opponent Chris Fields couldn't be further apart.	Keith Ellison Chris Fields
08/30	National Politics / Business	We'll discuss Republican vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan's speech at the Republican National Convention in Tampa as well as how the candidates are talking about the economy.	John Nichols Jodi Schneider Aaron Blake

08/30	Education / Government	Minnesota schools will learn how they rate under a new system of measuring school progress that's debuting Thursday. How does it compare to No Child Left Behind?	Brenda Cassellius Kent Pikel Peter Olson-Skog Chris Richardson
08/30	Arts / Culture	The fall arts season is set to open next month, and three guests will join The Daily Circuit to discuss what they're excited about for music, theater and dance in the Twin Cities this upcoming year.	Graydon Royce Caroline Palmer Andrea Swensson
08/30	National Politics / Government	The pair, both vying to represent Minnesota in the Senate, traded barbs on nearly every major issue facing Minnesota and the nation, from taxes and the economy to the Obama administration's timeline for pulling troops out of Afghanistan.	Amy Klobuchar Kurt Bills
08/31	National Politics	GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney officially accepted his party's nomination Thursday night in Tampa, Fla. with a speech on the convention floor. We'll recap the speech, examine its effectiveness and wrap up our coverage from the Republican National Convention.	Vin Weber Thomas Whalen Charlton McIlwain
08/31	Law / Social Issues / Books	Journalist Nancy Mullane went into an assignment to report on the costs of incarceration. Out of her time spent behind bars with prisoners, Mullane has pulled out the stories of five convicted murderers who were sentenced to life without parole in her new book, "Life After Murder."	Nancy Mullane
08/31	National Politics	Lifted by a show of Republican unity that once seemed so distant, Mitt Romney plunged into the presidential campaign's final 67 days focused more than ever on jobs and the economy, and depicting President Barack Obama as a well-meaning but inept man who must be replaced.	Mitt Romney
08/31	State Politics / Government	MPR's Tom Crann hosts Gov. Mark Dayton on the Carousel Park stage at the Minnesota State Fair to answer questions from the audience about the major issues facing the state.	Mark Dayton
09/03	Science	Have you ever wondered what the inside of a sperm whale looks like? Joy Reidenberg knows. She's a comparative anatomist, going "Inside Nature's Giants" on the PBS series.	Joy Reidenberg

09/03	Leadership / Social Relationships	With the upcoming presidential elections, candidates are trying their best to relate to voters and appear charismatic. But what is charisma? Two researchers say that the trait doesn't come from leaders themselves, but from their followers.	Alex Haslam Stephen Reicher
09/03	Family / Social Relationships	Have you recently suffered through a torturous family get-together? Are you dealing with a paranoid significant other? Washington Post advice columnist Carolyn Hax joined The Daily Circuit for calls.	Carolyn Hax
09/03	Business / Labor	On Labor Day, an American RadioWorks documentary about women working in the northern Minnesota iron mines, titled "No Place for a Woman."	American Radio Works documentary
09/04	National Politics /	Following the comments from Rep. Todd Akin, R-Mo. on abortion and the consequent debate, we'll look at the extremism in the conversation over women's rights. How can we depolarize this issue and find some common ground?	Molly Ball Janet Robert Frances Kissling
09/04	Medicine	Veterinarian Justine Lee will join The Daily Circuit Tuesday to talk about the life of a crisis care vet, and to take calls from listeners on all their animal-related questions.	Justine Lee
09/04	National Government / Economics	In his new book, Neil Barofsky chronicles his time as the man in charge of regulating the use of bailout money by banks. His controversial account sheds a light on the complex ties between federal government and big banks.	Neil Barofsky
09/04	Education	American Federation of Teachers president Randi Weingarten, in conversation with Walter Isaacson	Aspen Ideas Festival: Randi Weingarten Walter Isaacson
09/05	National Politics	Even though Democrats didn't permit lobbyists and companies from giving directly to their party convention's host committee, there is plenty of money-driven wining and dining going on in Charlotte. Why is it worth it for lobbyists?	Chris Frates Anna Palmer Sheila Krumholz

09/05	Business / Economics	More than 40 million Americans are freelance workers and temporary employment is up more than 20 percent this year. Some workers do it by choice, but some have become temporary workers by necessity.	Peter Cappelli Sara Horowitz
09/05	National Government / Economics / Books	We've heard about America's budget deficit and how politicians plan to get the country's spending in line with revenue. But how can we better understand such a large budget?	David Wessel
09/05	Education	An American RadioWorks documentary. More people are attending college than ever before, but a lot of them aren't finishing. Only 9 percent of low-income students graduate by age 24. Why are so many students quitting, and what leads a few to beat the odds and make it through?	American RadioWorks Documentary
09/06	National Politics	As President Obama prepares for his acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention, we'll look at what might be on the minds of many American voters, no matter political persuasions.	G. Terry Madonna Ron Fournier Matt Bennett
09/06	Government / Technology / Law	In a New York Times op-ed last month, Shane Harris looked at a decade of secret government surveillance and why we're still powerless against it. Have Americans given up on fighting against domestic surveillance, particularly in the digital world?	Shane Harris Mike German
09/06	Books	Author Adam Johnson will join us to discuss his acclaimed novel "The Orphan Master's Son." The book tells the story of Pak Jun Do, a young man who grew up in North Korea in the orphanage his father ran.	Adam Johnson
09/06	History / National Government	Timothy Naftali delivers a Chautauqua Lecture titled, "The Peacock and the Bald Eagle: The Remarkable Relationship Between JFK and Eisenhower." Their relationship turned out to be very important for the future of the country.	Timothy Naftali
09/07	National Politics / Government	President Barack Obama gave his acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention Thursday night in Charlotte, N.C. As we recap his speech, we're also looking at the latest jobs report due out Friday morning. What does the report mean for Obama's post-convention momentum?	Heidi Moore Jason Johnson Dan Gerstein

09/07	Government / Politics	The Metropolitan Council is kicking off a series of community listening sessions this month as it creates a 10-year regional plan. The agency is taking resident input on how it can address changing economic, transit and housing needs of the region.	Susan Haigh
09/07	National Politics	His re-election in doubt, President Barack Obama aimed to persuade economically strapped middle class America to return him to the White House in a prime-time speech Thursday night closing out the Democratic National Convention.	Barack Obama
09/07	History	Time magazine journalists Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy present an insider's view of the private relationships among the last 13 presidents. From President Truman to President Obama, how did the office of the presidency shape each man, and how did they relate to one another?	Chautauqua Lecture Series: Nancy Gibbs Michael Duffy
09/10	National Politics	Exaggerations, falsehoods, lies - call them what you will, fact checkers are working overtime this campaign season digging through political ads and speeches. We'll talk about fact and fiction on the campaign trail.	Jim Fallows Trevor Parry-Giles
09/10	Science / Books	In Caleb Scharf's new book, "Gravity's Engines," the astrophysicist looks at the most recent research on one of the great mysteries of outer space: black holes. Some of the latest data shows a new side to these elements of understanding space-time.	Caleb Scharf
09/10	Education / Economics	As the student loan crisis continues to grow - with loans increasing 60 percent in the past five years - some individuals are unable to pay their bills. But unlike other debts, student debt cannot be relieved by declaring bankruptcy.	Ron Lieber Rafael Pardo
09/10	National Politics / Law / Books	Norm Ornstein and Thomas Mann, speaking at the University of Minnesota about their new book, "It's Even Worse Than it Looks: How the American Constitutional System Collided With the New Politics of Extremism." Former Vice President Walter Mondale, who also served in the U.S. Senate, shares the stage.	Norm Ornstein Thomas Mann

09/11	Politics / Religion / Social Issues	As voters take a stand on marriage amendments, the economy and women's rights, religion continues to have an influence. How are different religions coming together on issues? Will religion drive turnout or be a deal-breaker for voters?	David Innes Sally Steenland
09/11	National Politics / Government	In an op-ed published Monday in the National Journal, New American Leaders Project Founder Sayu Bhojwani argues that President Barack Obama's deferred-action immigration policy did not go far enough.	Sayu Bhojwani
09/11	Military Books	In 'The Long Walk,' Brian Castner tells the story of his three tours of duty in the Middle East, spending his days disarming improvised explosive devices and collecting those that already detonated.	Brian Castner
09/11	Education / Business	The rapid rise of for-profit colleges has provoked heated debate, opening up new conversations about the costs, quality and purpose of higher education. In this documentary, correspondent Emily Hanford examines the history and influence of the University of Phoenix, one of the nation's largest colleges, and explores how Phoenix and other for-profits are shaping the future of higher education.	American RadioWorks Documentary
09/12	National Politics	We get a timely update on the current climate of battleground states in this election cycle. Did either candidate get a post-convention bounce in these states? What states are looking like unexpected battlegrounds?	J. David Woodard Paul Beck
09/12	National Politics / Science	How do President Obama and Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney stack up on major science issues? Scientific American and ScienceDebate.org partnered to ask the presidential candidates 14 top science questions.	Christine Gorman Fred Guertl Francesca Grifo
09/12	Politics / Religion / Ethics	Should straight couples who support same-sex marriage delay their own marriage to support same-sex couples who can't legally marry? Randy Cohen, the original "Ethicist" for The New York Times Magazine, tackled the ethics behind the action.	Randy Cohen

09/12	International	An attack on the U.S. consulate in the Libyan city of Benghazi has killed the American ambassador to Libya and three other Americans. This attack followed protests in Cairo over an American film that ridicules the Prophet Muhammed.	BBC: "World Have Your Say"
09/13	Business / Economics	The Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America is touring the country to help homeowners and banks reach workable solutions to avoid foreclosure. What works to help homeowners in trouble, and how is the housing crisis playing out across the country?	Bruce Marks Ed Nelson
09/13	Medicine / Health	A new Mayo Clinic study shows that doctors have a much higher burnout rate than any other profession. What does the research mean for patient care, and how will the problem be addressed as the population ages and more and more people require medical care?	Lotte Dyrbye Elaine Schattner
09/13	Religion / Social Issues	Krista Tippett, host of public radio show On Being, is starting a series of public discussions on contentious issues in American civic discourse. The discussions will represent people with opposing views, but who have managed to find common ground.	Krista Tippett
09/13	International Government / Religion	After an attack in Libya that killed four Americans earlier this week, the U.S. Embassy compound in Yemen is the scene of the latest anti-American protest in the Middle East. Hundreds of protesters stormed the embassy compound today and burned the American flag. Our coverage of this breaking story continues with the BBC's "World Have Your Say"	BBC: "World Have Your Say"
09/14	Minnesota Politics / Government	We'll look at Gov. Mark Dayton's renewed call for taxes on the highest income earners, why there isn't a viable third party, and how the conventions set up the last 60 days of the presidential race.	Friday Roundtable: Bill Salisbury John Wodele David Cazares
09/14	International Government / Religion	In the wake of the attack on the U.S. consulate in Libya, we'll look at the evolution of the Arab Spring. Could tension between Islamists and secularists threaten the stability of the new governments in Egypt and Libya?	Eric Schwartz Nancy Youssef

09/14	National Politics	We are less than two months from the presidential election and an August Gallup poll shows that voter engagement is down from 2008 and 2004. Now that the conventions are over, what will it take to get voters engaged in this election?	Michael McDonald Ben Goldfarb
09/14	Government / Leadership	In a speech this week at St. John's University, former NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw describes how a renewed commitment to public service could help bridge the nation's growing political divide.	Tom Brokaw
09/17	National Politics	Since President Obama first gave the "you didn't build that" speech in July, the phrase has been ubiquitous on the campaign trail. Why has it gained so much traction?	Simon Johnson Rachael Larimore
09/17	Education	One of our favorite wordsmiths is University of Minnesota linguist Anatoly Liberman. He joins us to discuss words and word origins.	Anatoly Liberman
09/17	Religion / Books	Eboo Patel, founder of InterFaith Youth Core and a member of President Barack Obama's Faith Council, is out with a new book titled 'Sacred Ground.'	Eboo Patel
09/17	Science / Politics	Documentary about the Apollo space program and the political climate that shaped the trip to the moon. The first man to walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong, was buried at sea on Friday.	Documentary: Washington Goes to the Moon
09/18	Education / Labor	With the Chicago teachers' strike in its second week, what's the broader significance of the strike on education reform and union battles in the United States? And what will an ongoing strike mean for the presidential race?	Mike Petrilli Andrew P. Kelly Adam Loreda
09/18	National Politics / Government	This November, American voters will be faced with a choice between two very different views from the presidential candidates on the proper role of government. It can be seen with one of the major issues of this election -- President Obama's health care reform bill.	David Callahan Nicholas Eberstadt Jason Johnson
09/18	Social Relationships / Economics	Not long ago, retirement for many meant moving to Florida or Arizona. One worked hard, saved hard, and moved somewhere warm. However, as a new generation plans their retirement, not all retirees are flying south or completely fleeing from family.	Chris Farrell

09/18	National Politics / Government	In their third US Senate Debate, Democrat US Sen. Amy Klobuchar debates her Republican opponent Rep. Kurt Bills, at a Tuesday morning event in Duluth Playhouse.	Kurt Bills Amy Klobuchar
09/19	Politics / Government / Military	The presidential candidates have unique visions of the money that should be increased - or decreased - for our national defense. So how much does the U.S. spend on military and defense, and what areas deserve more focus?	Megan Scully Larry Korb Russell Rumbaugh
09/19	Science / Technology	A \$10 million prize is on the line when teams compete next year to be the first to accurately sequence genomes from 100 centenarians. The Archon Genomics X Prize competition is accepting applications through May of next year.	Larry Kedes Kevin Davies
09/19	Science	In 1987 L. Ron Hubbard challenged his fellow science fiction writers to predict what the world would be like in 25 years - 2012. What did they predict for 2012 and what is the relationship between science fiction and the future?	Sara Robinson Chris McKitterick
09/19	International Protest / Religion	How should Muslims react to the cartoons of Muhammad?	BBC: "World Have Your Say": Live call-in program
09/20	Military / Behavioral Science	New studies continue to show the toll war takes on those who fight them. Rates of prescription drug misuse and binge drinking among active duty personnel is on the rise.	William Milberg Regina McGlinchey David Rudd Ramsey Sulayman
09/20	Science / Health	New research has found a link between older fathers and higher rates of autism and schizophrenia in their children, upending the long-held belief that older mothers were the primary contributor to a child's health.	Judith Schulevitz Dolores Malaspina
09/20	Environment / Government / Business	Earth Island Journal examined the world of for-profit trash collection and its influence on state composting policies. What kind of power does big trash have in America?	Jason Mark Peter Anderson\ Tim Brownell
09/20	National Government	Ray Suarez of the America Abroad series explores the key foreign affairs situations most likely to face the next president, and the foreign policy positions of President Barack Obama and his Republican challenger Mitt Romney.	America Abroad: Ray Suarez

09/21	Religion / International Protest	As protests continue in the Middle East over an online video that mocked the Prophet Muhammad, our panel will look at the debate over art and free expression, and what happens when art provokes violence.	Roundtable: Syl Jones Mohannad Gha
09/21	Education / Economics / Philanthropy	In 2005, a group of donors in Kalamazoo, Mich. announced they would pay in-state college tuition for every student who graduated from the district's high schools. Is the program boosting the town's economy?	Ted Fishman Michelle Miller-Adams
09/21	Environment / Economics	The melting Arctic ice is a major concern for climate change and global warming experts, but for some the changing landscape could bring in new economic opportunities. How will the new normal impact our daily life and economy?	Walt Meier Heather Conley
09/21	Religion / Social Issues / Politics	Krista Tippett explores some of the deep divides in American life, which only become more polarizing in an election year. Today's discussion, "The Next Christians."	Civil Conversations Project: Krista Tippett Gabe Lyons Jim Daly
09/24	Government / Economics	New research from the National Poverty Center shows that, while 1996 welfare reform has helped poor families, the "deeply poor" have seen a decrease in funds. This segment of the population has income of less than \$11,500 for a family of four.	Marci Ybarra Craig Helmstetter
09/24	Ethics / Media	"What's wrong with America?" Stephen Walt asks in a recent article in Foreign Policy. His answer: lack of accountability, especially among political pundits. What are the larger cultural impacts of this lack of accountability? What can be done to remedy it?	Stephen Walt Jane Kirtley
09/24	Health / Science / Books	David Quammen's new book, 'Spillover,' takes readers around the world in search of the next worldwide pandemic. The latest reports on the emerging new diseases miss a pattern: They are transmitted from wild animals to humans through spillover.	David Quammen
09/24	Politics	Speaking at the University of Minnesota Humphrey School on Friday, Sept. 21, former Minnesota Republican Rep. Vin Weber said there is still time for Mitt Romney and the Republicans to sell an "opportunity agenda."	Vin Weber

09/25	International Relations / Government	President Barack Obama is scheduled to address the United Nations Tuesday and is expected to discuss unrest in the Muslim world. We'll be carrying the speech live and then analyzing his remarks with our guests.	Barack Obama Ric Stoll Carla Anne Robbins
09/25	State Government / Health	Ten days after the election, states are required to submit plans for a web-based health care exchange under the 2010 Affordable Care Act. Gov. Mark Dayton has said that he hopes to meet the deadline and finalize it in January.	Julie Appleby Lucinda Jesson David Hann
09/25	Business / Economics	More American companies, and some foreign, are "reshoring" their manufacturing plants. Reshoring or insourcing refers to the practice of moving production jobs back to or close to the United States. What is causing this shift?	Harold Sirkin Josh Whitford Dave Murphy
09/25	Demographics / Politics	Jennifer Lawless of American University speaks about "American Elections: Is 2012 the Year of the Woman?" Held at the University of Minnesota Humphrey School's Center for the Study of Politics and Governance.	Jennifer Lawless
09/26	Education / Demographics	About 65 percent of Minnesota's black male students graduate from high school. That's 13 percent above the national average, according to a report released last week by the Schott Foundation for Public Education. Nationally, the Foundation says it would take 50 years for black males to achieve the same graduation rates as white males.	John H. Jackson Valeria Silva Pam Costain
09/26	Health / Science	What is it like living with deafness? In this BBC documentary, Dr. Carinne Piekema speaks with people in the deaf community and auditory neuroscience experts to look at what causes deafness and where research developments are helping repair damaged hearing.	BBC Documentary
09/26	History / Politics / Books	Abraham Lincoln allegedly called Harriet Beecher Stowe "the little lady who started the big war" after she wrote 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' in 1852. The book was included on The Library of Congress' list of books that shaped America.	Mark Dimunation David Reynolds

09/26	Technology / Education	Digital technologies are changing how many Americans go to college, from online courses to robo-tutors. Can these innovations make college cheaper and more accessible without sacrificing learning? American RadioWorks examines that question.	American RadioWorks documentary: Keyboard College Stephen Smith
09/27	Science / Health	A new study published this week in Nature is reshaping the scientific understanding of breast cancer. The findings divide breast cancer into four distinct types and researchers expect the study will lead to treatment innovations.	Matthew Ellis Douglas Yee Frances Visco
09/27	National Politics	Last week's news cycle was dominated by Mitt Romney's comments made earlier this year about the 47 percent of Americans he described as people "who are dependent on government." What makes some gaffes fatal and others not?	Basil Smikle Steve Lombardo
09/27	Books	We'll air Kerri Miller's conversation with author Junot Diaz from the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul. His latest book is "This is How You Lose Her." This was the first Talking Volumes of the season.	Kerri Miller Junot Diaz
09/27	National Politics / History	The authors of "The Presidents Club: Inside the World's Most Exclusive Fraternity," speaking at the Westminster Town Hall Forum about the essence of the presidency through the personal and political relationships of America's modern presidents.	Westminster Town Hall Forum: Nancy Gibbs Michael Duffy
09/28	Politics	This week on the Friday Roundtable, our panel will discuss deception on the campaign trail. When so much of what we hear in political ads (and from the candidates themselves) is factually questionable, what's a voter to do?	Friday Roundtable: Kathleen Hall-Jamieson Catherine Squires Diane Tran
09/28	Politics / Media / Social Issues	Have you been to a gathering lately where you didn't dare mention who you were voting for? Have you scrubbed your Facebook page of any political mention because the deluge was just too much? How can you hold civil, yet spirited, conversations?	Amy Dickinson
09/28	Media / Politics	Before TV shows like Colbert Report and the Daily Show, political cartoons were known for playing the role of satirists and providing biting political commentary. What's the role of editorial cartoons today?	Signe Wilkinson

09/28	National Politics	Hear their first face-to-face debate, held Thursday September 26, 2012 at Somerby Golf Club near Rochester. The debate focused on jobs and the economy and was moderated by Tom Overlie of KTTC-TV in partnership with the Rochester Chamber and MPR. 12:00 p.m.	Tom Overlie Tim Walz Allen Quist
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FCC Quarterly Programming Report April 1 — June 30, 2012**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Synopsis</b>	<b>Guest/Reporter</b>
04/02	State Politics / Government	Minnesota's legislative retirement list this year, currently at 31, is rather long. We talk with a couple of veterans and a rookie about how they came to their decision and why. We speak with Sen. Linda Higgins, Rep. Nora Slawik and Sen. Al DeKruif.	Nora Slawik Linda Higgins Al DeKruif
04/02	Health / Family Life	Autism cases are on the rise again, largely due to wider screening and better diagnosis, federal health officials said Thursday. What does this mean for families with children on the spectrum, and for the kids themselves?	Roy Richard Grinker Marshalyn Yeargin-Allsopp
04/02	Education / Social Issues	After the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a theology professor at the College of the Holy Cross sought out young black men to integrate into the all-white school. Among them were a future Supreme Court justice and a Pulitzer Prize winner.	Diane Brady
04/02	Science	Stephen Smith talks Titanosauria with dinosaur expert Kristi Curry Rogers. She's a vertebrate paleontologist who conducts field research in Montana, Madagascar, and Zimbabwe and teaches at Macalester College in St. Paul. They talk about dinosaur bones, why some of sauropods got smaller as they evolved and how she reconstructs the lives of these long extinct creatures.	Bright Ideas: Stephen Smith, host Kristi Curry Rogers
04/03	National Politics	How much power does a president have to persuade others? George C. Edwards III, professor of political science at Texas A&M University said by the time a president makes it to the White House they think they can persuade anyone.	George C. Edwards Frances Lee
04/03	Health	We all know that unwanted noise can annoy us, but recent studies have found that noise can lead to a host of health problems such as hypertension and cardiovascular disease - it can even change the way we speak.	Lorraine Maxwell Richard Neitzel
04/03	Science / Education	If the gender gap has narrowed and girls outperform boys in math and science courses, why are females still underrepresented in science and math programs and careers?	Karen Panetta Lana Flakes
04/03	History / Social Issues	David Treuer, an Ojibwe Indian from the Leech Lake Reservation in northern Minnesota, speaks at the Minneapolis Central Library as part of the Hennepin County Library's "Talk of the Stacks" series. His new book is titled, "Rez Life: An Indian's Journey Through Reservation Life."	Talk of the Stacks series: David Treuer

04/04	Science	Dolphins have big and complicated brains and scientists are learning more about what they do with them. Diana Reiss, an expert on the behavior of dolphins, will talk about the intelligence, self-awareness and extraordinary potential of dolphins.	Diana Reiss
04/04	Politics	Opposition research is staple of almost all elections and two researchers -- Alan Huffman and Michael Rejebian -- know just how dirty politics can get. We go inside the process of digging up the dirt on candidates.	Alan Huffman Michael Rejebian
04/04	Business / Economics	Facebook is stepping up its patent dispute with Yahoo by filing its own lawsuit against the struggling Internet icon. The buying and selling of patents is nothing new in the tech world. Some companies specialize and profit big from "trolling" for patents and suing over the smallest infringement.	James Bessen Susan Decker
04/04	Health	World renowned physician, alternative medicine pioneer and best-selling author Deepak Chopra speaks at the National Press Club in Washington about the connections between mind, body, spirit and healing.	National Press Club: Deepak Chopra
04/05	Health	Being diagnosed with cancer at any age is a terrifying thing, but for young people, a cancer diagnosis can mean falling into a unique treatment limbo. Young adults are often faced with receiving treatment among children in pediatric wards, or with elderly patients in oncology wards.	Brad Zebrack Jenna Langer
04/05	Nature / Environment	National Geographic photographer Paul Nicklen has traveled the world capturing the extremes of life. From a face-off with a deadly predator to his attempt to get narwhals on film, Nicklen will discuss his adventures.	Paul Nicklen
04/05	Social Issues	Three years ago, the late U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy sponsored a bill to expand national service jobs. Common connections, understanding and stories have been decreasing as the class divide continues to grow. Can service unite a country by bringing people of all classes and backgrounds together?	Ken Harbaugh Michael Brown
04/05	Government	The Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service Douglas Shulman explains the efforts to assist taxpayers, while also making sure everyone pays what they owe.	National Press Club: Douglas Shulman
04/06	Nature / Technology	The cities of Albert Lea and Duluth each tested their warning sirens earlier this week and they failed. City officials quickly went to work to figure out why. Can we rely on technology to prepare for severe weather?	Paul Douglas
04/06	Economics / Economics / Gender Issues	When it comes to the economy, things are different for men and women. As the White House holds a forum on women and the economy, we look at three economic issues and how they specifically affect women in the workforce.	Alice Eagly Hilary Lips Sara Laschever

04/06	Sports / Gender Issues	Roundtable: Women in Augusta National Golf Club. NCAA student-athlete panelists discuss why Augusta National Golf Club is still resisting female members, and whether the NCAA should give up on the ideal of the student athlete.	John Munson Rick Kupchella David Cazares
04/06	Government / Politics	Professor Suzanne Mettler of Cornell University speaks at the University of Minnesota's Center for the Study of Politics and Governance about her book, "The Submerged State: How Invisible Government Policies Undermine American Democracy."	Suzanne Mettler
04/09	Government / Economics	Last week, House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan said he didn't "think the generals are giving us their true advice" on the defense budget. What is the significance of this tension between belt-tightening and increased military spending?	Kevin Baron Gordon Adams
04/09	Culture / Arts	Who is the world's greatest living novelist? The Atlantic says Philip Roth. We check in with John Freeman, editor of Granta, and Marjorie Kehe, book editor for the Christian Science Monitor, about their picks.	John Freeman Marjorie Kehe
04/09	Health / Science	There's a growing trend of young girls starting puberty at an earlier age. Doctors don't know if the earlier development is linked to environmental stressors or outside hormones, but it is leading to problems.	Louise Greenspan Julia Graber
04/09	History / Social Issues	On April 9, 1939, Marian Anderson sang at the Lincoln Memorial after being denied access to the DAR Hall. Eleanor Roosevelt promoted Anderson's cause, and influenced FDR's thinking and decisions on civil rights thereafter. Historians discussed the key civil rights milestones of Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower in a forum on "The Presidency and Civil Rights" held February 20, 2012 at the JFK Library in Boston.	JFK Library Forum: Allida Black David A. Nichols Carol Anderson Ernest Green
04/10	Media / Politics	A grand jury that was set to convene Tuesday in the Trayvon Martin case has been called off. As the case continues to develop, do people think the coverage has been excessive, or has the story just become a political litmus test?	Earnest Perry Richard Prince
04/10	Business / Economics	Target, Wal-Mart, Kohl's and Kmart opened their doors 50 years ago and changed the retail landscape, consumer habits and American culture. How will these "big box" businesses adapt in order to survive?	Natalia Zmuda Barbara Kahn
04/10	Culture / Arts	English professor Mary Bly lives a second life: She's also a romance novelist. Her latest book "Paris in Love" under pseudonym Eloisa James, documents her family's life in Paris.	Mary Bly

04/10	International Government / Politics	UN negotiations with Iran open April 13, 2012 in Istanbul, and the situation is increasingly tense. This documentary explores the history of Iran's nuclear effort, the role of sanctions and the possibility of military strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities.	America Abroad Documentary: "Iran and the Bomb"
04/11	Health Parenting	When socialite Dara-Lynn Weiss wrote an essay in Vogue about putting her 7-year-old obese daughter on a diet, it set off a whirlwind of controversy. What should parents do if their child is overweight?	Kelly Brownell Suzanne Rostler
04/11	Culture / History	David Crystal, an expert on the English language, leads readers through a history of our vernacular in his latest book, "The Story of English in 100 Words."	David Crystal
04/11	Economics / Family Life	With high unemployment rates and the cost of living continuing to rise, sociologist Katherine Newman is out with a new book looking at the rising number of "accordion families."	Katherine Newman
04/11	Sports	A National Press Club broadcast featuring the executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association Michael Weiner, and former stars Bobby Bonilla and Tony Clark. They discuss salaries, union contracts, performance-enhancing drugs, smokeless tobacco and other controversies.	National Press Club Michael Wiener Bobby Bonilla Tony Clark
04/12	National Politics	While young people have historically been less likely to vote than older people, the young voters showed up to the polls in record numbers during the 2008 elections. Will this trend continue and who will benefit?	Scot Keeter Sara Burris
04/12	Social Issues	We know friendships are important, so why do we place less value on male friendships? For American men, growing up often means embracing adulthood alone and leaving behind the deep friendships of childhood - but that autonomy comes at a cost.	Niobe Way Geoffrey Greif
04/12	Health / Science	We're spending the hour talking about food. We'll look at the importance of understanding calories, if sugar is toxic and why Americans can't get enough of the food trends.	Marion Nestle Kimber Stanhope
04/12	Science / Human Behavior	A Commonwealth Club appearance by science writer Jonah Lehrer, author of the New York Times #1 best-seller "Imagine: How Creativity Works." He explains the science of creativity and says it is not a gift, but rather a thought process that can be learned.	Commonwealth Club: Jonah Lehrer
04/13	Business	During our show on bad bosses last month, we got a lot of comments from listeners about bad employees too. How much impact can one or a few bad employees have on a workplace?	Robert Sutton Tim Cole
04/13	Nature	Master gardener Rebecca Kolls will be discussing the best tips for getting your garden into shape for the growing season and answer your questions on all things plant related.	Rebecca Kolls

04/13	Politics	Our Roundtable panelists discuss the Trayvon Martin case, whether Rick Santorum made Mitt Romney a better candidate, and the uproar over Ozzie Guillen's comments on Fidel Castro.	David Cazares Larry Jacobs Jose Santos
04/13	Government / Politics	First elected in 2001, Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak told a U of M audience the job is more personal and emotional than he thought; the challenge is to align government spending with values. He spoke April 12, 2012 as part of the Center for the Study of Politics and Governance "Connecting with Government" series.	R. T. Rybak
04/16	International Government / Technology	Shawn Henry, the former FBI executive assistant director, has declared that the United States is losing the war on internet security. Governments, corporations and criminals around the world are all battling over the control of the internet. Is this World War 3.0?	Michael Joseph Gross James Lewis
04/16	Science	Even though most of us were born into a solar system with nine planets, we now live in a solar system of eight thanks to the work of Mike Brown five-and-a-half years ago. His discovery led to an international body of astronomers demoting Pluto from a planet to a new category of dwarf planet.	Mike Brown
04/16	Health / Science	Every day a new study comes out that says something is good for you or bad for you or debunks conventional wisdom about our health. Managing health information can become very confusing when taking in conflicting studies or reports.	Jane Brody Timothy Caulfield
04/16	Arts	Actor Alec Baldwin is spokesman for Americans for the Arts. He discussed the importance of the arts in a live address at the National Press Club in Washington.	National Press Club: Alec Baldwin
04/17	Media	Anthony Shadid, foreign correspondent and the author of 'House of Stone,' died in Syria this February. His widow, New York Times journalist Nada Bakri, will talk about the loss of her husband and their time as journalists in the Middle East.	Nada Bakri
04/17	Social Issues / Technology	Why are we more addicted than ever to stupid digital games? Reporter Sam Anderson says that popular games reflect the societies in which they are created and played. What can we learn about our society from our hyper-addictive gaming tendencies?	Sam Anderson Zach Gage
04/17	History	During this week 150 years ago, President Lincoln signed the Compensated Emancipation Act to free thousands of slaves in the nation's capital. We mark the sesquicentennial of the Civil War with two historians: Adam Goodheart and James McPherson.	Adam Goodheart James McPherson

04/17	History / National Government	Author and former Senate staffer Ira Shapiro, in conversation with former Vice President and US Senator Walter Mondale on April 11th at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School. Shapiro's new book is "The Last Great Senate: Courage and Statesmanship in Times of Crisis."	Ira Shapiro Walter Mondale
04/18	National Politics / Social Issues	When Democratic strategist Hilary Rosen said Ann Romney hadn't worked "a day in her life," it set off a firestorm of controversy about women's work. What are the choices working moms have to make?	Jessica Toft Leslie Morgan Steiner
04/18	Business	Workspace design is more than a pretty picture, new paint, updated desks or moving to a new energy-efficient building. It's about accommodating the way we work and is a reflection of an organization's culture.	Steve McConnell Diane Stegmeier
04/18	Media / Social Issues	Have you recently suffered through a torturous family get-together? Are you dealing with a paranoid significant other? Washington Post advice columnist Carolyn Hax is here to take your call.	Carolyn Hax
04/18	Politics / Education	Politicians and reformers are calling for changes in how teachers and trained, evaluated, hired and fired. Studies show students with the best teachers learn a lot more than students with the worst teachers. What makes a good teacher?	American Radio Works Documentary: "Testing Teachers"
04/19	Media / Business	Last month, public radio's 'This American Life' retracted its most popular show ever after it was discovered that Mike Daisey's monologue regarding working conditions in Apple's Foxconn factory in China had been partially fabricated.	Rob Schmitz Mark Oppenheimer
04/19	Education	The recession affected thousands of law students who thought their newly minted JD degree would be a golden ticket to financial security. Instead, many graduates were unable to find any type of legal-related work and face the anxiety of repaying their loans.	Aaron Taylor Kyle McEntee
04/19	History / Science	Mountain climber and arctic explorer Lonnie Dupre has a new book out called "Life on Ice," which chronicles 25 years of polar exploration. Fellow Minnesotan Ann Bancroft is getting ready for another expedition in November 2012.	Lonnie Dupre Ann Bancroft
04/19	Education / Business	In an increasingly competitive global economy, the best jobs go to highly skilled workers who can think well and learn fast. Many experts say today's college graduates aren't up to the challenge.	American Radio Works Documentary: "Don't Lecture Me"
04/20	Sports / Media	Our three Friday Roundtable panelists this week will discuss the ongoing Vikings stadium saga, what the Twin Cities population will look like in 25 years and the death of TV icon Dick Clark.	David Cazares Patricia Lopez Peter Bell

04/20	Religion	When cultural commentator Eric Metaxas spoke at this year's Presidential Prayer Breakfast, he decried "phony religion." He'll discuss his views on faith, politics and what it means to live like a true Christian.	Eric Metaxas
04/20	Arts	Kathleen Turner is in town starring in the national tour of the play 'HIGH.' She talks with us about the difference between the screen and the stage and the importance of listening to other actors.	Kathleen Turner
04/20	Environment / Science	On the second anniversary of the Deepwater Horizon BP oil spill, a new documentary from Alex Chadwick's BURN: An Energy Journal series, "Oil: Risks and Rewards."	Alex Chadwick documentary: "Oil: Risks and Rewards"
04/23	Law / National Politics	As the US Supreme Court hears oral arguments on Arizona's controversial immigration law this week, we'll look at the role Latinos will play in the 2012 presidential election. How will the immigration debate play out with the presidential candidates?	Efren Perez Alex Nowrasteh
04/23	Government / Social Issues	Art and community development is believed to improve neighborhoods, but some urban planners are now looking at ways to use creative development to allow people to design neighborhoods and spaces that speak to local needs and encourage social activism.	Candy Chang Jack Becker
04/23	Science / History	Rebecca Skloot, author of "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" was in Duluth last week. Kerri Miller interviewed her at the College of St. Scholastica and we'll air a portion of the event.	Rebecca Skloot
04/23	Government	Founder of the Center for Courage and Renewal, and author of "Healing the Heart of Democracy," speaking April 19, 2012 at the Westminster Town Hall Forum in downtown Minneapolis.	Westminster Town Hall Forum: Parker Palmer
04/24	International Government	U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Thomas Nides has gone from negotiating financial deals on Wall Street to negotiating geo-political deals with U.S. allies.	Thomas Nides
04/24	Religion	New York Times columnist Ross Douthat is here to talk about the 2012 presidential campaign and why America's current crisis is mainly a religious crisis.	Ross Douthat
04/24	History	Author Thomas Mallon is out with his latest historical novel, "Watergate." The narrative weaves the stories of seven characters for a view into what life during the Nixon presidency looked like.	Thomas Mallon
04/24	Environment / Science / Government	Questions from the press club are expected to cover everything from energy resource development, mining, wildlife management, off-shore oil drilling, the use of public lands and more.	National Press Club: Ken Salazar
04/25	Government / Social Issues	As baby boomers shift into retirement, the generation is redefining retirement and the traditional notion of a senior citizen. However, aging policies have remained relatively unchanged.	Cheryl Matheis Jim Firman

04/25	Environment / Science	Bees are a vital part of our ecosystem, but they're declining at alarming rates. It's called colony collapse and it affects humans more than you may think. Two preeminent bee researchers will explain why this is happening and what can be done to curb it.	Marla Spivak Gene Robinson
04/25	Technology / Social Issues	Social media allows us to engage with news and issues that matter to us from the comfort of our homes. But how does a "like" on Facebook or a retweet translate into a vote or real life participation?	Lindsay Hanson Betsy Sinclair
04/25	Technology / Politics	From NPR's Intelligence Squared series, four experts debate the question: When it comes to politics, is the Internet closing our minds?	Eli Pariser Siva Vaidhyanathan Evgeny Morozov Jacob Weisberg John Donovan
04/26	Technology / Health	Social worker Dan Cohen had been struggling with finding ways to reach Alzheimer's patients in the nursing homes he visited. Last year he decided to bring iPods and create personalized playlists for patients.	Daniel Levitin Dan Cohen
04/26	Education	There's plenty of news about the "failing" American education system, but many reports show that students are actually performing and graduating at higher rates than ever before. Where's the disconnect?	Paul Farhi Tom Loveless
04/26	Business	In a 2003 American Express ad, celebrity chef Rocco DiSpirito claimed that restaurants have a 90 percent failure rate. While his stat proved false, the notion of restaurant failure still prevails. What makes a successful restaurant?	Lenny Russo Barry K. Shuster
04/26	International Government / Law	BBC World Have Your Say broadcast from Sierra Leone on the morning when former Liberian president Charles Taylor has been convicted of war crimes and crimes against humanity. He's the first head of state convicted by an international court since Nuremberg. Hear analysis from the BBC World Service.	BBC World Have Your Say
04/27	International Politics / Law	Friday Roundtable: Three European journalists joined us in studio to discuss European politics and how the immigration debate plays out in Europe and the United States.	John Hooper Guido Olimpico Elsie Vincent
04/27	Science	Bestselling author Garth Sundem's latest book, "Brain Trust," asks a big question: What would your life be like if you could ask 93 top scientists for research-based advice to best perform your daily activities?	Garth Sundem
04/27	Business / Politics	Canada and Europe routinely fund transportation projects with public-private partnerships. What are PPPs and why is the U.S. only recently warming up to them?	Richard Geddes Jay Lindgren

04/27	Health / Science	Dr. David Agus speaks at the Commonwealth Club of California about his new best-selling book, "The End of Illness." Dr. Agus is an oncologist and professor of medicine at USC, who says the best way to treat cancer, is to prevent it.	Commonwealth Club: Dr. David Agus
04/30	Science / Technology	NASA has just retired its space shuttle program. What does it mean for the future of American space travel and innovation? Journalist Michael Belfiore says we're headed for privately funded rockets.	Michael Belfiore
04/30	Culture / Arts	May has been declared the first "Minnesota Museums Month" -- a statewide celebration of events and exhibits at local museums. Two museum directors join us to talk about the future of museums.	Sebastian Chan Elizabeth Merritt
04/30	Ethics / Family Life	Asking someone when they will have children seems to be a loaded question. What factors go into a couple's decision to have children? Should world overpopulation be a consideration?	Laura Carroll Bryan Caplan
04/30	International Politics	Chinese activist Chen Guangcheng is taking refuge in the U.S. Embassy in Beijing. The BBC's "World Have Your Say" discusses whether the U.S. should be involved.	World Have Your Say
05/01	Economics	New economic numbers and reports are easy to come by, but they don't seem to help us understand what's going on in the U.S. economy. Why are we getting mixed economic signals, and how can we make sense of them?	Russell Roberts Dennis Jacobo
05/01	Science / Environment	Throughout history, we've been drawn to tales of human resilience and overcoming adversity. How can we foster resilience, and how do science and environmental factors work together to build resilience?	Ann Masten Steven Southwick
05/01	Education	Business is the largest undergraduate major, but many critics claim that the nature of the degree keeps students from receiving a comprehensive education.	William Sullivan Matt Statler
05/01	Law	Cathy Wurzer interviews the Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, Lorie Skjerven Gildea about the rule of law and the role of the courts in American life. The event was held at the Woman's Club of Minneapolis and sponsored by the St. Catherine University.	Lorie Skjerven Gildea Cathy Wurzer
05/02	Health	As prescription pharmaceutical use continues to increase, managing multiple medications has become a problem for many patients. How can patients safely manage their prescriptions?	Albert Wu Greg Critser
05/02	Education	Is it possible to make yourself smarter? Proponents of "brain training" say that people can improve their short-term memory that in turn improves fluid intelligence.	Priti Shah Zach Hambrick

05/02	Government / Ethics	Approval ratings for the U.S. government are at a 15-year low. Now that mistrust has infected all sorts of American institutions. Have we been through this before and will America recover its trust?	Ron Fournier Marc Hetherington
05/02	Health / Economics	The former Minnesota Health Commissioner and the CEO of Courage Center addresses the University of Minnesota Humphrey School. "The Cost of Gridlock: Minnesota's Creeping Health Care Crisis."	Jan Malcolm
05/03	Health / Science	The Obama administration released an action plan this year aiming to prevent or treat Alzheimer's disease by 2025. Where are we in the race to find a cure?	George Vradenburg Gary Landreth
05/03	Media	A recent poll said 75 percent of Americans don't think journalists get the facts right. Why is the number of Americans who trust the media shrinking?	Jay Rosen Craig Silverman
05/03	Business /Ethics	In Michael Sandel's latest book, "What Money Can't Buy: The Moral Limits of Markets," he asks: Is there something wrong with a world in which everything is for sale?	Michael Sandel
05/03	International Politics	Minnesota native Patrick McGrann has spent the last 15 years creating toys, games and events for young people living in the midst of violence. He's worked in Sudan, Iraq, Somalia, Yemen, and most recently, Gaza. His talk is titled, "Playing for Peace in Gaza."	Westminster Town Hall Forum: Patrick McGrann
05/04	Social Issues / Law	Hazing is commonplace and many members of sports teams and Greek life join these groups expecting it. Do we need federal laws to protect students from the tradition?	Susan Lipkins Hank Nuwer
05/04	Arts / Culture	We thought it would be fun to bring in NPR and Los Angeles Times film critic Kenneth Turan to talk about movies that have been overlooked.	Kenneth Turan
05/04	State Government	Friday Roundtable: This week on the Friday Roundtable, our panelists discuss what happened this week at the Minnesota State Capitol.	Rachel Stassen-Berger Steve Perry Tom Scheck
05/04	Faith / Religion	The youngest person to have his own opinion column at the New York Times is out with a new book, "Bad Religion: How We Became a Nation of Heretics." Douthat argues that America's current state of economic, political and social crisis is at heart a religious crisis.	Ross Douthat
05/07	Business / Technology	Facebook hits the road Monday to drive support for its IPO set to debut this month. Geek Squad founder Robert Stephens joins us to discuss Facebook and other tech industry news.	Robert Stephens
05/07	Faith / Religion	"If the nation's independent and nondenominational churches were combined into a single group they would represent the third largest cluster of congregations in the country," says a new study of religion.	Scott Thumma Penny Edgell

05/07	Faith / Religion	Stanford anthropologist Tanya Luhmann was intrigued by recent polls showing that more Americans are experiencing a personal relationship with God. Her new book examines what that relationship looks like.	Tanya Luhmann
05/07	International Government	The BBC's "World Have Your Say" discusses the implications of the elections in France and Greece.	World Have Your Say:
05/08	State Government / Sports	The latest Viking stadium proposal made it to debate in the Minnesota House Monday afternoon as members prepare for a vote on the bill.	Tim Nelson Andrew Zimbalist
05/08	Faith / Religion	In 'Did Jesus Exist?' Bart D. Ehrman looks at the atheists, humanists, and conspiracy theorists who are asking about the existence of Jesus in the religious context.	Bart D. Ehrman
05/08	Family life / Politics	A recent New York Times "Room for Debate" series asked: Is the Republican ideal of family outdated or still a worthy goal in public policy?	Kevin Noble Maillard Michelle Bernard
05/08	Ethics	Sue Gardner, the executive director of the Wikimedia Foundation, says transparency is the key to building trust and accuracy. She spoke April 19, 2012 at the Hendrickson Institute for Ethical Leadership at St. Mary's University of Minnesota.	Sue Gardner
05/09	Faith / Religion	Just 50 years ago, it would have been difficult to find many religious books at the bookstore. Today, religious books fill entire sections in bookstores around the world. What does the popularity of religious books say about our culture?	Marcia Z. Nelson Paul Brandeis Raushenbush
05/09	Education	We shop, bank and make friends online, so why not go to college online too? Some of the big-name schools, including Stanford and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, are now offering their classes online for free. Can online universities replace a traditional college?	Andrew Ng Kanyi Maqubela
05/09	Health / Family Life / Education	Education and family structure are the greatest indicators for life expectancy, new research from Stanford shows. Those factors are even more important than access to healthcare or individual habits including smoking.	Mark Cullen
05/09	Sports / Health	Tennis legend Billie Jean King speaks at the National Press Club in Washington about her efforts to get more children and adults involved in sports and a healthy lifestyle. King is a Presidential Medal of Freedom honoree and the winner of 39 Grand Slam tennis titles.	National Press Club: Billie Jean King
05/10	Faith / Religion	Many religions argue that humans must protect the earth because God gave it to us. How does this mindset fit into the larger debate about the environment and does it cross political divides?	Richard Cizik Lisa Sharon Harper

05/10	Faith / Religion	We've been looking at issues pertaining to faith and public life this week, but today we are going to look at issues surrounding a lack of faith. What are the major issues facing non-believers, and where do they fit in a society of theists?	Greta Christina Teresa MacBain
05/10	International Government / Law	Long fight predicted in Guantanamo 9/11 case Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and four co-defendants were arraigned Saturday in Guantanamo Bay as the United States makes a second attempt to try them in the attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people	Yochi Dreazen Victor Hansen
05/10	International Government / Media	Pakistani journalist Ahmed Rashid fears that Pakistan may be a failed state. He has reported for three decades on the Taliban, Islam and the wars in Afghanistan, and is the author of several best-selling books. His newest is "Pakistan on the Brink: The Future of America, Pakistan and	Ahmed Rashid
05/11	Minnesota Government / Politics	The Minnesota Legislative session adjourned sine die Thursday. The Senate leaders will join us to review the session.	Tom Bakk Dave Senjem
05/11	Economics	Ruth Hayden joins us to talk about what young people can do to prepare for retirement, and how to balance retirement when you're in the 'crunch' period of your 30s.	Ruth Hayden
05/11	Faith / Religion	Friday Roundtable: We conclude our weeklong look at faith and public life with local faith leaders.	Peter Rogness Stacy Offner Makram El-min
05/11	International Government	With the NATO summit a week away in Chicago, listen to a new documentary from America Abroad: The Future of NATO.	America Abroad Documentary Ray Suarez
05/14	Education / Family Life	Having a close relationship with your parents is a good thing. But for college students, how attached is too attached? When is it time to 'break up?' We'll talk about ways children and their parents can navigate the college years.	Terry Castle Marjorie Savage
05/14	Media / Social Issues	The lack of racial diversity in HBO's show "Girls" has reignited the debate over diversity (or the lack thereof) in the entertainment industry. What is the role of producers, writers and casting directors to include people of color in television shows and movies?	Trey Ellis Glenn Llopis
05/14	Health / Science	The American Psychiatric Association met last week to discuss new changes to the psychiatric "bible," officially named the Diagnostic Statistic Manual. One of the most contested changes is a potential shift in the definition of autism.	Ingrid Wickelgren Ron Steingard
05/14	Science	Maggie Koerth-Baker, science editor at Boing Boing, shares her insights on our current and future sources of energy, in the latest edition of MPR's Bright Ideas series, hosted by Stephen Smith. The event occurred in the UBS Forum on April 24, 2012.	Bright Ideas Series: Stephen Smith Maggie Koerth-Baker

05/15	Parenting / Social Media	With the rise of social media, it's harder than ever to keep an eye on a kid's activities online. There are now sites that work to help parents stay involved with their tweens' online lives by creating kid-tested, mother-approved social media outlets.	Rebecca Levey Danah Boyd
05/15	International Politics / National Politics	The U.S. foreign policy regarding China will likely be a major issue in the 2012 race. The country holds America's debt and multinational companies are expanding there, yet it has a vexing human rights history.	Peter Coy
05/15	Health	Trying to get over every past trauma, fear, hang-up, obsession and hurdle in your life? Just ask author Augusten Burroughs. He'll join us to talk about his new collection of essays.	Augusten Burroughs
05/15	National Politics	"Restoring America's Future" A speech by former Gov. Tim Pawlenty at the U of M, May 14, 2012 at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School.	Tim Pawlenty
05/16	Education / Economics	The classes of 2006-2011 continue to face underemployment and overwhelming debt, according to a Rutgers University study released last week on workforce trends.	Catherine Mann Charley Stone
05/16	Science	The amount of data we have on the universe is doubling every year with new telescopes and better detection. Many astronomers are now worried that we are accumulating more data than we can examine.	Alberto Conti Massimo Stiavelli
05/16	Family Life	In Deni Bechard's latest memoir, "Cures for Hunger," questions about his family history arise when he is asked to complete a family tree in school. Bechard will join us to talk about his book.	Deni Bechard
05/16	Sports / Education / Economics	Corruption and a growing concern for head injury have put college football in the spotlight. Are football programs' millions in profits exploitation? Or are they still a celebration of amateur sport? Does football's inherent danger and violence have any place in institutions of higher learning? Or does it provide young men with educational opportunities they would not otherwise have?	Intelligence Squared Debate: Buzz Bissinger Malcolm Gladwell Tim Green Jason Whitelock
05/17	State Government / Politics	The Minnesota Legislative session adjourned last Thursday, ending in its usual organized frenzy. Majority Leader Matt Dean and Minority Leader Paul Thissen will join us to review the session and discuss the upcoming campaign season.	Matt Dean Paul Thissen
05/17	Business / Social Issues	North Dakota is currently in the midst of an oil boom that could make the area one of the largest sources of petroleum in the United States. Small towns have seen an unimaginable influx of people from across the country searching for high-paying jobs on oil rigs.	Todd Melby Ward Koeser

05/17	Arts / Culture	There have been robust cycles in Minnesota music, known as "golden eras." The garage rock craze of the mid-60s, the 1980s when Prince owned the national airwaves and the Replacements and Husker Du made us an indie rock hotbed. What about right now?	Chris Roberts
05/17	History / Law	On the anniversary of the 1954 Supreme Court ruling in Board v. Board of Education, an American RadioWorks documentary profiles Thurgood Marshall, who was the NAACP lawyer who argued the case before the Supreme Court. In 1967, President Lyndon Johnson appointed him to the Supreme Court. Thurgood Marshall was the first African-American appointed to the Supreme Court.	American RadioWorks Documentary
05/18	Government / Social Issues	New Census Bureau data from April shows that the outer exurbs are dying and urban cores are growing. What are the reasons for this trend away from the exurbs? Can they make a comeback?	Charles Marohn Tanya Snyder
05/18	Environment	In "Garbology," Edward Humes follows trash once you throw it away. The average American will likely produce 102 tons of garbage in their lifetime and it's America's biggest export.	Edward Humes
05/18	Economics/Health/ Education	Friday Roundtable: We'll discuss J.P. Morgan's \$2 billion trading loss, new data showing white births are no longer a majority in the U.S. and a possible MNSCU tuition hike.	Eric Ringham Tane Danger Zuhur Ahmed
05/18	Science / Health	Our amazing brain, with all of its harmonious functions, also performs any number of peculiar actions, which we might find unexpected and counterintuitive. What tricks do our minds play when we think it's OK to lie, cheat or steal? How in control are we of our own decisions? And why do our brains systematically misjudge what will make us happy?	NPR Ted Radio Hour
05/21	Sports / Medicine	A 22-year-old University of Minn. football player was found dead April 6 of a heart condition. Would mandatory EKG screening for young athletes save lives?	William Roberts Mike Ackerman
05/21	History / Culture	In 'Paris to the Past,' Ina Caro takes us on 25 one-day train trips from Paris back 700 years in French history. She discusses her book and her trips through France.	Ina Caro
05/21	Education / Culture	We're talking about the latest trends in language. What words have become especially popular given the cultural climate? Why is "austere" one of the most-searched words on the web?	Ben Zimmer Martha Barnette

05/21	National Politics	Minnesota native and nationally recognized political scientist Norm Ornstein, and his co-author Thomas Mann, speaking at the Commonwealth Club of California about their new book, "It's Even Worse Than it Looks: How the American Constitutional System Collided With the New Politics of Extremism."	Commonwealth Club of California Norm Ornstein Thomas Mann
05/22	Culture / Politics	The latest demographic data shows two major trends in America that could reshape the country's policies. As America becomes more racially diverse among the youngest section of the population, much of the country is also aging and predominately white. We'll talk about how this will shape public policy.	Ron Brownstein
05/22	Environment	Former Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter is in town this week to talk about energy policy with Gov. Mark Dayton's administration. While there has been little consensus on energy policy at the federal level, Ritter believes states can lead the way to clean, renewable sources of energy.	Bill Ritter
05/22	History / Science	In 'Masters of the Planet,' Ian Tattersall takes us back 50,000 years to a moment when Homo sapiens were battling other human species to survive. Using fossils and other evidence, Tattersall tells the story of how our species has survived 200,000 years, while the others became extinct.	Ian Tattersall
05/22	History	"The Strike is On!" explores the Minnesota labor movement in the first decades of the 20th century, tracing it from the immigrant miners on the Iron Range to flour milling and meatpacking unions to the Minneapolis Truckers' strike in May 1934. Historians say it was a turning point in US labor history. The 1985 documentary was produced by Mark Heistad.	MPR Documentary
05/23	International Government / Economics	Leaders met at the G8 Summit last weekend to discuss a number of issues, including the financial crisis in Europe and austerity measures. How have the austerity measures played out in terms of economic growth?	Martin Wolf Julia Coronado
05/23	Health / Media	In the June international editions, Vogue launched a health initiative that aims to encourage a healthier approach to body image within the fashion industry. Will the message make a difference?	Susan Linn Audrey Brashich
05/23	Business / Culture	Women are expected to become the main breadwinners in America by 2030. Liza Mundy sheds light on how this flip is affecting our culture from the bedroom to the family room and to the boardroom.	Liza Mundy

05/23	National Politics	House Budget Committee chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis., told a sold-out audience at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library that Republicans will win big in November and they will work with moderate Democrats, as President Ronald Reagan did, to end Washington gridlock.	Paul Ryan
05/24	Science / Health	The world's population is projected to reach more than 9 billion by 2050, which means global agriculture has to double production by mid-century. Can we produce enough food without damaging resources?	Jonathan Foley Pamela Ronald
05/24	Family Life	West Virginians will be required to show certification of premarital education classes or pay an extra \$20 starting June 8. How effective is premarital education?	Michael Broder Steven Harris
05/24	Culture / History	In "Wingshooters," Nina Revoyr tells the story of change in a small, isolated town in central Wisconsin during the Vietnam War and post-Civil Rights era.	Nina Revoyr
05/24	Economics / Politics	Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman says austerity is the problem -- not the solution -- to our current economic problems. Krugman says the solutions are easy to do economically, but hard to do politically.	Commonwealth Club of California: Paul Krugman
05/25	Technology / Business	A new study shows that the Twin Cities region is only 26th out of 51 metropolitan areas ranked as best cities for tech industry jobs. Is the region as strong as local conventional wisdom says?	Mark Schill Margaret Anderson Kelliher Cem Erdem
05/25	Arts /	Legendary blues musician Buddy Guy is out with a new memoir, "When I Left Home: My Story." The book chronicles his journey from the cotton fields of Louisiana to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.	Buddy Guy
05/25	History	Friday Roundtable: This week our panelists will reflect on the one-year anniversary of the north Minneapolis tornado, and what lies ahead for the community.	Sondra Samuels Brandt Williams Brett Buckner
05/25	Health	The Pursuit of Happiness. Three TED speakers offer some big ideas for achieving happiness,	NPR/ Ted Radio Hour: Barry Schwartz Kathryn Schulz Malcolm Gladwell
05/28	History	During this week 150 years ago, President Lincoln signed the Compensated Emancipation Act to free thousands of slaves in the nation's capital. We mark the sesquicentennial of the Civil War with two historians: Adam Goodheart and James McPherson.	Adam Goodheart James McPherson
05/28	History Media	Benjamin Busch has done two tours in Iraq and appeared on TV shows 'The Wire' and 'The West Wing.' He can now add author to his resume with the release of his new memoir 'Dust to Dust.'	Benjamin Busch

05/28	History Medicine Media	Rebecca Skloot, author of "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" was in Duluth last week. Kerri Miller interviewed her at the College of St. Scholastica and we'll air a portion of the event.	Rebecca Skloot
05/28	History / Media	Minnesota native Tim O'Brien, speaking as part of the Club Book series about his acclaimed book about the Vietnam War and the impact it had on soldiers. It's titled, "The Things They Carried."	Tim O'Brien
05/29	Sports / Media	In "Over Time: My Life as a Sportswriter," Frank Deford tells his own life story as well as the stories of the characters he's followed in just about every sport. Deford started writing for Sports Illustrated in 1962 and now does commentaries for NPR's "Morning Edition."	Frank Deford
05/29	Education	It's been nearly 60 years since the landmark ruling Brown v. the Board of Education, yet schools around the nation appear to be on a backslide toward high segregation rates not seen for many decades. Does it lead to inadequate education and fail to prepare students for a diverse world?	Richard Kahlenberg Terry Stoops
05/29	Health / Science	Science has long been telling us to get active by exercising and walking more. But now, along with smoking and eating poorly, sitting has been declared the latest health threat. Some researchers claim that sitting for extended periods of time can shorten life expectancy, cause cancer and even diabetes.	James Levine Alan Hedge
05/29	Arts / Culture	Today, Minnesota native Bob Dylan is awarded the highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Hear Jim Bickal's award-winning MPR documentary about Bob Dylan's life, "Boy From the North Country: Bob Dylan in Minnesota."	MPR Documentary
05/30	Education / Economics	As college costs continue to rise and student loan debt continues to mount, public colleges and universities are beginning to confront the issue of affordability. We'll discuss the steps universities are taking to decrease tuition costs.	Kyle Stokes Richard Vedder
05/30	Media / Culture	In her new book of essays, writer, comedian and "Daily Show" co-creator Lizz Winstead talks about growing up in Minnesota as a progressive in a conservative household and how it shaped her work as a comedian.	Lizz Winstead
05/30	Education / Parenting / Family Life	While parents and teachers might be thrilled to know young adults are reading this summer, a Brigham Young University found popular books aimed at this age group contain profanity.	Pam Allyn Sarah Coyne

05/30	Family Life	Hear the CEO of Girl Scouts of America, Anna Maria Chavez, speaking at the National Press Club in Washington.	National Press Club: Anna Maria Chavez
05/31	Politics / Social Issues	As racial diversity of the country's newborns increases, America's aging citizens are predominately white. How will politicians cater to the changing demographics of American voters? What shifts will have the biggest impact on the political parties?	Dante Chinni Dennis Goldford
05/31	Technology	Browse through your smartphone's app store and you're bound to come across programs aimed to help you better your life. They are part of a growing set of behavior modification programs making a comeback.	David H. Freedman
05/31	Health / Business	A few decades ago, workplace wellness programs were just about getting people to stop smoking. They have evolved into comprehensive programs with assessments, coaches and friendly competitions.	Ron Goetzel Don Powell
05/31	National Politics / Government	Bradley, the former U.S. senator, presidential candidate, NBA Hall of Famer and Rhodes Scholar, tells the Commonwealth Club of California why he titled his latest book, "We Can All Do Better."	Commonwealth Club of California: Bill Bradley
06/01	Business / Economics	Tech investor and entrepreneur Nick Hanauer gave a TED talk in March arguing that the wealthiest people aren't actually the job creators and aren't fueling economic growth.	Nick Hanauer Jim Tankersley
06/01	Environment	This is the time of the year when the rubber really meets the road: Those outdoor projects that have been waiting for your attention can wait no longer. We're taking your questions on summer home repair.	John Trostle Samantha Strong
06/01	Health	Friday Roundtable: Our guests talk about the value of failure. Hip-hop performer Dessa, former Bush Foundation president Peter Hutchinson and Carnegie Mellon University professor Scott Sandage will join the discussion.	Dessa Peter Hutchinson Scott Sandage
06/01	Business / Economics / Politics	LIVE from the Honeywell International Golden Valley campus, President Barack Obama is expected to unveil a job initiative for veterans and discuss his plans to improve the nation's economy.	Barack Obama
06/04	History / Law	Anita Hill landed in the middle of a media circus 21 years ago when she testified that Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas sexually harassed her. We'll talk with her about what she learned from the experience.	Anita Hill
06/04	Sports / Health	We'll air the first of the BBC's four-part series focusing on the rise and fall of elite athletes. We'll also look at a study that says exercise is dangerous for some people.	BBC Series: Timothy Caulfield

06/04	National Politics / Business	Mitt Romney isn't the first presidential candidate to tout his business experience as making him most fit to lead. Does business experience realistically transition well to the Oval Office?	Barbara Perry Michael Hiltzik
06/04	Media	The Gerald R. Ford journalism awards for coverage of the presidency and national defense are awarded in a National Press Club ceremony, with keynote speaker Chris Matthews, former Congressional aide and current author and MSNBC host.	National Press Club: Chris Matthews
06/05	National Politics / Government	President Obama ran his 2008 campaign on a platform against torture and the war in Iraq, but his views on war have changed. He is part of a top secret 'nominations' process to designate terrorists for kill or capture, and to personally approve every drone strike.	Daniel Klaidman
06/05	Social Issues	Meg Jay turns the notion "30s are the new 20s" on its head when she says your twenties are critical to defining your future. In her new book, she uses case studies of her clients and the latest science to explain why the 20s are one's defining decade.	Meg Jay
06/05	Arts & Culture	Minneapolis-based singer-songwriter Chris Koza joins us in the MPR studios to perform and discuss the significance of song lyrics. On Friday, he hosts "Works for Words" at the Fitzgerald Theater.	Chris Koza
06/05	History	Mark Stoler tells a Minnesota History Center audience the story of George C. Marshall the Secretary of State after World War II, whose plan to rebuild Europe after the war is considered one of America's greatest diplomatic triumphs. Marshall outlined his idea in a June 5, 1947 speech at Harvard University.	Mark Stoler
06/06	Politics	Politicians often call their opponent's policy ideas "radical." Political analysts have identified the Tea Party, birther and Occupy movements as current examples of what could classify as "radical" today. How has our perception changed over time?	Timothy P. McCarthy Jeffrey Kaplan
06/06	Politics / Social Issues	As voters prepare to take a position on same-sex marriage on ballots this November, the discussion has moved beyond the individual as companies get involved in the fight. Do corporations have a place in politics?	Jonathan Baker John G. Taft
06/06	Government	Wisconsin residents went to the polls Tuesday to vote in the recall of Gov. Scott Walker. Some analysts called the recall the second most important U.S. election of the year because it could indicate which way voters will go in November.	Jim Nichols Matt Lewis

06/06	Education	Our May installment of the Bright Ideas series features Jim McCorkell, CEO and founder of College Possible, where he put into action his life-long passion to make college admission and success possible for low-income students. Stephen Smith hosts.	Bright Ideas Series: Jim McCorkell
06/07	Politics / Government	When North Dakota voters head to the polls next Tuesday for their primary election, they will also vote on a statewide referendum to eliminate property taxes. What would abolishing property taxes mean for the state?	Nick Baurath Michael Leachman
06/07	Government / Economics	As the debate returns to banking regulations amidst what is arguably the largest fundamental debate in the nation over banks and the economy since the Depression, how will the calls for more regulation play out?	Gretchen Morgenson
06/07	Sports / Health	A new study out of Boston University shows brain degeneration found in NFL athletes is similar to that of war veterans who have survived roadside bombings and other traumatic injuries in war.	Apostolos Georgopoulos Elaine Peskind
06/07	History / Media	Legendary American author Ray Bradbury died June 5, 2012, at the age of 91. Back in 2000 he was the featured speaker in Minnetonka at the Pen Pals Lecture Series. He spoke about the greatest influences on his life and career of more than seven decades, and gave this insightful and entertaining speech apparently without notes.	Pen Pals Lecture Series: Ray Bradbury
06/08	Politics / Government	Our panelists discuss Scott Walker's victory in Wisconsin, and whether businesses should take a stand on the same-sex marriage amendment.	John Wodele Kathryn Pearson
06/08	Science	We'll look at the hunt for dark matter in South Dakota, the significance of the Venus transit and the best upcoming scientific innovations.	BBC Discover Series: Richard Gaitskell Maggie Koerth-Baker
06/08	Culture	Star Tribune food writer Rick Nelson will join us to talk about great spots for outdoor dining this summer and the burgeoning Twin Cities food truck scene.	Rick Nelson
06/08	Health / Science	Speakers talk about food -- growing it, cooking it, consuming it, and making sure there's enough for everyone. Saving seeds to protect the future food supply, improving kids' lunches, and the daily miracle of feeding an entire city.	NPR'S Ted Radio Hour Carolyn Steel Cary Fowler Ann Cooper Dan Barber
06/11	Science / Health / Law	Some states are considering laws that would require genetically modified foods be clearly labeled on the packaging. What would those labels really tell consumers about that food? Are GMOs safe?	Greg Conko Gary Hirshberg

06/11	History	Brian Balogh and Ed Ayers join us to look back at the Civil War and the history of home ownership in the United States. They're part of BackStory, a public radio program that takes a historical look at current events.	Backstory: Ed Ayers Brian Balogh
06/11	Education	Charles Wheelan's unique commencement speech to Dartmouth College class of 2011 is now a book, "10 ½ Things No Commencement Speaker Has Ever Said." He'll join us to talk about his new book.	Charles Wheelan
06/11	History / Media	Four-star retired Gen. Colin Powell, America's first African-American Secretary of State, discusses Syria, Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq, gays in the military, women in combat, and more in a wide-ranging interview at the Commonwealth Club of California on June 7, 2012. His new book is titled, "It Worked For Me: In Life and Leadership."	Commonwealth Club of California Colin Powell
06/12	Education	A profound change in educational standards and assessments is quietly underway. Soon, almost every state in the country will have the same demanding standards for what students need to learn.	Susan Headden Miuke Petrilli
06/12	History	In honor of Ray Bradbury, we're devoting one of our summer reading in-depth segments to the science fiction genre. Bradbury died June 5 at the age of 91. What sci-fi novel or story turned you into a devoted fan?	Chris McKitterick Gary Wolfe
06/12	Sports / Medicine	The New York Times' latest story on the death of hockey player Derek Boogaard said he had been addicted to prescription drugs. And he'd gotten many of those drugs by doctor-shopping and buying them on the black market.	Felix Gillette Marvin Seppala
06/12	Politics / Business / Economics	Top executives of three of Minnesota's biggest employers share their views on immigration reform and the future of the workplace. The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce hosted a panel discussion June 8: "How Immigration Leads to Economic Growth and American jobs."	Douglas Baker Hubert Joly Michael Fernandez
06/13	Economy / Education	With unemployment still high, it's surprising to hear that there are a lot of middle skill job openings still unfilled. The problem is that the unemployed don't have the skills for the jobs.	Andy Van Kleunen Steven Rosenstone
06/13	Economy / Education	Our listeners continue to tell us that internships were essential to getting their full-time jobs after college, but landing the first one is always tough. What can students do to land crucial internships?	Allison Cheston Robert Shindell

06/13	Health / Family Life	Geoffrey Grief and Kathleen Deal will join us to talk about their book, "Two by Two: Couples and their Couple Friendships." Why are friendships so important to the health of your relationship?	Geoffrey Grief Kathleen Deal
06/13	Environment / Social Issues	The author of the best-selling book "Last Child in the Woods" says the gloom and doom scenario presented by the environmental movement needs to be transformed into a more positive message about the importance of nature, and human interactions with nature. He spoke April 22, 2102 at the Hennepin County Ridgedale Library as part of the Club Book series.	Richard Louv
06/14	National Politics / Government	As President Obama's administration publicly denounces the leaking of classified information, his campaign has also benefited from several leaks that appeared to enhance his image.	Josh Gerstein Paul Pillar
06/14	Science	New research shows that people who are paralyzed have the ability to move robotic arms with their thoughts through an implanted chip on the brain. How are scientists finding ways to help people with disabilities?	Leigh Hochberg Chet Moritz
06/14	Science / Social Issues	You can smoke when you're 18. You can drink when you're 21. You can rent a car when you're 25. So what constitutes the age of adulthood in America? What role should new research into brain maturation play in that debate?	Laurence Steinberg Teresa Swartz
06/14	Social Issues	Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz discusses his new book, "The Price of Inequality: How Today's Divided Society Endangers Our Future," at the Commonwealth Club of California June 12, 2012.	Commonwealth Club of California Joseph Stiglitz
06/15	Science	In "The Emotional Life of Your Brain," psychologist and brain researcher Dr. Richard Davidson looks at how our brains emotionally respond to events in our lives.	Richard Davidson
06/15	Health / Economics	At this week's American Society of Health Economists meeting at the University of Minnesota, Kerri Miller moderated a debate on health reform. We'll air the discussion.	Jonathan Gruber Stephen Parente
06/15	International Government	This week, our panelists look at the crises in Syria and Europe and what role, if any, the United States can play in defusing those crises.	Eric Schwartz Rjon Menon William Davnie

06/15	Technology / Social Issues	Technology-enabled collaboration draws us closer, makes us smarter and allows us to innovate through the wisdom of a crowd. A new wave of collaborative consumption is transforming consumerism and the rules of engagement. What is the true potential of crowd sourcing? Is this a new phenomenon, or have we seen this before?	NPR's TED Radio Hour
06/18	International Politics / Government / Economics	We're doing a mash-up hour where we'll look at two big elections internationally, European economics and a BBC documentary on the secret files of Egypt.	Abdur Chowdhury Bruce Jentleson Annie Lowrey
06/18	Science	Have you ever wondered what the inside of a sperm whale looks like? Joy Reidenberg knows. She's a comparative anatomist, going "Inside Nature's Giants" on the popular PBS series.	Joy Reidenberg
06/18	Arts / Culture	Author Alexander McCall Smith will join us to talk about his new book "The Limpopo Academy of Private Detection," the latest installment in his No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series.	Alexander McCall Smith
06/18	History / Health	On Minnesota Women Veterans Day, hear the stories of Army and Navy nurses who served in the Vietnam War. They are the subject of a book by Kim Heikkila, titled "Sisterhood of War: Minnesota Women in Vietnam."	Kim Heikkila Mary Beth Crowley Kay Bauer
06/19	Health / Social Issues	In the first 155 days of the year, there were 154 suicides for active-duty troops. That far outdistances the U.S. forces killed in action in Afghanistan. Why are so many veterans committing suicide and what can be done to prevent it?	David Rudd Jason Hansman
06/19	Sports	We're playing the second in a four-part BBC series about the lifecycle of an athlete. In this episode, Claudia Hammond visits Jamaica's National Stadium in Kingston to find out why this small island turns out so many world class track athletes.	BBC: Claudia Hammond
06/19	Science / Technology / Environment	The total number of scientific instruments monitoring Earth from space could decline by 75 percent by 2020. These satellites provide about 90 percent of the data used by the National Weather Service for forecasting.	J. Marshall Shepherd Paul Douglas
06/19	Politics	Columnist and political commentator E.J. Dionne was the featured speaker at the Westminster Town Hall Forum in Minneapolis last week. He discussed his latest book, "Our Divided Political Heart: The Battle for the American Idea in an Age of Discontent."	Westminster Town Hall Forum: E.J. Dionne

06/20	National Government / Politics	President Obama announced an immigration policy last week that will allow approximately 800,000 immigrants brought to the United States as children to obtain legal status in the country. What are the politics behind this landmark decision?	Alex Seitz-Wald Mark Q. Sawyer
06/20	Business / Economics	Federal Reserve data released last week showed that a median American family's net worth dropped 39 percent between 2007 and 2010. We'll have two financial advisors to answer your personal investment questions.	Ross Levin Nate Wenner
06/20	Arts / History	Author Hilary Mantel is out with her latest novel, "Bring Up the Bodies." The novel is a sequel to "Wolf Hall," a historical novel about Henry VIII. We'll air our interview with Mantel about her new book.	Hilary Mantel
06/20	History / National Government	An American RadioWorks documentary looking at the legacy of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal programs. The structures that New Deal agencies built transformed America.	American Radio Works Documentary
06/21	Science	Neil deGrasse Tyson is an astrophysicist who makes us all think we understand the universe a little better. He'll discuss his latest book "Space Chronicles: Facing the Ultimate Frontier."	Neil deGrasse Tyson
06/21	Science	Brian Cox has gone from concert halls to the laboratory, and now the British physicist is working on the world's largest particle collider. His new book is "The Quantum Universe".	Brian Cox
06/21	Science	Dolphins have big, complicated brains. Diana Reiss, an expert on the behavior of dolphins, will talk about the intelligence, self-awareness and extraordinary potential of dolphins.	Diana Reiss
06/21	Social Issues	A growing population and shrinking supplies of drinkable water means the world is heading for an international water crisis. This America Abroad documentary explores the complex issues around this vital resource.	America Abroad documentary
06/22	Social Issues / Religion / Politics	Author Karen Armstrong has called on people around the world to collaborate on the writing of a "Charter for Compassion" centered on the Golden Rule. She's hoping the effort will restore compassionate thinking and action in religious, moral and political life.	Karen Armstrong
06/22	Religion	In 'Did Jesus Exist?' Bart D. Ehrman looks at the atheists, humanists, and conspiracy theorists who are asking about the existence of Jesus in the religious context.	Bart D. Ehrman

06/22	Religion / Politics	When cultural commentator Eric Metaxas spoke at this year's Presidential Prayer Breakfast, he decried "phony religion." He'll discuss his views on faith, politics and what it means to live like a true Christian.	Eric Metaxas
06/22	Education / Health / Law	We depend on rules, guidelines and laws to provide structure, order and function, but too often these systems fail us. These TED speakers propose how to fix our broken systems, by looking to trust and practical wisdom as ways to mend education, medicine and the law. Plus, how games might be our best resources to solve real-world problems.	NPR's Ted Radio Hour: Philip K. Howard Jane McGonigal Barry Schwartz
06/25	Religion	New York Times columnist Ross Douthat talks about the 2012 presidential campaign and why America's current crisis is mainly a religious crisis.	Ross Douthat
06/25	Politics / Race / Social Issues	The latest demographic data shows two major trends in America that could reshape the country's policies. As America becomes more racially diverse among the youngest section of the population, much of the country is also aging and predominately white. We'll talk about how this will shape public policy.	Ron Brownstein
06/25	Politics / Government	Is America in decline? Robert Kagan argues that this anxiety is misplaced. The Brookings Institution senior fellow's new book on the topic is Kerri Miller's Pick of the Week.	Robert Kagan
06/25	Demographics / Education / Economics	The United States is facing a dramatic demographic challenge: Young Latinos are the fastest-growing segment of the population, and they are the least likely to graduate from college. Experts say the future of the American economy is at stake, because higher education is essential in the 21st century economy. Rising by Degrees tells the story of Latino students working towards a college degree--and why it's so hard for them to get what they want.	American Radio Works Documentary: "Rising By Degrees"
06/26	Sports / Media	In "Over Time: My Life as a Sportswriter," Frank Deford tells his own life story as well as the stories of the characters he's followed in just about every sport. Deford started writing for Sports Illustrated in 1962 and now does commentaries for NPR's "Morning Edition."	Frank Deford
06/26	Family Life / Parenting / Social Issues	Best-selling author Anne Lamott joins us to talk about her latest book, "Some Assembly Required," which documents her 19-year-old son's journey after his girlfriend finds out she is pregnant.	Anne Lamott
06/26	Arts / Culture	Legendary blues musician Buddy Guy is out with a new memoir, "When I Left Home: My Story." The book chronicles his journey from the cotton fields of Louisiana to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.	Buddy Guy

06/26	Arts / Culture	The author of award-winning architecture books and a series of mystery novels tells the audience about the craft of writing, and about the story-telling involved in both genres.	The Club Book series: Larry Millett
06/27	Arts / Culture	Jonah Lehrer, Wired contributing editor and author, will join The Daily Circuit Wednesday to talk about his latest book "Imagine: How Creativity Works." His book looks at scientific invention and artistic breakthroughs through psychological and neurological research.	Jonah Lehrer
06/27	Business / Economics / Human Behavior	Your shopping habits are the result of deeply ingrained patterns--and figuring out those patterns and getting ahead of them is "gold" to America's business giants. So what do companies know about you?	Charles Duhigg
06/27	Parenting / Family Life	Last year was the Tiger Mother, this year it's "Bringing Up Bebe". Pamela Druckerman joins us to talk about the virtues of French parenting.	Pamela Druckerman
06/27	History / Social Issues / Government	Hosted by NPR's Scott Simon, stories of American democracy at the local level. Local residents struggle with controversies over budgeting, gay marriage, energy development and the environment.	Duke University Center for Documentary Studies series: John Biewen
06/28	Health / National Government	The Supreme Court has upheld the individual insurance requirement at the heart of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul. The court handed Obama a campaign-season victory in rejecting arguments that Congress went too far in requiring most Americans to have health insurance or pay a penalty.	Tim Johnson Stephen Parente James Morone Larry Jacobs Dave Durenberger David YOLOF Joe Baker Mac Baird Elizabeth Stawicki
06/28	Education / Economics / National Government	Congress reached a deal this week that will prevent student loan interest rates from doubling from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent for the next year. With another temporary fix from Congress, what happens in a year from now?	Matthew Chingos
06/28	Health / National Government	The Supreme Court on Thursday upheld the individual insurance requirement at the heart of President Barack Obama's historic health care overhaul. The decision means the huge overhaul, still only partly in effect, will proceed and pick up momentum over the next several years	Tim Johnson, Stephen Parente, James Morone Larry Jacobs, Dave Durenberger, David YOLOF, Joe Baker, Mac Baird, Elizabeth Stawicki
06/28	Health / Science	Beyond the politics of health insurance reform, Oncologist, pioneering biomedical researcher and author of "The End of Illness", Dr. David Agus says the best way to reduce health care costs is to prevent illness and to cure diseases at the earliest possible stage with the best possible technologies.	Commonwealth Club of California: David Agus

06/29	Health / Economics / National Government	On this week's Friday Roundtable, our panelists discuss the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the Affordable Care Act.	Brent Asplin Andrea Walsh Michael Belzer
06/29	Ethics	If you think you're an honest person, think again. In his latest book, "The Honest Truth About Dishonesty," Dan Ariely says we are all cheaters. He'll explain research that proves we're all guilty of some unethical behavior in our lives.	Dan Ariely
06/29	Economics / Family Life	Many baby boomers find themselves stuck between financial necessities: caring for elderly parents and helping put their kids through college.	Ruth Hayden
06/29	Arts / Culture	How are we inspired? How do we get from an initial inkling of idea to a fully formed work of art? It's often challenging to describe the creative process. In this hour we'll hear from a poet, a novelist and a singer/songwriter who explore their craft and the daily challenge of nurturing creativity.	NPR's Ted Radio Hour: The Creative Process Billy Collins Elizabeth Gilbert Abigail Washburn

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01/02	National Government / Politics	Congressional expert Norm Ornstein looks into his crystal ball for clues about the priorities and possible 2012 accomplishments of the Congress and the president.	Norm Ornstein
01/02	International Government / History	Midday presents a BBC documentary featuring first-hand accounts of the uprisings in the Middle East that started in Tunisia and then spread across the region to Egypt and Libya.	BBC Documentary: Tales from the Arab Spring
01/03	National Government / Politics	The first test in the 2012 presidential campaign is tonight in Iowa. Ask your questions of the man who co-authored the book "The Iowa Precinct Caucuses: The Making of a Media Event."	Dennis Goldford
01/03	National Government / History	As the debate over the role of the government in job creation rages on, Midday presents an American RadioWorks documentary looking at how President Franklin Roosevelt tackled the problems of the Great Depression. "Bridge to Somewhere" examines how the structures the New Deal agencies built transformed America.	American Radio Works documentary: Lessons from the New Deal
01/04	National Politics	Political scientist Kathryn Pearson joins Midday to consider the political futures of the GOP candidates, leading to their matchup with President Barack Obama in November 2012.	Kathryn Pearson
01/04	National Government / Economics	A special rebroadcast from NPR's Intelligence Squared U.S. debate series. Two teams of debaters square off over the proposition that entitlement programs for seniors are saddling future generations with unmanageable debt.	Intelligence Squared Debate: Howard Dean Margaret Hoover Jeff Madrick Mort Zuckerman
01/05	Minnesota Government / Politics	A former GOP speaker of the House, former DFL Senate majority leader, former GOP Senate minority leader and a former state finance commissioner join Gary Eichten to talk about the state of the state.	David Jennings Roger Moe Duane Benson Pam Wheelock
01/05	National Politics / History	The PBS News Hour's Jim Lehrer speaks at the Commonwealth Club about his latest book, "Tension City: Inside the Presidential Debates, from Kennedy-Nixon to Obama-McCain." He's moderated 11 nationally televised presidential and vice-presidential debates and earned the nickname, "dean of moderators."	Jim Lehrer

01/06	Local Government	R.T. Rybak marks 10 years of service this week, making him one of the longest serving mayors in Minneapolis history. What were the highs and lows, and what has been accomplished?	R. T Rybak
01/06	Media / Culture	Stephanie Curtis, the Movie Maven, shares her short list of favorite movies. Her choices: The Palm Beach Story, The Red Shoes, Vertigo, The Great Escape, and Local Hero.	Stephanie Curtis
01/09	Health / Science	MPR's medical commentator Dr. Jon Hallberg joins Midday to answer questions about the latest health and medicine stories in the news.	Jon Hallberg
01/09	National Government	Does constitutional change come from grassroots activism, or do the courts set change in motion? Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer and former Justice Sandra Day O'Connor reflected on that question at this summer's Aspen Ideas Festival.	Aspen Ideas Festival: Stephen Breyer Sandra Day O'Connor
01/10	National Politics	How does the New Hampshire primary work, and what have we learned about the Republican candidates through their campaign in the state? What do the New Hampshire primary results mean for the nation?	Linda Fowler
01/10	National Politics / History	Midday presents a special Minnesota Public Radio News documentary, "The McCarthy Tapes." It's a look back at his 1968 run for president through the audio recordings of the McCarthy archive.	MPR Documentary
01/11	National Politics / Government	Who is likely to be the GOP standard-bearer in the campaign to unseat President Barack Obama? Which issues will decide the election? What will the key issues be in the 2012 legislative session that starts January 24th?	Todd Rapp Maureen Shaver
01/11	International Government / History	American foreign policy in the Middle East is at a crossroads as the region undergoes tremendous changes, from the Arab Spring to the end of the Iraq War. Midday presents "America and the Middle East: What Lies Ahead," a new America Abroad documentary looking at how events and actions in the past ended up setting current policies.	America Abroad Documentary: America and the Middle East: What Lies Ahead
01/12	National Politics / Government	U.S. Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., joins Gary Eichten in the studio to answer questions about the major issues facing the country.	Al Franken

01/12	History / Social Issues	Midday presents "No Jews Allowed," an MPR documentary originally aired in 1992 that explores the anti-Semitism that was prevalent in Minneapolis in the 1930s and 1940s. Later in the hour historian Hy Berman reflects on that dark chapter of history and how the Twin Cities have changed over time for minorities.	Hy Berman
01/13	National Government / Politics	Gary Eichten hosts U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar in the MPR studios to answer questions about the major issues facing Congress.	Amy Klobuchar
01/13	Entertainment / Media	A Prairie Home Companion's Garrison Keillor joins Midday to talk about his long career in radio and where his popular program is headed.	Garrison Keillor
01/16	Culture / History	Midday marks Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a discussion about race and religion in America. Jan. 16 is by presidential proclamation Religious Freedom Day. Why is this day important?	Keith Ellison
01/16	Culture / History	Pulitzer Prize-winning author Taylor Branch will deliver the 2012 Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Lecture at Gustavus Adolphus College. Branch is considered the preeminent biographer of Martin Luther King Jr. and has written a trilogy of books that document the Civil Rights era.	Taylor Branch
01/17	National Politics	If Governor Mitt Romney wins South Carolina on Saturday, is he the presumptive Republican nominee? Which issues are most important to South Carolina voters, and how are the candidates appealing to those voters?	Danielle Vinson
01/17	Media	John McTaggart, Minnesota Public Radio President and CEO, joins Gary Eichten in the studio to answer audience questions about the organization and the future of public radio.	Jon McTaggart
01/18	State Government / Politics	The Republican leaders of the Minnesota Senate and House, and the minority Democratic leaders, join Gary Eichten to preview the most important issues facing the state this year.	Kurt Zellers David Senjem Paul Thissen Tom Bakk
01/18	State Government / Politics / History	Gov. Elmer Andersen, known as "Minnesota's leading citizen," had an impressive list of accomplishments in and out of office. Midday presents excerpts from an interview in 2000 and his speech to the Minnesota Legislature in 2001, in which he shares some of the lessons he learned as a successful businessman, politician, and philanthropist.	Elmer L. Andersen

01/19	Economics / Business	Chris Farrell and Louis Johnston join Gary Eichten to discuss the state of the national and local economy, and answer questions from the audience.	Chris Farrell Louis Johnston
01/19	State Government / Politics	Gary Eichten hosts his last live listener call-in guest on MIDDAY, Gov. Mark Dayton. What are the most important issues facing the state of Minnesota?	Mark Dayton
01/20	History / Media	Hear the "Heckuva Farewell" for Gary Eichten, held at the Fitzgerald Theater on January 19, 2012. For his last MIDDAY show, Gary interviews Vice President Mondale, Minnesota's senior statesman.	Walter Mondale Gary Eichten
01/20	Media	MPR's Cathy Wurzer and MPR listeners turn the tables and ask questions of legendary MPR host Gary Eichten.	Cathy Wurzer Gary Eichten
01/23	National / State / Government / Politics	The legislative session opens this week and the President delivers the State of the Union Address. How do we have informative and polite discussion about the major and controversial issues of the day? What factors work against this?	Sean Kershaw Mitch Pearlstein
01/23	Business / Economics	The annual economic forecast from the Commonwealth Club of California, featuring two former chairs of the President's Council of Economic Advisers.	Commonwealth Club of California Michael Boskin Christina Romer
01/24	State Government / Politics	The DFL and GOP Senate leaders offer a preview of their major issues, their unifying principles and their differences. Tom Crann, co-host Mike Mulcahy and reporter Tom Scheck give an overview of the key issues this session.	Tom Bakk Dave Senjem Mary Kiffmeyer Ryan Winkler Morrie Lanning John Marty
01/24	Environment / Science	Lisa Jackson was appointed by President Obama as the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency in 2009, making her the first African American to head that agency. She speaks at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota about environmental regulations and policies, and the role of science in the EPA's decision-making process.	Lisa Jackson
01/25	National Government / Politics	NPR's Washington Editor Ron Elving co-hosts MIDDAY from Washington to review President Obama's State of the Union address and the Republican response from Gov. Mitch Daniels.	Ron Elving Steven Smith
01/25	National Government / Politics	MIDDAY presents President Obama's 2012 State of the Union Address, and Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels' Republican response.	Barack Obama

01/26	National Politics	Co-host Bob Potter in Tampa and USF political scientist Susan MacManus in Jacksonville join Midday to discuss the candidates and the issues in the presidential campaign leading up to Tuesday's primary.	Bob Potter Susan MacManus
01/26	History / National Government	The last of the secret recordings President John F. Kennedy made while in office were just released to the public this week. Midday presents a 2003 American RadioWorks documentary about some of the secretly taped phone conversations of Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon. "The President Calling" reveals the style and political skills of these three leaders through their conversations.	American Radio Works documentary
01/27	National / State Government / Politics	Guest co-host Pam Wheelock joins Midday to discuss the big week in state and national politics: the opening of the 2012 legislative session, the President's State of the Union address and the looming Republican presidential primary in Florida. What are the common themes?	Pam Wheelock Todd Rapp Maureen Shaver
01/27	National Politics	As the Florida primary approaches next week, the four remaining candidates running for the Republican Presidential nomination square off in a debate sponsored by CNN, the Florida GOP, and the Hispanic Leadership Network.	CNN: Republican Presidential Primary candidate debate
01/30	Culture / Arts	Marianne Combs is guest host for "Arts Week" on Midday. Today's co-host is Sam Bergman of the Minnesota Orchestra. How is classical music finding new audiences?	Sam Bergman Laura Sewell Matt Haimovitz
01/30	National Government	U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano delivers the second annual "State of America's Homeland Security" address at the National Press Club. Napolitano was the former governor of Arizona before President Obama selected her to head the department in 2009.	Janet Napolitano
01/31	Culture / Arts	Marianne Combs hosts "Arts Week" on Midday, with today's co-host, architectural historian Larry Millett.	Larry Millett Tom Fisher Jay Walljasper
01/31	International Government	The BBC's "World Have Your Say" focuses on the United Nations Security Council's actions on Syria. The United States and European Union want to break the current impasse with Russia on a resolution calling for the ouster of Syrian President Bashar Assad.	BBC: World Have Your Say

02/01	Arts / Culture	Marianne Combs hosts "Arts Week" on MIDDAY, with today's co-host Jeremy Messersmith. Songwriters Haley Bonar and Toki Wright join us to discuss their craft.	Jeremy Messersmith Haley Bonar Toki Wright
02/01	International Government / Politics	MIDDAY presents an Intelligence Squared U.S. debate on whether the United Nations should accept Palestine as a full member state, or if Israel and Palestine should continue brokered negotiations for a two-state solution. Will this latest maneuver move the peace process forward, or set it back?	Intelligence Squared: Mustafa Barghouti Dore Gold Daniel Levy Aaron David Miller
02/02	Arts / Culture	Marianne Combs hosts Arts Week on MIDDAY. Co-host NPR's Neda Ulaby and guests Alyssa Rosenberg and filmmaker Jeff Dupre discuss the art of filmmaking.	Neda Ulaby Alyssa Rosenberg Jeff Dupre
02/02	International Government / History	Middle East historian and author Toby Jones speaks at the City Club of Cleveland about the potential for revolution in oil-rich countries like Saudi Arabia, and how U.S. support of existing regimes suppresses democracy in the region.	City Club of Cleveland: Toby Jones
02/03	Arts / Culture	Lou Bellamy and Paul Carter Harrison join MPR's Marianne Combs and today's MIDDAY co-host T. Mychael Rambo.	T. Mychael Rambo Lou Bellamy Paul Carter Harrison
02/03	Media / History	The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston brings colleagues and writers who had worked with Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis during her time as an editor in the New York book world, sharing funny, revealing, and intimate stories about working with a woman who had fascinated the world for decades.	Greg Lawrence Joe Armstrong Betty Sue Flowers Harriet Rubin
02/06	Sports	KARE-11's Mike Pomeranz co-hosts MIDDAY with guest host Phil Picardi to size up the prospects for three of Minnesota's pro teams: the Vikings, the Twins and the Timberwolves.	Mike Pomeranz Jim Klobuchar Terry Ryan David Kahn
02/06	International Government	BBC's World Have Your Say presents continuing coverage of Syrian military attacks on protesters in Homs, located in western Syria. The BBC reports the army has begun shelling buildings and houses within the city.	BBC: World Have Your Say
02/07	State Government / Politics	The chairs of Minnesota's three major parties explain tonight's caucuses--the beginning of the nominating process for President, US Senate, Congress and the legislature. Which issues will frame each party's platform and how will the Republican nominee compare to President Obama in November?	Pat Shortridge Ken Martin Mark Jenkins

02/07	Health / Science	Food and Drug Commissioner Margaret Hamburg speaks at the Commonwealth Club of California about her agency's work in protecting public health and promoting innovation. She discusses how science-based regulation is the keystone to these two missions.	Commonwealth Club of California Margaret Hamburg
02/08	History	Documentarians Stephen Smith and Kate Ellis present and discuss short speeches by Mary McLeod Bethune, Dick Gregory, Malcolm X, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Lorraine Hansberry.	Stephen Smith Catherine Ellis
02/08	International Government	The BBC's World Have Your Say looks into the challenge of getting accurate and timely information from Iran, which puts many restrictions on its media and freedom of speech. The program also reports on the situation in Syria, where the military continues to press attacks on the city of Homs.	BBC World Have Your Say
02/09	National Government / Politics	Award-winning authors and columnists Jonathan Alter and Hendrik Hertzberg analyze the Obama presidency as he enters his 2012 re-election campaign. They appeared at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston.	Jonathan Alter Hendrik Hertzberg Renee Loth
02/10	Arts / Culture	Soprano Dawn Upshaw and composer Donnacha Dennehy join Stephen Smith to discuss their collaboration based on the poetry of Yeats. Upshaw is one of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra's artistic partners, a MacArthur Genius Grant winner and a world-renowned singer.	Stephen Smith Dawn Upshaw Donnacha Dennehy
02/13	Economics	Economist Robert Reich was a presidential cabinet member in three administrations, and is the author of "Aftershock: The Next Economy and America's Future." He spoke February 1st at the Commonwealth Club of California.	Commonwealth Club of California Robert Reich
02/14	Politics / Social Issues	Maggie Gallagher of the Institute for Marriage and Public Policy and Dale Carpenter of the University of Minnesota Law School debate gay marriage at a University of St. Thomas forum at the Murphy Institute for Catholic Thought, Law and Public Policy.	Maggie Gallagher Dale Carpenter
02/15	National Politics	Jim Lehrer, author of "Tension City: Inside the Presidential Debates, from Kennedy-Nixon to Obama-McCain." At the JFK Library in Boston, Jim Lehrer takes us behind the scenes of five decades of presidential debates.	Jim Lehrer Ray Suarez

02/16	History / Social Issues	Maya Angelou presents a portrait of African Americans during the civil rights era, with guests Congressman John Lewis, poet Nikky Finney, songwriter Mary J. Blige, economist Julianne Malveaux, and Ambassador Andrew Young.	Maya Angelou John Lewis Nikky Finney Mary J. Blige Julianne Malveaux Andrew Young
02/17	Science / Environment	MPR Chief Meteorologist Paul Huttner co-hosts Midday with his guest meteorologist Sven Sundgaard of KARE-11 TV. What does this winter weather mean, and what is the forecast for the last month of winter and the arrival of spring?	Paul Huttner Sven Sundgaard
02/17	International Government	America Abroad documentary examining the fragile transition of power in North Korea after the death of leader Kim Jong Il His son, Kim Jong Un, takes power as North Korea struggles to feed its people and pressure to abandon its nuclear program. South Korea, the United States and much of the world wonders if the results will be better or worse for the region.	America Abroad documentary
02/20	History	Presidential speechwriter Peter Robinson speaks to the Commonwealth Club about our 40th president and the subject of his book, "How Ronald Reagan Changed My Life."	Peter Robinson
02/20	History	Historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, speaking about President Abraham Lincoln and her award-winning book "Team Of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln." Her remarks are from the 2006 Abraham Lincoln Association symposium in Springfield, Illinois...and in 2005 at the JFK Library in Boston, Massachusetts.12:00 p.m.	Doris Kearns Goodwin
02/21	State Government / Politics	<b>Preparing for the Minn. Redistricting maps</b> A Minnesota five-judge panel released the state's updated congressional and legislative district maps Tuesday afternoon. What should Minnesotans expect in the new maps?	Tom Scheck Peter Wattson David Wasserman
02/21	Social Issues	<b>Does marriage suit educated women?</b> For more than a century, women were often forced to choose between an education and a husband. We were wondering: Is this still the case? Are highly-educated women finding it tougher to meet their equals?	Stephanie Coontz Joshua Coleman
02/21	Culture	<b>Andrew Zimmern on America's bizarre foods</b> The local food writer and TV personality talks about what bizarre food he's found in the United States and how we define innovation in the food business.	Andrew Zimmern

02/21	National Government / Health	<b>Debate: Is obesity the government's business?</b> MPR News presents an Intelligence Squared debate on what role, if any, the government should have in reducing obesity in America. Four debaters square off on the topic.	Paul Campos Pamela Peeke David Satcheer John Stossel
02/22	National Government / Politics	<b>America's crumbling transportation infrastructure</b> The way America has funded its roads for decades is breaking down. With such a hostile legislative environment, can there be any agreement as to the future of transportation funding in America?	Emil Frankel Richard Geddes
02/22	Health / Science	<b>Do diet pills help people lose weight?</b> Advisers to the Food and Drug Administration will recommend Wednesday whether the agency should approve the first new prescription diet pill in 13 years. We're talking about the role of drugs in weight loss and obesity prevention.	Simone French David Katz
02/22	National Politics	<b>Mormonism in the 2012 presidential election</b> During Mitt Romney's second run for the Republican presidential nomination, he isn't saying much about his Mormon faith. What's the significance of Mormonism in the upcoming election?	Joanna Brooks Krista Tippett
02/22	International / media	<b>On risks for war correspondents</b> Sunday Times foreign correspondent Marie Colvin, and French photojournalist Remi Ochlik, were reportedly staying in a house in Baba Amr, Syria that was being used by activists as a media centre when it was hit by a shell on Wednesday morning. Do we expect journalists to risk their lives to bring us the story?	BBC: World Have Your Say
02/23	Health / Science	<b>Screening children for high cholesterol levels</b> In the last three decades, obesity has tripled in adolescents and doubled in children. One of the consequences is a rise in cardiovascular disease in children. Should all children have their cholesterol levels screened?	Patrick McBride Darshak M. Sanghavi
02/23	Business / Economics /	<b>John Hope Bryant on financial dignity</b> The percentage of young people who have jobs in this country is near the lowest it's been since 1950. We're talking with financial literacy advocate John Hope Bryant about youth unemployment and why he believes financial dignity is the new civil rights issue.	John Hope Bryant
02/23	National Politics	<b>Robert Kagan on 'The Myth of American Decline'</b> Is America in decline? Robert Kagan argues that this anxiety is misplaced. The Brookings Institution senior fellow's new book on the topic is Kerri Miller's Pick of the Week.	Robert Kagan

02/23	International / Politics	<b>Rick Steves on travel as a political act</b> Travel expert Rick Steves speaks at the Westminster Town Hall Forum about how global travel can expand our world view and shape the way we address the political challenges facing the country.	Rick Steves
02/24	Law / Culture	<b>Friday Roundtable: Shoot-first bill, Google glasses</b> This week on The Daily Circuit's Friday Roundtable, our guests will discuss and debate the shoot-first bill, the Stolen Valor Act and Google glasses.	Bob Collins John Wodele Jearlyn Steele
02/24	Science	<b>Brian Cox's Quantum Universe</b> Brian Cox has gone from concert halls to the laboratory, and now the British physicist is working on the world's largest particle collider. His new book is "The Quantum Universe".	Brian Cox
02/24	Politics / Media	<b>Calvin Trillin's 40 years of funny stuff</b> Politicians tend to take themselves very seriously. That's why we're fortunate enough to have writers like Calvin Trillin, who's been gently poking fun at politicians for decades.	Calvin Trillin
02/24	International Government / Law	<b>Ambassador David Scheffer's career to make 'never again' really mean 'never again'</b> Author of "All the Missing Souls: A Personal History of the War Crimes Tribunals," Scheffer has spent decades working for international human rights and was head of the US delegation to negotiate the International Criminal Court. Now advising the UN on the Khmer Rouge Trials in Cambodia. Scheffer spoke February 8th at the University of Minnesota's Human Rights for the 21st Century speaker series.	David Scheffer
02/27	Social Issues	<b>Grand Marais, pattern emerges of older men pursuing teen girls</b> The courthouse shooting that shocked Grand Marais last December is out of the news. But the statutory rape conviction that led to the shooting exposed a long history of adult men having sex with teenage girls in the scenic North Shore town.	
02/27	National Politics / Government	<b>Obama's first term explained</b> James Fallows, national correspondent for The Atlantic, joins us to talk about Obama's first term in office. Is Obama a policy visionary or politically clumsy?	James Fallows
02/27	Science	<b>Neil de Grasse Tyson: America needs NASA</b> Neil deGrasse Tyson is an astrophysicist who makes us all think we understand the universe a little better. He'll discuss his latest book "Space Chronicles: Facing the Ultimate Frontier."	Neil deGrasse Tyson

02/27	National Politics / Media	<b>The 2012 presidential campaign: Behind the scenes</b> At a Feb. 23 "Times Talks" event, New York Times reporters discuss what it is like to cover a presidential campaign, and what they've learned about the candidates for president in 2012.	Jim Rutenberg Jeff Zeleny Helene Cooper Rick Berke
02/28	National Politics	<b>Will 'swing-state singles' decide the presidential election?</b> This year there are 100 million unmarried adults eligible to vote and many of them are concentrated in states that are up for grabs: Ohio, Michigan, Florida and Pennsylvania.	Steve Lombardo Michelle Bernard
02/28	Education	<b>Rebranding teachers</b> One teacher called it "apple crapple" - that shiny red symbol that has so long been associated with the virtues of teaching. Is it possible to bring creativity, vibrancy and innovative thinking to the idea of what teachers do?	Deroy Peraza Renee Gosline
02/28	History	<b>Slavery in the White House</b> In "A Slave in the White House," Elizabeth Dowling Taylor tells the story of Paul Jennings. Born into slavery on the plantation of James and Dolley Madison in Virginia, Jennings later became part of the Madison household staff at the White House.	Elizabeth Dowling Taylor
02/28	State Government / Politics / Health	<b>Former HHS secretary tells Minnesota to take the lead on health reform</b> Former Utah governor and HHS secretary in the Bush Administration, Michael Leavitt spoke Feb. 16 as part of a health reform series at the University of Minnesota's Center for the Study of Politics and Governance.	Michael Leavitt Larry Jacobs Dave Hage Erin Murphy
02/29	National Politics	<b>Does a politician's wealth matter?</b> It's no secret that all presidential candidates this year are millionaires. With heightened awareness of income inequity, does their wealth matter?	Adam Waytz Allan Lichtman
02/29	Miscellaneous	<b>Rick Steves takes a break from Europe to visit U.S. towns.</b> The Autobahn or the Corniche seem to be more Rick Steves' speed, but he is about to embark on a great American road trip.	Rick Steves
02/29	National Politics / Government	<b>Politicians and the art of apology</b> Obama received a lot of flak for apologizing about the Quran burnings in Afghanistan. We wanted to know: Why are apologies so difficult politically?	Laura Bloom Stephen Hess

02/29	National Government / Politics	<p><b>Grover Norquist brings anti-tax message to Minnesota</b></p> <p>Hear one of the most influential men in American politics today, Grover Norquist. The founder of Americans for Tax Reform spoke to the White Bear Area Chamber of Commerce February 21, 2012.</p>	Grover Norquist
03/01	National Government / Environment	<p><b>What are businesses doing to be more sustainable?</b></p> <p>President Obama is urging greater government investment in alternative energy, but it's a slow-moving and polarized issue in Washington. Some companies aren't waiting. What are those companies doing that others should be doing?</p>	Mindy Lubber
03/01	History / Social Issues	<p><b>Inside the slums of Mumbai</b></p> <p>In her first book, Katherine Boo tells an engrossing non-fiction account of life in the slums of Mumbai. Following three people as they try to make it to the middle class, Boo spent three-and-a-half years with them to tell her story.</p>	Katherine Boo
03/01	Social Issues / Media	<p><b>Will hyperconnected millennials suffer cognitive consequences?</b></p> <p>It's no secret that young Americans are always "on." They're often simultaneously checking email, tweeting, texting and updating their Facebook page. Are there future cognitive consequences for hyperconnected millennials?</p>	David Weinberger Jean Twenge
03/01	Media / History	<p><b>America's history of a free press</b></p> <p>University of Minnesota professor Jane Kirtley speaks at the Minnesota History Center's "History Forum: We the People: Americans and the Constitution."</p>	Jane Kirtley
03/02	Culture / Arts / Politics	<p><b>Friday Roundtable: Hip-hop ethics, return of the culture wars</b></p> <p>This week on the Friday Roundtable, the panelists discuss hip-hop and ethics, political polarization, and the return of the culture wars.</p>	Dessa Bob Collins Brit Robson
03/02	Education / Finances	<p><b>Getting an affordable college education</b></p> <p>Today--with the cost of tuition as high as it is--students have to use a much smarter strategy for choosing a college. Personal finance educator Ruth Hayden will discuss how families can figure out what they can afford</p>	Ruth Hayden
03/02	Culture	<p><b>Lynn Rossetto Kasper in The Key 3' recipes</b></p> <p>The popular host of public radio program The Splendid Table will be stopping by to talk about food and the people who love to make it.</p>	Lynn Rossetto Kasper

03/02	Parenting / Family Life	Amy Chua, author of "Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother," spoke Feb. 10 at the University of Minnesota China Center. She discusses strengths and weaknesses of Chinese and American parenting styles and says there are lots of false choices between happiness and success and between hard work and creativity.	Amy Chua
03/05	State Politics / Government	<b>Gov. Dayton on the Vikings stadium budget</b> This year's legislative session has been relatively quiet, but Gov. Mark Dayton still has some contentious issues before him, including the gun bill and the looming battle over the Vikings stadium.	Mark Dayton
03/05	Social Issues	<b>Raising bebe: Do French parents know best?</b> Last year was the Tiger Mother, this year it's "Bringing Up Bebe". Pamela Druckerman joins us to talk about the virtues of French parenting	Pamela Druckerman
03/05	Culture / Arts	<b>Can song lyrics be considered literature?</b> The people at PEN New England certainly think so. They awarded their first-ever Song Lyrics of Literary Excellence award to Chuck Berry and Leonard Cohen on Feb. 26.	Dan Wilson Deon Gray Chris Roberts
03/05	National Government	Aviation security and counter-terrorism efforts will be the subjects of a live National Press Club broadcast featuring the head of the Transportation Security Administration, John Pistole.	National Press Club: John Pistole`
03/06	National Politics	<b>Super Tuesday's impact on the GOP race</b> Residents in 10 states are casting votes this Super Tuesday with more than 400 delegates up for grabs. Pundits don't think it will decide things once and for all, but it could secure Mitt Romney's frontrunner status in the race for the GOP presidential nomination.	Jeff Greenfield Henry Gomez Aaron Gould Sheinin Kristen M. Daum
03/06	Philanthropy	<b>When nonprofits become fundraising behemoths</b> As nonprofits start pulling in more money, do the organizations stray from the original good intentions? As breast cancer charity Susan G. Komen for the Cure recovers from their Planned Parenthood controversy, we look at big fundraisers and where the money goes.	Kivi Leroux Miller Rick Cohen Jodi Sandfort
03/06	Religion / Social Issues	<b>Karen Armstrong's Charter for Compassion</b> Author Karen Armstrong has called on people around the world to collaborate on the writing of a "Charter for Compassion" centered on the Golden Rule. She's hoping the effort will restore compassionate thinking and action in religious, moral and political life.	Karen Armstrong

03/06	National Government / Politics	The President is expected to announce a housing program and answer questions from reporters about a wide range of issues, including Israel, Syria, Iran, the economy and the presidential campaign.	Barack Obama
03/07	Health / Science	<b>Stents vs. drugs for heart disease</b> A recent study on coronary artery disease claims that the process of inserting stents to repair a narrowed artery has no benefit over standard drug treatments. Is the moneymaking aspect of stents part of what's driving doctors to perform the procedure?	David L. Brown Chet Rihal
03/07	International / National Government / Politics	<b>Can diplomacy stop Iran from pursuing nuclear weapons?</b> President Barack Obama declared Tuesday that diplomacy could resolve the crisis over Iran's possible pursuit of nuclear weapons, and he accused his Republican critics of "beating the drums of war."	Stephen Walt Barbara Slavin
03/07	Business / Social issues	<b>What companies know about your shopping habits</b> Your shopping habits are the result of deeply ingrained patterns--and figuring out those patterns and getting ahead of them is "gold" to America's business giants. So what do companies know about you?	Charles Duhigg
03/07	National Politics / History	Former Wisconsin Senator Russ Feingold, defeated in 2010, speaks at the Commonwealth Club of California about post 9-11 America and his new book, "While America Sleeps."	Russ Feingold
03/08	National Government / Politics	<b>Is Obama turning U.S. into European-style welfare state?</b> GOP presidential candidates Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich have been asserting on the campaign trail that President Obama is turning America into a "European-style welfare culture." But is it true?	Dan Mitchell
03/08	International / National Government	<b>The U.S. exit strategy in Afghanistan</b> After the deadly riots following last month's Koran burnings in Afghanistan, President Obama has made it clear that he has no plans to keep U.S. troops in the country longer than necessary. How would Afghanistan fare under UN control?	Seth Jones
03/08	Politics	<b>How to create an effective campaign slogan.</b> Political slogans can be the difference between a campaign that sounds tight, focused, and smart, and a campaign that's in search of itself. What makes a campaign slogan work?	Dan Schnur Pete Snyder

03/08	Social Issues / Education	<p><b>Rachel Simmons on the hidden culture of aggression in girls</b></p> <p>Noted author and educator Rachel Simmons speaks live at the Westminster Town Hall Forum about the phenomenon of aggression in the lives of adolescent girls. She's the co-founder of the Girls Leadership Institute and the author of "Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls."</p>	Westminster Town Hall Forum Rachel Simmons
03/09	International Government / Media / State Politics	<p>The Friday Roundtable panel looks at unlikely and controversial viral video Kony 2012, former U of M president Bob Bruininks' compensation policy and former Republican House Speaker Steve Sviggum's resignation from the University's Board of Regents</p>	Stephanie Curtis Mike Zipko Peter Bell
03/09	Health	<p><b>Protecting mental strengths through middle age</b></p> <p>There are plenty of studies looking at early and late stages of life, but little is known about the middle phase. A unique study, Midlife in the United States, is broadly looking at health in middle age.</p>	Patricia Cohen Carol Ryff
03/09	Culture /Social Issues /	<p><b>Edward Luce on the 'reality of American decline'</b></p> <p>Edward Luce will respond to Robert Kagan's 'myth of American decline.' He urges President Obama to scan the economic facts more closely when it comes to the reality of American decline.</p>	Edwin Luce
03/09	History / State Politics	<p><b>The story of Minnesota's protest tradition</b></p> <p>MPR News presents two interviews from our Minnesota Voices series on the history of political protest in Minnesota. The program begins with a remembrance of anti-war protester and civil rights activist Marv Davidov who died recently. Reporter Dan Olson also interviews historian Rhoda Gilman, who's out with a new book, "Stand Up: the Story of Minnesota's Protest Tradition."</p>	Dan Olson Rhoda Gilman
03/12	Sports / State Government	<p><b>Minnesota House leaders talk Vikings stadium, voter ID</b></p> <p>Minnesota House Speaker Kurt Zellers, R- Maple Grove, and Minority Leader Paul Thissen, D- Minneapolis, will talk Vikings stadium, voter ID and the surplus.</p>	Kurt Zellers Paul Thissen
03/12	Medicine	<p><b>When doctors lie to their patients</b></p> <p>More than half of doctor's have described a patient's prognosis more optimistically than warranted, according to a study published last month in the journal Health Affairs.</p>	Pauline Chen Eric Campbell

03/12	Social Issues	<b>How welcoming is Minnesota to newcomers?</b> MPR News reporter Laura Yuen debuts the first part of her series examining what it means to be a newcomer in Minnesota.	Laura Yuen Melanie Allen Doug Hartmann
03/12	International Government / Politics	<b>BBC coverage of civilian killings in Afghanistan</b> The BBC's "World Have Your Say" program discusses the civilians killed in Afghanistan. Who is responsible, and what should be done about it?	BBC "World Have Your Say:
03/13	Minnesota Politics	<b>The state of Minnesota's voter ID legislation</b> The nation has seen a wave of laws passed or introduced aimed at requiring voters to show ID to vote. Why we are now seeing this debate take shape and what can we expect to see this fall if these laws pass?	Tim Pugmire Keesha Gaskins Hans von Spakovsky
03/13	Media / Social Issues / Education	<b>Is texting and tweeting changing the English language?</b> The debate over the proper use of the English language, and how far we've strayed from it, rages on in a world where texting and tweeting is now shaping how we write.	Anatoly Liberman
03/13	Science	<b>Nuclear power safety one year after Fukushima disaster</b> This month marked the one-year anniversary of the Fukushima nuclear power disaster that devastated Japan. Are nuclear plants safer since Fukushima?	Arjun Makhijani Adrian Heymer
03/13	National Government / Social Issues	<b>Bright Ideas: Bruce Schneier on security</b> Stephen Smith of MPR's "Bright Ideas" series speaks with security expert Bruce Schneier about national and personal security in the post 9-11 high tech world.	Bruce Schneier
03/14	Minnesota Politics	<b>How would 'right-to-work' amendment impact Minnesota?</b> Minnesota Republican Sen. Dave Thompson's "right-to-work" bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee this week. The bill would allow citizens to vote on a constitutional amendment that would ban requiring workers to join unions and pay dues.	Karla Walter Mark Mix
03/14	Education	<b>Educating inmates: Is it worth it?</b> Education for prison inmates has been shown to reduce recidivism rates, but funding for such programs is increasingly hard to secure. Is higher education something that should be available to prisoners when it's so hard to come by for the general population?	Joshua Page Stephen Steurer Robert Stewart

03/14	State Politics / Government	<p><b>Minnesota Senate leaders on income tax hike, Vikings stadium</b></p> <p>State lawmakers have had a full plate this session and there's not much time to resolve the most pressing issues before they adjourn in May. Senate Majority Leader David Senjem and Minority Leader Thomas Bakk will talk about the big bills this spring.</p>	David Senjem Tom Bakk
03/14	Health / National Politics	<p><b>Jim Ramstad and Patrick Kennedy speak on mental health parity</b></p> <p>A live broadcast from the National Press Club in Washington, featuring former U.S. Rep. Jim Ramstad and Patrick Kennedy. They discuss implementation of the Mental Health Parity and Addition Equity Act, named after the late Minnesota Sen. Paul Wellstone.</p>	National Press Club Jim Ramstad Patrick Kennedy
03/15	National Politics / International Government	<p><b>European-style economic state?</b></p> <p>Last week, CATO's Dan Mitchell was on to talk about the GOP candidates' claims that President Obama was turning America into a "European-style welfare society." Alice Rivlin is here with the counter-argument.</p>	Alice Rivlin
03/15	Health / Science	<p><b>All about brains: stress, hive mind, jumping genes</b></p> <p>We're talking about brains all hour. We have three guests who will be discussing new research looking at how the brain works and how it changes due to major life events.</p>	Apostolos Georgopoulos Jason Castro Gary Stix
03/15	Business / Economics	<p><b>Number of young homeowners on the decline</b></p> <p>Despite cheaper mortgages and millions of unwanted houses, the number of young homeowners has been on the decline. What does this mean for the future of the housing market?</p>	Derek Thompson Jeffrey Lubell
03/15	Science / Environment	<p><b>Nuclear power after Fukushima</b></p> <p>SoundVision Productions and American Public Media present "BURN: An Energy Journal." Part 1, by award-winning journalist Alex Chadwick, "Particles: Nuclear Power After Fukushima."</p>	SoundVision/ APM Documentary
03/16	National & State Politics	<p><b>Will union support influence the 2012 race?</b></p> <p>The political power of unions was once strong and undeniable, but is that still the case? Does Obama need the unions' support?</p>	Patrick Flavin John Nichols Shar Knutson

03/16	Culture / Arts	<b>Honeydogs perform in MPR studios</b> Two months after frontman Adam Levy's son committed suicide, the local music staple releases a new album and joins us in studio.	Honeydogs
03/16	Sports / Social Issues	<b>Friday Roundtable: Vikings stadium, outsiders, and 35E speed</b> We'll discuss the Vikings stadium bill, how welcoming Minnesotans are to outsiders and the speed limit on 35E.	Michele Tafoya Jim Ragsdale Steve Perry
03/16	Culture	<b>Can the 'argument culture' be stopped?</b> Bestselling author and Georgetown linguistics professor Deborah Tannen explores the lack of civil discourse — public and private — in her book, "The Argument Culture: Stopping America's War of Words."	University of St. Thomas "Public Discourse Lecture Series." Deborah Tannen
03/19	Culture	<b>What is the 'American Dream' today?</b> A new report from the Center for the Study of the American Dream shows that even while Americans distrust the government, they have faith in the American Dream.	Michael Ford Tamara Draut
03/19	Health / Social Issues	<b>Preparing your end-of-life plan</b> Most of us can imagine the details of an unplanned and unpleasant death, but how much thought have you given to a death that can be planned?	Dan Morhaim
03/19	Health	<b>How America is stealing the world's doctors</b> A quarter of the doctors practicing in America were trained overseas, many from countries with acute health-worker crises. What does it mean for the countries they leave?	Kate Tulekno Ajay Rawal
03/19	Media / Culture	<b>Can artistic license justify bending the facts?</b> The BBC "World Have Your Say" program discusses the controversy over Mike Daisey and his theatrical production, "The Agony and the Ecstasy of Steve Jobs." His story was portrayed as the truth on the public radio program, "This American Life"-- until it was retracted this weekend.	BBC "World Have Your Say"
03/20	International Government / Business / Economics	<b>Iranian perspective on sanctions against banks</b> A telecommunication network that is essential to the way global banks do business expelled 30 Iranian financial institutions Saturday. What does it mean for Iranian citizens and change in the country?	Hooman Majd

03/20	National Government / Social Issues	<p><b>Jonathan Odell on “The Healing,” Mississippi slavery</b></p> <p>Jonathan Odell, author of 'The Healing,' explores the subversive role equality in pre-Civil Rights Mississippi plays in the healing of an oppressed people.</p>	Jonathan Odell
03/20	Health / Science	<p><b>Mike Doughty on battling drug addiction</b></p> <p>Mike Doughty made a name for himself as front-man of the band Soul Coughing, but it's a period of his life that was marked by insecurity and heavy drug use. He describes these struggles in his new memoir, “The Book of Drugs.”</p>	Mike Doughty
03/20	Business / Social Issues	<p><b>Human Rights after 9/11</b></p> <p>Georgetown University law professor David Cole speaks at the University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs about human rights, civil liberties, the rule of law and executive power.</p>	David Cole
03/21	Education	<p><b>Teacher morale hits a 20-year low</b></p> <p>The percentage of teachers who said they were very satisfied dropped from 59 percent in 2009 to 44 percent last year. What does the future of teaching look like?</p>	Sandi Jacobs Amber Damm
03/21	Law	<p><b>Should juvenile offenders get life in prison?</b></p> <p>The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments this week about whether juvenile offenders should be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.</p>	Mike Freeman Jody Madeira
03/21	Health / Science	<p><b>Inside an addicted brain</b></p> <p>Neuroscientist Marc Lewis knows the power of addiction first-hand. As a former drug addict, Lewis has been dependent on a number of substances including LSD and heroin. Lewis joins The Daily Circuit Wednesday to talk about his book ‘Memoirs of an Addicted Brain’ and the research behind addiction.</p>	Marc Lewis
03/21	Business / Economics / Environment	<p><b>GM CEO says automakers always looking to the future</b></p> <p>General Motors chairman and CEO Dan Akerson is interviewed by the Commonwealth Club of California as part of its "Climate One" series. GM is again the world's top automaker, but competition is intense. Akerson discusses alternative fuel vehicles, the politics and economics of the auto bailout and the importance of a clean environment.</p>	Commonwealth Club: Dan Akerson

03/22	International Government / Politics	<p><b>When should the world intervene in a country's conflict?</b></p> <p>When and how should the United States or the United Nations intervene in another country's conflict? In the wake of violence in Somalia and Rwanda, the international community set out to define its moral obligations of when to intervene in a country's internal affairs.</p>	Eric Schwartz Charles Rice
03/22	Science / Economics	<p><b>Biobank ethics: What you should know about your genes</b></p> <p>We know that our DNA is uniquely ours, but do we really own our own genetic information? In biobanks across the country, researchers store millions of genetic samples taken from patients and there are no clear guidelines on how to deal with the tissues and findings.</p>	Susan Wolf Art Caplan
03/22	Health / Science	<p><b>Is couples therapy effective?</b></p> <p>Couples therapy isn't just stressful for those in the troubled relationship. It's hard for the professionals too, where a therapist's joining skills from individual therapy can backfire within seconds. Can couples therapy actually work? And how is the business changing to improve results?</p>	William J. Doherty Elizabeth Weil
03/22	International Government	<p><b>Securing future rights for women in Afghanistan</b></p> <p>David Cortright of the University of Notre Dame, co-author of "Afghan Women Speak: Enhancing Security and Human Rights in Afghanistan," speaks at International Women's Day event 03/09/2012 at the U of M's Humphrey School's Center for Women and Public Policy.</p>	David Cortright Keith Ellison Robin Phillips
03/23	National Politics	<p><b>What's the impact of recent GOP anti-intellectual statements?</b></p> <p>Presidential candidate Rick Santorum called President Obama a "snob" for encouraging all Americans to go to college. Is this part of a larger trend toward GOP anti-intellectualism and what's the impact?</p>	Susan Jacoby Matt K. Lewis
03/23	Social Issues	<p><b>Upholding fairness in the courts</b></p> <p>Studies show that if litigants or members of the public perceived that the courts provided fair treatment, they had a more positive attitude toward the court system as a whole. What issues affect fairness and what's being done to overcome them?</p>	Kevin Burke Max Tobias

03/23	Social Issues	<p><b>Friday Roundtable: Trayvon Martin, job interview Facebook access</b></p> <p>We'll discuss the protests over the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, life sentences for juveniles, and if it's right for employers to ask job candidates for their Facebook passwords.</p>	<p>Bob Collins Lars Leafblad Kyle Tran Myhre</p>
03/23	Health / National Politics	<p>The former head of the health insurance exchanges at the US Department of Health and Human Services, Joel Ario, and Minnesota's Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman discuss health insurance exchanges and the need for a medical care safety net in America. They participated in a series of health care reform forums at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School.</p>	<p>Joe Ario Mike Rothman</p>
03/26	National Government / Politics	<p><b>Supreme Court takes up health care reform</b></p> <p>The Supreme Court will hear arguments challenging the constitutionality of the Health Care Reform Act starting Monday. We'll look at the political elements of health care reform.</p>	<p>James Morone John Rother</p>
03/26	Parenting / Family life	<p><b>Author Anne Lamott on her son's unexpected fatherhood</b></p> <p>Best-selling author Anne Lamott joins us to talk about her latest book, "Some Assembly Required," which documents her 19-year-old son's journey after his girlfriend finds out she is pregnant.</p>	<p>Anne Lamott</p>
03/26	Health / Science	<p><b>The brain of a PTSD victim</b></p> <p>The recent killing of 16 Afghan civilians by an American soldier has once again brought the extreme effects of post-traumatic stress disorder to the public's attention. We're just starting to understand its effects on the brain.</p>	<p>Apostolos Georgopoulos Brian Engdahl</p>
03/26	Media	<p>New York Times reporter Jodi Kantor spoke at the Commonwealth Club of California March 21, 2012 about her new book about Michelle and Barack Obama, "The Obamas."</p>	<p>Commonwealth Club: Jodi Kantor</p>
03/27	National Politics / Health	<p><b>Health care reform: The legal arguments</b></p> <p>The justices are back in the Supreme Court this morning for two hours of argument challenging the constitutionality of the Health Care Reform Act. Today we're addressing the legal questions upon which the case will turn.</p>	<p>Roger Pilon Fazal Khan</p>

03/27	National Politics / Economics	<p><b>Obama and the economy: Is he good or just lucky?</b></p> <p>Leading up to November, President Obama will point out his role in bringing America out of the biggest economic disaster since the Great Depression. If the economy is in recovery, is the president good, or just lucky?</p>	Joshua Green Noam Scheiber
03/27	Culture / Arts	<p><b>Benjamin Busch on his memoir “Dust to Dust”</b></p> <p>Benjamin Busch has done two tours in Iraq and appeared on TV shows 'The Wire' and 'The West Wing.' He can now add author to his resume with the release of his new memoir 'Dust to Dust.'</p>	Benjamin Busch
03/27	National Politics / Media	<p>NPR's Senior Washington Editor Ron Elving speaks with MPR Political Editor Mike Mulcahy about the ongoing Republican Presidential nominating contest and how NPR plans to cover the 2012 election.</p>	MPR Broadcast Journalist Series: Ron Elving Mike Mulcahy
03/28	Health / Science	<p><b>The lost art of medical diagnosis</b></p> <p>When was the last time you had an extensive, hands-on, physical exam in the doctor's office? With a push for technology and hyper-specialization in the medical world, many fear that the art of general diagnosis and the teaching of good diagnostic practices may be fading.</p>	Lisa Sanders John Kugler
03/28	Culture / Arts	<p><b>Jonah Lehrer on how creativity works</b></p> <p>Jonah Lehrer, Wired contributing editor and author, will join The Daily Circuit Wednesday to talk about his latest book "Imagine: How Creativity Works." His book looks at scientific invention and artistic breakthroughs through psychological and neurological research.</p>	Jonah Lehrer
03/28	Social Issues / Health	<p><b>Bad bosses</b></p> <p>A bad boss can make your work life miserable. But new research shows a bad boss can also hurt your family life, health and personal morale. We wanted to know more about research on the topic and get some advice on getting out of bad work environments. How should one cope and when should one just find a new job?</p>	Wayne Hochwarter Annabelle Gurwitch

03/28	Religion / International Politics	Islamist movements have emerged as one of the most powerful political groups in the aftermath of the Arab Spring revolutions in the Middle East and North Africa. A new documentary from America Abroad explores how those new Islamist political groups are operating in the region and how what their rule will mean for all people living in those countries and for the international community.	America Abroad Documentary
03/29	Business / Economics	<b>America's dominant service economy</b> America's economy has undergone a gradual but significant change in the past 50 years: We're no longer an economy of manufacturers; instead we're an economy of service. That change has moved Americans from factories into offices as we spend less on the production of food and goods.	Stephen J. Rose Jordan Weissman
03/29	Business / Economics	<b>Bringing back the 40-hour work week</b> More than 150 years of research proves that long hours at work kill profits, productivity and employees. So why are we working more hours than ever before? Sara Robinson, senior editor at AlterNet.org, said it's time to bring back the 40-hour work week.	Sara Robinson Alexandra Levit
03/29	Health / Science	<b>Obesogens: Is there a chemical link to obesity?</b> Obesogen is a relatively new term that you may soon hear more about. It refers to chemicals that some scientists believe are linked to obesity. We'll talk about the controversial science behind obesogens and what researchers are learning about the complexity behind obesity.	Bruce Blumberg Michael Dedekian
03/29	Health	<b>Deepak Chopra on mind-body healing</b> World renowned physician, alternative medicine pioneer and best-selling author Deepak Chopra speaks at the National Press Club in Washington about the connections between mind, body, spirit and healing.	Deepak Chopra
03/30	Health / Science	<b>Cheney's heart: Should age be a factor in organ transplants?</b> Former Vice President Dick Cheney received a heart transplant last weekend. The 71-year-old had spent 20 months on the organ donation waiting list. Should his age have been taken into account when he received the heart?	Jeffrey Kahn Richard Freeman

03/30	Business / Economics	<b>The culture of Wall Street</b> We're about two years post-Wall Street reform and there have been reports that the way Wall Street does business is changing. Is that really happening? And what does it mean for Main Street pocketbooks?	Chris Bayer William Cohan
03/30	Social Issues Parenting	<b>Friday Roundtable: Trayvon Martin, realities of raising black sons</b> The shooting death of Florida teen Trayvon Martin has led to many discussions about how young black males are viewed in American society, and what that means for the people who raise them.	Donna Britt Delores Henderson Toki Wright
03/30	History	<b>Minnesota voices from the front lines of World War II</b> From MPR's Minnesota Sounds and Voices series come two accounts from Minnesotans caring for the wounded during World War II. Dr. John Linner was a Navy doctor and served in battles at both Normandy and Okinawa. Bloomington resident Avis Schorer talks about her harrowing experience as an Army nurse during the invasion of Anzio in Italy.	MPR Sounds and Voices

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