

FCC ASCERTAINMENT REPORT – October – December, 2006

INTERNATIONAL:

Roy Grow, professor of international relations at Carleton College in Northfield discusses the North Korean claim of conducting an underground nuclear test (10/9/06). Walter Mondale, former vice president of the United States discusses diplomatic solutions to the North Korean situation (10/12/06). The U.S. future in Iraq with Stephen Van Evera, Professor of political science, specializing in international relations and security studies, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (10/18/06). Rick Stoll, professor of political science specializing in international conflict and American national security policy at Rice University in Houston, Texas discusses U.S. options in Iraq, followed a speech on the nature of terrorism by Harvard University's Louise Richardson at the World Affairs Council of Northern California (11/13/06). Tony Blair, who will step down as British prime minister next year, outlines a strategy for stabilizing Iraq and the broader Middle East, followed by an "America Abroad" program on the challenge of counterinsurgency (11/14/06). Nick Hayes, professor of history at St. John's University in Collegeville discusses America's foreign policy challenges (11/24/06). Barbara Bodine, visiting scholar at the Center for International Studies at MIT and former U.S. ambassador to Yemen on the future of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki (11/30/06). Hannah Allam, foreign correspondent for the McClatchy newspaper chain, on the latest developments in the Iraq War (12/4/06). Brian Atwood, dean of the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute, analyzes the bipartisan Iraq Study Group report, followed by "The Future of American Involvement in Iraq" in the UBS Forum at Minnesota Public Radio (12/6/06). Former Vice President Walter Mondale, Minnesota's highest-ranking elder statesman, discusses Congress, Iraq and other global concerns (12/11/06). Retiring U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan gives a farewell address at the Truman Library in Independence, Mo. (12/12/06). Daniel Brumberg, professor at Georgetown University and a special adviser to the U.S. Institute of Peace's Muslim World Initiative on the results of the Iraq Study Group (12/13/06). Larry Shellito, Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard discusses the U.S. military presence in Iraq (12/14/06).

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Former U.S. Sen. Dave Durenberger explains how Congress works (10/2/06). A look at the forces shaping this year's elections with Steven Smith, Director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis (10/9/06). Norman Ornstein, nationally recognized congressional expert, Minnesota native and resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute on what makes a good lawmaker (10/26/06). American RadioWorks host Ray Suarez discusses his new book on the politics of faith among presidential candidates (10/27/06). Princeton University historian Sean Wilentz tracks the evolution of American democracy in a speech at the Aspen Ideas Festival (11/7/06). President Bush holds a news conference on his reaction to Republican congressional losses in the election (11/8/06). Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, whose resignation was announced following heavy Republican losses in the midterm elections, speaks at Kansas State University in

Manhattan, Kan. (11/9/06). Two of America's most respected pollsters - Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center and Robert Blendon, director of the Harvard Opinion Research Program - analyze the mid-term elections (11/17/06). Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn. and Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. discuss the Republican losses in the midterm elections (11/21/06). FEMA Director David Paulison on his plans for the agency at the National Press Club (11/30/06). Live coverage of Secretary of Defense nominee Robert Gates appearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee for hearings on his confirmation, followed by analysis by Colin Kahl, political science professor at the University of Minnesota (12/5/06). Minnesota's outgoing congressmen -- Martin Sabo, Mark Kennedy and Gil Gutknecht -- reflect on leaving Washington (12/8/06). The possible effect of the sudden illness of Sen. Tim Johnson, D-SD on the balance of power in Congress with Steven Smith, director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis (12/14/06). The three new Minnesotan faces in the U.S. House of Representatives next year - Michele Bachmann, Keith Ellison and Tim Walz - explain what they want to do in Washington (12/18/06). Sen.-elect Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., on what she hopes to accomplish over the next six years in the U.S. Senate (12/20/06). National Public Radio presents "The Life of Gerald Ford," hosted by Linda Wertheimer (12/27/06). Chris Gilbert, professor of political science at Gustavus Adolphus College discusses the entry of John Edwards into the 2008 presidential race and the potential of future contenders (12/28/06).

STATE POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Republican Gov. Tim Pawlenty, Democrat Mike Hatch and Independence Party candidate Peter Hutchinson in a gubernatorial debate in Bloomington (10/5/06). Minor party gubernatorial candidates Ken Pentel of the Green Party and Leslie Davis of the American Party (10/6/06). The "Meet the Candidates" series continues with Mike Hatch: DFL candidate for governor, followed by the three candidates running for Minnesota's open U.S. Senate seat in a debate at Concordia College in Moorhead (10/11/06). Gov. Tim Pawlenty discusses his candidacy for a second term (10/12/06). The "Meet the Candidates" series concludes three days of gubernatorial contenders with Peter Hutchinson of the Independence Party (10/13/06). U.S. Independence Party candidate Robert Fitzgerald on the "Meet the Candidates" series (10/16/06). U.S. Senate candidates Mark Kennedy and Amy Klobuchar debate in an appearance on NBC's "Meet The Press" (10/16/06). DFLer Amy Klobuchar on the "Meet the Candidates" series, followed by an analysis of this year's races with former U.S. Reps. Tim Penny, D-Minn., and Vin Weber, R-Minn. (10/17/06). A debate between Rep. Jim Oberstar, D Minn., who has represented Minnesota's 8th District for almost 32 years, and former Sen. Rod Grams, R-Minn. in Grand Rapids (10/18/06). The "Meet the Candidates" series continues with contenders for the 5th District congressional seat: DFLer Keith Ellison, Tammy Lee of the Independence Party, Republican Alan Fine and Jay Pond of the Green Party. In the second hour, a debate between contenders in the 6th District race, Republican Michele Bachmann, John Binkowski of the Independence Party and DFLer Patty Wetterling (10/20/06). A collection of recent Minnesota Public Radio reports examining some of the issues in the races for the U.S. Senate and the governor's office (10/26/06). An extended broadcast featuring 11-11:30: 4th district congressional candidates Betty McCollum and Obi Sium "Meet the Candidates series." 11:30-12:

Highlights of a debate on the proposed constitutional amendment on transportation funding held over the weekend at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. David Olson of the Minnesota Chamber spoke in favor, and State Rep. Dan Dorman of Albert Lea spoke against the transportation amendment. 12:00: broadcast of a gubernatorial debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters and KSTP-TV with the 3 major party candidates for Governor -Tim Pawlenty, Mike Hatch and Peter Hutchinson. 1:00: broadcast of the U.S. Senate Debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters and KSTP-TV with Amy Klobuchar, Mark Kennedy and Robert Fitzgerald (10/30/06). The major party candidates for Secretary of State visit the "Meet the Candidates" series, followed by the major party candidates for State Auditor. In the second hour, a debate between the first district candidates for Congress: incumbent Republican Gil Gutknecht and his challenger DFLer Tim Walz, recorded at public television station KSMQ in Austin (10/31/06). U.S. Rep. Jim Ramstad, R-Minn., debates his DFL challenger, Wendy Wilde, as part of "Meet the Candidates" series on most stations; a debate between incumbent 7th District Rep. Collin Peterson and challenger Michael Barrett is being provided only to MPR stations in northwest Minnesota, followed by the candidates for Congress in Minnesota's 2nd District, incumbent Republican John Kline and his DFL challenger Colleen Rowley (11/1/06). The future balance of power in the Minnesota Legislature with Minnesota Senate majority leader Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar. Senate minority leader Dick Day, R-Owatonna. Speaker of the House Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon and House minority leader Margaret Anderson Kelliher, DFL-Minneapolis (11/2/06). A special MPR event in the UBS Forum with a group of voters who have decided who to vote for governor and U.S. Senate, how they came to their decision and they'll try to persuade others of their point of view (11/3/06). Broadcast of the final U.S. Senate and gubernatorial debates at the Fitzgerald Theatre (11/6/06). Joe Mansky, Ramsey County elections manager on how to vote in Minnesota elections (11/7/06). Analysis of this year's election results with David Lillehaug, DFL analyst and Tom Horner, Republican analyst (11/8/06). A conversation with Amy Klobuchar: Senator-elect, D-Minn. (11/9/06). Larry Pogemiller, newly elected Minnesota Senate majority leader, DFL-Minneapolis, followed by newly elected Congressman Tim Walz (11/10/06). The future of Independence Party in Minnesota with Tim Penny, former congressman, DFL-Minn. (11/14/06). The new leaders of the Minnesota Legislature discuss the major issues of the new session (11/20/06). Gov. Tim Pawlenty speaks on the new challenges he faces in his second term (11/21/06). State lawmakers Dick Cohen, Minnesota Senate Finance Committee chair, DFL-St. Paul; Ann Lenczewski: Minnesota House Taxes Committee chair, DFL-Bloomington and Marty Seifert: Minnesota House minority leader, R-Marshall discuss the new budget forecast (11/29/06). The 2006 elections and a look ahead at the future of politics in Minnesota with commentators Tom Horner and Bob Meek (12/26/06). Former Minnesota governors Wendell Anderson and Al Quie talk about the way things are going in the state, and what their hopes are for the future (12/27/06).

EDUCATION:

Alice Seagren, Minnesota education commissioner on the results of this year's state academic standards tests, followed by a Chautauqua Institution speech by neuroscientist Mel Levine on how children learn (11/15/06). Minnesota's 2007 Superintendent of the Year, Spring Lake Park Schools' Don Helmstetter, discusses the challenges facing state school districts (11/27/06). Education reformer Jonathan Kozol

on the increasing segregation of America's schools (12/4/06). Judy Farmer, longtime Minneapolis school board member, retiring this year after 26 years on the board (12/12/06). Charlie Kyte, executive director of the Minnesota Association of School Administrators on their plans for a longer school year, increased funding for special education, preschool and all-day kindergarten (12/19/06).

HEALTH/SCIENCE:

Minnesota Public Radio's medical analyst Dr. Jon Hallberg on recent medical discoveries in the news (10/24/06). David Durenberger, chair of the National Institute of Health Policy at the University of St. Thomas on proposals for universal health care in Minnesota (11/16/06). Veterinarian Kate An Hunter on pet health (12/1/06). The repercussions of the latest Taco Bell/Taco John e.Coli outbreak with Craig Hedberg: Professor at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health (12/15/06). The upcoming winter forecast and the state's weather history with Mark Seeley, meteorologist and climatologist at the University of Minnesota (12/21/06).

BUSINESS/ECONOMICS:

What the latest Dow Jones record performance means for the average investor with Bob Potter, consultant for JNBA Financial Advisors (10/5/06). Economist and Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus speaks at the National Press Club (11/20/06). MPR's chief economics correspondent Chris Farrell and Louis Johnston, economics professor at St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict in Collegeville discuss how the new Democratic Congress may affect the economy (11/22/06). Nathan Dungan: President of Share-Save-Spend of Minneapolis, on striking a balance between consumerism and the spirit of the season (12/19/06). MPR's chief economics correspondent Chris Farrell with his traditional year-end predictions about the economy (12/29/06).

SPORTS:

Howard Sinker, state news editor for the Minneapolis Star Tribune and former sports reporter there on the Minnesota Twins' chances in the playoffs (10/3/06).

CULTURE/ARTS:

The American RadioWorks documentary, "Japan's Pop Power" (10/3/06). Neil Simon at the Guthrie Theater for a conversation with its artistic director Joe Dowling (10/13/06). Former MPR "Midmorning" host Katherine Lanpher discusses her new book, "Leap Days: Chronicles of a Midlife Move" (10/19/06). Two MPR Thanksgiving specials: "Turkey Confidential" and "Giving Thanks" (11/23/06). Author Patricia Hampl narrates

"Just A Stop On The Circuit: Great Artists Visit Old St. Paul" (11/24/06). Actress and singer/dancer Rita Moreno speaks about her life at the Commonwealth Club of California (12/11/06). National Public Radio's "Hanukkah Lights" special featuring four short stories about Hanukkah and Jewish life (12/15/06). Patrick Hemingway explained what it was like growing up a Hemingway recently at Boston's Kennedy Library (12/21/06). The year 2006 in movies with Stephanie Curtis (12/22/06). Midday presents seven stories of the season from a host of top-flight story tellers (12/25/06). The year in review on the local music scene with Mark Wheat of The Current (12/28/06).

SOCIAL ISSUES:

William Schulz, the former executive director of Amnesty International USA, discusses his work in a speech at the Westminster Town Hall Forum (11/16/06). Nobel Peace Prize winner and economist Muhammad Yunus at the National Press Club (11/20/06). The results of a new Citizens League survey on challenges facing Minnesota with Sean Kershaw, executive director of the Citizens League and Stacy Becker, project manager for the Minnesota Anniversary Project (11/28/06). Historian Stephanie Coontz on challenges facing marriage in the U.S. (11/29/06). National Public Radio's Juan Williams talks about putting political muscle behind affordable housing at the "Homes for All 2006" convention in St. Paul (12/13/06).

RELIGION:

An estimated 3,000 people turned out in downtown St. Paul Tuesday night for a "Stand for the Family" rally, organized to increase voter turnout among conservative Christians, including James Dobson of Focus on the Family and former Republican presidential candidate Gary Bauer (10/4/06). Faith and politics in the Muslim world with author Reza Aslan at the Westminster Town Hall Forum in Minneapolis (11/2/06). Rabbi Michael Lerner, author of "The Left Hand of God: Taking our Country Back from the Religious Right" on the spiritual progressive movement in the U.S. (11/28/06).

MEDIA:

Covering the war and the White House with ABC News Chief White House Correspondent Martha Raddatz at the Westminster Town Hall Forum (10/6/06). Ted Turner at the National Press Club in Washington (10/10/06). A documentary on legendary newsman and commentator Daniel Schorr (10/23/06). The documentary "24/7: The Rise and Influence of Arab Media (11/1/06). Bill Buzenberg, outgoing senior vice president for news at Minnesota Public Radio and American Public Media on his observations on news and public affairs (11/17/06). Former CBS and NBC journalist Marvin Kalb, now lecturer at Harvard University's Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy, on the future of journalism in a National Press Club speech (12/1/06). The 100th anniversary of music sent across the airwaves in the American RadioWorks documentary, "Hearing America: A Century of Music On The Radio"

(12/22/06). Remembering the legacy of broadcast pioneer and CBS News president Frank Stanton who died 12/24/06 in Boston at the age of 98 (12/26/06). Jane Kirtley, Director of the Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law at the University of Minnesota discusses the future of U.S. newspapers (12/29/06).

ENVIRONMENT:

A discussion of bottom trawling in the world's oceans and why is it suddenly attracting attention (10/4/06). Mark Seeley, meteorologist and climatologist at the University of Minnesota on the first forecast of snow in the state (10/10/06). The latest American RadioWorks documentary on global warming, "Reports From A Warming Planet" (11/10/06). A plan to wean the U.S. off oil in four decades with experimental physicist and longtime renewable energy proponent Amory Lovins (12/18/06).

HISTORY:

The American RadioWorks documentary, "Thurgood Marshall Before the Court" (10/2/06). Historian David McCullough discussed the importance of history at the Aspen Institute (10/25/06). Historian Robert Dallek explained the effect of President Kennedy's words and speeches in an appearance at the Kennedy Library in Boston (11/22/06). "Voices of Minnesota" features visits with Dorothy McIntyre, who helped open up athletics to young women; and Normandale Community College instructor Chuck Chalberg on using theater to teach history (11/27/06). Minnesotans' memories of the Pearl Harbor attack and the ensuing war, plus excerpts from the American RadioWorks documentary "Days of Infamy," with historian Dave Kenney, author of "Minnesota Goes to War" (12/7/06). The MPR documentary "The McCarthy Tapes" examines the 1968 campaign through the audio recordings of the Eugene McCarthy archive (12/8/06). A tribute to historian Arthur Schlesinger at the Kennedy Library in Boston (12/20/06).

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INTERNATIONAL:

Former US Vice President Walter Mondale on the developments in Iran and North Korea (7/13/06). Michael Barnett, Harold Stassen Chair in International Peace at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute on the potential of a ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah militants (7/17/06). James Gelvin, professor of history at UCLA, on the escalating developments between Israel and Hezbollah (7/18/06). Potential stabilization of the Iraq situation with J. Brian Atwood: Dean of the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs (7/20/06). Sen. Rick Santorum, the no. 3 Republican in the U.S. Senate, discusses the war on terror at the National Press Club in Washington DC (7/21/06). Jeremy Pressman, political scientist specializing in international relations at the University of Connecticut, discusses the visit to the U.S. by Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki (7/25/06). A discussion on the U.N. plan to end the current Mideast conflict (8/1/06). The future of Cuba after Fidel Castro with Tom Gjelten: National Public Radio reporter, and David Samuels, political scientist specializing in Latin American politics at the University of Minnesota; followed by British Prime Minister Tony Blair's speech on why democracies need to join forces with moderate Muslims to conquer extremist Islam (8/2/06). The latest Senate testimony on Iraq with Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn., and member of the Armed Services Committee (8/4/06). The impact of the Middle East conflict with Michael Hudson: Director of the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown University (8/9/06). The status of international terrorists groups with Roy Grow, professor of international relations at Carleton College in Northfield (8/11/06). Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn. and Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn. discuss their recent trip to China (8/15/06). Comparisons between the current war on terror and WWII with Nick Hayes, professor of history at St. John's University in Collegeville (8/31/06). The situation in Iraq with National Public Radio reporter Corey Flintoff (9/18/06). Live coverage and analysis of President Bush's speech to the United Nations General Assembly (9/19/06). A discussion on the background of international terrorism with Louise Richardson, executive dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, followed by New York Times columnist David Brooks on the Bush administration and America's role in the world (9/21/06). An update on the war in Afghanistan with Peter Tomsen, fellow at the Center for Afghanistan Studies at the University of Nebraska, Omaha (9/26/06). A status check on the Iraq war and the politics surrounding it with Owen Cote of the Security Studies Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; followed by the latest efforts to rebuild Afghanistan with author Sarah Chayes, former reporter for National Public Radio; author and journalist Sebastian Junger and Jessica Stern, terrorism expert at Harvard University (9/27/06).

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Ann Althouse, professor of Law at the University of Wisconsin Law School analyzes the Supreme Court's recent decisions to gauge the impact of new justices John Roberts and Samuel Alito (7/3/06). A speech by former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and current Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, from the Aspen Ideas Festival in Aspen, Colorado on judicial independence, the impact of important court rulings, the role of the courts and the constitution in a democracy (7/7/06). Presidential advisor Karl Rove discusses Republican politics and policy at the Aspen Ideas Festival (7/10/06). Former President Bill Clinton at the Aspen Ideas Festival (7/11/06). Former U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton, who served as vice chairman of the 9-11 Commission, and Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter discuss terrorism, civil rights and the current state of the U.S. government at the Chautauqua Institution (7/17/06). President Bush's first address to the NAACP (7/20/06). A Twin Cities speech by Tom Hamburger of the Los Angeles Times, author of "One Party Country: The Republican Plan for Dominance in the 21st Century" (7/28/06). The effects of the Connecticut primary on this fall's elections nationwide with Larry Jacobs, director of the Center for the Study of Politics and Governance at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute, followed by Billionaire financier and philanthropist George Soros, an outspoken critic of the Bush administration, discusses his new book "The Age of Fallibility: Consequences of the War on Terror" at the Aspen Institute (8/8/06). An evaluation of the performance Secretary of State Donald Rumsfeld by Joseph Galloway, columnist for the McClatchy newspaper chain and a former war correspondent, followed by live coverage of a speech by President Bush on new rules for trying terror suspects (9/6/06). Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del. speaks at the National Press Club on rethinking America's approach to security and foreign affairs (9/7/06). Coverage of President Bush's speech on legislation covering interrogation of terrorism suspects (9/15/06). John Anderson, who ran for president as an independent in 1980 against Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter, discusses independent politics and third parties (9/22/06). Sen. Arlen Specter: R-Pa., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee at the National Press Club in Washington DC (9/25/06). Sen. Mark Dayton' looks back on his time in Washington and discusses his future plans, followed by a re-broadcast of the latest debate between gubernatorial candidates Tim Pawlenty, Mike Hatch and Peter Hutchinson with analysis by MPR Political Editor Mike Mulcahy (9/28/06). Vanderbilt University law professor Suzanna Sherry will preview the major cases to be considered during the new U.S. Supreme Court term, followed by former U.S. Supreme Court justice Sandra Day O'Connor and current Supreme Court justice Stephen Breyer, in conversation at the Aspen Ideas Festival this past summer (9/29/06).

STATE POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

The first in a series of candidate speeches given at the Center for the Study of Politics and Governance at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute, today featuring DFL-endorsed U.S. Senate candidate Amy Klobuchar (7/5/06). An update on Campaign 2006 developments with Independence Party analyst Tim Penny, DFL analyst David Lillehaug and GOP analyst Annette Meeks (7/10/06). Developments in Minnesota's state and congressional races with Steven Smith, director of the Wiedenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis (7/14/06). The effects of Rep. Matt Entenza's sudden withdrawal from the state attorney general's race with DFL analyst Bob Meek, GOP analyst Tom Horner, and Jack Uldrich, Independence Party analyst (7/19/06). A Twin Cities speech by Tom Hamburger of the Los Angeles Times, author of "One Party Country: The Republican Plan for Dominance in the 21st Century" followed by comments from leading Republican and Democratic activists in Minnesota (7/28/06). Gubernatorial candidates Gov. Tim Pawlenty, DFLer Mike Hatch, the Independence Party's Peter Hutchinson and the Green Party's Ken Pentel debate at Farmfest (8/3/06). Independence Party-endorsed gubernatorial candidate Peter Hutchinson discusses "outcome-based government" at the Humphrey Institute (8/11/06). Republican Gov. Tim Pawlenty makes his case for re-election to a second term as part of the "Meet the Candidates" series (8/14/06). The "Meet the Candidates" series continues with Pam Ellison, who is challenging Independence Party-endorsed candidate Peter Hutchinson in the primary (8/15/06). State Sen. Becky Lourey, DFL-Kerrick, on her gubernatorial candidacy on the "Meet the Candidates" series (8/17/06). Sue Jeffers, Republican gubernatorial candidate, on the "Meet the Candidates" series (8/18/06). The Independence Party's Peter Hutchinson discusses his campaign for governor on the "Meet the Candidates" series (8/21/06). Attorney General Mike Hatch answers listener questions as part of the "Meet the Candidates" series (8/22/06). An update on the Minnesota campaigns with Bob Meek: DFL analyst; Tom Horner, Republican analyst and Jack Uldrich, Independence Party analyst, followed by Sue Jeffers, the Libertarian-turned-Republican challenging Gov. Tim Pawlenty in an Aug. 17 speech at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute. (8/23/06). A live Minnesota State Fair debate between four of the DFL candidates hoping to succeed U.S. Rep. Martin Sabo in the House of Representatives (8/24/06). DFL gubernatorial candidate Becky Lourey at the Humphrey Institute candidate forum (8/25/06). The three major party-endorsed U.S. Senate candidates participate in a live debate at the Minnesota State Fair, followed by a discussion with former Minnesota governors Al Quie, Wendell Anderson and Arne Carlson (9/1/06). DFL attorney general candidates debate with Steve Kelley, Bill Luther and Lori Swanson (9/5/06). Minnesota Public Radio's political editor Mike Mulcahy and reporters Laura McCallum, Tom Scheck and Tim Pugmire take a look at the races that will be decided on Primary Day (9/8/06). A primer on the primaries with Joe Mansky, Ramsey County elections manager, followed by political scientists Norman Ornstein of the American Enterprise Institute and Thomas Mann of the Brookings Institution on their book "The Broken Branch: How Congress Is Failing America and How to Get It Back on

Track" at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute (9/12/06). Primary day results and what's ahead in the general election with Annette Meeks, Republican analyst; David Lillehaug, DFL analyst and Tim Penny, IP analyst (9/13/06). DFLer Mike Hatch, Republican incumbent Tim Pawlenty and Peter Hutchinson of the Independence Party participate in the first debate of the general election season (9/14/06). The three major-party candidates running for Congress in Minnesota's 5th Congressional District meet in their first debate since Tuesday's primary (9/15/06). Minor party Senate debate with Michael Cavlan of the Green Party and Ben Powers of the Constitution Party (9/20/06). A broadcast debate of the three candidates for Congress in Minnesota's 6th district -- Democrat Patty Wetterling, Republican Michele Bachmann and the Independence Party's John Binkowski. (9/22/06). A look at how candidates and campaigns respond to the polls with Bob Meek, DFL analyst; Tom Horner, Republican analyst and Jack Uldrich, Independence Party analyst (9/25/06).

EDUCATION:

Alice Seagren: Minnesota Education Commissioner is back in Minnesota after leading an "education mission to China" and talks about what she learned on the trip (7/6/06). Gov. Tim Pawlenty speaks about changes he'd like to see in the state's education system in a forum held at the Humphrey Institute at the U of M (7/26/06). The effectiveness of early-childhood education with Art Rolnick, senior vice president and director of research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and Ron Haskins, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in a Center of the American Experiment forum (7/27/06). What to expect in the state's new school year with Alice Seagren: Minnesota education commissioner and Charlie Kyte, executive director of the Minnesota Association of School Administrators (8/31/06). Robert Bruininks, President of the University of Minnesota, discusses the progress of the school's goal of becoming one of the top three public research universities in the world (9/14/06). U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings speaking at the National Press Club in Washington (9/26/06).

HEALTH/SCIENCE:

Pet safety and health tips with Kate An Hunter, veterinarian at Carver Lake Veterinary Center in Woodbury (7/4/06). U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona outlines his "priorities for health" in a speech from the National Press Club in Washington DC (7/13/06). David Durenberger, founder of the National Institute of Health Policy at the University of St. Thomas, which is beginning a two-year study on what it calls "The Medical Arms Race Syndrome" (7/24/06). DFL Gubernatorial candidate Mike Hatch speaks about the affordability and availability of health care in an address at the Humphrey Institute (8/10/06). Columbia University's Brian Greene, author of "The Fabric of the Cosmos: Space, Time and the Texture of Reality" at the Aspen Ideas Festival in Aspen, Colo. (8/18/06). Robert Pepin, professor of physics at the University

of Minnesota discusses the recent demotion of Pluto as a planet by the International Astronomical Union in Prague (8/25/06).

BUSINESS/ECONOMICS:

MPR Chief Economics correspondent Chris Farrell discusses the impact of the Enron scandal following the death of Enron founder Ken Lay (7/5/06). Jim Press, the first American president of Toyota Motor North America, on the future of the automobile industry from the National Press Club in Washington (7/18/06). The American RadioWorks documentary, "Bankrupt: Maxed Out In America" (7/24/06). Jon Gordon, host of the national technology news program "Future Tense" discusses the latest high-tech trends (7/26/06). Chris Anderson, author of "The Long Tail: Why the Future of Business Is Selling Less of More" on how the Internet is changing the way the world does business (7/28/06). Chris Anderson, author of "The Long Tail: Why the Future of Business Is Selling Less of More" (7/28/06). The Midwest's shift in tax policy with David Strom, president of the Taxpayers League of Minnesota and Rep. Paul Marquart, DFL-Dilworth leading member of the House Tax Committee (8/3/06). Gov. George Pataki, R-N.Y., discusses "Energy Freedom: Putting an End to Foreign Oil's Dangerous Grip on America's Future" at the National Press Club (8/7/06). The outlook for Minnesota's job market with Chris Farrell, Minnesota Public Radio's chief economics correspondent; Tom Stinson, Minnesota state economist and Art Rolnick, senior vice president and director of research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (8/16/06). Remembering Control Data founder William Norris who died Monday of Parkinson's disease at the age of 95 with former Control Data managers John Rollwagen, Fred Zimmerman, Joe Nathan and Larry Perlman (8/22/06).

SPORTS:

A mid-season look at the Minnesota Twins with Howard Sinker, state editor for the Minneapolis Star Tribune (7/11/06). The development of the new Twins ballpark with Dan Kenney, executive director of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority, which will oversee the construction and operation of the ballpark (8/7/06). The annual State Fair sports quiz with Howard Sinker, sports analyst and state news editor at the Minneapolis Star Tribune (9/4/06).

CULTURE/ARTS:

Summer movies and what's expected in fall films with "Movie Maven" Stephanie Curtis (9/4/06). Toni Morrison, who has won both the Nobel Prize in Literature and the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, spoke about her writing at Macalester College in St. Paul (9/13/06).

SOCIAL ISSUES:

Mark Zdechlik reports on how Minnesota men and women serving in the largest post-World War II deployment are faring, and a report from American RadioWorks examines the toll war takes on the families back home (7/4/06). Minneapolis mayor R.T. Rybak and Minneapolis Police Inspector Jane Harteau talk about bad behavior in downtown Minneapolis and what to do about it (7/7/06). Pulitzer Prize-winning Stanford University historian David Kennedy discusses the impact of legal and illegal immigration at the Aspen Ideas Festival (7/12/06). A report by Mary Stucky profiling an immigrant living in Minnesota illegally, followed by a discussion with Sam Myers, former president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (7/21/06). Discussion of proposals to combat the rise in violent crime in Minneapolis with city/community activists Monica Nilsson, Dan Cain and Medaria Arrandondo (7/27/06). The American RadioWorks documentary, "Locked Down: Gangs in the Supermax" (7/31/06). The safety of airports in a post-9/11 world with Darryl Jenkins, professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (8/10/06). "Voices of Minnesota" visits two activists: Dr. Steve Miles and Laura Waterman Wittstock (8/16/06). Lynne Cheney, author or co-author of nine books and a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, at the Aspen Ideas Festival (8/21/06). Susan Gaertner, Ramsey County Attorney, discusses the latest efforts to fight meth abuse in Minnesota (8/28/06). Fargo, N.D. native Mark Folsom on his experiences helping with the Hurricane Katrina rebuilding effort (8/29/06). Pauline Boss, professor emerita of family social science at the University of Minnesota, on her findings working with survivors of Hurricane Katrina (9/7/06). Highlights of the 9-11 memorial ceremony and the Minnesota State Capitol, followed by discussion of the state of counter-terrorism in the U.S. five years later with Michael Hurley, staff member to the 9-11 Commission, and then chair and vice chair of the 9/11 Commission, Thomas Kean and Lee Hamilton in a joint appearance at the National Press Club (9/11/06). A series of reports from American RadioWorks on the challenges of international adoption (9/20/06).

RELIGION:

Commentator and author Ray Suarez examines the religious backgrounds of American presidents and the politics of faith (8/9/06)

MEDIA:

New CBS Evening News anchor Katie Couric and interim anchor Bob Schieffer talk about the role of the media and network television news at the Aspen Ideas Festival (7/6/06). Arthur Sulzberger, publisher of the New York Times in a Chautauqua Institution speech on the balance of freedom of the press with national security (7/14/06). Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., and Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., discuss their proposed legislation for a journalistic "shield law" in a live address from the National Press Club in

Washington (7/25/06). Washington Post columnist David Broder discusses the state of journalism today in a recent Chautauqua Lecture (8/28/06). New CBS Evening News anchor Katie Couric and interim anchor Bob Schieffer talk about the role of the media and network television news in a July appearance at the Aspen Ideas Festival (9/5/06). National Public Radio reporter and newscaster Corey Flintoff discusses the unique challenges covering the Iraq war at Macalester College as part of Minnesota Public Radio's Broadcast Journalist Series (9/19/06).

ENVIRONMENT:

Discussion of Minnesota's heat wave and drought conditions with Rich Naistat, science and operations officer at the Twin Cities office of the National Weather Service; Tom Rothman: Farm director for the Minnesota Farm Network; Nancy Rose: Horticulture educator at the University of Minnesota Extension Service; Rob Johnson, physician at University of Minnesota Hospitals and Mark Seeley, meteorologist and climatologist at the University of Minnesota (7/12/06). Coping with draught conditions in the state with Greg Spoden, Minnesota State Climatologist and Kent Lokkesmoe: Director of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Division of Waters (7/31/06). Minnesota's birds with Jim Williams, former associate editor of Birding Magazine and Chet Meyers, Minnesota birding enthusiast (8/4/06). Mark Seeley, meteorologist and climatologist at the University of Minnesota, and his annual weather quiz at the State Fair (8/24/06).

HISTORY:

Voices of Minnesota pays a visit to retired U.S. Court of Appeals judge Gerald Heaney and Ilean Her, executive director of the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans (7/3/06). National Public Radio examines the roots of the Mideast conflict in a documentary, "The Mideast: A Century of Conflict," first produced in 2002 (7/19/06). The American RadioWorks documentary on a historic conference, "Vietnam and the Presidency" (8/1/06). A tribute to Harry Davis, civil rights activist and a long-time Minneapolis School Board member, who has died at 83 (8/14/06). "America Abroad" explores the history of U.S.-Mexico relations (8/17/06). The American RadioWorks documentary, "Rebuilding Biloxi: One Year After Katrina" (8/29/06). The 150 things that shaped Minnesota history with Kate Roberts, exhibit developer for the MN150 project at the Minnesota Historical Society, followed by Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David McCullough on the importance of history in a recent appearance at the Aspen Institute. (8/30/06). The American RadioWorks documentary, "The Sonic Memorial Project" (9/8/06). Four perspectives on the civil rights movement with author Christopher Paul Curtis, long-time Minnesota civil rights activist Josie Johnson, 2006 Minnesota Teacher of the Year Lee-Ann Stephens and former U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale (9/18/06).

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INTERNATIONAL:

Richard Bohr, professor of Asian history at the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University on strengthening U.S. ties with China (4/20/06). The state of U.S. and international intelligence gathering with former U.S. ambassador to Iraq and current National Intelligence Director John Negroponte at the National Press Club in Washington. (4/20/06). Baghdad blogger "Salam Pax" offers what he calls a "democracy, whiskey and sex guide to Iraq" in a speech from the Commonwealth Club of California (4/26/06). A discussion of chances for peace in the Middle East with Aaron Miller, public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington DC (5/4/06).

The deterioration of U.S.-Russian relations with Nick Hayes: Professor of history and holder of the University Chair in Critical Thinking at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota (5/11/06). NPR's "America Abroad" series looks at the history of genocide and the international response in Sudan, Rwanda, Bosnia, Iraq, Cambodia, Europe and elsewhere (5/16/06). A neoconservative perspective on the Iraq war with Francis Fukuyama, professor of international political economy at Johns Hopkins University, in a speech at the Commonwealth Club of California (5/22/06). Barbara Bodine, visiting scholar at the Center for International Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on the newly-sworn in Iraqi government (5/23/06). NATO Supreme Allied commander for Europe Gen. James Jones speaks from the National Press Club in Washington (5/25/06). Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in a Commonwealth Club speech on religion, politics and international relations (6/5/06). Ivan Watson, Foreign Correspondent for National Public Radio, on the latest situation in Afghanistan (6/6/06). Roy Grow, director of the international relations program at Carleton College in Northfield, discusses President Bush's policies towards Iran, North Korea, human rights and the war on terrorism (6/21/06).

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Author and former Republican strategist Kevin Phillips on Religion, oil, debt and American politics (4/6/06). Steven Smith, Director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis discusses the current controversies in national government (4/7/06). John Murtha: Democratic congressman from Pennsylvania, in a speech at the City Club Forum in Cleveland on his call for U.S. troops to pull out of Iraq and redeploy to neighboring countries (4/10/06). Excerpts from Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and former Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., who both made appearances in Minnesota this week (4/13/06). Newt Gingrich, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and Vin Weber, former Minnesota Republican congressman on the future of the U.S. conservative movement (4/21/06). John Radsan, professor at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul on balancing government secrets with public oversight (4/25/06). Sen. Mark Dayton discusses war, taxes, immigration, health care and a variety of other issues facing the nation (5/15/06). Gil Gutknecht: Minnesota Republican Congressman representing the state's southern 1st District, discussing U.S. immigration reform (5/16/06). CIA nominee Gen. Michael Hayden testimony that the Bush administration's warrant less surveillance program was legal and that it was designed to ensnare terrorists - not spy on ordinary people (5/18/06). Frederick Hitz, who served as inspector general of the Central Intelligence Agency from 1990-98, outlined the problems facing the CIA at a recent forum at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul (5/26/06). In a special Memorial

Day edition of MIDDAY, a tribute to the Minnesotans who have given their lives in the Iraq war (5/29/06). Gov. Tim Pawlenty takes questions about his re-election bid (6/5/06).

Kay Maxwell, President and chair of the League of Women Voters discusses the organization's goals for the 21st century (6/8/06). Thomas Mann, senior fellow in Governance Studies the Brookings Institution, discusses the current state of the U.S. national legislative branch (6/12/06). Norman Ornstein, political analyst and resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, on how the president's popularity rating will affect politics in Washington (6/15/06). Vice President Dick Cheney presides over the annual Gerald Ford Journalism Awards at the National Press Club (6/19/06). A panel discussion on the power of the Pentagon at the Kennedy Library in Boston (6/21/06). Scott Silliman, retired Air Force attorney and current executive director of Duke University's Center on Law, Ethics and National Security, on the U.S.'s next legal steps in the war on terror (6/30/06)

STATE POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

An update on the Minnesota legislative session with Steve Sviggum: Speaker of the House, R-Kenyon, and Dean Johnson: Senate majority leader, DFL-Willmar (4/3/06). Highlights of Tuesday's debate before the Senate Judiciary Committee, which voted the marriage amendment down on a 5-4 vote (4/5/06). Larry Pogemiller, Chair of the Senate Tax Committee, DFL-Minneapolis, and Phil Krinkie, Chair of the House Tax Committee, R-Lino Lakes on tax issues facing the Legislature (4/6/06). R.T. Rybak, Mayor of Minneapolis and Chris Coleman, Mayor of St. Paul on the latest issues facing their cities (4/7/06). Joe Hoppe, member of the Minnesota House Environment and Natural Resources Committee, R-Chaska, and Richard Cohen, Chair of the Minnesota Senate Finance Committee, DFL-St. Paul, on distribution proposals on the state sales tax (4/11/06). A mid-term Legislative overview with MPR Capitol reporters Laura McCallum, Tom Scheck and Tim Pugmire (4/13/06). The "Meet the Candidates" series continues with Sue Jeffers, Republican gubernatorial candidate (4/26/06). A discussion of the final weeks of the House legislative session with Steve Sviggum, Speaker of the Minnesota House, R-Kenyon and Matt Entenza, House minority leader, DFL-St. Paul (5/1/06). The Senate perspective on the final weeks of the legislative session with Dean Johnson: Senate majority leader, DFL-Willmar, and Julianne Ortman: Minnesota state senator, R-Chanhassen (5/2/06). The candidates for the Republican endorsement in the 6th District: Sen. Michele Bachmann, businessman Jay Esmay, and Rep. Jim Knoblach (5/3/06). The potential outcomes of the weekend's GOP and DFL congressional endorsing conventions with Republican analyst Annette Meeks and DFL analyst Bob Meek (5/5/06). Transportation and transit issues at the Legislature with Steve Murphy: Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, DFL-Red Wing. And Mary Liz Holberg: Chair of the House Transportation Finance Committee, R-Lakeville (5/9/06). DFL candidates for Minnesota's 6th Congressional District seat, Patty Wetterling and Elwyn Tinklenberg (5/10/06). A look at how the Minnesota Legislature works with three Capitol veterans - former Republican Senate minority leader Jim Ulland, former DFL Senate majority leader Roger Moe, and Wayne Simoneau, former DFL House member (5/12/06). An update on the final days of the Minnesota Legislature with Laura McCallum, Minnesota Public Radio Capitol Bureau chief and Tom Scheck, MPR's Capitol reporter (5/17/06). A live broadcast with lawmakers at the Minnesota Capitol with Mike Mulcahy, Minnesota Public Radio political editor and analyst Pam Wheelock (5/19/06). An analysis of the legislative session and the upcoming elections with Bob Meek, DFL analyst and Tom Horner, Republican analyst (5/22/06). An overview of the race for Minnesota governor with analysts Jack Uldrich, David Lillehaug and Annette Meeks (5/31/06). The future of the Republican Party in Minnesota with former GOP governors Arne Carlson and Al Quie (6/1/06). A live two-hour broadcast from the Minnesota Republican Party convention in Minneapolis (6/2/06). Gov. Tim Pawlenty takes questions about

his re-election bid (6/5/06). The future of the DFL Party in Minnesota with former DFL governor Wendell Anderson and former DFL St. Paul mayor George Latimer (6/7/06). A two-hour live broadcast from the state DFL convention with analysts Bob Meek, Tom Horner and Tim Penny, and Mike Mulcahy, Minnesota Public Radio political editor (6/9/06). Amy Klobuchar, who won the DFL Party's endorsement for the U.S. Senate race, discusses the upcoming campaign (6/12/06). Attorney General Mike Hatch, the DFL endorsed candidate for governor, talks about his primary and general election prospects (6/13/06). Independence Party candidate for governor Peter Hutchinson discusses the issues in the campaign (6/15/06). A forum with Independence Party candidates for governor and U.S. Senate Pam Ellison, Robert Fitzgerald, Jim Haviland and Steven Williams (6/19/06). Highlights and analysis of the Independence Party convention with analysts Bob Meek, Tom Horner and Jack Uldrich, followed by an interview with Peter Hutchinson, endorsed candidate for governor from the Independence Party (6/26/06)

EDUCATION:

Caroline Hoxby, economist and education researcher at Harvard University, on education reform at the City Club Forum in Cleveland (4/17/06). Alice Seagren, Minnesota Education Commissioner, on school testing and other issues facing the state's schools (4/18/06) A conversation with St. Louis Park English teacher Lee-Ann Stephens, Minnesota's 2006 Teacher of the Year, followed by a Carleton College speech by Jonathan Kozol - a former teacher who has written about race, poverty and education for nearly four decades, speaking about what he calls the "restoration of apartheid schooling in America." (5/8/06). Eric Mahmoud, founder of the Seed Academy/Harvest Prep School in Minneapolis and Michael Favor, principal of North High School in Minneapolis discuss what can be done to help more African-Americans finish school (6/22/06).

HEALTH/SCIENCE:

Michael Scandrett: Director of the Minnesota Health Care Commission and executive director of the Minnesota Council of Health Plans on a proposal to make health insurance mandatory in Minnesota (4/10/06). Jim Koppel, Director of Children's Defense Fund Minnesota, on their latest report on underinsured children in the state (4/19/06). The future of the U.S. health care system with UnitedHealth Group CEO Bill McGuire (5/1/06). Susan Love, breast cancer researcher and advocate, speaking at the College of St. Catherine's annual Forum on Women in Leadership (5/15/06). Mark Seeley, meteorologist and climatologist at the University of Minnesota, discusses the state's past, present and future weather trends (6/14/06). Dr. John Seffrin, CEO of the American Cancer Society, says without sufficient investment in research and prevention, cancer could become the leading cause of death in the U.S. (6/27/06).

BUSINESS/ECONOMICS:

Bob Potter, financial writer and advisor at JNBA Financial Advisors in Bloomington on planning for retirement (4/5/06). Alternate fuels and transportation economy with Ken Keller, Director of the Charles Denny Center for Science, Technology and Public Policy at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute; David Morris, Vice president of the Institute for Local Self-Reliance and Bruce Jones: Professor at the Center for Automotive Research at Minnesota State University, Mankato (4/12/06). Fred Zimmerman, retired professor of engineering and technology management at the University of St. Thomas, on the planned closing of the St. Paul

Ford Motor plant (4/14/06). The latest American RadioWorks documentary, "Bankrupt: Maxed Out in America" (4/19/06). The latest on the economics of rising gas prices and U.S. foreign policy with Chris Farrell: MPR's chief economics correspondent, and Louis Johnston, economics professor at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota (4/28/06). The future of the Enron case, now in the hands of a jury with Bethany McLean, editor at large for Fortune Magazine and co-author of "The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron." (5/18/06). Peter Bell, Chair of the Metropolitan Council Rafael Ortega, Ramsey County commissioner discuss the future of mass transit in Minnesota, followed by Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., in a recent speech calling for the United States to cut its oil imports in half over the next two decades. (5/24/06). The impact of the Enron verdict with Jay Swanson, senior partner in the corporate group at the Dorsey & Whitney law firm in Minneapolis (5/26/06). Louis Johnston, economics professor at St. John's University in Collegeville, discusses what the change in federal government's fiscal chief means for the economy (5/30/06). Brookings Institution Vice President and Director of Metropolitan Policy Bruce Katz argue that the gap in income and education between black and white Minnesotans could hurt the state's economy (5/31/06). "New York Times" columnist Thomas Friedman on the future of American jobs in a global economy (6/13/06). A discussion on Minnesota tax structure and potential reform with Joel Kramer, executive director of Growth & Justice, and Bill Cooper, Chairman of TCF Financial Corporation and a former chair of the Minnesota Republican Party (6/28/06). Dave Beal, retiring business columnist for the St. Paul Pioneer Press, discusses covering business and economics in Minnesota (6/30.06).

SPORTS:

On baseball's opening day, a look at how the Twins may do this season with former sportswriter Howard Sinker, now state news editor for the Minneapolis Star Tribune, and former Twins great and Hall of Famer Harmon Killebrew (4/4/06). Aron Kahn, reporter for the St. Paul Pioneer Press on the future of Twins' stadium plans (4/24/06). The future of the Twins, Vikings and Gopher stadium plans at the Legislature with Steve Sviggum: Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives, R-Kenyon, and Steve Kelley: author of the Senate Vikings and Twins stadium bill, DFL-Hopkins (5/10/06)

CULTURE/ARTS:

Inside the making of the "A Prairie Home Companion" motion picture with its producers Josh Astrachan, Wren Arthur and David Levy (5/3/06). A look back on the Guthrie Theater's early days in a 2003 conversation with Guthrie artistic director Joe Dowling (5/5/06). A behind the scenes look at the making of the "A Prairie Home Companion" movie with cast members Sue Scott and Tom Keith (6/8/06). "Movie Maven" Stephanie Curtis on her summer movie picks (6/16/06). Dominic Papatola, theater critic for the St. Paul Pioneer Press and Marianne Combs, Minnesota Public Radio arts reporter discuss the newly-opened Guthrie Theatre, followed by a St. Paul appearance by author and poet Calvin Trillin (6/23/06).

SOCIAL ISSUES:

Ward Connerly, founder of the American Civil Rights Institute, in a speech to the Minneapolis-based conservative think tank the Center of the American Experiment, on his efforts to overturn affirmative action in California (4/11/06). Frank Lindh, father of so-called "American Taliban" John Walker Lindh, in a speech at the Commonwealth Club of California (4/12/06). Pulitzer Prize winning author David Halberstam speaks on "America and the Sources of its Strength" at the Westminster Town Hall Forum in Minneapolis (4/27/06). The latest documentary from American RadioWorks, "After Welfare" (5/4/06). Highlights from an April 21 University of Minnesota Human Rights Program conference on combating human trafficking with John Miller: Director of the U.S. State Department Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, and Marilyn Carlson Nelson, Chairman and CEO of the Carlson Companies (5/11/06). A series of reports from National Public Radio examining two different angles of the immigration story -- legal immigration to the U.S., and how northward migration is affecting Mexico (5/12/06). Social critic Michael Eric Dyson on the racial impact of the Bush Administration's response to Hurricane Katrina (5/17/06). Charles Murray, who wrote the controversial book on racial differences, "The Bell Curve," is out with a new radical proposal to do away with America's current welfare state (6/1/06). Former U.S. Sen. John Edwards outlines new ideas in the fight against poverty at the National Press Club in Washington (6/22/06). David Broder, the Washington Post's national political correspondent, says that the baby boomers have proved to be bad at governing the United States (6/29/06).

RELIGION:

The balance of faith and politics with former Vice President Walter Mondale at a conference at the United Theological Seminary in New Brighton (4/28/06).

MEDIA:

NPR "All Things Considered" host Michele Norris at the University of Minnesota's 29th annual Frank Premack Memorial Lecture on the journalistic response to Hurricane Katrina (4/24/06). A discussion of the sale of the St. Paul Pioneer Press to MediaNews Group Inc. with Jane Kirtley, director of the Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law at the University of Minnesota; John Finnegan, former executive editor of the Pioneer Press; and Mike Hatch: Minnesota attorney general (4/27/06). Author Seth Mnookin on The New York Times and the future of U.S. newspapers (5/2/06). A new documentary from David Brancaccio called "24/7: The Rise and Influence of Arab Media" (5/9/06). The future of public broadcasting in the U.S. with Paula Kerger, the president and CEO of the Public Broadcasting Service, speaks live at the National Press Club in Washington (5/23/06). Pulitzer Prize-winning war reporter David Halberstam explains the challenges he faced covering the Vietnam War (6/7/06). Jim Lehrer, anchor and executive editor of The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, interviews Ben Bradlee, who edited the Washington Post when it broke the Watergate story (6/20/06). The ethical balance between free speech and government security with Jane Kirtley: Director of the Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law at the University of Minnesota, and Scott Johnson, a Minneapolis attorney who writes for the conservative Power Line blog (6/27/06). Minnesota journalists, immigration activists and others discuss how the media covers immigration at the Minnesota Public Radio Forum (6/28/06). Trudy Rubin, foreign affairs columnist for the Philadelphia Inquirer, on the challenges reporters face in covering developments in Iraq and Iran (6/29/06).

ENVIRONMENT:

Columnist and author Richard Louv on why American children have a "nature-deficit disorder" from lack of contact with the environment (4/14/06). Mark Seeley, meteorologist and climatologist at the University of Minnesota, on his new book about Minnesota weather (4/17/06). Carroll Henderson of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources on the current state of Earth's animals, birds and fish (4/21/06). The quality of Minnesota fish and fishing future with Chet Meyers, longtime fishing enthusiast and Metro State University professor (5/25/06).

HISTORY:

A look back at the 1996 Unibomber case with David Kaczynski, brother of Ted Kaczynski, the Unabomber David Kaczynski gave the FBI the tip that cracked the case (4/3/06). Pulitzer Prize-winning author Taylor Branch in an interview at the Commonwealth Club of California discusses the last four years in the life of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. (4/4/06). David Oshinsky, professor of history at the University of Texas, in a speech at the Minnesota History Center on his book, "Polio: An American Story" that just won the Pulitzer Prize (4/18/06). On Holocaust Remembrance Day, two interviews from Minnesota Public Radio's "Voices of Minnesota" series, featuring two holocaust survivors who ended up in Minnesota (4/25/06). A new documentary from the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project explores how war affects families (5/29/06). In a 2004 speech in Edina, biographer Ron Chernow told the story of America's first treasury secretary: Alexander Hamilton (5/30/06). American RadioWorks' new documentary on a historic conference, "Vietnam and the Presidency," held March 2006 in Boston (6/6/06). Historian Robert Dallek discussing the power of John F. Kennedy's words in a recent appearance at the Kennedy Library in Boston (6/20/06).

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INTERNATIONAL:

Knight Ridder Baghdad correspondent Tom Lasseter on ethnic divisions within the Iraqi army (1/3/06). Nick Hayes, a professor of history at St. John's University who holds the University Chair in Critical Thinking on Iran's nuclear and political developments (1/13/06). Michael Barnett, holder of the Harold Stassen Chair in International Peace at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute, on Hamas' sweeping of the Palestinian elections and what it means for the future of Middle East peace (1/27/06). Gary Hart, former Colorado senator and two-time Democratic presidential candidate, on international relations in an age of terrorism (2/28/06). The future of U.S. presence in Iraq with Stephen Van Evera, professor of political science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (3/15/06). Reflections on U.S. progress in Iraq with Barbara Bodine, former ambassador, executive director of the Middle East Governance Initiative at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government (3/21/06). NPR's "America Abroad" series examines what rights should be granted to potential terrorists in the post-9/11 world (3/24/06). A discussion of the terrorism trial of admitted al-Qaeda conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui with David Lillehaug, former U.S. attorney for Minnesota, and Andy Luger, former assistant U.S. attorney in New York and Minnesota (3/30/06).

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Continuing live coverage of the Senate confirmation hearings for Judge Samuel Alito (1/9 – 1/12/06). Ann Althouse, a professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison, on the impact Judge Samuel Alito would have if confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court (1/11/06). University of St. Thomas constitutional law professor Thomas Berg analyzes Judge Samuel Alito's performance during the Senate confirmation hearings (1/12/06). Steven Smith, director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis on lobbying reform in U.S. government (1/17/06). U.S. Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn, on the issues Congress plans to take up this year, followed by former Vice President Al Gore in a recent speech condemning the Bush administration for its program of secretly wiretapping American citizens without court orders (1/20/06). President Bush defends his program of secretly wiretapping American citizens without judicial oversight in a speech at Kansas State University (1/23/06). Law professors Suzanna Sherry from Vanderbilt University and Michael Paulsen from the University of Minnesota on the likelihood of Judge Samuel Alito's appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court, followed by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., Senate Assistant Minority Leader Richard Durbin, D-Ill. discussing the Democratic agenda in Congress at the National Press Club (1/26/06). Gustavus Adolphus political science professor Chris Gilbert previews President Bush's State of the Union speech (1/31/06). A replay of President Bush's State of The Union speech (2/1/06). President Bush's appearance and speech at 3M headquarters in Maplewood, with commentary by Democratic political analyst Bob Meek and Republican analyst Tom Horner (2/2/06). Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld on the

future of the war on terror in a speech at the National Press Club (2/3/06). Attorney General Alberto Gonzales goes before the Senate Judiciary Committee to defend President Bush's controversial domestic eavesdropping program, followed by analysis by Tom Maertens, recently retired from his role as the number two counterterrorism official at the State Department (2/6/06). Norman Ornstein, political analyst and resident scholar at American Enterprise Institute, discusses Vice President Cheney's hunting accident and the reaction on Capitol Hill (2/15/06). U.S. Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Nebraska, talks about Iraq, terrorism, and President Bush's domestic surveillance program (2/21/06). Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., talks about a range of issues facing Minnesota and the nation (3/13/06). Mark Everson, Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service on why the IRS is cracking down on tax-exempt organizations that advocate for or against specific political candidates at the City Club Forum in Cleveland (3/15/06). An overview of the last five years of the Bush presidency with NPR White House reporter Don Gonyea in an address at Macalester College as part of the MPR Broadcast Journalist Series (3/31/06).

STATE POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak on his second term plans as mayor of Minneapolis (1/4/06). Newly elected St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman on his plans for the city (1/6/06). Senate Finance Committee Chair Dick Cohen, DFL-St. Paul, and House Capitol Investment Committee Chair Dan Dorman, R-Albert Lea discuss the upcoming legislative bonding bill (1/18/06). New Chief Justice Russell Anderson and new Associate Justice Lorie Gildea on the issues facing the state high court this year (1/23/06). MIDDAY's "Meet the Candidates" series kicks off with former finance commissioner Peter Hutchinson, the Independence Party candidate for governor (1/25/06). Retiring U.S. Attorney Tom Heffelfinger on his tenure in office as Minnesota's top prosecutor (2/20/06). MIDDAY's "Meet the Candidates" series continues with Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Becky Lourey (2/21/06). MIDDAY's Meet the Candidates series continues with gubernatorial hopeful State Sen. Kelley, DFL-Hopkins (2/22/06). Another "Meet the Candidates" series with Amy Klobuchar: Hennepin County attorney and Democratic U.S. Senate candidate (2/23/06). Another "Meet the Candidates" series with Ford Bell, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate (2/24/06). Another "Meet the Candidates" series with Mike Hatch: DFL gubernatorial candidate and Minnesota attorney general (2/27/06). Another "Meet the Candidates" series with DFL gubernatorial candidate Kelly Doran (2/28/06). A special two-hour MIDDAY, live at the State Capitol, on the opening day of the legislative session (3/1/06). Another "Meet the Candidates" series with Mark Kennedy, Republican U.S. Senate candidate and Minnesota congressman (3/2/06). DFL U.S. Senate candidates Amy Klobuchar and Ford Bell make a joint appearance as part of MIDDAY's "Meet the Candidates" series (3/3/06). A debate with the DFL candidates for governor - Kelly Doran, Mike Hatch, Steve Kelley and Becky Lourey (3/7/06). A discussion of state caucuses with U of M history professor Hy Berman; state GOP chair Ron Carey, DFL associate chair Donna Cassutt, and Independence Party chair Jim Moore (3/7/06). Analysis of Tuesday's precinct caucuses with DFL analyst Bob Meek, Republican analyst Tom Horner and 2002 Independence Party gubernatorial candidate and former Minnesota congressman Tim Penny (3/8/06).

annual State of the State speech from the chambers of the Minnesota House of Representatives (3/9/06). An analysis of Gov. Pawlenty's fourth State of the State address with former Minnesota governors Arne Carlson and Wendell Anderson (3/10/06). In MPR's ongoing Meet the Candidates series, Gov. Tim Pawlenty makes his case for a second term in office (3/13/06). U.S. Rep. Martin Sabo, DFL-Minn., on his announcement that he won't seek a 15th term in Congress (3/20/06). Developments in the ethics complaint filed against Sen. Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar, with Minnesota Public Radio Capitol reporter Tom Scheck; Don Betzold: Chair of the Minnesota Senate Judiciary Committee. (DFL); and Sandra Gardebring Ogren, former Minnesota Supreme Court justice (3/22/06). Discussion of the gay marriage amendment debate at the State Capitol with amendment supporter Sen. Michele Bachmann, R-Stillwater, and opponent Sen. Scott Dibble, DFL-Minneapolis (3/23/06). A discussion of the latest developments at the State Capitol with DFL analyst Bob Meek and Republican analyst. Tom Horner (3/27/06). The progress of the University of Minnesota stadium deal at the State Capitol with Sen. Geoff Michel, R-Edina and sponsor of the University of Minnesota football stadium funding bill; and U of M President Robert Bruininks (3/28/06).

EDUCATION:

Minnesota Education Commissioner Alice Seagren on whether Minnesota spends too much on K-12 education administration costs (1/10/06).

HEALTH/SCIENCE:

The new American RadioWorks documentary "Intelligent Designs on Evolution" on the heated controversy over which biological theories should be taught in public schools (1/6/06). Arthur Caplan, director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania, on the ethical implications of assisted suicide (1/19/06). An episode of the "America Abroad" series on "Avian Flu: Pandemic Threat and the Global Response" (1/25/06). Minnesota Public Radio News' series of reports "Prescription For Change" on how the increasing use of programs like Health Savings Accounts is affecting businesses and patients (1/27/06). Mark Seeley, a meteorologist and climatologist at the University of Minnesota, discusses this winter's record warm January (2/1/06). Susan Foote, a professor in the Division of Health Services Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota, discusses health care cuts in the latest federal budget (2/8/06). Dr. Jon Hallberg, a physician in family practice at the University of Minnesota and a regular medical analyst for All Things Considered, discusses on how people react to daily medical developments in the news (2/16/06). Michio Kaku, professor of theoretical physics at the City University of New York, on the fate of the universe (3/16/06).

BUSINESS/ECONOMICS:

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney talks about "the senseless slaughter of the good American job" at the National Press Club in Washington (1/18/06). Economist and Clinton administration Labor Secretary Robert Reich on the economic horizon for the

second half of the year (1/19/06). Catherine Madden, an auto industry analyst at the consulting firm Global In, on the future of the St. Paul Ford Motor plant (1/24/06). Minnesota Public Radio's Chief Economics Correspondent Chris Farrell and Louis Johnston, an economics professor at St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict in Collegeville discuss the future of the U.S. economy in the wake of the retirement of Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan; followed by William Wulf, president of the National Academy of Engineering, in a St. Paul speech on the U.S. holding its competitive edge in engineering (1/30/06). National Public Radio's "Justice Talking" program looks at the arguments on both sides of the Wal-Mart debate (3/2/06). Labor relations professor Gary Chaison, syndicated travel writer Ed Perkins and MPR reporter Jeff Horwich discuss the latest union contract negotiations at Northwest Airlines (3/3/06).

SPORTS:

Sports analyst Howard Sinker, editor at the Star Tribune, on the year 2005 in Minnesota sports (1/2/06). Jay Weiner, live from Turin, Italy, for a two-hour special on the Winter Olympics, featuring former U.S. Olympic hockey team member and Minnesota governor, Wendell Andersen (2/9/06). Howard Sinker, editor at the Star Tribune newspaper and regular Midday sports analyst on the life and career of the Twins' Kirby Puckett (3/6/06).

CULTURE/ARTS:

National Public Radio's Cokie Roberts on her book, "Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation," speaking last year at the Aspen Ideas Festival (1/3/06). MPR's "Movie Maven" Stephanie Curtis previews this year's Oscar nominees (1/31/06). In honor of Valentine's Day, MPR's Gary Eichten and "The Current"'s Mark Wheat explore the world's greatest love songs (2/14/06). Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Doris Kearns Goodwin..... answering MPR listener questions about her latest book, "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln" (2/17/06). An Oscar debrief with the "Movie Maven," Stephanie Curtis (3/6/06). Remembering the late filmmaker, photographer, writer and composer Gordon Parks in a 1996 speech from the Westminster Town Hall Forum (3/9/06).

SOCIAL ISSUES:

Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner Michael Campion on whether illegal immigration is a public safety problem in Minnesota (1/5/06). NAACP Chair Julian Bond in a recent St. Paul speech on race and social developments in the U.S. (1/13/06). Excerpts from the funeral of Mrs. Coretta Scott King (2/7/06). Children's Defense Fund president and founder Marian Wright Edelman on the nature of democracy at the Westminster Town Hall Forum (2/22/06). Conservative thinker Dinesh D'Souza on the roots of anti-Americanism in the Muslim world (2/23/06). The latest American RadioWorks documentary on teen gambling, "Logging On and Losing Out: Dealing Addiction to America's Kids" (3/10/06). The role of libraries in the so-called "information age" with College of St. Catherine librarian Colleen Coghlan, winner of the

2006 John R. Finnegan Freedom of Information Award (3/16/06). A repeat of a series of MPR News reports from 2004 on the changing definition of marriage (3/22/06). The philosophical underpinnings of America with Professor Jacob Needleman in a speech from the Westminster Town Hall Forum in downtown Minneapolis (3/23/06). Maj. John Morris, Army chaplain who developed a program for the Minnesota National Guard called "Reintegration: Beyond Reunion," helping Iraq war veterans return to civilian life (3/24/06). The potential social effects of passage of a gay marriage amendment in Minnesota with Dale Carpenter, associate professor of law at the University of Minnesota, and Beverly Balos, clinical professor of law at the University of Minnesota (3/31/06).

RELIGION:

Part one of a "Speaking of Faith" special on religion, history and conflict in the Middle East with Yossi Klein Halevi, correspondent for "The New Republic" and senior fellow of the Shalem Center in Jerusalem (3/27/06). The second of two programs on the Israeli-Palestinian situation, "Speaking of Faith" examines the religious and historical narratives that shape Palestinians' views of the conflict (3/28/06).

MEDIA:

Minnesota Public Radio president Bill Kling makes one of his periodic visits to the airwaves to answer questions from MPR listeners (2/3/06). Jane Kirtley, Director of the Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law, discusses the global controversy and violence over cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad (2/7/06). Torie Clarke, former assistant secretary of defense for public affairs, on spin strategy in the media (2/27/06). A discussion of the sale of the St. Paul Pioneer Press to the Minneapolis Star Tribune's parent company with John Finnegan, former executive editor and assistant publisher of the St. Paul Pioneer Press, and Jane Kirtley: Director of the Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law at the University of Minnesota (3/14/06). Former CBS News Anchor Dan Rather on the future of TV network news (3/14/06). Covering the Bush presidency with Don Gonyea, National Public Radio White House correspondent (3/29/06). A panel on war reporting from the Vietnam War to the Iraq conflict with NBC anchor Brian Williams, former Vietnam War correspondents Dan Rather of CBS and Steve Bell of ABC, and author Frances Fitzgerald (3/30/06).

ENVIRONMENT:

Minnesota's environmental status and plans for the future with environmental consultant David Hartwell, and John Curry, director of the Minnesota Campaign for Conservation; followed by former EPA administrator Christine Todd Whitman's remarks at the opening of the Luther College Nobel Peace Prize Forum, "Striving for Peace: Sustaining the Planet." (3/17/06). Mark Seeley, meteorologist and climatologist at the University of Minnesota, on the state's climatology and potential weather patterns for spring (3/20/06). The safety of the world's water supply with Professor Deborah Swackhamer, Co-Director of the University of Minnesota's Water Resources Center, and David Schindler,

environmental scientist and professor of ecology at the University of Alberta, Edmonton (3/21/06).

HISTORY:

Award-winning historian David McCullough on his bestseller, "1776" and the life of George Washington, speaking at the Commonwealth Club of California (1/2/06). Walter Mondale – former ambassador to Japan, U.S. senator, Minnesota attorney general and vice president of the United States – reflects on his career (1/4/06). Biographer Steven Hayward on the historical parallels between Winston Churchill and Ronald Reagan (1/5/06). Katherine Fennelly, an immigration expert and professor at the University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute, and Worthington Mayor Alan Oberloh on the history of immigration in Minnesota, followed by U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., speaking at the 16th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Breakfast in Minneapolis on Dr. King's life and legacy (1/16/06). The documentary "Rediscovering Barbara Jordan" on the 10th anniversary of the Texas congresswoman's death (1/17/06). Highlights from two recent memorial services for Minnesota senator and 1968 anti-war presidential candidate Eugene McCarthy, including tributes from Bill Clinton and Walter Mondale (1/24/06). The latest "Voices of Minnesota" with Minnesota Orchestra concertmaster Jorja Fleezanis, and prolific cookbook author Beatrice Ojakangas (2/8/06). A special broadcast of the interviews of legendary Chicago broadcaster Studs Turkel (2/10/06). Doris Kearns Goodwin, Pulitzer Prize-winning author, on the political skills of Abraham Lincoln (2/13/06). A speech on the women's suffrage movement from University of Minnesota historian Sara Evans (2/15/06). Pres. Lyndon Johnson biographer Robert Caro and former Johnson aide Jack Valenti on LBJ's legacy (2/20/06). The latest documentary from American RadioWorks, "Unmasking Stalin: A Speech that Changed the World" (2/24/06). Author Richard Reeves and journalist Mark Feeney discuss the 25th anniversary of the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan at the Kennedy Library Forum (3/8/06). On what would have been former Sen. Eugene McCarthy's 90th birthday, a rebroadcast of the special program featuring highlights of his appearances on MPR's Midday over the years (3/29/06).