

FCC Quarterly Programming Report October - December 2009

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Date	Key 1	Synopsis	Guest/Reporter
9/15	HLTH/SCI	State Epidemiologist Dr. Ruth Lynfield answers questions about the H1N1 flu, and the seasonal flu, on today's MIDDAY.	Ruth Lynfield
9/15	HLTH/SCI	Journalist and best-selling author T.R. Reid travelled the world to write "The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care." He spoke at the Commonwealth Club of California about his new book.	T.R. Reid
9/16	HISTORY	Award-winning war correspondent Joe Galloway offers insights based on 40 years of reporting on war and national security. Galloway says Afghanistan is not worth one more American life.	Joseph Galloway
9/16	INTL POL	U.S. Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair says the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks would not have happened had U.S. intelligence agencies been organized then the way they are now. Blair spoke at the Commonwealth Club of California.	Dennis Blair
9/17	BUS/ECON	Employment advisor and career strategist Amy Lindgren answers questions about finding or keeping a job during a recession.	Amy Lindgrn
9/17	BUS/ECON	Ali Velshi, chief business correspondent for CNN, speaks live at the Westminster Town Hall Forum in Minneapolis about the economic crisis. Velshi is author of "Gimme My Money Back: Your Guide to Beating the Financial Crisis."	Ali Velshi
9/18	NATL POL	Former Minnesota Republican Congressman Jim Ramstad joins MIDDAY to discuss rancor in Congress, civility in public discourse and the future of the GOP.	Jim Ramstad

9/18	NATL POL	Dr. Denis Cortese, president and CEO of the Mayo Clinic, speaks live at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. about health care reform. His speech is titled, "Great Expectations: What Lawmakers Must Do to Reform U.S. Health Care."	Denis Cortese
9/21	HLTH/SCI	Medical ethicist Arthur Caplan joins Middy to discuss how medical care is delivered and paid for in other countries and how our system compares in cost and quality.	Arthur Caplan
9/21	NATL POL	Pulitzer Prize-winning author Haynes Johnson and Washington Post writer Dan Balz speak at the Commonwealth Club of California about their new book, "The Battle for America 2008: The Story of an Extraordinary Election."	Haynes Johnson, Dan Balz
9/22	HLTH/SCI	The doctor makes radio house calls today on Middy, with the flu season at hand, lots of medical news, and the health care reform debate underway in Congress.	Jon Hallberg
9/22	INTL POL	Scholar, best-selling author, and Iranian native Reza Aslan speaks at the Commonwealth Club of California about his new book, "How to Win a Cosmic War: God, Globalization, and the End of the War on Terror."	Reza Aslan
9/22	INTL POL	President Barack Obama declared that the United States is a serious partner in combating global warming. The president spoke at a high-level climate summit convened at the United Nations in New York.	Barack Obama
9/23	INTL POL	President Obama called for global decisions based on "four pillars"-- nuclear disarmament, promotion of peace and security, preservation of the planet, and global economic opportunity for all people. A former US AID chief analyzes the speech.	Barack Obama
9/23	BUS/ECON	David Wessel, economics editor of the Wall Street Journal, speaks at the Commonwealth Club of California about his new book, "In Fed We Trust: Ben Bernanke's War on the Great Panic."	David Wessel

9/24	SOCIAL ISSUE	A Duluth man was charged this week with murder of a St. Paul man in 1977. Cold case homicides and other crimes are sometimes solved decades later, often with the help of DNA evidence.	Susan Gaertner
9/24	STATE POL	Speaking with former Vice President Walter Mondale at an event sponsored by the organization Growth and Justice, former Republican Governor Arne Carlson said Governor Pawlenty should buckle down and work with the legislature to address a "budget tsunami."	Walter Mondale, Arne Carlson
9/25	NATL POL	Gov. Tim Pawlenty speaks Saturday at the Michigan Republican Leadership Conference. Hear highlights of his recent speech to the Values Voter Summit in Washington, and analysis by MPR political commentators on MIDDAY.	Tom Horner, Todd Rapp
9/25	NATL POL	Former Republican U.S. Senator from Nebraska Chuck Hagel speaks about the challenges the U.S. is facing both domestically and internationally. Hagel was in Minnesota this week to give the third annual Eugene McCarthy Lecture at St. John's University in Collegeville.	Chuck Hagel
9/28	INTL POL	Tehran capped off two days of war games Monday by firing off missiles capable of carrying warheads and reaching Israel and U.S. bases in the Middle East. The testing comes just days after the disclosure that Iran is building a uranium enrichment facility.	William Beeman
9/28	CULTURE/ARTS	Documentary filmmaker Ken Burns speaks live at the National Press Club about his new six-part PBS series on the national parks. More than six years in the making, the series is titled, "The National Parks: America's Best Idea."	Ken Burns
9/29	INTL POL	The U.S. has been in Afghanistan nearly eight years, and yet the situation there is increasingly unstable. Both civilian and U.S. casualties are up significantly from a year ago. Now America must decide whether to commit more troops to the conflict.	Tim Walz

9/29	BUS/ECON	In an Oxford-style debate, six experts discuss whether Buy American and Hire American provisions actually work.	Jagdish Bhagwati, Douglas Irwin, Susan Schwab, Jeff Madrick, John R. MacArthur, Leo Gerard
9/30	INTL POL	This week, the Communist Party will celebrate 60 years of rule over mainland China. Carleton College International Relations Professor Roy Grow joins Midday to discuss the history of China, and how it's changed over the past six decades.	Roy Grow
9/30	BUS/ECON	In a summit on leadership during crisis, prominent business leaders and a former presidential advisor gather to discuss what it takes to lead during turmoil. The summit was moderated by Bill George, retired CEO of Medtronic.	Bill George, John Donahoe, Anne Mulcahy, David Gergen, Marilyn Carlson Nelson