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INTERNATIONAL:

Our guest, Peter Tomsen, former U.S. Ambassador to Armenia and fellow at the Center for Afghanistan Studies at the University of Nebraska explores the question, "Are they ready?" as the country of Afghanistan is preparing for its first ever democratic elections next weekend. Tomsen is currently writing a book on Afghanistan, the working title of which is "Afghan Nightmare: The Rise and Retreat of Muslim Extremism in Afghanistan. (MIDDAY 10/04/04) Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Richard Holbrooke explained why he believes George W. Bush has mishandled the War in Iraq at the Cleveland City Club Forum on Thursday. Holbrooke, who is one of democratic presidential candidate John Kerry's senior foreign policy advisors, also outlined why he thinks Kerry would do a better job in Iraq. (MIDDAY 10/08/04) Our guest, Roger Brokaw was an Army interrogator in the Iraqi prison of Abu Ghraib, which was made famous six months ago when photos surfaced documenting naked, bloodied Iraqis in humiliating poses surrounded by smiling U.S. soldiers. Brokaw didn't witness any of those abuses, but the Army reservist saw other situations in Iraq that still haunt him. (MIDDAY 10/13/04) Citing unspecified threats in a classified intelligence report he received weeks ago, Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn., announced on Tuesday that he would close his Capitol Hill office until after the national election on Nov. 2. Dayton said that it would be immoral for him to expose his staff and visiting constituents to danger while he is in Minnesota during the Senate's fall recess. So far, no other senators have followed suit, though several have criticized Dayton for a move they characterized as an overreaction that has sent the "wrong message" to terrorists. (MIDDAY 10/15/04) National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice praises President George W. Bush for changing the direction of the United States' policy toward the Middle East, breaking "with 60 years of excusing and accommodating the lack of freedom" in Arab countries. Rice spoke on Friday at the City Club Forum in Cleveland. Rice compared the War on Terrorism to the Cold War, both in its length and its scope, and like the Soviet Union, she said terrorist organizations and the "ideology of hatred that spawned them" will eventually crumble. (MIDDAY 10/19/04) The newspaper chain Knight Ridder's Washington bureau has just completed a three-part series of news analyses. Two of the reporters responsible for the series: Warren Strobel, senior foreign affairs correspondent, and Joe Galloway, senior military correspondent look into why winning the peace in Iraq has been so much harder than winning the war was. They describe reviewing official documents and three months of interviews with people intimately involved with planning the war and the subsequent rebuilding effort where their team of reporters found a process plagued by inadequate planning and major missteps. (MIDDAY 10/20/04) Michael Hurley, deputy director of 9-11 Public Discourse Project, a privately funded public outreach organization founded by the members of the 9-11 Commission. Hurley, a

Minnesota native, served as senior counsel and counter-terrorism team leader for the 9-11 Commission discusses the struggle over intelligence reform. (MIDDAY 11/05/04) Retired Army Col. Patrick Lang, a former senior official in the Defense Intelligence Agency is our guest talking about the battle of Fallujah. (MIDDAY 11/08/04) We take a look back at his four decades of Arafat at the helm of the Palestinian Liberation Organization. What does it mean for Middle East peace if the controversial Arab leader survives his current illness? And what if he doesn't? Questions answered by our guests, Rashid Khalidi, Edward Said Professor of Arab Studies Middle East Institute at Columbia University, and Jamal Nassar, chair of the department of politics and government at Illinois State University. (MIDDAY 11/09/04) Gen. James Jones, Commander of the United States European Command discusses the transformation of NATO and European Command in a live address from the National Press Club in Washington. (MIDDAY 11/23/04) It has been nearly two years since fighting broke out in the Darfur region of the East African country of Sudan, killing tens of thousands, and the death toll continues to rise. The United Nations estimates that approximately 1.6 million people have been left homeless. Three weeks ago, the Arab-dominated Sudanese government and predominately Black rebel fighters agreed to a cease-fire, but tensions remain high and fighting continues. What are the roots of the conflict, and what can be done to staunch the bloodshed? Our guests Dr. Bob Arnot, foreign correspondent and former medical reporter for NBC TV and Hugh Parmer, the president of Minneapolis-based American Refugee Committee give us their first hand knowledge. Arnot has recently returned from Darfur and is in town to address the ARC, which is providing assistance to people displaced by the conflict. (MIDDAY 12/01/04) Congressional leaders say they have resolved their disagreements and are poised to pass a sweeping intelligence reform bill based on the recommendations of the 9-11 Commission. What was the hold up in overhauling the U.S. intelligence services? What did Congress finally agree to? Will it be effective in preventing future terrorist attacks? Our guest Michael Hurley is the deputy director of 9-11 Public Discourse Project, a privately funded public outreach organization founded by the members of the 9-11 Commission. Hurley, a Minnesota native, served as senior counsel and counter-terrorism team leader for the 9-11 Commission. (MIDDAY 12/07/04) Our guest today Sen. Norm Coleman made national headlines last week when he called for Kofi Annan, the secretary general of the United Nations, to resign his post. Coleman chairs a Senate subcommittee that is investigating the Oil-for-Food program the U.N. conducted in Iraq from 1995-2003. (MIDDAY 12/09/04) Bahman Baktiari, director of the International Affairs Program at the University of Maine and the author of "Parliamentary Politics in Revolutionary Iran: Institutionalization of Factional Politics" talks about the negotiations that continue over whether and how Iran will abandon its alleged nuclear weapons program. (MIDDAY 12/14/04) President George W. Bush says he is "hopeful right now"--if guardedly so--about the prospects for peace in the Middle East. But violence in the region flared up over the weekend, and interim Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas called Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's pledge to hold onto West Bank settlements and all of Jerusalem a "disaster" for the peace process. Michael Barnett, who holds the Harold Stassen Chair in International Peace at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute discusses the issues. He is the author of "Dialogues in Arab Politics." (MIDDAY 12/21/04) Even as violence continues in Iraq, a new poll from the non-profit, U.S. government-funded International Republican Institute, shows nearly

54 percent of Iraqis feel their country is on the right track. Does the optimism suggested in the institute's study bode well for January's elections? Anne Garrels, senior foreign correspondent for National Public Radio, spent seven months in Iraq over the last year is our guest. She will return in late January to cover the Iraqi elections. (MIDDAY 12/23/04) Midday examines the results and implications of the presidential election in Ukraine with our guest Nick Hayes, professor of history. He holds the University Chair in Critical Thinking at St. John's University. Melor Sturua, retired senior fellow at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute and a columnist for Ivestment. (MIDDAY 12/27/04) Midday takes a look at terrorist movements around the world and gets the latest on the hunt for Osama Bin Laden. Louise Richardson, executive dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University. She teaches courses on terrorist movements and international relations and has written a book on decision-making inside terrorist movements. (MIDDAY 12/30/04) Every day brings new headlines of horrific violence perpetrated in the name of Islam. This program from American Public Media's Speaking of Faith unit asks: What makes the Muslim religion such a potent vehicle for violence and danger at this moment in time? Vincent Cornell, an American Muslim and leading scholar of Islamic studies. Cornell is the director of the King Fahd Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies at the University of Arkansas. (MIDDAY 12/30/04)

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

We have analysis with Larry Jacobs, professor and director of the 2004 Elections Project at the University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute's Center for the Study of Politics, of George W. Bush and John Kerry's first debate at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla. We also play the debate, which focuses on matters of foreign policy, in its entirety. (The debate continues during the second hour of the program. There is also a link below to the entire debate without interruption) (MIDDAY 10/01/04) As the U.S. Supreme Court opens its new term, we hear a conversation between Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and Walter Isaacson, the President and CEO of the Aspen Institute. Justice O'Connor, who often casts the deciding vote in the closely divided court, discusses her biography and her jurisprudence on issues from affirmative action to the detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (MIDDAY 10/04/04) We rebroadcast the vice presidential candidates' only debate. The debate runs an hour and a half and covers most of both hours of Midday, starting during the first hour. Following the debate we have analysis and a preview of the second presidential debate on Friday with our guests, DFL commentator Bob Meek and Republican commentator Tom Horner. (MIDDAY 10/07/04) Steven Smith, director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis gives us **A preview of the second presidential debate.** Professor Smith's university is hosting Friday night's debate. (MIDDAY 10/08/04) Do you think government is way too big? That taxes and government spending should be cut in half? That the war in Iraq was a mistake? That public welfare should be replaced with private charity? That recreational drugs, assault weapons and gay marriage should all be legal? If so, then neither George W. Bush nor John Kerry agree with all of your positions, but our guest Libertarian presidential candidate Michael Badnarik does. (MIDDAY 10/11/04) Senate Minority Leader Tom

Daschle, D-S.D., and John Thune, the Republican who is challenging him for his Senate seat, held their third debate at KDLT-TV in Sioux Falls on Tuesday night. (MIDDAY 10/13/04) **Replay of the last presidential debate** For those who didn't get a chance to hear the debate live, Midday rebroadcasts it in its entirety. Juan Williams, a senior correspondent at National Public Radio, watched the debate with five voters in Edina. (MIDDAY 10/14/04) Two candidates for president, offering two directions for America. They are men of the same generation, Yale graduates from privileged New England families. But they took starkly different paths as they formed their values and politics. In the first hour of this Frontline report from American RadioWorks, a look at George W. Bush and John Kerry as young men. In hour two of this Frontline special from American RadioWorks, we look at how John Kerry and George W. Bush came of age as politicians and how their very different histories and personalities might shape their approach to the presidency. (MIDDAY 10/18/04) Minnesota has had more than its fair share of presidential visits this year. Both President George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry are in town this week. Bush makes a campaign stop in Rochester Wednesday afternoon, and Minnesota Public Radio has live coverage and analysis with Chris Gilbert, a professor of political science at Gustavus Adolphus College, and Ken Mayer, a professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. (MIDDAY 10/20/04) National Public Radio's Justice Talking hosts a debate that asks: Are we prepared to count what may be another extremely close election? With guests, Democrat Joe Sandler and Republican Ben Ginsberg--two lawyers who rushed to Florida to represent their parties during the recount battle of 2000. Ginsberg resigned from the Bush campaign this year after Democrats complained that he also served as counsel to the outside group Swift Boat Veterans for Truth. (MIDDAY 10/22/04) With just over a week left before election day, we check in with Norman Ornstein, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington DC and one of the nation's leading political analysts about the outlook in Minnesota's congressional races and the presidential election. He is also a distinguished visiting scholar at the Center for the Study of Politics, part of the 2004 Elections Project at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute. Ornstein is a Minnesota native. (MIDDAY 10/25/04) Professor Larry Jacobs, the director of the 2004 Elections Project at the University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute's Center for the Study of Politics discusses his polling of the upper Midwest throughout the presidential election. He has new numbers out on Minnesota. Just when everyone thought the presidential election couldn't get any tighter, it has. Most presidential elections with an incumbent candidate tend to be more like landslides than photo finishes. Could this one be the exception? (MIDDAY 10/28/04) Still not sure exactly where presidential candidates George W. Bush and John Kerry stand on foreign policy, the economy, health care, education and social issues? Minnesota Public Radio has produced a series of special reports that go beyond the stump speeches and look at the actual policies Bush and Kerry are proposing. (MIDDAY 10/29/04) We invite a group of of Bush and Kerry supporters to make their best cases for the candidate they are backing, Bush supporters Paul Schroeder, Janet Schutz, Ben Lund, Avonelle Lovhaug and Jim Leebens, and Kerry supporters Herb Davis, Brad Baso, Debby Thurlo, Michelle Dumonceaux and Jessica Docken. (MIDDAY 10/29/04) With less than 24 hours to go before the polls open, we look at all the last-minute preparations that go into the election. Interviews with election officials, poll watchers, and other people who are bracing for Tuesday's election. We also have an

extended interview with former Vice President Walter Mondale, who has had to prepare for more than his share of election days. (MIDDAY 11/01/04) We take one final look back at the campaign, from the last year to the last few days with our guests, DFL commentator Bob Meek and Republican commentator Tom Horner. (MIDDAY 11/01/04) Voting and beyond with our guests, Joe Mansky, Ramsey County elections manager and longtime director of the Minnesota Secretary of State's Elections Division, and Doug Chapin, director of electionline.org, a non-partisan forum on election reform. (MIDDAY 11/02/04) Analysis and up-to-the-minute coverage of the results of local and national elections, from the Minnesota Legislature to the U.S. presidency. with our guests, Maureen Shaver, a former capitol lobbyist and Republican activist, and Democrat Amy Klobuchar, the Hennepin County Attorney. (MIDDAY 11/03/04) NPR COVERAGE of the Elections (MIDDAY 11/03/04) We look at the fallout from this week's election for Minnesota and the nation with Chris Gilbert, political science professor at Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, Minnesota. (MIDDAY 11/04/04) The 2004 election is settled and the Republicans have captured the presidency and made gains in both houses of Congress. Where will the two major political parties go from here? The chairmen of the Republican and Democratic national committees were invited to give their takes on the election live from the National Press Club in Washington. We discuss the outcome with RNC Chairman Ed Gillespie. DNC Chairman Terry McAuliffe had been scheduled to speak as well, but he was unable to attend. (MIDDAY 11/04/04) Vin Weber, a former Minnesota congressman, was the Midwest chair of George W. Bush's 2004 re-election campaign is our guest discussing the future of the Republican Party. (MIDDAY 11/09/04) James Fallows, national correspondent for The Atlantic Monthly, offered his analysis of the 2004 presidential election. He gave a lecture entitled "Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow: After the 2004 Elections" sponsored by the University of Minnesota's Humanities Institute on Wednesday night. (MIDDAY 11/12/04) Ever since election day, the blogosphere has been crackling with questions about the veracity of the vote. But even if the accusations of fraud prove baseless, the question remains: Is there something about the system itself that breeds distrust? We discuss the issue with Doug Chapin, director of electionline.org, a non-partisan forum on election reform. We also hear from Daniel Tokaji, a law professor at Ohio State University specializing in election and voting rights law, and Brad Coker, managing director for Mason-Dixon Polling and Research. (MIDDAY 11/15/04) Secretary of State Colin Powell, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman, Education Secretary Rod Paige, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham, Attorney General John Ashcroft and Commerce Secretary Donald Evans are leaving the Bush administration. Our guests, Norman Ornstein, a political analyst and resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, and Burdett Loomis, a professor at the University of Kansas and the author of "The Contemporary Congress try to answer the questions How will the positions be filled and what will the departures mean for the shape of the administration over the next four years? for us. (MIDDAY 11/15/04) President George W. Bush is swiftly announcing replacements for the resigning members of his cabinet as he heads into his second term. Wednesday morning he named longtime advisor Margaret Spellings to fill the shoes of retiring Education Secretary Rod Paige. We also look at what lies ahead for the 109th Congress with Steven Smith, director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis.(MIDDAY

11/17/04) The U.S. Military pledged Wednesday that it would spend \$4 billion in the next six months to armor all its vehicles in the Iraqi war zone. Is the armor shortage brought to light last week at a "town hall meeting" between Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and U.S. troops a matter of poor war planning? Or, is it--as the Defense Department claims--that the Iraqi insurgency has changed its tactics? Andrew J. Bacevich discusses the issues with us. HE is the director of the Center for International Relations at Boston University and a former Army colonel. His new book, "The New American Militarism," will be published in 2005. (MIDDAY 12/16/04) The Democratic Party has been doing a great deal of soul searching in the month-and-a-half since election day. Thomas Frank, author of "What's the Matter with Kansas? How Conservatives Won the Heart of America," argues that if Democrats want to start winning elections again they need to reclaim their traditional strong suit: economic populism. Frank spoke on Dec. 9 at the annual meeting of the JOBS NOW Coalition in St. Paul. (MIDDAY 12/21/04) In 2004, for the first time in generations, Minnesota got a front row seat in the presidential campaign. George Bush, John Kerry and countless surrogates heavily courted Minnesota voters throughout the election season. Minnesota Public Radio's Mark Zdechlik put together a retrospective on Minnesota's year as a battleground state. (midday 12/27/04)

STATE POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Minnesotans will have a lot of choices to make on Nov. 2: congressmen and women, state legislators and, of course, the president of the United States. Our guests, Maureen Shaver, a former capitol lobbyist and Republican activist, and Democrat Amy Klobuchar, the Hennepin County Attorney give us the **2004 election roundup.** (MIDDAY 10/19/04) Minnesota Speaker of the House Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon, and Minority Leader Matt Entenza, DFL-St. Paul discuss **The struggle for the Minnesota House** where the Republican Party currently enjoys an 81-53 seat majority in the Minnesota House of Representatives, but all 134 seats are up for election in November. (MIDDAY 10/21/04) Sixth District Republican Congressman Mark Kennedy is defending his seat from well-known missing children's advocate Patty Wetterling, a Democrat. They square off at a Sunday evening debate in St. Paul sponsored by the League of Women Voters and KSTP-TV. Minnesota Public Radio broadcasts the debate as part of our "Meet the Candidates" series. (MIDDAY 10/25/04) Live Minnesota Public Radio debate between the candidates running for Minnesota's 4th Congressional District. Betty McCollum, a two-term Democratic incumbent, is defending her seat against Republican Patrice Bataglia. Independence Party candidate Peter Vento was also invited to participate in the debate but did not respond. (MIDDAY 10/26/04) Another live Minnesota Public Radio debate, this time between the candidates running for Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District. Republican John Kline is in his first term in the U.S. Congress and is defending his seat against Democrat Teresa Daly. Independence Party candidate Doug Williams was also invited to participate in the debate but did not respond. (MIDDAY 10/26/04) Minnesota Public Radio's Meet the Candidates series continues with the 3rd District congressional candidates, incumbent Republican Jim Ramstad and his DFL challenger Deborah Watts. In the 2nd half hour, a look at the Senate races in South Dakota and Wisconsin and Minnesota Public Radio's Meet the Candidates series continues with the

congressional candidates in the 1st and 5th Districts, as well. (Midday 10/27/04) The congressional race in Minnesota's 6th District has been one of the most closely watched in the country. In what would otherwise be a relatively safe reelection campaign, Republican Mark Kennedy is facing a challenge from a very well-known first-time candidate: missing children's advocate Patty Wetterling. Minnesota Public Radio's Meet the Candidates series continues with back-to-back interviews with Kennedy and Wetterling. (MIDDAY 10/28/04) The DFL captured 13 seats in the Minnesota Legislature in Tuesday's election, shrinking the once comfortable Republican majority to a mere two-seat advantage. Our guests, Minnesota Public Radio reporters Michael Khoo and Laura McCallum. Answer the question Will the closer balance of power break the gridlock that marked session 2004 or add to it? (MIDDAY 11/05/04) Former Gov. Elmer Andersen, who served Minnesota in so many ways throughout his 95 years, finally left the state forever on Monday night. We hear excerpts from a 2000 interview with Andersen and the editor of his memoir, the Star Tribune's Lori Sturdevant, plus a 2001 speech Andersen delivered to the Minnesota State Senate. (MIDDAY 11/16/04) The federal government weighs in this week on the environmental and economic impact posed by two proposals to deal with congestion along the Twin Cities' Central Corridor. Gov. Tim Pawlenty has appointed a panel to make a recommendation soon on whether the 11-mile stretch of University Avenue connecting Minneapolis and St. Paul should get a bus rapid transit lane or a light rail line. With a million more people expected in the metro area over the next 25 years, what's the best long-term solution? We discuss the issues with Peter Bell, chair of the Metropolitan Council. (MIDDAY 11/23/04) The Truth in Taxation forms are coming in the mail and property taxes are going up an average of 6.5 percent next year. Local governments are starting hearings around the state this week to get taxpayer's reaction to the changes. We discuss the issues with ynn Reed, executive director of the Minnesota Taxpayers Association, a non-partisan tax research group. (MIDDAY 11/30/04) Once again Minnesota faces a budget gap--\$700 million, ballooning to as much as \$1.4 billion once inflation is taken into account. Gov. Tim Pawlenty says he still plans to cover the projected shortfall without raising taxes, but will DFL gains in the legislature make it hard for the governor to stick by his guns? Will the state be able to find new revenue from other sources? Will it be forced to cut popular programs? Dan McElroy, Gov. Tim Pawlenty's chief of staff fills us in. (MIDDAY 12/06/04) The news this election year was filled with reports about glitchy voting machines, faulty voter rolls, and polling-place intimidation. But one hugely influential issue got little attention: gerrymandering. Politicians have been tinkering with the boundaries of their electoral districts for decades, but this new documentary from American RadioWorks explores how the practice has exploded over the last five years and led to the least competitive race for the U.S. House of Representatives in memory. (MIDDAY 12/10/04) Minnesota was a hotbed of political activity in 2004. From our newfound status as a battleground state in the presidential election to the surprise DFL comeback in the state Legislature, there was scarcely a dull moment. Does the success of Minnesota's Democrats this year represent a change in direction for the state or a one-time aberration? Our guests DFL commentator Bob Meek and Republican commentator Tom Horner discuss these matters. (MIDDAY 12/28/04) Former Gov. Elmer Andersen, who served Minnesota in so many ways throughout his 95 years, finally left the state

forever this November. We hear excerpts from his speeches, writings and interviews from the last several years. (MIDDAY 12/28/04)

EDUCATION:

The education achievement gap: Minnesota's embarrassment. It's a national problem, but Minnesota's gap is particularly wide. We feature a series of stories from Minnesota Public Radio reporters that examine the multiple explanations for and possible solutions to this problem. (MIDDAY 10/11/04) The Citizens League released a report in November warning that higher education in Minnesota is in danger of falling behind in the global economy. The report alleged that the state is currently reaping the benefits of previous generations' investments, but that vigilance is needed to keep Minnesota's schools and workforce competitive. Vance Opperman, co-chair of the Citizens League committee that produced the report answers the question What's the best way to keep Minnesota's schools on top for us. (MIDDAY 12/03/04) Education Commissioner Alice Seagren is our guest to discuss why Minnesota school officials say they've cut all they can and it's time for the state to come up with more money for the public schools in Minnesota. Gov. Tim Pawlenty's Chief of Staff Dan McElroy says that inflationary increases are in the cards, but that they will be tied to reforms and "accountability measures. (MIDDAY 12/08/04) Gov. Tim Pawlenty is leading a delegation of Minnesota education officials to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on Thursday and Friday to get a firsthand look at the education system there. In 1973 Edmonton pioneered a decentralized model of school management, where schools are forced to compete with each other for students. William Ouchi, a professor of management at UCLA, gave this lecture on the Edmonton model earlier this year at a Minnesota Meeting event in Minneapolis. (MIDDAY 12/09/04) Midday examines the key issues in education and the challenges facing the 2005 Legislature when it convenes next week with our guests Scott Croonquist, executive director of the Association of Metropolitan School Districts and Charlie Kyte, executive director of the Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MIDDAY 12/29/04)

HEALTH/SCIENCE:

Our guest, Dr. Harry Hull, Minnesota's state epidemiologist discusses How is it that the flu vaccine supply is so dependent on so few sources, and what implications might the economics of vaccine making have for homeland security? (MIDDAY 10/07/04) **Health care reform: A good bill or a bill of goods?** Should the federal government use its massive market power to bid down the price of prescription drugs? Two former Medicare administrators debated the merits of the prescription drug benefit at the Cleveland City Club Forum in late September. (MIDDAY 10/07/04) **Where do the presidential candidates stand on health care?** Our guest, Susan Bartlett Foote, director of the Division of Health Services Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota. Discusses the candidates plans. (midday 10/12/04) Pharmaceutical companies and some economists have long argued that governments should not legislate the price of prescription drugs. They say that price controls would stifle research by limiting

the companies' incentives to develop new drugs. But Marcia Angell, the former editor-in-chief of the New England Journal of Medicine, argues that the pharmaceutical companies have become less an engine of innovation and more a giant marketing machine. In a speech before the Commonwealth Club of California in October, Angell argued that it's high time that the U.S. follows Canada's lead and forcibly controls the price of medicine. (MIDDAY 11/17/04) It is often said that if the human brain was simple enough to understand, we would be too simple to understand it. But this latest installment in the public radio series "Gray Matters" takes a look at improved brain imaging technology that is shedding new light on the mechanics of the mind. (MIDDAY 12/02/04) First it was Vioxx, then Celebrex and now the over the counter drug Aleve has been accused of increasing the risk of heart attacks. Our guest, Dr. Steven Miles, professor at the University of Minnesota Medical School and the Center for Bioethics and the author of "The Hippocratic Oath and the Ethics of Medicine" as well as Minnesota Monthly magazine's Minnesotan of the Year helps us answer the questions: How much risk do these pain killers pose? And how much risk is too much? Is the Food and Drug Administration's pharmaceutical approval process serving the American public well? (MIDDAY 12/22/04) The days may be getting longer, but Minnesota winters can be awfully dark. This new special from the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives' Gray Matters series looks at the way light and dark affect the body's own internal clock. (midday 12/23/04)

BUSINESS/ECONOMICS:

Our guest, Sung Won Sohn, chief economist and executive vice president at Wells Fargo, discusses the current job market . Sohn is leaving his post at Wells Fargo in January to head up Hanmi Bank in Los Angeles. (MIDDAY 11/18/04) The chairman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission told business leaders Tuesday in Minneapolis they must institute a "spirit of integrity" throughout their companies. William Donaldson commended the Minnesota community for a strong tradition of business ethics. But he said malfeasance in corporate America continues even after Enron, Worldcom, and other excesses of the late '90s. (midday 12/01/04) Prompted by a healthy 0.5 percent rise in November's non-automotive retail sales numbers, a senior economist at JPMorgan declared this week that "Christmas has been saved." Why had America's retailers been fretting that the Christmas spending season might not have come for them this year? We will find out from our guest St. John's University economics professor Louis Johnston.(MIDDAY 12/13/04) Our guest Amy Lindgren, founder and president of Prototype Career Services talks about the end of the year as a time when many people take stock of their lives, and a big part of life--for better or for worse--is work. Some are out of work. Some are looking to switch jobs or are thinking about going back to school. What does the job market look like for 2005? What's the best way to go about finding a new job? (MIDDAY 12/20/04) President George W. Bush says that "frivolous lawsuits" are sapping the U.S. economy, and he has made tort reform one of the cornerstones of his second term economic agenda. But consumer advocates fear for public safety if liability rules punishing corporate negligence are relaxed. National Public Radio's Justice Talking program invited both sides of the tort reform debate to make their best cases at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. (MIDDAY 12/20/04) What will 2005 hold

for the U.S. economy? Once a year, Chris Farrell, MPR's chief economics correspondent, peers into his crystal ball and tries to predict the future. (MIDDAY 12/31/04)

SPORTS:

The Minnesota Twins face the New York Yankees in the first game of the American League Division Series at Yankee Stadium on Tuesday night. Some doubted the team would make it so far this year after losing several key players, but they've done it again with our guest, Howard Sinker state news and general assignment editor at the Minneapolis Star Tribune, who covered the Twins for many years. We are also joined by Twins superfan and avid blogger Bat Girl. (MIDDAY 10/05/04) From golfing in the arctic circle to 22-day roller coaster marathons, acclaimed sportswriter Steve Rushin is out with a new book on extreme recreation. "The Caddie was a Reindeer" is a compilation of Rushin's tender odes to his old favorites like basketball and hockey, as well as off-the-wall explorations of off-the-map sports. (MIDDAY 11/19/04) It's been more than 30 years since the historic Title IX legislation forced educational institutions to start paying attention to women's athletics, but two of the leading authorities on women in sports say they still face resistance when they make the case for equal treatment. Mary Jo Kane, professor and director of the University of Minnesota Tucker Center for Research on Girls and Women in Sport, and Donna Lopiano, the Executive Director of the Women's Sports Foundation, discussed the history and the future of women's athletics this October in Minneapolis. The event was part of the U of M's "Great Conversations" series. (midday 11/26/04) Even Howard Sinker didn't predict the Boston Red Sox would break the "Curse of the Bambino" and win the 2004 World Series. But like any good sports fan, he steps up to the plate again to relive the year in sports and toss out a few predictions as well. Howard Sinker, state editor for the Minneapolis Star Tribune, covered the Minnesota Twins for many years. (MIDDAY 12/31/04)

CULTURE/ARTS:

Like your Thanksgiving feast, Giving Thanks combines traditional fare with unexpected delights. With Thanksgiving music and stories, this special from Minnesota Public Radio's John Birge and American Public Media offers reflection on the meaning of the holiday with guests Poets Billy Collins and Naomi Shihab Nye. (MIDDAY 11/25/04) During the holidays some families face a puzzling problem: finding a movie that three or more generations can all agree on. It's not easy. And what happens when families appear on the silver screen? What are the all-time great movies about families? Stephanie Curtis, AKA the Movie Maven, gives us the scoop. She is the producer of the Minnesota Public Radio program "State of the Arts." (MIDDAY 11/26/04) Our guests David Walsh, president of the National Institute on Media and the Family and Carolyn Rauch, senior vice president of the Entertainment Software Association talk with Jon Gordon, host of the American Public Media program "Future Tense" about video games and particularly the most popular games where players fight and shoot their ways through virtual worlds, steal cars and even have sex with prostitutes. The National Institute on Media and the Family released its annual "Video Game Report Card" last week, and it did not give the video game industry very high marks for the ratings system it uses. It also accused video

games of all kinds for contributing to the obesity epidemic amongst America's youth. (MIDDAY 11/29/04) Amy Tan, author of the bestselling novel "The Joy Luck Club," paid a visit to the Commonwealth Club of California this fall to discuss the relationship between her life and her work. She talked about the lessons she learned from her Chinese-American mother, her best friend's murder and her more recent battle with Lyme disease. (MIDDAY 12/03/04) Have a favorite movie from 2004? What about a least favorite? The Movie Maven has five of each, and she evaluates the year in films. Our guest is Stephanie Curtis, AKA the Movie Maven, who is also the producer of the Minnesota Public Radio program "State of the Arts." (MIDDAY 12/24/04)

SOCIAL ISSUES:

Does it take a village to raise a child? Ray Suarez, senior correspondent at PBS's "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," thinks so. Suarez believes that neighborhoods and communities have as much responsibility for the welfare of children as do parents and families. He spoke last week in Minneapolis at a forum sponsored by the Children's Law Center of Minnesota. (MIDDAY 10/12/04) Unusually high voter turnout. A closely divided electorate. Now that the election is settled, will there be a single, united America? Was there ever one? Will Kerry supporters flock in droves across the Canadian border? Will families be able to sit down together peaceably this Thanksgiving? Harold Kushner, rabbi laureate at Temple Israel in Natick, Mass contemplates if mending bridges is the goal, how can red states and blue states reunite? Rabbi Harold Kushner is probably best known for his 1981 international best seller, "When Bad Things Happen to Good People." Kushner has also written a number of other popular books including "Living a Life that Matters," "Who Needs God" and "After the Darkest Hour the Sun will Shine Again: A Parent's Guide to Coping With the Loss of a Child." (MIDDAY 11/10/04) While the amount of money people give to charity is growing--up nearly three percent in the last year--their faith in the non-profit world is trending in the opposite direction. A recent public opinion poll indicated that only 46 percent of Americans believe that charities are honest about how they spend the money they raise, an all-time low. The U.S. Senate is also considering an increase in government oversight of the non-profit sector. Brian Gallagher, CEO of the United Way, addresses these concerns live from the National Press Club in Washington. (MIDDAY 11/22/04) Many of the details surrounding the shooting deaths of six hunters in Wisconsin over the weekend are still murky, but one thing that seems clear is the dispute started because the suspect in the case was hunting on land owned by some of the victims. And while there was clearly far more at work in Sunday's tragic events, there are more hunters than ever taking to the woods right now and vying for a steadily shrinking wilderness. Dennis Anderson, outdoors columnist for the Minneapolis Star Tribune explores with us what, if anything, can be done to alleviate the tensions that naturally arise from too many people trying to enjoy too little undeveloped land? (MIDDAY 11/24/04) People who celebrate Thanksgiving often do it with their families, but family get-togethers aren't always harmonious. For some people they can be a major source of stress. we will discuss with our guest, Pauline Boss, a professor of family social science at the University of

Minnesota, who is also teaching at Hunter College in New York this fall what are the roots of family conflict, and what's the best way to deal with it?. (MIDDAY 11/25/04) Paul Ebert, commonwealth's attorney for Prince William County, Virginia, and Marsha Levick, legal director and co-founder of the Juvenile Law Center discuss the questions: Is there hope for youngsters who kill? Death penalty proponents argue that murder is not simply a youthful indiscretion, and adult-like atrocities should have adult-like consequences. But in a case now before the U.S. Supreme Court that has garnered international attention, opponents sharply question equating adults and juveniles in capital cases. This debate from National Public Radio's Justice Talking series examines whether people under the age of 18 should face the death penalty. (MIDDAY 11/29/04) Norman Ornstein, one of America's foremost political analysts, says George W. Bush doesn't want to be a "caretaker president" during his second term in the White House. Ornstein says Bush wants his next four years to be "transformational," overhauling social security and the tax code. Ornstein participated in a panel discussion at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute on Monday. (MIDDAY 12/08/04) When former Minnesota Viking Carl Eller was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame this summer, he vowed to use the honor to lead young African-American males "toward the great colleges and universities of our nation, not to prisons and jail cells." Today's guest Eller will be honored during the half-time ceremony at Sunday's Vikings game. (MIDDAY 12/10/04) "Death is un-American," an "affront to the American Dream," wrote historian Arnold Toynbee in 1969. It was a time of social movements and big change: peace, civil rights, environmentalism and women's liberation. But a quieter revolution was underway, too--one led by a few middle-aged women who wanted to change our way of death. In this American RadioWorks documentary, John Biewen explores the birth of the hospice movement and traces its influence through one woman's final months of life. (MIDDAY 12/14/04)

RELIGION:

Voices of Minnesota pays a visit to two prominent Catholic leaders in the state: Father Larry Snyder, the new head of Catholic Charities USA, and Sister Andrea Lee, president of College of St. Catherine in St. Paul. (midday 11/24/04) Now in its second decade, Chanukah Lights showcases short stories that explore Chanukah traditions in everyday life. This year's collection includes writings by Allegra Goodman, Gloria De Vidas Kirchheimer, Laura Kraus Melmed, Ariel Dorfman and Leslea Newman. (MIDDAY 12/07/04) The man the New York Times called "every liberal's favorite conservative" is in town to offer his insight on a politically divided America. David Brooks' recent columns have poked holes in the analysis that chalked George Bush's re-election up to "moral values" voters and introduced secular America to a man he says is the true voice of the Evangelical Christian movement. David Brooks is an op-ed columnist for the New York Times. He is also an author and a frequent commentator on the "NewsHour With Jim Lehrer." He speaks Thursday evening at the University of St. Thomas. (MIDDAY 12/02/04) Is truth absolute, or is it relative? To former Georgia Congressman Bob Barr it's anything but an open question. Barr, a Republican, says both major political parties in America have succumbed to what he calls the "contextual, sorry logic" of moral relativism. He spoke on Dec. 2 at the Commonwealth Club of California. (MIDDAY

12/22/04) Every day brings new headlines of horrific violence perpetrated in the name of Islam. This program from American Public Media's Speaking of Faith unit asks: What makes the Muslim religion such a potent vehicle for violence and danger at this moment in time? Our guest Vincent Cornell, an American Muslim and leading scholar of Islamic studies helps us make sense of this. Cornell is the director of the King Fahd Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies at the University of Arkansas. (MIDDAY 12/30/04)

MEDIA:

Aaron Brown, host of the CNN program "NewsNight with Aaron Brown," says, T.V. audiences have a bigger appetite for partisan red meat and celebrity scandals than they do for foreign affairs. Brown, a native of Hopkins, Minnesota, spoke on Monday night in downtown Minneapolis. (MIDDAY 10/06/04) Geneva Overholser, who holds the Curtis B. Hurley Chair in Public Affairs Reporting at the Missouri School of Journalism, Washington D.C. bureau delivered the nineteenth annual Silha lecture at the University of Minnesota School of Journalism on Wednesday speaking on **a credo for today's journalist**. In media corporations she is troubled by what she calls "an ethic of under-investment" in high-quality news reporting. But amongst all these storm clouds, Overholser also sees a silver lining: Things are finally getting bad enough that the public is taking notice. (MIDDAY 10/15/04) In his 1996 book, "Breaking the News: How the Media Undermine American Democracy," the journalist and commentator James Fallows wrote that the media had become "irresponsible with its power. The damage has spread to the public life Americans all share. The damage can be corrected, but not until journalism comes to terms with what it has lost." Eight years later, in the midst of another presidential election, the question is: has that happened? Fallows gives his answer live at the Westminster Town Hall Forum in Minneapolis. (MIDDAY 10/21/04) As we are heading into the final week of the presidential campaign the poll numbers are coming out fast and furious. **The art and science of polling is explained by our guest**, Frank Newport, editor-in-chief of the Gallup Poll. (MIDDAY 10/22/04) Kathy Halbreich, director of the Walker Arts Center, gives her take on the current state of arts journalism live from the Westminster Town Hall Forum in Minneapolis. Halbreich thinks that the media pay too much attention to the movies and give art and architecture short shrift. She also sees a bias against contemporary art and stories outside of the local art scene. (MIDDAY 11/18/04) Minnesota got more than its fair share of attention in the 2004 presidential campaign. Between the TV ads, the constant visits from the candidates and their surrogates, and the wall-to-wall media coverage, it was almost information overload. National Public Radio's David Welna, who followed both Bush and Kerry as they criss-crossed the country, came to town on Thursday night to help make sense of their year-long battle. His speech was part of Minnesota Public Radio's Broadcast Journalist Series. (MIDDAY 11/19/04) C-SPAN President and CEO Brian Lamb speaks live at the National Press Club in Washington. Lamb helped found C-SPAN, which has been broadcasting unfiltered news events--including the deliberations of the U.S. Congress--since 1979. (MIDDAY 12/06/04)

ENVIRONMENT:

The Art and Science of Audubon. Renowned Minnesotan science writer William Souder is out with a new book on a man who made important contributions, not only to the world of ornithology, but also the world of art: John James Audubon. In "Under a Wild Sky," Souder paints the picture of a deeply complex and conflicted Audubon, who failed at a number of endeavors before stumbling upon the career that made him famous.

(MIDDAY 11/22/04) It's been so cold that even the Minneapolis Holidazzle parade decided not to venture outside Thursday night. Is this chilly week a harbinger of a long cold winter? And what sort of weather can Santa Claus expect as he makes his annual whirlwind trip? Mark Seeley, meteorologist and climatologist from the University of Minnesota is our guest. (MIDDAY 12/24/04)

HISTORY:

Think American politics has become more heated, more angry and more personal than it's ever been? Think again. The ads, blogs and documentary films might seem pretty nasty sometimes, but take heart: at least today's political battles are waged mostly with words and images, not with pistols. Award-winning biographer Ron Chernow spoke about his best-selling book on Alexander Hamilton this summer in Edina. Hamilton, who was George Washington's treasury secretary, was shot by America's third vice president, Aaron Burr, in an 1804 duel. (MIDDAY 11/02/04)

There was a time, back in the 1930s and 1940s, when Minneapolis had the dubious distinction of being one of the most anti-Semitic cities in America. Minnesota Public Radio producers John Biewen and Beth Friend explored that piece of Minnesota history in a documentary titled "No Jews Allowed." The program was originally broadcast in 1992 (MIDDAY 11/08/04)

In honor of Veterans Day, we remember the Minnesotans who took part in World War II and the lesser-known stories of those who stayed behind and worked on the home front with Dave Kenney, who is the author of "Minnesota Goes to War: The Home Front during World War II." (MIDDAY 11/11/04) In April 1994, the central African nation of Rwanda exploded in violence. Over the course of 100 days, some 800,000 people died at the hands of Rwandan government troops and militia gangs. Virtually all of the victims belonged to the ethnic Tutsi minority. The killers were from the majority Hutu. Ten years later, the genocide is remembered as a story of neighbors killing neighbors, and the slaughter of innocents, while the rest of the world looked away. But there are other stories. Some Rwandans, Hutu and Tutsi, resisted the forces of genocide. This American RadioWorks documentary tells their story. (MIDDAY 11/30/04)

In 1967, Thurgood Marshall became the first African American appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. But Marshall had already earned a place in history as the leader of an extraordinary legal campaign against racial segregation in America, culminating in the landmark Supreme Court ruling *Brown v. Board of Education*. This American RadioWorks documentary tells the story of the first Black Supreme Court Justice before he donned his judicial robes. (MIDDAY 12/13/04) Before the Islamic revolution of 1979, Iran was the first country in the Middle East to bring together secular and sacred law. A legal code developed in 1927 did away with gruesome Islamic punishments such as stoning and lashing. Iranian-born NPR Producer Davar Ardalan's great-grandfather was the architect of Iran's legal code in the early 1920s. Ardalan and co-producer Rasool Nafisi look at Iran's long search for a lawful society in this American RadioWorks documentary.

(MIDDAY 12/14/04) In August 1944, five years after the start of World War II, the

people of Warsaw, armed with just a few guns and gasoline bombs, rose up against the German occupation of their city. In the two months that followed, a quarter of a million people were killed and the Polish capitol was razed to the ground. This documentary from American RadioWorks tells the story of the Warsaw Uprising from the point of view of those who were there. (MIDDAY 12/16/04) During an 18-month investigation, the 9/11 Commission heard extraordinary testimony about the terrorist attacks on America. Witnesses told stories of lucky breaks and deadly errors. The commission pieced together new evidence and new details to tell the most complete story to date of the al Qaeda plot. This American RadioWorks documentary presents highlights from the commission's hearings. (MIDDAY 12/29/04)

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INTERNATIONAL:

Ahmed Samatar, James Wallace Professor and Dean of International Studies and Programming at Macalester College, and Omer Ismail, co-founder of Darfur Peace and Development discuss the humanitarian crisis in Sudan following the visit of Kofi Annan and Colin Powell this week. (MIDDAY 7/02/04) David Kay, the former U.N. chief weapons inspector touched off a political firestorm when he later told Congress that the weapons simply were not there. "We were almost all wrong," he said. "There were no stockpiles of WMD when the U.S. went to war." Kay is now talking about other long-term dangers to national security. He spoke in June at the Commonwealth Club of California. (MIDDAY 7/06/04) Army Ranger Andrew Exum, author of *This Man's Army*, talks about his experiences in Afghanistan and Iraq. He was a platoon leader in combat. (MIDDAY 8/3/04) Minnesota native and New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman speaks at the Aspen Institute in Colorado. Friedman is writing a new book about globalism called *The World is Flat: America in the Twentieth Century*. (MIDDAY 8/03/04) Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Richard Lugar, R-Ind., addresses the National Press Club in Washington on the threat Weapons of Mass Destruction pose to the United States. Lugar believes that WMDs are America's number-one foreign policy challenge. (MIDDAY 8/11/04) Two of Minnesota's U.S. Congressional Representatives, Betty McCollum, a Democrat from the 4th District, and Mark Kennedy, a Republican from the 6th District returning from an eight-day tour of Iraq and other Middle Eastern countries, share their impressions of the situation there. (MIDDAY 8/16/04) The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States officially closes up shop on Friday. We talk with a Minnesota native who served as senior counsel and team leader, Michael Hurley who is also an attorney who has worked in intelligence at the National Security Council and with the special forces in Afghanistan, about what's happened in the four weeks since the release of "The 9/11 Commission Report" and what will eventually become of its recommendations. (MIDDAY 8/19/04) Following the release of their final report, the members of the 9-11 Commission fanned out across the country to build popular support for their recommendations. Two of the commissioners, Slade Gorton and Richard Ben Veniste, spoke earlier this week at the Commonwealth Club of California. (MIDDAY 8/20/04) President George Bush's handling of the Iraq war and terrorism is at the center of his re-election campaign. We get an update on the situation in Iraq and Afghanistan with guests Nick Hayes, history professor at St. John's University; Roy Grow, professor of international relations at Carleton College. (MIDDAY 8/30/04) Tom Ridge, secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, speaks live from the National Press Club in Washington. (MIDDAY 9/07/04) The Associated Press reported Tuesday that over 1,000 American servicemen and women have now died in the Iraq war. We talk about the the ongoing security problems, the rebuilding effort and next year's elections with our guest Michael Hudson, Professor of International Relations at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. (MIDDAY 9/08/04) During an 18-month investigation, the 9/11 Commission heard extraordinary testimony about the terrorist attacks on America. Witnesses told stories of lucky breaks and deadly errors. The commission pieced together new evidence and new details to tell the most complete story to date of the al Qaeda plot. This new American RadioWorks documentary presents highlights from the commission's hearings. (MIDDAY 9/08/04) Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld speaks live from the National Press Club in Washington. His speech is entitled "Three Years Later: A Progress Report on the Global War on Terror." (MIDDAY 9/10/04) Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, a strong supporter of the War in Iraq, argues that policy makers often have to make decisions about war and peace based on incomplete information. He says presidents simply don't have the luxury to wait until all the facts are in and that it takes "moral strength to go down a road [the truth of which] only events can prove or disprove." Kissinger spoke earlier this month at

the City Club Forum in Cleveland. (MIDDAY 9/14/04) **The deteriorating Iraqi security situation is explained by our guest** Stephen Van Evera, a political scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Van Evera is the author of "Causes of War: Power and the Roots of Conflict." (MIDDAY 9/15/04) Former U.S. Ambassador Dennis Ross says it's time for the U.S. to reassert itself in the role of peace broker between the Israelis and the Palestinians. In the last three plus years, Ross says, 1,000 Israelis and 3,000 Palestinians have died as a result of the conflict, and he lays partial blame at the feet of the Bush administration for "disengaging" with the situation. "Disengagement didn't work," Ross said in this speech from the Chautauqua Institution in western New York. (MIDDAY 9/15/04) Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry outlined his four-point plan for dealing with the War in Iraq at New York University, Monday. Kerry proposed to increase international contributions to the effort, expand the training of Iraqi police and security forces, provide jobs and tangible benefits to the Iraqi people and ensure that the country can hold democratic elections next year. (MIDDAY 9/20/04) Last week U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan called the Iraq war "illegal," an accusation that the U.S. state department rejected. Indeed, the conflict in Iraq has underscored the long and contentious relationship between the United States and the United Nations. Karen Mingst, professor of international relations at the University of Kentucky and the author of a forthcoming book, "International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance" and also "The United Nations in the Post-Cold War Era" discusses what role will the U.N. have in the 21st century. (MIDDAY 9/21/04) President George W. Bush addresses the United Nations on Tuesday. In his weekly radio address, Bush promised to "talk about the great possibilities of our time to improve health, expand prosperity and extend freedom in the world." He said the United States is determined "to spread hope and economic progress and freedom as the alternatives to hatreds, resentments and terrorist violence." (MIDDAY 9/21/04) Every day brings more reports of violence in Iraq--mostly Iraqis killing other Iraqis. President George W. Bush and Interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi claim that the death toll doesn't tell the whole story and that the country is moving toward stability. Is Iraq on the road to democracy or civil war? We discuss the answer with Owen Cote, associate director of the Security Studies Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and co-editor of the journal "International Security." (MIDDAY 9/23/04) According to data gathered by a private security company, Iraqi insurgents have launched over 2,300 attacks in just the last thirty days, but Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi says that much of the violence is limited to a relatively small part of the country. Allawi maintains that elections will be held on time in January, but some analysts aren't so sure. We get a first-hand report on the situation on the ground in Iraq from our guest Ivan Watson, National Public Radio's Istanbul correspondent, who is recently back from Iraq (MIDDAY 9/30/04)

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry is kicking off a three-day bus tour of Minn., Wis. and Iowa in Cloquet, Minn. MPR has live coverage and analysis with Larry Jacobs, Professor and Director of the 2004 Elections Project at the University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute's Center for the Study of Politics. (MIDDAY 7/02/04) John Kerry has announced that John Edwards, the freshman Senator from North Carolina, will run alongside him in his bid for the U.S. Presidency. We talk about why he chose Edwards what effect the choice might have on the presidential election with **guests** Political analysts Tom Horner and Bob Meek. Horner is a Republican and Meek is a Democrat. (MIDDAY 7/06/04) With the Pentagon calling 5,600 honorably discharged soldiers back to duty, there have been rumblings on Web sites and op-ed pages about the return of the draft. Our guest, Peter Feaver is a professor of political science and the Director of the Triangle Institute for Security Studies at Duke University discusses reform of the reserve system in light of the war on terrorism. He is the co-editor of "Soldiers and Civilians: The Civil-Military Gap and American National Security." (MIDDAY 7/07/04) Walter Mondale says that he and Jimmy Carter redefined the vice-presidency in 1977, setting a new precedent of access, influence and collaboration that has been followed by every vice president since. He hosted a discussion on the topic at Macalester College in 2002 as part of the ongoing Mondale Lectures on Public Service. A number of people from the Carter administration participated in the conversation, among them his chief domestic policy advisor, Stuart Eizenstat. (MIDDAY 7/08/04) Tom Maertens, former National Security Council counter-terrorism official and Minn. Native discusses the question "**Who should head the CIA?**" Leaders of

the Senate Intelligence Committee are urging President George W. Bush not to delay in naming someone to succeed George Tenet as the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Should the position's scope and responsibilities change? The CIA has been the focus of intense criticism for intelligence failures leading up to the attacks of September 11 and the war in Iraq. (MIDDAY 7/12/04) Minnesota as a swing state in the 2004 presidential election with Republicans campaigning hard in what up until recently was a Democratic stronghold. Discussion with **guests** Vin Weber, the Midwest Chair of the Bush re-election campaign and a former congressman, and Steven Smith, a political scientist at Washington University in St. Louis. (MIDDAY 7/15/04) Larry Jacobs, professor and director of the 2004 Elections Project at the University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute's Center for the Study of Politics discusses their new poll that analyzes where the upper Midwest stands on the presidential election and the issues that underscore it. (MIDDAY 7/21/04) Following the release of the 9-11 Commission's final report, we talk to a Minnesotan who was on the Commission's staff about how the 18-month investigation was distilled into 500 pages of narrative, analysis and recommendations. Our **guest** Commission Senior Counsel and team leader Michael Hurley is an attorney who has worked in intelligence at the National Security Council and with the special forces in Afghanistan. (MIDDAY 7/22/04) As they wind up, the 9-11 Commission has released their recommendations. But the commission's recommendations are just that, and now the debate over what to do with them moves to the Congress. What will ultimately come of the commission's 18-month investigation? Former Minnesota Sen. David Durenberger gives us his insights. He was Chair of Senate Intelligence Committee in mid-1980's. (MIDDAY 7/23/04) The best speeches from the first night of the Democratic National Convention, including the remarks of Bill and Hillary Clinton. (MIDDAY 7/27/04) Governor Tim Pawlenty paid a visit to the Minnesotan Peacekeepers in Kosovo over the weekend to offer his support and hear their concerns. He joins host Mike Edgerly to talk about what he learned. We also address other issues facing the national guard, which is increasingly being called upon to serve long tours of duty overseas. (MIDDAY 7/28/04) Highlights from the second night of the Democratic National Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, including the keynote address from Illinois Senatorial candidate and rising Democratic star Barack Obama. (MIDDAY 7/28/04) Minnesota Sen. Mark Dayton joins us live from the Democratic National Convention in Boston, Massachusetts to discuss the presidential and congressional 2004 campaigns and the 9-11 Commission's recommendations. (MIDDAY 7/29/04) We feature the best speeches from the third night of the Democratic National Convention, including the remarks of vice presidential hopeful John Edwards (MIDDAY 7/29/04) To absolutely no one's surprise Sen. John Kerry was officially nominated by his party on Wednesday night, garnering 4,255 votes, with Ohio Rep. Denis Kucinich taking a distant second place with 37. We bring you his Thursday night acceptance speech. (MIDDAY 7/30/04) President Bush campaigns in LeSueur and Mankato. Chris Gilbert, Political science professor at Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, Minnesota discusses residential politics in Minnesota. (MIDDAY 8/04/04) Former Howard Dean presidential campaign manager Joe Trippi, author of *The Revolution Will Not Be Televised: Democracy, the Internet, and the Overthrow of Everything*, speaks about campaign organizing and the use of the Internet. Trippi spoke at Ruminator Books in St. Paul. (MIDDAY 8/04/04). Both the president and Democratic candidate John Kerry are campaigning unusually hard both in Minnesota and in swing states across the nation in what Arizona Sen. John McCain has called "the bitterest, most unsavory campaign in the nation's history." We discuss presidential politics with our guest Larry Jacobs, professor and director of the 2004 Elections Project at the University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute's Center for the Study of Politics. (MIDDAY 8/18/04) Political consultant Dick Morris is often credited with propelling Bill Clinton into the White House for a second term, despite having to resign before the campaign ended amid a prostitution scandal. He's not a Democrat, though. An avowed independent, Morris voted for Al Gore in 2000, but this year, he's thrown his support behind President George W. Bush. He explained his politics and offered his analysis of the American political process at the Commonwealth Club of California on August 10. (MIDDAY 8/23/04) In April of 1971, John Kerry gave a speech before the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations about war crimes that other soldiers serving in Vietnam allegedly committed. That testimony is the focus of a new Swift Boat Veterans for Truth ad that claims Kerry "dishonored his country and more importantly the people he served with." We play the ad alongside Kerry's testimony, and then we open the phone lines to get listeners' reactions. (MIDDAY 8/24/04) Texan populist author, speaker and radio personality Jim Hightower is out with a new book entitled "Let's Stop Beating Around the Bush." True to form, Hightower's book mercilessly ridicules President George W. Bush and his

administration, arguing that they are "bull-goose loopy." He spoke about his book and the state of the American populist movement earlier this month at the City Club of Cleveland. (MIDDAY 8/24/04) What role will Ralph Nader play in this year's presidential election? What's the future of Minnesota's Independence party in the post-Ventura era? We talk with Jack Uldrich, former state chair of the Minnesota Independence Party, and Cam Gordon, former chair of the Minnesota Green Party about the role third parties and independent voters will play in upcoming local and national elections. (MIDDAY 8/25/04) Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader spoke to some 250 supporters in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on August 24. He gave a wide-ranging policy speech outlining his positions on everything from the war in Iraq to the threat of a new flu epidemic. He also spoke out against Democratic efforts to keep him off the ballot in many states, saying John Kerry would be "presented with a mini-Watergate" if he didn't rein in his supporters. (MIDDAY 8/25/04) Presidential candidate John Kerry's speech at Anoka Technical College, carried live on Minnesota Public Radio, pre-empted MIDDAY. Kerry spoke about health care and challenged his opponent, President George W. Bush, to a series of debates on various policy questions. (MIDDAY 8/26/04) We bring you highlights from the first night of the Republican National Convention in New York City, including the remarks of Arizona Sen. John McCain and Rudy Giuliani, the former mayor of New York City. (MIDDAY 8/31/04) The state of Florida held its primary election yesterday and reports indicate the new voting machines worked well. We'll get an update on the Florida system and the other voting methods used throughout the country with **guests** Rebecca Vigil-Giron, president of the National Association of Secretaries of State, Minnesota Secretary of State Mary Kiffmeyer and Ramsey County Elections Manager, Joe Mansky. (MIDDAY 9/01/04) We bring you the highlights from the second night of the Republican National Convention in New York City, including the remarks of First Lady Laura Bush and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. (MIDDAY 8/01/04) With President George W. Bush taking to the stage at the Republican National Convention in New York on Thursday evening, we talk politics with the Midwest chair of his re-election campaign and former Minnesota congressman, Vin Weber. (MIDDAY 9/02/04) We continue our week of highlights from the Republican National Convention with the remarks of Vice President Dick Cheney and Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga. The two speakers took off the gloves and delivered stinging attacks on Democratic Democratic candidate John Kerry. (MIDDAY 9/02/04) Bush and Kerry supporters converge on Carousel Park for side by side presidential rallies and try to convince "Minnesota's last undecided voter." Gary Eichten is joined on stage by two political commentators, DFL commentator Bob Meek and Republican commentator Tom Horner, for this special Minnesota Public Radio Day at the State Fair event. (MIDDAY 9/03/04) **The election and the poll numbers. Guests:** Steven Smith, director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis. Professor Smith used to teach political science at the University of Minnesota answer the questions "What do the new numbers mean? What can we expect to see as the campaign pulls into its home stretch?" (MIDDAY 9/13/04) Former Democratic presidential contender and Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, the founder and honorary chair of Democracy for America, a political action committee that supports fiscally conservative, socially liberal candidates running for public office, has said his failed presidential campaign threw the first punch in what could be "a real fight for the soul of the Democratic Party." He discusses his new book, "You Have the Power." (MIDDAY 9/14/04) **Green Party presidential candidate David Cobb (MIDDAY 9/20/04)** Our guest political scientist and presidential historian Bruce Miroff of the State University of New York at Albany discusses the candidates first debate later this week. Miroff's most recent book is "Debating Democracy: A Reader in American Politics." (MIDDAY 9/27/04) Both campaigns have a great deal riding on the debates and are having their candidates practice their arguments against stand-ins for their opponents. We get a behind-the-scenes look at the preparations for some past presidential and vice presidential debates with Former Vice President Walter Mondale, who faced off against Bob Dole in the vice presidential debates of 1976 and Ronald Reagan in the two presidential debates of 1984. (MIDDAY 9/28/04)

STATE POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Guest Minnesota Secretary of State Mary Kiffmeyer who is also NASS president for the last year, is just back from the annual meeting of the National Association of Secretaries of State where they

discussed the implementation of the Help America Vote Act, which was designed to streamline the voting process following the month-long period in which the last presidential election went unresolved. (MIDDAY 7/20/04) Members of the Minneapolis City Council, Councilman Don Samuels. Councilman Dean Zimmerman, talk about their ideas to prevent crime in Minneapolis. (MIDDAY 8/02/04) **Farmfest's congressional forum** It's an election year, so more than machinery was on hand at this summer's Farmfest. Plenty of politicians were there, too, at the Gilfillan Estate near Morgan. Rep. Mark Kennedy, Rep. Collin Peterson, 6th District challenger Patty Wetterling, and 7th District challenger David Sturrock participated in a candidate forum. (MIDDAY 8/06/04) Former DFL Congressman and Independence Party gubernatorial candidate Tim Penny, who is currently a senior fellow at the University of Minnesota's Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs will talk about his ideas for finding the middle ground on controversial issues. (MIDDAY 8/09/04) With both Minneapolis and St. Paul out with their 2004-05 budgets, substitute host Mike Mulcahy sits down with St. Paul Mayor Randy Kelly and Minneapolis City Council Members Paul Ostrow and Barbara Johnson to discuss the numbers. Ostrow is President of the City Council, and Johnson is the Chair of the Ways and Means Committee. (MIDDAY 8/13/04) In a live broadcast from the Minnesota State Fair, Hennepin County Attorney Amy Klobuchar and Ramsey County Attorney Susan Gaertner join Gary Eichten to discuss trends and issues in Minnesota law enforcement. (MIDDAY 8/26/04) Gov. Tim Pawlenty has taken to the national stage this week at the Republican National Convention and on the MSNBC talk show Hardball with Chris Matthews. Now Minnesota State fairgoers and MPR listeners alike get a chance to talk with him, themselves. (MIDDAY 9/03/04) **Talk to your senator** Minnesota Sen. Mark Dayton joins substitute host Mike Mulcahy to talk about the world three years after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the upcoming presidential election and politics in general. He also takes questions from MPR listeners. (MIDDAY 9/10/04)

EDUCATION:

Richard Florida, Heinz Professor of Economic Development at Carnegie Mellon and visiting scholar at the Brookings Institution, says cities that want to grow need to make themselves attractive to the "creative class." He claims these artists, engineers and entrepreneurs are attracted to cities that get high marks in the three "T's:" talent, technology, and tolerance. Minneapolis is one such metropolis thanks in no small part, Florida says, to the University of Minnesota. He spoke with U of M President Robert Bruininks in January in this "Great Conversation" sponsored by the University's College of Continuing Education (MIDDAY 7/15/04) Our guest, Rep. Alice Seagren starts her new job as Education Commissioner in September, replacing ousted commissioner Yecke. In the legislature, Seagren is the chairwoman of the House Education Finance Committee and a member of the House Education Policy Committee. (MIDDAY 7/21/04) Sandra Gardebring has chaired the Metropolitan Council, headed up the Department of Human Services, served as commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, sat on the state Supreme Court and currently holds the post of vice president for university relations at the U of M. She has announced that she's leaving Minnesota's flagship university to take a similar position at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. She talks about her decision and her long and varied career in public service (MIDDAY 8/20/04) Back to school: the under-performers list, the racial gap and teacher re-assignments with guest Alice Seagren, Minnesota's new education commissioner. (MIDDAY 8/23/04) As the last of Minnesota's K-12 students swarm back to school, we examine the state of public education here and nationally with guest Joe Nathan, director of the Center for School Change at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute and try to answer the question "What will be the ultimate effect of No Child Left Behind?" (MIDDAY 9/07/04) **Education policy meets neuroscience** Dr. Jack Shonkoff, a pediatrician and Dean at Brandeis University, says you can learn a lot about effective education policy by looking at the human brain and how it works. According to Shonkoff, neuroscience proves that emotional, social and verbal development don't happen independently in the brain; they're all interconnected, hence education reform has to address problems with schools, teachers, parents and communities. He spoke this summer to the Minnesota School Readiness

Business Advisory Council. (MIDDAY 9/22/04) U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige speaks live from the National Press Club in Washington. (MIDDAY 9/24/04)

HEALTH/SCIENCE:

Guests Dana Langness, a nurse and the Director of Surgical Services at Regions Hospital along with Richard Geier chairman of the board at the Minnesota Medical Association and at Midwest Medical Insurance Company and a surgeon at Olmsted Medical Center in Rochester discuss a new set of guidelines are now in effect that medical officials hope will cut down on the number of surgical errors in American operating rooms. These include double-checking that surgeons have the right patient in front of them before they start operating. There are also safeguards to keep doctors from going after the wrong limb or organ once surgery begins. How widespread is the problem of surgical mistakes? How far will the new standards from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations go in addressing them? (MIDDAY 7/01/04) Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., speaks live at the National Press Club in Washington. Sen. Frist is a physician and he outlines his plan to make healthcare better and cheaper by giving patients more information, choices and control. (MIDDAY 7/12/04) Broadcast from the National Press Club, featuring the commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Lester Crawford, acting commissioner of the FDA. Crawford is a member of the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine and a fellow of the International Society of Food Science and Technology. (MIDDAY 8/2/04) Health care costs are spiraling nationwide, squeezing individuals and businesses, alike. Fingers are pointing in all directions: at the paperwork, the trial lawyers, the prescription drug companies and elsewhere. Both presidential candidates are promising to address health care access, but what are the ethical considerations involved in changing the system? We also touch on a host of topics surrounding medical ethics from stem cell research to the "right to die" with Arthur Caplan, chair of the medical ethics department and director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Caplan used to head up the Center for Bioethics at the University of Minnesota. (MIDDAY 9/9/04)

BUSINESS/ECONOMICS:

Guests David Koch, the former Chief Executive Officer of Graco, Inc. and on the board of directors of the Center for Ethical Business Cultures at the University of St. Thomas and Ron James, President and CEO of the CEBC discuss Corporate ethics after Enron. (MIDDAY 7/08/04) **Running a business in Minnesota** With Polaris celebrating its 50th anniversary, we sit down with its President and CEO, Thomas Tiller of Polaris Industries and find out what it takes to run a business in Minnesota. (MIDDAY 7/19/04) **From smart investing to insider trading: Where do we draw the line?** Is the attention Martha Stewart has received disproportionate in light of the other corporate malfeasance of the last three years? What should you do if you get a hot stock tip? And how hot is too hot? **Guests:** Chris Farrell, Minnesota Public Radio's Chief Economics Editor, and Bruce MacKenzie, a partner at Dorsey & Whitney in Minneapolis specializing in securities law discuss business ethics (MIDDAY 7/16/04) Eliot Spitzer, NY State Attorney Gen., has made a name for himself fighting to reform Wall Street and winning. Spitzer explains why he thinks government should intervene in the marketplace and why state attorneys general should take up that charge in a speech from the Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua, New York. (MIDDAY 7/23/04) Bill George, who served as President and CEO of Medtronic from 1989 to 2001--a period in which the company grew nearly 60-fold--has been named chairman of the Global Center for Leadership & Business Ethics. He joins host Gary Eichten to discuss business ethics in the post-Enron era. Currently he is a senior lecturer of business administration at Harvard University and the chairman of the Global Center for Business Ethics. (MIDDAY 8/12/04) MPR Chief Economics Correspondent Chris Farrell and St. John's University economics professor Louis Johnston answer the question "what are George W. Bush and John Kerry actually proposing to do in terms of economic policy?" (MIDDAY 8/31/04)

When economists coined the term "economic recovery" to describe an economy that is growing, it's doubtful they considered the multiple layers of meaning it would carry. The word "recovery" seems to imply hope, happiness and comfort -- or at least movement in that direction. But to some in Minnesota, the period of recovery has brought continued unease and difficulty. This special report asks the question: "Whose recovery is it?" (MIDDAY 9/16/04) A dozen Minnesotans, all with very different vantage points on the economy, come together and share their stories about the economic recovery. (MIDDAY 9/16/04) With the help of Gov. Tim Pawlenty, Northwest Airlines announced Wednesday that it is pushing for a major expansion to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport. With large airlines declaring bankruptcy and struggling to compete against low-fare carriers, we examine the financial health of the airline industry and the thinking behind the proposed expansion with our guest Joel Denney, an airline analyst with Piper Jaffray. (MIDDAY 9/22/04)

SPORTS:

In anticipation of the 2004 All-Star Game, we spend an hour talking baseball, the All-Stars and the Minnesota Twins with our favorite sports analyst, Howard Sinker, State News Editor at the Minneapolis Star Tribune. (MIDDAY 7/13/04) Midday's guest host Mike Edgerly talks with biking experts, Tom Grothe, a member of the Bianchi Grand Performance Team sponsored by the St. Paul Bicycle Racing Club and David La Porte, director of the Nature Valley Grand Prix a biochemist at the University of Minnesota Medical School about what it takes to win grueling Tour de France. (MIDDAY 7/26/04) With the Olympics now well underway in Athens, Greece, we take a broad look at the 2004 Summer Games and the Minnesotans competing in them with guest Jay Weiner, staff writer covering the Olympics for the Minneapolis Star Tribune. (MIDDAY 8/17/04) As we pull into the home stretch of this year's Summer Games, we check in one last time with our man in Athens, Jay Weiner, a Staff Writer covering the Olympics for the Minneapolis Star Tribune. (MIDDAY 8/27/04) Midday closes out MPR's State Fair programming with our annual sports extravaganza with Howard Sinker, state news editor at the Minneapolis Star Tribune who has covered the Minnesota Twins for many years. (MIDDAY 9/06/04)

CULTURE/ARTS:

Good movies, bad movies, new movies, old movies: It's a visit from Stephanie Curtis, the Movie Maven (MIDDAY 7/01/04) Minnesota author Patricia Hampl presents a literary view of the Upper Mississippi. She reads from works by F. Scott Fitzgerald, Sinclair Lewis and even Henry David Thoreau, as well as her own musings on the great river. Music by pianist and Minnesota Public Radio favorite Dan Chouinard underscores the program. (MIDDAY 7/09/04) We check in with the Movie Maven, Stephanie Curtis, producer of the MPR program "State of the Arts," who moonlights as our Movie Maven, to talk about what was good this summer and what to watch for in the fall. (MIDDAY 9/06/04) W. Richard West, Jr., director of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, speaks live at the National Press Club in Washington. West argues that the museum should celebrate both the history of Native America and the modern-day culture of Native Americans. (MIDDAY 9/9/04) In this edition of "Voices of Minnesota," we pay a visit to two of the state's foremost artists: actor and Jungle Theater founder Bain Boehlke and Ragamala Dance Theater founder Ranees Ramaswamy. They talk about growing up, one in Warroad and the other in India. These days Boehlke and Ramaswamy create their art just a few blocks apart from one another in Minneapolis' Lyndale Lake neighborhood. (MIDDAY 9/13/04) Given the topic "major trends of the 20th Century" essayist Roger Rosenblatt didn't write a history; he wrote a novel, or at least what he called a novel. Really, it was an hour-long work of fiction, whimsically recounting Rosenblatt's imaginary war with his imaginary neighbor, a man called Laffem. Rosenblatt said Laffem and his giant, space-age house represented the 20th Century, which is why he tried to destroy them both. (MIDDAY 9/27/04)

SOCIAL ISSUES:

Morris Dees, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, spoke recently about the nobility of the legal profession at West Publishing in Eagen. SPLC is a public interest law firm that tracks white supremacist activities in the United States. (MIDDAY 7/07/04) **The meaning of marriage** Everyone's talking about marriage these days. MPR's Chris Julin presents a discussion with several gay and straight couples about the meaning of marriage. (MIDDAY 7/13/04) Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney has made national headlines for his outspoken opposition to gay marriage. He speaks live at the National Press Club in Washington, delivering a speech entitled "Presidential Politics: A Perspective from the States." (MIDDAY 7/14/04) The 1964 Democratic Convention was a turning point in U.S. civil rights history. That year the state of Mississippi sent two delegations to the convention--one all-white, and one integrated--and then-Minnesota Attorney General Walter Mondale was charged with brokering a compromise. In 2000 Mondale hosted a discussion on that contentious summer, and we bring you excerpts of the program in anticipation of the kickoff of this year's Democratic National Convention (MIDDAY 7/26/04) A discussion of the smoking bans already in place as well as those being considered for bars and restaurants throughout Minnesota with Jeanne Weigum, president of the Association for Non-Smokers in Minnesota. Jim Farrell, executive director of the Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association. (MIDDAY 8/05/04) Karlyn Kohrs Campbell, the Chair of the Communication Studies Department at the University of Minnesota discusses the role of the First Lady. Her research focuses on women in public life. (MIDDAY 8/10/04) Carl Eller, presently a consultant for the state of Minnesota Human Services and also with Heart Safe Community, an organization that is pushing to have heart defibrillators installed in public places, played for the Minnesota Vikings from 1964 to 1979. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Sunday. "What can I do with this great honor?" he asked in his acceptance speech. "I can use it to help young African-American males to participate fully in this society. I can give a message that will lead them toward the great colleges and universities of our nation, not to prisons and jail cells." Eller, who was one of the first African-Americans to play for the Minnesota Gophers back in 1961, talks about football and race with Gary Eichten. He also takes questions from MPR listeners. (MIDDAY 8/11/04) "Death is un-American," an "affront to the American Dream." wrote historian Arnold Toynbee in 1969. It was a time of social movements and big change: peace, civil rights, environmentalism and women's liberation. But a quieter revolution was underway, too - one led by a few middle-aged women who wanted to change our way of death. They were the founders of the hospice movement. It was a revolution without protest marches, but its legacy is profound. Today three in ten Americans will die in hospice care. In this new American RadioWorks documentary, John Biewen explores the birth of the hospice movement and traces its influence through one woman's final months of life. (MIDDAY 8/13/04) Some 23 years after Ronald Reagan made her the first woman on the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor occupies a uniquely powerful position. Because she happens to sit at the ideological center of an otherwise closely divided court, O'Connor often has the privilege of casting the vote that makes the difference between a majority opinion and a dissenting one. She sat down with Walter Isaacson, the President and CEO of the Aspen Institute, earlier this month to discuss her biography and her jurisprudence on issues from affirmative action to the detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (MIDDAY 8/17/04) Congressman John Lewis, D-Ga., who was a leader in the civil right movement, spoke on Thursday at the Chautauqua Institution in Cautauqua, New York. His address was part of a lecture series entitled "Major Trends of the 20th Century: A First Report." (MIDDAY 8/27/04) Two former secretaries for Housing and Urban Development--Jack Kemp and Henry Cisneros--passed through Minnesota recently, and both shared what they claimed were time-tested recipes for reducing poverty. The only catch: the plans they said had proved effective beyond a shadow of a doubt during their times in office were exactly opposite. (MIDDAY 9/28/04)

RELIGION:

There is a war raging for the soul of Islam. It is a global war whose frontline extends into the heart of Britain. There, radical preachers extol the romance of martyrdom to a generation of immigrant youngsters unsure of their place in Modern European society. What is radical Islam's appeal to young British Muslims? Why did some September 11th hijackers find Britain a convenient staging post for the attacks? How did two middle-class Muslims, college kids, end up on suicide missions in Israel? Inside Out's Senior Correspondent Michael Goldfarb explores Jihad's British front in this new documentary from WBUR (MIDDAY 8/18/04) The theory of the "God gap"--which suggests that, in general, religious Americans are Republicans and non-religious Americans are Democrats--has played prominently in press reporting on the 2004 presidential race. This special program from American Public Media's "Speaking of Faith" with guest Steven Waldman, a former editor for U.S. News and World Report, and co-founder and CEO of Beliefnet, asks whether there actually is such a clear cut rift in American society.

(MIDDAY 9/17/04) **Violence and crisis in Islam** Every day brings new headlines of horrific violence perpetrated in the name of Islam. This program from American Public Media's Speaking of Faith unit asks: What makes the Muslim religion such a potent vehicle for violence and danger at this moment in time? Vincent Cornell, an American Muslim and leading scholar of Islamic studies. Cornell is the director of the King Fahd Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies at the University of Arkansas helps us explore the answers. (MIDDAY 9/29/04)

MEDIA: Newspapers have always issued corrections for misspelling names and misreporting facts, but saying 'sorry' for missing the story entirely seems to be a newer phenomenon. **Guests** Jane Kirtley, professor of Media Ethics and Law at the University of Minnesota, John Voskuhl of the Lexington Herald-Leader and Daniel Okrent of the New York Times explore what's the meaning of the media mea culpa? (MIDDAY 7/14/04) On August 10, Minnesota Public Radio announced that St. Olaf College had accepted its bid of \$10.5 million for the college's radio station, WCAL, also known as Classical 89.3. Minnesota Public Radio President Bill Kling joins Gary Eichten to answer questions from MPR listeners about buying WCAL and a range of other topics. (MIDDAY 8/19/04) In covering the presidential election, the media have been accused of focusing too much on the proverbial "horse race" and too little on what either major party candidate might actually do if elected. Media organizations have also come under fire for giving over too much time to debating the details of George Bush and John Kerry's military service. But are the news organizations really derelict in their duty, or are they just following the lead of the two campaigns? Our guest Jane Kirtley, a professor of media ethics and law at the University of Minnesota discusses these topics. (MIDDAY 9/17/04) **Have the media failed the voting public?** In an op-ed piece this week, columnist David Broder, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist with The Washington Post, lashed out at the American media for relying on opinion, sensation, star power and punditry to boost ratings and readership, while shying away from serious questions of public policy. Broder worries that the media's presidential election coverage has wandered so far astray that he's not sure it will ever find its way back. Geneva Overholser, former editor of the Des Moines Register and now a professor at the University of Missouri School of Journalism, also joins us for the discussion. (MIDDAY 9/29/04). A conversation from the Westminster Town Hall Forum with Gary Gilson, executive director of the Minnesota News Council about what interests dictate the stories that make headlines, and how individuals can make news organizations accountable for their reporting. (MIDDAY 9/30/04)

ENVIRONMENT:

Our guest Tom Meersman, a reporter at the Star Tribune and former environmental reporter at Minnesota Public Radio for many years, wrote the three-part series "Invaded Waters" that appeared in the Minneapolis Star Tribune this June. In it he relates how the last two-hundred years of commercial boat traffic has had a profound effect on the ecological makeup of the Great Lakes. One-hundred and seventy-nine non-native species have relocated to the lakes from far off ports of call, stowed away in the ballast tanks of ships, and lacking any natural predators they have thrived. As a result, the native flora and fauna have suffered. Some of this is an unavoidable consequence of globalization, but government gridlock also shares responsibility for this ecological transformation, according to a series of articles. (MIDDAY 7/09/04) Farmers and river workers say it's high time for the Mississippi's system of locks and dams to be brought up to date. Opponents believe that the \$7.7 billion project will do serious damage to the river's ecosystem and isn't worth the money. The Army Corps of Engineers has spent the last 12 years studying the problem and has come up with a plan that tries to balance these competing interests. Dean Rebuffoni of the Sierra Club's Mississippi River Protection Program, who spent 28 years as environmental reporter at the Minneapolis Star Tribune, and Ken Barr from the Environmental Analysis Branch of the Army Corps of Engineers take a look at the issue with the public comment period on the proposal ending Friday. (MIDDAY 7/27/04) The August edition of MPR's Voices of Minnesota series delves into the lives of wolves and ospreys. The program features Mark Martell of Audubon Minnesota and Peggy Callahan of the Wildlife Science Center at Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area. (MIDDAY 8/05/04) Not long ago, scientists discovered that the Earth's climate is capable of changing abruptly, as if a switch were flipped, instead of slowly over hundreds or thousands of years. In the past, this type of abrupt change may have caused droughts, floods and even regional cooling. Could global warming, which is gradually heating the planet, bring the Earth to another such "tipping point?" ARW's new documentary. (MIDDAY 8/16/04) The forecasters have predicted showers and thunderstorms for the opening day of the Minnesota State Fair, but nothing stands in the way of our annual weather quiz. Midday broadcasts live from the MPR booth at the fair with Mark Seeley, University of Minnesota meteorologist and climatologist. (MIDDAY 8/26/04)

HISTORY:

This Fourth of July weekend, we ask for MPR listeners to call in with their stories about coming to America and talk with our guest Sen. Mee Moua, who came to the U.S. from Laos in 1979 at the age of 9. (MIDDAY 7/05/04) On October 15, 1852, the first train of the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad traveled from Chicago to Joliet, Illinois. As the Rock Island Line grew, it carried passengers and freight through 14 states and became part of the story of the American west. Then it inspired a song that has been passed from generation to generation. Minnesota Public Radio's Jim Bickal has traced the stories of the song and the railroad and discovered that together they tell quite a tale. (MIDDAY 7/05/04) Mandela's journey, from freedom fighter to president, capped a dramatic half-century long struggle against white rule and the institution of apartheid. Using rare sound recordings, interviews with Nelson Mandela and those who fought with him and against him, producers Joe Richman and Sue Johnson of Radio Diaries present Mandela: An Audio History (MIDDAY 7/16/04) The final written report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (also known as the 9-11 Commission) is expected the week of July 19, 2004. In anticipation of this historic report, NPR News has produced a one-hour special on the history of the commission. (MIDDAY 7/19/04) Seventy years ago a street fight between laborers, police and the "Citizen's Alliance" killed two workers in Minneapolis. It came to be known as "Bloody Friday." To commemorate this watershed event in Minnesota history we present a documentary on the 1934 Truckers' strike by former Minnesota Public Radio producer Mark Heistad (MIDDAY 7/20/04) This weekend marks the 30th anniversary of the resignation of President Richard Nixon. Listen to an analysis of his presidency with guest Wayne State history professor Mel Small, author of "The Presidency of Richard Nixon, and excerpts of Nixon's addresses to the nation on Watergate, the

Vietnam war, and more. (MIDDAY 8/06/04) Midday presents the American RadioWorks documentary *White House Tapes: The President Calling*. The program features taped conversations of Presidents John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon. (MIDDAY 8/09/04) Before the Islamic revolution of 1979, Iran was the first country in the Middle East to bring together secular and sacred law. A legal code developed in 1927 did away with gruesome Islamic punishments such as stoning and lashing. NPR Producer Davar Ardalan grew up in Iran. Her great-grandfather was the architect of Iran's legal code in the early 1920s. Ardalan and co-producer Rasool Nafisi look at Iran's long search for a lawful society in this American RadioWorks documentary. (MIDDAY 8/10/04) In April 1994, the central African nation of Rwanda exploded in violence. Over the course of 100 days, some 800,000 people died at the hands of Rwandan government troops and militia gangs. Virtually all of the victims belonged to the ethnic Tutsi minority. The killers were from the majority Hutu. Ten years later, the genocide is remembered as a story of neighbors killing neighbors, and the slaughter of innocents, while the rest of the world looked away. But there are other stories. Some Rwandans, Hutu and Tutsi, resisted the forces of genocide. This American RadioWorks documentary tells their story. (MIDDAY 8/12/04) As the Republicans convene in New York City for their national convention we sit down with two historians, Charles Calhoun of East Carolina University and Leo Ribuffo of George Washington University, and trace the transformations the party has gone through from Abraham Lincoln to George W. Bush. (MIDDAY 8/30/04)

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INTERNATIONAL:

Michael Hudson, professor of Arab studies and international relations at Georgetown University and Gary Eichten discuss the current violence in Iraq, and how prepared Iraqis will be to take control of the country on June 30. (MIDDAY 04/07/04) A special program from American RadioWorks. In April 1994, the central African nation of Rwanda exploded in violence. Over the next 100 days, 800,000 people died at the hands of Rwandan government troops and militia gangs. Virtually all of the victims belonged to the Tutsi minority. The killers were from the majority Hutu. (MIDDAY 04/07/04) Rep. John Kline, R-Minn., and a former Marine Colonel who has visited Iraq discusses what should the U.S.-led coalition do to end the violence? (MIDDAY 04/08/04) Host Gary Eichten and his guest discuss the situation in Iraq, how the United States can best deal with attacks upon U.S. troops, and what will happen on June 30 when control of Iraq is to be handed over to an interim Iraqi government. (MIDDAY 04/16/04) Making a rare appearance before the American public, King Abdullah II will give a keynote address at the Commonwealth Club of California. Only 42 years old, King Abdullah II has continued his late father's commitment to a moderating role for Jordan within the Arab region, spearheading efforts to defuse the violence in Israel and Palestine and emphasizing to Washington the importance of finding a route to Middle East peace. (MIDDAY 04/19/04) Host Gary Eichten and his guest University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute Dean Brian Atwood. He is the former head of the U.S. Agency for International Development discuss how the U.S. will lead the rebuilding of Iraq, and how long that might take. (MIDDAY 04/20/04) Minnesota U.S. Sen. Mark Dayton joins host Gary Eichten from Washington to talk about the war in Iraq and the recent hearings in the Senate Armed Services Committee (MIDDAY 4/28/04) Former U.N. Weapons Inspector David Kay, speaking in Minneapolis Tuesday to the closing session of the American Association of Community Colleges, in town for its annual convention. (MIDDAY4/28/04) A discussion about President Bush's interview on Arab TV, followed by analysis. Also a Marketplace series on corruption in the Iraq rebuilding process, called "The Spoils of War," with **guest** Professor Ragui Assaad of the Humphrey Institute (MIDDAY 5/05/04) An expert on military ethics, Scott Silliman, who is executive director of the Duke University Law School's Center on Law, Ethics and National Security and a retired Air Force colonel, with 25 years of service provides some insight into the question of what constitutes fair treatment of prisoners, and appropriate interrogation methods. (MIDDAY 5/06/04) U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld testifies before the Senate Armed Services Committee. The committee is investigating reports of the abuse of Iraqi prisoners at the hands of members of the U.S. military. Joined in progress. (MIDDAY 5/07/04) **Alleged torture in Iraq discussed with guest** Barbara Frey, director of the Human Rights Program at the University of Minnesota. (MIDDAY 5/10/04) Continued live coverage of the Senate Armed Services Hearing on Iraq prisoner mistreatment. The committee will hear testimony from Lieutenant General Lance F. Smith, USAF-Deputy Commander, U.S. Central Command; Honorable Stephen A. Cambone, Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence; Army Major General Antonio M. Taguba, author of the report on the abuses at Abu Ghraib. (MIDDAY 5/11/04) Knight Ridder's Senior Military Correspondent Joseph Galloway joins host Gary Eichten to talk about the war in Iraq, the prison abuse scandal, military chain of command, and more. He'll also take questions from MPR listeners. (MIDDAY 5/13/04) Iraq today is a country on the brink of both chaos and sovereignty. A documentary from WBUR's Inside Out series documents the daily life in Iraq and its people, as they wait to see whether sovereignty will help bring an end to the chaos. (MIDDAY 5/18/04) Continuing coverage of the Senate Armed Services Committee hearings on the Iraq prison scandal. The committee will hear from top generals in Iraq (MIDDAY 5/19/04) Brian Atwood, dean of the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute and former head of U.S. AID, joins host Gary Eichten to discuss the Iraq plan presented by President Bush Monday night. (MIDDAY 5/25/04) The new government in Iraq and the transition coming at the end of the month. Host Gary Eichten talks with political scientist Rick Stoll, associate dean of the School of Social Sciences at Rice University in

Houston, Texas. (MIDDAY 6/01/04) Joseph Kechichian, author of "The National Security of Saudi Arabia" and "Succession in Saudi Arabia." and former political scientist at the Rand Corporation discuss **Saudi Arabian stability and national security (MIDDAY6/8/04)** A speech from former U.S. Ambassador Joseph Wilson, who's out with a new book, "The Politics of Truth." Wilson says the Bush administration exaggerated the case for invading Iraq, and charges that administration officials outed his wife as an undercover CIA agent to punish him for his claims. He spoke recently at the Commonwealth Club of California. (MIDDAY 6/8/04) Public Radio International's America Abroad series, Garrick Utley reports on failures of American intelligence from World War II to the present day. (MIDDAY 6/24/04) The United States has handed power over to the interim Iraqi government two days ahead of schedule. Brian Atwood, dean of the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute and the former administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development discusses the prospects for Iraq's future. (MIDDAY 6/28/04) **Guests** Abbas Mehdi is a professor of sociology at St. Cloud State University. He talks about his recent visit to Iraq and what he sees in the country's future. (MIDDAY 6/30/04)

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Host Gary Eichten and his guest, Steven Smith, director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis discuss presidential politics and the role of Minnesota as possible swing state. (MIDDAY 04/06/02) Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman speaking at the National Press Club. With the Department of Agriculture facing pressing challenges from mad cow disease to foreign trade, Veneman will talk on "Current Issues in Food and Agriculture Policy." (MIDDAY 04/06/04) **Live coverage of the 9/11 hearings** and current and former top-level officials from our nation's law enforcement and intelligence including Janet Reno, former Attorney General **with commentary by** Former MN Senator David Durenberger, who chaired the Senate intelligence committee in the mid 1980's (MIDDAY 04/13/04) From Washington D.C., The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States is expected to hear testimony from current and former federal officials about what the government knew and didn't know before the terrorist attacks of 9/11. (MIDDAY 04/14/04) Host Gary Eichten and his guests U.S. Attorney Tom Heffelfinger; attorney David Lillehaug; former FBI Special Agent in Charge Nick O'Hara discuss the testimony heard during the 9/11 hearings in Washington, D.C. (MIDDAY 04/14/04) On Tax Day, guest-host Mike Edgerly talks with Minnesota Revenue Commissioner Dan Salomone about filing taxes. Salomone also takes questions and comments from MPR listeners. (MIDDAY 04/15/04) Gary Eichten and his guest University of Minnesota professor Lawrence Jacobs, director of the 2004 Elections Project at the Humphrey Institute's Center for the Study of Politics talk about presidential politics and Minnesota's role in the 2004 election. (MIDDAY 4/22/04) NPR's National political correspondent, Mara Liasson, speaking Thursday at the Minnesota Women Lawyers' Midwest Regional Conference in Minneapolis. She spoke about the political landscape of the 2004 campaigns, the major issues affecting the election, and her experiences covering three presidential elections-- 1992, 1996, and 2000. (MIDDAY 4/23/04) The University of St. Thomas hosted a "Face-off" debate last Thursday about the war in Iraq and the presidential campaign with conservative and Richard Lowry, editor of the National Review and liberal political writer David Corn, Washington editor of The Nation debating those issues. (MIDDAY 4/26/04) A live broadcast from the National Press Club in Washington, DC featuring Congressman Elijah Cummings, D-MD, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus. (MIDDAY 4/27/04). MPR political analysts Tom Horner and Bob Meek discuss the question: What difference might the Gopher state make in this year's presidential campaign? (MIDDAY 5/03/04) Political analyst Eleanor Clift, author of "Founding Sisters and the Nineteenth Amendment," speaking Tuesday at the Minnesota Women's Campaign Fund luncheon in Minneapolis on the topic: **(MIDDAY 5/13/04)** Minnesota Republican Senator Norm Coleman is in the MPR studios to talk with host Gary Eichten about the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal, U.S. efforts in Iraq, and other national and regional news events. Also, Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar, and House Speaker Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon, talk with Gary near the end of the hour about the end of the recent Legislative session. (MIDDAY 5/17/04) Minnesota Democratic Senator Mark Dayton's fiery speech to the DFL convention delegates about President Bush and Senator Coleman, and analysis by Lawrence Jacobs, director of the 2004 Elections Project at the University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute's Center for the Study

of Politics. (MIDDAY 5/24/04) Highlights from the Memorial Day commemorations in Minnesota and Washington DC. Speakers include Tom Brokaw, Tom Hanks, former Senator Robert Dole, President George Bush, General Richard Myers, Senator Mark Dayton and Congressman Jim Ramstad. (MIDDAY 5/31/04) A program on **Campaign finance reform** at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute, featuring Minnesota native Norm Ornstein, a visiting scholar at the Center for the Study of Politics, and Kenneth Goldstein, an associate professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin, Madison (MIDDAY 6/02/04) Host Gary Eichten and his guest, Gustavus Adolphus political science professor Chris Gilbert discuss this year's presidential election. With headlines dominated by violence in Iraq and rising gasoline prices, Democrats are encouraged by polls that show that most Americans believe the nation is on the "wrong track" and President Bush's approval ratings are below 50 percent, the lowest of his term. (MIDDAY 6/03/04) "Breaking the two-party system" is the title of an address by Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. (MIDDAY 6/03/04) LIVE coverage of Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry's visit to Minnesota with analysis by political scientist Steven Smith of Washington University in St. Louis. (MIDDAY 6/04/04) Gary's guests Former Vice President Walter Mondale, former Republican U.S. Senators David Durenberger and Rudy Boschwitz, the President of the Center of the American Experiment, Mitch Pearlstein, MPR senior economics correspondent Chris Farrell, and Melor Sturua of the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute take a look at the lasting effects Reagan has had on America's economy, foreign policy and domestic political landscape. (MIDDAY 6/7/04) Speeches by Ronald Reagan biographer Dinesh D'Souza and speechwriter Peter Robinson, who wrote Reagan's famous Berlin Wall speech as well as a book titled "How Ronald Reagan Changed My Life." He spoke earlier this year at the Commonwealth Club of California. D'Souza, a senior domestic policy analyst in the Reagan administration, is the author of "Ronald Reagan: How an Ordinary Man Became an Extraordinary Leader." He spoke at the Center of the American Experiment in 1998. (MIDDAY 6/7/04) National Public Radio's live coverage of President Ronald Reagan's funeral service from the National Cathedral in Washington. (MIDDAY 6/11/04) The Sept. 11 commission has reported "no credible evidence" that al-Qaida and Iraq have cooperated in attacks against United States and that there was widespread confusion in the immediate military and civilian response to the attacks of September 11, 2001. In its final day of hearings, the commission looking into the attacks of hears testimony from the military and civilian leaders who responded to the attacks. In its report, the panel describes the agencies struggling to "improvise a homeland defense against an unprecedented challenge they had never encountered and had never trained to meet.". MPR's Midday was pre-empted for coverage of the final commission hearing (MIDDAY 6/16/04 & 6/17/04) With the Green Party meeting in Milwaukee for its national convention, it's time to talk politics with guests Political analysts Tom Horner, Cam Gordon and Bob Meek. Gordon is a Green, Horner is a Republican and Meek is a Democrat. (MIDDAY 6/24/04)

STATE POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Host Gary Eichten talks with Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty about national and local current events. Pawlenty also takes questions and comments from MPR listeners. (MIDDAY 04/09/04) A look ahead to the end of the Minnesota Legislative session, and at the issues that need to be resolved before then with guests House Speaker Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon; Senate Assistant Majority Leader, Ann Rest, DFL-New Hope (MIDDAY 04/12/04) What will the future of metro transit look like? **Guests** Curt Johnson, senior writer for The CitiStates Group and chair of the Metropolitan Council during the last Metro Transit strike in 1995; Peter Bell, chair of the Metropolitan Council discuss the question. (MIDDAY 04/19/04) Host Gary Eichten and his guests, Former DFL Senate president Allan Spear; former Republican Senator and Lt. Governor Joanne Benson, discuss the role of the State Senate in confirming gubernatorial appointments. (MIDDAY 04/21/04) Host Gary Eichten talks with Rich Stanek, former public safety commissioner. Stanek resigned last week under pressure from Gov. Pawlenty after a 12-year-old deposition surfaced in which Stanek acknowledged using racial slurs. (MIDDAY 4/23/04) Steve Kelley, DFL-Hopkins, Senate education committee chair; Sen. Gen Olson, R-Minnestrata, Senate education committee ranking minority member and Gary preview the hearing for Education Commissioner Cheri Pierson Yecke and hear comments and questions from MPR listeners **(MIDDAY 4/27/04)** Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak is in the MPR

studios to talk about key issues facing the city, and answer listener questions. He gives his State of the City address Thursday afternoon. (MIDDAY 4/29/04) Republican House Speaker Steve Sviggum and DFL Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson talk about the key issues remaining in the session: the bonding bill, constitutional amendments, taxes, the confirmation of commissioners, the ban on same-sex marriage, and more. (MIDDAY 5/03/04) Dave Thune, St. Paul City Council member and author of the smoking ban proposal discusses the issue of **should St. Paul go smoke-free?** (MIDDAY 5/06/04) DFL Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson and Republican House Speaker Steve Sviggum join host Gary Eichten to talk about agreements reached and not reached in the final week of the session. (MIDDAY 5/11/04) Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty joins host Gary Eichten in the MPR studios to discuss the end of the legislative session, as well as other state and national news issues. He also takes questions from MPR listeners. (MIDDAY 5/12/04) MIDDAY broadcasts live from the Capitol rotunda on one of the last regular days of business for the state legislators. By law the state Legislature must adjourn by Monday with key Minnesota lawmakers stopping by the MPR broadcast table to talk with host Gary Eichten and MPR's political editor Mike Mulcahy. (MIDDAY 5/14/04) **Assessing the legislative session.** What happens now? Answers from Dan McElroy, chief of staff for Gov. Pawlenty (MIDDAY 5/18/04) MPR political analysts Bob Meek and Tom Horner will be in the MPR studios to talk about the presidential campaign and Minnesota politics on the eve of the DFL State Convention. (MIDDAY 5/21/04) Attorney General Mike Hatch will be in the MPR studios to talk about his lawsuit regarding sex offenders housed at a Minneapolis nursing home. (MIDDAY 5/27/04) Former Governor Elmer Andersen's remarks Wednesday night at the Barnes and Noble Galleria Bookstore. He celebrates his 95th birthday next month and is out with a new book *I Trust to be Believed*. (MIDDAY 5/28/04) Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar, and Speaker of the House Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon talk of the possibility of a special session of the Legislature (MIDDAY 6/9/04) Peter Bell, chair of the Metropolitan Council, answers listener questions about light rail. We also talk to light rail opponent Rep. Phil Krinkie, and Lea Schuster, Executive Director of Transit for Liveable Communities. (MIDDAY 6/25/04) Gov. Tim Pawlenty is just back from a trade mission to Eastern Europe. He is still negotiating with Republican and DFL legislators over the possibility of a special session. On Monday he sent a letter to Sen. Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar, proposing an agenda focusing on state bonding, taxes, aid to local governments and public safety. (MIDDAY 6/30/04)

EDUCATION:

The University of Minnesota president, Robert Bruininks, will be in the MPR studios to discuss a new Gophers stadium, tuition issues, and other university news. He'll also take questions from MPR listeners. (MIDDAY 4/01/04) A special Justice Talking program about the 50 years since the Supreme Court *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling. While many hail the profound importance of the desegregation ruling, others openly question if the reality lives up to the promise. (MIDDAY 4/30/04) **The 2004 Minnesota Teacher of the Year**, Tom Keating, who teaches at Turning Point Alternative School in the Monticello school district (MIDDAY 5/04/04) The chairs of the House and Senate Education Committees, Sen. Steve Kelley (DFL-Hopkins). Rep. Barb Sykora (R-Excelsior), will be in the MPR studios to talk about legislative action on standards and testing, and about the upcoming appointment of a new education commissioner. (MIDDAY 5/20/04) **Outgoing Minneapolis Interim Superintendent David** reflects on his time at the helm of Minneapolis Public Schools and its future challenges. (MIDDAY 6/29/04)

HEALTH/SCIENCE:

Gail Sheehy and Pauline Boss speak as part of the University of Minnesota's Great Conversations series. They have both written about the victims of 9/11. Gail Sheehy is author of *Middletown, America* and Pauline Boss is author of *Ambiguous Loss: Learning to Live with Unresolved Grief*. (MIDDAY 5/21/04) University of Minnesota meteorologist and climatologist Mark Seeley answers questions about Minnesota's summer weather! (MIDDAY 6/02/04) **Lost in Space: What is the future for NASA?** The central question: Is it worth the cost? NPR's Justice Talking series takes up that question in this program on the future of space travel. (MIDDAY 6/29/04)

BUSINESS/ECONOMICS:

A Voices of Minnesota broadcast with two businessmen. Edgar Hetteen is one of the inventors of the snowmobile, and at 83 he's still developing new products for his northern Minnesota company. Banker Jim Campbell is the retired chief executive officer of Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota and now co-chair of a major Twin Cities study group made up of other CEO's (MIDDAY 04/05/04) A discussion about corporate responsibility between Ralph Nader, consumer advocate and presidential candidate, and University of Minnesota business ethics professor, Ian Maitland, who has examined the recent state of corporate accounting scandals. (MIDDAY 04/21/04) Gary's guest Art Rolnick, senior vice president and director of research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis discusses **The government's role in stimulating the economy.** (MIDDAY 4/26/04) Chris Farrell, MPR economics editor and author of "Deflation: What Happens When Price Fall." (MIDDAY 5/04/04) A Twin Cities speech by MPR's chief economics correspondent Chris Farrell. He is out with a new book *Deflation: What Happens When Prices Fall*. (MIDDAY 5/25/04) Wednesday's Minnesota Meeting featuring former U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich. Reich is currently a professor of social and economic policy at Brandeis University. (MIDDAY 5/27/04)

SPORTS:

The Minnesota Twins are aiming for a third straight division title, and they're confident another one can be had. Host Gary Eichten and his guest, Howard Sinker, sports commentator and state news editor for the Minneapolis Star Tribune discuss the outlook for the Minnesota baseball team on the opening day of the season. (MIDDAY 4/05/04) Jay Weiner of the Star Tribune; Aron Kahn of the St. Paul Pioneer Press talk about **What's next for the stadium bill?** (MIDDAY 5/05/04) Chet Meyers, local angler and professor in the Non-traditional Individualized Education Program at Metro State University with **a fishing season preview.** (MIDDAY 5/10/04) **Gary's guest, Minnesota's sports boss,** Glen Taylor rescued the Timberwolves when they were about to relocate to New Orleans. He also owns the WNBA Lynx. Some people want him to buy the Vikings, to keep them from moving. And his name is often mentioned as a potential owner of the Twins. So how does Taylor view the future of Minnesota's sports teams? (MIDDAY6/04/04)

CULTURE/ARTS:

Highlights from Thursday night's show with Minnesota humorist and playwright Kevin Kling. He hosts an April Fool's evening of mixed monologues, music and mayhem. (MIDDAY 04/02/04) Minnesota author Patricia Hampl presents a literary view of the Upper Mississippi. She reads from works by F. Scott Fitzgerald, Sinclair Lewis and even Henry David Thoreau, as well as her own musings on the great river. Music by pianist and Minnesota Public Radio favorite Dan Chouinard underscores the program. (MIDDAY 6/9/04) Mainstreet Radio sets its course for west central Minnesota and the town of New York Mills. Only 1,100 people live in this tiny Finnish farm community, but it manages to sustain a vibrant arts scene. There's a steady parade of visiting artists, regular art workshops and concerts, ongoing exhibitions and a strong youth arts program. (MIDDAY 6/10/04) Barbara Flanagan still writes the column she has had in the Minneapolis Star Tribune since 1965--though it doesn't run daily anymore--and through it she has become the city's unofficial ambassador. Don Stolz has had a similarly impressive career. He founded the Old Log Theater in 1941, and his name has become synonymous with the place. On this special Voices of Minnesota program, Dan Olson and Marianne Combs profile these two Minnesota treasures. (MIDDAY 6/28/04)

SOCIAL ISSUES:

Wayne LaPierre, executive vice president of the National Rifle Association of America, speaking recently at the Commonwealth Club of California. He has written the best-seller "Guns, Crime and Freedom," and "Guns, Freedom and Terrorism," and he co-authored "Shooting Straight: Telling the Truth about Guns in America." (MIDDAY 4/01/04) A special broadcast from National Public Radio's *Justice Talking* series. In May, 2002, President Bush lifted the ban on domestic spying by the FBI. The administration argued such measures enhance law enforcement's efforts to track terrorists and ensure homeland security. Civil libertarians decried the move as unprecedented and unfair. (MIDDAY 04/15/04) A live broadcast of the St. Catherine Forum on Women in Leadership, featuring Nancy Grace, television legal commentator and victims' rights activist. Her speech is titled, "Heroes Who Walk Among Us: Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things." (MIDDAY 04/20/04) Nathan Dungan is a national expert on family finances whose book, *Prodigal Sons & Material Girls: How Not to Be Your Child's ATM*, gives parents advice on how to raise financially savvy and responsible children. A live broadcast of his speech at the Westminster Town Hall Forum at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis (MIDDAY 4/29/04) MPR's Chris Julin presents a discussion among several gay and straight couples about the meaning of marriage. (MIDDAY 5/20/04) **Gender discrimination in the workplace.** If the "glass ceiling" has shattered, are laws protecting women outdated relics? A debate on this subject from NPR's *Justice Talking* series. (MIDDAY 5/24/04) Mainstreet Radio's Rachel Raebe explores the history of the Great American Think-Off, held annually in New York Mills, Minn. The Think-Off is now in its twelfth year, and its organizers bill it as an opportunity for regular people to engage in serious discourse. This year, the amateur philosophers will address the question of same-sex marriage. (MIDDAY 6/10/04) **The Hospice Experiment** Today three in ten Americans will die in hospice care. In this new American RadioWorks documentary, John Biewen explores the birth of the hospice movement and traces its influence through one woman's final months of life. (MIDDAY 6/14/04) **Methamphetamine Madness** Methamphetamine is one of the most addictive, most abused and most readily available drugs in America. Experts are calling it an epidemic, and Minnesota is anything but sheltered from it. Mainstreet Radio has compiled a series of stories on meth and the effect it is having on the state for the first half of this two-hour special report (MIDDAY 6/15/04) Mainstreet Radio is live from Collegeville for the second hour of this special report. Rachel Reabe hosts a call-in discussion about Minnesota's methamphetamine epidemic with three experts, **Guests:** Deborah Durkin from the Minnesota Department of Health, Paul Stevens from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and Roger Hahn, a 21-year old recovering methamphetamine addict from Fergus Falls who has been clean for 14 months (MIDDAY 6/15/04) Dr. James Dobson says that the legalization of gay marriage could have dire consequences for America. He argues that unless legislatures take action--and quickly--they will jeopardize not only the institution of the American family, but of the health insurance industry and social security as well. Dobson, a psychologist and best-selling author whose

latest book is "The New Strong-Willed Child," founded Focus on the Family in 1977. He hosts a daily radio program heard on more than 3,000 stations in North America and in 15 languages on about 3,300 stations in more than 116 other countries. He speaks live from the National Press Club in Washington. (MIDDAY 6/25/04)

RELIGION:

A Commonwealth Club speech by John Esposito, founding director of the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown University, on Americans' perceptions of Muslims after the terrorist attacks of 9/11. (MIDDAY 04/12/04) A new Speaking of Faith program about the debate over gay marriage, which has been framed in Christian terms in this country. Hear interviews with two Evangelical Christians, Richard Mouw, the President of Fuller Theological Seminary, and Virginia Ramey Mollenkott, a feminist theologian and Professor Emeritus of English at William Paterson University of New Jersey. (MIDDAY 5/12/04)

MEDIA:

National Public Radio ombudsman Jeffrey Dvorkin joins guest-host Mike Edgerly from the NPR studios in Washington to answer listener questions about the replacement of long-time Morning Edition host Bob Edwards. (MIDDAY 4/02/04) The first of two Midday speeches about the past and future of television news. A speech by Av Westin, former ABC and CBS television news executive, now executive director of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences at the City Club of Cleveland. (MIDDAY 04/08/04) Aaron Brown, long-time CNN News anchor, and host of CNN's "News Night with Aaron Brown," speaking recently at the 2004 Midwest Journalism Conference in the Twin Cities **on reporting for CNN. (MIDDAY 04/09/04)** Minnesota Public Radio president Bill Kling is in the MPR studios to talk with host Gary Eichten about the station, the new MPR building, and topics on the minds of MPR listeners. (Midday 5/26/04) National Public Radio special correspondent Bob Edwards is in the MPR studios to talk about his new book, Edward R. Murrow and the Birth of Broadcast Journalism. He also takes questions from MPR listeners. (MIDDAY 5/26/04) As our fiscal-year-end fund drive gets into full swing, Minnesota Public Radio President Bill Kling takes to the air to highlight some of the great things MPR has been doing recently, where it will go in the future and why listeners should support it. He's joined by Morning Edition's Cathy Wurzer and Classical Music Host Tom Crann (MIDDAY 6/18/04) Bob Edwards' book tour made a stop at St. Paul's Macalester College in May as part of Minnesota Public Radio's Broadcast Journalist Series. He reflected on his time at Morning Edition, on his book and on the current state of the medium Edward R. Murrow helped to define. (MIDDAY 6/21/04)

ENVIRONMENT:

A Great Conversations event from the University of Minnesota's College of Continuing Education. On Earth Day, this edition is about the world's ecological future, with U of M ecologist David Tilman and UCLA professor of geography and physiology Jared Diamond. Diamond is the author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*. (MIDDAY 4/22/04)

Guests: Journalist Mark Obmascik documented the extreme birdwatchers in their trek across North America in his new book, "The Big Year: A Tale of Man, Nature, and Fowl Obsession." We also hear from Minnesota birder and Non-game Wildlife Specialist at the Department of Natural Resources Carrol Henderson. Henderson has written many books, including "Wild about Birds: The DNR Birdfeeding Guide." (MIDDAY 6/18/04) Tornadoes, lightning, sunburns and mosquito bites: Minnesota's summer weather As the first week of summer begins, we peer into the crystal ball to see what the rest of the season might have in store. Plus: answers to all your summer weather questions **with** Mark Seeley, meteorologist and climatologist from the University of Minnesota (MIDDAY 6/23/04)

HISTORY:

A Voices of Minnesota broadcast with two remarkable women. Sabina Zimering, a Polish Jew, survived the Holocaust during World War II while literally working under the noses of the Gestapo. She wrote a book about her experiences, and now it's a play at the Great American History Theatre in St. Paul. Also, Hyun Sook Han, who survived the Japanese occupation of Korea during World War II and lived through the Korean war as well. She's a retired Children's Home Society social worker, and she'll be honored on April 29th and May 1st for her work. (MIDDAY 04/16/04) Host Gary Eichten talks with retiring University of Minnesota historian Hy Berman about his life and Minnesota history. (MIDDAY 4/30/04) A new American RadioWorks documentary by Stephen Smith and Kate Ellis. In 1967, Thurgood Marshall became the first African American appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. But Marshall had already earned a place in history - as the leader of an extraordinary legal campaign against racial segregation in America. Marshall's biggest victory was the Supreme Court's landmark 1954 Brown v. Board of Education ruling. (MIDDAY 5/17/04) A new documentary from the Veterans History Project called Lest We Forget. It features personal stories of World War II veterans and civilian workers on the home front. (MIDDAY 5/28/04) Emily Yellin, author of the new book *Our Mothers' War: American Women at Home and at the Front During World War II*. (MIDDAY 5/31/04) Twin Cities speech by author Ron Chernow speaking on **The life and times of Alexander Hamilton** recently at Barnes and Noble in Edina. (MIDDAY 6/01/04) 200 years after they charted the American West, author, of "Leadership Lessons From Lewis And Clarks's Daring Westward Expedition" Jack Uldrich says we can still draw lessons in leadership, business and life in general from Lewis and Clark. (MIDDAY 6/14/04) Senator John McCain is Gray's guest. McCain is out with a new book, "Why Courage Matters: The Way to a Braver Life," a collection of essays about individuals he believes have displayed great courage in their lives. (MIDDAY 6/22/04) Forty years ago Monday, civil rights workers James Cheney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner disappeared in Mississippi. They were brutally beaten and shot. Cheney, Goodman and Schwerner were three of about a thousand young Americans, black and white, who came together in Mississippi for a peaceful assault on racism. It came to be known as Freedom Summer, one of the most remarkable chapters in the Civil Rights Movement. In this American RadioWorks documentary, correspondent John Biewen brings us the voices of those who fought for democracy that Freedom Summer. (MIDDAY 6/22/04)

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INTERNATIONAL:

America and Iran: Cooperation or Conflict in the Post-Saddam Gulf focuses on the history between the two countries and what the future might hold (MIDDAY 1/5/04). A documentary from the America Abroad series, called *Afghanistan: A Future for Reconstruction?* (MIDDAY 1/13/04). Stephen Van Evera, professor in the Department of Political Science at MIT discusses the prospects for elections and a constitution in Iraq, and a possible role for the United Nations. (MIDDAY 1/27/04) David Frum, co-author of the new book, *An End to Evil: How to Win the War on Terror*, in a Commonwealth Club of California speech on the war on terror (MIDDAY 2/09/04) In the documentary, **My name is Iran**, from American RadioWorks, NPR producer Davar Ardalan and co-producer Rasool Nafisi explore the voices for change within Iran, including Nobel Peace Prize winner Shirin Ebadi (MIDDAY 2/11/04) Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright discusses her thoughts on the situation in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Middle East. She spoke about the United States in world affairs and her new book, *Madam Secretary: A Memoir*, Thursday at the Commonwealth Club of California (MIDDAY 2/13/04) Former U.S. Ambassador Galbraith on violence in Iraq in a City Club of Cleveland speech. (MIDDAY 2/17/04) Former President Jimmy Carter says Americans aren't doing enough to help people in developing countries. Carter was in Minnesota this weekend to speak at the annual Nobel Peace Prize Forum at St. Olaf College in Northfield. (MIDDAY 2/23/04) Author and Pulitzer Prize-winning correspondent, Judith Miller, on the threat of biological warfare. She is the author of *Germs: Biological Weapons and America's Secret War*. (MIDDAY 2/25/04) Nick Hayes, history professor at St. John's University who just returned Sunday from a week-long trip to Russia talks with Gary about **Russian elections and global politics. (Midday 3/08/04)** Yale Law professor Amy Chua at a recent Westminster Town Hall Forum discusses her book, *World on Fire: How Exporting Free Market Democracy Breeds Ethnic Hatred and Global Instability*. (Midday 3/08/04) Stephen Van Evera, political science professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology talks with Gary about Iraq's U.S.-appointed Governing Council and the signing of an interim constitution which will guide the country until a permanent version is drawn up next year. (Midday 03/10/04) Roger Cressey, a former counter-terrorism official with the National Security Council in the Clinton and Bush administrations speaks on international terrorism and terrorist groups-- in Europe and beyond. (Midday 03/17/04) Foreign policy speeches by likely Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry and Vice President Dick Cheney. Kerry spoke Thursday at George Washington University and Cheney spoke at the Ronald Reagan Library in California. (Midday 03/18/04) On the first anniversary of the the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq a collection of MPR and NPR stories about the start of the war and the developments since runs (Midday 03/19/04) Rick Stoll, associate dean of the School of Social Sciences at Rice University in Houston, Texas with a look back at the year since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq began. (Midday 03/19/04) This special America Abroad documentary examines America's relationship with Pakistan, a country many believe to be the most important, and least understood, single policy challenge facing the United States after September 11. Is Pakistan a stable U.S. ally? (MIDDAY 3/22/04) Michael Barnett, professor of political science and director of the International Relations Program at the University of Wisconsin speaks on the conflicts between Israel and Palestine, and whether this attack will spur a wave of attacks and suicide bombings in the near future Following the killing of Hamas leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin by Israeli forces. (MIDDAY 3/22/04) Admiral Thomas Collins of the U.S. Coast Guard

speaking at the National Press Club luncheon last week. He talked about how the Coast Guard is working to protect domestic and foreign ports from terrorist attacks. (MIDDAY 3/30/04)

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Knight Ridder's senior military correspondent Joseph Galloway on the American military (MIDDAY 1/2/04). Drake University political scientist Dennis Goldford discusses presidential politics (MIDDAY 1/5/04). A Twin Cities speech by former Colorado Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder on the future of women in politics (MIDDAY 1/6/04). A Twin Cities speech by former Republican political strategist Kevin Phillips on the nature of the "Bush dynasty" and its effects on American politics (MIDDAY 1/9/03). Vin Weber, former Minnesota Republican Congressman and the midwest chairman of President Bush's re-election campaign, co-founder of Empower America, and chairman of the National Endowment for Democracy on Republican politics and policies (MIDDAY 1/12/04). Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn. discusses current events (MIDDAY 1/14/04). A panel discussion at the new Center for the Study of Politics featuring Norman Ornstein, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, Vin Weber, midwest chair of the Bush re-election campaign, Tim Penny, 2002 Independence Party candidate for governor of Minnesota, and Ted Mondale, Minnesota state coordinator for the Howard Dean campaign on Minnesota's role in the 2004 elections (MIDDAY 1/15/04). Jim McCormick, chair of the Political Science Department at Iowa State University in Ames; Buck Humphrey, spokesman for the John Kerry campaign; Ryan Winkler, Minnesota coordinator of the John Edwards campaign; Ted Mondale, Minnesota coordinator for the Howard Dean campaign; Bill Luther, spokesman for the Richard Gephardt campaign; Vin Weber, Midwest chair for the George W. Bush campaign discuss the Iowa caucuses (MIDDAY 1/19/04). Knight Ridder national political correspondent Steve Thomma; Gustavus Adolphus political science professor Chris Gilbert discuss Democratic presidential candidate Wesley Clark's campaign, and how he'll fare in the New Hampshire primary. After sitting out Iowa, both Joe Lieberman and Clark, a retired general, will get their first taste of primary combat next week in New Hampshire. (MIDDAY 1/20/04) An analysis of President Bush's State of the Union address with Steven Smith, director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis. (MIDDAY 1/21/04) Steven Smith, director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis; Blease Graham, political science professor at the University of South Carolina; Barbara Norrander, political science professor at the University of Arizona, Tucson; Lloyd Omdahl, political science professor at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, and former democratic Lt. Governor take a look ahead to the *next* series of primaries on Tuesday, Feb. 3. (MIDDAY 1/28/04) Vanderbilt University professor John Geer has analyzed presidential campaign ads for many years--he says they are not only effective, but improve the quality of information available to voters. (MIDDAY 1/23/04) A preview of Tuesday's New Hampshire presidential primary with Linda Fowler of the Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth College. (MIDDAY 1/26/04) Marsha Evans, president and CEO of the Red Cross, speaks at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. She addresses the major policy issues surrounding preparedness after the

terrorist attacks of 9/11. (MIDDAY 1/28/04) Boston Globe columnist David Nyhan speaks on John Kerry's victories in five more states (MIDDAY 2/04/04) Bruce Berkowitz, research fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University discusses the commission that would be handpicked by President Bush for the **Investigation into reasons for Iraq war (MIDDAY 2/04/04)** Lawrence Jacobs, from the Center for the Study of Politics at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute with a look at the key issues and leading candidates in the presidential campaign (MIDDAY 2/09/04) Sen. Scott Dibble, DFL-Minneapolis, and Sen. Michele Bachmann, R-Stillwater, are Gary Eichten's guests to discuss the gay marriage issue in Minnesota. Bachmann supports a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, and Dibble opposes it (MIDDAY 2/12/04) Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn and the debate on **Pre-war intelligence (MIDDAY 2/12/04)** William Doyle, presidential historian and author of *Inside the Oval Office: The White House Tapes from FDR to Clinton* explores the characteristics of the men who have served as commander in chief. (MIDDAY 2/16/04) A speech by Peter Robinson, special assistant and speechwriter to President Ronald Reagan, at the Commonwealth Club of California on The presidency of Ronald Reagan (MIDDAY 2/16/04) Host Gary Eichten and his guests discuss why the Vietnam War has become a political issue for the 2004 presidential election. (MIDDAY 2/17/04) Ted Mondale, Minnesota chair of Dean campaign; Buck Humphrey, Minnesota chair of Kerry campaign; Scott Benson, Minnesota co-chair of Edwards campaign; Jennifer Millerwise, deputy press secretary for the Bush campaign; Chris Gilbert, political science professor at Gustavus Adolphus discuss the race for president. (MIDDAY 2/18/04) Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich talks about his campaign and his race to be commander-in-chief. He'll also take questions from Minnesota Public Radio listeners (MIDDAY 2/20/04) Lisa Disch, political science professor at the University of Minnesota and author of *The Tyranny of the Two Party System*; Cam Gordon, spokesman for the Minnesota Green Party talking about **The Nader factor**. (MIDDAY 2/23/04) Mike Erlandson, Minnesota DFL Party chair; Ron Eibensteiner, Minnesota Republican Party chair; Nick Raleigh, Minnesota Green Party chair; Jim Moore, Minnesota Independence Party chair talk about the Minnesota Caucuses. (MIDDAY 3/02/04) Norman Ornstein, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research on the beginning of the general campaign (MIDDAY 3/03/04) Mondale and Ferraro discuss the topic "**Are we ready for a woman in the White House?**" during a "Mondale Lectures on Public Service" event. (MIDDAY 03/10/04) Amid the atmosphere of corporate tax scandals and tax evasions by wealthy individuals, IRS Commissioner Mark Everson, at the National Press Club, discusses what he calls troubling signs that a growing proportion of taxpayers think it is okay to cheat on their taxes. (MIDDAY 03/15/04) Investigative journalist and author, Charles Lewis, speaking recently at the City Club of Cleveland on **The buying of America's elected leaders** He is the founder and executive director of the Washington-based Center for Public Integrity, a non-profit, non-partisan watchdog group that tracks the links between monied interests and American elected leaders. (MIDDAY 03/16/04) Minnesota's Democratic senator, Mark Dayton, is in the MPR studios to discuss a wide range of local, national and international issues. He also answers questions from MPR listeners. (MIDDAY 03/17/04) Nick Hayes, professor of history and holder of the University Chair in Critical Thinking at Saint John's University and live coverage of the National 9-11 Commission opens two days of hearings in Washington, D.C. exploring what the government knew about terrorist threats, when it knew it and how it responded. Today, testimony from U.S Secretary of State Colin Powell, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, and terrorism advisor Richard Clarke, among others. (MIDDAY 3/23/04) Retired Army Colonel W. Patrick Lang, former special forces officer and longtime analyst for the Defense Intelligence Agency analysis of the live coverage of the commission investigating the 9/11 terror attacks hears more testimony today from top officials. They include CIA Director George Tenet and the former national security adviser in the Clinton administration, Sandy Berger. Hear live coverage and analysis from National Public Radio and Minnesota Public Radio. (MIDDAY 3/24/04) Continuing coverage of the 9/11 hearings. The current national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, will not be testifying in public, although her accuser will be. Richard Clarke, the former counterterrorism expert in the Bush and Clinton administrations, will testify at the end of the day with Nick Hayes, professor of history at St. John's University, and Roy Grow, international relations professor at Carleton College (MIDDAY 3/24/04) Tricia Neuman, vice president at the Kaiser Family Foundation, and director of the Medicare Policy Project on **The future of Medicare** following Tuesday's announcement from Treasury Secretary John Snow and the Medicare program's other trustees reported that primary hospital care trust fund will be insolvent by 2019 without changes. That is 11 years sooner than the trustees had projected just two years ago. (MIDDAY

3/25/04) Host Gary Eichten and his guest Suzanna Sherry, law professor at Vanderbilt University, discuss "judicial activism," and how judges decide what is constitutional. How should they decide? (MIDDAY 3/26/04)

STATE POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak; and William McManus, Rybak's pick for Minneapolis police chief discuss city issues (MIDDAY 1/8/04). Sen. Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar, new senate majority leader, discusses the upcoming Legislative session (MIDDAY 1/15/04). A report from Mainstreet Radio's Cara Hetland about the end of Bill Janklow's political career. The former South Dakota governor will be sentenced on Thursday for felony manslaughter. We also hear from Bill Richardson, chair of the Department of Political Science at the University of South Dakota. (MIDDAY 1/21/04) Live from the Capitol rotunda, host Gary Eichten and Minnesota Public Radio's Mike Mulcahy talk with key legislative leaders, including DFLer Dean Johnson, the new Senate majority leader, as well as discuss the upcoming year with Gov. Tim Pawlenty and other lawmakers (MIDDAY 2/2/04) Gary Eichten talks with political analysts Tom Horner and Bob Meek about what to expect and public opinion concerning Pawlenty's actions in office in a **Preview of Pawlenty's State of the State address**. (MIDDAY 2/05/04) Minnesota Public Radio's political editor, Mike Mulcahy, joins host Gary Eichten from the Capitol for a live broadcast of Gov. Tim Pawlenty's State of the State address. (MIDDAY 2/05/04) Rep. Jim Rhodes, R-St. Louis Park, and John McCarthy of the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association discuss the range of gambling proposals being considered at the Legislature. (MIDDAY 2/06/04) Rep. Erik Paulson, R-Eden Prairie, house majority leader and sponsor of the "Initiative and Referendum" bill; Sen. Linda Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park discuss how this would let Minnesotans add legislation to statewide ballot (MIDDAY 2/11/04) Metropolitan Council chair, Peter Bell on the potential transit strike, other transit issues, and the future of the Metropolitan Council. (MIDDAY 2/19/04) Gov. Tim Pawlenty joins host Gary Eichten in the MPR studios to talk about the Metro Transit drivers strike, major issues before the state Legislature, and current local and national events. (MIDDAY 3/04/04) Ann DeGroot, executive director of OutFront Minnesota; Tom Prichard, president of the Minnesota Family Council debate **a state constitutional ban of gay marriage in Minnesota**. (MIDDAY 3/09/04) **Guests:** House Speaker Steve Sviggum, R-Kenyon; Senate Majority Leader Dean Johnson, DFL-Willmar discuss issues before the Minnesota State Legislature. (MIDDAY 03/15/04) The state House voted Wednesday on a proposal that would let voters decide if the Minnesota constitution should ban same-sex marriage. Hear excerpts of the debate. (MIDDAY 3/25/04) Tom Maertens, former national security council director for nuclear non-proliferation and colleague of Richard Clarke discuss with Gary the 9/11 hearings and his belief that the evidence of weapons of mass destruction was spotty and that it was unnecessary to go to war with Iraq. (MIDDAY 3/26/04)

EDUCATION:

Rep. Alice Seagren, R-Bloomington; Rep. Mindy Greiling, DFL-Roseville discuss Gov. Pawlenty's latest education proposals (MIDDAY 1/9/04). Abigail Thernstrom, author of *No Excuses: Closing the Racial Gap in Learning*. Thernstrom says this is the central civil rights issue of our time. She spoke Thursday at the Center of the American Experiment in the Twin Cities. (MIDDAY 1/23/04) According to a recent independent survey commissioned by the Minnesota Department of Health the Abstinence-Only sex education programs taught in some Minnesota schools aren't effective at getting teens to stop having sex. Both sides of the issue are debated in this program from National Public Radio's *Justice Talking* series. (MIDDAY 1/26/04) Minneapolis Schools interim superintendent David Jennings talks about his ideas to change the system and his ideas for school reform. (MIDDAY 2/10/04) The debate over No Child Left Behind and the sweeping educational reforms passed in 2001 that have sharply divided teachers and policy makers over the direction of our nation's schools.(MIDDAY 2/10/04) A speech by William Ouchi, education researcher, professor of management at UCLA, and author of *Making Schools Work: A Revolutionary Plan to Get Your Children the Education They Need* on changing how schools are funded and structured. (MIDDAY 2/18/40) Lynn Reed, executive director of the Minnesota Taxpayers Association; Mark Haveman, project director of the Center for Public Finance Research discuss a new study about what it costs to provide a basic education in Minnesota. (MIDDAY 2/25/04) Minnesota education commissioner, Cheri Pierson Yecke, is in the MPR studios to discuss the latest on the social studies standards, school funding, and the federal No Child Left Behind law (MIDDAY 3/02/04) A Minnesota Senate Committee will debate the job performance of Education Commissioner Cheri Pierson Yecke this week. The first of two confirmation hearings for the commissioner is scheduled for Thursday afternoon. Yecke will be in the MPR studios to discuss her job and education issues, and to take listener questions.(MIDDAY 3/31/04)

HEALTH/SCIENCE:

Veterinarian KateAn Hunter and her dog Ancel answer questions about animal care and training (MIDDAY 1/2/04). University of Minnesota planetary scientist Robert Pepin on the new Mars rover just landed and the possibility of Mars exploration in the future (MIDDAY 1/6/04). This edition of *Gray Matters* examines the human and social implications of contemporary brain research (MIDDAY 1/8/04). Former Sen. Dave Durenberger, R-Minn. and chair of a commission appointed by the governor to study Minnesota health care policies (MIDDAY 1/13/04). Michael Osterholm, director of the University of Minnesota's Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy on infectious diseases, food-borne illnesses and bioterrorism. (MIDDAY 1/22/04) A look at the difficulty people have getting treatment for mental health problems. Gary Eichten's guests are Sue Abderholden, executive director of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, and Kevin Goodno, Minnesota commissioner of human services (Midday 2/13/04) The former director-general of the World Health Organization, Dr. Gro Brundtland, is in Minnesota this weekend for the Nobel Peace Prize Forum at St. Olaf College. Speaking on Working

to end health problems (MIDDAY 2/20/04) Lawmakers want smoking ban The bill's sponsor, Rep. Ron Latz, DFL-St. Louis Park and an opponent, Rep. Tony Sertich, DFL-Chisholm discuss the issues. (MIDDAY 2/24/04) Dave Durenberger, head of the Minnesota Citizens Forum on Health Care Costs talks about how Gov. Pawlenty's health care task force has recommended adding a dollar per pack tax on cigarettes to pay for expanding health insurance coverage in the state and the implications of the tobacco tax as part of a broader plan that would try to both punish and cajole people into leading healthier lives. (MIDDAY 2/24/04) Host Gary Eichten and his guest Mark Seeley, University of Minnesota meteorologist and climatologist, discuss Minnesota weather and take MPR listener phone calls. (MIDDAY 3/05/04) A Great Conversations event at the University of Minnesota about bioethics. Jeffrey Kahn, director of the University of Minnesota's Center for Biomedical Ethics, and Harold Shapiro, professor of economic and public affairs at Princeton University, discuss cloning, health care reform, and genetic engineering. (MIDDAY 3/29/04)

BUSINESS/ECONOMICS:

Economist and New York Times Columnist Paul Krugman, speaking to the Commonwealth Club of California about the future of the U.S. economy (MIDDAY 1/12/04). Former Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, who now heads the world's largest life insurance trade group, American Council of Life Insurers, speaks at the National Press Club about the imminent financial danger facing Baby Boomers nearing retirement. (MIDDAY 1/20/04) Robert Heller, Chief Economist for SDR Capital Management in San Francisco and former governor of the Federal Reserve System, with his economic forecast for 2004. (MIDDAY 1/22/04) A special State of the Unions edition of Mainstreet. It's a look at union organizing in the 21st century, from high tech workers to iron range miners with Tom O'Connell, Metro State Political Science professor. (MIDDAY 1/28/04) Unions in the U.S. are working hard to make up ground they lost in the changing realities of the modern work world. At one time, half of American workers were in a union. Now the number is just one in eight. Rachel Reabe hosts a Mainstreet program. (MIDDAY 1/29/04) St. John's University economist Louis Johnston and Minnesota Public Radio's chief economics correspondent Chris Farrell discuss the issues involved in "outsourcing" jobs overseas. (MIDDAY 2/03/04) Robert Reich, professor at Brandeis University, and former secretary of labor under President Bill Clinton discusses the concept of "outsourcing" - which has loomed large in the political debate over lost jobs in America. (MIDDAY 2/26/04) University of St. Thomas marketing professor David Brennan, and Pioneer Press columnist Dave Beal discuss how Target Corporation is considering the possible sale of its struggling Mervyn's and Marshall Field's chains (MIDDAY 03/11/04) Jack Gillis, author of *The Car Book 2004* talks with Gary about the newest models on view at the 31st Annual Greater Minneapolis and St. Paul International Auto Show (MIDDAY 03/12/04) The country's two most prominent leaders of business and labor debating at Boston College on the controversial issue of globalization and the impact of outsourcing on American jobs and the economy. John Sweeney is president of the AFL-CIO, and Thomas Donohue the president and CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. (MIDDAY 3/31/04)

SPORTS:

Sports commentator Howard Sinker makes sports predictions for 2004 (MIDDAY 1/1/04). Aron Kahn, reporter for the St. Paul Pioneer Press; and Jay Weiner, sports writer for the Minneapolis Star Tribune on the latest stadium plans for Minnesota's pro sports teams (MIDDAY 1/7/04). Aron Kahn, reporter for the St. Paul Pioneer Press, and Jay Weiner, sports writer for the Minneapolis Star Tribune review the results of yesterday's deadline for sports stadium proposals (MIDDAY 1/16/04). Dan McElroy, finance commissioner, and head of Gov. Pawlenty's stadium screening committee with an update on the stadium debate. (MIDDAY 1/30/04) Sports analyst Howard Sinker and Pioneer Press baseball reporter Gordon Wittenmyer are Gary's guests talking baseball (MIDDAY 3/03/04) Dan McElroy, Gov. Tim Pawlenty's chief-of-staff, and head of Gov. Pawlenty's Stadium Screening Committee talks with Gary about their recommendation that the state build new ballparks for both the Minnesota Twins and the Vikings. (MIDDAY 03/16/04) Mary Jo Kane, professor of kinesiology and leisure studies at the University of Minnesota, and director of the University's Research Center for Girls and Women in Sport discusses with guest host Mike Edgerly the **Major issues facing women's sports** as University of Minnesota Gopher women's basketball team advanced to the Elite 8 of the NCAA tournament with their weekend win against Boston College Sunday and the Gopher women are the NCAA Frozen Four hockey champions. (MIDDAY 3/29/04)

CULTURE/ARTS:

Minnesota Public Radio's new *State of the Arts* program at a special time (MIDDAY 1/16/04). The Movie Maven, Stephanie Curtis, talks about the Academy Awards 2004 nominees and takes listener questions. (MIDDAY 1/27/04) The Movie Maven, Stephanie Curtis, talks with host Gary Eichten about the Oscar Award winners Sunday night. (MIDDAY 3/01/04) Minnesota author Bill Holm takes the stage at the College of St. Benedict. In books and essays like "Box Elder Bug Variations" and "Playing the Black Piano", Holm has often explored the places where language and music intersect. (MIDDAY 03/11/04) Paul Gruchow, the award-winning Minnesota writer, died Feb. 22 of a presumed drug overdose. He was honored Friday at a memorial reading organized by his publisher, Minneapolis-based Milkweed Editions. (MIDDAY 03/12/04)

SOCIAL ISSUES:

This program from *Justice Talking* explores ineffective counsel and the death penalty (MIDDAY 1/7/04). An Augsburg College speech by Colman McCarthy, director of the Center for Teaching Peace and a syndicated columnist for the Washington Post discusses **Nonviolence in a time of war.** (MIDDAY 2/03/04) An in-depth look at the arguments surrounding the gay marriage debate from the Commonwealth Club of California. (MIDDAY 2/06/04) A Great Conversations event focusing on the loss of life, loss of innocence, and the jarring blow to Americans' sense of security following the terrorist attacks of 9/11. Pauline Boss, University of Minnesota Family Social Science professor and author of *Ambiguous Loss: Learning to Live with Unresolved Grief*, talks with Gail Sheehy, a cultural observer and best-selling journalist, and author of *Middletown, America: One Town's Passage from Trauma To Hope*. (MIDDAY 2/27/04) Anthony D. Romero, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, speaks about the detentions at Guantanamo Bay and related government actions since 9/11 that he says go beyond the fight against terrorism and threaten the freedom of all Americans (MIDDAY 03/09/04)

RELIGION:

MEDIA:

A live broadcast from the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., featuring Michael Powell, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (MIDDAY 1/14/04). Columnist, Thomas Friedman, speaking Thursday to the Minnesota Newspaper Association on his experiences working in Minneapolis, Beirut, and Jerusalem. (MIDDAY 1/30/04) As the March membership drive winds down, Minnesota Public Radio President Bill Kling discusses MPR, its history and his vision for the future (MIDDAY 3/04/04) Host Gary Eichten talks with NPR foreign correspondent Anne Garrels about her time reporting in Iraq.(Midday 03/18/04) Katherine Lanpher, host, Air America Radio; Dante Chinni of the Project for Excellence in Journalism at Columbia University discuss the **role of political radio** with guest host Mike Edgerly (MIDDAY 3/30/04)

ENVIRONMENT:

Theodore Roosevelt IV, the great-grandson of President Theodore Roosevelt, speaking recently about environmental issues at the Westminster Town Hall Forum. His speech is titled, "Regaining the Common Ground: The Land Ethic and the Radical Center (MIDDAY 2/19/04) Robert Janssen author and co-author of several books about birds, including *Birds In Minnesota* is the former president of the Minnesota Ornithologists Union and is one of Minnesota's best known birders speaks on the **Voices of Minnesota** (MIDDAY 2/26/04)

HISTORY:

An American RadioWorks documentary, *White House Tapes: The President Calling*, on Oval Office phone tapes made by Presidents Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon (MIDAAY 1/1/04). A Martin Luther King Day special including remarks by Kweisi Mfume of the NAACP, and Vernon Jordan, former head of the National Urban League. (MIDDAY 1/19/04)