INTERNATIONAL:

Palestinian Hanan Ashrawi and Israeli Yossi Beilin discuss possible solutions to conflicts that divide the Middle East (10/2/07). An update on the Darfur situation with Ahmed Samatar, Dean of the Institute for Global Citizenship at Macalester College in St. Paul (10/10/07). Duke University Islam scholar Bruce Lawrence analyzes Osama bin Laden’s motives (10/16/07). America’s relationship with Turkey with former U of M professor Ersin Kalaycioglu, now professor of political science at Sabanci University in Istanbul, Turkey (10/18/07). Zalmay Khalilzad, the U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations, speaks to the National Press Club (10/19/07). Nick Hayes, professor of history at Saint John’s University in Collegeville, on U.S.-Russia relations (10/23/07). National Public Radio correspondent Tom Gjelten on relations between U.S. and Cuba (10/24/07). NPR’s Baghdad Bureau Chief Jamie Tarabay on the war in Iraq (11/1/07). An America Abroad documentary on the long relationship between the U.S. and Turkey (11/7/07). The political crisis in Pakistan with Christine Fair of the United States Institute of Peace and the RAND Corporation, followed by a speech by ABC News correspondent Martha Raddatz on her coverage of the Taliban-occupied region of that country (11/12/07). The latest developments in the Iraq War with Colin Kahl, professor in the security studies program at Georgetown University, followed by a speech on the roots of Al-Qaeda by author and New Yorker staff writer Lawrence Wright (11/20/07). Ric Stoll, political scientist at Rice University in Houston, Texas, discusses Pres. Bush’s plan for Middle East peace (11/27/07). Iraqi-American and sociology professor Abbas Mehdi on his 14 months helping rebuild his country’s economy, followed by an America Abroad documentary on US-Russia relations (12/6/07). The legacy of Benazir Bhutto with Christine Fair of the RAND Corporation and former US Senator David Durenberger, a friend of Benazir Bhutto (12/28/07)

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Law professor Suzanna Sherry on what cases the U.S. Supreme Court can expect to handle in its new session, followed by Andrew Kohut, president of the Pew Research Center, on who to watch in the 2008 elections (10/1/07). Republican analyst Tom Horner and Democratic analyst Jeff Blodgett discuss the latest presidential debates (10/8/07). Congressional expert Steven Smith on what America’s legislative branch has been doing lately and what it hasn’t (10/17/07). Pollster Andrew Smith and political scientist Bruce Gronbeck: on how the presidential candidates are faring in the primary states (10/22/07). An analysis of the latest presidential candidate field with analyst Bob Meek, former DFL Party chair Ruth Orrick and Jeff Blodgett, executive director of Wellstone Action (11/6/07). A look at the Republican presidential contenders with analyst

STATE POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Minneapolis attorney and Democratic Senate candidate Mike Ciresi as part of the “Meet the Candidates” series (12/17/07). Democratic Senate hopeful Al Franken as part of the “Meet the Candidates” series (12/21/07). Senate Majority leader Larry Pogemiller and House Speaker Margaret Anderson Kelliher offer their insights on the year in Minnesota politics (12/27/07).

EDUCATION:

The latest developments in No Child Left Behind with Laura Bloomberg, deputy director at the University of Minnesota's Center for School Change and Joe Nathan, senior fellow and director at the University of Minnesota's Center for School Change (10/4/07). Minnesota teachers Sharon Ornelas and Thomas Tusken on their winning the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award (10/12/07). Jonathan Kozol on the art of teaching in a recent Minneapolis speech (10/30/07). A discussion of Minnesota's K-12 education funding system with Sean Kershaw, executive director of the Minnesota Citizen's League; Scott Croonquist, executive director of the Association of Metropolitan School Districts and Rep. Mark Buesgens, R-Jordan, a former public school teacher and administrator (11/5/07). Mitch Pearlstein, president of the Minneapolis-based conservative think tank Center of the American Experiment on education reform (12/18/07). Dave Jennings, Chaska Schools Superintendent, on support of public schools (12/19/07).

HEALTH/SCIENCE:

The latest medical understanding of brain diseases with J. Riley McCarten, neurologist at the VA Medical Center and University of Minnesota (10/5/07). A MPR documentary looks at efforts to treat Alzheimer's and what it's like to live with the disease (12/12/07).

BUSINESS/ECONOMICS:

Greg Ortale, President of Meet Minneapolis, discusses how the city has changed in the last two decades and the business and tourism challenges it faces today (10/11/07). Louis Johnston, professor of economics at St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict in Collegeville, on the “mechanism design theory” that won a Nobel Prize for U of M professor emeritus Leonid Hurwicz (10/15/07). A preview of Gov. Pawlenty's trade mission to India with Richard Bohr, professor of Asian history and director of Asian Studies at the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University in Collegeville and former executive director of the Minnesota Trade Office; and State Sen. Satveer Chaudhary, DFL-Fridley (10/16/07). Chris Farrell Minnesota Public Radio's chief economics correspondent, and Ross Levin, president and Founder of Accredited Investors, Inc. in Edina on the stock market crash of 1987 (10/19/07). House Appropriations Committee Chairman Dave Obey, D-Wis., on his party's budget standoff with President Bush at the

SPORTS:

A tribute to baseball great Jackie Robinson at the Kennedy Library in Boston (10/23/07). The year in sports with the Minneapolis Star Tribune’s Howard Sinker, former Twins pitcher and now broadcaster Bert Blyleven, and Bill Smith: general manager of the Minnesota Twins (12/31/07).

CULTURE/ARTS:

American In Iceland" (12/20/07). NPR's Scott Simon’s documentary on 50 years of “West Side Story” (12/24/07). Three Christmas stories read by Truman Capote, Garrison Keillor and MPR’s Dan Olson, followed by the musical feature “All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914.” (12/25/07). A performance and reading by author Patricia Hampl at the Fitzgerald Theater (12/31/07).

SOCIAL ISSUES:


RELIGION:

Author Elaine Pagels at the Westminster Town Hall Forum (10/3/07). Rabbi Harold Kushner on overcoming disappointment at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis (10/17/07). Robert Vischer, professor at the University of St. Thomas School of Law, on the role of religion in American politics (12/7/07).

MEDIA:

ENVIRONMENT:

Preservation issues in Minnesota and beyond with Richard Moe, head of National Trust for Historic Preservation (10/2/07). Journalist Alan Weisman on the resulting environment of the world in the event of a worldwide viral catastrophe (10/9/07). U of M meteorologist and climatologist Mark Seeley on the impact of the state’s summer drought and floods (10/25/07). Recycling
computers and other high-tech equipment with Garth Hickle, product stewardship
team leader for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (11/19/07). Former Vice
President Al Gore discussed winning the Nobel Prize and the Oscar for his work
on global warming at the Aspen Institute (12/5/07). Carroll Henderson, non-
game wildlife specialist at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources on
how state birds and animals handle winter (12/14/07). Veterinarian KateAn
Hunter and her dog, Ansel, answer questions about animal training and behavior
(12/21/07). University of Minnesota climatologist Mark Seeley on winter weather
for the holiday week (12/24/07)

HISTORY:

The 50th anniversary of the Soviet launch of the Sputnik satellite with University
of Minnesota astronomy professor Bob Gehrz and Russian scholar Nick Hayes
(10/4/07). An America Abroad documentary explores the historical efforts of the
U.S. to spread global democracy (10/8/07). President Kennedy's aide Theodore
Sorenson explained how the U.S. averted a possible nuclear war with the USSR
during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis (10/23/07). An MPR documentary on the
five year anniversary of the death of Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn. (10/24/07).
Kate Roberts, senior exhibits developer for the Minnesota Historical Society, on
the "Minnesota 150" history project (10/26/07). Minnesota history writer Dave
Kenney on his newest book, "Twin Cities Picture Show: A Century of
Moviegoing" (11/1/07). David Isay on his project StoryCorps, a national oral
history project in which participants interview each other (11/2/07). The World
War I Living History Project documentary interviewing the 14 surviving American
veterans of that war (11/9/07). Recording your family’s oral history with
American RadioWorks producer Sasha Aslanian and Jim Fogerty, head of
documentary programs for the Minnesota Historical Society (11/21/07). Retired
NBC Nightly News anchor Tom Brokaw on his new book about the 1960’s
generation (11/26/07). Re-broadcast of the MPR documentary, "The McCarthy
Tapes" (11/30/07). A “Voices of Minnesota” episode on two Minnesotans
experiences in WWII (12/7/07). Columnist E.J. Dionne pays tribute to the late
Sen. Eugene McCarthy, one of Minnesota’s top politicians (12/10/07). A World
War II documentary by American RadioWorks called "Battles of Belief"
(12/28/07).
INTERNATIONAL:

Barbara Bodine, former U.S. ambassador, and a fellow with MIT's Center for International Studies, gives an update on U.S. policy in Iraq, followed by an overview of U.S. foreign policy by Washington Institute fellow Dennis Ross (7/2/07). Former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell on what he thinks the United States should do now in Iraq (7/6/07). Colin Kahl, assistant professor in the security studies program at Georgetown University, on the latest White House report on progress in Iraq (7/13/07). Journalist James Fallows on his year in Shanghai, China, and what he learned from his experience at the Aspen Ideas Festival (7/18/07). Iraq scholar Ellen Laipson examines how the war in Iraq is affecting Iraqi people (7/31/07). Pulitzer-prize winning journalist Thomas Ricks, Pulitzer-prize winning journalist on the Bush administration's troop surge in Iraq (8/13/07). Former commander in Iraq Gen. George Casey assesses the war at the National Press Club (8/14/07). Former ambassador to India Richard Celeste on that country’s 60th year of independence from Britain (8/15/07). Georgetown political scientist and military expert Colin Kahl analyzes the security and political progress in Iraq (8/27/07). Michael Barnett, Harold Stassen Chair in International Peace at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute on the latest war strategy in Iraq (8/28/07). Assessing progress in Iraq with Barbara Bodine, former U.S. Ambassador and diplomat in residence at Princeton University (9/12/07). Brian Atwood, dean of the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute discusses Bush’s strategy in Iraq (9/14/07). Minnesota native and State Department diplomat Thomas Wise talks about his year working as part of the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Iraq (9/19/07). Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad speaks to the National Press Club in Washington (9/24/07). President Bush’s speech at the United Nations (9/25/07).

NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Chris Gilbert, professor of political science at Gustavus Adolphus College, on latest trends in 2008 presidential campaign donations, followed by Princeton University historian and author Sean Wilentz on the early roots of America's political tradition (7/3/07). White House Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove defends President Bush’s policies at the Aspen Ideas Festival (7/10/07). Steven Smith, director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy, discusses Congress’ challenge to President Bush on Iraq, followed by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, former Bush administration Solicitor General Theodore Olson and Harvard political philosophy Professor Michael Sandel discussed the High Court's recent rightward drift as part of the 2007 Aspen Ideas Festival (7/11/07). Roger Cressey, president of Good Harbor Consulting and adjunct professor at Georgetown University on the new National Intelligence Estimate on terrorism in the U.S. (7/17/07). Dante Scala, associate professor of political science at the University of New Hampshire, and Dennis Goldford, political scientist at Drake University on the upcoming caucuses in their states (7/18/07). Norman Ornstein, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, on the need for a national security plan in the event of terrorism directed against the U.S. government, followed by Gen. James Conway, commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, on the state of

STATE POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:


EDUCATION:

Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education Alice Seagren on the slip in Minnesota test scores (7/30/07). Ken Vos, professor of education at the College of St.
Catherine and Deer River math teacher Karen Teff on state school math scores (8/1/07). The annual back to school program with Minnesota Education Commissioner Alice Seagren and the head of the state’s school administrators Charlie Kyte, followed by pediatrician Mel Levine of the University of North Carolina on ways to adapt educational techniques to the way children’s brains actually work (9/4/07). Tom Dooher, president of teachers union Education Minnesota, talks about the new school year (9/5/07). A new American RadioWorks documentary, “Put to the Test” on the effects of high-stakes testing in American schools (9/7/07).

HEALTH/SCIENCE:

Veterinarian Kate An Hunter answers questions about animal care and training (7/6/07). Arthur Caplan, Director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania, discusses medical issues in the news (7/9/07). Dr. Ruth Lynfield, new Minnesota state epidemiologist, on Minnesota’s plan to combat epidemic outbreaks (7/16/07). Carol Falkowski, director of research communications for the Hazelden Foundation, on drug use in Minnesota (7/24/07). First lady Laura Bush describes her recent trip to Africa, and the president's emergency plan for AIDS relief at the National Press Club, followed by presidential hopeful Tommy Thompson on “medical diplomacy” at the Aspen Ideas Festival (7/26/07). Dr. John Hick of the Hennepin County Medical Center Department of Emergency Medicine discusses the emergency response on the scene of the I-35W bridge collapse and in nearby hospitals (8/9/07). Author and trainer Tamar Geller on her new approach to training pets (9/13/07). Denis Cortese and Robert Smoldt of the Mayo Clinic discuss reforming America’s health system (9/20/07).

BUSINESS/ECONOMICS:

Chris Farrell, chief economics correspondent for Minnesota Public Radio, discusses the current economic landscape (7/12/07). Tom Stinson, Minnesota state economist on the latest release of state data (7/19/07). Former Minnesota Commerce Commissioner Jim Ulland on the upheaval in the stock market, followed by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns at the National Press Club on the economic impact of the latest farm bill (7/27/07). Cerberus chairman and former U.S. Treasury Secretary John Snow on his plans to buy Chrysler Corp. (7/30/07). Chris Farrell, chief economics correspondent for Minnesota Public Radio and Louis Johnston, economics professor at the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University discuss the latest market shakeup (8/17/07). Leaders in business and government Bill George, David Gergen and Sidney Harman discuss what it takes to be a leader, and why leaders are in such short supply (8/27/07). Engineer Robert Poole on funding transportation infrastructure (9/17/07). Economics correspondent Chris Farrell on the latest Federal Reserve interest rate cut (9/18/07). Ray Suarez explores the role of the World Bank in global development (9/21/07). Bill Blazar, Senior Vice President of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, discusses the state’s business climate (9/26/07). Former U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich on supercapitalism vs. democracy (9/27/07)

SPORTS:
Sports commentator Howard Sinker on the 78th Major League Baseball All-Star Game (7/10/07). Seven-time Tour de France Champion Lance Armstrong spoke at the Aspen Ideas Festival about his successful career as a cyclist (7/13/07). MPR sports analyst Howard Sinker makes his annual appearance at the State Fair for the "Midday Sports Extravaganza" (9/3/07). Bill Lester, executive director of the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission, on the Metrodome’s 25th anniversary (9/21/07).

CULTURE/ARTS:


SOCIAL ISSUES:

On the Fourth of July, immigrants to share their reasons for wanting to become Americans, followed by international affairs scholar Anne-Marie Slaughter on what makes up the “American ideal” (7/4/07). Several prominent Americans discuss their perspective of “The Big Idea” at the Aspen Ideas Festival (7/5/07). Former President Bill Clinton is interviewed by Time Magazine managing editor Rick Stengel at the Aspen Ideas Festival (7/9/07). Counterterrorism expert Louise Richardson discusses the four big myths about terrorism in a speech at the Chautauqua Institution (7/16/07). A recent Public Insight Forum, "Iran and America: Conflict, Context & Connect," a discussion about the U.S.-Iranian relationship with members of Minnesota's Iranian community (7/24/07). Live coverage on the aftermath of the Minneapolis I-35W bridge collapse (8/2/07 and 8/3/07). Minneapolis police chief Tim Dolan and Hennepin County sheriff Rich Stanek on the Minneapolis bridge collapse recovery efforts (8/7/07). Pauline Boss on how to live with grief and loss (8/14/07). A MPR UBS Forum panel on how much the government should invest in the safety and security of its population (8/17/07). A review on dangerous dog bans with Keith Streff, director of investigations for the Animal Humane Society and Margaret Duxbury, animal behavior clinical specialist and veterinarian at the University of Minnesota (8/20/07). Law professor Jeffrey Rosen on how progress in neuroscience and technology has the potential to radically transform the legal system (8/22/07). On the second anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, the American RadioWorks documentary, “Routes to Recovery” (8/29/07). Author Jonathan Franzen on adolescence and family (9/25/07).

RELIGION:

MEDIA:

Former Star Tribune reporters Sharon Schmickle and Eric Black discuss the recent cuts in the Twin Cities newspaper market (7/5/07). MPR President Bill Kling takes to the airwaves for one of his periodic "Ask the President" programs (7/17/07). Mel Karmazin, CEO of Sirius Satellite Radio, speaks at a National Press Club about his company’s potential merger with XM Satellite Radio (7/23/07). Filmmaker Ken Burns on his latest PBS project, "The War" (9/5/07). Documentary filmmaker Ken Burns speaks at the National Press Club about his newest documentary series, "The War" (9/19/07). MPR President Bill Kling takes to the airwaves for one of his periodic "Ask the President" programs (9/28/07).

ENVIRONMENT:

Courtland Nelson, director of State Parks with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, on the new state park planned for Lake Vermillion (7/25/07). Biofuels as alternative energy with Scott Cullen, Senior Policy Director with the Network for New Energy Choices, and Jim Kleinschmit, Director of Rural Communities Program at the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (7/26/07). Mark Seeley, University of Minnesota climatologist on the state’s drought and impact on the water supply (7/31/07). Former Vice President Al Gore on global warming at the Aspen Institute (8/9/07). The new American RadioWorks documentary, "Green Rush: The Business of Saving the Planet" (8/20/07). Climatologist Mark Seeley at the State Fair to answer questions about the weather (8/23/07). Author Michael Pollan speaks about the food we eat -- and the way we grow and distribute it (8/24/07). Roy Grow, Frank Kellogg Chair of international relations at Carleton College on the environmental cost of China's economic growth, followed by Elizabeth Economy on China's growing pollution problem (8/30/07). James Hansen, lead climate scientist at NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Study, on the progress of global warming (9/25/07).

HISTORY:

INTERNATIONAL:


NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., gives an assessment of the Democrats first 100 days in Congress (4/10/07). Republican political analyst Tom Horner and Democratic political analyst Jeff Blodgett examine how the Iraq war is shaping the 2008 presidential race (4/12/07). Washington Post syndicated columnist E.J. Dionne surveys the political scene, followed by House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Charles Rangel, D-N.Y. on bipartisanship at the National Press Club (4/17/07). Live coverage of Attorney General Alberto Gonzales appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee (4/19/07). Kathryn Pearson, political scientist at the University of Minnesota, on the Iraq War pullout legislation before Congress, followed by Veterans Affairs Secretary James

STATE POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Prior to the spring recess, an update on the legislative session from DFL House Speaker Margaret Kelliher and Republican Senate Minority Leader David Senjem (4/2/07). Larry Pogemiller, Senate majority leader, DFL-Minneapolis and Marty Seifert, House minority leader, R-Marshall on whether the state’s government needs more money (4/4/07). Al Quie, former governor of Minnesota and Roger Moe, former state senate minority leader discuss the stalemate at the State Capitol (4/6/07). Steve Murphy, chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, DFL-Red Wing, and Steve Sviggum, former Speaker of the House, R-Kenyon on transportation legislation progress (4/19/07). Larry Pogemiller: Senate majority leader Larry Pogemiller, DFL-Minneapolis and Speaker of the House Margaret Kelliher, DFL-Minneapolis on the issues currently under negotiation at the State Capitol (4/30/07). Former Republican legislator and current Taxpayer's League of Minnesota president Phil Krinkie, and former DFL legislator. Dee Long discuss tax legislation at the State Capitol (5/2/07). Former Republican Senate minority leader Duane Benson and former DFL Senate majority leader Roger Moe on the budget gridlock at the Legislature (5/10/07). MPR political editor Mike Mulcahy and Larry Jacobs, Director of the Center for the Study of Politics at the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey Institute on the latest MPR poll results (5/11/07). Larry Pogemiller: Senate majority leader Larry Pogemiller, DFL-Minneapolis and Speaker of the House Margaret Kelliher, DFL-Minneapolis on their plans to

EDUCATION:

Jim Angermeyer, director of research, evaluation and assessment for Bloomington Public Schools and Joe Nathan, director of the Center for School Change at the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey Institute discuss the state’s student testing program (4/23/07). Michael Smart, Minnesota's 2007 Teacher of the Year on the secret of good teaching (5/7/07). Education Minnesota president Judy Schaubach and Charlie Kyte, Executive director of the Minnesota Association of School Administrators analyze the new state education bill (5/29/07).

HEALTH/SCIENCE:

Veterinarian Kate An Hunter in the studio with her dog Ansel to answer questions about animal care (4/6/07). Jonathan Slack, new director of the University of Minnesota Stem Cell Institute, discusses the science behind the stem cell research debate (4/11/07). David Durenberger, chair of National Institute of Health Policy at the University of St. Thomas, and U of M public health professor Susan Foote on how to save the Medicare program from bankruptcy (4/26/07). Harvard Medical School professor Atul Gawande on the difference between great doctors and average ones (5/3/07). Dr. Jerome Groopman on how doctors make decisions and what patients can do to help their doctors make a good diagnosis (6/25/07).
BUSINESS/ECONOMICS:


SPORTS:

Midday sports analyst Howard Sinker, who covered the Twins for years as a reporter, gives a preview of the season on the team’s opening day (4/2/07). Jerry Bell: President of Twins Sports, Inc. and Mike Opat: Hennepin County commissioner on the new Twins stadium design (4/13/07). Frank DeFord, senior contributing editor for Sports Illustrated, on his career in covering the world of sports (6/21/07). Mary Jo Kane, director of the University of Minnesota’s Tucker Center for Research on Girls and Women in Sport, on the 35th anniversary of Title IX (6/22/07).
CULTURE/ARTS:


SOCIAL ISSUES:


RELIGION:


MEDIA:

Former CBS newsman Dan Rather shares his thoughts on the news business and coverage of the Middle East (5/2/07). Scott Gillespie, managing editor of the Star Tribune and Jane Kirtley, Director of the Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law at the University of Minnesota on the latest StarTribune layoffs and the future of newspapers in the state (5/9/07). The American RadioWorks

ENVIRONMENT:


HISTORY:

1960’s “Freedom Riders” and civil rights activists, Marv Davidov and Claire O'Connor (6/19/07).
INTERNATIONAL:


NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

California (1/29/07). Humphrey Institute professor Barbara Crosby on her proposal of a "universal draft" that would apply to all adults 65 and under (1/30/07). Henry Crumpton: State Department coordinator for counterterrorism, discusses measuring progress in the war on terror (1/31/07). Los Angeles mayor Antonio Villaraigosa discusses a range of issues facing America's cities in a speech at the National Press Club (2/5/07). Larry Jacobs, director of the University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute's Center for the Study of Politics and Governance, on Congress' plans for the Iraq (2/6/07). Statements from members of Minnesota's congressional delegation on the Iraq resolution in the U.S. House (2/16/07). Analysts Bob Meek and Tom Horner on how the field is shaping up for the 2008 elections (2/19/07). White House Press Secretary Tony Snow at the National Press Club (2/21/07). Minnesota's senior U.S. senator, Republican Norm Coleman, discusses the war in Iraq and other major issues facing Congress (2/26/07). Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, R-Calif. in a National Press Club speech on solving partisan divisiveness (2/27/07). Gov. Janet Napolitano, D-Ariz., discusses her plan to ask Congress to pass immigration reforms in a speech at the National Press Club (2/28/07). Colin Kahl, political scientist at the University of Minnesota, on the latest Iraq troop buildup (3/2/07). Dennis Goldford, director of the Program in Law, Politics and Society at Drake University in Iowa and Linda Fowler, professor of government at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire discuss early developments in the 2008 presidential race; followed by former CIA member Melvin Goodman on the agency's abuse of intelligence ethics (3/13/07). David Lilley, former U.S. attorney in Minnesota, and Andy Luger, former assistant U.S. attorney in Minnesota and New York on the recent firing of eight U.S. attorneys (3/15/07). Steven Smith, director of the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy at Washington University in St. Louis on Democratic oversight in the current Congress (3/16/07). Jill Hasday, professor of constitutional law at the University of Minnesota discusses the upcoming showdown coming over executive privilege as a result of the issuance of subpoenas for several top Bush aides (3/20/07). U.S. Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., gives a speech about Iraq and the economy at the National Press Club in Washington (3/22/07). Former U.S. senator and vice president Walter Mondale discusses the nature of executive privilege, followed by Elizabeth Edwards on her husband’s presidential campaign in a speech at the City Club Forum in Cleveland (3/27/07). David Stras, associate professor of law at the University of Minnesota, and Larry Jacobs: professor of political science at the Humphrey Institute discuss the U.S. Senate Judiciary committee’s investigation of the firing of eight U.S. attorneys (3/29/07).

STATE POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:


EDUCATION:


HEALTH/SCIENCE:

BUSINESS/ECONOMICS:


SPORTS:

Sports analyst Howard Sinker in his annual New Year's Day show about the world of sports (1/1/07). St. Paul native and baseball Hall-of-Famer Dave Winfield on his new book recommending changes in how baseball is played and managed (3/28/07).

CULTURE/ARTS:


SOCIAL ISSUES:

Journalist Judy Woodruff discusses her most recent TV project called "Generation Next," examining attitudes and trends among people age 16-25 (1/12/07). Roslyn McCallister Brock, the vice chair of the NAACP, at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast at the Minneapolis Convention Center (1/15/07). Bruce Gordon, president and CEO of the NAACP at the Cleveland City Club Forum (2/6/07). Journalist Ray Suarez speaks on intersection of religion and politics in American life at Macalester College (2/9/07). New York Times syndicated columnist Thomas Friedman on environmental issues and

RELIGION:

Dutch parliamentarian Ayaan Hirsi Ali discusses her journey from devout Muslim to Muslim apostate in a speech at the Commonwealth Club of California (3/21/07). Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, the former lieutenant governor of Maryland, on dangers of mixing religion and politics in a speech at the Kennedy Library in Boston (3/26/07).

MEDIA:

NBC News anchor Brian Williams on responsibilities of network news at the New York Times' annual Arts & Leisure Weekend (1/18/07). The 40th anniversary of MPR with remembrances from President Bill Kling, Garrison Keillor and others (1/19/07). Lowell Bergman, investigative reporter for the PBS series “Frontline” and journalism professor at the University of California, Berkley, discusses the Twin Cities newspaper shakeup (3/12/07).

ENVIRONMENT:

Brad Moore, new commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, discusses the state's most pressing environmental concerns (1/8/07). Polar explorer and educator Will Steger on his impending trip to the Canadian Arctic to focus on global warming (1/26/07). Elizabeth Wilson, professor of energy and environmental policy and law at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, discusses recent findings in global warming (2/2/07). Mark Holsten, commissioner of Minnesota's Department of Natural Resources, on his vision for Minnesota's natural resources (2/5/07). University of Minnesota meteorologist and climatologist Mark Seeley explains the recent run of winter weather (2/8/07). Mark Seeley, weather expert, on the latest state frigid snap

HISTORY: