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# Minneapolis/St. Paul

Quarterly Issues and Program Report

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This station airs four 30-minute programs weekly on Sundays (Access Minnesota is 26 minutes and :30 seconds). We address local and statewide community issues and concerns.

**Current KQRS, 93X and 105 The Vibe Schedule:**

4:00 am – 4:30 am	The Best of Our Knowledge
4:30 am – 5:00 am	Viewpoints
5:00 am – 5:30 am	Access Minnesota
5:30 am – 6:00 am	Big Force Radio

**Public Affairs Programs**

**The Best of our Knowledge** – is a 30 minute program produced by National Productions that is hosted by Bob Barrett. It highlights breakthroughs across disciplines and across the globe putting listeners at the forefront of their fields. Each week this program examines some of the issues unique to education, looks at the research and invites commentary from experts and administrators from all levels of education.

**Viewpoints** – is a 30 minute program produced by Media Tracks; moderator host, Shel Lustig. Program covers health care, crime reduction, economy, political issues, and many other important local and global issues.

**Access Minnesota** – is a weekly public affairs radio and television show featuring noted academics, authors, politicians and business leaders engaging in common sense conversations about compelling and relevant issues in the state of Minnesota, across the nation, and around the globe. The show is produced at the University of Minnesota with the Minnesota Broadcasters Association.

**Big Force Radio** – Twin Cities attorney, writer and businessman Terrance Moore of the Hellmuth & Johnson law firm discusses contemporary issues from the perspective of a negotiator and litigator. He is the author of the book *Big Force Negotiation: The 8 Skills You Need to Negotiate With Power*. Big Force Radio is produced by the Minnesota Broadcasters Association.

**The following issues are commonly addressed topics:**

1. **Economy**
2. **Education**
3. **Environment**
4. **Health**
5. **Legal/Law**
6. **Miscellaneous**
7. **Urban**

# Economy

# Education

Viewpoints

10/1/17

## SEGMENT 2: Non-Traditional Students

Synopsis: College is thought of as a ticket to a better life. Non-traditional students- those who go to college later in life- can face an uphill battle in their fight to obtain that ticket. We talk to Mike Rose from UCLA about accommodating these students.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Mike Rose, faculty member at the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, and author of the book *Back to School: Why everyone deserves a second chance at education*.

Best of Our Knowledge

10/8/17

A lot of people who run schools in the US are nervous. There's new leadership in Washington and an education department that seems to have turned away from local, public schools in favor of charters and privatization. And then there are the endless standardized tests.

Today on the Best of Our Knowledge, we'll talk to a pair of educators who have decades of experience running and teaching in public schools who say these school belong to you and me.

Then we'll spend an academic minute with deciding if Wikipedia has a place in the classroom.

Viewpoints

10/15/17

## SEGMENT 1: The Vital Role of Pre-Kindergarten

Synopsis: Sending your child off to school can be tricky, especially in the years before kindergarten. But Dr. Sharon Bouffard, a developmental psychologist, says doing so can make a big difference in your child's education. We explore the importance of high-quality pre-k schooling, and tips for parents on how to spot a good program from a bad one.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Dr. Sharon Bouffard, author of *The Most Important Year: Pre-Kindergarten and the Future of Our Children*

Links for more info: [https://www.amazon.com/dp/B06X8YCNZV/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?\\_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B06X8YCNZV/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1)

Viewpoints

11/12/17

## SEGMENT 1: Learning Math Simpler

Synopsis: It's no secret: American students are way down the international list when it comes to math scores. Why is this? Is there something we could be doing to make learning math a simpler task? Our guests say yes, and have suggestions for kids- and adults- struggling to master mathematics.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Bob Sun, inventor of *The 24 Game* and *First in Math*; Jason Wilkes, author, *Burn Math Class: and reinvent mathematics for yourself*

Links for more info: <http://www.24game.com/>, <http://www.firstinmath.com/>, <http://www.basicbooks.com/>

# Education

Best of Our  
Knowledge

11/12/17

Today's college students are paying 21st century dollars for a 19th century education. That's according to a new book by an expert in educational innovation. She says colleges and universities have been operating by the same educational template for well over a century.

Today on the Best of Our Knowledge, we'll hear a discussion about how to revolutionize the university and prepare students for a world in flux.

We'll also spend an academic minute trying to figure out what it means to be a successful college student.

Viewpoints

12/3/17

## SEGMENT 1: Making an Impact as a Citizen Scientist

Synopsis: We think of scientists as needing a lot of training before we can trust their findings. But for centuries, citizen scientists, not scientists by trade, have made some of the biggest discoveries. We talk to two experts about the need for average citizens to be the eyes and ears of big data collecting projects.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Mary Ellen Hannibal, author, *Citizen Scientist: Searching for heroes and hope in an age of extinction*; Geoff LeBaron, director of Audubon Society's annual Christmas Bird Count

Links for more info: <http://www.maryellenhannibal.com/>, <http://www.christmasbirdcount.org/>

Best of Our  
Knowledge

12/3/17

There's a national network of local, non-profit organizations working together to guide a student's education and improve their outcomes from the time they start learning to the time they start earning.

Today on the Best of Our Knowledge, we'll learn about the Strive Together Network, and hear how they want to create student success from cradle to career..

We'll also spend an academic minute hearing about the cradle to career social activists of apes.

Best of Our  
Knowledge

12/10/17

Since the end of the Civil War to the current trend of charter schools and vouchers, the American education system has been under pressure to integrate and provide an equal school experience for all. And for a while it was working.

Today on the Best of Our Knowledge, we'll talk to the head of American Studies at Cornell University about segregation, privatization and what she sees as the current crisis in public education in the US.

We'll also spend an academic minute seeing if liberal education can bring leadership to the country.

# Education

**Best of Our  
Knowledge**

**12/17/17**

Given the size and financial strength of some large college and universities in the US, it came as a bit of a surprise that a small, liberal arts college in western Massachusetts is the first institution in the country to go 100 percent solar. Today on the Best of Our Knowledge, we'll talk to the college president who got this project rolling.

**Best of Our  
Knowledge**

**12/24/17**

Each year in late December, we look back over the past 12 months to find the stories we especially enjoyed telling. This year, we spent a lot of time talking about people with autism. We found out the help that children with autism receive both in and out of school. But school doesn't last forever, and we found out that once they graduate, those former students can find themselves with little to no help at all. Today on the Best of Our Knowledge, we'll look back on our segment about what can happen when a child with autism becomes an adult.

# Environment

Access  
Minnesota

11/5/17

## The Environmental Impact of Corn

Feed corn is the nation's most widely grown crop, but some environmentalists are concerned about the impact of the corn's supply chain on greenhouse gas emissions. New research from the University of Minnesota studies the impact of corn production down to the county-level, and this research could help companies better manage their environmental impacts.

**Guest:** Jennifer Schmitt, Program Director and Lead Scientist at the University of Minnesota's NorthStar Initiative for Sustainable Enterprise

Water and fertilizer use contribute to corn's high level of greenhouse-gas emissions—but these uses vary greatly from farm to farm. Until the U of M's NorthStar Initiative for Sustainable Enterprise released its study, companies relied only on a national estimate for corn's environmental impact. The NiSE's new model helps identify counties that use the most irrigation water and produce the most greenhouse gas emissions.

Last year, Smithfield Foods, the world's largest pork producer, partnered with NiSE to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the company's supply chain 25 percent by 2025. Schmitt describes how NiSE is helping Smithfield reach this goal. Schmitt says that while she and NiSE are thinking about how to help reduce the environmental harm caused by corn, they are also considering the importance of the crop and how corn will need to contribute to the food supply for the world's soon-to-be population of nine billion.

Viewpoints

11/5/17

## SEGMENT 2: Gardening Differently

Synopsis: Typically, we think of gardens as a place meant to look nice or grow some vegetables. But gardener and author Benjamin Vogt says he believes gardens can be about cultivating a better environment and reconnecting humans with the nature around us.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Benjamin Vogt, Garden Designer with Monarch Gardens and author, *A New Garden Ethic: Cultivating Defiant Compassion for an Uncertain Future*

Links for more info: <https://www.newsociety.com/Books/N/A-New-Garden-Ethic>

# Health

Viewpoints

10/22/17

## **SEGMENT 1: Memory Loss and Alzheimer's Disease**

Synopsis: As we get older, we all will suffer from some memory loss. The question becomes what memory loss is a normal byproduct of getting older and when is it a sign of a larger problem, like Alzheimer's Disease. We talk to experts about this question, and what, if anything, we can do to avoid losing their memories.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Martha Weinman Lear, author of *Where Did I Leave My Glasses?: The what, when, and why of normal memory loss*; Dr. Marwan Sabbagh, author of *The Alzheimer's Answer: Reduce your risk and keep your brain healthy*

Links for more info: <https://www.amazon.com/Where-Did-Leave-My-Glasses/dp/B003P2VDYM>,  
<http://www.marwansabbaghmd.com/the-alzheimers-answer/>

## **SEGMENT 2: Narcissism: The manipulative, selfish disorder**

Synopsis: Narcissists are always thinking about themselves. While this takes a toll on their wellbeing, it also takes a big toll on the people around them. We talk about the disorder and tips for people who feel they're drowning in the orbit of a true narcissist.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Dr. Linda Martinez-Lewi, author of *Freeing Yourself from the Narcissist in Your Life*

Links for more info: <http://thenarcissistinyourlife.com/>

Viewpoints

11/12/17

## **SEGMENT 2: Sleeping Soundly: How getting quality sleep can enhance our health**

Synopsis: We all sleep, it's human evolution. But the amount of sleep we get and the quality of that sleep can vary greatly. We talk to Matthew Walker, a professor at California-Berkeley, who says sleep is the single biggest thing we can do to help our physical and mental health both in the short-term and long-term.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Matthew Walker, professor of neuroscience and psychology at the University of California-Berkeley and author, *Why We Sleep: Unlocking the power of sleep and dreams*

Links for more info: [https://www.amazon.com/Why-We-Sleep-Unlocking-Dreams/dp/1501144316/ref=asap\\_bc?ie=UTF8](https://www.amazon.com/Why-We-Sleep-Unlocking-Dreams/dp/1501144316/ref=asap_bc?ie=UTF8)



**Viewpoints**

**11/19/17**

**SEGMENT 2: Developing Forensic Technology: New solutions for tracking and convicting criminals**

Synopsis: New gadgets and programs are constantly being invented. We talk to two leading experts on the subjects to highlight some of the software and hardware helping police and lawyers find the right criminals and get them convicted.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Lee Reiber, COO for Oxygen Forensics Inc.; Jerry Ropelato, CEO of White Clouds

Links for more info: <http://www.oxygen-forensic.com/>, <https://www.whiteclouds.com/#home2>

# Miscellaneous

Access  
Minnesota

10/1/17

## Ujamaa Place

Young African-American men disproportionately encounter barriers that can lead to instability in their lives. St. Paul African-American community leaders believed that the social services system was failing these young men and another approach was needed. This week, the non-profit organization Ujamaa Place's mission to help you Black men navigate through institutionalized obstacles.

**Guests:** Otis Zanders, President and CEO of Ujamaa Place; Paul Laumer, a graduate of the Ujamaa program Zanders says Ujamaa Place was started with the premise, "we can't continue to incarcerate our way out of an issue that was plaguing our communities." To respond to the high incarceration rates and opportunity gaps affecting African-American communities in the Twin Cities, Ujamaa Place helps young Black men ages 18-30 find employment and housing and helps reconnect the men to their families. Using a "Theory of Transformation," Ujamaa addresses trauma and poverty and the historic and systemic issues that often lead to incarceration.

In Minnesota, African-Americans have lower graduation rates, higher unemployment and lower rates of home ownership. These opportunity gaps have created a loss of confidence in the system for many young Black men, says Zanders. To close these gaps, Zanders says, Minnesota needs to understand the policies and practices that are in place that don't allow for prosperity.

Ujamaa Place will host the event Nonviolence 365 on October 10th and 11th.

For more information about Ujamaa Place go to: [ujamaaplace.org](http://ujamaaplace.org)

Viewpoints

10/1/17

## SEGMENT 1: Unconventional Vacation Destinations

Synopsis: When Americans take vacations, it's often to places like theme parks, resorts, or national parks. Our guest says that there's a treasure trove of unique destinations around the world if you veer off the beaten vacation path. He talks about a few of the places you probably never heard about but which offer unique experiences, educational opportunities and a lot of fun.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Dylan Thuras, co-author of Atlas Obscura: An explorer's guide to the world's hidden wonders

Big Force  
Radio

10/1/17

The NFL Player Protest Controversy  
Issues surround the actions of certain NFL players during the National Anthem

Big Force  
Radio

10/8/17

President Trump's Report Card  
A look at how the President is delivering on his campaign promises.

# Miscellaneous

Access  
Minnesota

10/8/17

## Politics in Sports

A growing number of professional sports figures are taking public stands on social issues and their actions are stirring controversy. President Donald Trump recently suggested that NFL players who take a knee during the national anthem to protest racial inequality should be fired. This week, a look at the intersection of politics and sports.

**Guests:** Douglas Hartmann, Professor and Chair of Sociology at the University of Minnesota

Last year, Colin Kaepernick, who was then on the San Francisco 49ers, began taking a knee during the “Star Spangled Banner.” This year, despite the fact that Kaepernick is not currently on any NFL teams, President Trump’s criticism encouraged more players and teams to engage in symbols of protest.

Since Kaepernick took a knee during the anthem last year, many NFL fans have argued that politics should be kept separate from sports. Hartmann discusses the history of political displays among athletes—notably the raised fists of sprinters Tommie Smith and John Carlos in the 1968 Summer Olympics—and why sports have been used as a platform for political expression, especially by African American athletes.

Viewpoints

10/8/17

## SEGMENT 1: Mythology and Fairy Tales, Good and Evil

Synopsis: We grow up hearing nursery rhymes and fairy tales that deal with good and evil. All of us fondly remember the cartoons of our youth and the stories we grew up with. We talk to Soman Chainani about authoring a new entry into the catalogue of mythology and his attempt to course-correct the lessons more modern stories have been teaching our children.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Soman Chainani, author of *The School for Good and Evil*

Links for more info: <https://schoolforgoodandevil.com/>, <http://somanchainani.net/>

## SEGMENT 2: Bats: Their value and their endangerment

Synopsis: Bats are often thought of as scary or dangerous. But two experts tell us...they’re actually very helpful! They eat the insects we so desperately try to rid our yards and neighborhoods of. We explore the benefits of bats, and why their numbers are decreasing in alarming numbers.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Jodi Sedlock, Associate professor of biology, Lawrence University; Don Mitchell, author of *Flying Blind: One man’s adventures battling buckthorn, making peace with authority, and creating a home for endangered bats.*

Links for more info: <http://www.lawrence.edu/academics/study/biology/faculty>, <http://www.chelseagreen.com/flying-blind>

Viewpoints

10/15/17

## SEGMENT 2: The Appeal of Time Travel Stories

Synopsis: For decades, we’ve loved stories where characters can travel through time. What is it about this seemingly straight-forward concept that draws us in and keeps us compelled all these years later? We talk to pop culture psychologist Dr. Travis Langley.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Dr. Travis Langley, author of *Doctor Who Psychology: A Madman with a Box*

Links for more info: <http://www.travislangley.info/>, <https://www.amazon.com/Travis-Langley/e/B006UXQOTC>

The Best of Our  
Knowledge

10/15/17

If you’re a science fiction fan, chances are you’ve heard more than a few stories about time travel. Next time on The Best of Our Knowledge, we’ll learn the history of time travel and why we care.

We’ll also hear about special classes for police officers to diffuse violent situations...and spend an academic minute mourning the mall.

# Miscellaneous

**Big Force  
Radio**

**10/15/17**

How to Handle Customer Complaints  
Insights on dealing with complaints from customers, bosses and even family members

**Access  
Minnesota**

**10/15/17**

## **2017 Twin Cities Mayoral Races**

Minneapolis and St. Paul have mayoral elections on November 7 and early voting is already underway. A look at the candidates running for mayor and the main issues concerning voters this election.

**Guest:** David Schultz, Professor of Political Science at Hamline University and visiting faculty member at the University of Minnesota Law School

How does Ranked Choice Voting play into both city elections? For Minneapolis in particular, Schultz says the RCV method may benefit the incumbent, Mayor Betsy Hodges, despite criticisms over her handling of the police department. How much will money influence the election outcome? In Minneapolis, candidate Tom Hoch has seen a surge in campaign contributions. In St. Paul, without an incumbent running, the race is up in the air but Schultz believes the two front runners are currently Melvin Carter III and Pat Harris. For more on David Schultz's writings on politics go to:

[schultzstake.blogspot.com](http://schultzstake.blogspot.com)

**Big Force  
Radio**

**10/22/17**

The North Korean Nuclear Threat  
A look at the threat to South Korea and the U.S. Mainland

**Best Of Our  
Knowledge**

**10/22/17**

In 1997, a classic book on the psychology of racism was published called "Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? - And Other Conversations About Race". Now that book has been updated and rereleased as a 20th anniversary edition and it seems as fresh as the day it was new.

Today on the Best of Our Knowledge, a conversation with Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum about the update of her book on race and education in the US.

Plus we'll spend an academic minute getting an update on the refugee crisis, going all the way back to 400 BC.

# Miscellaneous

Access  
Minnesota

10/22/17

## Immigration Policies and MN Communities

Refugees and immigrants from a variety of countries have settled in Minnesota. An upcoming event at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs explores the impact of immigration on both the immigrants themselves and the communities they now call home.

**Guest:** Eric Schwartz, President of Refugees International

There are approximately 65 million refugees and internally displaced persons in the world today. The traditional definition of a refugee, Schwartz says, is a person at risk of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a social group; but, he adds, "In recent years, the practical definition of the word refugee has been expanded to include, beyond those victims of persecution, to people who are fleeing conflict."

Minnesota has played a critical role in demonstrating how a community can integrate and accept refugees, says Schwartz. Eric Schwartz will be the keynote speaker at the event, "Migration, Immigration, and Refugees: From Global Policy to Minnesota Realities," taking place 10/30/17 at 3:30 at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs. More information can be found at: [events.umn.edu](http://events.umn.edu)

Big Force  
Radio

10/29/17

Who Is Rex Tillerson?  
A detailed look at The US Secretary of State

Best Of Our  
Knowledge

10/29/17

In 1783, the newly formed American congress promised to hang a portrait of a Spanish general who was instrumental in the colonies' victory in the halls of congress. Over 200 years later, it still hadn't happened. Then, a couple of years ago, a young woman found out about that promise and took action. Today on the Best of Our Knowledge, we'll hear about a new book for students that tells the story of how a young person with a purpose can make a difference.

# Miscellaneous

Access  
Minnesota

10/29/17

## The Apocalypse!

The apocalypse has been imagined by people for at least two-and-a-half millennia. Why do we have an ongoing fascination with the end of the world? This week, a look at how art, pop culture and religion have shaped how we think about doomsday.

**Guest:** John Watkins, Distinguished McKnight University Professor in the Department of English at the University of Minnesota

Ancient Iran, one theory suggests, is where apocalyptic predictions began. In the beginning of the Bronze Age, Watkins says, as agrarian people began to encounter others with bronze implements and chariots, “there was a sense that their way of life would be completely obliterated.” While our notion of the apocalypse changes with political and cultural shifts and is influenced by different religious viewpoints, in general, Watkins says, “the apocalypse seems to matter most when people feel that they are the victims of systemic oppression.”

Watkins’s class on the apocalypse will examine ancient and religious texts like the Zandi Vohuman Yast and the Book of Revelation and look at modern works like Walter M. Miller, Jr.’s sci-fi novel “A Canticle for Leibowitz” and Tony Kushner’s miniseries “Angels in America.”

John Watkins is teaching a LearningLife course titled “The Apocalypse: A Cultural History” beginning 11/02/17; for more information go to: [ccaps.umn.edu/LearningLife](http://ccaps.umn.edu/LearningLife)

Viewpoints

10/29/17

## SEGMENT 1: Stutters, Stammers, and Vocal Blunders

Synopsis: If you’ve had to speak in public, you know the nerves that come with public speaking. So you probably also know the pain of umming, uhing, or misspeaking. We explore where these vocal blunders come from and what they might mean.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Michael Erard, author of *Um: Slips, Stumbles and Verbal Blunders and What They Mean*  
Links for more info: [https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000VSPVLO/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?\\_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000VSPVLO/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1),

## SEGMENT 2: American Borders: How our states got their shapes

Synopsis: There are 48 states in the continental United States. Some of them have borders that make a lot of sense, like Illinois which is flanked by rivers. But what about Michigan, Rhode Island, and so many others? We talk to writer Mark Stein about the borders that we’ve come to take for granted.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Mark Stein, author of *How the States Got Their Shapes*  
Links for more info: [https://www.amazon.com/dp/B001NLL110/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?\\_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B001NLL110/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1)

Best of  
Our Knowledge

11/5/17

So, did you hear the one about the public radio program that did an episode about the history of humor? OK, that probably qualifies as the least funny way to introduce this episode. Week after week we bring you stories and conversation with some of the greatest minds we can find. But sometimes, even the most stoic professor has got to bring the funny. Today on the Best of Our Knowledge, we’ll talk about the importance of being funny...or at least trying.

# Miscellaneous

Big Force  
Radio

11/5/17

An Analysis of Special Counsel James Muller's Indictments of Paul Manafort and Rick Goetz

Viewpoints

11/5/17

## SEGMENT 1: Bumper Sticker Philosophy

Synopsis: We've all been amused or annoyed by someone's bumper sticker, but have you ever stopped to think that these strips of adhesive paper with the pithy statements on them could actually mean something? We talk to a teacher and philosopher about the deeper meanings of popular bumper stickers.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Jack Bowen, philosopher and teacher at Menlo School in Atherton, CA and author, *If You Can Read This: The philosophy of bumper stickers*

Links for more info: <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/196584/if-you-can-read-this-by-jack-bowen/9780812981056/>

Access  
Minnesota

11/12/17

## Self-driving Vehicles

Driverless vehicle technology is poised to revolutionize the transportation industry. But how will we ensure that all Minnesotans can benefit from this innovation? This week, a look at the efforts to roll out self-driving vehicles in an equitable manner, particularly in rural Minnesota.

**Guest:** Frank Douma, Director of the State and Local Policy Program at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs

These vehicles will likely be much safer drivers than humans, Douma says. "If we can improve the safety even halfway everybody will benefit that way." Other benefits of self-driving vehicles include a reduction of road congestion and greater accessibility for the elderly and people with disabilities.

We can already see significant changes in the way we think about cars. Companies like GM and Ford are transitioning into mobility companies, not just traditional car companies, Douma says. However, Douma warns, if we don't pay attention to policies concerning self-driving vehicles, only the rich will be able to access driverless cars and the vehicles could create greater urban sprawl.

Big Force  
Radio

11/12/17

Tips on Setting Budgets  
How to budget your time and finances successfully

Best of Our  
Knowledge

11/19/17

The cable network C-SPAN has been around for decades, bringing the uncut, as it happens business of congress into our living rooms. But did you know that for years, representatives from the network has toured the country in a well-equipped bus visiting schools, book fairs and state capitols?

Today on the Best of Our Knowledge, we'll take a tour of the latest C-SPAN bus as it tours all 50 states.

We'll also hear about a site that has been rating schools around the country for years...and learn how the way they hand out school grades has changed. And we'll spend an academic minute dealing with bad bosses.

# Miscellaneous

Big Force  
Radio

11/19/17

Impact of Proposed Changes to the U.S. Tax Code on Businesses and Individuals (first in a series)

Viewpoints

11/19/17

## SEGMENT 1: Terrorism in America, 1920

Synopsis: Americans pride themselves on never forgetting the attacks and terrorism of our history, but somehow a 1920 attack on New York City has slipped through the cracks. Author Jed Rubenfeld talks about the first car bomb attack on Wall Street, the backdrop for one of his historical fiction novels.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Jed Rubenfeld, author of *The Death Instinct*

Links for more info: [https://www.amazon.com/dp/B003YL4AOO/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?\\_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B003YL4AOO/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1),  
<http://www.history.com/news/the-mysterious-wall-street-bombing-95-years-ago>

Access  
Minnesota

11/19/17

## Consumer Protection

Congress has voted to abolish a controversial rule proposed by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau that would have enabled consumers to file class action lawsuits against banks. The vote largely followed party lines. Most Republicans opposed the rule favoring instead to resolve customer disputes through arbitration. This week, a look at how this rule will affect consumers.

**Guest:** Prentiss Cox, Associate Professor of Law at the University of Minnesota, a member of the inaugural Consumer Advisory Board of the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and on the Board of Directors of the State Center for Antitrust and Consumer Protection Enforcement

"Typically, there's not enough money involved in a consumer transaction for anybody to sue if the company violates the law," says Cox. "Class-action suits make it affordable and efficient for consumers to band together to prosecute the violations." The overturn of the CFPB rule allows financial intuitions to place provisions against class-action suits in their contracts.

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Big Force  
Radio

11/26/17

Part 2 of Analysis of Proposed Changes to the U.S. Tax Code

Best of Our  
Knowledge

11/26/17

If you want to learn how to be a better doctor or scientist you should go talk to a pilot. Next time on The Best of Our Knowledge, we’ll do that...talk to a pilot who is also a scientist about how medicine should take a page from aviation’s book.

We’ll also spend an academic minute trying to get baby boomers back to college.

Viewpoints

11/26/17

## SEGMENT 1: Giving Back This Holiday Season

Synopsis: During the holidays, many parents fret over the materialistic messages their children are exposed to. We talk to a mom and an author who together have created a children’s book and game designed to make giving back to others a fun pursuit.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Sarah Linden and Tyler Knott Gregson, co-authors, North Pole Ninjas: Mission: Christmas  
Links for more info: <http://northpoleninjas.com/>

## SEGMENT 2: W.E.B. Du Bois’s Lasting Impact in Sociology

Synopsis: At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, W.E.B. Du Bois revolutionized scientific sociology, but was denied accolades because of his race. Now, we talk to scholars about what exactly Du Bois did to improve the study of sociology and what his impact truly was.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Aldon D. Morris, professor of sociology and African-American studies at Northwestern University, author of the book, *The Scholar Denied: W.E.B. Du Bois and the birth of modern sociology*.

Links for more info: <http://www.ucpress.edu/>, <http://www.sociology.northwestern.edu/>

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## **Onigamiising: Ojibwe for Duluth**

The modern-day city of Duluth has great significance in Ojibwe culture and history. Author Linda LeGarde Grover has written a collection of essays about the city that focuses on each of the four seasons expressed as stages in one's life.

**Guest:** Lina LeGarde Grover, Professor of Indian Studies at the University of Minnesota-Duluth

Onigamiising (pronounced: Ah-nah-gum-ay-sing) means "place of the small portage" in Ojibwe. Using the image of the four seasons, LeGarde Grover examines Duluth's connections to Ojibwe culture.

LeGarde Grover discusses her love for the beauty of Duluth and Lake Superior but also the deeper connections she feels to the land where her ancestors walked.

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Effective Use of the "Seinfeld Maneuver" in Negotiations How a classic TV show can teach you to become a more effective negotiator

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## **SEGMENT 2: Author Jack London's Writings and Social Activism**

Synopsis: Jack London is known for his rip-roaring adventure books, but he was also a social activist. We discover how London's own journey informed his writing, and how his books and stories reflect the plight of exploited workers and impoverished women and children.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Cecelia Tichi, William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of English and professor of American Studies at Vanderbilt University, author, *Jack London: A writer's fight for a better America*.

Links for more info: <http://www.jacklondonbook.com/>

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## Nuclear Weapons and Proliferation

Congress has the power to declare war under the United States Constitution. But since World War II, the authority to order a nuclear strike has rested with the President. The President's sole command of the nation's nuclear arsenal is controversial, and the Senate recently held a hearing on the matter. This week, a look at nuclear weapon policies and the current conflicts in Iran and North Korea.

**Guest:** Mark Bell, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Minnesota

In mid-November, the Senate held a hearing on the authority to order the use of nuclear weapons. "The use of nuclear weapons is one of relatively few policy areas in which the President's powers are close to absolute," says Bell. Congress has not looked into this issue since the 1970s and revisiting the President's authority today reflects a discomfort of Trump's ability to use nuclear weapons—by both Democrats and Republicans.

The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action from 2015 was a "quid pro quo deal" says Bell. The Iranians agreed to constrain their nuclear program and the US agreed to lift economic sanctions. The deal remains in place but President Trump has signaled he does not think it is in the best interest of the US. If the US does back out of the deal, Bell says, it raises the probability that Iran will pursue nuclear weapons and increases the chances of a war between Iran and the US. While Bell does not think North Korea will carry out a nuclear strike, as many fear, he does think the country will continue to develop nuclear weapons. "They conclude, if you are a country that the United States has in its crosshairs, if you want to survive, nuclear weapons may be the only thing you can use to deter the United States."

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## Corporate Tax Reform

The Republican tax reform bill slashes the corporate tax rate, which, according to its proponents, would dramatically stimulate the US economy and create new jobs. Large multi-nation corporations stand to benefit the most from the legislation but what impact might the bill have on small businesses?

**Guest:** Paul Gutterman, director of the Master of Business Taxation program at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management

At 35 percent, the current corporate tax rate is the highest in the developed world. The GOP tax bill proposed to reduce this rate to 20 percent.

How will this bill benefit small businesses and the state's Fortune 500 companies? How will a high-tax state like Minnesota fair with the reduction of state tax deductions? Gutterman discusses the nuances of the tax bill making its way to President Trump.

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## Tax Reform Update

A comparison of the House and Senate tax bills as they move through Congress

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## SEGMENT 1: The Role of a Literary Editor

Synopsis: You see authors thank their editors all the time in the acknowledgements section of a book. But exactly what does an editor do? We talk to an editor himself who explains to us what an editor does to get the book from a manuscript to the finished copy on store shelves.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Peter Ginna, literary editor and author, *What Editors Do*

Links for more info: <http://www.press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/W/bo21439635.html>

## SEGMENT 2: Being the Newcomer: How to navigate new situations

Synopsis: When you're the new person at the office, in the neighborhood or at a party it can be an awkward situation, especially if you're not the most gregarious person. Our guest discusses the issue and offers advice on how to navigate various situations when you're the newbie in the room.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Keith Rollag, Associate Professor of Management, and Chairman of the Management Division at Babson College, Wellesley, MA, and of author of *What to Do When You're New: How to be comfortable, confident and successful in new situations*.

Links for more info: <http://www.keithrollag.com/>, <http://www.whenyourenew.com/>

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## Judge Miles Lord

Miles Lord blazed a precedent-shattering trail as one of Minnesota's most storied judges. While on the Federal bench, Lord presided over several landmark cases involving environmental protection, women's rights and education reform issues.

This week, a look at Judge Lord's career in a new biography written by Lord's former law clerk.

**Guest:** Roberta Walburn, attorney and author of "Miles Lord: The Maverick Judge Who Brought Corporate America to Justice."

Miles Lord was a classic definition of a maverick, says Walburn. "He decided early on that he was going to go his own way and be his own man on the bench. He was very colorful, very controversial and very outspoken. He believed that the legal system too often favored the rich and the powerful and he made it his express mission to even the playing field for the little guy."

Walburn discusses the Dalkon Shield cases presided over by Judge Lord in the 1980s. His decision against the company resulted in more than 200,000 women receiving nearly \$3 billion in compensation.

For more information on Roberta Walburn's book "Miles Lord: The Maverick Judge Who Brought Corporate America to Justice" go to: [upress.umn.edu](http://upress.umn.edu)

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## SEGMENT 1: America's Diner Waitresses

Synopsis: Diners are an American staple. It's where you stop for a piece of pie and a cup of coffee from coast to coast. But diners are slowly disappearing to larger chains. We talk about the waitresses who make the diners function and the culture behind the career.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Candacy Taylor, author, *Counter Culture: The American Coffee Shop Waitress*

Links for more info: [https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00O08LDW2/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?\\_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00O08LDW2/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1), <http://taylormadeculture.com/>

## SEGMENT 2: Creating Great Teams with Diverse Thought

Synopsis: It may seem like the best way to create a business is to only include the best and the brightest. But limiting your group to any standard, even Ivy League-education, can lead to groupthink. We talk to one expert about how cognitive diversity can improve the results for a school, business, or even an entire society.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Scott E. Page, Leonid Hurwicz Collegiate Professor at the University of Michigan and author, *The Difference: How the power of diversity creates better groups, firms, schools and societies*.

Links for more info: <https://sites.lsa.umich.edu/scottepage/research-2/diversity-research/>, <https://www.amazon.com/The-Difference-Diversity-Creates-Societies/dp/0691138540>

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## Christmas: A Candid History (rebroadcast from 2011)

Issues: The pagan routes of Christmas. Whether or not Jesus Christ was born on December 25th. How early Christianity didn't celebrate Jesus's birthday. Puritans and other 17th & 18th century Christians' shunning of Christmas. Santa Clause and the Christmas Tree's evolution from Europe to the US.

Guests: [Dr. Bruce David Forbes](#), author of [Christmas: A Candid History](#).

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The Fallout Over Sexual Harassment

A look at some of the high profile sexual harassment incidents and what constitutes sexual harassment.

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## SEGMENT 1: Hitting the Off Switch: Going offline in a digital age

Synopsis: Smart phones and social media apps take up a lot of time for many Americans. We can't watch TV or sit at the dinner table without checking for notifications or scrolling Twitter simultaneously. That's what worried Christina Crook, who took a 31-day vacation from the internet to reconnect with her physical life.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Christina Crook, communications professional and author, *The Joy of Missing Out: Finding balance in a wired world*

Links for more info: <http://www.jomobook.com/>

## SEGMENT 2: America's Pearl Harbor Christmas

Synopsis: Christmas 1941 came just weeks after the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor dragged America into World War II. We talk to historian Stanley Weintraub about how America was getting ready for war while trying to celebrate the holiday season.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Stanley Weintraub, historian, author of *Pearl Harbor Christmas: A world at war 1941*.

Links for more info: [https://www.amazon.com/dp/B005P1A46E/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?\\_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B005P1A46E/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1)

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12/31/17

## Conservation and the Raptor Center (Rebroadcast from December 2015)

The University of Minnesota's Raptor Center provides care for sick and injured birds of prey. Established in 1974, the center also conducts educational outreach to help better acquaint the public with raptors and the role they play for our ecosystem.

This interview originally aired December 2015.

**Guest:** Julia Ponder, Assistant Professor of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Minnesota and Executive Director of the Raptor Center

Professor Ponder discusses her research on conservation and the difficult questions involving unintended consequences of trying to save certain species from extinction.

The Raptor Center began as a place to treat injured raptors and return them to the wild, but, Ponder says, the program is now much broader and deeper and includes outreach, research and education.

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(Repeat of previous week's show) The Fallout Over Sexual Harassment

A look at some of the high profile sexual harassment incidents and what constitutes sexual harassment.

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Well we're just about ready to put this year to bed, which means it's time to look back and talk about some of the most interesting people we met over the past 12 months. That's pretty easy when you do a program with the word "knowledge" in the title. This year was better than most: I got to meet the Fonz!

Today on the Best of Our Knowledge, we'll listen again to my conversation with Henry Winkler about how he deals with dyslexia.

- Public Service Announcements:
- **KQRS – 324** PSAs ran from 10/1/2017 – 12/31/2017
- **93X – 248** PSAs ran from 10/1/2017 – 12/31/2017
- **105 The Vibe – 1,338** PSAs ran from 10/1/2017 – 12/31/2017
- Total PSAs that ran in fourth quarter on KQRS, 93X and 105 The Vibe were: 1,910.