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1/9/2009	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	▪ Vern McCorkle, publisher of Alaska Business Monthly and all-around good man, has passed away. ▪ Change comes to politics in Washington and Alaska with Bush/Obama and Stevens/ Begich as an economic meltdown continues ▪ Obama calls for major federal spending actions to prop up the collapsing economy, including major new infrastructure projects. Is it time to take rural Alaska infrastructure requests to the federal government? ▪ New Senator Mark Begich calls for a wish list of projects to take to the new President ▪ Matt Claman ascends to the post of acting Mayor of Anchorage, leaving the Assembly with 5 conservatives and 5 liberals; what can they get done before the April elections? ▪ Along with other investments, the PFD has taken a huge hit and rumors are flying that there may be no payout in late 2009. Plus there are predictions of slowdowns across the Alaska economy, including tourism. ▪ Congressman Don Young has exchanged barbs with Massachusetts' Ed Markey over ANWR development. ▪ Sarah Palin takes to the national airwaves again, claiming coverage bias and saying the media ruined her VP chances.
1/16/2009	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	▪ FBI agent, Chad Joy files complaint against co-workers, alleging misconduct on the part of senior investigator in the case against Senator Ted Stevens ▪ City of Anchorage faces 17 million dollar deficit this year, likely campaign issue in mayoral race ▪ What are Anchorage voters looking for in next mayor? ▪ First big-pay-day lottery in Alaska, proceeds to benefit STAR (Standing Together Against Rape), lottery winner, Alec Ahsoak turns out to be pedophile convicted of raping three children, donates $100,000 to STAR, subsequently attacked and beaten outside 5th Avenue Mall ▪ Legislature goes into session next week, expected relations between Governor Palin and lawmakers
1/23/2009	150	NewsHour Coverage	Live Inauguration 2009	▪ Live coverage of Barack Obama's inauguration as 44th President of the United States followed by commentary from anchor Jim Lehrer and a panel of analysts and historians.
1/23/2009	60	NewsHour with Jim Lehrer	Inauguration 2009	▪ Join the NewsHour team just a few hours after the official swearing-in ceremony for more news from Washington, DC.

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1/23/2009	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	▪ Alaskans turn out in large numbers to see Barrack Obama sworn in as President in Washington, D.C. ▪ Governor Palin's State of the State address highlights: budget cuts, upcoming projects, gas line, economic strategy ▪ Role of Alaskan government in the midst of global economic crisis ▪ Mark Begich replaces Ted Stevens in the Senate and Obama says no earmarks. Commonly used by Stevens for infrastructure projects in Alaska, how will the end of earmarks and a freshman senator impact Alaska? ▪ Alaskans who served in the Territorial Guard will no longer be able to count their service towards Army retirement benefits. Senator Lisa Murkowsi demands benefits be reinstated. ▪ State sends delegation to Emmonak to address economic crisis, forcing residents to choose between fuel and food. As high priced energy continues to effect communties around the state, can Alaskans expect another energy payment attached to this year's PFD check? ▪ Alaska's involvement in Obama's economic recovery plan - Obama calls for states to submit proposals

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1/30/2009	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	▪ Governor Sarah Palin's State of the State address summary - hiring freeze, budget cuts, TransCanada gas line remains top priority, education increases - legislature and constituent response ▪ Palin forms her own Governor Sarah Palin announces Wayne Anthony Ross as her pick for Alaska Attorney General ▪ Frustration continues to grow between the Palin Administration and Alaska legislature regarding stimulus funds ▪ Anchorage Fire Fighters give back 3 percent pay increase as city faces $17 million shortfall ▪ Senator Mark Begich has joined a coalition of moderate Senate Democrats; they'll meet biweekly to talk strategy and ideas ▪ After months of waiting and years of work, the U.S. House has passed a huge public lands package that includes a land swap in the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge. ▪ Alaskans had their say in Washington on Capitol Hill about offshore oil drilling. Members of the House Natural Resources Committee took testimony on developing offshore resources, particularly in Alaska. ▪ Keeping tabs on Mount Redoubt; how are journalists covering the ever-erupting volcano? ▪ Alaska villagers will once again receive free heating fuel from Citgo, the Venezuela-owned oil company ▪ 45th Anniversary of Great Alaska Earthquake of Good Friday, March 27, 1964. Why? Is the media making too much it? ▪ Connocco Phiilips, Shell and Exxon report huge losses. What does this mean for the Permanent Fund and oil exploration in the coming season? ▪ Governor Palin talks big projects, code for Susitna Dam? The Susitna Hydroelectric Project, (commonly called the Susitna Dam) has been put on hold since the 1980's. As renewable energy becomes increasingly appealing, price tag will ultimately determine support for the project. ▪ Not suprisingly, Acting Mayor Matt Clamant announces he's running for mayor, adding his name to the pool of ten, or eleven? How many more will join the race? Or drop out? ▪ Alaska is about to receive some stimulus money from President Obama - job creation expected and various project proposals. ▪ Energy subsidies, energy problems in the Bush, energy caps on prices - how do we solve the problems of high priced energy in Alaska? Senator Lyman Hoffman (D-Bethel) suggests we place a ceiling on the cost of fuel, providing an energy rebate for anyone who has to pay more than $3.00 per gallon.

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2/6/2009	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	▪ Governor Palin's reaction to the Obama federal stimulus package ▪ "Bullet" gas line project proposed by ENSTAR to supply southcentral Alaska ▪ Will prices of natural gas ever go back down? ▪ Legal and political fallout of "Troopergate" ▪ State of Alaska facing a major deficit for FY2010, but also discovered a FY2009 budget hole ▪ Governor Palin has asked for supplemental appropriations; what are they? ▪ Jay Ramras issues a report on high gasoline prices in the state, summarizing the hearings from around the state ▪ Permanent Fund erosion provoking "angst" amongst legislators ▪ Governor Palin is talking about building a road to Nome
2/13/2009	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	▪ Attorney General Talis Colberg suddenly resigns from the Palin administration. Was it due to some ethical disagreement? Burnout? ▪ Is 'Troopergate' now behind us? ▪ Stimulus plan is getting through Congress and there's money for Alaska. What will we do with it? Will it create jobs? ▪ President Obama suggests Alaska's natural gas line project has "great potential" ▪ Is the natural gas line a market-compatible project? ▪ Alaska Permanent Fund has lost billions in this market, and a lot of finger-pointing has ensued ▪ Will there be a Permanent Fund Dividend this year? ▪ A two-lane Knik Arm Crossing bridge project may now cost $700 million, according to a new estimate; the report also suggested the project would take more than 3.5 years to complete ▪ An Anchorage group is promoting a "tax cap" law, possibly up for a public vote ▪ The Rasmuson Foundation announced a reduction in grant sizes and numbers based on losses in their endowment ▪ Government bureaucrats and appointees have been going to the Legislature making the case for their budgets

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2/27/2009	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	▪ Governor Palin stumps for a House bill to promote an abortion restriction bill aimed at minors ▪ Palin is looking a little haggard and the press corps in Juneau is looking irritated with her, especially compared to last year ▪ There's disagreement in Juneau over how to handle incoming federal stimulus money ▪ The death penalty debate in Juneau is in full swing ▪ Governor Palin agrees to reimburse the state for some of her per diem payments ▪ State is upset with BP over a powerful North Slope pipeline explosion ▪ Louisiana Governor Jindal makes light of volcanic monitoring in the stimulus bill and Alaska blows its collective top ▪ 36% of kids in Anchorage Schools are overweight, as was revealed in a new study ▪ Alaska legislators may get a pay raise to more than $50,000 annually, a boost of about 100%, though they would lose their per diem benefit ▪ The 90-day legislative session is extremely tight

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3/6/2009	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	▪ Legislators head to an "Energy Council" conference in Washington, DC, yet there's no discoverable information about the purpose or content of the meeting; why are so many going, and what's the purpose of the meeting? ▪ University of Alaska budget may be getting significant cuts in the Legislature's plans ▪ Stimulus money is headed to Alaska — what will it fund in Fairbanks and beyond? ▪ Cole has been campaigning against illegal campaign signs — how's that going? ▪ Former Senator John Cowdery, 79, asks for home confinement rather than prison time ▪ Governor Palin announces support for a "bullet line" to deliver North Slope natural gas to southcentral Alaska ▪ Does a bullet line project impact a gas line project that feeds Canadian and lower 48 markets? ▪ Anchorage Assembly still wrangling with deficit and expensive union contracts ▪ ConocoPhilips announces 40 job cuts in Alaska and 40 job transfers out of Alaska; famous investor Warren Buffett admits he made a huge mistake investing in ConocoPhilips in 2008 ▪ Iditarod race launches this week; how is it covered on TV?

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4/3/2009	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	▪ Who is going to win the upcoming race for Anchorage mayor? ▪ Reaction to Gov. Sarah Palin's AG pick. ▪ How much federal stimulus money is coming to Alaska.
4/10/2009	30	Anchorage Edition	Local issues roundtable	▪ Mayoral election results. ▪ School board election results. ▪ Charges are dropped against former Sen. Ted Stevens. ▪ State House passes resolution in support of former Sen. Ted Stevens. ▪ Veteran newsman Bill Tobin dies. His legacy within journalism circles and within the community. ▪ Sen. Mark Begich speaks to the Alaska Legislature. ▪ The Drift River Terminal: what is its status?