

WMGC-HD2

PUBLIC AFFAIRS QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1 - December 31, 2012

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Section I – Community Issues

WMGC-HD1 is continually engaged in dialogue with community leaders and our audience to determine issues that affect our broadcast area. As a broadcast station, we are committed to addressing these issues in our issue responsive programming. Below is a list of the top issues of concern to the community that were addressed through public service programming during the quarter ending December 31, 2012

- 1. Economy**
- 2. Terrorism / War**
- 3. Education / Parenting**
- 4. Environment/Energy Issues/Climate Change**
- 5. Health Care/ Health**
- 6. Gender / Racial Issues**
- 7. Crime**
- 8. Government policy / Current Affairs**
- 9. Detroit**
- 10. 2012 Elections**

Section II – Public Affairs Program Listing

WMGC-HD1 aired the following public affairs program each Sunday between October 1 - December 31, 2012.

“The Peter Werbe Show”

Sundays, 6:00am – 7:00am

Written, produced, and hosted by WMGC-HD1 Public Affairs Director, Peter Werbe, the show features guests and community leaders discussing key issues affecting Metro Detroit with content mirroring issues of concern to our listening audience.

Section III – Public Affairs Programming and News Summary

Below is a summary illustrating how WMGC-HD1 addressed key community issues throughout the three month period ending on December 31, 2012.

1. Economy

November 25, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

John Bellamy Foster, author, *The Endless Crisis: How Monopoly-Finance Capital Produces Stagnation and Upheaval from the USA to China*, described how there are decreasing capital expenditures on production and increasing amounts funneled to the stock market causing a long term economic slowdown. 25 min.

December 2, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Liza Featherstone, labor journalist, described the Black Friday scene at Walmart where workers organized protests against wage and benefit conditions at the giant retail chain. 25 min.

December 23, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Nicole Woo, Director of Domestic Policy at the Center for Economic and Policy Research, discussed the coming financial cliff and the call to reduce Social Security benefits. 25 min.

2. War and Terrorism

October 7, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Laurence Bergreen, author, *Columbus: The Four Voyages*, discussed the iconic explorer's career tracing how the European traveling beyond their own geography set the context for many of today's conflicts. 25 min.

October 21 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Peter Kornbluh, author, *The Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962*, spoke about the moment the world faced nuclear annihilation on the 50th anniversary of the crisis. 25 min.

November 25, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show Jay Feldman, author, *Manufacturing Hysteria: A History of Scapegoating, Surveillance, and Secrecy in Modern America*, said that in times of strife such as war and economic downturns, civil liberties and rights are often violated. 25 min.

December 30, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show George Lepre, author, *Fragging: Why U.S. Soldiers Assaulted Their Officers in Vietnam*, investigated the high number of incidents unique to the Indochina conflict and offered explanations for their occurrence. 25 min.

3. Education / Parenting

December 9, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Mark Lundholm, comedian and performer in his Recovery Comedy Show, discussed how addiction, abuse, and suicide prevention is under funded. He stressed parenting as a key to preventing these from occurring. 25 min.

4. Environment/Energy Issues/Climate Change

October 28, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Gar Smith, author, *Nuclear Roulette: The Truth About the Most Dangerous Energy Source on Earth*, talked about the risk of atomic energy as a source for power and suggested workable alternatives. 25 min.

November 16, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Daniel Kessler, 350.org Media Campaigner, commented on the connection between fossil fuel use and climate change and the creation of mega-storms like Sandy. 25 min.

December 30, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Christian Parenti, author, *Tropic of Chaos: Climate Change and the New Geography of Violence*, connected the cascades of violence and unrest to global warming, and said unless the environmental and social problems are addressed, both situations will worsen. 25 min.

5. Health Care/Health

November 4, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Bruce E. Levine, author, *Surviving America's Depression Epidemic: How to Find Morale, Energy, and community in a World Gone Crazy*, said much of the emotional difficulties people experience are understandable reactions to what confronts them in modern life, not an individual failing. 25 min.

December 16, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Ina May Gaskin, author, *Birth Matters: A Midwife's Manifesta*, advocated more natural ways of birthing, and less medicalization of the process. 25 min.

6. Gender/Racial Issues

October 14, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Historian Gerald Horne, a keynote speaker at the North American Labor History Conference in Detroit, discussed his speech, "Rethinking a Revolution; Slavery and the Origins of the United States," and how those elements still create problems today.

December 9, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Beth E. Ritchie, author, *Arrested Justice: Black Women, Violence, and America's Prison Nation*, discussed the special risks poor women of color face. 25 min.

7. Crime/Courts/Justice

December 2, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Eugene Jarecki, director, writer, author, discussed his new film on the failing Drug War, "The House I Live In." He cited a trillion dollars spent, 45 million people arrested, and drugs are more plentiful and available than ever and still continue create havoc in cities like Detroit. 25 min.

8. Government Policy / Current Affairs

October 7, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Marina Sitrin, author, *Occupying Language*, described how words can be twisted in public forums such as elections to create definitions that appeal to emotions and not reason. 25 min.

9. Detroit

October 14, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Historian Heather Ann Thompson, a keynote speaker at the North American Labor History Conference in Detroit, discussed her book, *Whose Detroit: Politics, Labor and Race in a Modern American City*. 25 min.

October 28, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Susan Whitall, music editor, The Detroit News, discussed her biography, *Fever: Little Willie John: A Fast Life, Mysterious Death, and the Birth of Soul*, within the context of race and music in the 1950s and '60s Detroit. 25 min.

10. 2012 Elections

October 21 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Tova Andrea Wang, author, *The Politics of Voter Suppression: Defending and Expanding Americans' Right to Vote*, described what political forces are at work to reduce the voter pool and why. 25 min.

November 11, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Thomas Frank, author, *Pity the Billionaire: The Hard-Times Swindle and the Unlikely Comeback of the Right*, discussed the 2012 elections and the implications for cities like Detroit. 25 min.

November 18, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Norman Solomon, director, Institute for Public Accuracy, discussed how citizen activism is still important even though the election is over. 25 min.

November 18, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Robert McChesney, author, "This Isn't What Democracy Looks Like," in the current issue of Monthly Review, said impacted wealth has distorted democracy so that the system is now dominated by elite control. 25 min.