

# WRIF-HD2

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS QUARTERLY REPORT January 1 – March 31, 2014

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## **Section I – Community Issues**

WRIF-HD2 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 March 31, 2014

- 1. Economy**
- 2. Terrorism / War**
- 3. Education / Parenting**
- 4. Environment/Energy Issues/Climate Change**
- 5. Health Care/ Health**
- 6. Gender / Racial Issues**
- 7. Crime**
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## **Section II – Public Affairs Program Listing**

WRIF-HD2 aired the following public affairs program each Sunday between January 1 and March 31, 2014.

### **“The Peter Werbe Show”**

Sundays, 6:00am – 7:00am

Written, produced, and hosted by WRIF-HD2 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 WRIF-HD2 addressed key community issues throughout the three month period ending on March 31, 2014.

### **1. Economy**

**January 19, 6:30 am**

#### **The Peter Werbe Show**

Hanna Rosin, author, *The End of Men and the Rise of Women*, discussed the changes in the economy and culture that has marked an end to male dominance in many social spheres. 25 min.

#### **The Peter Werbe Show**

**February 2, 6:30 am**

Richard D. Wolff, Visiting Professor, New School University, analyzed President Obama's State of the Union speech, concentrating on the aspect of wealth inequality. 25 min.

**February 9, 6:00 am**

#### **The Peter Werbe Show**

Steve Early, author, *Save Our Unions: Dispatches from A Movement in Distress*, discussed how the demise of unions effects the wages and benefits of all working people. 25 min.

### **2. War and Terrorism**

**March 2, 6:30 am**

#### **The Peter Werbe Show**

William Hartung, Director of the Arms and Security Project at the Center for International Policy, said that the decision to reduce the size of the U.S. army said was a good one and would make America safer. 25 min.

**March 23, 6:30 am**

#### **The Peter Werbe Show**

Nick Turse, author, *Kill anything That Moves: The Real American War in Vietnam*, described how official policies resulted in millions of Indochinese civilians killed and wounded as well as U.S. soldiers. 25 min

**March 30, 6:30 am**

#### **The Peter Werbe Show**

Alice Slater, New York Director, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and Abolition 2000, spoke about the threat the 17,000 nuclear weapons possessed by nations continue to pose a threat. 25 min.

### **3. Education / Parenting**

**March 9, 6:30 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Jana Christy and John Seven, authors of the children's book, *A Rule is to Break: A Child's Guide to Anarchy*, said emphasis has to be on discovery, spontaneity, and joy, rather than strict adherence to discipline. 25 min.

### **4. Environment/Energy Issues/Climate Change**

**February 9, 6:30 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Alfred Meyer, member, national board of directors, Physicians for Social Responsibility, spoke about nuclear power and particularly how it relates to the proposed Fermi III plant in Monroe, Mich., and what costs and dangers are involved. 25 min.

**February 16, 6:30 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Peter Linebaugh, author, *Stop, Thief!: The Commons, Enclosures, and Resistance*, takes aim at the thieves of land, the polluters of the seas, the ravagers of the forests, the despoilers of rivers, and the removers of mountaintops. 25 min.

**February 23, 6:00 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Michael Klare, author, *The Race for What's Left: The Global Scramble for the World's Last Resources*, says oil and gas have suddenly become abundant and affordable through fracking and oil shale, meaning that carbon based sources will continue to be our major source of energy rather than renewables. 25 min.

**February 23, 6:30 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Mike Bond, author, *The Last Savanna*, says he used the thriller novel form in his latest book to illustrate the threat to African wildlife from poachers. 25 min.

**March 16, 6:00 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Alan Weisman, author, *Countdown: Our Last, Best Hope for a Future on Earth*, says the population of the planet has way exceeded its carrying capacity. 25 min.

### **5. Health Care/Health**

**January 5, 6:30 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show.**

Bruce E. Levine, author, *Surviving America's Depression Epidemic*, said much of the emotional difficulties people experience are understandable reactions to what confronts them in modern life, not an individual failing. 25 min.

**January 12, 6:00 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Jerry Lembcke, author, *PTSD, Diagnosis and Identity in Post-Empire America*, described

how the condition had changed from being a psychological condition to a socially constructed support for more wars while ignoring the actual situation veterans. 25 min

**March 30, 6:00 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Marion Nestle, author, *Eat, Drink, Vote*, discussed how food politics determine what we eat and ultimately our health. 25 min.

## **6. Gender/Racial Issues**

**March 2, 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.

**March 9, 6:00 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Elizabeth Abbot, author, *A History of Marriage*, described how our concept and the institution have evolved over the centuries and the contemporary debate over its definition. 25 min.

## **7. Crime/Courts/Justice**

**January 12, 6:30 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Caty Simon, co-editor of a blog written by and for sex workers, discussed the failings of anti-trafficking laws and efforts to end prostitution. 25 min.

## **8. Government Policy**

**January 19, 6:00 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Peter Kornbluh, author, *The Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962*, spoke about the moment the world faced nuclear annihilation. 25 min.

**January 26, 6:00 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Michael Steven Smith, co-editor, *Imagine: Living in a Socialist USA*, said capitalism has failed and that a program of democratic socialism would solve the nation's problems. 25 min. 25 min

**February 16, 6:00 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Elliott Adams, Vietnam veteran and past president, Veterans for Peace, discussed the U.S. use of drones against people in foreign countries. 25 min.

## **9. Detroit**

**January 26, 6:00 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Attorney Thomas Stephens from Detroiters Resisting Emergency Management, and labor activist, Frank Joyce returned to comment further on Detroit's bankruptcy proceedings. 25 min.

**March 23, 6:00 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Curt Guyette, investigative reporter for the ACLU of Michigan, discussed research he is doing on the impact of state-appointed Emergency Financial Managers on cities like Detroit and local educational systems. 25 min.

## **10. Current Affairs**

**January 5, 6:00 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Thaddeus Russell, author, *A Renegade History of the United States*, discussed how American history was often shaped by those considered to be the lower orders rather than great men. 25 min.

**February 2, 6:00 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Archive 2007 interview with legendary folk singer, Pete Seeger, who recently passed away at 94. 25 min.

**March 16, 6:30 am**

**The Peter Werbe Show**

Andrei Codrescu, poet, novelist, screenwriter, and commentator for NPR, discussed how poetry can often frame contemporary issues better than prose or journalism. 25 min.