

**WERE-AM
Cleveland Heights, OH**

**QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT
3rd QUARTER, 2012
July – August – September**

In our ongoing effort to serve the public interest, station WERE-AM broadcasts programming responsive to issues of concern to the Greater Cleveland listening area. Following is a list of those issues, and of the station's most significant programming treatment of them

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**Quarterly List of Programming Responsive To Issues of
Community Concern**

3rd Quarter 2012

July, August and September

WERE-AM addressed many issues of concern as well as responsive programming in the second quarter. They are as follows.

Categories

Consumer Issues: Representatives from consumer groups appeared on WERE, with information on utility pricing, scams to avoid and other issues.

Local Economy: Numerous guests discussed various aspects of the local economy, from projects intended to bring jobs to the area to discussions of the city and state budgets.

Health and Well-Being: WERE programs often feature physicians and other health professionals from a variety of disciplines, sharing information to help listeners live healthier lives. Also included: Environmental concerns

Legal Issues: Some WERE programs are hosted by, or feature guests who are local attorneys, with shows dedicated to educating the listener on a myriad of topics relating to their legal rights.

Social Issues: Discussions of parenting methods, assistance programs for low-income, and homeless persons and former convicts, racial profiling.

Diversity: Several broadcasts on the topic of diversity as related to employment and education, as well as racial and other forms of profiling

Politics: WERE often features elected officials and candidates running for various offices, discussing a wide variety of topics of local interest

Issue: Social Issues

July 1, 2012

Program: CSU Images Hosts: Michael Williams

28 minutes

Guest: Adam Morgan with the International Men of Excellence, an organization dedicated to fostering at-risk youth, discusses some of the work and programs of the group, as well as some success stories. 28 minutes, 10:00-10:28AM

Issue: Legal & Social Issues, Health and Well Being

July 2, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

10 minutes

Guest: Mark Gruenberg of Press Associates Inc. analyzes the Supreme court decision regarding the Affordable Care Act 10 minutes 4:16-4:26PM

Issue: Consumer Issues

July 2, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

11 minutes

Guest: Sue McConnell of the Cleveland Better Business Bureau discussing a variety of scams that consumers should be aware of, including the rash of home repair scams brought on by summer storms, high-pressure tactics employed by home security system salespeople, and phony tax returns that hijack the refunds of taxpayers who are entitled to one. 11 minutes 4:42-4:53PM

Issue: Legal & Social Issues, Diversity

July 4, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

18 minutes

Guest: Immigration attorney David Leopold with an overview of immigration law, including discussion of the Dream Act as well as analysis of the Supreme Court decision regarding Arizona immigration law. 18 minutes 4:05-4:13 and 4:15-4:25 PM

Issue: Legal and Social Issues

July 6, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

10 minutes

Guest: Sr. Barbara Dougherty discussing her work to prevent human trafficking, some of the statistics, a couple of case studies, and the prevalence of human trafficking in the Northeast Ohio region, due to Cleveland being a hub of transportation 10 minutes 4:43-4:53PM

Issue: Legal and Social Issues

July 8, 2012

Program: CSU Images Hosts: Michael Williams

28 minutes

Guest: Rev. LaDonna Blaylock discusses the competing plans for the site where serial killer Anthony Sowell's home once stood, and the possibility of renaming the street in an effort to remove the stigma of the Imperial Avenue name 10:00-10:28AM

Issue: Social Issues, Health and Well Being

July 10, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

7 minutes

Guest: Jimmy Cullen, editor, 'The Progressive Populist' with more analysis on the Affordable Care Act, which he believes is a good start, but far from a complete solution to the US healthcare crisis 7 minutes 4:16-4:23PM

Issue: Social Issues, Health and Well Being, Local Economy

July 12, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

16 minutes

Guest: Amy Hanower, Exec. Director, Policy Matters Ohio discussing 'Falling through the cracks', the large numbers of people moving from working class to working poor as a result of the recession, and how the social safety nets are not always effective in helping these people for a variety of reasons. 16 minutes 4:16-4:32PM

Issue: Legal Issues, Health and Well Being (Public Safety) **July 12, 2012**
Program: American Law Radio Hosts: David B. Malik, Sara Gedeon **24 minutes**
Guest: Beachwood Mayor Merle Gordon discussing new legislation regarding the use of hands-on cell phones. In his dual role as Mayor and Safety Director, Mr. Gordon is well aware of the potential for driver distraction of cell phones. He hopes his city's legislation will serve as a model for other communities 24 minutes, 5:02-5:13 and 5:17-5:30PM

Issue: Diversity **July 15, 2012**
Program: CSU Images Hosts: Michael Williams **28 minutes**
Guest: Abdul Qahhar discusses his series of "Hip Hop Workshops", the origins of the workshops, what he intends to accomplish with them, and some of the discussions and events that make up the series 10:00-10:28AM

Issue: Social Issues, Health and Well Being, Local Economy **July 16, 2012**
Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc **10 minutes**
Guest: State Senator Tom Patton discussing a variety of topics from the Statehouse, including efforts to improve construction zone safety, tax credits made available to the film industry to film in Ohio and the result to local economies and the Supreme Court ruling on the Affordable Care Act as it relates to the state. 10 minutes 4:17-4:27PM

Issue: Politics **July 18, 2012**
Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc **13 minutes**
Guest: Matt Rothschild, editor, "The Progressive" magazine discussing the Romney campaign's refusal to release more than two years' worth of federal tax returns, pointing out the irony that Mr. Romney's father was the first to release tax returns when running for federal office on the grounds of transparency. 13 minutes 4:16-4:29PM

Issue: Legal Issues, Local Politics **July 19, 2012**
Program: American Law Radio Hosts: David B. Malik, Sara Gedeon **24 minutes**
Guest: Ohio Supreme Court judge Yvette McGee Brown, with an overview of the workings of the Ohio Supreme Court: Its responsibilities and jurisdiction, how cases are selected by the court, what a defendant may expect from the court. Also discussed: Her career path to become a judge. 24 minutes, 5:02-5:14 and 5:17-5:29PM

Issue: Health and Well Being **July 22, 2012**
Program: CSU Images Hosts: Michael Williams **28 minutes**
Guest: Waverly Willis discusses the upcoming Hair and Health Fair, offering free health screenings and information, alcohol and drug counseling, programs for at-risk youth, and hair care information, as well as a cookout, free to the community 10:00-10:28AM

Issue: Social Issues, Health and Well Being, Politics **July 24, 2012**
Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc **13 minutes**
Guest: Jeff Stouffer, managing editor, "American Legion Magazine" discussing the possibility of sequestration, a series of automatic, across-the-board budget cuts that may take effect if Congress cannot agree on a plan for deficit reduction, particularly the cuts to the military and veterans' services. 13 minutes 4:16-4:29PM

Issue: Health and Well Being **July 29, 2012**
Program: CSU Images Hosts: Michael Williams **28 minutes**
Guest: Erique Dozier discusses "From 3 to 30", his organization. Based on his jersey numbers as a high school then college football player, the organization works to foster young men from childhood to adulthood 10:00-10:28AM

Issue: Labor Issues, Politics, Local Economy

August 1, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

13 minutes

Guest: Doug Hall, director, Economic Analysis and Research Network, discussing raising the minimum wage, which would immediately impact 28 million Americans, which, contrary to common belief, includes a lot of primary wage earners and is not limited to teens. Analysis of the effects a minimum wage hike would have on the economy 13 minutes 4:41-4:54PM

Issue: Legal & Social Issues

August 2, 2012

Program: American Law Radio

24 minutes

Hosts: David B. Malik, Sara Gedeon, Sam Riotte

Guest: Federal Court Probation Officer Burt Maroni discusses the probation system and recent moves towards house arrest over incarceration for non-violent criminals as part of federal austerity programs. What types of criminals may be eligible, their responsibilities, and penalties should they violate the trust of their house arrest. 24 minutes, 5:02-5:14 and 5:17-5:29PM

Issue: Labor & Social Issues, Local Economy

August 3, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

14 minutes

Guest: Paulette Baylon, local attorney specializing in Social Security/Disability law, discussing the claim process for those who may be eligible for benefits, who may qualify, what sort of proof may be needed, and the appeal process should one be denied benefits. 14 minutes 4:39-4:53PM

Issue: Politics, Local Economy

August 7, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

11 minutes

Guest: Tim Burga, President, Ohio AFL/CIO discussing the successful effort to make Congressional redistricting a ballot issue, also discussed the gerrymandering in the state of Ohio that led to this drive 11 minutes 4:18-4:29PM

Issue: Labor Issues, Politics

August 7, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

6 minutes

Guest: Dan Toth, National Business Agent, Region 11, National Association of Letter Carriers, discussing the requirement placed on the US Postal Service to prefund future retirement and healthcare benefits, to the tune of 5.6 billion/year since 2006. This fund is intended to cover workers 75 years into the future, and in his opinion is an unfair requirement that will eventually impact service and possibly bankrupt the postal service 6 minutes 4:36-4:42PM

Issue: Labor Issues, Local Economy

August 9, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

9 minutes

Guest: Amy Hanower, Exec. Director, Policy Matters Ohio discussing the 6 million manufacturing jobs lost in the US since 1998, and the need for a strategy to improve those numbers, citing the rare example of the auto industry bailout as a successful strategy, not only helping the automakers directly, but also the associated and supplier industries. 9 minutes 4:28-4:37PM

Issue: Diversity, Health and Well Being, Local Economy

August 9, 2012

Program: American Law Radio Hosts: Sara Gedeon, Sam Riotte

24 minutes

Guest: Rob Smitherman, Sports Director of the International Gay Games previews the 9th Gay Games coming to Cleveland in 2014. The history of the Games, its policy of inclusion of all types of athletes, some of the events and participating venues, and the economic impact the games are likely to have on the city 24 minutes, 5:02-5:13 and 5:16-5:29PM

Issue: Social Issues, Diversity

August 12, 2012

Program: CSU Images Hosts: Michael Williams

28 minutes

Guest: Jason Moore discusses his belief that, although the Black church has come a long way, that it has lost its focus and has drifted from the teachings of Christ, and could serve its community better if it were to return to those teachings 10:00-10:28AM

Issue: Consumer Issues, Local Economy

August 13, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

16 minutes

Guest: Marty Berkowitz, Office of the Ohio Consumer Council, discussing a proposed rate increase requested by American Electric Power intended to replace lost profits AEP expects to lose under increased competition. Mr. Berkowitz believes it is unfair to the consumer to foot the bill for AEP's inability to compete in the market. 16 minutes 4:16-4:32PM

Issue: Politics, Economy

August 15, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

12 minutes

Guest: Matt Rothschild, editor, "The Progressive" magazine discussing Mitt Romney's selection of Paul Ryan as running mate, concentrating on the Ryan Economy, which would decimate most social programs while providing a lot of tax benefits to the wealthy, including tax-free stock market gains, dividends and royalties. 12 minutes 4:17-4:29PM

Issue: Legal and Social Issues, Local Economy

August 16, 2012

Program: American Law Radio Hosts: David B. Malik, Sara Gedeon

24 minutes

Guest: Housing Court Judge Raymond Pianka with a discussion of the responsibilities and jurisdiction of the Housing Court, especially in relation to recent economic problems (foreclosure crisis, unemployment) 24 minutes, 5:02-5:14 and 5:17-5:29PM

Issue: Social Issues

August 19, 2012

Program: CSU Images Hosts: Michael Williams

28 minutes

Guest: Johnnie Dent discusses "Conversations Needed in the Black Community" dealing with a number of issues that he believes do not receive enough attention and discussion due to a variety of reasons 10:00-10:28AM

Issue: Labor & Social Issues

August 21, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

7 minutes

Guest: Melissa Cropper, President, Ohio Association of Teachers, discussing reduced funding for education and the long-term effects of these policies, also discussed the model of the Finnish education system, considered by many to be the best in the world. 7 minutes 4:16-4:23PM

Issue: Legal and Social Issues,

August 23, 2012

Program: American Law Radio Hosts: David B. Malik, Sara Gedeon

24 minutes

Guest: Local attorney Edele Passalacqua on her run for judge of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. Her experience as an attorney, including her involvement in freeing Joaquin Hicks, wrongly convicted for attempted homicide. She believes the court is heavy in former prosecuting attorneys, and needs to be balanced with some more reform-minded judges. 24 minutes, 5:02-5:14 and 5:17-5:29PM

Issue: Social Issues, Local Politics, Diversity

August 26, 2012

Program: CSU Images Hosts: Michael Williams

28 minutes

Guest: Paul Sadler Jr., with "Why Stay", a conference featuring panels lead by local business, social and political leaders discussing the positive aspects of Cleveland and ways to encourage young professionals to stay in Cleveland 10:00-10:28AM

Issue: Labor Issues, Politics, Economy

August 27, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

12 minutes

Guest: Ed Wittgen of the Transportation Trades dep't of the AFL/CIO with more analysis of Mitt Romney's pick of Paul Ryan as running mate, particularly the Ryan budget, which specifically attacks public transportation and could potentially cost 2-3 million jobs in the transportation industry. 12 minutes 4:41-4:53PM

Issue: Politics, Economy

August 29, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

11 minutes

Guest: Dr. Cleve Stevens, corporate trainer, discussing his company's work with Fortune 500 executives, advocating a pro-worker philosophy, and his experience that, given the opportunity to see things from an angle not purely driven by profit, these executives have experienced greater productivity and worker loyalty. 11 minutes 4:16-4:27PM

Issue: Politics, Labor Issues

September 5, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

8 minutes

Guest: Chris Warner, Research Assistant with the Center for Economic and Policy Research, discussing a study regarding the different labor laws in the US vs. Canada, Canadian law being more conducive towards unionization, and how these differences have come about since the 1950s when the two nations were remarkably similar. 8 minutes 4:17-4:25PM

Issue: Legal Issues, Local Politics

September 9, 2012

Program: Art McKoy University Hosts: Art McKoy, Al Porter

36 minutes

Guest: Former East Cleveland Mayor Emmanuel Onunwar discusses his conviction for corruption, his time in jail, and how he went from being a "corruption buster" to become involved in the corruption rampant in city politics. Also, his unique perspective on the ongoing Cuyahoga County corruption case 36 minutes, 5:21-5:41 and 5:43-5:59PM

Issue: Politics

September 11, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

9 minutes

Guest: Jimmy Cullen, editor, "The Progressive Populist" discussing an article outlining the Republican Party's move to the radical right, and the pressure on the ostensibly centrist Mitt Romney to play to the radical elements of his party. 9 minutes 4:14-4:23PM

Issue: Politics

September 13, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

9 minutes

Guest: Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown, discussing his reelection campaign which is second only to the Presidential campaign in attracting opposition Political Action Committee money, as well as his belief that his opponent is completely unqualified for the position. 9 minutes 4:44-4:53PM

Issue: Legal and Social Issues,

September 13, 2012

Program: American Law Radio Hosts: David B. Malik, Sara Gedeon

24 minutes

Guest: WKYC TV3 Investigative reporter Tom Meyer discusses his long career in the position, his education and early career, and some of his more memorable stories, including his involvement in uncovering the Cuyahoga County corruption case before the FBI began its investigation. 24 minutes, 5:02-5:15 and 5:18-5:29PM

Issue: Social Issues, Diversity

September 16, 2012

Program: CSU Images Hosts: Michael Williams

28 minutes

Guest: Terrence Spivey, Artistic Director with Karamu House, discusses the upcoming production of the musical adaptation of Alice Walker's "The Color Purple" 10:00-10:28AM

Issue: Legal & Social Issues

September 16, 2012

Program: Art McKoy University Host: Art McKoy

48 minutes

A discussion of the very recent murder of a local woman, Keisha Freeman, who lost her life while trying to stop an altercation between a man and woman she didn't know, including the tragedy of Black on Black crime, and the destructiveness of "no snitching" Ms. Freeman's sister "Toni" and several neighborhood residents on the phone 36 minutes, 5:17-5:38 and 6:06-6:33PM

Issue: Politics

September 17, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

9 minutes

Guest: State Senator Tom Patton discusses a few topics from the Statehouse, including pension reform for state workers, the potential state law banning texting while driving and the possibility of variable speed limits on Ohio's freeway system 9 minutes 4:14-4:23PM

Issue: Politics

September 19, 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

7 minutes

Guest: Matt Rothschild, editor, "The Progressive" magazine discussing the now-infamous "47%" comments by Mitt Romney, caught by hidden camera, and his shock of the audacity of the Romney campaign to write off almost half of the electorate. 7 minutes 4:16-4:23PM

Issue: Legal and Social Issues, Technology

September 20, 2012

Program: American Law Radio Hosts: David B. Malik, Sara Gedeon

24 minutes

Guest: Ian Friedman, criminal defense attorney and cybercrime expert with a discussion of his career as an attorney, and the ever increasing involvement of computers and the Internet in crime. 24 minutes, 5:02-5:14 and 5:17-5:29PM

Issue: Legal & Social Issues, Health and Well Being

September 23, 2012

Program: Art McKoy University Hosts: Art McKoy, Al Porter

10 minutes

Guest: DeQuan Willoughby speaks about an upcoming series of tax, finance and healthcare seminars. 10 minutes, 5:33-5:43PM

Issue: Politics

September 25 , 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

11 minutes

Guest: Jeff Stouffer, managing editor, "American Legion Magazine" discussing an article featuring interviews with both major Presidential candidates, using the same set of questions for both, comparing and contrasting the plans of both candidates. 11 minutes 4:17-4:28PM

Issue: Politics

September 27 , 2012

Program: America's Work Force Host: Ed Ferenc

10 minutes

Guest: Bill Samuel, Legislative Coordinator of the AFL/CIO, discussing the need for business owners to treat their employees as more than a replaceable commodity, using the example of the bad call by replacement NFL officials. 10 minutes 4:15-4:25PM

Issue: Legal & Social Issues

September 30, 2012

Program: Art McKoy University Hosts: Art McKoy, Al Porter

29 minutes

Guest Jonathan Henry discusses the recent murder of his brother, Joshua Huggins, and his opinion on the involvement of drug, gun and hip hop culture in the death of his brother and other young people 29 minutes, 5:29-5:58PM

Issue: Legal & Social Issues

September 30, 2012

Program: Art McKoy University Hosts: Art McKoy, Al Porter

22 minutes

Guest; Attorney Edele Passalacqua and Joaquin Hicks discuss Mr. Hicks' arrest, sentence and eventual release from his sentence for attempted murder, heavily based on the recanting of the story of his involvement of those who eventually pled guilty of the crime 22 minutes, 5:18-5:40PM