

WRIF-HD1
PUBLIC AFFAIRS QUARTERLY REPORT
April 1 - June 30, 2016

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Section I – Community Issues

WRIF-FM 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 June 30, 2016

- 1. Economy**
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Section II – Public Affairs Program Listing

WRIF-FM aired the following public affairs program each Sunday between April 1 - June 30, 2016.

“Nightcall”

Sundays, 11:00pm – Midnight

Mondays, Midnight – 1:00am

WRIF’s community affairs phone-in talk program co-hosted by Public Affairs Director, Peter Werbe and WRIF staff member, Juline Jordan. The show features commentary by the hosts discussing key issues affecting Metro Detroit with on-air responses coming from the listening audience.

“The Peter Werbe Show”

Mondays, 1:00am – 2:00am

Written, produced, and hosted by WRIF-FM 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-FM addressed key community issues throughout the three month period ending on June 30, 2016.

1. Economy

April 3, 11:00 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed what it would mean to have a completely cashless society as proposed by some economists. 15 min.

April 18, 1:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

David Vine, author, *Base Nation: How U.S. Military Bases Abroad Harm America and the World*, talked about the U.S.-led war in Iraq and Syria against the Islamic State (IS) and the impact it will have on prospects for peace and divergence of tax money for war rather than domestic infrastructure. 25 min

May 23, 1:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Eli Friedman, co-editor, *China on Strike: Narratives of Workers' Resistance*, described the continuing wave of Chinese strikes that are redefining the country's labor market and what lessons they hold for American unions. 25 min.

June 5, 11:45 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the impact of payday loans on poor people and legislation which would regulate them. 10 min.

June 12, 11:30 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the implications of yearly CEO pay of large companies that now averages \$22 million compared to minimum wage workers. 15 min.

2. War and Terrorism

April 3, 11:20 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the dangers in the continuing U.S. military confrontations with Russia in the Baltic and Mediterranean Seas. 15 min.

April 4, 1:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Frank Joyce, labor and anti-racist activist, described the content of Martin Luther King's 1967 anti-Vietnam war speech, "A Time to Break Silence," and its impact. 25 min.

June 5, 11:30 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the revelations about the deaths of civilians during the Vietnam War caused by former U.S. Senator Bob Kerrey's unit. 15 min.

June 13, 1:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show Frank Joyce, co-editor, *The People Make the Peace: Lessons of the Vietnam Antiwar Movement*, described re-visits to Vietnam that he and several other activists took recently who had gone to the country at war in the early 1970s. 25 min.

June 26, 11:45 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the implications of Montenegro becoming part of NATO increasing Russia's sense that it is being surrounded by Western nations. 10 min.

3. Gender/Racial Issues

April 11, 1:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Gerald Horne, author, *Paul Robeson: The Artist*, described the life of the American singer, actor, NFL player, and civil rights campaigner. 25 min.

April 24, 11:00 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the controversy surrounding the North Carolina law that LGBT advocates say is discriminatory. 15 min.

May 8, 11:30 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed a report that LGBT people are more apt to be targets of hate crimes than any other minority group. 20 min.

May 15, 11:00 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the debate over the use of the transgender bathrooms and recent laws pertaining to them. 25 min.

June 6, 1:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Gerald Horne, author, *Slave Resistance and the Origins of the United States of America*, said that the revolt of the Southern British colonies was mostly motivated to assure the maintenance of slavery. 25 min.

June 20, 1:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Cindy Crabb, author, *Learning Good Consent: On Healthy Relationships and Survivor Support*, said that sex, consent, abuse, and support is complicated, and the book is a guide to preventing sexual violence and helping its survivors to heal. 25 min.

June 20, 1:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Beth Tompkins Bates, author, *The Making of Black Detroit in the Age of Henry Ford*, described how African Americans, an internal migrant population from the South, in the early part of the last century became a powerful and decisive force in the city and the United Auto Workers union, and the role played by the Ford Motor Company. 25 min.

4. Crime/Courts/Justice

April 18, 1:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Dawn Paley, author, *Drug War Capitalism*, explained how U.S. policy is more about social, economic, and territorial control than it is about suppressing narcotics. 25 min.

April 24, 11:30 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the report that criminal indictments have been secured against officials for their role in the Flint water crisis. 15 min.

May 15, 11:45 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the situation where George Zimmerman, who killed Trayvon Martin, put the weapon he used up for sale to the highest bidder in an online auction. 10 min.

May 23, 1:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Peter K. Enns, author, *Incarceration Nation: How the United States Became the Most Punitive Democracy in the World*, said the negative economic, social, and political costs of maintaining the world's highest incarceration far outweigh its intended purpose. 25 min.

May 30, 1:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Russell Mokhiber, editor, *The Corporate Crime Reporter*, discussed the larger number of white collar crimes among major companies and the stock market. 25 min.

June 26, 11:30 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the fact that despite all of the controversy around policing, 2015 was one of the safest years ever for cops with a low death and injury rate. 15 min.

5. Government Policy

April 4, 1:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Greg Mello, executive director, The Los Alamos Study Group, analyzed the Nuclear Security Summit occurring in Washington DC. 25 min

April 10, 11:30 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed reports that health insurance carriers are planning a substantial raise in rates. 10 min.

April 11, 1:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Chuck Collins, senior scholar, Institute for Policy Studies, discussed the revelations contained in the Panama Papers and how they affect local economies. 25 min.

June 19, 11:45 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed whether the Michigan law allowing motorcyclists to go helmetless given the rise in deaths and injuries for riders should be repealed. 10 min.

June 26, 11:00 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the sit-in on the floor of the House of Representatives by Democrats demanding a vote on gun control legislation. 25 min.

June 27, 1:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Dr. Marion Nestle, author, *Soda Politics: Taking on Big Soda (and Winning)*, refuted the soda industry's contention that it is a lack of physical activity which is the reason for rising obesity rates. 25 min.

6. Detroit

April 10, 11:00 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the increasing tax foreclosures and water shutoffs in Detroit. 15 min.

May 15, 11:30 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed why Detroit schools were in such bad shape if money from the state lottery were supposed to help finance them. 15 min.

May 16, 1:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Tom Pedroni, director, Detroit Data and Democracy Project, discussed the state of Detroit schools and what needs to be done to fix them. 25 min.

May 30, 1:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

David Mariness, author, *Once in a Great City: A Detroit Story*, described the city in the early 1960s when it was considered at its apex ignoring its hidden flaws which would soon become pronounced. 25 min.

June 13, 1:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Michael Stephen Smith, NYC talk show co-host of Law and Disorder, and Jim Lafferty, LA talk show host of The Lawyers Guild Show, described their impressions of the changes in Detroit since they left years ago. 25 min.

June 27, 1:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Jenenne Whitfield, executive director, The Heidelberg Project, gave the latest information about the world famous, Detroit outdoor community art environment including how the installation was recovering from several arson fires and new creations. 25 min.

7. Environment

April 3, 11:00 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the upcoming Citizens Environment Alliance annual State of the Detroit River boat tour at which Peter will act as MC. 10 min.

May 2, 1:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Investigative reporter, Antonia Juhasz, commented on the lessons learned from the BP oil spill. 25 min.

May 9, 1:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Ralph R. Frerichs, author, *Deadly River: Cholera and Cover-Up in Post-Earthquake Haiti* told the story of the 2010 epidemic—of a French disease detective determined to trace its origins so that he could help contain the spread and possibly eliminate the disease—and the political intrigue that made that effort so difficult. 25 min.

June 15, 11:30 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed if the Belle Isle Grand Prix should continue on the island since it causes great disruption to wildlife and non-race fan visitors. 20 min.

8. Arts & Culture

April 24, 11:45 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the death of Prince. 15 min.

April 25, 1:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

William Powers, author, *New Slow City: Living Simply in the World's Fastest City*, described how he altered his life to get off the treadmill of work and consumption. 25 min.

May 2, 1:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Peter Linebaugh, author, *The Incomplete, True, Authentic, and Wonderful History of May Day*, told the stories of the origins of the date in its labor and pagan roots. 25 min.

May 8, 11:00 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the report that showed Americans are spending increasing amount of time on social media. 10 min.

May 9, 1:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Reverend Billy of the Church of Stop Shopping offered up what he says is a DIY spirituality for activists, a heady mix of humor, insightful critique, passionate commitment, emotional catharsis, and examples of creative, joyful, Earth-inspired direct action. 25 min.

9. Presidential Election

April 3, 11:45 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the reports of how much it would cost to build the wall Donald Trump advocates constructing and who would pay for it. 10 min.

April 17, 11:00 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the demand of Republican delegates to the RNC to be allowed to take their concealed weapons into the convention venue. 20 min.

April 17, 11:30 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the New York state Democratic primary and what its result meant for Bernie Sanders. 10 min.

April 25, 1:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Investigative reporter Greg Palast discussed how states are increasingly limiting access to voting. 25 min.

May 1, 11:30 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed Donald Trump's charge that his rival Ted Cruz's father may have been a participant in the 1963 Kennedy assassination. 20 min.

May 22, 11:00 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed what effect the restoration of voting rights in Virginia will have on a swing states in the coming election. 15 min.

June 6, 1:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

L.M. Bogard, author, *Tactical Performance: The Theory and Practice of Serious Play*, and *Electoral Guerrilla Theatre: Radical Ridicule and Social Movements*, spoke about the role creative satire can play in the political process including the November election. 25 min.

June 12, 11:45 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed Donald Trump's appearance at the annual Rolling Thunder motorcycle run. 10 min.

June 19, 11:30 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed what Bernie Sanders supporters will do now that their candidate said he is going to vote for Hillary Clinton. 10 min.

10. Current Events

April 10, 11:45 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed that executions in some states were on hold because of a lack of drugs necessary for the task. 10 min.

April 17, 11:45 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the role Saudi Arabia may have played in the 9/11 attack on the basis of redacted pages in the commission report. 10 min.

May 1, 11:00 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed why a wealthy country like the U.S. places so low according to the World Happiness Report. 10 min.

May 1, 11:15 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the call to replace Andrew Jackson on the \$20 bill with that of Harriet Tubman. 10 min.

May 8, 11:15 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the upcoming vote on whether Britain will leave the European Union. 15 min.

June 12, 11:00 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the legacy of Muhammad Ali upon the news of his passing. 20 min.

June 19, 11:00 pm

Nightcall

Hosts discussed the reaction to the Orlando massacre. 20 min.

Section IV –Public Service Announcements

During the three-month period ending June 30, 2016. WRIF-FM aired the following Public Service Announcements.

WRIF ran PSA campaigns for the following causes:

1. Take a Byte Out of Cancer fundraiser for American Cancer Society April 1-19
2. Distracted Driving Month April 5-30
3. National Child Abuse Awareness Month April 19-30
4. 12th Annual Holiday Camp Motorcycle Ride for Holiday Camp (Helping children with disabilities enjoy nature and the outdoors) May 6-21
5. Friends Walk fundraiser for Multiple Sclerosis May 22-6/11
6. Children with Hair Loss golf scramble June 7-11
7. 6th Annual Pass the Ponytail Children with Hair Loss motorcycle ride June 12-18

Section V – Community/Charity Events/Donations

During the three-month period ending June 30, 2016. WRIF-FM created and/or participated in the following public service events and made the following donations in support of each.

Donations:

- Bowl to Cure MS
- Buchanan Elementary PTA
- Friends Walk for MS
- Relay for Life / American Cancer Society
- Take a Byte Out of Cancer / American Cancer Society