



# WGN Radio Quarterly Issues and Programs List 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2012

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Program Report Policy as of: October 4, 2012

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- **Issue:** job fair
- **Title of Program:** The John Williams Show
- **Date of Segment:** August 23, 2012
- **Time of Segment:** 2:35
- **Duration of Segment:** 10 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** interview
- **Guests on the Segment:** Congressman Dan Lipinski
- **Narrative Discussion:** The host welcomed Rep Lipinski to the show to talk about the job fair he's hosting tomorrow. Listeners can come to The Sabre Room at 8900 W 95<sup>th</sup> St in Hickory Hills on Friday, August 24, between 10a and noon. Job seekers will be able to meet with 4 dozen area businesses that are currently hiring at that represent a broad array of industries, including the CTA, Walgreens and CITGO. Listeners were told to call 312-866-0481 for more information.

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Program Report Policy as of: July 10, 2012

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- **Issue:** the number of runways at O'Hare International Airport
- **Title of Program:** Garry Meier Show
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- **Date of Segment:** Tues, July 10th
- **Time of Segment:** 3:39pm
- **Duration of Segment:** 18 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** Garry chats about the number of runways at O'Hare and why we would need additional ones
- **Guests on the Segment:** Jon Hilkevitch, Transportation Reporter, Chicago Tribune
- **Narrative Discussion:** Garry discusses the multi-billion-dollar proposal ultimately calls for constructing four new runways and extending a pair of existing ones in order to reduce delays and increase capacity at O'Hare. Jon Hlikevitch explains the proposal and why it is needed. Listeners weigh in on the topic.



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Program Report Policy as of: July 30, 2012

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- **Issue:** Better Government Association event
- **Title of Program:** Garry Meier Show
- **Date of Segment:** Mon, July 30th
- **Time of Segment:** 4:08pm
- **Duration of Segment:** 10 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** Garry chats with Andy Shaw, President and CEO of the Better Government Association about an upcoming event
- **Guests on the Segment:** Andy Shaw, President and CEO of the BGA
- **Narrative Discussion:** Garry discusses an upcoming BGA event emceed by WGN TV's Larry Potash and Robin Baumgarten, featuring special performances by IL Lt. Governor Sheila Simon and The Onion Players. This Onion LIVE event is a FUN-raiser, hosted by the BGA Young Professionals Board. The Better Government Association promotes reform through investigative journalism, civic engagement and advocacy. We're a watchdog, shining a light on government and holding public officials accountable

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Program Report Policy as of: July 16, 2012

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- **Issue:** Stars and Stripes Honor Flight event
- **Title of Program:** Garry Meier Show
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- **Date of Segment:** Mon, July 16th
- **Time of Segment:** 4:09pm
- **Duration of Segment:** 9 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** Garry chats with Joe Dean, Chairman of Stars and Stripes Honor Flight event
- **Guests on the Segment:** Joe Dean
- **Narrative Discussion:** Garry discusses the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight event at Miller Park. The event set for Saturday, August 11th will be titled "Field of Honor: A Salute to the Greatest Generation." It will bring together thousands of World War II veterans, veterans from other conflicts, their families, friends and communities. The event will feature the world premiere of the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight documentary on the Miller Park High-Definition Video Board and a special viewing of the official model of the WWII Memorial on loan before going to the Smithsonian.

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Program Report Policy as of: Aug 28, 2012

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- **Issue:** Graffiti in Chicago and, specifically, downtown on Michigan Ave
- **Title of Program:** Garry Meier Show
- **Date of Segment:** Tues, Aug 28th
- **Time of Segment:** 5:10pm
- **Duration of Segment:** 16 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** Garry chats about the rise of graffiti in the city under Rahm's administration
- **Guests on the Segment:** N/A
- **Narrative Discussion:** Garry discusses the rise of graffiti in Chicago, along expressways, viaducts and now, on the Michigan Ave bridge at Wacker. Listeners weigh in and discuss options to rid the city of graffiti and examine harsher punishments for those caught vandalizing public and private properties.

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Program Report Policy as of: Aug 9, 2012

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- **Issue:** controversial Chicago rapper that might incite violence
- **Title of Program:** Garry Meier Show
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- **Date of Segment:** Thurs, Aug 9th
- **Time of Segment:** 3:41pm
- **Duration of Segment:** 18 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** Garry chats about the front page article of the Sun Times which featured a 13 year old rapper, Lil Mouse, from the Southside of Chicago and covered the controversy of his music video
- **Guests on the Segment:** N/A
- **Narrative Discussion:** Garry discusses a 13 year old rapper and how he may badly influence other young teens and encourage a drugs, guns and money lifestyle. Listeners chime in with their opinions of Lil Mouse and whether or not the parents are at fault or the community.

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- **Issue:** Catholic Charities Meals on Wheels Charity Event
- **Title of Program:** Garry Meier Show
- **Date of Segment:** Thurs, Aug 23rd
- **Time of Segment:** 3:39pm
- **Duration of Segment:** 5 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** Garry chats a representative from Catholic Charities about an upcoming charity event
- **Guests on the Segment:** Jim Thompson
- **Narrative Discussion:** Garry discusses the Culinary Classic Catholic Charities event that will benefit their Meals on Wheels program. Catholic Charities is the primary provider of Meals on Wheels in Lake County. Last year, they provided over 125,000 meals were delivered to the elderly in Lake County, regardless of their religious affiliation.



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- **Issue:** History
- **Title of Program:** Mike McConnell Show
- **Date of Segment:** 7/23/2012
- **Time of Segment:** 11:05am
- **Duration of Segment:** 10 min
- **Description of Segment:** one-on-one interview
- **Guests on the Segment:** Don Lessem
- **Narrative Discussion:** Don Lessem, creator of the Ghengis Kahn exhibit at the Field Museum, talks to Mike about the man's historical importance



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Program Report Policy as of: July 26, 2012

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The purpose of a program report is to show how the station has given "**significant treatment to community issues**" during the past quarter. Issues of interest in our community should guide program decision-making. Issue coverage should also reflect station/show research into community needs/interests.

- **Issue:** Parenting
- **Title of Program:** Mike McConnell Show
- **Date of Segment:** 7/26/2012
- **Time of Segment:** 10:05am
- **Duration of Segment:** 10 min
- **Description of Segment:** one-on-one interview
- **Guests on the Segment:** Lenore Skenazy

**Narrative Discussion:** Mike talks to Lenore Skenazy of Freerangekids.com about summer safety for the kids. Long story short: Be careful, but let them have fun!



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Program Report Policy as of: July 27, 2012

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- **Issue:** Economics
- **Title of Program:** Mike McConnell Show
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- **Date of Segment:** 7/27/2012
- **Time of Segment:** 10:05am
- **Duration of Segment:** 10 min
- **Description of Segment:** one-on-one interview
- **Guests on the Segment:** John List

**Narrative Discussion:** Mike talks to economics professor John List about a better way to pay teachers and "Freakanomics"



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Program Report Policy as of: August 7, 2012

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- **Issue:** Safety
- **Title of Program:** Mike McConnell Show
- **Date of Segment:** 8/7/2012
- **Time of Segment:** 10:05am
- **Duration of Segment:** 10 min
- **Description of Segment:** one-on-one interview
- **Guests on the Segment:** Teresa from American Red Cross

**Narrative Discussion:** Mike talks to Theresa of the Red Cross about their swimming lessons.



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- **Issue:** tipping
- **Title of Program:** Mike McConnell Show
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- **Date of Segment:** 8/7/2012
- **Time of Segment:** 11:05am
- **Duration of Segment:** 10 min
- **Description of Segment:** one-on-one interview
- **Guests on the Segment:** Steve Dublanica

**Narrative Discussion:** Steve Dublanica, author of "Keep the Change: A Clueless Tipper's Quest to Become the Guru of the Gratuity" about the do's and don'ts of tipping



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Program Report Policy as of: August 13, 2012

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- **Issue:** Health
- **Title of Program:** Mike McConnell Show
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- **Date of Segment:** 8/13/2012
- **Time of Segment:** 11:35am
- **Duration of Segment:** 10 min
- **Description of Segment:** one-on-one interview
- **Guests on the Segment:** Dr. Gail Bolan

**Narrative Discussion:** Mike talks to Dr. Gail Bolan, director of STD prevention at the CDC about drug-resistant bacteria



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Program Report Policy as of: September 06, 2012

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- **Issue:** DO NOT CALL list
- **Title of Program:** Mike McConnell Show
- **Date of Segment:** 9/06/2012
- **Time of Segment:** 11:05am
- **Duration of Segment:** 10 min
- **Description of Segment:** one-on-one interview
- **Guests on the Segment:** Will Maxson

**Narrative Discussion:** Will Maxson, Program Manager of the Do Not Call Enforcement, about how to make sure telemarketers stop bugging you with their phone calls!



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Program Report Policy as of: September 11, 2012

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- **Issue:** Education
- **Title of Program:** Mike McConnell Show
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- **Date of Segment:** 9/11/2012
- **Time of Segment:** 10:05am
- **Duration of Segment:** 10 min
- **Description of Segment:** one-on-one interview
- **Guests on the Segment:** Brian Grauer

**Narrative Discussion:** Brian Grauer, CTU representative, about the current strike



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Program Report Policy as of: September 5, 2012

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The purpose of a program report is to show how the station has given "**significant treatment to community issues**" during the past quarter. Issues of interest in our community should guide program decision-making. Issue coverage should also reflect station/show research into community needs/interests.

- **Issue:** Gay rights
- **Title of Program:** Mike McConnell Show
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- **Date of Segment:** 9/5/2012
- **Time of Segment:** 11:05am
- **Duration of Segment:** 10 min
- **Description of Segment:** one-on-one interview
- **Guests on the Segment:** Christina Kahrl

**Narrative Discussion:** Christina Kahrl, civil rights activist for the transgender community, about a recently adopted transgender policy by the Chicago Police Department

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- **Issue:** raising funds for a genetic disorder affecting young children
- **Title of Program:** Extension 720
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- **Date of Segment:** July 24, 2012
- **Time of Segment:** 10:07pm
- **Duration of Segment:** 2 hours
- **Description of Segment:** Warning listeners of the latest cons and scams that crooks are using to steal from individuals.
- **Guests on the Segment:** Steve Bernas, head of the Chicago Better Business Bureau
- **Narrative Discussion:** The head of the Chicago bureau of the Better Business Bureau describes internet, mail, door-to-door and face-to-face scams that crooks have recently been using to swindle money out of individuals.



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- **Issue:** raising funds for a genetic disorder affecting young children
- **Title of Program:** WGN Sports Night
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- **Date of Segment:** July 26, 2012
- **Time of Segment:** 9:07pm
- **Duration of Segment:** 10 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** Northwestern University football player talks about an event created to raise money for a rare genetic disease that affects young children
- **Guests on the Segment:** Quentin Williams, Northwestern defensive lineman
- **Narrative Discussion:** The Northwestern football player spoke about the Lift for Life fundraiser. Members of the football team competed in various strength, speed and agility events and hosted a social afterward with proceeds benefiting the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation. The Foundation is helping to find a cure for Neimann-Pick Disease Type C, or NP-C, a rare genetic, neurodegenerative disorder that mainly affects young children and is usually fatal by adolescence.

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- **Issue:** free speech in Chicago
- **Title of Program:** Extension 720
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- **Date of Segment:** August 5, 2012
- **Time of Segment:** 10:07pm
- **Duration of Segment:** 2 hours
- **Description of Segment:** should something a corporation President says keep a business from being allowed to open in Chicago?
- **Guests on the Segment:** Joe Morris, local attorney and former Assitant Attorney General under President Reagan
- **Narrative Discussion:** Following the President and CEO of Chick-fil-a coming out against gay marriage and mayor Emanuel and a local alderman saying they would block plans for a second restaurant planned for the Chicago area, Joe Morris explains the importance of maintaining first amendment right and not blacking free enterprise because of a difference of opinion or political beliefs.



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- **Issue:** Holiday joy for ill children
- **Title of Program:** WGN Sports Night
- **Date of Segment:** Aug. 16, 2012
- **Time of Segment:** 7:50pm
- **Duration of Segment:** 7 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** Hall of Fame Cubs pitcher promotes an event benefitting a charity that helps sick children have happy holidays.
- **Guests on the Segment:** Fergie Jenkins, former Chicago Cubs pitcher
- **Narrative Discussion:** Jenkins promoted a softball game he was taking part in with students from Darwin elementary school to help raise funds for the Holidays for Heroes Foundation, a Chicago-based charity organization that provides children suffering from serious illness with an opportunity to experience holidays like Valentine's, Easter, Independence Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Chanukah and Kwanzaa.

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- **Issue:** Childhood cancer charity promotion
- **Title of Program:** WGN Sports Night
- **Date of Segment:** Aug. 31, 2012
- **Time of Segment:** 8:07pm
- **Duration of Segment:** 13 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** Notre Dame alumni function benefitting a childhood cancer research and support organization.
- **Guests on the Segment:** Tony Rice, former Notre Dame quarterback
- **Narrative Discussion:** Rice, the last starting quarterback to lead Notre Dame to a national championship, discusses the Fighting Irish's modern struggles while promoting a function which benefited St. Baldrick's Foundation, a volunteer driven charity committed to funding the most promising research for childhood cancers and giving survivors long and healthy lives.

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- **Issue:** International Ryder Cup's impact on the DuPage Co. and the region
- **Title of Program:** WGN Sports Night
- **Date of Segment:** Sept. 24, 2012
- **Time of Segment:** 8:47pm
- **Duration of Segment:** 10 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** Impact of Ryder Cup on Chicagoland
- **Guests on the Segment:** Dan Cronin, DuPage Co. chairman
- **Narrative Discussion:** Cronin describes the enormous economic impact this international golf tournament which happens once every two years (and once every FOUR years in the US) will have on the cities in DuPage county and Chicago on the whole. The exposure is also immense.

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- **Issue:** Project Hood
- **Title of Program:** The John Williams Show
- **Date of Segment:** September 19, 2012
- **Time of Segment:** 2:05
- **Duration of Segment:** 15 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** interview
- **Guests on the Segment:** Pastor Corey Brooks
- **Narrative Discussion:** The host talked with Pastor Corey Brooks about his journey. He is currently walking across the country to bring attention to the problems on the south side of Chicago and to raise money for a community center to help curb the violence and bring some structure to the children of the south side. He has officiated too many funerals for young men and doesn't want to do any more. Listeners can donate at [projecthood.org](http://projecthood.org) or by texting HOOD to 50501

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- **Issue:** Juvenile Diabetes
- **Title of Program:** The John Williams Show
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- **Date of Segment:** July 16, 2012
- **Time of Segment:** 12:20
- **Duration of Segment:** 10 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** interview
- **Guests on the Segment:** Patrick Reedy, President of JDRF Illinois
- **Narrative Discussion:** The host broadcasted live from the Ron Santo JDRF Golf Outing. There, he talked with Patrick Reedy, President of JDRF Illinois. Their goal is to find a goal for Type 1 Diabetes. They also strive to find ways to better the life of those who do have the disease. One way they are doing this is with the artificial pancreas. JDRF is raising funds and bringing attention to the cause through the golf outing today.

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- **Issue:** Blood Donations
- **Title of Program:** The John Williams Show
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- **Date of Segment:** July 31, 2012
- **Time of Segment:** 2:25
- **Duration of Segment:** 5 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** interview
- **Guests on the Segment:** Ben Corey, Communications Manager for the Red Cross
- **Narrative Discussion:** The host tells listeners that the American Red Cross needs blood. With 50,000 fewer donations than they expected this year, they are at the lowest they've been in 15 years. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to donate.

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- **Issue:** Drowning
- **Title of Program:** The John Williams Show
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- **Date of Segment:** July 30, 2012
- **Time of Segment:** 2:10
- **Duration of Segment:** 20 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** call-ins
- **Guests on the Segment:**
- **Narrative Discussion:** The host points out that there have been a lot of drownings this summer. It is a common tragedy in the summers. One of the children who drowned was playing in the water and didn't know how to swim. The host reminds parents that lifeguards can only do so much, especially in a crowded, caotic beach. Parents need to watch their children and not let them in the water if they can't swim.

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- **Issue:** Coming Out
- **Title of Program:** The John Williams Show
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- **Date of Segment:** July 19, 2012
- **Time of Segment:** 12:15
- **Duration of Segment:** 20 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** call-ins
- **Guests on the Segment:**
- **Narrative Discussion:** A high school student asked the host to ask his listeners how parents do and should react to their child coming out of the closet. One parent called in and spoke of her experience with her son. She said that the most important thing you can do is understand that coming out is a journey, both for the parents and child. It's one day at a time. It is a process. She encourages parents who are going through this to educate themselves and find resources.

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- **Issue:** Juvenile Diabetes
- **Title of Program:** The John Williams Show
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- **Date of Segment:** July 16, 2012
- **Time of Segment:** 1:05
- **Duration of Segment:** 10 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** interview
- **Guests on the Segment:** Laura Hermson
- **Narrative Discussion:** A high school student asked the host to ask his listeners how parents do and should react to their child coming out of the closet. One parent called in and spoke of her experience with her son. She said that the most important thing you can do is understand that coming out is a journey, both for the parents and child. It's one day at a time. It is a process. She encourages parents who are going through this to educate themselves and find resources.

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- **Issue:** Social Media and Depression
- **Title of Program:** The Bill Leff Show
- **Date of Segment:** 7.12.12
- **Time of Segment:** 12:36 – 1:58 a.m.
- **Duration of Segment:** 1 hour, 22 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** Interview, call-in
- **Guests on the Segment:** Dr. Gregory Jantz, founder of The Center for Counseling and Health Resources

**Narrative Discussion:** Leff began the conversation by asking about Representative Jesse Jackson Junior, who was recently diagnosed with a bipolar disease. Jantz explained bipolar is a mood disorder and depression is the most common mood disorder. In fact, by 2020, depression will be number one disease outranking cancer. Leff wondered if more people today have depression or if it was being diagnosed more. Jantz explained in the past it was classified as anxiety and anxiety is a major factor in depression. Jantz when further saying his facility primarily treated those with eating disorders when it opened but now primarily focuses on those with depression.

Leff asked why this would be the case. Jantz believed it is several factors. He pointed to the early sexualization of girls and how two thirds of six graders go on diets they don't need. He also believe today's culture is one of entitlement. Leff countered believing that was always the case. Jantz stated the problem was more pronounced today because we live in a one click society where information is available in seconds. This unbridled access to technology creates overstimulation which could lead to addiction. He also pointed out that there was more ways to get addicted. He relayed a statistic that one in three girls and one in seven boys will be sexually abused at some point. Also, the average age of exposure to pornography was now 11 years old. Both of these could be attributed to the internet (predators access to kids via social network and online pornographic material, respectively.) One of Jantz's biggest pet peeves was parents who were not taking advantage of filters and blocks to prevent such exposure. This led Leff to one of his beliefs: that the devices that are supposed to bring us together are doing the opposite mentioning how his daughters want to text at the dinner

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table. Jantz empathized having children of his own and how they participate in 'partial distraction' where they are texting and carrying on conversation. It devalues relationships because the other person feels they aren't even worthy of their full attention.

After a break, they continued to explore relationships in a digital world and how status is now tied to how many Facebook friends one has. Studies show the group that is joining Facebook the most (34-54 females) check the site before they eat breakfast or even brush their teeth. Leff asked what gap were they trying to fill. Jantz answered relationships. Humans want to be in a relationship and these sites allow that to be possible with hundreds of people. This leads to another problem – online perfection. Even if the person knows the other person in the real life, a profile is the idealized version of this person with their best qualities accentuated. The other issue is the amount of time spent in this situation. Jantz would encouraged patients try to stay off the internet for a day. Even on weekends, where people have more activities and chores to do, they couldn't do it. Leff asked if these people knew they were addicted. Jantz answered in general yes, but it's an understandable addiction. Continuing a previous point, the online world is easy, the real world is hard. Many people jump on-line to stay away from a spouse or a family member who might be making them upset or bothering them. Then, once they are online, they see these idealized version of their friends making them more contemptuous towards the family member causing their problems.

One solution Jantz has found is to limit exposure. He forces his boys to have their phones out in the open on their chargers by 8 p.m. every night. In addition, the only allows them an hour a day with an i-pad or phone or computer. Leff then brought up another point and that's accessibility. In the past, if a boy was dating a girl, he had to call the home phone, deal with a parent. In the age of cell phones, a boy and girl have direct connection with no parental oversight. Jantz agreed that this was an issue but was also concerned by the fact more girls are being aggressive in the dating game. At a younger and younger age, girls are being told to use their sexuality as power. Unfortunately, many begin to see it as the only way to gain a boy's attention or affection. This led Leff to bring up a speaker he had heard about who focused on boy's accessibility to pornography. This speaker believes men's opinion of women was being degraded by pornography and that boys would eventually only view women as sex objects. Jantz was hesitant to go that far but did say it was a concern. As they referenced earlier, children are being exposed to pornography at a young age and the brain can't comprehend it. Leff asked what was the best way to deal with addiction. He

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wondered if they should go cold turkey. Jantz felt it was best to control and slowly reduce the amount of time with the addiction. He also had his patients examine their diets and take a physical exam. He noted that nearly everyone he was treating for addiction was deficient in Vitamin B.

After another break, Leff asked about Jantz about his website: [aplaceofhope.com](http://aplaceofhope.com). Jantz suggested people take a look at some of the online tools that would detail warning signs of depression. Leff asked what to do if a friend was depressed. Jantz suggested a nonjudgmental approach saying 'Tell me what's going on because I really love and care about you.' If there is no improvement after three months, they should consider professional help. Leff then discussed the idea of trading addictions – typically addicts give up one item for another. Jantz agreed and pointed to the relationship of food and technology. When a person is online, they can easily eat and surf. If someone sends an upsetting text message, the natural tendency is to eat comfort foods.

The two then took texts and phone calls. Paula wondered how to deal with people who are anxious at a party and consumer a lot of alcohol to deal with it. Jantz suggested taking the friend aside before the party and saying that she'll stand by their side the entire time but only if they don't drink. Leff pointed out the coincidence of the situation because people are most afraid of being embarrassed but they drink alcohol which often creates embarrassing situations. Jantz reminded him that they don't see the alcohol as a path to embarrassment but as a necessary tool to get through the experience. Another texter Jim recently suffered a stroke and suffered depression. He asked how much of depression is tied to physical ailments. Jantz said it is a common experience. It can be attributed to sadness over losing full physical strength but also the worry about the future and the extra work the disability will create. Jantz said if the person doesn't feel better after six months, it might be time for professional help. Leff asked about depression with getting older. Jantz found it more in people with competitive nature, people who compare themselves to the people on fitness magazine. This is especially true in people whose self-confidence is tied in with their physical appearance or ability. A text from the 773 area code stated that people on depression medication should eat better and live healthier. The texter understood that some cases needed medication but some who were being medicated didn't need it. Dr. Jantz agreed and believed society is over medicated. He mentioned how advertising had a big part of this and pointed to how everyone feels like they need a medication that they see a TV commercial that emphasizes vague ailments. And it's not just anti-depression medication. He pointed out that eight students in his son's 20 student class



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were on medication for ADHD. This was disconcerting to Jantz because he thought that many times it had to do with the male personality. Stated simply, boys learn and act differently than girls and sometimes need different interaction. His proof of this was that 92 percent of 'F' and delinquency was attributed to males. Greg called in. He gave his a testimony of being treated for depression. He was on drugs before his friend convinced him to take a more holistic approach and he has felt much better ever since. Laurie then checked in worried about his young daughter (12 year old) dealing with depression. Jantz said this was a particularly difficult because of the age and the hormones that were involved since she was becoming a teenager. Jantz suggested she get her daughter's hormone levels checked to make sure it wasn't anything more serious. Leff concluded by thanking Jantz and hoped they could do it again in the future.

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- **Issue:** Helping Veterans / Illinois Warrior Summit
- **Title of Program:** The Bill Leff Show
- **Date of Segment:** 7.31.12
- **Time of Segment:** 2:07 – 2:29
- **Duration of Segment:** 22 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** Interview
- **Guests on the Segment:** Robert Malnik, veteran, founder of Illinois Supporting All Veterans Equally (I-Save), Warrior Summit Director

**Narrative Discussion:** Leff began the conversation by asking about Malnik's service. He had joined the military in 2000 and was stationed in Germany for many years. After 9/11, he was eventually sent to Kosovo, Serbia, Bosnia and other Eastern bloc countries. At this point, he was stop-lossed, where the military extends the contract even though it was at its conclusion. He was then sent to Iraq for 17 months. Leff went back to his experience after 9/11. Malnik recounted the chaos surrounding the days and weeks after as everyone was unaware and unsure of when and where the next attack would be. 'The world was on edge,' he said.

Leff then asked about his time serving in Iraq. Malnik worked on a team that brought tanks to the bases (2 were allotted per base) and then was put into the general infantry once they arrived. During his time, he did everything from roadblocks to being out in the field. He described the days as 20 hours of non-stop operations with four missions each lasting 4-5 hours. 'You get used to no sleep,' he explained. Leff followed this by asking how he was able to sleep at all. Malnik explained that the troops do feel safe because their barracks are located within heavily fortified bases so the chance of attack was minimal and eventually he just tuned out the noise. Leff then mentioned how he was surprised only 2 tanks were given per base, figuring it would be much more. Malnik noted that the tanks were so heavy and the infrastructure was so weak, they had issues navigating the streets.

Leff then asked for more details about what the experience was like. Malnik detailed that it was pretty much all business all the time. Civilian contact was minimal with



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letters from home taking 3-4 weeks to arrive and, if he was lucky, one of them would have an Oreo. They then talked about the bond that was created with the fellow soldiers, how they were the best of friends and how they helped each other get through with gallows humor. Leff asked if a soldier could use a phone or Facebook to retain more connection to the world. Malnik explained those services were limited. For example, there would be a line of 40 individuals waiting for a few phones. In addition, there was a limit of 20 minutes so Malnik had to decide what was a better use of his time: sleep or calling home. Malnik eventually limited his calls to his mother to once a month because she would begin to cry and he couldn't be honest about the danger he was in.

After a break, Leff asked Malnik about I-SAVE. After Malnik came home, he enrolled at the University of Illinois-Chicago and it went well. The military paid for his classes and the process was very smooth. Unfortunately, after the first semester, things got complicated. There was a change in the program and he had to visit five different departments over the course of two months to try to get things organized, and even then it was still not resolved. He eventually got a meeting with the Dean to explain his difficulties. He learned that 800 veterans attended the school and he imagined many had the same issues. This led to a task force and a special dean/student committee being formed to streamline the process. It was a success and got the attention of then lieutenant governor Pat Quinn. A member of his staff contacted Malnik and their work became the basis for a bill that was eventually turned into law streamlining the process for Illinois' veterans. The document also served as the basis for the I-SAVE charter, which works to streamline other services for returning veterans like medical, legal and children & family care. The Warrior Summit, which will occur next month, will bring all of these agencies into one place as well as provide a free lunch to 5,000 attendees. Plus there will be tickets to sporting and entertainment events given as a thank you for their service. Leff congratulated him on the great work and wished him the best of luck on the event.

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- **Issue:** Mars Rover / Space Exploration
- **Title of Program:** The Bill Leff Show
- **Date of Segment:** 08.23.12
- **Time of Segment:** 12:36 - 1:29 a.m.
- **Duration of Segment:** 53 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** Interview
- **Guests on the Segment:** Rod Pyle, space expert

**Narrative Discussion:** Bill Leff welcomed Rod Pyle, award winning author of Destination Mars and producer on a number of space documentaries. In this conversation, they focused on the Curiosity Rover and what it meant for NASA & the future of the space program. They began by trying to identify the magnitude of this operation. Pyle explained it was big. While the moon landing will always stand as the biggest accomplishment, this was up there with past NASA successes and this one succeeded with even more technical expertise and complexity than the past. Leff agreed pointing to seven minutes of terror, a video that showed the seven minutes when NASA lost contact with Rover as it entered Mars' atmosphere and landed. Pyle noted that usually NASA plays this type of coverage down but in this case it worked out well. It showed people just how much went into this project. In many ways, it was a no lose because even if mission failed, the program might have been eliminated anyway.

In terms of the landing, Pyle explained it was a great success with just minor damage due to the weather. Even then every landing experienced some damage. Leff asked how the training could be so successful when they had to deal with such a different atmosphere. Pyle said that unfortunately they couldn't do much testing just because the Mars conditions were nearly impossible to replicate. This is where the skill and the expertise of NASA came through. He compared their work to shooting a BB gun in San Diego and hitting a speeding train in New York. He also noted that the United States had a 70 percent success rate with their programs compared to other countries like China where it was just about 11 percent.

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Leff followed this by asking what would have happened if the landing had not gone well. Pyle said the least that would have happened would have been additional cuts even though the program had already been reduced quite a bit. Other talk involved a complete shutdown of Mars missions but that was mostly rumor. This brought about a conversation about the dedication of the team. Leff relayed a conversation he had with a NASA worker the morning of the rover landing and how this was like winning the World Series times 10 over. Pyle agreed and said these guys were so joyous because they had put so much work into it. He provided an anecdote about the chief engineer on the project who wrote the forward on his book. 'Those 3 pages,' he explained 'took 6 months to get' because he was simply that busy.

After a break, Leff asked about the life of an astronaut, specifically Neil Armstrong. Leff had read that Armstrong had a particularly tough time adjusting because he went from the most celebrated person on earth to just another man after a while. Pyle had heard Armstrong adjusted well but Aldrin had a particularly tough time losing a marriage because of it and battling depression. Leff asked if these astronauts realize what heroes they are. Pyle said many were very humble while others did have a bit of ego, but that could be understandable since they were such elite individuals both mentally and physically.

A texter asked if any other country's space program was anywhere near ours. Pyle explained that many countries have it easier because they are using the data the U.S. had accumulated. He pointed to China who was on target on for a mars rover exploration in 2035 possibly creating a new space race. Leff asked if another space race might be a good thing believing competition would help both causes. Pyle responded possibly. He pointed to the International space station which had some successes but frustrated many because some countries did not hold up their end. Leff then asked how soon to colonization. Pyle believed at least 50 years, possibly a 100. The hardest thing is carrying the heavy stuff like water or building materials from Earth to the planet. However, James Cameron and certain people in Silicon Valley are working on meteor extraction, i.e. taking these materials from a passing meteor and transporting them to the final destination eliminating the problem of getting it off Earth.

After a break, a texter asked about the privatization of space and companies who are not part of a government building and sending rockets in space. Pyle explained that Rocket X and Virgin Galactic are making strides. Rocket X did get money from NASA so in a small way they were partners. He added, at this point, everything is a friendly relationship. However, there might be friction in the future if these private companies

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intrude on country owned satellites. A text from 815 asked what kind of training and education is needed to work at NASA. Pyle stated one must be proficient in the hard sciences such as geology and biology. He also added computing. He explained that when you send these machines go up, it needs really streamlined programming – NASA can't just load an operating system from a computer. For example, after Curiosity landed they wiped the landing program off the machine because it is no longer needed and uploaded programs for future exercises. Leff was surprised that they would need to do this because so much data can be installed on such small devices today. Pyle explained they needed to do this for two reasons. The first was that they wanted older software and hardware because it's tried and tested. NASA did not want something that would fail. Secondly, the exploration software was on the machine already in case something went wrong but this updated software would make the exercises better.

A texter Ron asked Pyle to address the conspiracy theorists who argue the moon landing was staged and the government is holding back information of extraterrestrial life. Pyle understood the allure but didn't think it was feasible. He pointed out that NASA would be the first one to volunteer information of extraterrestrial life because their budget would be expanded tenfold in order to explore this information. In terms of the staged moon landing, he suggested those people visit the various space stations and museums that have the modules and tools on display. If they are not convinced after all that information, they'll never be convinced.

After another break a texter from the 630 area code asked what type of suit an astronaut would have to wear to go to Mars. Pyle detailed that it had to withstand the weather which included gritty flying sand and wind storms. It would have to hold up against temperatures from 200 below Fahrenheit to 30 above. He noted the suits would probably be more flexible and agile than the moon landing suits because of the atmosphere differences.

Another texter asked if Curiosity would ever return to Earth specifically, if it would be picked up by a future mission or on its own? In this case, no. NASA would not gain anything they aren't already getting and it would be very expensive both in terms of time and money. Leff then asked about budget – does NASA send engineers to the government to justify their expenses. Pyle said yes, 'It's a dog and pony show squared.' He added that in the 60s, James Webb who ran NASA, was not an engineer or scientist but a man who worked for politicians. As a result, he knew about skeletons in the closets and used his influence to make NASA funding happen. Pyle wondered if more of that was needed today to help the space program. Leff concluded by asking

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if there was any major information that is now known that wasn't before the landing. He explained nothing yet in terms of the planet but the landing provided great details. When Curiosity landed it dropped off some counterweights and they learned a lot from its impact on the planet. They could look at the indentations it made from an above satellite. They knew the velocity and the direction the item was facing and from this could detail how much of its surrounding area it influenced. This information could provide insight on the damage created by meteorites both on Earth and other planets. Leff thanked Pyle for his time and hoped to talk to him again in the future.

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- **Issue:** Psychological Analysis and Help
- **Title of Program:** The Bill Leff Show
- **Date of Segment:** 08.09.12
- **Time of Segment:** 12:38 – 2:29
- **Duration of Segment:** 1 hour, 51 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** Interview, Call-in
- **Guests on the Segment:** clinical psychologist Margiet Kirstmon

**Narrative Discussion:** Bill Leff welcomed clinical psychologist Margiet Kirstmon to give a basic understanding of psychology as well as take calls from listeners. Leff began the conversation by joking about the Chicago Cubs, which were having a tough season and their fans would probably need professional help. She empathized but pointed out a losing baseball team is not that big of a worry. This led Leff to his first question and the idea of trying to control something one really can't. Obviously a fan couldn't help a hitter hit or pitcher pitch but people agonize over it. He asked at what point does a person realize that these things are beyond their control and let it go. She explained that there wasn't one particular point and unfortunately many people suffer because they never come to that realization.

Leff then asked about her process and if she has patients lay down on a couch. She did not because she does not perform this form of psychiatry. Analytical psychiatrists are the one that's have a person lie down. This is done so the patient does not see the face of the psychiatrist which would disturb the process of entering the subconscious. Kirstmon did add that she had performed this type of psychiatry at one time but eventually stopped because she felt it was not as effective as sitting and chatting face to face. This led to the idea that the 'lie down on the couch' view of psychiatry is associated with breakthroughs...that the patient will one day have an epiphany and be cured. Kirstmon explained that this rarely happens, rather it is a much more gradual progress where an individual takes small steps to reach a better mental state. Leff followed up by asking if TV or movies ever get it right. Kirstmon said no because a lot of the time the psychiatrists end up being caricatures or get romantically involved with the patient or turn out to be crazy themselves. Leff pursued the romantic aspect of the

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relationship asking if she thought this romantic attraction could be mistaken for the happiness of being able to express one's emotion for the first time. Kirstmon agreed that could be the case.

After a break, Leff asked how she builds trust with her clients. She explained confidentiality is key as is not interrupting the process i.e. allowing the person to express their emotions without judgment and/or controlling the conversation. Leff then asked what she does if someone doesn't want to talk. She answered that most people talk but one person chose to write out her feelings because it was easier for her that way. Eventually every session started with 15 minutes of writing. They then began taking calls. Harry was suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder due to diminished vision after a failed eye surgery. Because it involves eyesight, from the moment he opens his eyes, he is bombarded by the decision that resulted in loss of night vision, color and depth perception. He also feels the stress of having to account for everything. He can't just go out because every move he makes has to be gone over or researched to avoid injury or issue. Unfortunately Kirstmon could not do much without having more time and a private session but suggested he find a therapist who would help him with the guilt he feels over the initial decision.

After another break, Leff asked about the stigma associated with going to therapy and getting professional help. Kirstrom explained that unfortunately the people who need it the most don't come in. This got them in to a discussion of the recent string of shootings including James Holmes in Colorado. Leff asked when does a psychiatrist take action and warn the police. Personally she had never had to do it but would if her patient was making specific, credible threats about people. Leff then asked why it seems all of these killers are men. Kirstrom suggested it might be society where aggression was encouraged though this would probably not be the main reason. Leff asked if it had something to do with the primal brain. Kirstrom said neurochemistry inherited from ancestors could be a small factor.

They then took a call from Vince who had a fear of getting on elevators. Kirstrom explained emotions were like a flowing river eventually exiting the body. In many cases of fear, the emotion gets blocked by a traumatic experience causing an overload and anxiety. It is this anxiety that stops an individual from overcoming that fear. They investigated further. Vince explained he was a messenger and had ridden on elevators hundreds of times until recently when he got stuck on one for five minutes. He emerged safely but hasn't been able to go on one since. Leff asked if the first step would be to go to a childhood memory and see if there was a triggering incident. Kirstrom said yes

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and wondered if Vince had an incident as a child where he experienced claustrophobia and the recent elevator incident 'blocked' up his emotions again. Leff asked if another route to deal with this was to look at the situation logically and locate the phone to call in case of emergency. Kirstrom said it might help but probably not. This is because the anxiety is so overwhelming, all logic is lost. Caller Joe had been disturbed that on a recent job application they asked if he had any psychiatric help. He had hoped society had evolved to the point where this would not matter. Kirstrom did not think it was legal to do this unless it was a special type of job where a psychological makeup was necessary to properly ensure safety (i.e. policeman.)

After another break, caller Mike followed up on a previous conversation on why psychotic killers seem to be men rather than women. He attributed it to the fact that men seek a solution and woman seek sympathy when faced with a problem. Because of this, Mike believed a good cure for social ills would be to make self-defense and gun classes mandatory in school. He explained these shootings were done by men who were being bullied, who sought to stop it (find a solution) and didn't comprehend the damage their guns could do. He believed the self-defense classes would boost self-esteem so that when one would get bullied, it would not emotionally harm them as much. The gun classes would help illustrate to people just how powerful these weapons are and hopefully create a sensitivity to their destruction, something that may have been lost due to violence on TV and video games. Kirstrom did not want to endorse the theory saying that these situations were very complex and it might not be as easy a fix. However, she did say low self-esteem was a common issue with these killers. Leff followed up by asking if she treated men and women differently. She did not because every individual was different regardless of gender.

They then took another round of calls. Don was trying to make sense of a suicide. His friend was a successful businessman with a great family. However, he suffered a series of mini strokes and people noticed that he never was the same. Kirstrom hesitated to offer any explanation because the only person who truly knew what was going on was now deceased. She did say that medical incidents like a stroke could cause issues mentally and physically. Caller Stephanie was having trust issues after her therapist billed her insurance company for sessions she never had. This was only discovered after Stephanie had another medical issue and the insurance company would not cover it due to the high amount of therapy bills. Kirstrom told her to be fully honest with her next therapist, state what happened in the first session and see how the new therapist would react. She believed that through trial and error she would find the right person based upon the reactions.



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Leff concluded the interview by thanking Kirstrom and encouraging people to visit her website if they needed a private session.

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- **Issue:** College Savings Plan
- **Title of Program:** The Bill Leff Show
- **Date of Segment:** 09.07.12
- **Time of Segment:** 2:05 – 2:29 a.m.
- **Duration of Segment:** 24 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** Interview
- **Guests on the Segment:** Michael Fitzgerald, the chair of the College Savings Plan Network and state treasurer for Iowa

## **Narrative Discussion:**

Leff began by saying that anyone who has a child knows that college is expensive with no break in cost in sight. As a result, it's important to start saving now. This is where the 529 Savings plan comes in. Fitzgerald explained that the plan is named for the federal tax code that allows these savings to be tax-exempt from both the state and federal government. The money saved is then professionally invested by a firm and the final amount can be put towards whatever college or university the student would like to attend. Because the plan is professionally run, the saver has the choice of how the money is invested. One can choose to put it all in the stock market or bond market. One can also choose a lifestyle fund where the money is invested aggressively at birth and more conservatively closer to the end of high school. This is the suggested course of action because if there are losses at the beginning it will not be as dire than closer to when the money must be spent at college.

Leff then asked if there was a chance that the investment could lose money. Unfortunately, Fitzgerald explained, it is investing and with that comes risk. Going back to the previous example, if one chooses to invest it all in the stock market and it goes down, one may lose money. However, many people choose a more medium approach which is more likely to pay off in the long run. Leff then pointed out that the biggest advantage is the tax savings. Fitzgerald agreed and added the people who like this are grandparents. Instead of buying t-shirts or toys as gifts, many will give a contribution to the account. Another bonus to the program is that if one grandchild doesn't go to college, it can be transferred to another family member. Fitzgerald relayed that when



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he talks to the grandparents of Iowa, they love the program because they realize the importance of education. They also love the fact they are in control. He jokingly told an anecdote about one couple who love their granddaughter but were wary of their son-in-law. With this program, they knew the money would go directly to their granddaughter.

Leff had heard that with this plan some states require you to go to a state college and asked if this was still the case. Fitzgerald told him that it could be applied to any school in the United States but some states like Illinois do have that different option. These eleven states offer you an opportunity to lock in certain rates for that particular university that can be applied when the child eventually reaches freshman year. However, if the child does decide to go elsewhere, the money can be transferred. Leff then asked about when one can start. One has to wait for the baby to be born because a social security number is required by the IRS. After that you can begin immediately but Fitzgerald added that it's never too late. He pointed out that many people are entering second careers and will need additional schooling. This money can be applied to that. This led Fitzgerald to this statistic: students with this plan are six times more likely to go to school. He attributes this to the mindset the plan creates that one should go to college. This brought about another point – the high debt many students are currently experiencing. Many kids are coming out with 60,000-100,000 dollars of debt. As a result, many families and students are forgoing college believing it is not worth the cost. However, studies show a college graduate will earn a million dollars more than a high school graduate. This program helps attack that problem in two ways – it reduces debt and will eventually help make the student make more money to pay off the debt that is owed.

After a break, Leff asked how much one should contribute. Fitzgerald answered that there is no magic number. One can start an account with as little as 25 dollars and then contribute as he or she sees fit. He suggested that families that cannot contribute on a monthly basis take a different approach. Specifically they should take money given at celebrations like birthdays or graduation and put that in the plan. Along those same lines, Leff asked if automatic withdrawal was available. Fitzgerald said yes and that there was options to pull it from checking accounts, savings accounts or even one's paycheck. Fitzgerald then suggested that the saver should check their state program. Depending on where one lives, there may be additional tax breaks as well as information for scholarships and grants that might not be offered by other states. This led Leff to ask him to clarify the role of the state and federal government since some states have different options. Fitzgerald explained that the state is in control but the federal government is in support of the programs and add their additional tax credit.



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Leff concluded the interview by asking Fitzgerald to provide the website, which is [collegesavings.org](http://collegesavings.org). Fitzgerald noted the site has additional info, data and items to help the saver's pursuit. Leff thanked him for his time and wished him the best of luck with the program.

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- **Issue:** Food Pantry
- **Title of Program:** The Bill Leff Show
- **Date of Segment:** 09.24.12
- **Time of Segment:** 2:07 – 2:27am
- **Duration of Segment:** 20 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** Interview
- **Guests on the Segment:** David Brown, Vice President – Board of Directors – Common Food Pantry; author

**Narrative Discussion:** Bill Leff welcomed David Brown to the show to learn more about the Common Pantry, Chicago's oldest continuously run food pantry. The pantry will be celebrating its 45th birthday with a book launch of 'I am Your Neighbor' (which Brown co-authored) and a benefit party this Friday. The book tells the stories of some of the individuals who use the pantry to get food. Leff asked how long Brown has been involved and he has been volunteering 8-10 years. Leff explained his wife did a lot of volunteering and she noted that everyone who visited a food pantry did not expect to be there, that a circumstance in life brought them there often beyond their control. Brown agreed and having worked on the book made this point even more clear. He noted that they were not writers or social psychologists looking for answers...they just wanted to talk to and learn more about the lives of the people who used the service. As they composed the book, he learned that many of the individuals were brought there as result of sudden tragedies such as death or job loss or a combination of both.

Leff then asked if they had seen an increase in people coming due to the downturn of the economy. Brown said yes the numbers have gone up but the group prides itself on going beyond the numbers. He pointed to first time visitors. He can identify someone who is coming for the first time and the mix of gratefulness but also shame in their voice. Brown and the group worked to make sure that person did not feel that shame. He also pointed out that the number of men who have started coming to the pantry had risen dramatically, particularly construction workers. He explained that even if a worker had the six month wage emergency fund financial experts recommend, with the state of the economy, many of these individuals have gone through that and needed help.



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Along those same lines, Leff asked if there is a counselor available for these individuals. Brown explained that they were 'amateurs' in the best possible way. They do have a professional director but everyone else is a volunteer from different walks of life. They feel this is good because the people who use the pantry are not viewing this as hand out per se but rather a neighbor or friend helping out. That being said, they do try to identify situations that have more systemic problems and put them in touch with the proper people. Leff then listed that 35 percent of the clientele are under 18 and 10 percent are elderly, noting that was a high number. Brown agreed and explained they helped a lot of families in the neighborhood and even set up a delivery system for the elderly that couldn't physically come to the location.

Leff asked how they obtain the food they provide. Brown answered they are a member agency of the Greater Chicago Food Depository which provides materials. They also have strong neighborhood support including local schools and organizations holding food drives. He explained this is important because federal funding has slowed over the last couple of years. This led him to another Common Pantry characteristic: choice. The pantry is set up to allow them to 'shop.' They can go through aisles, select items for points and obtain certain products in addition to some food standards. This helps make sure they will get food they are sure to eat as opposed to unwanted food that may go wasted otherwise. Leff asked Brown to clarify the previous statement about 'points.' Brown explained they have a point system to allow them to properly ration items. Unfortunately, certain food items are easier to obtain than others so if an item is rarer, it might have a slightly higher point total. But it works out for the best because an individual who loves a certain brand of peanut butter might be willing to spend an extra point leaving the other brands for others who don't have a preference. This led Brown to another service the pantry provides: toiletries. While food stamps cover the cost of fruit, vegetables and other standards, it does not include tooth paste or shampoo. The Common Pantry stocks these as well so individuals can pick them up if needed.

After a break, they focused on the book Brown co-authored 'I Am Your Neighbor.' The impetus of the book came from meetings the Pantry had with the community. North Center – where the Pantry is located – has some upper class residents. These individuals expressed concerns about a food pantry and the clientele it might attract. Brown explained that this book was one attempt to address their concerns. This book documented an earlier point... specifically, how these individuals, if not for a set of circumstances, could have been upper class themselves. They then went into detail on the book. Brown and his co-author took a hands off approach to the writing process,

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allowing individuals to tell their story. Some recounted tales of living in the neighborhood since the 1940s and watching its evolution. Another was a rug salesman who had fallen on hard times after his shop closed. In his chapter, he recounted a funny story of how once Barbara Streisand stopped by the shop and the two of them got down on all fours to inspect the high quality of one of his carpets. This led Leff to mention that the book's launch party was part of a big fundraiser happening this Friday. Brown listed details of the event and how it was a neighborhood celebration with many local businesses and brewers donating food and drink which reinforced the concept of neighbors helping neighbors. Leff concluded the interview by giving the website for more information ([commonpantry.org](http://commonpantry.org)) and encouraging listeners to get involved anyway they could.

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- **Issue:** Drew Peterson verdict
- **Title of Program:** Garry Meier Show
- **Date of Segment:** Thurs, Sept 6th
- **Time of Segment:** 4:11pm
- **Duration of Segment:** 8 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** Garry chats with Stacy St. Clair about the Drew Peterson trial and verdict
- **Guests on the Segment:** Chicago Tribune reporter, Stacy St. Clair
- **Narrative Discussion:** Chicago Tribune reporter Stacy St. Clair discusses the Drew Peterson verdict with Garry. She discusses her views on the trial, the defense and prosecution teams and compares this trial to previous trials. She also shares her thoughts on the jury and also, on the future of Drew Peterson.



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- **Issue:** CTU strike
- **Title of Program:** Garry Meier Show
- **Date of Segment:** Mon, Sept 10th
- **Time of Segment:** 3:38pm
- **Duration of Segment:** 42 minutes
- **Description of Segment:** Garry chats with listeners about their thoughts on the teacher's strike in Chicago
- **Guests on the Segment:** N/A
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