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Section I: Issues

WVGR has identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- 1. Civil Rights/Race:
- 2. Government:
- 3. Transportation:
- 4. Arts/Humanities:
- 5. Children's Issues:
- 6. Crime/Safety:
- 7. Economy:
- 8. Education:
- 9. Environment:
- 10. Labor Relations:
- 11. Legal System/Court Cases:
- 12. Public Health/Medicine:
- 13. Social Policy/Welfare:

Quarterly Issues/Programs List for Station WVGR

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Section II: Responsive Programs

WVGR broadcast programming dealing with the various issues outlined in Section I of this list. The programming was aired on the dates and times as follows:

1. Civil Rights/Race:

All Things Considered: Backlash - Beenish Ahmed, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-25-2023 at 5:44PM; Duration: 4:08. Michigan Muslims fear a backlash similar to what they faced after 9/11 with the ongoing conflict between Hama and Israel.

All Things Considered: River Sea Feature - MI Radio, Briana Rice

Broadcast on 11-10-2023 at 5:44PM; Duration: 3:32. History of Palestinian phrase of support From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.

Morning Edition: Ella Krumerman Israel Briana Rice, MI Radio

Broadcast on 11-21-2023 at 6:21AM and 8:21AM; Duration 5:49. UM student talks about the personal impact of the Israel conflict on her Jewish family.

All Things Considered: Ella Krumerman Israel Briana Rice, MI Radio

Broadcast on 11-21-2023 at 5:50PM; Duration: 5:49. UM student talks about the personal impact of the Israel conflict on her Jewish family.

2. Government:

Morning Edition: No Fault Survivors - Tracy Samilton, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-06-2023 at 6:45AM and 8:45AM; Duration 4:44. Resistance to relief efforts resulting from the 2019 changes to Michigan s no-fault auto law may be changing in a Democratic controlled House.

All Things Considered: No Fault Survivors - Tracy Samilton, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-06-2023 at 5:44PM; Duration: 4:00. Resistance to relief efforts resulting from the 2019 changes to Michigan s no-fault auto law may be changing in a Democratic controlled House.

Morning Edition: Mostafa Hussein, University of Michigan - Doug Tribou, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-24-2023 at 6:34AM and 8:34AM; Duration 8:03. Assistant professor at the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies gives perspective on latest events in the conflict between Hamas and Israel.

All Things Considered: Backlash - Beenish Ahmed, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-25-2023 at 5:44PM; Duration: 4:08. Michigan Muslims fear a backlash similar to what they faced after 9/11 with the ongoing conflict between Hama and Israel.

All Things Considered: Abortion Debate in Michigan - Kate Wells, MI Radio

Broadcast on 11-04-2023 at 5:35PM; Duration: 3:10. Abortion advocates are dissatisfied with watered down Reproductive Health Act bill passed by MI House.

Morning Edition: Relatives in Gaza - Briana Rice, MI Radio

Broadcast on 11-09-2023 at 6:34AM and 8:34AM; Duration 5:53. What the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas means to two community members with Palestinian family ties.

All Things Considered: River Sea Feature - MI Radio, Briana Rice

Broadcast on 11-10-2023 at 5:44PM; Duration: 3:32. History of Palestinian phrase of support From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.

All Things Considered: Joe Tate - Rick Pluta, MI Radio

Broadcast on 11-15-2023 at 5:44PM; Duration: 3:44. MI House Speaker talks about the historic past year where Democrats held control of both the State Senate and House.

All Things Considered: Winnie Brinks - Colin Jackson, MI Radio

Broadcast on 11-16-2023 at 5:44PM; Duration: 4:09. MI House Speaker talks about the historic past year where Democrats held control of both the State Senate and House.

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2. Government (Continued):

Morning Edition: Winnie Brinks - Colin Jackson, MI Radio

Broadcast on 11-17-2023 at 5:44AM and 7:44AM; Duration 4:09. MI House Speaker talks about the historic past year where Democrats held control of both the State Senate and House.

Morning Edition: Ella Krumerman Israel Briana Rice, MI Radio

Broadcast on 11-21-2023 at 6:21AM and 8:21AM; Duration 5:49. UM student talks about the personal impact of the Israel conflict on her Jewish family.

All Things Considered: Ella Krumerman Israel Briana Rice, MI Radio

Broadcast on 11-21-2023 at 5:50PM; Duration: 5:49. UM student talks about the personal impact of the Israel conflict on her Jewish family.

All Things Considered: Campus Feature - Briana Rice, MI Radio

Broadcast on 12-08-2023 at 5:44PM; Duration: 3:34. Since the start of hostilities between Israel and Hamas, Michigan college students have been protesting and organizing; Muslim and Jewish students, in particular, state the atmosphere feels different and more dangerous on campuses.

Morning Edition: Campus Feature - Briana Rice, MI Radio

Broadcast on 12-08-2023 at 7:45AM; Duration: 3:34. Since the start of hostilities between Israel and Hamas, Michigan college students have been protesting and organizing; Muslim and Jewish students, in particular, state the atmosphere feels different and more dangerous on campuses.

4. Arts/Humanities:

All Things Considered: Frankenfest - Taylor Scott, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-07-2023 at 5:35PM; and on 10-08-2023 at 8:35AM and 10:35AM; Duration 3:45. Audio postcard from Port Huron s Franken-fest, celebrating all things horror, macabre, and spooky.

Morning Edition: Friday Roundup - John U Bacon and Doug Tribou, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-13-2023 at 6:45AM and 8:45AM; Duration 3:45. Sports commentator talks all things football (Wolverines, Spartans, and Lions) and Red Wings hockey.

Morning Edition: Rivalry - John U. Bacon and Doug Tribou, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-20-2023 at 6:45AM; Duration: 4:32. Sports commentator s lead-in to the annual Michigan/Michigan State football game.

Morning Edition: Sign Steeling Allegations - John U. Bacon and Doug Tribou, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-20-2023 at 8:51AM; Duration: 4:55. Sports commentator details allegations of improper sign stealing against U of M football program.

Morning Edition: Signs - John U. Bacon and Doug Tribou, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-27-2023 at 6:45AM; Duration: 4:50. Even during a bye week, U of M football team stays in the news headlines due to alleged sign stealing scandal.

Morning Edition: Signs - John U. Bacon and Doug Tribou, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-27-2023 at 8:45AM; Duration: 5:16. Even during a bye week, U of M football team stays in the news headlines due to alleged sign stealing scandal.

All Things Considered: Haunted Detroit - Katheryne Friske, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-30-2023 at 5:44PM; Duration: 3:52. Reporter rides along with Detroit History Tours for the Historical Haunted Detroit bus tour.

Morning Edition: Haunted Detroit - Katheryne Friske, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-31-2023 at 5:45AM and 7:45AM; Duration 3:52. Reporter rides along with Detroit History Tours for the Historical Haunted Detroit bus tour.

Morning Edition: Weddings in Hell - Rebecca Kruth, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-31-2023 at 6:21AM and 8:21AM; Duration 5:31. Reporter spends an evening in Hell, MI, with couples who seal their eternal fates on Friday the 13th.

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4. Arts/Humanities (Continued):

All Things Considered: Weddings in Hell - Rebecca Kruth, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-31-2023 at 5:44PM; Duration: 5:31. Reporter spends an evening in Hell, MI, with couples who seal their eternal fates on Friday the 13th.

Morning Edition: U of M Scandal - John U. Bacon and Doug Tribou, MI Radio

Broadcast on 11-10-2023 at 8:51AM; Duration: 5:09. University of Michigan questions speed of the investigative process after Big Ten Conference issues notice of intent to discipline UM football program.

Morning Edition: Harbaugh - John U. Bacon and Doug Tribou, MI Radio

Broadcast on 11-13-2023 at 8:42AM; Duration: 4:33. Sports commentator provides opinion on suspension of UM Coach Harbaugh hours before big game versus Penn State.

All Things Considered: Cranbrook - Doug Tribou, MI Radio

Broadcast on 11-17-2023 at 5:50PM; Duration: 7:41. Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills opens new exhibit featuring work of the Michelangelo of Detroit , LeRoy Foster.

Morning Edition: Cranbrook - Doug Tribou, MI Radio

Broadcast on 11-17-2023 at 6:20AM and 8:20AM; Duration 7:47. Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills opens new exhibit featuring work of the Michelangelo of Detroit, LeRoy Foster.

Morning Edition: Big Ten Agreement John U. Bacon and Doug Tribou, MI Radio

Broadcast on 11-17-2023 at 8:51AM; Duration: 5:02. Coach Harbaugh and University of Michigan abruptly accept three-game suspension handed down by the Big Ten Conference, ending possible legal battle.

Morning Edition: The Parade Company Katheryne Friske, MI Radio

Broadcast on 11-22-2023 at 6:45AM and 8:45AM; Duration 5:00. Behind the scenes as workers prepare for the 97th edition of America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit.

All Things Considered: The Parade Company Katheryne Friske, MI Radio

Broadcast on 11-22-2023 at 4:44PM; Duration: 5:00. Behind the scenes as workers prepare for the 97th edition of America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit.

Morning Edition: College Football - John U. Bacon and Doug Tribou, MI Radio

Broadcast on 12-01-2023 at 6:45AM and 8:51AM; Duration 5:05. MSU s new football coach and the challenges the lie ahead for UM s coach.

Morning Edition: College Football Playoffs - John U. Bacon and Doug Tribou, MI Radio

Broadcast on 12-07-2023 at 8:51AM; Duration: 4:09. Sports commentator talks about the upcoming college football bowl games, including the playoffs between Michigan vs Alabama and Washington vs Texas.

6. Crime/Safety:

Morning Edition: Juvenile Life Sentences with Kimberly Woodson and Yusef Qualls - Beenish Ahmed, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-04-2023 at 6:34AM and 8:34AM; Duration 6:09. Former juvenile lifers ask lawmakers to end sentences of life without parole for minors.

9. Environment:

Morning Edition: Wetlands Bank - Lester Graham, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-11-2023 at 5:45AM and 7:45AM; Duration 4:13. Michigan s Wetland Bank program utilizes state funds to redevelop wetlands that are disturbed during road projects.

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9. Environment (Continued):

Morning Edition: East Side Flooding - Sarah Cwiek, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-19-2023 at 6:21AM and 8:21AM; Duration 6:30. Finding workable solutions for neighborhoods being flooded in Detroit s Jefferson Chalmers area.

All Things Considered: East Side Flooding - Sarah Cwiek, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-19-2023 at 5:20PM; Duration: 6:30. Finding workable solutions for neighborhoods being flooded in Detroit s Jefferson Chalmers area.

All Things Considered: The Environment Report: Smart Erie - Lester Graham, MI Radio

Broadcast on 11-06-2023 at 5:44PM; Duration: 4:08. A new low-power radio network of sensors, measuring water quality, is being built in Lake Erie.

Morning Edition: The Environment Report: Smart Erie - Lester Graham, MI Radio

Broadcast on 11-06-2023 at 6:45AM and 8:45AM; Duration 4:08. A new low-power radio network of sensors, measuring water quality, is being built in Lake Erie.

All Things Considered: The Environment Report: Lake Erie - Lester Graham, MI Radio

Broadcast on 12-13-2023 at 5:44PM; Duration: 4:27. Michigan officials are looking to reduce phosphorus run-off into the western basin of Lake Erie.

11. Legal System/Court Cases:

Morning Edition: Juvenile Life Sentences with Kimberly Woodson and Yusef Qualls - Beenish Ahmed, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-04-2023 at 6:34AM and 8:34AM; Duration 6:09. Former juvenile lifers ask lawmakers to end sentences of life without parole for minors.

Morning Edition: U of M Scandal - John U. Bacon and Doug Tribou, MI Radio

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Morning Edition: Lorenzo Harrell - Beenish Ahmed, MI Radio

Broadcast on 12-07-2023 at 6:34AM and 8:34AM; Duration 6:51. Former Michigan inmate, once given a life sentence as a juvenile, talks about life after prison since his release.

All Things Considered: Lorenzo Harrell - Beenish Ahmed, MI Radio

Broadcast on 12-07-2023 at 5:38PM; Duration: 6:51. Former Michigan inmate, once given a life sentence as a juvenile, talks about life after prison since his release.

Morning Edition: Oxford High School - Sarah Hulett, MI Radio

Broadcast on 12-11-2023 at 6:34AM and 8:34AM; Duration 6:40. Audio postcard of impact testimonies during court hearing for Oxford HS shooter.

12. Public Health/Medicine:

Morning Edition: No Fault Survivors - Tracy Samilton, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-06-2023 at 6:45AM and 8:45AM; Duration 4:44. Resistance to relief efforts resulting from the 2019 changes to Michigan s no-fault auto law may be changing in a Democratic controlled House.

All Things Considered: No Fault Survivors - Tracy Samilton, MI Radio

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All Things Considered: Henry Bell - Lindsey Smith, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-10-2023 at 5:44PM; Duration: 3:55. Remembering the story of Retired Army Specialist Bell, advocate for the Piquette Square big apartment complex in Detroit.

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12. Public Health/Medicine (Continued):

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All Things Considered: Abortion Debate in Michigan - Kate Wells, MI Radio

Broadcast on 11-04-2023 at 5:35PM; Duration: 3:10. Abortion advocates are dissatisfied with watered down Reproductive Health Act bill passed by MI House.

All Things Considered: Vapes with Rich Marianos - Rebecca Kruth, MI Radio

Broadcast on 12-13-2023 at 4:44PM; Duration: 4:30. Retired ATF Assistant Director discusses recent National Youth Tobacco Survey on tobacco use among middle and high school students.

13. Social Policy/Welfare:

All Things Considered: Henry Bell - Lindsey Smith, MI Radio

Broadcast on 10-10-2023 at 5:44PM; Duration: 3:55. Remembering the story of Retired Army Specialist Bell, advocate for the Piquette Square big apartment complex in Detroit.

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