

**WCCO-TV QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT
PERIOD OCTOBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018**

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PROGRAM INDEX: *“WCCO 4 News”* is a regularly scheduled newscast Monday through Friday at 4:30-7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:00, 5:00, 6:00 and 10:00 p.m., Saturday at 8:00 a.m., 5:00, 6:00 and 10:00 p.m., and Sunday at 6:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:30 and 10:00 p.m.

“60 MINUTES” is a regularly scheduled one-hour CBS News magazine show. Segments run approximately 12 minutes.

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CONSUMER: Grain-Free Dog Food, New Parking System, Sunday Liquor Sales

October 29, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Grain-Free Dog Food” – Researchers at the University of Minnesota want to know if the popular trend of grain-free dog food is contributing to an increase in a type of heart disease called dilated cardiomyopathy. The working theory suggests it is not the lack of grains making dogs sick, rather what companies put in place of it. Sweet potatoes, peas and other legumes might be stripping a dog’s ability to absorb the taurine. Dogs with dilated cardiomyopathy might show symptoms such as coughing, fainting and fatigue. **November 16, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “New Parking System”** – The Mall of America is introducing a new parking feature to save shoppers time on Black Friday. The new Park Assist system shows customers the number of open spaces in a parking ramp with digital signs on the exterior. Once a driver heads into the ramp, red and green lights will alert them to open or occupied spaces. The parking system covers all of the 12,550 parking spaces in the mall’s two ramps. Shoppers can also check the parking situation in real time on the mall’s website. **December 12, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Sunday Liquor Sales”** – Minnesota ended its ban on Sunday liquor sales one year ago. During the first year, supporters thought Sunday sales could generate between \$10.8 million to \$15.1 million in new tax revenues for Minnesota. However, only \$7.2 million in tax revenue, about half the predicted amount, was generated by the end of 2017. That amount was not even due to Sunday sales. There was an overall increase in alcohol taxes in 2018 of 4 percent, but that’s right in line with previous years.

CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Bulletproof Classroom Partition, Metadata, Package Thieves

October 27, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Bulletproof Classroom Partition” – The Minneapolis-based company Versare released a new line of patent-pending classroom dividers that also act as a ballistic shield for teachers and students. The partition is able to withstand multiple shots of both .44 Magnum and 9-millimeter bullets. The product costs 2 to 3 times more than traditional partitions, but is more cost-effective than other school safety measures. The Minnesota districts

need to decide what is best for the students and staff and how to best utilize resources before these partitions are considered. **November 27, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Metadata”** – A cellphone picture led police to a man accused of having sexually-explicit conversations with someone he thought was a minor. The photos the suspect sent to an undercover detective contained what is called metadata, with location information. The detective typed in the latitude and longitude of the picture, and it pinpointed the location of a home in Mahtomedi. Metadata was enough to get a search warrant for the home, and the suspect was charged with two counts of electronic solicitation of a child. **December 12, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Package Thieves”** – This year, the St. Paul Police have reported over 200 package thefts. The police have started using GPS technology to combat the package thefts. The GPS tracker is packaged to look like an Amazon gift, placed on the porch of a willing homeowner, then sits and waits. Once the GPS is on the move, the police can track and arrest the suspect. Police also suggest having a doorbell camera to catch thieves on video tape.

GOVERNMENT: Early Voting, Minnesota Capitol Transition, Farm Bailout

October 25, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Early Voting” – Minnesotans are voting early in record numbers. The Minnesota Secretary of State says more than 370,000 people have either cast their ballots or requested absentee ballots. Add that number to 108,000 voters in rural areas who have requested mail ballots. That equals nearly half a million Minnesotans who have already voted or are in the process of voting. Statewide early voting turnout is up 145 percent compared to the 2014 midterm election. **November 8, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Minnesota Capitol Transition”** – DFL Governor-elect Tim Walz and Lt. Governor-elect Peggy Flanagan have opened a transition office at the State Capitol. Both have promised to break the gridlock that has gripped the Capitol for the last four years. Walz and Flanagan are open for business, taking resumes and setting up office. Across the Capitol in the Senate, the Republican Majority Leader Paul Gazelka is pledging cooperation. **December 5, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Farm Bailout”** – Only a fraction of a \$12 billion federal bailout program to help farmers hurt by trade tariffs has made it to Minnesota. The United States Department of Agriculture reports it has disbursed \$1.4 billion in emergency farm aid so far through November 26, out of the total \$12 billion it promised. The USDA says Minnesota ranks fourth of the top five states for emergency aid. Soybean farmers in Minnesota are getting the most emergency help, followed by hogs, dairy and wheat.

HEALTH: Officer Wellness, Gender Affirmation Surgery, Laser Brain Surgery

October 29, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Officer Wellness” – The Minneapolis Police Department now has a peer support team to make sure officers are not dealing with trauma alone. For the first time in the department’s history, Chief Arradondo has asked for money from Mayor Frey’s office to help with officer wellness. The Minnesota Legislature has also passed a first responder bill that requires insurance companies to cover mental health treatment for all active first responders. **November 12, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Gender Affirmation Surgery”** – Nearly 200 people have undergone the female gender affirmation surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. The Mayo is one of a few hospitals in the country that offers the surgery. It’s a service of the hospital’s Transgender and Intersex Specialty Care Clinic, which provides patients with everything from mental health support to hormone therapy. The Mayo offers several gender-affirming surgeries including facial feminization, breast augmentation, vaginoplasty and breast

reduction. **December 3, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Laser Brain Surgery”** – A doctor at the University of Minnesota is studying the quality of a patient’s life after a newer and less abrasive brain surgery he introduced last year. Patients who enroll in the trial will answer questions related to physical well-being, social and family well-being, along with emotional and functional well-being. The answers could help future patients by designing specific inventions for those needs. The multi-institutional study could take another three to five years to complete.

DIVERSITY: Scream Town, Racial Disparity, Offensive Christmas Tree

October 9, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Scream Town” – An advocacy organization is calling for a human rights investigation after the owner of a Halloween attraction singled out Somalis. The owner of Scream Town apologized for a note to staff, which said there should be a “zero tolerance policy with Somalis”. The owner explained the note was to update the staff on Scream Town’s safety and security policy. A message has since been posted to Scream Town’s Facebook page apologizing. **November 20, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Racial Disparity”** – A new survey finds Minneapolis and St. Paul among the worst places for African Americans to call home. Experts say Minnesota has one of the highest attrition rates for black professionals. Many who come to Minnesota for work leave within two years. A typical black household in the Twin Cities has an income of \$31,635 a year. That is just 40 percent of the average earnings at a white household. **December 13, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Offensive Christmas Tree”** – New video released shows Minneapolis police officers decorating a Christmas tree with offensive decorations. The officers decorated the tree with a Popeye’s Chicken cup, crime tape, a malt liquor can and cigarettes. The president of NAACP says these are items that are harming the black community, not representing them. A spokesperson for Minneapolis police says they released the new video for transparency and don’t believe this will interfere with the investigation.

ENVIRONMENT: Solar Garden, Chronic Wasting Disease, Bald Eagle Poisoning

October 29, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Solar Garden” – A solar garden will be built over Ramp A near Target Field in downtown Minneapolis. Several local companies will help create panels mounted 18 feet above the ground. Excel customers from Hennepin and surrounding counties can buy into the garden through a subscription and receive monthly energy credits, saving about 7 percent a month. Energy from the Ramp A solar garden will feed into the Excel power grid. **November 25, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Chronic Wasting Disease”** – The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is testing harvested deer for Chronic Wasting Disease. CWD is a neurological disease, dropping a deer’s life expectancy to about two years. The sporting industry is feared to shrink if hunters put down their guns over CWD concerns. Funding for doing surveillance is also a concern for the DNR. Since July, the DNR reports there have been eight positive tests for CWD. **December 7, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Bald Eagle Poisoning”** – Veterinarians with the University of Minnesota Raptor Center had to euthanize a second bald eagle due to lead poisoning. Veterinarians think the eagle ate from the field remains of a deer that had been shot with a lead bullet. The center has seen about 100 adult eagles come in each year and 30 percent of them have lead toxicity, and most of them die. Ammunition manufacturers are in the process of ramping up non-toxic alternatives, many of which are already on the market.

WOMEN: Breast Cancer, Female Troopers

November 23, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Breast Cancer” – Breast Cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer, and the second most deadly kind of cancer found in women. To better understand the risk, genetic counselors from the Virginia Piper Cancer Institute in Minneapolis suggest answering a few simple questions from an online quiz. The Bright Pink quiz includes questions about average exercise and alcohol consumption. The tool can be a good starting point for patients who do not have a family history. **December 15, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Female Troopers”** – There are 535 road troopers in the State Patrol, but only 54 of those troopers are women. In an effort to bring more females to the force, the Minnesota State Patrol is holding a panel of female troopers to answer questions about the unique demands of the job. Minnesota State Patrol has been holding recruitment events focused on women for the past five years. During that time, they’ve added 27 new female troopers to the force.

YOUTH AND FAMILY: Winter Coats, Young Hunters, Pediatric Patient Simulator

October 30, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Winter Coats” – Hundreds of children in need lined up for new winter coats at Anderson United Community School in Minneapolis. During the Super Bowl, Minneapolis ad agency Mono, sold pre-warmed, plaid, faux fur trapper hats. The proceeds from the sale went directly to the Twin Cities Firefighter’s Operation Warm. Operation Warm plans on visiting 10 schools with winter coats this year. **November 2, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Young Hunters”** – Thousands of Minnesota hunters are getting ready for deer rifle season. However, attracting younger hunters to the sport has become a yearly challenge. Cellphones, electronics and video games are catching the attention of some young hunters. As a result, the state sold 4 percent fewer youth deer licenses between 2016 and 2017. Experts believe activities like trap shooting and archery in schools could help recruit the next generation. **December 11, 2018, WCCO 4 News, “Pediatric Patient Simulator”** – Minnesota nurses in training are using a pediatric patient simulator called HAL. HAL’s small voice, blinking eyes and complaints sound like a very sick 5-year-old boy. Billed as the most advanced pediatric patient simulator, the HAL at the Pediatric Home Service in Roseville is one of just 20 in the world and the first in the Upper Midwest. HAL can be programmed to do anything, such as choking or having a seizure.