

WCBS-TV Quarterly Issues/Program Report – October 10, 2018

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect Channel 2's significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

Time period of day, day of week, source and format descriptions follow the first appearance of the broadcast name. Date references refer to broadcast days. All times given are approximate.

Programs

CBS 2 News This Morning, CBS 2 News at Noon, CBS 2 News at 5:00, CBS 2 News at 6:00, CBS 2 News at 11:00, CBS 2 News Saturday, CBS 2 News Sunday - Regularly scheduled news broadcasts focusing on current issues and events.

60 Minutes - Regularly scheduled one-hour weekly broadcast featuring in-depth interviews and reports of various lengths and topics. Sunday, 7 - 8 p.m.

Face the Nation - Regularly scheduled half hour news broadcast featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. Sunday, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

48 Hours – Regularly scheduled news broadcast. Saturday, 10 - 11 p.m.

“Health Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on health related issues, the latest in medical research and treatments, and other health related topics.

“Money Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on the latest in the economy along with tips and ways to save money.

Public Service Announcements- WCBS-TV continues its tradition of airing and sponsoring PSAs. PSAs in rotation stem from various organizations such as National Association of Broadcasters, NYS Government Safety Traffic Committee, New York State Broadcasters, Don't Text and Drive Campaign, Komen Greater NYC Race for the Cure, Sisters for the Cure, A Safer City, JDRF One Walk, Tunnel to Towers, The Make-A-Wish-Foundation of Metro New York, Food Bank NYC, New York City Department of Transportation Vision Zero, New Alternatives for Children, City Harvest, Texting and Driving, Ad Council.

Health: Topics in this category include: Several people contracted Legionnaires' disease in Washington Heights and more than a reported dozen deaths in Manhattan; A salmonella outbreak linked to raw turkey products and Mosquitos tested positive for West Nile Virus in Long Island.

CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING: 8/15 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on the source of the Legionnaires outbreak that has been traced to a cooling tower at the Sugar Hill Project on Saint Nicholas Avenue. Legionella bacteria was found in the tower matched strains that were collected from patients. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 8/30 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on a deadly outbreak of Salmonella poisoning which has been linked to Kosher chicken. One person has died and 10 more have gotten sick. All of the victims reported eating Kosher chicken and several said it was the Empire brand. The bacteria was reportedly found at two processing plants one used by Empire. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 7/11 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on a new Legionnaire's cluster. Eight people have experienced illnesses in the past week in the lower part of Washington Heights. The patients range in age from 40 to 80 years and all but one were hospitalized. The health department is testing the water from cooling towers in buildings where the outbreak is suspected. 7/16 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports the state of New Jersey is considering expanding the medical marijuana program to include opioid addiction as a qualifying condition. Currently, patients with such an addiction can only get medical marijuana if their disorder is linked to chronic pain. Health officials believe the treatment is safer than others. Some experts report there is no evidence to prove marijuana use will stop someone from using opioids. 7/17 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports on a death in the outbreak of Legionnaires disease in Upper Manhattan. The city health department revealed today a person over 50 died within the past week. The total number of confirmed cases has risen to 18 deaths due to Legionnaires outbreak in upper Manhattan. 7/20 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports federal health officials are now investigating a salmonella outbreak linked to raw turkey products. There are nearly 100 cases that have been reported in more than two dozen states including New York and New Jersey. 7/26 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports Legionnaires disease has spread to West Orange, New Jersey infecting a township employee in the town. 8/2 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports New York's Health Commissioner is stepping down at the end of the month. 8/21 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports a record number of mosquitos are testing positive for West Nile Virus on Long Island. Suffolk County Health Officials say the 29 mosquito samples tested positive this week alone. The recent high temperatures and rain are considered contributing factors in creating a spike in the mosquito population. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 8/16 Anchor Mary Calvi reports that swimming has been banned at the beaches in Seaside Heights. The mayor claimed it was the first time in more than 20 years that they have had to ban ocean swimming because of poor quality of water.

Government and Politics: Topics in this category include: Governor Cuomo and Cynthia Nixon facing off in the New York Governor debate; New York government buildings lowered flags to half-staff in honor of Senator John McCain; Senator Schumer reported a setback in the fight against heroin due to government funding.

CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING: 8/2 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on an Opioid initiative named after a Long Island teenager which is being credited with a decline in the number of overdoses. Authorities announced it is the first decline in five years in Nassau County. The initiative began in honor of an 18-year-old who passed away from a Heroin overdose 10 years ago and has now become the face of the epidemic and has helped identify hot spots and focus on education and outreach. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 8/27 Anchor Chris Wragge reports New York government buildings will lower their flags to half-staff in honor of Senator John McCain. 8/24 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on the state of New Jersey increasing their fight against gun trafficking by ordering state and local police to share information on buyers and sellers of guns used in crimes. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 8/29 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on the New York Governor Debate between Governor Cuomo and Cynthia Nixon. The two squared off over a number of topics including the subways, health care and their tax returns. 9/24 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on the removal of the controversial highway sign that reads “I Love New York” which is one week from today. The federal government claimed the blue signs are illegal and some of the writing is distracting to drivers. If the sign is not removed by the deadline the state will lose millions in federal funding. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY:** 8/18 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports that New Jersey will spend more than 10 million dollars to increase security. The move comes just three months before the mid-term elections. The plan is funded by the federal government and the state. **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY:** 7/29 Anchor Jessica Moore reports on a setback in the state of New York’s fight against heroin. The state is no longer eligible to receive a 350 million dollar increase in anti-opioid funding from the federal government, according to Senate Majority leader Charles Schumer.

Education: Topics in this category include: Hempstead Public School systems has a new superintendent; Governor Phil Murphy is proposing to reduce the amount of PARCC testing by 25 percent and Jericho School District has been named the best in country by the website Niche.

New York City's new Chancellor is tackling some hot button issues in his first weeks on the job; A nation-wide walk out by students from school in demand of stricter gun laws has the city's department of education taking a stiffer approach by marking students absent if they participate in the walk out.

CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING: 7/11 Anchor Chris Wragge reports that a vote will take place in New Jersey to decide whether or not to cut back on PARCC standardized testing. Governor Phil Murphy is proposing to reduce the amount of testing for all grades by 25 percent. 8/1 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on a principal dilemma at New Rochelle High School. The former principal resigned a few weeks ago and may actually be returning. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 7/24 Anchor Mary Calvi reports the fight to ensure Yeshiva students receive a proper secular education in New York is heading to federal court. A Yeshiva Advocacy Group is suing to stop the state from implementing a deal which now threatens passage of a state budget. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 7/30 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on the I Promise School which is a culmination of nearly a decade of work from the LeBron James Family Foundation and Akron Public Schools. The focus is on giving an education to kids from a challenging background. It begins with 3rd and 4th grades then plans on expanding. 8/10 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on the struggling Hempstead School District which has accused its suspended superintendent of wrong doing. The superintendent was brought in to fight corruption but now faces dismissal. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 7/31 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on the Hempstead Public Schools situation that has been ongoing for decades. Our reporter Carolyn Gusoff spent a full academic year behind the scenes, following the educator who came to Hempstead Public Schools with a plan to change the fate of the students and reverse chronic reputed mismanagement. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY:** 8/4 Anchor Andrea Grymes reports the Jericho School District has been named the best in the country. According to the website, Niche which determined Jericho's number one ranking including academics, diversity, absenteeism, and extracurricular activities. The district has a 98 percent graduation rate.

Consumer: Topics in this category include: Apple is running a promotion to benefit college students with free headphones along with the purchase of a laptop; The frozen desserts dipped in liquid nitrogen referred to as dragon breath has been banned in Suffolk County and CVS Pharmacy has recalled its nasal spray, CVS Health 12 Hour Sinus Release Mist.

CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING: 8/15 Anchor Chris Wragge reports Southwest Airlines is tightening the leash on emotional support animals allowed on flights. Beginning, in September the airline will only be able to bring cats and dogs on board for support and it is limited to one animal per passenger. Passengers will need to present a letter from a doctor or licensed mental health professional on the day of the departure. 8/17 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on the ban of dangerous dragon breath trend in Suffolk County. It's made using frozen desserts dipped in liquid nitrogen which gives off dramatic vapors when eaten. Suffolk County health officials say it can cause severe damage to the mouth and stomach. Businesses in Suffolk County are warned they'll face fines if they continue to serve the subzero treats. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 8/10 Anchor Jessica Moore reports on a recall for nasal spray. The food and drug administration has ordered the recall of CVS Health 12 hour sinus release mist. Officials say it may be contaminated with bacterium that could be deadly for people with Cystic Fibrosis or immune disorders. Ingesting the tainted spray could also cause slight illness for most other users.

Crime: Topics in this category include: An NYPD sergeant has been put on desk duty after shooting a man in the face; A patient was gunned down in her hospital bed at Suburban Medical Center; A police involved shooting took place on the West Side Highway.

CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING: 8/3 Anchor Chris Wragge reports an NYPD sergeant has been put on desk duty after shooting a man in the face in Brooklyn. 8/23 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on shootings in an apartment building on the Upper East Side. 9/24 Anchor Mary Calvi reports that police in Brooklyn are searching for a suspect who is wanted for beating two men unconscious over the weekend while using anti-gay slurs in Williamsburg. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 8/9 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on a subway slashing between two males in Brooklyn. This was not the first crime committed by the accused. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 8/8 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports a patient was gunned down in their hospital bed at Suburban Medical Center. 8/22 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports eight members of the Rutgers University football team are facing charges related to credit card fraud. Middlesex County prosecutors claim the players stole credit card information and transferred money to their university cash cards for personal use. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 8/14 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports on a stabbing of a home health aide in the Bronx. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM:** 7/26 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports a restaurant owner was shot and killed in Paterson, New Jersey. 8/9

Anchor Kristine Johnson reports a golf course in Long Island was vandalized. The damage done was over thousands of dollars. 8/28 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports that human remains were found in a bag in the Bronx for the second time in four days. Three days ago a Parks Department worker found two bags filled with mutilated parts at Crotona Park. 9/21 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on a child in Queens who survived a hit and run with barely a scratch and then crawled to safety from the street. 9/24 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports Police Commissioner James O'Neill announced this is one of the safest summers on record in NYC. 9/27 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports on a shooting on the West Side Highway near the Intrepid Museum. Officials claim they were trying to arrest a drug suspect they had been following from the Bronx.