

## **WLS AM Quarterly Issues/Programs List**

### **Q2 - April 2015 through June 2015**

During the period from April 2015 through June 2015 (Q2), WLS AM addressed the following issues (as described), in the course of it's programming during the first quarter.

- Government/Politics/Impact on Voters
- Health/Medicine
- Minority Issues/Race Relations/Immigration
- Economy
- Crime/Law Enforcement/Safety
- Youth/Education
- Urban/Suburban Issues
- Energy/Environment/Natural Resources
- Animal Rights/Animal Issues
- Gender Issues

Local talk programs on WLS-AM cover a wide variety of news / issues / opinions, as demonstrated by the attached listing of selected WLS-AM programming during the 2nd quarter of 2015. WLS-AM offers extensive coverage of local, national, and world issues during local newscasts, including the worldwide resources of Cumulus Media, which run 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The station also airs Public Service Announcements to help educate the public of a multitude of issues and topics such as: health, safety, equality, education, etc.

#### **Government/Politics/Impact on Voters**

4/1/2015      707 – 713am      Mary Ann Ahern, NBC5 political analyst provides insight into the mayoral debates.

4/1/2015 836 – 843am Natasha Korecki, political writer for the Chicago Sun-Times, provides analysis and insight into previous night's mayoral debate

4/6/2015 607 – 613am Big John discusses the election tomorrow night and the recent poll numbers still have Mayor Emanuel in the lead by a significant margin. A majority of his voters are in the north side however the overwhelming support for Chuy Garcia from south and west side citizens.

4/6/2015 707 – 713am Here to discuss the states budget and various other topics, Governor Bruce Rauner joins the morning show with Big John Howell. Gov. Bruce Rauner has suspended \$26 million in social services and public health grants as part of his push to whittle away at a \$1.6 billion shortfall in the current state budget. The Republican's office released a list of targeted programs late Friday that included funding to pay for the funerals and burials of public-assistance recipients, smoking cessation, teen programs, autism and HIV and AIDS programs, among other things.

4/6/2015 718 – 725am WLS-AM's very own Bill Cameron joins the show to discuss the mayoral election tomorrow evening and who could take the title of Chicago Mayor. New poll data from Ogden and Fry indicates the gap between Mayor Rahm Emanuel and challenger Jesus "Chuy" Garcia is widening, with Emanuel taking the lead. The survey received more than 1,700 responses. In that vote, Emanuel's 499 votes (51.3 percent) topped Garcia's 321 (33 percent), and 152 voters (15.6 percent) were left undecided.

4/6/2015 836 – 843am Dave Sirota of the International Business Times joins Big John Howell to share what needs to be changed in Chicago politics, also discusses tomorrow's Mayoral Election and his editorial on how Chicago lobbyist Dual Roles should be illegal

4/7/2015 736 – 743am Bob Fioretti - Former alderman and mayoral candidate Bob Fioretti joined Big John to talk about the election today. Bob said during the election he would vote against whoever would run against Rahm. But he has changed his mind and has endorsed the current mayor. Bob doesn't trust Chuy with the city's finances.

4/8/2015 636 – 643am Mary Ann Ahern - NBC 5 Chicago - was at Rahm's victory celebration last night. She recapped the election. She made some good points about Toni Preckwinkle and Karen Lewis not running. Chuy was the 3rd choice to run.

4/22/2015 737 – 743am State Rep. David McSweeney - He is trying to ban red light cameras in Illinois. He believes it's all about revenue and not about safety. He believes it's a government overreach.

4/24/2015 507 – 513am Should Bruce Rauner sign the bill that would fast-track the building of the Obama Library and the Lucas Museum on the lakefront? It's weird how when Springfield wants something done, they can do it really fast.

4/24/2015 807 – 813am Matt Murphy - IL Senator - There is a new bill on Governor Rauner's desk about fast-tracking the construction of the Lucas Museum and the Obama Library on the lakefront. Matt Murphy voted against the bill. He doesn't want Bears tailgaters to be effected or attract unwanted lawsuits.

4/30/2015 736 – 743am PATRICK BRADY - Executive Director of the Independent Map Amendment - The effort to end Illinois' longstanding, unofficial incumbent protection program is getting a second life after a similar campaign last year failed legal and administrative tests. Last year's effort sought to place a citizen-initiated constitutional amendment onto the November 2014 ballot that would end the practice of politicians drawing their own legislative maps. Leaders of the new campaign, Independent Maps, say they are ready to overcome those hurdles and get an amendment proposal to voters on the 2016 ballot.

5/5/2015 648 – 652am Discussing the Entitlement Reform Act and wanting to add drug testing as part of it, Wisconsin State Rep. Mike Rohrkaste joins the program to say why he believes this to be a good idea with Big John. What are changes that this bill would fly in Illinois?

5/12/2015 718 – 722am On Friday, when the Illinois Supreme Court unanimously tossed out the General Assembly's cost-cutting pension reform as unconstitutional, you could hear the engines of gaming lobbyists' jets stacking up over Springfield. Matthew Dietrick of 'Reboot Illinois' joins Big John to discuss Reboot Illinois mission statement and why Matthew is against them in the city.

5/19/2015 708 – 713am Mary Ann Ahern - NBC5 Chicago - Mary Ann Ahern was at Rahm's inauguration speech last night. She joined Big John to talk about what he said in his speech. She was surprised to see the warm and fuzzy sweater-wearing Rahm Emanuel last night.

5/28/2015 638 – 644am Illinois Democrats announced a budget plan Monday that they say calls for spending more than \$3 billion beyond what the state anticipates bringing in, setting up a summer showdown with Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, who has insisted that pro-business reforms accompany any tax hike. Here to give us an update on the story and what the Governor plans to do, State Senator Christine Radogno joined The Big John Howell Show.

5/29/2015 738 – 744am Barring any last-minute compromises, powerful government surveillance authorities under the Patriot Act will expire on Monday. This week, senators have been negotiating over whether to pass a House bill that would renew and tweak existing provisions in the long-controversial law,



rather than let them “sunset” on June 1. Joining the show to discuss the Patriot Act, Senator Dan Coats to discuss his thoughts on the Patriot Act

6/2/2015 807 – 814am Talking about the budget battle in Springfield and his firm stance on the matter, Governor Bruce Rauner discussed his thought process of the matter with "Big" John Howell.

## **Health/Medicine**

4/2/2015 518 – 525am Moral dilemma: Anthony Stokes received a heart transplant a few years ago, even after doctors questioned if he should get one because of previous problems with the law, was killed in an accident after allegedly robbing a home. On going discussion if his previous legal history should even matter.

4/3/2015 737 – 743am Dr Daniela Schreier on the GermanWings crash, about the reality of a pilot having a history of suicidal thoughts and depression.

4/17/2015 836 – 842am Dr. Mike Cirigliano - Frequent WLS contributor Dr. Mike Cirigliano joined Big John to talk about the allergy season that's here now that the weather has warmed up. He suggested an easy over-the-counter solution called NeilMed's Sinus Rinse. He insists he is not paid by the company.

4/22/2015 836 – 843am Dr. Robin Mermelstein - President, Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco - joined Big John to talk about the dangers of teen smoking. There are mixed messages about weed now being legal in some places, it's important for parents to let their kids know about the dangers.

4/30/2015 636 – 643am A bill dealing with when students can return to both athletics and the classroom after suffering a concussion passed a Senate committee Tuesday. Sen. Kwame Raoul, D-Chicago, announced amendments for Senate Bill 7 before the committee meeting, including a “return to learn” policy as well as sideline protocols for dealing with concussions. The Senator now joins Big John Howell to help explain the bill and why it's needed for Chicago schools.

## **Economy**

4/1/2015 748 – 755am Stephen Moore, WSJ financial editor, talking about the new “jobs” report and it’s true meaning

4/6/2015 736 – 743am Stephen Moore of the Heritage Foundation and former WSJ.com editor. The yearlong streak of robust monthly job creation was broken on Friday with the Labor Department’s report that employers added just

126,000 workers in March, a marked slowdown in hiring that echoed earlier signs that sluggish business investment and punishing weather were exacting a toll on the economy

4/7/2015 636 – 643am Jonathan Hoenig from capitalistpig.com joined Big John to talk about poor families spending big money on prom. They spend even more than richer families do. He also spent some time on America's very complicated tax code and a couple thoughts on the mayoral election.

4/14/2015 636 – 643am Jonathan Hoenig- The Capitalist Pig - Jonathan Hoenig joined Big John to talk about tax season. He hates this time of year and wishes we would change our tax season. He suggests there just be no income taxes.

4/27/2015 737 – 743am STEPHEN MOORE - Chief Economist The Heritage Foundation - Over the past few days, many questions have been raised about the Clinton Foundation, its initiatives, and the financial support they have given around the world. Chief Economist at the Heritage Foundation, Stephen Moore, rejoins the program to discuss the Clinton Foundation and how this could effect Hillary Clinton's Presidential campaign.

5/5/2015 636 – 643am U.S. stocks finished modestly higher Monday, building on the previous session's solid gains. The main indexes climbed amid low volatility and lower-than-usual volumes. Joining the show, our Capitalist Pig Jonathan Hoenig talks with Big John the stock numbers and what is really making waves in the market.

5/11/2015 718 – 722am Illinois lawmakers, most notably Governor Bruce Rauner, are trying to negotiate a deal to open a Chicago-owned casino and expand gambling elsewhere in the state. Our very own Bill Cameron, host of Connected to Chicago, joins the program to talk about the Governor's words from Friday.

5/12/2015 838 – 843am Casinos are the talk of Springfield and statewide right now. Some lawmakers say a Chicago casino could generate much needed revenue and spark economic development in the city. For the second time in over a week, a state House panel is hearing testimony about gambling expansion plans. Laurence Msall, President of the Civic Federation joins Big John Howell to talk about the news.

5/20/2015 749 – 753am Brian Battle - Director at Performance Trust - joined Big John to talk about Chicago's political woes. The city decided to delay refinancing all their debt and Brian says it had everything to do with Moody's downgrading Chicago. He also said that Chicago is not turning into Detroit at this point.



5/21/2015 738 – 743am Discussing an article he wrote for the Chicago Sun-Times on property taxes in hopes of getting Mayor Emanuel to fixing the ratings issues, Senior Fellow at the Harris School of Public Policy at the U. of C., Michael Belsky now joins the morning show.

6/1/2015 738 - 741am Here to discuss an article he wrote yesterday on the Washington Post on Republicans getting greedy on budget spending, Senior Fellow of the Heritage Foundation, Stephen Moore rejoins the show with "Big" John Howell.

6/2/2015 638 – 642am JONATHAN HOENIG - CAPITALIST PIG - Jonathan joins Big John to talk about the markets, and how Apple's the biggest company in the world. The guys also talk about raising children in today's world, and how expensive it really is.

### **Crime/Law Enforcement/Safety**

4/2/2015 648 – 655am Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart to talk about a ruling that exonerates his department from accusations that the Cook County jail had sanctioned beatings of inmates.

4/2/2015 807 – 825am New viral video of a NYC cop pulling over an Uber driver. Cop was in unmarked car, threatening and was punished. Big John backs the cop and said he shouldn't be punished. Many callers disagreed and thought cop was wrong

4/7/2015 618 – 625am The police shooting in North Charleston, SC was the topic of this segment. John talked about the constitutional protections afforded to cops in police shootings. He tried to separate the awful video and talk about police shootings in general.

4/13/2015 818 – 825am In a video posted to LiveLeak Friday, a young black man behind the wheel of his car tells of being pulled over by a police officer. "I made sure my hands were on the steering wheel," he says. "I made sure to speak very politely as I always do. I did what he told me to do." What he says happened next is mundane: the cop gave him a warning and let him go. But the fact that a white cop and a black civilian interacted peacefully, the young man says, is something he wants to share with the world. Big John took calls on the story.

4/20/2015 607 – 613am Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez will hold a news conference Monday to announce reforms to low-level drug offenses, including dismissal of all future misdemeanor marijuana cases. The announcement, scheduled for 10:15 a.m. at the state's attorney's office, is part of

the sweeping overhaul that will also address how the office prosecutes small amounts of recreational drugs including Ecstasy, cocaine and heroin

4/20/2015 707 – 720am Big John discusses his friend getting through TSA security without her picture ID and looks to the phones for answers. Several callers note that the security at the TSA was very professional using their common sense and allowing her to get through the security without the ID.

4/21/2015 607 – 613am Chicago police officer Dante Servin was acquitted of all charges for killing an unarmed black woman three years ago. The case is kind of confusing, and it seems that the judge thought that the wrong charges were filed against the officer. After the verdict was read, the brother of the victim started m'ing the officer and that tape has not been released.

4/21/2015 818 – 825am Anita Alvarez - Cook Co. State's Attorney - Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez joined Big John to talk about the changes to low-level drug offenses. She wants help in treating people who keep using drugs, but this won't mean that police will not stop arresting people for drug possession.

4/22/2015 518 – 525am There are protests in Baltimore over the death of a black man after an altercation with police. CNN is there covering them and just sticking microphones in the faces of angry swearing protesters. Also it's hard to lecture protesters as a senator learned in front of a different crowd of protesters. What could spark similar protests/violence in Chicago and is the city prepared?

4/23/2015 707 – 713am SAM ADAM JR. - Criminal Defense Attorney - Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez was accused Wednesday of deliberately charging a now-acquitted Chicago Police detective with involuntary manslaughter instead of first-degree murder to gain favor with the Fraternal Order of Police. Rejoining the program is defense attorney Sam Adam Jr. to discuss the case and what could happen to Anita Alvarez.

4/23/2015 736 – 742am ATTY TONY ROMANUCCI - A lawsuit was filed on behalf of six African-American men from the South and West sides and seeks class-action status. The defendants are the city, police Superintendent Garry McCarthy and 14 unnamed police officers. The 36-page lawsuit alleged that the "suspicionless" street stops have led to constitutional abuses including unlawful searches and seizures as well as excessive force. Big John Howell is joined by Attorney Antonio Romanucci who filed the lawsuit and why he is suing the city.

4/28/2015 507 – 522am There are riots going on in Baltimore over the death of Freddie Gray. It's a pretty dangerous situation there after the mayor told the police to stand down for a few hours. Big John thinks they totally bungled the



situation. Big John took calls, including one from a Chicago police officer who provided his personal and private perspective. Can this happen in Chicago and how is the city pro-active in being able to quickly deal with a similar situation?

4/28/2015 748 – 755am Michael Steele - Former Lt. Governor of MD - Michael Steele is a contributor on MSNBC and is the former chairman of the RNC. He is also the former Lt. Governor in Maryland and he is from Baltimore. He joined Big John to talk about the situation there. He thinks officials may have bungled the situation. He believes there is a problem with police brutality in this country.

5/4/2015 507 – 521am Two suspects were killed after they opened fire last night in a parking lot outside a provocative contest for cartoon depictions of the prophet Mohammed. Garland's city government issued a statement saying that as a Muhammad Art Exhibit event was coming to a close at the Curtis Culwell Center, "two males drove up to the front of the building in a car" and started shooting at a security officer. This sparked a conversation which continued thru-out the morning, with Big John taking calls from listeners on whether this was "free speech" or bad behavior.

5/4/2015 607 – 621am Continuing coverage: Two suspects were killed after they opened fire last night in a parking lot outside a provocative contest for cartoon depictions of the prophet Mohammed. Garland's city government issued a statement saying that as a Muhammad Art Exhibit event was coming to a close at the Curtis Culwell Center, "two males drove up to the front of the building in a car" and started shooting at a security officer. This sparked a conversation which continued thru-out the morning, with Big John taking calls from listeners on whether this was "free speech" or bad behavior.

5/5/2015 837 – 843am Over 600 Cook County security officials called in sick over the weekend to watch the Mayweather/Pacquiao fight on Saturday. Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart joins the show to talk about how busy his weekend became since so many took off.

5/6/2015 636 – 642am The Department of Corrections in Illinois has had many problems with overtime abuse. Officers are calling in sick and then showing up to work to get the sick pay plus they're normal pay. Brett Chase suggests there needs to be some major reform in the Department of Corrections.

5/14/2015 708 – 722am Discussing the legalization of recreational marijuana in the city, Big John Howell opens the phone lines to get their opinions on the matter. Some believe it would bring in a lot of good business for the city and some much needed money.

5/20/2015 638 – 643am A Chicago cop was caught sleeping in his police car. A man walking by noticed and decided to take his phone out and take



a video to document it. As you can imagine, John defended the cop suggesting we don't know the whole situation.

5/22/2015 749 – 753am A clinical psychologist has been picked to lead a Chicago jail that is one of the largest in the country. Here to discuss her new duties at Cook County Jail, Dr. Nneka Jones Tapia. Then, owner of Rubbin Buttz BBQ, Edgar Antillion returns to the program to talk about "White Privilege Day".

5/26/2015 619 – 623am Violence was bad in Chicago over the Memorial Day weekend. But violence is way up in Baltimore. Since the Freddie Gray death, shootings and murders are much higher. Is it because the cops aren't working as hard? Or is the Baltimore Police just short-staffed? Police morale has got to be at an all time low.

5/28/2015 849 – 855am Illinois could soon establish statewide rules for the use of police body cameras, but the proposed legislation would not require officers to have them. A package of police reforms passed the House on Thursday with a 107-3 vote and now heads back to a Senate committee to start final approval.

6/10/2015 738 – 743am Cook Co. Commissioner Richard Boykin is hosting a Gun Violence Summit at UIC on Saturday. He came in studio with Big John to invite him to the summit. Richard has a 7-step plan to rid Chicago of the violence plaguing it.

6/11/2015 738 – 744am Mark Konkol - DNAinfo.com - How unhappy are the Chicago cops about this new rule saying they have to cover up their tattoos?

## **Youth/Education**

4/2/2015 718 – 726am Moral Dilemma: Bew study by Brown University says that parents allowing their children sips of alcohol before they are 21 leads to more drinking. Calls had differing opinions

4/6/2015 636 – 643am Big John talks about a recent study from the Washington Post that Parents spend an average of \$1000 on teens. Another says that parents are spending around \$1400 on prom alone.

4/15/2015 537 – 544am A judge in Atlanta handed out pretty hefty prison sentences to teachers who cheated to help students get higher test scores. Were these big punishments fair? He took all on the topic.

4/20/2015 736 – 744am Former chairman of DuPage County Board and State Representative Ron Sandeck join the program to discuss the accounts

of College of DuPage trustees and senior administrators using a separate and undisclosed account at the campus' high-end restaurant to charge thousands of dollars in alcohol to a foundation intended to fund student scholarships, a Tribune investigation found.

4/21/2015 636 – 640am Jonathan Hoenig - Capitalist Pig - Are young people dumb with money? Jonathan sure thinks so. He posed three questions for young people and most didn't know the answers.

4/22/2015 636 – 643am Attorney Jeff Schwab - Liberty Justice Center - Police can take your child into custody if they are under 13 and home alone by themselves. Attorney Jeff Schwab is fighting this law and he joined Big John to talk about it.

4/23/2015 607 – 613am Illinois is one of 10 states that doesn't require a civics course to graduate high school despite incontrovertible research that civic learning translates into civic action. Rep. Deborah Conroy, D-Villa Park, introduced legislation to have Illinois join the majority of states that mandates civics. House bills 4025 and 4024 require a civics course to graduate high school and prepares teachers for teaching civics. Big John takes calls on the issue and their thoughts on teaching civics.

4/29/2015 518 – 525am The CPS has a problem with math. Not the students in this situation however. They couldn't get all the schools cleaned because they didn't budget enough money. They miscalculated how many schools there were in the Chicago Public School system.

4/30/2015 607 – 623am A woman seen berating and hitting a black-clad teenager, later confirmed to be her son, has been hailed as “mom of the year” after her intervention on the streets of Baltimore was caught on video. Big John discusses if parents should beat their kids for acts like this. Big John then takes calls on the riots and listens to their opinions.

4/30/2015 718 – 723am Returning to the program to discuss School Cleaning Contracts and the poor state that public schools have been kept in, Chicago Principals and Administrators Association President Clarice Berry joins Big John Howell her plans to help clean up our public schools.

5/4/2015 736 – 743am STEPHEN MOORE - Chief Economist, The Heritage Foundation - Joining the program to talk about the latest article he had written about on the riots in Baltimore and a program that will zero out a program that is helping children get better education in bad neighborhoods

5/6/2015 736 – 743am Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan - Lisa Madigan joined the show to talk about student loans. She is cracking down on predatory student loan services in Illinois.



5/21/2015 838 – 842am George Nelms took a less-than-straightforward path throughout his undergraduate education, finally earning a bachelor's degree from ECE ILLINOIS in 1962. That path, though, didn't allow him to participate in Illinois' graduation ceremony, even though it prepared him for a successful, diverse career in engineering. Nelms will return to campus mid-May to finally walk in the graduation ceremony he missed 53 years ago.

5/26/2015 720 – 725am Bobby Sianis - Saved Father's Life - Bobby Sianis is a 15 year old boy from Palos Hills and is a freshman at Stag High School. He saved his father's life at his grandmother's funeral. His dad was having a heart attack and Bobby gave him CPR and helped until an ambulance came and took him to the hospital. His dad is doing well. Bobby joined Big John to talk about his experience.

6/1/2015 608 – 611am Wheaton College announced Sunday that Dennis Hastert's name is no longer associated with its Center for Economics, Government, and Public Policy, following federal charges against the former U.S. House speaker and the school's decision to accept Hastert's resignation from the center's board.

6/10/2015 639 – 643am Would you pay attention better if the school you went to was sports-themed? Dyett High School Principal Charles Campbell has proposed this as an idea. He joined Big John to explain what this school would be all about.

### **Urban/Suburban Issues**

4/6/2015 807 – 821am Although the Cubs faced an embarrassing 3-0 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals, several residents in the Wrigleyville neighborhood in the north side called the field for noise complaints. Big John notes that the residents should know better living near Wrigley Field of the noise complaints and took calls from listeners, some who disagreed with him, in the second segment.

4/7/2015 718 – 725am Julian Green - VP, Communications & Community Affairs for the Chicago Cubs joined Big John to talk about the bathroom fiasco opening night where people had to wait a couple innings to use the washroom. Julian said the Cubs will bring in portable toilets until the out-of-order bathrooms are back up and working again.

4/8/2015 818 – 825am Steve Chirico - Mayor-Elect of Naperville joined Big John to talk about his plans for Naperville. He'll be the first new mayor in Naperville in 20 years. He won 60% of the vote.