

WLS AM Quarterly Issues/Programs List

Q1 – January – March 2017

During the period from January 1 through March 31, 2017 (Q1), WLS AM addressed the following issues (as described), in the course of it's programming during the first quarter of 2017.

- Government/Politics/Impact on Voters (1)
- Health/Medicine (2)
- Minority Issues/Race Relations/Immigration (3)
- Economy (4)
- Crime/Law Enforcement/Safety (5)
- Youth/Education (6)
- Urban/Suburban Issues (7)
- Energy/Environment/Natural Resources (8)
- Veteran's Issues (9)
- Transportation (10)

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 1st quarter of 2017 (January 1 – March 31, 2017). 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.

Included in this list is our public affairs programming **“Connected to Chicago” hosted by WLS “City Hall/Political” reporter Bill Cameron**. This weekly program, broadcast every Sunday from 7pm – 8pm, features an extended and in depth look at a story with the biggest impact on Chicagoland. Bill also hosts a roundtable discussion with Chicago area reporters, columnists and commentators, bringing depth and understanding to the top stories effecting Chicagoland. Program Note: “Connected to Chicago” is also broadcast in its entirety, 406am – 456am on Saturdays.

WLS-AM also airs **Public Service Announcements** to help educate the public of a multitude of issues and topics of importance to Chicago-land.

1/1/2017 706 – 726pm Bill Cameron plays his audio collection from his years covering Mayor Richard J. Daley. December 20th marked 40 years since the former mayor's death. (1,3,5,7)

1/1/2017 734 -748pm Bill Cameron plays more of his audio collection from his years covering Mayor Richard J. Daley. (1,3,5,7)

1/1/2017 752 – 756pm My car does what? Automakers have been offering new vehicle safety technologies designed to prevent crashes but how much do you know about what your car can do? Dr. Daniel McGehee, Director of the University of Iowa National Advanced Driving Simulator talks with Jennifer Keiper about the various technologies and what they do, whether automakers are doing enough to educate consumers about what is available, and offers suggestions for utilizing the technology in slipper conditions (14,8)

1/2/2017 908 – 914am Former CPD Superintendent Garry McCarthy joins the show to talk about Chicago's growing violence problem.(1,2,5,7)

1/3/2017 908 – 913am The people of Bridgeport are getting fed up with other people not cleaning up after their dogs. (1,7)

1/3/2017 920 – 923am Callers weigh in on the Bridgeport issue – some with similar stories and suggestions on how to solve. (1,7)

1/4/2017 708 – 713am The Fox Valley Mall changes policy on teens being in the mall. Why is this happening, is it legal and is it the best for the teens? What are their alternatives? (1,4,6,7)

1/5/2017 838 – 843am Illinois Senator Dick Durbin joins the show to talk about President Obama's discussion with Democrats and Loretta Lynch's push to finalize the DOJ's investigation of the CPD. (1,3,5,6,7)

1/5/2017 908 – 913am Four Chicago men torture a man with special needs in a video posted to Facebook. This breaks a story that goes national – how could be people be so cruel and is posting live events like this to Facebook a new paradigm? (3,5,6,7)

1/6/2017 608 – 613am The four people accused of torturing a special needs man are charged with hate crimes. Is this just? (3,5,6,7)

1/6/2017 738 – 742am Dixon, IL, wants to start raising money for a Ronald Reagan statue from his time as a lifeguard.(1,7,9)

1/6/2017 908 – 913am CPD Superintendent Eddie Johnson joins the show to talk about the recent video on Facebook showing four people torturing a mentally handicapped man.(1,3,5,7)

1/8/2017 706 – 727pm Bill Cameron interviews Illinois House Majority Leader Barbara Flynn Currie. They talk about the end of the first stop gap budget and all of the programs affected by it. Currie states who she's likes for Governor in 2018. Would it take a billionaire to defeat Rauner? (1,2,4)

1/8/2017 734 – 748pm Bill Cameron along with Greg Hinz of Crain's, Lynn Sweet of The Sun-Times, and Ray Long of The Chicago Tribune discuss issues making news this week. Congress may run the government if Candidate Trump can't transform himself into President Trump. Mayor Rahm Emanuel is being called 'heartless' by some city of Chicago employees after private e-mails were released including exchanges about a three-year phase-out of the city's retiree health care program. The city seems to be over run by crime, shootings, police brutality -- can Rahm win back the trust of his constituents before the next election? Will we see an Obama pardon of former Governor, Rod Blagojevich? (1,2,4,8,9)

1/8/2017 752 – 756pm Jennifer Keiper speaks with Ford analyst Erich Merkle who is in charge of the numbers at Ford Motor Company. He talks to WLS about the industry's strength in 2016 and what we can expect to see in 2017. Merkle also explains why we've seen strength in truck and SUV sales. (4,8)

1/9/2017 908 – 915am Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner joins the Big John and Ray show to talk about how the state government can get things moving, including the budget and other initiatives stalked by a Democratic legislature. (1,2,3,4,5,6,8)

1/10/2017 638 – 643am Jonathan Hoenig of the Capitalist Pig Management joins the show to talk about tonight's final speech as President for Obama. Also the cost of raising a kid is rising at an incredible rate. What can people do to save or plan? (1,2,4, 6)

1/10/2017 822 – 825am The cost of raising a child is increasing by a lot. What are people doing to plan differently for this? (1,2,4,6)

1/11/2017 738 – 742am Andy Shaw from the Better Government Association joins the show to talk about the benefits of making Rahm private emails public. (1)

1/11/2017 908 – 912am Rick Jacobsen is an Oswego man who is fed up with vandalism happening at the Veteran's memorial in Oswego. What is being done about this? Is this another example of disrespect for property? (9)

1/12/2017 922 – 925am The Chicago Tribune's John Kass joins the show to talk about his column about President Obama's Town Hall in Chicago. Is this a proud moment for the city? What was learned? Was the speech uniting or dividing? (1,3,5,6)

1/13/2017 620 – 625am Dean Angelo is the head of the FOP and joins the show to talk about the upcoming DOJ report which is expected to hit CPD hard. What will result be? Better police? A less trusting public? (1,3,5,6)

1/13/2017 638 – 642am U.S. Representative Dan Lipinski joins the show to talk about the future of Obamacare.(1,2)

1/13/2017 808 – 813am Former CPD Superintendent Garry McCarthy joins the show to talk about the upcoming DOJ report release on the CPD. (1,3,5,7)

1/13/2017 821 – 825am Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart joins the show to talk about today's DOJ report release. (1,3,5,7)

1/15/2017 706 – 726pm Fraternal Order of Police's Dean Angelo with reaction to U.S. Attorney General, Loretta Lynch's press conference and the investigation about the City of Chicago's Police Department.(1,3,5,7)

1/15/2017 734 – 748pm Bill Cameron along with Greg Hinz of Crain's, Lynn Sweet of The Sun-Times, and Ray Long of The Chicago Tribune discuss issues making news this week. Take on the U.S. Attorney General, Loretta Lynch press conference and the investigation about the City of Chicago's Police Department and their handling of arrests, which Lynch described as have involved excessive force. Will citizens ever be able to trust the CPD? Is this problem solvable? (1,3,5,7)

Two other press conferences this week happened with the outgoing and the incoming Presidents. Obama's reflection on accomplishments were wiped out by Trump's statements the next morning.(1,2,3,4,5,6,7)

1/15/2017 752 – 756pm John Dempsey updates us on the CTA's proposed renovations to the CTA REDLINE. (1,4,7,8)

1/16/2017 708 – 713am Continuing Coverage: Dave Savini from CBS2 joins the show to break down the DOJ report about the CPD. (1,3,5,7)

1/16/2017 920 – 924am Kyle Smith of the New York Post joins the show to talk about his column calling the Obama Presidency a failure.(1,2,3,4)

1/17/2017 708 – 713am Former Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich is still asking for clemency as the White House changing hands. (1,5)

- 1/17/2017 722 – 725am** Callers weigh in on whether Gov Blagojevich should receive clemency. (1,5)
- 1/17/2017 808 – 812am** Former CPD Superintendent Garry McCarthy joins the show to talk about the DOJ report about the CPD and the allegations that he wouldn't speak to them. (1,3,5,7)
- 1/18/2017 920 – 924am** U.S. Representative Adam Kinzinger joins the show to talk about the people who are protesting the Inauguration. (1)
- 1/18/2017 938 – 942am** ABC7 I-Team reporter Chuck Gowdie joins the show to talk about President Obama commuting the sentence of Puerto Rican activist Oscar Lopez-Rivera.(1,3,5)
- 1/19/2017 708 – 713am** IDOT is looking for public input on improvements to the Eisenhower. What are options, costs? Is another toll lane an option? (1,10)
- 1/19/2017 908 – 913am** Chicago alderman want five million dollars to start a "Ceasefire" program aimed at curbing gunfire in the city. (1,3,5,6)
- 1/20/2017 720 – 724am** Former city hall watchdog Faisal Khan joins the show to talk about his ideas to prevent corruption in Chicago. Just how prevalent is it these days? (1,4,5)
- 1/20/2017 838 – 843am** Ann Scholhamer, who is leading the planning on the women's march in Chicago, to protest of Donald Trump, talked about why this event is important and what will be happening, what streets may be closed, etc..(1,7)
- 1/22/2017 706 – 726pm** With the inauguration of President Donald Trump, Tom Tresser joins Bill Cameron to predict how a Rahm Chicago will operate under a Trump America. Tresser has been doing civic engagement and grassroots democracy efforts for over 40 years and has recently published a new book, "Chicago Is Not Broke.(1,4,7)

Funding the City We Deserve" in which he outlines the ways the city of Chicago can actually work in a fair, just, and progressive way.

Then, Mayor Rahm Emanule's senior legal advisor, Stephen R. Patton who was appointed the City of Chicago's Corporation Counsel in 2011, tells Bill Cameron what he thinks the mayor should have done differently in the past 5 and a half years. Patton is leaving the position and will be replaced by Edward N. Siskel in February.

1/22/2017 734 – 748pm Bill Cameron along with Greg Hinz of Crain's, Lynn Sweet of The Sun-Times, and Ray Long of The Chicago Tribune discuss issues making news this week. Most notably, the inaugural of President, Donald Trump. The Illinois Senate is tired of the budget stalemate and has apparently taken steps to draft a budget plan of their own. Can it be done with the approval of Speaker Mike Madigan? (1,2,4,7,8)

1/22/2017 752 – 756pm Nick Gale talks with Steve Bernas, president of the Better Business Bureau of Chicago, serving Northern Illinois. He says the "IRS Scam" remains at the top of their list of consumer complaints and scams. He also points out specific scenarios and warns listeners to never accept a call from the IRS, because the IRS will never call. He talks about what to listen for to see if a call is a scam or not. (1,5)

1/23/2017 708 – 712am Illinois Senator Tammy Duckworth uses some language that John is not a fan of at the Washington Women's March and he takes her to task, not representing Illinois as he thinks she should.(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9)

1/23/2017 920 – 924am Alderman Mike Zalewski joins the show to talk about his initiative to arm security guards at O'Hare.(1,5,10)

1/24/2017 850 – 854am A man is teaching kids in Chicago to box in an effort to keep them off the streets. (1,3,5,6,7)

1/24/2017 908 – 912am Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin talks about a program to move firefighters and police officers into downtrodden neighborhoods to improve them. (1,3,4,5,7)

1/24/2017 938 – 942am A Northwestern student is claiming discrimination after sororities rejected her.(1,3)

1/25/2016 938 – 942am Follow-up: Luiz Manteo is a Boxing Hall of Famer who is teaching kids how to box in the city in effort to keep them off the streets. He talked with John and Ray about this program. (1,3,4,5,7)

1/25/2017 950 – 953am Previewing the State of the State address Bruce Rauner is set to give today. (1,2,4)

1/27/2017 608 – 612am Time to stock up on Corona and tequila. Trump's tariff war with Mexico begins. What impact will this have on daily life here in Chicago? (1,3,4)

1/27/2017 720 – 724am Congressman Luis Gutierrez (D-IL) joins the show to talk about Donald Trump's attack on illegal immigration, what it means to his constituents. (1,3,4,5,6,7)

1/27/2017 908 – 912am Restaurants around the country are starting to call themselves "Sanctuary Restaurants." Can that happen here in Chicago? (1,3,4,5,6,7)

1/29/2017 706 – 724pm Bill Cameron looks at Donald Trump's first week in office, with special interest in the looming battle with Mayor Emanuel regarding Chicago's Sanctuary City status as well as the President's threat to send in federal troops to help battle the shooting epidemic in parts of the city. (1,3,4,5,6,7)

1/29/2017 734 – 748pm Bill Cameron, Lynn Sweet, and Greg Hinz discuss earlier this week Trump made a statement about Chicago's crime problems and his threats to pull funding from Sanctuary cities including Chicago. Many political leaders have started to ignore President Trump and his staffers rather than accepting him. Is that the right move? Will those choosing to do so regret their decision later in the term? (1,3,4,5,6,7)

A meeting between Trump and the President of Mexico was cancelled, however they did speak to each other by telephone on Friday. Trump has maintained his position to build a wall on the border and make Mexico pay for it. President Donald Trump also signed an executive order withdrawing the US from the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement.

1/29/2017 752 – 756pm John Dempsey looks at the opening of a domestic violence shelter in Uptown. (1,2,5,7)

1/30/2017 708 – 713am CPD Superintendent Eddie Johnson needs a kidney. Raises awareness of organ donor planning. (1,2,7)

1/30/2017 810 – 814am Ed Yohnka of the Illinois ACLU joins the show to talk about President Trump's ban on travel from seven countries and how a side benefit is a big rise in donations to ACLU. (1,3,4)

1/31/2017 640 – 644am Ron Rufo is a former CPD officer and joins the show to talk about the rising suicide rate amongst Chicago Police officers. (1,2,5)

1/31/2017 740 – 744am Father Cletus Kiley joins the show to talk about Donald Trump's travel ban. (1,3,4,5,7, 10)

1/31/2017 910 – 914am Everloyce McCullough from the Army of Moms joins the show to talk about the increasing violence problem in the city of Chicago. (1,3,5,6,7)

2/1/2017 620 – 624am Red light cameras in Oak Brook have always been controversial but one red light camera at Oak Brook Terrace is causing some issues with area shoppers (1,5,7,10)

2/1/2017 910 – 914am Lincoln Towing is under fire once again. More legal questions about the towing company's tactics.(1,5,7,10)

2/2/2017 638 – 642am Woodstock (IL) City Councilman Mike Turner joins the show to talk about the 24th anniversary of the movie, "Groundhog Day." This is a big event for the city. (1,7)

2/3/2017 738 – 741am Feel Good Story: A Chicago Police officer is taped giving a coat to a homeless man. Finally, something good comes out of the taping of police. (1,2,3,5,7)

2/3/2017 938 – 943am Former Astronaut Captain James Lovell joins the show to talk about a new wing at Great Lakes Naval Station and what that means to us militarily and what it does for the local economy. .(1,4)

2/5/2017 706 – 724pm Jim Durkin - Republican Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives, representing the 82nd District. There is actually some good news coming out from Springfield recently, but why are Speaker Mike Madigan and Governor Bruce Rauner having so much difficulty actually running the state? Another Madigan, Attorney General, Lisa Madigan has threatened to stop paychecks for state employees until the a balanced budget can be put in place. Is it a wise decision to punish state workers? Are there any possible Trump policy problems that will make it difficult for the state to provide for its residents? Medicaid could be severely impacted from the proposed changes coming from the Trump White House. (1,2,4,7)

2/5/2017 734 – 748pm Bill Cameron along with Greg Hinz of Crain's, Lynn Sweet of The Sun-Times, and Ray Long of The Chicago Tribune discuss Can President Trump's Supreme Court Nominee, 49-year-old Denver federal appeals court judge Neil Gorsuch be fair when it comes to the possibility of revisiting the 1973 Roe V. Wade decision. (1,5)

2/5/2017 752 – 756pm Jennifer Keiper speaks with Illinois Treasurer Michael Frerichs who has spearheaded a new 14-state program that encourages disabled people to invest money without jeopardizing federal disability benefits. We hear about program details from Frerichs and those who plan to take part explain why they're going to do it. In the second segment, Major League Soccer Commissioner Don Garber explains why his organization chose Chicago for the 2017 MLS "ALL-STAR" game, which will be played at Soldier Field on August 2nd. Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel explains what getting this game means for the city. (1,2,6,9)

2/7/2017 708 – 713am Toby Keith is set to play at Naperville's Rib Fest and some residents are none too happy. This is a huge money making event for Naperville, does this dust up threaten this event? What is the impact? (1,3,5,7)

2/7/2017 808 – 813am Chris Bergin, a local attorney, is representing an Army vet who is facing deportation after facing drugs charges. What is the real effect on the so-called “travel ban” on people who truly are not a threat to the United States? (1,2,3,10)

2/7/2017 950 – 954am A pair of men went into the Dearborn Police station armed to see if their Second Amendment rights would be infringed upon. Is there a dual set of rules based on race or socio-economic status? (1,3,4,5)

2/8/2017 808 – 813am Beth Purvis is the Illinois State Education Secretary and joins the show to talk about Forrest Claypool's letter calling out the Governor's office, blaming budget inaction on the Chicago school money crisis. (1,6,7)

2/8/2017 838 – 842am Dan Lipinski is the U.S. Representative from the 3rd District joins the show to talk about his bill to increase transparency in politics.(1,5)

2/9/2017 820 – 824am Illinois Gubernatorial candidate Chris Kennedy joins the show to talk about his recently announced campaign for the top office in the state.(1,4,5,7,8, 10)

2/9/2017 908 – 913am Softball fields in Lake Shore Park are being replaced by soccer fields for kids. Is this as good of an example as anything of the changing demographics of America? Or do kids simply prefer soccer – if so, why is that? (1,3,5,6,7)

2/10/2017 808 – 813am Some Winnetka parents are upset that New Trier is having a Civil Rights seminar going on at the school. Why is the school doing this – and why are parents upset about this? (1,3,6,7)

2/10/2017 908 – 913am Follow up: Alderman Brian Hopkins joins the show to talk about his plan to convert some softball fields to soccer fields. Is this as good of an example as anything of the changing demographics of America? Or do kids simply prefer soccer – if so, why is that? (1,3,5,6,7)

2/12/2017 708 – 724pm Superintendent Eddie Johnson gives us a health update. He talks about finding ways to vet new hires and clean out the 'bad apples' from the department. It is just one of the projects going on in the CPD. Several 'police involved shootings' are still being reviewed by the 'Inspector General' and body cameras are playing an important role in documenting police interactions. One video just released by the CPD involves Congressman, Bobby Rush. The officers stopped him based on a 'rash' of crimes in the neighborhood, but the Congressman claims it was another case of 'Racial Profiling' by CPD officers. (1,3,5,7)

2/12/2017 736 – 748pm In the roundtable they discuss President Trump claiming that our national security is at risk and that is the basis for his executive action to 'ban' travel by individuals from seven Muslim countries. The ban was blocked by a federal appeals court on Thursday. President Trump declared that he intends to go to the U.S. Supreme court for a 'final answer'. Chicago's City Council is asking President Trump for assistance to help battle the 'crime problem' in the city which has been the recent target of the President. Can the White House actually do anything to fight gang crimes, increase gun controls, and provide summer jobs for the city's youth? Republicans cried foul over Senator, Elizabeth Warren claiming that she violated rules against impugning another senator. A vote following party lines intended to silence her comments, actually put a spotlight on her message. Chris Kennedy tosses his hat into the run for Governor of Illinois as a democrat. His announcement earlier in the week confirmed rumors that the Chicago businessman and son of former U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy. (1,3,4,5,6,7)

2/12/2017 752 – 756pm Then Nick Gale talks about a bill being introduced in Springfield to further Illinois' position as a safe haven for immigrants. The "Immigration Safe Zone Act" provides that schools, medical treatment and health care facilities, and places of worship may not grant access to State and local law enforcement agencies that have entered into an agreement with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The bill requires the Illinois Department of Human Services to provide training or make training available to teachers, administrators, and other staff of elementary and secondary schools, as well as to medical treatment and health care facilities, on how to deal with immigration issues and how to notify families of those issues in multiple languages. The bill also provides for the removal of certain file information by State agencies, public schools, and public institutions of higher education. State Rep. Chris Welch is sponsoring the bill along with State Rep. Elizabeth Hernandez and Freshman State Rep. Theresa Mah.(1,3,6,7)

2/13/2017 908 – 913am An alderman wants to get rid of red light cameras. What are the costs vs benefits. What is the legal opinion.

2/14/2017 820 – 824am Kristin McQueary from the Chicago Tribune joins the show to talk about the current state of the state. Mayor Emanuel's status, schools, budget, pensions. (1,2,4,5,6,7,10)

2/15/2017 1120 – 1126am Phil Chess and Renee Rosen join the show to talk about Bob Sirott's campaign to make a museum for the Chess Records site in Chicago. (1,4,7)

2/15/2017 1136 – 1142am The conversation continues with Phil Chess and Renee Rosen talking about Bob's campaign to make a museum for the Chess Records site. (1,4,7) .

2/16/2017 620 – 624am Rick Bayless has closed his restaurants in protest over immigration. Will others follow suit? Is it because many of Bayless' restaurants serve Mexican food, or to show support for many of his employees who are of Hispanic background? (1,3,4,5,6,7)

2/16/2017 638 – 642am Alderman Matt O'Shea from Chicago talks about his pancake breakfast to raise money for police officers to get new bulletproof vests.(1,4,5,7)

2/16/2017 820 – 824am Governor Rauner is live on the Big John and Ray show to talk about the possibility of raising taxes during his yearly budget speech given later that morning. .(1,4,5,7)

2/17/2017 750 – 754am People are asking the University of Wisconsin to change their practices to allow more minority students into the schools, including the offer of free tuition or \$20,000 annual stipends? Is this really a good way to provide "reparations" or is this political correctness gone wild? (1,3,6,7)

2/17/2017 920 – 924am FEEL GOOD STORY: A random act of kindness at a school in Logan Square gives kids bikes and scooters. (6,7)

2/17/2017 940 – 944am Illinois Senator Dick Durbin joins the show to talk about Trump's immigration policies and to pay tribute to former Illinois Congressman Robert Michel, who died earlier. (1,3,9)

2/19/2017 707 – 727pm John Dempsey filling in for Bill Cameron speaks with Josh Hoyt of the National Partnership for New Americans. They discuss the changes in immigration laws under President Donald Trump. (1,3,4,5,7)

2/19/2017 735 – 747pm John Dempsey along with Greg Hinz of Crain's, Lynn Sweet of The Sun-Times, and Ray Long of The Chicago Tribune discuss President Trump's "last minute" press conference. Was this really an update to the nation or more of a "song and dance" event designed to distract attention from problems happening in the White House? Can the Trump agenda be successful with the GOP voters in the off year elections in Congress? Might Trump failures trickle down to Republicans like Peter Roskam, who could be ousted in the 2018 election. Is there a viable Democratic candidate to take on Roskam? Governor, Bruce Rauner has budget issues to deal with and also had a few technology problems to get through in his 2017 budget address. Can the "Grand Deal" be agreed on by both parties and their leadership? Chicago Mayor, Rahm Emanuel met with several Trump cabinet officials in Washington D.C. - Did he gain any insight into how the Trump administration might be able to help reduce crime in the city. (1,4,5,6,7)

2/19/2017 752 – 757pm Humberto Ortiz, Chevy Design Director talks about his the Redline special edition package that has been featured at this year's Chicago Auto Show. He talks about what inspires a designer, how to attract younger buyers, and offers advice to students looking to get into automobile design.(1,4,8,10)

2/20/2017 620 – 624am Betsy Hart of "Parents of New Trier" joins John and Ray to discuss their organization's opposition to an all-day civil rights seminar planned for New Trier High School has led to a group of parents creating a website and Facebook page to call for the addition of conservative speakers and presenters, or cancellation of the event. (1,3,6,7)

2/20/2017 638 – 642am A group of workers were fired taking the day off to observe "a day without immigrants." Was this the right thing for the employer to do? (1,3,4,5)

2/20/2017 810 – 814am The White House isn't the only place for governmental leaks. Des Plaines Alderman James Brookman joins the show to talk about information leaks in Des Plaines. (1,5)

2/20/2017 908 – 913am Dan Mihalopolous from the Sun Times joins the show to talk about Logan Square's rise as a much more luxurious neighborhood.(1,3,4,7,8)

2/21/2017 820 – 824am Pastor Corey Brooks joins the show to talk about his comments at last night's New Trier High School meeting to discuss the all day civil rights seminar that was scheduled. (1,3,6)

2/21/2017 920 – 924am More reports of employees were fired after they didn't show up for work on A Day Without Immigrants. Was this the right thing for the employer to do or a chance the perhaps, illegal immigrants, took? (1,2,3,4,5,6)

2/22/2017 710 – 714am Some aldermen are not happy with the way Mayor Emanuel is planning to use the extra property tax money.

2/22/2017 950 – 954am Rahm Emanuel has plans for some money left over from property taxes but some aldermen are not happy with his plan. (1,4,5,7)

2/23/2017 610 – 614am Follow up: The Mayor decides against using surplus money for new trees. (1,4,5,7)

2/23/2017 710 – 714am Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner joins the show to talk about the continuing budget impasse in Springfield. (1,3,4,5,6,7,10)

2/23/2017 820 – 824am Some Chicago Vocational High School students are creating a ride sharing app for kids in dangerous neighborhoods.(1,3,5,6,7)

2/23/2017 910 – 914am Should one of the local highways be renamed for President Obama.(1,10)

2/24/2017 810 – 814am There's a new plan to replace the buckets at toll booths with updated machines and touchscreens. Is this efficient use of highway funds? Is this more efficient for drivers? (1,4,10)

2/26/2017 707 – 728pm Newsmaker Interview: Golf season is soon approaching and it's something many of Chicago's underprivileged youth do not get a chance to experience. The Chicago Park District and the newly formed Chicago Parks Golf Alliance have one solution that might be able to make 18 holes of lush fairways available to Chicago youth.

John Dempsey talks to Mark Roling (NBC & Golf Channel Analyst and Founder of the Chicago Parks Golf Alliance) about the proposal to combine the 9-hole South Shore Golf Course with the adjacent Jackson Park Golf Course creating a professional quality course that would offer discounted rates to city residents in addition to a caddy program that would offer jobs for Chicago youth. (1,3,4,6,7)

2/26/2017 735 – 747pm Roundtable Panel: John Dempsey sits in for this weeks gathering around the roundtable joined by Lynn Sweet of the Chicago Sun-Times, Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune, and Greg Hinz of Crain's.

This week with Trump: Sean Spicer and the Trump era White House briefing has been repeatedly mocked by Saturday Night Live, but are they really that disorganized and convoluted? Lynn gives us the inside story. Several recent Republican town hall meetings have been disrupted by audience members with anti-trump comments and protests. What is next for the GOP and changes to "Obamacare"? There is a lot of money riding on healthcare nationally, but it could affect locally for those who provide services within the state. (1,3,5,6,7)

2/26/2017 752 – 757pm Community Spotlight: Jennifer Keiper has an update from the 2017 Chicago Auto Show. A new program called, 'The EVOLVE Initiative' (EVOLVE stands for Electric Vehicle Opportunities: Learning, Events, Experience.) is an effort to get more electric vehicles on the roads in order to reduce air pollution and the illnesses related to vehicle emissions. This program involves 7 states and 8 coalitions, including Chicago. Some 200 events will be held over the next 3 years and will target the public, the fleets, workplace and dealership training. (10)

2/27/2017 910 – 914am John and Ray wonder what would have happened if Moonlight, a movie about a gay black man, had been announced as the winner and then had to hand the Oscar to a movie with white jazz musicians.(3,7,10)

2/28/2017 810 – 814am Governor Bruce Rauner continues to distance himself from the President. What are the political implications for Rauner and the stated of Illinois? (1,3,6,7)

2/28/2017 938 – 942am A racist Snapchat at Naperville North is making some parents and students mad. Is uproar the right thing to do or “politically correct”? (1,3,5,6,7)

3/1/2017 638 – 643am Tornado’s touch down in central Illinois last night. We check in with Robert Eschbach, the mayor of Ottawa, to talk about the damage and rebuild effort. (7)

3/1/2017 810 – 814am James Joseph is the Deputy State Homeland Security Adviser and joins the show to talk about the tornadoes downstate.(7)

3/1/2017 850 – 854am Jonathan Frieberg is an attorney in Ottawa and talks about what the scene was like in Ottawa during the storms.(7)

3/1/2017 920 – 924am NBC5 Meteorologist Brant Miller talks about the weather patterns that led up to the storms in Central Illinois. (7)

3/2/2017 810 – 814am Gina Chavez from the Village Grill in Naplate joins the show to talk about the tornado that hit the restaurant near Ottawa.

3/2/2017 820 – 825am Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx joins the show to talk about a program to try to revamp the bond system in Cook County. (1,4,5,7)

3/3/2017 640 – 644am Susan Nicholl is the Executive Director for the Special Olympics in Chicago joins the show to talk about this Saturday’s Polar Plunge which raises funds for and awareness of Special Olympics. (1,2,6,7)

3/3/2017 650 – 654am Another Twitter casualty. A Chicago man loses his job after tweeting at the widow of the soldier killed in Yemen – he was critical of her appearance at President Trump’s Joint Session speech. Later in the show (920 – 925am), listeners weighed in on whether or not he deserved the firing. (1,7)

3/5/2017 707 – 728pm Michael Quigley, U.S. Representative for Illinois's 5th congressional district and a member of the Intelligence Committee joins Bill Cameron. It's been a busy week in Washington D.C. and the biggest story involves, newly appointed Attorney General Jeff Sessions who did not disclose what could have been multiple meetings with the Russian ambassador during the campaign. Sessions meetings with Russian officials was not disclosed during his Judiciary Committee confirmation hearing. (1,5)

3/5/2017 735 – 748pm One on One with Chicago Tribune's Ray Long who updates the Tribune's series on fatal pharmacy failures and changes that have come about from the Tribune's investigation. In Springfield, the stalemate has returned and what was hailed as a very unique but workable plan, called the "Grand Bargain" has been effectively killed by the failure of a pension bill which was a part of the overall plan.(1,2,4)

3/5/2017 752 – 757pm WLS News reporter, Catherine Catalane features the growing impact of Opioid drug deaths in the United States, and especially in Illinois. Opioid drugs are often used in pain relief, but are very addictive and most patients using the drugs have become unknowingly addicted. Chelsea Laliberte, a co-founder of Opioid/Heroin Prevention Task Force, and the Executive Director of Live4Lali.org, a campaign to help others dealing with opioid addiction and overdose. (1,2,5,6,7)

3/6/2017 750 – 754am The neighborhood of Beverly in Chicago has ceased to be dry. How earth shaking a decision is this and what economic and social impact could this move have? (1,2,4,5,7)

3/6/2017 809 – 813am Autism Eats is putting on an event that helps kids with autism eat at restaurants. John and Ray help publicize this event which raises awareness of and money for Autism research and support. (2,6)

3/7/2017 710 – 714am Chance the Rapper donated a million dollars to the money strapped Chicago Public Schools. Notwithstanding the artists good deed, is this how CBS needs to be funded? (1,3,4,6,7)

3/7/2017 750 – 754am U.S. Representative Peter Roskam ran away from people who accosted him after a speech in Chicago. Is the congressman shirking his duty or has there been a lessening of civility in public discourse? (1,5)

3/8/2017 640 – 644am Follow up: US Congressman Peter Roskam joins the show to talk about the calls for him to hold a town hall.(1,5,7)

3/9/017 640 – 644am U.S. Congressman Randy Hultgren joins the show to talk about the new the new healthcare proposal unveiled by Republicans in Congress. (1,2,4)

3/9/2017 809 – 812am The man shot and killed after spending 45 minutes out of prison got out on a filing error made by the Cook County's State's Attorney. Why do these errors continue to happen in Cook County jails? Lack of qualified people? Lack of qualified oversight? (1,3,5,7)

3/10/2017 910 – 913am Illinois is mulling over allowing people under 21 to drink if they're with their parents. What are the benefits vs potential land mines? (1,2,4,5,6,7)

3/10/2017 920 – 924am Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson joins the program to talk about the GOP healthcare plan – what are the changes, improvements and chances for actually passing? (1,2,4)

3/13/2017 707 – 728am Roberta Lynch, Executive Director of AFSCME, the public services employees union representing many state of Illinois employees. Governor Bruce Rauner has effectively stopped negotiating with the union over state employee contracts. Can the impasse ever be resolved or will it take new leadership to re-open talks? The union might opt for a strike that could devastate the service organizations who serve the citizens of Illinois. (1,2,4,6,7,10)

3/13/2017 735 – 748pm Bill Cameron along with Greg Hinz of Crain's, Lynn Sweet of The Sun-Times, Ray Long of The Chicago Tribune, and Natasha Korecki of Politico discuss the week in state and national politics. Picking up on first segment, will the state legislature come together for a balanced budget? Lynn updates the debate on the U.S. Senate floor is the replacement legislature for "Obamacare". Will problems in the Trump administration trickle down to the mid-term elections in Illinois in 2018? Will there be a Democrat sweep from the Governor's office down to members of Congress? (1,2,4,6,8,10)

3/13/2017 752 – 756am John Dempsey covers the opening ceremonies for "Riverpoint Tower" which is one of several new office towers opening in the heart of the city. Comments from Alderman, Brendan Reilly and Mayor, Rahm Emanuel illustrate how important this development will be for the city. (1,4)

3/14/2017 608 – 613am What was really the season's first big snowstorm, blanketed Chicagoland with anywhere between 6 and 12 inches of snow, making the morning drive long, arduous and hazardous. Gianna Urgo of IDOT provided a complete update on area roads and transit times. In addition, Jen DeSalvo is the WLS-AM traffic center provided extended (two to three minutes) updates four times every hour. (10)

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3/14/2017 620 – 625am Jonathan Hoenig talks cost of the storms in Chicago and on east coast. (1,4,8,10)

3/15/2017 750 – 755am Alderman Matt O'Shea is going to White Sox Opening Day but on his own dime. (1,4,5,7)

3/15/2017 938 - 943am 19th Ward Alderman Matt O'Shea joins the show to talk about the new ethics ruling that the Alderman can't take tickets from the Sox for Opening Day.(1,4,5,7)

3/16/2017 710 – 713am A Riverside-Brookfield High School teacher was let go after encouraging kids to protest.(1,6,7)

3/16/2017 720 – 725am Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart joins the show to talk about the new program for setting bail in Cook County.(1,3,5)

3/17/2017 638 – 643am Riverside-Brookfield teacher Jill Musil joins the show to talk about the school's decision to not renew her contract. After some hate filled graffiti was discovered at school, she encouraged students to speak out. (1,6,7)

3/17/2017 710 – 714am CPD Superintendent Eddie Johnson joins John and Ray to discuss what he said to Attorney General Jeff Sessions, about what Chicago needs to stop the killings. . (1,3,5,6,7)

3/19/2017 706 – 726pm Bill Cameron talks to Chicago Mayor, Rahm Emanuel and the mayor's thoughts on Governor Rauner's destruction of the "Grand Bargain" budget plan, the continued gang and gun crimes in the city and even Northwestern Basketball's historic season and first win. Earlier in the week, the city announced a new CTA rail car factory in the city, but says the state's financial situation is not going to help recruit other businesses. (1,4,7,8,10)

3/19/2017 734 – 744pm Bill Cameron along with Greg Hinz of Crain's, Lynn Sweet of The Sun-Times, and Ray Long of The Chicago Tribune, review this week in the capitals.

Can the "draconian" Trump budget that contains drastic cuts in the arts and sciences be "real"? Will it be good for business in America? Is now the time that people will start to ignore what President Trump has to say?

Will Senators Durbin and Duckworth be looking for excuses to vote 'NO' on the appointment of President Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Neil Gorsuch? There might be another candidate for the Governor's race in Illinois. J.B. Pritzker announced an exploratory committee to see if he should jump into the race. Money isn't an issue for Pritzker, so what is he exploring? (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10)

3/19/2017 750 – 755am Jennifer Keiper covers the ways teens and young adults can now apply for positions within the city's "One Summer Chicago" youth jobs program, The city says there are some 30-thousand jobs up for grabs for those ages 14 – 24.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced this year's program opening at the Opportunity Youth Summit, where city leaders launched a three year campaign to engage more of what they ca;; "Opportunity Youth.

For those who would like to help the program, the mayor says they are going to "crowd source" funding at OneSummerChicago.org/donate. (1,3,5,6,7)

3/20/2017 710 – 714am An Army vet is getting deported after his drug sentence ends. This story may not be what it seems. Not mistreating a vet, it's the law of the land. (9)

3/20/2017 910 – 914am A business is getting hurt because the owners were outed as Trump supporters. How prevalent is this? Does this go beyond freedom of choosing who you do business with? (7)

3/21/2017 1020 – 1025am The red light cameras are getting an extra two tenths of a second before going off. (1,5,10)

3/22/2017 1037 – 1042am People who eat gluten-free may be more exposed to the deadly metals in food. (2)

3/23/2017 638 – 643am Politico's Kyle Cheney joins the show to talk about the what really in the proposed "Ryancare", who really is affected and what are it's chances of actually passing? (1,2,)

3/23/2017 810 – 814am . CNBC's Larry Kudlow joins the show to talk about what's in Ryancare and if passed, what it will really mean to the American people? .(1,2)

3/23/2017 720 – 725am Illinois may legalize marijuana in an effort to raise money for the state. John and Ray have differing points of view. John not a fan of legalization. But could this be a financial watershed for state? (1,2,4,5)

3/24/2017 738 – 742am U.S. Representative Mike Quigley joins the show to talk about the future of Ryancare. (1,2)

3/24/2017 810 – 813am A Cook County judge decides that lawmakers should get paid more money. But how realistic is that considering the city, the count and the state are broke? (1,7)

3/24/2017 920 – 923am The IRS is now going to use phones to call people who owe money. Is this invasion of privacy? Or is this good business? (1,4,5)

3/24/2017 1110 – 1114am Mary Mitchell wrote about the decision to appoint Paul Vallas to take over Chicago State University. (6,7)

3/26/2017 707 – 726pm State's Attorney for Cook County, Kim Foxx talks to Bill Cameron about her first few months on the job and the work her staff is doing sorting through her predecessors case logs. (1,3,5,6,7)

3/26/2017 734 – 748pm Is the repeal and replacement of "Obamacare" dead for now? Is Donald Trump really the President, or does he only play the role when he's in front of the media? (1,2,4)

3/26/2017 752 – 756pm This week's segment is about the School Meals Summit "Nourish to Flourish." The summit is taking place in Chicago March 28 - 30. CPS director of nutrition support services Leslie Fowler says this summit is a chance for CPS and other school to talk directly with food suppliers. She says CPS is looking for "clean label" items. Those are items free of hormones or other things like fillers. CPS serves some 75 million meals per year. (2,3,6,7)

3/27/2017 720 – 724am Three teenage girls were told they can't get on a flight because they were wearing leggings and tried to get on a United flight. How could this be an issue. However, United claims their gate attendant has full authority to make the decision. But why leggings? (1,5,6,10)

3/27/2017 908 – 913am Tribune reports: CPD have been misplacing paperwork and letting criminals off. Is this business as usual or misinterpretation of facts? (1,5)

3/27/2017 1038 – 1043am FOP Head Dean Angelo joins the show to talk about his trip to the White House and how he will be discussing the number of shooting deaths in Chicago, plus the issues the Chicago police have in dealing with the problem. (1,3,5,6,7) .

3/28/2017 638 – 642am Jonathan Hoenig from Capitalist Pig Management joins the show to talk about the construction boom in Chicago. (1,4)

3/28/2017 840 – 845am State Rep. Kelly Candice joins the show to talk about legalizing marijuana in the state of Illinois (1,2,4,5,6,7)

3/28/2017 1120 – 1124am A restaurant in Pennsylvania is giving out a discount for people not using a phone while eating. Is this an idea more restaurants should adopt? (1,2,7)

3/29/2017 708 – 713am FOP Head Dean Angelo joins the show to talk about his meeting with President Trump.(1,5,7)

3/29/2017 808 – 812am The bucket boys may get a break in Chicago. Could be new laws allowing them continue the drumbeating for money on Chicago sidewalks. (1,3,5,6,7)

3/29/2017 908 – 912am Batavia City Council won't allow a citizen to have a pet pig. Is it a service animal or a pet/farm animal? (1,4,7)

3/31/2017 720 – 724am A college student was docked points on her project after she used the word, 'mankind.'" Have colleges gone overboard with political correctness? (6)

3/31/2017 808 – 813am Self-driving cars are coming closer to coming to fruition. Will roads really be safer or not? (1,10)

3/31/2017 1020 – 1030am Computer expert Kim Komando joins the show to talk about new laws which may have effect opposite of what is intended, making things even more at risk on the internet. Kim makes suggestions on what people can do to make their on line experience as private as possible (1,4,5)

3/31/2017 1035 – 1042am Callers weighed in on the above mentioned internet security issue – some arguing that the merits of the new proposed laws, others providing suggestions.

3/31/2017 1049 – 1057am Amy Summy from No More Kids With Cancer joins the show to talk about her charity. (2,6)

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

1/1 – 3/31 WLS-AM broadcast a minimum of 7 (seven) 30 second announcements/week promoting awareness of **Fisher House.org**

1/1/ - 3/31 WLS-AM broadcast a minimum of 12 (twelve) 60 second announcements/week promoting awareness of **Fisher House.org**

1/28 – 1/29 WLS-AM broadcast 10 (ten) 15 second announcements promoting **Carbon Monoxide Awareness Month**.

3/1 – 3/15 WLS-AM broadcast 30 (thirty) PSA's promoting the environmentally based **Earthhour.org** "Lights out day"

3/4 - 3/31 WLS-AM broadcast a minimum of 10 (ten) 60 second public service announcement promoting the need to not accept and **report school age bullying**.

3/6 – 3/31 WLS-AM broadcast 10 (ten) PSA's for **Autism Speaks**.

2/29 – 3/31 WLS-AM broadcast 30 (thirty) PSA's featuring actress Minnie Driver promoting the **Stand Up To Cancer/Ovarian Cancer Research** initiative

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