

## WLS AM Quarterly Issues/Programs List

### Q1 – April – June 2016

During the period from April 1 through June 30, 2016 (Q2) WLS AM addressed the following issues (as described), in the course of it's programming during the second quarter of 2016.

- 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)

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 2016 (April 1 – June 30, 2016). 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.

**4/1/2016 707 – 713am** - Jason Van Dyke, the police officer who was arrested for shooting and killing Chicago teen Laquan McDonald. Well he is now an employee of the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police and we welcome Dean Angelo, President of the FOP, joins the show to discuss their reasoning on hiring Van Dyke. **(1,3,5,7)**

**4/1/2016 736 – 742am:** Powered by a burst of hiring in recent months and an uptick in wages, the huge army of potential workers that had been on the sidelines of the recovery is slowly returning to the job market. Mark Hamrick, Senior Economic Analyst for Bankrate.com joins to discuss the March job numbers with "Big" John Howell. **(4)**

**4/3/2016 706 - 728pm** – Bill Cameron interviews newly appointed Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson. They discuss "who is Eddie Johnson?", Chicago street violence, the hiring of Jason Van Dike by the police union, standing up to Rahm, and why we should be optimistic with a new police leader. **(1,3,5,7)**

**4/3/2016 734 – 748pm** - Bill Cameron is joined by Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune, Lynn Sweet of The Sun-Times, and Greg Hinz of Crain's Chicago Business. They discuss if we are headed to a contested Republican convention, President Obama returning to Chicago to talk up his supreme court nominee, is it over for Bernie Sanders? And the Chicago Teachers' Union strike. **(1,5,6,7)**

**4/3/2016 752 – 756pm** - WLS reporter Nick Gale looks at the Department of Public Health's comprehensive four year plan to improve health for all Chicagoans. Dr. Julie Morita - Commissioner of the department says Healthy Chicago 2.0 is a public health plan for the next four years for the entire city. **(1,2,7)**

**4/4/2016 607 – 613am:** Mayor Rahm Emanuel is asking officials from the U.S. Attorney and Cook County Attorney offices to launch a hate crime investigation into an influx of racial slurs, including the n-word, on police radio channels. The request comes nearly a month after the Chicago Police Department initiated its own investigation into the "inappropriate transmission on a police frequency." **(1,3,5,7)**

**4/4/2016 707 – 713am:** Chicago employers should allow workers to earn at least five paid sick days a year, according to recommendations by a mayoral task force that could revive efforts to mandate paid sick leave in the city. **(1,2,7)**

**4/5/2016 520 – 526am:** Illinois lawmakers kicked off the final two months of the spring session with a flurry of activity Monday, advancing measures to punish gun traffickers and expedite criminal hearings in Cook County for low-level offenses. **(1, 5)**

**4/5/2016 838 – 842am:** RICHARD BOYKIN - Cook County Commissioner 1st District - Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin proposed a gas tax to combat violence by creating job opportunities for at-risk youth. The Community Stabilization & Anti-Violence Act of Cook County would use proceeds from a 4-cents-a-gallon hike on motor fuel taxes to fund the initiative. Commissioner Richard Boykin joins the show to discuss the program with "Big" John. **(1,3,5,6,7)**

**4/6/2016 738 – 742am:** Ron Sandack - Illinois State Rep from the 81st District - joined the show to discuss the Illinois daily fantasy sports betting bill and others on the docket for the State Senate. **(1,4,5)**

**4/8/2016 638 – 642am:** Students at Indiana University in Bloomington had a case of mistaken identity on Monday, after they alleged on social media that a man in Ku Klux Klan attire was walking around campus with a whip. **(2,5,6)**

**4/8/2016 738 – 743am:** MARY ANN AHERN - Political Reporter for NBC 5 - President Obama returned to the University of Chicago for the first time as president, using the backdrop of his onetime academic life to underscore his demand that Republicans reverse their opposition to holding hearings on his nominee to the Supreme Court, Judge Merrick B. Garland. Mary Ann Ahern, Political Reporter for NBC 5, joins to discuss the President's visit. **(1,3,5)**

**4/10/2016 707 – 728pm** –Bill Cameron interviews Congressman Mike Quigley. They discuss President Obama's visit to Chicago this week, the infrastructure needs of his district, and why the terrorists hate us. **(1,3,5,7)**

**4/10/2016 735 – 748pm** - Bill Cameron is joined by Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune, Lynn Sweet of The Sun-Times, and Greg Hinz of Crain's Chicago Business. They discuss the news of the week including the Obama visit this week, and safety around Wrigley Field this baseball season. Should we close the surrounding streets to prevent an attack? **(1,3,5,7)**

**4/10/2016 752 – 756pm** – WLS reporter Jennifer Keiper interviews Jesse Billauer, quadriplegic and founder of the non-profit organization "Life Rolls On." **(2,9)**

**4/12/2016 820 – 824am** - Kristen McQueary - Chicago Tribune columnist and editorial board member - joins the show to talk about Karen Lewis' new contract as the CTU President. **(1,3,6)**

**4/13/2016 520 – 524am:** The CTA could be creating women-only El Cars. With the rise of sexual assaults on the Chicago Transit system, people have considered the notion. "Big" John asks Jen her opinion on story. **(1,5,7)**

**4/13/2016 708 – 713am:** MARK KIRK - US Senator for Illinois - Senator Mark Kirk, Republican of Illinois, offered a momentary glimpse of what a conventional nomination process might look like, distributing a memo to his Republican colleagues that laid out the policy concerns he discussed during his meeting with Judge Garland just a few weeks ago. We welcome back Senator Kirk to the program to discuss why he wants so many people to meet with the Judge. **(1,5)**

**4/13/2016 736 – 741am:** RON SANDACK - R-IL 81st District - In a rare, 10-minute speech, Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan ratcheted up his rhetoric against Governor Rauner, delivering a scathing address in which he accused the former private equity investor of trying to make good on an early campaign threat to shut down state government by pursuing a "personal agenda" aimed at harming the middle class. Ron Sandack of the 81st District joins to discuss Madigan's rousing speech with "Big" John Howell. **(1,4,5,7)**

**4/13/2016 818 – 822am:** JUSTIN MEYER - Police Chief for Minooka, IL - The Minooka Police Department has stopped using officer body cameras after a six-month testing phase. Minooka Police Chief Justin Meyer said the issue was not with the functionality of the cameras, but that it became a burden for staff to fill the many requests for video footage. Police Chief Justin Meyer now joins the program to further discuss his reasoning. **(1,5,7)**

**4/14/2016 638 – 643am:** Peter Roskam - US Representative from the 6th Congressional District - joins the show to talk about the letter he sent to John Cullerton and Michael Madigan about the budget. **(1,4,5,7)**

**4/14/2016 738 – 742am:** Jim Durkin - Illinois House Republican Leader - joins the show to discuss the budget impasse and other things coming up for the Illinois House of Representatives. **(1,4,5,7)**

**4/15/2016 608 – 613am:** Chicago drivers should soon have a Towing Bill of Rights to assure they're treated fairly by firms like the notorious Lincoln Towing. Aldermen Ameya Pawar (47th) and Ariel Reboyras (30th), chairman of the Public Safety Committee, submitted an ordinance including a Towing Bill of Rights at Wednesday's City Council meeting. It was immediately signed by 31 aldermen and City Clerk Susana Mendoza. **(1,4,5,7)**

**4/17/2016 707 – 725pm:** Lori Lightfoot, Board Chair of the Chicago Police Department discusses a scathing report on CPD conduct and Mayor Rahm Emanuel's involvement. **(1,3,5,7)**

**4/17/2017 735 – 750pm:** Bill Cameron is joined by Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune, Lynn Sweet and Fran Spielman, of The Sun-Times. They discuss the news of the week including the city's proposal to partially demolish the McCormick Center Lakeside Center to build the George Lucas Museum. Will Eddie Johnson be the next top cop? Speaker of the House, Mike Madigan unbelievably compared Bruce Rauner to Rod Blagojevich. Lou Lang proposes a graduated income tax for Illinois residents and is it possible for a "White Knight" GOP candidate to show up before the convention? **(1,3,4,5,7)**

**4/17/2016 752 – 756am:** Nick Gale: This week's Connected to Chicago segment highlights upcoming hearings of the Veteran's Suicide Task Force.

State Rep. Stephanie Kifowit helped create the Task Force on Veterans' Suicide. The Task Force will gather information from veterans, organizations and companies on how the state can more effectively meet the needs of the veteran community.

This includes focusing on all aspects of a veteran's support network, employment, and support for the family of veterans, in addition to their time spent in combat. The hearings scheduled to take place across the State will focus on the mental health challenges facing veterans from all eras of service. **(1,2,9)**

**4/18/2016 638 – 642am:** Your taxes are due today. Jesse Lothamer, President & CEO of Lothamer Tax Resolution, joins the program now to talk about the importance of getting your taxes done on time before the IRS fines you. **(4, 6, 7)**

**4/18/2016 707 – 712am - LESLIE MUNGER - Illinois State Comptroller -** Illinois Comptroller Leslie Geissler Munger plans to delay monthly paychecks for lawmakers and statewide officials, saying there isn't enough money to pay the state's bills and other services should come first. Comptroller Munger now joins the program to discuss the details with "Big" John Howell. **(1, 4, 6, 8, 9)**

**4/18/2016 720 – 724am:** SEAN MORRISON - Cook County Commissioner 17th District - Declaring that "nothing stops a bullet like a job," Democratic Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer, of Chicago, has proposed an "emergency plan" to provide jobs to youth this summer. It's the second such plan to be proposed in the past week. Sean Morrison, Cook County Commissioner of the Chicago's 17th District, joins the program with more information on the fund and his position on it.**(1, 3, 4, 6)**

**4/19/2016 738 – 742am:** Garrett Reed - Branch Manager for Civilianjobs.com - joins the show to talk about a program to try and help veterans get jobs once they return from their service. **(1, 4, 9)**

**4/20/2016 738 – 742am:** Lawmakers are considering replacing the state's flat income tax system with a progressive income tax that targets Illinois' wealthiest residents. The measure, pushed by Springfield Democrats, would amend the state's constitution and affect everyone who gets a paycheck in Illinois. Representative Ron Sandack of the 81st District joins the program to discuss the tax system with "Big" John Howell. **(1, 4, )**

**4/20/2016 848 – 852am:** GARRETT REED - Branch Manager for CivilianJobs.com - We are happy to bring onto the show Garrett Reed, Branch Manager for CivilianJobs.com, to discuss the Civilian Jobs program and their appearance at Skokie Banquet & Conference Center tomorrow morning at 10am.**(4, 9)**

**4/21/2016 638 – 642am:** The Illinois House gave its initial approval to a measure that would legalize betting on daily fantasy sports on Wednesday. Joining the show to discuss the bill further and the steps it's taken to get the bill approval, Illinois State Representative Mike Zalewski of the 21st district.**(1, 4, 6, 9)**

**4/21/2016 738 – 742am:** RICHARD BOYKIN - Cook County Commissioner for the 1st District , from Chicago's West Side, is calling for his salary to be cut to fund a program to reduce gun violence. First District Commissioner Richard Boykin now joins the show to talk with "Big" John Howell on why he wants all 17 Cook County commissioners to voluntarily take an annual salary cut of \$10,000. **(1, 3, 4, 5, 6,7)**

**4/25/2016 548 – 552am:** The recommendations for the future name of Robert E. Lee Elementary in Austin were released. Names for the school include references to Donald Trump, John Cena, Adolf Hitler and "Schooly McSchoolface". **(1,3, 6)**

**4/25/2016 720 – 724am:** Lawmakers are working on Illinois public universities and community colleges a rare agreement to spend \$600 million to keep campuses open through summer. Jim Durkin, Illinois House Republican Leader, joins us to discuss the agreement with "Big" John Howell. **(1,4,6)**

**4/26/2016 720 – 724am:** Tim Pollak - Outdoor Floriculturist for the Chicago Botanical Garden - joins the show to talk about the impending blooming of the Corpse Flower. (1, 7)

**4/26/2016 837 – 842am:** Joe Ahern - CEO of the 100 Club of Chicago - joins the show with Firefighter Joe Martinelli and Lake County Sheriff Mark Curran to talk the 2016 Awards of Valor from the 100 Club (5, 6, 7 )

**4/27/2016 638 – 643am:** A rookie aldermen on Tuesday refused to explain or apologize for his use of the N-word to condemn the ouster of popular Blaine Elementary School principal Troy Raviere. This leads to a discussion on hearing bad language without censorship in television with "Big" John and Jen DeSalvo.(1,3)

**4/27/2016 738 – 742am:** Joining the show to talk about Illinois approving a fund to keep state colleges and universities open during the summer as well as a meeting he held with the CTU yesterday, Representative Ron Sandack of our 81st district. (1,4, 6, 7)

**4/27/2016 820 – 824am:** LA SHAWN FORD - R-IL 8th District - Illinois lawmakers are trying to restrict the use of solitary confinement at state prisons with a proposal that limits the number of days an inmate can be segregated. La Shawn Ford, of the 81st District, joins the program to discuss the bill with "Big" John and to explain his sponsorship of the bill. (1,3, 5)

**4/28/2016 838 – 842am:** David Hochberg - Vice President of Lending for PERL Mortgage - joins the show to talk about home loans (4, 7, 9)

**4/29/2016 720 – 725am:** LISA MADIGAN - Attorney General for the state of Illinois - On the heels of the Dennis Hastert case, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan wants to eliminate the statute of limitations for people accused of molesting children. Lisa Madigan joins the show now to discuss this as well as the Hastert case with "Big" John Howell. (1, 5)



**4/29.2016 748 – 752am:** This morning marks 303 days without a budget. Lawmakers have until the end of May to reach a bipartisan agreement. Governor Rauner now saying if they don't, he'll pay for the extended session out of his own pocket. **(1, 4, 5, 6)**

**4/29.2016 820 – 825am:** SETH ZURER - Co-Founder of BaconFest - We are salivating for this weekend's BaconFest and what better way to get excited for the festivities than to have some sizzling goodness with Co-Founder of BaconFest, Seth Zurer! He joins "Big" John in studio with a few strips to snack on. **(4, 7)**

**5/1/2016 707 – 724pm:** Bill Cameron's Newsmaker Interview: Bill Cameron speaks with Illinois Attorney General, Lisa Madigan. They discuss the removal of the statute of limitations on certain crimes so situations such as Dennis Hastert's sex crimes do not happen in the future. Then Bill interviews Barbara Blaine of SNAP, the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests. She discusses her own personal story of abuse and what their organization is doing to help victims of abuse. **(1,3,5,6)**

**5/1/2016 752 – 756pm:** Dunbar High School, on Chicago's near South Side, is featuring a new program that focuses on the trades. Jennifer Keiper interviews Dunbar Principal Gerald Morrow who calls it a "labor of love" that creates a pipeline to jobs not prisons. Congressman Bobby Rush says this program was a long time coming and takes students beyond just being employees. He says it offers them the opportunity to own their own business. Donald Finn with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers says they'd like to see this program expanded to other Chicago schools. Student Devonte Phillips, who is now taking part in the carpentry program is getting ready to join the carpenters union to do a 4-year apprenticeship. Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel says the vocational program will expand students' horizons. **(1,5,6)**

**5/2/2016 748 – 752am:** Columnist and Documentary Filmmaker - John Ziegler is a Columnist and Documentary Filmmaker who had just recently written a column titled "How and Why the Conservative Media Sold Its Soul To Facilitate Trump's Nomination". He now joins the show to discuss his column with "Big" John Howell and to talk about the Indiana Primary. **(1,4)**

**5/2/2016 818 – 822am:** - Paul Dailing has created a new tour through the city of Chicago, spotlighting the graft and corruption in the city. He thinks people make too much life of our corruption politicians and is trying to shine a light on them so he joins the show to discuss it with "Big" John Howell. **(4,5,6,7)**

**5/3/2016 838 – 842am:** Rex Huppke - Chicago Tribune Columnist - joins the show to talk about Malia Obama's gap year. Also breaking news on the Lucas Museum and the lawsuit pending against the plan.**(1, 4, 6, 7)**

**5/4/2016 620 – 625am:** Laurence Geller, head of Geller Capital Partners, and Lou Raizin, founder of Broadway in Chicago, unveiled four years of research on Chicago tourism, including proposals for a what they compared to a high-wire zip line with aerial gondolas running along the Chicago River to Navy Pier, as well as live performances projected onto the back riverside wall of the Civic Opera House. **(1, 4, 7, 8)**

**5/4/2016 738 – 742am:** Supporters of a plan to change the state's flat income tax rate to a graduated system are making a last-ditch effort to get the question on the November ballot ahead of this week's deadline. Ron Sandack of the 81st Congressional District joins the program to discuss the income tax in Illinois with "Big" John Howell. **(1, 4, 7, 8)**

**5/4/2016 838 – 842am:** Tom Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, wants to run for Chicago Mayor in 2019. We welcome back Sheriff Dart to the program to discuss his reasoning as well as discussing police brutality in Cook County Jail that he brought to light a few weeks ago. **(1, 5, 7)**

**5/5/2016 638 – 642am:** Patrick O'Connell - Reporter for the Chicago Tribune - joins the show to shed some light on the Lucas Museum battle.**(1,4,7)**

**5/6/2016 820 – 824am:** MARK HAMRICK - BankRate.com - The U.S. added 160,000 jobs in April, new government data showed Friday morning, the weakest pace of hiring in seven months. Though the unemployment rate held steady at 5.0 percent, Friday's jobs data provided an unexpectedly downcast signal about the nation's labor market. Mark Hamrick, Senior Economic Analyst for Bankrate.com joins to discuss the April Jobs numbers with "Big" John. **(1, 4)**

**5/8/2016 707 – 724pm – Bill Cameron’s Newsmaker Interview:** Bill speaks with Illinois Senator Matt Murphy from the 27th District. Bill asks "what's happening with the Republican Party?" They discuss Illinois policy, what will it take to reach an agreement for a state budget, and the mention of his hometown Palatine by Chicago mayor Rahm Emanuel in regards to the teachers' union. **(1, 6, 7)**

**5/8/2016 737 – 748pm -** Bill Cameron is joined by Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune, Lynn Sweet of the Chicago Sun-Times, and Greg Hinz of Crain's Chicago Business. They discuss Trump as the only remaining Republican candidate and why Illinois Republicans won't support him. Also States' Attorney Alvarez flip-flops on her Laquon McDonald decision.**(1,3,5,7)**

**5/8/2016 752 – 756pm - Community Spotlight:** Jennifer Keiper looks at Cabrini Green, which resembles little of what it was back in the 80's. Now, there is a new addition. The ribbon has been cut in front of a new Chicago Housing Authority development in the near north side neighborhood. It is called "Terrace 459 at Parkside of Old Town." Peter Holsten, Managing Broker and Director of Development for Holsten Chicago says projects like this are about people's lives and making connections. Congressman Danny Davis says the mixed-income living arrangement took \$41-million of reinvestment in the community. Alderman Walter Burnett says, when it comes to the Terrace development that the residents are partners in the development. They own 49% of it. Mayor Rahm Emanuel says projects like this took a big hit during the recession and while the Terrace residence has been realized, there is still a lot of work ahead. **(1,3,5,6)**

**5/15/2016 735 – 745pm -** Bill Cameron is joined by Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune and Greg Hinz of Crain's Chicago Business. Will a Chicago Public Schools teacher strike be avoided before the onset of fall elections and who has the pot of money to fix the failing CPS system? It's a go for a workplace retaliation lawsuit against Tammy Duckworth with allegations going back to her stint as head of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs. **(1, 6)**

**5/15/2016 752 – 756pm - Community Spotlight -** John Dempsey highlights the city of Chicago's 'Summer Jobs' program for disadvantaged youth, during which Mayor Emanuel notes that the 'media' won't report the story because it's a "positive" activity for youth. Audio from the mayor's press conference is included. **(1,3, 6)**

**5/16/2016 720 – 725am - KELLY BAUER -** Chicago Crime Reporter for DNAinfo - Mayor Rahm Emanuel plans to propose abolishing the city's

Independent Police Review Authority after backlash from the city and most of its elected officials. Kelly Bauer, Chicago Crime Reporter for DNAinfo joins the program to discuss the story and Rahm Emanuel's plans on how to redo the IPRA with "Big" John. (1,3, 5, 6, 7)

**5/17/2016 719 – 724am** - Anthony Napolitano - Alderman from the 41st Ward - joins the show to talk about National Police Week (1, 5, 6)

**5/18/2016 738 – 743am** - RON SANDACK - R-IL 81st District - Governor Bruce Rauner and House Speaker Mike Madigan met with other party leaders in Springfield to try and find some common ground in the long running budget battle. However, Madigan was a no show. Ron Sandack, State Representative for the 81st district, now joins the show to discuss the meeting and the productivity he had seen from the Governor and party leaders.(1, 4, 7)

**5/18/2016 808 – 813am** - MARY WISNIEWSKI - Transportation Columnist for the Chicago Tribune - The Transportation Security Administration is flooding Chicago's O'Hare International Airport with more staff and resources after hundreds of passengers were stranded as their planes took off while they waited in line. Mary Wisniewski, Transportation Columnist for the Chicago Tribune, now joins the show to talk about the issues surrounding the TSA and O'Hare Airport. (1, 4, 7, 8)

**5/19/2016 808 – 812am** - Scott Waguespack - Chicago Alderman from the 32nd Ward - joins the show to talk about kicking the TSA out of the area airports.(1, 4, 7)

**5/20/2016 708 – 713am** - Chicago would offer homeowners a \$200 rebate to purchase exterior cameras as long as they also link the cameras to the city's vast video surveillance network. The innovative plan is being championed by a rookie alderman to combat the never-ending cycle of gang violence.(1, 3, 5, 6)

**5/22/2016 708 – 725pm - NewsMaker Interview** - Bill Cameron talks to former Blaine Elementary School Principal, Troy LaRaviere who was just elected president of the Chicago Principals and Administrators Association. LaRaviere was recently removed his position at Blaine School and has claimed that his criticism of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's was the cause for his suspension as principal. Can LaRaviere be using this position to prepare and promote himself for a possible mayoral run against Rahm in 2019? (1,3, 6)

**5/22/2016 735 – 745pm** - Bill Cameron is joined by Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune, Lynn Sweet of the Chicago Sun-Times, and Greg Hinz of Crain's Chicago Business. Trump and Hillary made statements about the downing of an Egypt Air flight, but did they speak too soon? Is Donald Trump's 'Zaniness' distracting from the issues? Why are there so many delays at US airports??? Is

it the TSA lacking staff or are the passengers to blame? It appears that Chicago is about to lose its status as "second Most Populous" to Houston. What's to blame for the mass exodus? (1, 4, 7)

**5/22/2016 752 – 756pm – Community Spotlight** - This week's segment covers the Secretary of State announcing that the state will soon start issuing a security enhanced drivers license. To achieve this, the state will issue licenses from a central location in Springfield. Driver will receive them by mail instead of receiving them at the DMV. Despite this upgrade, the state is still short on meeting the standards of the Federal REAL ID Act. To overcome that deficiency, legislation must be passed by the general assembly. (1,,6, 5)

**5/23/2016 508 – 525am** - Kicking off Big John Howell this morning, John discusses the new Mayor Emanuel initiative to curb long waiting times at O'Hare and Midway Airports due to TSA ineptitude. (1, 5, 7) .

**5/23/2016 720 – 725am** - RAYMOND LOPEZ (PHONE) - ALDERMAN for CHICAGO'S 15TH WARD - Ald. Lopez calls in to talk about an initiative allowing citizens to purchase security cameras for their property, and get rebates provided by the city for the equipment. The guys also discuss the long lines at TSA checkpoints at both Chicago airports. (1,5,7)

**5/24/2016 620 – 624am** - Bill Fleischli - Executive VP, IL association if Convenience - joins the show to talk about Chicago raising the smoking age.(1, 2, 4, 5, 6)

**5/24/2016 708 – 714am** - Bruce Rauner - Governor of Illinois - joins the show to talk about the ongoing state budget impasse. (1,4, 7)

**5/24/2016 820 – 824am** - Chris Fusco - Investigative Reporter for the Chicago Sun Times - joins the show to talk about the city's parking meter contract, which has turned out to be a terrible deal for an almost bankrupt city. (1, 4, 7)

**5/25/2016 708 – 712am** - Chicago dog owners won't face hefty fines for failing to clean up after their pets in their own backyards — at least not yet. A handful of aldermen concerned about the burden it would place on building owners used a parliamentary maneuver Wednesday to put off a vote on the \$50 to \$500 fines at the City Council meeting.(1, 2, 4, 5, 7)

**5/25/2016 738 – 743am** - RON SANDACK - R-IL 81st District - The City Council has postponed two special meetings this week to vote on the proposed \$616 million fiscal 2017 budget after councilors raised concerns about the city's pension liability. Representative Ron Sandack of the 81st district joins to discuss the story with "Big" John Howell (1, 4, 5, 7)

**5/27/2017 708 – 713am** - Mary Ann Ahern - NBC5 Reporter - joins the show to talk about the state's budget battle.(1, 4, 7)

**5/27/2017 720 – 724am** - Jason Lesniewicz - Choose Chicago - joins the show to talk about Memorial Day Weekend activities. (4, 7)

**5/29/2016 707 – 725pm – Newsmaker Interview** – Bill Cameron’s monthly visit with Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, discussing the state budget, police and CPS issues. (1, 3, 5, 7, 6)

**5/29/2016 735 – 746pm** - Bill Cameron is joined by Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune, Lynn Sweet of the Chicago Sun-Times, and Greg Hinz of Crain's Chicago Business. They discuss the show business surrounding a possible Sanders/Trump debate, the problems surrounding the TSA and long airport security lines, the possibility of a state budget, and gridlock in Washington on a Supreme court nominee. (1, 4, 5, 7)

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**5/30/2016 507am – 958am – FISHER HOUSE HEROES.** On Memorial day, WLS Broadcast a four hour show produced by the [Fisher House Foundation](#). The show, “Fisher House Heroes” featured stories of veterans and military families touched by the military non-profit. The new show tells how Fisher House helped a Gold Star Mom and Dad from Florida heal after their son’s death in Afghanistan. Also, Medal of Honor recipient Florent Groberg reflects on life after receiving the ribbon. His parents stayed in a Fisher House during his recovery from an attack by a suicide bomber. The show does not solicit donations. It is designed to build awareness for the foundation’s network of no-cost comfort homes built on the grounds of VA and military. (9)

**5/31/2016 720 – 725am** - Kristen McQueary - Chicago Tribune columnist and editorial board member - joins the show to talk about the state budget crisis.(1,4,7)

**5/31/2016 738 – 742am** - Ron Johnson - US Senator from Wisconsin - joins Big John to discuss a recent hearing he held regarding Veteran’s Affairs funding. (1,9)

**6/1/2016 638 – 641am** - CHRIS KAERGARD - Peoria Journal Star - Illinois state lawmakers are approaching a key deadline to pass a budget – and there’s

still no deal. Republican Governor Bruce Rauner announced his support of \ a new plan for a temporary budget Tuesday morning, but Democrats say they're in no rush to pass it. Chris Kaergard, now sporting a viking-esque beard, joins the program to discuss the story and when "Big" John thinks he'll shave.(1,4,7)

**6/1/2016 738 – 742am** - RON SANDACK - R-IL 81st District - The Democrat-controlled Illinois Legislature ended its spring session late Tuesday, failing to produce a full fiscal 2017 budget to tackle financial woes or even a plan to fund schools. (1,4, 6)

**6/2/2016 708 – 712am** - Dean Angelo - Head of the Fraternal of Police - joins the show to talk about the current work log of the CPD. (1,7, 5)

**6/2/2016 737 – 741am** - Liza Lehrer - Urban Wildlife Ecologist from the Urban Wildlife Institute at Lincoln Park - joins the show to talk about a rash of rabid bats.(8)

**6/3/2016 738 – 742am** - U.S. employers added a seasonally adjusted 38,000 jobs in May, the worst monthly performance since September 2010. Mark Hamrick, Senior Economic Analyst for Bankrate.com, joins to discuss with "Big" John Howell. (4)

**6/5/2016 707pm – 735pm** - Bill Cameron gets the inside story on the wrap-up of the state legislature's spring session from State Christine Radogno, the Senate Republican Leader from the 41st district. With a lack of a balanced budget, there are several agencies that won't get funding, including the Chicago Public Schools. Can there be a compromise before the first day of school in the fall? Chicago Alderman Howard Brookins (21st), and Janice Jackson, CPS chief education officer suggest racial composition as the source of problems for funding the CPS. (1,3,4,5,6,7)

**6/5/2016 738 – 748pm** - Bill Cameron is joined by Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune, and Greg Hinz of Crain's Chicago Business. Hillary takes on Trump posing the question, "Do we want [Trump] making those calls -- someone thin-skinned and quick to anger, who lashes out at the smallest criticism? Do we want his finger anywhere near the button?" during her foreign policy address this past Wednesday. ComEd parent company Elexon announces the closure of 2 nuclear power plants and the Chicago Tribune become 'tronc'. (1,4,8)

**6/5/2016 752 – 756pm** - Bill Gulker, Ford's Wind Noise Supervisor discusses the automaker's new mobile wind tunnel which can be taken from one assembly plant to another. He also discusses the science behind reducing wind noise in car cabins and mentions how the work he does now is inspired by the wind tunnels he used to create during his high school physics class. (4,8)

**6/6/2016 608 – 612am** - In an attempt to participate in Throwback Thursday with a bit of misplaced nostalgia, the Chicago Police Department Tweeted a photo of a 1968 police helmet and billy club—and promptly caught flack for it. **(1, 5, 7)**

**6/7/2016 720 – 735am** - Andy Shaw - President of the Better Government Association - joins the show to talk about new developments that may be positive for the community, including new economic development **(1,4,7)**

**6/8/2016 708 – 712am** - A new business, a baby store for adults, is sparking outrage in suburban Mt. Prospect. Dozen of residents showed up at village hall Tuesday night, calling for the business to be shut down or moved. However officials say they had no legal basis to bar the business, Tykables, which has a seven-foot crib, an oversized high chair and adult-sized playpen. **(1,2,7)**

**6/8/2016 738 – 743am** - RON SANDACK - R-IL 81st District - Gov. Bruce Rauner criticized House Speaker Michael Madigan for canceling today's session, accusing Democrats of dragging their feet to attack the Chicago Teacher's Union. Representative Ron Sandack of our 81st District returns to the program to discuss the Governor's words against the House Speaker as well as some backlash he's faced calling Chicago Public schools "crumbling prisons". **(1,4,6,7)**

**6/9/2016 738 – 743am** - Lisa Iverson - Southport Neighborhood Association - joins the show to talk about her fight with the Ricketts over the proposed Cubs' beer garden.**(1,4,7)**

**6/10/2016 608 – 611am** - Mayor Rahm Emanuel and his emissaries are trying to persuade a fractured Friends of the Parks board to drop its lawsuit blocking construction of the Lucas Museum near Soldier Field by dangling support for an even bigger lakefront dream: the “Last Four Miles” of lakefront parkland. **(1,4,7,8)**

**6/10/2016 737 – 742am** - LESLIE MUNGER - Illinois State Comptroller - Comptroller Leslie Munger says without a new budget agreement, Illinois will again stop paying lottery winners, 911 call centers and higher education grants starting July 1. We now welcome the Comptroller to the show to discuss the ongoing budget battle and how it's effecting the state. **(1,4,6)**

**6/12/2016 708 – 725pm** – Bill Cameron interviews Illinois Senate President John Cullerton. They discuss the growing problems cause by no state budget, including the chances of schools not opening in September. They also talk about worker's comp. reform, and the Lucas Museum and how it may be coming to Chicago after all.**(1,3,6)**



**6/12/2016 738 – 746pm** – Bill Cameron is joined by Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune, Lynn Sweet of the Chicago Sun-Times, and Greg Hinz of Crain's Chicago Business. They discuss Senator Mark Kirk retreating from his support of Donald Trump. They also discuss Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton's support across the state and the scandals surrounding them, Governor Bruce Rauner's comments about Chicago schools and comparing them to crumbling prisons, and another statement made by Diana Rauner on early childhood education. **(1,3,4,6)**

**6/12/2016 752 – 756pm** - Jennifer Keiper speaks with Jolanta Coffey, Ford's Instrument Panel and Console Manager about a survey done on something you wouldn't think about - cup holders in cars. She talks about the science behind the study and how it plays a roll in car design. For example, it has prompted the moving of traditional shifters in some Ford models. She explains an area in a car that they refer to as "Manhattan real estate." Coffey also addresses students who may be interested in engineering and design saying creating 'functional art' can be quite challenging.**(8)**

**6/13/2016 748 – 755am** – This was the morning after the mass shooting at the gay night club in Orlando, FL. WLS devoted most of it's programming time talking with reporters on the scene and experts who could provide additional background as to what happened. Big John opened the phones to hear from Chicago listeners, to find out what they thought of what happened, why it happened, what should be done, and most important, what effect it should have on Chicagoland. **(1,5,6, 7)**

**6/14/2016 707 – 713am** - Former Illinois Governor Pat Quinn joined John to talk about his efforts to bring term limits to the Mayor's office here in Chicago. Plus, John also got Quinn's take on the political climate in Illinois and the budget battle in Springfield.**(1,4,5,7,8)**

**6/15/2016 620 – 625am** - A Chicago police officer has been relieved of duties of his duties for stomping on a man's head during an arrest. The incident was of course captured on camera and posted on Facebook yesterday. **(1,3,5,7)**

**6/15/2016 638 – 643am** - Congressman Bob Dold from the 10th district joined John to talk about his new support for some regulation on gun ownership in reaction to the terror attack in Orlando over the weekend. **(1,5)**

**6/16/2016 709 – 713am** - Illinois Senator Mark Kirk joined John to discuss the fallout from the Orlando terror attack and President Obama's use of the phrase "Radical Islam", the 2016 election including his race against Tammy Duckworth and his work holding the Veteran's Administration accountable. **(1,5, 8)**

**6/16/2016 739 – 743am** - Several Chicago aldermen are organizing a "support your local police" rally under the tag line "Police Lives Matter" at the Jefferson

Park District Headquarters on the Far Northwest Side on Thursday. Alderman Nicholas Sposato joined John to talk about the planned rally.(1, 5, 7)

**6/17/2016 709 – 714am** - Dean Angelo the President of the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police joined John with reaction to the video posted this week of a Chicago police officer stomping on the head of a man who was later found to have heroin. (1,3, 5, 6, 7)

**6/17/2016 809 – 814am** - Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner joined John to talk about the continuing budget stalemate in Springfield.(1,4, 6, 8)

**6/19/2016 606am – 628am - Bill Cameron's News Maker Interview** - Bill Cameron interviews Chicago Fraternal Order of Police president Dean Angelo. They discuss the difference in moral within the police department after all of the recent scrutiny. They also discuss the investigative practices of the officers including one of the incident that surfaced this past week, and what will be the demands in the upcoming contract negotiations. (1,7,5)

**6/19/2016 635 – 648am - Roundtable Panel** –Bill Cameron is joined by Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune, Lynn Sweet of the Chicago Sun-Times, and Greg Hinz of Crain's Chicago Business. They discuss the latest news in the presidential campaign. Will Washington pass any legislation for stricter gun control. President Obama made a speech on the threat of "lone wolf" terrorists, what ways are there to protect us from future attacks? (1,5)

**6/19/2016 652 – 656am - Community Spot Light** -John Dempsey looks at preparations for the Gay Pride Parade on June 26th.(1,6,7)

**6/20/2016 720 – 725am** - Cook County Jail in Chicago was placed on lockdown Sunday morning on Father's Day, after hundreds of staff members called off for two shifts. (1, 5)

**6/21/2016 638 – 643am** - Jonathan Hoenig from Capitalist Pig Asset Management joined John Howell to talk about the potential economic impact of the Brexit vote on Chicago area businesses. .(1,4)

**6/22/2016 538 – 543am** - After months of conflict with the notorious "Lincoln Park Pirates" — Lincoln Towing — Ald. Ameya Pawar pushed a self-proclaimed Towing Bill of Rights through the City Council License Committee Tuesday. (1,5,7)

**6/22/2016 708 – 712am** - Chicago Public Schools teachers in the Chicago Teachers Union are planning a series of protests in Chicago on their furlough

day. CTU Vice President Jesse Sharkey joined John to talk about what they are hoping to accomplish with their protests. (1,4,6)

**6/22/2016 750 – 754am** - The Chicago city council is set to approve an ordinance that would allow the Cubs to open the plaza adjacent to the ballpark. The Ricketts haven't quite gotten everything they want, but they'll be able to open it. (1,4,5,7,8)

**6/23/2016 708 – 713am** - There was a chaotic scene in the US House on Wednesday as Democrats staged a sit-in to demand a vote on gun control legislation. The protest comes in the wake of the recent shootings in Orlando, the deadliest in modern US history. Illinois Congresswoman Robin Kelly was one of the organizers of the effort. She joined John to talk about what they are hoping to accomplish. (1,3,5)

**6/24/2016 619 – 624am** - The Chicago city council is debating how to regulate ride-sharing services like Uber, and things have gotten so heated that even Rahm Emanuel thinks people need to watch their language.(1,4,7)

**6/24/2016 738 – 743am** - Great Britain surprised everyone by voting to leave the European Union on Thursday. The move is expected to have a huge impact on the economy around the world. Reporter Steve Kastenbaum joined John with the latest. (1, 4)

**6/24/2016 809 – 812am** - Democrats in the House have ended their sit-in but they still want some sort of action on guns in reaction to the Orlando terrorist attack. Congressman Bob Dold from the 10th district is stepping in with a bipartisan compromise bill. (1,3,5)

**6/26/2016 606am – 628am - Bill Cameron's News Maker Interview** - Bill Cameron interviews former Illinois Governor Pat Quinn. They discuss Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and if he should run again in 2019, or even if he should be allowed to run again in 2019. Quinn also says if he is planning on running against the mayor next term. They then talk about Quinn's successor, Bruce Rauner, and what kind of job he thinks the new governor is doing. (1)

**6/26/2016 635 – 648am - Roundtable Panel** –Bill Cameron is joined by Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune, Lynn Sweet of the Chicago Sun-Times, and Greg Hinz of Crain's Chicago Business. They discuss George Lucas' decision to not leave Chicago in the running for the location of his museum. Also the latest in the race for senate in Illinois. and how US politics could be affected by Brexit.(1,7,4)

**6/26/2016 652 – 656am - Community Spot Light** -Nick Gale with Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and CEO of Cook County Hospitals Dr. Jay Shannon talking about the AMA's push to study gun violence much like a disease is studied. The AMA is going to push Congress to authorize funds for the

CDC to study gun violence. Last year Stroger Hospital treated some 900 gunshot wounds. (1,3,4,6)

**6/27/2016 538 – 543am** - "Star Wars" creator George Lucas announced Friday that he has abandoned plans to build his art museum in Chicago, blaming delays over a lawsuit from a parks group opposed to development along the city's prized lakefront. Will this have a negative economic impact on Chicago – and if so, how much? Will it also hinder bringing other major projects to Chicago? (1,4,7)

**6/27/2016 738 – 743am** - Wall Street Journal Columnist & Heritage Foundation Economist Stephen Moore joined John with reaction to the vote in the UK to leave the European Union, and what it could mean for the US economy and the 2016 election. (1,4)

**6/28/2016 620 – 625am** - Former Tribune Company CEO Dennis FitzSimmons joined John to discuss his "Independent Maps" project, to reform the rules for drawing districts and require a process of drawing maps that is transparent, impartial and fair.(1,3,7)

**6/28/2016 709 – 712am** - Pastor Corey Brooks with New Beginnings Church joined John to talk about combating the gang violence problem in the city of Chicago. (1,3,5,6,7)

**6/29/2016 720 – 725am** - Dean Angelo, the head of the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police joined John to talk about the city's continuing crime problem. Angelo says the city's murder numbers could be on their way to levels not seen since the early 1990s and blamed the upswing partly on "disrespect" for cops. (1,5,7)

**6/29/2016 738 – 742am** - Illinois State Representative Ron Sandack from Downers Grove joined John with an update on the progress, or lack thereof in the never-ending budget battle in Springfield. (1,4,6)

**6/30/2016 608 – 613am** - Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, who is frequently mentioned as a possible candidate for Mayor, is refusing to evict a woman from her Edgewater apartment because she has a terminal illness. Is this decision politically motivated? Will this help or hurt him, if that is so. (1,2,7)

**6/30/2016 638 – 642am** - Mark Mendel the owner of Mark's Drugs here in the Chicago area joined John to talk about the debate over legalizing marijuana in the state of Illinois and nationally. (1,2,4,5)

