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Re: **4th Quarter 2008 Issues Programs Report**

Attached you will find a list of community issues addressed on WGN-TV via News Programming and Specials, Community Calendars and Public Service Announcements for the 4th Quarter of 2008.

ISSUES REPORT

WGN-TV 4th QUARTER 2008

LISTING OF ISSUES AND SOME TYPICAL AND ILLUSTRATIVE NEWS PROGRAMS & STORIES DESIGNED TO FOCUS ON THEM.

ARTS & CULTURE

- News** 2:00 Oct. 10
Topic: Showy Seniors (Profiling a group of seniors who've been performing for a local theater)
Reporter: Jane Boal
- News** :45 Oct. 10
Topic: Country Music Festival in Chicago Reporter: Mark Suppelsa
- News** 2:50 Nov. 25
Topic: Posh Theaters (New services that some theaters are adding to make the experience a bit more luxurious for patrons) Reporter: Dean Richards

CRIME/PUBLIC SAFETY

- News** 2:00 Oct. 6
Topic: CPD Gang Unit (Chicago Police Department sets up a new unit to fight gang violence)
Reporter: Tom Negovan
- News** 2:30 Oct. 10
Topic: Weis Community Alert (Chicago Police hold community rally against violence, following the shooting of a 17 year old girl) Reporter: Julie Unruh
- News** :45 Oct. 30
Topic: Halloween Safety (Tips on keeping kids safe on Halloween)
- News** 3:45 Nov. 25
Topic: Porn In Libraries (A look at how easy it is for the public to access porn at public libraries.) Reporter: Julie Unruh
- News** 2:25 Dec. 17
Topic: Fugitive Hunters (Segment aimed at helping authorities track down fugitives)
Reporter: Antwan Lewis

ECONOMY

- News** 3:00 Sept. 30
Topic: Diane Swonk: Economic Expert Live Interview facing economic downturn
- News** 2:00 Oct. 1
Topic: Meeks Protest: Local Reverend protests outside playoff baseball game to get increased education funding.

<u>News</u>	2:15	Oct. 3
Topic:	Local Bailout Fallout. A look at how President Bush's financial bailout affects the average Chicagoan.	
<u>News</u>	2:00	Oct. 9
Topic:	CTA Fare Increase: Decreasing tax revenue and increasing costs have transit organization considering a fare hike	
<u>News</u>	2:00	Oct. 11
Topic:	Daley Budget Fix New budget plan proposes increased taxes on leisure expenses	
<u>News</u>	2:10	Oct. 14
Topic:	City Service Cutback: Mayor says he can fix budget shortfall by cutting back on city services	
<u>News</u>	3:00	Nov. 4
Topic:	Naked Economist: Yahoo Finance expert Charles Wheelan talks about economy	

EDUCATION

<u>News</u>	2:15	Oct. 18
Topic:	Homecoming Queen (Teenager with special needs crowned homecoming queen) Reporter: Holly Gregory	
<u>News</u>	:45	Oct. 22
Topic:	Zero Gravity Local science teachers get to feel like their in space as part of a special flight	
<u>News</u>	3:05	Nov 28
Topic:	Teacher of the month. (Profile of local teacher who made a significant impact on their students) Reporter: Valerie Warner	
<u>News</u>	2:23	Dec. 4
Topic:	Educational video games Reporter: Jane Boal	
<u>News</u>	2:15	Dec. 25
Topic:	La Rabida Christmas visit (The Cardinal's annual visit to a Chicago children's' hospital) Reporter: Holly Gregory	

ETHNIC/MINORITY

<u>News</u>	2:34	Sept. 25
Topic:	Latinos in Hollywood: Featuring Latino Big Screen roles	
<u>News</u>	2:46	Oct. 14
Topic:	Chef Efrain highlighting one of Chicago's hottest chefs in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month	
<u>News</u>	2:50	Oct. 15
Topic:	Cubano Black Beans highlighting a new local company featuring Cuban classic foods.	
<u>News</u>	2:30	Dec. 12
Topic:	Nothing Like the Holidays: Profile of holiday life for Latinos in Chicago	

FAMILY

<u>News</u>	5:00	Oct. 31
Topic:	Health Plans: A look at the health care plans of the two Presidential candidates.	
<u>News</u>	1:30	Nov. 23
Topic:	Family Farmed Expo: Highlighting family farming/organic foods	
<u>News</u>	4 hours of morning show	Dec. 12
Topic:	WGN Toy Drive: WGN collects a semi-load of toys for needy children.	

GOVERNMENT

<u>News</u>	2:30	Oct. 30
Topic:	Cellini Indicted (public official in Illinois indicted on federal corruption charges.) Reporter: Julie Unruh	
<u>News</u>	2:40	Dec. 9
Topic:	Governor arrested Reporter: Julie Unruh	
<u>News</u>	2:45	Dec 10
Topic:	Senate Investigation (Probe into Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr.'s role in sale of Obama's senate seat) Reporter: Lourdes Duarte	
<u>News</u>	2:15	Dec 10
Topic:	Special Election (Movement to push for special election to fill Obama's senate seat) Reporter: Julie Unruh	

HEALTH

<u>News</u>	2:00	Oct. 1
Topic:	Brain Tumor Dye New Die to help Identify Brain Tumors Reporter: Dina Bair	
<u>News</u>	2:20	Oct. 2
Topic:	Cereal: Some Cereals are actually worse for you than donuts Reporter Dina Bair	
<u>News</u>	2:30	Oct. 8
Topic:	Marathon: School students run the equivalent of a marathon over time in order to improve their health Reporter: Dina Bair	
<u>News</u>	2:40	Oct. 9
Topic:	New Neurological testing. A child with incurable cancer undergoes tests to help her and others in her situations Reporter: Dina Bair	
<u>News</u>	2:15	Oct. 17
Topic:	A look at Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome and it's relationship to chronic fatigue syndrome. Reporter: Dina Bair	

Stories Of Hope: Facing Breast Cancer

60:00

Oct 18

Hosts: Dean Richards, Dina Bair, Valerie Warner

Topic: This special focused on the many faces of breast cancer. We spoke with both celebrities and everyday people, whose lives, or whose family's lives, had been changed by a diagnosis of breast cancer. We also utilized a phone bank where people could call in and have their questions about breast cancer answered. The phone bank was staffed by doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals. During the hour-long show, we received almost 600 calls from the Chicago area and around the country.

News

Oct. 30

Topic: Parkinsons A new clinical research trial offers hope to Parkinson's patients.

HOMELESS/HOUSING

News

:30

Nov. 27

Topic: Homeless shelter closes due to financial troubles

News

:30

Dec 02

Topic: Homeless shelter stays open after publicity from news reports.

News

3:00

Dec 15

Topic: Homeless kids go to inauguration with Danny Davis (follow-up story in January)

RELIGION

Christmas Midnight Mass

90:00

Dec 24

Topic: Live annual broadcast of Holy Name Cathedral's, Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. English language commentary was provided throughout the broadcast as well as Spanish language, via Secondary Audio Program channel.

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Listing of issues and some Community Calendars that addressed them.

ARTS AND CULTURE

:10 10/23

Getting to know you. Its what the Stahl family theatre is all about. Attend their fall musical the king and i. Call 773-286-8470.

:10 10/25

Hey kids! It's okay to play with your food when you attend the art institute's food sculpture class. To sign up, call 312-857-7161.

:10 10/26

The jazz institute invites aspiring musicians to perform with veterans at "jam sessions '08" on November 12th. Call 312-427-1676.

:10 10/30

State street that great street! The Harold Washington library celebrates the history of this famous Chicago attraction. Call 312-747-4300.

:10 10/30

View paintings from some of Esperanza community services' very own artists at, "gallery night," November 13th. Call 312-243-6097

:10 11/1

You could win a trip for two to Paris at the north shore choral society's annual fundraiser November 15th. For tickets, call 847-272-2351.

:10 11/2

Eclipse theatre company concludes its 2008 season with "the autumn garden." Be there for opening night November 15th. Call 312-738-0704

:10 11/3

Kick off the holiday season with Tchaikovsky's holiday classic, "the nutcracker." Presented by the Midwest ballet theatre, call 630-971-9751.

:10 11/04

Signal ensemble theatre opens "six degrees of separation" November 17th. For ticket information, call 773-347-1350.

:10 11/4

Laugh about our differences at Chicago's center for performing arts, "America's rising stars of comedy" show November 20th. Call 773-247-0700.

:10 11

Romance will be in the air when the Illinois philharmonic orchestra kicks off their season with the romantic works of Russian masters. Call 708-481-7774.

:10 11/12

Renowned violinist, Yitzhak Pearlman, highlights a Jewish community center benefit concert November 17th. To attend, call 312-775-1832.

:10 11/12

Don't miss wild claw theatre's latest stage production, "the dreams in the witch house" beginning November 16th. For tickets, call 773-220-1258.

:10 11/21

You don't need to pull strings to attend a retrospective of puppeteer Jim Henson. Just call the Gene Siskel film center, 312-846-2800.

:10 11/26

Accessible contemporary music presents, voyageur, a concert spotlighting Chicago's early history. December 12th, call 773-334-3650.

:10 12/01

Homewood community academy hosts a gospel benefit concert December 13th. To attend, call 708-799-6910.

:10 12/01

On December 13th, pros arts studio celebrates thirty years of bringing the arts to the youth of Pilsen. Call 312-226-7767.

:10 12/19

Rahsa dance unveils an original dance production "with a Christmas heart" December 20th. Visit Rahsa dance Chicago dot com

:10 12/25

The Elgin symphony orchestra presents, "Brahms's second symphony," January 9th through 11th. Call 847-888-4000.

:10 12/25

The Chicago dramatists welcome their new resident playwrights with a showcase January 10th. To attend, call 312-633-0630.

ECONOMY

:10 10/24

Did you know you could receive your government checks electronically? Learn about the direct express card. Visit direct express dot com

:10 11/10/09

Is your building association feeling the squeeze of the economy? Attend an informational conference November 22nd. Call 312-987-1906

:10 12/10

Having trouble paying your heating or lighting bill? The community relief coalition may be able to help. Call them, 773-291-9211.

:10 12/13

Tax season's just around the corner. Is your small business ready? Attend a hull house workshop December 16th. Call 773-955-8027.

EDUCATION

:10 10/15

It's been twenty years for Oak Lawn community high school and they're celebrating! To attend the October 25th reunion, call 708-229-0378.

:10 10/17

Dance the night away at the service club of Chicago's "exclusively elegant evening" November 1st, for tickets call 312-220-9600.

:10 10/20

Love crafts? The Andrew high school fall craft show is the place to be. Taking place November 1st and 2nd, call 708-364-0339

:10 10/21

St. John Lutheran school is hoping for a harvest of blessings at their fall auction November 2nd. For information call 630-690-2077.

:10 10/31

Link unlimited bridges the education gap by providing quality educational opportunities to students. Show your support, call 312-225-5465

:10 11/06

Stop by Geneva high school for their annual holiday crafts show November 15th. Doors open at nine, so don't be late. Call 630-208-8707

:10 11/07

Be there when Chicago state university presents their friend of SCU award November 20th. To rsvp, call 773-995-3839.

:10 11

Gads hill center is seeking dedicated individuals to mentor middle school students. Interested in making a difference? Call 312-226-0963.

:10 11/14

Catch up with old friends and teachers at day la sal institute's annual alumni banquet November 21st. For information, call 312-842-7355.

:10 12/12

Join other members of Chicago's Georgia tech alumni association for a reunion December 16th. Call 800-482-5867.

ENVIRONMENT

:10 10/31

Learn how it all began. Attend Fermi lab "facing the frontier" lecture series, beginning November 14th. Call 630-840-arts.

:10 12/26

The miller brass ensemble performs at Fermi lab's "chamber music series" January 11th. For tickets, call 630-840-arts.

ETHNIC/MINORITY

:10 10/4

Be there when the black united fund of Illinois hosts it's annual "living legends/passing the torch" award benefit October 4th. Call 773-324-0494.

:10 10/9

They're spicing things up at the international Latino cultural center's 4th annual "vive la Hispanidad" October 10th. Call 312-346-0211.

:10 10/15

Renowned mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves highlights the "Chicago foundation for women" luncheon October 31st, call 312-577-2801.

:10 10/20

The national association for the advancement of colored people works to change attitudes. Attend a fundraiser November 1st, call 708-355-9860.

:10 10/23

the Spertus Museum's new interactive children's center fosters hands on learning and creativity. To learn more, visit spertus dot edu.

:10 10/24

Be there when the Jewish council on urban affairs honors their 2008 distinguished corporate citizen. Call 312-663-0960

:10 11/03

Learn about the plight of black farmers in America. Visit the Dusable museums latest exhibition beginning November 17th. Call 773-947-0600.

:10 11/04

Take your child on a journey through the Bronzeville children's museum. The only African American based children's museum in the country. Call 773-721-9301.

:10 11/05

How are Latinos making a difference? Find out at the Latino policy forum's "celebrating a Latino agenda" conference November 14th. Call 312-376-1766.

:10 11/06

The American Ireland fund honors father jack wall for his contributions to Chicago at a dinner November 19th. To attend, call 312-553-2000.

:10 11/21

Chicago united celebrates multiracial advancements at their "changing color of leadership conference" December 4th. Call 312-977-3060.

:10 12/06

The Chicago gay men's chorus kicks off the holidays with a twist in "revolt of the elves!" December 12th and 13th. Call 773-296-0541.

:10 12/16

Celebrate Kwanzaa with the Dusable museum. Attend "Kwanzaa karamu," December 28th, call 773-947-0600.

FAMILY

:10 10/4

Support the troops and the Illinois military family relief fund by participating in their October 4th golf outing. Call 708-346-0763.

:10 10/23

Introduce your children to the world of art. Participate in the art institute of Chicago's family programs. Call 312-575-8000.

:10 11/03

Recognized as a leader in foster care and adoption. "our children's homestead" hosts their annual gala November 15th. Call 630-369-0004

:10 11/25

The Waldorf school's holiday fair promises fun activities for all ages. Bring out the entire family on December 7th. Call 773-828-8451

:10 12/01

Lifeline theatre presents a family favorite, "snowflake Tim's big holiday adventure." Begins December 13th, call 773-856-6767.

:10 12/05

The city of Lyle invites you and your family to take a ride on "the polar express Santa train," December 7th. Call 630-769-1000.

HEALTH

:10 10/15

Real men will be wearing pink at a breast cancer awareness fashion show and fundraiser October 26th. To attend, call 773-881-8174

:10 10/18

Raise awareness of the dangers caused by food allergies. Support "food allergy initiative's" Chicago benefit November 1st, call 312-643-2462.

:10 10/20

Participate in "the care for breast cancer race" October 26th and help raise funds for the uninsured. To register, call 815-334-8987.

:10 11/5

Join superbowl champ Gary Fencik when he hosts the first annual autism speaks "heroes ball" November 14th. Call 312-799-3298.

:10 11/06

Its diabetes awareness month and Norwegian hospital is hosting a diabetes wellness fair November 15th. Get your free screening; call 773-395-3000.

:10 11/19

It's a day of pampering for cancer survivors. Learn how you can receive free beauty services on December 3rd, call 847-866-0500.

:10 11/21

Think sweet dreams at the aids foundation of Chicago's "world of chocolate" event December 3rd. For information, visit aids Chicago dot org

:10 12/06

Bring Christmas to children battling cancer. Support "hope children's hospital's" toy drive December 10th. Call 708-795-0971.

:10 12/20

Kick the habit. Attend advocate hospital's smoking cessation classes. Beginning January 6th, call 708-684-4229.

:10 12/24

Learn how to overcome post traumatic stress. Theosophical society of America hosts a free workshop January 8th. Call 312-643-2461.

HOMELESS AND HOUSING

:10 10/5

The Irving Park community food pantry invites you to their spaghetti dinner October 5th. Call 773-283-6296.

:10 11/10

The Southside educational center for youth is giving away food and clothing to those in need, November 22nd. For details, call 773-821-9970.

:10 11/13

Kids off the block is looking for volunteers and donations for their annual "feed a teen thanksgiving day dinner". If you can help, call 773-678-9077.

:10 11/15

Shelter inc. Takes you on a trip through Tuscany at their 21st annual charity ball November 21st. Reserve your spot today, call 847-255-8060.

RELIGION

:10 10/19

Kingswood united Methodist church is seeking donations for an auction November 1st. To donate items, call 847-398-0770.

:10 10/29

Show off your holiday crafts. St. Thomas more is seeking vendors for their holiday fair November 8th. Call 847-888-4363.

:10 11

Delight in the holiday season with Easter seals of metropolitan Chicago. Attend their holiday gala November 22nd. Visit Chicago dot Easter seals dot com

:10 11/09

Got game? Bring it to the Lutheran church of St. Luke's 3 on 3 basketball tournament November 22nd. To register your team, call 630-773-0396.

:10 11/18

West point Baptist church hosts "save our children, save our future," a show dedicated to those who've lost their lives to gun violence. Call 312-245-3948.

YOUTH & ELDERLY

:10 10/15

Rock out at the first annual rock n' roll rendezvous. A fundraiser to benefit moose charities October 25th, call 630-862-1127.

:10 10/20

Need custom holiday cards? Check out Lawrence hall youth services' card collection. Visit Lawrence hall dot org for more information.

:10 10/25

Hope lives at the willow house. Learn how you can help support their grieving programs for children. Call 847-205-5666.

:10 10/26

Get your ringside seats now for mercy home for boys and girls night of amateur boxing fundraiser November 8th. Visit mercy home dot org.

:10 10/31

Make plans now for a girl's night out. It's j-p-a's, "what women want" shopping fundraiser November 13th. Call 312-398-6938.

:10 11/09

It'll be the best of times when Dennis DeYoung hosts a benefit concert for the children of Keshet November 22nd. For tickets visit keshet dot org

:10 11/10

Start your holiday giving today. Toys for tots annual toy drive is in full swing. Donations can be made through December 19th. Call 630-443-5777.

:10 11/26

The Chicago Azteca lions club brings Christmas to children of "Chicago's lighthouse for the blind," December 13th. Call 708-385-6055.

:10 12/17

Enjoy afternoon tea with children's memorial hospital. Attend the first annual "teddy bear tea" December 20th. Call 312-212-4372.