

## **WBBM-TV QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT**

**July 1, 2013 – September 30, 2013**

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**July 1, 2013 THROUGH September 30, 2013**

### **PROGRAM INDEX**

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#### **SYNDICATED:**

No syndicated programs aired during the period, July 1, 2013 – September 30, 2013.

**THE DURATION OF STORIES IN THIS REPORT RANGE FROM ONE TO THREE MINUTES**

#### **Government:**

**July 9, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – A new law makes it legal to carry a concealed weapon in Illinois. Despite opposition from Governor Quinn, the Illinois Legislature over-rode his veto and approved the bill which will take effect after the first of the year. Gun owners will have to undergo 16 hours of training and pay 150-dollars. Illinois was the last state in the nation to approve the concealed carry law.

**July 22, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – Illinois U.S. Senator Dick Durbin is announcing a new proposal to help stop gun violence. Durbin says the new Crime Gun Tracing Act will help get illegal guns off the street. Durbin says it could be one of the most powerful tools for law enforcement.

**July 25, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – The new head of the F.B.I in Chicago is stepping down. Corey Nelson was just appointed in January but says he's decided to take a job in the private sector. Chicago is one of the F.B.I's highest profile offices in the country.

**July 26, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5a)** – Illinois lawmakers won't get a paycheck next week. Governor Quinn is making good on his threat to suspend their salaries, and his, until lawmakers come back to the table to resolve the state's pension crisis. The Illinois Comptroller's office, which issues the checks, says they must follow the Governor's orders.

**July 26, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Congressman Peter Roskam is defending a trip to Taiwan he took two years ago with his wife. A watchdog agency is calling for an ethics investigation because the Taiwanese government funded the trip. Roskam says he followed ethics protocol for the trip and didn't break any rules.

**August 2, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – Medical marijuana will soon be legal in Illinois. The Governor has approved new four year pilot program that will be among the strictest in the nation. Patients will need a prescription and stores dispensing the marijuana will be monitored 24 hours a day. It takes effect in January.

**August 2, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – The Illinois State Fire Marshall is backing away from a controversial plan requiring indoor sprinklers for older high rise buildings. The Marshal said there was overwhelming opposition to the proposal mainly because of the costs which could lead to higher rents and assessment fees.

**August 12, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – There's support in Chicago for the federal government's call to do away with mandatory sentences for lesser drug crimes. A former Chicago federal prosecutor says the mandatory sentences are a failure because they didn't help the war on drugs. He also says most of those convicted for the lesser charges are overwhelmingly minorities.

**August 20, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5a)** – Governor Quinn signed a bill raising the speed limit on some rural interstates. The speed limit on those roads will go from 65 to 70 miles an hour. The new law will take effect in January and will exclude roads in the Chicago area.

**August 27, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – Chicago Schools CEO says the first day of class got off to a good start. Thousands of students walked to different schools after their old schools were closed. Hundreds of workers lined 'safe passage' routes to make sure students were protected.

**September 3, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 11a)** –Chicago's Inspector General will be re-appointed to his post. Joe Ferguson says his new contract covers four years but he only plans to stay on through next summer. Ferguson says that should be enough time to make sure the city complies with federal anti-patronage and ethics rules.

**September 5, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – A government watchdog group is criticizing a multi-million dollar renovation at the Illinois State Capitol. The plan includes new copper doors at the entrance costing more than 600-thousand-dollars. The expenditures come at a time when the state is billions of dollars in debt.

**September 17, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – Bill Daley is dropping out of the Illinois Governor's race. The former White House chief of staff and brother of former Mayor Richard Daley made the announcement today. Bill Daley says he realizes the job really isn't something he wants after all.

**September 25, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – There's another name to add to the list of fallen politicians in Chicago. Former Cook County Commissioner William Beavers was sentenced to six months in jail in a federal tax case. Beavers insists he was a target and plans to appeal the case.

**September 25, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5a)** – The Chicago School Board votes today on a 10 year plan aimed at improving city schools. The plan calls for modernizing existing buildings and adding more space at top high schools. It would also relieve overcrowding at neighborhood schools.

### **Crime:**

**July 5, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5a)** – An Aurora taxi cab driver is recovering following an attack. A passenger slashed the driver's throat and stole the taxi. Police found the suspect driving the stolen cab. He was taken into custody after a brief police chase.

**July 11, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – Police are warning CTA riders to be careful with their cellphones. There have been several robberies in the South Loop with riders robbed of their phones or purses. Police say the attacks have occurred within the same two block area.

**July 22, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – Chicago Police are recounting another violent weekend in Chicago. Seven people were killed and at least 26 others were wounded in shootings from the weekend. Among those wounded was a 14 year old who was shot in the Lawndale neighborhood.

**July 29, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Investigators are looking for suspects following an arson fire in the Englewood neighborhood. Police say the suspect poured an accelerant down the stairwell of the building and set it on fire. One person was injured and several residents had to be rescued.

**July 30, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – A man selling newspapers was shot and killed on a Gary street corner. Residents say the victim sold newspapers on the same corner for the past 10 years. Police are checking reports the shooting may have involved a dispute with another man over a woman.

**August 7, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – Police are looking for the man who attacked a book store employee in the busy River North neighborhood. The woman was closing up the shop for the evening when a man entered the store and forced her to a back room where she was raped.

**August 13, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – A Cook County jail guard is behind bars accused of a crime. The correctional officer is charged with trying to smuggle in ammunition and hundreds of pills into the jail. Police say she hid the contraband in her pants and a backpack she was trying to take inside the jail.

**August 14, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – A four year old girl was wounded in a shooting in the Portage Park neighborhood. She was shot in the thigh. Police say bullets hit two other people including the girl's older brother.

**August 16, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – Former Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. and his wife, former Alderman Sandi Jackson were sentenced in federal court in Washington, D.C. They were both sentenced to jail time for illegally taking money from their campaign fund. Prosecutors say they used the money to support a life style they couldn't afford.

**August 22, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Police say a man attacked his neighbor with a chainsaw following an argument. The victim had to undergo surgery to repair his hand which suffered severe damage. Authorities arrested the suspect a short time after the attack.

**August 26, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5a)** – Zion Police called off the search for a 5-month-old baby even though his body wasn't recovered. Authorities say the boyfriend of the infant's mother admitted to suffocating the child and putting the body in a trash dumpster. Volunteers search a trash heap for several days but couldn't find the body.

**September 6, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Chicago Police are warning A-T-M users to be careful on the South Side after a string of robberies. Detectives report at least five robberies in recent weeks in one neighborhood. In four of the five cases, victims were alone at the A-T-M station.

**September 18, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5a)** – For the third time this year, the Cook County Sheriff's Department has mistakenly released a dangerous inmate. The 25 year old man was a repeat offender and was supposed to be returned to prison. He was later found at a relative's home and recaptured.

**September 23, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – Two bodies found in a burning car have been identified as a mother and daughter from Chicago. Police say they'd also been strangled. Their charred remains were found in the back of a car set on fire in a suburban forest preserve. The daughter's husband is being questioned in the case.

**September 23, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – Chicago Police say they're close to find the suspects responsible for a shooting that left 13 people injured. A three year old boy was among those injured in the shooting at Cornell Park. Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy says police are questioning a number of suspects.

**September 25, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – A 15 year old student is recovering from a gunshot wound on the Northwest Side. The boy attends Roosevelt High School and was shot after school while waiting for a bus. Police caught the shooting suspect and recovered a weapon.

#### **Consumer:**

**July 16, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – Chicago Health inspectors shut down an upscale grocery store citing dangerous conditions. The city says the violations at the Fox & Obel store included infestations of fruit flies and roaches as well as unsafe refrigeration. Earlier this month, the grocer was warned about similar issues.

**July 25, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5a)** – A new study finds parents are no longer paying the largest portion of college costs. Last year, the average share from parents was about 5-thousand-dollars, down about 35 percent from what they paid in 2010. Experts say lower interest rates on student loans might be making up the difference.

**July 26, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – General Motors is breaking some new ground. Consumer Reports is including the 2014 Chevy Impala in its list of top rated sedans. It's the first time a domestic sedan has ranked that high in the 20 plus years the magazine has rated cars. Among others, the Tesla and BMW ranked higher in the sedan category.

**July 29, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – A new upscale outlet mall is opening in suburban Rosemont. Operators hope to lure travelers staying at hotels downtown and near the airport. The new mall includes Neiman Marcus Last Call, Saks "Off" Fifth and Bloomingdales.

**July 29, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – Chicago motorists are getting a break at the pump. Gas prices are down nearly 9-cents a gallon in the past week. The average price for a gallon of regular in Chicago is four dollars and 8-cents which is still higher than the national average.

**August 7, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – Some new jobs are moving to Chicago from the suburbs. About 500 A-T-and-T jobs will relocate downtown from the suburbs. The move will bring A-T-and-T's Chicago workforce to more than 39-hundred employees.

**August 7, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 6p)** - Suburban officials are going to court to force the shutdown of a crumbling shopping mall. The Lincoln Mall in Matteson has been in disrepair for years and officials are worried now that shoppers may be in danger because of electrical problems and other issues. The mall opened back in 1973.

**August 12, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – A new study draws a link between a childbirth labor and the risk for autism. Duke University researchers found that inducing labor and increased frequency of contractions may raise the chances of autism – especially in boys. Only about 20 percent of the births in the U.S. are induced.

**August 16, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – Chicago's first speed cameras are going up at four intersections around the city. The cameras will be tested for several weeks before tickets or warnings will be issued. The first of the cameras are being installed in safety zones near schools.

**August 22, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5a)** – A new law on the books will help renters who find themselves stuck in foreclosed properties. The law requires landlords of foreclosed properties to honor existing leases or give renters 90 days to move.

**September 2, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – Ford is recalling more than 350-thousand cars because of a potential steering problem. The recalled models include 2005 to 2011 Crown Victoria, Mercury Grand Marquis and Lincoln Town cars. Illinois is among the states where the cars are being recalled. Owners can get a free inspection at a Ford dealership.

**September 4, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Mayor Emanuel is announcing that new, healthy food options are coming to one of the city's most impoverished neighborhoods. Whole Foods says it will open a new supermarket in the Englewood neighborhood. Store executives say they will work with the community to offer affordable items for the new store.

**September 6, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 6p)** - The state is revoking the license of a troubled West Side hospital. Sacred Heart Hospital shut its doors unexpectedly in July and later filed Chapter 11. Months before the F-B-I charged some top officials at the hospital with healthcare fraud.

**September 24, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5a)** – It looks like postal rates might be going up again. The U.S. Postmaster says the service may need an emergency rate hike to keep operations going. The Postal Service is expected to lose 6-billion-dollars this year. Last year, they lost 16-billion-dollars.

**September 27, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 10p)** - The F-B-I says the Tylenol tampering case is still open but it will no longer coordinate the investigation. In 1982, seven people in the Chicago area died after taking Tylenol laced with cyanide. The case was never solved but led to reforms in packaging of over the counter drugs.

#### **Health:**

**July 4, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5a)** – Swiss researchers say there could be a link between the moon and insomnia. Their study found that it's harder to fall asleep on the three or four nights surrounding a full moon. The research found subjects lost about 20 minutes of sleep on those nights even in a completely dark room with no moonlight.

**July 9, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – It seems America is making some progress in the war on obesity. Mexico has now surpassed the U.S. in the rankings of countries with the most obesity. Health officials say 70 percent of Mexican adults are now obese as well as a third of teens. Much of the problem is linked to poverty.

**July 18, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – A new report says men might want to go easy on the fish oil. Even though the fish oil is good for the heart it could put men at higher risk for prostate cancer. The National Cancer Institute says the risk is 43 percent higher for prostate cancer in those men who consumed the supplements.

**July 25, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius stopped in Chicago today to speak to a conference of women bloggers. The Secretary encouraged them to help get the word out about the new health care laws and the October enrollment opportunities.

**July 30, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Bagged salad mix is being linked to an outbreak of illness in 15 states including Illinois. Health experts say bacteria in the salad mix can cause troubling stomach symptoms including cramps, fatigue and diarrhea. So far, it's not clear which brand is linked to the outbreak.

**August 1, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – Illinois health officials are reporting the first case of swine flu this year. The case is from downstate Boone County where a child came in contact with the animal at the DuPage County Fair. The child is expected to recover.

**August 16, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – There's another risk for kids who drink too much pop. Researchers say the sugary drinks can also make kids violent. The report found that 5 year olds who drink four or more soft drinks a day are twice as likely to get into fights. Doctors say it might also increase attention problems.

**August 22, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – A new report says sports fans eat worse when their teams lose games. The research says fans with winning teams tend to eat better. Experts say it's because a winning team can boost your self-control but a loss by your favorite team can make you feel an identity threat.

**August 23, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5a)** – There may be an additional health benefit to getting the flu shot. Australian researchers say the flu shot may also be good for cardiovascular system and protect you from a heart attack. The study found that getting the shot lowered the risk by 45-percent.

**August 29, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – Broccoli might be a weapon in the battle against arthritis. Researchers found that a compound in broccoli slows down the destruction of cartilage in the joints. The compound is also found in cabbage and sprouts. Osteoarthritis affects some 27 million Americans.

**September 4, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – A new study says yelling may not be an effective form of discipline. The study says teens who receive harsh verbal discipline from their parents suffer more depression and are more likely to misbehave at school. Those teens are also more likely to lie and steal from their parents.

**September 19, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5a)** – Researchers at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago are out with new findings on the impact of food allergies on families. Researchers say families spend more than 41-hundred dollars a year when taking into account special food, medical care and missed work. It's estimated 8 percent of U.S children have food allergies.

**September 23, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – Yale University researchers say artificial sweeteners may lead to weight gain. Their study finds that people who use the artificial sweeteners are more likely to choose higher calorie food and drinks later on.

**September 23, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – Employment experts say it's shaping up to be a good year for holiday seasonal jobs. Several major retailers and shipping companies plan to hire thousands this holiday season. Experts say this is the best time to put in applications for those positions.

**September 25, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – Doctors at Chicago's Rehabilitation Institute are the first to outfit a patient with a bionic leg. The patient lost part of his leg in a motorcycle accident in 2009. Doctors were able to rewire nerves to communicate with sensors inside his prosthetic leg.



## **Diversity:**

**July 1, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5a)** – Reverend Al Sharpton says he's considering moving to Chicago to help promote peace. Sharpton says he plans to move into an apartment on the West Side and work with other community leaders on a program against gun violence in Chicago.

**July 3, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – Former Chicago Bull Dennis Rodman says he deserves the Nobel Peace Prize. Rodman says he should be commended because of his relationship with the North Korean leader Kim Jung Un who he calls a friend for life.

**July 24, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – A man who was a tragic witness to history in the civil rights fight is being remembered in Chicago. Willie Louis was one of the last living witnesses to the murder of Chicago teenager Emmitt Till in 1955. Louis was smuggled to Chicago after the murder. He died in Chicago this week at age 76.

**July 25, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – The largest Latino festival in the Midwest is underway in Chicago. The Fiesta del Sol is expected to attract a million people to the Pilsen community. The festival features music, art and food. It raises money for a community organization.

**July 26, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – Pierogi Fest is underway in Northwest Indiana celebrating the area's German American community. The festival features ethnic foods, vendors, music and a parade in downtown Whiting.

**August 8, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Two of this year's Presidential Medal of Freedom winners are from Chicago. Oprah Winfrey will be honored for her TV career in Chicago as well as her charity work. Chicago Cubs legend Ernie Banks, the team's first African American player, will also be saluted during the White House ceremony in December.

**August 13, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – A former Marine from Chicago is receiving top honors for his bravery. Luis Garcia help saved two fellow Marines even though he was wounded himself. He received the honor at the Great Lakes Naval station.

**August 9, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – Chicago's Bud Billiken Day parade steps off for another year. The African American parade is deep in Chicago tradition and has been held since 1929. It's considered to be the unofficial start of the back to school year for South Side children.

**August 19, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5a)** – Students are making history as the new school year begins at Chicago's Hales Franciscan High School. For the first time, girls will attend the school. Since it opened more than 50 years ago, only boys were admitted to the Roman Catholic school in the Grand Boulevard neighborhood on the South Side.

**August 28, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – Chicago’s Quinn Chapel church on the South Side joined in the celebration marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the march on Washington. The city’s oldest black church once hosted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The church rang its bells as part of the salute.

**September 3, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – New research says men aren’t happy when their girlfriends succeed – but they don’t like to admit it. It seems men’s self-confidence drops when their romantic partner succeeds because they sometimes see it as their own failure. Women however feel better about relationships when their partner gets ahead.

**September 4, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Sundown marks the start of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. Jews in Chicago and around the world begin a 10 day period of repentance and reflection. It ends on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

**September 16, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – A Chicago Islamic group is suing Northwest suburban Des Plaines for discrimination. The American Islamic Center wants to open a mosque in a vacant building in the suburb but is being denied a permit for a zoning change. Des Plaines say it will review the lawsuit.

**September 18, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 5a)** -The nation’s largest Hispanic business organization says things are looking up for minority entrepreneurs. The U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, meeting in Chicago, says the number of Hispanic business owners is growing. They attribute the growth to immigrants trying to achieve the American dream and passing that spirit on to their children.

**September 27, 2013 (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – Gay and Lesbian couples are claiming victory in an on-going court fight over same sex marriage. The couples are applauding a ruling allowing a lawsuit challenging the ban on same sex marriage to move forward. 25 same sex couples in Illinois are part of the lawsuit suing for the right to marry.