

WBBM-TV QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT

January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020

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JUDGMENT, REFLECT OUR SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF
ASCERTAINED COMMUNITY ISSUES DURING THE PERIOD OF**

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PROGRAM INDEX

**CBS 2 MORNING NEWS, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 4:30 – 7:00AM;
CBS 2 NEWS, MONDAY-FRIDAY [30 minutes], 11AM, 5PM, 6PM & 10PM**

ON WEEKENDS

**CBS 2 MORNING NEWS, SATURDAY 5-6:00AM & 8-9:00AM; and SUNDAY 5-
8:00AM**

CBS 2 EVENING NEWS, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 5PM and 10-11:00PM

SYNDICATED:

Gospel Superfest Black History 2020: Sunday, 02/23/2020 10:30am -11:30am

This diverse, music-driven entertainment special offers a wide variety of inspirational talk and music geared toward today's youth. Performers include Pop, R & B and Hip Hop artists and features current hits from top industry leaders.

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

GOVERNMENT:

January 5, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am) Chicago Alderman Scott Waguespeack introduced the Plastic Free Water ordinance. The goal is to reduce plastic pollution in the Great Lakes region. The proposal would require restaurants to use recyclable to-go containers and ban styrofoam.

January 17, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm) Former Illinois State Representative Luis Arroyo may soon be pleading guilty to bribery charges. Federal prosecutors have filed what's called a charging document. A document which typically leads to a plea.

January 21, 2020 - (CBS News at 5am) There are a lot of eyes are on Capitol Hill today, as the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump is set to begin. Before opening arguments can start, a battle over ground rules is on the agenda. If witnesses are called, it could extend the trial by a number of weeks. The White House would like to see the trial end before The State of The Union, which is two weeks from today.

January 22, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm) Opening arguments are underway in the senate impeachment trial of President Donald Trump. Democratic house managers are outlining their claims that the president abused his power by withholding aid to Ukraine and obstructing congress.

January 31, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm) Cook County's Public Guardian is concerned that a new health care plan could harm some of the state's most vulnerable children. DCFS switched to a managed care organization, which some say doesn't have adequate doctors or specialists. The change affects 19,000 kids who've been adopted or have guardians.

February 03, 2020- (CBS 2 News at 6pm) The man who spent years blowing the whistle on bad behavior at Chicago Public Schools suddenly resigned. It happened amid accusations he created a toxic work environment, including physical threats and personal insults. Nick Schuler led investigations that led to the removal of two Chicago Public Schools CEOs.

February 12, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 11am) A big announcement about what is being billed as Chicago's 78th neighborhood. The 78 will have a high-tech anchor. The University of Illinois' Discovery Partners Institute will anchor the first phase of the development with a state of the art research and development campus. Mayor Lori Lightfoot says it will bring experts to Chicago and keep talented University of Illinois technology students here at home.

February 13, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm) Foster kids' visits to psychiatric hospitals are supposed to last a few days, but we found they're staying on average 57 days before when they should be released - because there's a shortage in specialized foster homes and group homes in Illinois. The total price to taxpayers is \$3.4 Million dollars for 3 years!

February 19, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm) Governor J.B. Pritzker says he can balance the budget. But voters have to approve the graduated income tax. That means people or couples who earn more than 250-thousand dollars will end up paying more.

February 24, 2020 - (CBS News at 5am) The City of Chicago will give out \$700 thousand in grant funding to help the 2020 Census effort. Mayor Lightfoot announced the money will be given to 32 community-based organizations to help count residents during the census this year. Nearly half of Chicago's 2.7 million are considered hard-to-count by the U.S. Census Bureau.

March 3, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 11am) The city of Chicago is cutting the red tape it takes to get a city-approved sign, announcing your business is coming soon. Mayor Lightfoot says streamlining the process should make things a little easier for small businesses.

March 11, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 5pm) Bernie Sanders says he's staying in the race for president, even though he's trailing behind Joe Biden. Mr. Biden now leads the delegate count with 835 to Sanders' 679.

March 15, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 10pm) There are dozens of signs in the middle of this stretch of state street - a windy city signal election season is in full swing. According to a spokesperson at the Chicago board of elections, they are allowed outside polling places. But when they're so blatant, like the dozens here, you have to wonder do the candidates and their campaign staff know?

March 18, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 6pm) The Illinois' primary is still scheduled to go on as planned tomorrow, but there's a critical shortage of judges. There is a call to get more judges to show up at their scheduled polling place. Many are cancelling because of Coronavirus fears.

March 27, 2020 - (CBS News at 5:30am)

As the city continues trying to slow the spread of Covid-19, a new crackdown today on non-essential businesses. Mayor Lightfoot plans to warn employers that no one should be forced to go to work at a business that does not qualify as essential.

MEDICAL:

January 1, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am) 40 percent of Americans are obese, but only 20 percent of us go to the gym. Some gyms are trying to make working out a little easier with treadmill classes. The machines have specialized surfaces that are easier on joints. Orange Theory and Equinox plan to add treadmill only classes to their fitness clubs.

January 2, 2020 - (CBS News at 5am) Getting out of your bed this morning may have felt like more of a struggle than normal. Today is the second sleepest day of the year. 45 percent of adults say they felt unusually tired the day they returned to work in January. That's according to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

January 9, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm) One day after a CBS 2 Investigation revealed allegations an Indiana steel mill manipulated it's test results after a cyanide spill, U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth are asking the federal government to take serious action against the company. The cyanide spill killed thousands of fish in the Little Calumet River.

January 16 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm) A senior home in Bolingbrook is warning residents and visitors after a case of legionnaire's disease. A patient at Meadowbrook Manor tested positive for the disease.

January 24, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm) A Chicago woman is being treated for the coronavirus. She's the first patient diagnosed here with the mysterious illness. She's now in quarantine after traveling from China to Chicago on January 13th.

February 7, 2020 - (CBS News at 6am) It is time to "Go Red for Women." Today is National "Wear Red Day." It's part of the American Heart Association's efforts to raise awareness about heart disease, the leading cause of death among women.

February 10, 2020- (CBS 2 News at 6pm) Evanston city leaders are voting on whether to support new legislation that would allow terminally ill patients the right to take their own lives. Nine states now have medical aid in dying acts. Supporters say it would be available only to adults with less than six months to live who are mentally sound.

February 19, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm) More than 300 Americans quarantined on a Japanese cruise ship because of the coronavirus, are now back on U.S. soil. 14 infected passengers will be held in isolation in Nebraska. The rest will be quarantined at military bases in California and Texas.

February 24, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am) There is new push for pediatricians to prescribe physical activity for kids. The American Academy of Pediatrics says only 1/4 of children are exercising as much as recommended. Research shows an active lifestyle helps physical and behavioral development. Doctors suggest an hour of activity daily for most kids.

February 27, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm) A suburban pediatrician who told parents he vaccinated their kids but didn't, Doctor Van Koinis, died by suicide. And now for the first time we have learned that he did have a suicide note and we're getting a glimpse inside of what the doctor left behind.

March 3, 2020 - (CBS News at 5am) Brushing your teeth several times a day could help ward off Type 2 Diabetes. The findings, published in a journal on diabetes, found that brushing three or more times a day was linked to an 8-percent lower risk of developing the condition.

March 4, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am) A U.S. survey finds black children are more likely than white children to be diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and other learning disabilities. Previous studies found the diagnosis was far more likely in white children. This new survey from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was based on parents' responses, not medical records.

March 10, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm) A father says he was billed an extra charge at his son's dentist appointment for a "behavior management fee." The 10-year-old boy has special needs. The father says he was never notified of the \$75 fee before the appointment.

March 24, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm) The University of Chicago Medical Center workers are voicing serious safety concerns. The staff says they understand the risk they are taking but expect to be informed if they've been in contact with a patient who has tested positive for COVID-19.

March 30, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm) The first shipment of 500 beds arrived at McCormick Place. It's phase 1 of a potentially life-saving project providing thousands of beds for spillover patients who test positive for COVID-19.

DIVERSITY:

January 2, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 6pm) Illinois is riding high on revenues from recreational pot sales. Today, entrepreneurs hoping to cash in on sales were able to apply for 75 dispensary licenses. Special credits will be given to qualifying minority applicants.

January 13, 2020 - (CBS News at 6am)

A new nonprofit is giving ex-felons struggling to find work, a second chance. The Plan B Foundation was started by couple who owns a Lombard based construction company. They hire former convicts and help them develop construction skills.

January 20, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 11am) A new device is changing the lives of people with vision problems. The "Orcam My Eye 2" won't give or repair vision. It's a second set of eyes.

A tiny camera attaches to eyeglasses transforming text and visual images into sound. When users wear it, only they can hear it.

The users we met say the independence it gives them is priceless. They can shop, travel, and go to restaurants on their own.

January 27, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 5pm) This day marks 75 years since Soviet troops liberated Auschwitz. There are few Holocaust survivors left and one of them strongly believes it's her duty to tell others her painful story. Fritzi Fritzenshain says she remembers the horrors like they happened yesterday and says her story must be remembered.

January 29, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 10pm) A boy with autism comes home with permanent marker on his back. District 98's Superintendent said she couldn't give any information on this case until that investigation is complete. The boy's family says this isn't the first time they've had concerns about his supervision.

February 07, 2020- (CBS 2 News at 6pm) Some African American Chicago Public School employees have filed complaints against administrators at Pilsen High School, alleging a culture of racism. We spoke to several teachers -- current & former, members of the staff and even students who say that not enough was done to promote tolerance and inclusion. CPS told us that the district takes any accusation of discrimination seriously and, in accordance with district policy, we have opened an investigation.

February 10, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 5pm) There is a tight timeline to make sure everyone in Illinois is counted for the census. Demographic data and population numbers will affect the next decade of federal funding in each area of the country. The feds hope more people respond online or by phone this year, to increase participation.

February 20, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 11am) Barbie is now inspiring girls to dream big with dolls based on inspiring women. Mattel just announced three new dolls in the series of groundbreaking women. There's legendary jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald, tennis champion Billie Jean King, and nurse Florence Nightingale. The dolls come out in March, which is Women's History month.

February 25, 2020 - (CBS News at 5am) A school in the West Loop is hosting a hot chocolate and bake sale to raise money for masks to send to China. Last week, the students made sure those in China and around the world whose lives are affected by the coronavirus know others care through song.

February 28, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm) Just in time for the first Friday of lent, the Chicago Archdiocese is weighing in on whether Catholics can eat a plant-based meat. In short the answer is to consult your priest and see what he has to say.

March 3, 2020 - (CBS News at 6am) If you've gotten all the boogie out of your shoes, a teen from Naperville can help. Lucy is partnering with Waterstep to collect athletic shoes in honor of World Water Day. Your old sneakers will be repurposed into affordable shoes.

March 9, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am) Army women are joining the ranks of the classic plastic green soldiers' toys. The company behind the plastic army women project says the tiny, female troops in green, tan or pink will deploy in time for the holidays. A 6-year-old girl wrote the company a letter asking for the female soldiers.

March 13, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm) The Archdiocese of Chicago says it will close all its schools beginning Monday. They will also be cancelling Church services as well. There will be no public masses, as of tomorrow but you can still find services online at certain churches.

March 18, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm) Weeks after the threat of coronavirus surfaced in Illinois, we found the Department of Children and Family Services game plan for at risk kids, is still unclear. Among the gray areas; how to deal with staff shortages and whether to notify biological parents if a child in state care has been quarantined.

March 20, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm) Social distancing can be an issue for people of faith. An example is members of Chicago's Muslim community who often worship together. The center is keeping its larger prayer rooms closed and staggering prayer times to create small groups.

CRIME:

January 8, 2020 - (CBS News at 5am) There are more fake ride share drivers popping up on Chicago's north side, luring people into their cars before robbing them. It happened four times over the holiday break. Some of the fake drivers were men, some were women. Most of these happened in Old Town and the Gold Coast.

January 13, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am) A group of CTA riders stepped up to help stop a crime on the Red line. They held a suspected robber until police arrived. The victim said two men forced him to give up his belongings in the Fuller Park neighborhood.

January 15, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm) Investigators in Kendall County reveal exclusively to CBS 2, that they know believed serial killer, Bruce Lindahl, murdered at least 12 people. Before today, we only knew about 4 of his victims.

January 17, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10) There is more evidence in the death of a child on a cruise line. Royal Caribbean cruise lines says new video proves an Indiana grandfather knew the window was open, before he dropped his granddaughter causing her death.

January 30, 2020- (CBS 2 News at 6pm) Days after a camera was discovered in a faculty bathroom at a Northfield school, we've learned of another camera found in a girl's bathroom. Neither police nor the district have offered a timeline for how long they think the recording went on. A former cook and custodian is now on the run. Using DNA to see if he's linked to other unsolved murders.

February 4, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am) Crews had to close part of Cicero Avenue near Touhy in Lincolnwood early this morning after a driver hit a gas pump that sent gasoline into the sewers. The driver opens his door, sees something isn't right, and drives off. It's unclear how long the pump had been leaking before firefighters got there. Gas poured into the sewer, so environmental experts were called to help. About 100 to 200 gallons of gas leaked.

February 10, 2020- (CBS 2 News at 6pm) A massive spike in carjackings is leaving Chicago drivers rattled. Since the beginning of 2020, there have been 117 reported carjackings. The police department is bringing back its carjacking task force. They'll also be pursuing federal conspiracy charges when they can.

February 19, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm) Robbery seems to be the motive of a deadly shooting outside a Bronzeville motel today. Officers rushed to the amber inn parking lot --- because of a shot-spotter alert. That's where they found the victim. He was rushed to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

February 21, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm) For the first time ever, SWAT officers are riding CTA trains. It is part of a new beefed up security plan by police. The change comes after 4 violent crimes took place on CTA property this month.

February 27 2020 - (CBS News at 4:30am) One man is dead and another is fighting for his life after they were shot on the south side. Both were walking last night just before 11 in Grand Crossing near 69th and Dorchester. Someone got out of a black SUV and started shooting. No one has been arrested.

March 5, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am) Singer R. Kelly is facing new charges and a new accuser. He appeared before a judge to enter a not guilty plea following new accusations of sex abuse. The indictment says this new accuser met Kelly in 1997 or 1998 when she would have been only 14 or 15 years old. The documents accuse Kelly of engaging in sexual acts with her around that time years before she turned 18.

March 11, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm) A Chicago woman is beaten up outside a CTA train stop. The 28-year-old was attacked 2 weeks ago. She says she's called police several times to get updates on her case, but hasn't heard back.

March 13, 2020- (CBS 2 News at 6pm) - A top secret operation to take down one of the deadliest drug cartels led to more than 600 arrests, including many in Chicago. DEA Project Python targeted those in all levels of the Cartel Jalisco New Generation.

March 21, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm) Officers are still looking for several determined thieves who broke into a goose island jewelry store. Police say five men cracked the front lock of an empty storefront overnight. Once inside, they cut a hole in the drywall to get into the jewelry store next door. They took the jewelry, and got away.

March 31, 2020 - (CBS News at 4:30am) A shooting by Skokie Police is now under investigation. Someone told police about a suspicious man in a vehicle in the 7-11 parking lot at Oakton and Crawford around eleven last night. As officers approached, they said the man displayed a semi-automatic handgun. Police said one officer shot the man once in the abdomen.

CONSUMER:

January 6, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm) Many marijuana users were told they couldn't buy pot today. That's because half of Chicago's dispensaries are sold out of recreational weed. Demand has been extremely high since it became legal, putting a strain on supply.

January 7, 2020 - (CBS News at 4:30am) For many people New Year goals include a new job. Wallethub is out with a list of the top cities to land one in 2020. Scottsdale, Arizona led the list followed by South Burlington, Vermont. Chicago landed in the bottom third of the list.

January 16, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm) 2 billion of the 59-billion robo calls received in the U.S. were in Illinois. Now, President Donald Trump wants to silence those calls specifically. He has signed a new anti-robo call bill into law.

January 21, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am) Kids are getting nearly ten bucks a week for an allowance. It's not just to pay for lunch or snacks, but to jump start their financial literacy. Allowances help kids learn to spend and save their money. And it's working. The app Rooster Money says children saved an average of 42% of their allowance last year. Compare that with parents who saved less than 8%.

January 22, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm) Amtrak is changing its policy after a disabled couple was charged \$25,000 for a ticket. Amtrak said the cost was to remove seats to make room for wheelchairs. After Sen. Tammy Duckworth complained, Amtrak took the couple for the regular price and suspended its policy.

February 4, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm) A local church gets hosed with a \$6,000 water bill from the City of Chicago. They paid it, then realized because they're a non-profit, with less than a million dollars in net assets. That means they're eligible for 100% water exemption. The church is now fighting to get its money back.

February 15, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm) The CEO of Delta Airlines is advising passengers that it's okay to recline your seat. But you need to ask the person behind you

first. The advice comes after a viral video showed an angry passenger repeatedly punching the reclined seat of a woman in front of him.

February 17, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am) Nintendo is trying to make a long layover at the airport a little more bearable. Travelers can play video games at the new Nintendo Switch "On the Go" pop-up lounges open today at O'Hare Airport, as well as Dulles in Washington, D.C., and Tacoma International in Seattle. The lounges have charging ports and Nintendo Switch systems in both handheld and TV mode.

February 19 2020 - (CBS News at 5am) Today is the 8th Annual Construction Summit held at Malcolm X College. This summit brings local businesses together so they can network and get information around upcoming job and contracting opportunities.

February 28, 2020 - (CBS 2 New at 10pm) There is plenty of missing mail in Uptown neighborhood. And it may be tied to two men. Security cameras show them entering a building then taking off with a carton full of mail. One of the men was wearing a cast on his arm. Postal inspectors believe they used a master key, to get into the mailboxes.

March 11, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 11am) A Chicago City Council committee backed a ban on "cyber-flashing" after a CBS 2 Morning Insiders report. That's when someone sends an unwanted sexual photo often through Apple's airdrop feature. The public safety committee approved an ordinance that would impose fines of \$500 to \$1,000 and up to 90 days in jail for cyber flashers.

March 17, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm) The trump administration says it will allow Americans to delay paying their tax bills for 90 days past the April 15th deadline. Individuals will be able to delay paying up to one million dollars. The idea is to pump more money into the economy to help stave off a recession.

March 25, 2020 - (CBS News at 5:30am) With everyone working from home, toilet paper usage is going through the well, you know what we mean. New stay-at-home rules are expected to cause a 140 percent jump in toilet paper use. Worried shoppers pushed toilet paper sales up a whopping 213-percent this month.

March 26, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 5pm) There are some staggering numbers out today. The most Americans ever filing for unemployment benefits, close to 3.3 million. In Illinois alone, more than 114,000 people filed claims.

March 30, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 6pm) Many small business owners say they don't qualify for federal or state stimulus money. There are several reasons why they do not. We explore what options are available for business owners and what they need to do to get that extra money needed. We have a list of resources on our working for Chicago website at CBS Chicago dot com.