

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

**January 1, 2018 – March 31, 2018**

**ATTACHED ARE LISTINGS OF BROADCASTS WHICH, IN THE STATION'S 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 2018: Sunday, 02/18/2018 3:00am-4:00am**

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.

## **GOVERNMENT:**

**January 4, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – Governor Rauner spent the night at the downstate Quincy Veteran’s home where 13 elderly vets died. The Governor plans to tour the facility and grounds during his stay. The deaths now linked to Legionnaires Disease, a form of pneumonia traced to water.

**January 9, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – President Trump met with a bipartisan group of lawmakers to discuss immigration reform. Republicans want more border security and an end to visa lotteries. Democrats want to keep DACA and protect young immigrants from deportation.

**January 18, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – New figures confirm Cook County’s failed sweetened beverage tax was a big flop. The county expected \$55 million in revenue which is far less than what was collected. The tax was so unpopular people took all their shopping to other counties.

**January 26, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – Illinois Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky is boycotting President Trump’s State of the Union address. The Congresswoman says she’s upset with the President’s policies and calls him erratic and divisive.

**January 29, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – A key moment for State Representative Jeanne Ives in her long-shot bid to defeat Governor Rauner in the March primary. Ives and Rauner tangled in a debate before the Chicago Tribune editorial board. The two clashed mostly on abortion issues and Rauner’s leadership in the party.

**February 14, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Governor Rauner unveiled his budget proposals for the next fiscal year. In the \$38 million spending plan, the Governor gives less to Chicago Public Schools and require state employees pay more for healthcare.

**February 20, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – The Chicago City Council is hearing the stories of sexual harassment victims. Employees at Ford Motor Company’s two Chicago plants will talk about the harassment they say they have experienced for years. More than 30 women have filed harassment claims against Ford.

**February 23, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – With the fallout from the Florida school shooting, Illinois politicians are feeling pressure to take action against guns. House Speaker Mike Madigan has scheduled votes next week on several new gun laws. One would prevent people under 21 from purchasing assault weapons.

**February 26, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – President Trump met with governors from 39 states at the White House today. During a discussion on the Florida school shooting, the President said he would have run into the school to confront the shooters.

**February 27, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – The Illinois primary is three weeks away. The crowded field of candidates for Attorney General met at the CBS 2 Broadcast Center to answer questions on the issues. Seven Democratic candidates attended the forum.

**March 15, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – City Hall reached a deal with American Airlines on the massive expansion plan for O’Hare Airport. Initially, American accused the city of including a secret provision that would grant rival United Airlines extra gates. The deal calls for the construction of three new gates that American and other airlines will share.

**March 21, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – The election results are in: Governor Rauner and businessman J.B. Pritzker will square off in the fall. Rauner beat a challenge from conservative Republican Jeanne Ives. Pritzker beat Democrats Chris Kennedy and three others for the win.

**March 27, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – A City Council committee holds a hearing to talk about ways to advance gun legislation vetoed by Governor Rauner. The committee is calling on Springfield to override the veto of the gun dealer’s licensing bill. The legislation would also ban body armor and high capacity magazines.

**March 28, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Businessman Willie Wilson announces that he will once again challenge Mayor Emanuel. Despite losing in 2015, Wilson says this time will be different. He says taxes and high crime have Chicagoans fed up.

## **CRIME:**

**January 4, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – Police in suburban Norridge are searching for a group of men caught on surveillance trying to break into homes. Police spotted the suspects pulling out of a driveway and tried to follow them. They had to end the chase when it became too dangerous.

**January 17, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – A West Side Chicago woman attacked while she slept is home from the hospital. In an exclusive interview with CBS 2, she says she awoke to a man standing over her bed. After a struggle, he also ransacked her home taking jewelry and valuables.

**January 17, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Police are investigating a shooting on the Kennedy Expressway. A driver phoned police reporting shots fired at his car as he drove near Diversey Avenue. The shooting closed the expressway for a half hour to search for evidence. The driver will be ok.

**January 24, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – A Chicago business owner is shot and killed while on the job. Police say the 46-year-old victim was shot in the head during a robbery. It happened at a Currency Exchange in the Belmont Craigin neighborhood. Neighbors say the victim was beloved in the community. No suspects are in custody.

**January 25, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – A gymnastics coach from the Northwest suburbs faces charges of having sex with a girl he coached. The suspect works at the U-S Gymnastics Training Center in Lake Zurich. Prosecutors say he admitted to sexual contact with a 16-year-old girl at the facility.

**February 7, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – The so-called serial stowaway, Marilyn Hartman, is staying in jail for now. A judge denied her request for a bond reduction. She faces felony charges after slipping past security at O’Hare Airport and boarding a British Airlines flight to London. This is the second time she slipped past security.

**February 13, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 11a)** - Today marks one year since the disappearance of two young girls in Delphi, Indiana who were later found murdered. The murders of 14 year Libby German and 13 year Abby Williams remain unsolved. Police have a sketch of a man they believe linked to the crime.

**February 14, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – New details emerge about the brutal murder of Chicago Police Commander Bauer. Police say Bauer jumped in to help officers trying to arrest a suspected drug dealer outside the Thompson Center. He had just finished a meeting and lunch with his wife when he was shot to death.

**February 15, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – The first court hearing is today for the man charged with killing Chicago Police Commander Paul Bauer. Shomari Leghette has a criminal history going back more than two decades. He’s accused of shooting the commander during a confrontation outside the Thompson Center.

**February 19, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – The accused Florida school shooter Nikolas Cruz was in court today. He faces 17 counts of premediated murder. Meantime, the family who took him in says they had no idea they were living with a “monster”.

**March 5, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – A scare at Chesterton High School after an online threat. Extra police patrols rushed to the school after the threat. Porter County Sheriff says one student hacked into another student’s social media account and posted a threat to “shoot up the school”. No one was injured.

**March 16, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – A man is recovering after he was shot twice helping his brother deliver pizzas. While on a delivery, a gunman posing as a customer pulled out a weapon and opened fire. The victim remains in the hospital with two gunshots.

**March 19, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Chicago Police are looking through ballistic evidence trying to catch the killer of a city worker. The 50 year old Streets and Sanitation employee was walking out of a store when he was shot in the chest. Police say he wasn't the target.

**March 23, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – A public safety alert is issued in Hammond, IN after an attack on a woman out walking her dog. The woman told police a man jumped from a vehicle and sexually assaulted her. Police are looking for a dark colored SUV with tinted windows.

**March 30, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – The Chicago Police is looking for the men who robbed three CTA passengers on a Red Line train. One of the victims was also punched in the face. It happened just before 1:00a near the Fullerton stop. Police say the suspects are still at large.

## **HEALTH-**

**January 4, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – Researchers are testing a device that could reduce tinnitus or ringing in the ears. University of Michigan researchers say the tool delivers electrical pulses that targets nerve cells in the brain. Some participants say their symptoms improved within weeks.

**January 12, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – In light of the flu spike in Illinois, Lurie Children's Hospital asks parents to call their pediatricians before taking their child to the emergency room. The hospital say the flu outbreak has overwhelmed their ER and is causing a jump in wait times.

**January 18, 2018-(CBS 2 News at 10p)** – Walmart launching a new opioid disposal product to help fight opioid abuse. When added to a pill bottle with warm water, it separates the medication into a biodegradable gel. The product is free to patients filling new opioid prescriptions.

**January 19, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – The state tells all Jimmy John's locations to stop serving sprouts. The order comes after two people came down with salmonella. The victims showed symptoms after eating at restaurants in northeast Illinois.

**January 22, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – A flu outbreak forces a suburban school to close its campus for the week. The Illinois Math and Science Academy in Aurora decided to cancel classes after so many students and staff came down with the flu. Cleaning crews will disinfect classrooms and offices during the break.

**January 25, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – An Illinois lawmaker wants a ban on tackle football for some young athletes. The Dave Duerson Act would ban tackle football for children under 12. State Representative Carol Sente says evidence points to the possibility of brain injury and depression for young players.

**February 2, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – It's National Wear Red Day to raise awareness for women's heart health. Every 80 seconds a woman dies from heart disease. Doctors say regular checkups and knowing the symptoms of heart disease are key factors for women.

**February 15, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – A new study points to the health hazards of highly processed foods. French and Brazilian researchers link diets that are high in sugary cereals and the like to increased cancer risk. The link was not as great with less processed food such as canned vegetables and cheeses.

**February 16, 2018- (CBS 2 at 11a)** - Women who work as cleaners or regularly use cleaning products could put their lungs at risk. Norway researchers say those chemicals might cause substantial damage to the airways. The study did not find the same risk for men.

**February 19, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – New blood and urine tests may help diagnose Autism in children much earlier. British and Italian scientists say children with the disorder have higher levels of protein damage in their blood plasma. The new tests can detect that damage.

**February 23, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – The star of the hit show Hamilton is also an advocate for epilepsy research. Miguel Cervantes, who plays Alexander Hamilton, is using his fame to help raise awareness for research. His 2-year-old daughter was diagnosed with epilepsy as a newborn.

**March 6, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – The opioid epidemic crisis continues to grow in Illinois. According to the Centers for Disease Control, overdoses are up for men, women and all age groups. Emergency room visits for suspected overdoses in Illinois are up more than 66%.

**March 14, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 11a)** - Researchers think they can better remove cancer if it's easy to see. They're testing fluorescent dyes to make hidden cells glow. The dyes allow surgeons to better see the cancerous cells and give patient a better shot at survival. The test is close to FDA approval.

**March 15, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – Women who are physically fit have a greater chance of avoiding dementia. A study followed women aged 50 for 44 years. Researchers found the women who were fit had only a 5-percent chance of developing dementia later in life compared to those who didn't work out.

**March 21, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – A new clue in the fight against obesity. Researchers say being obese may be a function of their taste buds. Cornell University scientists found obese lab mice had 25 percent fewer taste buds compared to lean mice.

**March 27, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – Today is Diabetes Alert Day, a wakeup call to know your risks. The American Diabetes Association is working to educate people about the disease. Doctors say one of the big keys to keeping Diabetes or pre-Diabetes under control is exercise. CBS 2 is a partner with the American Diabetes Association to help raise awareness.

## **CONSUMER:**

**January 11, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – McDonald’s plans to ditch plastic foam cups by the end of the year. The Oak Brook based company is committing to using 100% fiber based packaging by 2020. The fast food company got rid of foam burger containers years ago.

**January 18, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – Chicago makes the cut as a finalist for Amazon’s second headquarters. Several cities from Boston to L.A. are on the list. Chicago is now one of three Midwest cities on the updated list. Both the Mayor and the Governor say they are working together to make it happen.

**January 19, 2018- (CBS 2 at 6p)** – Delta Airlines is cracking down on which service support animals are allowed on board. With an increase in passenger complaints, the airline will ban certain animals including goats, hedgehogs and farm animals. Customers will also need documentation 48 hours in advance.

**January 23, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – TripAdvisor says the top luxury hotel is in Chicago. The Langham Chicago earns the traveler’s Choice Award for best luxury hotel. It also ranked in the top 25 for best overall hotel and hotel with the best service.

**January 24, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Struggling retailer Toys R Us is closing 20 percent of their locations including several in the Chicago area. In total, 180 stores are shutting their doors affecting thousands of workers. Seven stores in Chicago will close.

**February 12, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Some travelers are scrambling at Midway Airport. Southwest Airlines canceled more than two hundred flights because it’s out of de-icing liquid. The airline says there is a new plan in place to keep planes safe and make sure they don’t run out again.

**February 16, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – An alert is out for a possible salmonella outbreak in five states. Customers should not eat chicken salad sold at Fareway stores including Illinois. Preliminary test show the salmonella is present in the product forcing it off store shelves.

**February 18, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – A new red light camera is going up downtown. The city is activating a new camera at Wacker and Lake to catch violators. This is the third red light camera going up downtown.

**February 23, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – A warning from Lockport Police. A scam artist is posing as an IRS agent and using a number from the Lockport Police Department. One resident says the criminal demanded money to settle a tax claim.

**February 27, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – A government report adds up the cost of raising a child. It could cost around 233-thousand-dollars for a middle-income family. The report doesn’t

include the cost of college. Financial experts advise squirreling away at least six months of living expenses for emergency.

**March 6, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – Home Depot is getting ready for spring - its busiest season. The home improvement giant wants to hire thousands of workers in Illinois. The retailer will host job fairs in all of its area stores for prospective employees.

**March 6, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – United Airlines put the brakes on a new controversial bonus policy. The company planned to eliminate quarterly bonuses and instead hold lottery style drawings for cash, cars and vacations. Employees balked saying they would rather have a smaller but steady cash award.

**March 15, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – Six people face charges for placing skimmers on gas station pumps across the city and suburbs. The Secret Service caught up with the suspects in Florida. Authorities say they hit gas stations in Cook, DuPage and Lake County swindling unsuspecting customers of more than 200-thousand-dollars.

**March 20, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – Tickets for this summer’s Lollapalooza went on sale today. The annual music festival takes over Grant Park over four days in August. Fans are snapping up tickets even though the music lineup isn’t announced yet. Four-day passes run \$355-dollars.

**March 27, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – The tech giant Apple came to Chicago to announce its new I-PAD. Apple CEO Tim Cook came to Lane Tech High School on the North Side to introduce the product. Apple says the new I-PAD will be targeted to students and educators and will be more affordable.

## **DIVERSITY:**

**January 12, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 11a)** - The work of African American playwright August Wilson is on stage in Chicago. The Athenaeum Theater is reviving the work set in 1970’s Pittsburgh telling the stories of black cab drivers and their daily struggles.

**January 17, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – Thousands of women in Chicago plan to hit the street again this weekend for Women’s March. This year’s theme is “March to the Polls” to stress the importance of voting in the upcoming elections. Last year, thousands rallied in Grant Park for the Women’s March.

**January 23, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – The Chicago Archdiocese held its annual fundraiser breakfast benefitting academic programs for students. There are 76-thousand Catholic school students in the Chicago area. The district is one of the largest in the country.

**January 23, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth is making history again. She is pregnant with her second child and will be the first Senator to give birth while in office. Duckworth announced she's having a girl and her baby is due this spring.

**January 25, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – A legal setback for a transgendered teen suing for unrestricted access to the girls locker room. Nova Maday was born male but identifies as a girl. A judge ruled against the 18 year who is suing Palatine High School for access. The school provided her with a private changing room instead of full access.

**February 6, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 4:30a)** – More U.S. teens identify as transgender than previously thought. Many reject the idea that “girl” or “boy” are the only options for them. A Minnesota study looks at more than 80-thousand high school students. Nearly 3-percent say they don't identify with the sex assigned at birth.

**February 14, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – It's Ash Wednesday the start of Lent. Pope Francis marked the observance with a Mass in the Basilica in Rome. The Pope calls on the faithful to pause and contemplate a return to God.

**February 15, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – As we celebrate Black History Month, Chicago mourns the passing of an icon. Former Ebony Magazine Executive Editor Lerone Bennett Jr died today at age 89. Many African Americans considered him as “The People's Historian”.

**February 19, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – New expressway billboards call for tolerance and respect for Muslim women. The billboards show Muslim women wearing the headdress called the hijab. The group behind the billboards hope to encourage tolerance and understanding.

**February 25, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 11a)** – The movie Black Panther, about a fictional African utopia, is putting an Illinois community on the map. The movie features an all-black cast and takes place in Wakanda. Suburban Wauconda says the movie is peeking interest there and the town welcomes the exposure.

**March 2, 2018 – (CBS 2 News at 6p)** – Plans are underway to celebrate Special Olympics which started in Chicago fifty years ago. Mayor Emanuel broke ground on the new Eternal Flame of Hope to honor the games. The first games took place in Soldier Field in 1968.

**March 13, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 430a)** – Community groups plan to sue Fifth Third Bank over what they call discriminatory practices. Both sides faced off during a legislative hearing. Customers say Fifth Third branches in African American neighborhoods face metal detectors and a second set of security doors. Critics argue customers in predominately-white neighborhoods don't face the same security even though those banks are robbed more often.

**March 23, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 5p)** – Dozens of girls got an up close and personal look at the Chicago Fire Department. The visit is part of a mentoring program to expose girls to careers. The girls joined firefighters for a few drills and even got instructions on the fire hoses and equipment.

**March 26, 2018- (CBS 2 News at 10p)** – A civil rights pioneer is being remembered. Linda Brown was the child at the center of the historic Brown versus Board of Education case. She was a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader when denied admission to an all-white school. Her father sued the school board leading to the integration of schools across the country.