WBBM-TV QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT

April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020

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PROGRAM INDEX

CBS 2 MORNING NEWS, MONDAY - 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: Spring Jam Special, Sunday, 4/26/2020 1:00pm-2:00pm,

The nation's top gospel music artists assemble to present an uplifting, power-packed musical celebration featuring Ricky Dillard & New G, Demetrius West & JP, Byron Cage, The Howard University Gospel Choir, Martha Munizzi, LEXI, James Fortune & Fiya, The Rance Allen Group and more. Narrated by Faith Daniels. Recorded in Dayton, Ohio.

National Memorial Day Parade: America Stands Tall, Monday, 5/25/2020 1:40am-2:40am,

The National Memorial Day Parade: America Stands Tall hosted by Anthony Anderson and Tamron Hall features celebrity interviews, historical segments voiced by Hollywood's elite and memorable moments from past National Memorial Day Parades.

Graduation 2020: For Chicago – By Chicago, Sunday, 6/14/2020 1:00pm-2:00pm,

A live, commercial-free 60-minute ceremony hosted and co-created by the City of Chicago and Citadel to recognize the achievements and tenacity of the Class of 2020. This first-of-its-kind citywide virtual graduation will feature Chicago's "Hamilton" star Miguel Cervantes as emcee and a keynote commencement address by Oprah Winfrey.

Gospel Superfest: 20th Salute To Black Music, Sunday, 6/21/2020 4:00am-5:00am,

Film and Television star Wendy Raquel Robinson host a star-studded musical explosion saluting black gospel music with special guests Erica Campbell (Mary Mary), Bryan Popin, Morris Mingo & One Voice, Casey J, The Howard University Gospel Choir, Ricky Dillard and more. Narrated by Faith Daniels. Recorded in Dayton, Ohio.

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

GOVERNMENT

- **April 3, 2020 (CBS News at 5am)** President Trump's social distancing guidelines are set to expire today and he is not expected to extend them. Instead, he's letting governors decide how and when to implement his 3-phase plan to restart the economy. The President said he envisions the 'new normal' being what life was like three months ago, once the virus subsides.
- **April 4, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 10pm)** A shakeup has occured within the cook county health system in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. Doctor Terry Mason, Chief Operating Officer of the Cook County Department of Public Health is out. Health officials gave no reason for his firing.
- **April 9, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** Ten percent of our country's entire workforce has now filed for unemployment; but gig workers still can't get help. We found it will be weeks before a program providing resources is even set up. A statement on the Illinois Department of Employment's website says details about the program, eligibility requirements and how to apply are still being finalized.
- **April 24, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** Governor Pritzker announces a big change coming for some businesses shut down because of COVID-19. For the first time in weeks, customers will soon be allowed inside garden centers, greenhouses and nurseries.
- **April 27, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 11am)** Chicago is trying out a new method to keep people informed during the pandemic. It's a free phone app called "Chi COVID Coach." The app lets the Chicago Department of Health send out texts with potentially life-saving information like when to seek medical care and where Coronavirus testing is available.
- May 7, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 6pm) During the past two days, more than 100 people have reached out to CBS 2, desperate for help obtaining unemployment benefits. We've found systematic failures in the unemployment system and have been pushing for answers. Today, the Governor finally addressed many of those issues. He tells us they are working to add more staff and train more people.
- May 8, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 11am) Governor J.B. Pritzker promised thousands of people waiting for unemployment relief will be able to receive help on Monday. That's when the state's "Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program" launches. It will start processing 1099 claims for gig workers and people who are self-employed. The governor says the new system will be able to handle more than 140,000 claims per hour.
- May 13, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 10pm) The Illinois General Assembly will return to Springfield next week. The spring-session has been delayed by the pandemic. They will undergo pre-session testing for COVID-19 and follow social distancing

- May 18, 2020 (CBS News at 5:30am) The Chicago City Finance Committee is expected to approve a \$2.2 million settlement after a police shooting of an unarmed 18-year old with mental and developmental disabilities. The 2017 shooting was caught on a neighbor's home security camera. Sergeant Khalil Muhammad was off-duty, and in his personal car, when he fired those shots at Riccardo Hayes. Muhammad claimed Hayes walked up to his car, but the video shows Hayes running then stopping when the sergeant rolls up.
- May 22, 2020- (CBS 2 News at 5pm) IDES hires over 100 more call takers to help handle the flood of unemployment applications. We found people are still being blocked from getting money they desperately need, by the state system that can't seem to handle the simplest of mistakes.
- **June 7, 2020- (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** Processing delays are growing for people trying to obtain a Firearms Owner's Identification card in Illinois. By law, the cards must be processed in 30 days. However, Illinois State Police tell us they're now averaging 51 days.
- **June 18, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 10pm)** A federal judge is set to hear the Trump administration's last-ditch argument to block the release of John Bolton's tell-all book. The President's former national security advisor claims President Trump was repeatedly played by world leaders and is, in Bolton's words, "unfit for office."
- **June 22, 2020 (CBS News at 5am)** Wedding bells are going to chime and you don't even have to leave your home. Starting today, Lake County, Illinois will have judges available for weddings via Zoom. There is even a bit of competition to see which judge presides over the most weddings.
- June 25, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 5pm) Some Illinois landlords are fighting Governor JB Pritzker in court, over his temporary ban on evictions. The Illinois Rental Property Owners Association is joining other landlords to sue the state. They say tenants are taking advantage of not paying rent, even if they are able to pay it.
- June 26, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 11am) The Illinois Rental Property Owners Association is joining the legal fight against Governor JB Pritzker's moratorium on evictions. As of right now, evictions are on hold across the state until July due to COVID-19. A number of landlords are suing to regain access to the courts, arguing some people who are not impacted by the Coronavirus outbreak are taking advantage of Pritzker's order as a way to avoid paying their rent.

MEDICAL

April 3, 2020 - (CBS News at 5am) Governor Pritzker announced a fourth hospital support site will be added to three others now under construction. The hope is these hospitals will be able to accommodate thousands of patients with COVID-19.

- **April 6, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 11am)** Starting today, rapid testing for COVID-19 is available in Illinois. The test was developed by north suburban Abbott Labs. But it's only available to first responders and health care workers right now. It delivers results in as little as 5 minutes.
- **April 17, 2020 (CBS News at 10pm)** The first beds are now in use at the McCormick Place field hospital. In just 26-days, the facility was turned into an alternative care site for people with mild to severe cases of COVID-19.
- **April 21, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** At any given time, experts say at least fifteen percent of Chicago area residents are struggling with some sort of addiction. But staying sober can be a lot more challenging during the COVID-19 crisis. Group meetings are banned and urges may be increased being stuck at home.
- **April 23, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** The number of Coronavirus cases keeps rising at two suburban facilities for adults with developmental disabilities. One hundred and thirty six patients and staffers at the Ludeman Center in Park Forest tested positive. There are one hundred and eight cases at the Shapiro Developmental Center in Kankakee.
- **April 27, 2020 (CBS News at 5am)** If you're making your own mask at home, the University of Chicago has new recommendations for how to do it correctly. First, use a layer of tightly woven cotton. Then, add two layers of chiffon or natural silk. Research shows the combination filters out up to 99 percent of airborne particles.
- May 11, 2020 (CBS News at 5am) The COVID-19 pandemic has kept some children from getting their routine vaccines for other diseases. The number of immunizations delivered in March and April fell dramatically. In a new CDC study, researchers suggest that could lead to outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases like measles, as social distancing measures are relaxed.
- May 17, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 11am) The CDC is issuing a health advisory for a mysterious illness in children called Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome, which may be linked to the Coronavirus. It's been reported in several states including Illinois. Pediatrician Dr. Cynthia Ambler at Northwestern Medicine says parents should watch for any symptoms and call the doctor if your child has a prolonged, high fever.
- May 19, 2020 (CBS News at 6am) It sounds too good to be true, kind of like Willie Wonka's golden ticket, but it's real. More than a million dollars of medical bills burdening Chicago area families set to poof! Disappear like magic. If, that is, you get a special envelope in the mail. A non-profit group raises the money to take care of the bills.
- May 22, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 6pm) Today the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved a controversial ordinance. The names of people who test positive for COVID-19 will now be entered into a database for first responders, who say it's crucial for their safety. Residents argue, it's an invasion of their privacy.

- May 26, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 10pm) Mayor Lori Lightfoot is pledging fifty six million dollars to track those who've tested positive for COVID-19 in Chicago. The city is going to use the money to hire hundreds to be contract tracers later this summer.
- May 28, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 5pm) The City of Chicago is getting millions of dollars to hire six hundred people to be contact tracers. Their job will be to track down anyone a COVID-19 patient has had contact with.
- June 11, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 10pm) Surgeons at Northwestern Medicine have taken drastic measures to save a young woman battling the Coronavirus, performing a double lung transplant. After six-weeks in the ICU, two new lungs were her only shot at survival.
- June 17, 2020 (CBS News at 5am) In conjunction with Men's Health Week, the Near North Health Service Corporation is having its 26th Annual Men's Health Fair. While many of this year's presentations are being done virtually, due to the Coronavirus, free screenings are planned at two locations. There will also be a drive-up COVID testing site at the Komed Holman Center in Bronzeville.
- June 18, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 6pm) Lake County Health Officials have completed testing the air quality around two facilities using the chemical ethylene oxide, a chemical that potentially causes cancer. The timing of the testing however is raising questions. It was done during the middle of quarantine, so it's unclear if the facilities were even running at full capacity during that time.
- June 23, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 11am) New research in the "Journal Circulation" found that taxes on sugary drinks would generate substantial health gains as well as lower health costs in the U.S. Cook County Board President, Toni Preckwinkle, pushed for the pop tax in 2017. The tax only lasted four months before being repealed. A UIC study found during that time purchases of sugar and artificially sweetened drinks went down twenty one percent.
- **June 24, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** Some North Suburbs are dealing with the return of West Nile Virus. Experts found mosquitoes with West Nile in Glencoe in the past week. Infected bugs were also found in Evanston and Lincolnwood so far this year.

DIVERSITY

- **April 7, 2020 (CBS News at 10pm)** As more people wear facemasks, it's creating a challenge for anyone who's deaf. For the three hundred and eighty four thousand people in the state, who are either deaf or hard of hearing, covering half of your face is making it even harder to understand you.
- **April 8, 2020 (CBS News at 6am)** Easter week, Ramadan and Passover. Three major holidays, all either underway or on the horizon. Now people from all three faiths are having to adapt and worship in new ways. Services are now held virtually.

- **April 9, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 11am)** Black Chicagoans are at a much higher risk of dying from COVID-19. Many people of color are on the front lines, in health care and childcare. A group of community leaders called on city, county and state government to protect the workers, saying it's also causing social and economic harm to the African-American community.
- **April 14, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** The largest cluster of migrant children with COVID-19 in the entire country is in Chicago. Thirty seven children at Heartland Alliance have tested positive for the Coronavirus. They have all been moved to an isolated environment in Bronzeville, but advocates worry that's making a difficult situation even tougher for these children.
- **April 21, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** Holocaust survivor, Fritzie Fritzshall, is honored by the Red Cross of Chicago for her heroism. She recorded her story of strength, survival and fortitude, which is shown to kids, so that her history is never forgotten.
- May 4, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 10pm) She was born a slave in Mississippi. She then spent her life battling racism, sexism, and violence through journalism. Today, civil rights icon Ida B. Wells has been granted a Posthumous Pulitzer special citation.
- May 7, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 11am) Minority communities across Chicago are testing positive for COVID-19 at an alarming rate. Of the twenty six thousand Hispanics tested, sixteen thousand tested positive. African-Americans account for fifty two percent of the city's COVID-19 deaths despite being only thirty percent of the population. Mayor Lori Lightfoot says Chicagoans who test positive, but can't isolate at home, can stay in hotels paid for by the city.
- May 8, 2020 (CBS News at 6am) Instead of educating future leaders in a classroom, learning is taking place in kitchens and dens because of COVID-19. In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, CBS 2 visits a suburban home where the lesson plans are really flowing.
- May 15, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 6pm) CBS 2 first identified the top five Chicago neighborhoods with the most COVID-19 related deaths. Residents of these neighborhoods are predominately African-Americans. Many of the victims, had underlying conditions like high blood pressure and diabetes. One doctor we spoke with says it's because of the lack of healthy food options in these neighborhoods.
- May 20, 2020- (CBS 2 News at 5pm) Oprah Winfrey is donating five million dollars to charities in Chicago in the fight against COVID-19. One group getting a grant is West Side United. The organization provides access to jobs, education and healthcare for people of color on the west side.
- June 5, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 10pm) Mayor Lori Lightfoot is threatening to fire any cop caught dishonoring the badge. That includes two officers -- one accused of flipping off a protester. The other was caught on camera using a homophobic slur against a protester.

- **June 12, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 11am)** Help is on the way for local black businesses affected by COVID-19. The Cook County Black Chamber of Commerce received a donor pledge of one hundred thousand dollars. National trends show the Black community was hardest hit by the Coronavirus. The chamber will start a second round of applications once it receives the new funds.
- June 16, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 5:30am) Some state lawmakers and advocates want Illinois to lead the nation in condemning racism. State Representative LaShawn Ford is holding a press conference later this morning, asking Governor Pritzker to lower state flags on June 19th, also known as Juneteenth.
- **June 18, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** Immigrants brought to the U.S. as children are celebrating a Supreme Court decision. Justices found President Trump's efforts to end DACA was illegal. This program protects immigrants from deportation.
- **June 24, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** Today, the Chicago Board of Education voted to keep its thirty three million dollar contract with the Chicago Police Department. Opponents say police officers in schools puts children on the fast track to the criminal system, especially in predominately black and brown communities.

CRIME

- **April 9, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 11am)** A security guard and teenager is in the hospital this morning, after an accidental shooting on a CTA Red Line train near the Belmont stop overnight. A sixteen year old girl was causing a disturbance. When the security guard approached her, there was a scuffle and the guard's gun went off.
- **April 14, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** Police are investigating the murders of a husband and wife in Oak Park. Police aren't saying how Leslie Ann Jones and Thomas Johnson were killed. Their bodies were found inside their home.
- **April 17, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 10pm)** A two year old boy is hospitalized after getting shot in the foot in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood. Police say the toddler was riding in a car with a twenty eight year-old man who was also shot.
- **April 24, 2020 (CBS News at 5am)** A five year old boy found his father's gun and accidentally shot himself. The gun went off around midnight at a home in Woodlawn. The boy is in good condition at Comer Children's Hospital. Officers arrested the father.
- **April 28, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** Crimes against children are down significantly since schools closed. However, the Children's Advocacy Center says that abuse isn't down, it's just not being reported because children are not in school.
- May 1, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 11am) Some Chicago statues, the iconic lions at The Art Institute, put on masks to encourage everyone to wear one. One lion's face is now uncovered after

- someone stole its mask. The Art Institute's security team called Chicago police to report two men climbing on top of one of the lions and stealing its massive face covering. Security says the men jumped into a black sedan and drove off.
- May 8, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 10pm) A new development has emerged in the cold case murder of Tammy Jo Zywicki. Her car and body were found in 1992 in Illinois. Today, police dropped three day old charges against a man they thought was involved. No one has been arrested in her murder.
- May 13, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 6pm) You would think with fewer people riding the CTA during the stay-at-home order, that crime would drop. We found Chicago police are getting just as many calls for violent crimes, despite adding additional officers to mass transit.
- May 27, 2020 (CBS News at 5am) A five year-old girl and two teens were shot on the south side. Police say, just after eleven at night, a fifteen year-old and sixteen year-old boy were walking in a group near Federal and Pershing in Wentworth Gardens. Someone inside a car driving by shot them. A five year-old girl, standing in front of a home with her family, was also hit by a stray bullet. They are all expected to be okay. Police believe the teens were not the intended targets.
- May 29, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 5pm) The stay-at-home order ends in the suburbs. So customers can once again go inside shops and outside restaurants. Store owners tell us there have not been crowds, but traffic has been steady.
- June 8, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 11am) A bulletproof vest saved a Chicago police officer from serious injury at the scene of a domestic disturbance. Police say the suspected shooter fired one shot at the officer, inside a home in South Austin. The officer returned fire, but did not hit the gunman. The suspect ran away, but was later caught and arrested. The officer is expected to be okay. No one else was hurt.
- **June 11, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 10pm)** A case of road rage in Bolingbrook leads to an arrest. Joseph Colonero turned himself in to police. He was accused of pointing a gun at another driver.
- **June 22, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** More than one hundred people were shot in Chicago this weekend, including twelve children. Today, the Chicago Police Superintendent blamed the increase in violence on the city's failure to monitor violent offenders. The Cook County Sheriff, who overseas one of those programs, agrees and says there's a growing number of gun offenders in the program.
- June 29, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 5pm) Police in Naperville arrest a teenager suspected of breaking in a home near Spring Avenue and Eagle Street. A woman woke up overnight to find the teen at the foot of her bed holding a weapon. The woman was not hurt.
- June 30, 2020 (CBS News at 6am) Chicago Police need your help finding a car possibly part of a Chicago homicide. CBS 2 shares surveillance pictures sent from CPD. About a month ago at eleven p.m. on May 30th, a car was used before and after a twenty six year-old man was shot

to death. It was last seen heading South on Clark towards The Loop. Please call the Chicago Police with more information.

CONSUMER

- **April 7, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 11am)** At least two auto insurers are giving back millions in premiums to car owners. Northbrook-based Allstate is refunding about fifteen percent of monthly premiums paid by customers in April and May because of the stay at home orders. American Family Insurance will return about fifty dollars per insured vehicle.
- **April 17, 2020 (CBS News at 10pm)** The Internal Revenue Service says eighty million people have received their stimulus payments already but there are some issues. Some taxpayer's money is going into other accounts.
- **April 23, 2020 (CBS News at 6am)** CBS 2 is expecting to learn how many more Americans have filed for unemployment in the last week. According to the Labor Department, twenty two million people have now filed since March 14th, when the majority of "stay-at-home" orders began. Here, in Illinois, more than six hundred and fifty thousand people have filed for unemployment in the last six weeks.
- **April 24, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 6pm)** Home grocery delivery services have skyrocketed with the stay-at-home-order. Scammers are now preying on drivers, putting big tips on the ticket before delivery, then removing it once the food has been dropped off.
- **April 29, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 5pm)** Tuition is due at the University of Chicago, but hundreds of students are refusing to pay. For weeks they've been trying to get the administration to cut the cost of spring classes because of COVID-19.
- May 5, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 10pm) At a time when most businesses are at a standstill, the recreational weed business in the state is booming. Some dispensaries are even looking at expanding. Cannabis sales in the state topped thirty seven million dollars in April.
- May 14, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 11am) If you're planning on going to Great America when things open back up, you'll need to make a reservation. Six Flags says visitors will have to book a date and time they plan on visiting its theme parks. Guests will only be able to enter the park during their selected time slot. Members and season pass holders will get the highest priority and extra access to reservations.
- May 18, 2020 (CBS 2 News at 6pm) Another hit today for thousands of people, now out of work. Gig workers' personal information, including their addresses and social security numbers, was exposed on the state's unemployment website.
- May 26, 2020 (CBS News at 6:30am) The pandemic is dealing a heavy blow to start-ups and entrepreneurs trying to get their ideas off the ground. Some are completely changing their game-

plan to fit the needs of a pandemic. CBS 2 is "Working for Chicago", connecting you with ideas and resources to get back on your feet.

May 29, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm) The stay-at-home order ends in the suburbs. So customers can once again go inside shops and outside restaurants. Store owners tell us there have not been crowds, but traffic has been steady.

June 8, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 10pm) The City of Chicago offered many residents grace periods. Payments weren't immediately required for things like parking tickets and utility bills. Now however, the grace periods are ending.

June 11, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 11am) Chicago-based United Airlines is now requiring passengers fill out a health questionnaire before boarding a flight. United wants travelers to certify they have not experienced Coronavirus symptoms in the last fourteen days. It also wants to make sure you haven't tested positive for the virus in the last twenty one days. United is requiring all passengers to wear face masks during the entire flight.

June 16, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 6pm) With more than a million people applying for unemployment in just the past three months here in Illinois, you can imagine the system is overwhelmed. CBS 2 has even found some people being approved, who never applied and still have jobs.

June 19, 2020 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm) Movie theater chain AMC is reversing its position on masks. The company's CEO now says masks will be required when theaters reopen next month.

June 23, 2020 - (CBS News at 6am) It started with a broken icemaker and hopefully won't end with a broken bone. A Chicago grandmother says she's afraid of slipping on her own kitchen floor after a faulty home repair. Adding insult to this potential injury: she's one of more than a hundred people having trouble getting a claim processed by the same company. CBS 2 took a look at the problem and helped resolve it.