

WBBM-TV QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT

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CBS 2 MORNING NEWS, MONDAY - FRIDAY, 4:30 – 7:00AM;

CBS 2 NEWS, MONDAY-FRIDAY [30 minutes], 11AM, 4PM, 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:

MLK: The Making of a Holiday, Sunday, 1/16/2022 1:00pm-2:00pm

Hosted by LeVar Burton & Marla Gibbs with music accompaniments by Stevie Wonder, The Making of A Holiday explores the dedicated fight to honor and commemorate the memory of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

Gospel Super Fest: Black History Special, Sunday, 2/6/2022 4:00-5:00am

Gospel Superfest: Black History Special shines as a powerful TV spectacular with a unique blend of cultural and gospel music performances. The up-tempo presentation has featured musical enactments by gospel legends Karen Clark-Sheard, Kurt Karr Singers, Mary Mary, Tony Award winner Melba Moore and a host of others.

Gospel Superfest was recorded in Cincinnati, Ohio, with a second airing on 2/13/2022.

Believe: The Barack Obama Story, Saturday, 3/26/2022 11:30pm-12:30am

Believe: The Barack Obama Story reveals the extraordinary life of President Barack Obama, chronicling his years as a community organizer in Chicago and milestone career achievement as the first African American President of the United States of America.

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

GOVERNMENT:

January 10, 2021 - (CBS 2 News at 11:00am) The Federal Trade Commission reports more than five million complaints over breaches in the "Do Not Call" registry last year. The biggest issues presented, were callers posing as government officials, family members, offers for warranties and debt relief.

January 12, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 10:00pm) The City of Chicago gave one and a half million KN95 masks to aldermen this morning. They will be available to constituents and community groups. Residents are encouraged to call their alderman's office to retrieve.

January 19, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 5:00pm) Now you can obtain a free tool from the government to help stop the COVID spread. The Biden administration is shipping four hundred million masks to pharmacies and community centers around the country. You can receive up to 3 masks for free.

January 24, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 5:00am) Some encouraging news for Illinois drivers: The Secretary of State is re-opening departments for in-person business starting today. That includes driver services facilities. The state has extended all driver's license and ID card expiration dates to March 31st.

January 28, 2022- (CBS 2 News at 6:00pm) The head of the Department of Children and Family Services was grilled by state lawmakers today who want to know how he plans to fix the department's many problems.

February 4, 2021 - (CBS 2 News at 4:00pm) Governor JB Pritzker says he is hoping to ease the pinch of inflation with a proposal to suspend the state's grocery tax. The Governor's new budget would stop collecting the one-percent tax for a year. The plan also cancels a planned gas tax increase.

February 15, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 5:00am) Sources say big changes are coming to federal mask guidelines today. The CDC is expected to announce that most Americans will no longer be advised to wear masks in indoor public settings. What is changing is the kind of information the government will use to determine if face coverings are warranted. Instead of looking only at caseloads, the new guidelines will consider hospitalizations and local hospital capacity.

February 19, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 11:00am) The Food & Drug Administration says it is too soon to tell whether there is a need for a fourth dose of the COVID-19 vaccination. Right now, the fourth dosage is only recommended for those who are immuno-compromised. If the FDA goes ahead with a full fourth dose recommendation, it will most likely be this fall.

February 22, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 5:00pm) President Biden is imposing strict new sanctions on Russia. He said Russian President Putin recognizing two regions of Ukraine as independent states is a "flagrant violation of international law."

February 24, 2022- (CBS 2 News at 6:00pm) The city office in charge of investigating police misconduct has a new chief administrator. Andrea Kersten has been given the top job at COPA, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability.

February 28, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 10:00pm) Today Alderman Raymond Lopez filed a proposal to revoke Chicago's sister city status with Moscow and called on other cities to join him. Right now, the vote on his proposal is scheduled for the full council meeting on March 23rd but could be advanced.

March 2, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 4:30am) Chicago's 11th ward should learn who will represent them in Chicago's City Council later today. The person selected will fill the seat vacated by Patrick Daley Thompson, who was recently convicted of lying to the feds, and for tax fraud. Thompson's replacement will hold the 11th ward seat until the next city election.

March 12, 2022- (CBS 2 News at 6:00pm) Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb vetoed a bill that would have banned transgender girls from joining elementary and high school sports teams. He also signed a bill to do away with the state's concealed carry gun permit requirement.

March 22, 2022- (CBS 2 News at 10:00pm) Chicago has narrowed down the list to three possible casino locations. It could mean four hundred million dollars a year for the cash strapped city and state.

March 25, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 4:00pm) The mismanagement of children in state care has led to the executive in charge of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services being held in contempt of court eight times since the start of the year.

March 28, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 5:00pm) Chicago is now looking to "The Big Apple" to find solutions to growing violence. Mayor Lori Lightfoot hosted New York City Mayor Eric Adams at City Hall. The two leaders discussed new ways to fight crime, including on trains and buses.

March 31, 2022- (CBS 2 News at 11:00am) Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced today a twelve and a half million dollar financial assistance program to help Chicago residents with high fuel prices and inflation. The Chicago Moves program will give out both prepaid gas cards and CTA cards to those that sign up for a lottery to get them.

MEDICAL:

January 4, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 11:00am) The FDA has a warning if you are doing a home COVID test. Follow the instructions on the box and ignore those online reports that suggest you should also swab your throat. If you do both nose and throat, you could contaminate your sample.

January 9, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 10:00pm) The City of Chicago keeps moving forward with its hyper local vaccination efforts. The Malcom X College clinic attracted dozens on the near west side. The health department is running similar events throughout the city in this coming week.

January 11, 2021 - (CBS 2 News at 6:00pm) Hospitals across the country are experiencing the worst blood shortage in a decade. The pandemic is causing a drop in donations and causing staffing problems. Normally the Red Cross tries to have a five-day supply of blood but in recent weeks the organization has had less than a one-day supply.

January 15, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 5:00pm) Researchers discover an Omicron sub-variant. BA.2 has not been detected in Chicago, but doctors here are watching it closely. It was first identified in India and South Africa last year.

January 20, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 5:30am) There is new location downtown to get a free COVID test. 'Shield Illinois' just opened a community testing site at DePaul University's loop campus. The saliva test was developed by the University of Illinois and is currently being used at twenty four sites including the Dirksen Federal Courthouse. The new testing, located in DePaul's Barnes and Noble bookstore will be open for testing on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 7 p.m. A new lab at UIC opened last week to process the shield tests.

February 3, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 6:00pm) The University of Chicago medical team plans to build Chicago's first free-standing cancer center on its campus. The plan is estimated to cost six hundred and thirty-three million dollars. Approval is still needed by the Illinois Health Facilities Board.

February 4 , 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 4:00pm) A new study in the Journal Addiction found many are now drinking more, at home, late in the evening. Also, many are drinking more alone. However, the study completed in England and Scotland, found people are drinking the same total amount of alcohol before and after the lockdowns started.

February 8, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 11:00am) If you sleep more, you will eat less. A study from the University of Chicago gave personalized sleep counseling to dozens of young, overweight adults. They got an extra hour or more of sleep each night. It helped with weight loss by cutting daily calorie intake by 270 calories a day.

February 14, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 4:30am) Union nurses who work at Veteran's Facilities will petition time off policies. Emergency paid leave ended last September. Nurses say removing this paid time off discourages them from taking time off when they are sick, and further puts patients at risk.

February 21, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 10:00pm) Right now, the seven-day average of new cases of COVID-19 is just under three thousand. One month ago, the average was more than twenty-six thousand new cases a day. In the City of Chicago, the positivity rate is one-point-seven percent.

February 24, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 5:00pm) Skipping meat on your plate might reduce your risk of getting cancer. British researchers found that people who ate meat five or fewer times per week had a two percent lower risk of cancer. If they ate fish but no meat, ten percent lower. Finally, if they were vegans or vegetarian's fourteen percent lower.

March 7, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 6:00am) In just a few hours, Insight Hospital, formerly known as Mercy, will have a ribbon cutting to mark a turning point. For the first time in nearly a year, the hospital can once again accept ambulances. This building has served the community as a hospital for over one hundred and seventy years. When it was on the brink of shutting down, activists rallied to save it. Governor Pritzker and Mayor Lightfoot are among the guests expected to be in attendance at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

March 9, 2022- (CBS 2 News at 10pm) For the first time, in nearly two years, Loyola University Medical Center has NO COVID patients. Zero. Their first patient was admitted on March 11th, 2020. Since then, Loyola Medicine which includes Loyola, Gottlieb and MacNeal Hospitals - has treated and released more than ninety-six hundred COVID patients.

March 15, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 4pm) If you still need a COVID vaccine, you can get one today during vaccine clinics at several Chicago public schools. Eleven schools, including Drummond, Libby, Mayer, Perez and Whitney are hosting clinics. For a list of other vaccination sites go to our website cbschicago.com.

March 17, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 5pm) A fourth COVID-19 vaccine dose could be coming for seniors. Pfizer is expected to request F.D.A. authorization this week, to get a 4th shot for people sixty-five and older.

March 22, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 11am) Starting tomorrow, the United Center is dropping its vaccine requirement. You will also no longer have to show a negative test. Masks will still be optional.

March 25, 2022- (CBS 2 News at 6pm) It has been two-years since the pandemic took hold here in Chicago. Dr. Allison Arwady says she hopes mask and vaccine requirements are gone for good, but she's not ruling them out completely.

CRIME:

January 7, 2022 -(CBS 2 News at 6pm) Police has warned of three retail thefts at high-end stores on or near the Magnificent Mile this week. In each incident, the thieves broke into a store and took high-end merchandise, before getting into a waiting getaway car and leaving the crime scene.

January 10, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 11am) Police are looking for a pair of carjackers who targeted a food delivery driver on the northwest side. It happened near Rockwell & Potomac just after seven last night. Two men with guns stole the twenty-four-year-old driver's car.

January 12, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 10:00pm) Dominick Black, the man responsible for purchasing the gun Kyle Rittenhouse used in the deadly shootings in Kenosha, Wisconsin pleads no contest to a reduced charge against him. The charge of contributing to the delinquency is a part of the deal made to avoid prison.

January 21, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 6:00am) There has been yet another ATM theft and two other attempts early this morning. Chicago police say all three targets were Currency Exchange stores. Multiple people broke the front glass of the store around 2:30 am and got away with the cash machine.

January 26, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 5:00pm) A 16-year-old boy was arrested, and now accused in a shooting that shocked Chicago. 8-year-old Melissa Ortega was shot and killed while holding her mother's hand in Little Village. Police used pod, surveillance video and license plate readers to catch him.

February 4th , 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 11:00am) There is an alert for DePaul University students near both the Lincoln Park and Loop campuses. Police have received several reports of a man making vulgar comments then spitting on his victims. The offender wears a bun and has facial and tattoos on his arms and legs.

February 6, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 10:00pm) Police are searching for a suspect after a 44-year-old man was shot and killed on the city's near south side. The victim was found dead in the snow around 4:30 in the morning near 24th and State. No word yet on a motive but there are reports he may have been a victim of a carjacking.

February 18, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 5:00pm) A drive-by shooting in Brighton Park sends an 8-year-old boy to the hospital. Police say the boy was riding in a car near 39th and Rockwell when a dark colored SUV drove up and someone inside starting firing.

February 24, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 4:00pm) An 18-year-old man from Maine has been charged with plotting to blow up a synagogue and mosque here in Chicago. The teen is being held without bond in Portland.

February 26, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 6:00am) Eight Portage Park businesses has been hit by the same frustrating surprise: graffiti on their windows. The Department of Streets and Sanitation showed up hours later and cleaned up the damage. A city spokesperson says the department has improved the way it tracks and responds to graffiti removal requests helping to cut down on graffiti.

March 1, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 11:00am) A woman was carjacked near Clybourne and Wrightwood last night. Three men came up to her BMW pointed a gun and demanded she get out of her vehicle. She was not hurt. State police later found her car in Chatham. Police arrested three people. One of the suspects is a juvenile. Charges are pending.

March 7, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 6:30pm) A man was rushed to the hospital after being stabbed at a Walgreens in River North. Police say it happened after 10:30 last night near Clark and Erie. They say a man started taking items, and when the victim tried to stop him, he was stabbed. Nobody was arrested.

March 22, 2022- (CBS 2 News at 10:00pm) A shooting at the Fashion Outlets of Chicago in Rosemont, Illinois turns deadly. One man was killed, and a teenage girl was injured. No one is in custody.

March 25, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 5:00pm) There is now a one-thousand-dollar reward for tips leading to the arrest of a hit-and-run driver who left a 35-year-old father of four, seriously injured. Jeramine Cruz was riding his motorcycle last week when he was struck by a car in West Englewood.

March 28, 2022- (CBS 2 News at 6:00pm) Caught on video, organized retail crime thieves striking again in Chicago. The same store has now been hit four times. Video shows one man shattering the door and prying open the security shutters.

March 31, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 4:00pm) The family of a Chicago Marine announced they are filing a civil lawsuit against a bar in Boston. Their son was killed after he was stabbed and hit in the head while outside the bar. A bar bouncer is accused in his murder.

DIVERSITY:

January 4, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 10:00pm) A group of Benedictine monks has decided to cut ties with Benet Academy High School in Lisle, Illinois. The monks' decision comes four months after the school decided to hire a gay Lacrosse Coach.

January 6, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 6:00pm) Around the globe millions are celebrating what is commonly known as "Three Kings Day" of Feast of the Epiphany. We stopped by the Puerto Rican Cultural Center here in Chicago where they were handing out gifts and sweets to children. For believers, today marks the arrival of the kings after the birth of Jesus.

January 7, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 11:00am) A new twist on an American classic is about to open. Broadway in Chicago is putting on "Oklahoma" the musical. A twelve-member ensemble shines a new light on Oklahoma's corn-fed romantic triangles, naturally tapping into contemporary issues of gun violence, sexual politics and class-based discrimination. Still set in an Oklahoma Territory on the verge of statehood in the early 1900's.

January 17, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 5:00pm) As Chicago and the nation honor Dr. Martin Luther King Junior, voting rights advocates are using the holiday to demand action from Congress. They are calling on lawmakers to pass sweeping election reforms, giving more Americans access to vote.

January 26, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 4:30am) With bitter cold weather settling across the area, residents are doing what they can to make sure neighbors have what they need to survive freezing temperatures. Jermont Terry visits Englewood, where resources are scarce for many. A group of men are going around delivering hot meals and other necessities.

February 7, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 11:00am) People of The Prairie: twelve thousand years in DuPage County is a new exhibit now open at Elmhurst History Museum. The goal is to investigate how native cultures lived in our area years ago.

February 11, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 10:00pm) Museums are crucial to preserving history and traditions. The coalition of Black House Museums wants people to use Black History Month to support the Chicago Museums that preserve African American stories, celebrate influential Chicagoans and to share history. That includes places like the Pullman Porter Museum, Emmett Till House Museum and the Muddy Waters Original Jam Out Museum.

February 15, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 5:00pm) Students at Proviso Math and Science Academy helped to implement a new district-wide curriculum. The Black History course in their school is now a requirement for graduation.

February 17, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 6:30am) The DuSable Museum of African American History just teamed with a film studio to launch an eighty-minute Instagram story. The museum's CEO says the point is to bring history to the attention of young people. You can view the film online or in person at the museum.

February 21, 2022- (CBS 2 News at 6:00pm) There is a real food insecurity problem in one Chicago neighborhood, and it is only getting worse. Grocery stores are closing, leaving families starved for options. At one recent free food giveaway, the food was gone in minutes.

February 25, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 4:00pm) A local gospel artist, Todd Dulaney, has been nominated for the prestigious NAACP Award. He happened upon singing by chance. He was a professional baseball player singing in the clubhouse and his teammates encouraged him to professionally pursue singing.

March 1, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 6:30am) From the halls of Congress to local churches, efforts are already underway to help Ukrainian refugees who end up in Chicago. Volunteers are working to get donations to people still in Ukraine, but the UCCA is asking for more donations because refugees who end up in Chicago will also need help. The White House has said the U.S. is prepared to accept Ukrainian refugees, but they have not said when that could begin to happen.

March 7, 2022- (CBS 2 News at 11:00am) He is considered one of the most important African American sculptors of the 20th century. Now, Chicago native Richard Hunt, can add another honor to his stellar career, a special commissioned request from former President Barack Obama for the new Presidential Center in Jackson Park.

March 17, 2022- (CBS 2 News at 4:00pm) Billions in legalized marijuana has been sold in Illinois without one new marijuana license winner cleared in more than two-years. Those winners are meant to diversify the predominately white industry.

March 24, 2022- (CBS 2 News at 6:00pm) History was made in Bridgeport today when Nicole Lee was nominated as new alderman for Chicago's 11th ward. Lee would be the first Asian-American woman on the Chicago City Council.

March 28, 2022- (CBS 2 News at 10:00pm) Governor Pritzker weighed in on a controversial education bill signed into law in Florida, banning certain instruction regarding sexual orientation and gender identity from classrooms. The Governor tweeted, "We cannot stand idly by as republican Governor's wage incessant attacks on the LGBTQ+ community."

March 29, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 5:00pm) Chicago's 11th ward has a new alderman, and Nicole Lee's appointment is historic. She is the first Asian American woman and the first Chinese American to serve as an alderman.

CONSUMER:

January 5, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 11:00am) Kroger and Walmart are raising the prices of at home COVID testing kits this week. You will start paying at least five dollars more depending on the store.

January 13, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 10:00pm) Chicago's legendary journalist and civil rights activist Ida B. Wells is now a doll. She is part of Mattel's inspiring women series honoring historical and present-day role models. The doll's hair is pulled into a bun and wears the iconic dollar white shirt and black dress we have all grown to associate with Wells.

January 17, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 6:00pm) Streaming your favorite Netflix show is about to cost you more. The basic plan goes up a dollar to \$9.99. That is for one screen at a time. Standard plans jumped a \$1.50.

January 20, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 5:00pm) Tuition is going up for thousands of students in Illinois. Today, the University of Illinois approved an increase of one point eight percent for incoming in-state freshman at Urbana-Champaign and Chicago this fall. It is only the second tuition increase in the past eight years.

January 24, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 6:30am) There are new developments this morning as a result of our years long investigation into parking scams around Chicago sports stadiums. CBS Chicago's investigative reporter, Dave Savini broke up an operation outside of Guaranteed Rate Field. Fans were getting ripped off by men posing as parking attendants. No one was arrested, but many ripped off fans got another surprise: parking tickets.

February 7, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 10:00pm) Ford is stopping production at its Chicago Assembly plant because of the computer chip shortage. The plant on Torrence Street in South Deering, builds the Ford Explorer and Lincoln Aviator SUV's. Some Production is also being halted at Ford Factories in Kansas City and Dearborn, Michigan. Shifts at both locations have been cut down to only one.

February 9, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 5:30am) UPS is expecting to ship eighty-nine million flowers, or about seven hundred and forty-two thousand boxes, this Valentine's Day. That is despite supply chain challenges that have driven up flower costs across the country. At Linda's Flowers in Logan Square, the owner says she limited her supply this holiday to save money.

February 11, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 11:00am) Chicagoans are encouraged to put away "parking dibs" on Chicago city streets or Chicago crew members will. Right now, streets and sanitation will remove the chairs, cones and crates used to save parking spots. So, if you have a spot saver, take it in your house or it will be packed up with your garbage.

February 23, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 5:00pm) There is a new help today for struggling homeowners in Illinois. The Illinois Housing Development Authority announced up to thirty thousand dollars in free assistance for homeowners financially impacted by COVID-19.

March 2, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 4:30am) A friendly reminder for those of you who use Lyft as your ride-share of choice. Starting this week, each ride is going to cost you an extra 55-cents. Lyft is adding a "fuel surcharge" to help drivers off-set the cost of rising gas prices. The company says one hundred percent of the surcharge is going to drivers to hopefully keep more of them on the roads. Lyft will keep the fifty-five-cent surcharge in place, for at least the next two months.

March 15, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 11:00am) The average price of rent hits a new record in the United States. Realtor.com reports the national median was \$1,792 last month. That puts the typical apartment at \$283 more than before the pandemic. Rental prices are expected to remain high, but not spike.

March 24, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 5:00pm) Chicago businessman, Willie Wilson, gives away a million dollars in gas to drivers. Hundreds of cars lined up at forty-eight gas stations in the city and suburbs for the free fuel.

March 29, 2022- (CBS 2 News at 10:00pm) With high gas prices - and no pay increases, ride-share drivers say they simply cannot make ends meet. Now, they are fighting back, saying the fifty-five cent per ride fuel surcharge is not enough to counter the frequent trips to the pump.

March 30, 2022- (CBS 2 News at 6:00pm) Business and homeowners in southwest suburban Summit will be receiving money back on their tax bills thanks to an Illinois State Board of Education grant.

March 31, 2022 - (CBS 2 News at 4:00pm) Walgreen's solution to a fast-changing pharmacy is robots. They now have them working in a large, automated hub in Dallas. Each robot can fill three hundred prescriptions in one hour.