

WJZ-TV  
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Station WJZ-TV, licensed to CBS Television Licenses LLC, is responsive to the principal issues in its community of license, Baltimore, Maryland on a continuing basis. A variety of program elements, including regularly scheduled news and public affairs programming, reports on breaking news events, documentaries, specials, and public service announcements of concern to the community are included within our regular programming service. WJZ-TV's coverage of news stories, our employees' participation in community affairs, and regular interviews with community leaders have led to the determination that the issues listed are ones of importance to the Baltimore community. Our most significant programming, which dealt with current community issues during the preceding three-month period, are set forth in this report. WJZ-TV broadcasts both locally produced and network programming. Although we include only local programs herein, WJZ-TV also broadcasts several network broadcasts including FACE THE NATION, 60 MINUTES, CBS REPORTS and 48 HOURS.

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##### CONSUMER WATCH

WJZ reporters cover consumer interest topics. These reports air in the 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

##### HEALTHWATCH

WJZ's reporters discuss health issues and interview experts and patients to deliver information on the latest advances in health for our 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

##### SPECIAL REPORTS

Locally produced special reports, focusing on community issues, local lifestyle trends and local personality profiles. This air in the 4pm, 5pm, 6pm and 11pm newscasts.

##### PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

Relevant projects launched by community organizations to benefit area residents.

##### ON TIME

A half-hour, Sunday morning public affairs program that airs at 6:30AM, focusing on leaders, issues and events, affecting the Baltimore community.

HEALTH
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#### Eyewitness News

10/5: The next generation of in-vehicle technology is bringing with it a new wave of distractions. A new study by AAA found that many of the latest touchscreen radios are putting drivers at risk. WJZ reports on the new concern over 'infotainment' behind the wheel.

10/6: President Trump will further roll back an Obamacare mandate requiring employers to cover the cost of birth control for their employees. The latest announcement builds upon an executive order in May, claiming to protect religious liberty. WJZ has a look at what this could mean for the millions of women who currently receive contraception at no cost.

10/16: In Maryland, someone dies at the hands of an intimate partner on an average of once a week. That risk is double for African-American women. Gospel singing stars James and Cheryl Fortune kept their violent relationship a secret, until Cheryl feared for her life. Tonight, Cheryl tells her story of survival to WJZ.

10/17: Tonight new fallout from a “60 Minutes” investigation revealing drug distributors worked to cut the enforcement power of the DEA. WJZ’s investigator reports, it is one of two major developments in the war on opioids, which are killing a record number of Marylanders.

10/24: A nationwide crisis—the fight against opioids continues and now—as WJZ reports—a prominent leader in Anne Arundel County finds his stepson at the center of the epidemic.

11/9: A Bel Air teen born with a rare disease was able to make her dream come true. Although she is confined to her bed most of the time, she defied the odds to compete in Miss Maryland Teen. WJZ shares her inspirational journey.

11/13: New guidelines released today say almost half of the adults in the U.S. have high blood pressure, a condition that could have fatal consequences. WJZ tells you why the change and why now.

11/16: A child having to undergo any type of surgery is traumatic. For children with early on-set scoliosis, it used to require a surgery every six months to straighten their spine. Now, WJZ reports on a scoliosis breakthrough that is changing children’s lives.

11/19: Protecting yourself and your family from becoming sick. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, seasonal influenza activity is increasing in the U.S. WJZ explains how to protect yourself this flu season.

11/20: Fighting the opioid epidemic—day and night. An elite Harford County task force is gaining international recognition for its progressive approach of helping addicts while gaining the intel it needs to take down the dealers. WJZ gets rare access to the frontlines of this fight.

12/1: Maryland and much of the U.S. is in the middle of a deepening opioid crisis... but the situation is dire in Harford County. WJZ explains the epidemic is far worse than just a year ago.

12/12: In a tearful monologue—late night talk show host Jimmy Kimmel blasts Congress—urging them to restore and improve the children’s health insurance program. In addition, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan is backing him up—WJZ has more from the governor and a look at the viral video.

12/22: Tense moments inside a Baltimore County police precinct after three officers became violently ill—prompting a station evacuation. It turns out—investigators say the officers had been exposed to the synthetic and dangerous opioid known as fentanyl. WJZ explains how this all happened.

12/24: The weather is not the only hazard on the roads this weekend. The end of the year holiday season is filled with celebrations and that means more drunk drivers on the road. WJZ has the warning from police.

## **ON TIME**

10/22 Mary Hastler, CEO of the Harford County Public Library explains to Jonathan McCall that the county has a significant opioid problem. To address the issue of addiction with middle school students and their parents, the library is holding book discussions of “The Seventh Wish” at various library branches culminating on November 8 at the Abingdon branch with a special program featuring the author and addiction specialists. The book, chosen because one of the characters struggles with addiction after returning home from college was written by Kate Messner, a former middle school teacher.

11/5 Giant Food has started a nutrition program to help families make better food choices. Dietitian Mandy Katz explains to Tracey Leong how food choices can affect obesity and diabetes. Their program works with consumers who want to make more nutritional choices and lower their A1C and cholesterol numbers. This free program is available at targeted Giant Food Stores in neighborhoods with high incidents of diabetes and obesity.

11/12 Rick Logan explains to Tracey Leong how he became a Stroke Ambassador after surviving a stroke at the age of 26. He was diagnosed with a rare blood disorder that causes multiple blood clots that caused his stroke. At the time of the incident he discusses how he was in the prime of his life – was a physical trainer who followed a healthy eating plan. He discusses the warning signs for a stroke and how to take steps to lower the risk – getting active, eating balanced foods including lots of fruits and vegetables and eliminating fats from the diet. November has been designated as Healthy Eating Month and he offers suggestions on how to change eating habits.

11/19 Jonathan McCall talks with Dr. Amesh Adalja about the need to be vaccinated against the flu. Dr. Adalja explains that the flu vaccine protects against four different strains depending on the type of vaccination you receive. Everyone including babies as young as 6 months should be vaccinated. It takes approximately two weeks for the body to be fully immunized after receiving the flu shot.

12/10 Anthony’s Way is a program that helps addicts detox using vivitrol. Gina DeMaria explains that she started the program after the death of her son Anthony who became addicted to opioids after being prescribed painkillers for a sports injury. Through word of mouth, she finds addicts who desire to get off heroin and opioids and enrolls them in a detox program run by nurse practitioner Debra Woodard Bayes. Her detox treatment using vivitrol eliminates the cravings that addicts have that perpetuates the cycle of addiction. By using, the vivitrol injection monthly, opioid addicts can kick the habit without the harmful withdrawal effects and return to a normal life without craving drugs.

12/24 Pat Cronin and Naketta Lowery from the child advocacy nonprofit, The Family Tree, discuss the role that ACE – adverse childhood experiences – have on the developing brain of children. Children who witness violence, suffer abuse, or are from a broken home can suffer long-term effects including depression to a reduced life expectancy unless they undergo specific counseling to address the trauma. The Family Tree collaborated with the Maryland Essentials for Childhood Initiative to provide trauma training in the ACE Interface Project.

12/24 Karen Brown tells Jonathan McCall about the Organic and Natural Health Association’s role in advocating for vitamin and mineral supplements regulation. She discusses the vitamin and mineral deficiency that more Americans experience due to a poor diet. Specifically the association is promoting the importance of adequate Vitamin D and Omega-3 levels. Their association has collaborated with Grassroots Health to offer field-testing for these two important supplements.

## LOCAL POLITICS

### Eyewitness News

10/19: Baltimore City Council president Jack Young is walking back a statement he reportedly made in a hearing on police residency on Thursday. Young reportedly described officers who do not live in Baltimore as “raping the city”. WJZ’s political reporter Pat Warren has the reaction to the controversial statement.

11/23: Legal assistance for undocumented immigrants. Mayor Catherine Pugh is supporting a program that would help people in the US illegally. WJZ is live and found people who not only support the program, but others who believe it is a mistake.

## EDUCATION

### Eyewitness News

10/2: A calendar controversy in Baltimore County—as the school board considers whether to have school on the Jewish high holidays. The school board plans to discuss the move at a meeting next week.

10/3: Alarming accusations—a substitute teacher in the Baltimore City school system has been fired—accused of physically abusing at least one student and possibly more. WJZ speaks with police and parents who are taking the allegations very seriously.

10/3: An extra effort by Maryland officials to entice Amazon to build its headquarters here. A state board approved a measure to waive the 12-month residency requirement for in-state college tuition for any Amazon employee who moves to Maryland.

10/10: His actions terrified students and parents—tonight a public apology. The teen who was convicted of hanging a noose at a Crofton middle school is saying he is sorry for the first time. WJZ is live with more on what Connor Prout said to a packed room of African American leaders.

10/10: It is a decision that will affect thousands of families in our area. Baltimore County public schools are considering whether to send students to class on two Jewish holidays. WJZ is live with what happened at the public hearing.

10/16: A random stabbing—fueled by hate. Five months after the murder of a Bowie State University student—prosecutors say the case will go to court as a hate crime. WJZ is live with the evidence pointing to the new charge.

10/22: Tonight Frederick County public schools are getting help in their fight to protect the rights of transgendered students—from one of the students who championed the change.

11/7: School calendar controversy. Tonight Baltimore County Public School leaders decide whether to keep schools closed during two important Jewish holidays. WJZ is live and breaks down the decision that will affect parents and students all over the county.

11/28: Controversial decision. Citing escalating violence, Carroll County public schools decided to pull the plug on upcoming field trips to Baltimore City. WJZ is live with why some are urging the school district to reconsider.

12/8: Less than two weeks after Carroll County schools canceled field trips to Baltimore because of safety concerns—the ban is reversed. WJZ explains the sudden change of policy.

12/19: A private Baltimore County school holds a community meeting tonight after a racist threat forced them to close school last week. WJZ explains, there had been a buildup of racial tension before this recent incident.

ON TIME

10/8 Marceline White, executive director of the Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition tells Jonathan McCall about their new effort to educate consumers about for-profit and trade schools exaggerated claims. She explains that in their research, for profit schools charge significantly more for their programs and often fail to deliver. These schools target adult students with claims of guaranteed employment at the completion of their program and create misleading expectations.

10/22 Harford Community College is celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> year with special activities to acknowledge this milestone. College President Dr. Dianna Phillips tells Jonathan McCall about the growth of the community college. The community college is an anchor institution in the county providing a cost effective alternative to a college education. Their new programs include cyber security with NSA-type labs. She mentions that her college education began by her graduating first in her family with an AA degree from a community college in Hawaii.

11/26 Roger Schulman tells Tracey Leong about the Fund for Education Excellence and their report on School Choice in Baltimore City. FFEE interviewed numerous parents and students about the school choice process that affects students in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. They found that many did not understand the school selection process, and the ramifications of the ranking of their selections, etc. Many low-income students were still trapped in attending schools in their neighborhoods who did not have transportation to better schools in other areas of the city. Improving schools in lower income neighborhoods is paramount to addressing education inequities.

12/3 Rep. Elijah Cummings discusses his annual college seminar open to all and featuring topics including the federal FAFSA student aid program, state and local scholarship information, SAT testing and college recruitment.

Both students and parents are encouraged to attend. Many he says are unaware of the deadlines and requirements when it comes to applying for college and seeking scholarships and grants.

12/24 For the past forty year, the Notre Dame Preparatory School has offered a social service component as part of the education students receive at this private institution. Director Steve Pomplon and Gabby Kastrunes, a NDP senior student, explain to Jonathan McCall how the program identifies projects – local, national and international. Students who participate benefit as much as those they help from form lasting relationships to developing passions for career directions.

12/31 Dr. Darla Strouse and Anne Arundel’s South River High School teacher Joshua Carroll tell Jonathan McCall about the Maryland Teacher of the Year Awards. Josh Carroll took home the top honors and will serve as Maryland’s education ambassador for 2018. He discusses his role as a teacher and coach in building trust with students. As Maryland’s top teacher, Josh Carroll is entered into the national Teacher of the Year competition held in Washington DC in the spring.

## COMMUNITY

### Eyewitness News

10/7: Cleaning up Baltimore. Today, hundreds of volunteers scattered throughout Charm City to help improve its image. This, as part of Civic Works 15<sup>th</sup> Annual ‘Ricky Myers Day of Service’. WJZ has more on complete strangers coming together to make a difference.

10/7: Weeks after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma rip through the U.S. mainland affecting millions in Texas and Florida, Marylanders are continuing to help the victims.

10/12: From the football field to the classroom. The Baltimore Ravens and Baltimore City Police team up to reach the city’s youth. WJZ has more on their special visit.

10/14: A beloved Baltimore book warehouse has officially reopened. The neighborhood favorite was forced to close after a fire in March of 2016. WJZ explains how the community came together to help rebuild “The Book Thing”.

10/15: The bike share program is back operating in Baltimore. It shut down in September to make major improvements to the fleet after problems with theft and maintenance. WJZ explains the new changes.

10/20: The high speed Hyperloop could soon be a reality in Maryland. Governor Larry Hogan announced digging will begin for tech billionaire Elon Musk’s ambitious project. WJZ shows you what this means for commuters.

10/21: Washing your pet for a cause. Dog owners came together in Baltimore County to benefit hurricane victims in the Caribbean and Florida. WJZ explains how this will help with relief efforts.

10/26: Increasing pressure—the FAA faces even more high power opposition over its aviation changes around Baltimore and DC-area airports. WJZ has been listening to residents’ complaints about the constant noise and now they are getting even more support from Capitol Hill.

10/28: Weeks after Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria devastated the U.S. more than a dozen workers from the Baltimore district of the Army Corps of Engineers—are still on the ground helping those hardest hit from the storm put their lives back together.

10/28: Today the Orioles opened up Camden Yards for a good cause. The team raised funds and awareness for foster children. WJZ explains how the event is helping families here in Baltimore and across the state.

11/4: After a grove of cherry trees was deliberately damaged in Catonsville, the neighborhood comes together to save them. Unfortunately, many of them died... so they needed to be removed. WJZ explains the project to plant new life.

11/8: Targeting violent Baltimore teens. Two of the city's non-profit organizations team up to help end a streak of brutal attacks across the city. WJZ is live and breaks down the program.

11/10: A serious illness is discovered at a Baltimore animal shelter. BARCS is suspending its dog intake and adoptions after discovering a case of canine distemper. WJZ explains the impact and how you can make sure your pet is safe.

11/18: Every year, the country recognizes a special holiday on the Saturday before Thanksgiving—National Adoption Day. It's a day dedicated to raising awareness for children in foster care waiting for their permanent loving home. WJZ explains how families in Maryland are celebrating.

11/21: Funding the future. Tonight dozens marched on the streets of West Baltimore in support of historic new funding geared at improving the lives of young people in Baltimore City. WJZ is live and breaks down the details of the new youth fund.

11/24: It is one of the east coast's largest holiday extravaganzas—and it is all for a good cause. WJZ takes you on a tour of the Festival of Trees.

12/2: It has been 73 days since Hurricane Maria devastated the island of Puerto Rico, leaving behind a trail of death and destruction. Just in time for the holiday season, some elves, right here in Baltimore, are spreading some holiday cheer to the people there—one box at a time.

12/3: Today was a perfect day for a parade. Thousands were in the Christmas spirit today for the Mayor's annual Christmas parade. WJZ's Bob Turk served as the parade's grand marshal and was joined by colleagues Tim Williams, Ron Matz and Meg McNamara

12/7: Ringing in the holidays. Tonight's annual monument lighting in Mount Vernon goes off without a hitch. WJZ has a look at all the sights and sounds from the annual event.

12/11: Baltimore City Mayor Catherine Pugh announces a big change in how the city celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The new plan—ending the annual parade that has been held for nearly two decades. WJZ spoke with the mayor tonight about what she is proposing.

12/17: For 40 years, it has been a staple in Baltimore. We are talking about the farmer's market. It closed for this season, but WJZ tells you the city is looking to add more vendors when it reopens in April.

12/20: Food truck fight. A judge orders the city of Baltimore to clarify a controversial law that dictated where food trucks could operate. WJZ tells you neither side is ready to back down.

12/21: Sharing some holiday cheer. Tonight more than 100 children in West Baltimore will be able to experience a joyful Christmas thanks to some help from the community. WJZ has the details behind this textbook example of what the holidays are all about.

12/23: 'Tis the season for giving. Hundreds of children in need enjoyed a special Bea Gaddy Christmas surprise today in Baltimore. WJZ has more on this holiday event.

12/24: As the region braces for brutally cold temperatures this Christmas week, people in need are keeping warm, thanks to the kindness of strangers. WJZ has details on a holiday coat drive.

## ON TIME

10/1 Tracey Leong talks with Terry Hickey and Marianne Rowan-Braun about homelessness and how the city is working with multiple agencies to address the systemic problems that contribute to the problem. They discuss how poverty, low-income wages and mental health issues factor into instability that often leads to homelessness. The Journey Home, the citywide campaign to address homelessness benefits from an upcoming event featuring Boyz 2 Men.

10/8 The Children's Home has been providing services to abandoned, abused and neglected children since the end of the civil war. Gail Lee tells Jonathan McCall that their campus houses young people ages 13-21 in a residential setting and provides counseling to address their specific needs. Art therapy is popular with the young people as a way to express their feelings and deal with trauma. Recently the Children's Home began offering pet therapy including equestrian riding. Their upcoming gala helps to fund their programs.

10/8 The National Aquarium offers visitors more than just exhibits on aquatic life. Jennifer Hamilton and Curtin Bennett discuss the Aquarium's conservation efforts and explain to Jonathan McCall how they are working with city residents to beautify their communities and clean up the Inner Harbor.

10/15 Dale Green and Victoria Kraushar-Plantholt tell Tracey Leong about the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Doors Open Baltimore, a two-day event that highlights the city's unique architectural styles. They describe the different styles that will be highlighted when 50 buildings and structures open their doors on October 28 and 29. Professor Green kicks off the event with his lecture on early African American architects. He explains that very little has been known about these architects.

10/15 CASA of Baltimore County serves one-third of the 600 children that are part of the county's foster care system. She tells Tracey Leong that CASA volunteers are assigned to a child in the foster care system as an advocate on their best interest. The volunteer gets to know the child and makes recommendations on behalf of the child – decisions that can affect where the child lives, attends school and what types of counseling they receive. The CASA gala helps to raise funds for their program.

10/22 The Baltimore Station provides shelter and therapeutic programs for homeless men – mostly veterans – who are battling addiction and mental health issues. Kim Callari and Christie Walsh-Myers explains that their program has two shelter facilities that provide assistance for men for up to 2 years while they are overcoming problems that resulted in their being homeless. The upcoming chili cook-off will help raise money for shelter renovations.

10/29 Tracey Leong talks with Dr. Mark McCleary and Rev. Edward Mason about the upcoming Baltimore Cease Fire and their plans to engage youth in positive activities during the 72-hour weekend. They discuss how young people need alternatives to street violence and gang life. They have organized a 3-day basketball tournament open to all that offers free food and drink. Following the weekend basketball tournament the church organizations are sponsoring the showing of the film "One Hour 2 Live The Cold Blooded Reality of Gang Murders" a documentary featuring interviews of gang members who regret their actions including the killing of innocent people. The group hopes to engage young people with mentoring and activities after the cease-fire weekend.

10/29 One fundraising event that benefits two great non-profit organizations. MCVET, the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training, and Suited to Succeed have similar missions to help the disadvantaged get back into the working world. MCVET targets homeless veterans with housing and mental health programs. Both organizations provide life skills training and job readiness preparation. Suited to Succeed provides women entering the work force with professional clothing. Both groups will benefit from a local event featuring Baltimore vocalist Maysa.

11/5 Parking in specific city neighborhoods has gotten better thanks to an innovative program. Peter Little from the Parking Authority of Baltimore City explains to Tracey Leong that the city has changed a policy that granted the holder of handicapped placards the right to park free for an unlimited time. The new program in four target neighborhoods features new parking meters that meet disability standards. The height of parking meters has been lowered to allow for ease of wheelchair users and meters offer longer hours to accommodate the amount of time the disabled need to maneuver. With the new program fewer handicapped placards are being stolen.

11/12 The Y in Central Maryland's Annual Turkey Trot Charity 5K is a great way to start of Thanksgiving by being active. Jeff Sprinkle from the Y and Brian White from LifeBridge Health explain how important a healthy lifestyle is to everyone from young to old. Getting active from a young age helps with developmental development. Funding from the charity 5K provides preschool programs for toddlers as well an afterschool program for elementary and middle schoolchildren living in Baltimore.

11/19 Robin McKinney and Sara Johnson tell Jonathan McCall why they merged their two organizations, the Maryland CASH and Baltimore CASH Campaigns, into CASH Campaign of Maryland. They discuss how their organization provides free tax preparation to low income families and individuals. The new non-profit will serve more low-income clients statewide with financial based programs. The CASH Campaign stands for Creating Assets, Savings and Hope. Volunteers are needed to help the CASH Campaign provide tax assistance. Rigorous training is provided to all volunteers.

12/10 The Fuel Fund of Maryland offers helps to low income individuals who fall behind on energy bills due to extenuating circumstances. Debbie Brown and Cami Caudill explain how the fuel fund educates consumers with tips to lower their heating bills from lowering the thermostat, insulating windows, switching to more energy efficient light bulbs, etc. In January, the fuel fund is having Operation HON-heat on now – through a program designed to demonstrate how cold it is to live in a house without heat. A local ice sculptor is creating an icehouse where individuals live for 30 minutes at a time while raising a set amount of money for their release. The event is being held at the White Marsh ice rink.

12/31 Irvine Nature Center offers over 200 acres of woodlands in the heart of Owings Mills featuring multiple trails and wildlife. Brook Paternotte and Jenna Krebs describe the environmental components taught at the center from pre-k students to the elderly. They describe how Irvine also makes classroom visits with some of the many rehabbed animals like the spotted owl that cannot be released into the wild due to vision problems.

## CONSUMER: ECONOMY

### Eyewitness News

10/9: It's been a rough few weeks for drivers who have been feeling the pain at the pump in the wake of several natural disasters. WJZ explains, things are starting to change.

10/29: Maryland's casinos are betting on their newest attractions to draw crowds. From new restaurants to hotels—the state's six casinos are battling for your dollars. WJZ learned what they are doing to stay competitive.

11/5: With the holiday season just around the corner, retailers are preparing for their busiest time of year. Hoping to entice their customers online and in the store. WJZ explains how retailers are pushing for your business.

11/8: A big blow for people living in one West Baltimore community. Target announces its closing several stores nationwide, including the one at Mondawmin Mall. WJZ has reaction to the decision.

11/12: As you head back to work tomorrow, be prepared to pay more at the pump. Gas prices are on the rise across Maryland. WJZ explains, right now, drivers are shelling out 30-cents more than this time last year.

11/23: Now that the turkey is put away—many retailers are giving thanks—for the kickoff of the official start of the holiday shopping season. WJZ is live with some very eager Black Friday shoppers already scoring some great deals.

11/24: Chances are you or someone you know has taken part in some Black Friday shopping today. WJZ is live with some eager shoppers cashing in on some of those great deals.



11/25: A day after American shoppers spent a record five-billion dollars on Black Friday—the spending continued on this Small Business Saturday. WJZ explains the celebration that American Express launched eight years ago.

11/26: The Port of Baltimore is shattering records. The Port is seeing record numbers—thanks to recent improvements to the container business—that are now paying off.

11/28: A few clicks and your holiday shopping might be done. It has been a record-breaking year for online retailers. But, have you ever wondered what happens after you hit purchase? WJZ gives you an inside look at Amazon's fulfillment center—where those orders are being filled as fast as possible.

12/2: A shortage of Christmas trees is not the news people want to hear this time of year. The low supply is forcing some tree retailers to raise their prices or even turn away customers. WJZ explains what is causing the headache.

12/23: One of the busiest shopping days of the year is ending. Super Saturday had millions of procrastinators scouring the stores for a perfect gift—or a perfect deal. WJZ is live with the Christmas rush and some of the bargains offered this weekend.

12/28: Businesses in downtown Baltimore are hoping to cash in this New Year's Eve. WJZ reports—on how they are hoping a huge crowd for the Inner Harbor celebration will lead to big business this weekend.

## CONSUMER: JOBS

Eyewitness News

10/25: It's the first U.S. brewing operation by beer maker Guinness since the 50's and it's right in our own backyard. In addition, today—WJZ got a look inside... we are live where the new facility will open.

ON TIME

10/1 The League for People with Disabilities provides job training and placement to housing for adults with autism to cerebral palsy. Director David Greenberg describes how their programs help to fulfill the needs of their clients including a special club designed to provide socialization. Participant Stephen Jones tells Tracey Leong that he likes going to the club as well as their other programs.

12/31 Susan Finlayson and Courtney Wittmershaus discuss how their employment and training program started in response to Baltimore's uprising that highlighted the need for more entry-level jobs for the city's unemployed. Mercy Medical Center has featured three cohorts with employment opportunities targeting various healthcare fields. After completion of the 4-week program, many of the graduates find full time employment at Mercy.

## ARTS & CULTURE

Eyewitness News

10/11: Superstar support... Baltimore native Michael Phelps is speaking out once again about mental health... this time—his target audience is children who are struggling with anxiety. WJZ has more on a film in which Phelps tries to reach young people who are juggling busy lives.

11/10: As America honors its heroes on this Veterans Day, the family of a decorated Air Force pilot is finally getting the chance to put their hero to rest. WJZ has the story.

11/17: On a hill in Carroll County, stands a little one-room building that holds a real place in history. At the turn of the last century, segregated African-American children in Sykesville had only one place to get an education. WJZ has a closer look at this significant site.

11/22: The Thanksgiving rush is on—as travelers head home for the holiday by train, plane and automobile. Following tomorrow’s big meal, many will begin their hunt for the best bargains! WJZ spent the day speaking with shoppers to find out where they plan to spend some cash.

12/1: It’s December 1<sup>st</sup> and there is another sign the holiday season is upon us. Chopper 13 over the annual tree lighting ceremony in Towson tonight... WJZ is live there now and has all the excitement for the holiday event.

12/14: They gained national attention when video of their choir performance went viral... now, middle schoolers at Cardinal Shehan are changing their tune—belting out Christmas carols for a special recording. WJZ explains, boy are they in for a surprise.

12/26: Tonight, six families are spending this Christmas holiday welcoming new blessings to their families. WJZ reports—it is a gift each of them are calling a miracle.

12/27: Controversy over a holiday message. A social media post from the Orioles about Kwanzaa is now making headlines. WJZ has the backlash from some fans.

12/31: WJZ’s annual New Year’s Eve Special highlights the city’s end of year tradition featuring live music from the Inner Harbor leading up to fireworks over downtown. Anchor teams scattered around the harbor catch the action and talk with Mayor Catherine Pugh, Baltimore Police Commissioner Kevin Davis and a host of others as they look back on 2017 and ahead to 2018.

#### ON TIME

10/1 Free Fall Baltimore kicks off on October 1. Randi Vega from the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts tells Tracey Leong how over 70 cultural and arts organizations in the city are participating by offering the public a chance to experience their organization during a designated free event. Michael Lamason from Black Cherry Puppet Theatre explains why they participate in Free Fall and how it helps them to reach new audiences.

10/15 Tracey Leong talks with Jed Dietz and Beatriz Bufrahi about the new Stavros Niarchos Foundation Parkway, a hundred year-old theatre recently renovated after thirty years of neglect and vacancy. They discuss how the Parkway is the new home of the Maryland Film Festival in addition to allowing films that are more independent to be screened in Baltimore. Students studying film at the Baltimore School for the Arts have screened their documentary films at the Parkway and have been able to meet new directors whose films have been shown at the theatre.

10/15 Charles Newhall, III writes about his experiences in Vietnam in his book, “Fearful Odds: A Memoir of Vietnam and Its Aftermath”, and how his second book, “Brightside Gardens: A Dialogue Between the Head and the Heart”, was written to highlight his coping mechanisms to PTSD. He tells Tracey Leong that the trauma he experienced in Vietnam followed by his first wife’s tragic suicide and the tips he learned to survive these tragedies can be helpful to anyone experiences trauma including those who were affected by the recent hurricanes and Las Vegas mass shooting. He discusses the need to address PTSD and depression and how diversions such as gardening and collecting can offset the negativity that comes from trauma.

10/22 Does Money Really Grow on Trees, by JaNean Stubbs-Taylor, addresses the issue of money with young people. She tells Jonathan McCall that most parents do not talk to their children about money and this leads to problems with finances down the road. She explains that her book offers simple concepts for young readers and their parents – many who were never given lessons on budgeting and the importance of saving for a rainy day.

10/29 Gamynne Guillotte, the director of education for the Baltimore Museum of Art, explains to Tracey Leong, how the museum is using artist Mark Bradford, whose work is featured in the Venice Biennale, and the BMA’s director, Christopher Bedford, to start conversations in the community on the role of art in transforming lives. The first of this three-part series will be held at Union Baptist Church. Mark Bradford will talk how he turned his life

around by creating art. Now his success in the art world helps to fund his social programs designed to help the disadvantaged in Los Angeles.

**11/5** Wanda Draper and Charles Bethea tell Tracey Leong that their new exhibition, Maryland Collects: Jacob Lawrence is a one-of-a-kind exhibition that they organized from local collectors. They explain the importance of Jacob Lawrence's work in documenting the life of African Americans. This renowned artist is famous for his Migration and War Series in addition to his images of important African American leaders.

11/12 Now in its 28<sup>th</sup> year, the Festival of Trees is the largest Holiday festival on the East Coast and it benefits the children's programs at Kennedy Krieger Institute. Lainy LeBow-Sachs and Theresa Macheski tell Tracey Leong about the professionally decorated trees, wreaths and gingerbread houses on display and available for purchase at the conclusion of the festival. Other activities include a silent auction, Santa's workshop, boutique crafts, model train garden, and carousel, boat, and reindeer pony children's rides.

11/19 Rebecca Hoffberger describes the new exhibition, The Great Mystery Show, to Jonathan McCall. She explains her vision behind the exhibition that features artwork by visionary artists who are not classically trained. She discusses the special events being held at the museum to commemorate their anniversary including a blind balloon artist installation, sock money event and a solstice yoga celebration.

11/26 The BSO is gearing up for the holiday season with a variety of concerts designed to delight babies to senior citizens. Izabel Zambrzycki, the senior artistic planning manager, tells Tracey Leong how the BSO has designed programs for infants, toddlers and elementary school age children that introduces various music concepts. The BSO began incorporating more children's programs when music classes were being cut from city schools.

11/26 The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Christian Writer's Literary Festival features more than two dozen authors according to founder Lynn Pinder. She and fellow author Theresa Wilson tell Tracey Leong that the event features local and national authors with books representing all genres from fiction, non-fiction, devotionals, poetry, journals, etc. The event is free.

12/3 Marco Merrick discusses the upcoming holiday concert featuring the Community Concert Choir of Baltimore. The choir currently features more than 150 performers, many who live in Maryland with others coming from New England, the Carolinas and West Virginia. This annual free concert features the sacred music of African Americans, hymns and spirituals.

12/3 Ranger Anokwale explains to Jonathan McCall how Holidays at Hampton showcases the National Park Service's Hampton Historic Site, a former plantation, decorated for the Christmas season. She explains that the mansion features period decorations that reflect different decades when the plantation was at its height. Slave quarters and the overseer's building are part of the Hampton experience. She will be in period attire and will offer griot storytelling as one of the activities.

12/10 Substance abuse and addiction are the subjects explored in Serenity House, a new play by Ursula V. Battle. She explains how Dr. Branch, head of Baltimore County's Health Department, asked her to write a play examining the human cost of addiction as both witnessed an overdose at an earlier play's rehearsal. Joining the cast is Randy Roberts, a national recording artist and a trio of gospel singers. Following each performance mental health and addiction specialists will be on site to help families and those struggling with substance abuse find assistance.

12/10 Vehicles for Change is a program designed to provide low-income individuals with affordable donated cars that are necessary for transportation to employment. Having a car opens up additional job opportunities. As part of the program, Nikki Zaahir and Anthony Watkins tell Tracey Leong about the Full Circle Service Center, an automobile training program that hires ex-offenders to repair the donated cars. Graduates of the program earn ACE accreditation prior to job placement. The service center is open to the public and charges affordable labor rates.

12/10 Author Daneace Terry Jeffery tells Tracey Leong that she started writing children's books when her bi-racial grandchildren were born and she was unable to find images that reflected her granddaughters. To date she has written three books in the Ella series that feature bi-racial children. This teacher turned author said it is important for children to see diversity in literature and media.

12/10 Author Lawrence Schneider says his new book *Say Yes on Saturday* was based on his life in overcoming dyslexia and other learning disabilities. Although during his childhood he had problems with numbers he went on to have a successful career at NASA where he was an engineer before tackling computer systems for the Social Security Administration. The current novel follows his first book detailing his accomplishments as a woodworking sculpture.