

WJZ-TV
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Station WJZ-TV, licensed to CBS Corporation, 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. These 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

January 3: Public health concerns. New developments in a story WJZ has been following a possible cancer cluster near Fort Detrick in Frederick.

January 5: In Healthwatch, a Howard County woman's battle with a flesh-eating disease is part of a growing concern over MRSA. Health experts are urging the use of new guidelines to help prevent the spread of the deadly bacteria.

January 13: Flu cases are spreading across Maryland putting the state's health department on high alert tonight.

January 14: Coughing, fever, sore throat. Complaints about those symptoms are being heard in many Maryland households right now. In this Flu Watch report, the state health department is suddenly seeing a dramatic increase in cases of the flu.

January 18: In WJZ's Healthwatch report, a new study shows eating a big breakfast doesn't fill you up for the rest of the day.

January 20: Millions of dollars to fight high profile disorders that affect millions of people. The money going to Johns Hopkins could mean new treatments.

January 23: Towson University is one of the few universities in the country to ban smoking on its entire campus. But some students say the ban isn't working.

January 24: Legalize medical marijuana that's the message from Montel Williams to Maryland lawmakers.

January 26: An urgent plea from the American Red Cross, the agency says blood supply at area hospitals is at a critical level and the number of donors is down too.

January 27: He's battled cancer and now and now comes a new challenge, turning 16. A young cancer survivor gets a birthday he'll remember forever. How his family pulled off the surprise.

January 28: As part of WJZ's continuing community commitment you can volunteer to give life. Sign up to donate blood on Saturday at the Crowne Plaza on Greenspring Drive in Timonium.

January 30: A Maryland man has just become the first legally blind person to drive a car alone.

January 31: We are what we eat and according to the USDA, many of us are pretty salty these days. In Healthwatch, dietary guidelines just released urge us to choose food wisely.

February 3: After hiding her diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis for 15 years, Maryland State Senator Lisa Gladden finally breaks her silence. Hailed by friends and the public as a hero, she hopes to inspire others to look at people who have MS without seeing them as victims.

February 6: The NFL season may be over but the concern over concussions remains a top priority. Researchers here are beginning to use a simple sideline test that can detect head trauma in just two minutes.

February 7: Every year 400 babies are born in the Baltimore area with heart defects and many aren't detected right away which can be deadly. This week is Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week. In Healthwatch, what every parent should know.

February 9: In Healthwatch, a lack of sleep may increase your risk of a heart attack.

February 10: Chances are some of you are drinking a diet soda right now. Now new research links diet soda to strokes and heart attacks. In Healthwatch, what's behind the study.

February 13: Heart disease is the number one killer among women nationwide. In Baltimore it's also the leading cause of death for African American women. The city is teaming up with doctors and churches to target the most likely victims.

February 14: It's a Valentine's love story about a present money can't buy. A wife who gave her husband a gift of life.

February 15: In Healthwatch, The American Heart Association is changing its guidelines on women's risk for heart disease. It warns that women who have complications during their pregnancy could carry over risk factors after delivery.

February 16: A Baltimore Raven is leading the charge to get Charm City kids healthy. Cornerback Josh Wilson is encouraging children to eat healthy and stay active.

February 17: In Healthwatch, what happened to a Los Angeles television reporter who suddenly began speaking gibberish on the air. A local doctor explains her diagnosis is actually more common than you may realize.

February 20: In Healthwatch, the rise in temperatures comes with a spike in allergy symptoms. Tonight more on what's triggering this mid-winter problem.

February 24: It's one of the most prestigious medical schools in the world but Johns Hopkins School of Medicine is under fire tonight for using live animals to train medical students.

February 25: When a super-human computer, named Watson faced off against two of Jeopardy's best contestants- the nation was mesmerized. Now that unstoppable computer is ready for its next assignment - helping to save your life at the University of Maryland Medical Center.

February 26: Spring may be right around the corner but the flu is hitting its peak in Maryland. Right now, doctors are getting flooded with sick patients.

February 27 & 28: Public health concern... A woman who flew out of BWI Airport on February 20th had the measles. There's worry she may have infected other travelers.

March 2: Another critical debate in Annapolis this one focused on protecting hearts in Maryland. After many learn they were offered a stent procedure they did not need, lawmakers are working to better regulate the surgery.

March 7: A troubling new study about drowsy driving in Maryland. Nearly one in 20 drivers told researchers they had nodded off or fallen asleep completely in the previous month.

March 8: Dozens of competitive swimmers get violently sick at the US Naval Academy pool.

March 9: The state health department is investigating after dozens of people get violently ill after going to swim meet at the US Naval Academy.

March 10: Stopping bullies in their tracks. Maryland's first lady and the Obama family met in Washington today for a special conference. The President's message bullying can happen to anyone.

March 11: The city of Baltimore is getting serious about food by launching the Healthy Food Initiative. It's an effort to get nutritious meals to those most in need.

March 16: Prescription drug abuse in Maryland is rising at an alarming rate.

March 17: It's Match Day the day fourth year medical students here in Maryland and across the country learn where they will begin their careers as doctors.

March 18: Spring is right around the corner and with it comes more pollen making life miserable for allergy sufferers. In Healthwatch, there's a solution that'll end sinus problems forever.

March 19: It's been ten weeks since Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords was shot in the head. She survived in part because of emergency first aid performed at the scene. The Baltimore Red Cross is now teaching people what to do if a tragic event happens here.

March 22: Upgrades in technology to save the city money on health care, that's the goal of nearly a million dollars awarded to city agencies today. It promises to make our lives easier.

March 23: In Healthwatch, do you know the disease that kills more people than breast cancer and AIDS combined? It's diabetes and the Maryland chapter of the American Diabetes Association is issuing a wake-up call this week in its Rally to Stop Diabetes.

March 25: Two Baltimore 12 year olds have just finished folding one thousand origami cranes. They're doing it to help save a mother's life.

March 27: It's the height of the Lyme and tick season and experts want you to guard against the potential dangers. In Healthwatch, what you should look out for.

March 28: Some radiation has already made its way into the United States and even into Maryland. Tonight, where and how much.

March 29: The best medicine is right here in Maryland. US News and World Report puts Johns Hopkins Hospital at the top in metro area rankings.

March 30: For the second year in a row, Howard County has been named the healthiest place in Maryland. The ranking is part of a report released today by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

ON TIME

January 16: The Red Cross needs 1200 pints of blood each day to meet needs in the Greater Baltimore area according to Mike Baisey from the blood services division. He tells Kai Jackson how easy it is to donate blood, how the blood is divided into three parts to save lives. Blood donations from African Americans are critical to helping Sickle Cell patients who undergo life-long blood transfusions.

January 23: Health Care for the Homeless provides more than just basic healthcare to families and individuals who live on the street. Kevin Lindamood tells Kai Jackson about the expansion of their services to include pediatric health and dental. He discusses how poverty has spread beyond the city limits into suburban areas that now have a significant number of homeless persons.

January 23: Kai Jackson talks with Kathleen Dachille about the new public health law regional center based at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. She discusses how the law center will be able to help health care professionals and government officials in developing more effective public health policy. Public health policy issues range from vaccination requirements to food handling guidelines.

January 30: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Anjail Sharrief and Gina Roberts about heart disease and stroke. They discuss the differences between the two medical conditions and how risk factors for one are often the risk factor for the other. Dr. Sharrief explains the different types of stroke, their diagnosis and treatment. Ms. Roberts recounts her symptoms that lead to her having a stroke.

January 30: The same risk factors that can lead to heart disease and stroke are also prevalent in diabetes. Tracy Newsome explains how these 3 medical conditions are related and how diet and exercise can help with all three diseases. She discusses how the African American community is disproportionately affected by diabetes and what the ADA is doing to reverse the trend.

February 6: Kai Jackson talks with John Spearman and Ron Lack about the University of Maryland Medical Systems program to honor the late Henrietta Lacks whose cell line, HeLa, was used in research over the last 60 years. They discuss the situation that caused Mrs. Lacks to have cancer cells removed and how her family had been kept ignorant of the medical community's use of her cells until the publication of the book, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Smoot.

February 6: Continuing the discussion how Henrietta Lacks' cell line was used in research, Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Kevin Cullen, director of the Greenebaum Cancer Center and Phoebe Haddon, dean of the University of Maryland School of Law. They discuss how her cells were the first human cells to live and reproduce allowing research scientists to develop vaccines and cancer treatments. Dean Haddon talks about bioethics factors into obtaining and using cells for research purposes.

February 20: Kai Jackson talks with Dennis Alexander about the state of smoking and lung disease in Maryland. They discuss how tobacco companies continue to target African Americans, women and youth with their products. Mr. Alexander discusses how underfunded the cigarette restitution fund is compared to the millions of advertising and marketing dollars spent by the top 5 tobacco companies.

February 27: Marlene Greenebaum tells Kai Jackson about her personal experience with getting diagnosed with breast cancer twenty years ago and how she and her family have been raising funds to beat this disease. Son Michael Greenebaum explains why he started the Maryland Half Marathon as a fundraising tool for the University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center. This year, they are offering an elite running program known as Marlene's Mission that offers a comprehensive training program while raising a minimum of \$1500 for the cancer center.

March 13: Being a caregiver to someone with a life limiting illness is difficult. Hopkins clinical social worker, Amy Sales, tells Kai Jackson why she wrote, *Walking on Eggshells*. Many caregivers are thrown into this position and do not know where to turn. Many are afraid or reluctant to ask for help. She offers some practical help during stressful times.

March 20: The Casey Cares Foundation provides recreational and diversion activities for families caring for critically ill children. Founder Casey Baynes tells Kai Jackson how families need to enjoy special moments like their child's birthday during trying medical times. She explains how their upcoming fundraiser allows them to serve 1500 patients annually.

CONSUMER

January 2: More speed cameras on Maryland roads that could soon be a reality if one man gets his way.

January 4: Alcohol may soon come with a new kind of high higher taxes. Supporters of a dime a drink tax think they have a shot of making it happen in Maryland.

January 5: Fears of crime, high property taxes just two reasons people say they are leaving Baltimore. The mayor wants to know why some people stick it out and others move

January 6: Today Baltimore's City Council learns more about the city's massive budget shortfall.

January 7: In the right direction President Obama visited a window manufacturer in Maryland today and said a new jobs report shows more unemployed people are finding jobs.

January 10: A financial blow WJZ has confirmed Baltimore's Pepsi plant will stop making soda. The move will cost 70 people their jobs.

January 11: Growing outrage over layoffs at Baltimore's Pepsi plant. Dozens of people are losing their jobs and now many blame the mayor and city council.

January 12: There are many benefits to buying local produce it's fresh, tasty and money goes back into the local economy. You can't always be sure local means Maryland but that's about to change.

January 13: The playoff means cash registers ringing for some local businesses. Tonight more on how retailers are turning the Ravens good fortune into dollars and cents.

January 14: Local governments may find themselves up against a wall when Maryland's new budget is released. That's because it's expected to contain sweeping cuts but government isn't alone in that concern.

January 15: In the middle of a cold winter and a sluggish economy, the restaurant business in Baltimore County is slow but county leaders have a plan to boost reservations.

January 17: The discount store legendary for its deals, C-Mart is coming to Baltimore County.

January 18: Minimum wage battle. If wages go up will the number of jobs go down? That's what business people say about an effort to raise Maryland's minimum wage. Labor and religious leaders are asking for a change in the law.

January 20: This won't surprise most drivers a new study ranks Baltimore fifth in the nation when it comes to the amount of time we sit in traffic.

January 21: Get the blankets out for the cold temperatures and get your wallet out. BGE is warning customers you're going to see higher bills.

January 24: This legislative session Governor O'Malley is promoting the development of electric vehicles. In addition to tax credits, he also wants to create an electric vehicle infrastructure council to get the vehicles on the roads as soon as possible.

January 25: Going green on Maryland streets. We're all familiar with hybrid cars, but those vehicles are usually some of the smallest on the road. Now change is coming to some of the largest vehicles on the road.

January 26: A frigid December means some big energy bills this month but tonight we talk to a family that has figured out a way to bring down its utility bills.

January 27: A ceremonial step forward to the most lucrative slots casino in the state.

January 28: Baltimore restaurant week is going into overtime.

January 30: A ride on the Annapolis transit system costs a dollar for passengers but that rate could be going up. The city says the money raised will pay for a better bus line.

January 31: Saving money today the city announced the Baltimore Cash Campaign is back. It's a free tax site offering free e-filing for low income Baltimoreans.

February 1: Winter doesn't make driving any easier but a study out tonight says it's never easy in Maryland. Results from the study found road conditions are also taking a big bite out of drivers' wallets.

February 2: If you're looking for a good deal on a new appliance, you may want to consider going green. Comptroller Peter Franchot and other officials today announced a list of Energy Star appliances eligible for a sales tax exemption.

February 3: Ten tons of poached striped bass have been seized by police in waters near the Bay Bridge. Investigators won't specifically say how they're finding these illegal hauls but a new high tech tool may be playing a part.

February 4: Saving cents tolls in Maryland are not going to increase as much as originally expected.

February 5: Rising electricity rates get ready to dig deeper to pay for your BGE bill.

February 6: Only one day left to ask for help. Victims of the tornado that struck Parkville and Baltimore City must apply for federal disaster loans by tomorrow.

February 7: An influential Baltimore wine seller is backing a controversial tax increase on alcohol.

February 8: Baltimore's economy is on the road to recovery as newly released numbers show more businesses are expanding and moving to the city. Tonight an update on where we rank among US cities.

February 9: After years of rumors and waiting, the iPhone finally goes on sale for a new provider. Verizon Stores will sell the iPhone beginning early tomorrow morning and stores across the region are bracing for a busy day.

February 10: A jarring crash involving an elderly driver going the wrong way on a freeway. Tonight a look at a local program helping older drivers face the difficult decision about when to give up the keys.

February 11: Changing lives with tax credits. Governor O'Malley announces 10 projects that will benefit from an 11 million dollar tax credit.

February 12: Big spending at Charm City's busy port. One cruise line says it makes more money in Baltimore than anywhere else.

February 14: An all time record for BWI Marshall. Last year more than 21 million passengers used the airport to travel.

February 15: Out of work people in the Baltimore area may want to head down to their local Home Depot. The store is looking for about 500 seasonal, part time associates as it prepares for its busiest time of the year.

February 16: Baltimore business boom. More minorities are now business owners in the city and the huge spike hasn't gone un-noticed.

February 17: University of Maryland scientists predict this year will be the worst for stinkbugs all because of warmer temperatures.

February 18: A big decision today about a popular type of fishing in the Chesapeake. The Department of Natural Resources will decide whether to reopen commercial gill fishing for the final two days of the season.

February 20: In Maryland gas prices are two cents higher than last week and almost 50 cents higher than this time last year.

February 22: Rallies and protests continued in Libya today... the effects will soon be felt here in Maryland. Gas prices continue to rise and it's only expected to get worse.

February 23: A price freeze is underway at Wegmans. The supermarket chain has pledged not to raise prices on 40 products this year.

February 24: Imagine First Mariner Arena being replaced with trees and grass. That's one of the ideas in a new "Open Space" plan for Baltimore City.

February 25: A new type of money may soon be circulating in an area near you. B-Notes were unveiled today and supporters explained why they're so important and how you can get your hands on some.

February 26: The chaos in Libya is fueling an 18 percent spike in oil prices. Here in Maryland gas prices are climbing by the hour and the worst may be yet to come.

February 27: Baltimore is using a unique hi-tech method to make sure all city families have healthy food at home. The virtual supermarket is helping to fill a major void.

February 28: Baltimore, get ready for some wild, giddy times country and comedy are both headed to the Inner Harbor as Power Plant Live announces two new venues coming next month.

March 1: If you think gas prices are high now, wait to see if Maryland goes ahead with a bill that would raise the gasoline tax to help close the state budget deficit.

March 2: Right now there are young children living in city houses tainted with lead paint facing serious health dangers. Yet the city has missed out on a chance to get millions of dollars to help them.

March 3: Northrop Grumman, Anne Arundel County's largest private employer, will cut 500 Maryland jobs.

March 4: A dime a drink. It doesn't sound like much, but it could really add up if Maryland passes a new alcohol tax.

March 5: A lot of people who work in Washington DC don't live there because it's too expensive. Tonight how one group hopes the high prices will encourage more people to move to Baltimore.

March 6: Gas prices continue to soar because of the fighting in the Middle East. Now a group of Marylanders wants to make sure those prices don't go even higher.

March 7: Women targeted while trying to use the restroom along I-95. Tonight police say they've caught some of the suspects behind an elaborate credit card scheme.

March 8: Stopping foreclosures and lowering the deficit. Today members of Congress came to Baltimore seeking solutions to those national problems. Success in Maryland could be a model for the country.

March 9: Another important issue before state lawmakers today a possible increase in the state gas tax to help close the budget gap prompted a rally against the proposal.

March 10: Supporters of an off shore wind farm near Ocean City release a new report. While it reveals the project would create thousands of jobs, some lawmakers are also concerned about the cost to everyday citizens.

March 11: The President is also prepared to take action over painfully high gas prices caused by the uprising in the Middle East. Marylanders are now closer to paying 4 dollars a gallon.

March 13: Thousands are expected to show up at the Maryland State House tomorrow for a rally against Governor O'Malley's pension reform proposal.

March 14: Renters have rights - that's the message for hundreds of renters living in foreclosed homes. Now there's free help for tenants.

March 15: Backers of wind energy are turning to global warming to heat up support for a bill currently before the Maryland lawmakers. That prompted an unusual demonstration today.

March 16: Maryland state parks don't just highlight the state's natural beauty, apparently they're big business as well. A new study finds the parks contribute more than 650 million dollars and thousands of jobs to the state's economy each year.

March 17: High gas prices make drivers wonder Am I getting what I'm paying for? A state inspector is out at Maryland gas stations testing to be sure.

March 18: A newly released report says Baltimore leads the nation for the number of people using GPS to find the cheapest gas.

March 20: Charm City is at the top a recruitment firm ranks Baltimore as the number 8 city in the country to find a job.

March 21: Fighting for wind... Tonight hundreds rally in Annapolis in support of harnessing wind power off the shores of Maryland, but will it cost you more money?

March 22: At a taste test in Annapolis today a group of environmentalists is asking the state to stop using bottled water. It could be a real money saver.

March 23: If you pull into a handicapped space to run in the store and you're not disabled, it will cost you. The City's fine has doubled and a crackdown is underway.

March 24: For the second year in a row, lawmakers in Baltimore County are considering a 5-cent charge for bags used to carry things you buy.

March 25: The Maryland Senate and the House of Delegates are debating a proposal to allow wineries across the state and the US to ship bottles directly to Maryland homes.

March 26: Beautifying the Baltimore area. Volunteers head into the woods to remove tons of trash.
3/27 Get ready to pay up to hit the road. State leaders are talking about hiking tolls on highways, bridges and tunnels.

March 28: Targeting a controversial app. Maryland's attorney general wants Apple and Google to stop selling an application that helps drivers avoid DUI checkpoints.

March 29: The end of an era is coming to Maryland. Soon the delivery of the White Pages telephone directories will stop and many won't miss them at all.

March 30: Alcohol could soon be more expensive in Maryland. The state senate voted today to increase the alcohol tax by 9 percent over three years.

March 31: For the first time in nearly a decade, you could soon be paying more if you use public transportation. It's all a part of the state's ongoing budget battle.

ON TIME

January 2 & 16: The Baltimore CASH Campaign – Creating Assets, Savings and Hope – is offering tax preparation assistance to low income families as well as help with the FAFSA forms – Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Sara Johnson and Monica Copeland discuss the eligibility requirements for both programs and caution against predatory lending organizations that charge up to 500% for the services that Baltimore CASH provides for free.

January 9: Federal stimulus funds are being used in Baltimore City to help weatherize low income families' homes. Ken Strong from Baltimore Housing and Ruth Ann Norton from the National Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning discuss how the weatherization program is using green technology to help make the homes safer and more healthy while at the same time saving the homeowner money.

March 27: Kai Jackson talks with Nokomis Johns and Matthew Hill about the rights of renters who live in homes are in foreclosure. They discuss that approximately 43% of all foreclosures in Maryland are for rental properties. They discuss the rights that tenants have under specific situations where there is a written lease as well as a verbal monthly lease.

March 27: Money Power Day is a free day-long financial series of workshops and seminars that features vendors from various non profit organizations who provide economic assistance from free tax preparation to pulling free credit reports. Representatives tell Kai Jackson that the event features financial activities for the entire family.

EDUCATION

January 3: A record donation at Johns Hopkins University. Media mogul John Malone is giving the school 30 million dollars.

January 5: The University of Maryland at College Park is ranked one of the best values in public colleges.

January 8: Getting more bang for your buck... it's what students want when they're spending thousands of dollars for a college education. Five Maryland schools are on a new list where students are getting their money's worth.

January 9: Great kids are coming back... that's the name of a city schools' program that helps former dropouts return to school. In Schoolwatch, another chance to sign up happens next week.

January 10: It's a problem that's been around for decades and spans all ages... bullying. In Schoolwatch, a high profile community member hopes to teach city students how to stop the behavior.

January 11: Ahead of the rest... for the third year in a row, Maryland schools are ranked the best in the country.

January 13: Changes in the classroom. No layoffs and no furloughs for Baltimore County schools, but the proposed budget could mean larger class sizes.

January 14: The Baltimore City School System has had remarkable success in lowering its dropout rate. Now they're holding sessions to welcome back those who stopped going to school.

January 16: Plagued by money troubles, several Maryland Catholic schools shut down in recent months... but tonight a new study could help turn things around.

January 17: Some Baltimore City students gave up their holiday to help others. WJZ caught up with these youngsters making special Valentine's Day cards for troops overseas.

January 19: There's a big boost in the number of teacher applications at city school headquarters. School leaders say one reason might be a new teachers' contract.

January 20: Baltimore County PTAs make thousands of dollars sponsoring crafts fairs at their schools... but parents are upset about a new rule barring that activity.

January 21: It was the field trip of a lifetime for some northeast Baltimore elementary school students. They traveled to Washington to perform for the president of China... and the Chinese visitors quickly learned these students were speaking their language.

January 22: Victimized by bullies. It's estimated that up to 80 percent of school kids experience bullying at some point. Now Baltimore has launched a new push to bring that number down.

January 26: Budget cuts could change the requirements for students to graduate high school in Maryland.

January 31: Maryland continues to gain stature as an education state focused on getting students even further down the path to success. High school graduation is no longer the goal... college graduation is the key.

February 1: Baltimore City's summer school program is seeing major success and it could be a model for the rest of the country.

February 2: In Schoolwatch, a new Harvard University study questions the traditional route to college for students. It found some teens need to learn a trade first. City school leaders have a program designed to offer career and college.

February 3: Students at one Baltimore city school are getting ahead of the game by gaining real world banking skills. In Schoolwatch, they don't even have to leave campus.

February 4: Local talent promoting positive behavior are on a tour of city middle and high schools. Teen Scream urges kids to stay out of trouble.

February 5: Fighting school violence. Local schools are taking a new approach to stop bullying but some parents may think the plan is too intrusive.

February 9: Maryland schools are number one when it comes to the number of students passing advance placement exams. In Schoolwatch, how Maryland beat out other states and what it means for students.

February 10: There's less than three weeks left to apply for federal student aid for college. Every year thousands of Maryland seniors don't apply for the free help they're eligible for. In Schoolwatch, how you can cash in.

February 11: Jobs in science and technology are in high demand and no company knows that better than Microsoft. Hundreds of Baltimore City students attended the corporation's Minority Student Day.

February 12: A movement to save the past and the future. A group of middle school students is fighting to protect a piece of civil rights history in Baltimore. Tonight... why the building is so important to them.

February 13: Baltimore teachers are faced with a critical decision that could affect your children's education. As many as 750 of the city's most experienced teachers are being encouraged to take an early retirement deal.

February 14: Parkville Middle School is in the national spotlight today. President Obama visited the county school to spotlight education in the new global economy.

February 15: A Baltimore college professor accused of associating with a hate group. The allegations surfaced during a finance hearing on Capitol Hill. Tonight, we examine the claims and the heated rebuttal.

February 16: Two high profile animal abuse cases right here in Baltimore. In Schoolwatch, tonight a push to protect pets with lessons taught to Baltimore students.

February 17: Danger in the hallways. WJZ brought you the story about carbon monoxide leaks in a city school... now more on the new safety measures being put into place.

February 18: Leading by example... Frostburg State University is getting national attention for programs to curb binge drinking.

February 22: Students love a snow day but some school systems have already exceeded their number of snow days. Schools are scrambling to make up the missed time.

February 23: It's the most important meal of the day... now more Maryland students are eating it at school.

February 24: New test scores released from the US Department of Education show Baltimore City students are lagging behind other big district schools when it comes to science. Now city school leaders are on a mission to boost scores.

February 27: A widespread warning for Maryland schools. A teenager's suicide has led the state to review its discipline policies. Tonight how this could impact students state-wide.

March 1: Students living at Rutgers University dorms will soon be allowed to choose roommates of the opposite sex. A similar plan is already in place in Maryland.

March 2: WJZ was at Beechfield Elementary School today where the city school's chief academic officer kicked off Read Across Maryland Day.

March 3: It's one of Baltimore's top-performing middle schools... but a contract battle with the teacher's union may close Kipp Ujima Village Academy.

March 4: Adding art to the classroom... it's more than just a fun project for kids. In Schoolwatch, how art is being used to teach other subjects.

March 7: In Schoolwatch, taking the classroom outside could lead to a greener environment. That's what one non-profit group is doing and the White House is taking note.

March 8: Fourth graders going viral on You Tube. A 2008 cheating scandal rocked a Baltimore City Elementary School... now students are boosting their spirits and hopefully their test scores with a song that's now an internet sensation.

March 9: Overcrowding elementary schools. It's a growing problem across Maryland but Baltimore County's executive has an idea that may help.

March 10: In Schoolwatch, parents worry a plan to curb overcrowded elementary schools in Baltimore County is only a short term fix.

March 11: Maryland's Head Start program is in jeopardy as the federal budget battle hits close to home. In Schoolwatch, how Maryland's senators are fighting to save it.

March 13: A Baltimore principal is drawing widespread criticism tonight for his decision to use prayer at school.

March 14: State senators are expected to vote on a controversial education bill tonight. It would let illegal immigrants pay in-state tuition rates at Maryland colleges.

March 15: Baltimore County teachers are sounding the alarms as school officials try to reduce a massive budget shortfall. Teachers say proposed reductions in nearly 200 teacher positions through attrition will impact education.

March 16: Education funding gets extra attention in the wake of a massive teacher protest. Tonight more on a revised budget plan.

March 17: One of America's biggest cities has its eye on Baltimore school CEO Dr. Andres Alonso to head up the Chicago public schools.

March 18: When it comes to science, technology, engineering and math it seems girls rule like never before. These fields are attracting more and more young women and many are getting their start in high school.

March 21: Dream green... that's the theme of one of the city's newest schools in Southwest Baltimore where today Congressman Elijah Cummings paid a visit. In Schoolwatch, what makes this school so special.

March 22: A Baltimore County elementary school hears some encouraging words about its future funding. The school is pushing for millions from the state.

March 23: In Schoolwatch, the number of four and five year olds in Baltimore schools is up. They're the district's youngest students and school leaders say the sooner they're in class, the better.

March 24: Decades ago local schools like Gilman and Boys Latin used to battle it out on the baseball diamond with city public schools like Poly and Patterson. That competition, private versus public is about to heat up again.

March 25: Some local students are getting a little extra help in the classroom. Verizon handed out new dictionaries today to third graders at Harlem Park Elementary School.

March 28: Marylanders are adding their two cents as to how the federal government should play a role in education. In Schoolwatch, why Senator Mikulski is travelling across the state to listen to you.

March 29: 32 students and faculty killed at Virginia Tech on campus in 2007. Now the school is being punished, slapped with a fine for not reacting fast enough. Tonight, how this tragedy has sparked change at schools across Maryland.

March 30: Dr. Nancy Grasmick has been the state's top educator for two decades and today she announced a career change as she resigns as school superintendent.

March 31: The game of chess is gaining popularity among city middle schoolers... so much so some are going to the national championships next month. In Schoolwatch, how they could soon be crowned best in the country.

ON TIME

January 2: Recruiter Vincent Smith tells Kai Jackson why he wrote, *Prize Athlete: Student-Athlete Guide to Getting Yourself Recruited*. He discusses how important it is for students to prepare for the recruiting process by developing an academic and athletic resume and targeting potential colleges. He discusses how his book uses the same process that his recruiting company does to get student athlete names in front of college recruiting coaches.

January 2: WJZ's Black History Oratory Contest is open to high school students in grades 9-12. Kai Jackson tells viewers how to enter the contest by going to wjz.com. The deadline to write and submit an original essay is January 31.

March 13: Kai Jackson talks with David Andrews, dean of the Johns Hopkins University School of Education about education reform. They discuss teacher reform and the impact the federal Race to the Top funding is having on the classroom. Dean Andrews discusses how far behind America is when it comes to educating the young for tomorrow's workforce. He discusses how changing teacher pensions will also factor into the education profession. These are some of the issues that will be discussed at the upcoming Hopkins Panel Discussion on Education that is open to the public.

March 20: Kai Jackson talks with Baltimore County Public School Superintendent Dr. Joe A. Hairston about the importance of a STEM curriculum. STEM- science, technology, engineering and math – are core areas that have been identified as necessary for the global workforce of the future. He explains the challenges in improving student's scores on tests that measure comprehension of these disciplines.

March 27: Kai Jackson talks with student representatives to both the Baltimore County and Howard County School Boards of Education about their roles on the board. They discuss how they offer a students perspective to education issues and while they discuss county-wide education issues they are prohibited from voting on initiatives that affect schools.

COMMUNITY

January 1: The start of the New Year means hope for an end to violence against children. Seventeen children were murdered in Baltimore in the last year and each one was remembered today.

January 2: 2010 ended with a bang or you might say a bark at one city shelter. Despite a slow economy pet adoptions were significantly up. But there are still lots of animals that need homes.

January 3: High school students can now enter WJZ's Black History Month Oratory contest.

January 4: Baltimore marine officers honored for a daring rescue. PETA is giving Baltimore City police an award for saving a dog.

January 5: Big changes in store for the Westside of downtown Baltimore along Lexington Street after a 150 million dollar development planned for an entire square block gets the green light from the state Historical Trust.

January 6: Wondering how you're going to get rid of your Christmas tree? In Baltimore City you can have it turned into mulch.

January 7: Johns Hopkins Hospital held its 29th annual Martin Luther King Junior program. The event honors the legacy of Doctor King. Featured today was former and controversial Department of Agriculture employee Shirley Sherrod.

January 8: Stop complaining and do something together. That's the message at a series of talks today focusing on making Baltimore a better place. Tonight we look at the progress being made.

January 8: Children from all over Maryland were jumping around in their pajamas tonight, but it was all for a good cause raising money at the annual "Kami's Jammies Fashion Show" in Pasadena.

January 9: A local teen up for a very special honor. Boys' Life Magazine needs your help picking a recipient for the "American Spirit Award." A local candidate is more than qualified to receive it.

January 10: A year after a teenager is struck and killed by an Amtrak train in Middle River, her mother continues to fight for safety around the tracks. There's a high school near the rail line and there's concern the tracks will be used as a shortcut.

January 11: Every day firefighters could find themselves in a position where their lives will be in danger. Now one city fireman who's lucky to be alive is getting a special award.

January 12: A group of Anne Arundel County teachers are voluntarily camping out in the snow tonight... trying to fill a moving truck with food donations for the Anne Arundel Food Bank.

January 13: The Port of Baltimore has set a new record for cruise ship passengers and it's a good one. This year the terminal in South Baltimore will reach capacity.

January 14: They call themselves Nuclear Cowboyz but don't be fooled by the title. They aren't some atom-splitting 10 gallon hat wearing yahoos. They're high flying acrobatic dirt bike riders and this weekend they're performing in Baltimore.

January 15: With a cold winter like this, ponds and lakes have frozen over. Every year some people push their luck and fall through thin ice but Maryland fire departments are ready for just that.

January 16: Don't let the cold weather keep you from enjoying the animals at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. For the first time in five years, the zoo is staying open during the winter.

January 17: Today thousands took to the streets of Baltimore for the 11th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Junior parade.

January 18: It's the most delicious time of the year. We're just a few days away from the start of Baltimore City Restaurant week. This year diners will not only enjoy great food at great prices, they'll also help a local charity.

January 19: A birth day to remember. She's just one day old and already has an amazing life story it was another special delivery during this week's icy weather.

January 20: Wish lists in Annapolis are nothing new but in the case of the bay, some wishes are finally coming true. Even with a tight state budget, the bay is poised for improvement.

January 22: A treat for local baseball fans. Hall of Famer Earl Weaver made a stop in Maryland today.

January 25: A celebration at Port Discovery today. The Children's Museum in downtown Baltimore has received some national recognition. A special chef helped serve up a healthy meal there this morning.

January 29: The Maryland horse council has chosen the camp's patriarch Bob Aldridge as this year's 'horseman of the year'.

January 30: It takes talent to engage a crowd with words alone but winners of WJZ's Black History Oratory Contest do just that and it's not too late to enter this year's contest.

January 31: Right now it's harder than ever to start up a business but Towson University aims to make it easier. There's a way for entrepreneurs to gain all the access they need for their start up for free.

February 1: Officers honored... They risked their lives to save a freezing dog and now they're being recognized for their heroic act.

February 2: Down but not out. The owners of the Charles Village Pub say they will rebuild following last week's fire.

February 3: It's billed as the sweetest night in town. We're talking about the 20th annual Chocolate Affair held at M&T Bank Stadium.

February 4: The Orioles head to spring training this month but before they go one player makes several stops at a men's homeless and recovery center in downtown Baltimore. Brian Roberts has many fans there but not because of how he catches a ball or swings a bat.

February 4: One Baltimore delicatessen is getting ready for a big Super Bowl Sunday. Their mouth watering food will be enjoyed at Super Bowl parties all over town.

February 5: How would you like thousands of dollars to start your own business in Baltimore? There's a new program that makes it possible... and it benefits the city.

February 6: If you ride the bus in Baltimore be sure to double check the schedule. Starting today, MTA will adjust 14 bus routes and schedules in the city.

February 7: After years of planning we're just days away from the brand new Intercounty Connector Highway opening in Maryland.

February 8: Get ready for change in one of the city's most historic neighborhoods. After six months, Baltimore's Historical Preservation Commission gave its approval tonight for an 18 million dollar improvement plan in Mount Vernon.

February 9: Ravens player Ray Rice is lending his time and star power to a great cause. Rice was in Southwest Baltimore today to meet many of the children participating in after school programs at Paul's Place.

February 10: Open season in part of Howard County. Sharpshooters will be targeting deer in Ellicott City to reduce the population... but some homeowners say they're adamantly opposed to that plan.

February 11: Cal Ripken Junior called him the "Real Ironman"... tonight O's fans are coping with the loss of Ernie Tyler. The long time umpires' attendant died last night at the age of 86.

February 12: Heading overseas. Hundreds of National Guard members are on their way to Iraq. We were there as they said goodbye to their loved ones.

February 13: Protecting your community. You don't have to be a firefighter or police officer to help in an emergency. Tonight a program that's teaching average citizens to be first responders.

February 14: A Baltimore County public library gets a major facelift. Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamanetz was at the Randallstown Library today to celebrate the newly renovated space.

February 15: A rare look behind the scenes today at Baltimore based Under Armour. The clothing company opened the doors to its brand new Innovation Lab at Tide Point in South Baltimore.

February 16: Building the hockey stars of the future. A new partnership is helping dozens of Baltimore students perfect their moves on the ice. Tonight how the NHL is making this possible.

February 17: Johns Hopkins Blue Jay lacrosse players are getting a new home. Plans are underway to build a new 10 million dollar lacrosse facility.

February 18: Tonight Baltimore city and BGE take steps in response to dangerous stray voltage WJZ found across the city. It is electricity that has the potential to kill.

February 20: After years of construction, the first phase of the Intercounty Connector finally opens this week.

February 21: WJZ's Black History Oratory contest brings out some of Baltimore's best and brightest. This year's winner says her speech came right from the heart.

February 22: Helping the homeless and the hungry. It's time for the annual Baltimore area Boy Scouts "Scouting for Food" program.

February 23: An animal rights activist is horrified that hundreds of people each year are being duped into buying fish they don't realize will soon outgrow their tanks. That activist wants the state to do something about it.

February 24: It's a brand new day at the Maryland SPCA after its building gets a facelift.

February 25: A lot of folks in Baltimore will be losing their hair soon and it's all for a good cause. It's an upcoming event that will raise money in the effort to help conquer cancer in kids.

February 26: Two sports legends teamed up in the name of helping at-risk youth. Cal Ripken Junior honored tennis star Andre Agassi at his annual "Aspire" gala.

February 27: Sending Marylanders to war. Another round of local troops heads to Iraq as part of one of the largest deployments since World War 2.

February 28: Big changes are coming to downtown Pikesville. The revitalization project combines the old and the new.

March 1: Some new spring programs at the zoo may be just what you need. The zoo has a great series of family walks and adult walks starting this month.

March 2: Tomorrow marks the 80th anniversary of the Star Spangled Banner being officially named our national anthem. Tonight details on the unveiling of the new visitor center.

March 3: A groundhog may forecast winter, but when it comes to spring, it's tough to beat Washington's Cherry Blossoms. The forecast for the annual blooming is out and DC is hoping for plenty of visitors and their money.

March 4: A popular summertime bar in Baltimore might be no more. Some say it's a relaxing spot but other argue the Tike Barge is more like an episode of MTV's The Jersey Shore.

March 5: The unemployment rate is falling but for people still looking for a job, the turnaround isn't coming fast enough. Now there's help available thanks to Congressman Elijah Cummings.

March 6: If you head out to the Maryland Home and Garden show today, you'll find some great products that make housework a snap.

March 7: Baltimore sports fans get a blast from the past. Some lucky fans met more than 20 players and coaches from the old Baltimore Colts as part of a fundraiser.

March 8: Hometown heroes. Two Baltimore County workers are honored for helping save a man from a house fire in Parkville last month.

March 9: It's time for Maryland's crab survey. WJZ was at Solomons Island today as the Department of Natural Resources worked on the annual estimate of crabs in the Chesapeake Bay.

March 10: Three Maryland lacrosse moms were sharing a bottle of wine when they had a great idea. It was one year ago... and now they are in business and succeeding.

March 11: Thousands of runners will show off their Irish pride this weekend for the annual Shamrock 5K race downtown.

March 12: Some local boys will have a chance to excel on the lacrosse field. Police Commissioner Fred Bealefeld announced today the Baltimore Middle School Lacrosse League is expanding.

March 13: Finding common ground from the four corners of the world. It's not the United Nations, it's a soccer field right here in Baltimore.

March 14: Seeing the disaster in Japan has many people in Maryland worried about the safety of nuclear power plants here. We spent the day today at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania with the steps being taken to keep you safe.

March 15: Communications has reached new heights with a new partnership between AT&T and a local Catholic church. Some may see it as a direct line to God.

March 16: If you're planning to go out partying for St. Patrick's Day... a word of warning. State troopers are cracking down on drunk driving.

March 17: Take it easy tonight. That's the message from police around the region. They will be out in force to catch drunk drivers celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

March 18: The invasion of Asian Stinkbugs is wreaking havoc on Maryland farms, damaging crops and costing farmers money. Western Maryland farmers met top scientists today to decide how to fight this invader.

March 19: A beautiful day at the Inner Harbor helped raise money for the victims in Japan. The water taxi is donating 50 percent of its revenue this week to the relief effort.

March 20: The Baltimore archdiocese is asking all Catholic churches to hold special collections for the victims of Japan. People here are having no trouble giving extra for the cause.

March 21: Baltimore is getting ready to celebrate the 190th anniversary of Greek independence in a big way and if you love Mediterranean food and wine you'll love what's happening. Greek Week is all about family, fun and food.

March 22: If you like a good grilled cheese, and who doesn't, there's a place you'll want to check out in Catonsville. Check out the big success of a local business and the ultimate comfort food.

March 23: One area hospital is making it easier for patients to see their loved ones during treatment. St. Joseph Medical Center held a ribbon cutting for a new guest house at the facility.

March 24: There's an easy way to score a free cup of coffee and help those in need in the Baltimore area. A popular local coffee company is giving back to the community with "A Cup for a Can."

March 25: If you've always wanted to meet the actors from "The Wire" now's your chance at a big fundraiser tomorrow night. A local actress from the critically acclaimed show is giving back to the city where the show was filmed.

March 26: Safety sweep... Baltimore City firefighters try to prevent people from dying in fires going door to door today installing fire alarms.

March 27: A big celebration today in Baltimore as hundreds of people lined the streets of Greektown for the Greek Independence Parade.

March 28: The American Red Cross and the Baltimore Ravens are teaming up. It's a joint effort in Harford County to help the earthquake and tsunami victims in Japan.

March 29: With spring break right around the corner, many city attractions are hoping families go on stay-cations and enjoy what Baltimore has to offer. Tonight a look at what Marylanders can see in their own backyard.

March 30: A huge crowd is gathered in Anne Arundel County tonight, hoping to get their hands on some free food from the new Chik-Fil-A in Pasadena. The first 100 people in line will win a free year's supply of the fast food's sandwiches.

March 31: It's "Big Top Day" and crews from Cirque Du Soleil's Totem are hard at work. The stage is almost set at the Westport Waterfront.

ON TIME

January 23: Dr. Carla Hayden tells Kai Jackson that the Canton Branch of the library system is one of the original buildings that Enoch Pratt founded 125 years ago. She discusses the role that the library plays in today's society and the diverse programs that brings all walks of life into their buildings.

February 13: Kai Jackson talks with actress and author Victoria Rowell about her life as a child in foster care through present day which includes appearing on television and in movies. She tells Kai what it was like to be raised by various women throughout her 18 years in foster care. Her experiences are documented in her memoir, *The Women Who Raised Me*. For 17 years, she was Drucilla Winters on the hit CBS soap, *The Young & Restless*. That experience was the basis behind her second book, *Secrets of a Soap Opera Diva*.

February 13: Improving the image of the Black Male is the goal of a new project funded by the Open Society Institute through Art on Purpose. Coordinators of the program tell Kai Jackson about the Black Male Identity Project and how art created by and for African American males will be used to counter stereotypes. They outline the year-long program including the launch that will take place in barbershops around the city.

February 20: Dr. Maceo Williams was appointed Baltimore City's first African American public health director. His daughter Dr. Eugenia Collier and Tom Saunders discuss his contributions in the public health arena and the impact he had on addressing health problems in the African American community from the 1930's-1950's.

February 27: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Marvin Cheatham and Michael Eugene Johnson about the late Clarence M. Mitchell Jr. who was known as the 101st Senator and was instrumental in lobbying for the Civil Rights Acts of 1957-1964. They tell Kai Jackson that Mitchell's contributions to the civil rights struggle are often overlooked. In honor of his 100th birthday, they have planned several public celebrations to honor the legacy of this great man.

March 6: Kai Jackson talks with Jerdine Nolen and Arlaine Freeman about the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland's Annual Leadership Forum for young women. Jerdine Nolen, an award-winning children's author, has written a new book, "Eliza's Freedom Road: An Underground Railroad Diary" which empowers young girls to become leaders. She tells Kai why it is important for young girls to relate to other females whose story often parallels their own. Arlaine Freeman tells Kai about the Leadership event that features Jerdine Nolen and four other local female authors.

March 6: Rebuilding Together Baltimore is preparing for their annual one day barn-raising where volunteers work to improve the homes of selected senior citizens, disabled and low income families with repairs that will enable them to remain safely in their homes. Bonnie Bessor, the director of the Baltimore group, explains how simple home repairs by volunteers help families remain independent. She tells Kai Jackson how their program is fixing up houses year-round in addition to this one day massive volunteer effort in the Pigtown and St. Helena neighborhoods.

ART & CULTURE

January 10: Ravens grounds crews painted Ravens logos at Towson's Patriot Plaza, to match the ones that are already spreading spirit at Baltimore's City Hall and on Federal Hill.

January 11: Purple pride is bursting all over Baltimore. Tonight more on what's hot to wear as the team gets ready for their road trip to Pittsburgh to take on the Steelers.

January 12: A shot in the arm for Maryland's film industry. HBO just announced it will film a pilot in Baltimore starring Julia Louis Dreyfus... and it could bring millions to the local economy.

January 13: You're starting to see quite a few mobile food trucks around Baltimore. Now there's one that has some of the most delicious desserts you'll ever taste. If you have a sweet tooth you'll want to meet The Cupcake Lady.

January 14: Asking "What's your sign?" just got a lot more complicated. You may be shocked to learn you're probably reading the wrong horoscope. Today the Maryland Science Center explained why.

January 17: It's the only federal holiday for a man who was not president. Today the country is celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. It's called National Give Back Day and we found volunteers in Baltimore doing just that.

January 18: For most of us, the dictionary is the ultimate source for spelling and definitions for words. But an area 5th grader challenged what he saw in the Merriam Webster Children Dictionary... and guess what... he was right!

January 19: This is Edgar Allan Poe's birthday and every year a tribute is paid to the famed author and poet at his gravesite in downtown Baltimore. In the early morning darkness, mystery shrouded the annual ritual once again.

January 20: Best-selling author Nora Roberts is giving back to the younger members of her western Maryland community.

January 21: You can save money and still eat out this week... it's Restaurant Week in Baltimore and seats were filled tonight at Jack's Bistro in Canton.

January 24: Taking a high speed spin on the streets of Charm City. Today the Indy 500 Rookie of the Year tested the pavement for the Baltimore Grand Prix on Labor Day weekend.

January 25: A major facelift is coming for one of Maryland most iconic landmarks. The boardwalk in Ocean City is getting a major redesign.

January 27: Baltimore's favorite beer is about to be back on tap. Natty Boh was brewed for decades in Charm City... today 90-percent of its sales come from the Baltimore Area.

January 28: As part of our continuing community commitment—WJZ is proud to join MASN in supporting the Orioles in this year's fanfest.

January 30: It may not look like it outside, but spring will be here before you know it... and for many people, spring time is boating time. If you're in the market for a boat, the Baltimore Boat Show is going on downtown.

January 31: Quite a sight at the Inner Harbor a few hours ago. It's a makeover for a piece of history and one of Baltimore's most famous attractions.

February 1: She's an award winner who owns one of Baltimore's most popular restaurants. She's also involved in charity work that will take her to the big game in Dallas on Sunday... meet Baltimore's Super Bowl chef.

February 2: They were one of the greatest groups in rock and roll history and their real life story became a Broadway smash. Now "Jersey Boys" has arrived in Baltimore.

February 3: It's a beer with a rich Baltimore history... and if you love a cold Natty Boh you'll be celebrating tonight. It's the return of Mr. Boh in all his glory.

February 4: The violence in Egypt could also put a future exhibit at the Walters Art Museum in jeopardy. Curators hope an invaluable artifact can still make its way to Baltimore.

February 5: It's an ambitious goal... make the Inner Harbor a place for swimming and fishing by 2020. One Baltimore organization says it can be done and a respected water quality activist says she can prove it.

February 6: Baseball fans go to bat to celebrate the birthday of Babe Ruth. Today is the 116th birthday of the Baltimore native.

February 7: He was an architectural engineer but gave it all up to pursue something he loves. Mark Cottman is a self taught artist. As we celebrate Black History Month, more on a Baltimore man whose talent helps to teach history.

February 8: It's a Baltimore County landmark dating back to 1854, but now the old county jail has a brand new look. It's a major building makeover in Towson.

February 9: There's a lot of horse power making its way into Baltimore tonight. WJZ was at the Convention Center as crews set up for the Motor Trend International Auto Show.

February 10: With signs pointing to a recovering economy, the state's car dealers are putting their best foot forward. 400 cars are now in place at the Auto Show downtown... but one is getting a lot of attention.

February 11: A local artist makes it big. He's heading to the Grammy Awards... it's a moment three decades in the making.

February 12: It's a motorcycle lover's paradise at the state fairgrounds this weekend as the Timonium Motorcycle Show rides into town.

February 13: Just one more day until Valentine's Day and love is in the air at the Maryland Zoo. Instead of chocolates, the animals got special treats to celebrate Valentine's Day.

February 14: It's Valentine's Day and a sweet time to be a member of the US Coast Guard at Curtis Bay... that's because of a Pasadena woman who loves to bake cookies.

February 15: If you're going to Ocean City in July you're going to have a lot of company. The best cyclists and skateboarders in the world and their fans will be joining you as the Dew Tour is heading down the ocean.

February 17: Music... choreography and a whole lot more. It's the excitement of "Drumline." Some of the best marching bands from historically black colleges in the nation will be performing at the Meyerhoff on Saturday night.

February 18: He attended school in Baltimore and was once regarded as one of the top basketball talents in the world. Although injuries cut his career short, Tamir Goodman has found happiness in a life fulfilled off the basketball court.

February 20: From a civil rights leader to poet to a journalist... inspirational messages today at the Reginald F Lewis Museum in Baltimore. That's where 20 students competed for scholarships in WJZ's Black History Month Oratory Contest.

February 21: They're a critically endangered species, but a new baby Gazelle has just been born right here in Charm City. Take a look at the newest star at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore.

February 23: You don't have to be a Civil War buff to know that Baltimore played a major role in the conflict. In fact, the war's first casualties occurred on Pratt Street. As a milestone anniversary of the war approaches, some major events are getting underway in Charm City.

February 24: Richard Pryor was a pioneer in comedy... now his daughter lives in Baltimore. She's a devoted teacher and now you have a chance to help her and her talented students.

February 25: Was it a stroke of luck or a mother's prayer that landed one Coast Guard serviceman a visa to America? He says it's a combination of both. Tonight more on his quest to become a US citizen and how he's serving the nation in return.

February 26: The Annual American Craft Council show returns to Baltimore this weekend and you don't want to miss the amazing handmade creations on display.

February 27: You may soon have the chance to get a bird's eye view of the Inner Harbor from a zip line.

February 28: One of the big winners at the Academy Awards is well known to Baltimore. Melissa Leo won the Oscar for best supporting actress for her role in "The Fighter." Tonight more from Fells Point where Leo lived for several years.

March 1: If you like pancakes this is your day to celebrate. You can enjoy a short stack for free and at the same time help a children's charity. More on the Pancake pandemonium in Baltimore.

March 2: The Meyerhoff Symphony Hall is bustling as the BSO gets ready for its new season. This year the musicians will be sharing their talent with the west coast.

March 3: You've seen him in hit movies like "The Usual Suspects" and he was in Baltimore two years ago in his one man show "A Bronx Tale." Now acclaimed actor Chazz Palminteri is planning his next act... a new restaurant in Charm City.

March 4: If you've ever dreamed about cheering for your favorite football team, tomorrow will be your chance. The Baltimore Ravens are holding their annual cheerleader tryouts.

March 6: Baltimore's port is a hot spot for cruise passengers on the east coast and now there's talk of a second terminal.

March 7: Baseball returns to Oriole Park at Camden Yards one month from today and a Baltimore favorite is coming back too. Natty Boh is returning for the new season.

March 8: If you're celebrating Fat Tuesday in Baltimore, there's no better way than with a Polish donut... it's a taste of the deep fried confection that's a little taste of heaven.

March 9: Today is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent for Christians around the world. Services were held throughout Maryland and at the Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore.

March 10: If you've got a case of the winter blues, the State Fairgrounds in Timonium is the place for you this weekend. It's time to get into the swing of spring at the Maryland Home and Garden Show.

March 11: You'll be seeing a lot of green in Charm City this weekend. Baltimore's annual St. Patrick's Day parade steps off on Sunday and preparations for the big event began a year ago.

March 12: In a few weeks, Charm City will once again play host to HBO camera crews. The new film, "Game Change" will be shot here this spring.

March 13: Irish eyes were smiling today on Baltimore. Tens of thousands of people lined Charles Street for the city's 56th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

March 14: You know spring is almost here when we start talking about the Preakness. The Maryland Jockey Club announced today two Grammy award winning artists will play the infield festival.

March 15: You've seen them in front of sellout crowds at First Mariner Arena ... now they're coming to a much bigger place. Monster Trucks are heading for Baltimore and they'll be on the field where the Ravens play.

March 16: Growing good grapes by going green. A Frederick County family is using wind to power their winery and now they want other wine makers to follow their lead.

March 17: Decorations, dancing and corned beef and cabbage... it's all part of St. Patrick's Day in Baltimore. This year the wearing of the green also gives you a chance to help others.

March 20: A national landmark is making its way back to the Inner Harbor. Tomorrow afternoon the USS Constellation will return from Sparrows Point where it's been in dry dock since January.

March 21: Back in its slip where it belongs... The USS Constellation returned to its familiar spot in Baltimore's Harbor this morning.

March 22: Cirque du Soleil returns to Baltimore next month with a brand new production that is nothing like you've ever seen before.

March 23: Baseball at Camden Yards is turning into an all-star feast. Check out the new concessions you could call five star dining at the diamond.

March 24: Shrek is now in town. Tonight we go behind the scenes of the latest Broadway show to hit Baltimore.

March 25: Baltimore is once again front and center for an episode of CBS's popular show Undercover Boss. This episode is about a company and its leader who gets down and dirty at the local water treatment plant.

March 26: We don't know when the Ravens will play again. But when they do, they'll have some new cheerleaders rooting for them on the sideline.

March 28: Six months living without gravity in the middle of outer space. Tonight a Maryland native and Loyola graduate is back on Earth to share his out of this world experience.

March 29: One of the most enduring symbols of Japan are the Cherry Blossoms in Washington DC. Tonight we take you to the Tidal Basin as the Cherry Blossom Festival gets underway in Washington.

March 30: If you plan on attending the Infield Party at Preakness this year, you'll probably run in to this guy. His name is Kegabus and he's the new mascot for the event.

March 31: Shrek the Musical is now underway at the Hippodrome... and one of the biggest stars of the show is actually one of the smallest on stage.

ON TIME

January 2: Kai Jackson talks with Gerald Ross, the co-curator and director of exhibitions at MICA – Maryland Institute College of Art about *The Narcissism of Minor Differences*. This exhibition uses various art forms and historical artifacts to explore intolerance from 19th century slavery to the Holocaust to present-day African tribal genocide. He discusses how art has always been a vehicle to communicate ideas and counter propaganda.

January 9: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Sonia Sanchez, Pamela Alexander and Dr. David Terry about the new exhibition, *Freedom's Sisters* now at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum. They discuss the 20 women who are honored and profiled in this civil rights exhibition created by the Cincinnati Museum Center and organized for touring by Smithsonian Institution. Dr. Sanchez discusses her relationship with several of the living legends and their role in the civil rights movement.

January 16: *The Second City Does Baltimore* is a commissioned comedy piece by Center Stage with the famed Chicago sketch comedy and improv troupe known for its famous graduates including Steve Carell, Tina Fey, John Belushi, Dan Ackroyd and others. Troupe members Megan Wilkins and Warren Phynix Johnson tell Kai Jackson about the comedy show that pokes fun at Charm City.

February 6: Harold Pinter's *The Homecoming* is the current production at CenterStage. Dramaturg Whitney Eggers tells Kai Jackson about the family dysfunctions that are illuminated by witty dialogue and silent pauses that are hallmark trademarks of the playwright.

February 20: Charlotte Cohn tells Kai Jackson how she made the jump from actress at CenterStage to cabaret performer. She discusses her background and how her cabaret show reflects on her Danish-Israeli heritage with a bit of Broadway thrown in.

February 27: Photography is often overlooked by the art world as a legitimate art form. Anne Manning, Deputy Director of Education for the Baltimore Museum of Art, tells Kai Jackson about their new exhibit, Seeing Now: Photography Since 1960 and the 9th annual African Film Festival Traveling Series which features films about African people by African directors and writers.

March 6: The Children's Playhouse of Maryland offers young people up through age 18 an opportunity to perform in multiple musical productions throughout the year. Founder Diane Smith tells Kai Jackson how the arts enrich young students' lives while Tyrell Stanley and Tony Steiner discuss why they became involved with the acting group.

March 20: David Schweizer, the director for the current CENTERSTAGE production, Snow Falling on Cedars, explains to Kai Jackson how themes in this play based during the time of World War II through the 1950's have relevance to situations happening in today's society. The play examines the issues surrounding the internment of Japanese Americans living on the West Coast.