

WJZ-TV  
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QUARTERLY SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMS REPORT  
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Station WJZ-TV, licensed to Viacom Inc., 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, 60 MINUTES II, CBS REPORTS and 48 HOURS.

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**CONSUMER WATCH**

WJZ's Consumer Reporter Dick Gelfman is on disability. Other WJZ reporters have been assigned to cover consumer interest topics. These reports air in the 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

**HEALTHWATCH**

WJZ's medical reporter, Kellye Lynn, discusses health issues and interviews experts and patients to deliver information on the latest advances in health for our 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00PM News, Monday-Friday.

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

Locally produced special reports, focusing on community issues, local lifestyle trends and local personality profiles. These air in the 4:00PM 5:00PM, 6:00PM and 11:00PM 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.

1. HEALTH ISSUES

**HEALTHWATCH**

July 1: University of Maryland researchers seek volunteers for largest ever study of osteoarthritis of the knee. The goal is to identify the disease's causes and new treatment approaches.

July 2: The Johns Hopkins Hospital tops U.S. News & World Report's "Honor Roll" for the 14th year in a row.

July 6: When given progesterone shots once a week, women who are at risk for pre-term deliveries are able to sustain their pregnancies longer. We talked with a patient from Sinai Hospital.

July 8: Artificial Sweetener debate: a new study finds sugar-free foods may play a role in the nation's obesity epidemic.

July 9: GBMC has a busy week of multiple births. Four sets of twins and a set of triplets were born at the hospital in 24 hours.

July 12: A new study finds that using food to calm a child's temper tantrums might lead to childhood obesity.

July 13: Greater Baltimore Medical Center announces Nancy Berill, a registered nurse with extensive specialized training in adult forensic medicine, has assumed leadership of its Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) program. GBMC is the only hospital in Baltimore County dedicated to treating adult victims of sexual assault and rape and assisting with evidence preservation for law enforcement officials.

July 20: Medicare now recognizes obesity as an illness, a change in policy that may allow millions of overweight Americans to make medical claims for treatments such as stomach surgery and diet programs.

July 21: Islet cells are being used to help treat diabetes patients. It's a brand new procedure that could cure some patients.

July 22: Another alternative to the sun- it's similar to the spray-on-tan, but more precise.

July 27: The conjoined twins from Uganda who were separated at the University of Maryland last year have been adopted by a doctor from the hospital.

July 29: "Concierge" or "boutique" medicine is a new trend in primary healthcare that is a response to the nation's growing demand for preventive care and individualized service

August 9: At least 90 people attending a conference at the University of Maryland were taken to hospitals with possible cases of food poisoning

August 9: WJZ did a story on stem cell research and the government limitations.

August 11: WJZ reported on a possible case of West Nile Virus in Prince Georges County.

August 17: MinuteClinic provides a high-quality adjunct to emergency rooms, urgent care and family practice offices for the treatment of common ailments.

August 19: Cancer patients throughout the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond now have access to the world's newest and most advanced method of cancer treatment with the introduction of St. Agnes Cancer Center's groundbreaking TomoTherapy Hi-Art System.

August 20: Summer Fun, Food & Fitness is a community-based summer program developed by the American Council for Fitness and Nutrition (ACFN) to educate youth on the importance of nutritional balance and physical activity

August 24: One in three adults in the United States has high blood pressure, according to official statistics, showing a deterioration of US health over the past 10 years.

August 25: U.S. rates of diabetes have soared alongside soft drink consumption, and scientists said on Tuesday the spikes in blood sugar and insulin levels triggered by the sugary drinks may be at least partly to blame

August 26: Patients taking Merck & Co. Inc.'s Vioxx arthritis drug had a 50 percent greater chance of heart attacks and sudden cardiac death according to a large study financed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Sept. 2: St. Agnes Hospital offers revolutionary spinal treatment-- repairs spine fractures caused by osteoporosis

Sept. 3: President Clinton has Heart Bypass Surgery. WJZ talked with Cardiologist Dr. Steven Pollack at St. Joseph's hospital who also underwent Bypass Surgery

September 7: The Venus Closure procedure is a new way to treat varicose veins. It is done without having to actually strip the vein, which can cause reoccurrence.

September 9: Baltimore County Man is First Patient in National Heart Pump Study

September 11: Pediatric surgeons at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center will separate German conjoined twins Lea and Tabea Block

September 13: The FDA has just approved a device designed to prevent strokes by clearing blocked carotid arteries....

September 14: new tests for Prostate Cancer can help doctors better detect the disease

September 15: It may be wrong to give anti-depressants to a person who is depressed and may be suicidal already. The pills that could push them over the edge and make them more depressed.

September 21: Doctors in Baltimore are helping women eliminate the symptoms of fibroids with a minimally invasive procedure.

September 22: A study shows the Baltimore metropolitan area ranks among the worst in the nation when it comes to air pollution and children's health.

September 23: This is the first flu season since CDC recommended all babies 6 months to 23 months old get the vaccine.

September 24: In attempt to avoid the woes of last year's "severe" flu outbreak and subsequent vaccine shortages, health care workers are preparing for the flu season earlier this year.

September 26: Maryland Health Care for all news discussed a prescription drug plan that will be introduced in the 2005 General Assembly session

ON TIME

July 11: Skin cancer is a growing problem and dermatologist Dr. Mona Mofid tells Kai Jackson what the different kinds of skin cancer are from melanoma to basal cell, etc. She discusses how all skin types can get skin cancer and how people should protect themselves from this type of cancer.

August 8: Kai Jackson introduces the new documentary HIV Positive Voices produced by Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, Center for Communications. This documentary shown it its entirety documents 4 HIV patients - who contracted the disease in different manners.

September 12: Kai Jackson talks with a representative from the Delmarva Foundation about a recent study that revealed that half of the women on Medicare in Baltimore are getting yearly mammograms. Catherine West discussed how women living in certain sections of the city and parts of Baltimore County are not getting these preventative screenings. She talks about why the rate is low from the location of the mammogram center to the perceived pain associated with the procedure. Her organization is working with church groups to bring breast cancer screening facilities into the neighborhoods where women have neglected to get yearly mammograms.

September 17: Breast cancer may not affect as many African American women as Caucasian women but when breast cancer is detected it's often at a later stage making survival more difficult. Kai Jackson talks

with Peggy Nicholson, a breast cancer survivor who started the Baltimore Chapter of Sisters Surviving Network and how they go door to door to get the message of early detection to women of color.

September 17: Kai Jackson talks about the upcoming Komen Maryland Race for the Cure on October 9.

September 26: One of the new advances in breast care health is a minimally invasive breast biopsy that can be performed in the doctor's office. Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Amando Sardi and his patient Linda Merchant from St. Agnes Health Care about the advantages of this new procedure. The mammotone system allows doctors to surgically remove questionable tissue by inserting a needle-like instrument that suctions suspicious tissue. The result is virtually no scarring and no recovery time.

September 26: At the Komen Breast Cancer Symposium held in the spring, WJZ's Camilla Carr spoke with Dr. LeSalle Leffall, the chairman of the board of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation about the non-profit's role in the quest to find a cure for breast cancer. As a surgeon, he stressed how medical advances are improving the quality of care for women diagnosed with breast cancer. He mentioned that reaching out to African American women is important and catching the disease early almost guarantees favorable results.

## 2. COMMUNITY

July 9-11: WJZ sponsored the Orioles Food Drive to Benefit the Maryland Food Bank. Our anchors and reporters collected donations at the Orioles games throughout the weekend.

July 19: WJZ featured Lisa Marcell, a local teacher, as our Hometown Hero.

July 26: WJZ featured Maryann McCormick, a local teacher, as our Hometown Hero

September 18: WJZ Anchor Denise Koch emceed the "Habifest Run-Walk" benefiting Habitat for Humanity in Howard County.

September 24: WJZ anchor Denise Koch emceed the dedication of the New Red Cross Headquarters in Baltimore.

September 26: WJZ anchor Denise Koch emceed the program and 4 mile run and family walk benefiting the Down Syndrome Clinic at the Kennedy Krieger Institute.

September 26: WJZ anchor Vic Carter was the keynote speaker at Christopher's Place Employment Academy graduation.

September 26: WJZ did a story on the Komen Survivors Tea in honor of 250 breast cancer survivors.

## ON TIME

July 4: WJZ is joining with the Baltimore Orioles to sponsor a food drive to benefit the Maryland Food Bank. Kai Jackson tells viewers that they can bring canned goods to the Oriole games on July 9, 10 & 11.

July 4: Apostle Gerald Griffith has been called from his Baltimore pulpit to minister to various African leaders. He discusses how he was called to minister to the African people and where his crusade is going to next.

July 11: Kai Jackson talks with Kenneth Johnson, a retired Circuit Court Judge, A. Dwight Petit, a local civil rights attorney and Woody Grant with the Maryland State Department of Education about the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the impact it had on their lives. They discussed how Clarence Mitchell Jr., known as the 101<sup>st</sup> Senator helped to craft this legislation that was signed by President Johnson.

July 18: Kai Jackson talks with Aurie Hall, the director of the Open Society Institute Baltimore's Criminal Justice Program. She discussed what the Open Society Institute does worldwide and what their focus is with the Baltimore Field office. Their criminal justice program seeks to end recidivism by providing programs for inmates before they are released. She discussed how African Americans are disproportionately imprisoned on drug charges even though black and white drug use is equal. Women caught up in the cycle of drugs are getting imprisoned in greater numbers with the majority having children under 18 being placed in foster care for the term of their incarceration.

July 18: Rada Moss the director of the Enterprise Foundation's Maryland Reentry Partnership talks to Kai Jackson about their holistic approach to rehabilitating ex offenders through transitional housing, job counseling, addition counseling and other programs designed to keep them from returning to prison. Ex-offenders William Pete Duncan and Tayvon Outten tell Kai Jackson how they have changed since voluntarily going through the Reentry Program. Both were heroine addicts and had cycled in and out of prison for many years. Now both are sober and have remained out of jail of over 3 years.

August 15: Kai Jackson talks with the organizers behind a campaign to build a hospital and provide medical services to the poor in the Dominican Republic. Local physicians from Baltimore volunteer their services in this poor Caribbean nation. As a fundraiser for their project, several of the doctors recorded a CD featuring various types of music. Sales of the CD will go towards building the hospital.

August 22: An increase in the senior citizen population has seen adult day care centers increase. Kai Jackson talks with representatives from the Providence Adult Day Care Center about the types of services they offer to elderly that require daily supervision but not full time nursing home care.

August 29: Kai Jackson talks with Mark Sissman, the president of the new nonprofit, Healthy Neighborhoods. This organization has targeted 10 city neighborhoods where the housing market has remained stagnant. Neighborhoods like Charles Village, Reservoir Hill, Garwynn, Mid-Town are part of a project to increase homeownership and home renovations. These areas, home prices are expected to rise giving the city a larger tax base.

August 29: Turner Station and Sparrows Point were two areas in Baltimore County that were home to African-Americans. Kai Jackson talks with a former Turner Station resident about growing up in this "historic" neighborhood and about his new book documenting the schools that educated young African Americans.

September 5: Kai Jackson talks with representatives from Stadium Place, GEDCO and the YMCA about the upcoming opening celebration for Stadium Place. Stadium Place includes an affordable retirement community for middle to low income senior citizens, a state-of-the-art YMCA and a Thanks Giving Place that serves as an entrance to the complex. GEDCO was awarded the rights to build on the old Memorial Stadium site in 1999.

September 26: Kai Jackson talks with members of the Baltimore Grassroots Media about the lack of Public Access TV in Baltimore City. The Baltimore City Council is considering a proposal from the Mayor's Office for a 12-year contract with Comcast for a cable franchise fee that does not specifically fund Public Access TV including a studio, equipment, and training for city residents. Comcast does provide these services in contracts with other municipalities including Washington DC.

### 3. ART AND CULTURE

July 3: WJZ featured the Sagres, a Portuguese Navy Tall Ship that was in Baltimore for the city's July 4th Sailabration.

July 4: WJZ featured the USS Constellation on our morning show. The ship is celebrating its 150th anniversary and was part of the July 4th Sailabration in Baltimore.

July 4: WJZ featured several holiday parades from the area on our news as well as a story on the Baltimore city fireworks.

July 5: WJZ talked with Civil Rights advocate Myrlie Evers Williams on our morning show. Williams talked about the 40th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act.

July 9: WJZ talked with Monica Pence from the Baltimore Orioles about the Food Drive benefiting the Maryland Food Bank. WJZ was a sponsor of the food drive.

July 10: WJZ did a story on the 12th annual Howard County Pow-Wow/American Indian Show and Festival.

July 11: WJZ did a story on the Antique Market in historic Fell's Point. 40 Vendors from several states sold antiques and collectibles.

July 13: WJZ featured Pete Best on our morning show. Pete was the first Drummer with the Beatles and wrote a book called "The Beatles- the True Beginnings".

July 16: WJZ featured Author Joe Vaccarino on our morning show. Joe wrote a book about local music origins called "Baltimore Sounds".

July 16: WJZ did a story on Artscape- an annual art show in Baltimore.

July 18: WJZ did a feature on the Baltimore Firehouse Expo at the Baltimore convention center.

July 19: WJZ featured Karen Bokram on our morning show. Karen is the publisher and editor of Girls Life Magazine-, which is published in Baltimore.

July 21: WJZ featured author Jack Germond on our morning show. He wrote a book called "Fat Man Fed up".

July 22: WJZ featured author Mark Nesbitt on our morning show. He wrote a book called "Ghosts of Gettysburg"

July 24: WJZ did a live shot at the Caribbean Festival in Baltimore- in our morning show.

July 27: WJZ featured Andrew Ross, president of the Children's Guild, on our morning show. The Guild wrote a book called "If I were President"

August 1: WJZ featured Port Discovery- the "Authur Exhibit" for kids- on our morning show.

August 7: WJZ did a story on the Italian Festival in Towson on our morning show. The Italian Festival brings the food, music, art and tradition of Italy to the county seat.

August 8: WJZ did a story on how more than 50 volunteers to clean up Baltimore City public schools this summer through Jewish Volunteer Connection and CHAI: Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc

August 11: WJZ featured the USS Constellation on our morning show and we profiled its new exhibit.

August 14-15: WJZ sponsored the Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival, A family celebration of the heritage, culture, history, music and cuisine of Africans, African Americans and African Caribbeans!

August 15: WJZ did a story on the 4th Annual Indian Community Festival in Towson. The festival was in recognition of India's Independence.

August 19: WJZ featured Anne Mannix from the Baltimore Museum of Art on our morning show. She discussed the People's Choice-- a thing where people voted on their favorite work of art.

August 20: WJZ featured Gary Mauer- the star of the Phantom of the Opera playing at the Hippodrome Theater.

August 22: WJZ did a story on 104th annual German Festival, Baltimore's oldest ethnic festival. featuring German beer and authentic German crafts.

August 30: WJZ featured Vince Pompa on our morning show. Vince is the deputy director at the Public Works Museum in Baltimore.

September 4: WJZ did a live story from the Maryland State Fair in our morning show.

September 5: The sounds and smells of the Jewish American festival will once again fill Hopkins Plaza this Labor Day weekend. WJZ did a live shot in our morning show.

September 8: WJZ featured annual car show and picnic (1928-1931 Model A Fords Only) at the Baltimore County Historical Society Museum in our morning show.

September 9: WJZ featured Captain Jan Miles of the Pride II who will introduce the newest Capt.: Capt. John Beebe-Center.

September 11: WJZ had live team coverage of the Michael Phelps celebration in Baltimore County. Phelps won 8 medals in the Athens Olympics.

September 12: The Baltimore Rowing Club will commemorate the defense of Fort McHenry with a 5K Foot of the Fort headrace. WJZ had live coverage in our morning show.

September 17: WJZ featured Author Brad Wright on our morning show. Wright wrote the book "Comic Book Nation" and was in town for the Baltimore Book Festival.

September 18: WJZ did a feature story on the Baltimore Book Festival.

September 21: WJZ featured filmmaker John Waters on our morning show. Waters talked about his new movie shot in Baltimore called "A Dirty Shame".

September 23: WJZ did a story on a new exhibit at the James E. Lewis Museum. The Grant Hill Collection of African American Art features 46 works of art from the personal collection of NBA star Grant Hill

September 24: WJZ did a story on the reopening of the Druid Hill Park Conservatory. The gardens were closed for two years for renovation.

September 26: WJZ did a story on the Taste of Little Italy festival in Baltimore.

September 27: WJZ did a story on the private screening of the movie "Ladder 49". A movie shot in Baltimore about firefighters.

#### ON TIME

July 4: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Kwaku Ofori-Ansa, an art professor from Howard University about his native country, Ghana. Kai discusses his recent trip to the African nation and the state's new trade initiative that Lt. Governor Michael Steele is heading up. Dr. Ofori-Ansa discusses the meaning of kinte cloth and the symbols found on mud cloth.

August 1: Kai Jackson talks with Renee Spears, one of the organizers of the Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival and John Ashford, one of the artists. They discuss the importance of this festival in highlighting African American heritage.

August 1: Dr. Pamela Brewer who is a psychotherapist by day and creates jewelry in her spare time and Debbie Wood who is coordinating children's activities at the festival tell Kai how art is therapeutic and important in everyday life.

August 1: Music is a big part of the Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival. The Singing Shepherds join Kai Jackson and perform two songs that they hope will inspire others to greatness.

August 15: Omar Tyree writing as The Urban Griot has a new book, Cold Blooded that's accompanied by a soundtrack. He talks with Kai Jackson about this concept. They discuss how the African American male is depicted in books and films.

August 22: The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Baltimore Native American Indian Center's Pow Wow is being held at Catonsville Community College. Kai Jackson talks with organizers about this year's festival and diversity among Maryland's Indian population.

August 29: Pennsylvania Avenue in the 1920-60's was the center of African-American entertainment in Baltimore. The old Royal Theatre featured such greats as Cab Calloway, Billie Holiday, Duke Ellington and Little Stevie Wonder. Recent efforts are underway to renovate the area and bring entertainment back on the avenue. Kai Jackson talks with Jim Hamlin and George Gilliam about the plans and the upcoming events.

September 5: Chocolate is sacred in Mexican culture. According to legend, the God of Light gave the ancient Mexican people the cacao tree and taught them how to make chocolate, the food of the Gods. Kai Jackson talks with the executive chef of Rosa Mexicano about their upcoming Chocolate Festival and how traditional Mexican food often features chocolate in sauces. Chef James Muir shows Kai Jackson how to make their signature guacamole.

September 12: The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival gets underway next week. Kai Jackson talks with organizers about the event from the entertainment to the educational displays.

September 12: Dr. Gregory Branch, the executive director of the Unified Voices of Johns Hopkins, tells Kai Jackson about the group's upcoming Broadway-Review being held at Turner Auditorium.

#### 4. EDUCATION

July 1: Eyewitness News reports that there are signs that the Hickey School for Juvenile Offenders is getting past its troubled reputation...

July 8: Two students at the University of Maryland College Park face charges and could be expelled for participating in an earlier riot following a basketball game.

July 22: The ACLU takes city school leaders to federal court to try to prevent budget cuts.

July 23: City schools hearing in federal court in its second and final day....and legal battles may be causing a strain on the city-state partnership designed to run schools.

July 24: Independent probe on city schools financial crisis is released.

July 27: Allegations of grade tampering surface at Walbrook Uniform Services Academy (high school) in the city indicating that dozens of failing students got diplomas.

July 28: Follow up on possible grade tampering at Walbrook High School in Baltimore.

July 28: Sidebar on parent/student reaction to possible grade tampering at walbrook.

August 2: New accusations in the walbrook high school grading controversy. the former principal of the city high school says the school audit is a part of a political attack against him.

August 2: City school system meets a major deadline paying back 34 million dollars borrowed from the city during the last school year.

August 3: City schools CEO Bonnie Copeland testifies at a federal court hearing on city school budget.

August 3: Follow up on grading controversy at the city's walbrook uniformed services academy (high school) where students may have received grades they didn't deserve.

August 10: A major shake-up at a Howard County high school because of a grade changing scandal.

August 11: Update on one of the students shot at Randallstown High School in May as he prepares for his freshman year in college.

August 21: Some Maryland Colleges make the grade on US News and World Report's top colleges list.

August 24: More than a dozen Baltimore City Schools are placed on a state watch-list because of high rates of violence that threaten the students. It's all part of the federal no child left behind act.

August 25: Follow-up to city schools on state watch list for violence. It's adding fuel to the tension between city and state school leaders.

August 25: A Baltimore judge rules the state must help fund city schools to make sure that no students programs are cut, but school leaders have no plan to comply.

August 26: A Frederick County High School is evacuated after two pipe bombs are found and a student is accused of bringing them into school.

August 26: Baltimore City is scrambling to find special education teachers just two weeks before school begins.

August 27: Harford County installed security cameras in high traffic areas in high schools to keep an eye out for problems.

August 30: Thousands of Maryland students go back to public school today. As students get back to the grind state officials are launching a new campaign to boast about Maryland's education system.

August 30: Anne Arundel County talks about the challenges of educating more non-English speaking students and filling classrooms with qualified teachers.

August 31: A circuit court judge tries to save Baltimore schools from a budget crisis by ordering the state and city to cough up an additional 45 million dollars in funding.

September 1: Maryland students are outperforming the rest of the nation on one of the most-widely used standardized tests for college admission, the SAT.

September 1: Former principal of Walbrook High School in the city talks about being banned from city schools after a transcript controversy at his school. He's taking legal action.

September 2: A new era in the city schools as the mayor swears in several new members of the school board.

September 3: Celebration and new beginning for city schools, as the cash strapped system welcomes the new year and tries to put the financial crisis of the previous year behind them.

September 3: Baltimore Ravens star Ray Lewis donates supplies to local kids headed back to school.

September 7: Baltimore City Schools are back in session and it's the first day after a year rife with financial crisis.

September 8: Meeting on whether to build a new high school in Baltimore County.

September 8: A young boy is in the hospital after falling out the back door of a moving school bus in Baltimore County.

September 8: City school managers get tough questions from state lawmakers in Annapolis - they want to know what plan is in place to solve a deficit before they grant more money.

September 8: Baltimore City's Back to School safety campaign emphasizes taking care in crosswalks.

September 9: The investigation continues into what caused a boy to fall from the back of a moving school bus in Baltimore County.

September 14: One of the suspects in a may shooting at a Baltimore County High School admits he was involved.

September 14: Groundbreaking for bioscience research building at University of Maryland College Park and it's the first time that the governor, state senate president, and state house speaker are together.

September 17: Police say a clerk at Baltimore County Community College is charged with at least six counts of identity theft for allegedly collecting student credit card information as students paid tuition expenses.

September 22: Parents of boy who fell off the back of a moving school bus in Baltimore County speak out for there first time.

September 22: A young boy falls from the back of a moving school bus in Baltimore County. police say they think they now know what went wrong...but the boy's parents say police are wrong.

September 23: One of the gunmen in the Randallstown High School shooting is sentenced and addresses the family of the student he shot.

September 23: The 12 year-old boy who fell from a moving school bus earlier in the month talks to reporters for the first time about the incident.

September 26: One of the nation's most impressive collections of African American art is unveiled on the campus of Morgan State University.

September 28: Arsonists hit a new elementary school under construction in Anne Arundel County.

September 29: The search continues for a male suspect who allegedly fired a shot outside Walbrook Uniformed Services Academy (high school) and a teen accused of setting a fire.

September 29: Three people are indicted for stealing from Baltimore City Schools and it's the latest blow to a system crawling out of a financial nightmare.

September 30: Meeting of students, parents and school officials to discuss violence at Walbrook.

## ON TIME

July 25: Kai Jackson talks with Linda Perlstein, the author of “Not Much Just Chilling’ The Hidden Lives of Middle Scholars” about the research that went into writing this book and what she discovered about 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. She tells Kai that for 1 year she attended Wilde Lake Middle School and followed 5 students to understand what its like to be middle schooled. These adolescents want to become independent but they also want parental involvement in their lives. Finding the delicate balance between the two is the tricky part.

July 25: Bronwyn Mayden, director of the Campaign for our Children, tells Kai Jackson that communication between parent and child is critical when it comes to decision-making skills. Parents who encourage and promote dialogue on tough subjects like premarital sex, drinking and drugs and are perceived as approachable by their children are more likely to have children to make more informed and better choices. She is working with a group of teens that are becoming peer health educators and are writing a book on how to talk to kids.

August 15: Kai Jackson talks with Earnest Hines, the founder and CEO of American Skyline insurance about this African American owned business. They discuss how African Americans were exploited by scamming insurance salesmen who refused to honor their policies. His company targets urban areas whereas other insurance companies are concentrating on suburban clients.

August 22: Kai Jackson talks with LaTanya Bailey Jones and Ike Neal about the Baltimore Education Network and how they are working with various groups on education issues affecting Baltimore City Public Schools.

September 17: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Sydney Cousin, Superintendent of Howard County Public Schools about the recent controversies surrounding the school system. They discuss how the schools are focused on improving education for all students and addressing the issues of segments of the student body who are under performing.

## 5. CONSUMER AFFAIRS

July 1: Spiderman Toy Warning... concerns about a promotional toy for the new Spiderman movie. Believed dangerous because they use a mercury battery.

July 1: New \$50 Bill...the new 50 dollar bills debut today. The bills contain touches of color to prevent counterfeiting.

July 1: New Flavor Banana...Chiquita researchers are trying to develop bananas flavored with a hint of other fruits. Maybe a banana flavored with saw strawberry, cherry or kiwi.

July 2: The Economy....an unchanged employment rate, brings different interpretations from president bush and challenger, john Kerry.

July 2: Holiday Travel...despite some congestion and higher gas prices, travelers are heading to the eastern shore.

July 6: Power Window Death...millions of Americans are unaware of a potential hazard in the family car, that threatens the lives of their children. The hazard is power windows.

July 8: Jewelry Recall....a massive recall of vending machine toy jewelry. The metal jewelry could contain dangerous levels of lead.

July 8: Microsoft Settlement...a 1.1 billion dollar settlement is reached between Microsoft and California consumers. Microsoft will now distribute more than a billion vouchers to consumers.

July 9: Honda SUV Fires....according to published reports, more than 2 dozen 2003-2004 model CRV's have burst into flames after their first oil change.

July 14: New Fish Guidelines...the dish on fish. what's safe to eat and which you should avoid.

July 16: Ford Taurus Recall...ford is recalling nearly a million Taurus and sable sedans. Ford says road salt can cause the car's front coil springs to corrode and fracture.

July 19: New Hospital Quality....a new website is launched to help consumers pick the best hospitals for their needs. [www.qualitycheck.org](http://www.qualitycheck.org).

July 20: Gas Prices Up.....gas prices increase even more. this week \$1.93 a gallon.

July 22: Wireless Settlement....Maryland is among 32 states that will now require cell phone carriers to provide coverage area maps to customers.

July 23: Lead Tainted Lollipop....concerns are growing about imported Mexican candies that could contain dangerous levels of lead

July 23: Ford Rollovers....efforts are underway to make the ford explorer safer and less likely to roll over.

July 26: SUV Tests...insurance industry front and side crash tests show the 2004 Toyota rav-4 got the highest safety ratings with side air bags.

July 26: Phony Fish....a new study finds you may be buying a fish story when you pay for those expensive filets.

July 26: Roy Rogers Crab Cakes....Roy Rogers and Phillips Seafood are teaming up to offer a crab cake sandwich at restaurants in Maryland and Virginia.

July 27: New Internet Worm.....a new Internet worm is an improved version of the my-doom virus.

July 29: Medicare Drug Cards...after months of problems and complaints, more elderly Americans are signing up for Medicare drug discount cards.

August 3: Car Black Boxes.govt safety agents want every car in the country equipped with a so-called "black box" to measure everything from your speed to seatbelt use.

August 4: Light Bulb Recall..light bulb maker Osram Sylvania is recalling more than 5 and a half million 60 watt b-10 decor light bulbs.

August 5: Crock Pot Recall.....rival is recalling nearly 2 million slow cookers , after 45 separate reports of handles breaking.

August 6: VUE Recall.....Saturn has announced a voluntarily recall of its VUE sports utility vehicles, because of concerns about the rear suspension.

August 9: Rollover Ratings...results from a new round of safety tests. Ford Motor Companies sports utility vehicles including some models of the best selling Explorer and Mountaineer are among the worst on the road for rollover risk.

August 10: DC Tax Free Shopping...Maryland State Comptroller, William Donald Schaefer is helping consumers find out about tax free shopping in Washington dc.

August 12: Buick Recall.....general motors is recalling almost 2 thousand 1999 Buick Regal and Century Sedans, because the headlights don't meet safety standards.

August 12: Photo blocker...a new product on the market claims to prevent drivers from getting speeding tickets from those cameras that take pictures of license plates.

August 17: SUV Safety Report...SUV's may provide a false sense of security, because of an increased risk of a rollover.

August 18: Retire Plans. if you leave your job and are tempted to take your retirement money with you, you may want to reconsider. Ray Martin reports your money is probably better off right where it is.

August 20: Phone Book Misprint..thousands of Verizon customers in Md. Va and DC.. phone numbers were accidentally published in the phone book.

August 23: New Overtime Rules..the white house's new overtime pay regulations go into affect today.

August 24: Southwest Flights...BWI airline carrier is making changes to service. Beginning in Oct. Southwest Airlines is adding more flights between Baltimore and Nashville.

August 26: Spam Crackdown..US law enforcement cracks down on spammers.

August 27: Chicken Recall....ConAgra's Foods is recalling its Banquet frozen chicken breast strips, because they may contain pieces of metal.

September 1: FTC Do Not Call.....the government takes legal action against violators of the "do not call " list.

September 7: Middle Seat Safety...a new report to protect passengers who ride in the middle seat of all vehicles.

September 13: USAirways Bankruptcy....Usair files for bankruptcy for the second time in 2 years.

September 14: Postal Rates...the postmaster general is keeping his promise, by keeping the price of a first class stamp at 37 cents.

September 16: New Nickel....Thomas Jefferson gets a face-lift. today the u-s mint unveiled two new versions of the nickel. scheduled to be released in 2005.

September 19: Beef Recall.....a consumer alert..nearly 60 thousand pounds of ground beef are being recalled this weekend, due to fears that it might be contaminated with e-coli.

September 20: Debit Cards.....debit cards have quickly become the fastest growing payment option worldwide, surpassing credit cards.

September 20: Reebok Recall.....Reebok is recalling 140 thousand of its Allen Iverson toddler shoes, because the shoe's tongue can be peeled off and could choke a young child.

September 21: Interest Rates...the Federal Reserve is boosting interest rates for the third time this year.

September 27: Metal Prices....stainless steel and other methods are increasing in price. whirlpool and Maytag have already raised prices on some appliances that contain stainless steel.

September 28: Starbuck Price Hike.....Starbucks announces it is raising the cost of its drinks by about 11 cents.

September 28: New \$50 Circulation....the \$50 dollar bill is getting a facelift. The Federal Reserve System began distributing the new notes today.

September 28: Oil Prices Rise..oil prices have made history by passing the 50 dollar a barrel mark for the first time. Now some are worrying a recession could be looming.

September 30: Blue Collar Jobs...despite an overall number of job losses nationwide, blue collar workers are a hot commodity.