

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

#### PROGRAM INDEX

##### 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.

<b>HEALTH</b>
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#### **Eyewitness News did a story on...**

10/2 Growing concerns tonight throughout the U.S. over the deadly Ebola virus. This, as we're learning just how many people may have been exposed to the first person diagnosed on U.S. soil. WJZ is live with the precautions being taken right here in Maryland.

10/6 October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month—it's a campaign dedicated to raising awareness for the disease through education. WJZ is live with a message from health experts.

10/10 It's the largest outbreak of Enterovirus D-68 ever recorded and new cases are coming in every day. Ten confirmed cases are confirmed in Maryland in just the last three weeks. Now, doctors want parents to be vigilant about any possible symptoms they see. WJZ is live with the very latest.

10/12 Experts say hands-free technology is safe to use behind the wheel, but a new study by AAA suggests otherwise—that these popular features may actually increase distraction. WJZ explains why.

10/13 Hospitals in our region are bracing and preparing in case someone with Ebola walks into a local emergency room. Complete coverage continues as WJZ is live with how state and local officials are learning lessons from what's happening in Texas.

10/15 WJZ has complete coverage of the Ebola crisis—WJZ spends the day with Maryland doctors working on vaccine trials for the deadly virus.

10/15 Cancer tumors doctors couldn't touch before may soon become fair game. WJZ reports that the University of Maryland will be the first east coast medical center to offer cutting edge proton therapy.

10/16 WJZ has live complete coverage of the Ebola crisis live at Dulles Airport where Ebola screening measures went into effect today.

10/18 Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens in the U.S. With that in mind, a new campaign is launched at high schools across the nation to make young people better drivers. As WJZ shows one high school in Harford County is buckling up for a lesson.

10/20 The World Health Organization has declared Nigeria officially free of the Ebola virus but the race to find an Ebola vaccine is now lining up volunteers here in Baltimore. WJZ is live with complete coverage and what doctors and volunteers face during a vaccine trial.

10/22 Maryland is on the front lines in the battle against Ebola vaccine testing is underway at several research facilities. WJZ reports from Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda on how it would work.

10/24 Student health scare as several confirmed cases of viral meningitis are found on the University of Maryland College Park campus. WJZ has what school officials plan to do to stop the spread of the virus.

10/25 In tonight's Health Watch, targeting the flu. WJZ reports, before the season strikes, one county is taking precautions now.

10/26 The state of Maryland has designated three specific hospitals to care for any potential Ebola patients should the need arise. As WJZ explains, the move shifts the burden of training and preparing staff to some of the largest hospitals in the region.

10/27 WJZ has complete coverage as a possible new patient is tested for Ebola. WJZ is live with the new steps the state of Maryland is taking to protect the public and more on the quarantined health care worker now being released in New Jersey.

10/29 The numbers are growing. University of Maryland officials confirm nearly two dozen cases of viral meningitis on the College Park campus. WJZ explains what the school is telling students.

10/30 Some are calling it the Ebola effect. Health officials say the amount of people getting their flu shots has increased dramatically compared to recent years. WJZ is live and explains the uptick.

11/1 Dangerous driving. New government numbers show northeast cities including Baltimore have more crashes than anywhere else in the country. WJZ is live downtown with the surprising new information.

11/3 The current Ebola outbreak isn't the only fatal virus out there. WJZ reports, a Maryland company is at the forefront of combating multiple viruses with a single vaccine.

11/6 Texting and driving—it's dangerous, deadly, and many people are still doing it. Every day in the United States, nine people are killed and more than one-thousand are injured from distracted driving. WJZ looks at a new, surprising study about this road hazard.

11/14 Heroin crisis. The growing heroin epidemic leads several of Maryland's key police leaders on a fact-finding mission to Colombia, South America. WJZ is live and explains they're bringing the lessons they learned back to their communities.

11/14 A Baltimore wedding gown designer is using her sewing skills to save lives. She's part of a team of engineers challenged with creating an "Ebola suit" for doctors fighting the deadly virus in West Africa. WJZ has her story.

11/14 Ebola concerns hit closer to home. A Maryland doctor arrives in Nebraska today to receive treatment for Ebola. Surgeon Martin Salia was in the West African nation of Sierra Leone working with patients when he developed the virus.

11/17 Second U.S. Ebola death—Maryland doctor Martin Salia died from advanced stages of Ebola early this morning in Nebraska. Doctors say they used every treatment available but the virus had progressed too far to save him. WJZ is live with more from the doctors and his Maryland community.

11/17 A warning to parents tonight about energy drinks. An alarming number of young children are getting their hands on the super-caffeinated drinks and suffering heart problems, even seizures! WJZ is live and explains poison control centers are being flooded with calls.

11/20 It is time for Marylanders to sign up for affordable health care. The Maryland Health Connection is open for business and as WJZ reports, the newly revamped website is up and running

12/1 A warning to parents tonight—a new study shows injuries related to toys have increased significantly in the past decade. WJZ reports, toys like scooters are a big reason for the jump.

12/2 Federal health officials have certified 35 U.S. hospitals for treating Ebola patients. In Maryland, Johns Hopkins Hospital, the University of Maryland Medical Center and the National Institutes of Health are on the list.

12/4 This year's flu vaccine may not be that effective against the strain circulating this year. The CDC says a sampling of flu cases suggests just less than half are a good match for the current vaccine.

12/8 Battling painkiller abuse—a growing number of Americans with prescription drug addictions are dying. Now, a new study from Johns Hopkins shows what doctors are doing to stop overdoses.

12/12 The fight against Ebola takes center stage at an annual infectious disease conference right here in Baltimore. It comes as the NIH in Bethesda begins treating a nurse who contracted the disease in Sierra Leone. WJZ is live with the key role some Maryland doctors are playing in the search for an Ebola vaccine.

12/15 The death toll rises—42 deaths have now been positively linked to accidents involving faulty ignition switches in General Motors' cars. That's according to an attorney for the victims' compensation fund. But, auto advocates say the number is much higher. WJZ is live with more on the increase.

12/17 Local innovators fight back as Africa endures its worst Ebola outbreak. A WJZ report, that includes a team from Johns Hopkins focused on protecting health care workers on the front lines.

12/17 More than a dozen owners and employees of a Massachusetts compounding pharmacy—now charged in connection with a deadly Meningitis outbreak in 2012. It killed 64 people across the country and three right here in Maryland.

12/18 Winter has not yet officially started, but five people here in Maryland have already died due to the cold weather and temperatures are expected to plummet this weekend. WJZ is live with the warning tonight from health officials.

12/18 Today is the last day to sign up for the Maryland Exchange for Health Insurance and have coverage start January 1<sup>st</sup>.

12/18 The odds are low, but the danger is high. 'Tis the season for Christmas tree fires. They don't happen very often, but when they do, it can be devastating.

12/20 Legionnaires Disease has been reported in a local nursing home. Baltimore County's Health Department is monitoring the efforts to identify the outbreak and procedures to eradicate the germs.

12/22 A woman with depression can affect her child between the ages of 6-10. Health studies reveal that these children have shown an increase in the use of smoking, drugs and alcohol during their adolescent years.

12/24 The FDA is reversing a ban on gay and bisexual men donating blood. The ban went into place in 1983 at the height of the AIDS epidemic.

12/30 An increase in the number of Flu cases has prompted several facilities to set up a quarantine in order to prevent the spread of the air-borne illness.

12/30 Scientists have discovered that a sugar molecule in red meat causes lab rats to grow tumors at five times the normal rate.

#### ON TIME

10/5 Fitness expert Donna Lynn shows Gigi Barnett some aerobic moves designed to help tone muscles and burn fat. She is the author of two books, "101 Ways to Stay Motivated to Lose Weight" and "Lose Your Stomach Forever the Donnacize Way." She discusses ways to incorporate exercise into everyday life and use the facilities in your own home.

10/12 Alzheimer's disease is on the rise especially if you are an African American or a woman. Ernestine Jones Jolivet and Ellen Torres tell Gigi Barnett that more research needs to be done in order to find a cure and how important it is for people to be screened for early onset dementia. They discuss several awareness campaigns that are targeting the faith-based communities with messages about this disease and the toll it takes on caretakers.

10/26 Gigi Barnett talks with Andrew Pekosz about infectious diseases like Ebola, Enterovirus and the Flu. He discusses symptoms of these diseases and how individuals can protect themselves especially by getting a flu vaccine which is readily available and inexpensive.

11/16 Kidney Disease affects many Americans - many who are unaware that their kidneys are not functioning until significant damage has been done. Ben Simpkins tells Gigi Barnett about dialysis prior to getting a kidney transplant from his mother. Now he chairs the Kidney Foundation's Sante event - a culinary odyssey. Dr. Matthew Weir explains what the kidneys do, from filtering blood and removing waste product, to regulating fluids, etc.

11/23 Gigi Barnett talks with nutritionist, exercise physiologist and author of *Living Skinny in Fat Genes*, Dr. Felicia Stoler about making health eating choices over the holidays. Dr. Stoler tells Gigi about making healthy substitutions such as using whole grain pasta, multi-grain chips in place of the traditional white flour alternatives. She discusses portion control and the importance of getting more servings of fruits and vegetables over protein and grains.

11/30 Tom Bonderenko tells Gigi Barnett about the start of Moveable Feast and their mission to provide nutritious meals to AIDS patients. He explains how the program provides compassion to the homebound and now assists patients battling terminal illnesses like breast cancer. He discusses plans to educate the younger generation through programs on World AIDS Day that include the Living Red Ribbon and health fair at Morgan State University.

12/7 Gigi Barnett talks with Dr. Joshua Sharfstein and Carolyn Quattrochi about the state's healthcare marketplace where consumers can shop for healthcare insurance plans. They discuss how the website was revamped after last year's website crashed and had numerous flaws. The new website had a soft opening and enrollment in the health plans was up past 25,000 in just the first weeks. With the rollout of this year's campaign, health officials are holding enrollment workshops across the state and have counselors available by phone to help consumers.

12/7 Arthritis isn't just an old person's disease. It's the leading cause of disability in the U.S. and affects 300,000 children. Dr. Joseph Ciotola, an orthopedic surgeon describes what arthritis is and how it affects the joints and bones. Lisa Bocchia, director of the Arthritis Foundation, tells Gigi Barnett how the nonprofit helps arthritis sufferers and helps to fund research into the disease. Their upcoming Jingle Bells Run/Walk helps with their fundraising goals.

12/14 Jules Shepard tells Gigi Barnett about her diagnosis with celiac disease and how she began experimenting with alternate flours that were gluten free. Her gluten free flour can be substituted in recipes with no change in taste. She explained how she struggled to get a diagnosis after suffering from the effects of the disease which causes the body to attack its small intestines.

12/21 Clinical Social Worker & Psychotherapist Lisa Ferenze tells Gigi Barnett that the holidays can be especially difficult for victims of trauma who engage in self-destructive behaviors. The stress of the season can escalate negative feelings that cause self harm including eating disorders, drinking and drugging excessively, and self mutilation. Ferenze suggests people limit themselves to situations that trigger these behaviors. She offers suggestions on how to minimize explosive family situations and replace old broken traditions with new options including supportive friends who can buffer negative situations.

## ARTS & CULTURE

### **Eyewitness News did a story on...**

10/7 A big day in space for Baltimore's own astronaut Reid Wiseman. After months on the International Space Station, he finally got to go out on a space walk—one of two planned for this month before he comes home.

10/8 Catwalks, fashion shoots and top designers—what's the future of the nation's fashion industry? First Lady Michelle Obama weighed in on that question today at the first-ever White House Fashion Workshop for high schoolers. WJZ is just back from Washington with more.

10/15 Sixty-three years ago today, I Love Lucy made its TV debut. It was one of the most popular CBS shows ever... and now, I Love Lucy is on stage—at the Hippodrome. Today, WJZ had the opportunity to spend the afternoon with the lead actress—and watch her turn into Lucy right before our eyes!

10/21 A major phase is wrapping up in the restoration of Baltimore's Washington Monument. WJZ reports, a brighter future is literally coming to light.

10/22 Big things are happening downtown! For the first time in years, Baltimore is getting a glimpse into the lives of the men behind the Walter's Art Gallery on the museum's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary! WJZ reports, visitors say it's incredible.

10/24 For everyone who dreams of publishing a novel, there are piles and piles of rejection letters crushing those hopes. But as WJZ reports, one Baltimore native is beating the odds.

10/27 The nation's biggest names in dance are in Baltimore for a new performance called "Shaping Sound" at the Hippodrome. Have you heard of Travis Wall? He's here and showed WJZ some of his amazing moves today.

10/29 Amazing discovery—a multi-million dollar restoration project at the Washington Monument reveals a rare find. WJZ is one of the first to see what's been hidden for a century.

10/30 The stage at the Royal Farms Arena is set on ice tonight as Disney's smash-hit "Frozen" comes to town this weekend. WJZ takes a behind-the-scenes peek at how the special effects "wow" the nearly sold-out crowd.

11/6 Tall ships sail into Baltimore's Inner Harbor this weekend—bringing with them years of history and nautical know-how. WJZ is live at the Inner Harbor with details.

11/7 It's a show with singers of all ages from all over the world. The "Women's Barbershop Harmony" is serenading people at the Baltimore Convention Center.

11/9 Final farewell—after almost six months aboard the International Space Station, Maryland's own Reid Wiseman is set to return home tonight. Wiseman has become a Twitter sensation while spending time in space taking daily pictures and video for everyone here at home to see.

11/11 In just over an hour, some of the biggest names in music and entertainment take the stage in our nation's capital to pay tribute to America's heroes on Veterans Day. WJZ is live in Washington with more on the first ever Concert for Valor.

11/17 The cable TV show, "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives" has featured 14 restaurants in Maryland. Now, as WJZ reports, when the show host—Guy Fieri—opened his own place at the casino downtown, he visited a few spots, including a landmark in North Baltimore.

11/18 Maryland's own Reid Wiseman is adjusting to life back on Earth. He returned from the ISS just over a week ago. Today, WJZ checked in with the astronaut, who shares his remarkable experience from NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

11/19 Early arrival—the holiday season is underway for folks walking around parts of Baltimore. From Sky Eye Chopper 13, live over the Inner Harbor and Harbor East, where "It's a Waterfront Life" kicks off tonight. WJZ is live with a sneak peek of the returning tradition.

11/20 While winter weather has gripped much of the nation, there's also a focus this week on space weather. It can cause trouble here on Earth, and as WJZ reports, the source is the largest sunspot in a quarter century.

11/21 One of the most popular podcasts in the world is raising new questions about a Baltimore County murder case from 15 years ago. WJZ is live to explain the "Serial" podcast is casting some doubt on a crime many considered solved.

11/21 From soldier to singer—Baltimore's own Joey Odoms belts out the National Anthem before every Ravens home game. But how he landed his dream job is a story of destiny that begins half a world away. Tonight, WJZ tells how courage and a chance meeting with Ravens head coach John Harbaugh lead Joey to the 50-yard line.

11/29 Tonight the red carpet is rolled out in the city as dozens of people welcome the holiday season. For the 25<sup>th</sup> year, more than two dozen owners on West 34<sup>th</sup> Street deck their homes for Christmas.

12/3 WJZ is live at M&T Bank Stadium as excitement builds for the Army Navy football game.

12/3 Stop the presses—that's what the "Newsboys' Strike of 1899" did and crippled an entire industry. Now, there's a Broadway hit musical at the Hippodrome retelling the real-life movement.

12/4 The holiday season is upon us and what better way to celebrate than with the annual monument lighting in Mount Vernon. WJZ is live along Charles Street where all the action is getting underway.

12/10: A young man from the Towson area has just made his debut on Broadway—not as an actor, but as WJZ shows you, he designed what the audience sees on stage.

12/11: The Army/Navy game is coming back to Baltimore. For some families, the bitter rivalry is more personal. WJZ introduces you to the Tissler brothers.

12/12: WJZ is live with complete coverage—preparing for the Army/Navy football game at M&T Bank Stadium. The city is getting ready with pep rallies and the players are practicing.

12/16: An old German tradition during the holidays took root in Baltimore—train gardens. Now, as WJZ reports, these displays help to strengthen an area's community identity.

12/17 A large turnout comes to witness the lighting of a large Menorah in McKeldin Square. Hanukkah began yesterday. Each day another candle gets lit, one for the seven days of the Jewish celebration.

12/18: A holiday tradition that's enchanted audiences for decades comes to the Lyric Performing Arts Center this weekend. It's "The Nutcracker" and as WJZ explains, all of the performers are still "in training".

12/19 Bethel El Congregation performs at the Levindale Geriatric Center and hospital during the third night of Hanukkah.

12/26 A candle is lit during the first day of Kwanzaa, a seven day observance commemorating principles of African culture. The Reginald F. Lewis Museum celebrates Kwanzaa with several hands-on activities.

12/30 New Year's Eve preparations are underway at Baltimore's Inner Harbor. A preview of music and fireworks for the end of year celebration.

12/31 Baltimore's New Year's Eve Spectacular features live music from the Inner Harbor amphitheatre and fireworks at midnight over the skies of downtown Baltimore. WJZ's live special captures all the excitement starting at 11pm and concluding with fireworks after midnight.

#### ON TIME

10/5 Reyna Grande, the author of "The Distance Between Us: A Memoir" talks with Gigi Barnett about having her book chosen as the Maryland Humanities Council's One Maryland One Book campaign. She discusses how her parents left Mexico to pursue the American Dream while leaving their children behind with grandparents. She rejoined her parents at the age of 9 and became the first person in her family to graduate from college.

10/19 The Walters Art Museum is turning 80 and the staff has created a new exhibit featuring some of the 22,000 works originally collected by the Walters, father William Thompson Walters and his son, Henry Walters. Executive Director Dr. Julia Marciari-Alexander and Curator Dr. Jo Briggs tell Gigi Barnett about the free exhibition that features original purchases by the Walters and what the collection means to the citizens of Maryland.

10/26 The Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum is commemorating Maryland's 150 anniversary of Emancipation with a new exhibit: "From Banneker to Douglass: The Quests for Freedom and Equality." Museum representatives Justine Schaeffer and Willa Banks tell Gigi Barnett who Benjamin Banneker was and his role in the pursuit for civil rights.

11/2 The Baltimore Museum of Art turns 100! In honor of that milestone special festivity, events and the reopening of the American Wing are planned according to the BMA's Doreen Bolger and Ganynne Guillotte. The main entrance will be the museum's original Merrick entrance, the Zimoski entrance with the BMA shop is getting a make-over and the visitors will get a chance to add to the contents of the time capsule that is going to be buried for the next 100 years.

11/16 Downtown Baltimore will have an ice rink for the first time in 10 years. Laurie Schwartz, president of the Waterfront Partnership explains how they were able to secure the location at McKeldin Square, in the heart of the Inner Harbor. Additional activities are planned from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day to celebrate the holidays – from Santa appearances, light shows, 100 tuba players performing holiday favorites and special dollar day admissions to the National Aquarium, Maryland Science Center, Top of the World, and Christmas Village on West Shore Park.

11/30 Doris Ligon started the African Art Museum of Maryland thirty-three years ago. This museum is only one of three dedicated to African Art and is the only one founded by a person of color. She explains to Gigi Barnett how the museum began and how it continues to grow and educate new populations including school children. Their upcoming Jazz fundraiser was created by her late husband Claude Ligon and helps to maintain the museum in its new location in Maple Lawn.

11/30 With the success of the Star Spangled Banner, organizers at various Maryland museums are joining together to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War II. From Warfront to Homefront: WWII in Maryland kicks off on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7 and continues through next September and features new exhibits at a variety of museums across the state. Organizers Alice Donahue and Debi Wynn discuss the contributions to the war effort from the Glenn L. Martin Company which made aircraft at its Middle River factory. The National Electronics Museum features exhibitions of radar which was in its infancy during the war but significantly helped the allies protect the skies over London from German bombing.

12/7 The B&O Railroad Museum is partnering with various other nonprofit charities during the holidays through their Giving Train which allows visitors to bring canned goods, coats, and books to the museum and in return they get a half-price admission. Courtney Wilson tells Gigi Barnett about their special events and holiday displays of model trains and train gardens.

12/7 Vince Vaise tells Gigi Barnett about Holidays at Hampton and how the northern most plantation in the National Park Service celebrates Christmas. He discusses this year's theme of World War II that will feature big band swing music in addition to special dance performances, African American storytelling, candlelight tours and more and it's all for free.

12/14 Gigi Barnett talks with author Patricia Montley about the rituals associated with the Winter Solstice. These rites trace back to ancient times. The Winter Solstice takes place on the darkest night of the year, December 21. Patricia Montley explains that the rituals will be performed at First Unitarian Church of Baltimore and include the turning of the wheel, the blessing of the babies and features song, and poetry.

12/14 Dr. Marco Merrick tells Gigi Barnett about the choir he founded in order to preserve the traditional spiritual music that was the hallmark of the African American church. Too often churches are not offering this music during regular worship services. The Christmas Concert is free and open to the public and features over 150 people in the choir.

12/28 Gigi Barnett talks with Sandy Richmond, president of the Lyric and Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake about the impact of the 120-year old performing arts center has had in Baltimore. They discuss the diverse programming, arts education programs and the economic impact of a vibrant arts community.

## CONSUMER: HOUSING

### **Eyewitness News did a story on...**

10/19 Planning for growth—right now, Baltimore ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in the country for the number of people who live in the city's downtown. With the mayor's push to have 10,000 new families call Baltimore home by 2022, people are welcoming plans for a new high rise.

10/20 The recession caused a lot of real estate projects to never get off the ground. Now, one long dormant project in Charles Village is being resurrected, as WJZ reports.

11/11 Two hundred and fifty-million dollars—one Baltimore Raven star joins in on a costly project to help revitalize the city's historic Sharp-Leadenhall neighborhood. WJZ explains—the group of investors is aiming to turn the south Baltimore area into a mix-use development.

11/14 In the city's quest to draw thousands of families to Baltimore, one incentive may do the trick. A home-buying credit could help reverse decades of population decline. WJZ explains how it works.

12/4: Thousands of Baltimore families living next to abandoned homes look for a ray of light in a plan being introduced to City Council tonight. WJZ's political reporter explains it's an early intervention for a growing problem.

12/8: It's been seven months since Fort Washington families in Prince George's County were forced from their homes after a massive mudslide. Now, those families get some good news, financial help is on the way.



ON TIME

10/12 Gigi Barnett talks with Odetta Ramos and Jeff Mosley about new efforts to expand Community Development into additional neighborhoods. They explained how becoming part of a community development network benefits businesses to individuals and helps strengthen communities. Schools, local businesses and housing benefits from a united partnership to create communities where people want to live.

10/26 Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke joins Gigi Barnett to urge low income city residents to pre-apply for the city's section 8/housing voucher program by midnight on October 30. Applications are only being taken online so residents need to get access to smartphones or computers with access to the internet. She explains that the pre-application process is not accepting any paper applications. This list will be used for the next 6 years to select section 8 recipients.

#### CONSUMER: JOBS

##### **Eyewitness News did a story on...**

10/11 Got the next new idea? If so, the city is calling on all inventors to join in on the next generation of manufacturers in Baltimore. WJZ explains why the mayor is looking to highlight this sector.

11/14 As the postal service prepares for its busiest time of the year, postal workers in Baltimore and across the country are rallying against cuts that could impact service. WJZ is live with the protesters in East Baltimore.

11/25 The landscape at Sparrows Point is about to change dramatically. WJZ reports, plans to demolish the Bethlehem Steel Blast Furnace brings Marylanders together to remember the past and look to the future.

12/1 Cyber Monday has holiday shoppers clicking away and at the other end, thousands of workers rushing to fill those orders. WJZ has a look at what it's like at the other end of the Internet.

12/15 Ten days to Christmas—if it seems like it's closing in fast, try delivering packages on time. WJZ reports, for Fed-Ex workers, it doesn't get any busier than today.

12/16 The FBI is looking to move from its downtown Washington, D.C. headquarters, and, Maryland is lobbying hard to bring it to Prince George's County. WJZ reports, P.G. County says it's the perfect place for G-men.

12/17 A Baltimore bakery is going green—delivering on sustainability. WJZ reports, H&S Bakery is unveiling a whole fleet of alternative fuel trucks.

12/30 A higher minimum wage goes into effect on January 1 and is expected to affect 2.4 million employees who are at the bottom of the pay scale.

ON TIME

11/9 Frederick Puente, the head of the Blind Industries and Services of Maryland tells Gigi Barnett how his program helps those who are blind or have low vision with rehabilitation. They offer help with learning Braille, navigating with a walking cane in addition to providing manufacturing jobs in the textile field for blind workers. A majority of their clients have lost their eyesight due to illness or injury and have had to learn how to adjust their way of living.

#### CONSUMER: ECONOMY

##### **Eyewitness News did a story on...**

10/5 A big tax break for small city farms may be on the way. This comes as many Baltimore neighborhoods sit in the middle of food deserts. WJZ explains, several city leaders are backing the proposal because urban farms bring more to Baltimore than food.

10/8 You could say it's a \$22-million hole in the water. But, the Port of Baltimore says it's the cost of staying competitive. WJZ reports, it all comes down to staying on top. Baltimore's port generates \$3-billion in wages and salaries, and \$ 300-million a year in tax revenue.

10/11 The price drivers pay at the pump has plummeted—gas is at a new low for 2014. If you fill up here in Maryland, you'll pay an average of \$3.21—that's 16-cents lower than last month.

10/30 Some mind-boggling numbers tonight—Americans will spend 7.4 billion dollars on Halloween. WJZ reports that Baltimoreans are getting in the spirit and so are their pets.

11/1 The holiday shopping season is upon us, and the near-future looks bright for retailers. WJZ reports, experts say stores can expect to see better sales this year.

11/12 There is still six weeks until Christmas, but the big retail companies are already kicking off their holiday deals. Forget Black Friday—it's like an entire black November! WJZ is live in Northwest Baltimore with more on sales starting earlier than ever.

11/20 More than 46-million Americans will be traveling for the Thanksgiving holiday. That's the highest number in seven years! WJZ is live with why more people will be hitting the road next week.

11/25 The Thanksgiving travel rush is on—a new study finds tonight's rush hour—right now—is the most congested time on highways for the entire Thanksgiving week. WJZ explains all those drivers have a little extra to be thankful for this year.

11/25 Attention shoppers—the Black Friday deals are rolling out. WJZ explains why it's no longer a one-day event of savings.

11/27 Thanksgiving is not even over, but the holiday shopping has already started. Lines formed this morning outside stores in Maryland and across the country. WJZ is live at Mondawmin Mall in West Baltimore with a look at the early shopping trend.

11/26 Baltimore's free bus system, The Charm City Circulator, is millions of dollars in debt. WJZ explains how it happened—and what the city plans to do.

11/27 Five-hundred-million is the staggering number of records compromised through data security breaches over the past year. Now, one Maryland representative takes action hoping to protect consumers this holiday season.

11/30 Returning home—tonight, millions of holiday travelers ended their Thanksgiving—driving, riding and flying

12/1 The National Retail Federation expects nearly 127 million Americans to shop online during Cyber Monday. WJZ reports on how you can protect yourself when you click "buy".

12/1 Crude oil prices hit a five-year low and analysts say there's no telling how much more they may drop. WJZ is live and explains how those oil prices are giving the American consumer a much-needed boost.

12/5 After three months in business, the Horseshoe Casino downtown is bringing in far less money than anticipated. In November, the casino brought in about 22.8 million dollars in revenue—that's a third lower than what was forecast.

12/7 One Howard County farm is keeping a Christmas tradition alive—growing fresh trees. The state says more Maryland customers are buying fresh cut trees. WJZ explains how it's keeping the thriving business alive.

12/8 Maryland casinos add a mark in the win column for the month of November. WJZ's political reporter explains, while Baltimore's Horseshoe Casino fell short of expectations, it contributed to record revenues.

12/11 The Army/Navy football game returns to Baltimore this weekend—and that rivalry can have a big impact on business. WJZ is live and reports businesses have been preparing for months.

12/16 Golden opportunity—Baltimore gets the chance to once again host Gold Cup soccer—bringing tens of thousands of people and millions of dollars to the city. It's the latest in a series of successful high profile events at M&T Bank Stadium. WJZ has more on how the game is once again putting Baltimore in the tourism spotlight.

12/17 Washington DC is one of four cities vying to host the Summer Olympics in 2024. With Baltimore's close proximity to the nation's capital, the financial impact to the city and state's economy could be significant.

12/19 More recalls for the airbags built by the Takara Corporation. Now Ford has recalled certain Mustangs and GT Sports cars with this faulty airbag.

12/22- 23 Gas prices continue to fall. The average cost of gas is down \$.25 per gallon in the past two weeks. The falling gas prices are fueling holiday spending.

12/23 The easing of regulations on the use of Drones could create \$10 billion in the local economy and create more jobs as well.

12/26 Honda's Crosstour is the latest vehicle to issue a recall for the faulty Takata Corporation airbags.

## LOCAL POLITICS

### **Eyewitness News did a story on...**

10/1 Possessing a small amount of marijuana in Maryland will no longer come with jail time. WJZ is live with more on the new laws now in effect.

10/6 Preview of the first face-to-face debate of the Maryland Governor's race... happening live on WJZ... details about the candidates who will be making their case to voters.

10/7 Maryland's Democratic and Republican gubernatorial candidates put their campaigns on the line in the WJZ studios. It's their first debate—and it gives Maryland voters a chance to see what each intends to do as Governor. WJZ's political reporter joins us from the debate set with more on what Anthony Brown and Larry Hogan had to say.

10/8 Less than a month and counting until the general election in Campaign 2014... and the conversation over issues is growing. WJZ's political reporter is live with more on what voters are saying today.

10/12 There's a new poll out showing the gap between the top gubernatorial candidates is narrowing. WJZ has the poll released this morning by our media partner, the Baltimore Sun.

10/13 Maryland's gubernatorial candidates face off in their second debate—recorded for broadcast at News Channel 8. According to a new poll by our media partner, The Baltimore Sun, many voters are undecided, but the gap between the candidates appears to be narrowing. WJZ has more on today's debate where a lot of the same arguments heard during their first meeting at WJZ came up again.

10/16 Early voting starts a week from today in Maryland and the final debates of the 2014 gubernatorial campaign are on tap. The candidates for lieutenant governor hashed out issues in a radio debate today. WJZ's political reporter talked to both of them today.

10/17 Environmental activists take a unique approach in pressing for clean energy. WJZ's political reporter explains, they want to get the attention of state lawmakers.

10/18 We're less than three weeks away from Election Day and today Maryland's candidates for governor turn up the heat in their third and final televised debate. WJZ's political reporter has more on what was said.

10/21 Maryland's gubernatorial candidates start the week with some big name campaigning. President Obama was in town for Anthony Brown Sunday—while New Jersey governor Chris Christie is here for Larry Hogan today. WJZ's political reporter has more on what those visits say about this race

10/22 We are less than two weeks to Election Day. Early voting starts tomorrow and the state's congressional delegation is encouraging Maryland voters to protect their rights. WJZ's political reporter has more on their message.

10/24 It is day two of early voting in Maryland—and the race for Governor is getting national attention as the democrat and republican parties compete for your votes. WJZ's political reporter has more on this sudden interest.

10/27 Eight days from election day and the candidates are working for each and every vote—Marylanders have until Thursday to take advantage of early voting before next Tuesday's general election. WJZ's political reporter is on the campaign trail today.

10/28 We are one week away from election day here in Maryland. The candidates for governor continue to get some big support... New Jersey governor Chris Christie is back in Maryland to support Republican Larry Hogan's race for Governor. Democrat Anthony Brown will get a visit from Hillary Clinton. WJZ's political reporter has more on the national attention this race is getting.

10/29 It's a race to the finish as Maryland's candidates for governor take their messages around the state. We are now just six days away from election day. WJZ's political reporter looks at the influence Governor O'Malley may be having on the decision voters will make.

10/30 Last minute push—the two candidates vying to be governor of Maryland hit the campaign trail today... we are now just five days away from Election Day and today is the last day of early voting. WJZ's political reporter is live with more on a rally for democratic hopeful Anthony Brown.

10/31 The final push—last-minute campaigning continues across the state. We are now just five days away from the general election. WJZ is live with complete coverage—on the stump with Anthony Brown, with Larry Hogan and monitoring early voting numbers in the state.

11/1 The countdown is on! Only three days left until voters cast their ballots for the next governor of Maryland. This weekend, Larry Hogan and Anthony Brown are in the final stretch—trying to sway any undecided voters. WJZ is live on the campaign trail and has more from both candidates.

11/2 Two more days! That's all that's left until Maryland has a new governor. WJZ is live with both candidates and their final push for support days before Election Day!

11/3 WJZ is live with complete coverage—hours leading up to Election Day in Maryland. The gubernatorial candidates make one final push to voters just one day before they make their way to the polls.

11/4 WJZ is live with extensive coverage of Election Day in Maryland—the gubernatorial candidates make a final push to win over voters as they head to the polls. WJZ is also live at several polling places with voter turnout and across Maryland to see how other races are going.

11/5 WJZ is live with complete coverage of Larry Hogan—who won Maryland's gubernatorial election... and what people in Maryland have to say about the governor-elect.

11/6 Maryland's Democratic Party is still absorbing the shock of a big loss to Republican governor-elect Larry Hogan. WJZ's political reporter is live with a look at why many Democrats stayed home on Election Day.

11/7 A Landmark moment in Washington, D.C.—as voters approve legal marijuana in our backyard—police here in Maryland worry legalization is happening too close to home. WJZ is live with the potential impact on Maryland.

11/7 Campaign 2016! Maryland resident and world-renowned neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson could become the first candidate to officially launch his bid to become the Republican presidential nominee. WJZ is live and explains speculation has reached a fever pitch thanks to a new video set to air in dozens of cities this weekend.

11/10 Plastic grocery bags could soon be a thing of the past in Baltimore. Just a short time ago, the City Council voted to ban them! WJZ is live at City Hall and explains a critical change in the bill was announced at the last second.

11/11 Honoring veterans while thanking voters—Larry Hogan makes his first public appearance since his surprise victory one week ago today. Today, Hogan walked in the Veterans Day parade in Leonardtown in Southern Maryland. WJZ's political reporter travels to St. Mary's County to speak with the new Governor-Elect.

11/12 Governor-elect Larry Hogan is months away from taking office, but his election is already setting the agenda for taxes and spending. WJZ is live and explains many voters say Maryland's high taxes are one of the major reasons they voted for Hogan.

11/12 Call it a work in progress—the Republican victory in the Governor's race means a whole new administration in Annapolis, and as WJZ reports, there's a lot to do and a short time to do it in.

11/17 The plastic bag ban is passed by the Baltimore City Council. It wants to rid the city of plastic bags. Council members initially considered a five-cent per bag fee, but then decided on an outright ban.

11/18 Bill passed—but veto pending—the City Council passes the body camera bill that would equip all city police officers with recording devices. The mayor says the bill is illegal and has now formed a new group to do it the right way.

11/25 Baltimore city is poised to stamp out the use of E-cigarettes in public places. WJZ's political reporter is live—City Council passed the bill under protest from an unusual source.

11/29 The American Civil Liberties Union is accusing the Baltimore Police Department of using invasive surveillance technology. WJZ explains why they are so concerned.

12/1 Former Maryland governor Bob Ehrlich is eyeing a possible presidential run in 2016.

12/2 Maryland lawmakers who scrambled to keep House of Cards from packing up and moving away this year may have a rerun on their hands next year. A legislative analysis of the state's film tax credit program has been completed. WJZ's political reporter has the results of a new report.

12/4 The controversial sugary drink ban in Howard County has been repealed. The newly-elected county executive says the county overstepped its role when it banned the sale of sodas and high-calorie snacks in 2012.

12/5 Call it a perk of the position! Governor-elect Larry Hogan meets with the president and top leaders today at the White House. WJZ is live at the White House following the Governor-elect's special visit.

12/9 State of emergency—Governor-elect Larry Hogan picks a battleground on the public health and safety front and is not wasting any time getting to work. WJZ's political reporter is live and explains it's a plague that affects every jurisdiction in the state.

12/10 Governor-elect Larry Hogan continues his quest to build a bipartisan state government—adding two more faces to the incoming administration. WJZ's political reporter introduces you to them.

12/11 A Maryland representative is leading the charge to overturn D.C.'s new law decriminalizing marijuana use in the city. Congressman Andy Harris has put a provision in a new spending bill that would essentially overthrow D.C.'s law—a move that has outraged legalization advocates. WJZ has more on the debate from Capitol Hill.

12/17 Maryland's budget deficit is worse than first reported—and Governor-elect Larry Hogan is speaking out about it. The state faces a 1.2 billion dollar shortfall—but as WJZ's political reporter explains, Hogan is looking for ways to fix the deficit—that don't come directly out of taxpayers' pockets.

12/17 Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake vetoes a controversial measure that would require all city police officers to wear body cameras. She cites the need for specific guidelines regarding camera use as the basis for her veto.

12/18 Maryland native Alan Gross is freed from Cuba about being jailed for more than five years on a charge of spying. His release was part of a political prisoner swap that also opens the door for dialogue and a lifting of sanctions between the US and Cuba.

12/23 & 12/30 Maryland Governor-elect Larry Hogan names additional people to his cabinet. His choices will have to be approved by the legislature after his inauguration in January.

#### ON TIME

11/2 Gigi Barnett talks with Baltimore City Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake about a recent media report documenting police brutality and the cost to taxpayers. The Mayor discusses her decision to welcome a review by the Department of Justice's COPS program. She discusses the need for transparency in the new oversight. DOJ recommendations for best-practices will be implemented during the course of the review. Similar interventions by DOJ's COPS program have yielded significant improvements in other police departments.

11/9 Gigi Barnett talks with Carrie Evans and Janee Pelletier from Equality Maryland about LGBT issues after the passing of the Civil Marriage Act that allowed gay couples to legally wed in Maryland. They discussed how they are fine tuning several issues that have developed after the passing of the law including healthcare issues and transgender rights.

11/16 Gigi Barnett talks with Political Science Professor John Bullock about the state's recent elections. He breaks down what went right for Larry Hogan, the Republican candidate and what didn't work for Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown, the Democratic nominee. Lack of turn out by democratic voters in Baltimore City, Prince George's and Montgomery Counties dramatically hurt Brown. Brown's negative campaign ads also propelled Hogan into the spotlight, while Hogan's ads reflected on his anti-tax message.

#### COMMUNITY

##### **Eyewitness News did a story on...**

10/1 Extensive live coverage on the Orioles in the playoffs—WJZ live at rallies in Maryland and with how the team's success is helping local businesses.

10/1 There is a move afoot to help keep retired horses alive by retraining them to do more than run in circles. WJZ reports, the horse industry has turned this idea into a contest.

10/3 It's been part of Baltimore for more than a century—and it happens on Sunday. WJZ reports, the Orioles and Ravens may be on the road, but Christopher Columbus will be right here.

10/4: Orioles "We won't stop" rallies... as the team gears up for the third game of their series with the Tigers, this time in Detroit... all the fan excitement ahead of the game.

10/4 Career makeover—dozens of horses at Pimlico Race Course go from the starting gate to in-gate. WJZ reports, an equestrian event this weekend is highlighting the second careers of retired thoroughbreds.

10/4 Hundreds gather at Patterson Park to kick off the city's inaugural Rec-Fest event. It highlights recreational activities and pastimes available to city residents with or without disabilities.

10/5 Orioles win in Detroit—clinching the ALDS title and heading to the next round of the playoffs... a wrap up of the game and all the excitement here in Baltimore. WJZ live with all the coverage.

10/6 Fan reaction to the Orioles sweep of the Tigers—and they're now advancing to the ALCS... WJZ live as the team returns from Detroit.

10/8 Flooding in parts of Annapolis, Baltimore City and Baltimore County—it seems to be happening more often. Maryland is one of the most vulnerable states to rise in sea level. Now, a just-released study says several parts of our state are in particular danger for an increase in high-tide flooding. WJZ is live with more on the dire warnings for residents who live near the water.

10/11 Extensive coverage of the impact on the community as the Baltimore Orioles play Game Two of the ALCS... fan reaction, coverage of the game, excitement in the community.

10/13 You may have noticed that some NFL players were sporting pink yesterday. That's because October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Today, the Ravens visited some very special women to provide encouragement, but it may be the players who benefitted the most.

10/14 WJZ is live with complete coverage as the Orioles advance to Game three in the ALCS... fan reaction, preview of the game, impact on the community.

10/14 From their first days here, the Ravens have made it their mission to get more women in their fan base. As WJZ reports, an event called "Purple Evening" took over the stadium last night.

10/15 One of the world's largest and most successful community volunteer organizations fanned out across the Baltimore area today for what is called "A Day of Action". WJZ reports on what was happening in Dundalk.

10/16 WJZ holds an "Ask the Expert" segment live in Studio B—open enrollment for Medicare is underway. Today, the experts answer any questions you might have.

10/17 A project started several months ago in Baltimore is picking up steam. A major renovation for one firehouse. WJZ explains how the city's own Under Armour is now involved!

10/18 The 2014 Baltimore Marathon is in the books! More than 25,000 people participated. An Ellicott City woman, 23-year-old Alex Wang, won the women's marathon in just under three hours... Pennsylvania native Brian Rosenberg is this year's champ—he finished in two hours, 33 minutes and 27 seconds.

10/20 A group of Baltimore elementary school students took their playtime all the way to the 50-yard line at M&T Bank Stadium. WJZ is live and has more on how this all happened for the students.

10/21 A Severna Park woman has turned her homemade pasta into big bucks and she brought her now-famous Italian dish to the Inner Harbor today. WJZ has more on a recipe for success.

10/22 If you like designer clothes at bargain prices head to Owings Mills. The annual "One Great Thing" sale is this weekend. WJZ reports, you can shop with a purpose and help a charity.

10/22 The nationwide shift to hands-only CPR is saving lives. Baltimore County has several cases and today it honored medics and firefighters who recently used the technique. As WJZ explains, the ceremony also renewed county leaders' push to get more people certified.

10/25 Cleaning up Baltimore—Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake kicked off the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Clean-up. This year's theme is graffiti and trash scar our city.

10/31 Parents, if your child is trick-or-treating tonight—you want to listen up. A warning from police after they seize several boxes of candy infused with marijuana. WJZ is live with the disturbing discovery.

11/1 Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake celebrates the completion of new community murals. The Love Letter to Baltimore murals were created by artist Stephen Powers. The project is a series of nine large murals throughout parts of the city.

11/1 The United Way of Central Maryland unveils a new way to help young people. It's the organization's first school based family support center for teen parents. As WJZ reports—it's keeping kids in school and supporting them as new parents.

11/3 A number of Ravens players including Joe Flacco, Torrey Smith and Jah Reid joined the Lady Ravens in handing out coats and cold weather gear to the men at the "Helping Up Mission" homeless shelter. It was the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Ravens Coat Giveaway.

11/5 Fixing up a first impression—that's what Baltimore is doing along the Amtrak route leading into the city. WJZ reports, it's designed to give train passengers a better view, and neighborhoods a better life.

11/5 The Maryland Food Bank is helping families going through a tough time this holiday season. Tonight, hundreds of volunteers put together holiday meal boxes as part of the "Pack to Give Back" event.

11/7 For 31 years, on one special day, the state closed down the Bay Bridge and allowed people to walk and run across the span. Seven years ago, heightened security concerns forced its cancellation. Now, as WJZ reports, the bridge crossing is coming back this weekend.

11/8 Since opening its doors in August, Baltimore's Horseshoe Casino has raked in millions. Now, it's time to give back. As WJZ explains, this weekend the casino teamed up with hundreds of Corvette owners to deliver Thanksgiving dinner in style.

11/10 In an effort to help Baltimore's homeless population, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake announces a clean-up movement. But as WJZ explains, it was not welcomed by everyone.

11/10 Even though tomorrow is Veterans Day, a group of local veterans were singled out for honors today. WJZ reports, they traded a national call to duty for service in Maryland.

11/10 Bulletproof vests are not just for human officers—K-9s use them too... but they are expensive. As WJZ reports—one local police agency is helping to off-set the costs in a unique way.

11/13 One Baltimore woman's mission to help children and teens cope with death may lead to a prestigious international award. She's one of 10 finalists in CNN's "Top Heroes" contest and the only one from Baltimore. WJZ reports—she needs your vote to win.

11/16 A multi-million dollar bridge expansion on one of the state's busiest highways could tie up traffic for years. When it's over, the state says a 60-year-old bridge on I-895 will be brand new. WJZ explains how drivers have a few years to find a detour.

11/19 Too many rats—if you live there, you know, the rats can be a big problem. Now, the city is planning an extermination surge. WJZ reports, the rats have a big head start.

11/19 The Holy Father is coming to the United States. Pope Francis will be attending a special international meeting in Philadelphia celebrating families. WJZ is live at the Basilica downtown—with how Baltimore could factor into the Pope's visit.



11/19 The much-publicized death of Brittany Maynard, a woman with brain cancer who took her own life, has stirred a national movement. Supporters of Death with Dignity rallied in Annapolis today. WJZ's political reporter has more on the push for legislation here.

11/21 From Baltimore County to downtown—the holidays arrive! Tonight, for the first time, Christmas trees are lit... ice skaters are skating and Santa Claus is open for business. WJZ is live at the Inner Harbor which looks a lot more festive than it did this time last night!

11/22 As families gather around the Thanksgiving table next week, some Baltimore families are making room for more thanks to National Adoption Day. As WJZ reports, dozens of courts around the country are making forever homes official this weekend.

11/25 You know the holiday season is underway, when we start talking about Kennedy Krieger's Festival of Trees. And once again, WJZ's news teams were given the task of decorating gingerbread houses... and it got a little interesting.

11/25 In the wake of the grand jury decision clearing a Ferguson police officer in the death of Michael Brown—peaceful protests throughout Baltimore City. People marched through the streets of North Baltimore—from Morgan State University. WJZ is live near there with students who are marching.

11/26 Closer to home, protests continue here in Baltimore city. WJZ shows us—today schools in the city held assemblies to allow their students to raise their concerns over police brutality and injustice.

11/26 Nearly 60 years of a Thanksgiving tradition continues this weekend. Goodwill hosted its annual dinner at the Baltimore Convention Center this afternoon. As WJZ reports, guests received much more than a full stomach.

11/27 Not everyone is lucky enough to have a big Thanksgiving dinner—but the annual Bea Gaddy Thanksgiving allows everyone to have a warm meal. WJZ reports, Bea Gaddy's tradition has taken on new life.

11/27 From free pumpkin pies to early morning football—a WJZ tradition continued today... it all started in the early morning hours in Middle River. WJZ reports thanks to a locally-owned supermarket dozens of people are enjoying a much happier Thanksgiving.

11/28 Tonight, Ravens fans are reacting to the news that Ray Rice's suspension is now lifted. WJZ's complete coverage continues—with more on what fans are saying.

11/28 It's a holiday tradition 25-years-old. The Festival of Trees opened today at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium. Thousands of people are expected and it's all to support Kennedy Krieger. WJZ has an inside look at the festival.

12/2 Body cameras on Baltimore cops—the mayor vetoes a bill that would have required all city police officers to wear them. WJZ is live and explains the mayor says she supports body cameras, but wants to make sure they're done the right way.

12/3 A pregnancy discrimination case from Maryland heads to the Supreme Court today. Should pregnant employees be accommodated when they are no longer able to do some of the tasks they were hired to do? WJZ is live with more on the woman at the center of the case.

12/4 The training and perseverance of marathoners pays off for sick children at Anne Arundel Medical Center. It's all thanks to a group that hands out medals to encourage young patients. WJZ explains, organizers collected more than 1,000 awards to donate.

12/4 A heartbreaking burglary—a local artist is making a public plea tonight to whoever stole the urn containing his father's ashes. WJZ reports—Poncho Brown is calling the theft his “worst nightmare”.

12/5: It's that time of year in Charm City when many agencies are overwhelmed trying to help those in need. Hundreds of people line up each day for a hot meal or a place to stay. WJZ reports, that's why one local hotel is "blanketing Baltimore" during the holidays.

12/5 Closing in on really far out—if everything goes right, tomorrow night a spacecraft built and controlled in Maryland will come out of hibernation. WJZ reports, it will eventually give Earth its first-ever close-up look of Pluto.

12/8 Every embassy needs an ambassador and at the Maryland Zoo, penguins are naturals. WJZ reports, two new penguin chicks are currently in training for the zoo's embassy outreach program.

12/8 The mayor and Baltimore City police commissioner say they have made good on a year-long promise to reduce crime across the city and build better relationships between police and the community. WJZ is live with what's being done and what else is needed.

12/12 About a year ago, the cycling community began serious talks with the state about allowing cyclists to bring their bikes onboard MARC trains. WJZ reports, a pilot program begins tomorrow.

12/17 People in Harford County and eastern Baltimore County will soon see new objects in the sky. As WJZ reports, special radar blimps will fly—protecting the East Coast from attack.

12/18 Holocaust survivors in Maryland are getting much needed care and attention with the help of new funding. WJZ reports, the need for care for these elderly victims is crucial.

12/18 The Ravens' Torrey Smith and former player Ray Rice collected and delivered toys to Baltimore's underprivileged children in time for the Christmas holiday.

12/23 The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore debuts a rare Amur Leopard born at the zoo. There are only 200 of these rare leopards in captivity.

12/25 Moveable Feast delivers gift baskets and food to 600 needy families in the metro area.

#### ON TIME

10/19 What was originally a home for German orphans during the Civil War is now a comprehensive foster care program for abused and neglected 13-21 year olds. Board members Susan Brown and Dr. Antoinette Coleman tell Gigi Barnett about their home-like shelter programs that nurture young people and guide them into independence once they "age-out" of the foster care system. Many of their graduates continue their education by attending local colleges like Morgan State University.

11/9 The Festival of Trees is celebrating its 25 year when it returns to the Maryland State Fairgrounds. Lainy LeBow-Sachs tells Gigi Barnett how they will transform the Cow Palace into a winter wonderland with beautifully decorated trees and wreaths, Gingerbread villages, train garden, craft boutiques, children's activities and entertainment. Proceeds benefit the children at Kennedy Krieger Institute.

12/21 Ralph Serge tells Gigi Barnett about a new program that benefits Maryland's Community Foundations by encouraging charitable giving into sustainable program known as Endow Maryland. Tax breaks are given to people who contribute a minimum of \$500 into a fund that gets invested grows over time and ultimately benefits the work of community foundations and their grant making abilities to help local nonprofit organizations.

12/21 Special Olympics Maryland has featured the Polar Bear Plunge for 17 years as a means to fund their year round athletic programs that benefit people with intellectual disabilities. Jim Schmutz explains what the PlungeFest is all about. Adam Hays tells Gigi Barnett about being a super plunger and year round participant in the Special Olympics programs.

12/28 The Daughter's of Dorcias is a group of 13 women who donate their time and resources to helping the orphans of Haiti. Jaki Hall tells Gigi Barnett that five years after the earthquake that devastated the Caribbean nation; thousands of children are orphans living in shelter camps. Her organization is collecting money to help fund education programs for these children.

## EDUCATION

### Eyewitness News did a story on...

10/2 It's a big investment in little kids—75,000 dollars worth. WJZ reports, it's a grant from the federal EPA and a bet on a greener future.

10/10 Tonight, the state of Maryland announces its Teacher of the Year! She is Jody Zepp, from Howard County. She teaches Government and Psychology at Hammond High School.

10/12 In tonight's School Watch—late nights, and early school start times are leading to many Maryland classrooms full of sleep-deprived students. Now, one school district is considering a later school day, but it's looking for students and parents to weigh in first.

10/14 Baltimore County is stepping up efforts to get eyes into its public school buildings. WJZ is live with more on new networks of security.

10/16 Nationwide, millions of teens are not in school and they don't have jobs. A solution to that problem may come in a partnership between city leaders and one of the country's leading coffee companies. As WJZ explains, Baltimore is one of five cities teaming up with Starbuck's to find and hire young workers.

11/2 A teen shooter enters a high school—how fast can police respond and medics help victims? WJZ reports, that's the focus of a mock drill at a Baltimore County school this weekend.

11/12 By the end of this school year, six city schools will shut their doors for good. It's a cost-cutting plan designed to save the district millions and free up money to renovate dozens of other schools. WJZ explains some parents are outraged about the proposed move.

11/17 Reading, writing and robotics. That new third "R" of learning can be a door-opener for students. WJZ reports, it's got the "robo-doves" rolling.

11/20 In tonight's School Watch—stemming the tide of Baltimore's dropout rate. That's what one large donation from one of the nation's top telecommunications companies aims to do.

12/ It's among the most prestigious scholarships in the world and it's going to a student right here in Baltimore. A senior at Johns Hopkins is on his way to becoming a leader in cancer research and medical science—after being named a Rhodes Scholar.

12/1 Students and local lawmakers in Baltimore City attempt to set a Guinness World record—creating the largest "living red ribbon" in support of World Aids Day.

12/6 While many students are waiting for the holiday break, others are selecting new schools to attend next year. This weekend, Baltimore schools hosted its "School Choice Fair". WJZ reports in School Watch, this year's event featured four new schools.

12/9 Calendar controversy—Muslim leaders are pushing to have equal recognition for Muslim holidays on school calendars in both Howard and Frederick counties. The move follows a similar fight in Montgomery County.

12/11 As the holiday approaches, some Maryland schools are decked in red and green—but a handful are using blue ribbons. This week, the state unveiled its 2015 Blue Ribbon schools. As WJZ explains in tonight's School Watch, five elementary and one high school are on the list.

12/15 The state budget woes and school funding—serious concerns tonight from top Maryland educators. WJZ's political reporter looks at some of the speculations.

12/15 Baltimore city hosts a huge holiday party for students—but only if they qualify! In tonight's WJZ School Watch, students at one school who had the best attendance record—got a celebration full of surprises.

12/17 Heartache and disappointment for hundreds of college applicants—after Johns Hopkins mistakenly tells them they are accepted when they are actually rejected from admission.

12/17 The Baltimore City Public High School graduation rate is going up, an increase for the past four years. Meanwhile dropout rates have decreased by almost half.

12/17 As high school students send in college applications some students worry that their Facebook accounts could be used against them.

12/30 A Bowie State University student claims he was the victim of hazing from September –November 2013 and now he's suing both the university and the fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha for damages.

#### ON TIME

10/5 Dr. Carla Hayden discusses new renovations to the Pratt's Central library that preserves the historic past while incorporating modern technology. She tells Gigi Barnett about structural changes that include developing areas like creation stations for teens and young adults and using audio video technology for resumes and teleconferencing.

10/12 Junior Achievement is helping K-12 and college students with entrepreneurial opportunities. School-based programs help students to understand business and give them an opportunity to explore different career options. Frank Bonsall is being honored for his work in the entrepreneurial field at Towson University by the JA board at an upcoming fundraiser featuring musician Kenny Loggins.

10/19 Gigi Barnett talks with Maryland Public School Superintendent Dr. Lillian Lowery about Common Core – from what it is to who developed the program and why there is so much controversy around the concept. Dr. Lowery recounts that the development of the program originated with input for state school superintendents with a goal of giving all students a chance to improve their education by sharing best practices from successful schools like Maryland with lesser performing schools like those in Mississippi. Dr. Lowery also discussed how Maryland needs to close the achievement gap between majority and minority students in Maryland.

11/23 Deborah Phelps tells Gigi Barnett how the Education Foundation of Baltimore County Public Schools is enriching the learning experiences of students by funding extra programs and projects that complement the core class work. She discusses how these enrichment programs are helping to broaden students' horizons and are influencing them in the post high school graduation studies.

11/23 The Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women, based in Baltimore City offers female students opportunities to mature and grow without the distractions of young males. Teacher Shardae Shipman and student Dayla Williams talk about the bonding that occurs in an all girl's school. The nurturing school environment encourages more girls to pursue STEM – science, technology, engineering and math – subjects. The school is based on a school in NY's Harlem that develops today's girls into tomorrow's leaders.

12/28 Dr. Carla Hayden tells Gigi Barnett about the impact the library has had on individuals by providing over 60 million dollars in services to their patrons – from books, ereaders, computer classes, resume writing workshops and access to the internet. All of their programs are free. To support these programs the Pratt holds several ticketed items including the Pratt Contemporaries Black and White Party, Booklovers' Breakfast and Mr. Pratt's Gala.