#### WJZ-TV

# Baltimore, Maryland CBS Corporation

# QUARTERLY SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMS REPORT

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

#### PROGRAM INDEX

# **CONSUMER WATCH**

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

#### SPECIAL REPORTS

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

# PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

Relevant projects launched by community organizations to benefit area residents.

### ON TIME

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

#### **HEALTH**

- October 1: Eyewitness News did a story on enrollment for Howard County's affordable health care plan.
- October 1: Eyewitness News did a story on how chewing gum may help colon surgery patients recover.
- October 2: Eyewitness News did a story on how Baltimore doctors are using a heart valve to operate on elderly patients with reduced risks.
- October 2: Eyewitness News did a story on the Baltimore Health Department's push to ban cold medicine for young kids.
- October 3: Eyewitness News did a story on how computers are helping radiologists diagnose breast cancer.
- October 4: Eyewitness News did a story on Olympic Gold Medallist Michael Phelps coping with ADHD.
- October 6: Eyewitness News did a story on how a fan in the room of an infant can dramatically reduce the risk of SIDs Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

- October 7: Eyewitness News did a story on drug manufacturers saying over the counter cough medicines are not suitable for children younger than four years old.
- October 8: Eyewitness News did a story on Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the importance of mammograms.
- October 10: Eyewitness News did a story on a new multi-million dollar robotic prescription system at Sinai Hospital.
- October 10: Eyewitness News did a story on a national movement to color code hospital bracelets.
- October 10: Eyewitness News did a story on Steps to the Cure, a breast cancer fundraiser at the American Visionary Art Museum.
- October 13: Eyewitness News did a story on new recommendations for Children's Vitamin D requirements.
- October 14: Eyewitness News did a story on a Johns Hopkins Clinical Study involving breast cancer patients.
- October 14: Eyewitness News did a story on platelet stickiness and heart attack risk.
- October 15: Eyewitness News did a story on a computer scanner that makes dental impressions.
- October 15: Eyewitness News did a story on a Baltimore city health study that tracks life expectancy from neighborhood to neighborhood.
- October 16: Eyewitness News did a story on the Breast Friends Program offered through Life-Bridge Health for breast cancer patients.
- October 16: Eyewitness News did a story on the importance of mammograms to detect breast cancer early.
- October 17: Eyewitness News did a story on how surfing the Internet is good for brainpower.
- October 17: Eyewitness News did a story on breast cancer in men.
- October 21: Eyewitness News did a story on over-the-counter paternity test kits.
- October 22: Eyewitness News did a story on food allergies becoming more common in American children.
- October 23: Eyewitness News did a story on a study that says a good night's sleep helps students' school performance.
- October 23: Eyewitness News did a story on actress Lynn Redgrave, a breast cancer survivor and her involvement in a local breast cancer event.
- October 24: Eyewitness News did a story on cancer symptoms in children and their treatment.
- October 24: Eyewitness News did a story on a risky drug used to treat multiple sclerosis.
- October 25: Eyewitness News did a story on local athletes Michael Phelps and Brian Roberts teaming up to raise money for autism.
- October 26: Eyewitness News did a story on the American Cancer Society's walk to raise money for breast cancer.
- October 27: Eyewitness News did a story on higher dose flu shots that may better protect the elderly.

October 28: Eyewitness News did a story on a spice commonly used in Indian food that may someday be used to fight cancer.

October 29: Eyewitness News did a story on a new drug that may help Alzheimer's patients.

October 30: Eyewitness News did a story on a new procedure that can help people injured in car accidents who suffer heart problems.

October 31: Eyewitness News did a story on how big weight gains during pregnancy could lead to health problems for the child.

November 2: Eyewitness News did a story on a huge flu vaccination effort in Howard County.

November 4: Eyewitness News did a story on fatty liver disease and how local researchers are helping Maryland patients battle the illness.

November 5: Eyewitness News did a story on a new study that found the first month after a heart attack remains the most dangerous for patients.

November 10: Eyewitness News did a story on new research that is changing the way doctors are helping patients prevent heart attacks and strokes.

November 12: Eyewitness News did a story on the factors doctors must consider before doing a heart transplant.

November 13: Eyewitness News did a story on carpal tunnel syndrome- who's at risk and how doctors in Baltimore are improving treatment.

November 14: Eyewitness News did a story on efforts to reduce costs for behavioral therapy for autism patients.

November 17: Eyewitness News did a story on a new study that shows lots of exercise and sleep can help cut the risk for cancer.

November 18: Eyewitness News did a story on how to cut food expenses without sacrificing nutrition.

November 19: Eyewitness News did a story on a one-of-a-kind transplant in which a woman was given a new windpipe.

November 20: Eyewitness News did a story on how pregnant African American women are two to three times more likely to deliver their babies pre-term than women of European descent.

November 21: Eyewitness News did a story on how HIV is spreading because doctors and hospitals are failing to routinely test for the virus.

November 24: Eyewitness News did a story on a new tobacco product showing up in Baltimore being marketed as an alternative to cigarettes.

November 25: Eyewitness News did a story on recent research indicates certain cancers may disappear on their own.

December 1: Eyewitness News did a story on new research that says getting enough vitamin D could be vital to keeping your heart healthy.

December 1: Eyewitness News did a story on World AIDS Day.

December 2: Eyewitness News did a story on how peanut allergies are on the rise and affect more than a million Americans.

December 3: Eyewitness News did a story on how Maryland scores another first in the field of biotechnology by holding the state's first stem cell research symposium.

December 3: Eyewitness News did a story on a new study underlying the importance of fast, complete radiation treatment for breast cancer patients.

December 5: Eyewitness News did a story on a new study that shows that too much exercise can lead to problems for both the mother and baby.

December 8: Eyewitness News did a story on a new study that shows electrical stimulus therapy can help some patients with a severe form of epilepsy.

December 9: Eyewitness News did a story on research conducted in Baltimore that could help people with painful arthritis.

December 10: Eyewitness News did a story on a new study that finds that long-term use of a two popular diabetes drugs may reduce bone density and double the risk of fractures.

December 11: Eyewitness News did a story on why some drugs experts are calling for several popular asthma drugs to be taken off the market.

December 12: Eyewitness News did a story on a drug originally thought to strengthen bones is now being tested in the fight against breast cancer.

December 16: Eyewitness News did a story on a new study that reinforces a link between hormone replacement therapy and a higher chance of getting breast cancer.

December 16: Eyewitness News did a story on an Annapolis couple that delivered quintuplets.

December 17: Eyewitness News did a story on the nation's first near total face transplant.

December 18: Eyewitness News did a story on Baltimore's health commissioner pushing for improvements in the city's emergency room healthcare system.

December 21: Eyewitness News did a story on a significant drop in death rates for those suffering from heart disease and stroke.

December 22: Eyewitness News did a story on a new test may help predict if pregnant women will give birth prematurely.

December 22: Eyewitness News did a story on a new study that suggests video games may be good for aging brains.

December 23: Eyewitness News did a story on a new FDA report that found more than 30 diet pills on the market are potentially dangerous.

December 23: Eyewitness News did a story on the effects of alcohol on the human body and human heart.

December 23: Eyewitness News did a story on a new government study that warns of mixing different medications because they can pose a serious health risk.

December 24: Eyewitness News did a story on a new therapy to help people who have eating disorders.

December 26: Eyewitness News did a story on a new procedure that may help people suffering from chronic halitosis.

December 29: Eyewitness News did a story on a new test to help detect oral cancer.

December 30: Eyewitness News did a story on a study from Johns Hopkins in Baltimore found low vitamin D levels pose a serious risk to a person's health.

#### ON TIME

October 5: Gilchrist Hospice representatives discuss with Kai Jackson the services they provide for patients and caregivers facing end of life decisions. Hospice care can be offered in the patients home, at nursing homes, or at their inpatient facility in Towson. They tell Kai how important it is for the patient to communicate their wishes during this time period. For many years, the Crab Shanty restaurant in Ellicott City has been a participant in the Taste and Auction of Howard County. Executive chef Chris Cherry joins Kai Jackson to demonstrate one of his specialties he'll be making at this year's event that benefits hospice services of Howard County.

October 12: For the past 35 year, JPHIEGO, an affiliate of the Johns Hopkins University, has worked with and trained local health care providers in developing nations to address the issues affecting women and children. JHPIEGO has used practical innovations that can be replicated in developing nations to improve the health care delivery system to women and their families. HIV/AIDS, malaria and complications from childbirth are their areas of expertise.

October 12: Plastic surgeon Dr. Koki Baleen tells Kai Jackson how he left his native African country of Ghana to travel to Russia to become a veterinarian before coming to the United States to study for his medical degree. As a plastic surgeon, he travels back to Africa to operate on disfigured children born with facial defects.

October 12: Metastatic breast cancer survivors Avis Halberstadt and CJ Dian Corneliussen-James talk with Kai Jackson about the lack or research funds into breast cancer that has spread to other organs and places in the body. Less than 1% of all breast cancer research money goes to this type of deadly breast cancer. They discuss how metastatic breast cancer survivors have been shunned by other breast cancer organizations who want to paint this disease pink.

October 19: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Neil Powe, Professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University and Christine Snyder, co-chair of the Kidney Foundation Gala, about chronic kidney disease. They discuss the function of the kidneys and how hypertension and diabetes factor into kidney disease. The upcoming Kidney Gala benefits their free kidney screenings held throughout the year in different communities.

October 26: Alzheimer's affects the African American population disproportionately. Cass Naugle, the executive director of the Alzheimer's Association and Sen. Verna Jones, tell Kai Jackson about the upcoming conference that targets the African American community. Sen. Jones discusses how dementia diseases affected both of her parents and other members of her family.

November 16: Kai Jackson talks with cardiologist Dr. Shannon Winakur about the symptoms of heart disease and what can be done to prevent heart attacks and strokes. She discusses the role that exercise and diet play in reducing heart disease.

November 16: Chef Thomas Smith tells Kai Jackson that he changed his diet after his stroke to include more hearthealthy foods. He explains the benefits of using olive oil over butter and lard when cooking and prepares a tuna burger that's good to grill.

November 16: Exercise is necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle. In addition to keeping weight in check, regular exercise helps keep bad cholesterol levels down while increasing good cholesterol. Fitness expert Monte Sanders and Kai Jackson demonstrate some exercises that can be performed at home.

November 23: Pediatric brain injury can result from physical injury and genetics. Dr. Beth Slomine and Lainy LeBow-Sachs tell Kai Jackson about the programs at Kennedy Krieger Institute to help children recover from these types of injuries.

# **EDUCATION**

- October 1: Eyewitness News did a story on a new program to get students who have dropped out of school back into city classrooms.
- October 2: Eyewitness News did a story on one hundred students at Georgetown University who were stricken with food poisoning.
- October 3: Eyewitness News did a story on new incentives to help Maryland college students become public school teachers.
- October 6: Eyewitness News did a story on a new expanded breakfast program in Baltimore City schools.
- October 8: Eyewitness News did a story on an outbreak of bed bug infestation at Goucher College's dormitory rooms.
- October 8: Eyewitness News did a story on the first student run credit union in Baltimore City schools designed to teach students about financial management.
- October 13: Eyewitness News did a story on security concerns involving student records in Baltimore City Schools.
- October 14: Eyewitness News did a story on a new stop-the-violence campaign at a Baltimore City School.
- October 15: Eyewitness News did a story on seatbelts being added to school buses across the country and in Maryland.
- October 15: Eyewitness News did a story on a Western High School student who was diagnosed with a staph infection.
- October 15: Eyewitness News did a story on Maryland's new seed school that is a public boarding school located in Baltimore.
- October 16: Eyewitness News did a story on online bullies at schools.
- October 24: Eyewitness News did a story on a proposal to lower graduation requirements for high school students in Maryland.
- October 27: Eyewitness news did a story on a report evaluating the status of Baltimore City schools.
- October 28: Eyewitness News did a story Maryland school assessment test requirements for graduating seniors.
- November 6: Eyewitness News did a story on students who are learning about the historic significance of president elect Barack Obama.
- November 8: Eyewitness News did a story on improved test scores and attendance rates in Baltimore City schools.
- November 12: Eyewitness News did a story on a local Baltimore principal who went to school with President-elect Obama.
- November 14: Eyewitness News did a story on Baltimore City building and repairing public schools.
- November 17: Eyewitness News did a story on Maryland teachers launching a new ad campaign to save funding for schools.
- November 18: Eyewitness News did a story on Hopkins University using a cutting edge program that warns students if gunshots have been fired on campus.

- November 19: Eyewitness News did a story on a eighth grader in Howard County who is invited to attend the Presidential Inaugural Ball.
- November 20: Eyewitness News did a story on a Harford County teacher who won the \$25,000 Milken Award.
- November 26: Eyewitness News did a story on increased school violence in Baltimore County schools.
- December 2: Eyewitness News did a story on a new survey that found 30 percent of high school students have cheated or stolen from a store in the past year.
- December 2: Eyewitness News did a story on a 9-year-old student who died after becoming sick at an East Baltimore school.
- December 4: Eyewitness News did a story on a new report that ranks Maryland among the top states when it comes to preparing students for college.
- December 4: Eyewitness News did a story on how colleges are no longer affordable, especially for many Marylanders.
- December 4: Eyewitness News did a story on Baltimore Catholic schools enrollment figures that have declined by five percent.
- December 5: Eyewitness News did a story on 24 Maryland schools chosen for U-S News and World Report's list of the best public high schools in the nation.
- December 8: Eyewitness News did a story on Maryland businesses helping Baltimore City school students prepare for future jobs.
- December 10: Eyewitness News did a story on what the local school districts are doing on Inauguration Day. Some are closing, while others are using the event as a teachable moment.
- December 11: Eyewitness News did a story on Baltimore City Schools celebrating the work of students through drama and dance.
- December 12: Eyewitness News did a story on the University of Maryland Board of Regents making big changes to save money.
- December 14: Eyewitness News did a story on a new program in Baltimore City Schools that profiles farming in Maryland.
- December 15: Eyewitness News did a story on date rape concerns on the campus of Goucher College.
- December 15: Eyewitness News did a story on measures taken by the Naval Academy to attract more minorities to the school.
- December 16: Eyewitness News did a story on President-Elect Obama's choice for Education Secretary.
- December 17: Eyewitness News did a story on a teacher shortage in the state of Maryland.
- December 18: Eyewitness News did a story on the high school assessment tests that seniors are required to take in order to graduate.
- December 18: Eyewitness News did a story on six Maryland schools honored for high achievement or dramatic improvement. They were all given the blue ribbon award.
- December 26: Eyewitness news did a story on Baltimore County schools in need of volunteers and mentors.

December 29: Eyewitness news did a story on helpful hints to make college applications stand out to administrators.

#### ON TIME

October 19: Dr. Reginald S. Avery will be inducted as Coppin State University's fifth president. He tells Kai Jackson about the six-day celebration that concludes with a black tie gala. Since taking the helm of the 108-year-old institution, he wanted to get a greater understanding of the university prior to holding the formal inauguration festivities.

December 21: Dr. Carla Hayden, CEO of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, gives Kai Jackson some last minute gift giving ideas involving books. Books that educate and inform can be tied with DVD movies on similar subjects.

#### **CONSUMER**

- October 1: Eyewitness News did a story on safety concerns with some child booster seats on the market.
- October 1: Eyewitness News did a story on a recall by McCormick spices.
- October 3: Eyewitness News did a story on how it's becoming harder for consumers to get car loans and to buy new cars.
- October 3: Eyewitness News did a story on how the cosmetic surgery industry is suffering in the bad economy.
- October 5: Eyewitness News did a story on airlines charging for everything from blankets, pillows and better seats.
- October 5: Eyewitness News did a story on the new teen driving laws taking effect in Maryland.
- October 6: Eyewitness News did a story on the stock market plunging more than 300 points.
- October 6: Eyewitness News did a story on the global effects of the U.S. government bailout plan.
- October 6: Eyewitness News did a story on the Ford Motor Company manufacturing a car that can limit teen drivers to 80 miles an hour.
- October 6: Eyewitness News did a story on the legalization of slots in Maryland.
- October 7: Eyewitness News did a story on the stock market plunging nearly 500 points.
- October 7: Eyewitness News did a story on problems with energy star appliances.
- October 7: Eyewitness News did a story on high heating oil prices that are expected this winter.
- October 7: Eyewitness News did a story on the executives of AIG testifying on Capitol Hill.
- October 7: Eyewitness News did a story on the closing of CMART stores.
- October 7: Eyewitness News did a story on the completion of a new shopping center in Annapolis.
- October 7: Eyewitness News did a story on a report predicting that this is expected be the worst holiday shopping season ever.
- October 8: Eyewitness News did a story on the Federal Reserve cutting a key interest rate and the stock market response.

- October 8: Eyewitness News did a story on people making extra cash by selling gold.
- October 8: Eyewitness News did a story on how the Fed's interest rate cut is affecting the local real estate market.
- October 8-10: Eyewitness News did a story on the proposed cuts to the Maryland State budget.
- October 9: Eyewitness News did a story on a new government proposal to reduce the number of airplane flight delays.
- October 9: Eyewitness News did a story on a farmer in Frederick who's using a wind turbine to generate power.
- October 10: Eyewitness News did a story on how small businesses in Maryland are making financial adjustments to counter the bad economy.
- October 10: Eyewitness News did a story on falling gas prices in Maryland.
- October 10: Eyewitness News did a story on a Volvo plant in Hagerstown developing hybrid trucks.
- October 11: Eyewitness News did a story on state programs that could be in jeopardy due to state budget cuts.
- October 13: Eyewitness News did a story on women who are selling their eggs to fertility clinics as a means to earn extra money.
- October 14: Eyewitness News did a story on how more and more people around the country are not tipping because of the bad economy.
- October 14: Eyewitness News did a story on an increase in Thrift Store sales in Baltimore.
- October 15: Eyewitness News did a story on a new study that raises concerns about the safety of bottled water.
- October 15: Eyewitness News did a story on a recall of 200,000 cars by Nissan to fix a sensor system in the air bag.
- October 17: Eyewitness News did a story on cutbacks in MARC train and commuter bus service.
- October 21: Eyewitness News did a story on a nationwide crib recall.
- October 21: Eyewitness News did a story on the dangers of texting while driving.
- October 22: Eyewitness News did a story on the new Google I-phone that debuted nationwide.
- October 22: Eyewitness News did a story on a new alarm that alerts parents when kids are left in car seats.
- October 22: Eyewitness News did a story on Maryland's unemployment rate.
- October 23: Eyewitness News did a story on a new poll that found 42% of Marylanders believe the economy is the most important issue facing the nation.
- October 23: Eyewitness News did a story on new technology that helps parents monitor their child's text messages.
- October 23: Eyewitness News did a story on new stores opening in the Towson Town Center Mall in Baltimore County.
- October 25: Eyewitness News did a story on a local protest in Baltimore against the government bailout plan.
- October 26: Eyewitness News did a story on a new plan by airlines that will allow passengers to use their P-D-A's as a boarding pass.

- October 27: Eyewitness News did a story on the DTV transition.
- October 28: Eyewitness News did a story on how oil prices affect the prices of other products and services.
- October 29: Eyewitness News did a story on Black Friday sales.
- October 30: Eyewitness News did a story on skyrocketing airline prices and how they are affecting flights at BWI Airport.
- October 30: Eyewitness News did a story on a proposal for a billion dollar project that would include housing, retail and office space in Baltimore City.
- October 31: Eyewitness News did a story on increased train travel on Amtrak.
- October 31: Eyewitness News did a story on Baltimore Business owners asking their drivers not to use the cell phone while driving.
- November 1: Eyewitness News did a story on a possible merger between General Motors and Chrysler.
- November 2: Eyewitness News did a story on the largest decline in gas prices on record.
- November 3: Eyewitness News did a story on the final push to pass slots in Maryland.
- November 3: Eyewitness News did a story on how, in a tough economy, bartering is making a comeback on Craig's List.
- November 4: Eyewitness News did a story about a case before the Supreme Court, on whether to ban certain words on television.
- November 4: Eyewitness News did a story on Circuit City stores closing.
- November 6: Eyewitness News did a story on the Charles Street Redevelopment plan in Baltimore City that is attracting new businesses to the neighborhood.
- November 6: Eyewitness News did a story on Maryland's plans to develop slots gambling in five locations in the state.
- November 7: Eyewitness News did a story on Wegman's grocery store cutting prices by 10 to 20 percent because of the weakening economy.
- November 7: Eyewitness News did a story on Baltimore hotels who have already sold out for the upcoming Presidential Inauguration.
- November 7: Eyewitness News did a story on the increase of gun sales based on consumer's perceived fears of increased gun control laws with the coming of the new Presidential administration.
- November 7: Eyewitness News did a story on Maryland's plan to help homeowners deal with foreclosures.
- November 10: Eyewitness News did a story on holiday gift ideas under \$100.
- November 10: Eyewitness News did a story on the 100-day countdown to the digital television conversion.
- November 10: Eyewitness News did a story on some Maryland restaurants suffering a big drop in business because of the weakening economy.

- November 11: Eyewitness News did a story on increased tourism in the state of Maryland.
- November 11: Eyewitness News did a story on how the economy is affecting business how its decreasing for Starbucks, but increasing for McDonalds.
- November 12: Eyewitness News did a story on how to select high tech gifts during this holiday season.
- November 12: Eyewitness News did a story on the Consumer Product Safety Commission's list of dangerous toys.
- November 12: Eyewitness News did a story on how a government bailout would affect local car dealers.
- November 13: Eyewitness News did a story on environmentally friendly high tech gifts.
- November 13: Eyewitness News did a story on the economic impact of the Navy/Notre Dame game in Baltimore.
- November 14: Eyewitness News did a story on Baltimore City's proposed budget cuts.
- November 17: Eyewitness News did a story on identity theft and how information is bought and sold.
- November 17: Eyewitness News did a story on the Maryland Retailers Association Economic Forecast for the holidays.
- November 17: Eyewitness News did a story on more cruises shipping in and out of the Port of Baltimore bringing more money to local businesses.
- November 18: Eyewitness News did a story on President Bush freeing up military airspace for commercial jets during the holiday travel season.
- November 18: Eyewitness News did a story on disruptions of service for the Light Rail in Maryland.
- November 19: Eyewitness News did a story on special lanes for families at airport security checkpoints.
- November 19: Eyewitness News did a story on the local autoworkers in Maryland afraid of losing their jobs because of the auto industry economic crisis.
- November 20: Eyewitness News did a story on an Ikea recall of window blinds after a small child was strangled by the cord.
- November 20: Eyewitness News did a story on AAA predictions that fewer people will travel over the Thanksgiving holiday because of the economy.
- November 21: Eyewitness News did a story on Maryland business leaders meeting to discuss the state's economy and possibly more budget cuts.
- November 21: Eyewitness News did a story on Southwest Airlines wanting to give up some gates at BWI airport.
- November 21: Eyewitness News did a story on the new Verizon Blackberry Phone available in stores.
- November 24: Eyewitness News did a story on the Government Bailout of Citigroup.
- November 24: Eyewitness News did a story on how to save money when shopping online.
- November 24: Eyewitness News did a story about an email warning against buying gift cards from 30 national chains.

- November 25: Eyewitness News did a story on store bargains this holiday season and what consumers should be cautious.
- November 25: Eyewitness News did a story on the Insurance Institute's top picks for cars.
- November 25: Eyewitness News did a story on toy safety.
- November 26: Eyewitness News did a story on the price of home heating oil falling and how homeowners will be affected.
- November 26: Eyewitness News did a story on parents who are concerned that traces of melamine in baby formula was found in recent tests.
- November 27 & 28: Eyewitness News did a story on Black Friday Holiday Shopping.
- November 29: Eyewitness News did a story on holiday charities that are struggling because of the economy.
- November 30: Eyewitness News did a story on efforts to create a non-profit car share service in Baltimore for consumers.
- December 1: Eyewitness News did a story on how the country is officially in a recession and has been for more than one year.
- December 1: Eyewitness News did a story on Cyber Monday online shopping.
- December 1: Eyewitness News did a story on fewer foreclosures taking place in Maryland.
- December 2 & 3: Eyewitness News did stories on the auto industry bailout and how it's affecting Maryland autoworkers.
- December 3: Eyewitness News did a story on gas prices hitting a three-year low.
- December 3: Eyewitness News did a story on local artists getting more creative to sell their work in the tough economy.
- December 4: Eyewitness News did a story on Maryland state workers being furloughed to help the state save money.
- December 4: Eyewitness News did a story on small retailers in Maryland using special marketing campaigns to entice holiday shoppers.
- December 5: Eyewitness News did a story on Maryland's unemployment rate.
- December 5: Eyewitness News did a story on hybrid vehicles and the impact on the U.S. Auto Industry.
- December 7: Eyewitness News did a story on local homeowners who saved their home by raising \$10,000 on the Internet.
- December 7: Eyewitness News did a story on Maryland's Fuel Fund which helps low income families pay their heating bills.
- December 7: Eyewitness News did a story on Tribune, the parent company of The Baltimore Sun, declaring bankruptcy.
- December 9: Eyewitness News did a story on how the poor economy is taking a toll on the local arts, forcing the Baltimore Opera to file for bankruptcy.

- December 9: Eyewitness News did a story on a record number of Marylanders filing for food stamps.
- December 10: Eyewitness News did a story on Baltimore City leaders asking for pay raises.
- December 10: Eyewitness News did a story on gas prices in Maryland at record lows.
- December 11: Eyewitness News did a story on Bank of America and Merrill Lynch cutting thousands of jobs.
- December 12: Eyewitness News did a story on the Auto Bailout failure.
- December 15: Eyewitness News did a story on the busiest day of the year at the post office for shipping holiday packages.
- December 16: Eyewitness News did a story on the Federal Reserve cutting a key interest rate.
- December 16: Eyewitness News did a story on furloughs for Maryland state workers.
- December 16 & 17: Eyewitness News did a story on the Constellation Energy takeover deal.
- December 17: Eyewitness News did a story on the crash test results for small 2009 car models.
- December 17: Eyewitness News did a story on the DTV transition and the station's DTV analog shut-off test.
- December 17: Eyewitness News did a story on Chrysler closing all 30 of its manufacturing plants for a month to save money.
- December 18: Eyewitness News did a story on the federal government cracking down on credit card companies to help consumers.
- December 19: Eyewitness News did a story on M&T Bank buying Provident Bank to become Maryland's second largest bank.
- December 19: Eyewitness News did a story on holiday travel concerns at airports.
- December 20: Eyewitness News did a story on train ticket sales for the Inauguration in Washington, DC.
- December 21: Eyewitness News did a story on last minute Christmas shopping in Maryland.
- December 22: Eyewitness News did a story on local General Motors workers who may lose their jobs in the cutbacks.
- December 22: Eyewitness News did a story on how local retailers are slashing prices to lure last minute holiday shoppers.
- December 23: Eyewitness News did a story on Constellation Energy's environmental policies.
- December 23: Eyewitness News did a story on property values falling in Ocean City and on Maryland's Eastern Shore.
- December 24: Eyewitness News did a story on last minute Christmas shopping and the huge sales in stores.
- December 25-26: Eyewitness News did a story on the post holiday discounts to lure more shoppers into stores.
- December 26: Eyewitness News did a story on recession proof jobs.

December 26-27: Eyewitness News did a story on Baltimore based Rheb's Candy shutting down business after slumping sales.

December 29: Eyewitness News did a story on state workers returning to the office after a mandated furlough to save money in the state budget.

December 29: Eyewitness News did a story on the struggling retail industry.

December 30: Eyewitness News did a story on how hybrid cars are not as efficient in the wintertime.

December 30: Eyewitness News did a story on the romance author Nora Robert's new bed and breakfast that will soon open after a fire delayed the renovations to the 100 year old property in Boonsboro.

December 30: Eyewitness News did a story on a day spa in Howard County that burned down leaving dozens of employees without a job.

#### ON TIME

November 2: Certified Senior Advisor Steve Yarn talks with Kai Jackson about the national financial crisis and how it impacts the average "Joe." With respect to the stock market, he discusses the importance of buying low and selling high and feels that people need to continue investing in their 401K retirement plans. He also explains the role of a reverse mortgage and how, in certain circumstances, this has save people from going into foreclosure and bankruptcy.

November 2: Sharon Pinder tells Kai Jackson how the role of minority and women owned businesses and entrepreneurs are a huge economic force in the Mid-Atlantic region. She gives examples of organizations that will be honored at an upcoming awards banquet and the services that they provide.

November 9: The proposed Baltimore Red Line is a mass transit project that would create a modern light rail system going from the Social Security Administration in Woodlawn to Dundalk on the east side. Danyell Diggs, the city coordinator and Pless Jones, president of the Maryland Minority Contractors Association, tell Kai Jackson how this project will create a tremendous economic surge to the city. Plans are underway to employ local city resident and utilize women and minority owned firms.

December 7: Jaki Taylor discovered that her 90 year old father, John Taylor, was the victim of elder abuse when she reviewed footage from surveillance cameras she installed to document his care. She tells Kai Jackson how releasing that video to Eyewitness News as well as interviews on Oprah has helped generate attention to the problems of elder abuse. The caregiver who abused her father was arrested but fled the country when she was let out on bail. Now Jaki Taylor tells Kai how she's working with the Maryland state legislature to pass a law making elder abuse penalties stricter.

December 14: Kai Jackson talks with Marcellus Alexander, Executive Vice President of Television for the National Association of Broadcasters, about the DTV transition taking place on February 17. They discuss what viewers need to do in order to receive the new digital TV signal. Their options are to buy a converter box for televisions that are not connected to cable or satellite or to buy a new digital TV. They discuss how the government is offering \$40 coupons, limit of 2 per family that help to defray the expense of a converter box.

#### **ART & CULTURE**

October 1: Eyewitness News did a story on the opening of *Legally Blonde on Broadway* in Baltimore's Hippodrome Theatre..

October 2: Eyewitness News did a story on the public being allowed to watch the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra rehearsal for free as part of Free Fall Baltimore, a free open house of many of the city's cultural institutions.

October 2: Eyewitness News did a story on a Baltimore company that made chocolate medals to give to the crowd at the Olympic Heroes parade.

- October 5: Eyewitness News did a story on the Annual Fells Point Festival.
- October 5: Eyewitness News did a story on the Best Dressed Sale in North Baltimore to benefit hospital patients.
- October 5: Eyewitness News did a story on the Casey Cares Foundation Annual Fall Party.
- October 8: Eyewitness News did a story on the Producer of Legally Blonde the musical. He's a local high school graduate.
- October 9: Eyewitness News did a story on Lexington Market in downtown Baltimore.
- October 10: Eyewitness News did a story on preparations for the 8th Annual Baltimore Marathon.
- October 10: Eyewitness News did a story on local fashion designer Christian Siriano, winner of Project Runway.
- October 10: Eyewitness News did a story on a new dog park opening in Latrobe Park in Locust Point.
- October 11: Eyewitness News did a story on the Sailboat Show in Annapolis.
- October 11: Eyewitness News did a story on Baltimore's Under Armor marathon.
- October 12: Eyewitness News did a story on the Columbus Day Parade in Little Italy.
- October 14: Eyewitness News did a story on Barctoberfest, a dog festival at Patterson Park.
- October 15: Eyewitness News did a story on the Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race.
- October 17: Eyewitness News did a story on a local Price Is Right contestant.
- October 19: Eyewitness News did a story on Tom & Pat's 2nd Annual Halloween "Feast in the East" at Martin's East.
- October 20: Eyewitness News did a story on a new design for an Ocean City license plate.
- October 22: Eyewitness News did a story on the Walt Disney movie "Morning Light" and the local star.
- October 22: Eyewitness News did a story on a statue of William Donald Schaffer going up in Baltimore.
- October 24: Eyewitness News did a story on Pikesville High School and the students' entrance into a viral video contest for "High School Musical."
- October 25: Eyewitness News did a story on a haunted factory tour at the Baltimore Museum of Industry.
- October 27: Eyewitness News did a story on three of the US Olympic team gymnasts in town for an appearance at Cover Girl.
- October 29: Eyewitness News did a story on the opening of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" at Center Stage.
- October 30: Eyewitness News did a story on popular Halloween costumes and the money consumers will spend on them.
- October 31: Eyewitness News did a story on Halloween festivities in Rodgers Forge.

October 31: Eyewitness News did a story on the annual gastronomic extravaganza charity fundraiser at St. Leo's in Little Italy.

October 31: Eyewitness News did a story on a rare one on one interview with local ice skater Dorothy Hamill.

November 1: Eyewitness News did a story on Charm City's celebrations for Edgar Allen Poe.

November 2: Eyewitness News did a story on an artists competition at the Baltimore Museum of Art.

November 2: Eyewitness News did a story on opening night for the Rockette's Christmas Spectacular at the First Mariner Arena.

November 6: Eyewitness News did a story on miracle ties at Johns Hopkins Children's Center.

November 6: Eyewitness News did a story on the Grinch's visit to WJZ to promote his musical play at the Hippodrome Theatre.

November 7: Eyewitness News did a story on Michael Phelps' plan to purchase the Meadowbrook Aquatic Center.

November 8: Eyewitness News did a story on Baltimore's Annual Greek Festival.

November 8: Eyewitness News did a story on a spinning fundraiser for the Bea Gaddy Family Center's Annual Thanksgiving dinner.

November 9: Eyewitness News did a story on Howard County's Meals on Wheels program with help from Bernadette Woods.

November 9: Eyewitness News did a story on local auditions for the musical "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."

November 10: Eyewitness News did a story on how Baltimore County honored vets for Veterans Day.

November 11: Eyewitness News did a story on name choices for the aquarium's new dolphin calf.

November 11: Eyewitness News did a story on a rededication of a Baltimore's World War II monument for Veteran's Day.

November 12: Eyewitness News did a story on the James Bond movie premier at the Landmark Theater.

November 13: Eyewitness News did a story on the Flaming Bowling Ball in North Baltimore.

November 14: Eyewitness News did a story on the start of the Baltimore Blast season.

November 15: Eyewitness News did a story on Baltimore families who made their adoptions official on National Adoption Day.

November 16: Eyewitness News did a story on the Fall 2008 Chrysanthemum show in the Conservatory at Druid Hill Park.

November 18: Eyewitness News did a story on The Salvation Army's kick off for the Red Kettle Drive.

November 19: Eyewitness News did a story on the Christmas Train Garden in Perry Hall.

November 20: Eyewitness News did a story on a glass blowing center in Clipper Mill.

November 21: Eyewitness News did a story on Baltimore's Annual Thanksgiving Parade.

- November 22: Eyewitness News did a story on the rescuer who saved a woman who was trapped in a ravine receiving the American Towman Medal for his heroic actions.
- November 22: Eyewitness News did a story on the MTA's stuff-a-bus food drive for the needy.
- November 23: Eyewitness News did a story on how Baltimore's Farmers Market is handling its busies day of the year.
- November 24: Eyewitness News did a story on the 10th Annual Mammoth Manic Monday Meltdown in Fell's Point.
- November 25: Eyewitness News did a story on a the Thanksgiving dinner hosted at the Baltimore Convention Center.
- November 26: Eyewitness News did a story on the Festival of Trees in Timonium.
- November 27: Eyewitness News did a story on Thanksgiving Day food shopping at Gersbecks in Middle River.
- November 28: Eyewitness News did a story on Black Friday shopping hustle and bustle in North Baltimore.
- November 29: Eyewitness News did a story on how charities are getting hit especially hard by the sluggish economy.
- November 30: Eyewitness News did a story on the international table tennis competition hosted in Baltimore.
- December 2: Eyewitness News did a story on the Ohio home with the movie "A Christmas Story" was filmed.
- December 3: Eyewitness News did a story on the 34th Street lights in Hampden.
- December 4: Eyewitness News did a story on the Miracle on Main Street in Hamilton.
- December 5: Eyewitness News did a story on the Mayor's Christmas Parade in Downtown Baltimore.
- December 6: Eyewitness News did a story on how Baltimore's museums and Attractions reduced their admission prices to \$1 for two days.
- December 6: Eyewitness News did a story on the car show at the Timonium Fair grounds.
- December 9: Eyewitness News did a story on a Musical Lights display in Abingdon.
- December 11: Eyewitness News did a story on the Hampton Mansion in Towson.
- December 12: Eyewitness News did a story on the Holiday train garden at the B&O Railroad Museum.
- December 13: Eyewitness News did a story on Michael Phelps' book signing event.
- December 16: Eyewitness News did a story on the holiday train garden on Wise Avenue in Dundalk.
- December 17: Eyewitness News did a story on the fair trade store Ten Thousand Villages in Kennilworth.
- December 18: Eyewitness News did a story on Dundalk High School and a holiday CD the students made to give to needy kids.
- December 19: Eyewitness News did a story on the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's Spectacular performance for the holiday season.
- December 20: Eyewitness News did a story on the Victorian Style Poinsettia show in Druid Hill Park.

December 21: Eyewitness News did a story on the beginning of Hanukah at the Jewish Museum of Maryland.

December 22: Eyewitness News did a story on the ticket exchange for people who lost tickets because of the Baltimore Opera's bankruptcy.

December 23: Eyewitness News did a story on the Semites on Bikes fundraiser to benefit Breast Cancer research.

December 25: Eyewitness News did a story on the Bethel Congregation in Pikesville delivering Christmas meals to the needy.

December 26: Eyewitness News did a story on babies born on Christmas in Baltimore.

December 27: Eyewitness News did a story on the Red Cross' push for blood donations.

December 28: Eyewitness News did a story on New Year's Eve preparations in Baltimore.

December 28: Eyewitness News did a story on the closing of Rheb's Candy in Lexington market.

December 30: Eyewitness News did a story on a local actor who has a role in "The Spirit."

#### ON TIME

October 5: Free Fall Baltimore showcases the cultural arts venues in the city and offers over 300 free performances, viewings and workshops. Randi Vega gives Kai Jackson the overview of this cultural open house while Lois Tuttle discusses the newly formed Women Film Festival and their participating in Free Fall.

October 19: The Maryland Humanities Council's new executive director, Phoebe Stein Davis, tells Kai Jackson about her famous relative, literary icon Gertrude Stein. She discusses Stein's Paris literary salon's of the early 1900's that included up and coming artists Matisse and Picasso as well as her literary contemporaries Ernest Hemingway and Thornton Wilder. The Maryland Humanities Council's role is to bring people together to discuss topics of importance including the upcoming presidential election and a Rosa Parks exhibit.

November 9: Kai Jackson talks with the new managing director of Center Stage about her new role at the regional theatre. She discusses the current production, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and its storied history at Center Stage. The first time the play premiered, a fire on opening night destroyed the theatre located on North Avenue. This will be the first time the production has been performed at the theatre's new location on N. Calvert Street.

November 9: Johns Hopkins Hospital will benefit from the upcoming East Coast premier of the new James Bond movie, Quantum of Solace. Dr. Ashish Shah explains to Kai Jackson how the creator of the James Bond movies, Albert Broccoli, was a patient at Hopkins and gave a grant to establish an aorta center named in his honor.

November 30: Kai Jackson talks with Zastrow Simms, Karin Hayes and Victoria Bruce about the documentary, "Pip & Zastrow: An American Friendship" and the race riots occurring about the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The film explores the relationship between two men of different races (one black, one white) during a time when race relations were at a pivotal point.

November 30: Dr. David Terry, director of the Reginald F. Lewis Museum tells Kai Jackson about the new exhibition, "Courage: The vision to end segregation, the guts to fight for it" and how ordinary people standing up for their rights started the movement that culminated in Brown v. Board of Education and the integration of public schools.

December 7: Kai Jackson talks with Robert Rogers, the director of the Maryland Historical Society, about their new exhibition, "Maryland Veterans of World War II, Our Arsenal of Democracy" that showcases the role of the men, women and companies of Maryland in the war effort. He tells Kai how many of the items on display came from personal collections including materials from former Governor William Donald Schaefer.

December 7: Preston Bautista, director of public programs for The Baltimore Museum of Art and Kwame Ansah-Brew, head drummer with the Fritete African Drum & Dance Ensemble talk to Kai Jackson about the upcoming BMA Kwanzaa Family Day. Kai gets a drumming demonstration.

December 14: Sandra Street began making dolls as a little girl and now has her own company, The Baltimore Doll Company, and website for her one-of-a-kind dolls that are made from recycled materials. She explains to Kai Jackson why her dolls do not have faces.

December 14: CenterStage Associate Artist E. Faye Butler tells Kai Jackson about the new play, "Caroline, or Change" that has the backdrop of 1963, the Kennedy assassination and March on Washington, as elements that force characters in the play to change. She discusses the role of her character, Caroline, the African-American maid in a deep Southern household and how she must change with the times.

December 28: Darin Atwater, the founder of the Soulful Symphony, tells Kai Jackson about the state's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a special concert that includes the BSO, Soulful Symphony, Baltimore City College Choir and narration of Dr. King's speeches by Kweisi Mfume.

December 28: Port Discovery is ringing in the New Year with a special event for young people that involve learning about the culture of Italy. At noon on New Year's Eve, children will toast the New Year with milk and cookies.

#### **COMMUNITY**

October 4: Eyewitness News did a story on Maryland's Olympic Celebration to honor Michael Phelps, Katie Hoff and the other Olympians

October 26: Eyewitness News did a story on the American Cancer Society's Breast Cancer Walk.

October 19: Eyewitness News did a story on the "Taste and Auction of Howard County" to benefit Gilchrist Hospice Care.

November 28: Eyewitness News sponsored Kennedy Krieger's Festival of Trees in Timonium.

December 31: Eyewitness News covered the New Year's Eve Spectacular in Baltimore.

# ON TIME

October 26: Kai Jackson talks with Lester Spence, an assistant professor of political science at Johns Hopkins University, about the upcoming presidential election. They discuss the significance of the election that either the first bi-racial president or first female vice president will be elected. Professor Spence examines the role that race and gender may play in politics as well as the impact the current economic situation is having on the election.

November 2: The Girl Scouts are holding a "green carpet" event to honor the top selling Girl Scout cookie sellers. The event features desserts made with Girl Scout cookies made be Rodney Henry, founder of Dangerously Delicious Pies and Duff Goldman from Charm City Cakes.

Khadijah James tells Kai Jackson and her success with selling cookies and how that experience developed her self-confidence.

November 23: Kai Jackson talks with certified executive chef John Johnson from the Anne Arundel Community College's Hospitality Cultural Arts and Tourism Institute, about Thanksgiving Dinner. Chef Johnson prepares several side dishes to go with the traditional turkey.

November 23: Lainy LeBow-Sachs tells Kai Jackson about the Festival of Trees and how the 3-day holiday event benefits the children at Kennedy Krieger Institute.

November 30: Ten Thousand Villages is a unique place to shop for holiday gifts because all the artisans are paid at fair trade wages. Leslie Dungee explains to Kai Jackson how artisans in developing nations use recycled materials – from soda cans to rags to make unique Christmas ornaments. She talks about their upcoming Oriental rug sale.

December 21: Kai Jackson talks with chef John Johnson from the Anne Arundel Community College's Hospitality, Cultural Arts and Technology Institute, about holiday foods. Chef Johnson demonstrates how to make potato latke, sugarplums, eggnog crème brulee and other delights.

December 21: Tracy Baskerville from the Baltimore Office of Promotion and Arts and Mark Montgomery from Ports America tell Kai Jackson about plans for the New Year's Eve fireworks over Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

December 28: Elsie Owolo, Miss Black Maryland, tells Kai Jackson about winning this pageant and how she is working with the Posse Foundation to mentor students, which encourages young people to pursue a college education.