

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.

HEALTH

Eyewitness News did a story on...

10/2 Baltimore has some of the most respected hospitals in the country. But with such resources and talent centered in one place, patients often drive an hour or more to get life-saving treatment. Now, cancer patients in Harford County might not have to make the long trip.

10/3 The Maryland Department of Health confirms the first flu case of the season in our state. It's time to get your flu shot and on Saturday in Baltimore County you can get one for free.

10/5 In health news-- breast cancer researchers release some positive new findings. They say simply exercising an hour a day could drastically reduce the risk of getting cancer.

10/8 Oscar winning actor Tom Hanks makes a surprise announcement on the Late Show With David Letterman. Hanks revealed he is now living with Type 2 Diabetes. Local health professionals hope his diagnosis is a wake-up call for millions.

10/8 With concussions and sports head injuries in the news, US Lacrosse based here in Baltimore is taking a major step to put safety first in youth sports.

10/9 While glitches continue on the Obamacare website, Marylanders are urged not to give up. Supporters are urging applicants to sign up.

10/10 A rabies case has surfaced in an Anne Arundel County park. An infected raccoon was found, and, health experts are warning people to be cautious around wild and stray animals.

10/14 There are 41 million retirees now in America. Health officials say those who are active stay healthier than those who aren't. One retiree in Hunt Valley is hard to keep up with.

10/15 Studies show children in our country play less and eat more now than ever before. The NFL and the Ravens are trying to combat that trend.

10/17 Families of children with limb deformities travel from around the world to be treated at Sinai Hospital. This weekend marks the 8th annual Save A Limb Ride and raises money to support families at the Rubin Institute for Advanced Orthopedics.

10/18 In tonight's WJZ Health Watch... More states are passing legislation to make epinephrine available in schools in case a child has a severe allergic reaction. But with the new laws comes new controversy.

10/22 Swapping soda for healthier drinks. A Howard County group is pushing that on Maryland airwaves.

10/24 Older homes in older cities mean a higher risk of lead poisoning. Children are especially at risk. Now the Environmental Protection Agency is taking another step to keep Baltimore's children safe.

10/26 A startling statistic has the government taking action. In the US one person dies every 19 minutes from a prescription drug overdose. Now the FDA is working to combat that.

10/27 In tonight's WJZ Healthwatch report, attention, spooky Halloween shoppers. If your costume includes colored contact lenses...beware. The FDA releases a new warning that could have you chickening out.

10/29 Problems with the President's Affordable Care Act continue and lawmakers aren't happy even as efforts are underway here in Maryland to help people enroll in insurance plans.

10/30 It's a problem at college campuses across the country. Alcohol abuse. But Maryland colleges are now coming together to fight excessive drinking.

10/31 It's open enrollment for Medicare and managed care plans and there are some changes so it's best to ask the experts.

11/3 In tonight's Health Watch it's time to get your flu shot. One local medical center vaccinated more than 2,500 people today with its annual drive through clinic.

11/4 73,000 Marylanders dropped by their health plans because they don't meet the minimum standards of the Affordable Care Act. Tonight, how they are coping.

11/7 For the first time the FDA admits that trans-fats are dangerous. Now the powerful agency wants a ban on the heart-clogging substance- removing them from the food industry and local restaurants agree.

11/8 Deadly diseases once nearly wiped out, are making a frightening comeback in Maryland and across the country. Tonight a warning that parents who don't vaccinate their children are putting others at risk.

11/14 Tonight tablets and toddlers. A warning for parents of tech-savvy children. The American Academy of Pediatrics says children under two should avoid all screen time. Doctors and therapists fear too much time on touch screens could cause long-term damage.

11/21 Today the American Cancer Society is asking millions of Americans to put out their cigarettes and make a plan to quit as part of the 37th Annual Great American Smokeout.

11/23 Each year, police departments across the nation collect unwanted prescription medication. Harford County is teaming up with Maryland State Police to set up a permanent drop box.

11/25 The federal government announced it plans to ban artery clogging trans fats from prepared foods. It's causing great concern for a historic Baltimore bakery.

11/26 Flu cases are on the rise across Maryland and for some, that can be deadly. Now technology is being used to predict the spread of the illness.

12/16 In tonight's Healthwatch.. a doctor in Howard County says there are children who've been labeled lazy or learning deficient who are none of those things. They have a simple problem getting their brain to communicate with their eyes.

12/19 The NFL and the National Institutes of Health are coming together to learn more about brain injuries. The NIH is announcing this week that it is funding eight projects studying the long term effects of concussions. One of the grant recipients is right here in Baltimore.

12/23 While Americans around the country scramble to meet tomorrow's deadline to sign up for Affordable Health Care coverage to start January 1st, Marylanders have until Friday. The insurers in Maryland's Health Care Exchange agreed to extend the deadline for those who want coverage in January to December 27th.

12/30 Heightened concern across the country tonight as flu numbers continue to rise. Several children have died from the virus. Tonight where Maryland stands with the flu epidemic.

ON TIME

10/6 Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Neil Friedman and Marsha Oakley from the Breast Center at Mercy Medical Center about advances in breast cancer treatment and prevention. They discuss concerns that newly diagnosed women have when being told they have breast cancer. They discuss two upcoming fundraisers that help fill a void for women who do not have access to health care and need help with transportation costs.

10/6 Julie Walker tells Kai Jackson about being diagnosed 2 years ago with breast cancer and how she sought answers on the internet which lead her to Johns Hopkins for a second opinion. She explained how her first diagnosis at a local Virginia hospital was incorrect and that promoted the journey to Baltimore. While getting treatments she stayed at the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge where her needs were attended to by caregivers. Now she's a volunteer with the American Cancer Society and plans to walk at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer on October 27.

10/13 Steve Cline from the Partnership for DrugFree.org tells Kai Jackson about the new campaign to address prescription medication abuse. They have created an awareness campaign directed to adults, parents and grandparents to protect and secure their prescribed medications. Steve Cline says that this problem affects all ages, demographics and geographic boundaries.

10/13 The Living Legacy Foundation hopes to create a greater awareness as to the need for more blood, tissue and organ donors especially among people of color. Latrice Price discusses how this campaign is recruiting members through local churches and community events. Daronta Briggs discusses the benefits of having a new kidney and how the transplant has changed his life.

10/13 Tim Rhode tells Kai Jackson the importance of exercise on overall health and how many corporations are embracing a healthy lifestyle by encouraging employees to participate in active programs. He stresses how his facilities work to improve everyone's health regardless of their starting point.

10/20 & 11/17 Kai Jackson talks with Kathleen Westcoat from HealthCare Access Maryland about the Affordable Care Act. She discusses the current provisions of the law as well as the mandate for individual health coverage. She dispels common myths about "Obamacare" and how the Maryland Health Exchange can help the uninsured as well as the underinsured.

10/20 & 11/17 Ben Shifren, the head of the Jemicy School, knows how important it is to identify students with dyslexia and other language-based disorders as early as possible. He tells Kai Jackson about warning signs that parents should be aware of that indicate their child may have dyslexia. His school educates students in a manner that compensates for the difference in their brain structures.

11/3 Seniors who want to age in place also need to consider home health care and long term disability insurance. Angela Propst tells Kai Jackson how her agency, Home with You, provides healthcare workers that make home visits to check on seniors and help with daily living chores like bathing and eating. Melissa Barnickel discusses how long term disability insurance can help pay for these types of services yet many do not consider this type of insurance until it's too late.

11/10 Dr. Stephen Bartlett and Chef Ben Simpkins tell Kai Jackson about kidney disease, its causes and treatment options. Ben Simpkins discusses what life was like for a high school senior who had to undergo dialysis 3 times a week before getting a kidney transplant from his mother. They discuss how lowering blood pressure and controlling diabetes can help delay kidney disease. They discuss the upcoming Sante Culinary Odyssey that will raise funds for the Kidney Foundation.

12/29 Kai Jackson talks with Pam Trombero a former smokers and lung cancer survivor who now mentors those who want to quit smoking in a program sponsored by the American Cancer Society. She discusses how her role as a cancer registrar at MedStar Franklin Square is to connect smokers into cessation programs. She discusses how she got hooked and how her lung cancer was caught and treated.

12/29 Dietitian Kelly O'Connor tells Kai Jackson that the food we eat plays a big role in our health. When it comes to cancer, certain foods can help prevent certain types of cancer while other foods can counter the side effects of chemo. She discusses why it is important to cut back on processed foods and eat organic fresh vegetables and fruits. She discusses the free nutrition class that Mercy is offering to cancer survivors and their families.

ARTS & CULTURE

Eyewitness News did a story on...

10/2 Surprising and sad news about one of the world's best-selling authors. Tom Clancy - who was born and lived here in Baltimore - died Tuesday at Johns Hopkins Hospital after a brief illness.

10/4 One of Baltimore's iconic landmarks re-opens its doors this weekend. The home of Edgar Allen Poe will once again welcome visitors every weekend in October.

10/5 The home of Edgar Allan Poe shut its doors last year for renovations. But this weekend, visitors got a sneak peek of the national treasure. The reopening of the house comes just as readers mark the anniversary of Poe's death.

10/6 It's called "From The Bay...For The Bay..." a week-long celebration of Maryland seafood benefitting the Oyster Recovery Partnership. It's a chance for restaurants and patrons to eat up...while giving back.

10/7 The Baltimore Aquarium is welcoming some new animals after their DC home closed its doors for good due to renovations.

10/10 It's a musical portrait of iconic singer Barbra Streisand's Broadway years. And it's coming to a Baltimore stage. The popular tunes will be sung by one of Streisand's mentees.

10/11 Closer to home at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore lion cubs have been born for the first time ever. Tonight, we go inside the lion exhibit with the milestone for zookeepers.

10/13 A local scientist may have found a way to fight cancer and save lives and even more remarkable? He's still in high school! Now the Maryland teen is getting a lot of national attention.

10/15 A big night in Baltimore. The hit musical - "We Will Rock You" - featuring Queen's biggest hits is launching its US national tour right here tonight. And one of Queen's original band members is in Baltimore to kick off the show.

10/16 An unusual sight at Baltimore's Inner Harbor tonight-- dozens of historic boats, flying full sail! It's the kickoff to the 23-rd "Great Chesapeake Schooner Race"... A harrowing, 150-mile race down the bay.

10/18 It's a mansion with two centuries of Baltimore history and famous residents. The Clifton Mansion is in the middle of a months-long restoration. The agency behind the renovation plans to celebrate the historic home this weekend.

10/19 A Baltimore landmark gets a makeover. Charm City's Washington Monument will undergo five-million dollars in repairs.

10/21 Repair work on Baltimore's Washington Monument is about to get underway. It's a major project that's meant to restore the historic structure to its original condition when it was built 200-years-ago.

10/22 The world famous Blue Angels are making a come-back. They were grounded due to government budget cuts, but you'll once again be able to see them in the skies over Maryland.

10/24 A soft spot for those doing hard time. Inmates who are military veterans, are using their time behind bars to help make life a little easier for wounded vets with some four legged help.

10/26 The National Aquarium in Baltimore gets into the Halloween spirit... Underwater!

10/27 Baltimore's four-legged friends had some trick-or-treating for dogs today with a Halloween dog walk was held in Mount Vernon.

10/28 One year after being severely damaged by Super Storm Sandy.. today parts of Ellis Island reopened to the public. But the historic site is still without nearly a million of its artifacts. They're hundreds of miles away - here in Maryland.

10/30 Guys, if you've ever dreamed of having your own man cave...you have to see this. Maryland native, and professional lacrosse player, Paul Rabil's entire basement is getting a make-over. It's all part of the hit show--Man Caves.

10/31 Costumes, candy, parties, decorations and more it's all part of Baltimore's Halloween celebration. Tonight, what people will be wearing for one of the most popular days of the year.

10/31 What we don't know about African American history is captured in a private collection. Lost documents reveal a new and never told story about the rich legacy and history of America and now a part of that story is here in Baltimore in the form of documents, artifacts and art. It is part of the world renowned Kinsey Collection at the The Reginald F. Lewis Museum.

11/3 In light of the Boston Marathon attacks security was tighter than ever at the New York City Marathon this weekend. But that did not stop some 50,000 runners from pounding the pavements and one special Baltimore woman from winning a race.

11/5 Life outside of Earth the idea gets a big boost today. A NASA spacecraft is showing scientists the possibility is stronger than ever.

11/6 If you're shopping for a holiday gift, look no further than the miracle tie....they're on sale as of today. One of the joys of Baltimore's holiday season is meeting the designers, the young patients at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center.

11/7 Veteran's Day is almost here and there's a unique local program designed to help local vets and others. Tonight, more on how art therapy is helping some men transform their lives in Charm City.

11/8 The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's Orch Kids make their NFL debut performing for the world champion Baltimore Ravens. Now the team is announcing the 'two' will meet again...this time on a national stage.

11/9 November is Native-American Heritage Month and this weekend, hundreds celebrate with a Pow-Wow at Towson University. But many people at the event are also backing a push to change the name of the Washington Redskins.

11/11 Baltimore is the home to the first Catholic Archdiocese in America. Now, the 300 bishops who run the church in this country are returning to the spiritual home.

11/12 A spectacular sight at the Inner Harbor. The oldest working square-rigged tall ship in the world is docked in Baltimore now through Saturday and the public can board the ship for free.

11/13 One of the most popular Broadway musicals returns to Baltimore. "The Jersey Boys" is now playing at the Hippodrome Theater and WJZ has a sneak peek.

11/15 "Farm fresh" has a new meaning for some Thanksgiving fanatics this year. As Maryland turkey farms gear up for the season, one Baltimore County farm has nearly sold out.

11/18 Hollywood make-believe continues to make money for Maryland. Today the Governor stopped by a working film set to say thanks even at the risk of being upstaged by the show's star.

11/19 The largest holiday event on the East Coast is right around the corner. The Festival of Trees - benefiting the Kennedy Krieger Institute starts the day after Thanksgiving. It's a tradition that kicks off the holiday season.

11/20 Finally, a permanent home for a local museum to honor players in the NegroBaseball Leagues.

11/21 The US Naval Academy Men's Glee Club is heading to Dallas. Tomorrow it will perform at a ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of President Kennedy's death.

11/22 Tonight the Maryland Historical Society is celebrating JFK's life showing us the historical Kennedy photos and documents on display for Marylanders.

11/23 Bullying is a big problem across the nation. So Ravens Running Back Ray Rice is spreading a message of hope in Maryland reaching out to thousands of parents and kids.

11/24 For the first time the Vatican asks Catholics to speak up. This week, parishioners around the world and in Baltimore will get an on-line survey about family and social issues.

11/25 Former Baltimore Colt, Lenny Moore, is known for being much more than an NFL Hall of Famer. There's a renewed effort to memorialize Moore--who has made his mark on the Baltimore community as well.

11/26 Baltimore is home to the very first monument to George Washington and today the bust of the father of our country was removed from the first floor of the Mt Vernon Monument.

11/27 It's been an emotional time of remembrance as we continue honoring Former President John F. Kennedy killed five decades ago. Today, WJZ sat down with his niece- former Maryland Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend. She shared memories of her uncle and talked about his legacy.

11/28 Dozens gather to celebrate the start of Hanukkah in Baltimore County. Fireworks were part of the celebration at the Beth Tfiloh Synagogue in Pikesville last night.

11/29 A Maryland holiday tradition kicks off today. Thousands of people headed to the Timonium Fairgrounds for the first day of Kennedy Krieger's Festival of Trees.

11/30 It's one of Baltimore's favorite holiday traditions. Tonight, Hampden transforms into a winter wonderland with a spectacular light display.

12/1 The Pope once again surprises his followers with a manifest that describes the direction he's taking the Catholic Church. WJZ has local reaction to the controversial letter.

12/2 The NFL's Play-60 campaign was front and center in the Ravens Thanksgiving night game. But this program- to encourage youngsters to be active has been around for several years. This morning one Baltimore school got a big surprise from the league.

12/3 After being told he was never going to play the game he loved again Ravens linebacker Jameel McClain is back on the field and being honored. Today he is named the Ravens' Ed Block Courage Award winner. WJZ speaks with him about his work on and off the field.

12/4 Paperwork is landing on a Virginia judge's desk, over who gets ownership of a stolen Renoir painting. It was taken from the Baltimore Museum of Art decades ago and allegedly re-surfaced as a seven dollar flea market special.

12/4 It's the most popular Christmas song ever and it's heading to the stage of the Hippodrome. A local cast member in Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" gives WJZ an inside look at the show.

12/5 Our area is blessed with many wonderful restaurants but did you know that one has been singled out for special praise? In fact, a Baltimore landmark is now listed as one of the best bakeries in the country.

12/6 Wet weather did not stop the Inner Harbor from ushering in some of its most popular holiday attractions tonight. WJZ is downtown with some of the seasonal spirit just waiting for visitors.

12/9 They are about to become the stars at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. Two lion cubs born in the fall and now WJZ has exclusive access to the adorable additions but they need your help with their names.

12/10 Diamond ring mystery! A priceless discovery at a Maryland Christmas tree lot-- and now, the person who found it is looking for its rightful owner.

12/12 Sad news tonight for the television world. Longtime host of "It's Academic"-- which airs on WJZ-- Mac McGarry has died.

12/13 A vice presidential flub but we're not talking about Joe Biden. It's Julia Louis-Dreyfus of HBO'S Veep who's apologizing after dissing Howard County in an on-line interview. She called it prison.

12/14 This weekend's Army/Navy game is a tradition bordering on the sacred. Even the game ball has a special way of getting into the stadium in Philadelphia. Tonight, how Navy Midshipmen and Army Cadets hand deliver it.

12/20 One of the hottest gifts this year may have come from your attic, basement, or garage. Vinyl records which were until recently viewed as worthless, are now all the rage.

12/22 We're all familiar with what Cal Ripkin did on the field during his time here but now we're learning about what Cal is doing off the field. Cal is halfway through his nationwide plan to spend fifty million dollars on special youth ballparks.

12/23 A holiday tradition...hundreds of Christmas carolers sang their way through Fells Point tonight.

12/24 Holiday shopping takes a backseat for millions of Christians taking time to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas Eve services are being held all over Maryland.

12/25 Many Maryland families are celebrating the true meaning of Christmas today. Tonight, how many are remembering the reason for the season.

12/26 It's the most popular holiday plant here in Baltimore and across the country and now you can see hundreds of them in Druid Hill Park. The poinsettias are in full bloom at the Rawlings Conservatory.

12/27 If you love animals there's a way to help them here as we near the end of the year. It's called "Presents For Pets" an effort by the Maryland SPCA to help homeless cats and dogs in Baltimore.

12/28 Kwanzaa celebrations are now in full swing we're learning more about the origins of the holiday from the man who created Kwanzaa almost five decades ago.

12/29 A four alarm fire destroys a church in northeast Baltimore but the congregation continues worship services today. Church and community members vow to rebuild the historic structure.

12/31 Get ready for a little "Alter Ego." The band performing at the Inner Harbor tonight can't wait for the big show.

ON TIME

10/6 Free Fall Baltimore returns for the 8th year where over 200 arts-based events will be offered for free. Randi Vega describes this arts-type smorgasbord: from literary arts to performing arts and everything in between. Kristen Harbeson from Poe Baltimore explains how the Edgar Allen Poe Museum got a grant from Free Fall to reopen their museum to the public.

10/27 Preserving the sacred music of the African American church is the goal of the Community Concert Choir of Baltimore. Founded by Dr. Marco Merrick, the choir draws members from the Mid-Atlantic who are interested in performing spirituals, hymns and anthems that go back centuries. Their upcoming concert raises scholarship money for Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

11/10 Kai Jackson talks with representatives from the Reginald F. Lewis Museum, Dr. Skipp Sanders and Dr. Michelle Joan Wilkinson, about "The Kinsey Collection: Shared Treasures of Bernard & Shirley Kinsey – Where Art and History Intersect." This private collection spans 400 years of African American history and culture and documents the accomplishments of many unsung heroes. They discuss the artifacts and manuscripts that include the Dred Scott decision, the Emancipation Proclamation, Phyllis Wheatley's first book of poetry as well as art from Romare Bearden, Henry Oswald Tanner and Jacob Lawrence.

11/24 Holidays at Hampton feature the northern most plantation in the National Park Service decked out for the festivities. The decorations and activities relate to the time period when Hampton National Historic Site was an active plantation. The year's theme, the Roaring Twenties and 1930's features jazz performances during the 3 day event.

11/24 Kai Jackson talks with author Phillip B.J. Reid about growing up in Baltimore and his career as an FBI agent. The title of the book, Three Sisters Ponds, refers to an area in Druid Hill Park. The author discusses being a law enforcement officer during turbulent times including riots at the University of Maryland.

12/1 Kai Jackson talks with Elaine Eff who founded the Painted Screen Society of Baltimore and wrote “The Painted Screens of Baltimore: An Urban Folk Art Revealed.” She discusses how the painted screen began by bohemian grocer William Oktavec in the early 1910’s as a means to advertise his fresh fruit and vegetables. Later he and other artists painted screens for privacy in Baltimore’s row houses. She describes how it has developed into a folk art that began in Baltimore.

12/1 MICA, Maryland Institute College of Art feature a Holiday Art Mart where students, teachers and alumni can sell their hand-made one-of-a-kind creations from ceramics to jewelry. MICA instructor Sarah Barnes and student Jackie Harris talk about the importance of supporting local artists and how a portion of the proceeds benefit student scholarships.

12/8 The Hippodrome Foundation provides several programs that introduce the arts to city school students. Director Olive Waxter tells Kai Jackson about their partnership with Darin Atwater and the Soulful Symphony that includes public concerts and mentoring programs with high school students. The foundation also offers master classes with Broadway actors and a summer arts camp that exposes young people to various career opportunities within the arts.

12/15 The Baltimore Museum of Art has two new exhibitions, one featuring a Baltimore born artist, Morris Louis and the other by his mentor, Matisse. Anne Mannix Brown tells Kai Jackson about these two artists and how the museum maintains relationships with their families. The wife of the late Morris Louis made a large gift of the artist’s works which is part of the current exhibition.

12/15 Author JB Hanson tells Kai Jackson about his first book, The Unveiling. He describes his book as a spiritual adventure that has received favorable reviews from many readers. He self published his work and has begun work on a new novel.

12/15 Dr. Marco Merrick tells Kai Jackson about the Community Concert Choir of Baltimore’s first Christmas Concert featuring spirituals, anthems and choral holiday songs.

12/29 Dong Xiang tells Kai that Shen Yun is about 5000 years of Chinese culture that features authentic Chinese dance, folk dance and song and tells the legacy of the Chinese people. Shen Yun comes to the Modell Performing Arts Center at the Lyric and features beautiful colorful costumes, hundreds of dancers and a full symphony orchestra.

CONSUMER: HOUSING

Eyewitness News did a story on...

11/4 Baltimore City's plan to make the most of its waterfront gets a little more complicated. Politics and the environment are slowing down the Harbor Point Housing Development.

11/12 Some Baltimore neighborhood landscapes are changing as the city moves forward with its vacants to value housing initiative. The plan is getting national attention.

12/19 The mad rush for holiday gifts is still on and one community group is making a plea to give energy this winter. The Fuel Fund of Maryland says this is the season that some donors forget to give.

12/28 Maryland property values are up! It's good news that homeowners have not seen in at least five years. Experts say it could signal a turn-around in the economy. Tonight, a look at which Baltimore areas have seen the most growth.

ON TIME

11/3 Kai Jackson talks with Karen Braithwaite-Yarn and Brian Wigutow about Aging in Place options for senior citizens. They discuss how a reverse mortgage can help generate funds for home improvements, home health care and other services needed to keep the elderly safe in their own homes. They discuss how modifications like improved lighting, wider doorways, ramps, grab rails and switching to different door handles can make the home safer for the elderly.

11/3 The Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition has been protecting the rights of Maryland citizens by working with legislators in Annapolis. Marceline White and Robin McKinney tell Kai Jackson about areas they are targeting for 2014 – auto insurance, auto scams, debtors prison, foreclosures. Their main fundraiser honors outstanding consumer advocates including Lea Gilmore, Del. Luke Clippinger and attorney Paul Bland.

CONSUMER: JOBS

Eyewitness News did a story on...

10/16 The Port of Baltimore is shut down ships idled, longshoremen walking picket lines and millions in cargo stuck. Union workers have been working for quite some time without a contract.

10/18 New developments in the strike at the Port of Baltimore. Cargo operations partially resumed today-- as negotiations between the striking longshoremen's union and ship companies continue.

10/21 Workers at the Port of Baltimore are back on the job after striking last week.

10/22 One of America's top tech companies announces it's coming to Baltimore. Retailer "Amazon" will create a thousand local jobs at its new distribution center near the port.

10/23 A big boost for Baltimore. Amazon announces it will build a new warehouse in Charm City bringing more than one thousand jobs to the area.

11/14 Lockheed Martin, based in Bethesda, is cutting four thousand jobs.

11/25 Mixing rocket science and business. That's what NASA and Maryland have signed on to do. The goal is to turn technology into down to earth jobs.

12/5 Protesters in more than a hundred cities, including Baltimore, are pushing to get fast food restaurants to pay workers higher wages.. But the industry argues bigger paychecks could mean fewer jobs.

12/20 Encouraging news from the Labor Department today in Maryland's job report. The government says employers in Maryland added 8,900 jobs in November, mostly in the private sector.

12/25 Speaking of firefighters, families celebrating Christmas should be comforted to know that essential services did not take a holiday.

12/27 More than a million Americans, including many in Maryland, are bracing to lose their lifeline from the government. Long-term unemployment benefits-- put in place during the recession-- are set to end tomorrow.

12/30 Thousands of Marylanders enter the new year with a new challenge. Federal unemployment benefits ended Saturday. And they hope Congress acts to restore assistance as they continue looking for work.

ON TIME

12/8 Kai Jackson talks with Professor Solomon Omo-Osagie II about his new book, "Commercial Poultry Production on Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore: The Role of African Americans, 1930s-1990s." He discusses how the majority of poultry workers were at one time predominantly African Americans. Recently the number of

Latinos in this field has significantly increased. He discusses how African Americans suffered from respiratory illnesses as the result of working in crowded chicken coops. The poultry industry provides the largest economic impact on the shore leaving workers with few employment options outside of the chicken business.

CONSUMER: ECONOMY

Eyewitness News did a story on...

Extensive coverage of local impact of the government shutdown...

10/6 Dropping gas prices an unintended consequence of the government shutdown that has drivers smiling.

10/8 City shoppers have a new destination in southeast Baltimore. The Canton Crossing Shopping Center is now open!

10/9 Maryland based men's retailer Joseph A. Bank makes an unsolicited proposal to buy rival, "Men's Wearhouse" for over two billion dollars.

10/12 Electronic food stamp payments have been restored this morning after a computer glitch caused a temporary shutdown across much of the country including here in Maryland. Debit-style cards used by shoppers didn't work for hours.

10/13 A popular Highlandtown grocery store is closing its doors. Santoni's Supermarket says it will close its doors by the end of the month because of the city's beverage tax.

10/14 It's been an East Baltimore staple for more than 80 years. But now Santoni's Grocery Store is closing and the owner is blaming the city's bottle tax.

10/15 Breaking with tradition to compete for your dollar this holiday. Macy's is now set to open Thanksgiving night!

10/17 Baltimore's port remains shut down for a second day. Striking longshoremen and ship companies have yet to reach a contract settlement. The longer the strike goes on, the greater the economic risk.

10/20 Relief at the pump. Gas prices keep dropping and dropping. Over the last month-and-a-half, drivers have seen some of the lowest prices in a long time.

10/21 Fighting back. In a rare move, some Maryland watermen are suing the state to stop a new regulation. The watermen say the legal action is needed to save their livelihoods.

10/22 A popular Highlandtown supermarket is closing its doors for good later tonight. The owner of Santoni's says the city's bottle tax caused significant business losses-- prompting the closure.

10/23 Allegations against Caesars are raising some eyebrows about its future in Maryland gaming.

10/24 Plug-in and drive. Maryland joins the push to get more zero-emission cars on the road.

10/26 Cracking down on panhandling. City leaders wants to ban begging for money near restaurants and shops. But some say that ignores the real issues on Baltimore streets

10/29 The Port of Baltimore is touting the excellent grade it's received from the Coast Guard for the changes it's made to security. The state has spent millions upgrading systems.

10/30 A program growing in popularity, received a cash infusion to keep oysters growing. The money comes from chickens.

11/1 Some people may be waking up with a stomach ache this morning from all that Halloween candy. But Halloween isn't all tricks & treats... It means big money for retailers. It's now a multi-billion-dollar industry.

11/2 There will be deep cuts to the federal food stamp program this week putting a strain on thousands of families statewide. But in Baltimore City leaders offer a new way to cover some of the shortfall. The program also shows how to stretch monthly food budgets.

11/3 The Maryland Port Administration strikes a deal that could bring even more business to the Port of Baltimore, which has already had a big year.

11/7 Too many young people catch too many alcohol ads on TV. It's a trend, Johns Hopkins researchers say is on the rise.

11/9 New fundraising within the Baltimore County Fire Department breaks a long standing tradition. Tonight, what it is and how they're doing it.

11/10 Holiday shopping season has already begun and the turkey has not even made it to the table, yet. But several major retailers have kicked off online holiday sales. There's a reason the sales are starting earlier than ever.

11/11 Maryland drivers are getting a pleasant surprise at the pump as gas prices fall to a two year low.

11/13 Adding pizzazz to Baltimore's crown jewel... A new plan aims to spice up the Inner Harbor. But is the vision worth the cost?

11/15 One day after the president accepts blame for the botched rollout of the Affordable Care Act-- state's like Maryland are now facing a tough decision. The State Insurance Administration is debating whether Marylanders can renew policies that aren't good enough to meet the new regulations.

11/21 More big name businesses are heading to the Liberty Road corridor. Residents and local leaders have spent decades trying to breathe new life into the area. The new addition will be another big boost to the Randallstown economy.

11/22 A new plan to ease restrictions on air passengers is creating debate. The government wants to end the ban on cell phone calls in the air. But some passengers at BWI want to keep their peace and quiet.

11/24 The Baltimore Farmers' Market hits full stride just in time for the holiday season. Today was the single busiest day for area produce under the JFX.

11/26 A controversial pipeline gets a federal okay. It's for a new natural gas pipeline to run underground from Baltimore County to Harford County. Opponents still hope to block it.

11/28 Before the turkey even gets cold, thousands of Marylanders will get a jump start on Black Friday sales.

11/29 Let the shopping begin! Black Friday is here and that means lots of people out shopping looking for great deals. Some stores opened very early this morning...others were open for the Thanksgiving holiday.

11/30 Forget Black Friday and the mega retailers. Today, there's a nationwide push for shoppers to spend locally. That includes here in Maryland where it's "Small Business Saturday."

12/1 The web will be packed with people tomorrow trying to get deals online. So if you still have items on that holiday shopping list, don't worry. Cyber Monday begins in just minutes.

12/2 Shipping companies expect record breaking business this holiday season. One of the biggest, Fedex, invited us to come out and take a look at their operations in Baltimore County.

12/3 Bad news for retailers could mean good news for holiday shoppers. A slower than expected holiday shopping weekend might lead to bigger bargains right up through Christmas.

12/4 A surprising shift in the way Baltimore gets to and from work. A new report finds we're spending less time behind the wheel, and more time on public transportation.

12/6 3-D printers are popping up across the country and in Maryland -- and they're sparking a boost in business for small companies. It's cutting-edge technology that could draw more jobs and money to Maryland. WJZ has more on a program for entrepreneurs to bring their ideas to life.

12/13 What would you do with 425 million dollars? The mega millions jackpot continues to grow tonight as people rush out and snap up tickets.

12/15 Real versus artificial. It's the age-old debate when it comes to Christmas trees. This year the state is sending a message to tree buyers asking them to "go real."

12/16 Before you mail your gifts you have to purchase them. Retailers are counting on the holiday season to bounce back from disappointing Black Friday sales.

12/17 Local travelers are starting to take advantage of the TSA Pre-Check centers. This one in Dundalk recently opened up.

12/18 Students and residents are speaking out against a new trash burning powerplant going up in the Curtis Bay and Brooklyn neighborhoods. They're worried about potential pollution from the plant but company officials say the plant will do more to help the environment.

12/19 Now, to a massive fraud scheme affecting forty million holiday shoppers in Maryland and around the country. If you used your credit or debit card at Target during the past few weeks, thieves may have gained access to your personal information.

12/21 Relief is on the way for drivers who hit rush hour traffic every day on I-95 northbound. Construction is nearly complete on express lanes near White Marsh but it's going to cost you.

12/23 Time is running out on holiday shopping... With just about 24 hours left until many stores close for Christmas. But there's good news for those who still have shopping to do.

12/26 Getting to work by bus or rail...could get pricey for Marylanders starting January 1st. Tonight, how Marylanders enrolled in a federal tax benefit for commuters may have to pay more out of their pocket!

12/27 As the year winds down...local businesses are gearing up for a boost in business. The New Years Eve Spectacular is among the largest on the East Coast, and that means big business for Baltimore.

12/30 The Federal Aviation Administration announces the states that will develop research test sites for unmanned drones and Maryland is not one of them.

12/31 While tens of thousands of people will be watching the New Years fireworks at the Inner Harbor or on TV... Others will celebrate with illegal fireworks purchased in nearby Pennsylvania.

ON TIME

12/22 Washington DC is beginning a new tourist marketing campaign, DC Cool to lure more leisure and business travelers. The campaign evolved from a new exhibit, American Cool, which opens at the National Portrait Gallery in February. Elliott Ferguson, president of Destination DC explains that Washington residents are encouraged to list their cool DC places on this interactive website designed to show off the lesser known attractions, restaurants and neighborhoods. He tells Kai Jackson that the hospitality/tourism industry is the second largest employer after the federal government in Washington.

LOCAL POLITICS

Eyewitness News did a story on...

10/1 A federal district judge denies requests for temporary restraining orders to delay the state's new gun laws.

10/3 Maryland becomes the first state in the country to team up with Facebook in the fight against cyberbullying.

10/7 Taking the tax man private. It's in a bill being introduced in Baltimore City Council, following revelations of errors in city tax collecting. But privatizing tax collections is not something the mayor is backing.

10/15 The well known Santoni Supermarket announces it is shutting down. Owner Rob Santoni says the city bottle tax drove away his customers. Today Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake is jumping to the defense of the bottle tax.

10/18 How do Maryland drivers feel about the state's new gas tax? A new Gonzales poll asked a sampling of registered voters likely to vote in next year's election.

10/30 People who post explicit pictures of their ex-lovers on the internet could soon face consequences. It's called "revenge porn" and a bill coming up in the Maryland General Assembly next year makes it a felony.

10/31 Intense criticism and calls for action continue in Washington over those problems with the healthcare website. Tonight, reaction from two of Maryland's members of Congress.

11/1 Health advocates are pushing Maryland lawmakers to raise taxes-- in order to save lives. Tonight more on a plan to increase the state's tax on cigarettes.

11/4 It's expensive, runs at more than 300 miles an hour, and has the power to transform the East Coast. Tonight, we look into the push for a new super train that could bring big bucks to Baltimore.

11/5 The 2014 candidates for governor take a crack at the state's environmental challenges. Tonight, more on what hot button issues lie ahead.

11/7 Governor Martin O'Malley is urging supporters of raising the minimum wage in Maryland to sign a petition.

11/8 Bigger paychecks for minimum wage workers. Governor O'Malley is launching an on-line petition campaign. Boosting the dollars for low-wage workers may not close the state's gap between the middle class and the wealthy.

11/11 Turmoil in Annapolis -- following a historic mayoral election. An upset in the race appears to be having a ripple effect on the Annapolis city council.

11/13 Tax revolt! Cab and limo drivers are firing back at the city of Baltimore-- refusing to pay a new per-passenger tax that started last month. But city officials say they need the money.

11/19 A candidate for governor of Maryland announces her support for legalizing marijuana. The proposal is drawing fire from some critics, but Heather Mizeur says decriminalizing the drug will make Maryland safer--and new taxes will bring in millions.

11/20 Taking a step back in time... The state of Maryland is about to begin a switch from electronic voting to using paper ballots.

11/21 Big plans for the port. Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake just returns from visiting the Panama Canal, with Vice President Joe Biden. The improvements being made thousands of miles in Central America will have a huge impact in Baltimore.

11/21 The push to raise the minimum wage continues in Maryland. Governor O'Malley and other state lawmakers are in favor of an increase, and now one county is set to vote on it.

11/25 Some Maryland lawmakers are using the Thanksgiving holiday week to turn attention to proposed cuts in the nation's food stamp program. Tonight, more on the effort to keep the food supply line open.

11/26 Maryland's top doc says he's not satisfied with the operation of the state's healthcare exchange. State lawmakers are looking for answers.

11/27 New information about the "Maryland On-Line Health Exchange", and the glitches associated with the rollout of the Affordable Health Care Act. State leaders release numbers about its performance.

11/29 A life-saving effort is underway to convince people not to use cellphones while driving. One family, who lost their child to a distracted driver, is leading the charge for tougher penalties. They're taking their fight to Annapolis.

12/9 Maryland's gun control battle earns honors for the victors. Maryland is ranked fourth in the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

12/10 Maryland's health care exchange is still not serving the people of Maryland. Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown is charged with overseeing the state's affordable health care enrollment. He is taking the heat for its failures.

12/11 Maryland's small business retailers hang their hopes on a brisk holiday shopping season. Santa has an elf in state government who is rallying for their support.

12/16 Governor O'Malley declares the state's health care exchange "functional"...a huge step up from the admitted "big mess" that it was on October 1st. But, if you don't make the deadline for coverage starting in January, you won't be alone.

12/17 Maryland is riding the tide of offshore wind power...with a notice of sale for nearly 80,000 acres for a wind farm off the coast of Ocean City. Maryland's newly passed legislation to build the farm is already ahead of schedule.

12/18 Baltimore city's speed camera system is down but not out. After city leaders approved big bucks to get out of a contract with the current vendor, the mayor said she's determined to get it moving again.

12/19 Moms on a mission. President Obama is asking parents, especially moms, to talk to their 20-something children about Affordable Health Care. A Howard County woman got a personal request.

12/20 Maryland's sixth casino will be built near the nation's capital. A state commission approved MGM Resorts International's bid today.

12/27 The Maryland Horse Breeders Association says they're staying competitive on and off the track. Slot machine gambling is a big boost to the state's horse industry.

COMMUNITY

Eyewitness News did a story on...

10/2 A 189 million dollar mega million jackpot. And the only winning ticket is sold right here in Maryland!

10/4 She's often called Baltimore's Statue of Liberty and thanks to historians and preservationists she's about to get a new home. Tomorrow is the scheduled move of Lady Baltimore.

10/5 Baltimore's Statue of Liberty is getting a new home. Today-- crews began moving the Lady Baltimore.

10/6 Performers, dancers and Baltimore residents came out to celebrate Columbus Day.

10/7 It's been more than three years since Cockeysville native, Yeardeley Love was murdered by her boyfriend at the University of Virginia. Now, as athletes prepare for the Baltimore Running Festival a team called "Every Yard For Yeardeley" will be running in her honor.

10/8 The Baltimore Ravens team up with NFL-PLAY-60 today at a Carroll County Elementary School. Three star Ravens players let their inner child come out.

10/8 It will bring over one thousand new jobs and thirty retailers and restaurants to one of the city's most popular neighborhoods -- Canton Crossing opens today. Tonight, more on the much talked about shopping center and its distinctive Baltimore flavor.

10/9 Overfishing the ocean is a problem decades in the making. But one lab in Baltimore is working to clean the ocean and stock local seafood restaurants.

10/10 This weekend, 27,000 people from 50 states and 12 countries will lace up their sneakers for Saturday's Baltimore Running Festival. Leading the marathon Erika Brannock - an honorary starter with an incredible story.

10/10 Lights... Camera.... Action! Tonight, the historic Senator Theatre opens its doors once again, after a multi-million dollar restoration.

10/11 Designer shoes, handbags, and jewelry. They're all part of a huge sale in Owings Mills that started today and continues all weekend. It's the annual benefit for the House of Ruth that's already drawing big crowds.

10/12 Plans for a new Walmart store at 25th Street in Remington move another step closer to becoming reality. But some residents still aren't sold on the idea.

10/13 In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month--Maryland Live! Casino brings in a special guest.

10/14 Right on track. Baltimore's Penn Station is one of the busiest in the country. So busy, it's breaking records.

10/15 He's one of Baltimore's best known plastic surgeons who's also an amazing artist. Tomorrow night his work will be front and center at a major fund raiser. It's all designed to raise money for an organization which helps breast cancer patients and their families.

10/16 For the first time in two years, New York Knicks player and Baltimore native Carmelo Anthony will hit the court in Charm City. He faces off against the Washington Wizards tomorrow night, and Anthony's community center is celebrating, too.

10/17 Prominent Texas businessman T. Boone Pickens is giving a twenty million-dollar gift to Johns Hopkins University.

10/22 Excellence, perseverance and inspiration....Former Ravens Linebacker OJ Brigance embodies all those qualities and he unveiled his new book in Hunt Valley tonight.

10/23 A growing black bear population means more bears are being hunted this week in Maryland.

10/24 Each school year teachers spend thousands of dollars of their own money buying supplies for their classrooms. Many wish they could get the needed items for free. Now they can, thanks to an incredible idea by a local woman.

10/25 If you love clothes and great bargains, the Evergreen Museum on North Charles Street is the place to be this weekend. It's time to shop at the annual Best Dressed Sale for the benefit of Johns Hopkins Hospital.

10/27 Finding a cure... One step at a time. Thousands of breast cancer survivors continued the fight against the disease this weekend. It's part of WJZ's continuing community commitment and is the American Cancer Society's largest fundraiser.

10/29 Despite a marathon city council meeting, the Annapolis City Dock will get what some call a much needed facelift. The plan revamps the City Dock, but comes with some opposition.

10/31 As ghost, goblins and ghouls take over neighborhood streets tonight police in Anne Arundel County are boosting patrols keeping an eye on something much more dangerous.

11/2 It's three days of all things Greek! The annual Greek Food and Cultural Festival is back in town.

11/4 There's a fight in Baltimore-- over panhandling. City Council is considering a ban on begging in certain areas. Some people say it's an uncomfortable nuisance... But others say the panhandlers desperately need the money.

11/5 From the grid iron to the ticket counter. Two Baltimore Ravens players traded places with Southwest Airlines employees today at BWI Marshall.

11/7 The Bea Gaddy Thanksgiving Day meal here in Baltimore draws thousands. But did you know, with 3 weeks to go, preparations have already begun. And the prep is happening at a most unusual place.

11/8 Crime concerns in Towson... A string of robberies has students and residents on edge. A new task force is being formed to improve safety.

11/9 The roads in downtown Baltimore will be a big problem tomorrow especially for Ravens fans. If you're heading to the game, plan ahead and expect traffic delays. There are going to be several road closures.

11/10 It's a long road to recovery ahead for a state trooper hit by a car while helping another officer. But today, hundreds of supporters ran a race to make sure her path is a smooth one.

11/11 Cities across the country honored Veterans Day, and Baltimore was no exception.

11/12 After months overseas, hundreds of troops are welcomed home. Among the family and friends waiting to greet them at BWI Airport are Baltimore's world champions.

11/13 A massive international aid effort is underway in the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan and tonight some people in Maryland are preparing to go into the hardest-hit islands.

11/14 Progress usually means something new, but around Baltimore's harbor, it also means getting rid of something old. Harborside businesses are beginning to dig into the idea.

11/15 When it comes to rain and snow, best estimates of what a storm is packing, are about to get better. A satellite assembled here in Maryland is going to see weather in a whole new way.

11/16 Baltimore churches are asking for help providing aid to people in the Philippines.

11/17 It's being called the newest and most modern family fitness center in Maryland. The Towson YMCA is now open.

11/18 After months of searching... A family in Baltimore finally finds its pet tortoise. Tonight, more on the tortoise's history of running away... Very slowly.

11/19 The next time fans enter M&T Bank Stadium, they will be doing so in the most environmentally friendly NFL stadium in the United States.

11/20 It's a familiar sight in Baltimore's skies. The U-S Navy blimp returns. Tonight, what it's doing now, and why it's hovering over the city.

11/21 Thanksgiving comes in just one week-- and signs of the holiday season are all over Baltimore. Festivities kicked off across the city tonight-- from Santa's arrival at the Inner Harbor... To the shopping season kickoff in Pigtown.

11/22 Dozens of people came to a candlelight vigil in Frederick to remember the life of Ethan Saylor. The 26 year old man with Down Syndrome who died after being forcibly removed from a movie theater in January.

11/23 Dozens of Baltimore families will have new members at the table for Thanksgiving. This weekend, courts around the country celebrated "National Adoption Day" but there are still thousands of children looking for homes.

11/24 The holiday season is also about helping others. And today, football fans made sure Maryland families have food on their tables.

11/25 It's no secret it's getting cold outside. Might be time to grow your face a sweater. Tonight was the kick-off for the 'Beard Off' to raise money for the Ulman Cancer Fund.

11/26 The most anticipated event of the holiday season is just days away. The Festival of Trees kicks off this Friday.

11/27 One of the biggest Thanksgiving meals in the city is served today. Goodwill Industries continues to live up to its name.

11/28 Thousands of people are celebrating the holiday with a meal -- all thanks to an annual Thanksgiving tradition. The 32nd Annual Bea Gaddy Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

11/29 Weeks after a destructive typhoon wipes out thousands in the Philippines...residents are still rebuilding. Baltimore families are doing their part to help. A local family with ties to the victims, is singing for a cause.

12/1 A chance to celebrate Christmas... like never before. Today was the grand opening of the Christmas village at the Inner Harbor.

12/3 The Tuesday after Thanksgiving is known across the world as a time to donate your money, time and services to those who need it most... And Baltimore is rolling up its sleeves to pitch in.

12/4 Charm City turns out big for "Giving Tuesday." The non-profit "B-More Gives" announces it raised more than five point four million dollars and counting.

12/5 Holiday spirit is about to light up the sky over Baltimore. The much anticipated lighting of the Washington Monument in Mount Vernon is just a few hours away.

12/6 It's been a Baltimore tradition since 1972...and it happens in Hampden on Sunday. The bands, floats and the people are ready for an annual parade that will bring thousands of spectators to the streets and sidewalks of this popular Baltimore neighborhood.

12/8 Sometimes you need a little help getting your holiday shopping list done. For a group of kids in Anne Arundel County their shopping was done in a day. All thanks to some men and women in blue and the "Shop with a Cop" event.

12/10 During this holiday season many are giving back... And that had City Hall turning into a toy store tonight.

12/12 The Towson Tigers are on top. The football team is on its way to Illinois to take on the Eastern Illinois Panthers in the college football sub-division playoffs.

12/13 They're at least a million years old, and thousands of tons of them are rolling into Maryland. They're fossilized oyster shells and the first load of the "oyster express" arrived today.

12/14 A little rain and sleet didn't stop people from getting in the holiday spirit tonight. More than a thousand families headed downtown for the Power Plant's Rock the Dock.

12/15 Everyday downtown tens of thousands of people cross the street with barely a glance downward. Now, the city has found a way to put a little fun into walking around downtown.

12/16 The Orioles hit a home run for a group of Baltimore school children this holiday season. Eighty kids celebrated the season at a special party with current and former players.

12/17 Baltimore firefighters and police officers reach out with warmth to the smallest citizens they protect. Officers and firefighters provided new winter coats to over 800 needy children in Baltimore schools as a part of operation warmth.

12/18 A small fire causes a big disturbance at the University of Maryland. A longtime icon of final exams, Testudo, sustained a minor injury.

12/19 Ravens Quarterback Joe Flacco and some of his teammates spent tonight giving back. They attended the Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital holiday party.

12/20 It's almost time! In just a few minutes, we're revealing the names of the new lion cubs at the Maryland Zoo. You've been voting for two weeks, and the results are finally in!

12/21 It's a very special holiday tradition. More than one hundred Baltimore County kids finished their Christmas shopping today but they had some back-up.

12/22 Today, the Baltimore Farmers' Market and Bazaar closed its doors for the season.

12/23 A special surprise for some children in Baltimore. Their father is serving overseas and met the Harlem Globetrotters during their annual military tour of US military bases.

12/24 Christmas came early today for a very special group of men and women in Baltimore. Santa's elves made a stop with gifts for veterans from our area. Tonight, more on those who served and those who are helping them enjoy the holiday season.

12/25 It happens every Christmas day here in Baltimore. The local Jewish community joins hands and helps those in need. Hundreds of volunteers are performing acts of kindness to make this special day a little bit brighter for others.

12/26 Whether they're on your Christmas tree, strung along the house or decorating store windows, this is the season for lights. Tonight begins a series of laser light shows at the Inner Harbor's Power Plant.

12/27 Thousands of people are in Annapolis today for college football's Military Bowl. It's the first time the city's ever hosted the event.

12/29 You now have a chance to pay your library fines and help feed people in your community.

12/30 One day left in 2013 means we are counting our way down to midnight and Baltimore's annual massive fireworks celebration with the New Years' Eve Spectacular.

12/31 Just under six hours and counting until fireworks light up the night sky at the Inner Harbor. Tens of thousands of people are expected for the big show.

ON TIME

10/27 Kai Jackson talks with Russell Hurd and Ragina Averella about distracted driving and how significant a problem it is often taking innocent lives. Russell Hurd describes how his daughter was killed with a tractor trailer driver was texting and failed to stop and hit her car, killing her instantly. To keep her memory alive and to raise awareness about the problem of distracted driving, he and his wife started the Heather Hurd 5K Run/Walk. Ragina Averella discusses how widespread the problem is and how public attitude needs to change when it comes to distracted driving.

10/27 Dr. Carla Hayden has presided on the Enoch Pratt Free Library for the last 20 years. To honor her accomplishments, the library is holding a gala to honor her and raise funds to the renovations of the central library. She discusses the progress the library has made in going digital and how the Pratt levels the playing field by making information accessible to people from all walks of life. Despite the proliferation of the internet, the library still has an important role to play in the future.

11/10 The Festival of Trees is one of the largest East Coast holiday-theme events that draws thousands every year. Lainy LeBow-Sachs and David Garbarino tell Kai Jackson about the special activities that keep bringing families back year after year. They discuss how the proceeds from this event fund the world class research being done at Kennedy Krieger Institute and benefit the children who are currently enrolled in their programs.

12/ 8 Brian Steger tells Kai Jackson how the Boy Scouts remain relevant in this high tech computer world. He discusses how the outdoor programs are just as important today and provide new opportunities for developing skills, team building and character development. He discusses how their programs have expanded to include younger boys and how earning merit badges help with character development at any age.

12/15 Kai Jackson talks with Sgt. Timothy Aronhalt about the state's plans to curb driving while impaired especially during the holiday season. Sgt. Aronhalt discusses how drinking and driving has deadly consequences. Drivers who drink – even if under the legal limit – are at risk for accidents since only a few drinks can impair a driver's judgment.

12/22 Kai Jackson talks with Diana Morris about the Open Society Institute-Baltimore that was founded by philanthropist George Soros. She discusses why Baltimore was selected as the only field office for OSI in the United States. The focus of OSI-Baltimore is education – keeping students in school by reducing suspensions, advocating for additional mental health treatments for drug addiction and addressing juvenile criminal justice issues of incarcerating youth in adult facilities. She talks about the new community partnerships which fund stipends for grassroots programs that address these 3 issues.

EDUCATION

Eyewitness News did a story on...

10/4 The passion of Purple Friday at one Baltimore County school has become a teaching tool for school leaders. In tonight's School Watch, it's a serious lesson with a light-hearted approach.

10/7 A recent study in Baltimore shows students who drop of high school had a pattern of absences in elementary school. Now, the mayor is personally asking students to keep coming to class.

10/9 Now that Baltimore City has secured over a billion dollars to revive its crumbling schools, a building boom is about to begin. But before the architects get started, they're asking the students for help.

10/11 A Baltimore County teacher receives a statewide honor-- being dubbed the 2013-2014 Maryland Teacher of the Year.

10/14 An assessment shows kindergarten students in Maryland have made huge gains over the past decade in terms of their readiness for school.

10/15 Actors from two hits shows, shot right here in Baltimore - team up with local students for a gardening session. Tonight, how Veep and House of Cards got involved with the environmental program.

10/16 Baltimore schools get ready for renovation. The city landed a billion dollars worth of improvements.

10/17 The best and brightest high school students in the country compete in a unique engineering battle. One group of teens from Maryland rolled to a national victory.

10/23 In tonight's schoolwatch report -- broad changes to the state's zero-tolerance policy in schools may be on the way. It's a change board members have considered for more than three years, but some parents fear it's too lenient.

10/24 In tonight's school watch... A Maryland actor is getting involved in a major anti-bullying campaign. Many people will recognize him from a very different role.

10/25 A new Smartphone app gives Howard County students and parents a way to report bullies! Tonight, we show you how this new program works.

10/28 It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that kids learn best when doing something hands on. Tonight, more on a new competition between local city students that could actually lead to a student becoming a rocket scientist.

10/30 In tonight's School Watch, Baltimore County school leaders roll out an aggressive plan to relieve crowding at some schools. The improvements come with air-conditioners -- an upgrade parents pushed for.

10/31 Statistics show that one of the safest forms of travel in the United States is by school bus. That's comforting news to parents but, some students in Rising Sun found out that they needed to take their safety into their own hands.

11/1 In tonight's School Watch, a beautiful smile can be a costly thing. But for the city's only high school with a dental program, healthy smiles are free of charge. The school has a new lab to make students' college and career ready.

11/12 Radio, TV, movies, & videogame writing are all being taught in city high schools. In tonight's WJZ school watch, teachers are inviting industry professionals to see how far the students have come.

11/14 In the nation's fast-paced, technology-driven classrooms, one old-fashioned skill may be going by the wayside. Cursive writing was dropped when scores of schools adapted new federal guidelines this year. But in tonight's School Watch some teachers are fighting to keep cursive.

11/18 Curriculum controversy. Many parents are outraged at the Common Core Curriculum now being used across the state of Maryland. The Department of Education claims common core benefits the student.

11/19 Revamping high schools! It's part of a new initiative, President Barack Obama unveils to get students in Maryland and across the country better prepared for the work place.

11/20 More controversy over the initiative called "Common Core"... Tough, uniform standards for subjects like Math and English. Baltimore County teachers say it's making their work days much more difficult and tonight they are taking on the county school board.

11/21 In tonight's School Watch, an aggressive five-year digital upgrade is underway in Baltimore County schools. As a result the district's superintendent got an invitation to The White House today.

11/22 A presidential nod for one of Baltimore's youth music groups. The sounds of the BSO's Orchkids program has reached The White House and, it's just received the highest honor an after-school program can get.

11/27 Area high school students give back as they give thanks the day before Thanksgiving. Take a look at how they opened their hearts and wallets to make a difference.

12/2 Fighting to keep their school. Parents, teachers and students at the only all-male charter middle and high school in Baltimore are taking action. They have started a petition to keep their school open. WJZ has more on why the school may close.

12/3 Denied, because of her dreadlocks. A Baltimore city girl couldn't get into the school she wanted to go to because of her hairstyle! Under pressure- the school has now backed off its policy.

12/4 One Maryland high school band is bound for Hawaii this week. The group raised thousands of dollars in a matter of months to help commemorate the attack on Pearl Harbor. Now teachers are turning the five-day trip into a history lesson.

12/6 Baltimore County teachers say new curriculum requirements are putting a big strain on them and their students. Teachers find implementing the standards called "Common Core" are more complicated than expected.

12/11 A handful of Maryland schools are on the state's short list of best schools. The winners of the Blue Ribbon Schools are announced today. In tonight's School Watch the selection committee weighs everything even attendance rates.

12/12 A holiday program highlights the successes of children at one school for autistic children. In tonight's School Watch report...the school is growing.

12/18 The Towson Tigers are headed to the national semi-finals. The game is three thousand miles away. So, first things first. Eight players who were scheduled to graduate this week-end got their diplomas tonight.

12/20 Howard County school leaders are stepping up security to keep your student safe. The upgrades are recommendations from the district's school safety task force that formed days after the Newtown school shootings.

12/23 In tonight's school watch one Baltimore County student receives a prestigious award. This week, the College Board announced the state's two AP Scholars of the Year. The female winner took more than a dozen college-level courses.

ON TIME

10/20 & 11/17 The SEED School of Maryland accepts at risk students from across the state who apply for this residential public school. Dr. Khalek Kirkland, the head of the school and Diana Bobb, a junior, tell Kai Jackson about the advantages of the school and living on campus Sundays through Fridays. Students go home on Friday nights and return on Sunday evening.