

WJZ-TV  
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QUARTERLY SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMS REPORT  
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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
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Eyewitness News did a story on...

4/1: Not just dangerous, but deadly – new research shows distracted driving is now the number one concern for Maryland drivers, ahead of drunk driving. WJZ explains what's being done to combat the growing threat.

4/11: Scariest than initially thought—tonight, concerns are growing over the rapidly spreading Zika virus. There are already six cases here in Maryland and top health experts say the mosquito that carries the virus has been found in 30 states including Maryland. WJZ is live with the warning from health officials.

4/13: The CDC says there's no longer any doubt that the Zika virus does cause severe birth defects. The mosquito that spreads the virus has been found in about 30 states including here in Maryland. WJZ is live with more on what's being called a turning point in the Zika outbreak.

4/21: Spring is in the air and record-breaking pollen! The pollen count in Maryland is at an all-time high meaning bad news for allergy sufferers. WJZ is live with more on what's behind this pollen boom.

5/2: Playground dangers – the CDC says the number of children sustaining brain injuries at the playgrounds is up. So, what can you do to keep your children safe? WJZ is live with more on what experts say.

5/4: A disturbing revelation – medical errors are the third leading cause of death for US patients. That’s according to a new study from Johns Hopkins. WJZ has the numbers and how researchers are urging big changes to turn around the deadly trend.

5/8: Buyer beware—many patients are relying more and more on mobile health and wellness apps to diagnose an illness. A local study released by Johns Hopkins University shows those apps aren’t always reliable... instead a majority are giving out inaccurate information.

5/11: All of the rain we’ve been getting this month is causing scientists to become very concerned about the Zika virus. The wet weather could lead to a very bad mosquito season and mosquitos are spreading the virus. WJZ reports on one local couple whose lives have already been devastated by the disease.

5/15: With the aging of Americans, cases of Alzheimer’s Disease are expected to nearly triple by mid-century. Now, there is growing evidence that there may be a way to slow the development of dementia. As WJZ reports, the possible answer is in your grocery store.

5/18: After years of protest, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine bows to pressure announcing it will stop using live animals in its laboratories as part of its teaching exercises for medical students. WJZ is live outside Johns Hopkins School of Medicine with more on why the school decided to do away with the controversial practice.

5/21: Startling numbers—Zika virus cases triple in the U.S. The sharp rise in numbers is due to how the government is now counting cases. WJZ is live with reaction from health experts in Maryland and the plan to fight the virus.

5/22: Sharing the road—state and local leaders are teaming up to increase safety for both bikers and drivers. WJZ explains how they’re promoting their message with a new campaign.

6/1: It’s a time on the roadways that’s so deadly, it’s been dubbed the “100 deadliest days”. AAA says between Memorial Day and Labor Day – an average of 10 people die every day after being involved in an accident with a teenager. WJZ is live with the startling numbers that have officials ringing the alarm about distracted driving.

#### ON TIME

4/3 The Saint Agnes Hospital Foundation’s Supper is a foodie-lovers event featuring top local chefs competing against one another in a one of a kind event to raise money for the healthcare programs of the medical institution. Jennifer Hackett explains to Gigi Barnett how Top Chef Bryan Voltaggio and a top food writer will emcee this head to head competition with chefs preparing different courses. Auction winners will bid to become one of eight judges to taste and rate the chefs.

4/10 Gigi Barnett talks about Alzheimer’s disease with Ellen Torres and Kisha James from the local Alzheimer’s Association. They discuss what happens to a person’s memory and organ function when they develop dementia or Alzheimer’s. Without a significant breakthrough in preventing or slowing these diseases, the number of patients diagnosed in the coming years will be staggering. The human and financial costs for caring for family members with this disease are burdensome. The Alzheimer’s Association offers help for caregivers and relies on fundraising from the annual memory ball to fund their free workshops.

4/10 The Muscular Dystrophy Association helps families with individuals diagnosed with diseases that affect muscles from ALS to the various types of Muscular Dystrophy. Tom Rivers explains to Gigi Barnett how his wife and daughter both have a type of Muscular Dystrophy and the challenges they both face with this disease. Kourtney Rivers explains how she likes serving as the MDA Goodwill Ambassador.

4/17 Bryan Stark and Eva Queen talk to Gigi Barnett about the programs offered by Kennedy Krieger Institute for children with brain related disorders. Eva Queen discusses how her daughter has been helped since starting at Kennedy Krieger. They discuss the upcoming Roar for Kids – a festival with activities ranging from a fun walk to a 5K run and lots of children’s activities and games at Oregon Ridge Park.

4/24 Gigi Barnett talks with Amanda Mummert and Chanda Brigance about ALS also known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease – a disease that affects the motor neurons. They discuss how former Raven player OJ Brigance discovered he had ALS and what prompted the start of his foundation. The Brigance Brigade assists families with equipment needed to make the patient with ALS remain part of the family. Their upcoming run and walk raises money for families in need of equipment.

5/8 Gigi Barnett talks with Dr. Mark Katlic about elderly patients undergoing surgery. He discusses the need to screen them not only for heart, lung and kidney function but to check cognitive skills, and the impact the surgery will have on their caregivers. He discusses steps that the baby boomer generation can take to position themselves in tip top shape before undergoing surgery. Healthier patients usually have healthier outcomes.

5/8 David Foreman, the herbal pharmacist tells Gigi Barnett about his new book, the Four Pillars of Health: Heart Disease, and what people can do to have a healthy heart. Reducing stress, meditating, prayer, eating a healthy diet and exercising will help maintain a healthy body. He also recommends using healthy supplements like CoQ 10, and Hawthorne Extract for heart conditions.

5/15 The Forever Fierce Foundation was started to help families of children who are battling childhood cancer. Founder Dave Russell tells Gigi Barnett how his daughter was diagnosed at the age of 4 with Ewing Sarcoma, a bone and soft tissue cancer. After many months of treatment in Johns Hopkins his daughter Claire survived and is in remission. He and his family and friends joined together to help other families who are going through their journey. The foundation solicits donations from restaurants to provide meals for families being treated at Hopkins. Proceeds from an upcoming golf tournament will be used for research into childhood cancer – which currently receives less than 4% of NIH’s annual budget.

5/15 Rapper David Rush, formerly known as Young Bo\$\$, tells Gigi Barnett about his battle with kidney disease which was diagnosed when he was in high school. While in his early 20’s and touring with Pit-bull, he explains how he was on dialysis while touring 40 cities. He explains he was able to perform home dialysis while on the road as opposed to being treated at a dialysis center. He explains how he was taught to perform his own dialysis which allowed him more freedom and the ability to travel which is not an option for those being treated in a center.

5/29 Marcus Washington talks to Rev. Dr. Donna Saunders about mental health issues affecting impoverished communities. Children who live in poor neighborhoods that witness violence and trauma are being diagnosed with PTSD the same as soldiers returning from war. Young people in these communities feel powerless and frequently act out as was evidenced in last year’s uprising over the death of Freddie Gray. She discusses how new programs to engage young people can help diffuse hostilities.

6/5 Marcus Washington talks with Kristi Pier and Eddie Carman about the state’s diabetes prevention program that is targeted to adults with pre-diabetes. They explain what pre-diabetes is, how its diagnosed and why it’s important to make lifestyle changes including diet choices, increasing exercise and weight reduction. The diabetes prevention program is yearlong and includes a 16 week coaching program followed by additional classes on making healthy food choices and leading an active lifestyle.

6/5 Death by suicide happens more frequently than most people realize. Here in Maryland it’s the 11<sup>th</sup> cause of death. Serena Schreiber and Donna Curley from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention talk with Marcus Alexander about the warning signs and how people can instantly connect with help via texts. They discuss their upcoming Crab Feast fundraiser and how it benefits the Maryland chapter.

6/12 Laurie Amatucci tells Marcus Washington how Cancerve helps women battling cancer by providing transportation to and from doctor's appointments, assists with house cleaning and other supplemental services. She discusses how the Baltimore Women's Classic 5K and now the Towson 4 on the 4<sup>th</sup> races benefit Cancerve.

6/26 Miles that Matter is a 5K designed to raise funds for both the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults and the Pikesville Chamber of Commerce – the location of the race. Julie Lanahan explains why the Ulman Fund targets young adults – due to a lack of resources for this age group, and provides patient navigators at area hospitals who guide young adults through their cancer treatment programs. Jessica Normington tell Marcus Washington that this partnership between the two organizations is beneficial to both of their audiences.

## EDUCATION

Eyewitness News did a story on...

4/5: Baltimore County Police are investigating a possible hazing incident involving a Towson University student off campus. Many questions remain about exactly what happened, but we do know the student is hospitalized. WJZ is live and explains the actions being taken by the school and police.

4/5: Controversy is swirling over whether the nation's top college sports organization should have done more to protect a Maryland student athlete who died during practice. The case is now in a Maryland court. WJZ is live with more on what happened to the athlete and why the NCAA says it's not responsible.

4/7: An assault sparks outrage, after two Baltimore school police officers are caught on camera attacking a 16 year-old. Now, they are in court—and one of their lawyers is defending the actions. As WJZ reports, the officer caught slapping the student caught a big break.

4/12: Controversy at a Maryland high school—a student's assignment is getting attention for all the wrong reasons. Some are even calling it racist. WJZ is live with more on how all this started.

4/22: A unity rally is held at Towson University. It comes after students say they're seeing a steady stream of hate bias incidents on campus, including one just last night. WJZ reports the rally did get heated as students demanded answers about what's being done.

5/3: Baltimore City Schools CEO Gregory Thornton is stepping down. The school board announced tonight Thornton will be replaced by Sonia Santelises, a former City School chief academic officer.

5/8: Calling for change—a new project allows students to speak out against Towson University's hate crimes policy. WJZ explains the first step of this bigger plan.

5/11: Withholding millions of dollars in school funding—that's what the Board of Public Works voted to do today, until city and county schools install air conditioning. Baltimore City and Baltimore County are the only jurisdictions in the state with large numbers of schools that have no A.C.

5/19: A battle between the governor and the Baltimore County executive over hot schools, may soon see a resolution... but not without a heated exchange! WJZ is live at Dumbarton Middle School in Baltimore County—with reaction from both sides on the on-going debate over air conditioning.

5/31: Funding fight—city schools accuse the governor of holding hostage millions in vital school construction money, but the governor says the city will get the money—as soon as it installs air conditioning in every classroom. WJZ is live with both sides of the battle.

6/3: Tense moments at Dunbar High School in East Baltimore—hundreds of family members tell WJZ they were turned away when they showed up to watch their loved ones graduate. A situation that had some students refusing to accept their diplomas without their parents inside. WJZ is live downtown with what outraged parents are saying.

6/3: Gunfire outside Frederick Douglass High School—a suspect tries to rob a student at gunpoint... that victim fought back, but tonight the suspect is still on the loose. WJZ is live outside City Police Headquarters with more on the manhunt.

6/27: The fight over “Pay to Play” reaches a fever pitch in Harford County. Tonight, dozens of students, parents and teachers gathered to ask school leaders to rescind a plan to charge students money for certain extracurricular activities. WJZ has the latest on the contentious meeting.

#### ON TIME

4/3 For the past 25 years, the South Baltimore Learning Center has been providing hope to adults who want to get their GED. Gwendolyn Johnson discusses how the program offers a variety of education programs designed to help adult learners meet new state and federal requirements for the high school equivalency diploma. Tonya Pearson tells Gigi Barnett why she originally dropped out of high school and why she went to the South Baltimore Learning Center and graduated from their program. This program allowed her to continue her education and lead to a better paying job allowing her to support her family.

5/1 Gigi Barnett talks with Rebecca Wagner and Kate Rabb from Advocates for Children and Youth about the state’s education policies and the impact on children from low-income families. Specifically, they discuss disciplinary policies that target low-income children with harsher penalties including suspension and expulsion and how that impacts their ability to graduate from high school. They are also compiling data on school violence by school police and say that uniform discipline procedures are needed statewide.

6/19 The Akoben Foundation targets underperforming youth in West Baltimore with a unique reading program tied to the performing arts. Ryan Turner and Bill Blatt from the foundation tell Marcus Washington about the success of their pilot program and how it raised the reading level of their pre-K to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. The foundation is offering a summer reading rhythm and the arts program designed to keep students learning and avoid the “summer slide” where students regress in learning while school’s out.

#### ARTS & CULTURE

Eyewitness News did a story on...

4/3: A stand here in Baltimore against what many call a discriminatory bill passed in North Carolina, excluding gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people from anti-discrimination protections in the state. Today, a Baltimore church showed a sign of inclusion with a concert.

4/7: Former Raven Ray Lewis – rocking the boat with a controversial new video. In it, he takes on the Black Lives Matter movement. His impassioned plea urging African Americans to stop killing each other has sparked both praise and protest. WJZ is live with more on the controversy.

4/18: Maryland’s Tatyana McFadden has cruised to her fourth straight victory in the women’s wheelchair division at the Boston Marathon. It’s a major triumph for her as she continues to show courage and strength in everything she does. WJZ has the latest on her accomplishment.

4/20: Money makeover – a female face will soon grace the 20-dollar bill... Maryland native Harriet Tubman! The 19<sup>th</sup> century abolitionist and leader of the Underground Railroad, Tubman is the first woman on paper currency in 100 years. WJZ is live with more on the historic change that’s breaking through barriers.

5/2: It’s the end of an era at Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus. After animal abuse allegations, the elephants performed for the last time at a show in Rhode Island. They performed here in Baltimore back in March. WJZ reports, the controversial decision to let go of them is bittersweet.

5/23: A slippery, time-honored tradition at the U.S. Naval Academy—hundreds of freshman in Annapolis are chanting “Plebes no more” tonight. WJZ has more on today’s Herndon Climb!

6/10: One of the most anticipated concerts of the season—the Queen B herself, Beyonce, performs for a sold out crowd at M&T Bank Stadium tonight. With at least 70,000 people in attendance, local businesses are hoping to reap the benefits. WJZ explains.

6/14: After decades of protests from activists against captivity, the National Aquarium in Baltimore announces its dolphin program is changing radically. The aquarium announced plans to send captive dolphins to a seaside sanctuary.

6/18: Lights, camera, action—who said stars are only discovered in Hollywood? Today, just outside Baltimore in Bel Air—a lucky few got a chance to meet with directors of one of the hottest shows out right now—House of Cards.

6/29: From your TV screen to Washington, D.C.—now you can “boldly go” and take in the original USS Enterprise. WJZ reports, the starship of Captain Kirk and Mr. Spock has been transported to the Air and Space Museum.

#### ON TIME

4/3 Filmmakers Bobby Marvin Holmes and Justin Gladden tell Gigi Barnett that their second documentary in a three-part series, Free Young Blood, explores the mass incarceration of African American men. They discuss why they developed the documentary series which first examined violence in the African American community. In the second installment, they examine what is behind prison sentences including the federal war on drugs and mandatory sentences.

4/17 Gigi Barnett talks with photographer Jess Dugan and LGBT Health Resources Director Nate Sweeney about the new exhibit on aging transgender individuals. They discuss what the issues are for this aging segment of the LBBT population and why it’s important to document their stories in this public display.

5/1 The FlowerMart returns to Mt. Vernon Place and features 2 days of activities from entertainment to horticultural demonstrations and contests to food vendors including the famed lemon sticks. Gene Vincent and Russ Margo tell Gigi Barnett about the importance of keeping the event in storied Mt. Vernon and how it benefits the local conservancy that operates the park.

5/8 Norine Dworkin-McDaniel tells Gigi Barnett how her young son inspired the concept for her book, The Science of Parenthood. She describes how science can be applied to the everyday things parents go through in child rearing – from toilet training, to getting toddlers to eat. She uses humorous situations from her life as topics in the book illustrated by her friend and co-author.

5/15 Gigi Barnett talks with Steven Yarn and Michael Reider about their new project, Baltimore Heat, a television show in development that features the stories of African American firefighters. They discuss how the project began after talking with a member of the Vulcan Blazers, an organization of African American firefighters based in Baltimore. They discuss the timeline for the project and how it will benefit the city in terms of image and economics.

5/22 Dr. Marco Merrick explains the need to highlight traditional, sacred music of the African American church to Marcus Washington. He explains how many of the hymns and spirituals made reference to the civil rights struggle and contained hidden meanings for slaves escaping to freedom via the underground railroad. Their annual spring concert.

5/29 PR executive Cherrie Woods tells Marcus Washington that many self-published authors need help once they finish their manuscript and her new book gives them a guide in how to launch their new work. After hosting many

PR workshops for new authors, she was asked by many if she had written a book on how to launch a self-published book. The result was her book, “Where Do I Start, 10 PR Questions and Answers to Guide Self-Published Authors”.

6/5 Rob Weinhold, author of “The Art of Crisis Leadership” talks to Marcus Washington about his reasons for writing this book and how its relevant to everyone from corporate CEO’s to parents. He uses real stories that made news headlines and gives examples of how to handle crisis situations. Some of the examples he uses are the Ray Rice domestic violence incident, Baltimore’s uprising, UMBC lacrosse texting scandal, and Jerry/Gerry Sandusky confusion.

6/12 Marcus Washington talks with Alton Scarborough and Jonathan Lesane about Grammy-Award winning producer/songwriters Skip Scarborough and the foundation established in his memory. They discuss the motivation behind the foundation and how the funds they raise from an upcoming concert featuring artists performing his music will benefit Baltimore City public school students who want to further their careers in the performing arts fields. Skip Scarborough’s songs included “Love or Let Me Be Lonely”, “Love Ballad” and “Can’t Hide Love” which were made famous by The Friends of Distinction, Earth, Wind & Fire, Anita Baker, Phyllis Hyman and others.

6/12 A 40-year retrospective of photography and printmaking by artist Kenneth Royster is on display at the James E. Lewis Museum on the campus of Morgan State University through the end of June. Kenneth Royster explains to Marcus Washington how a retrospective shows a progression of the artist’s work and offers a glimpse into the soul of the artist. His work includes images from East Baltimore, Africa and Cuba.

6/19 Federal sex crimes prosecutor turned novelist Allison Leotta tells Marcus Washington that her latest book, The Last Good Girl, addresses the problem of campus rape. She discusses the recent Stanford case involving swimmer Brock Turner who was found guilty of 3 charges of sexual assault and received a 6-month county jail sentence. She discusses how her book was written prior to this case and is based on multiple cases she tried as a federal prosecutor. She discusses how one in five female college students are sexually assaulted on campus and why schools are reluctant to expel the perpetrators.

6/26 The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual African American Festival returns to the Camden Yards Sports Complex, July 2-3. Festival organizer Shelonda Stokes explains to Marcus Washington who will be performing on the main stage – a who’s who in the entertainment field of gospel, R&B, hip hop and pop. Stephen Johnson, with the group Ex Music, explains that his song “Human” was used in the Telly award winning video following last year’s uprising and will be performed at the festival. Festival participants are being asked to download the video for \$1 which will be used to fund youth projects in the community.

## CONSUMER: HOUSING

Eyewitness News did a story on...

4/2: Living with leaky ceilings, black mold and rodents – those are just some of the conditions people living in Baltimore City’s public housing say they deal with daily. Today, a community tribunal was held—trying the housing authority and its commissioner.

4/4: Heavy winds wreaked havoc across the region this weekend. Winds topped 60 miles-an-hour in some places... and several buildings crumbled in Baltimore. WJZ has a closer look at the aftermath and what the city is doing to address the growing problem.

6/13: A trend that could transform our city – as WJZ explains, young, wealthier, residents are moving downtown—looking for a lifestyle of ease that doesn’t require a car. Several new apartment buildings are currently under construction in Baltimore City.

6/22: Damage, debris and downed trees. Many are still dealing with the aftermath after a tornado roars through Howard County and damages several houses. The National Weather Service confirms a tornado touched down in parts of the county during Tuesday's violent storms... WJZ is live with complete coverage including all the destruction left behind.

6/23: For a third day, people in western Howard County are clearing damage and debris from their homes after a tornado touched down this week. WJZ reports on the effort to clean up after the storm.

## CONSUMER: ECONOMY

Eyewitness News did a story on...

4/1: For one whole week, Baltimore has been transformed into the city of lights and it's bringing thousands of people to the city. WJZ is live with more on the final weekend of Light City and how businesses are reaping the benefits.

4/20: The "Boss" – back in Baltimore! Tonight, Bruce Springsteen and the E-Street Band perform to a sold-out crowd at Royal Farms Arena. WJZ is live with how this concert is a big boom for local businesses.

4/22: Record-high fuel demand – AAA says more drivers are hitting the roads across Maryland which means gas prices continue to climb. WJZ is live with what you need to know before heading to the pumps.

5/5: Maryland casino revenue tops 100-million dollars for the first time in April. Revenue at the five casinos combined to reach a record 103.8-million dollars. That surpasses the previous monthly record of 98.9-million set in July of last year.

5/20: We're just hours away from the 141<sup>st</sup> running of the Preakness! Excitement is building throughout the area, but it's more than just horse racing. Officials are expecting a record crowd, which means big business for Baltimore! WJZ is live downtown with more on the anticipation that's growing by the hour.

5/27: The holiday weekend is here and people are getting out of town! A record number of Marylanders are expected to drive, fly and ride. WJZ is live with more on the busy travel weekend.

5/29: Ocean City is an iconic destination—full of attractions old and new. Tonight, we take a look back at how it transformed in to one of the most popular beach resorts in the country.

5/30: A record-setting holiday weekend! 38-million people including 800,000 Marylanders—were expected to travel nationwide this holiday weekend. WJZ has more on how the uptick in travelers impacted the airport and roads.

6/2: The Port of Baltimore is breaking records... the Port handled 2.4 million tons of general cargo in the first three months of 2016. The previous record was 2.3 million tons, back in 2012.

6/18: Baltimore County opens a new road, linking key communities together. WJZ explains the benefits of the project's completion. Planning for the new corridor began in 1982.

6/19: Tomorrow morning, a big change in Baltimore as new bus routes will connect commuters to their destination more quickly and without having to travel through downtown Baltimore. This is part of Governor Larry Hogan's 135-million-dollar transit plan to move Maryland transit into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

6/23: Bigger and brighter—the success of the first Light City Baltimore festival has organizers pushing for more for next year's event... that of course, will come with a higher price tag. WJZ is live at the Inner Harbor with details on what it will take to light up Charm City.

## ON TIME

5/1 Karin Hurt describes different types of managers in her new book, *Winning Well: A Manager's Guide to Getting Results Without Losing Your Soul*. She tells Gigi Barnett how the business climate is demanding results from



managers but that doesn't mean they have to compromise their humility and humanity. She uses experiences from her tenure as a vice president at Verizon Wireless as examples in her book.

## CONSUMER: JOBS

Eyewitness News did a story on...

4/2: Gaining financial control – earlier today, the Baltimore Cash Campaign hosted its free event, Money Power Day. WJZ explains the effort to financially empower people living in Baltimore City.

## ON TIME

6/19 Marcus Washington talks with J. Howard Henderson and William Honablew Jr. about the Greater Baltimore Urban League's new Raymond Haysbert Entrepreneur Center. They discuss how the center will assist existing small businesses along with start-up businesses serving the West Baltimore community. Seminars and workshops at the center will cover topics ranging from access to capital, accounting procedures, establishing a 5-year business plan and opportunities for business growth.

## LOCAL POLITICS

Eyewitness News did a story on...

4/6: Maryland voters are standing by Governor Hogan. His approval rating is the highest for a Maryland governor since 1998! This according to a Washington Post – University of Maryland poll released today. Nearly two-thirds of Marylanders polled, 66% approve of the job he's doing. WJZ's political reporter has some reaction from voters.

4/7: The mayoral race is coming down to two high-profile women. A new poll by WJZ's media partner, The Baltimore Sun and the University of Baltimore, shows Senator Catherine Pugh and former mayor Sheila Dixon pulling away from the pack. The two are locked in a battle with the primary now just two weeks away. WJZ's political reporter talks to the top two candidates about this latest poll.

4/9: The tragic death of Montgomery County police officer Noah Leotta has fueled a crusade for harsher penalties for drunk drivers. And soon, state lawmakers will have to decide if Noah's Law will become a reality. WJZ is live with more on why supporters of the bill are fired up.

4/11: Down to the wire—the last few minutes of the 2016 session could be nail biters—with some bills left out in the cold at the midnight deadline. Critical issues including a crackdown on drunk drivers and paid sick leave are still unresolved. WJZ's political reporter is live at the State House in Annapolis with the latest developments.

4/12: It's the home stretch in the race to run the city. Voters head to the polls in just two weeks to cast their vote for the next mayor of Baltimore. And tonight—the candidates were grilled on hot topics affecting Baltimore. WJZ is live outside City Hall with more on tonight's debate.

4/12: It came down to the wire, but a bill cracking down on drunk drivers in Maryland passes the general assembly. Noah's Law was named after a Montgomery County officer killed by a drunk driver and requires interlock devices for convicted drunk drivers. WJZ with more on the emotional victory in the final hour.

4/13: A major shakeup in the race for mayor—one candidate drops out and for the second day in a row another receives growing support. At this point, the struggle for votes seems to be between two prominent women... Senator Catherine Pugh and former mayor Sheila Dixon. WJZ is live at City Hall with more on today's big developments.

4/13: And there's a lot of back and forth in another hotly-contested race for the U.S. Senate in Maryland. Democratic candidates Chris Van Hollen and Donna Edwards continue to seesaw in the polls. Meanwhile in the Republican race, Delegate Kathy Szeliga is ahead with 20% of the vote.

4/24: Two high-profile races here in Maryland and the candidates are pulling out all the stops to get your votes. WJZ has more on the heated battles in the race for Baltimore mayor and the race to represent Maryland in the U.S. Senate.

4/27: WJZ is live with complete coverage of primary day across Maryland – the race of mayor of Baltimore and for U.S. Senate... the winners and latest results as they come in.

5/2: Investigating the election – some outraged Baltimore city voters and activists are questioning the integrity of Maryland’s primary... after late-opening polls and problems with voter rolls and judges plagued polling places last week. WJZ’s investigator reports they are now calling for the removal of the entire board of elections.

5/4: Still counting! More than a week after the Primary election, the battle to become Baltimore’s next mayor rages on. Provisional ballots are being tallied—and right now, Catherine Pugh and Sheila Dixon are separated by just a few thousand votes. WJZ has complete coverage—WJZ’s investigator with the ongoing allegations of voting irregularities and where the results stand.

5/12: The state Board of Elections refuses the results of Baltimore’s primary—citing serious irregularities at polling places! The surprise move is casting doubt on the tight mayoral race and calling the entire process into question. WJZ is live at the city Board of Elections with the response from Baltimore’s election director.

5/19: The State Board of Elections says it found hundreds of Baltimore City primary election ballots were counted that should not have been, but they may never know why. WJZ’s political reporter explains—the preliminary report shows the State Board of Elections will have to rethink how it handles provisional ballots.

5/24: More questions than answers—nearly one month after the city’s primary election—it is still unclear whether the votes were counted correctly. The state is refusing to accept the results... and as WJZ’s political reporter explains, City Council members say the system is broken and needs to be overhauled.

6/2: Baltimore City’s primary election results are still under a cloud of doubt even after the results were formally recertified. Tonight, a local group is bringing a lawsuit calling for a new primary election—alleging numerous irregularities and claiming voters’ rights were violated.

6/6: “An absolute disaster” – that’s what critics call the staggering number of irregularities in the city’s primary election. Now, city leaders are demanding to know how things went so wrong. WJZ is live outside City Hall with more on calls for a new investigation.

## COMMUNITY

Eyewitness News did a story on...

4/9: Strengthening the relationship between Baltimore youth and police – BGE announces plans to invest more than 100,000 dollars in a program encouraging positive interactions between officers and students, which is already proving to be a success.

4/25: One year ago, the city of Baltimore erupted into violence after the death of Freddie Gray in police custody. As the city continues to recover from the uprising, today in Baltimore a different mood... as people join in unity.

5/3: Concerns in a Frederick County community as a black bear is spotted multiple times in just the past few days. The bear, which has been reported to the Department of Natural Resources, is wandering around a residential neighborhood. WJZ is live and spoke with neighbors—who saw it just this morning.

5/7: A warning tonight from police as a group of thieves are still actively catching drivers off-guard... stealing their vehicles before they fully understand what’s happening.

5/9: Six years ago, Baltimore officials set a goal to make the Inner Harbor swimmable or fishable by 2020. But a new report released today shows efforts to clean the harbor aren’t moving fast enough! WJZ explains what grade it received and what still needs to be done.

5/19: Verbally and physically assaulted—that's what a transgender woman says happened to her when she tried using the women's bathroom at a busy grocery store. This case is being investigated as a possible hate crime and a security guard is facing charges. WJZ reports it's adding to the growing national debate about transgender people and which restrooms they can use.

5/21: Celebrating families—May is National Foster Care Month... drawing attention to the critical need for more families to foster. WJZ explains why this month is important in Baltimore County.

6/3: Two big events tonight at Camden Yards—it was game one in a three-game series between the O's and Yankees. The other is the 30<sup>th</sup> annual WJZ, MASN, Orioles food and funds drive to benefit the Maryland Food Bank. It's all part of WJZ's continuing community commitment. WJZ tells you why donations are desperately needed during this time of year.

6/4: Riding for a cause—hundreds of bikers from all over the state come out for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual ride across Maryland. As part of WJZ's continuing community commitment, WJZ is a proud sponsor of the Ride Across Maryland.

6/14: Baltimore City's critical 911 system goes down for more than an hour! City officials say it's now back up and running, but questions remain about what went wrong... WJZ is live outside City Police Headquarters... with the latest on what's going on.

6/26: BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport opens a new attraction for families and this does not involve a boarding pass. WJZ has more on the playground now open near its public trail.

#### ON TIME

4/10 The Girl Scouts of Central Maryland hold their Distinguished Women's Leadership Award that highlights the contributions of female business executives. Each executive is paired with a girl scout who was chosen for the honor of shadowing the distinguished woman. The executives serve as role models and help their mentees with skill development and career choices.

4/17 The Maryland SPCA's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual March for the Animals features all things dog – from walks around the lake to costume contests. Proceeds benefit the shelter programs of the Maryland SPCA, an independent nonprofit organization that does not receive outside funds from the ASPCA or local government sources. Bryon Logan tells Gigi Barnett about the pets that are available for adoption.

4/24 Denise Mersinger talks to Gigi Barnett about Suited to Succeed, a program designed to help women transition into the workforce by offering professional attire and career building skills. The grassroots organization works with other non-profits including Goodwill and MCVET to help returning female veterans transition into the workforce. Their Suited Boutique is located downtown and is open to the public. Their upcoming Suit-A-Palooza features celebrity models and is chaired by Yumi Hogan, wife of the governor, Tessa Hill-Aston, Baltimore City NAACP director and Paula Johnson Branch, chair of the East Baltimore Community Corporation.

4/24 BARCS, the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter, provides shelter and medical care for the city's homeless animal population. Jen Brause and Frank Remesch tell Gigi Barnett about the Softer Side campaign with athletes and adoptable pets participating in Pawject Runway. This annual fundraiser features Ravens, Orioles, other NFL and MLB players with dogs and cats that are available for adoption.

5/22 Marcus Washington talks with Sarah St. Clair and Adam Lindquist from the Waterfront Partnership about the recent report on the water quality of the Gwynns Falls, Jones Falls and harbor waterways. They discuss the source of pollution, sewage, trash and storm water runoff, and what needs to be done to improve the water so that it is swimmable and fishable in 4 years. In addition to cleaning the water, the partnership sponsors many activities to bring residents down to the water's edge. Concerts, markets, wellness activities are held throughout the spring,

summer and early fall months. Plans are underway to hold a floatilla with 200 kayakers and canoes raising funds for harbor restoration projects.

5/22 Ragina Cooper-Averella tells Marcus Washington about safe driving tips for the Memorial Holiday weekend. She discusses basic car safety including proper tire inflation, tire tread, battery maintenance and having road hazard materials like hazard markers and jumper cables. She also discusses how adult drivers need to set the example for younger drivers by not engaging in distracted driving.

6/26 Kera Ritter from Big Brothers Big Sisters explains how her organization has partnered with the Baltimore Police Department in a youth mentoring program called Bigs in Blue. Baltimore Police Department Ganesha Martin says the mentoring program allows police officers to establish relationships with struggling youth. The goal of the program is to break down barriers between the youth and police. The pilot program started in Highlandtown will be evaluated before going into other police districts.