

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.

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

1/1 Surveys show half of all New Year's resolutions involve improving one's health. Today, while many people were still in bed, WJZ found a group of people serious about keeping that commitment.

1/2 About every 3-days a heart is transplanted into a child one to four years old in the United States. A little girl from Baltimore is waiting for her chance to live.

1/5 Sweeping changes to the nation's health care will soon impact the snacks you buy from vending machines here in Maryland. The Food and Drug Administration finalizes guidelines on how calorie information will be displayed.

1/6 After a slow start to the flu season here in Maryland... doctors are seeing a jump in cases.

1/6 A cancer foundation dedicated to cancer research is spreading nearly a billion dollars in funding across several research centers including Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center.

1/7 The dangerous cold from the Polar Vortex is parked over Maryland. Tonight, more on the health concerns that are associated with this record low temps.

1/11 Many people make New Year's resolutions. You might have made one yourself and most of the time, it has to do with health, eating better or losing weight. One local business is helping people meet their goals.

1/13 Maryland Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown once again addresses problems with the rollout of the state health exchange website.

Extensive coverage of problems with the state's health care exchange website.

1/20 In tonight's Healthwatch-- a life saving decision by the Social Security Administration is announced today in Baltimore. Low income men suffering from late stage prostate cancer will find the path to treatment is no longer full of obstacles.

1/21 City leaders and a celebrity join together to fight obesity in Baltimore. Today, Jennifer Hudson was in Charm City to get the word out about B-more Fit!

1/24 One of Baltimore's most popular radio personalities was drinking on the air this morning....and it was for a good reason. Tonight, more on why there's a good chance if you don't drive sober, you'll get pulled over.

1/28 Good news for Marylanders who tried but couldn't get health insurance through the state's website. Today the House of Delegates approves a measure to give coverage retroactive to the first of the year by enrolling in another health insurance pool.

1/31 In tonight's healthwatch report... The fight to stop obesity in school age children is getting younger. A new study finds disturbing results when it comes to predicting which children end up being obese.

2/1 A dramatic surge in heroin deaths is happening across the country and health workers warn it's because of a lethal new trend spiking heroin with powerful painkillers. Dozens of Marylanders have already died.

2/2 In tonight's healthwatch dozens of volunteers are signing up to get the flu on purpose. It's all part of an "extreme" government study and as Gigi Barnett explains the results could help doctors.

2/5 Every day, every hour, could make a difference in the life of little Madison Parrott. It's a battle against time for the 4 year old who is at the top of the waiting list for a life saving heart transplant.

2/6 Neuropathy sometimes known as nerve pain affects a lot of Americans. It can cause burning, numbness, and tingling in the body but it can be treated.

2/6 In tonight's health watch, the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association are issuing stroke guidelines for women for the very first time.

2/7 In tonight's health watch peanut allergies are one of the most common food allergies and can cause deadly allergic reactions and now researchers are experimenting with new treatments.

2/9 A tuberculosis threat in a Montgomery County School. Officials say a student at Watkins Mill High School got the disease between October 2013 and January 2014. In a letter sent home to parent the school says the student is being treated, and there's no risk of additional exposure. but starting next month students and staff will get tested for TB.

2/10 In today's Healthwatch report, new research shows most children consume some caffeine every day. But where that caffeine comes from may surprise you.

2/11 Premature infants face a number of challenges, including a known risk of language delay. but a new study suggests that exposing "preemies" to more adult language in the neonatal intensive care unit can increase their language abilities at 18 months.

2/13- In today's healthwatch a proposed bill could remove the \*exfoliating beads\* found in different skin creams and even some toothpastes. The beads are popular but, researchers say they end up in lakes and streams and inside the fish we eat.

2/17 In today's healthwatch extreme loneliness can increase an older person's chances of premature death by 14 percent. a psychology professor at the University of Chicago did the study. They found the impact of loneliness is nearly as strong as the impact of poverty, which increases the chances of dying by 19 percent. Health issues linked to severe loneliness include lack of sleep, high blood pressure and depression.

2/18 Nine people hospitalized after being exposed to potentially fatal levels of carbon monoxide inside a hotel near BWI Marshall Airport. Now there is a new push to protect all hotel guests from CO poisoning.

2/19 Another two million dollars is approved to shore up defects in the Maryland Health Exchange. The deadline to sign up is March 31st, and as political reporter Pat Warren explains, the system is still drawing fire.

2/20 February is National Children's Dental Health Month and students at one Baltimore County school are benefitting from a state program. Students at Deep Creek Elementary School are getting dental sealants as part of an ongoing program funded by the Maryland Office of Oral Health. Dental sealants are thin plastic coatings that prevent tooth decay.

2/26 Childhood obesity is a huge problem in Maryland. Now health advocates team up with state lawmakers to push for change. The new coalition is announced in Annapolis today.

2/28 Some lawmakers are hoping to jump start Maryland's stalled medical marijuana program, and include treatment for children. Under current law only academic medical facilities can dispense marijuana, but none as yet have signed on.

3/1 It could be a promising way to stop a deadly disease by swapping out defective genes with healthy ones. But Jessica Kartalija reports some are concerned it could be used to enhance genetics.

3/1 A new device promises to remove unwanted tattoos faster than ever before - even the most stubborn ones. It's called pico-sure. Doctors say a faster firing laser allows them to remove tattoos quicker. The pico costs about \$600 a session that's double the price of typical lasers.

3/3 Millions of parents use sleep machines to get their babies to bed, many sleep experts even recommend the devices. But new research finds the machines could be hurting your baby's ears.

3/7 Maryland lawmakers will discuss a bill banning the sale of energy drinks to minors. Many in the medical community support the passage of this bill, saying it's too much caffeine for young people. But opponents say the bill is not based on actual facts. If it passes, Maryland would be the first state to ban the selling of energy drinks to those under 18.

3/7 As the first active division one athlete files a lawsuit against the NCAA over concussions - athletes, lawmakers, doctors and lawyers gathered together today in Baltimore to focus on the effects and consequences of concussions in sports.

3/14 In tonight's WJZ Health Watch. Tens of millions of Americans with slightly elevated blood pressure could be at increased risk for a stroke.

3/15 The state may dump all or part of "Maryland health connection dot gov"...and instead adopt Connecticut's system. Connecticut's software has proven among the most successful in the nation. The cost of Maryland's current healthcare website is estimated to reach \$261-million by 2015.

3/17 A breakthrough that could make diagnosing concussions easier and faster. Researchers have developed a new blood test. Monique Griego has more on how it can help keep athletes safe.

3/17 A pill that's easy to swallow. A study of 18,000 people is being launched to see if a pill containing the nutrients in dark chocolate can help prevent heart attacks and stroke. Studies have shown cocoa flavanols can improve blood pressure and artery health.

3/18 Maryland is turning up the heat on smoking urging major pharmacy chains to stop selling tobacco products. The prosecutors sent a letter to Walgreens and Rite-Aid along with bigger retailers with pharmacies in their stores. They're asking the companies to stop selling tobacco products. Last month, CVS announced it would stop selling tobacco at its stores by October.

3/19 A new study shows Alzheimer's disease affects more women than men. And that many people don't really understand the disease.

3/19 Ravens star cornerback Lardarius Webb voices his approval of affordable health care in a radio ad designed to encourage people to enroll by the March 31 deadline. Pat Warren has more on the rollout at the Park West Medical Center today.

3/20 Life in a wheelchair doesn't have to mean life without lacrosse. That's the message from doctors at Kennedy Krieger as they set up a wheelchair lacrosse league.

3/20 Shocking and sad news from a popular Baltimore radio personality. MIX 106-5" host Maria Dennis has leukemia. She shared her diagnosis on the mix morning show today.

3/24 Johns Hopkins may be a long way from Hollywood, but two physics professors have a movie in the can. Alex DeMetric reports, it's about the real life hunt for the so-called "god particle". "Particle fever" covers the last few years of an experiment that took 10,000 scientists and engineers, thirteen years to pull off.

3/24 Dozens of people are overdosing on heroin. Many dying from the drug in Anne Arundel county. Now police have a new way to fight back. Police in Anne Arundel county say the heroin addiction problem is a major contributor to the county's most prevalent crimes- theft from automobiles.

3/25 New cutting edge technology for the University of Maryland Medical Center as it dedicates an expanded center for diabetes research. The expanded center for diabetes at the UMMC midtown campus has a triage area, a patient education area and 17 exam rooms.

3/29 The clock is ticking. As the deadline to enroll in Obamacare looms many Marylanders still have not signed up. But as Gigi Barnett explains an event this weekend gives them some face-to-face help. And a chance to beat the deadline.

3/31 Marylanders are just hours away from the deadline to enroll in affordable health care. It was a busy weekend for the Maryland Health Connection, and as political reporter Pat Warren reports, applications are still pouring in. Failure to enroll by midnight tonight means paying a penalty to the federal government. It only applies if you have no existing health care coverage.

ON TIME

1/26 Gigi Barnett talks with Dr. William Nelson, the director of the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center about advances in the understanding of cancer. He discusses what cancer is, how it spreads and the challenges of developing treatments that address the mutated cancer cell. On the research front, many advances have been made

and many more show promise. He discusses the upcoming Ride to Conquer Cancer and how this event allows the public to raise funds for local cancer research projects.

2/2 Gigi Barnett talks with Dr. Felicia Stoler about making changes in food choices that will result in a healthier lifestyle. Dr. Stoler talks about foods rich in Omega 3, multi grain & whole wheat vs. white flour based products and incorporating exercise into everyday activities.

2/9 Gigi Barnett talks with Dr. Jeffrey Banker about atrial fibrillation, commonly referred to as A-Fib, a condition where the heart beats too fast and the heart chambers are out of sync with one another. He discusses what the symptoms are, why it needs to be treated and variety of treatment options. In A-Fib, the electrical impulses that cause the heart to beat miss-fire causing the rapid beats that can lead to stroke if left untreated.

2/9 Health Care for the Homeless provides a variety of medical and dental services to men, women and children who are homeless. Mental health programs are also offered according to Kevin Lindamood, the director. He tells Gigi Barnett how their annual event, Health Care for the Homeless Chocolate Affair, features chocolate inspired food and benefits his organization.

2/9 HopeWell Cancer Support offers free programs and services to cancer survivors and their families. Targeted support groups are offered for children, teens in addition to caregiver and survivors. Suzanne Brace and Jim Miller discuss with Gigi Barnett how the upcoming Concert for Hope benefits their cancer patients.

## ARTS & CULTURE

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

1/1 The Ravens are out of the running for the post-season running, but another Baltimore football powerhouse is on the way to a championship game. Several buses carrying the Towson Tigers left this morning.

1/2 It's January and that means it's time for the WJZ Black History Month Oratory Contest.

1/6 The Ravens won't be going to the Super bowl...but a man from Ellicott City will be. There's a contest called Crash the Super bowl...where amateurs create a Doritos ad in hopes it will air during the game. Now, an ad created by a Centennial High School grad is in the top five finalists.

1/7 Lots of excitement at the National Aquarium in Baltimore today....as a rare lobster comes home to Maryland. Tonight, how a routine day on the water turned into something special.

1/8 Two important pieces of American history are brought together for the very first time. You can see this incredibly special display for yourself. "The Star Spangled Banner" turns 200-years-old in September and this new display will kick off the bicentennial celebration.

1/9 We may forget how many world class institutions we have here in Baltimore and how they affect everyday life. The B-S-O is tonight, hosting a world premier involving the work of two people lured here by the Peabody Conservatory.

1/10 Tonight curators at the Baltimore Museum of Art are celebrating after a court decides a Renoir painting stolen there more than 60 years ago must be returned to the museum.

1/11 Experience the phenomenon! One of the most entertaining theatrical shows in the world...comes to Baltimore. The Blue Man Group kicks off a short run tonight and WJZ sat down with one of the stars.

1/12 There are a lot of things to love about Baltimore and there may be some you don't even know about. The new issue of Baltimore Magazine is packed with charm city treasures.

1/13 He's a horse with no name. Now Baltimore County's Sagamore Racing is looking to change that. He's a yearling with a unique story... who needs a good name to go with it.

1/15 If you're a foodie---all roads lead to Baltimore County. The county has just begun its expanded Winter Restaurant Week... the most delicious time of the year.

1/17 A million dollars for music. It's a generous gift to one of the city's fastest-growing music youth programs. The donation is just one of several top honors given to "Orchkids" in a matter of months.

1/18 The arts community in Baltimore City is about to get an infusion of cash thanks to the return of the Creative Baltimore Fund. It was suspended for a few years during tough budgetary times. But now, it's back!

1/20 She was born and raised here in Baltimore....and she's been in the music business for more than 20 years. Maysa Leaks has done it all. Now she's basking in the glow of her first Grammy nomination.

1/24 Countdown to the Grammy awards! The biggest night in music happens this weekend. Even more exciting... A Baltimore singer has been nominated! WJZ talked to Maysa Leak just before she left for L-A.

1/26 It was a very exciting night for one Baltimore singer. Maysa Leak was nominated for a Grammy-- and she attended the award ceremony tonight!

1/28 Poker players from around the country are preparing as Maryland Live Casino announces a million dollar poker tournament

2/4 News for fans of "House of Cards" and the Maryland Production community. Executive Producer and star, Kevin Spacey tells our media partner the Baltimore Sun, the NetFlix series will be filming in Maryland for season three. Spacey says he loves Baltimore and can't wait to return. The second season of House of Cards debuts on NetFlix later this month.

2/4 Almost as soon as a new indoor go cart track opened in Jessup, a top Nascar driver Kurt Busch walked in to take a spin.

2/5 Big news for football fans. you'll soon be able to watch more games here on WJZ now on Thursday nights!

2/5 This was move-in day for the Motor Trend International Auto Show at the Convention Center. We were on hand as the cars and trucks were being put in place and getting their final touch ups. You will be able to check out the 2014 models and get a sneak peak at what's in store for 2015.

2/6 Just 100 days until the running of the Preakness Stakes and organizers announce a big name will headline the annual infield festival. There will also be a concert on Black Eyed Susan Day. Musical talent has yet to be announced.

2/7 It was one of the great fire disasters in US history, and it happened right here in Baltimore. Alex DeMetrick reports, 110-years ago today, much of downtown Baltimore burned to the ground.

2/10 A solid performance from the Baltimore born member of the luge team at the Sochi games.19 year old Summer Britcher finished in 15th place out of 31 women in the singles luge. Although she now lives in New York Pennsylvania, her father is a captain in the Baltimore Fire Department and she was born in Baltimore.

2/11 When you look at an American flag today, you can thank a woman from Baltimore. As Mike Schuh reports, Major George Armistead paid for it, Francis Scott Key wrote about it but Mary Pickersgill made what became known as 'the star spangled banner'.

2/12 According to our media partner, "the Baltimore Sun,"... the real estate site "Zillow" says this is the eighth best city for the unattached, putting charm city ahead of cities like Philly and Richmond. Zillow judges cities using several factors including the density of bars and restaurants.

2/15 Dozens come out for the annual "chocolate affair." Guests enjoyed all things chocolate--including chocolate brownies, chocolate cupcakes and chocolate ice cream! The event benefits "Health Care for the Homeless."

2/20 All aboard on a trip through black history. Penn station celebrated contributions to the railroad from former workers. Here's a black history fact: Pullman porters became the intelligence network for Black families escaping slavery in the south. Because they traveled on the train often, the Pullman porters knew what towns along the way to avoid and which places were safe.

2/28 The Soulful Symphony has been making beautiful music in Baltimore for nearly 15 years. The musicians are not only busy on stage but they're out in the community. Ron Matz has more on these talented musicians and how they're expanding their reach and knowledge into Baltimore area schools.

3/1 Jessica Kartalija served as emcee for "the Commit Foundation". The foundation helps veterans transition from military to civilian life. Also on hand was Ravens head coach John Harbaugh, who served as the keynote speaker.

3/5 They're part of a legendary performing arts group and they're in Baltimore tonight. Ron Matz reports members of the Joffrey Ballet are not only on stage at the lyric they're also giving a master class to some lucky area students.

3/11 A boutique hotel in Fells Point is now owned, in part, by a major celebrity. Actor Woody Harrelson and local businessman Jack Dwyer bought "the Inn at the Black Olive" for \$4.5 million.

3/11 He was bred for the business of tracking, but a Maryland bloodhound has managed to sniff out the dog world's biggest prize. He's already off to a Mid-Atlantic show set for later this week.

3/12 A big announcement from the Maryland Jockey Club. We now know which bands will perform on Black-Eyed Susan Day. The big act-- the Counting Crows-- who have sold more than 20-million albums worldwide. Also taking the stage--Grammy-nominated band, the Fray and Annie Bosko, an American idol semi-finalist. They'll all perform Friday, May 16 the day before the Preakness at Pimlico Race Course.

3/19 You're seeing something new on the streets of Baltimore and it's helping some ailing children and their families. Ron Matz has more on "the big hug" and a big event coming from the Ronald McDonald house. This year's red shoe shuffle benefitting the Ronald McDonald house is Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

3/20 Rare aquarium access. For the first time ever the National Aquarium in Baltimore is throwing open the doors for a tour of its exam rooms where vets care for more than 17,000 animals. Tours are offered most Fridays and Saturdays at 4pm. Tickets start at \$38 and that includes access to the entire aquarium before the tour.

3/22 There were trapeze artists, stilt walkers, jugglers, magicians and of course clowns --all for the 14th annual Casey Cares Foundation gala. It raises money for critically ill children and their families throughout Maryland.

3/24 What happens in Vegas...now happens here in Maryland too. Some of the best poker players in the world are filming a show right here in our own backyard. The shoot marks the first time a poker event has been filmed for television in Maryland.

3/25 A reminder to visitors in ocean city - mind your manners on the boardwalk this summer. The town council is posting signs saying "no profanity please" along the boardwalk. The signs are also available for business to post. Council members say the signs are just a courtesy reminder to keep the boardwalk family friendly.

3/26 Olympic swimmer, Baltimore's Michael Phelps looks poised to make a comeback. His coach Bob Bowman says the gold medalist is gearing up to compete sometime soon and is swimming every day.

3/27 Stolen half a century ago, a painting by Renoir is back where it belongs in Baltimore. Alex DeMetrick reports, who stole it remains a mystery although one with a happy ending for Baltimore's Museum of Art.

3/27 Its opening day for the new Negro League Baseball Museum in Baltimore County. Organizers spent decades and thousands of dollars collecting artifacts. As Gigi Barnett explains, the exhibit has a permanent place to call home.

3/28 The Baltimore Basilica had a secret. A gift directly from Baltimore would be given to the Pope from the President. It involved century old mahogany from the first cathedral in the United States.

#### ON TIME

1/5 Gigi Barnett talks with F. Michael Higginbotham about the legacy of the late Nelson Mandela. He recalls the time he was in South Africa and witnessed the charisma and leadership of the man who ended apartheid in this African country. He discusses how Mandela was successful in bringing about major changes and how his story parallels that of Thurgood Marshall and Martin Luther King Jr.

1/5 Dr. Carla Hayden joins Gigi Barnett to discuss upcoming events at the Enoch Pratt Library that kick off Black History Month. She discusses the annual Booklover's breakfast featuring Congressman John Lewis who met with President Nelson Mandela in his own struggles with racial discrimination. Other events include the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lecture with Dr. Jamal Bryant, discussions with Dr. Dolen Perkins-Valdez, who wrote the forward to "Twelve Years a Slave" and the political odd couple, Mary Matalin and James Carville whose new book is "Love and War: Twenty Years, three Presidents, Two Daughters and One Louisiana Home."

1/12 Dr. Skipp Sanders tells Gigi Barnett how the Kinsey Collection is being used as part of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday celebration. He explains how the Reginald F. Lewis Museum is honoring Dr. King and featuring a keynote address by Bernard Kinsey, the collector of the exhibition.

2/16 Iris Leigh Barnes tells Gigi Barnett about a new program, "Faces of Freedom: The Upper Chesapeake, Maryland and Beyond" that kicks off during Black History Month at the Hays-Heighe House on the campus of Harford Community College. She discusses how the program commemorates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Maryland Constitution which abolished slavery in the state.

2/16 Thomas Saunders tells Gigi Barnett about his upcoming Black History Month tour which highlights the contributions of the Jackson-Mitchell family. He discusses how descendants from the Jacksons and Mitchells were on the forefront of the civil rights movement and had Baltimore connections.

2/23 Japanese flower arranging has inspired today's ceramic artists into creating modern vessels designed for this purpose. Gigi Barnett talks with Dr. Julia Marciari-Alexander and Dr. Robert Mintz about this new exhibition and how the Walters – father and son who began the museum began collecting Asian art.

CONSUMER: HOUSING
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#### **Eyewitness News did a story on...**

2/16 An investigation is underway after a building collapses in north Baltimore. It happened at the Baltimore City northeast substation facility. The building is a salt dome and also houses some offices. No one was injured and it's not clear what caused the building to suddenly collapse. The city's department of transportation says the building is very old.

2/19 Now some baby boomers are making the fictional TV show premise their reality. Danielle Nottingham introduces us to a group of women in Prince George's County finding the social and financial benefits of living under one roof.

2/24 Today Governor Martin O'Malley announced 20-million dollars in additional help for low income residents to help pay higher utility bills from cold weather. The governor says the assistance will be made available to all income eligible households that apply for the electric universal service program this year.



2/3 Southwest airlines will soon offer non-stop flights between Baltimore and Dallas. Southwest airline announced today the flights are set to begin in October. Southwest is based in Dallas and is the largest carrier at BWI Thurgood Marshall. Schedules and fares for the new flights will be announced in May.

2/5 CVS pharmacy stores are getting out of the tobacco business. The company says it plans to stop selling cigarettes in October.

2/10 Businesses with fewer than one-hundred workers will now have an additional year to comply with the health care law coverage mandate. The announcement comes as Maryland lawmakers try to get a handle on the troubled state healthcare exchange.

2/28 The order came down from the Maryland Public Service Commission that says customers who opted out of the new smart meter will have to pay the cost of not having the new system. Opt-out customers will be billed an initial cost of \$75 over three installations plus an additional \$11 a month. BGE will begin billing in July.

3/6 Smart meters may promise a new way to track home electricity, but they're also prompting a push for new laws, to control the technology. Alex DeMetrick reports the latest concern centers on privacy and the meters.

ON TIME

1/26 Roland Park Place is a nonprofit continuing care retirement center. Resident Dr. Jack Zimmerman tells Gigi Barnett why he and his wife decided to move to Roland Park Place after experiencing difficulties when an elderly parent choose to age in place. Becki Bees, the marketing director, discusses how the amenities of the facility help to improve both the quality of life and the longevity of life for residents. With access to fitness facilities and social activities, residents have a variety of options at Roland Park Place.

## CONSUMER: JOBS

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

1/15 J-C Penney says it plans to lay off 2,000 and close 33 stores, including one in Maryland, to save money.

1/20 Baltimore city police are looking to hire more than 200 police officers by the end of the summer. They're hoping to fight the growing crime numbers.

1/28 Nearly two-thousand jobs are coming to Baltimore this year courtesy of the Horseshoe Casino. Today we got the inside details of how you can get an upper hand when it comes to landing a position.

1/28 Positive news on the Maryland job front. The US Department of Labor has released the annual jobs report for 2013.

2/3 Maryland's democratic lawmakers pushing for a raise in the minimum wage are getting some help from a coalition of religious leaders.

2/10/14 - Baltimore's horseshoe casino is dealing out jobs.

17-hundred positions need to be filled. Alex Demetrick reports, the immediate focus is putting people in Baltimore to work.

2/11 Maryland lawmakers will hear testimony today on a measure to raise the state's minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$10.10. The governor is backing the measure to increase the wages by 2016. Opponents say the hike would be detrimental to small businesses.

2/16 This morning, a tale of two Maryland's, Western Maryland and the rest of the state. Fed up with high taxes and gun control, some people want to break away and go it alone. WJZ's Mary Bubala explains why they're trying to form their own state.

2/24 Baltimore's Horseshoe Casino is looking for 17,000 employees. Yesterday a job fair was held at Union Baptist church in West Baltimore. The new casino under construction near M&T Bank Stadium is scheduled to open this summer. Tomorrow a veterans' job fair will be held for applicants at the Hotel Monaco

3/11 A new bill to be heard in Annapolis is aimed at helping former inmates get back on their feet. The Maryland Second Chance Act would help those with a criminal history find a place to live and work.

3/14 A takeover in the world of men's clothing, finds Maryland's Joseph A. Bank with a new corporate owner. It will still take until the third business quarter for the takeover to be completed, and it may be months to see what jobs will be eliminated.

3/28 Maryland lost 600 jobs in February but also saw the overall unemployment rate drop to 5.7%. February's unemployment rate, a hair lower than January's revised 5.8 percent, is the lowest in the state since November 2008. Despite the hundreds of job losses estimated in February, January's reported reduction of 9,800 jobs was revised to a loss of 6,100 jobs leading to the overall drop in the unemployment rate.

#### ON TIME

1/5 & 1/19 The Mayor's Office of Employment Development has begun recruiting both youth and employers for its annual summer youth works program. Ernest Dorsey and Coretta Bennett tell Gigi Barnett about this comprehensive program that prepares young people for employment in both public and private sector jobs. They discuss why the program needs more businesses to participate and how it benefits the private sector by exposing youth to various careers.

2/23 Gigi Barnett talks with Matt Eversmann and Bradley Snyder about the mission of the COMMIT Foundation which helps veterans transition from the military into civilian life. They discuss how their program works one on one with veterans by pairing them with corporate mentors who help them take their military skills and apply them to skills needed by businesses. They discuss how difficult the transition has been without mentor intervention.

CONSUMER: ECONOMY
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#### **Eyewitness News did a story on...**

1/1 In tonight's WJZ Pump watch report -- Maryland drivers are seeing the highest New Year's Day gas prices in years.

1/2 Maryland airspace may not be involved, but the state's brain power definitely is. The F-A-A will include research at the University of Maryland, into the job of integrating drone aircraft into civilian airspace.

1/6 Men's Warehouse is raising the stakes in its attempt to buy out Maryland based clothing chain "Joseph A Banks."

1/7 Maryland's four casinos did well during the month of December.

1/10 Rail travel is based on some pretty old technology. Making it safer is going to take some high tech help. Maryland's Marc trains have received millions of dollars to make those safety improvements.

1/12 It's a new year... And a new battle with rising gas prices. January First set a record for the highest price ever in Maryland.

1/13 Hackers have now hit Neiman Marcus and at least 3 other stores. As Federal authorities track what's believed to be an international crime ring, customers here in Maryland are demanding answers.

1/14 The minimum wage debate rages on tonight in Maryland. A massive rally is being held in support of a statewide increase.

1/15 Calls for a federal investigation tonight in the Target data breach- that's left 110 million customers exposed to potential fraud. Tonight, a warning from Maryland's Attorney General.

1/17 This time last year, Baltimore was a-buzz with Ravens fever...as the team was preparing for the A-F-C championship- en route to the Super Bowl. With a much shorter season, local businesses say things are a little different this year.

1/29 The Columbia Mall shooting has re-kindled Maryland's gun law debate. And the debate deepens as one of the nation's largest gun companies-- Beretta-- pulls a 45-million-dollar expansion out of the state.

1/30 Good news for the Port of Baltimore-- the Carnival Pride Cruise Liner will be returning.

1/31 Business is booming for Baltimore based clothier Under Armour. The latest profit reports sent the stock soaring to an all time high...making millions and millions of dollar for its C-E-O.

2/1 As the region thaws from recent snow and ice storms one Coast Guard cutter still deals with frigid temperatures in the Chesapeake Bay. But as Gigi Barnett explains the vessel's mission to "break the ice" keeps the economy moving.

2/2 State lawmakers, business leaders and tourism professionals celebrate the fourth annual Maryland tourism day. It's a chance to brainstorm and jump-start the year's tourism.

2/2 Business is booming for Baltimore based clothier Under Armour. The latest profit reports sent the sports company's stock soaring to an all time high making millions and millions of dollar for its CEO Kevin Plank.

2/5 Two losing bidders say they will "not" sue over the Maryland Lottery's decision to grant a casino license to MGM Resorts International. This clears the way for MGM Resort's proposed \$925-million gambling resort at the National Harbor. MGM won the state's sixth casino license in December to build the casino next to National Harbor in Prince George's county. It is the last license currently allowed under the law.

2/10 Baltimore-based 1st Mariner Bank is getting a financial shot in the arm. A group of investors has agreed to buy the bank and recapitalize with \$100 million. 1st Mariner has been struggling for years since the mortgage crisis. The bank will keep its name and nothing will change for customers or employees.

2/14 Yesterday's storm brought much of the city to a halt. For retailers that usually thrive the day before Valentine's Day - the snow cost them thousands in sales.

2/15 It's part of the 5th annual tax-free weekend. Marylanders can purchase select energy star appliances without paying the state's six percent sales tax! Some of the appliances include refrigerators, washers and dryers, de-humidifiers, and compact fluorescent light bulbs. Tax-free weekend continues through Monday.

2/16 It may be cold outside but Baltimore is heating up this month with great deals. It's not just restaurant week. There are offers for hotel accommodations and tickets to attractions around town.

2/16 The chef behind 2 popular Frederick restaurants is expanding to Baltimore and Washington. Bryan Voltaggio, a finalist in "top chef" and "top chef masters" is opening up "Aggio" at Power Plant Live this spring. The cuisine is Italian fine dining.

2/17 Gas prices are on the rise here in Maryland and around the country. According to AAA Mid Atlantic prices rose 6-cents in one week in this state and nationwide. The national average is \$3.35.

2/21 A House of Cards in the Maryland House and Senate. The hit show is a moneymaker for the stat pumping millions of dollars into the economy.

3/7 The Maryland House of Delegates approves a minimum wage increase. The house voted in favor of a bill that would increase the minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$10.10 an hour by 2017. The first increase would take effect in January of next year -- and would raise the minimum wage to \$8.20. Additional increases would go into effect in January 2016 and January 2017. The bill now goes to the state senate.

3/10 BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport is experiencing a boom in international travel. The airport says international air travel grew nearly 20 percent last year, and the number of international passengers using the airport has nearly doubled over the past five years.

3/11 Budget cuts in the military have hit the Maryland Air National Guard particularly hard with fleets of aircraft being re-assigned or retired. But now, as Mike Schuh reports, as one group of attack jets are leaving a fleet of cargo planes will return. Another bright spot for the guard is landing a cyber-security unit. Already there is talk about that unit expanding, bringing more soldiers and their families to Maryland.

3/15 A new report shows there are more millionaires in the United States than ever before and Maryland is leading the pack. 9.6 million US households have a net worth of \$1 million or more. That's the highest on record and it's also the first time we've hit pre-recession numbers. Maryland has the most millionaires of any state, with more than 167,000.

3/20 Supporters of a bill to raise the state's minimum wage want to make the most of the time they have left before the general assembly adjourns next month. This would be the state's first minimum wage increase since 2006.

3/20 The brutal winter busted snow removal budgets across the state. Crews are crossing their fingers it's done.

3/22 Spring is here. That means April is around the corner. And "tax day" looms. But for many, the "ins and outs" of filing are a mystery. That's why there's free help at one of the region's largest financial events.

3/24 The general assembly is considering widening Maryland's "move over" law. Now the law requires drivers to make room for emergency vehicles on the road. The new bill proposes making the same rules apply to tow truck drivers. Violators would face fines up to \$500.

3/30 From new buildings to historic renovations, thousands of hotel rooms have been built in Baltimore in the past decade. A world famous art collector has re-opened one of Baltimore's landmark hotels.

ON TIME

1/26 Baltimore CASH Campaign helps low income families by offering free tax assistance and free e-filing. Sara Johnson and Francesca Jean Baptiste tell Gigi Barnett how many commercial tax preparers target low income families by offering free federal tax preparation service then tack on hidden fees from filing state taxes to filing on-line.

## LOCAL POLITICS

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

1/2 A fight at the pump! Some Howard County business owners are trying to tighten regulations...to keep new gas stations out. This as a new study finds Howard has the highest gas prices in the Baltimore area.

1/9 You can vote at 18, you can serve in the military at 18... But if some Maryland lawmakers have their way... 18 years old will be too young to smoke cigarettes.

1/14 Technology has changed quickly in the last few decades and law enforcement has adapted with it-- to use that technology to combat crimes. Now some Maryland lawmakers' say it's time set some limits to protect citizen's privacy.

1/15 Governor Martin O'Malley unveils his 2014 spending plan to lawmakers at the state house today.

1/20 With some in the state legislature moving to repeal the so-called rain tax, those in favor of keeping it promise a fight. Right now ten counties and the city of Baltimore are under orders to raise fees to clean storm water run-off.

1/21 The General Assembly is on its way to the rescue of hundreds of Marylanders locked out of the health care exchange by computer glitches. Tonight, more on emergency legislation passed by the Senate today.

1/23 Governor Martin O'Malley delivers his final state of the state address today. One of the points he hit on is his push to increase the minimum wage here in Maryland.

1/24 Maryland moves forward on plans for an offshore wind farm. Today... lawmakers learned from the Energy Administration just how close the state is to turning on the turbines but some are raising questions about the cost.

1/30 Uninsured Marylanders get another crack at health care coverage retro-active to January First. Hundreds may benefit from emergency legislation signed into law today.

2/2/14 - Governor Martin O'Malley appears to move forward with a possible presidential bid. The governor says if he's going to lay the groundwork for a national campaign he can't wait for Hillary Rodham Clinton to decide whether she's running. O'Malley has reportedly been meeting with foreign and domestic-policy experts to prepare.

2/3 Maryland's democratic lawmakers pushing for a raise in the minimum wage are getting some help from a coalition of religious leaders.

2/4 Maryland's gun control laws draw hundreds of protestors to Annapolis today. Political reporter Pat Warren reports, they are appealing to lawmakers to amend or repeal the governor's firearms safety act.

2/4 President Obama once again brings his state of the union message to Maryland. The president visited Buck Lodge Middle School in Adelphi, Prince George's County today. He met with 7th grade students who use ipads as part of the curriculum. The trip is part of his connected initiative to get 99 percent of students on wireless technology in the next five years.

2/5 Lawyers for former Anne Arundel County Executive Leopold are asking a three-judge panel at the court of appeals to allow Leopold to run for office again and the filing deadline is just three weeks away. And whether he can be on the ballot hinges on this decision.

2/5 Anne Arundel County Delegate Don Dwyer wants to crack down on drunken lawmakers. Political reporter Pat Warren reports, Dwyer, who is serving 30 weekends behind bars for DUI, says jail time should be mandatory for any elected official convicted of drunk driving.

2/6 Thousands of pet owners anxiously await the outcome of bills that would nullify a controversial court ruling that pit bulls are inherently dangerous.

2/7 The general assembly is stepping into the Baltimore speed camera controversy. Political reporter Pat Warren explains, a number of delegates thinks it's time to make the camera companies pay for their mistakes.

2/9 Is your Maryland crab-cake true blue? A proposed new state program would let you know. Legislation is being introduced in Annapolis to make restaurants specify where their seafood came from.

2/10 Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake talks about tackling crime in Baltimore in her annual state of the city address.

2/14 The democratic candidates for governor are in discussions about face to face debates. Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown, Attorney General Doug Gansler and Delegate Heather Mizeur released a joint statement today announcing talks have begun.

2/14 Maryland's gun fight continues in US district court where a federal judge is hearing arguments on whether Maryland's ban on assault-type weapons is constitutional.

2/18 President Obama comes to Maryland to call for new fuel efficiency measures for large trucks. He did it at a Safeway distribution center in Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County.

2/18 Speed camera tickets are always unpopular but when they're issued in error Maryland drivers see red! Now, state lawmakers are pushing major changes to local speed camera programs so drivers don't get ripped off.

2/21 Delegate Don Dwyer is officially running for re-election. The Pasadena republican filed his papers yesterday. Dwyer is currently serving a 60-day jail sentence on weekends for a drunken boating accident that left seven people injured.

2/25 Today, members of the marijuana policy coalition of Maryland will testify before the senate judicial proceedings committee in support of taxing and legislating marijuana like alcohol. The second bill filed by Senator Robert Zirkin would make it a "civil" offense to possess less than 10-grams of pot punishable by a \$100 fine, but no longer attached to any criminal charge.

3/3 The campaigns for candidates Heather Mizeur, Doug Gansler and Anthony Brown release a joint statement about the debates. There will be three debates for the three candidates and one debate for the lieutenant governor.

3/4 Governor Martin O'Malley's proposed bill to increase minimum wage in Maryland takes a step forward. The house economic matters committee voted 13 to 8 in favor of sending the bill to the full house. Instead of taking effect in July, the first-phase increase to \$8.20 will take effect next January. Increases to \$9.15 and then \$10.10 would follow in the next two years.

3/4 Maryland's gun control laws come under attack in Annapolis. A house committee was flooded with bills from both sides of the issue today.

3/10 Congressman Andy Harris, the state's only republican congressman, confirmed the probe today of the state's new health care website. The non-partisan and independent investigation will take a thorough look at the website's roll out. It debuted on October 1 and is still not glitch free.

3/12 Maryland inches forward on a bill to decriminalize marijuana. Political reporter Pat Warren reports, the state senate is one step closer to passing a bill making marijuana possession a civil offense.

3/12 The Maryland house joins the senate in passing a compromise measure on dog bite liability. The measure would hold dog owners liable for biting "innocent victims" unless they could prove they had no way to know their dogs were dangerous. It also overturns a 2012 court decision that designated pit bulls as "inherently dangerous." now one chamber must adopt the other's bill before it can go to Governor O'Malley to sign.

3/15 The Maryland senate has passed a measure making marijuana possession a civil offense. The bill reduces the penalty for possession of small amounts of marijuana from 90 days in jail to a \$100 fine. Criminal penalties would remain intact for anyone carrying more than about one-third of an ounce of pot.

3/20 Governor Martin O'Malley continues his campaign to raise the state's minimum wage with a rally in Catonsville. The governor was joined by Congressman Elijah Cummings who supports the increase. The House of Delegates passed a bill to increase the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour over the next three years, but it is having trouble in the senate. Some business owners say a higher minimum wage will make paying their bills more difficult while supporters say the current \$7.25 an hour is too low.

3/26 There's been some movement towards resolving an issue holding up the governor's minimum wage bill. A senate committee could be voting soon on the proposal to raise the wage to \$10.10 an hour. Political reporter Pat Warren reports, those who work with the disabled would also benefit.

3/27 Maryland's General Assembly is closer to a workable medical marijuana program tonight. Political reporter Pat Warren reports, the senate today passed a bill similar to one approved by the house that allows individual doctors to prescribe marijuana to patients.

## ON TIME

1/19 Robert Smith, the head MTA administrator, explains to Gigi Barnett, how transportation is embracing green technology when it comes to redesigned bus shelters, maintenance buildings and modes of transportation. He talks about the upcoming Red and Purple light rail lines and how these will feed into other types of mass transit.

## COMMUNITY

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

1/1 A special delivery on the first day of the year... The first baby born in the region!!

1/2 A major milestone is marked in Baltimore today....and it centers on the area's cats and dogs. Tonight, more on the continuing effort to keep pets healthy and control the booming pet population.

1/3 Tomorrow-- the Towson Tigers football team gets their chance at a national championship! The Tigers are in Texas... but the excitement is building back here on campus. Students, fans and businesses are rallying around the team.

1/5 Baltimore County officials tout some historically-low homicide rates. Detectives have been closing more cases recently than they have in years.

1/6 The first African American police commissioner in Baltimore City, Bishop Robinson has died.

1/7 Every year, an N-F-L player from each team is recognized for their sportsmanship. Named for the former Baltimore Colt, the Ed Block Courage Award is a true honor. This year, the honor goes to linebacker, Jameel McClain.

1/8 The new and improved Maryland House Travel Plaza on I-95 is about to reopen.

1/9 Do you have an overdue library book? Well the Pratt Library has launched a unique effort called Food For Fines, to help you pay your fine and at the same time help others.

1/10 A long time ago in Baltimore a husband and wife had a dream to open a restaurant in Little Italy. They did and their dream became a reality. Today they're celebrating thirty years in business.

1/11 A historic Baltimore church celebrates 190 years of serving the Baltimore community. Tonight, the legacy of Saint James Episcopal Church.

1/12 A special food bank that provides meals to animals is in dire need tonight. The "Thankful Paws" program is the state's only mobile pet food bank. And local animal shelters are teaming up to keep it up and running.

1/13 During the summer months, hundreds of thousands of people ride the water taxis around the Inner Harbor. Now, the owner is trying to get people to go on the water in the winter.

1/14 Japan is making a big push for Baltimore. The prime minister wants to lend the federal government billions for a new high-speed rail system between Baltimore and Washington. Tonight, a look into the challenges of getting this project on track.

1/17 They're world renown for their restaurant surveys....and tomorrow they'll be in Baltimore to find out where you like to shop. Tonight, more on some national recognition for charm city.

1/18 A sad farewell for one of Baltimore's beloved top cops who died last week. City and state leaders gathered at Coppin State University today to say good-bye to Baltimore's first African-American police commissioner.

1/19 Officials lay out a tentative timeline to give the Inner Harbor a face lift.

1/20 85-years ago, Martin Luther King, Junior was born..., and today the nation pauses to honor the civil rights leader's legacy. Baltimore is celebrating with a big parade.

1/21 The elephant yard at The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore could be in for a big upgrade.

1/22 Plans are in the works to extend Baltimore's Jones Falls Trail by another three miles.

1/23 It's a Highlandtown market known for its fine Italian food and friendship....and now it's celebrating one hundred years in business. What started as a corner grocery store has become a Baltimore institution.

1/25 and 1/26 Extensive coverage of Columbia Mall shooting

1/27 Vandals strike a Perry Hall church... Not once... but twice in a matter of weeks. The suspects are in custody. But the church needs help recovering from the crime.

1/28 Our brutal Baltimore winter is affecting many businesses...including the Girl Scouts Of Central Maryland. The deep freeze has led to a drop in cookie sales... but you still have a chance to help as the deadline nears.

1/29 It was the site of a historic student sit in. Now decades later, the fight over what to do with the Read's Drug Store building rages on between the city and a civil rights icon.

1/30 The dead of winter turns into training season for many avid runners waiting for the Maryland Half Marathon this Spring. Its part of WJZ's continuing community commitment. Last year's winner received the coveted "County Cup" today.

1/31 One ton of corned beef! That's how much will be sold on Super Bowl Sunday by Baltimore's most famous delicatessen.

2/1 Baltimore may be 'charm city' but could Berlin, Maryland be 'America's coolest small town'? It's in the running! Each year budget travel holds a contest to find the 'America's coolest small town'. Right now, Berlin-- just outside Ocean City is in the number one spot.

2/2 A man from Maryland also celebrates, after his ad for Doritos aired during the big game! This "Doritos time machine" commercial was created by Raj Suri of Ellicott City. It aired during the first half of the super bowl, as part of Doritos "crash the super bowl" contest. It cost Suri just \$300 to make the ad.

2/2 With the Ravens not in the super bowl, local sports fans are now focusing on the Orioles. Baseball fans packed the Baltimore Convention Center Saturday for Orioles Fan Fest 2014.

2/2 The Maryland Army National Guard's 290th military police company from Parkville returned home. The unit was working with NATO during a year-long deployment to Afghanistan, helping train the Afghan national security forces.

2/3 Several pit bulls rescued from dog-fighting are finding new homes here in Maryland. Addison is one of 400 involved in the second-largest bust in US history. She was put into a shelter before making her way to Jasmine's House. Now, the Montgomery County rescue group says Addison is on her way up.

2/4 Four Baltimore County schools will soon have traffic cameras to help keep students safe. County police are adding the automated enforcement at Joppaview, Stoneleigh and Windsor Mill elementary schools. There will also be a brand new camera at Dundalk High. The cameras operate from 6-am to 8-pm Monday through Friday.



2/6 Solving the bully problem with words not fists. It's what one Baltimore City school is doing thanks to a partnership with University of Maryland law students.

2/8 The Maryland Food Bank needs help. Right now, there's a serious backlog of donations because there are fewer volunteers. The food bank is having a difficult time getting food to those who need it.

2/9 Every minute in this country one woman dies because of heart disease. It's the number one killer of women but as Gigi Barnett reports Baltimore churches are teaming up with doctors to reach the women most at risk.

2/10 In Harford County a group of ladies is working hard to make sure young women who can't afford a gown will get one. Ron Matz has more on what's behind the doors of Cinderella's closet.

2/16 Incredibly talented students were showcased today at the WJZ Black History Oratory Contest. The winner reflected on a quote from President Obama. Jakim Burns is a tenth grader at Howard High School. He was one of 20 students who competed today.

2/16 Stamping out racial profiling. The Baltimore Police Department has a new program pairing officers with residents. The goal is to reduce the city's crime rate.

2/17 A powerful street drug that killed actor Phillip Seymour Hoffman is making a comeback in Maryland and police say it's contributing to a number of crimes in Anne Arundel County.

2/18 The speed camera controversy is not limited to Baltimore. Lawmakers hear stories from around the state of how tickets issued in effort are aggravating drivers and eroding public confidence in government. Political reporter Pat Warren has more on how they propose to fix it.

2/18 Continuing their fight against domestic violence. The family of slain Cockeysville native Yeardeley Love is making a push for national awareness.

2/22 Communities across the state aren't getting their mail. Many Marylanders are frustrated but for some, it's a matter of life or death. Now, several congress members are calling on the postal service to do something.

2/27 Our media partner "the Baltimore Sun" is reporting that a group backed by Under Armour CEO Kevin Plank wants to re-develop recreation pier. The group wants to build a 128-room hotel at the pier. The idea has been tossed around before. Recreation pier was built in 1914. It was also the set for the TV show "Homicide: Life on the Street". It closed in 1999 after the show went off air.

3/3 A big anniversary for the nation's signature song. It was 83 years ago today the "Star-Spangled Banner" was named the national anthem. On March 3, 1931, President Herbert Hoover signed a bill designating Francis Scott Key's song the country's national anthem. It was during the War of 1812 that the sight of the American flag flying over Fort McHenry inspired Key to pen the legendary words making today 'national anthem day'.

3/5 Several churches took part in the "ashes to go" program, which allows congregation members to offer ashes to people who are going about their daily activities in the community. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period preceding Easter.

3/6 Towson University posts its lowest crime rate in nearly 20 years in 2013. There was just one instance of violent crime on campus and a combined 118 instances of minor crimes, including thefts and vandalism.

3/12 A landmark settlement is sparking change within Baltimore's police department. It re-affirms the right to videotape police encounters-- and forces the department to put that policy in writing. Derek Valcourt explains why some are calling this a major victory.

3/15 Cod fish and crab cakes and a whole lot more it's all part of a major Lenten fundraiser at a Canton school. Ron Matz has more on the dedicated volunteers of the St. Casimir coddie crew. St. Casimir school will continue to take your Lenten food orders through April 11th.

3/16 Green covers charm city as thousands turn out for Baltimore's annual St. Patrick's day parade. Bagpipers, marching bands, and dancers drew in crowds up and down Charles street. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake was on-hand along with the Oriole bird. This is the parade's 59th year in Baltimore.

3/17 Tonight is the annual Ed Block Courage Awards gala. The award is presented to NFL players who are voted by their teammates as role models of inspiration, sportsmanship, and courage. Today recipients visited Chick Webb recreation center to meet with young fans and see a cooking demonstration. The ravens recipient is former Raven Jameel McClain.

3/23 Thirty years ago this week Baltimore lost one its prized possessions, the Baltimore Colts. If you were in town on March 29, 1984 you'll never forget what happened on that night. The snow and the mayflower vans Ron Matz has more on the anniversary of the Colts leaving town.

3/24 Maryland is promoting Prince Georges county as the ideal location for a new FBI headquarters. The new headquarters is an estimated \$2 billion project.

3/25 Today 380 years ago, the first English colonists arrived in Maryland, which makes today Maryland Day. Alex DeMetrick reports, it was marked a by a ceremony in Annapolis, which rolled in another big date.

3/26 A new Maryland county is now on top of the list of healthiest counties in the state. Residents of Montgomery County are the healthiest in the state, knocking Howard County out of the top spot. That's followed by Frederick, Queen Anne's and Carroll counties. Baltimore City is at the very bottom of the list, which factors in infant mortality, low birth weight babies, violent crime and smoking rates.

3/27 Maryland's general assembly is closer to a workable medical marijuana program tonight. Political reporter Pat Warren reports, the senate today passed a bill similar to one approved by the house that allows individual doctors to prescribe marijuana to patients.

3/27 Patterson Park 200 years ago was actually lined with trenches to help Baltimore fend off advancing British land forces. Archeologists are probing the park this week looking for signs of fortifications from two centuries ago.

3/28 Maryland takes another step in equality with the passage of an anti-discrimination bill aimed at protecting transgendered people.

3/28 This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Orioles in Baltimore. For 6-decades, local baseball fans have been cheering for the baseball team. In that time there has been plenty to celebrate. WJZ takes a look back at some of fans' fondest memories.

3/29 The first relay for life event of the season kicked off at Loyola university. Over one thousand students, staff, and community members gathered at Reitz Arena for the overnight event. Festivities have moved indoors thanks to the weather. Funds raised will support the American Cancer Society.

## ON TIME

1/12 Gigi Barnett talks with Chief Judge Joyce Baylor-Thompson and Associate Judge Lewyn Scott Garrett about the role of the Orphan's Court. They discuss how the Orphan's Court handles court cases involving estates, wills, power of attorney and medical directives. They explain what happens when someone dies and does not have a will.

## EDUCATION

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

1/8 In tonight's school watch, the federal government rolls out sweeping guidelines designed to stamp out "zero tolerance" at schools nationwide. Two top members of the President's cabinet visited one Baltimore school that found new ways to keep students in class.

1/9 In tonight's school watch... The five year run at the top is over. Maryland is no longer tops when it comes to education rankings. The magazine that ranks districts is changing the way it selects the best schools. Tonight, why state school leaders say Maryland's top spot should stand.

1/14 Growing populations and aging facilities... That's what Maryland's three largest counties say they're dealing with when it comes to public schools. Today "the big three" joined together in Annapolis to push for funding.

1/15 In tonight's WJZ School Watch, testing for testing sake. That's what some school leaders are saying about the state's assessment test for students. This comes as schools across the country are switching over to new federal guidelines.

1/16 A huge honor for a Baltimore County teacher. He's already been named Maryland's teacher of the year... And today he got the news, he's a finalist for national teacher of the year!

1/17 A big honor today for Aberdeen High School. The students there beat out 500 other high schools for a national recognition.

1/22 A multi-million dollar federal grant designed to cut crime on school campuses nationwide. One Maryland district says it wants a piece of the funds.

1/23 Students in Baltimore County create and star in their own commercial...and it's paid off! Today, they received a major award for their hard work....and all of Maryland will get a chance to see it.

1/28 It's considered a new way of teaching, and learning. But tonight, parents opposed to what's called: common core education, are speaking out. Lawmakers are meeting to discuss education standards, and parents want their voices heard.

1/31 Educators get schooled by Facebook on ways to identify and handle cyber bullying. Maryland public schools are in a pilot program with Facebook to keep kids safe on the internet.

1/31 In tonight's school watch report. New numbers released this week show a big boost in the state's high school graduation rate. And one county is seeing its largest graduating class in the last four years.

**2/8** In Anne Arundel County there's a push to start high schools a little later; currently high schools start at 7:17 am. But some students, parents and teachers want to push it back until at least 8am. Changing the start time would cost the county more than \$8-million and would require more drivers and buses.

**2/18** Today it became official, Gregory Thornton is the new CEO of the Baltimore City school system. Thornton is currently the superintendent of Milwaukee's public schools. He has roots in Philadelphia and spent time working in the Montgomery County public school system. He says his top priority in Baltimore will be improving academics and engaging the community.

3/2 From building rockets to programming robots it's easy work for hundreds of young girls in Maryland. As Tim Williams explains, a weekend program aims to get them interested in math and science.

3/5 The Carroll County sheriff's office is trying to find the person who hacked into the website for Carroll County public schools. Security and data were not breached. The February 25th attack flooded the system with bogus external communications requests. The large number overwhelmed the system and internet access was shut down for a day.

3/5 The college board is announcing they are rethinking the college admission exams. They will eliminate the test's essay portion and cut obscure vocabulary words. The math section will also change. A calculator will no longer be needed and the range of questions will be narrowed. Also, the scoring will go back to the 1600 scale. College board officials say the current exam does not focus enough on important academic skills.

3/6 The college board that creates the SAT test, conducted its own exam and realized it was failing students. Now, they are changing the exam to help level the playing field for all students.

3/7 A hacker breaches a data base server at Johns Hopkins University exposing the names, email addresses and phone numbers of more than 1300 current and former students. A school spokesperson says the hacker was attempting to extort the university for further access to its servers. The school is cooperating with the FBI in the investigation.

3/10 A push to make pre-k more accessible to Maryland children is well underway. Senate lawmakers have already voted in favor of a plan to expand the program. Now the governor is stressing the importance of pre-k to those directly affected.

3/11 Johns Hopkins School of Education ranks number one among graduate education programs. It's the first time US News and World Report gives Hopkins the top spot. The graduate education program started in 2007 and serves 1600 students.

3/19 In tonight's school watch, it's the big pay-off for Maryland's "Teacher of the Year." A Patapsco High teacher received a check from McDonald's for winning the coveted title.

3/19 College debt continues to climb. It's a huge financial burden for students and their families. But now a Maryland University launches a new, first-of-its-kind program. That could save students thousands of dollars.

3/25 Baltimore County is spending millions of dollars to protect elementary school students. The county is installing cameras to keep an eye out for anything suspicious. A portion of the funding for the cameras came from money made from speed cameras.

3/25 All this snow has school systems scrambling across the state. Now, counties are appealing to the state for help to make up for lost class time. Derek Valcourt explains they want an exception to the required 180-day school year!

3/18 University System of Maryland officials expect enrollment to drop at the system's 11 schools this fall for the first time since the 1990's. About 153-thousand-three hundred students were enrolled in 2013. By 2014, system wide enrollment is expected to drop about one percent. This is attributed to a drop in high school graduates and other trends.

3/28 With winter finally behind us and April coming up Maryland schools are struggling to make up a pile of snow days! More than a dozen school systems asked the state to waive some of those days, and tonight one request has been denied! Meghan McCorkell explains some students are looking at a shortened summer vacation.

## ON TIME

1/19 Gigi Barnett talks to A. Dwight Pettit, a local civil rights attorney who wrote, Under Color of Law. He explains that his book outlines how his family fought for the passage of Brown v. Board of Education that integrated public schools and how his father was discriminated at work for this.

2/2 The Freestate Challenge Academy is designed to provide Maryland students who have dropped out of high school with a military type of discipline program that gets them back on an education and career path. Charles Rose and Ret. BG Guy Walsh tell Gigi Barnett that their program operated out of Aberdeen Proving Grounds, discuss the components of the program that leads young people to get their high school diploma and prepares some for a career in the military.

2/16 Gigi Barnett talks with Sean McComb, Maryland's Teacher of the Year for 2014 and Dr. Darla Strouse, the Teacher of the Year program coordinator. They discuss the qualifications for the Teacher of the Year program and how teachers are making a difference in the lives of students. Mr. McComb is one of four finalists for the National Teacher of the Year Award.

2/23 The South Baltimore Learning Center offers two different programs designed to get high school dropouts back into learning with the goal of getting their external high school diploma. Sonia Socha, the executive director tells Gigi Barnett about the need for literacy programs and LaToya Cooper talks about her success with the program.