

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.

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CONSUMER WATCH

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

HEALTHWATCH

WJZ's reporters discuss health issues and interview experts and patients to deliver information on the latest advances in health for our 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

SPECIAL REPORTS

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

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

Relevant projects launched by community organizations to benefit area residents.

ON TIME

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

HEALTH

Eyewitness News did a story on...

7/14: A tough, new anti-smoking rule goes into effect at a major local hospital. From now on, employees who want to work at Anne Arundel Medical Center will have to pass a test to prove they're nicotine-free! WJZ is live with more on the drastic move.

7/14: This is the most dangerous time of the year for getting Lyme disease. It's spreading rapidly and Maryland is one of the hotspots. WJZ investigates – a Baltimore County woman who didn't realize she was infected before it was too late; she shares her life-changing story.

7/16: A little girl, left inside a hot car in Baltimore, is Maryland's first heat-related death of the summer. Tonight, a warning from state health officials to all parents. WJZ is live with more on the danger.

7/20: Major progress in the fight against a deadly disease—a new treatment for the Ebola virus, to be made right here in Baltimore. Last year's outbreak killed thousands. WJZ is live and explains, now the U.S. will spend millions to make sure it's prepared for any more cases.

7/27: It's already devastated the poultry industry in the Midwest and now Maryland is bracing for the bird flu. State agriculture leaders say Avian flu could be here by this fall. WJZ has the widespread impact it may bring.

7/28: A Baltimore County boy makes history—becoming the first child in the world to have a double hand transplant. The eight-year-old from Owings Mills has new hope thanks to the groundbreaking surgery. WJZ is live and introduces you to Zion Harvey.

7/29: They've been surrounded by controversy, but drones could soon save lives thanks to a new study by a Johns Hopkins doctor and the impact could be worldwide. WJZ is live at the hospital and explains how drones are being tested to carry blood to emergencies!

8/7: Health officials are investigating a possible case of measles in Baltimore County. The child received medical treatment in Baltimore city, which leads to a warning tonight for parents with children who haven't been vaccinated. WJZ is live with more on the status of the case.

8/10: For the first time this year, mosquitoes in Maryland have tested positive for the West Nile Virus and health officials say more are expected. Now, they're taking action to try and prevent people from getting sick.

8/29: In Health Watch—scientists say they've developed a blood test to detect breast cancer earlier. WJZ has more.

8/17: The White House launches a new multi-million dollar program to fight a nationwide heroin epidemic. Some of the money is coming right here to our area. It's part of a push from the feds to focus on treating, not punishing heroin addicts. WJZ is live and explains the shifting focus.

8/18: For the first time this year, a person in the Baltimore area has West Nile Virus. Now, state health leaders are warning everyone about mosquito-borne illnesses. WJZ is live and explains how they're fighting those risks.

8/24: School's starting in Maryland and there are fears of a new head lice mutation among parents! We're one of 25 states with cases of super lice, a drug-resistant pest that doesn't respond to regular treatments. WJZ is live and explains why they're so hard to get rid of.

8/26: A new program aimed at women living with diabetes—as WJZ shows you... the goal is to be fit and fabulous, a new program of the American Diabetes Association.

8/30: With the recent inviting weather, more people are getting outside, but this comes with a warning from health officials. There have been three confirmed cases of the West Nile Virus and city health officials are warning people to take precautions.

9/1: A new study on college marijuana use is cause for concern. Researchers found daily marijuana use amongst college students is on the rise—even surpassing cigarette use! WJZ is live with the dangerous shift.

9/5: Combating Baltimore's epidemic on drug addiction—as part of Maryland's overdose awareness week... new actions are being taken to tackle this health emergency. WJZ explains what's being done.

9/6: If you are sneezing and sniffing a little more, it could be from the extra pollen in the air. WJZ explains why ragweed may be the culprit.

9/15: Growing concern over West Nile Virus—a Baltimore County resident has now died of the disease! It's the first West Nile death in Maryland this year... and cases statewide have quadrupled over last season. WJZ is live with the disturbing news from health officials.

9/17: The West Nile Virus claims another life in Maryland... the latest victim—an elderly woman in Laurel. WJZ is live with the new warnings from the state health department.

9/18: The 9th Annual Prostate Cancer Challenge raises money and awareness for a disease that affects 1 in 7 men. Every 2.5 minutes another man is diagnosed with prostate cancer.

9/18: Time for the Flu Shot. The flu kills 24,000 annually per year in the U.S.

9/18: A new law now requires high school students to take hands-only CPR. It's now part of the school curriculum.

9/21: Maryland poultry farmers are expecting a lethal strain of Avian Flu to affect poultry farms on the Eastern Shore. Many are taking extreme precautions to prevent the spread of this deadly flu.

9/21: WJZ was live for the 9th Annual Zero Prostate Cancer Challenge. WJZ's Marcus Washington served as emcee for the festivities that featured NFL Hall of Famer Lenny Moore. Over 4,000 participated in the 10K, 5K and 1 mile run that raised over half a million for prostate cancer research and free screenings.

9/21: A Baltimore County man died from West Nile Virus. Earlier a woman in Laurel succumbed to the disease. Now the health department is spraying infected areas in an effort to kill deadly mosquitoes.

9/24: Taking your blood pressure at nighttime gives a more accurate reading and is better at predicting diabetes than taking your pressure during the day.

9/25: One in 10 pregnant women drink and put their unborn child at risk for a host of medical complications and birth defects.

9/28: Women with breast cancer can be spared having chemo thanks to new genetic testing which can determine whether the cancer will spread and respond to the drug.

9/28: Robotic hands are being made from a 3-D printer for children with deformed hands. Northrop Grumman has donated the special printers which uses materials from Michael's to create plastic hands. Insurance often does not cover the robotic hands since kids outgrow the specialized hands.

ON TIME

7/19: Caring for the Caregiver is a new pilot program at GBMC developed in conjunction with the Maryland Patient Safety Center and Hopkins that offers support to nurses, technicians and others in the medical field who are affected by patient trauma. Robert Imhoff and Carolyn Candiello tell Marcus Washington about medical situations where medical staff struggle to deal with the tragedy. This program offers 24/7 peer counseling to help the affected caregiver with stress and develop coping strategies.

8/16: Marcus Washington talks with Dr. La Keita Carter and Dr. Jonathan Shepherd about mental health issues that affect the African American community. They discuss how racism affects self esteem and can lead to unhealthy behaviors including substance abuse. Since the Baltimore uprising, the Black Mental Health Alliance has been featuring a series of monthly workshops addressing mental health issues.

8/16: David Foreman tells Marcus Washington that he migrated from being a pharmacist to becoming a natural or herbal-based pharmacist. He discusses how controlling cholesterol can be done with food instead of harmful statin-based medications. Foods that are classified as carbohydrates -potatoes, rice, couscous, and breakfast cereals – convert to sugar and raise the body's bad cholesterol levels. Beans, vegetables and quinoa help to regulate blood sugar, prevent diabetes and lower cholesterol levels.

8/23: Marcus Washington talks to Dr. Sandy Siegel and Sean Murphy about prostate cancer. They stress the need for men to get regular checkups that include a blood PSA test and digital rectal exam. They discuss the free outreach screenings being held at various African American churches. Funding for local research comes from the Zero Prostate Cancer Challenge being held on September 20. This is the 9th annual event.

9/6: Gigi Barnett talks with Toni Robinson and John Thomas, both sarcoidosis patients about this debilitating autoimmune disease that continues to baffle the medical community. They describe their symptoms, problems in getting an accurate diagnosis, and treatment side effects. The Life and Breath Foundation helps sarcoidosis patients and is holding the Flip Flop Festivus to raise local funds for research.

9/6: Erik Sauer was diagnosed with an acute form of leukemia at the same time his wife was giving birth to their son. He discusses how his diagnosis changed his life and how he got a second chance when a bone marrow donor in Germany was a match. He tells Gigi Barnett why he started There Goes My Hero Foundation to help others with leukemia. The foundation provides meals to needy families struggling with blood cancers and they host marrow donor registration drives. Jim Mitich discusses how Ruth's Chris Steakhouse got behind the foundation and now sponsors a golf tournament to help fund the foundation's mission.

9/20 GBMC offers a program to help breast cancer survivors once they have completed treatment. Felicity Kirby and Robin Ferguson discuss how the program works and why it's needed to help guide survivors past surviving and into a thriving mindset.

9/27 Rhonda Silva from the Baltimore City Cancer Program and Donna Jacob from the Full Circle Dance Company discuss how women's experiences with breast cancer was used to create a new dance choreography for a fundraiser entitled Fight and Flight. Breast Cancer survivors were interviewed as part of the healing process. Proceeds benefit the city cancer program that provides free breast cancer and colon screenings to low income residents.

ARTS & CULTURE

Eyewitness News did a story on...

7/14: It's official—NASA's "New Horizons" spacecraft has successfully flown by Pluto—giving humans their first ever close-up look. In just the last two hours, the spacecraft phoned home to confirm its mission is complete! WJZ explains, for Maryland scientists, it's a night nearly a decade in the making.

7/17: It's the largest, free arts festival in the country and it's taken over the Mount Royal area of the city tonight. Artscape 2015 brings music, performances, food and drink and the work of over 100 local artists. The city's expecting big crowds and big revenue. WJZ is live with more.

8/2: Ballerina superstar—the inspirational Misty Copeland proving nothing can stand in her way... Saturday, the athlete is hosting a book signing here in Baltimore as she celebrates a historical day in her career. WJZ explains.

8/5: When the Ravens home games start up, fans will notice some changes at M&T Bank Stadium. Today, the team announced high-tech new additions to improve security and the game-watching experience. WJZ has a first look at six-million dollars' worth of enhancements.

8/12: A rare sight is unfolding in the sky tonight... the Perseid Meteor shower is at its peak tonight into tomorrow—and this time should be one of the clearest views in years! It's going to look like it's raining meteors. WJZ is live in Howard County with dozens of people waiting to catch a glimpse.

9/1: For one night only, Baltimore relives the moment Cal Ripken, Jr. became the Ironman. Hard to believe it's been 20 years since Cal broke the game streak record! WJZ's sports director is live at Camden Yards tonight as Ripken took the field once more.

9/11: In just 48 hours, the Baltimore Ravens kick off their season in Denver... and that makes tonight the first official Purple Friday here in Baltimore! WJZ is with the Ravens for the start of the season—as fans flock to Pratt Street to celebrate their team. WJZ is live with their high hopes for the coming season.

9/14: Governor Larry Hogan, battling cancer himself, invites child cancer patients for a once-in-a-lifetime view! The Redskins' home opener... from field level! WJZ is live and speaks to one of those kids about his special moment with the governor.

9/19: A threat on twitter prompted an evacuation of the Charles Theatre. A shooting threat was mentioned in connection to the screening of a documentary about the Black Panther movement.

9/21: Towson University Alumni comedian Amy Schumer picked up her 1st Emmy Award. WJZ gets reactions from Towson professors and students on her award.

9/23: Today is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Services are observed in synagogues and temples in Baltimore.

9/26: CCH Pounder, one of the actors from NCIS: New Orleans was in town to support Chase Brexton's Charm Ball. She was one of the celebrities that came to support this fundraiser for healthcare programs for Baltimore's disadvantaged.

ON TIME

7/5: The World Championships of Performing Arts is being held in Hollywood and a local group of young brothers from Baltimore will be representing the United States. Kyle Ean Haggerty, the national director for the US tells Linh Bui about the global competition for performing arts. K'Von (Kool) McKenney one of the members of MACFOUR discusses how the group formed and the style of music they'll perform at the competition. Scholarships are awarded to top performers. Talent scouts have also recruited prior performers.

7/12: Artscape, now in its 34th year, is the largest free arts festival in the country. Festival director Kathy Hornig and artist Devin Mack tell Marcus Washington about this year's three-day event and how it benefits local artists. This year's theme of water is used throughout Artscape from dance performances to the after-hours lounge designed as a water molecule by Morgan State University students. Devin Mack demonstrates how he creates his art by using aluminum wire that gets shaped into tree wall hangings to table-top horse sculptures.

8/2: Marcus Washington talks with Julia Marciari-Alexander and Dr. David Wilson about the new partnership between the Walters Art Museum and Morgan State University. They explain that the collaboration includes sharing resources and personnel, co-hosting joint exhibitions and research. Both institutions can benefit from cross exposure that will attract diverse audiences.

8/2: Everyman Theatre is celebrating their 25th year and to commemorate the milestone they are offering two classic plays, "Death of a Salesman" and "A Streetcar Named Desire" as part of the Great American rep – where both plays will be performed on alternate nights. Vincent Lancisi and Jonathan Waller tell Marcus Washington why theatre is relevant today and gives the audience and actors an opportunity to interact with one another.

8/9: Marcus Washington talks with Victoria Christopher Murray about her novel, Stand Your Ground. She discusses how she wrote the book from the perspective of the victims – the mother of the African American male who was shot and the wife of the Caucasian shooter. While the novel seems like a "ripped from the headlines" plot-line, she said she did not want to trivialize or sensationalize the story. Her goal was to get the public to call for the repeal of the "stand your ground" laws in many states.

8/9: Louis Fields tells Marcus Washington about his book, "The Maryland Black Facts Book" and the tours he gives that follow the Underground Railroad. He discusses the importance of African American tourism and how Maryland

has many more sites of historical significance than the Southern States which are synonymous with the civil rights movement.

8/30: Marcus Washington talks with Kwame Kwei-Armah about Center Stage's 53rd season and the dedication to Peter Culman, the theatre's long-time managing director who recently died. They discuss the main stage productions, upcoming renovations that will require the last two plays to be performed at Towson University's theater and the role of theater in addressing current issues including the riots.

8/30: Andrea Lewis discusses the One Maryland One Book selection of Daniel James Brown's "The Boys on the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics" and how special activities will be held in various jurisdictions during September and October. She tells Marcus Washington how the book was selected and the importance of this reading initiative.

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CONSUMER: HOUSING

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7/3: A major disruption for tens of thousands of people in Anne Arundel County who woke up without water this morning—a large water main break is affecting homeowners and businesses on the first day of a holiday weekend. WJZ is live and explains the water is finally back on, but some problems still remain.

8/14: Problems continue tonight in Baltimore County where a water main break sent a geyser of water into the sky! It caused major damage in a Timonium neighborhood. WJZ is live and talks to the unlucky homeowner who got the hit with the waterfall from the water main break.

CONSUMER: ECONOMY

Eyewitness News did a story on...

7/1: Are major airlines ganging up on customers to keep air fares high? The Department of Justice launches an investigation into whether Southwest and other big airlines communicated illegally. WJZ is live and is just back from BWI Airport where some of those airlines operate.

7/1: A break at the toll booth—just in time for the holiday weekend... your 4th of July road trip will be a little cheaper, as Governor Hogan's toll reductions take effect today. WJZ explains, it's expected to save drivers 54-million dollars a year.

7/7: A surprising new travel option—as the United States and Cuba thaw relations. Americans could soon take a cruise to Cuba! Carnival Cruise Lines has just secured U.S. approval. WJZ is live with the potential impact.

7/24: Tonight, the feds are investigating alleged price gouging by airlines—at the worst possible time! Five major airlines, accused of intentionally charging sky-high fares while Amtrak service was suspended after May's deadly train derailment. WJZ is live with details.

7/24: It's a big weekend in Baltimore and you can expect to see a lot of extra people downtown. Between a colorful convention and the Piano Man, Billy Joel, performing in town... the city's bringing in big bucks! WJZ has the arrival of one of the world's biggest acts.

7/30: Dining out on a dime—Baltimore city restaurant week is going on right now and starting tomorrow, diners in Baltimore County can also enjoy great food for a bargain.

8/16: Record-breaking numbers... our state's lottery and gaming is bringing in more than ever before. WJZ explains the spike and why it will only continue to rise.

8/20: Investors panic, amid a massive sell-off on Wall Street! It's the stock market's worst week in four years. The Dow fell more than 530 points and the S&P and the Nasdaq also both took a nosedive. WJZ reports on what's behind it.

8/24: The mess on Wall Street is about to get worse! Chinese stocks have just opened for the morning and dropped sharply again! Now, American investors are bracing for more losses. Today's rollercoaster saw the Dow drop more than a thousand points... gain some of it back... and end the day 600 points down. The S&P and Nasdaq also took a plunge. WJZ has the impact.

8/26: Wasting time and money in the car because of traffic in our area and around the U.S. WJZ explains just how bad it is—and what's being done in Maryland.

9/16: A new milestone at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport—the airport has its busiest month ever... with a record two-million plus passengers. The growth isn't just good for fliers... it brings a boost to the local economy. WJZ is live and explains what's driving the increase.

ON TIME

7/12: Marcus Washington talks with Marceline White about the Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition and their efforts to protect senior citizens in particular from financial fraud and scams. She explains that her coalition recently rated the largest local financial institutions based on criteria that was beneficial to the elderly. She explains how they are working to education banks, senior citizens and other consumers how to avoid falling victim to scams.

7/19: Jay Steinmetz, the CEO of Barcoding, Inc. discusses his role on Governor Hogan's newly appointed Business Regulation Reform Commission. He tells Marcus Washington about regulations in Maryland that hinder start up businesses as well as business expansion and the economic impact it has on the state's overall bottom line. He discusses how best practices from other states can be employed here to grow business and how that benefits all segments of society.

8/30: The 3rd Baltimore Family Reunion Expo is set up like a wedding trade show according to Shelonda Stokes. She tells Marcus Washington how reunions are big tourism opportunities for museums, hotels, and restaurants. Brave Williams discusses how she will be co-hosting the activities being held at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum including karaoke. Reunion tourism is being encouraged and is seen as an economic boost to the local economy.

CONSUMER: JOBS

Eyewitness News did a story on...

8/26: It's hard to believe Baltimore's Horseshoe Casino is one year old... and it's proving to be a lucrative project. WJZ is live with more on the big events for the special day.

ON TIME

8/30/15 The Abilities Network assists young children to senior citizens with disabilities and works with them to build up their confidence and skills needed in order to live and work independently. Lee Kingham and Kendra Heyde tell Marcus Washington how the program offers employment training and partners with businesses to hire their participants. Their upcoming Run/Walk features festivities for the entire family and helps to fund their programs.

9/13 Talib Horne tells Marcus Washington about Bon Secours Community Works (BSCW) programs. Since the uprising in the spring, representatives from Bon Secours have met with residents in West Baltimore to see how their community programs can better serve those who live around the hospital. Jobs and job training was one of the issues identified for both youth and adults. In addition to job development, BSCW provides financial literacy, early head start and parenting programs.

LOCAL POLITICS

Eyewitness News did a story on...

7/1: A major development in Baltimore's race for mayor in 2016—former mayor Sheila Dixon, who resigned in the midst of a corruption case, announces she's running against Mayor Rawlings-Blake. WJZ's political reporter explains, it's shaping up to be a past-versus-present campaign.

7/6: Feeling good—and opening up about his health... for the first time since undergoing five days of intensive chemotherapy for stage three non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Governor Larry Hogan makes a public appearance. WJZ has more on what he's saying about his recovery.

7/11: A woman throws water in the face of Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake in front of a crowd during a community event promoting unity. WJZ is live at Mondawmin Mall where it happened.

7/13: The heroin epidemic and growing city violence are just some of the issues that have led to harsh criticism of Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake. Former mayor Sheila Dixon is calling her a failed leader! It's the latest shot in the battle for City Hall – even though the primary is still months away. WJZ's investigator has more on the mayor's political future.

7/21: 45-million dollars—that's how much Maryland is getting for the state healthcare website that never worked. The botched roll-out left many people unable to sign up for benefits. WJZ is live with more on the major settlement.

7/23: Governor Hogan is still in the hospital tonight, finishing his second round of chemotherapy. And he has a special request—he's asking us to consider all of Maryland's cancer patients. WJZ's political reporter has the response from other cancer survivors.

7/28: Maryland Governor Larry Hogan is sporting a new look tonight because of the chemotherapy treatments he's getting. Hogan debuted a bald head on Twitter today, proclaiming bald is beautiful! WJZ has the governor's positive message as cancer treatment takes its toll.

8/4: With crime at a critical level in Baltimore, one of Maryland's top Congressional leaders is begging for an end to what he calls "black on black violence". WJZ has Congressman Elijah Cummings' emotional call for peace.

8/4: The Iran nuclear deal—the focus of a major media campaign in Maryland... national groups are mounting an aggressive ad war in the state for and against the agreement. That's because Senator Ben Cardin will play a pivotal role in whether the deal lives or dies. WJZ is live and spoke to the senator tonight.

8/6: Fired up and fighting—Baltimore’s State’s Attorney Marilyn Mosby says witness intimidation is the biggest roadblock to stopping Baltimore’s violence. In an exclusive interview with WJZ, Mosby says intimidation has to stop.

8/18: A major positive turn for Governor Larry Hogan—in his fight against cancer! Hogan tells the Washington Post 95% of his cancer is gone. WJZ is live with the news from doctors at UMMC.

8/18: Frederick County government is “English-only” no more! In a tight vote tonight, leaders decided to repeal the county’s ordinance that made English its official language. That law was the first of its kind in Maryland. WJZ explains, it’s been dividing the community ever since.

8/19: Tonight, there are signs Maryland Congressman Elijah Cummings may run for Barbara Mikulski’s Senate seat. In Campaign 2016, the Washington Post reports that a campaign fundraiser is in the works.

8/19: A proposed nuclear deal with Iran is still causing major controversy here in Maryland. Tonight, hundreds rally against the agreement with Senator Ben Cardin under intense pressure to choose a position. WJZ is live at Penn Station and talks to protesters who say a lot’s riding on this vote.

8/23: Still Hogan strong—prayers tonight for Governor Larry Hogan as he reaches the half-way mark with his cancer treatments. WJZ is live and was at a prayer service for the governor.

8/26: Pressure continues to mount on Maryland Senator Ben Cardin to decide which way he will vote on the Iran nuclear deal. Supporters and opponents of the deal continue to hold rallies trying to help sway his vote. WJZ is live near one of Cardin’s district offices with the messages both sides are pushing.

8/30: He was known as a political magician... credited with modernizing our state government. Today, former governor Marvin Mandel died. The Democrat led the state for a decade—but was forced from office by a corruption scandal. WJZ is live with how he is being honored.

8/31: A furniture feud is brewing in Maryland! Governor Larry Hogan blasts former governor Martin O’Malley for buying fancy furniture from the governor’s mansion at a deep discount! The state ethics committee is now looking into the matter. WJZ is live with the controversy.

9/2: President Obama now has the support he needs to secure the Iran nuclear agreement. And Maryland Senator Barbara Mikulski turned out to be the tipping point. Late today, she became the 34th senator to announce her support. But as WJZ’s political reporter explains, controversy over the plan continues.

9/4: The controversial Iran nuclear agreement has a new opponent—Maryland senator Ben Cardin finally announces he’ll vote against the President’s controversial deal. WJZ explains, Cardin is calling it a vote of conscience.

9/8: The race for Baltimore’s next mayor is heating up—as two well-known politicians announce they’re running. State senator Catherine Pugh and Councilman Carl Stokes are just the latest big names to launch campaigns. WJZ’s political reporter looks at how the 2016 race is shaping up.

9/11: Mayor Rawlings-Blake says it’s in Baltimore’s best interest that she not seek re-election. The mayor’s decision to walk away from campaign 2016 stuns the city... and the candidates who were gearing up to challenge her. WJZ is live with complete coverage—WJZ’s investigator talks to the mayor tonight about why she won’t run... also, more on the major impact on next year’s election.

9/12: One day after announcing she won’t be seeking re-election, Baltimore’s mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake steps out thanking everyone for their support. She says she’s looking forward to concentrating on healing the city.

9/13: The race for Baltimore City's next mayor is in full swing. Today, former mayor Sheila Dixon kicked off her mayoral campaign... and two high-profile Baltimore politicians are joining Dixon in the race for mayor—State senator Catherine Pugh and City Councilman Carl Stokes.

9/14: Three days after Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake announced she won't run in 2016... she sits down with WJZ to answer why. WJZ is the first to speak one-on-one with the mayor... since the stunning news that she won't seek re-election. But what motivated that decision?

9/14: A popular Baltimore pastor—and visible activist during the Freddie Gray unrest—is running for Congress. In Campaign 2016, Pastor Jamal Bryant will take on Congressman Elijah Cummings, who's held Maryland's 7th District seat for the last 19 years! WJZ's political reporter speaks to both men tonight.

9/15: Governor Larry Hogan attacks Martin O'Malley saying the former governor lied about furniture he bought at deep discounts... and took home with him when he left the state house! That furniture cost taxpayers more than \$60,000. WJZ's investigator has Hogan's fiery words today.

9/18: A police body camera program is coming to Baltimore County beginning in July 2016. Over 1400 police officers will be required to wear body cameras. The cost to the county is in the millions.

9/18: Three of the 6 officers charged in the death of Freddie Gray want the reckless endangerment charges dismissed. They claim reckless endangerment is not a crime and doesn't show disregard for human life.

9/18: Governor Larry Hogan completed his 5th round of chemo and visits with the families of children in the University of Maryland Medical System's NICU.

9/19: Many are questioning the huge discount former Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley received when he purchased discounted furniture used while he was in office. Now the State Ethics Commission says they will not review those purchases. The O'Malley's say it was discounted after it was declared a junk.

9/23: Local Pastor Jamal Bryant announces that he's dropping his bid for Congressman Elijah Cummings's seat representing Maryland's 7th Congressional District.

9/24: Anne Arundel County is battling over where and if the county should allow medical marijuana. Zoning laws for medical facilities would determine potential locations.

9/24: WJZ reports on Governor Larry Hogan's audience with the Pope at St. Patrick's parish following the Pontiff's address to Congress.

ON TIME

7/26: Marcus Washington talks to Congressman Elijah Cummings about criminal justice reform and provisions of the SAFE Justice Act. Rep. Cummings explains that costs to run federal prisons has more than doubled in the last 20 years and now costs more than ¼ of the Dept. of Justice's budget to run the incarceration program. He explains how many states have cut costs, cut prison sentences and opted for probation and drug courts as an alternative to the federal penal system. Prisons should also offer rehab programs designed to keep prisoners from returning to jail.

COMMUNITY

Eyewitness News did a story on...

7/7: A warning from Baltimore health officials tonight—heroin is getting even more deadly... as it's now being laced with a powerful painkiller. Making matters worse, the antidote is harder than ever to get. WJZ is live and explains how big the problem's becoming.

7/8: A surprise announcement from Baltimore's mayor—Police Commissioner Anthony Batts is out. WJZ is live with complete coverage... the scathing report from the police union just released hours before the shake-up... and more on the mayor's explanation for firing Batts.

7/10: Another shark tale in Ocean City tonight! The sighting is all over social media after some teenagers caught the creature. WJZ reports, this summer sharks are swimming closer to the spotlight than usual.

7/17: Could parts of Maryland be underwater in the next few years? Some scientists warn the state is one of the most vulnerable to climate change—with sea levels rising rapidly, especially in the Chesapeake Bay! WJZ is in Annapolis with the potential impact and what local leaders are doing about it.

7/19: If you drive in the Washington-Baltimore area, you know just how bad traffic is. In fact, WJZ explains, our region is among the worst in the nation for drivers.

7/20: As the state of South Carolina removes its Confederate flag, a local movement is underway to take down Baltimore's Confederate landmarks. Tonight, City Council takes the first steps to rename "Robert E. Lee Park". WJZ is live at City Hall and explains, not everyone is on board.

7/22: A controversial fundraiser for the police officers charged in Freddie Gray's death is cancelled! The event was to include a former officer performing in black face! WJZ is live... and spoke with the former officer about his plan that's drawing outrage.

7/25: Here in Maryland, a peaceful answer to violence draws thousands to Druid Hill Park. It's called "Unity in the Community" a festival meant to draw out positivity in Baltimore in the midst of more crime. WJZ is live with what people were taking away from today's event.

7/30: A black eye for Maryland—that's how Governor Larry Hogan describes the lock-up best known for out-of-control inmates and numerous health and safety violations. WJZ's investigator is live at the detention center with details of its immediate shutdown.

8/1: Baltimore has already seen its first deadly shooting in the month of August—a 29-year-old man shot in the head in the 1600-block of Cole Street. This is the same day Baltimore's 300 Men March took its violence prevention movement to city neighborhoods. WJZ is live with more on the effort.

8/1: Play like a Raven—hundreds of Maryland's youth got the opportunity to do that this morning... WJZ reports how these players did it in style thanks to the team!

8/2: While fighting for our country, Marine corporal Marcus Dandrea lost both of his legs. The high cost of his medical expenses didn't make situations better when he had a car accident, costing more to fix than he could afford... and that's where a few good Samaritans stepped in.

8/3: On the heels of another 11 shootings this weekend, Baltimore has a new plan to fight crime—a team of federal agents are moving in to help. But the killings are not just happening in Baltimore, there is a national spike in violence underway. WJZ is in Washington, D.C. where police chiefs from major cities met to tackle the problem... but first, here are details of the local-federal partnership police are calling "B-Fed".

8/5: In Baltimore tonight, the mayor and the city's top cop work to rebuild the community's broken trust amid a major crime spike... leaders are out meeting with residents, night after night, but can they repair relationships and stop the violence? WJZ is live at police headquarters with the latest effort.

8/7: It's one of the busiest roadways in Baltimore city—now some are calling for a major change to the JFX. Some say demolishing a popular overpass will bring the city together, but as WJZ reports, not everyone is sold on the idea.

8/13: Months after Baltimore students clashed with police during riots, the city says it's making progress in helping those young people. But some parents and students say not enough is being done! WJZ is live and has the candid conversations.

8/16: Another busy Sunday for city police as calls for back-up after reports of rocks being thrown at those officers during a dirt bike gathering on Reisterstown Road. WJZ is live on Reisterstown Road where this all happened.

8/17: A 35-mile trek on foot, calling for an end to Baltimore's violent summer... the group "300 Men March" walked through the night from here to Washington, D.C. to show how much our city is in crisis. WJZ's investigator is in Washington with their mission.

8/31: Baltimore Police aren't taking any chances of a repeat of the riots in April. The city's top cop has cancelled officers' leave ahead of court hearings for the six officers accused in Freddie Gray's arrest. WJZ is live at police headquarters with the new steps.

9/2: One by one, six Baltimore police officers will face trial for Freddie Gray's death in custody. Tonight, protesters renew their calls for justice as the case moves forward. WJZ stays on the hearing and the protests... speaking with demonstrators and with details from court on the judge's decision.

9/5: Illegal dirt bike riding in Baltimore City has put police on high alert during the weekend and tonight, one man from Carroll County is speaking out about another issue many people call a problem. WJZ is live and explains how the illegal summer tradition affects neighboring counties.

9/13: Concerned with city violence—today the mayor met with mothers of murder victims to talk through the pain while looking for solutions. WJZ is there with what the mayor had to say.

9/13: Baltimore city leaders are trying it again—renewed plans for a bike share program are back on the table. The city says bikes could reduce gridlock, help the environment and boost a healthy lifestyle for riders. WJZ explains, Baltimore has nearly three-million dollars to get the program on the road.

9/19: The Montebello Water Filtration turns 100! It was the first of its kind to use filtration to clean drinking water.

9/21: A maglev train between Baltimore and Washington DC is closer to reality. The company that proposes to build the high speed rail has opened an office in Baltimore. When completed, traveling between the two cities will take 15 minutes.

9/22: WJZ provides extensive coverage of Pope Francis' visit to the United States beginning with his landing at the Joint Base at Andrews.

9/23 – 9/24: WJZ is live in Washington with coverage of the Pope's first full day in the U.S. Coverage includes the Pope's visit with President Obama, the tour of DC, Papal Mass at Catholic University, Pope's address to Congress, Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the first canonization on U.S. soil.

9/28: The Baltimore Archdiocese hosts a Mass in Grass – on the lawn of the Baltimore Cathedral of Mary Our Queen for those who want to celebrate the Pope's visit.

ON TIME

7/1: The BMe Community established a Baltimore office in 2013 with the purpose of presenting positive images of African American males who are working to improve their communities. Shawn Burnett and Bishop Winslow discuss how Black men have been working to improve conditions in their communities yet do not get the

recognition for their accomplishments. They discuss how this program awards men who are committed to making a difference.

7/12: The Casey Cares Foundation was started to help families with critically ill children get a respite from their medical situations. Founder Casey Baynes tells Marcus Washington about the little things that her organization provides to families with ill children. Their projects include giving new pajamas to the hospital-bound child, pizza and movie night for the entire family, family get-away vacations and tickets to local entertainment including baseball, football and arena events. Funding for the program comes from their upcoming Orioles 5K run walk where participants get to finish inside the ballpark on the warning track.

7/26: Lawyer in the Library is a new program by Maryland Legal Aid held in partnership with the Pennsylvania Avenue Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library. Frank Natale from Maryland Legal Aid tells Marcus Washington why it was important to partner with this library branch which was at ground zero when Baltimore civil unrest broke out. They discuss what topics will be addressed in a group session and how individuals can meet one on one afterwards to discuss personal situations.

8/9: Ubiquitous Hair and Health Show is an opportunity to showcase products for all styles of hair – where relaxed meets natural. Founder Germaine Bolds-Leftridge tells Marcus Washington why she started the 2 day event to highlight African American women's beauty products. Karen Tappin-Saunderson discusses how she started her beauty products company and features natural ingredients instead of harsh chemicals.

8/16: Talib Horne tells Marcus Washington about Bon Secours Community Works (BSCW) programs. Since the uprising in the spring, representatives from Bon Secours have met with residents in West Baltimore to see how their community programs can better serve those who live around the hospital. Jobs and job training was one of the issues identified for both youth and adults. In addition to job development, BSCW provides financial literacy, early head start and parenting programs.

8/23: Neighbor to Family is a private non-profit program that keeps siblings together while in foster care. Donna McCarter, the director of the Baltimore program, explains to Marcus Washington why it's important to keep brothers and sisters together during this traumatic time. Each year their organization honors a group of siblings that demonstrate this concept. This year they are honoring the Maddox siblings and family representative Al Maddox Jr. discusses the importance of working with his brothers and sisters in the family printing business.

9/6: Wendy Goldband tells Gigi Barnett about DogFest, a fundraiser for the Baltimore Humane Society, an independent and private foundation that is a no-kill shelter for animals. She discusses the festivities that take place on their 365 acre campus in Reisterstown. The majority of the animals up for adoption have been surrendered by their owners. DogFest proceeds help to fund medical care for the animals.

9/20 Gigi Barnett talks with Katie Allston and Anna Davis about Marian House, a program that shelter for homeless women and children. Their programs also prepare women to enter the job force. For women who do not have a high school diploma, GED programs are offered. Their holistic approach to caring for the women has a tremendous success rate. An upcoming 5K walk will raise money for their shelter programs.

9/27 Gigi Barnett talks with Caryn Aslan from the Job Opportunities Task Force about a new law that allows for expungement and shielding of certain criminal offenses. She explains that ex offenders have a difficult time finding jobs and housing when they have a record. This new law will make it easier for them to apply for jobs when they don't have to disclose that they had a criminal record. The task force is holding a free clinic for ex offenders who will be able to complete paperwork required to expunge or shield their record.

EDUCATION

Eyewitness News did a story on...

8/11: Trying to beat the clock, to make it to school comes with a price... a new CDC study says it's unhealthy to drag your children out of bed too early... and could lead to fatigue and poor performance in school. WJZ is live and explains how sleeping in can pay off.

8/28: A bold move by the University of Maryland University College—it's doing away with textbooks and instead relying on internet resources.

8/30: In tonight's School Watch report, healthy teachers plus healthy students equal healthy schools. As WJZ explains, a new wellness center for teachers could attract more of them to the city.

9/3: Too much testing—thousands of Maryland teachers think standardized tests are taking away valuable time from learning and they've launched a half-million dollar campaign to convince state lawmakers to cut the number of exams. WJZ has both sides of the issue.

9/8: In Baltimore County, temperatures above 90 degrees derail the first day back to school after the holiday! And tomorrow's looking just as warm. The above-average heat caused Baltimore County schools to close early... as WJZ explains, many county classrooms don't have air conditioning.

9/10: Baltimore City Schools—hit with a major lawsuit! Nearly a dozen charter schools claim the district is breaking state law... when it comes to funding. WJZ is live with more on why schools are joining together to sue.

9/16: Abuse of autistic students—under investigation! A new report details neglect, physical and verbal abuse... by staff at a Harford County elementary school. WJZ's investigator talks to the woman who exposed the corruption.

9/16: Baltimore County leaders—blasted over lack of air-conditioning in schools! The governor and the state comptroller, even threatening to cut off funding if that's what it takes to get the problem fixed. WJZ stays on the heated issue... the governor's new comments tonight.

9/17: A brutal beating inside a city high school and it was all caught on camera. Now, one student remains in the hospital as another is behind bars for trying to kill him. WJZ is live at Frederick Douglass High School with more on the vicious attack.

9/17: A new call for action... tonight, outrage is growing after WJZ detailed allegations of abuse involving autistic students at a Harford County elementary school. WJZ's investigator is live and spoke to the former school principal about who should be held accountable.

ON TIME

7/1: Linh Bui talks with Cassie Motz and Natasha Blake from the College Bound Foundation about their program that is based in 18 Baltimore City High Schools. They explain how their full time counselors work with students to prepare them for college. Counselors help with financial aid applications including the FAFSA form, college applications, grant deadlines, etc. They also offer scholarships and last dollar grants to qualifying city students.

7/19: Marcus Washington talks with Sujana Shrestha from the University of Baltimore about Bridges Baltimore, a global conference that explores the link between mathematics and the arts that is being held at the University of Baltimore. He discusses how mathematic principles are used in architecture, dance, music and other arts. A free family day is being held for children and families as a way to introduce them to fun side of math.

7/26: Baltimore Community Schools are making a difference in the lives of the students, staff, parents and community by innovative before and after school projects with various partners who provide services to the needy in the community. Family League of Baltimore representatives Julia Baez and Henriette Taylor tell Marcus

Washington that in all 45 Baltimore Community Schools, student attendance has increased, suspensions have decreased and overall test scores are greatly improving. One participating school, The Historic Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School recently won a national award for their school's improvements.

8/2: The Dream 4 It Foundation has presented over \$60,000 in scholarships to high school seniors over the last 7 years. Founder Dr. Anthony Brown tells Marcus Washington how he started the foundation based on a song he wrote, "Dream". Funding for the scholarships comes from his annual concert featuring gospel music artists and Broadway performers. The scholarship awards allow students to follow their dreams.

8/23: The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation recently released a study on the excellence gap that exists between high-achieving students based on their family's income status. Harold Levy, the director of the foundation explains that in the report, Equal Talents, Unequal Opportunities, states were graded on their efforts to educate high-achieving students. The report found that students who start out as high achieving but coming from a low income family do not fare as well as students with higher incomes. His foundation offers scholarships and grants to gifted students from low income households to close the excellence gap. The report recommended policy changes, from allowing students to take college courses while in high school to skipping grades to challenge students academically – all measures that would help bridge the gap.

9/20 Shawn Flaherty explains to Gigi Barnett how the Living Classrooms Foundation works with at risk students and adults to offer hands on education programs that uses the environment as teach fundamentals. They run a charter school based on maritime sciences and offer skills training to ex offenders.

9/27 Loyola University Maryland offers a master's and doctorate program in pastoral counseling and spiritual care. Rev. Dr. Jill Snodgrass and Dr. Ralph Piedmont tell Gigi Barnett that the program covers mental health issues as well spiritual care. They discuss how the program is diverse with students from various countries and religious backgrounds.