

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

#### PROGRAM INDEX

##### CONSUMER WATCH

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

##### HEALTHWATCH

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

##### SPECIAL REPORTS

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

##### PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

Relevant projects launched by community organizations to benefit area residents.

##### ON TIME

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

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

4/1/14 - President Obama confirms more than 7 million Americans signed up for health care coverage by yesterday's deadline. The last minute rush was filled with glitches.

4/1/14 - Scientists release a comprehensive look at the past 50 years worth of mammogram research. The study suggests we overestimate the benefits of screening but underestimate the harms of it. Researchers at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital estimate mammograms reduce death by about 19 percent. But, they also say mammograms can lead to an over diagnosis and over treatment.

4/2/14 - Settlements have been reached in two class-action lawsuits over unnecessary artery stents placed in patients at St. Joseph Medical Center. Former cardiologist Mark Midei performed many of the stent operations.

4/3/14 - Maryland's health secretary admits the state made a mistake when purchasing the software for the troubled health exchange website.

4/6/14 - All it takes is a simple swab of the cheek and you could potentially save a life! A bone marrow registry drive is held today at the University of Baltimore School of Law.

4/8/14 - April is autism awareness month. The city is joining the international campaign 'light it up blue' to help shine a spotlight on autism. Autism affects as many as 1 in 68 children in the U.S.

4/11/14 - According to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America this year's spring is going to be especially rough. Experts say a mix of snowfall from a colder-than-usual winter followed by warmer temperatures may increase moisture and mold counts. Tips to reduce seasonal allergies include staying indoors on dry windy days and avoiding chores like lawn mowing, weed pulling and gardening.

4/16/14 - Calls for help are changing. First responders are adapting to fewer fires and more medical emergencies. According to the National Fire Protection Association, since 1980 the number of medical calls has increased by nearly 300% in the US.

4/16/14 - Legalized assisted suicide is a controversial topic with passionate arguments on both sides. Now, Maryland could again be at the forefront of the debate. A candidate for governor now proposes decriminalizing the practice.

4/22/14 - The prevalence of autism is growing in the United States. It now affects one of every sixty-eight children. Ron Matz reports some of the most important research into the social disability is being done right here in Baltimore.

4/28/14 - healthcare advocates are calling the state's affordable care sign-up a success. With the release of the latest numbers comes a campaign to encourage those who may still qualify for part of the program to sign up.

5/4/14 - One in three American adults is at risk for kidney disease. To raise awareness, thousands of people participated in the Greater Baltimore kidney walk.

5/7/14 - Mending broken voices is the specialty of a new treatment center opening at GBMC. Alex DeMetrick reports, its care that takes more than just medicine.

5/8/14 - Aspartame is an artificial sweetener found in a variety of soft drinks but some people have adverse effects to the sweetener such as headaches, insomnia, high blood pressure and heart arrhythmia. Diet soft drinks may cause you to gain weight especially the dangerous kind around the belly.

5/13/14 - Pat Warren reports, President Clinton opened a Johns Hopkins University town hall meeting on prescription drug abuse with a disturbing story.

5/16/14 - A warning from the health department tonight after two cases of legionnaires disease are confirmed at a local senior community.

5/19/14 - Another health warning tonight--as an especially bad allergy season hits Maryland hard. Doctors are seeing a spike in cases and it may be a result of that polar vortex we dealt with this winter.

5/21/14 - After her daughter lost her battle with cancer, a Baltimore County woman is channeling her sadness into a new business. Jessica Kartalija has the story of how she's keeping her daughters memory alive with jewelry for a good cause.

5/27/14 - Research in the journal "Obesity" finds diet beverages "can" help you lose weight. In a 12-week clinical trial, one group was asked to drink at least 24-ounces of diet drinks per day. The other group drank water, but added products containing sugar substitutes to their diet... like yogurt, gum or candy. The group who drank diet soda lost about 4-pounds more.

6/2/14 - A key ingredient in global warming is now a key target for the Obama administration. WJZ reports, the EPA is ordering states to clean-up their power plants to reduce carbon dioxide pollution.

6/5/14 - Taking them out before they bite. That's what's going on right now in Maryland marshes, as the state wages war on mosquitoes. WJZ reports, the first strike is all about air power.

6/9/14 - The Department of Veterans Affairs finds thousands of vets waited months just to get an appointment to see a doctor, including vets right here in Maryland. The widespread problem also includes a widespread cover-up. WJZ is live with more on the report out today.

6/11/14 - The day a baby is delivered is one the parents will remember forever, but for some, the day turns even more stressful because their newborn has to be rushed to Neo-natal Intensive Care. WJZ shows us how some N-I-C-U parents are giving back.

6/11/14 - It's been almost five months since the Columbia Mall shooting that resulted in the death of two people and the gunman. Howard County officials are now taking an initiative to combat the growing threat of mental illness. WJZ explains how a new task force plans to provide better mental health needs.

6/14/14 - Playing hard on the field can lead to concussions for some young players. As WJZ explains, this weekend, the Ravens are making sure they understand the dangers.

6/14/14 - Today in the city, dozens of men take steps toward a healthier lifestyle. Free screenings for prostate cancer were available at the Omega Center on Presbury Street. It's part of the "Zero Prostate Cancer Challenge".

6/16/14 - A state of the art machine that will help patients' battle cancer comes to the University of Maryland School of Medicine today. The proton machine weighs 55 tons—it's called a cyclotron and is used in proton beam therapy, a form of radiation treatment.

6/18/14 - One in two men and one in three women will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. That startling statistic is the motivation behind an upcoming event in the Baltimore-DC area. WJZ has more on a bike ride to conquer cancer and how it can make an epic impact.

6/25/14 - Maryland is dealing with its first heat-related death this season. According to the state department of health and mental hygiene, both people who died were adults over the age of 65.

6/26/14 - A groundbreaking move in breast cancer detection. That's how doctors are describing a new 3-D digital mammogram test. WJZ was at Northwest Hospital in Randallstown today—it's one of the first facilities in the nation to get one.

6/26/14 - Maryland's beaches score very high for clean water. WJZ reports, an annual survey finds the water isn't just fine for swimming, it's safe.

6/28/14 - One national youth football program is going back to the basics when it comes to young players avoiding concussions. WJZ explains it starts with educating the coaches who teach the techniques.

6/29/14 - A government campaign designed to help smokers quit their deadly habit is back. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are rolling out new ads to show what it's like to live every day with a disability caused by smoking. Some of the ads—are tough to watch. WJZ reports the new ads are designed to scare and disgust smokers.

## ON TIME

4/6/14 - Gigi Barnett talks with Dr. Rebecca Landa about the newly release report from the CDC on autism – that it affects 1 in 68 children and is 5 times more prevalent in males than females. Dr. Landa discusses what parents should look for if they suspect their child may be on the autism spectrum. She stresses the need for early intervention and how this can lessen the effects of autism on the child.

4/13/14 - Gigi Barnett talks with Yvette Mingo and Tia Timpson about the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign. They discuss the importance of women knowing their cholesterol and blood sugar levels in addition to modifying their diets and incorporating physical activity. Tia Timpson shares her story on having a stroke at the age of 20 and the rehab she's undergone to return to normal.

4/20/13 - Gigi Barnett talks with Dr. Steven Crawford, the associate director from the Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt, about the different types of eating disorders, the symptoms and treatment options. He discusses how this mental illness has both genetic and environmental triggers and centers around unhealthy body image. He discusses how this disorder is being diagnosed in more and more people and is being found in younger children.

4/20/13 - Unchecked kidney disease can lead to end stage renal disease which is treated by dialysis or a kidney transplant. Trish Rosenberry from the University of Maryland Shore Regional Health tells Gigi Barnett about the rigors of dialysis and steps leading up to a transplant. Lee Adams discusses how she became a kidney donor for her brother-in-law who couldn't wait the normal 5-7 years for a kidney. Both are participating in the Rappel for Kidney Health as a means to raise funds for the National Kidney Foundation of Maryland.

4/27/13 - Gigi Barnett talks with Tray Chaney and Gwen Anderson about the PG Health Department's KISS (Keeping it Sexually Safe) Campaign and how they target 15-24 year olds with this message. Ms. Anderson explains some of the myths that young people still believe. Mr. Chaney has used his fame from the HBO Series, The Wire, to create a series of positive music videos around HIV and has a specific video for the KISS Campaign on safe sex.

5/4/14 - Jon Sevel and Michael Greenebaum tell Gigi Barnett how these two long-term friends who had a love for running turned their passion into a major fundraiser for the University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center. They explain how the Maryland Half Marathon benefits the center named in honor of Michael's parents. His mother is a 24 year breast cancer survivor who was treated at the NCI designated center.

5/11/14 - Gigi Barnett talks with Joe DeMattos about changes to health care and how it affects patients and providers. He discusses how patients will be monitored more closely through new electronic records that can be accessed by different health care providers and how many will be referred to rehab facilities instead of remaining in the hospital for follow up care.

5/18/14 - The University of Maryland has opened a new Center for Diabetes at their new midtown campus, formerly Maryland General Hospital. Director Dr. Kristi Silver and Angela Ginn-Meadow explain the benefits of the expanded center with many specialists – from nutritionists and podiatrists – now part of the integrated care.

5/25/14 - Gigi Barnett talks with Dr. Emmanuelle Williams and Katie Ramirez about IBD – Crohn's and Colitis and the differences between the two. They explain what the symptoms of the disease are and the portion of the GI tract that's affected by each disease. They discuss how surgery isn't the best option for Crohn's and that Colitis can be managed by drug therapies.

6/1/14 - Gigi Barnett talks with Laurie Syphard and Samantha Dowd about postpartum depression and perinatal anxiety and mood disorders which affect 1-7 pregnant and new moms. They describe their symptoms and how difficult it was to get a proper diagnosis for their conditions. They stressed the need for both the medical community and new birth families to learn about the illnesses which can be treated through medication and professional therapy. Their Climb out of the Darkness event is designed to generate publicity for the illness and create a local support group for women with this condition.

6/1/14 - The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life was started by one doctor in 1985 that walked and ran around a track for 24 hours as a means to raise money for cancer programs. Now Relay for Life events are held in every community lead by volunteers who stage a 24 hour track relay event beginning at 6pm with a survivors lap, then a caregivers lap as well as an illuminated walk with candles of hope. Sheila Staub and Jim Higbee tell Gigi Barnett how cancer affected their lives and why they are involved with Relay for Life.

6/1/14 - The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Shootout for Soldiers involves a 24 hour lacrosse marathon featuring multiple ages that raises funds for disabled military veterans. Tyler Steinhardt, one of the founders and SFC Brandon Sullivan from

the U.S. Army explain how this lacrosse event exposes the general public to the plight of returning injured veterans and benefits organizations that help with their recovery.

6/29/14 - Gigi Barnett talks with plastic surgeon Dr. Nia Banks about skin care. She discusses how that the skin needs to be treated differently depending on the season by using different moisturizers. For people with problem skin, over the counter products do not contain enough of the healing ingredients that professionally prescribed skin care products offer.

## ARTS & CULTURE

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

4/2/14 - Baltimore's own Washington Monument is in the midst of multi-million dollar makeover. WJZ gets a behind the scenes tour of the progress.

4/8/14 - Great art is more than just decoration. Now, a great artist from Baltimore has returned from his home in Italy to stage his latest show.

4/14/14 - The hottest new audio technology may surprise you. Vinyl is making a major comeback and tomorrow there's a celebration in Baltimore and across the country.

4/21/14 - The citizens of Baltimore stood their ground against the British during the War of 1812 and while Fort McHenry and Francis Scott Key get the most attention, another part of the city was just as important. Ron Matz has more on the dig for history in one of Baltimore's most famous parks.

4/23/14 - There's a new and exciting exhibit opening today at Baltimore's Reginald F. Lewis Museum and it features artwork by local students who are refugees.

4/24/14 - It's one of Baltimore's most popular springtime traditions where you can enjoy homemade wine, "live" music, great food and also help the community. Ron Matz reports corks will be popping at Sunday's Highlandtown Wine Festival.

4/25/14 -The hills in Druid Hill Park will be alive with music tomorrow. Ron Matz reports on the second annual Charm City Folk and Bluegrass Festival.

4/27/14 - Some iconic pieces of Baltimore history are about to get a makeover. A few of them are over three hundred years old. Ron Matz has more on what's in store for the cannons of Patterson Park.

5/2/14 - After days of rain and flooding, it's time to celebrate spring at FlowerMart 2014.

5/3/14 - It's the 16th year for the American Visionary Art Museum's kinetic sculpture race. These human-powered vehicles compete in a 15 mile course on land and water. More than 30 vehicles participated, including "Fifi the pink poodle."

5/9/14 - If you love movies this a great weekend to be in Baltimore. About 20,000 people are expected to take in movies made in ocean city and around the world. Its lights, cameras, action for the 16th annual Maryland Film Festival.

5/15/14 - Lexington Market hosted its 24th annual Preakness celebrity crab derby. The winner gets five-hundred dollars donated to their charity of choice.

5/15/14 – USA Today calls it a "must see" exhibit and its ready to open right here at Baltimore's Reginald F. Lewis Museum. Ron Matz reports "for whom it stands" celebrates, America, the flag and its people.

5/16/14 - It's Black Eyed Susan Day and it's a day full of racing for three year old fillies. Black Eyed Susan Day raises money for two different charities, Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the Baltimore based, "Suited to Succeed".

5/17/14 - It's Maryland's day at the races as the Preakness Stakes, the middle jewel of the triple crown, turns the attention of horse racing to Baltimore.

5/29/14 - The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and Washington DC's Folger Theatre combine to stage a truly remarkable adaptation of a Shakespearian classic. Mike Schuh reports, the musicians aren't hidden below in a pit, they are on stage with the actors.

6/4/14 - Our ability to express ourselves is known as "our voice". Now, as WJZ reports, the Everyman Theatre has brought in a deaf actor to help us hear and find our voices.

6/5/14 - Merriweather Post Pavilion is getting a million-dollar makeover! As Howard County leaders give WJZ a tour of the venue, tonight's headliner showed his support for the cause. WJZ has more on the changes we can expect.

6/10/14 - His photos are out of this world—literally. Baltimore's own Reid Wiseman is the most popular man—off the planet. The astronaut arrived on the International Space Station just two weeks ago...now more than 70,000 people are following his every photo.

6/14/14 - Bee-hive hairdos, cat-eye glasses and all things "bawl-mer" take over Hampden! Thousands made their way to 36<sup>th</sup> Street today for HonFest. The local tradition started in 1994 and has evolved from a tiny "Baltimore's Best Hon Pageant" to a nationally recognized festival.

6/14/14 - The 2014 "Baltimore Pride Celebration" takes place this weekend. Each year, it attracts about 30,000 people and is hosted by the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Baltimore along Mt. Royal Avenue.

6/18/14 - More pressure on the Washington Redskins to change the name of the team after a federal trademark board says the name is "disparaging of Native Americans" and the team's trademark protections should be canceled. WJZ is live with the latest on the on-going controversy about the name.

6/18/14 - She's among the best in the world when it comes to her fashion sense—that's according to Vanity Fair magazine who credits Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake about being in the know—when it comes to looking good.

6/20/14 - Those who have the gift of music spend years preparing to be a professional musician, but for everyone who makes it—there are untold others who wish they had. WJZ reports on the expansion of a program at the B.S.O. to get amateurs on stage.

6/21/14 - A celebration of life, music and culture today at the African American Festival. The event is being held downtown at the Camden Yards sports complex and offers something for everyone—including entertainment, cultural exhibits and health screenings.

6/22/14 - Nearly 200 years of history are being celebrated at one Baltimore city church. The congregation was founded back in 1824 by free African Americans. WJZ reports, members say they are now focused on the future of Saint James Episcopal Church.

6/26/14 - A group of middle schoolers are spending the next few weeks in a "triple threat" summer camp. They're dancing, acting and singing on the Hippodrome stage. WJZ explains, the camp ends with a grand finale.

6/26/14 - Gearing up for a summer full of activities at Fort McHenry—all part of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the writing of our National Anthem. WJZ reports, it's all about the "fort, flag and fire".

## ON TIME

4/27/13 - The African American Book Fair is an opportunity for parents and children to meet minority authors and illustrators at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum. Dr. Skipp Sanders from the Lewis Museum and Dr. Carla Hayden from the Enoch Pratt Free Library discuss with Gigi Barnett the recent report documenting that less than 100 children's books published out of 3,000 in 2013 were about African American children. They discussed the need for all children to see themselves in literature.

5/18/14 - Singing Sensations has been providing young people with the opportunity to perform not only in Maryland but in other states as well as outside the country. Board members Pamela Colbert and Jenette Young explain how the choir program benefits children like both of their sons and strengthen the student's academic performance as well.

5/25/14 - Local author Dr. Brenda Savoy tells Gigi Barnett that her current book, *The Wages of Sin*, about a correctional officer that falls for a prison inmate was written before the current expose involving real life correctional officers at the Baltimore facility. She explains that as an adjunct professor she taught courses at the prison and used this knowledge as the basis for her book.

6/8/14 - Gigi Barnett talks with Tom Noonan and Vince Vaise about the Star Spangled Summer which features many events at different city venues promoting the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the writing of the National Anthem. They discuss how this on-going campaign will bring in tourists and revenue. Creating awareness about Baltimore's important role in the War of 1812 is part of the marketing campaign that concludes in September with the actual anniversary of the bombing of Ft. McHenry.

6/8/14 - Amanda Davis tells Gigi Barnett about Mary Pickersgill who was given the honor of sewing the flag that flew over Ft. McHenry during the British invasion in 1814. She describes the life of the nation's most famous seamstress and the assistance she received from Grace Wisher, an African American indentured servant. She discusses the upcoming Flag Day event honoring veterans. All veterans are encouraged to attend and bring the flag they took into combat.

6/15/14 - Gigi Barnett talks with Shelonda Stokes at the African American Festival, the largest of its kind on the East Coast. In addition to top entertainment featuring Brandy, Monifa, Chico DeBarge, Deitrick Haddon and many others, the festival features a comprehensive wellness tent for health screenings and seminars.

6/15/14 - Tray Chaney, famous for his portrayal of Poot on the hit HBO Series, *The Wire*, tells Gigi Barnett about his new video entitled *Dedicated Father* that debuts on MTV Jams on Father's Day. He discusses how this is the latest in a series of motivational hip hop videos that encourages men to step up and do the right thing. He reflects how both his father and grandfather were instrumental in guiding his development and now how he is doing the same thing for his daughter and son.

6/22/14 - Gigi Barnett talks with nutritional counselor Dr. Surina Ann Jordan about her new book, *"The Seven Disciplines of Wellness, the Spiritual Connection to Good Health."* Dr. Jordan discusses how just dieting doesn't work in the long run and a commitment to wellness goes beyond what you eat.

6/22/14 - Dr. Carla Hayden tells Gigi Barnett about the summer reading program that the Enoch Pratt Free Library is offering to children, teens and adults that rewards them with prizes based on the number of books and educational programs they participate in over an 8-week period. By reducing the summer slide, students will be academically ready for school in August.

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

**4/11/14** - These new images give us a better idea of what the 43-story apartment tower will look at the site of the old McCormick factory. The ground floor will house retail stores, and the rest luxury apartments. The developer met with a review panel today and wants to break ground by the end of this year.

4/14/14 - Baltimore's mayor has a goal to attract thousands of new families to the city. She made this vow back in 2011 but where would those new residents live? The city's vacant buildings may be the answer.

4/15/14 - A Baltimore City attorney is cracking down on what he calls slumlords plaguing the city. The attorney says some people are living in unacceptable, unhealthy and unsafe neighborhoods because of landlords taking advantage of people living in government housing.

5/7/14 - The Ravens team-up with Habitat for Humanity and end up changing the lives of several local families. On Ward Street in Pigtown -- Ravens Brandon Williams and Justin Tucker were there as three families were given brand new homes!

6/3/14 - People evacuated after a slow-moving landslide started last month in Prince George's County are now returning to their homes. WJZ reports, that's despite warnings the area is still dangerous. Prince George's County is currently studying three possible fixes for the slide area. Completing the work will take months.

6/5/14 - Residents of Charles Village are finally able to get back into their homes today. It's been a month and a half since a street collapse on 26<sup>th</sup> Street led to an evacuation of all the homes there.

6/13/14 - The taxpayers' bill is growing for repairs to the collapsed portion of 26<sup>th</sup> Street in Baltimore and no word yet from CSX whether they plan to pay anything. WJZ is live at the reconstruction site in Charles Village with the latest figures.

6/20/14 - Dream home on the market. It looks like a Hawaiian resort, but a 17,000 square foot mansion in Howard County is up for grabs. WJZ explains, it will go to the highest bidder this weekend.

#### ON TIME

4/13/14 - The IConnect intergenerational expo is designed to bring all generations – from the young to the old – together for a day of fun at Stadium Place. GEDCO representatives Nichole Battle and Ted Gross explain to Gigi Barnett, that the activities range from the Y's Healthy Kids, free health screenings, physical activity classes like zumba and an intergenerational softball game. GEDCO which designed the multi-generational Stadium Place also operates a long-term care facility for seniors. They stressed how technology can help like home-bound seniors maintain contact with other family members and friends through programs like skype and facebook.

5/11/14 - The Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training provides housing, a drop in activity center and mental health counseling for homeless veterans. Organizers explain how their shelter has now expanded to offer services to women, who are now a significant part of the homeless veteran population.

5/18/14 - Consider the Person, hopes to change how people think about the housing voucher program formerly known as Section 8 housing. Odette Ramos and Kathleen Koch tell Gigi Barnett about the program that provides housing assistance to low income Marylanders. Vouchers can be used in any Maryland county however there are a low number of landlords willing to accept renters with these vouchers. They explain the benefit to the landlord as well as to the neighborhood.

6/29/14 - Tom Herron from the National Fenestration Rating Council explains to Gigi Barnett that his nonprofit organization rates the efficiency of windows, doors and skylights based energy efficiency. He explains the different criteria that can be used by consumers to purchase energy efficient materials.

CONSUMER: JOBS
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**Eyewitness News did a story on...**



4/7/14 - President Obama comes to Maryland to push what he calls "jobs of the future." He spoke before high school students in Prince George's County. The president announced more than one hundred million dollars in grants for two dozen schools across the country that are helping students gain work experience in healthcare, technology and other high demand jobs.

4/10/14 - The port's public marine terminals handled more automobiles, containers and wood pulp than ever before. Baltimore is also at the top in the US for farm and construction machinery, sugar, aluminum and imported forest products. Business at the port directly accounts for more than 14,000 jobs.

5/4/14 - Nearly 2,000 jobs are coming to Baltimore this year courtesy of the Horseshoe Casino. Today, applicants stood in a long line - for a chance at a new future in the gaming industry.

6/16/14 - The president of a national company came to Baltimore today for a big announcement. Zip car is expanding in the city—and they say that only means good things for city residents.

6/19/14 -In the decades around 1900, Baltimore clothing manufacturers employed more workers than any other industry. Those jobs are long gone, most going overseas, but as WJZ reports, one survivor is still going strong.

6/24/14 - No more poverty pay—the fight for higher wages continues at Johns Hopkins Hospital where caregivers say they can barely afford their homes or put food on the table. Now, they are giving the hospital one more chance before they strike again. WJZ is live with details of the demands.

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

4/5/14 - Today the Maryland Senate voted to increase the state's minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$10.10 an hour by 2018. The bill now heads to the House of Delegates, where it's expected to pass before the governor signs it.

4/5/14 -Nearly two thousand jobs are up for grabs at the soon to be Horseshoe Casino" in downtown Baltimore.

4/6/14 - Maryland casinos have a record-breaking March, bringing in 78-million dollars in revenue.

4/6/14 - Starting in January 2015 there will be incremental increases to the minimum wage. Eventually bringing it from \$7.25 cents an hour until \$10.10 cents an hour in 2018.

4/17/14 - The State Comptroller's Office is opening a treasure chest and inviting Marylanders to dig in. Hundreds of millions of dollars in unclaimed funds are just waiting for owners to find them.

4/18/14 –It's been four years since the BP oil explosion. Since then the company has paid out billions of dollars in compensation. Attorney General Doug Gansler is now suing BP over money that the state retirement and pension system lost on investments, following the spill. BP has not yet commented.

4/23/14 - The city will replace hundreds of old and worn out vehicles with newer equipment. Over a 10-year period the city will replace more than 1200 vehicles including fire police cars and fire engines. The initiative will save taxpayers an estimated 130-million dollars. The new fleet will save the department in fuel and maintenance costs.

5/5/14 - Maryland's baby boomers might want to listen up. It turns out our state doesn't rank so high on the list of places to live out your retirement golden years. Derek Valcourt explains why Maryland is listed among the worst states for retirees.

5/12/14 - It's a chance for fans of locally made beer to celebrate the nearly 25-hundred craft breweries all over the nation and right here in Maryland. The brewers association thinks that amounted to a retail value of more than 14-million dollars.

6/3/14 - Baltimore's Water Taxi service is staying afloat. The Charm City Circulator Harbor Connector is awarded a federal grant to continue the all-electric operations. The Harbor Connector is free for residents, commuters and visitors to Baltimore.

6/8/14 - Maryland has been called "America in miniature" because of the state's history and natural features. WJZ breaks down new numbers showing how more tourists are choosing Maryland for their vacation destinations.

6/21/14 - A multi-million dollar plan to revitalize downtown Towson is well underway. A new movie theater, shops and restaurants promise to attract thousands of visitors, but will they be safe? WJZ reports, the county is taking extra steps to make sure crime doesn't come with the construction.

6/22/14 - There is an economic side to the escalating violence in Iraq. Iraq is OPEC's second largest producer of oil. If Sunni Muslim militants gain control of the oil fields that could drastically affect supply. The unrest is already having an effect on prices at the pump.

6/24/14 - The "Pearl Mist" embarks on her maiden voyage from the Inner Harbor. The 335-foot cruise ship is departing for an 11-night cruise that will take passengers up to Nova Scotia. A legal dispute between the ship's buyer and builder delayed the ship from hitting the water for about eight years.

6/25/14 - A new effort to boost Baltimore's economic growth—today the mayor announced a new action plan that brings together the city's most powerful employers. WJZ has more on what they'll focus on.

6/29/14 - Expect to pay more at the pump. Conflicts in Iraq have substantially caused gas to go up and while gas prices were predicted to fall this month, right now those prices are at a six-year high for early summer.

6/30/14 - Round two in the state gas tax hike. Starting tomorrow, the second phase of the gas tax goes into effect. WJZ has more on what we're all going to be paying starting tomorrow.

## LOCAL POLITICS

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

4/3/14 - Common sense gave way to laws, but driving while distracted remains a very real danger. Alex DeMetrick reports, now a new crackdown is coming, and its target is texting while driving.

4/3/14 - The push is on to get Governor O'Malley's minimum wage bill through the general assembly before the session ends midnight Monday.

4/3/14 - The house judiciary committee voted to create a task force to study policies to eliminate criminal penalties. The task force will also study whether Maryland should create treatment programs for marijuana addiction.

4/8 /14 - The battle over public prayer takes center stage in Carroll County. Federal lawsuit is slamming the breaks on certain types of prayer at county commission meetings.

4/14/14 - Maryland joins 17 other states in decriminalizing marijuana. Governor O'Malley today signed a bill that replaces jail time with fines for possession of small amounts of marijuana.

4/24/14 - Derek Valcourt on a new poll that finds more than half of the state's voters still haven't decided who they will support.

5/6/14 - Visitors in a Cuban jail. American government contractor Alan Gross is seen by several US congressman. The lawmakers are hoping to start negotiations to get Gross released. The Maryland native is serving a 15-year sentence accused of spying.

5/7/14 - Tonight, for the first time the democratic candidates for Maryland governor take part in a televised debate.

5/15/14 - John Leopold's crass behavior cost him his job as Anne Arundel County Executive, and now it's costing the county another hundred thousand dollars. Alex DeMetrick reports the payout stems from a fired employee's lawsuit.

5/27/14 - Maryland's democratic race for governor continues to be the biggest attention-getter in the Maryland primary. Pat Warren reports, even the big draw is falling short in voter interest.

6/4/14 - Curbing violent crime continues to be a priority in the city. Baltimore saw an eight-percent increase in the murder rate last year and there have been six homicides in the first four days of June. WJZ Political Reporter has more on how these numbers play in the primary race for Baltimore City State's Attorney.

6/5/14 - Maryland's Democratic Gubernatorial candidates come face to face in their last scheduled broadcast debate this morning. WJZ political reporter—the candidates admit their own campaign tactics may be discouraging voters.

6/9/14 - We're two weeks away from the primary elections in Maryland and lieutenant governor Anthony Brown has strengthened his lead in the Democratic race for Governor, but early voting starts this week. WJZ is live, our political reporter has more on what you need to know.

6/10/14 - While Republicans are heavily outnumbered in the state, one issue in particular is gaining traction that may give them an advantage in the general election. WJZ's political reporter talked with voters today.

6/12/14 - Voters are casting ballots in the Maryland primary at this hour. Early voting started today and thousands of Marylanders are taking advantage of it. WJZ is live in Northwest Baltimore where our political reporter has been talking to voters.

6/11/14 - Campaign 2014 is in full swing. The race to replace Attorney General Doug Gansler gets heated. Gansler is running for governor and that leaves the office of Attorney General wide open. WJZ's political reporter explains, candidates Jon Cardin and Brian Frosh aren't pulling any punches.

6/13/14 - A Republican primary turns nasty as Anne Arundel County Executive candidates take shots at each other. WJZ's political reporter is live with more on what this means for the minority party in the state.

6/14/14 - Tens of thousands of people take advantage of early voting in Maryland. On the first day of early voting alone, more than 20,000 people cast their ballots.

6/20/14 - Candidates in Maryland's primary election hit the ground running today. Election day is Tuesday. WJZ's political reporter has more on their push to get out the vote.

6/20/14 - Legalizing marijuana has been a hot topic—Maryland gubernatorial candidate Heather Mizeur is saying she'd like to make it legal in Maryland. Now, the Pope is weighing in, saying legalizing recreational drugs is a very bad idea.

6/24/14 - its primary election day in Maryland—the day to cast your vote in campaign 2014. Polls are open for three more hours—voter turnout will play a critical role in who wins. WJZ has complete coverage—Pat Warren and Derek Valcourt hit the streets with the Democratic and Republican candidates for governor... but first, Rick Ritter on the concern over low voter turnout.

6/26/14 - Campaign 2014—the race for governor is already heating up—Larry Hogan has already launched a controversial ad that goes after his opponent, Anthony Brown. WJZ is live with the commercial that's created all the "buzz".

## COMMUNITY

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

4/5/14 - The event was in honor of former Baltimore Ravens player O.J. Brigance...to help raise awareness for ALS. The event featured a timed run, as well as a 1 mile run and walk, and a kids' fun run.

4/6/13 - today, the Ronald McDonald house charities of Baltimore. kicked off its third annual red shoe shuffle 5-k! the race raised money to support a variety of different causes related to the house.

4/14/14 - This is an important night for Baltimore's Jewish community and Jews around the world. it's the beginning of the weeklong celebration of Passover.

4/25/14 - This weekend, Marylanders and tourists alike are being invited to climb aboard the pride of Baltimore two! The iconic ship is currently docked in fells point and will be open for guided deck tours.

4/27/24 - A commemoration program was held in Pikesville. It honored holocaust survivors and their families and also paid tribute to survivors the community has lost over the past year.

5/2/14 - Honoring Maryland's fallen first responders. Police and fire department around the state remembered officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty in the last year.

5/3/14 - Today was the grand opening of the "skate park of Baltimore." It's located at Roosevelt Park in Hampden. It comes complete with a state-of-the-art concrete bowl, pipes, rails and other equipment for tricks.

5/6/14 - A big event for Baltimore area runners this weekend. It's the annual Maryland Half Marathon. Two-thousand runners are expected for this year's event including a woman who's running in her husband's memory.

5/20/14 - A renewed push to change the name of the Washington Redskins. 50 US senators send a letter to NFL commissioner Roger Goodell-- including some from Maryland. They say the name is a racist slur-- and now's the time to change it.

6/1/14 - Dick Gelfman's 14<sup>th</sup> annual Ride Across Maryland wraps up and tonight the preliminary numbers are in. This year, the ride raised more than \$118,000 for the fight against breast cancer.

6/3/14 - Dozens of officers and local runners gathered for the annual Maryland police torch run. City Police Commissioner Anthony Batts kicked off the run. The run around Lake Montebello is a charitable event that supports the Special Olympics of Maryland.

6/5/14 - It's one of Ocean City's busiest times of the year—Senior Week—where high school and college students hit the beach to celebrate graduation. WJZ explains how Ocean City is beefing up patrols to crack down on underage drinking.

6/8/14 - Food and fun at the 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Feast of Saint Anthony Italian Festival in Little Italy. It's held along Stiles and Exeter streets and includes dozens of vendors selling tasty Italian foods.

6/12/14 - A new mural project in Baltimore is creating controversy. The city is planning to spend nearly \$50,000 to create five to 10 murals in blighted neighborhoods, but some say it's a bad way to spend city money. WJZ is live with more on the money flap.

6/13/14 - It's called the Baltimore 500—but it has nothing to do with auto racing. It's all about saving the lives of animals. WJZ reports if you've ever wanted a cat or kitten, there's no better time to adopt one than right now.

6/15/14 - Hundreds lace up their running shoes for a Father's Day 5K and one mile fun walk. The Greater Baltimore Medical Center has held the event for 26 years.

6/18/14 - What's the craziest thing you'd do to help someone? WJZ ended up going over the edge of a high-rise building downtown to raise money for the Kidney Foundation at Rappel for Kidney Health.

6/19/14 - It began as a small event organized by a group of boys Latin high school students. The “shootout for soldiers” raises money for our wounded warriors. WJZ reports, this year’s lacrosse marathon is just getting started.

6/22/14 - More than 4,000 runners took to the streets near the Inner Harbor for the Baltimore Women’s 5K Classic today. The 39<sup>th</sup> running of the race at Rash Field was dedicated to promoting fitness and healthy living among all women while increasing awareness for women’s health issues.

6/25/14 - High-tech maps are one of the most effective ways to travel in 2014, but what about two centuries ago—what did Baltimore look like then? WJZ explains, there’s one exhibit at the Maryland Historical Society that zooms in on Charm City circa 1815.

## ON TIME

4/6/14 - The Girl Scouts of Central Maryland are honoring 5 Distinguished Women from various careers who exemplify their mission. Honorees Joyce Ulrich from Legg Mason and Monica Mitchell from Wells Fargo discuss their participation in the program and how each was paired with a high school aged girl scout who shadowed them for a day. The honorees stressed the need for successful women to give back and help younger women and girls realize their career goals.

4/6/14 - Dick Gelfman and David Greenberg join Gigi Barnett to talk about the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Dick Gelfman’s Ride Across Maryland which goes from Columbia to Ocean City this year. The fundraising ride which is open to participants in both motorcycles and cars raises funds for local breast cancer programs. To date the Ride has granted over \$2.5 million to breast cancer programs.

4/13/14 - Getting Baltimore City residents to prepare for natural disasters in advance of a weather crisis is the goal of a new program by the Baltimore Office on Sustainability. Alice Kennedy, the coordinator and Earl Johnson, a member of the commission, discuss how the program on Earth Day is offering residents a chance to make a free kit that includes flashlights, batteries, hand-cranked radio, and other necessary items that come in handy during a weather emergency. Having city residents prepare for a disaster can help save lives and help the city at the same time.

5/4/14 - Gigi Barnett talks with attorneys Jeanette Cole and Christina Ochoa about the legal services that St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center is now providing to low and moderate income families. They discuss how the new legal clinic can help with foreclosure problems provided they are contacted early in the procedure and not at the point of eviction.

5/4/14 - Meals on Wheels not only provides 2 nutritious meals – one hot and one cold – to the elderly and disabled weekdays but their volunteers are often the only contact the shut-ins have with the outside community. Alan Peljovich and Elizabeth Reed discuss how the program can tailor the meals to meet their clients nutritional needs and how the upcoming Culinary Extravaganza will raise funds to the program.

6/8/14 - Tom and Laurie Amatucci describe to Gigi Barnett how their new foundation, Cancerve, raises money for women with cancer who need help with non-medical needs such as transportation, grocery shopping, cleaning, etc. Hospitals that partner with the foundation identify struggling female cancer patients that are missing a support system to help them on their recovery. The money from the Baltimore Women’s Classic 5K which is held in June funds their foundation.

6/15/14 - The Girl Scouts of Central Maryland has a new campaign, Ban Bossy, and the new CEO Violet Apple tells Gigi Barnett how girls labeled as bossy is a sexist term that can hinder development of their leadership skills. The campaign creates an awareness of how this negative term impacts and inhibits young girls. Taylor Williams, a Girl Scout Ambassador from Howard County describes how her leadership skills have benefitted her especially in the academic setting.

6/22/14 - Roberta’s House was named after the wife of the founder of the March Funeral Homes and offers programs to help children, teens and their families deal with their loss and grief in a positive manner. Annette March-Grier tells Gigi Barnett how the program was an extension from the counseling services that the Funeral

home provided. Jacquana Williams explains how the program has benefitted her after she lost her only sibling, a brother, in a car accident.

6/29/14 - Tom Schniedwind explains why the League for People with Disabilities shot a new video using Pharrel Williams' "Happy" as a means to change public perception on people with disabilities. He tells Gigi Barnett about their new Club 1111 that they are planning to open in October for one Saturday out of the month where the disabled can come for a social outing that includes dancing, karaoke and various types of music.

## EDUCATION

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

4/3/14 -The city unveils its 2014 teacher of the year. As Gigi Barnett reports, the honoree says it was her third-grade teacher who inspired her to go into education.

4/4/14 - Imagine receiving acceptance letters to, not one, but a half-dozen ivy league universities. it's happened for one student at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. As Gigi Barnett reports, in tonight's school watch, he's the first in his family to go to college.

4/6/14 - An exciting day for more than 500 students who were recognized for their academic accomplishments. They were honored at the 18th annual Carson Scholars Fund awards ceremony, held at Martin's West. The Carson Scholars fund was founded by world-renowned pediatric neurosurgeon, Dr. Ben Carson and his wife.

4/6/14 - There are more than 900 college debate teams in the world good enough to compete in tournaments. Some of the best universities have teams. That makes it even better for two young women from Baltimore City.

4/13/14 - It's well known to classroom teachers that kids learn more when they have a full stomach. A national non-profit is helping an Anne Arundel county school make sure more kids get breakfast.

4/22/14 - A controversial supreme court ruling could affect the way universities admit students. The justices say states can ban colleges from using race as a factor in the admissions process. Meghan McCorkell has the possible impact on Maryland students.

4/24/14 - Gigi Barnett joins us in the newsroom with more on why Montgomery County dominates the state's highest-performing high schools. US News and World Report ranked schools based on test scores and how well they prepared students for college. Baltimore County's other top-10 high school is Towson High.

4/28/14 - Look for more caps and gowns this spring. A nationwide survey finds Maryland high schools now have some of the highest graduation rates in the country.

5/1/14 - An incredible honor today at the White House. A Baltimore County teacher is officially named "teacher of the year" by President Barack Obama.

5/6/14 - Baltimore City teachers being attacked by their own students. It happened to one man, whose bright teaching career abruptly ended when he was brutally beaten. WJZ investigates how bad the violence is and is there pressure to not report it.

5/7/14 - College freshmen taking out government student loans will pay a heftier price this fall. Interest rates could be nearly a percent-point higher than in previous years. Under this rate, seniors with one year of school left could pay an additional \$260 in interest over a 10-year period.

5/7/14 - The board of education of Anne Arundel County appoints a new superintendent. Dr. George Arlotto will begin on July 1st of this year. His four-year contract runs through June of 2018. Arlotto is currently chief of staff for the school system.

5/8/14 - They're schools in the city's poorest neighborhoods but when it comes to good grades and top test scores, students are outpacing other children in more affluent areas statewide.

5/24/14 - Maryland schools team up with libraries and the state's first lady to keep students reading. It will get kids ready to return to school in the fall.

6/5/14 - They do it every year at Eastern Technical High School in Essex—graduate some of the best automobile mechanics in the country. They've already won the state skills championship. WJZ reports, two more extraordinary students are about to take their skills to the next level in a national competition.

6/6/14 - One Harford County teacher gets a big surprise at the end of her school's annual talent show. She's now holding a check for a lot of money thanks to the Ravens. WJZ explains in tonight's School Watch it's part of the "Touchdown for Teachers" program.

6/8/14 - Sobering statistics. Every day in the U.S. about seven teenagers die in car crashes and many times, alcohol is involved. WJZ reports, an American automaker is giving kids the chance to experience what it's like to drive under the influence.

6/12/14 - A national push to get more three and four-year-olds in Pre-K classes makes its way to Baltimore. City leaders unveiled a plan to pay for it. WJZ explains in tonight's School Watch.

6/19/14 - Should there be a police officer at every school? That question is stirring a national debate in light of the recent spike in school shootings. WJZ reports on one county moving closer to that by adding to its school police ranks

6/29/14 - Tighter security is on the way for Baltimore County schools. This after schools nationwide and here in Maryland are seeing a spike in violence. WJZ explains, students and teachers will soon see more surveillance cameras and electronic doors.

ON TIME

4/20/13 - NcouragEd is an online forum designed to link new educators struggling with issues affecting their profession with more seasoned professionals that can help mentor them through difficult times. Founder Dr. Ronald Williams tells Gigi Barnett that teacher morale is at an all time low and the number of teachers leaving the profession within their first five years of teaching is astounding. His organization is honoring top educators like Dr. Skipp Sanders, the former Maryland State Department of Education Deputy State Superintendent for Administration.

4/27/13 - Cheryl Scott-Mouzon tells Gigi Barnett about the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's scholarship programs that target high-achieving low-income students. Their Young Scholars program targets 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with mentorship and academic opportunities through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Other scholarship programs target the same demographics attending 4 year colleges as well as students transferring from community colleges.

5/11/14 - F. Michael Higginbotham tells Gigi Barnett how this spring marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the civil rights bill, Brown vs. the Board of Education, when ended segregation in public educational facilities. He notes that this bill had far reaching effects that opened up integration on a wider horizon. He discusses how race relations still need to be addressed and how racial discrimination needs to be guarded against.

5/25/14 - Funding students who have a dream is what characterizes the Dream 4 It Foundation's scholarship program for graduating high school seniors. Founder Dr. Anthony Brown tells Gigi Barnett how he started the program based on an inspirational song he wrote and performed. Student Naiya Sargent explains how the scholarship is helping her attend Bowie State University. The deadline to apply is June 2.