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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. This 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

- 7/5: Millennials and strokes... new research finds a startling increase in strokes among young adults. It comes as a surprise to many. WJZ spoke to researchers who say it is not clear what is causing this troubling trend.
- 7/7: Baltimore's Michael Phelps is speaking out... revealing more details about his battle with depression. WJZ explains why the greatest Olympian of all time says talking about mental health was one of the most important things he has ever accomplished.
- 7/8: Drug companies are fighting back against a new price-gouging law in Maryland... urging a judge to throw out the law. WJZ is live with the lawsuit that may affect how much you pay at the pharmacy.
- 7/9: Tackling hunger. During the summer months, some kids do not have access to enough nutritious food. WJZ reports on a problem Howard County is now working to fix.
- 7/12: Tonight, a new study suggests many children with severe, potentially deadly allergies are not getting the life-saving medication they need right away. WJZ breaks down the data.

- 7/25: Shocking report. Researchers examine the brains of over 100 former NFL players and find debilitating brain disease in 99-percent. WJZ breaks down the largest study on the issue.
- 8/4: Troubling teen trend. A new study finds it is not younger, but older teens that pose a greater risk on the road. WJZ breaks down the findings.
- 8/11: Dangerous drinking. Tonight, new research suggests more people are drinking and abusing alcohol in the U.S. The findings—recently published in a medical journal found the trend is particularly troubling among certain groups of people. WJZ breaks down the research and has reaction.
- 8/12: A Baltimore church offers free cancer screenings as part of the Zero Prostate Cancer Challenge. Chesapeake Urology teamed up with Zion Baptist Church to provide the screenings today. Researchers say more than 160,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year alone.
- 8/27: Raising funds for breast cancer research. A breast cancer survivor, originally from Harford County, launched a special tribute journey with her daughter earlier this month. WJZ explains how the kayak trip also honored the doctor who saved her life.
- 9/16: Hundreds of runners and walkers—pounded the pavement over at Camden Yards this morning raising money and hoping to find a cure for a form of cancer... that is claiming thousands of lives every year.
- 9/24: It's the largest cancer detected in men. Every year, more than 20,000 men die from prostate cancer. Sunday morning—thousands of runners hit the pavement trying to find a cure.
- 9/27: Swine flu scare—tonight, the state health department says 20 people are sick after coming in close contact with pigs at three Maryland county fairs. WJZ is live with why that number may go up.
- 9/29: Kids and contact sports—could football at a young age have an impact on your mood and behavior later in life? A new study focused on kids on the field claims it could double the chances of mental health issues. WJZ is live with how local teams are protecting Baltimore's kids.

- 7/9 Marcus Washington talks with Dr. Dana Simpler and Sharon McRae about the benefits of a whole-food, plant-based diet. They discussed how meat, dairy and processed foods are causing major illnesses including diabetes, heart disease and cancer. They say it is possible to reverse many diseases and lessen your chances of getting other illnesses by eating vegetables, fruits, and whole grains. They discuss how they gave up the standard American diet that included meat, poultry, seafood and dairy to become plant-based and how their health improved with the lifestyle change. A grassroots movement is underway to embrace the whole-food, plant-based lifestyle and an upcoming one-day immersion session featuring top physicians from Dr. Neal Barnard to Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn, Jr. is planned to explain the benefits of vegetables and fruits over meat, poultry and dairy products.
- 7/9 Stephanie Dignan from the Boot Camp Girl explains how getting physically fit and beginning an exercise program benefits a person's health and promotes muscles and bone density. She tells Marcus Washington how she will be offering exercise options at the One Day Immersion during a breakout session. She advocates for beginners to work with a personal trainer or enroll in a small class to insure proper instruction as a way to avoid injury. No one is too old or too out of shape to begin a program, that includes daily walking. She demonstrates squats and leg lifts that can be done at home without any equipment.
- 7/30 Tracey Leong talks with Dr. Christine Horner about four fatal mistakes women over 40 make that she outlines in her book, Radiant Health, Ageless Beauty. Dr. Horner discusses heart disease, menopause, weight gain and not loving yourself. Heart disease is now the top killer of women, surpassing breast cancer.

Menopause is occurring in women as young as 40 and is based on when they get their first period. Natural substances like Black Cohosh and Relizon help with symptoms of menopause.

7/30 The Casey Cares Foundation helps the families of critically ill children with programs designed to help with daily living – programs that help to take their minds off the medical situations. Casey Baynes discusses how they are able to help all families that turn to the foundation free of charge. Funding for their programs comes from a variety of events including the Casey Cares & Orioles 5K that features the finish line on the infield of the stadium.

8/6 Robert Gregory was diagnosed with ADHD, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, when he was 8 years old. He described his symptoms and how his disorder affected his schoolwork. At the time of his diagnosis, mother Tiffany was not able to find an age appropriate book that could explain the condition to her son. Now in high school, Robert chose to write a children's book on what it is like to have ADHD. He won a school award and went on to self-publish the book through Amazon. Now he uses his book to speak to young students about his disability.

8/20 Victor and Lynne Brick started the John W. Brick Mental Health Foundation in honor of Victor's older brother who succumbed to schizophrenia. Their foundation examines how exercise, diet and nutrition can help lessen mental illness symptoms. Their foundation collaborates with various medical institutions to promote the inclusion of exercise in treatment plans – something John was not offered as he yo-yoed through treatment over many years. To fund their efforts they are holding a 5K run walk at Towson University's Unitas Stadium.

8/27 Sarcoidosis affects one in 2000 Americans and its symptoms mimic other diseases making it hard to diagnose. This was the case for Sean Hull's mother who suffered with the disease for 13 years before passing away in 1996. Since that time, he started the Life and Breath Foundation to help others battling this disease. Dr. Mark Lamos tells Tracey Leong how the disease affects different organs, from lungs to the skin and makes treatment difficult. The foundation's upcoming Flip Flop Festivus raises awareness and funds for research and patient services.

9/3 24 Hours of Booty recently became 24 Foundation and in addition to their name change, they moved their 10th annual fundraising event from Columbia to Baltimore's Johns Hopkins University campus. Rafael Matos and Brina Furman tell Tracey Leong about the 24-hour bicycling and walking event that raises money for cancer advocacy programs through LiveStrong and the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults. Diagnosed with cancer at age 18, Brina Furman found support through the Ulman Cancer Fund and now is part of their cycling team raising funds for 24Baltimore.

9/10 Lupus is a great imitator when it comes to diseases. Mother and daughter Patricia and Lorena Lues tell Tracey Leong about their diagnosis with Lupus and how the disease was difficult to diagnose, leading to delays in treatment. They discuss how Lupus affects African American, Hispanic, and Asian women more often than other groups. Since Lupus symptoms vary and are similar to other disease symptoms, getting a definitive diagnosis takes time. Both women explain how the disease has affected them as well as their mother/grandmother. The upcoming walk and summit at Johns Hopkins is an opportunity for Lupus patients to learn about advances in treatment and come together as a community.

CONSUMER: ECONOMY

7/3: We are less than an hour away from the official start of Independence Day. Whether celebrating with a cookout or going to see the fireworks, the next 24 hours are going to be busy. WJZ reports on the economic boom of the holiday and preparations for the big fireworks shows tomorrow.

7/6: Baltimore business boom... it appears to be shaping up to be a good year for shops and restaurants in Charm City. Even as one business closes, another is ready to take its place. WJZ is live with what is behind the growth.

7/15: Maryland's gaming industry is booming! Just last month, the state's six casinos brought in nearly 131-million dollars—that is a 40-percent jump from this time last year. WJZ explains what the casinos are now betting on—to keep cashing in.

- 7/16: Ocean City is investing millions to replenish its beaches of sand that has washed away. WJZ explains why city leaders say this is about much more than just pumping in sand.
- 7/20: New York to Baltimore in under 30 minutes? Elon Musk, the name behind Tesla cars and Space-X, drops a major announcement on Twitter... claiming he has the federal government's support to build a super speed underground transportation system here on the East Coast. WJZ reports, testing is already underway and the inventors have an ambitious timeline.
- 7/21: It is a comeback even experts said would not happen. Nearly one year later, Ellicott City Main Street businesses—completely wiped out when record flash floods hit—are back in business. WJZ shows us the stunning progress.
- 7/23: Revamping the Inner Harbor! Waterfront Partnership is looking to redesign the recreation park on the south shore. WJZ explains the new vision developers have for Rash Field.
- 8/6: Football season is right around the corner—that means tailgaters and fans will be chowing down on chicken wings every Sunday. However, right now, the price of wings is flying high—including at a franchise with a store right here in Baltimore.
- 8/13: Stretching your back to school budget. Today kicks off Tax Free Week at retailers across Maryland. WJZ explains how you can take advantage of these deals.
- 8/22: It is considered by many to be the greatest rivalry in sports... and it is one of the biggest moneymaking weekends in Baltimore. However, the Army-Navy game will not return to Charm City in the years ahead. WJZ explains the decision and the future of the iconic game.
- 9/1: Tonight, gas prices are soaring in the wake of Hurricane Harvey—and it comes as thousands of people hit the road for Labor Day weekend. WJZ explains how gas prices are affecting holiday plans.
- 9/7: Amazon is making headlines today. The e-commerce giant announced it is looking for a second home in North America. A number of large cities have already announced interest including Baltimore. WJZ is live and explains how the city is hoping to stand out above the rest.
- 9/16: Strengthening Maryland's oyster reefs. A statewide effort to help our local economy and clean our waterways. WJZ explains how students in Anne Arundel County are also getting involved.
- 9/23: With the growing popularity of drones, more and more people are being exposed to what are called radio-controlled aircraft. WJZ reports, one of the largest gatherings in Maryland takes place this weekend.

CONSUMER: JOBS

- 7/1: Maryland's minimum wage workers are getting a raise. The 50-cent hike is one of many new laws taking effect across the state today. WJZ is live with the view from both sides.
- 8/20: Investing in Baltimore's youth. A special entrepreneurial program at the UA House is giving some middle school students some hands-on experience in business this summer. WJZ explains how they are putting the lessons to work.

ON TIME

7/23 Tracey Leong talks with Latonya Hines and Sandy Dilworth about Year Up Baltimore, a program that provides at risk young adults with an education track in areas such as cyber security that are linked to an

entry level position with member business partner. Students receive training in these fields and are mentored by business representatives. For the young adults, it is a pathway into a career that would normally not be available to them. The businesses benefit by receiving well-trained, highly motivated employees. Each year the program has been increasing the number of young adults admitted to the program and this year hope to have over signed up for the next class that starts in August.

8/6 The Baltimore Center for Green Careers, part of Civic Works recently launched a storm water management training program open to Baltimore City residents. Storm water is a growing field within the green jobs category. The free training program targets the unemployed and offers certification in storm water. After completion of the jobs training program, local businesses are positioned to hire recent graduates and offer live able wages up towards \$16 an hour. Eli Allen, the project director, explains to Tracey Leong that interested participants do not need a GED in order to be accepted into the program. Ex-offenders are also encouraged to enroll.

8/27 The Mayor's Office of Minority Women Business Development and the Department of Public Works are sponsoring a joint training program designed for MBE certified businesses to prepare them for new revenue opportunities. Paul E. Taylor and Rudy Chow tell Tracey Leong that the training program will help prepare MBE companies be prepared to bid on citywide contracting projects. Over the next several years, \$3 billion in grants will be up for bid in areas from contracting to landscaping. The training program will help small, women, minority, and disabled businesses be prepared to enter the bidding process and receive a piece of the economic pie. Training is being taught by larger contractors and professionals in various areas and will build bridges between the very large and the smaller up and coming businesses.

8/20 Kathleen McNally Durkin tells Tracey Leong about her new role as CEO of The Arc Baltimore after serving for many years as the deputy of operations. The Arc Baltimore helps people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with programs designed to enhance their independence – from housing to employment. She describes some of the challenges they will face as changes to federal funding, Medicare and Medicaid, is expected to affect their programs.

CONSUMER: HOUSING

7/18: The future is looking bleak for a number of Maryland coastal communities along the Eastern Shore. New findings suggest that between climate change and chronic flooding, many of these areas could soon be dealing with even more frequent flooding. WJZ is live with these troubling findings and if there is any way to fix it.

7/18: Cleanup is underway in parts of Baltimore County 24 hours after severe flash flooding left behind a muddy trail of destruction! WJZ has a closer look at the damage done to local businesses.

LOCAL POLITICS

8/1: Governor Larry Hogan is slapped with a federal lawsuit from the American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland. The lawsuit accuses him and members of his staff of unconstitutionally censoring speech by blocking some Facebook users and deleting their comments. WJZ breaks down the lawsuit and how the governor is responding.

8/11: Outrage in Western Maryland—over a proposed pipeline under the Potomac River. Today, dozens of activists took to the waters near Sharpsburg, Washington County—calling for the project to be stopped before it even starts. WJZ takes a closer look at the concerns.

9/18: Making a run for the state house—Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz announces he will be a candidate in the Democratic primary for governor. WJZ's political reporter explains—Kamenetz is already launching attacks against Governor Larry Hogan.

EDUCATION

- 8/5: With about a month left of summer vacation, students across Baltimore City are getting ready to return to class. WJZ has more on the mayor's annual back to school rally.
- 8/12: Heading back to school! Teachers and students are nearing the end of their summer vacations—and switching gears for their return to the classroom. WJZ explains the effort to prepare.
- 8/26: The countdown is on—there is about one week left of summer—before students and teachers head back to the classroom. WJZ explains how Baltimore County is helping their educators.
- 8/31: Taking a stand. Race relations were the subject of a spirited discussion on the University of Maryland College Park campus. They come following an alarming number of race-related incidents on the campus and the tragic death of a student. WJZ shows you what one local lawmaker is proposing and how the campus plans to move forward.
- 9/3: In just a few days, Howard County students will head back to class for a new school year. This year, the district is serving up plenty of new healthy options for its younger students.

7/23 CCBC's Sustainable Horticulture Program offers two certificate programs one through the American Landscape Institute and the other through Talmar Gardens in Cromwell Park. CCBC's program director, Dr. Bradley Thompson and student Matt Bonomo tell Tracey Leong about these programs and how they lead to jobs in a career field that is growing. They discuss the types of courses and programs that are tailored to both full-and part-time students. The program addressed the issue of food desserts – where poor communities do not have access to fresh vegetables and fruits and how urban farming can eliminate this problem.

8/13 The Dream 4 It Foundation started with a song and developed into an organization that raises scholarship money for graduating seniors. Founder Dr. Anthony Brown explains how his song, Dream, was his inspiration for the foundation. Now in its 10th year, the foundation holds a summer concert to raise money for the scholarships. Reigna Wren is one of the scholarship recipients for 2017 and she explains how the extra funds will help her pursue her art major at Temple University. This talented artist will have her landscapes and portraits displayed at the concert at the Gordon Center for Performing Arts.

8/20 Tracey Leong talks with Roger Schulman, president of the Fund for Education Excellence about the Heart of the School Awards that honors outstanding principals. Tammatha Woodhouse was one of those honored. As the principal of the city's alternative high school, she gives students a second change at getting a high school diploma. She describes how they use music and poetry to attract students back into class. Funding from the principal's award will be used to fund a special training program for teachers. The Fund for Educational Excellence raises money for supplemental programs for Baltimore City Public Schools.

ARTS & CULTURE

- 7/1: One of Baltimore's biggest ambassadors returns home today. The Pride of Baltimore II has been on a fourmonth journey, promoting tourism for Baltimore and around the Chesapeake Bay. The vessel even picked up a few new crewmembers—providing a once in a lifetime experience.
- 7/4: Tonight, hundreds flock to downtown Baltimore to celebrate America's Independence Day. There was a lot to take in... from food... to music to the big fireworks show. WJZ is live at the Inner Harbor where the big 4th of July celebration is taking place.
- 7/21: It is one of Charm City's coolest events... but today, the heat was on at Artscape! A huge crowd came out despite a heat advisory in effect for much of the day. WJZ shows us how people coped with the sizzling temperatures.

- 7/29: A tribute to a monumental figure in medical history. Today, dozens honored Henrietta Lacks in Baltimore County's Turner Station community where she lived. WJZ has more on how she is being remembered.
- 8/9: The Ravens will host the Washington Redskins in a preseason game tomorrow and fans will notice some big changes at the stadium—including a brand new restaurant with a big following. WJZ explains, new items are on the menu for fans.
- 8/18: In just days, a rare solar eclipse will put on an amazing show in the sky. It will stretch from coast to coast—something that hasn't happened in nearly 100 years! WJZ's First Warning Weather team is tracking this eclipse and shows us the science behind the big solar show.
- 8/19: There were plenty of big swings—tonight at Camden Yards—as the Orioles celebrated 25 years in their home. There was a power display for fans—as the ball flew out of the park—but it is not what you think.
- 8/21: It's the rare cosmic event millions of Americans were anxiously awaiting. The first coast-to-coast solar eclipse in nearly 100 years! Here in Baltimore, about 80-percent of the sun was covered by the moon... not a total eclipse, but still a spectacular sight. WJZ reports from the Maryland Science Center on the big show!
- 8/24: The Maryland State Fair is officially open for business! The fair is in its 136th year... and this year is expected to be bigger and better than ever. WJZ is live at the Fairgrounds in Timonium.
- 8/25: How many young people in our city, with extraordinary talent, never get the opportunity to have it developed? That was almost the case for one young dancer. WJZ introduces you to a young man who set his sights on New York City.
- 9/13: A statue honoring the man who wrote the National Anthem is the latest Baltimore monument to be vandalized by groups hoping to bring awareness to America's past. WJZ has the investigation and damage left behind.
- 9/18: It may not be making a big Emmy splash, but a local documentary is winning its own awards and it features a fascinating Baltimore man. WJZ catches up with "Jar".

- 7/2 The Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitors Center opened in the spring in land donated by the park service in a joint project of the National Park Service and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Park Ranger Angela Crenshaw explains to Marcus Washington how the visitor center is located in the area that Tubman lived and worked to free enslaved people through the Underground Railroad. The land has remained the same since Tubman's time. The Visitor Center also features information about the Tubman Byway that features places of significance along the Underground Railway and the Tubman Museum in Cambridge.
- 7/16 The 36th Annual Artscape, the East Coast's largest free outdoor festival, returns to the Mt. Royal and Charles Street corridors July 21-23. Tracy Baskerville and large-scale artist Steve Baker tell Tracey Leong who the mainstage performers are as well as how the theme of "camp" factors into the large-scale installations and interactive exhibitions.
- 7/23 The Youth Writers Challenge is a new program that offers students in elementary to high school the opportunity to work on their creative writing skills. Patricia Johnson-Harris and Jackie Gardner tell Tracey Leong how students received support skills including character development and collaborated on a book that will be presented at the Gala at the end of the summer session.
- 8/6 Sharan Nixon, founder of the Fashion Umbrella Foundation explains to Tracey Leong that she started the foundation to raise funds for students including school supplies, scholarships and awards. Money for the projects comes from the Baltimore Fashion Week, their marque event. The 10th Annual Baltimore Fashion Week features over 40 national and international designers displaying their innovative trends on the runway. Staging for this

year's event is being held at the Columbus Center. One of the hot trends is Sneaker Speak and top designers will be on hand to show off their creations.

8/20 Local playwright Ursula V. Battle and director Dr. Gregory Branch tell Tracey Leong about their new production, For Better For Worse, that uses local actors in this romantic comedy. The production is staged as a supper club, offering patrons dinner prior to the start of the play.

8/27 Ranger Shannon McLucas tells Tracey Leong about the Star Spangled Weekend that celebrates Defenders' Day at Fort McHenry. The festivities include reenactments, bombardments, fireworks, musket demonstration and other activities that reflect on the War of 1812. This year the fort is commemorating the centennial of the United States entering the Great War, World War I. Ft. McHenry was used as a hospital site to care for the injured overseas.

9/3 Tracey Leong talks with Kwame Kwei-Armah about his decision to end his tenure as Baltimore Center Stage's artistic director at the conclusion of this season. He discusses his accomplishments over 7 years including the building renovation creating a third performance space, costume shop, light-filled lobby with café space. In selecting the current line-up of plays, he said he wanted to balance cutting edged productions that addressed current issues in a theatrical format balanced with time-relevant classics.

9/3 Now in its 22nd year, the Baltimore Book Festival draws hundreds of local, national and international authors and a diverse audience from the Mid-Atlantic region. Festival director Kathy Hornig tells Tracey Leong about the 3-day festival featuring representatives of all genres of writing – children's to mystery, science fiction to cooking. Ronald L. Smith explains why he looks forward to participating in the festival as an author of literature directed towards teens. The Baltimore Book Festival is free and features book talks, demonstrations, musical performances, book selling by local and independent publishers.

COMMUNITY

7/1: Oriole Park at Camden Yards is honored for its kindness. The Birdland community is making national headlines for their acts of compassion. WJZ explains more about the recognition.

7/3: A Maryland man facing deportation is getting support from the community in a big way. Today, hundreds in Baltimore rallied downtown calling on immigration officials to release the man who has been detained for several months. WJZ is live downtown and explains why many are outraged by the arrest.

7/8: A group of kids and future NFL players get a real treat today as they attend a free football camp. The coaches for the day—18 NFL players, including Torrey Smith and hosted by Baltimore native Brandon Copeland.

7/8: In an effort to reduce congestion in downtown Baltimore, the city is adjusting parking meter rates. WJZ explains it will cost more in some areas and less in others.

7/10: A high-powered emergency meeting between Mayor Pugh and Governor Hogan happened today at the State House. The two leaders tried to come up with solutions to solve Baltimore's crime crisis. WJZ's investigator is live with what they discussed.

7/16: WJZ wants to thank everyone who gave at the annual Orioles Food Drive this weekend at Camden Yards! For more than a decade, WJZ has been helping the hungry... collecting donations for the Maryland Food Bank.

7/30: For just over a month, drivers caught speeding in Baltimore City School zones have been getting warning letters in the mail. But starting tomorrow, the warning period is over.

7/30: Immigration crack down—the White House outlines a plan to withhold critical federal funding—from jurisdictions refusing to help in illegal immigration cases. WJZ explains why some local leaders remain defiant.

- 8/8: Bike lane backlash! For months, people living in a Canton neighborhood have been at odds with the city and cycling advocates over a bike lane in their neighborhood. Things got so heated at one point, the courts nearly got involved. Now all sides are working on a compromise. WJZ breaks down the plans for an updated bike lane.
- 8/14: WJZ's complete coverage continues—live outside City Hall where city council members called for Confederate statues to not just be moved, but demolished.
- 8/16: Taken down quickly and quietly—controversial Confederate statues that once stood in Baltimore are now gone. They were removed under the cover of darkness after Mayor Catherine Pugh gave the order overnight. WJZ is live with complete coverage—of reaction to the removal and what the mayor is saying about her decision.
- 8/21: As tension over historic monuments remains high across the country—another controversial statue is damaged here in Baltimore. This time, a sledgehammer was used to vandalize a more than 200-year-old Christopher Columbus monument overnight. WJZ has the brazen crime that was posted online.
- 8/25: City judges say they want to stay out of politics—and won't attend a closed-door gathering with the governor and other key players in the crime fight. It comes as murders in Baltimore are surging. WJZ's investigator has a closer look at the judges' reasons and the governor's blunt response.
- 8/28: WJZ is live with complete coverage of Hurricane Harvey and how Marylanders are helping with relief efforts.
- 9/1: WJZ is live with complete coverage with the Maryland volunteers who are in Texas and what they are seeing in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.
- 9/2: This season the Baltimore Orioles are celebrating 25 years at Orioles Park. As part of their yearlong celebration, the team is serving up 25,000 meals to some new fans—half a world away.
- 9/2: As the unofficial end to the summer—people are flocking to Ocean City—to celebrate this Labor Day Weekend. It is also the last weekend of summer—before kids head back to school. WJZ explains what you can expect this weekend.
- 9/3: Enjoying Ocean City—beyond the summer. While the seasons may be changing, the beach town is not closing up shop. WJZ explains how you can enjoy the destination all year.
- 9/21: Major overhaul—Governor Hogan unveils a 9-billion dollar plan to widen three of Maryland's most congested highways. It includes Interstate 270 and 495, as well as the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. WJZ is live with the details behind the proposed expansion.
- 9/28: No surprise here—Baltimore's beltway traffic is ranked as some of the worst in the country. That is according to a new study. WJZ is live and shows us where the worst of the congestion is.
- 9/28: In the wake of the hurricanes, that battered Texas, Florida and the Caribbean, we have seen groups and organizations raise millions to help. WJZ shows us, a school in the city exceeded its goal to help Houston.
- 9/30: The Enoch Pratt Free Library is expanding its services. The organization is teaming up with the University of Maryland School of Social Work to provide vital help to those in need. WJZ has more on this unique program.

7/2 Marcus Washington talks with Carmen Del Guercio, CEO of the Maryland Food Bank, about hunger in Maryland. One in nine Marylanders are food insecure and do not know where their next meal is coming from. The Maryland Food Bank has seen an increase in demand for food from working families. The state's high cost of living coupled with stagnant wages have resulted in many people needing help with food. Summertime is critical,

as donations tend to decrease while demand goes up. The Maryland Food Bank offers breakfast and lunch to students who would normally receive free and reduced meals at school through their camp partnership program. WJZ is joining with the Orioles and MASN to sponsor a food drive July 14-16 when the O's play the Chicago Cubs. WJZ's anchors and reporters will collect canned goods and cash as fans enter the ballpark.

7/2 The Baltimore Grand Prix and Fitness Expo is open to amateurs and professionals who what to compete in body building competitions that include a bikini model search for women, men's physique, and power lifting categories. Organizer Dr. Boris Borodin explains how this second annual event has expanded to include a Marines fitness category and is being held at a larger venue – the Baltimore Convention Center – to accommodate the expanded competition categories. Duane Brickhouse explains how he trains and eats to maintain his fitness.

7/16 Tracey Leong talks with Jill P. Carter, the new director of the city's Office of Civil Rights and Wage Enforcement. Ms. Carter discusses how Mayor Pugh asked her to head up the civil rights agency that consists of three commissions: civil rights, civilian review board and wage enforcement. As the daughter of Baltimore's famed civil rights activist, Walter P. Carter, Ms. Carter explains how fighting for the disenfranchised is part of her family's legacy. She explains how the civil review board will be part of the oversight into making the Baltimore Police Department more respective of citizen rights as outlined in the Department of Justice's descent degree.

7/16 The National NAACP Convention returns to Baltimore and features keynote speakers from various segments of the community – from national, state and local elected officials to corporate CEO's. Chairman Leon W. Russel and career employer Yariela Kerr-Donovan discuss with Tracey Leong what conventiongoers can expect including discussions on topics from healthcare reform, education and career opportunities. The convention also features a daylong career expo that is free and open to the public.

7/23 The Spirited Women's Awards and Power Luncheon honors women who "pay it forward" by helping those in need. Founder Monyka Berrocosa and honoree Karen Lerario tell Tracey Leong how the program began and who some of this year's honorees are including two men. Top honorees are the founders of Benevolent Baskets that began to help homeless women overcome their addictions by offering marketable skills that can help them with self-confidence and financial independence.

7/30 Henry Stewart tells Tracey Leong about the history and mission of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the nation's oldest Greek-letter organization for African American men founded in 1906 on the campus of Cornell University. He discusses the theme of this year's national convention held in Baltimore and how their members are rallying behind the theme of "The Urgency of Now."

8/13 Tracey Leong talks with Susan Francis from the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service and Jessica Emerson, Director of the Human Trafficking Prevention Project about their combined efforts to address legal issues for arrests in human trafficking. They discuss what human trafficking is and how sex trafficking often results in women being arrested for prostitution – making them victimized twice. Their program allows the victims' records to be expunged or shielded. Without this, safeguard victims have difficulties finding jobs, getting housing or having custody of their children. Maryland is a prime area for sex trafficking with its proximity to I-95 and the large East Coast cities.

8/13 The 4th Annual Ubiquitous Beauty Health Hair Expo returns to the Washington DC Convention Center for 2 days in August. Founder Germaine Bolds Leftridge tells Tracey Leong how she got into the beauty marketing business helping to grow brands and this lead to her developing the Expo. Dawn Green said she was mentored by Germaine and now is an owner of a beauty spa and runway lashes. The Expo features vendors, demonstrations, workshops and lectures on health and wellness topics in addition to uplifting musical performances.

8/27 Tracey Leong talks with Valerie Montague and Senior Judge Marcella Holland about the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland's Beyond Bars Initiative. The program started 25 years ago as a way to lessen the trauma of young girls whose mothers were being sent to jail for non-violent offenses. Female judges joined with the Girl Scouts and female warden of the Maryland Correctional Institute to develop a special Girl Scout Troop that would be allowed inside the prison for supervised programs with their mothers. This pilot program was very successful

and was duplicated across the country by other Girl Scout Councils. The Baltimore program is one of a handful of programs that survived federal funding cuts and is celebrating with a special anniversary fundraising luncheon.

9/10 Tracey Leong talks with the new CEO of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Heidi Daniel, about her vision for the library. Ms. Daniel discusses the multi-year renovation that is currently underway at the Central library and how the library remains open during the construction. She mentions that the library will be increasing their hours allowing patrons more access to the branches including computer access. She envisions more programs like the mobile job center, a specialized van equipped to assist residents with computer job searches that can serve communities that do not have a local branch. The Pratt is also sponsoring the children's book stage at the Baltimore Book Festival and routinely features current authors speaking at the Central and neighborhood branches.

9/10 Wendy Goldband tells Tracey Leong about DogFest, a fundraiser for the Baltimore Humane Society. She explains that the proceeds benefit their No-Kill shelter that must raise funds independent of government and national organizations. DogFest features a walk, contests, games, and family activities. Proceeds from the event helps with their shelter programs including low-cost vaccinations, free adoptions for military and first-responders.