

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.

HEALTH

Eyewitness News did a story on...

7/2 A renewed warning from health workers across the nation on the dangers of caffeine. This comes after an Ohio teen dies from an overdose of the drug. Maryland doctors are especially on edge as one of the first cases turned up in Hagerstown.

7/10 a seasonal challenge—with Maryland entering high summer, WJZ reports, first responders are trying to keep the number of drowning deaths and boating accidents from climbing any higher.

7/10 New fallout tonight over forgotten vials of the deadly smallpox virus—found at the National Institutes of Health in Maryland. NIH employees tell WJZ they were never notified about the mistake. WJZ is just back from Bethesda where the FBI and the CDC are investigating.

7/15 It is still one of the best hospitals in the country, but just not the best. Johns Hopkins Hospital takes third place in a national ranking by U.S. News and World Reports. WJZ reports on how hospital leaders are reacting to this news.

7/16 Dozens of first responders and rescue boats converge on the Inner Harbor in a first of its kind training exercise. The drill is designed to prepare rescue crews on how to respond to everything from a small boating accident to a major catastrophe. WJZ is live at the harbor with details on the lessons the crews are hoping to learn.

7/18 A warning tonight to beware of the bugs—state health officials are urging Marylanders to take precaution to protect themselves from mosquitoes which could be carrying diseases like the West Nile virus. WJZ explains the state has begun their yearly effort to track West Nile virus cases.

7/26 Dozens gathered in the Park Heights community today for Be Active, Live Well in Baltimore. The event highlights the benefits of living a healthy and active lifestyle.

7/28 The words Ebola and uncontrolled are a dangerous combination. But that's how health experts are characterizing the current outbreak in Africa. WJZ reports, two Americans working there have become infected.

7/31 WJZ has the story of a young man from Maryland who became a victim of the panic surrounding the Ebola outbreak while visiting Africa.

7/31 It's a natural part of the Chesapeake, that turns dangerous during warm weather—a flesh-eating bacteria in the bay. WJZ reports, there have been 16 infections this summer already.

7/31 Hundreds of children have been forgotten in cars, here in Maryland and across the country. Now, new technology aims to stop the growing problem. WJZ is live with more on the fight to stop these senseless deaths.

8/1 Those who study urban revival are quick to say that not one development, attraction or centerpiece will single-handedly bring success to an area. But as WJZ reports, 10 years after it opened, the new Hippodrome is one important piece in a stronger downtown.

8/5 Tonight, WJZ has obtained the dispatch recordings as a music festival in Howard County turned dangerous—first responders handled dozens of calls—many for possible drug overdoses. WJZ's investigator is live at the state medical examiner's office, where autopsies are being conducted on the two young people who died.

8/12 An eye-opening new report reveals drinking is widespread on Maryland college campuses... with almost half of the students binge drinking once a month. WJZ is live at Johns Hopkins—one of nine campuses taking part in the survey... taking a closer look at the numbers tonight.

8/27 A follow-up tonight on a WJZ investigation into Maryland's troubled health exchange. A top contractor who built the website says a federal agency looking into the problems has now asked for internal documents. WJZ's investigator is live in Northwest Baltimore with what we're learning about the probe.

9/3 It can wait—those are the words being enforced to a group of local teens when it comes to texting and driving. WJZ is live and explains how one of the Orioles has become a big part of the campaign.

9/4 A third U.S. doctor who contracted the deadly Ebola virus in Liberia will be treated at a special hospital in Nebraska. More than 1,900 people have died in the outbreak. Now, a Maryland hospital is part of the race against time to create a vaccine—with trials right here in the state. WJZ spoke with one of the doctors at the helm.

9/12 Chances are you know someone who has prostate cancer. One in six men is affected with the disease—which can be treated if diagnosed in the early stages. Now, a powerful story is being told, with a big connection to Baltimore.

9/17 Kids across the country are coming down with the potentially deadly Enterovirus... it starts as the common cold, but can quickly turn serious. WJZ is live with more on how local hospitals are preparing.

9/29 Stop the silence—that's the powerful message behind a new campaign called "No More". You may have seen it during the Ravens game. The three-year PSA campaign comes as the House of Ruth takes out a full page ad thanking Maryland for its support.

ON TIME

7/6 BRAanza is a new event that benefits the women's health programs at Mercy Medical Center. Carmel Gambacorta and Stacey Munsell give Gigi Barnett a show and tell with several of the decorated bras that will be on display at the free event followed by the "cup-tail" ticketed event that features light refreshments and bra auction.

7/27 Black Mental Health First Aid is a program that is being offered to pastors and congregations in African American churches. Dr. Tamara Warren Chinyani tells Gigi Barnett why it's important for African American pastors participate in this course and learn to recognize the warning signs of mental health problems from anxiety and depression to the more serious bipolar and schizophrenia.

7/27 The House of Ruth has a new program to education human resource managers in business on the signs and symptoms of intimate partner violence. She explains to Gigi Barnett how this issue affects the business bottom line with decreased work performance to absences. The program is designed to empower HR officials to offer employee victims help by referring them to the House of Ruth shelter and programs.

8/10 Steve Cline tells Gigi Barnett what the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids is doing to education parents on how to talk with their children about drugs. He discusses the current fad of synthetic drugs like spice and K2 which are similar to marijuana and cocaine but because they are synthetic, drug manufacturers get around laws prohibiting their sales by altering the ingredients. Teens are buying these products at convenience stores, and are getting very sick and in some cases dying from the potency of the drugs. The myth is that since these drugs are synthetic then they are safe – which couldn't be further from the truth according to Cline.

8/10 Tammy Braswell tells Gigi Barnett how HealthCare Access Maryland works with Baltimore City residents to connect them to health insurance programs, both private and government funded. She describes how her organization helps addicts get into the programs to help them get sober. In some cases the organization also provides bus tokens and shelter to addicts who are trying to get clean.

8/17 Sean Hull and Toni Robinson talk with Gigi Barnett about Sarcodiosis which disproportionately affects African American women. Sean Hull started the foundation after his mother succumbed to the disease. While the lungs are primary targets of the disease which leaves scar tissue, other organs can be affected as well. To date the medical community does not know what causes or how to stop the disease from spreading. To help fund research the organization is holding their annual Flip Flop Festivus at the end of the month.

8/24 There Goes My Hero was founded by leukemia survivor Eric Sauer after he received a life saving bone marrow transplant. He and board member Steven Neutzel tell Gigi Barnett how their group provides food to needy families who are struggling with leukemia treatments. They also work to increase the number of people on the bone marrow registry. Their upcoming fundraiser Heropalooza raises funds for their programs.

8/31 Sickle Cell disease mainly affects people of African, Middle Eastern, Mediterranean and Hispanic nationalities. Denise and Rudy Williams tell Gigi Barnett about how the disease impacts individuals and families. They describe how people need to be screened for this inherited blood disorder. People who carry the sickle cell trait should not have children with a partner that also carries the trait.

9/7 Prostate Cancer affects one in six men but with early screening this disease can be treated effectively. Dr. Sanford Siegel and Phil Shulka tell Gigi Barnett why they are passionate about getting more men in to be screened for the disease. Phil Shulka offers his perspective as a prostate cancer survivor and says men need to get over their fear of going to the doctor. This year's Zero Prostate Cancer Challenge Run raises funds for more free screenings, prostate cancer research and dedicated researchers.

9/7 SARC, the Sexual Assault Spouse Abuse Resource Center provides services to residents in the Harford County area. Luisa Caiazzo tells Gigi Barnett that parents need to warn their children who are going to college to be aware of stalkers. She explains that stalkers are using mobile phones and texting as a means of control. Funding for their shelter, legal program and counseling services comes from their annual Family Fun Day which is being held at Ripken Stadium and features activities for the young and old alike.

9/14 Rochelle Ritchie, guest host, talks with cardiologist Dr. Michael Miller about heart disease: types, symptoms, causes. John Wallace, a 20 year patient of Dr. Miller explains how he's changed his diet and increased his exercise to lead a heart-healthy lifestyle. Dr. Miller discusses the importance of getting active and supporting the American Heart Association's free heart walk event.

9/21 Gigi Barnett talks with Dr. John Aucott about Lyme Disease: its symptoms, treatment options, early detection challenges. Debbie Brown tells Gigi Barnett about her 2 year ordeal with getting a correct diagnosis and how she has to cope with the debilitating symptoms including exhaustion and inflammation of her joints. They discuss the need to expand research into developing an accurate test for early Lyme disease.

9/28 Gigi Barnett talks with Kamala Green about a new initiative with the American Cancer Society and the NFL called "A Crucial Catch". This program targets uninsured and underinsured women. During this outreach event, women receive free mammograms and clinical screenings in an effort to catch more breast cancer at its earliest stages. She also discusses the annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

9/28 Stigma still surrounds suicide, keeping many from reaching out to get help. Donna Curley and Alissa Putman tell Gigi Barnett how the Maryland Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is a resource for individuals and families who have a loved one who died by suicide. Donna Curley discusses the situations that lead to her son's downward spiral into depression that lead to his suicide. They described the warning signs of someone experiencing a mental illness that can lead to suicide. They discuss the community walks, Out of the Darkness, that are planned to bring awareness of this illness.

ARTS & CULTURE

Eyewitness News did a story on...

7/3 It will be a special Independence Day at the Inner Harbor. For the first time ever, the Pride of Baltimore Two will be part of the city's July 4th Celebration. WJZ reports, Baltimore's star-spangled summer is about to get even better.

7/8 He's the most celebrated athlete in the history of American sports and he was born right here in Baltimore. WJZ has a first look at an amazing new exhibit at the Babe Ruth Museum.

7/10 One of the world's premiere travel guides puts Baltimore's Inner Harbor on a prestigious list. WJZ reports—Baltimore is ranked as one of the top waterfront cities in the world.

7/10 Move over Hollywood! Maryland has secured its spot as a top destination for actors and filmmakers! And it shows—with dozens of Emmy nominations just announced.

7/15 There is a 200-year-old piece of paper here in Baltimore that is one of the most important documents in our country's history. Now as WJZ reports, the written words of Francis Scott Key are back home.

7/21 A new voice will be belting out the National Anthem at the Ravens home games this year. Joey Odoms won a national singing competition—he's a member of the Maryland National Guard and recently retired from active duty.

8/1 He's a part of one of the most successful movie franchises of all time—and he's in Baltimore this weekend. WJZ reports—there's star-gazing and much more at Shore Leave 36, a major sci-fi convention getting underway in Hunt Valley.

8/4 The War of 1812 ended 200 years ago. Now, as WJZ reports, the Smithsonian is celebrating what people during that time might have had in their cups when they toasted our second victory over the British.

8/5 A couple of years ago, the National Aquarium drained the main open air tank in the middle of their original building to put in a new exhibit. Now, it's been a year since the Black Tip Reef sharks came to Baltimore—and they asked WJZ to commemorate the anniversary.

8/5 Ravens legend Ray Lewis will be starring in a new reality TV series next year. He'll be teaming up with an anger management specialist to help up-and-coming football coaches change their combative ways.

8/13 The city of Baltimore has a new twist on an old idea... and it's getting attention. It hasn't yet reached the viral level of the Ice Bucket Challenge, but people around the world are seeing it. WJZ explains what it is.

8/15 The videos are all over the Internet. People dumping buckets of ice water over their heads. It's for a good cause... the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. WJZ's Linh Bui and Marty Bass got nominated to do it too. Check it out.

8/15 The Washington Redskins are fighting for their name—in court. The team, stripped of its trademark, is suing to get it back. This, as new video emerges, defending the name. WJZ is live and talks to local Native Americans angered by the attempts to keep the Redskins name around.

8/19 A long neglected landmark in Dundalk is getting spruced up for the Star-spangled Celebration. When closer attention was paid to the Battle Acre Park, a set of historic gates were found to be stolen. WJZ reports on a well-known local man who will replace them.

8/26 Those who study urban revival are quick to say that not one development, attraction or centerpiece will single-handedly bring success to an area. But as WJZ reports, 10 years after it opened, the new Hippodrome is one important piece in a stronger downtown.

9/4 A new partnership between Baltimore's B&O Railroad Museum—and one overseas... far overseas. WJZ explains, it's all about making connections with a railroad museum in Japan.

9/20 Good food and good times at the 18th annual Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival. Thousands came out to have a good time—and enjoy local musicians and exhibits on heritage, arts and history.

9/22 National honors for two Howard County towns—Ellicott City and Columbia rank among the best small cities around. Money Magazine ranks the Columbia-Ellicott City area 6th best in the country.

9/27 Penguin penthouse—one of the nation's largest penguin habitats opens up in Baltimore this weekend. As WJZ explains, the new 1.5 acre exhibit works right into the zoo's plan to grow its colony.

ON TIME

7/6 Patti Crossman and Marian Licha tell Gigi Barnett about Chautauqua – how the concept originally began and how it reemerged here 20 years ago. They discuss this year's program, "Creative Women: Breaking the Mold" that features an in-depth look at Mexican artist and political activist Frida Kahlo, American painter Georgia O'Keefe and poet Emily Dickinson. Performing scholars research their subject, develop a script based on their life, and take questions from the audience while in character. After the performance they reveal how they prepared for the assignment.

7/6 James A. Merritt tells Gigi Barnett about the new book he's written, "Spencer's First Bank Account" that is the middle book in a trilogy about a young African American boy that learns the meaning of money and the importance of establishing good financial habits at a young age. He discusses his challenge at getting his book published and why he undertook the process on his own.

8/17 Vincent Lancisi and Nora Stillman Burke tell Gigi Barnett about the upcoming season at Everyman Theatre. They discuss how the theatre takes topics addressed in the productions into the classroom to engage students in contemporary discussions. This year's lineup includes several by female playwrights including Lynn Nottage, and African American whose plays have sold out in prior years.

8/24 The 18th Annual Baltimore County African American Festival is a great way to learn about the historic African American communities, Buffalo Soldiers and participate in health screenings. Tanya Williams-Harris tells Gigi Barnett that the festival committee is highlighting local performers and a national performer who will close the event.

8/31 Gigi Barnett talks with Kwame Kwei-Armah, artistic director of Center Stage about the coming theatrical season. He tells her about 2 monumental plays, one of which he wrote about Bob Marley that features his music in Marley, and another about the night that Cassius Clay became Mohammed Ali, One Night in Miami. He discusses how he develops a season that revolves around a theme and balances his choices with that of his audience's preferences, traditional classics to modern contemporary.

8/31 Dr. Anne Lefter from the Community College of Baltimore County tells Gigi Barnett about a musical pageant that she and her CCBC colleague Dr. William Watson wrote based on Baltimore County's role in the War in 1812. This original production is being performed free of charge during the Star Spangled Celebration, September 12-14. Ranger Vince Vaise discusses the activities that take place at Fort McHenry commemorating the 200th anniversary of the writing of the Star Spangled Banner.

9/28 Randi Pupkin discusses how her visual art program is used to enrich the lives of Baltimore's vulnerable population – young and old, homeless and institutionalized. She tells Gigi Barnett how the art therapy offers hope to those who have little. Their annual fundraiser Home is Where the Heart Is features many works of art created by their program participants.

CONSUMER: HOUSING

Eyewitness News did a story on...

7/17 Prince George's County officials think they have a plan to help more than two dozen property owners whose homes were affected by a landslide earlier this year. The problem—the plan will cost four-million dollars more than the county has.

7/30 Baltimore officials approve a 12-million dollar contract for construction and repair work on 26th Street in Charles Village. City officials say the contract covers a substantial portion of the work required to rebuild that area of Charles Village.

8/5 Water meter overhaul—a change is on the way for how water usage is calculated. It's an upgrade that's been called "vital" for the city. WJZ is live with more on the first neighborhood to get the new meters and the importance of them.

8/11 Baltimore city and CSX reach a deal on costs related to the 26th Street collapse. The agreement is to split the cost of the repairs, and fix the retaining wall that crumbled. Residents were forced from their homes for weeks.

8/17 Placing blame—a new report points the finger at maintenance crews for not being thorough enough with inspections, prior to the 26th Street collapse. WJZ is live on 26th Street and explains officials didn't do a good job addressing complaints from residents.

8/25 Taking a bite out of blight—a development company wants to tear down the old Seagram's distillery in Baltimore County and put homes on the Dundalk site. WJZ reports, there are a few hurdles to clear first.

9/3 It's getting to be the time of year when thoughts turn from keeping cool—to staying warm. WJZ reports, the city announces a new energy program that could save you money regardless of the weather.

CONSUMER: JOBS

Eyewitness News did a story on...

7/8 Union workers at Johns Hopkins Hospital celebrate a victory today. After months of negotiations, the hospital reaches a new contract with its labor union. WJZ is live with details on the deal.

7/13 A tech start-up in Federal Hill is expanding. WJZ reports, it leveraged a 100-thousand dollar state grant to receive a huge infusion of private funding.

7/14 Tulkoff family has been bringing tears to the eyes of Marylanders for generations. Horseradish is the company's mainstay. WJZ reports, adaptability has kept it alive.

7/17 There's word that a major international corporation is moving into Downtown Baltimore. Luxury jeweler Pandora will bring hundreds of jobs to its new Pratt Street digs—and a big boost to the whole downtown area.

7/23 Amazon.com is taking the temperature of the Southeast Baltimore neighborhood that will be home to its new fulfillment center. WJZ reports, nearly a year in advance of opening, company representatives met with the community.

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8/18 Employers cut 9,000 jobs in Maryland last month, leading to an increase in the state's unemployment rate. It's one of the largest drops in the nation.

8/26 The Horseshoe Casino is getting ready to open its doors and its bringing thousands of jobs to Baltimore. WJZ is live with more.

9/13 It's getting to be the time of year when thoughts turn from keeping cool—to staying warm. WJZ reports, the city announces a new energy program that could save you money regardless of the weather.

ON TIME

8/17 Natural hair care and body lotion is the hallmark of Oyin Handmade. Founder Jamyla Bennu tells Gigi Barnett how she started mixing substances in her kitchen and trying out the products on both herself and friends. The popularity of the natural products has generated \$1.2 million in annual sales. Germaine Bold Lefridge explains how she was able to take these great products and expand their market. Both Whole Foods and Target carry the Oyin Handmade products. An upcoming natural hair care fair is being held in Washington and features other vendors besides Oyin that have products for African American women.

CONSUMER: ECONOMY

Eyewitness News did a story on...

7/1 An historic day for Maryland's largest air carrier. Today, Southwest's first international flight took off from BWI Thurgood Marshall International Airport. WJZ is live with more on the exciting new destinations.

7/3 Your power bill may be going up—again! BGE is asking for another rate increase. It's the fourth increase in just four years. The company says it's necessary to keep up improvements. WJZ is live with how much it could cost you.

7/8 Increasing revenue for Maryland casinos—released just today, the four state casinos grossed more than 72-million dollars in the month of June. WJZ is live with more on the number and reaction from Marylanders.

7/9 New life and big business in Towson. Tomorrow the Cinemark movie theater opens, bringing with it, many new additions to the area. WJZ got a behind the scenes look inside the new theater today and explains what else is included in this 85-million dollar project.

7/19 Buy fresh, buy local. You've heard the slogan, but for the next week—the state is challenging you to live it. WJZ explains, there's another reason why the state wants you to know your farmer.

7/21 Maryland is slated to get another casino—a new casino has been approved for Prince George's County. MGM plans to build a casino and resort at the National Harbor.

7/23 A major gun manufacturer decides to pull all of its production out of Maryland and move it to Tennessee. The Beretta Corporation blames its decision on the state's new tougher gun control laws. WJZ explains the move will take jobs out of Maryland.

7/23 Saving money while reducing energy use. It's all part of BGE's energy savings program—which kicks in on hot days like today. WJZ is live with more on the program.

7/29 A long time coming—it's been 15 years since Howard Park had a major grocery store. That will all change Thursday when Shop Rite opens on Liberty Heights Avenue. WJZ takes a closer look at city leaders' efforts to get more major supermarkets into the city.

7/29 The stage is set for one of the newest additions to Downtown Baltimore—the new Horseshoe Casino. WJZ was there as Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake made a big reveal.

8/1 As students try to get used to the return to early wake up times, there's a push to move back school start times, especially for teens. WJZ is live with more on the research suggesting it could help students' overall health.

8/7 New regulations could drive Uber out of Baltimore. The ride-sharing service has become a popular way for people to get around—but state officials say there needs to be more oversight.

8/11 The state of Maryland is reporting an increase in gambling revenue. The state's lottery and casinos grew 2.4% in fiscal year 2014. That generated nearly 850-million dollars for the state's general and education fund.

8/21 Bank of America reaches a record breaking settlement with U.S. regulators for misleading investors into buying toxic mortgage-backed securities. It's a \$17 billion deal and Maryland is expected to see some of that money. WJZ is live and explains what's coming to Maryland and what the settlement means.

8/26 In addition to undergoing a \$500 million makeover, the Carnival Pride will soon be offering longer trips from Baltimore to the Caribbean. The cruise line says they will begin offering 10 to 14-day trips aboard the Carnival Pride in the 2015-2016 season.

8/29 Labor Day weekend is officially underway and hundreds of thousands of Marylanders are hitting the road. With gas prices down, and the economy up, it's going to be one of the busiest yet! WJZ is live along the JFX with more.

9/2 Increasing competition is causing airports across the country to upgrade their terminals. WJZ reports, BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport is looking to its past... to be the only one of its kind in the future.

9/4 A group that wants to put in a new high-speed train between Baltimore and Washington says it's already lined up five-billion dollars to do it. WJZ is live with more on the train and why it would be so revolutionary for the area.

9/7 Record-setting numbers—revenues from Maryland casinos reach a new monthly record in August—topping 80-million dollars for the first time. WJZ reports, a large part of that is due to the Horseshoe Casino, which generated nearly six-million dollars in just days.

9/21 Gas prices continue their summer decline around the country—and right here in Maryland—as we head into fall. AAA says the drop is being impacted by a crash in prices of Ethanol and the fact that winter-grade gasoline costs less to produce.

9/30 An ice rink is set to open in the Inner Harbor this winter. The Waterfront Partnership hired a Virginia-based rink management service to construct the rink in McKeldin Square.

ON TIME

9/21 Connect Harford is an opportunity for all sectors of the county to network with one another in a half-day symposium designed to grow economic outcomes. Rajiv Goel and

Craig Ward tell Gigi Barnett how representatives from government agencies, small businesses and college representatives are invited to attend this event.

LOCAL POLITICS

Eyewitness News did a story on...

7/8 Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake encourages Marylanders to remember the contributions of immigrants in building Baltimore and the state. WJZ political reporter is live with more on a new video encouraging immigrant families to move to Baltimore.

7/16 Governor O'Malley takes some heat over his stance on the thousands of children who have entered the U.S. illegally. WJZ's political reporter has more on how Maryland figures into the equation.

7/17 Tonight, Maryland is on the front lines of an immigration crisis—as thousands of children pour into the U.S. from Central America, new sites are being considered to house them. But where? And why are so many immigrants coming here? WJZ is live in West Baltimore—at an office building—once considered for a shelter—with the emotional story of a teenager who came here from Guatemala.

7/17 As of today, it is no longer a crime to possess small amounts of marijuana in Washington, D.C. But as WJZ's political reporter explains, this decriminalization could be short-lived if a Maryland lawmaker gets his way.

7/25 A candidate for Anne Arundel County Council is under fire for what appears to be his membership in a neo-confederate group that wants the South to secede from the Union. Tonight, Democrats are calling on the Republican Party to denounce him. WJZ is live with more on who this man is.

7/26 Fighting a deadly problem—Governor Martin O'Malley recently signed an executive order in a push to prevent the growing number of drug overdoses in Maryland. It's a problem getting out of control and the governor plans to make huge strides within a year.

7/30 A Republican candidate in Anne Arundel County is making national news for his association with a group that wants the South to secede... Tonight, for the first time, he's speaking out against allegations he's a racist. WJZ is live with some new videos that are adding to the controversy.

8/13 The race to elect the next Baltimore City state's attorney could be an attention grabber this fall. A Democrat-turned-Independent waits for the Board of Elections to determine if he has enough valid signatures to run on the November ballot. WJZ's political reporter explains, he would face a tough opponent.

8/18 The race for Baltimore City's top prosecutor may still not be over. The Board of Elections ruled against attorney Russell Neverdon's petition to run as Independent, but Neverdon says he's not giving up. WJZ's political reporter has the latest in the City State's Attorney race.

8/29 In the United States, you only get one vote. But new reports show tens of thousands of people are registered in both Maryland and Virginia... and some of those people actually voted for the president twice! WJZ investigates... and has more on what's being done about it.

9/12 Maryland's gubernatorial candidates outlined their plans for the state in a forum in Annapolis today. In the current CBS News/New York Times battleground tracker poll, the current estimate for the race gives democrat Anthony Brown a 14-point lead over republican Larry Hogan. Today the candidates talked to WJZ's political reporter about the campaign and the reaction they're getting from voters.

9/20 Plastic bags in Baltimore City could soon be history. Today, communities united to show support for a reusable bag bill. WJZ has the citywide clean-up effort.

9/21 Baltimore city steps up the effort to attract 10,000 new families to the city—with a plan to make Charm City more appealing to immigrants. WJZ's political reporter explains—the recommendations make no distinction between documented and undocumented residents.

9/24 Governor O'Malley isn't the only Marylander looking at a 2016 presidential run. Former Johns Hopkins head of Neurosurgery Ben Carson says it's a strong likelihood he'll be in the race. WJZ's political reporter explains—he says some conditions must be met.

9/25 Cutting waste and uncovering fraud—WJZ reports, the city government watchdog is reporting benefits from an increased budget and expanded staff.

ON TIME

9/7 Rep. Elijah Cummings joins Gigi Barnett to discuss the Michael Brown shooting in Ferguson Missouri. He discusses racial bias that may have played a role in the situation. He offers suggestions as to how the case should proceed that would be both fair to the police officer who shot Michael Brown and fair to the community that often feels betrayed by a closed door system. He argues for transparency in the handling of the investigation, greater diversity training and a restraint to use military equipment on citizens. He and 125 other community, business and religious leaders have petitioned President Obama to use his position to enact these proposed changes.

COMMUNITY

Eyewitness News did a story on...

7/1 The first taste of a new chapter for hundreds of young men and women across the country... it's Induction Day in Annapolis and as WJZ reports, the Naval Academy's class of 2018 will eventually graduate as ensigns in the U.S. Navy or second lieutenants in the U.S. Marine Corp.

7/1 One-and-a-half million—that's how many meals will be served to needy children in Baltimore this summer. WJZ reports, the mayor announced an expansion of a city-wide effort to ensure children in the city don't go to bed hungry.

7/2 Across America, there are volunteer groups dedicated to helping veterans. WJZ reports, today, one group gave a disabled vet a gift like no other.

7/2 With temperatures climbing, many Marylanders are dreaming of snow and ice. And they'll be happy to hear about a new plan—to put an ice skating rink in Downtown Baltimore! WJZ has details on the rink that could be at Pratt and Light streets by this fall.

7/3 The 4th of July comes one day early for one of the nation's wounded warriors. He celebrated the groundbreaking of a brand new smart house in Annapolis. WJZ reports, it means a newfound sense of independence.

7/4 Extensive coverage of various events around Baltimore for the 4th of July... parades, fireworks, people visiting the area for various tourist attractions.

7/8 Union workers at Johns Hopkins Hospital celebrate a victory today. After months of negotiations, the hospital reaches a new contract with its labor union. WJZ is live with details on the deal.

7/9 Changes ahead for people who rely on those wheelchair placards for free parking on city streets. WJZ explains why as of tomorrow, they will be feeding the meters like everyone else.

7/10 Scam warning—the Maryland Transportation Authority is alerting people about an email asking E-Z Pass holders to pay-up.

7/10 For more than 30 years, the city has had a program in place to get summer jobs for teens—most of the jobs involving outdoor cleanup work. But now, as WJZ reports, the plan to get kids employed by actual businesses is paying off.

7/11 Pushing for a home run on and off the field—it's a big weekend as the Orioles host the rival New York Yankees... WJZ, MASN and the birds are teaming up to help the Maryland Food Bank and its all part of WJZ's

continuing community commitment... WJZ is live at Camden Yards with how you can help stock the shelves at Maryland's Food Bank.

7/11 Baltimore city is making some changes when it comes to the city's youth curfew, and they will enforce some major penalties on parents whose children are caught out past the deadline. WJZ explains the new rules and why some say it's not effective.

7/11 Marching against violence—tonight, hundreds of men march through city streets to bring attention to—and reduce—crime. WJZ is live and takes us inside the 300 men march.

7/17 Baltimore's trash is an internet sensation—and that might be a good thing. WJZ reports, the draw is how that trash is getting picked up. As word about Baltimore's Waterwheel spreads, so does interest. The wheel's developers have been contacted by cities in Argentina, Brazil and Honolulu, Hawaii.

7/20 In just a few weeks, Baltimore city will have the toughest curfew laws in the country and the mayor is hoping to set the record straight on all that the law entails. WJZ is live with more on the new law and if residents think it will work.

7/23 Charm City will host the 2016 NAACP Annual Convention. The event brings hundreds of visitors celebrating the organization's rich history—Baltimore's branch of the NAACP is one of the first established in the nation.

7/25 Maryland faith and community leaders meet again next week to tackle the issue of housing in Maryland for kids from Central America. At the same time, the Baltimore-based Catholic Relief Services is at work in El Salvador. WJZ reports, efforts are underway to improve living conditions at home.

7/25 An effort to stop violence right here where it starts—Baltimore communities are working hard to keep their streets safe, and curb violence... and in some neighborhoods it's working.

7/26 Unwanted weapons—a swap of goods for guns could remove a slew of illegal weapons from Baltimore streets. That's the mission of a national non-profit group that hosted a city-wide gun buy-back this weekend. WJZ explains, the trade-off for turning in unwanted weapons, is food.

7/28 Lots of smiles in Southwest Baltimore today—the first new recreation center in Baltimore in nearly a decade opens its doors. WJZ has more on why it means the world to this community.

7/29 There is a national organization here in Baltimore that is helping critically children and their families make their time away from the hospital more pleasant. WJZ reports on its latest idea to raise money to help.

7/30 You're about to meet some amazing young people all of them loaded with talent—they're high school students attending the Lyric Opera Camp. And as WJZ reports, this summer, they're hitting all the right notes.

9/1 A summertime tradition comes to an end tonight. Thousands pour into the Timonium Fairgrounds for the last day of the Maryland State Fair. WJZ is live with more on the excitement that brings people back every year.

9/2 Speed camera investigation—for months, a faulty Baltimore speed camera system was behind issuing thousands of unwarranted tickets. Now, City Council is getting outside help to figure out exactly what went wrong.

9/2 Jewelry, furniture and a whole lot more—it's the annual sidewalk sale that benefits the House of Ruth Maryland... the charity that helps victims of intimate partner violence and their children. WJZ reports, tomorrow morning all roads will lead to Timonium.

9/2 Some Frederick County residents are up in arms over plans for a firing range at Sugarloaf Mountain. Opponents will continue their arguments in a meeting tonight. WJZ has more on their concerns.

9/3 For years, Anne Arundel County had a problem with rabid animals being found in populated areas. A few years ago, federal funds practically eliminated the threat. But now, as WJZ reports, a rabies resurgence means the county is now paying its own way.

9/5 A warm welcome home celebration for nearly 200 soldiers of the Maryland Army National Guard today. This return comes after a year-long deployment and the beginning talks of cuts that could affect training and pay.

9/8 The next time you visit the Inner Harbor, you can surf the Internet for free! Residents and tourists can now access Wi-Fi from Rusty Scupper to the west side of the World Trade Center.

9/8 Baltimore is preparing for a big celebration. It's all to commemorate the 200th anniversary of our National Anthem—with the Star-spangled Spectacular. WJZ is live with more on the preparations being made.

9/8 Corporate and non-profit donors step up to rejuvenate Baltimore's bike lending program. WJZ reports, new rules are in place to make sure the bikes won't be stolen.

9/11 WJZ is live at the Inner Harbor with a tribute to the victims of 9/11... as the anniversary of the attacks is also being remembered in the Star-Spangled Spectacular festivities.

9/11 Confederate flag controversy—students at a Howard County high school disciplined for displaying the controversial symbol twice during school events. WJZ has the concerns from the community.

9/17 Shock and outrage tonight from City Hall all the way down to the police department after an officer is caught on surveillance cameras beating up a citizen. The controversial video now has the mayor and police commissioner calling for a new addition to police uniforms. WJZ is live with the new piece of equipment leaders are calling for.

9/18 Orioles fever is spreading through the streets of Baltimore. Today, O's fans gathered for the first of several "We Won't Stop" rallies. O's fans are pumped for playoff action just days after the team clinched the AL East Division. WJZ is live at Camden Yards with all the excitement and anticipation.

9/24 Prescription drug crisis—there's a national push to safely and responsibly get rid of extra medicine in your cabinet. WJZ is live with the push to properly dispose of prescription medications.

9/26 If you like to run or walk, you can do it tomorrow in Harford County and raise money for pediatric cancer at the same time. WJZ has more on how a mother's love for her superhero son is keeping his memory alive and helping others.

ON TIME

7/ 13 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.

7/20 Gigi Barnett talks with Jeanne Allert and Danielle Lohan about the growing problem of human trafficking and its impact on the lives of women and children who get caught up in this hideous crime. They discuss a common scenario that is the path into trafficking: a bad home life leads teens to runaway only to be targeted by men who exploit them in the commercial sex trade, get them hooked on drugs and maintain a stranglehold on their lives. Breaking free often leads women to move to facilities out of state like the program offered by The Samaritan Women. The Samaritan Women is a two year program that offers vocational training in culinary arts where women learn about food from seed to table as well as entrepreneurship.

7/20 Casey Baynes tells Gigi Barnett why she started the Casey Cares Foundation 14 years ago after volunteering in the pediatric wing of a local hospital and witnessing the need for families to have normal fun experiences like pizza and movie night as a means to take their minds off the dominate medical issues. She discusses how volunteers can help and participate in the 5K Run Walk at Camden Yards.

8/ 3 Gigi Barnett talks with Lisa Hamilton from the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Al Passarella from Advocates for Children and Youth about the just released Kids Count report. They discuss the research that has been

compiled from each state that evaluates the well being of American children. The report shows that positive gains are being made in the area of education and health yet the recession continues to be detrimental to the well being of children. Lisa Hamilton talks about national and region results while Al Passarella discusses Maryland's ranking.

8/3 Episcopal Community Services offers several programs that help alleviate poverty through helping up programs like the Jerico program for ex-offenders, an after school youth program, a preK education program for homeless children and the CUPs Coffeehouse and Kitchen. Nancy Fenton and Holly Gray tell Gigi Barnett how they joined forces to expand the CUPs Coffeehouse to include culinary training through their community kitchen. Both entities offer job training to young people from the Hollins Market area in West Baltimore as well as participants in the Jerico program.

8/24 The Monument Quilt will be displayed at Baltimore's Federal Hill Park as part of a 12 city tour to raise awareness of rape and its impact on its victims. Organizers tell Gigi Barnett that the quilt offers rape survivors a safe and public forum in which to tell their stories. They discuss the need to change the culture of rape that often finds fault with the victim. Plans are to expand the quilt and take it to the National Mall in DC in 2015 and have the quilt spell Not Alone.

9/14 Keeping siblings together when being placed in foster care is the primary goal of the Neighbor to Family program. Donna McCarter tells Rochelle Ritchie how traumatic it is for the children who are being removed from their parents and placed in a temporary situation to then be separated from their brothers and sisters. Every year Neighbor to Family honors a distinguished family of siblings at their annual dinner. This year the Williams Siblings are being honored including Del. Adrienne Jones. She echoes the need to keep children together in foster care because of the bonding and support system offered by siblings.

9/14 The Abilities Network provides programs and services to children, adults and seniors who have a wide range of disabilities from autism to epilepsy. Lauren Yankolonis and Keith Malfa tell Rochelle Ritchie how the programs are tailored to each individual's need. The help fund their programs they sponsor the walkabout abilities event.

9/21 Children of Zion Village is an orphanage/school in the African country of Namibia started by a local church in Bel Air. Lisa McLaughlin and Andy McMullin tell Gigi Barnett that AIDS has orphaned most of the children at the orphanage. They discuss how a local fundraiser benefits the children by providing shelter, transportation, school supplies and teachers.

9/21 DogFest is the Baltimore Humane Society's annual fundraiser that goes to the dogs! Wendy Goldband tells Gigi Barnett that pets are welcome to come to DogFest and participate in the Paws on Parade walk, numerous contests and agility activities. Proceeds benefit the no-kill shelter.

EDUCATION

Eyewitness News did a story on...

7/1 A new chapter for Baltimore City schools—with a new person in charge... the school's CEO started today and WJZ joined him on his first day on the job.

7/5 They call it the "summer slide". Children forgetting some of what they've learned in school—as their minds sit idle in the summertime. But as WJZ reports, there are plenty of ways to keep their minds engaged while they're having fun.

7/11 Hundreds of city students miss out on nutritious meals when the summer starts, but the lunch line at dozens of Baltimore schools is still open. WJZ explains, its part of a federal push to feed students who rely on school lunch.

7/11 Student test scores slip—reading and math scores on Maryland's state tests for elementary and middle school students have sunk to their lowest levels in seven years. So what's to blame? WJZ is live with reaction from the Department of Education and parents.

7/17 In today's WJZ School Watch... boosting the number of students who enroll in A.P. classes—it's the mission of one of the state's top school leaders. WJZ explains, identifying new students for A.P. courses is how Maryland maintains its stellar ranking.

7/18 Homegrown talent—a two-week class, designed to encourage and educate young business owners ends with a competition to pitch their ideas. WJZ reports, the winner heads to the national competition in California.

7/25 A future career in law enforcement for some Baltimore youngsters could begin with a day at summer camp. WJZ explains, the city launched its one-day explorers camp to introduce them to officers and what it's like to be on the force.

7/31 Ask nearly anyone who is successful and they'll probably tell you that they didn't get there all by themselves. As WJZ reports, an off-shoot of a private school has a long-term program to guide city youngsters toward success.

8/11 There are calls to push back the school year in Maryland. A high-ranking state official petitions to extend summer break until after Labor Day, but not everybody supports the idea. WJZ is live with the potential impact of a school year change.

8/14 In tonight's School Watch, Baltimore City school leaders are scrambling to close the gap and fill scores of vacant teaching positions. And, the start of school is less than two weeks away. WJZ is live with a look at how Baltimore City stacks up to other school districts on this issue.

8/14 Since the CBS hit show CSI started, universities and police departments aren't having any trouble finding people who want to go into the field of criminal forensics. Now, as WJZ reports, Baltimore County is showing off the real investigators.

8/16 A handful of West Baltimore churches joined forces to make back-to-school shopping a little easier for parents and students this weekend. WJZ explains, thousands of children will head back to class ready, thanks to the Back to School Jam.

8/20 A real, full ride to college—the University of Maryland will guarantee scholarships to student athletes until they graduate. WJZ is live in College Park—and explains this goes for all student athletes—not just stars in big money sports.

8/20 We are just five days away from the first day of school and the mayor, along with school board and department of transportation officials are making a joint effort to bring new innovative ways to make sure kids walking and biking to school can do so safely.

8/23 A Baltimore-born entrepreneur lends his name to get thousands of students back to school ready. But, pens and paper aren't the only supplies kids will need in the upcoming days of school. WJZ explains how one music mogul is stepping in to help.

8/27 As students try to get used to the return to early wake up times, there's a push to move back school start times, especially for teens. WJZ is live with more on the research suggesting it could help students' overall health.

9/3 A controversy continues in Anne Arundel County—school leaders are defending their decision to keep a suspension on the record of a seven-year-old boy. He got in trouble for chewing a pastry into the shape of a gun and threatening other students. WJZ is live with more on the passionate arguments on both sides.

9/3 In tonight's School Watch—classes for Maryland's youngest students begin this week. As WJZ explains, a multi-million dollar grant makes it possible for lawmakers to continue their quest to make pre-K universal.

9/4 For the first time, we are hearing from a Maryland school teacher placed on leave and admitted to a mental health facility after police say he wrote a fictional book depicting a school shooting. WJZ is live with more on why the teacher says the authorities have it all wrong.

9/19 In tonight's School Watch... higher test scores, better attendance rates and a boost in graduation numbers begin with one word: breakfast. This week, the state launched its breakfast challenge to get more students eating the most important meal of the day. WJZ explains how it works.

9/22 Nearly five years ago, it was on the verge of being shut down by the Baltimore City School District. After a lot of hard work, Benjamin Franklin High School has made a huge turnaround. WJZ is live and reports the school is getting support from one of the Baltimore Ravens' top players.

ON TIME

7/13 Gigi Barnett talks with Ben Shifrin, the head of the Jemicy School, about the importance of summertime learning especially for students with dyslexia and language-based challenges. He discusses fun ways to incorporate learning into everyday activities that will motivate students. Without educational-type stimulation students will academically fall backwards and have to play catch up when school returns in the fall.

7/27 Dr. Nancy Grasmick talks with Gigi Barnett about a new program to enhance both the teaching and student comprehension of AP courses. The program developed by Dr. Gasmick in partnership with the College Board helps prepare educators to teach these accelerated courses. In the second phase of the program, students undergo a rigorous two week summer boot camp to prepare them to be successful in taking and passing the AP calculus courses in the fall. The goals is to entice more students to enroll in the AP courses, have a higher pass ratio and have the students earn college credits for these courses.

8/10 Dr. Anthony Brown has been raising money for his scholarship program that benefits high school seniors who are attending college in the fall. He tells Gigi Barnett about the upcoming Sensational Summer Nights concert featuring Gospel Recording Artist Larnelle Harris. Students who have benefitted from his program are giving back by helping with this year's event and serving as mentors to the students coming behind them.