

PICT Fires Stanford

Alan Stanford has been removed as executive director of **PICT Classic Theatre** in response to a revealing report by *Pittsburgh City Paper's* Amanda Waltz.

Waltz's report outlined multiple sexual misconduct accusations against Stanford.

The decision was made at a June 28 board meeting but not officially announced until July 5. Ironically, Stanford's predecessor --- company co-founder Andrew Paul --- was also ousted by the board (in 2013). However, that was due to his trying to run PICT remotely after his family moved to Las Vegas.

You can read Waltz's follow-up article by clicking [here](#).

Lou Castelli To Leave Public

Lou Castelli is leaving the **Pittsburgh Public Theater**, the company announced in July.

Castelli has been with the Public for nearly a quarter of a century. He started as marketing director when the theater was still on the city's North Side. Castelli became managing director in 2018.



"Lou's loyalty to the company and sincere enthusiasm for the art

CMU Students Win Award

A student-created computer game called SpaceBull Nova has won an international award, announced the Entertainment Technology Center. The center is a graduate program of **Carnegie Mellon University** (CMU).

SpaceBull Nova is a Gold Winner in the Healthcare/ Medical/ Pharmaceutical/ Nursing category at the 2022 International Serious Play Awards. The awards program is part of the **Serious Play Conference**, a professional organization about the value of games in education and training.



SpaceBull Nova was created by six CMU students in the fall of 2021 to introduce users to an

immersion peripheral called Eye Tracker. The peripheral is a product of Swedish technology company **Tobii AB** that tracks both head and eye movements for game interaction and streaming. The game designers hope that it will have medical applications by progressively training a patient to utilize a brain-computer interface (BCI). The interface provides a direct communication pathway between the brain's electrical activity and an external device such as a robotic limb.

In the game, a player takes on the role of an intergalactic bounty hunter who chases down the galaxy's dangerous enemies in his/her spaceship. You can download the game by clicking [here](#).

The Public produces have been unmatched," said board chair Courtney Horrigan in a press release. "24 years is a remarkable run, and we've been fortunate to have him at the helm with Marya for the past four years. Throughout the pandemic, they have together innovated and kept the company on solid ground, poised for a big and bold return this fall."

Castelli will continue in his current post through September. A search committee is being formed. The company's entire press release is available on the [On-StagePittsburgh blog](#).



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DGA Reacts To Roe's End

The board of trustees of the health plan for the **Directors Guild of America** (DGA) have approved expanded coverage regarding abortion services for members.



DGA is responding to the June 24 ruling by the United States Supreme Court that effectively eliminated ending a pregnancy as a right. The decision sends the issue to the individual states, many of which are enacting strict laws against abortion.

A guild press release explains that the expansion includes "dependent children and offer travel benefits for covered Health Plan participants living or working in covered employment locations where abortion services are no longer permitted." Details are available by clicking [here](#).

In other news, the DGA announced that Faith Santilla has been promoted to Assistant Executive Director. She has been with the guild since 2015.



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Union OK's TV Code

As expected, the members of **SAG-AFTRA** followed the recommendations of the union's leadership and ratified a new Network Television Code.

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The official name is the SAG-AFTRA National Code of Fair Practice for Network Television Broadcasting. It covers programming in nearly all non-primetime (game shows, soap operas) and all non-dramatic primetime television (reality TV shows) as well as digital media. The vote was 94.67% in favor of the new contract.

In addition to wage and benefit increases, producers are now required to provide transportation to and lodging at broadcast centers in key cities; along with enhanced nudity and simulated sex provisions.

"This agreement is a step toward elevating our consciousness and sensitivity regarding safe spaces for performers on set," said SAG-AFTRA President Fran Drescher in a press release. "That is a big, transformative win. I also am pleased that our negotiators made meaningful gains with new compensation and improved protections for our members."

Pittsburgh Gets More Public Art

This post-pandemic environment has led to a renewed focus on developing more public art.

WESA-FM's Bill O'Driscoll reports that Hartwood Acres is now the region's largest sculpture park. This was the result of a \$3.9 million effort to restore and restage 11 pieces (most made of steel).

"We thought by connecting them with walkways, putting in landscaping, it would make a really beautiful destination for people who wanted to have a picnic, or just walk," O'Driscoll quotes Caren Glotfelty of the **Allegheny County Parks Foundation**. You can read his full article by clicking [here](#).

In addition, four artists have been selected to create permanent art installations in Homewood Park. The mayor's office made the announcement on July 29.

Chosen are Homewood muralist Camerin "Camo" Nesbit; self-taught mixed media artist Julian-dra Jones; queer Nigerian American multimedia artist Mikael Owunna and Miami-based artist Najja Moon. Each artist is to spend the next several weeks engaging local residents "to create a seamless integration of art, landscape, and architecture that's reflective of the Homewood neighborhood" (according to a press release).

Mac Miller Mural Debuts

Visitors to area recording studio **I.D. Labs** can appreciate something new: a giant mural to late Pittsburgh rapper Malcolm "Mac Miller" McCormick (1992-2018).

The mural has been created by California artist Gustavo Zermeño Jr. and the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review's* Tanisha Thomas has written an interesting article which can be read by clicking [here](#).

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Y108 Listeners Get Cadillac

On July 7, **Audacy Inc.** announced the addition of veteran radio personality William "Cadillac Jack" Choate to its on-air team at local country radio station WDSY-FM. The company also operates the Pittsburgh stations KDKA-AM, KDKA-FM, WBZZ-FM and WAMO- AM.



Michael Spacciapoli, Senior Vice President and Market Manager of Audacy Pittsburgh in a press release. "As Y108 continues to grow as a leading county outlet on a variety of platforms, welcoming a talent like Cadillac will add to our evolution and growth."

Choate has been nominated for multiple awards over the years and was most recently working at a Florida station. He became part of the station's morning team on July 11.

"Cadillac Jack brings an energy and engagement that country fans in Pittsburgh will love," said Mi-

Mayor Names Montaña To Phipps Board

Maria Montaña has been named by Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey as his designee for the **Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens** board of trustees. The mayor's office made the announcement on July 22.

In a press release, Mayor Gainey said: "Maria has a long-standing commit-



ment to notable causes and issues in our city including expanding protections for the LBTQIA+ community in Pittsburgh. I know she will make a terrific addition to the board and help ensure that we

continue to elevate organizations that support sustainability like Phipps Conservatory."

Montaña currently serves as the mayor's press secretary. Her appointment to the board was immediate,

Brew House News

Key personnel changes have been made at the **Brew House Association**, reports Amanda Waltz for *Pittsburgh City Paper*.



Program director Natalie Sweet has been promoted to executive director; operation director Stephanie Garrison's role is being expanded and Brent Nakamoto was hired to the newly created program and marketing coordinator position.

Read Waltz's full article by clicking [here](#).



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Netflix Rebounds

Streaming giant **Netflix** has become an important player in the local film/TV industry, with several productions in Pittsburgh area. But concerns for the com-

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pany's future was raised after it reported losing subscribers. Many of these concerns have been eased, reports Dade Hayes for Deadline.com.

"Netflix stock rose more than 7% [on July 9] to close at \$216.44 on more than quadruple its normal

volume," Hayes writes. " It has risen 15% in the last two weeks, breaking above \$200 yesterday for the first time since April (though still far below its high of \$700 in November 2021)."

The company's "spend discipline" and slowing subscriber losses are being credited. Hayes quotes one analyst saying "that Netflix is prudently positioning itself as an immensely and increasingly profitable company as long as its revenue growth remains relatively low."

You can read the complete article by clicking [here](#).

Tull Ends Sponsorship

For unknown reasons, the **Tull Family Foundation** will not be renewing its naming rights to an independent movie theater in Sewickley. The news was reported by Paul Guggenheimer for the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.

The non-profit cinema has become a popular suburban hub for classic films also made extra efforts to be more accessible to various communities, such as the deaf.

"We are not concerned [about securing a new sponsor] because, in just a few years, the organization has really become a cultural hub and resource for school districts, non-profits, the special needs community," Guggenheimer quotes CEO Carolina Pais-Barreto Thor. "So I think we have established a rapport in the region as a valuable asset and I'm confident we'll find another naming sponsor."

Read his full article, click [here](#).

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Movie About “Living Dead” Being Planned

Film and television writer/directors Greg Nicotero and Jimmy Miller are planning a movie about the making of horror classic "Night of the Living Dead." The news was first reported by Mike Fleming Jr. for Deadline.com.

The 1968 film "Night of the Living Dead" is a cinematic milestone. It was shot in Pittsburgh in

black & white on a minuscule budget by director George Romero (1940-2017). Prior to "Dead," Romero was primarily making TV commercials and short movies.

"Although he's got a long list of genre credits," Fleming writes, "Nicotero actually learned his craft on Romero's films. They are

both from Pittsburgh --- and so, for that matter, is Miller --- and they all knew each other well."

Nicotero plans to recreate "Dead" scenes in black & white with the rest of the film in color. Read the full article by clicking [here](#).

Local Firm's “GOT” App

Local technology company **Duolingo** has created something that will thrill "Game of Thrones" fans, reports Sarah Mahoney for MediaPost.com.

Founded in 2011, Duolingo specializes in language-learning applications. The firm has entered into a partnership with HBO Max (part of **Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc.**) to promote the debut of the prequel series "House of the Dragon."

Mahoney explains that Duolingo "is offering 150 new words of the [franchise's] fictional language, teaching people to string them together in 700 sentences." Read her full article by clicking [here](#).



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One of the greatest concerts of all time starred Judy Garland (pictured) in 1961 at Carnegie Hall. Gifted singer Joan Ellison seeks to recapture that moment with a show this month at the Strand Theater in Zelienople.

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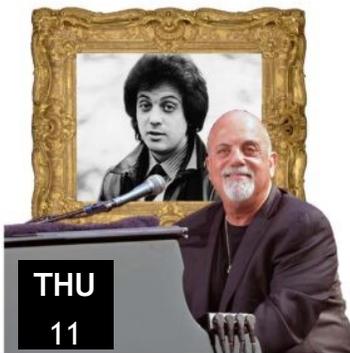
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Opportunities

Submissions are being accepted by the **Persad Center** for the organization's "[Art for Change](#)" fundraiser. Works will be auctioned off to support the center with 20% going to the artist.

Media technology company **NEP Group** has several positions open at their Pittsburgh headquarters, including a [Product Marketing Manager](#).

KDKA-TV, part of **Paramount Global**, has several job openings in [creative services, production and news](#).

Applications are still available through the **Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council** for the [Access Microfund](#) (to make an event more accessible for the differently able) and the [Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator](#) (to help grow an arts business).

Jobs available at **Hearst Communications'** WTAE-TV include a [Director of Community Affairs](#) to oversee the station's community outreach efforts.

Someone interested in [on-site promotional events](#) is being sought by **iHeartMedia** for their Pittsburgh radio stations.

Various positions appear to remain open at the **Pittsburgh Opera** per the [company's web site](#).

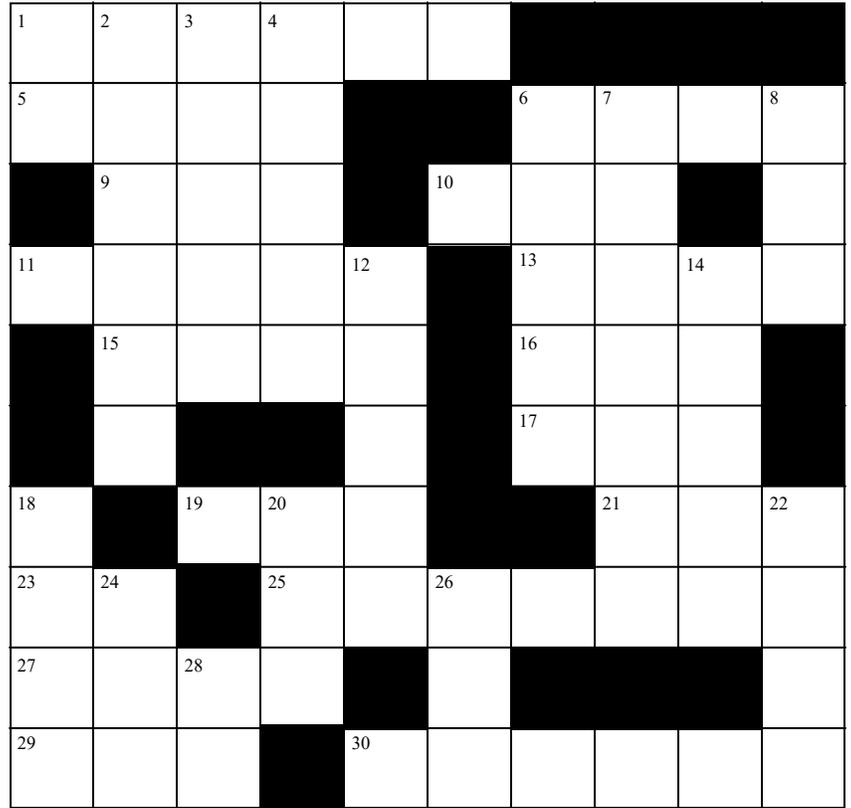
Full-time jobs available at the **Pittsburgh Cultural Trust** in [marketing, production and community engagement](#).

The **Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra** has scheduled [violin and viola audition dates](#) and several [operation positions](#) in areas such as marketing.



Across

1. Chevy Chase and Martin Short are two of these in a 1986 film
5. Actress Teri of “Mr. Mom”
6. Misbehaving kid
9. Classic movie studio, commonly
10. Keanu Reeves’ “Matrix” role
11. The subject of this puzzle, who turns 77 on August 14 (with 2-Down)
13. Egress
15. Concept
16. Actor Hilgenbrink, to pals
17. TV show often hosted by 11-Across, initially
19. Hollywood per the clock (briefly)
21. Species of Atlantic fish
23. Surgeon’s rm.
25. Weird 1979 film and the first starring role for 11-Across
27. Comedy co-star in 11-Across’ 1984 film, to pals
29. Classic 1950 film noir
30. Comedy co-star in 11-Across’ 1992 film, to pals



Down

1. Merrick Garland’s current job, briefly
2. See 11-Across
3. Annoyed
4. Small group of trees
6. Purplish vegetables
7. Smart and funny 1987 film starring 11-Across
8. Egyptian king’s nickname and subject of a hit parody song by 11-Across
12. Mars’ nearest neighbor
14. Lazy person
18. A ship’s cargo space
20. Swine’s abode
22. English rugby player Dylan
24. Brazilian city, commonly
26. An actor often has a big one
28. State east of TX

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