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Local TV Special Wins Two Emmys

The Pittsburgh-made television special “Scientastic – Are You Sleeping?” has won two Mid-Atlantic Region Emmy Awards from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

“Scientastic” is a joint project of two Pittsburgh entities: **The Partnership in Education** is a non-profit organization formed by **Duquesne University** which produces educational media related to science. **Planet Earth Television** is a local production company that specializes in what it calls “cause-related television.”

The special deals with the growing sleep deprivation and how it affects people, especially teenagers.

Cynthia Bomback Helzel writes about the project in the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* at <http://triblive.com/aande/moreaande/9334820-74/science-television-sleep#axzz3qHV4ENvJ>. She describes the special as showing “what happens when 14-year-old Cassie stays up all night to study for a math test the next day. She later realizes that her lack of sleep hurt her performance on the test

and notices that others also suffer when they don't sleep enough.”

The cast includes students from the Pittsburgh Creative & Performing Arts School and the Winchester Thurston School.



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Ryan Quits Warhol

Bartholomew Ryan has resigned as curator of the Andy Warhol Museum after just five months on the job, writes Marylynne Pitz in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

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The Andy Warhol Museum is a component of the **Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh**. Opened in 1994, it is the largest museum in the country dedicated to a single artist, Pittsburgh native and pop art icon Andy Warhol (1928-1987).

Pittsburgh Applause first reported Ryan's hiring in the May issue,

which you can read at <http://www.pittsburghapplause.com/pittsburghapplausemay2015.pdf> (scroll to page 3).

“The single artist museum concept was just not for me,” he told Pitz in a telephone interview. Ryan plans to remain in Pittsburgh and work as an independent curator.

Meanwhile, the museum is launching an international search.



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Major Copyright Case Comes To Pittsburgh

A legal fight over one of the most popular characters in science fiction has been moved to Pittsburgh, reports Torsten Ove in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

That character is Buck Rogers. Introduced in 1928, he was originally a World War I veteran who had accidentally been frozen in a collapsed mine and awakens in the year 2419 and a very different world. Buck has been a comic book, comic strip, movie serial and especially a campy, disco-era television series that ran on NBC from 1979 to 1981 (another short-lived series aired on ABC in the early 1950s). He even became a video game in 1988. Production company **Team Angry Filmworks** now wants to make a Rogers movie and claims that the character fell into the public domain in the 1950s.

However, the heirs to creator Philip Francis Nowlan (1888-1940) have hired New Castle lawyers Louise Geer and Dan Herman to defend what they considered a copyright that they still own through the **Dille Family Trust** (the publisher, National Newspaper Syndicate, was started by John F. Dille). Nowlan was born and lived in Philadelphia; many of descendants migrated west toward Pittsburgh.

The Hollywood Reporter's Eriq Gardner wrote in August that "Angry Filmworks asserts that the character entered the public domain in the United States in or about 1956 and worldwide in 2010. Though it's not spelled out, that's presumably because copyright registration wasn't renewed after the first term. Also, Nowlan

died in 1940, so if international treaties apply, it would be 70 years after the death of the author. (Interesting to note that the character of Buck Rogers appeared the same year as copyright term icon Mickey Mouse did)."

"The case was transferred from Los Angeles federal court to Pittsburgh on Monday" writes Ove "after a judge in California said it belongs in Western Pennsylvania because Ms. Geer, who is also the defendant, lives here."

Angry Filmworks wants to adapt the original novel, Nowlan's *Armageddon 2419 AD*, into a live-action movie. The company is run by Don Murphy whose credits include the films "Natural Born Killers" and "League of Extraordinary Gentlemen."

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Peduto To Speak At GPAC Conference

Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto will deliver the keynote address at this year's Moving Forward conference, the

Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council has announced.



The Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council (GPAC) was created through a merger ten years ago to expand the reach, influence, and effectiveness of the region's diverse and vibrant arts and culture community by providing leadership, advocacy, capacity building, and connections

Moving Forward is GPAC's regional meeting of arts and culture. It will be held at the August Wilson Center on November 16 where participants will enjoy performances and networking as well as hear reports of recent advancements.

Awards will be presented, including one honoring David Donahoe, who recently retired as executive director of Allegheny Regional Asset District. To learn more, visit <http://www.pittsburghartscouncil.org/events-and-workshops-etc/gpacevents/event/328>

SAMA Hires New Site Coordinator

Emma Noonan has been named site coordinator of the **Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art**, reports Deborah A. Brehun in the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.



Founded in 1976, the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art (SAMA) is a network of art institutions with locations in four rural Pennsylvania towns.

"Emma brings a renewed energy and enthusiasm to the museum and we are so glad to have her as our newest member of the SAMA

family," SAMA executive director Gary Moyer told Brehun. "Emma was the unanimous choice of the selection committee, which was comprised of auxiliary members and SAMA staff."

In her new position, Noonan will be developing exhibitions and organizing various programs including events and lectures. To learn more, read Brehun's full article at <http://triblive.com/neighborhoods/yourligonier/9184663-74/noonan-art-museum#axzz3qHV4ENvJ>

Savini Alum Wins TV Reality Show

Nora Hewitt, a graduate of Tom Savini's make-up school program won the top prize on the television competition "Face Off".



Savini is the Pittsburgh make-up legend responsible for the cosmetic effects in films such as 1978's "Dawn of the Dead" and 1982's "Creepshow". He currently runs an education program at the **Douglas Education Center** (DEC) outside the city in the town of Monessen. "Face Off" is a reality television game show that debuted in 2011 that airs on **Comcast-NBC's** Syfy cable network.

A collection of students joined Savini and Hewitt at DEC on October 27 to watch the installment together at a party.

The *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's* Maria Scullo also attended and has posted an article (along with photos) online at <http://www.post-gazette.com/ae/tv-radio/2015/10/31/Savini-s-Special-Make-Up-Effects-program-goes-wild-over-Halloween-Face-Off-win/stories/201510310054>

History Centers Receives Kaufmann's Archives

With the closing of the former Kaufmann's Department Store flagship, more than 100 items have been donated to the **Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center**.

The Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center is the state's largest history museum. It opened in 1996 and is named in honor of United States Senator H. John Heinz III (1938-1991). Kaufmann's, like Horne's, was a Pittsburgh icon for generations until each was acquired separately by what was Federated Department Stores (and is now **Macy's Inc.**)

Material includes Christmas decorations, furniture from the Tic-Toc Restaurant and architectural drawings.

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review's Tom Fontaine got a peak at the items donated by Macy's and writes about it at <http://triblive.com/news/allegheeny/9295386-74/center-heinz-items#axzz3qHV4ENvJ>

[Historic photos of both Kaufmann's and Horne's will be part of Jim Richards' annual exhibit at One Oxford Centre opening on Night Light --- ed.]

Steinway Store Closes

One of the region's premier musical instrumental firms is closing up, reports Elizabeth Bloom in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

Founded in 1853 by Henry E. Steinway (1797-1871), **Steinway & Sons** is considered one of the world's prestigious piano manufacturers. The **Steinway Piano Gallery** is the only retailer in the area to be an officially licensed seller of the legendary instruments. It's owned by Dr. Gregory Rose, a physician who lives in rural Clearfield County. Until 2012, the firm operated a luxurious showroom on Penn Avenue in the Pittsburgh Cultural District. At that point the showroom moved to the city's West End neighborhood.

"Dr. Roscoe does a lot of other things, and we just felt we needed to give more attention to the Pittsburgh market than he was able to give," Anthony Gilroy of Steinway & Sons told Bloom. The firm plans to open a factory-owned showroom in Pittsburgh, although no date or location has been determined.

Read her full article at <http://www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2015/10/28/Steinway-Piano-Gallery-comes-to-a-coda-West-End-Pittsburgh-liquidation/stories/201510280083>

TV Projects Coming

Pittsburgh has been selected by **Storyverse Studios** as the location for two upcoming projects.



Storyverse Studios is a production company that specializes in new media projects such as

an online "novel" called Find Me I'm Yours. The firm is based in Los Angeles but has a Pittsburgh office.

One of these projects is a television reality contest where ten teenagers compete to work with superstar mentors to realize their business or invention concept.

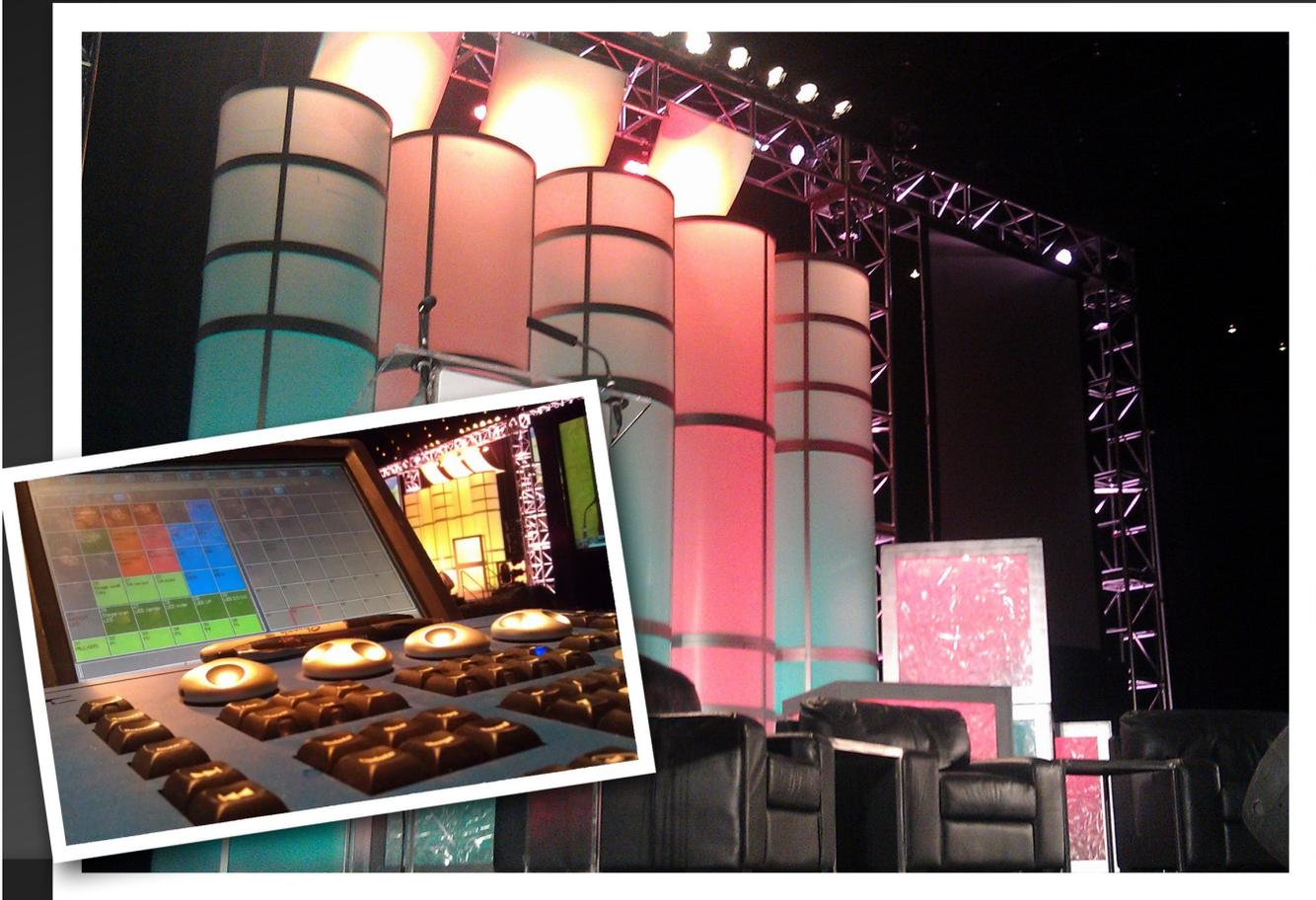
"The beauty of the way the world works now is, you don't need a distributor. You have the Vimeos, even the PopSugars of the world who push content," said Pittsburgh native Maxine Lapiduss, who co-founded Storyverse, told Maria Sciuolo of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

Inventive kids ages 12 to 19 can find casting information at <http://storyversestudios.com/casting>.



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New Club Opens In Garfield

Two young professionals, Katie Molchan and Elaina Holko, have opened a new eatery and entertainment venue in the city's Garfield neighborhood.



Called **Mixtape**, the café and smoothie bar will specialize in showcasing local singers, musicians and bands. There will also be art exhibits.

A press release calls Mochan and Holko as being "passionate about giving local musicians the chance to be heard and succeed" as well as their desire to support the continued cultural development of Garfield. Mixtape had a soft opening on September 2 but formally announced their formation on October 20.

Artists interested in performing at Mixtape can contact the owners by emailing mu-sic@mixtapePGH.com.



Local Band's New Video Is Really Animated

Local band Punchline has teamed with a gifted animator to create their new music video.

Formed in 1997, Punchline is a duo that specializes on crafting punk-pop songs featuring interesting melodies and catchy rhythms.

"I met animator Devin Ensz through this thing called the internet that I have on my computer," band member Steve Soboslai told *Billboard's* Chris Payne in a tongue-in-cheek manner. "We'd wanted a video where our heads fell off and at the time it didn't make sense to cut off our heads for a live action video. Animation was the way to go and Devin was our man. He spent over 300 hours making our song come to life. It's the best song/video combo we've ever had as a band and we are most definitely thrilled."

The song, "Tell Me How You Sleep" is part of their new album, which drops in early December. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUrklHsVQaA&feature=player_embedded



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history and community.



Colorful, fascinating and entertaining movies are once again on the marquee for the Three Rivers Film Festival.

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Call For First Night Singers

An open call has been issued by the **Pittsburgh Cultural Trust** for student vocalists to perform in a sing-off competition at this year's First Night celebration.



Established in 1984, the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust (PCT) a non-profit arts organization whose mission is the cultural and economic revitalization of a 14-block arts and entertainment/residential neighborhood called the Cultural District. First Night is a licensed program of family-friendly New Year's Eve celebrations that began in Boston in 1975. The program came to Pittsburgh in the 1990s and is now produced by the PCT.

Students from grades 6 through 12 who are affiliated with a mid-

dle or high school in Southwestern Pennsylvania may submit a video audition performance of two songs. An internal panel will review all submissions and five finalists will be selected. This is the sixth year for the competition and rhythm & blues legend William "Smokey" Robinson Jr. will select the winner.

"I am thrilled to be a part of this exciting event that supports young talent and fosters arts education," Robinson says in a press release. "I look forward to reviewing the auditions and hearing from some of the region's most promising stars of the future." He won't be in Pittsburgh on December 31 but will announce the winner earlier that month.

Information is available at <http://www.TrustArts.org/FirstNightPgh>. The deadline is December 4.

Wiz Is Cited For [Insert Your Pun Here]

Pittsburgh rap superstar Cameron "Wiz Khalifa" Thomaz has been cited for public urination, reports the Associated Press (AP)

A city spokesperson told the AP that the incident happened on Saturday, October 10 at around 2:30 a.m. behind a bar on the city's south side called The Flats.

Khalifa, who maintains a home in the area, was in town to perform at the University of Pittsburgh's official kick off of their basketball season.





**THU
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This guy with the big, friendly smile is starring in "Servant of Two Masters" at the O'Reilly Theater.

**TUE
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Annalise Keating should consult the lead character in the hilarious musical comedy "A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder" at the Benedum Center.

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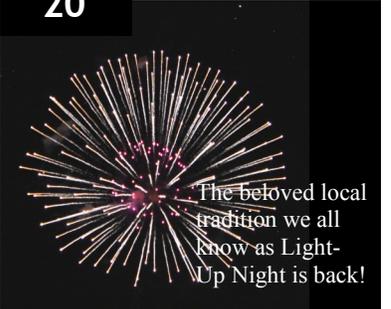


Fathers, daughters and politics collide on the City Theatre stage for the play "Sunset Baby."

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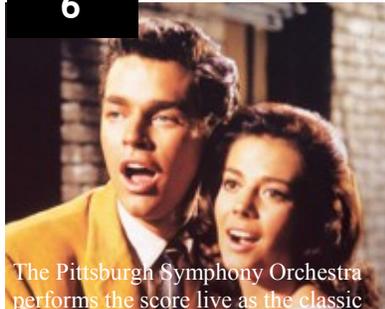
The beloved local tradition we all know as Light-Up Night is back!

**SAT
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Contemporary Christian singer Chris Tomlin brings his inspiring music to Consol Energy Center.

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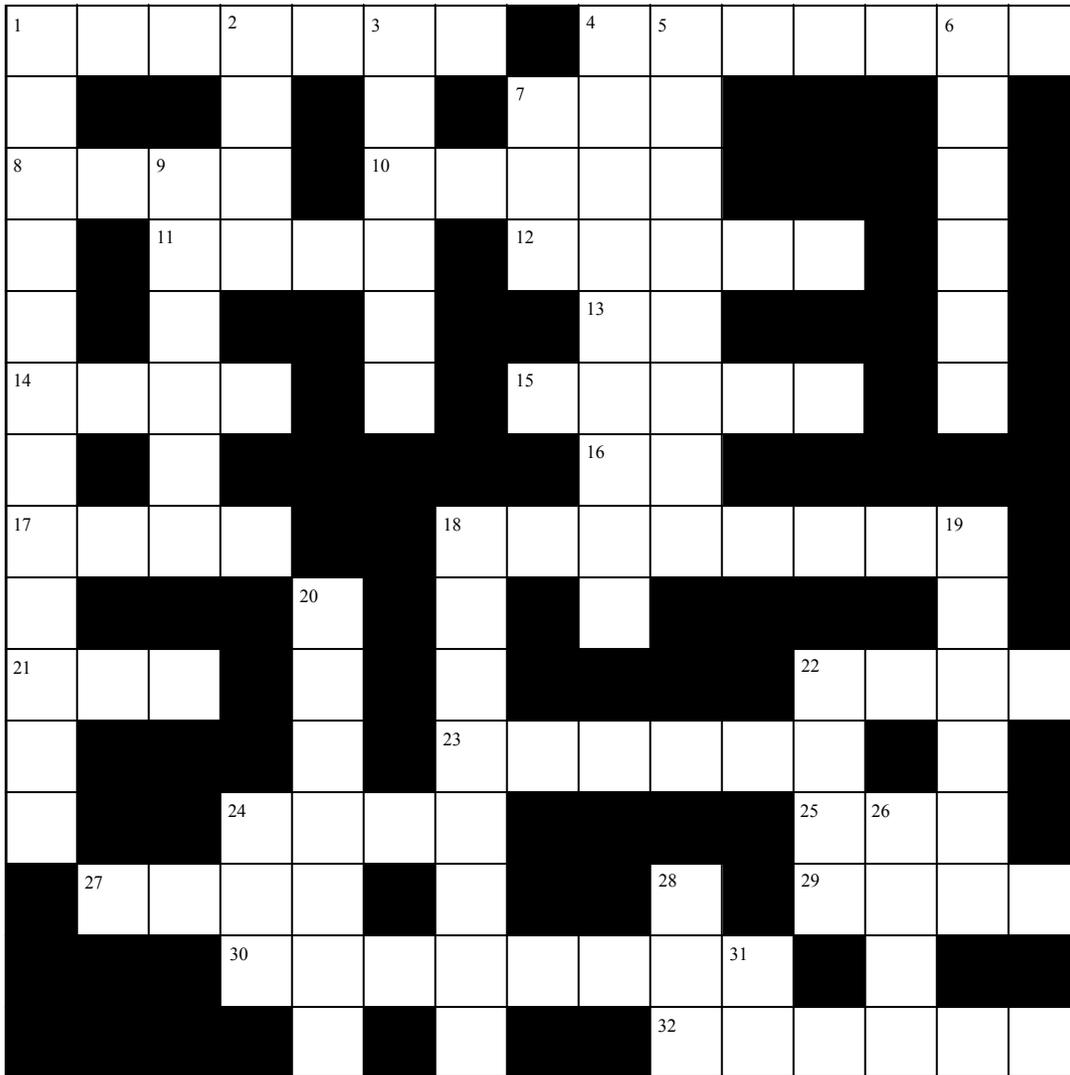


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4. The native who helped the settlers
7. Indie movie: “The ___ of Steve”
8. A plant begins as this
10. Famous Hitchcock film
11. Proof of real estate ownership
12. The sponsor of a famous 32-Across
13. Former British possession in Asia (abbr.)
14. Slang for gun
15. See 3-Down
16. The US Navy hull classification (abbr.)
17. Famed astronaut Sally ___
18. They celebrated the first Thanksgiving
21. ___ date
22. The bane of every day except Christmas
23. 1941, the year Congress fixed Thanksgiving to 1-Down (as the Romans would call it)
24. Capital of Norway
25. A little bite
27. What 6-Down is
29. A famous Spanish artist

30. Thanksgiving Day tradition
31. 12-Across sponsors a famous one in New York City on Thanksgiving.

DOWN

1. When Thanksgiving happens each November
2. Morse ___
3. She wrote the poem “Over the River & Through the Woods” (with 15-Across)
4. She convinced 1-Across to make his proclamation
5. Duck talk
6. Thanksgiving’s main meat
7. Totally Unimodular Matrix (abbr.)
9. He recorded the first Thanksgiving Day (with 20-Down)
18. Where the first Thanksgiving was held
19. Charlie Brown’s friend and flying ace
20. See 9-Down
22. More than hum
24. The Open Web Foundation (abbr.)
26. Really small amount
28. Swiss mountain
31. A big California city (abbr.)

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