

Children's Museum Partners With Pixar

A unique collaboration was announced on September 19 between the **Children's Museum of Pittsburgh** and the **Walt Disney Company's** Pixar Animation Studios.



Together, the museum and the studio are developing an interactive exhibit based on Pixar's popular 2015 film "Inside Out." The movie takes place in the head of a young girl trying to adjust to a new life after her family relocates to San Francisco. To provide

guidance, her mind has personified five emotions: joy, sadness, anger, fear and disgust.

A museum press release explains: "The exhibit, entitled 'Emotions at Play with Pixar's Inside Out', will offer visitors interactive experiences that will help them recognize, understand and balance their emotions while on an extraordinary adventure of storytelling and imagination."

"Our goal is to inspire visitors to understand more about their own imagination, memories, and emotions through the characters and world of our film" said "Inside Out" producer Jonas Rivera, in the press release. "Together with the team from the Children's Mu-

seum of Pittsburgh we've created interactive experiences where visitors will explore the inner workings of their own minds. What the museum has been able to do is truly impressive and we couldn't be more excited to see how the ideas in our film have been translated into an incredibly fun and meaningful exhibit."

The exhibition will premiere at Children's Museum of Pittsburgh on September 26, 2020, and begin its tour to museums and libraries across the country in May 2021.



Artists Drop Out Of Auction Fundraiser

The sexual harassment scandal that rocked the **Mattress Factory** continues to reverberate.



On September 30, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's* Marylyne Pitz and Mary Thomas reported that two artists have pulled out of the museum's upcoming auction fundraiser.

This scandal came to light in September 2018 when WESA-FM's

Bill O'Driscoll reported on allegations of sexual misconduct including two claims of rape. It happened at an especially bad time for the museum as its staff and supporters were still mourning the death of founder Barbara Luderowski. Complicating the matter further was the questionable way Luderowski's colleague and successor Michael Olijnyk handled the situation. Olijnyk was placed on temporary leave by the museum's board. [See [Pittsburgh Applause October 2018](#) - ed.]

Pitz and Thomas are reporting that artists Ann Hamilton and Kathleen Montgomery have acted in support of Olijnyk. "The failure

of the Board of Directors to support and defend its co-founder, Michael Olijnyk, is the reason for the withdrawal of my support," Montgomery wrote in an email quoted in the article. "The Mattress Factory to which I donated my work and supported for 40 years no longer exists."

The two reporters posted a second, more detailed article at <https://www.post-gazette.com/ae/art-architecture/2019/09/30/Mattress-Factory-art-museum-sexual-harassment-claims-NLRB-michael-Olijnyk-pittsburgh/stories/201909110178>

Mac Miller: Three Arrests

The authorities are making progress regarding the death of Pittsburgh rapper Malcom "Mac Miller" McCormick. The 26-year-old died of an accidental overdose at his California residence.

On September 4, Cameron James Pettit of Los Angeles was arrested. An affidavit alleges that the 23-year-old gave Miller counterfeit oxycodone pills laced with the powerful opioid fentanyl. A few weeks later, on September 25, a 36-year-old man named Ryan Reavis was charged with possession of marijuana and prescription drugs as well as two weapons. Although the authorities did not

explicitly say so, an Associated Press (AP) report suggests that Reavis may be connected with Miller's death.

The AP reported the following day that another man, Stephen Walter, is also suspected of selling counterfeit oxycodone pills laced with fentanyl that ended up with Miller.

Meanwhile, Miller's family and fans continue to move forward with efforts to keep the young artist's memory and contributions alive through the Mac Miller Fund.

Gov Awards

Four Pittsburgh artists were honored at this year's Governor's Awards for the Arts, reports the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's* Sharon Eberson.



The ceremony was held at the **August Wilson Center for African American Culture** --- the first time that the **Pennsylvania Council on the Arts** has held the event in a venue named for a past honoree.

Vanessa German was named Artist of the Year; Mary Brenholts of the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts was honored with in the Arts Leadership & Service/Arts Innovation category; and two Pittsburgh legends --- musicians Joe Negri and Roger Humphries Sr. -- were noted with Life Achievement honors.

The event featured many surprises, as Eberson details in her article which can be read by clicking <https://www.post-gazette.com/ae/theater-dance/2019/09/27/Gov-Wolf-Arts-Award-Pittsburgh-August-Wilson-Vanessa-German-Joe-Negri-Roger-Humphries/stories/201909270184>



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Emmy Oops: Wrong Pic

Talk about embarrassing.

The host-free broadcast of the 71st Emmy Awards included the traditional "In Memoriam" montage honoring those who have passed away during the preceding year. The segment is often controversial, usually for the people omitted (which this year included, among others, "Dallas" co-star Ken Kercheval).



One of artists in the montage was pianist and composer Andre Previn. The one-time principal

conductor for the **Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra** (PSO) had worked in nearly all media, including television.

But the person that millions of viewers saw on their screens wasn't Previn. It was fellow conductor and composer Leonard Slatkin --- who, at age 79, is still alive and active.

Slatkin has also been a PSO conductor.

At press time, the **National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences**, had not addressed the error.

Frick Names New ED

After a nine-month national search, the **Frick Pittsburgh** (a.k.a. the Frick Art & Historical Center) has named Dr. Elizabeth E. Barker as its new executive director.



The appointment makes Dr. Barker the institution's first female to hold the title.

A press release says: "Barker brings to Pittsburgh twenty-five years' leadership and curatorial experience at renowned museums including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the British Museum and Yale Center for British Art.

During her tenure at the Met, from 1994–2005, where she served as Associate Curator of Drawings and Prints, Barker led efforts to digitize collections and engage new audiences. Her 2001 William Blake retrospective featuring the Met's first audio tour for families with children and a reading and concert performance by the writer and musician Patti Smith became one of the year's most highly attended exhibitions."

Barker officially begins her new position on December 1.



WQED Wins Big @ MA Emmys

Pittsburgh media outlets --- especially **WQED Multimedia** --- dominated this year's Mid-Atlantic Emmy Awards, writes Mary Pickels for the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.



WQED walked away with an impressive 14 statuettes.

Most notably are the Community Service Award for "Future Jobs Initiative" and Best Documentary for "The Great Ride." KDKA-TV, WPXI-TV and WTAE-TV were also recognized for their coverage of the Tree of Life shooting.

"WQED is extremely honored to receive these Emmy Awards, especially awards for community service and best documentary," Pickels quotes WQED president and CEO Deborah Acklin. "The awards are truly testaments to the hard work of everyone at WQED who strives to produce programming that makes an impact on our community."

The ceremony was held in Pittsburgh on September 28. See the full list of honorees by clicking <https://natasmid-atlantic.org/2019-emmy-recipient/>

Student Web Series Hits Film Fests

Installments of a **Steeltown** project have been accepted by three film festivals.



That project is a web series called "Reel Teens." Now in its third season, "Reel Teens" features a group of student filmmakers who aim the camera at themselves and their lives. Episodes range in length from five to thirty minutes.

The most prominent of these is the 2019 All American High School Film Festival in New York City. Being held October 11 to 13, the festival awards over \$400,000 in prizes and scholarships. The season three opener of "Reel Teens" will be screened.

Locally, the CMU International Film Festival and the Reel Q film festival will be screening episodes.

The series is available at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNy1UAAglaV4EiDMsgHHLGg/featured>

NEP Buys AVS

Media technology company **NEP Group** has announced the purchase of **Aerial Video Systems (AVS)**.



Based in Pittsburgh, NEP Group provides technical services to content producers of live sports, entertainment, music and other video-related projects.

The California-based AVS offers a comprehensive range of high definition wireless camera sys-

tems, aerial productions and mobile audio/video solutions for sports, entertainment and film clients.

"We've worked alongside the AVS team for years and share a great deal of respect for their high-quality work and technology," said NEP's Dan Grainge in a press release. "AVS and NEP share similar service-oriented cultures that deliver exceptional results for our clients, so this will be a great fit for both organizations. We're excited to bring their high-end wireless solutions and talent to our clients."

Terms have not been disclosed and the deal awaits regulatory approval.

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AEA & Prods Agree

An agreement has been reached between the **Actors Equity Association** (AEA) and the **Broadway League**.

The union has hundreds of members in the Pittsburgh area, many of whom periodically work on Broadway.



"This agreement is a win for Equity members who will have stronger financial and workplace

security and for the entire industry as we have ensured that theatre can continue to grow and prosper on Broadway," said Mary McColl, Executive Director of Actors' Equity Association in a press release.

The release explains that the new terms "include compensation increases and improvements for stage managers and swings."

SAG-AFTRA & Agencies

Major changes regarding select "third party signatories" have been announced by **SAG-AFTRA**.



"Effective January 1, 2020," the union's statement says that "strict new rules that guarantee six of the advertising industry's largest signatory service companies --- who had previously been revoked --- will now operate as bona fide employers when hiring our union performers."

Now considered "true employers" by the union are CMC/Forecast, CMS Productions, Talent Direct, Talent Solutions, Checks in Motion and Waving Cat. Details are available at <https://www.sagaftra.org/union-announces-sweeping-changes->

[largest-third-party-signatories](#)

In other news, SAG-AFTRA has reached a tentative agreement with the major record labels covering music video performers. The three-year deal will be announced sometime in October after the union's national board has reviewed it.

SAG-AFTRA has also begun the process of developing protocols for intimacy coordinators. Nudity and sexual scenes (simulated and unsimulated) have become more common in productions, especially premium cable series. However, a lack of standardized rules have led to problematic incidents (often between directors and actors) that range from creative misunderstandings to allegations of sexual harassment.

WGA Radio Deal

An agreement has been reached between the **Writers Guild of America** (WGA) and **Entercom** that give some of the latter's employees a hefty raise.



Founded in 1968, Entercom has been primarily owned by **CBS Corporation** since a merger between CBS Radio and Entercom in 2017. The combined firm's assets include KDKA-AM and three other Pittsburgh radio stations.

Staff members at New York's WCBS, Chicago's WBBM and Los Angeles' KNX will see pay increases of as much as 19%.

Lowell Peterson, Executive Director of the Writers Guild of America, East, said in a press release: "This contract was won with incredible solidarity across three geographically separate stations. Together, we were able to secure a contract that makes significant financial gains and guarantees important workplace protections."



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CBS' New Net Starts

On September 9, **CBS Corporation** launched its newest network, Dabl.



Dabl (pronounced "dabble") is described by the company as "a new multiplatform, advertiser-supported lifestyle network." CBS is also touting it as "the first channel at CBS that is 100% built and operated in the cloud, delivered from the CBS media operations

platform that leverages automation and cloud-enabled technology."

The network is mixing second-run material with original programming. All of these shows are built around the "lifestyle" concept. The personalities involved include Emeril Lagasse, Martha Stewart, Kimberley Locke and Cesar Milan, among others.

Pittsburgh audiences can watch it on one of KDKA-TV's sub-channel, 2.3. The schedule is available at www.dabl.com

Fifth Avenue Place To Be Renovated

One of the commercial anchors of the Pittsburgh Cultural District is about to experience a massive renovation.

Completed in 1998, Fifth Avenue Place (FAP) serves as the headquarters to local non-profit giant **Highmark Health**.

A September 4 press release announced: "Highmark Health today announced an approximately \$20 million capital investment in building upgrades throughout its headquarters at Fifth Avenue Place in Downtown. The building upgrades, which include enhanced retail and dining experiences in the public-facing lobby areas on the first two floors, will take place over the next three years and will

support more than 100 construction jobs."

Designed with the district's history and environment, FAP features classic design elements that echo the former Jenkins Arcade (which once stood on the site) and the adjacent Joseph Horne Company department store (now called Penn Avenue Place). Unfortunately, a video preview made public (available at <https://app.frame.io/presentations/9985d03d-1dfc-49f4-a95f-8c8f298e15d4>) suggests that the plans call for stripping away that heritage.

Nevertheless, Highmark's Dan Onorato, is quoted in the press release as saying that the organi-

CBS Shuffle

With the upcoming re-merger between **CBS Corporation** and **Viacom**, the former is creating transition plans.



The company announced such plans for its marketing leadership. George Schweitzer, who has overseen TV series promotional launches the past three decades, has been named Chairman, CBS Marketing.

In addition, award-winning marketing executive Mike Benson is leaving Amazon Studios to join CBS as President and Chief Marketing Officer. Benson led the team that launched the promotional campaigns for hits such as "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" and "The Man in the High Castle,"

All of these changes are expected to be in place by the spring of 2020.

zation is "investing in and modernizing a space that has been a community asset for generations, dating back to the days of the Jenkins Arcade. With our new investment, this space will continue to be a community asset in a thriving Downtown region."





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Opportunities

The local chapter of **Women in Film & Media** (WIFM) is holding a training session for aspiring production assistants. It will be held at the Regional History Center on Saturday, October 12. Details and registration at www.wifmpit.org

The producers of the new independent film "Dear Zoe" are looking for assistants to work in the office in downtown Pittsburgh (**PMI Films**, 204 Fifth Avenue) during prep, and then during principal photography. Filming will take place October 11 through November 10. Please send resume and cover letter to Noah Livingston at NDL19@pitt.edu

Several engineering and support positions are currently available at **NEP Group**. See the full list by clicking <https://www.nepgroup.com/career/current-openings>

There are also several openings at **CBS Corporation's** KDKA-TV for both on-air and production. See the list at <https://cbscorporation.jobs/jobs/?location=Pittsburgh%2C+PA>

Downtown's Crime Stats



After a series of four stabbings (one fatal) during the summer in Downtown Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Cultural District, the city has made public some interesting information.



On September 12, the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police released what they call "a comprehensive look at calls for service and crime in the area over the last five years."

Among the findings is that the

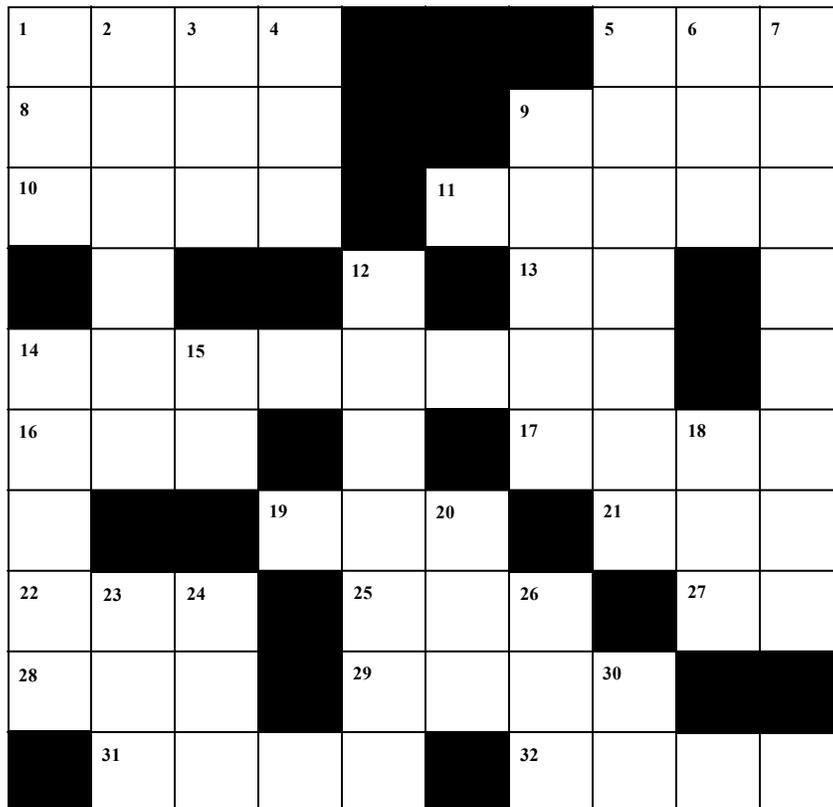
most common complaints made to the authorities involve non-violent actions such as disorderly conduct. In addition, robberies are down 67% compared to the average at this point in the year over the last 5 years.

Read the full report by clicking https://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/redtail/im-ages/7038_Downtown_Crime_Stats.pdf

Got news?
Send it to Jim!

Across

1. He sang title song for 1984 film
"Against All Odds" (with 5-Down)
5. Feline, commonly
8. "Party of Five" actress Campbell, to pals
9. Story with a funny climax
10. First Nations people
11. The fourth kind of tooth
13. A postulate of geometry, briefly
14. Mozart's womanizing don
16. Part of a play
17. Smokeless tobacco product
19. Lots of folks liked him in the 1950s
21. Do it on water or snow
22. Zsa Zsa and Magda's sister
25. Recently ended humor magazine
27. Quito's country code
28. Small, quick drink
29. "Star Trek" actor Eisenberg, to pals
31. Common chess piece
32. Star of 2017 "Greatest Showman"
(with 12-Down)



Down

1. Bank or Park
2. A descriptive word for an action by
Batman or Wonder Woman
3. TV show "Got a Secret" starter?
4. He's channeling Harry Houdini this
month (with 7-Down)
5. See 1-Down
6. Pseudonym letters
7. See 4-Down
9. Artist Jasper, being featured at Carnegie
Museum of Art
12. See 32-Down
14. Microsoft co-founder Bill
15. It comes before NT in the Bible
18. Tiny Tim's instrument, briefly
20. An organ for listening
23. Privileged letters?
24. Hot "Riverdale" star KJ
26. Homer Simpson's common response
30. Chinese ethnic people

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