

Health Causes Acklin To Leave WQED

Long-time **WQED** President Deborah Acklin has left her post due to a health crisis, the public broadcaster announced on September 30.



WQED

According to an online post, Acklin has had “a diagnosis of non-smoker’s lung cancer” and must “focus on essential medical treatments.” The station did not provide any details. However, the web site for Yale Medicine (a clinic operated by the medical school at **Yale University**) ex-

plains that “as many as 20 percent of people in the United States who died from lung cancer in 2018 --- a total of roughly 30,000 people --- never smoked.” The clinic has more information about this phenomenon [here](#).

The station’s posting praises Acklin: “Among her many achievements, she led WQED out of crippling debt and functional bankruptcy to become a financially thriving multimedia powerhouse. Her tenure is also marked with unprecedented pro-

fessional awards recognition for producing meaningful content at the local, national and international levels, as well as building and nurturing a nationally recognized education department.”

A search committee has been formed to find her replacement. WQED’s full announcement can be read by clicking [here](#).

Kennywood Ups Security

Pittsburgh’s beloved Kennywood amusement park has reopened with heightened security, several media outlets have reported.



On September 24, two teenage boys and a 39-year-old man were injured during a shooting incident near one of the rides. At press time, no one has been taken into custody and it is speculated that the gun was brought into the park by tossing it over a vest.

The historic park is currently owned by a division of the Spanish amusement company **Parques Reunidos**.

WESA-FM’s Oliver Morrison explains that Kennywood will “double the number of officers present” and that everyone “under the age of 18 will now have to be chaperoned by an adult at least 21 years of age.” The park already requires with groups of four or more children to register. [Read Morrison’s article to learn more.](#)



Carnegie Membership Peaks

Carnegie International Gets Art World's Attention

Just as the art world directs its attention to the current Carnegie International, the **Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh** (CMP) has announced that its membership has reached a record 34,780.



COVID-19 resulted in the loss of thousands of members. Now the number has exceeded the institution's pre-pandemic level. "Building back and diversifying our member base after such a challenging period is certainly something to celebrate," said CMP's Steven Knapp in a press release. "We could not have predicted the speed with which our member community would more than restore itself. Over the past year, many members who had let their memberships expire have returned, and thousands more have become first-time members."

The focus is, of course, on the recently opened Carnegie International. Tara Fay Coleman, writing for Atsy.net, has identified what she calls "8 standout artists" at the 58th installment. These include Pittsburgh artist and community health worker LaToya Ruby Frazier whose "photographic installation focuses on the health workers she connected with over a three-month period in Baltimore" during the pandemic. She has also highlighted the late feminist artist/writer Kate Millett (1934-2017). "Her cage sculptures included in the exhibition explore the notion of confinement through various themes, including domesticity, the patriarchy and systems of oppression." Coleman's full article is available [here](#).

In other news, the Carnegie Science Center (CSC) has announced a new permanent exhibition.

The 7,400-square-foot "Mars: The Next Giant Step" will explore how resource management, climate and social issues can affect humanity's future on Earth and, later, Mars.

"This exhibit will not be cut and dry historical facts about Mars," said CSC's Marcus A. Harshaw in a press release. "Visitors will operate remote-controlled Martian rovers to track down water sources, collectively vote on the direction of an imagined Martian settlement, and discover how to adjust popular food recipes on Earth to make comparable meals on Mars. 'Mars: The Next Giant Leap' is future-oriented and highlights the impact local space research companies have on plans to inhabit Mars." The \$4.48 million exhibition opens to the public on November 19.

Vanessa German Wins Heinz Award

Pittsburgh visual and performance artist Vanessa German has been honored with the Heinz Award for the Arts.

The Heinz Awards were introduced in 1993 and are presented by the **Heinz Family Foundation**. Given annually, they recognize individual achievements in arts, economy and entertainment. The program was instituted to

honor the member of United States Senator H. John Heinz III (1938-1991).

German's work "confronts racism, violence, homophobia and hate, while also expressing hope for healing," states the program's web site. She is among the seven recipients who are each receiving an unrestricted cash prize of \$250,000. Details are on [the web site](#).

"I feel like I just sort of made up a life that I could fit in, that I could fall in love in, that I could share love in," German is quoted by WESA-FM's Bill O'Driscoll. "And that life brought me to a place where other people experience my work in a way that is respected and honored."

However, O'Driscoll reports that German is leaving Pittsburgh. [Find out why through his article.](#)

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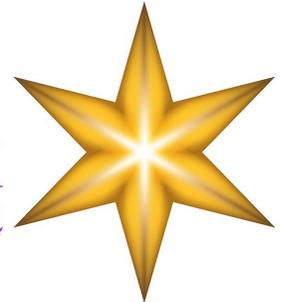
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FCC Fines

The **Federal Communications Commission** (FCC) is proposing to hit **Sinclair Broadcast Group** (SBG) with \$2.65 million fine for violating the Children's Programming Commercial Rules. The news was reported September 21 by [Ted Johnson on Deadline.com](#).



SBG admitted to breaking the rules regarding the number of minutes of commercial time in children's programming. In this case, it involved Hot Wheels commercials airing during episodes of "Team Hot Wheels." The company owns two Pittsburgh television stations.

Fines are also proposed for other companies in the case bringing the total to \$3.4 million.

WAMO Promotion

Public affairs producer and on-air personality KiKi Brown has been promoted, **Audacy** announced on September 26.

Brown has been named Assistant Brand Manger and Music Director at WAMO. She continues as host during weekday afternoons along with producing the series "What's Good in Your Hood?" The series also airs on the four other local Audacy stations.



In other news, Audacy announced nearly two weeks earlier that Terri Gunnell has been named Executive Vice President of Advertising Technology, Products and Platforms. "In this role," the company explains, "Gunnell will lead the teams responsible for advertising technology, products and platforms for Audacy's revenue organization, providing business-focused use cases and requirements for vendors and ad tech engineers to ensure that the platforms meet business needs."

Gunnell's 20-year career includes an extensive stint at what is now **Warner Bros. Discovery**.



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Union Supports Music Bill

On September 22, Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and Alex Padilla (D-CA) have introduced the proposed American Music Fairness Act (AMFA). A similar bill has already been brought to the United States House of Representatives.

SAG-AFTRA

An online posting by **SAG-AFTRA** explains that the proposed legislation “rectifies an injustice that has existed for decades: despite the hundreds of

billions of dollars that Big Radio behemoths like **iHeartRadio** and **Cumulus** have been paid by advertisers, they have never shared a penny of that money with artists. Across the country, thousands of artists and music creators work to build a career to support their families by playing the music they love --- but the rules are rigged against them.”

The law would require large AM/FM radio stations and major group owners to pay the artists whose songs they play to fill their airwaves. Special rates and exemptions will be available for smaller stations and nonprofit broadcasters. Details are available on a [special web site](#).

iHeart Promotion

D.J. Hodge has been promoted by **iHeart Media** and is now Metro President for Cincinnati and Pittsburgh. The company made the announcement September 9. His portfolio includes 15 radio stations of various formats and their complementary digital media.



“I look forward to supporting [the Pittsburgh team] in their continued growth and success with our brands and massive audiences in that region,” Hodge is quoted in a press release.

The company has also announced that Michael Biondo has been elevated to President of Business Development & Strategic Partnerships; and that continual news with a Black voice and perspective, announced today that Andrea Coleman has been promoted to Vice President of News Operations at the Black Information Network.



New Floor

The very busy and historic stage at the Benedum Center has gotten a new floor, reports Paul Guggenheimer for the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.

Made of Douglas Fir, the floor hasn't been overhauled in over two decades. “If not for the pandemic, which had prevented yearly maintenance . . . the problem likely would have been addressed sooner,” Guggenheimer explains. It took more than 700 combined hours of labor to upgrade the stage.

To learn more, [read the full article](#).

Prime Stage Honored

Local nonprofit **Prime Stage Theatre** (PST) has received a 2022 Audio Description Achievement Award by the **American Council of the Blind**.

Formed in 1961, the American Council of the Blind seeks to achieve independence and equality for the blind and visually impaired.

“Visual elements can be very important to telling the story beyond what you hear,” PST audio describer Nathan Ruggles told the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review's* Patrick Varine. “Everything from costumes to sets, to character appearance and the action taking place during the show itself.

PST's audio-described performances take place on select Sundays. Learn more by reading [Varine's article](#).

KDKA & “Mayor” News

KDKA-TV is among the CBS television stations licensing content to the NewsOn local news streaming service.



CBS is a division of **Paramount Global** which also owns WPCW-TV. NewsOn is a division **Sinclair Broadcast Group**, which also owns two Pittsburgh television stations.

“We are excited to distribute our 13 local streaming channels on NewsON,” said CBS’ Sahand Sepehrnia in a press release. “[NewsOn general manager Ron Stitt] and the team are innovators and true champions of local news, and we are optimistic that the addition of our streaming channels will help expand their consumer offering and grow our audience.”

In other news: Deadline.com’s Rosy Cordero reports that Gratiela Brancusi and Lane Garrison have joined the cast of “Mayor of Kingstown.” The series is shot in Pittsburgh and is co-produced by another Paramount Global division, MTV Entertainment Studios.



Film Academy College Fair

A new generation of aspiring filmmakers can discover educational opportunities at a college fair organized by the WQED Film Academy (formerly Steeltown).

The fair is aimed at high school students curious about pursuing a career in filmmaking, broadcasting and digital arts. Nearly two dozen institutions are participating, including **Carnegie Mellon University, Point Park University, the Cornish College of the Arts and Temple University.**



Students can opt to participate in-person or virtually. They can meet representatives at **WQED** on October 15 or online (via Zoom) October 17. More information, or to register, click [here](#).

The WQED Film Academy is also accepting middle school students to fall sessions. Details are available by clicking [here](#).



Images



Late local musician Kip Lieber is honored at a charity concert on October 21 at the Thunderbird Café.



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MAR 22	APR 22	MAY 22	JUN 22	JUL 22	AUG 22	STATION	NAME	FORMAT	OWNER	CUME
8.8	8.7	9.3	10.1	9.9	9.9	WDVE-FM	102.5 DVE	Rock	iHeartMedia	398,400
11.4	10.4	9.7	9.5	10.1	9.7	WWSW-FM	94.5 3WS	Classic Hits	iHeartMedia	541,200
8.5	9.0	8.5	7.9	8.2	7.6	WRRK-FM	96.9 Bob FM	Adult Hits	Saul Frischling	474,700
2.4	2.3	3.3	3.7	3.5	5.6	WLTJ-FM	Q92.9	Hot AC	Saul Frischling	214,000
7.6	7.1	6.8	5.3	5.0	5.5	KDKA-FM	93.7 The Fan	Sports	Audacy	224,900
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4.3	5.0	4.5	5.4	5.4	4.2	WKST-FM	96.1 Kiss	CHR	iHeartMedia	314,100
4.4	4.7	4.7	4.0	4.0	4.0	WBZZ-FM	100.7 Star	Hot AC	iHeartMedia	296,000
2.4	2.5	1.8	2.4	2.5	3.5	WESA-FM	90.5 WESA	Public News/Talk	Pittsburgh Community Broadcasting	77,500
3.4	3.5	3.7	3.8	4.1	3.5	WPGB-FM	Big 104.7	Country	iHeartMedia	166,700
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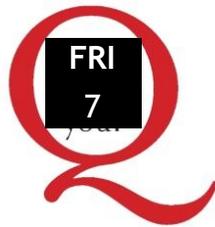
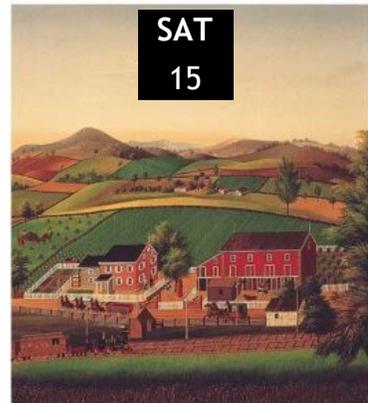


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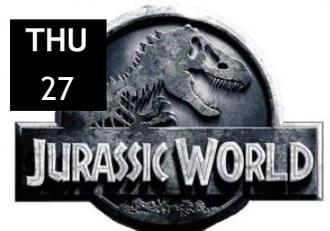
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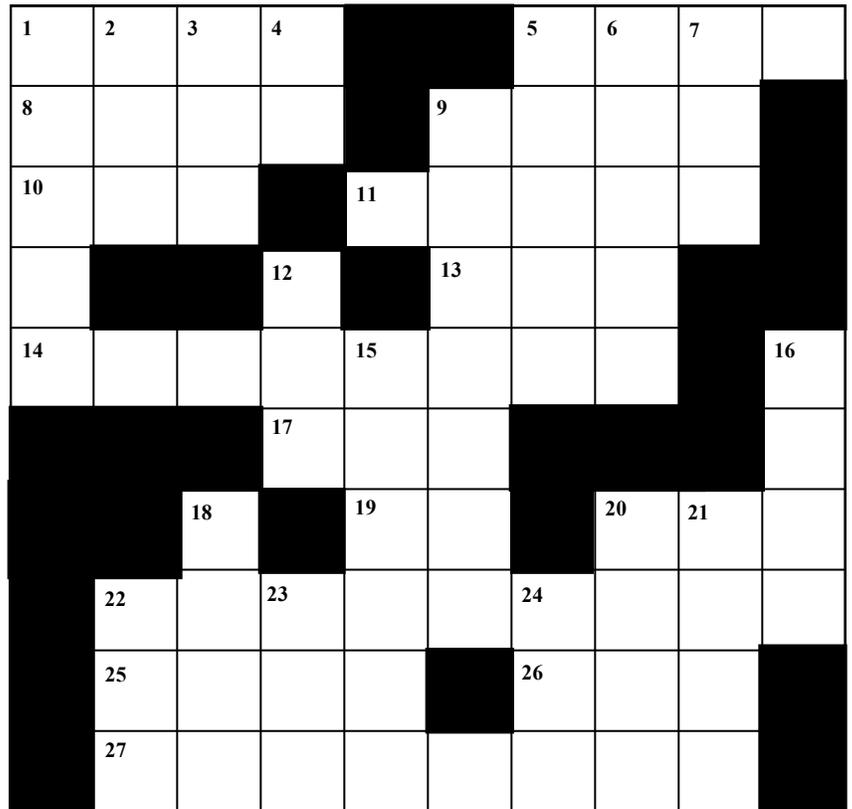


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8. Where Gretel puts the witch while saving Hansel
9. Health or contract
10. Male parent
11. Part of an act
13. Vietnamese new year
14. Cartoon family our space aliens meet every Halloween
17. Casual positive response
19. Jazz, metal or gaze music
20. Map abbreviation
22. Dusting and making beds at a hotel
25. Camp, Karenina or Faris
26. Egyptian princess and probable wife of Jeroboam (per the *Septuagint*)
27. Home world of our two space aliens



Down

1. One of two cartoon space aliens
2. Gardner, DuVernay or Barber
3. 14-Across' neighbor
4. Mexican criminal organization, initially
5. The skin color of our two space aliens
6. Raves partner?
7. Beer relative
9. Earth creature each space alien resembles
12. Secret agent
15. Sweet day?
16. They are to inherit the Earth (per *Matthew*)
18. Behr, Garcia or Stevenson
20. Benise, Horn or Stoneman
21. Picard's empath
22. Disfigure
23. Dutch financial giant, with "Group"
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