

Contentious SAG-AFTRA Election Ends

Gabrielle Carteris has won re-election as national president of **SAG-AFTRA**. She is best known for appearing in the television series "Beverly Hills 90210" (1990-2000). Carteris has been national president since the death of actor Ken Howard (1994-2016), who was president until his death.



Camryn Manheim, best known for her Emmy Award winning role of "The Practice" (1997-2004), was elected secretary-treasurer.

Voting levels were less than impressive. According to a union press release issued on August 29, more than 145,000 members received ballots for the national positions. Only 21% were returned by the deadline. This is only slightly higher than the previous election.

The moderate Carteris' biggest challenger was the more progressive candidate Matthew Modine -of "ER" (1994 - 2009). A lesser known candidate, actress and stunt performer Jane Austin may have been a spoiler.

Variety's Dave McNary has described the contest as "one of the most bitter election campaigns in memory, including multiple accusations of misconduct." His detailed coverage can be read at <https://variety.com/2019/film/news/gabrielle-carteris-re-elected-sag-aftra-president-1203317371/>

However, Modine's supporters won some key contests as *The Hollywood Reporter's* Jonathon Handel explains at <https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/sag-aftra-reelects-gabrielle-carteris-as-president-1235224>

The Los Angeles Times' Wendy Lee writes that "the election results also underscored deep divisions in the union that could pose a challenge to Carteris in her next term." These divisions will likely complicate future contract negotiations, especially for new media. They may also explain the lackluster participation, which can be found at all levels. For example, the Ohio-Pittsburgh local of SAG-AFTRA is among the 25 union locals where the president was "declared elected without the necessity of a membership vote"

David Robb wrote about the situation for Deadline. The designation refers to presidential candidates who ran unopposed. It's even worse for five locals --- Colorado, Dallas-Fort Worth, Portland, Seattle and the Twin Cities --- where officers and board members ran without any challengers.

All election results are available at <https://www.sagaftra.org/about/governance/2019-sag-aftra-elections>

Two Big State Grants

The state's 2019 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program is granting \$1 million to the **Children's Museum of Pittsburgh**, reports the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's* Sharon Ebersson.



Ebersson writes that the grant will "help create a direct connection from the [museum's] North Side building to its newest project, MuseumLab." Read more at <https://www.post-gazette.com/ae/art-architecture/2019/08/02/Pittsburgh-Children-s-Museum-receives-million-from-state-MuseumLab/stories/201908020110>

The same program is contributing \$500,000 to **Contemporary Craft** to purchase and renovate its new facility. *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's* M. Thomas has more at <https://www.post-gazette.com/ae/art-architecture/2019/08/02/Pittsburgh-Children-s-Museum-receives-million-from-state-MuseumLab/stories/201908020110>



Pittsburgh To Host Governor's Award

For the first time since 1997, Pittsburgh is hosting the Governor's Awards for the Arts. The announcement was made on August 22 by the **Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council** (GPAC).

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"It has been 22 years since the Governor's Awards for the Arts have been hosted in Pittsburgh, and a lot has changed in the city within that time," said GPAC's

Mitch Swain said in a press release. "We're thrilled to have the opportunity to showcase our city's vibrant arts and culture community to the rest of the state, all while celebrating the incredible work of this year's honorees."

The ceremony will be held September 27 at the **August Wilson African American Cultural Center**. Read the full press release by clicking <https://www.pittsburgharts council.org/about/news/25-press-releases/5156-pittsburgh-to-host-2019-governors-awards-for-the-arts-on-sept-27>

In other GPAC news, the organization has announced \$84,985 in

awards as part of its Artist Opportunity Grant and Lift Grant programs. Among the largest is \$20,000 to Edda Fields-Black and John Wineglass to complete "Unburied, Unmourned, Unmarked: Requiem for Rice," an original contemporary, classical music composition and the first full symphonic work written about slavery.

Solomon Leaving KST

Janera Solomon is leaving the **Kelly-Strayhorn Theater**, reports Emyle Watkins for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

In a telephone interview with Watkins, the long-time executive director explains that this is the "time for my family, time to enjoy my neighborhood."

Solomon's impressive eleven-year tenure is marked by accomplishments like increasing its budget and programming. Regarding her successor, she advises that it be someone who is "passionate about your work."

Read the full article at <https://www.post-gazette.com/ae/theater-dance/2019/08/02/Kelly->

Warhol Work Divides Two Brothers

A Warhol work celebrating an important moment in American history has caused a bitter split between two brothers, reports *Art-News'* Tessa Solomon.

The piece in question is a print called "Moonwalk." It was created by Pittsburgh pop art icon Andy Warhol (1928-1987) a few months before his death. The two-piece "Moonwalk" is the result of merged stills featuring astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and the American flag to honor him as one of the first two men to walk on the moon [the other was Neil Armstrong, who died in 2012 - Ed.].

In 1999, brother Frank and Keith Donaldson purchased "Moonwalk" with Frank housing both parts. But in 2018, writes Solomon, Keith asked for his half --- only to learn that Frank sold both parts in 2016 for \$200,000 (which he kept for himself).

Keith Donaldson has filed suit. No court date has been set yet.



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O'Donnell Fellowship Finalists Announced

Six finalists have been selected by **Point Park University** (PPU) for the inaugural Doris O'Donnell Innovations in Investigative Reporting Fellowship.



The selected journalist will have six months to produce and publish (or broadcast) the final story or series of stories. In addition, the honoree will be required to come to Point Park University's Downtown Pittsburgh campus three times, which includes an event to celebrate their work. He/she will also receive \$20,000.

PPU's Center for Media Innovation manages and awards the fellowship. It is named in honor of pioneering journalist Doris O'Donnell (1921-2015), whose impressive career spanned more than five decades at the *Greensburg Tribune-Review* and the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

Three of the six are from Pittsburgh, which includes Matt Stroud, who founded *Postindustrial Magazine* in May 2019. The other two are WESA-FM's Maria Rose and free-lance journalist Nick Kepler.

"In the first year of this fellowship, our goals were simple --- to attract a wide-ranging and diverse set of submissions from all around the country that would highlight

stories not otherwise being told," Andrew Conte, director of the Center for Media Innovation said in a press release. "I could not be happier with the results. The six finalists have presented plans to tell ambitious, important stories from Alaska to right here in Pittsburgh."

Also among the finalists are Sergio Chapa of the *Houston Chronicle*, Erica Hensley of *Mississippi Today* and environmental reporter Douglas Fischer.

The winner will be announced Tuesday, Sept. 10, during an event at the Center for Media In-

Morgan Closing

After more than two decades, the respected **Morgan Contemporary Glass Gallery** is to close. The news was reported by *Pittsburgh City Paper's* Amanda Waltz.

"While the city will still have glass arts in the form of the **Pittsburgh Glass Center**," writes Waltz, "the closing of Morgan marks the loss of one of the city's few niche galleries and a longtime storefront staple of the Shadyside neighborhood."

Gallery owner Amy Morgan hasn't given a reason for closing her gallery, which will happen sometime in October. Read more at <https://www.pghcitypaper.com/pittsburgh/morgan-contemporary-glass-gallery-to-close-in-october/Content?oid=15643993>

Remerger Terms Finalized

As long expected, **CBS Corporation** and **Viacom** announced on August 13 that they have come to terms on a re-merger.



CBS Corporation owns two television stations and co-owns four radio stations in Pittsburgh. The re-combined company will be called ViacomCBS Inc.

Meanwhile, CBS continues to expand its new media presence. The company announced on August 8 that its adding a slate of children's programming to its

CBS All Access platform. A press release says that this will include "exclusive original series and more than 1,000 episodes of library programming" such as "Inspector Gadget."

The company is speeding up its roll-out of its collection of local direct-to-consumer streaming news services called CBSN. This includes Pittsburgh, which will tap into the news staff at KDKA-TV.



CMU & Point Park Grads Big On Broadway

Two Pittsburgh universities have made it to Playbill.com's annual list of this year's top 10 most represented schools on Broadway.

Carnegie Mellon University



The editors looked at every actor who performed in a Broadway show from July 23, 2018, through May 29, 2019. College attendance data was pulled from publicly available sources

Ranked #3 is **Carnegie Mellon University**. Alumni such as Matt Bomer, Ethan Hawke, Cherry Jones and Zachary Quinto and several others all appeared on the

boards. Coming in at #9 is **Point Park University** which was represented by Jessica Ernest, Jordan Grubb, Jeff Kuhr and Katie Sexton, among others.

“Students graduate from our conservatory professionally prepared and industry-ready,” said Point Park's Steven Breese, in a press release. “Our robust and consistent representation on Broadway stages reflects the superb training provided by our outstanding faculty, professional Playhouse staff, and nationally recognized guest artists.”

Check out the full article by clicking <https://www.playbill.com/article/big-10-2019-the-10-most-represented-colleges-on-broadway?fbclid=IwAR2PEvqMt8-5Yp14tw5Ce4IFRsj5dIOwBEyy-IK1vwo44tFS3iliQE7ExMH8>

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The ranking below is based only on Playbill.com's count of alumni that performed on Broadway during the 2018-2019 season.

1. New York University
2. University of Michigan
3. **Carnegie Mellon University**
4. The Juilliard School
5. American Musical & Dramatic Academy
6. University of Cincinnati
7. Boston University
8. Northwestern University
9. **Point Park University**
10. Oklahoma City University

Equity Names New RD

Aaron Thompson has been named Eastern Regional Director of the **Actors' Equity Association** (AEA).

The region covers members in 20 states, including Pennsylvania, along with the District of Columbia. Because of its size, the Eastern Region operates two fully staffed offices in New York and Orlando. Thompson will be in charge of collective bargaining, contract administration and member relations.



“Aaron brings with him many years of experience in the theatre industry. This experience, as well as his knowledge of other union contracts, will benefit not only the eastern region, but the entire Association,” said Executive Director Mary McColl in a press release.

Thompson had been the Deputy General Manager of Lyric Theatre, an **Ambassador Theatre Group** venue.



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PSO Taps Mustain

Kyle Mustain has been selected by the **Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra** (PSO) to take the position of Principal English Horn.

Mustain received a bachelor's degree from the **Curtis Institute of Music** and a Master's degree from **Yale University**. Through the years, he has been with the **Houston Symphony** and **Indianapolis Symphony** as well as the **Orquestra Filarmonica de Minas Gerais** in Brazil.

The musician most recently served as Principal English Horn at the **Oregon Symphony**. He begins with the PSO this month.



"90210" Stars Coming

Pittsburgh has been selected as one of the 13 cities for the "Jennie Garth & Tori Spelling Live" traveling show.

Actresses and close friends Jennie Garth and Tori Spelling will share stories and answer audience questions primarily about their time on the hit television series "Beverly Hills 90210" (1990-2000).

We've wanted to have that one-on-one experience with our fans who have supported us through-

out the years," Garth explains in a statement. "Each night on stage, we're going to have a brand new show, sharing laughs, playing games, drinking a cocktail, answering your questions and, of course, telling you all of our 90210 stories. What could be better than hitting the road with my best friend?"

For more information, click <http://pghevents.net/events/jennie-garth-tori-spelling-live/>



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Sexy young singer Colm Keegan is among the headliners of this year's Pittsburgh Irish Festival.



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Sinclair Finalizes Buy

The owner of two Pittsburgh television stations, **Sinclair Broadcast Group** (SBG), has completed its purchase of 21 regional sports networks (RSN).



These regional webs have a tangled ownership history. They are rooted in **Prime Ticket**, a Los Angeles regional channel launched in 1985 by professional sports investor Jerry Buss (1933-2013) and cable television pioneer Bill Daniels (1920-2000). Investors, partners, mergers and name alterations followed until 1996. The company was then owned by **News Corporation** and **Liberty Media Corporation** which rebranded it Fox Sports Net. (Some

parts were sold to **AT&T**). It was rebranded again in 2004 as FSN. When News Corp split to create **21st Century Fox** in 2013, FSN became part of the latter.

Another change occurred in 2017 when the **Walt Disney Company** offered to buy 21st Century Fox for \$52.4 billion. However, since Disney owns ESPN, federal officials required the sale of FSN. This is where SBG stepped in.

"The transaction ascribed a total enterprise value to the RSNs equal to \$10.6 billion," explains an SBG press release. "After adjusting for minority interests, reflects an aggregate purchase price of \$9.6 billion.

They will eventually be rebranded under yet another name.

Movie Theater Project

Work is proceeding apace to convert a former health club into a multi-screen cinema, reports the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's* Mark Belko.



The building in question started as a vaudeville theater, called the Alvin, which opened in 1891. But for the past thirty years, it has been primarily a health club (originally City Club and later part of the Bally Total Fitness chain).

A project of the **Pittsburgh Cultural Trust**, the facility will have "six screens --- with seating for 40 to 100 people, all showing first-run movies --- stretched over two floors. There will be luxury seating as well as a bar and restaurant, perhaps featuring local chefs, dishing out much more than standard fare like popcorn, candy and sodas."

Read Belko's full article at <https://www.post-gazette.com/business/development/2019/08/27/What-s-happening-with-Bally-site-Movie-Theater-Pittsburgh-Cultural-Trust-Sixth/stories/201908270058>

PGH Writer Jumps to VF

Pittsburgh native and former *Entertainment Weekly* writer Anthony Breznican has been hired by *Vanity Fair* as a special correspondent.

The news was first reported on August 22 by the *Hollywood Reporter's* Chris Gardner. Breznican left Entertainment Weekly in June when the magazine downsized to a monthly (while still being called "weekly").

According to Gardner, "Breznican started his career with the Associated Press, covering breaking news out of his hometown of Pittsburgh. A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Breznican stayed with the outlet when he moved to Los Angeles and remained on the hard news beat, reporting about wildfires and crime before adding politics and the movie business to his coverage oversight."

Read the full article at <https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/rambling-reporter/vanity-fair-hires-ew-writer-anthony-breznican-promotes-hillary-busis-1233874>





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Opportunities

The television contest series "American Idol" will be in Pittsburgh on September 7. Additional information was unavailable at press time. Visit <https://abc.go.com/shows/american-idol/auditions>

The Carnegie Museum of Art (part of the **Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh**) is seeking a new marketing director. A Bachelor's degree in marketing, communications or related field and at least seven years of marketing experience is required. Details are at <https://usr56.dayforcehcm.com/CandidatePortal/en-US/car/Posting/View/1764>

CBS Corporation's KDKA has openings for a digital web producer as well as those in promotion and news production. See the full list at <https://cbscorporation.jobs/jobs/?location=Pittsburgh%2C+PA>

Opportunities at the **Children's Museum of Pittsburgh** include a communications director and a coordinator at the makeshop. See <https://pittsburghkids.org/job/jobs>

City Theatre is looking for a house manager/bartender and part-time electricians. Details at <https://citytheatrecompany.org/about/auditions-and-employment/>

An upcoming film production has a paid offering for the director's personal assistant. The **Pittsburgh Film Office** (PFO) has posted the info at <https://www.pghfilm.org/listing/wanted-personal-assistant-to-director-of-feature-film-in-pittsburgh-pa/> The PFO also has a list of casting opportunities at <https://www.pghfilm.org/for-crew-and-talent/casting-notice/>



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‘Burgh Lags In Streaming

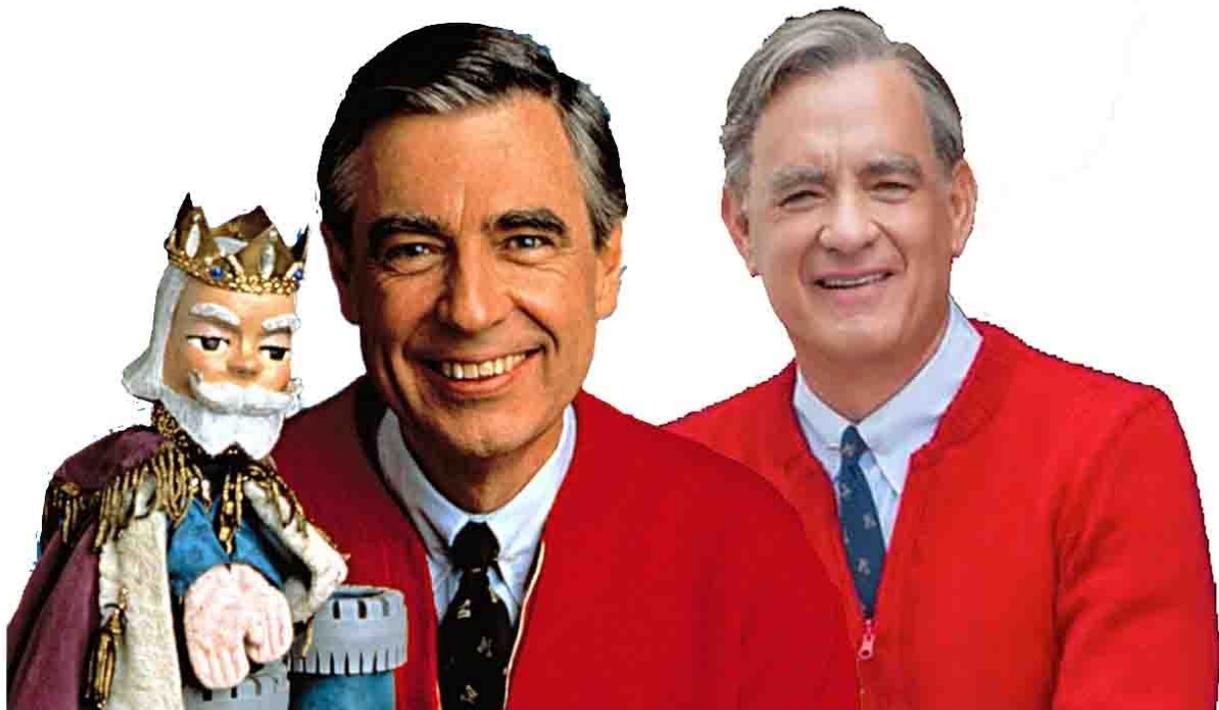
Pittsburghers have joined the streaming world at a lower rate than the nation, reports Jon Lafayette for *Broadcasting + Cable*.

According to a new report from **The Nielsen Company**, the number of adults watch streaming media at least two hours each day has gone from 40% in 2017 to 56% in 2019. However, only 45% of Pittsburgh adults stream.

Lafayette writes: "Nielsen says

that 77% of streamers have access to broadcast stations and cable networks through traditional distributors and virtual MVPDs. Linear broadcast stations are watched by 82% of streamers and almost 90% watch linear cable network."

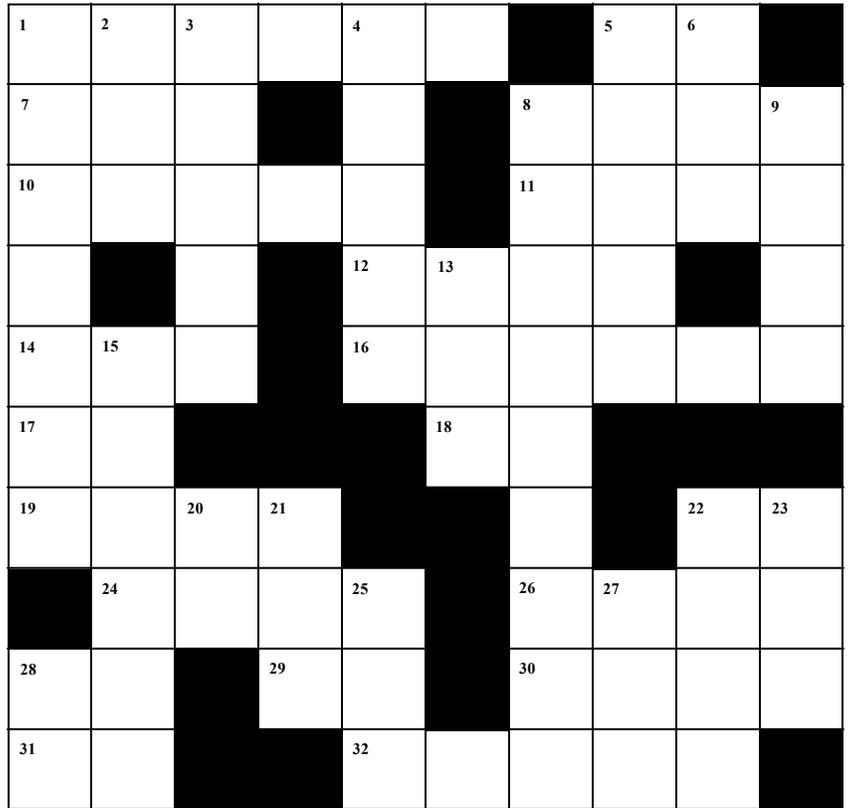
Read the full article at <https://www.broadcastingcable.com/news/56-of-u-s-adults-now-streaming-nielsen>



YouTube Trailer

Across

1. A famous brainy quote (part 1 of 3)
5. Government prosecutor, briefly
7. Famous Latin phrase “___ culpa”
8. Voyage
10. Famous TV writer who penned the play at the O’Reilly (with 16-Across)
11. Employ
12. Balanced
14. University green?
16. See 10-Across
17. Common negative response
18. State south of SD
19. More than one Pressley?
22. Ma’s usual counterpart
24. Famous Russian mountain range
26. Presidential shape?
28. The other side of AM?
29. State east of NH
30. Stir up
31. Iron’s chemical symbol
32. Robert Fulton’s engine type



Down

1. John Lennon’s 1971 album
2. Hot or iced beverage
3. Late actor/magician Anderson, to pals
4. English rapper Courtney Freckleton’s stage name
5. Martini or cocktail
6. Breathing necessity
8. A famous brainy quote (part 2 of 3)
9. Lowly one
13. German noble particle
15. Radio or speaker knob
20. It usually requires special goggles, briefly
21. A famous brainy quote (conclusion)
22. Something a seer reads?
23. Brewed beverage
25. Legendary jazz guitarist Paul, to pals
27. Latin word for a Roman road
28. VCR button

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