

WQED/WQEJ-FM
QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT
(For the period of October thru December, 2021)

GENERAL NOTES:

WQED/WQEJ-FM broadcasts 24 hours a day. WQED/WQEJ-FM news broadcasts occur from one minute to six minutes after the top of the hour during these hours (Eastern Time):

Monday through Friday: 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 12pm, 4pm, 5pm, and 6pm.

Saturday: 12pm.

All newscasts include three minutes of BBC News from London, England, followed by one to two minutes of local and regional cultural related news coverage between 6am and 9am.

All items in this report have been summarized from the news and business reports read by WQED/WQEJ-FM Announcers, and WQED/WQEJ-FM music and arts programming.

Live Remote Broadcasts from July thru September:

Wednesday December 1st – 7:30-10pm. Carnegie Mellon University Philharmonic and Chorus December Concert from Carnegie Music Hall.

Friday December 3rd – 8-10pm – Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra concert from Heinz Hall.

Thursday December 9th – 7:30-10pm – River City Brass Christmas Brasstacular concert from Carnegie Music Hall.

Saturday December 11th – 8-10pm – Heinz Chapel Choir Holiday Concert from Heinz Chapel.

Wednesday December 15th – 7-10am and 2-6pm from Pittsburgh International Airport.

Performance in Pittsburgh: A weekly 2-hour program featuring highlights from area concerts produced by WQED-FM, airing Friday nights from 7-9pm.

The WQED Morning Show: Jim Cunningham live with Local Arts, BBC News, Traffic, Weather and Morning Classical Favorites, airing Monday thru Friday from 6-10am.

1. Pittsburgh Culture & Image:

A painting that British street artist Banksy purposely shredded during a previous auction sold to an anonymous Asian collector for \$25.4 million at Sotheby's in London. Wall Street Journal; 10/15/21; 8am; 1 minute

The Pittsburgh Ballet Theater returns to the Benedum for the first time in two years. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; 10/21/21; 7am; 1 minute

Pittsburgh musicians pay tribute to Mary Lou Williams, the ‘first lady of the piano.’ Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; 10/21/21; 8am; 1 minute

2. Education:

“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.” This quote is attributed to Mahatma Gandhi, and one advance in such moral progress occurred this month 1868. That’s when the first collegiate veterinary department in the nation opened at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Profile America; 10/19/21; 6pm; 1 minute

On this date in 1848, America’s first medical school for women opened in Boston. By 1873, the school had graduated almost 100 doctors. That year, the Boston Female Medical School merged with the Boston University School of Medicine to form the world’s first coed medical learning facility. Profile America; 11/1/21; 6pm; 1 minute

There is welcome drive for increasing scholastic emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and math — or STEM — subjects. In fact, this coming Monday is National STEM Day. As far as engineering goes, the trail was broken 197 years ago on this date, with the founding of the Rensselaer School in Troy, New York. Now known as Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in 1824 it was the nation’s first engineering school. Profile America; 11/5/21; 6pm; 1 minute

Tomorrow marks the end of the 101st observance of American Education Week. Celebrated the week before Thanksgiving, American Education Week has been recognized since 1921. When it was discovered that many of the military draftees in World War I were illiterate, the American Legion and the American Education Association joined together to develop ways in which public education could be improved and highlighted. It recognizes the power of education and acclaims the role of America’s teachers. Profile America; 11/19/21; 6pm; 1 minute

Public education in the New World traces its birth to very early in the Colonial era. Three-hundred and seventy-four years ago this month, the Massachusetts Bay Colony authorities ordered that every township with 50 or more householders assign at least one person to teach children to read and write. Profile America; 11/29/21; 6pm; 1 minute

Colleges and universities with both male and female students are the norm today. But 188 years ago, only a few women went to college and the idea of coed classes was a social innovation. In December 1833, Oberlin College in Ohio opened its doors to both sexes. Profile America; 12/27/21; 6pm; 1 minute

3. Other:

Tarentum celebrates the 175th birthday of George Westinghouse with What's the Point .5 K run. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; 10/8/21; 7am; 1 minute

William Shatner is slated to join the next spaceflight from Amazon founder Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin. Wall Street Journal; 10/5/21; 8am; 1 minute

One of the nation's enduring symbols, the Statue of Liberty, was dedicated on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor on this date in 1886. Profile America; 10/28/21; 6pm; 1 minute

Today is America Recycles Day, a program of the Keep America Beautiful campaign. America Recycles Day was created by the National Recycling Coalition in 1997. Every year since then, the president usually issues a proclamation recognizing this day and encouraging his fellow Americans to commit to the act of recycling. Profile America; 11/15/21; 6pm; 1 minute

A dream of the ages became reality on tomorrow's date 118 years ago. On a windswept beach at North Carolina's Outer Banks, the Wright brothers made the world's first powered, heavier-than-air flight. With Orville and Wilbur alternating as pilot, the plane made four flights that day in 1903. The first flight lasted 12 seconds and covered 120 feet. Profile America; 12/16/21; 6pm; 1 minute

4. Business/Industry:

Even through the COVID pandemic, domestic manufacturers receive new orders every month worth close to a half-trillion dollars. To underscore the health and prospects of this economic sector in America's recovery, today is the 10th annual Manufacturing Day. Profile America; 10/1/21; 6pm; 1 minute

The AMC Entertainment said it brought in about 3.9 million moviegoers globally from Thursday through Sunday – new records for attendance since the company was forced to close its US theaters because of the Covid pandemic. Wall Street Journal; 10/5/21; 7am; 1 minute

PepsiCo lifts its outlook as sales rise. The company sees snack demand growing, but expects to pass along higher supply costs. Wall Street Journal; 10/6/21; 6am; 1 minute

One of the foundations of modern business and science — the accessibility of accurate calculations — was reinforced this date in 1887. That's when a patent was granted to Dorr Eugene Felt for the first adding machine known to be absolutely accurate at all times. Profile America; 10/11/21; 6pm; 1 minute

Several grocers are eyeing a hotel site in Oakland. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; 10/21/21; 7am; 1 minute

As Christmas nears, manufacturers face scarce materials and worker shortages. Wall Street Journal; 12/20/21; 7am; 1 minute

“10 – 22 – 38 Astoria.” That cryptic sequence indicating date and place was the very first photocopied image, created on this date in 1938 in Astoria, New York. A man named Chester Carlson developed a method of making dry copies of documents on plain paper, known as xerography — which we take for granted in using photocopiers today. Profile America; 10/22/21; 6pm; 1 minute

Even with all of our electronic diversions, many of us listen to radio at some point every day. The wide variety of formats means we can choose our favorite type of music, and radio keeps us up to the minute on news and weather. The presidential election held on this date in 1920 was the occasion of the first commercial radio broadcast. Station KDKA in Pittsburgh carried the results, in which Warren G. Harding defeated the ticket of James Cox and his vice-presidential nominee Franklin Roosevelt, whose famous radio days lay ahead. Profile America; 11/2/21; 6pm; 1 minute

Two milestones in the history of our nation’s organized labor are noted this month. First, the American Federation of Labor came into being in 1886. Then in 1955, the AFL merged with the Congress of Industrial Organizations. The AFL-CIO created 65 years ago had a combined membership of 16-million, out of a national organized labor force total of 17.7 million. At the time, some 15 percent of the work force belonged to unions. Profile America; 12/20/21; 6pm; 1 minute

5. Sports:

Scores for Pittsburgh Pirates and Pittsburgh Steelers games.

The Chicago Marathon which was scrapped last year due to the pandemic returned this year. Wall Street Journal; 10/11/21; 6am; 1 minute

6. Health/Health Care:

The art and science of mixing therapeutic compounds to assist medical practice goes back 4,500 or more years. Centuries ago, such specialized business was termed apothecary. Today, the familiar name is pharmacy — and the pharmacists behind the counter are continuously trained professionals. October is American Pharmacists Month, a time to appreciate the years of education and devotion to patient safety that distinguishes this ancient profession. Profile America; 10/4/21; 6pm; 1 minute

October is Dental Hygiene Month. Perhaps there is a seasonal prompting for this observance, given the sugary infusions into our diets beginning with Halloween at month’s end. Profile America; 10/26/21; 6pm; 1 minute

7. Minorities/Civil Rights:

Among many observances, October seeks to encourage a community of Americans who face some of life's greatest challenges. This is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, a campaign that raises awareness about disability employment issues and celebrates the contributions of America's workers with disabilities.

Profile America; 10/8/21; 6pm; 1 minute

National Hispanic Heritage Month winds up today. The annual commemoration, beginning every September 15, can often treat Hispanics as a single, undifferentiated population. But the roughly 60.5 million Hispanic residents in America hail from a great variety of nations and cultures in the Caribbean, or south of the Rio Grande River. Profile America; 10/15/21; 6pm; 1 minute

This is American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month, conceived over a century ago but made official by a congressional resolution signed by President George H.W. Bush in 1990. Profile America; 11/4/21; 6pm; 1 minute

On this date in 1966, Edward Brooke became the nation's first African-American to win election to the U.S. Senate by popular vote, and only the third to serve in that chamber. Profile America; 11/8/21; 6pm; 1 minute

Many pioneering men and women are being honored as National American Indian Heritage Month continues. One of them is Susan La Flesche, an Omaha Indian from Nebraska, who aspired to become a doctor. Her ambition led her to enroll at the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania. Not only did she graduate in 1889, but did so at the head of her class, becoming the first female American Indian physician. Profile America; 11/18/21; 6pm; 1 minute

On this Native American Heritage Day, it's befitting to note the career of Charles Curtis of Kansas. This month in 1892, he was elected to federal office, representing an advance for American Indians. Profile America; 11/26/21; 6pm; 1 minute

8. Other PSAs and Events Read on Air:

PNC Broadway Across America
Carnegie Mellon University School of Music
River City Brass
Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra
Point Park University
Shadyside Academy
Butler County Symphony Orchestra
Chatham Baroque
Attack Theater
Steinway Society of Western Pennsylvania
Chatham University

Pittsburgh Ballet Theater
Pittsburgh Public Theater
The REP – Pittsburgh Playhouse
City Theatre
CLO Cabaret
Prime Stage Theater
Frick Art & Historical Center
Pittsburgh Playwrights Theater
Tuesday Musical Club
Renaissance City Winds
PICT Classic Theater
Pittsburgh Musical Theater
Pittsburgh Cultural Trust
Pittsburgh Song Collaborative
Pittsburgh Opera
Chatham University
Duquesne University School of Music
Undercroft Opera
Renaissance & Baroque Society
Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh
Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh
Organ Artists Series
Pittsburgh Youth Philharmonic Orchestra
Westminster Music & Arts Series
Tiffany Concert Series
Thiel College
Resonance Works | Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh Dance Council
University of Pittsburgh Department of Music
East Liberty Presbyterian Church
Carnegie Museum of Art