

WQED/WQEJ-FM QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

(For the period of January 1, 2021 through March 31, 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, WQED/WQEJ-FM music and arts programming, and *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.

WQED/WQEJ-FM has addressed the following major concerns of the communities within the station's service area for the period of January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021:

AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Today marks the 60th anniversary of the date when newly inaugurated President John Kennedy asked Congress to approve a health insurance program for 14.2 million Americans age 65 or older. It would be financed by an increase in Social Security taxes. Profile America; 2/9/21; 6pm; 1 minute

Among his very many achievements, Benjamin Franklin played a leading role in the founding of America's first hospital, decades before the Declaration of Independence. Together with Dr. Thomas Bond, he obtained a charter for a hospital to serve the poor, sick and insane in Philadelphia. The Pennsylvania Hospital opened on this date in 1752 in a converted house. Profile America; 2/11/21; 6pm; 1 minute

BUSINESS/INDUSTRY

The business world was confronted with a new idea on this date in 1914. That's when Henry Ford announced that he would reduce the workday from nine to eight hours, and pay his factory assembly line workers a minimum wage of \$5 a day, which is almost \$130 in current dollars. Profile America; 1/5/21; 6pm; 1 minute

EDUCATION

Tomorrow marks the anniversary in 1635 of the organizing of America's first public school — the Boston Latin School — long before there was a United States. Established in April that year, among its later students were Benjamin Franklin and Samuel Adams. Profile America; 2/12/21; 6pm; 1 minute

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

One of the most frightening domestic industrial accidents occurred late this month 42 years ago at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant on the Susquehanna River, south of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Profile America; 3/31/21; 6pm; 1 minute

FAMILY/MARRIAGE

Children have worked for family enterprises like farms and small shops for countless generations. But child labor in dangerous mines, and factories of the Industrial Revolution was quickly regarded as a social ill. Thus, Massachusetts became the first state to regulate child labor this month in 1842. Profile America; 3/18/21; 6pm; 1 minute

HEALTH/HEALTH CARE

In April, 1970, President Richard Nixon signed a bill into law prohibiting cigarette advertising on the nation's airwaves. The ban went into effect on January 1, 1971 — a major step in the campaign to educate the public about the health risk of smoking. Profile America; 1/1/21; 6pm 1 minute

Drinking coffee may lower the risk for prostate cancer. The New York Times; 1/26/21; 9am; 1 minute

27% of adults felt the post-holiday blues more than last year, thanks to the Covid pandemic. Wall Street Journal; 1/27/21; 8am; 1 minute

The nation's first college of pharmacy was founded in Philadelphia early this month in 1821. At 200, it's an appropriate anniversary to note that many health care organizations prescribe February as Wise Health Care Consumer Month. Profile America; 2/16/21; 6pm; 1 minute

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS

The struggle for Black citizens to obtain full civil rights has gone on for many decades since the Civil War. But along the way, there were occasional signs of early progress and acceptance on the part of the majority white population. One such instance occurred on this date 135 years ago, when African-American Bishop Benjamin W. Arnett took his seat in the Ohio House of Representatives. He was the first Black in the nation to be elected in a majority white district. Profile America; 1/6/21; 6pm; 1 minute

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would have been 92 years old last Friday. The civil rights leader, minister, and recipient of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize was born in 1929, and assassinated in 1968. Today is the national holiday, honoring his birth and legacy. Profile America; 1/18/21; 6pm; 1 minute

February is Black History Month, a time to honor the many contributions to our nation's history made by people of African descent. Started as a special week in 1926 by historian Carter G. Woodson, the observance is now a full month of activities across the country. Profile America; 2/1/21; 6pm; 1 minute

LIFT EVERY VOICE - A collection of powerful songs, stories and interviews with some of today's most acclaimed Black Artists and Scholars. This program was curated with the intent of creating awareness around the African American musical past, while inspiring listeners to cling to the hopefulness of our musical future together as every voice is heard and celebrated. 2/16/21; 8pm; 59 minutes

Black History Month stories often celebrate Thurgood Marshall, the first black appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1967. The trail to that tribunal was broken over a century earlier. This month in 1865 African-American attorney John Rock was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court. Profile America; 2/19/21; 6pm; 1 minute

On this date 151 years ago, the first African American to ever serve in Congress took his seat. Elected in 1870 by the Reconstruction era Mississippi legislature, Hiram R. Revels filled the Senate spot vacated in the Civil War. Profile America; 2/25/21; 6pm; 1 minute

The capital of the vanquished Confederacy was the site of the first chartered black-owned bank in the nation. Known as the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain, United Order of True Reformers, it was founded on this date in 1888 by former slave and Union Army veteran William Washington Browne. Profile America; 3/2/21; 6pm; 1 minute

Today is Black Press Day, an annual observance celebrating the anniversary of the 1827 publication of the country's first African-American newspaper. Called "Freedom's Journal," it was printed in New York City, and was the brainchild of John Russwurm, who was the second of his race to earn a college degree in America. Profile America; 3/16/21; 6pm; 1 minute

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibited discrimination based on sex as well as race in hiring, promoting and firing. Its ban on sex discrimination was not in the forefront of the effort. This month in 1872, the state of Illinois enacted the first such ban on discrimination. Profile America; 3/21/21; 6pm; 1 minute

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

Every time we use a phone, drive a car, watch TV, cross a bridge, or do myriad everyday activities, we are benefitting from the accumulated work of a most important, broad profession — engineering. To celebrate its central contribution to our way of life, we are today in the middle of National Engineers Week. Profile America; 2/24/21; 6pm; 1 minute

WOMEN

The nation's first woman doctor earned her M.D. on this date in 1849—as the result of a joke. Elizabeth Blackwell had applied to many medical schools, but was rejected because of her sex. The faculty at Geneva Medical College in New York decided to let the students vote on her application, sure it wouldn't go through. But as a gag, the students voted “yes.” Profile America; 1/11/21; 6pm; 1 minute

The first state college for women was established on this date 137 ago in Mississippi. Known as the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College, classes opened in the fall of 1885 on the campus of a former college in Columbus. Now called the Mississippi University for Women, it is ranked as one of the top schools in annual lists of America's best colleges. Profile America; 3/12/21; 6pm; 1 minute

This is Women's History Month — a time to recognize the often overlooked vision, courage, and accomplishments of the nation's women. One example is Clara Barton, who ministered to wounded soldiers in the Civil War and went on to found the American Red Cross. Profile America; 3/5/21; 6pm; 1 minute

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

WEEKLY PROGRAMS AND LIVE CONCERT BROADCASTS

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