"H" IS ALSO FOR HISTORY...

The History Center will soon be the place to dance a polka, design a quarterback's jersey, and tackle Pittsburgh ballpark trivia, all in our new, interactive exhibit, Hidden Pittsburgh A to Z. The exhibit, to be housed in a 6,000-square-foot gallery on the History Center's fifth floor, uses a distinctive 28-letter Pittsburgh alphabet (including Cz and Mc) to look at some of the quirky, puzzling, or hidden parts of our history.

We also are excited about a new partnership that will make A to Z even more memorable for the community. Last spring, we began working closely with WQED-TV on a unique collaboration. Popular producer Rick Sebak liked the alphabetical concept so much that he began to brainstorm his own A to Z list. Rick's Pittsburgh alphabet picks will come alive in his latest film, "Pittsburgh A to Z," which will premiere on WQED-TV on the same date that our new exhibit opens: October 27.

But the collaboration doesn't stop there. A to Z will extend beyond the exhibit hall and the airwaves through educational programs, online outreach, family programs, and promotional campaigns developed jointly with WQED. We couldn't ask for a better partner. As organizations that share a passion for history and for Pittsburgh, WQED and the History Center hope that A to Z inspires a sense of pride and a spirit of discovery.

We hope you enjoy this special A to Z issue and encourage you to come up with your own list. Compare your picks with those in our exhibit and in Rick Sebak's program, and you'll likely find there's no single way to capture Pittsburgh to the letter.

Andrew E. Masich,
President and Chief Executive Officer
Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania

Producer Rick Sebak and cameraman Paul Ruggieri.

The word search above will be featured at the exhibit entrance.
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EXHIBITS AT THE HISTORY CENTER

HIDDEN PITTSBURGH A TO Z OPENING OCTOBER 27, 2001

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PARKING
$3 for four hours in the lot at 12th & Smallman with History Center validation.

HOURS
Museum and Shop: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily.
Library and Archives: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.
Center closed on Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

ADMISSION
Members: Free; Adults: $6; Students/Seniors: $4.50; Ages 6-18: $3;
Discovery Place for children.

GROUP SALES
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MUSEUM SHOP
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