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News of the Week

From the WCMU Newsroom



Solar is one of the fastest growing forms of energy. There are more than 70 solar projects on the docket in Michigan, and [new state laws are paving the way for more renewable energy development](#).

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a bill that would ban the popular social media app Tik-Tok. WCMU's Scott Rechlin wanted to learn [what users of the app think about the potential ban](#) and took the streets of Central Michigan University to speak with students.

Nurses at the MyMichigan Medical Center in Sault Ste. Marie voted Tuesday, March 19 to allow their bargaining team to call for a strike. [Nurses are demanding](#)

[increased wages on par with other MyMichigan hospitals](#) throughout the state, better benefits and the ability for union workers to cash out their unused paid time off.

The Children's Grief Center of the Great Lakes Bay Region of Midland helps children and parents process grief. [WCMU's Tina Sawyer visited the Center to speak with Program Director Gabby Gauthier](#) to learn more about how they help families process grief.

From our Capitol Correspondents



Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel is challenging a decision that federal courts have jurisdiction over the future of Enbridge Energy's Line 5. That's after a judge [moved her legal challenge from the Ingham County Circuit Court to a U.S. district court](#).

Michigan women who work full time are earning only a little over 80 percent of what men make. And [the pay gap still exists when accounting for factors like occupation](#). That's among the key findings in a new "Women in the Michigan Workforce" study from the state.

The Michigan Senate wrapped up its last in-person day before its spring break this week by passing a flurry of economic development legislation. That includes [bills to create a research and development tax credit, resurrect a jobs program that expired in 2019, and reshape an economic incentives program aimed at attracting large-scale business investment](#).

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Cockfighting, the practice of fighting roosters, has been around for centuries. In the U.S. it's been illegal since 2007 at both the federal and state level. Yet thousands of roosters, known as game fowl, are still raised across the country. In Oklahoma, there's an effort to lower the penalties for cockfighting. Harvest Public Media's Anna Pope reports [people from both game fowl and animal rights groups are watching carefully](#).

From NPR & PBS



Biden cancels nearly \$6 billion in student debt for public service workers. Nearly 80,000 public service workers — including teachers, nurses and firefighters — will have [roughly \\$6 billion in student loans forgiven Thursday](#), according to a statement from the Biden administration.

In a pandemic milestone, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) ends guidance on COVID treatment. [The availability of COVID-19 treatments has evolved over the past four years](#), pushed forward by the rapid accumulation of data and by scientists and doctors who pored over every new piece of information to create evidence-based guidance on how to best care for COVID-19 patients.

New data shows that voting in America has gotten easier over the past two decades. [More voters have the ability to cast a ballot before Election Day](#), with the majority of U.S. states now offering some form of early in-person voting and mail voting to all voters.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reiterated his determination to send troops into Rafah, in southern Gaza, to rout remaining Hamas units. The drive has led to a rift with the Biden administration as it warns against an Israeli operation before more than 1.3 million Palestinians can move to safety. [Amna Nawaz discussed the rising tensions with David Makovsky](#).

Most of the United States is expected to see warmer-than-average temperatures this spring, federal forecasters say, with dry conditions likely in the West. That's [raising concerns about wildfires](#), especially in parts of the Southwest, Great Plains, and the

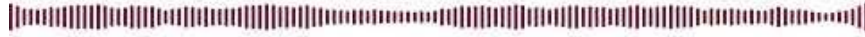
Push for unionizing marks latest challenge to student-athlete model. The Ivy League's board said it would not enter into a collective bargaining unit with the team, [saying adamantly that they are not university employees.](#)

Weekend Listening



We know walking is good for our bodies, our communities, and our planet. But our car-centric cities and screen-filled lives keep us sitting. Can we change? This week on The TED Radio Hour, ideas to get us moving. Listen Saturday at noon and Wednesday at 8 p.m., on WCMU.

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