

Section I: Issues

WFUM has identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

1. Arts/Humanities:
2. Children's Issues:
3. Civil Rights/Race:
4. Crime/Safety:
5. Economy:
6. Education:
7. Environment:
8. Government:
9. Labor Relations:
10. Legal System/Court Cases:
11. Public Health/Medicine:
12. Social Policy/Welfare:
13. Transportation:

Section II: Responsive Programs

WFUM broadcast programming dealing with the various issues outlined in Section I of this list. The programming was aired on the dates and times as follows:

1. Arts/Humanities:

Stateside: Michael Collins/Appearances - Writer John Freeman Review

Broadcast on 03-01-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 3:32. And now for another Michigan Bookmark, where we have Michigan authors review Michigan books.

Flint native Michael Collins teaches creative and expository writing at New York University and the Hudson Valley Writers' Center. He is the Director of Studies at Why There Are Words Press.

Collins latest book of poems is titled Appearances. Writer John Freeman has this review.

Stateside: Flint Town Netflix

Broadcast on 03-02-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 8:59. Today Netflix is releasing a new original document series...about Flint. During 2016, the producers of Flint Town follows the police department. Here's a bit from the intro which sets the scene for Flint Town

Stateside: Rachel Clark/Michigan History Center - Hello Girls

Broadcast on 03-07-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 7:59. A century ago---as the US was deep into fighting World War One...General "Black Jack" Pershing issued and urgent call to American Women to volunteer for a new unit with the US Army Signal Corps.

And more than 200 women for across the nation responded, including women from Michigan. They became known as "The Hello Girls".

Joining us now to tell us more about this special WWI unity is the Michigan History Center's Rachel Clark.

Stateside: Angela VanWiemeersch & Sasha DiGiulian - Ice Climbers

Broadcast on 03-08-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 6:29. There are many ways to make the most of winter in Michigan. How about climbing frozen waterfalls?

Just ask Angela VanWiemeersch and Sasha DiGiulian about swinging their axes and climbing Michigan ice.

Angela is originally from Southeast Michigan---and she's known as the "ice queen".

They're with us now---

Welcome!

Stateside: David Kiley - Theater Talk

Broadcast on 03-13-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 8:20. Time to take a look at theatre around Michigan...as we say hello to David Kiley of Encore Michigan. And we start out in Rochester Hills---at the Meadow Brook Theatre?

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Broadcast on 03-01-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 4:27. In 2016, the refugee resettlement agency Samaritas helped some 14-hundred refugees find new homes and live in Michigan.

This year---they expect to receive 100.

This drop has meant big changes for refugee resettlement agencies all around Michigan. Samaritas president Vickie Thompson-Sandy is here with us now.

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3. Civil Rights/Race:**Stateside: Jim Crow Museum - David Pilgrim**

Broadcast on 02-28-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 10:19. Ferris State University's Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia has an important mission: to use objects of intolerance to teach tolerance and promote social justice. The museum recently received a significant donation to help towards that mission. An anonymous donor has given them 135 large-format Polaroid prints from photographer David Levinthal's famous and controversial Blackface series.

They're valued at some two million dollars. David Pilgrim is the founder and curator of the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia...and he's with us now via Skype.

David, welcome.

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5. Economy:

Morning Edition - Lester Graham/Detroit Unemployment

Broadcast on 02-23-2018 at 7:23AM; Duration: 4:20. The economy is booming and the unemployment rates for the nation and Michigan are low. In Detroit, the official rate has fallen dramatically since peaking at more than 28 percent in 2009. But, the rate that's often cited only tells part of the story. Michigan Radio's Lester Graham with the Detroit Journalism Cooperative looks at the numbers.

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Broadcast on 03-02-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 4:01. Tire shops around the state are busy these days. Why? Blowouts because of potholes. Why are there so many potholes when we've been paying more in fees a fuel taxes...well... We've got Zach Gorchow here to explain some of that. He recently wrote a blog for Gongwer titled: Imploding Roads Natural consequence of 2015 plan
Hi Zach.

Stateside: U-M Marina Whitman - Good Company

Broadcast on 03-05-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 10:04. The goal of business is to make a profit. But big corporations are feeling new pressures to do more. Yes, make money. But also do good. In an op-ed for The Conversation, University of Michigan economist Marina Whitman describes this new ethic led by investors...and she joins us now. Its always good to see you Marina!

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Stateside: Daniel Howes - Trump Trade

Broadcast on 03-08-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 5:02. There's confusion today in the White House over how and when to roll out President Trump's planned tariffs on imported steel and aluminum. It appears the President is considering exempting some allies, including Canada, Mexico and Australia, but detail are still uncertain. But---if the President proceeds with his 10-percent tariff on foreign aluminum, and 25-percent on foreign steel...Detroit New business columnist Daniel Howes has a three-word warning: unintended consequences loom. Daniel---what kinds of unintended consequences?

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Broadcast on 03-13-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 6:25. Detroit and the State of Michigan pulled out the stops in the unsuccessful bid to lure Amazon and its second headquarters to the Motor City.

But the full extent of that effort---just how much of the public's money and property city and state leader were willing to give up---is a secret...and is likely to stay that way.

Chad Livengood is with Crain's Detroit Business and he's with us now via Skype.

Chad, you wanted to know what kinds of tax incentives that were offered Amazon in hopes of landing that second headquarters in Detroit: what did you do and who'd you turn to?

Stateside: Garlin Gilchrist w/U-M- Fake News

Broadcast on 03-16-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 6:49. I, for one, am tired of the phrase "fake news" being used against any reputable news report that doesn't conform with someone's distorted notion of what is true.

But, that does not mean "fake news" is not a real and threatening problem. We've learned during the past few months of Russian outlets which used social media to spread memes which United States citizens at opposite ends of the political spectrum gleefully reposted because it fit the narrative of their echo-chamber beliefs.

The next step in "fake news" goes beyond photo-shopping and taking quotes out of context. It will be altered videos that make it look as if someone is saying something that they did not.

The University of Michigan's School of Information has established a Center for Social Media Responsibility. It's an effort to combat the coming "information apocalypse" or what the Center calls "infocalypse." Is that right?

Stateside: Dan Gilmartin - Municipal League

Broadcast on 03-16-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 9:17. It's pothole season in Michigan. It's the time of year when drivers really notice crumbling roads in the state. That's too often because it costs them in repairing car damage.

Crews are busy patching the potholes...but many streets and road need a lot more than a patch.

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Broadcast on 03-01-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 12:42. Here's something rare in Health care policy in 2018: an idea that can help chronically-ill patients---and save money for both patients and, ultimately, insurers.

And it's an idea with bipartisan support!

The idea originated at the University of Michigan.

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Dr. A. Mark Fendrick is Director of the U of M Center for Value-Based Insurance Design---V-BID. He's a Professor of Internal Medicine at the medical school---and a Professor of Health Management and Policy at the School of Public Health.

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Broadcast on 03-07-2018 at 3:24PM; Duration: 4:34. Michigan State University is fighting Larry Nassar's victims in court right now.

The school claims it's not responsible for the former sports doctor's sexual abuse.

So far, the only financial support MSU has provided these women and girls, is creating a 10-million-dollar fund to pay for their therapy.

As Michigan Radio's Kate Wells reports, to get the money, first you have to call a guy in Boston named Bernie.

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Joining me to talk about tis legislation:

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I want to play a news report from Rick Pluta because the Michigan State University interim President, John Engler, says these bills making it easier for sexual assault victims to file lawsuits would drive up tuition. He also say the debate on these bills is making it harder for MSU to settle with victims of Nassar.

Here's Rick.

7. Environment:**The Environment Report - Controversy over injecting waste underground**

Broadcast on 02-06-2018 at 8:51AM and 5:45PM; Duration 4:00. Near a landfill in northern Michigan...residents have been dealing with undrinkable water for decades. A new proposal for an injection well at the landfill is raising more concerns. Controversy over injecting waste underground.

The Environment Report - Foam in Oscoda and Lake Erie Nutrients

Broadcast on 02-08-2018 at 8:51AM and 5:45PM; Duration 4:00. Residents and local officials in Oscoda are concerned about foam showing up on a lake there. It's contaminated with chemicals from the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base. We'll here why officials warned people to avoid ingesting the foam.

The Environment Report - Catching a Prehistoric Fish

Broadcast on 02-13-2018 at 8:51AM and 5:45PM; Duration 4:00. Lake sturgeon are a threatened species in Michigan. But they're doing well enough that there's a limited fishing season for them. We'll go ice fishing in northern Michigan.

The Environment Report - Drinking Water Violations

Broadcast on 02-20-2018 at 8:51AM and 5:45PM; Duration 4:00. A new nationwide study looks at drinking water violations around the country. Those are violations for things like E.coli, arsenic and lead. We'll hear which places are the most vulnerable.

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The Environment Report - Michigan is on its way to getting the lead out

Broadcast on 02-27-2018 at 8:51AM and 5:45PM; Duration 4:00. Getting the lead out---State regulators want to strengthen the rules for lead in drinking water after the Flint water crisis. One proposed change: cities would have to replace all of their old lead pipes that run to people's homes. And that's controversial.

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Broadcast on 02-22-2018 at 8:51AM and 5:45PM; Duration 4:01. Kate Wells, sitting in for Rebecca Williams. I need to talk to you about a really complicated law with a truly terrible name.

It's called PURPA, aka, the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act.

Congress came up with it back in the 70's to give smaller, green energy companies a fighting chance.

But now, Michigan Congressman Tim Walberg says, you know what, we don't need this old law anymore...we're already using more diverse energy sources, but if we got rid to that law, could I get a lower energy bill?

Stateside: Friday Roundtable

Broadcast on 03-02-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 7:51. The Michigan Farm Bureau is backing new rules for withdrawing water and House Republicans are obliging them.

Here to talk about that are Vicki Barnett, a former Mayor of Farmington Hills and a former Democratic legislator...and ...Ken Sikkema, Senior Policy Fellow with Public Sector Consultants and a former Republican majority leader in state senate.

The complaint is the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality takes way too long to review large quantity water withdrawal for things such as irrigation...which uses more "unrecoverable" water than any other source in the state. They also say the DEQ's science is out of date.

Vicki, the chief sponsor if Representative Aaron Miller from Sturgis. I was just driving through his district this week. There are a lot of irrigation rigs in the farm fields in that area. Is the DEQ hindering farmers?

Stateside: Keith Matheny - Russian Propagandists

Broadcast on 03-06-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 5:26. A Republican report released last week by the U.S. House Committee on Science, Space and Technology found that social media accounts linked to Russian propagandists were tweeting and posting about Endbridge's Line 5 oil pipeline in the Straits of Mackinac.

Here to tell us more is Detroit Free Press reporter Keith Matheny.

Welcome back to Stateside, Keith.

8. Government:**It's Just Politics - Democratic Candidate for Governor Abdul El-Sayed**

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It's Just Politics - Michigan Roads

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It's called PURPA, aka, the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act.

Congress came up with it back in the 70's to give smaller, green energy companies a fighting chance.

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Yes, make money. But also do good.

In an op-ed for The Conversation, University of Michigan economist Marina Whitman describes this new ethic led by investors...and she joins us now.

Its always good to see you Marina!

Stateside: Amber Arellano - Education Trust-Midwest

Broadcast on 03-06-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 10:26. Michigan has pumped nearly 80-million dollars into boosting third-grade reading levels.

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Third-graders in Michigan are the last in the nation for early literacy. We're one of the few states actually losing ground in third-grade reading levels.

Amber Arellano is the executive director of The Education Trust-Midwest.

Welcome back.

Stateside: Keith Matheny - Russian Propagandists

Broadcast on 03-06-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 5:26. A Republican report released last week by the U.S. House Committee on Science, Space and Technology found that social media accounts linked to Russian propagandists were tweeting and posting about Endbridge's Line 5 oil pipeline in the Straits of Mackinac.

Here to tell us more is Detroit Free Press reporter Keith Matheny.

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Stateside: Riley Beggin - Election/Security

Broadcast on 03-09-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 4:34. Election officials across the nation are concerned about hacking schemes that might corrupt the outcomes. But, how likely is that. Joining me to talk about it is Riley Beggin. She's with Bridge magazine and has written a report titled "As hacking fears mount, Michigan election security gets middling marks." Your work started with a report from the Center for American Progress which graded states on elections security. What grade did Michigan get?

Stateside: Judy Karandjeff - League of Women Voters

Broadcast on 03-09-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 4:04. The voters' rights group Riley mentioned---called "Promote the Vote" is being backed several groups including the League of Women Voters. That group's president is Judy Karandjeff and she joins us now. Hi there!

Stateside: Ken Sikkema & Buzz Thomas - Political Roudup

Broadcast on 03-09-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 7:58. Michigan Governor Rick Snyder is calling it a "Marshall Plan for Talent." He wants the legislature to approve 100 million dollars for programs, equipment, and scholarship to train the hundreds of thousands of workers that will be needed in the next several years. Joining me to talk about that are: Ken Sikkema, Senior Policy Fellow with Public Sector Consultants and the former Republican majority leader in state senate...he joins us via Skype and... Buzz Thomas, a principal at Thomas Group Consulting and former Democratic leader in both the House and the Senate. Welcome Buzz!

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Broadcast on 02-05-2018 at 8:51AM; Duration: 4:06. Democratic candidate for Governor Abdul El-Sayed is facing some tough questions about whether he is qualified to run for governor under the Michigan Constitution.

Stateside: Kate Wells-Healing Assistance Fund Feature

Broadcast on 03-07-2018 at 3:24PM; Duration: 4:34. Michigan State University is fighting Larry Nassar's victims in court right now.

The school claims it's not responsible for the former sports doctor's sexual abuse.

So far, the only financial support MSU has provided these women and girls, is creating a 10-million-dollar fund to pay for their therapy.

As Michigan Radio's Kate Wells reports, to get the money, first you have to call a guy in Boston named Bernie.

Morning Edition: John U. Bacon - Michigan Basketball

Broadcast on 03-02-2018 at 8:51AM; Duration: 4:05. The Big Ten men's basketball tournament is running this week, which could feature 5th ranked Michigan facing second-ranked Michigan State if both teams win today. But it also features the specter of Michigan's squeaky-clean coach John Beilein against the backdrop of an FBI investigation into the cesspool of college basketball - a contrast Michigan fans should appreciate more. Here's Michigan Radio sports commentator John U. Bacon.

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Broadcast on 03-01-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 12:42. Here's something rare in Health care policy in 2018: an idea that can help chronically-ill patients---and save money for both patients and, ultimately, insurers.

And it's an idea with bipartisan support!

The idea originated at the University of Michigan.

It's an insurance concept called V-BID. Value-Based Insurance Design.

Dr. A. Mark Fendrick is Director of the U of M Center for Value-Based Insurance Design---V-BID. He's a Professor of Internal Medicine at the medical school---and a Professor of Health Management and Policy at the School of Public Health.

Welcome! Good to have you here.

The Environment Report - Controversy over injecting waste underground

Broadcast on 02-06-2018 at 8:51AM and 5:45PM; Duration 4:00. Near a landfill in northern Michigan...residents have been dealing with undrinkable water for decades. A new proposal for an injection well at the landfill is raising more concerns. Controversy over injecting waste underground.

The Environment Report - Foam in Oscoda and Lake Erie Nutrients

Broadcast on 02-08-2018 at 8:51AM and 5:45PM; Duration 4:00. Residents and local officials in Oscoda are concerned about foam showing up on a lake there. It's contaminated with chemicals from the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base. We'll hear why officials warned people to avoid ingesting the foam.

The Environment Report - Drinking Water Violations

Broadcast on 02-20-2018 at 8:51AM and 5:45PM; Duration 4:00. A new nationwide study looks at drinking water violations around the country. Those are violations for things like E.coli, arsenic and lead. We'll hear which places are the most vulnerable.

The Environment Report - Michigan is on its way to getting the lead out

Broadcast on 02-27-2018 at 8:51AM and 5:45PM; Duration 4:00. Getting the lead out---State regulators want to strengthen the rules for lead in drinking water after the Flint water crisis. One proposed change: cities would have to replace all of their old lead pipes that run to people's homes. And that's controversial.

The Environment Report - Flu and UV Light & Scrapping Clean Power Plan

Broadcast on 03-08-2018 at 8:51AM and 5:45PM; Duration 4:00. Health experts are always looking for ways to outsmart the influenza virus. One possible new option: a special kind of ultraviolet light that can kill viruses and bacteria without harming people. Flu vs. UV light.

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Broadcast on 03-07-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 7:01. We turn now to our series Minding Michigan---focusing on mental health and wellness.

Traditional wedding vows talk about "for better or for worse...in sickness and in health."

And when your wife has Alzheimer's Disease---and you're her caregiver, you learn what those words truly mean. Even more so when she is one of the more than 200-thousand American with early-onset Alzheimer's---when dementia symptoms happen before age 65.

Jim Mangi and his wife Kathleen have been married for 44 years. For the past nine years, Jim was Kathleen's primary caregiver as her Alzheimer's dementia progressed.

Today she lives in a Memory Care Unit---and he's hoping that sharing their story will help other caregivers.

Jim Mangi ---welcome to Stateside.

Stateside: Alzheimer's Intro Clip

Broadcast on 03-08-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 0:21. Every 66 seconds, someone in this country is diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. It's the sixth leading cause of death in the US---and as our nation gets older, that incidence will increase.

On Wednesday's program, we hear a first-hand account of the challenges of early-onset Alzheimer's: a woman whose dementia began in her mid-50s.

Her husband and daughter share their story:

Stateside: Jennifer Howard - Early Alzheimers

Broadcast on 03-08-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 8:56. What support is there when a family is coping with a disease that has few, if any options?

We turn now to Jennifer Howard. She's the executive director of the Michigan Great Lakes Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

How many people in Michigan are living with Alzheimer's now?

Stateside: Susan Goold - U-M Victor Care

Broadcast on 03-09-2018 at 9:17AM; Duration: 9:17. The University of Michigan is reaching out to donors, offering better access to its hospital's doctors...for an annual fee.

For \$2700 a year, a patient can take advantage of what's known as a "concierge medicine" service the hospital is calling "Victors Card."

According to its website, patients "...pay an annual membership fee in exchange for enhanced access and time with their primary care physician"

Concierge medicine is fairly common in hospitals in certain areas of the country. Many private practice doctors have offered the service because it means more money and they can concentrate on fewer patients. Also...it means care is not as restricted by health insurance company guidelines.

But...there are some concerns about a service that gives wealthier patients special treatment...especially at a public university hospital.

Joining me now is Susan Goold. She is a Professor at the Medical School and the School of Public Health. She's also a faculty member of the Center for the Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine.

First...so we better understand the Victors Care service. What do you get for that annual fee?

12. Social Policy/Welfare:**Stateside: Refugee Changes - Vickie Thompson-Sandy**

Broadcast on 03-01-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 4:27. In 2016, the refugee resettlement agency Samaritas helped some 14-hundred refugees find new homes and live in Michigan.

This year---they expect to receive 100.

This drop has meant big changes for refugee resettlement agencies all around Michigan. Samaritas president Vickie Thompson-Sandy is here with us now.

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As the State capitol, Representative Jim Runestad is drafting a proposal that would allow teachers to be armed.

Representative Runestad joins us now.

Your proposal is not about teachers and conceal and carry or open carry, but access to a weapon. How would that work?

Stateside: Steven Gillon - Separate and Unequal

Broadcast on 03-02-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 11:56. Fifty years ago, February 29th 1967, a presidential commission released a report on why there had been so many uprisings, civil disturbances, riots by black citizens in cities across the country.

The Kerner Report blamed the civil disturbances on white racism. Its most quoted line is "Our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, and one white - separate and unequal.

A new book is out detailing the history of the Kerner Commission and its report. The title is Separate and Unequal:

The Kerner Commission and the Unraveling of American Liberalism.

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Before we get to the Kerner Commission, remind us what happened in 1967 which led to President Lyndon Johnson appointing that presidential commission.

Stateside: Isaiah Oliver - Community Foundation of Greater Flint

Broadcast on 03-06-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 7:57. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint.

The group is a public charity created by and for the people of Genesee County. Its president and CEO is here with us now.

Isaiah Oliver is the youngest leader the group has ever had---as well as the first African-American and the only leader born and raised in Flint.

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Broadcast on 03-01-2018 at 3:00PM; Duration: 9:47. Michigan is not alone in the struggle to repair crumbling roads and bridges. It's a nation-wide challenge.

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Victor Li has been developing a new material that could help expand the longevity of roads.

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