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# **Arts/Culture:**

[STORY LAB RT CHINA POISON FANS -- A beloved fan fiction website in China has gone dark after some readers protested a story about a famous actor -- and government censorship intervened. 6:01 Byline: Emily Feng]
Feature, ATC, 10/28/2020

# **Economy:**

The fall version of the Furniture Market in High Point will be in-person, despite the pandemic. The Market is annually one of the biggest showcase events for the industry, and draws people from across the globe. As Naomi Prioleau reports, some North Carolina manufacturers are experiencing a boom. Feature, ME, 10/5/2020

### **Education:**

North Carolina A&T State University is the largest historically Black college in the country. With 12-thousand students, it's an average sized for the UNC System... but as Liz Schlemmer reports, it has one of the lowest rates of COVID-19 spread among public universities in the state. Feature, ATC, 10/1/2020

Many schools are struggling to communicate virtually with students' families during the pandemic. These families need

updated information, and possibly tech help, hot spots or a hot meal. As Liz Schlemmer reports, one school has organized a way to reach their school community in English and Spanish. Feature, ME, 10/16/2020

Like many college classes, the Army's Reserve Officers' Training Corps, or ROTC, has largely moved online because of the pandemic. The program trains most newly commissioned Army officers. Still, some cadets are getting some limited in-person training. From Boston, Fred Thys [Tice] reports for the American Homefront Project.

Feature, ME, 10/23/2020

Many schools across North Carolina are reopening for in-person classes this month while coronavirus cases rise. As students return, some teachers have chosen to resign or retire... because they or a family member have health conditions that put them at risk for severe illness if they get COVID19. Liz Schlemmer reports...

Feature, ATC, 10/27/20

Voters on North Carolina college campuses played a significant role in the election two years ago. Some experts say younger voters played a role in breaking the Republican super-majority in the state legislature. Blue Ridge Public Radio's Lilly Knoepp (kuh-NEPP) digs into how those students are voting this year... Feature, ATC, 10/27/20

UNC System schools are growing more diverse, but the System's highest leadership doesn't reflect its student body. The UNC Board of Governors has a new vacancy, after one of its few Black members resigned. Liz Schlemmer reports some members of the Board say diversity should be a higher priority for future appointments.

FEATURE, ME, 11/17/2020

Normally thousands of families across North Carolina attend school choice fairs in the fall. They check out displays, meet principals and compare notes with other parents — then go visit their top schools. This year everything is different. As WFAE's Ann Doss Helms reports, schools are trying to attract students without putting them at risk. FEATURE, ME, 12/03/2020

Southeast of Raleigh, two counties - Wayne and Johnston - have both had recent spikes in COVID-19 cases. Last week, both school districts were in Plan B, with students rotating into schools

for in-person class. As Liz Schlemmer reports, recent decisions by those school boards highlight the patchwork nature of school reopening plans across the state. FEATURE, ME, 12/14/2020

#### **Environment:**

Alright, as we get closer to Halloween...

And you're listening to All Things Considered from NPR News.

FEATURE, ATC, 10/29/20

# **Greensboro/Triad:**

#### Health:

This pandemic has dropped....HALLOWEEN CANDY IN 2020 -- With the pandemic continuing, is it OK to go trick-or-treating on Halloween? Some people are finding creative solutions in hopes of a safe and spooky night. 02:34 FEATURE, ATC, 10/30/2020

The Department of Veterans Affairs health system is welcoming more patients back after months of tight restrictions due to COVID-19. But V-A clinics are reopening at a slower pace than many civilian health facilities. From Tampa, Stephanie Colombini reports for WUNC's American Homefront Project. FEATURE, ATC, 10/30/2020

Governor Roy Cooper has signed an executive order that lowers the limit on indoor gatherings. As Will Michaels reports, the rising number of new COVID-19 cases in North Carolina is forcing Cooper to reinstate tighter restrictions. FEATURE, ME, 11/11/2020

Many rural areas in North Carolina escaped the worst impacts of pandemic this summer. But the even-stronger second wave is hitting them hard now, just as families are gathering for the holidays. Jay Price reports. FEATURE, ME, 11/30/2020

# **Crime/Law enforcement:**

[VATICAN SEX ABUSE TRIAL -- Proceedings in a criminal trial of a priest charged with sexually abusing a minor and a second priest accused of covering it up are scheduled to resume Tuesday in the Vatican. 03:37 Byline: Sylvia Poggioli] Feature, ATC, 10/26/20

# Military:

For many children of military families, changing schools every few years is part of life. Starting fresh is often hard, and during the COVID-19 pandemic, the beginning of a new school year can be even more challenging. From Tampa, Kerry Sheridan reports for WUNC's American Homefront Project. Feature, ATC, 10/1/2020

A lot of people are voting by mail for the first time. But military personnel have been doing it since the Civil War. This year, as troops fill out their ballots, some polls suggest their political preferences may be changing. From San Diego, Steve Walsh reports for WUNC's American Homefront Project. Feature, ME, 10/16/2020

When public schools resumed in August, nearly half of all students in North Carolina started in-person, in a classroom. Now, more districts are looking to return to some face-to-face instruction. As Cole del Charco reports, the people at the so-called 'Plan B' schools may have something to teach those about what has worked, and what hasn't. Feature, ME, 10/21/2020

The military newspaper Stars and Stripes has been around since the Civil War, but it faces an uncertain future. The Pentagon tried to shut it down earlier this year, and though that effort failed, critics question whether the government should continue to fund it. From Washington, Caitlyn Kim reports for the American Homefront Project.

Feature, ATC, 10/23/2020

Critics say the Army isn't doing enough to address sexual harassment and sexual assault in the ranks. The outcry comes after the killing this spring of Fort Hood soldier Vanessa Guillen. Her family says Guillen's alleged killer had been harassing her, but she was afraid to report it. Army leaders say

they ARE addressing the issue. From San Antonio, Jolene Almendarez (All men DAR az) reports for WUNC's American Homefront Project.

FEATURE, ATC, 10/28/2020

The meeting halls and lounges of American Legion posts serve as community hubs for veterans and their families. But during the pandemic, many have had to shut their doors or scale back what they do. That's meant a big hit to some posts' bottom line - and it's forced them to find new ways to raise money. From Los Angeles, Robert Garrova (Guh ROE va) reports for WUNC's American Homefront Project.

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In honor of Veterans Day today, we'll hear from a 95-year-old former service member. He fought World War II in the Pacific Theater... and fought racism back at home. From Los Angeles, Robert Garrova reports for WUNC's American Homefront Project. FEATURE, ME, 11/11/2020

The Army has come under fire for its treatment of missing soldiers since the April death of Specialist Vanessa Guillen at Fort Hood, Texas. For years, families and advocates have said the Army is too quick to treat soldiers as deserters when they go missing. Now the service is rethinking its approach when troops don't show up for duty. Carson Frame reports for WUNC's American Homefront Project.

FEATURE, ATC, 11/24/2020

Burnout is a common problem for family members who care for disabled veterans. And for many of them, the pandemic has made things even harder. Now, a new program is hoping to give some caregivers a break. Cathy Carter reports for WUNC's American Homefront Project.

FEATURE, ME, 12/04/2020

This is Morning Edition from WUNC. I'm Jeff Tiberii. Month after month of social distancing and pandemic anxiety has taken a toll on many Americans' mental health. But it's been especially tough on veterans who were already dealing with post-traumatic stress

disorder and other combat-related injuries. From Tampa, Stephanie Colombini reports for WUNC's American Homefront Project.

FEATURE, ME, 12/30/2020

### **Politics/Government:**

In contrast to the chaotic presidential debate earlier in the week, the third and final face-off between the top contenders in North Carolina's senate race last night [THURSDAY] was relatively mellow. Jason deBruyn reports.

Feature, ME, 10/2/2020

Scandal and litigation have cast a cloud of uncertainty over North Carolina elections. Jeff Tiberii and Rusty Jacobs sort through the latest developments starting with the pivotal U-S senate race between incumbent Republican Thom Tillis and Democratic challenger, Cal Cunningham. Feature, ME, 10/5/2020

In the 2016 presidential race, Granville County went from blue to red-one of just a handful of North Carolina counties to flip after going for Barack Obama in 2012. In a follow-up visit to this swing county, Rusty Jacobs checked in to see if the first 2020 presidential debate changed any minds. Feature, ME, 10/14/2020

Governor Roy Cooper and Republican challenger Lieutenant Governor Dan Forest faced off last night in their only debate. As Rusty Jacobs reports, it was a spirited exchange over education, health care and the COVID crisis. Feature, ME, 10/15/2020

Ahead in our weekly review of state politics, Aisha Dew and Clark Ree-mer weigh-in on whether North Carolina is likely to have results on Election Night.

Interview, ATC, 10/23/2020

Bladen County drew national attention two years ago for an election fraud scandal involving mail-in ballots. It led to the results of the 9th district congressional race being thrown out, and a new special election. Mail-in voting is happening in larger numbers this year because of the pandemic, and that's also true in Bladen County. WFAE's Michael Falero reports. Feature, ATC, 10/26/2020

The National Rifle Association has for years been among the biggest political players. But in this election cycle, \*gun control\* groups are spending more than ever...hoping to level the playing field. WUNC's Jason deBruyn reports, for the Guns and America project:

FEATURE, ATC, 10/28/2020

Two women are running for a seat in the state house from southern Wake County. Incumbent Sydney Batch and challenger Erin Pare (puh-RAY) have very different backgrounds and ideas on how the state should be run. But as Emma Peaslee reports in this audio postcard, their hectic, everyday lives during campaign season share many similarities. FEATURE, ATC, 10/28/2020

[NC HOUSE RACE -- A Republican candidate for a House race in North Carolina is getting attention for his young age and for what critics say are thinly veiled white nationalist views. 03:40 Byline:Steve Harrison] FEATURE, ATC, 10/30/2020

Election day is nearly upon us. Many North Carolinians have already voted. And that includes a larger than normal number of young voters. Race and Southern Culture Reporter Leoneda Inge caught up with some young voters in Durham. FEATURE, ATC, 11/02/2020

This is Morning Edition. I'm Dave DeWitt.

Last week, all candidates on the ballot in North Carolina had to submit their last campaign finance reports before election day. The reports list, in detail, the money that fuels those campaigns and - often - helps determine the outcome of the races.

INTERVIEW, ME, 11/02/2020

Partisan divisions and inflammatory rhetoric from the White House have put elections officials here and around the country on heightened alert for voter intimidation. But North Carolina's 15-day early voting period that ended Saturday was for the most part marked by civility--at the polls at least. Rusty Jacobs reports.

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young voters. Race and Southern Culture Reporter Leoneda Inge caught up with some young voters in Durham. FEATURE, ATC, 11/02/2020

Across the United States, millions are struggling to pay rent during the coronavirus pandemic. A moratorium on evictions by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has protected many tenants. But some landlords are moving ahead with them anyway. WUNC's Jason deBruyn reports as part of the N-C Watchdog Network.

FEATURE, ATC, 11/17/2020

Recounts in the race for Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court are almost done. Republican Paul Newby maintains a slight lead over Democratic incumbent Cheri [sherry] Beasley. As Rusty Jacobs reports, the final outcome could have major implications for how state courts operate during the pandemic. FEATURE, ME, 11/24/2020

Throughout this year, we've heard from Brayan Guevara [BRYAN geh-VAH-ruh], a young Afro-Latino man from Greensboro who voted for the first time this year. He's talked about how his identity and politics shaped his journey to the polls. Now that the election is over, we hear from both Guevara and his mother about what's next for them and their future. Naomi Prioleau has more. FEATURE, ME, 12/10/2020

To hear an extended version of this week's discussion with Becki and Rob, download the latest WUNC Politics Podcast. It's available at our website, as well as itunes and googleplay.] INTERVIEW, ME, 12/11/2020

More than 12-thousand children are in the North Carolina foster care system. But often, after children are removed from their homes, it takes time to place them with foster families. They may spend days or weeks sleeping in a social worker's office or even in jail cells. One organization in Greensboro hoping to solve that problem. Naomi Prioleau reports. FEATURE, ME, 12/28/2020

# Race/Diversity:

Now that they've received an official apology from the city, survivors of the 1979 Greensboro Massacre and supporters want to fight against the police culture they say plagues the city and the country. Naomi Prioleau has more. Feature, ME, 10/8/2020

HOST INTRO: With continued protests around the state of North Carolina to respond to police brutality and support the movement for Black lives, young activists are thinking about how they can move conversation in their own community. Maya Nair (Nah-yer) has the story.

FEATURE, ME, 11/16/2020

# Sports:

"... profile of Coach Lawson at WUNC-dot-org. INTERVIEW, ATC, 12/09/2020

### Weather:

For the World, I'm Carolyn Beeler.] [JAPAN'S CLIMATE PAST AND FUTURE (6:20) Japan's Prime Minister this week announced a goal of making the country carbon-neutral by 2050. But the legacy of Fukushima, and the distrust of nuclear power it bred, means that the government and the public have very different visions of how to get to carbon-neutral. The World's Environment Editor Carolyn Beeler reports.

FEATURE, ATC, 10/29/20

#### Religion:

ARCHBISHOP WILTON GREGORY -- NPR's Audie Cornish speaks with Archbishop Wilton Gregory, whom Pope Francis has named as a future cardinal. Gregory stands to be the first African American Catholic cardinal. 05:00 Byline: Audie Cornish FEATURE, ATC, 10/30/2020

# Agriculture:

The agriculture industry has been in a slow, steady decline for decades. Black-owned farms are no exception. Only about 2 percent of all farms are owned by Black people, due to persistent and systemic racist policies that were in place at the U-S Department of Agriculture until the late 1990s. Naomi Prioleau has the story of one Black farmer still making a go of it in Montgomery County... FEATURE, ATC, 11/13/2020

# Science/Technology

The official headquarters of the new U.S. Space Force is the Pentagon, same as all the other military branches. But a large share of the Space Force's work will be at the U.S. Space Command — and the government is now trying to decide where that will be based. Communities across the country are fighting hard to be named the nation's next "Space City." WUNC's American Homefront Project sent reporters to two of those places. First, here's Dan Boyce in Colorado Springs. FEATURE, ME, 11/18/2020

University researchers recently developed a software program they hope will better address the mental health challenges facing Hispanic populations across the U.S. Naomi Prioleau has more.

FEATURE, ME, 12/01/2020

# Other:

The North American Aerospace Defense Command is tasked with protecting the skies over the U.S. and Canada. But there is one incursion it watchfully allows — the Christmas Eve flight of Saint Nicholas. NORAD has tracked Santa each year since 1955, and it will do it again this week. But there will be some changes because of the pandemic. From Denver, Megan Verlee reports for WUNC's American Homefront Project. FEATURE, ME, 12/22/20

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