

**Arts/Culture:**

Libby Rodenbough is taking a break from the indie Americana band Mipso to release her debut solo album *Spectacle of Love*. The Durham-based musician is expanding her musical pallet with contributions that include electric piano, synthesizers and even bass clarinet. The songs are mysterious and beautiful with echoes of artists from Rickie Lee Jones, to Andrew Bird to Gillian Welch.

*Interview, ME, 7-3-20*

The pandemic has devastated the arts industry in North Carolina including musicians, venues and the people they employ. A new recording released today aims to lend a hand to one of the legendary venues in this state.

*Feature, ME, 7-31-20*

**Economy:**

Aquaculture along the coast of North Carolina is a growing business. The oyster industry in particular was looking at a banner season this spring before things came to a stop with the pandemic. WHQR's Vince Winkel reports.

*Feature, ME, 7-29-20*

The meatpacking industry is a major economic force in North Carolina, with nearly 36-thousand people working in the industry - more than in all but two other states.

*Interview, ME, 7-30-20*

Restaurants have suffered major economic losses during the pandemic. But the challenges facing the Triangle's bustling food truck scene can be even more difficult to overcome, as many in the industry rely on large social gatherings for their biggest paydays.

*Feature, ME, 8-24-20*

Today is the first day of the month. For many, that means the rent was due yesterday. But due to Covid-related unemployment, hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians may not be able to pay and could face evictions. *Race and Southern Culture*

Reporter Leoneda Inge says help is on the way, but it could be too late for some.

*Feature, ME, 09-01-20*

HOST: The Triad is home to some of the highest eviction and mortgage foreclosure rates in the country. And, as WFDD's David Ford reports, a new study reveals where it's happening in Winston-Salem, and why

*Feature, ATC, 9-10-20*

## **Education:**

The Trump administration backed down last week from a policy that would have kicked international students out of the country, if their college went all-online this fall. But, as Jared Weber reports, there's still plenty of hurdles ahead.

*Feature, ME, 7-20-20*

Hundreds of thousands of students are descending on college campuses across North Carolina this week as universities prepare to reopen amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Most students will take at least some of their classes online, among a long list of other precautions... But as Liz Schlemmer reports, many underclassmen will be still be living in close quarters

*Feature, ME, 8-3-20*

Students, faculty and staff have said they have a long list of concerns as universities begin the fall semester, during the coronavirus pandemic.

Race and Southern Culture Reporter Leoneda Inge says historically Black institutions have even more challenges to navigate.

*Feature, ME, 8-10-20*

Many of the more than 1-and-a-half million public-school students in North Carolina are returning to classrooms today. But this year is unlike any other. More than half will go back to school "virtually", while others will go in-person on altered schedules.

*Interview, ME, 8-17-20, 8-18-20*

In school, Swansboro High is mitigating that risk by spacing out students in the classrooms, wearing masks, and only having half of the students in school at a time.

*Feature, ME, 8-19-20*

Monday was the first day of school for many students across North Carolina. More than two-thirds of public school students are starting the year virtually to avoid community spread of COVID-19. That comes with some inevitable glitches, and new ways of teaching and learning. As part of WUNC's Series Unprecedented, Liz Schlemmer reports from Lakewood Elementary in Durham...

*Feature, ME, 8-18-20*

Thousands of college students in North Carolina are making alternate living and learning plans, as Covid clusters are forcing schools to go all online.

*Feature, ATC, 8-24-20*

NC State, this week, made an about-face, and told students who live on campus that they would have to move out. It came a week after students were told they could stay in their dorms, even as classes were moved online. Cole del Charco reports.

*Feature, ME, 8-28-20*

North Carolina's public school students are back to class... or at least, they're trying to be. Faced with technical issues - on top of families choosing other forms of schooling this year - some educators worry attendance at public schools will suffer. As Liz Schlemmer reports, that could mean their funding is also at stake.

*Feature, ME, 8-28-20*

Students at universities across North Carolina are struggling to maintain a normal campus life. For one particular group of students, the pandemic has created some special challenges. Cole del Charco reports.

*Feature, ME, 9-14-20*

A new study links college reopenings to spikes in COVID-19 cases across the country. Chris Marsicano is a co-author of the study. He's also a professor at Davidson College and the Director of the College Crisis Initiative..

*Interview, ME, 09-24-20*

When schools switched to remote learning in the spring, many parents felt the burden of helping their children learn while working a job. But a partnership between non-profits and the state's largest school district is trying to make things easier for parents. Cole del Charco reports.

*Feature, ME, 09-25-2020*

Students will be returning to classrooms in Wake County next month. But as Cole del Charco reports, the plan is not being supported by everyone with a stake in the public schools.

*Feature, ME, 9-30-20*

## **Environment:**

### **Greensboro/Triad:**

Black farmers make up less than two percent of the country's agriculture producers according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Now Greensboro is joining other cities in North Carolina to highlight them and their products by having a farmers market strictly for Black farmers. Naomi Prioleau has more.

*Feature, ME, 7-31-20*

Dealing with a pandemic during the summer is forcing some cities to get creative on how to offer relief when pools and other places and activities are closed. Naomi Prioleau reports on what Greensboro is doing to help people beat the heat.

*Feature, ME, 8-5-20*

## **Health:**

State health officials have just added a third contractor to expand a new COVID-19 testing effort. They're setting up hundreds of temporary testing sites aimed at reaching minority populations hard hit by the pandemic. Jay Price reports from Kenly.

*Feature, ME, 7-22-20*

The World Health Organization reports there are more than 150 vaccines for COVID-19 in various stages of development. And at least two are about to enter a large clinical trial phase.

*Interview, ME, 7-23-20*

Public health officials across North Carolina are continuing to use contact tracing in hopes of limiting spread of the coronavirus. When it works, they can pinpoint the origin of an outbreak, map it and ask people to quarantine. But area health

departments have successfully traced only a few large outbreaks. WFAE's David Boraks reports.  
*Feature, ATC, 9-15-20*

### **Military:**

Army recruiters typically look for future soldiers at high schools and career fairs. But COVID-19 has forced the service to scale back face-to-face interactions, and the pandemic has revealed gaps in the Army's digital outreach strategy.  
*Feature, ATC, 7-1-20*

In Los Angeles, the Department of Veterans Affairs is trying a new way to help homeless veterans. It's allowing them to live in tents on the VA campus -- where they can also receive food, health care, and other services.  
*Feature, ME, 7-16-20*

Service members with HIV will be in court in early August. [Aug. 4] They're suing the military for discrimination over a longstanding policy that prohibits them from deploying or commissioning as officers.  
*Feature, ME, 7-28-20*

Members of the National Guard have been deployed across the country to assist overwhelmed health departments deal with COVID-19.  
*Feature, ATC, 8-4-20*

In more than 400 communities around the country, there are special courts that serve military veterans charged with non-violent crimes. The Veterans Treatment Courts focus on rehabilitating them, rather than putting them behind bars.  
*Feature, ATC, 8-11-20*

The COVID-19 pandemic has left some military families in limbo. This spring, the Pentagon issued a "stop movement" order, prohibiting service members from transferring to new bases.  
*Feature, ATC, 8-17-20*

It's been 34 years, but Hollywood's most recognizable fighter pilot, Pete "Maverick," Mitchell, will be back in the cockpit for a new "Top Gun" movie.  
*Feature, ATC, 8-25-20*

Researchers have determined that veterans of color have higher rates of mental health issues like P-T-S-D, compared with white veterans. Some psychologists at the Department of Veterans Affairs say that may be because of race-based stress and trauma. They've begun an effort to help Black veterans recognize and deal with those challenges. Emily Elena Dugdale reports for WUNC's American Homefront Project.

*Feature, ME, 9-9-20*

A bill introduced in Congress this week [Sept. 16] would make sexual harassment a crime under military law. The measure is a response to the killing of Fort Hood Army soldier Vanessa Guillen [GHEE un] this summer. Supporters hope the legislation will prevent more violent offenses--and force a military culture shift. Carson Frame reports for WUNC's American Homefront Project.

*Feature, ME, 09-18-20*

### **Politics/Government:**

The start of *in-person*, one-stop early voting in North Carolina is just about 90 days away. And elections officials are scrambling to make sure they have enough volunteers to work the polls despite health risks associated with the coronavirus. Rusty Jacobs reports.

*Feature, ME, 7-14-20*

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting how we shop, socialize and work. But it's also having an impact on another sector of society...registering people to vote. Naomi Prioleau checks in with one organization on how they're working to get young people to vote, while avoiding personal interaction.

*Feature, ME, 7-22-20*

Beyond the glitzy campaigns for President, and Governor, this fall North Carolina voters will also determine who gets to control the state legislature. Republicans want to keep majorities, control the next round of redistricting, and assert authority for another decade. Though Democrats contend they have a path to taking back the General Assembly. Jeff Tiberii reports from one battleground district.

*Feature, ME, 8-19-20*

The all virtual Democratic National Convention ends tonight with a speech from the party's presidential nominee, Joe Biden. This

week, Democratic delegates from across the country, including North Carolina, have joined the convention mostly from their homes.

*Interview, ATC, 8-20-20*

Interest in absentee-by-mail voting is way up this year in North Carolina. Voters are submitting absentee ballot request forms at a record pace -- requests statewide are already more than 10 times ahead of where they were four years ago -- and elections officials are working hard to keep up. Rusty Jacobs reports.

*Feature, ME, 8-21-20*

Wilmington, North Carolina has been named the first World War Two Heritage City in the United States. President Donald Trump is expected to make the formal announcement during a visit to the Port City tomorrow. WHQR's Rachel Lewis Hilburn reports...

*Feature, ATC, 09-01-20*

President Trump announced in July that he would send federal agents to fight crime in cities like Cleveland, Kansas City and Chicago. He called it Operation Legend. Critics worry it's a ploy to score political points or to put down protests. As Matt Richmond reports for Guns And America, these task forces have been around for a long time...and often have mixed results.

*Feature, ME, 09-02-20*

As Election Day draws closer, candidates usually try to secure a particular type of vote. They'll work to get the Latino vote or the Black vote or rural vote. But what happens when you're someone who encompasses more than one of those voting groups? Naomi Prioleau talks to an Afro-Honduran college instructor in Greensboro about what role her identity plays in her politics.

*Feature, ME, 09-07-20*

Republican Senator Thom Tillis met Democratic challenger Cal Cunningham for a socially distanced debate last night. [MONDAY]. The two sparred over the pandemic, systemic racism, and each other's records. Jeff Tiberii reports.

*Feature, ME, 9-15-20*

Before he was U-S Postmaster General, Louis DeJoy was C-E-O of New Breed Logistics in High Point. The Washington Post recently reported that some of DeJoy's former employees say he reimbursed them for making political contributions -- that could be a violation of campaign finance law. With the help of reporter Jason DeBruyn, WUNC's Rusty Jacobs took a look at how some

prominent North Carolina politicians benefited, and the possible legal implications.

*Feature, ME, 09-16-2020*

Back in July, as the pandemic raged across the state, dozens of people were suddenly evicted from an apartment complex in Greensboro. They all shared one thing in common - they were in housing provided by an organization called United Youth Care Services. After an investigation led by the state Department of Health and Human Services, a judge recently upheld a decision to revoke that organization's license. W-U-N-C's Will Michaels and Jason deBruyn have been looking into United Youth Care Services and how its practices led to that mass eviction, and they join me now.

*Interview, ATC, 09-17-2020*

Republican U.S. Senator Thom Tillis and challenger Cal Cunningham squared off last night in the second of their three debates. The first topic was the one on everyone's mind: The partisan fight over whether President Donald Trump should try to replace Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg before the election. WUNC's Jay Price reports.

*Feature, ME, 09-23-2020*

The Republican members of the State Elections Board abruptly resigned this week--AFTER they had signed off on a settlement of lawsuits over absentee voting. Leading Republicans now accuse Democrats of playing politics with elections administration. Rusty Jacobs reports.

*Feature, ME, 09-25-2020*

When Lanisha [luh-NEE-shuh] Bratcher went to vote in the 20-16 election in Hoke County, she thought she was simply exercising her right to vote. But now, four years later, she is battling a charge of felony voter fraud. Jeff Tiberii recently spoke with Bratcher for WUNC's Politics Podcast about the charges and how her case plays into a history of disenfranchisement in North Carolina.

*Interview, ATC, 09-25-2020*

### **Race/Diversity:**

Over the course of the next few weeks, W-U-N-C will be profiling North Carolinians who are "Calling for Change" in the wake of recent high-profile deaths of Black Americans.

*Feature, ME, 7-27-20*

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*Feature, ME, 08-03-20*

This summer, W-U-N-C is meeting North Carolinians "Calling for Change" in the wake of recent high-profile deaths of Black Americans. Rev. Greg Drumwright is a social justice organizer and rising public theologian based in Greensboro. He sat down with Producer Mitch Northam [north-um] for this installment:  
*Feature, ME, 8-12-20*

Clashes between anti-racist demonstrators and pro-Trump counter-protesters have turned violent in parts of the country. In Alamance County, halfway between Raleigh and Greensboro, things have not yet escalated like in Kenosha or Portland. But the tension and anger is still very much on display. WUNC's Naomi Prioleau contributed - and Jason deBruyn reports - on Alamance County's long history of racial violence.  
*Feature, ME, 09-03-20*

Protesters have ended their occupation of Bailey Park in Winston-Salem. It comes on the heels of a 49-day demonstration against the jail-related death of John Neville. W-F-D-D's David Ford reports...  
*Feature, ME, 09-04-20*

This summer, WUNC is meeting some of the North Carolinians who are "Calling for Change" in the wake of recent high-profile killings of Black Americans. WUNC Youth Reporter Caitlin Leggett [LEG-gett] spoke with Durham-based poet Nelson White about both of their motivations to get involved with the Black Lives Matter movement.  
*Feature, ME, 09-07-20*

Kerwin Pittman is a member of the governor's new task force examining racial inequities in the criminal justice system.  
*Feature, ME, 9-10-20*

September is International Underground Railroad Month in North Carolina. And in High Point, a group of people are trying to save a house with ties to that era from being demolished. Naomi Prioleau has more.  
*Feature, ME, 09-17-20*

**Sports:**

## **Weather:**

## **Other:**

Police continue to use so-called "less lethal" munitions to disperse protesters...firing foam projectiles or plastic bullets at people. And as Guns And America's Jonathan Levinson reports, despite being known as "less lethal," these weapons often cause severe injuries and even death.

*Feature, ATC, 7-13-20*

Many Americans have acquired firearms this year ... but surging sales aren't the only reason. Gun store burglary and thefts are also on the rise. Guns And America's Heath Druzin [DROO-zinn] has more.

*Feature, ME, 7-22-20*

As the pandemic stretches from weeks to months...many U-S cities are seeing an explosion of gun violence. That means local leaders are grappling with both a spike in violence and a deadly virus. W-U-N-C's Jason deBruyn [DUH-brew-inn] has the story for the Guns and America project.

*Feature, ATC, 7-27-20*

At protests across the country, you'd expect to hear chanting about police violence. But some protesters have heard another sound: gunshots. As Guns and America's Heath Druzin [DROO-zinn] reports, the presence of guns at protests raises serious questions of safety and Second Amendment rights. A note for listeners: this story includes the sound of gunfire.

*Feature, ME, 8-4-20*

In 2018, more than seven thousand Black men and boys were fatally shot in the U.S. Seventeen-year-old Karlonzo Taylor was one of them. Reporting from Hartford, Connecticut, Guns and America's Ryan Lindsay spoke with Karlonzo's mother.

*Feature, ATC, 09-01-20*

Every year, more than 80-thousand people visit the E-R for gunshot wounds. After seventeen-year-old James Harris survived a shooting that claimed the life of his best friend, his life changed in many ways. Reporting from Hartford, Connecticut, Guns and America's Ryan Lindsay spoke with James and his mother.

*Feature, ATC, 09-02-20*

Eighteen to 24-year-olds make up 10 percent of the U.S. population. But they're 21 percent of people admitted into prison every year. Bill Moore was 24 when...police say... he fired the bullets that would kill one teenager and injure another. Guns and America's Ryan Lindsay spoke with Moore's mother, Tenesha Lee.

*Feature, ATC, 09-03-20*

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