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Arts/Culture:

TV has a lot of just OK shows. Examples include The CW's Nancy Drew reboot, Fox's Almost Family, ABC's Stumptown, NBC's Sunnyside. Why the mediocrity? People watch it.

Feature, ATC, 10-10-2019

The great jazz drummer, bandleader and mentor Art Blakey was born 100 years ago on October 11, 1919. His group, the Jazz Messengers came to be called "Blakey's University" and graduated such future stars as Donald Byrd, Wayne Shorter and Wynton Marsalis.

Feature, ATC, 10-11-2019

That's I NEED A TEACHER from HISS GOLDEN MESSENGER'S new record TERMS OF SURRENDER. In a body of work that has plenty of depth and seriousness about it, this one seems somehow deeper, darker and yet more optimistic or at least hopeful. There's a video for this song that is filmed during a teacher protest march in downtown Raleigh. There are a lot of smiling faces of students, teachers and parents.

Interview, ME, 10-25-2019

Jack Klatt grew up in the Minnesota. As a teenager, his musical tastes took him from The Clash, to Bob Marley and Woody Guthrie. You can hear some of that in the songs from his new record IT AIN'T THE SAME. You can also hear Leon Redbone, Roy Orbison and Chris Isaak.

Interview, ME, 11-8-2019

JONAH TOLCHIN'S journey through life has been a little rough over the past few years. His marriage ended among other things and it left Tolchin looking for a new beginning. FIRES FOR THE COLD is the result of putting some of those harrowing personal experiences to music.

Interview, ME, 11-22-2019

That's singer/songwriter Alexandra Sauser-Monnig who records under the moniker Daughter of Swords. The song Fields of Gold is one of the highlights for an album Sauser-Monnig says was written about a break-up that had yet to happen. Daughter of Swords is set to play the Arts Center in Carrboro tomorrow night, but first Alexandra joins me.

Interview, ME, 11-27-2019

That's singer-songwriter Michaela Anne's song BY OUR DESIGN. She grew up the daughter of a navy officer. That means Michaela moved around - a lot. In turn, that constant uprooting fuels some of the songs on her new album, DESERT DOVE.

Interview, ME, 12-6-2019

This time of year families come back together and share stories. For Will Blythe, a writer who grew up in Chapel Hill there was one piece of family story that had him convinced he – and the town of Chapel Hill -- was connected to this song by Joni Mitchell.

Feature, ATC, 12-23-2019

A North Carolina icon has died. Junior Johnson was a renowned bootlegger turned legendary race car driver. He later became one of NASCAR's most successful owners and is regarded as having a place on the Mount Rushmore of stock-car racing. An almost mythical figure, Johnson was nicknamed the Ronda Roadrunner, the Wilkes County Wildman and the Last American Hero. He died Friday at the age of 88. Jeff Tiberii has this remembrance.

Feature, ME, 12-23-2019

I'm Eric Hodge. WUNC's Songs We Love is an ongoing podcast and radio series that looks at the stories behind some of the songs we're playing on WUNC Music. This time around, we dig into I Need A Teacher by Durham-based Hiss Golden Messenger.

Interview, ME, 12-31-2019

Economy:

Durham voters will choose a mayor and three at-large councilmembers on Tuesday. They'll also consider an affordable housing bond. Jason deBruyn reports that, if passed, it would be the largest housing bond in North Carolina's history.

Feature, 11-4-2019

Education:

North Carolina elects its State School Superintendent. Only 12 other states do the same. Superintendent Mark Johnson has been on the job three years, and last year began a public information campaign that some parents and others say cross the line into campaigning. Education Policy Reporter Cole del Charco has the story.

Feature, ME, 10-9-2019

Last week, the American Association of Universities released the results of a campus climate survey about sexual assault. U-N-C Chapel Hill was one of the 33 schools that participated. Among other things, the report showed that more than 20 percent of Carolina students surveyed experienced forceful or non-consensual sexual touching or penetration. Earlier this week, the U-N-C student government held a "town hall" to discuss campus sexual assault, and what's being done to combat it on campus.

Feature, ME, 10-24-2019

Kevin Guskiewicz [GUSS-kuh-witz] has been named the permanent chancellor of U-N-C Chapel Hill. Guskiewicz had been serving as interim chancellor since Carol Folt resigned earlier this year.

Interview, ATC, 12-13-2019

Across the state, teachers at all levels are assigning more digital homework. In and of itself, that's not a bad thing. Workplaces and society are going to rely on technology only more in the future.

But for students without access to the proper tools, Jason deBruyn reports it has the unintended effect of widening the achievement gap

Feature, ME, 12-23-2019

Governor Roy Cooper has created a task force to address an ongoing concern in public schools across North Carolina... a lack of diversity among the state's teachers.

Cole del Charco reports.

Feature, ME, 12-24-2019

Environment:

The Raleigh Durham Airport shares a border with Umstead State Park. Along one little patch of that border, the airport authority has leased property to Wake Stone so the mining company can expand a rock quarry. But Jason deBruyn reports that park supporters are trying to stop the deal.

Feature, ME, 10-8-2019

The intentional blackout in northern California is now in its third day. The longer it lasts, the harder it is for residents, businesses, and governments to cope.

Feature, ATC, 10-11-2019

Victor, a white-tailed eagle, is flying over the Alps with a video camera on his back for 5 days to bring awareness to climate change and how it is affecting the Alps. Host Marco Werman speaks with Ronald Menzel, co-founder of Eagle Wings, the organization that sent Victor on his journey.

Interview, The World, 10-14-2019

Climate change is making hurricanes more powerful, more frequent and ever more destructive. Now, after hundreds of years of mainly dealing with the AFTERMATH of hurricanes, state and local leaders in North Carolina are having to think ahead in new ways.

Jay Price reports from Nags Head.

Feature, ME, 10-21-2019

It's the time of year when spiders are out in full force. They've spun webs and maybe even crept into some corners of your house. WUNC's Adhiti Bandlamudi [UH-dih-tee BUND-luh-MOODY] is hardly a fan, but as she explains, she's dealing with her arachnophobia as best she can...

Feature, ATC, 10-30-2019

Field trips are a staple of the elementary school experience. And these days, so is the use of technology in the classroom. As WUNC's Cole del Charco reports, the two are coming together, and could lead students to some very exciting places.

Feature, ME, 11-6-2019

Climate change is pushing some LAND animals toward the planet's poles, and to higher elevations. And similar changes are going on under the seas.

From 30 miles off the North Carolina coast, Jay Price reports on tropical fish... that aren't in the tropics.

Feature, ME, 11-21-2019

North Carolina cities and state environmental regulators are at odds over who is responsible for high levels of a toxic chemical found in the Cape Fear River Basin. 1,4 dioxane is polluting drinking water sources for hundreds of thousands of people. The state recently issued violation notices against the city of Greensboro and Reidsville for their role.

Feature, 11-25-2019

Hunters play an important role in funding conservation efforts. But with the number of hunters on the decline, stakeholders are banding together to attract a different type of hunter. Guns & America's Heath Druzin has more from Idaho.

Feature, ME, 11-26-2019

Greensboro/Triad:

Wayne Scott announced his retirement as Greensboro police chief in August. Since then, the police department has been holding community meetings, seeking input on the search process. Naomi Prioleau has more.

Feature, ME, 10-7-2019

In September, President Donald Trump slashed the number of refugees his administration would allow into the country to just 18-thousand. As WUNC's Naomi Prioleau reports, the new cap has a direct impact on at least one family in Greensboro...

Feature, 10-31-2019

Guns & America:

The vast majority of gun deaths in this country are suicides. If that's news to you ... you're not alone, according to a new poll from our partners at Guns And America. Today, mass shootings and homicides dominate the national conversation on guns. As Guns And America's Heath Druzin reports for W-U-N-C, that can have real world consequences.

Feature, ATC, 10-2-2019

A majority of Americans support laws requiring gun owners to store their firearms with a lock according to a new national poll. Adhiti Bandlamudi [AH-dih-tee BUND-luh-MOODY] reports.

Feature, ME, 10-2-2019

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Feature, ATC, 10-3-2019

The gun debate in America often focuses on one weapon: the A-R fifteen. But the A-R fifteen is just a rifle that has been modified to look a certain way. Guns And America's Jonathan Levinson looks at how that popular image shapes how we regulate guns.

Feature, ATC, 10-10-2019

Each year, millions of private gun transactions are completed with no background check requirement. There's almost no data about how often those guns end up in the wrong hands. Still, SOME private sellers DO try to be careful about who they sell to. Guns and America's Lisa Hagen spoke to one in Georgia.

Feature, 10-14-2019

Entangled in the messy world of gun politics, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have struggled to study violent deaths. But as Guns & America's Heath Druzin reports, a program expanding to states like Idaho, which has one of the highest suicide rates in the country, is changing that.

Feature, ME, 11-12-2019

Law enforcement officers are stationed in schools across the country. They are there to protect students. Most get at least 40 hours of training in their first year on the job as school resource officers. And WUNC's Adhiti Bandlamudi [UH-dih-tee bund-luh-MOODY] reports...they're often thinking about the worst-case scenario: an active shooter.

Feature, ME, 11-18-2019

Cities throughout the country have banned carrying guns in government buildings. The idea is to keep staff and members of the public safe. But opponents say so-called "gun-free zones" are a perfect target. For Guns And America, Alycin Bektesh ["Allison BECK-tesh"] reports from Aspen, Colorado...a city trying to walk the line between public access and public safety. And a warning for listeners: This story includes the sounds of gunshots.

Feature, ATC, 12-5-2019

The debate over gun rights and gun regulations took center stage in Washington this month last week when the U-S Supreme Court took up a rare case focused on the second amendment. But the arguments *actually* focused on procedure... and whether the justices should *dismiss* the case. Guns And America's Matt Richmond reports on what that means for the debate over gun control.

Feature, ME, 12-10-2019

The Department of Justice has restarted a policy that takes illegal gun possession cases from state court into the federal system. As Matt Richmond reports for Guns & America, it's a widely supported policy where concerns about over-incarceration seem to have been forgotten.

Feature, 12-12-2019

It's been nearly two years since an Oregon law took effect allowing law enforcement and family to petition a court to remove someone's firearms. As similar laws take effect across the country and federal lawmakers consider a national policy, Guns and America's Jonathan Levinson looks at how the law has worked in Oregon.

Feature, ME, 12-17-2019

Durham has had more than 30 homicides this year, about a 20% increase since last year. And despite that, an organization geared towards helping families of homicide victims is closing. WUNC's Adhiti Bandlamudi reports.

Feature, ME, 12-30-2019

Health:

Migrant farm workers in rural areas face a lot of pressure - from language barriers, to geographic isolation, to the current political climate surrounding immigration. Add in the limited access to mental healthcare in rural locales, it puts workers who travel to Western North Carolina for the harvest season in an even tougher position.

Feature, ATC, 10-10-2019

Clinics that provide services to seasonal and migrant farmworkers in Western North Carolina are increasingly turning their attention to mental healthcare.

Feature, ATC, 10-15-2019

Military/American Homefront:

A growing number of programs around the country are trying to treat post-traumatic stress disorder by getting veterans into nature -- even deep under the sea. Stephanie Colombini of WUNC's American Homefront Project reports on how scuba diving is helping some veterans heal.

Feature, ATC, 10-1-2019

This is Morning Edition. The number of reported heat-related injuries in the military has skyrocketed in the past few years. So the Pentagon is turning one base into a world center for fighting those injuries. Jay Price of WUNC's American Homefront Project reports from Fort Benning, Georgia.

Feature, ME, 10-3-2019

More tourists visit the U.S. Air Force Academy Chapel than any other building in Colorado. The classic glass and aluminum structure just closed to the public for what's expected to be up to four years of extensive renovations. Dan Boyce of WUNC's American Homefront Project tells us that shortcuts in its original construction have plagued the chapel from the beginning.

Feature, ME, 10-24-2019

As climate change shrinks sea-ice in the Arctic, the U.S. military is preparing for potential missions in the newly navigable waters. And in the remote Alaska community of Adak, residents see the Pentagon's interest as an opportunity. Zachariah Hughes reports for WUNC's American Homefront Project.

Feature, ME, 11-1-2019

Military health officials say several sexually transmitted infections are becoming more common among service members.

They say troops are engaging in more high-risk sexual behavior ... and part of the reason might be the popularity of smartphone dating apps.

Feature, 11-5-2019

The Department of Veterans Affairs has unveiled a new way to bring health care to some of the nation's most remote communities. That's a big deal because about five million veterans live in rural America. Jay Price met some of them at V-F-W Post 6786 in Eureka, Montana. He filed this report for WUNC's American Homefront Project.

Feature, 11-11-2019

Not everyone who served in uniform is considered a veteran, including some people who spent years in the National Guard.

Guardsmen who respond to domestic missions -- like providing disaster assistance or working along the southern U.S. border -- may not qualify for V-A benefits.

Feature, ME, 11-19-2019

As the Army works to reach its recruiting goals, it's found that video games are one of the best ways to attract new soldiers. Increasingly, the military is holding e-sports events to reach potential recruits, and it's finding them often more effective than traditional recruiting methods like visiting high schools or sending out brochures.

Feature, ME, 11-27-2019

Researchers at the University of California, Irvine have completed one of the first studies of grief in veterans. It found that the loss of fellow troops can have much bigger emotional effects than previously realized -- and those effects can linger long after people leave the military. Emily Elena Dugdale reports from Los Angeles for WUNC's American Homefront Project.

Feature, ME, 12-4-2019

Military veterans are more than 60 percent more likely to separate or divorce than non-veterans. So the Department of Veterans Affairs is holding "couples retreats" to help former service members communicate with their spouses and work through tough times. Carson Frame reports from San Antonio for WUNC's American Homefront Project.

Feature, ME, 12-11-2019

The U-S-O -- the United Service Organizations -- has entertained and boosted the morale of American troops for nearly EIGHTY years, in every major conflict since World War Two. But for an organization that's still strongly associated with entertainers of the past, like Bob Hope, it's a constant challenge to stay relevant to today's service members. Austin Cross reports for WUNC's American Homefront project.

Feature, ME, 12-18-2019

Some military veterans in Florida are putting on a holiday harmonica concert at their local V-A. But it's not just to spread some cheer. It's part of a therapy program that takes an unconventional approach to treating lung disease.

Feature, ME, 12-20-2019

The number of veterans in North Carolina is quickly rising, as more of them choose to settle here. That's led the U-S Department of Veterans Affairs to shift more resources to North Carolina. It's opened several medical clinics and hospital-sized outpatient centers around the state.

Feature, ME, 12-27-2019

Politics/Government:

Democratic presidential contender and New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker sat down with NPR's Ari Shapiro and two undecided voters to discuss Booker's record and plans to address abuses in policing.

Interview, ATC, 10-14-2019

Moderate Democratic Rep. Joe Cunningham has not publicly backed the House impeachment inquiry. He's spent the recess talking about other issues like health care in his red-leaning district.

Feature, ATC, 10-14-2019

After Thom Tillis defeated Kay Hagan five years ago to win his Senate seat, he said he would hold town halls in an effort to represent all North Carolinians.

Feature, ATC, 10-18-2019

A state court panel will decide whether to block the use of North Carolina's current congressional district maps in next year's elections. As Rusty Jacobs reports, the judges face a time crunch with candidate filing just around the corner.

Feature, ME, 10-25-2019

Presidential candidate Joe Biden held a campaign rally in Durham's historically black Hillside High School on Sunday. The former vice president is trying to build support in North Carolina ahead of the key Super Tuesday primary in March. Adhiti Bandlamudi [UH-dih-tee bund-luh-MOODY] reports.

Feature, 10-28-2019

Former U-S Senator Kay Hagan died yesterday [MONDAY]--at the age of 66. Hagan was the second woman ever elected to represent North Carolina in the U-S Senate. Rusty Jacobs has this remembrance.

Feature, ME, 10-29-2019

A panel of three state judges has blocked North Carolina's Congressional maps from being used in the 20-20 elections. The judges ruled the districts were drawn with extreme partisan bias. In a different order, *the same* judges upheld legislative districts that were redrawn just last month. Here to help us make sense of the orders is Capitol Bureau Chief Jeff Tiberii.

Interview, ME, 10-29-2019

Republican-backed legislation awaiting the governor's signature or veto aims to rid North Carolina voter rolls of non-U-S citizens. Critics see it as a blatant attempt at voter suppression targeting a minority community. Rusty Jacobs reports.

Feature, 11-4-2019

To hear an extended conversation with Congressman Walker, download the latest edition of the WUNC Politics Podcast.

Interview, ME, 11-7-2019

A top contender for the Democratic presidential nomination made a campaign stop in Raleigh last night. U-S Senator Elizabeth Warren energized a capacity crowd at Broughton High School with an unabashedly populist message. Rusty Jacobs reports.

Feature, ME, 11-8-2019

A state budget standoff is now in its fifth month. Millions of North Carolinians remain caught in the fiscal crosshairs, as leading Republican lawmakers and the Democratic Governor point fingers at each other over who is to blame. From Raleigh Jeff Tiberii reports on the unprecedented approach to budgeting.

Feature, ME, 11-13-2019

Democratic Presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg [*BOOT-edge-edge*] has struggled to gain the support of black primary voters. A recent poll found that just 1 percent of African Americans in South Carolina support the Mayor from South Bend, Indiana. Jason deBruyn reports that on Sunday, Buttigieg worshiped at Greenleaf Christian Church, a majority black church in Goldsboro.

Feature, ME, 12-2-2019

A state court has approved the start of candidate filing for North Carolina's 2020 congressional elections. The judicial panel gave the green light despite lingering questions about North Carolina's new congressional boundaries. Rusty Jacobs reports.

Feature, ME, 12-3-2019

Early voting for the 2020 primaries starts in February -- and for the first time under a new law, North Carolinians will have to provide photo I-D to vote in person, or absentee by mail. That's unless a federal judge blocks the requirement. Rusty Jacobs reports.

Feature, ME, 12-19-2019

Race/Diversity:

The Dixie Classic Fair wrapped up this weekend, and for some people who attended it was bittersweet. Winston-Salem City Council voted to rename the event because some community members say 'Dixie' evokes images of slavery and segregation. As WFDD's Keri Brown reports, many people came to grab a piece of history and to keep their memories of the fair alive.

Feature, The World, 10-14-2019

Chatham County commissioners intend to remove a Confederate statue that stands in front of Pittsboro's historic courthouse. The monument of a Confederate soldier went up in 19-07, and is

inscribed in part with the words "Our Confederate Heroes." The commissioners' order could have been carried out today, but it's on hold after the United Daughters of the Confederacy sued to stop it. Chatham County commissioner Karen Howard joins me now. Welcome to the program.

Interview, ME, 11-1-2019

Friday, a judge is expected to decide whether to grant an injunction that could halt the removal of a confederate statue that stands prominently at the old Chatham County Courthouse. County commissioners have already voted to remove the statue, but confederate sympathizers and white supremacist groups want it to stay.

Feature, 11-7-2019

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors is giving the state chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans 2-point-5 million dollars. It's to preserve a Confederate monument that once stood at U-N-C Chapel Hill. Protesters tore down the statue known as Silent Sam in 20-18. As Will Michaels reports, outrage has grown among students and faculty who say the university refuses to reckon with its racist past.

Feature, ME, 12-6-2019

Last year, a historic number of Black Sheriffs were elected across North Carolina. Race and Southern Culture Reporter Leoneda Inge checks in with one of them.

Feature, ME, 12-26-2019

Sports:

Before Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey was thrust into international spotlight this week for supporting Hong Kong protesters, he first built his reputation as a numbers whiz in Boston.

Feature, 10-10-2019

Weather:

Four weeks ago today, Hurricane Dorian slammed Ocracoke. The storm pushed a seven-foot wall of water across the island, destroying homes, cars, and much of Highway 12. Authorities estimate that 200 of the 12-hundred structures are still uninhabitable, and another 2-hundred are severely damaged. Residents are still waiting on FEMA to decide on the state's disaster declaration requests.

Feature, ME, 10-4-2019

Other:

A Place at the Table is Raleigh's first pay-what-you-can cafe. It opened in January of 2019, and the concept is pretty simple... Customers from all walks of life choose to pay whatever they can afford. The restaurant has taken off, and will soon be expanding its Hargett Street location.

Feature, ME, 10-30-2019

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