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Walter Edgar's Journal

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[The Battle of Kings Mountain and the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution](#)
By WALTER EDGAR • SEP 30, 2019

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The Battle of Kings Mountain was a military engagement between Patriot and Loyalist militias during the Southern Campaign of the American Revolutionary War, resulting in a decisive victory for the Patriots. The battle took place on October 7, 1780, in what is now rural Cherokee County, SC. The Patriot victory was one of several key battles in Carolina that turned the tide of the war against Great Britain.

[How the Blinding of Sergeant Isaac Woodard Changed the Course of America's Civil Rights History](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • SEP 23, 2019

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, FROM CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, CLARK HISTORICAL LIBRARY

(Originally broadcast on 03/08/19) On February 12, 1946, Sergeant Isaac Woodard, a returning, decorated African American veteran of World War II, was removed from a Greyhound bus in Batesburg, South Carolina, after he challenged the bus driver's disrespectful treatment of him. Woodard, in uniform, was arrested by the local police chief, Lynwood Shull, and beaten and blinded while in custody.

[Remembering Cokie Roberts](#)

By ALFRED TURNER • SEP 17, 2019

1997 ABC, INC STEVE FENN

Veteran journalist Cokie Roberts has died at age 75. Roberts joined NPR in 1978, the start of a remarkable career that led her to ABC News in 1988, though she remained on NPR as a commentator until her death. Roberts died Tuesday due to complications from breast cancer, according to a family statement.

Walter Edgar interviewed Roberts during a 2004 book tour promoting her book, *Founding Mothers*, when she made a stop at Litchfield Books.

[The Last At-Bat of Shoeless Joe](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • SEP 16, 2019

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In his new novel, *The Last At-Bat of Shoeless Joe* (2019, Chickadee Prince), Granville Wyche Burgess imagines Shoeless Joe Jackson, the outfielder disgraced in the 1919 “Black Sox” scandal, living in Greenville, South Carolina, and finding that sports history has one more twist in store for him.

[Remembering Hurricane Hugo](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • SEP 9, 2019

NOAA

Thirty years ago this month, the strongest and most costly hurricane to strike South Carolina in the 20th century made landfall. Hurricane Hugo was a Category 4 storm when it came ashore just slightly north of Charleston, on Isle of Palms on September 22. The hurricane had 140 mph sustained winds, with gusts to more than 160 mph and brought a storm surge of over 20 feet to McClellanville, SC. Thirty-five people lost their lives to the storm and its aftermath in South Carolina. Damage from Hugo in South Carolina was estimated at \$5.9 billion.

[Remembering Dorothea Benton Frank](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • SEP 4, 2019

On Monday, September 2, 2019, South Carolina lost a beloved author. Dorothea Benton Frank, author of 20 best-selling novels set in the Lowcountry, [died at the age of 67 after a brief illness](#).

We'd like to share with you an excerpt of Dottie Frank's last visit with us at *Walter Edgar's Journal*, broadcast August 14, 2015.

[Country Music](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • SEP 2, 2019

Since its first publication in 1968, Bill C. Malone's *Country Music USA* has won universal acclaim as the definitive history of American country music. Starting with the music's folk roots in the rural South, it traces country music from the early days of radio into the twenty-first century. In the 2019, fiftieth-anniversary edition, Malone, the featured historian in Ken Burns's 2019 documentary on country music, has revised every chapter to offer new information and fresh insights.

[Rampage: MacArthur, Yamashita, and the Battle of Manila](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • AUG 26, 2019

(Originally broadcast 02/08/19) - In his book, *Rampage: MacArthur, Yamashita, and the Battle of Manila* (2018, W. W. Norton), Charleston historian and author James M. Scott recounts one of the most heartbreaking chapters of World War II.

When Gen. Douglas MacArthur prepared to liberate the capital city of the Philippines in 1945, he believed that the occupying Japanese forces would retreat. Instead, determined to fight to the death, Japanese marines barricaded intersections, converted buildings into fortresses, and booby-trapped stores, graveyards, and even dead bodies.

[A Journey of Rediscovery: Retracing the Route of John Lawson's 1700 Expedition in Carolina](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • AUG 19, 2019

NC DEPT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

(Originally broadcast 03/29/19) - In 1700, a young man named John Lawson left London and landed in Charleston, South Carolina, hoping to make a name for himself. For reasons unknown, he soon undertook a two-month journey through the still-mysterious Carolina backcountry. His travels yielded *A New Voyage to Carolina* in 1709, one of the most significant early American travel narratives, rich with observations about the region's environment and Indigenous people.

[Radio's Golden Age](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • AUG 12, 2019

(Originally broadcast 05/03/19) - The term "Old Time Radio" often refers to the programming and performers of a "golden age" in the medium, beginning after World War I and lasting well into the 1950s. Guest Bill Owen joins Walter Edgar to talk about this golden age on this week's program. Owen is a writer and a retired radio/television announcer now living in Greenville, SC, whose career spans six decades. He has written or co-authored several books, including *Radio's Golden Age: The Programs and the Personalities* and *The Big Broadcast*.

[The Return of Hemp](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • AUG 6, 2019

(Originally broadcast 04/19/18) - Hemp was once one of the crops grown in South Carolina and exported to the world. That changed, however, when enforcement of the Marihuana Tax Act of 1937 effectively made possession or transfer of hemp illegal throughout the United States under federal law, excluding medical and industrial uses, through imposition of an excise tax on all sales of hemp.

[Dawson's Fall](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • JUL 29, 2019

In *Dawson's Fall* (2019, MacMillan) novelist Roxana Robinson tells a story of America at its most fragile, fraught, and malleable. Set in 1889, in Charleston, South Carolina, Robinson's tale weaves her family's journal entries and letters with a novelist's narrative grace, and spans the life of her tragic hero, Frank Dawson, as he attempts to navigate the country's new political, social, and moral landscape.

[Community and Conservation - the History of South Carolina's Coastal Conservation League](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • JUL 22, 2019

In their new book, *A Wholly Admirable Thing* (2018, Evening Post Books), Virginia and Dana Beach chronicle ten stories that showcase the rise of the Coastal Conservation League to one of the country's most tenacious and innovative conservation groups. The book highlights transformational initiatives undertaken by the Conservation League over three decades in partnership with community activists up and down the South Carolina coast.

[Chasing the Moon](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • JUL 1, 2019

Apollo 16 astronaut Charles Duke joins documentary producer/director Robert Stone to talk with Walter Edgar about the Space Race of the 1960s, and about making the documentary Chasing the Moon.

Health Focus

WRJA/WJWJ/WLJK/WHMC/WNSC/WLTR/WEPR/WSCI

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[Pediatric Asthma Update](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • SEP 30, 2019

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Sean Aujla](#) about managing asthma in children and also new treatments for children with severe asthma. Dr. Aujla is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and she is the Director of Pediatric Pulmonology at MUSC Children's Health.

[Collaborative Program in NC & SC to Drastically Reduce HIV Infections](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • SEP 24, 2019

BOBBI CONNER/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Eric Meissner](#) about a collaborative program in North Carolina and South Carolina to reduce HIV infections in both states by ninety percent over the next decade. Dr. Meissner is an Assistant Professor of Infectious Diseases and Director of HIV and Hepatitis Clinical Care and Research at MUSC.

[Organ Transplantation](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • SEP 23, 2019

BOBBI CONNER/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Satish Nadig](#) about recent advances and research underway related to organ transplantation. Dr. Nadig is an Endowed Chair in Adult and Pediatric Multi-Organ Transplant Surgery and he's the Scientific Director of the Transplant Research and Immuno-Biology Institute at MUSC.

[Gout: A Common Form of Inflammatory Arthritis](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • SEP 17, 2019

BOBBI CONNER/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Richard Silver](#) about a common form of inflammatory arthritis called gout. Dr. Silver is a Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics at MUSC.

[Teens, Vaping \(E-Cigarettes\) & Health](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • SEP 16, 2019

BOBBI CONNER/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Matthew Carpenter](#) about the dramatic increase in the number of teens who are using e-cigarettes, and risks for teens associated with vaping. Dr. Carpenter is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and he's the co-leader of the Cancer Control Program at the Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

[Understanding the Neuropathology of Alzheimer's Disease](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • SEP 10, 2019

BOBBI CONNER/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Steven Carroll](#) about efforts underway to better understand and treat Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Carroll is the Chair of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and Director of the Carol A Campbell Jr. Neuropathology Lab at MUSC.

[Research Related to Mitral Valve Prolapse \(Heart Valve Disease\)](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • SEP 9, 2019

BOBBI CONNER/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Russell Norris](#) about research related to mitral valve prolapse (heart valve disease). Dr. Norris is an Associate Professor of Regenerative Medicine and Cell Biology at MUSC.

[Tick Borne Diseases](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • SEP 3, 2019

BOBBI CONNER/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Terry Dixon](#) about the prevention and treatment of tick borne diseases. Dr. Dixon is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and a Pediatric Infectious Disease Specialist at MUSC Children's Health.

[Smoking Impact on Cancer Treatment](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • SEP 2, 2019

BOBBI CONNER/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Graham Warren](#) about how smoking impacts cancer treatment and also how smoking cessation can improve health outcomes for cancer patients. Dr. Warren is a Professor of Radiation Oncology and he is the Vice Chair for Research in Radiation Oncology at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

[Health Evaluation for International Adoption](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • AUG 27, 2019

BOBBI CONNER/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Andrea Summer](#) about the importance of comprehensive health evaluations (and vaccinations) for children adopted internationally. Dr. Summer is a Professor of Pediatrics and Co-Director of the International Adoption Clinic at MUSC.

[Scleroderma](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • AUG 26, 2019

BOBBI CONNER/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Richard Silver](#) about Scleroderma and ongoing research related to improving treatments for this disorder. Dr. Silver is a Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics at MUSC.

[The Connection Between Oral Health and General Health](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • AUG 20, 2019

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Amy Martin](#) about the connection between oral health and general health. Dr. Martin is an Associate Professor in the College of Dental Medicine and Director of the Division of Population Oral Health at MUSC.

[Managing Chronic Pain](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • AUG 19, 2019

BOBBI CONNER/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Kelly Barth](#) about a comprehensive approach to managing chronic pain. Dr. Barth is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Medical Director of the Chronic Pain Rehabilitation Program at MUSC.

[Type 1 Diabetes in Children](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • AUG 13, 2019

BOBBI CONNER/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Deborah Ann Bowlby](#) about Type 1 Diabetes in children. Dr. Bowlby is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Director of the Division of Pediatric Endocrinology at MUSC Children's Health.

[Finding New Treatments for Sickle Cell Disease](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • AUG 12, 2019

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Patrick Woster](#) about sickle cell disease and efforts underway in S.C. to find improved treatments for this disorder. Dr. Woster is a SmartState Endowed Chair in Drug Discovery and Chair of the Department of Drug Discovery and Biomedical Sciences at MUSC.

[Teen Brain Development & Alcohol and Marijuana Use](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • AUG 6, 2019

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Lindsay Squeglia](#) about teen brain development and the impact from alcohol and marijuana use during the teen years. Dr. Squeglia is a Clinical Neuropsychologist and Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at MUSC

[Stroke Recovery Research Center & New Funding from the NIH](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • AUG 5, 2019

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Steven Kautz](#) about efforts underway at the MUSC Stroke Recovery Research Center to improve stroke rehabilitation. Dr. Kautz is Chair of the Department of Health Sciences and Research in the College of Health Professions and Director of the Center of Biomedical Research Excellence in Stroke Recovery at MUSC.

[Mood Swings and Temper Tantrums in Childhood](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JUL 30, 2019

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Lee Lewis](#) about mood swings and tantrums that are quite common throughout childhood...versus signs of a mood disorder in children. Dr. Lewis is a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at MUSC.

[Reducing Sugary Drinks for Kids](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JUL 29, 2019

BOBBI CONNER/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Elizabeth Mack](#) about practical tips to reduce children's consumption of sugary drinks and why this is important. Dr. Mack is the Division Chief for Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at MUSC Children's Health and she's a spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

[Pediatric Palliative Care](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JUL 23, 2019

BOBBI CONNER/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Carrie Cormack](#) about pediatric palliative care for children and their families who are dealing with a serious or life-threatening illness. Dr. Cormack is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner caring for children as part of a palliative care team, and she's lead pediatric faculty in the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program at MUSC.

[Insomnia](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JUL 22, 2019

BOBBI CONNER/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Allison Wilkerson](#) about common sleep problems and some behavioral changes and therapy that can improve sleep routines. Dr. Wilkerson is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Assistant Professor in the Sleep and Anxiety Treatment and Research Program at MUSC.

[Risk Factors & Early Intervention for Eating Disorders](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JUL 16, 2019

BOBBI CONNER/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Rene Rienecke](#) about risk factors, possible symptoms and the importance of early intervention for eating disorders. Dr. Rienecke is an Associate Professor in the Departments of Pediatrics and Psychiatry, and she's the Director of the Friedman Center for Eating Disorders at MUSC.

[Preventing Work-Related Burnout among Health Care Professionals](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JUL 15, 2019

BOBBI CONNER/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Teresa Stephens](#) about preventing work-related burnout, and developing resilience in health care professionals. Dr. Stephens is a Certified Nurse Educator and an Associate Professor in the College of Nursing at

MUSC, and she has been involved in research related to resilience during the past eleven years.

[Growth Spurts in Childhood](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JUL 9, 2019

BOBBI CONNER/MUSC

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Deborah Anne Bowlby](#) about growth spurts during childhood. Dr. Bowlby is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Director of the Division of Pediatric Endocrinology at MUSC Children's Health.

[Diabetic Retinopathy](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JUL 8, 2019

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Jeffrey Blice](#) about diabetic retinopathy—one of the eye conditions that sometimes develops in people with diabetes. Dr. Blice is a Clinical Associate Professor of Ophthalmology and a specialist in vitreoretinal diseases at the Storm Eye Institute at MUSC.

[Bipolar Disorder](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JUL 2, 2019

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Christopher Pelic](#) about bipolar disorder in adults. Dr. Pelic is a Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at MUSC.

[Preventing Health Issues While Traveling Internationally with Children](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JUL 1, 2019

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Andrea Summer](#) about keeping kids safe from illness and injury while traveling internationally. Dr. Summer is a Professor of Pediatrics and Director of the Pediatric Travel Clinic at MUSC.

Women Vision SC

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[Women Vision SC: Pastor Nannie Jefferies](#)

By LINDA O'BRYON • JUL 9, 2019

SCETV

**Pastor, Maranatha Free Church of Jesus Christ
Founder, Exec. Director, Angels Change Ministry**

Pastor Nannie Jefferies would often visit the jails to encourage and pray for her church's members and their children. She is the Pastor of Maranatha Free Church of Jesus Christ. During her visits, she witnessed "a feeling of despair and a lack of hope" among the incarcerated women. Seeing this community need, Pastor Jefferies launched Angels Charge Ministry. The program offers transitional housing, case management and advocacy to deter recidivism. She is working to teach women work and life skills. Supported by donations and volunteers, the first two houses opened in 2014 and a third was under renovation in 2018. Pastor Jefferies is a life-long resident of Spartanburg, where she says, "we are a community offering a hand up not necessarily a handout."

Her advice for young people: "Read. I want children to read. And to love reading and to explore reading. And to travel in reading. I just think that reading broadens their horizons."

[Women Vision SC: JoAnn Turnquist](#)

By LINDA O'BRYON & B • JUL 2, 2019

SCETV

**President & CEO, Central Carolina Community Foundation; Former
Chair, Richland County Library**

JoAnn Turnquist has held leadership positions with the Clorox Company, Procter and Gamble and JohnsonDiversey. She moved from the corporate world to the world of philanthropy more than a decade ago. As the President & CEO of Central Carolina Community Foundation, she heads up a \$140 million-dollar charitable organization

with donors throughout the Midlands. She said, “while it’s fabulous to have a great career and watch people around you succeed, the opportunity to give back to a community.... to see the impact on your work on communities was the driving reason for me to make the change.” When the thousand-year flood hit South Carolina in 2015, she helped Governor Haley establish the One SC Fund to provide grants to support disaster recovery projects across the state.

Her advice for young people: “Trust yourself. Trust your instincts. Be as courageous as possible in tuning out both your own inner voice that says I can’t do it, and other voices that ask you, why are you trying this?”

State House Week

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[SC Lede: Campaign Visits and Remembering Emily Clyburn](#)

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[SC Lede: The Abortion Debate Begins... Again](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • SEP 17, 2019

On this edition of the *South Carolina Lede*, host Gavin Jackson is joined by The Post and Courier's Jamie Lovegrove and the Associated Press' Jeffrey Collins to look at the fetal heartbeat bill South Carolina state senators recently received testimony on, despite being out of session. They discuss this initial hearing for the House-approved bill that would ban virtually all abortions in the Palmetto State.

[SC Lede: Mark Sanford Is Running for President. Sort Of](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • SEP 10, 2019

On this episode of the *South Carolina Lede*, host Gavin Jackson is joined by the Associated Press' Meg Kinnard to discuss two storms which recently affected the Palmetto State — one political, the other an actual hurricane. They talk about former South Carolina Congressman and Gov. Mark Sanford's announcement that he is running as a Republican challenger against incumbent President Donald Trump in 2020, as well as look at South Carolina's response to Hurricane Dorian.

[SC Lede: Trail Bites — Five Minutes with Sen. Bernie Sanders](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • SEP 5, 2019

Leading up to the 2020 election, South Carolina Lede is keeping you up to speed on what the candidates are saying on the campaign trail in the Palmetto State with these "Trail Bites" mini episodes.

On this edition for the week of September 5, 2019, host Gavin Jackson sits down for an interview with Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT). Sanders made several campaign stops around South Carolina this week.

[SC Lede: Pence, Haley, & Sanford — The Republican Party](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • SEP 3, 2019

On this edition of the *South Carolina Lede*, host Gavin Jackson is joined by the Associated Press' Meg Kinnard and The State's Maayan Schechter to discuss the shape of the Republican party in the Palmetto State. We look at a recent visit by Vice President Mike Pence to rally the GOP base, Pence's relationship with former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, and what could be in store for former Rep. Mark Sanford's political future.

South Carolina Focus

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[Tapping Into York County's Booming Craft Beer Scene](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • SEP 30, 2019

SCOTT MORGAN / SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC RADIO

Even just three or four years ago, one of the biggest complaints people had about York County was that there wasn't much to do there if you were looking for a night out.

Brewhouses have certainly helped changed that. The six brewpubs and breweries that now operate in Rock Hill and Fort Mill bring thousands (and thousands) of visitors a year. Most are looking to sample the IPAs and sours and Belgian ales and stouts. Some are looking to get a T-shirt.

[South Carolina is Home to Several Charming Southern Accents](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • SEP 27, 2019

STEF [CC BY-NC-ND 2.0] VIA FLICKR

In South Carolina, one would naturally expect to hear what could be called a classic Southern accent spoken by its residents. But not every South Carolinian sounds the same, according to linguist Paul Reed, who earned his PhD in the study at the University of South Carolina.

[Protecting Gullah Culture](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • SEP 27, 2019

VICTORIA SMALLS/ ARTIST

Nearly two hours south of Charleston, over Beaufort's Woods Memorial Bridge, South Carolina's Sea Islands stretch out adorned with palms trees and pines, and grassy marshes that glitter at twilight.

The area has long been home to the direct descendants of slaves known as Gullah Geechee. Once freed, they remained isolated on the islands, living off the land and holding on to their African traditions and language.

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[Dr. Emily Clyburn- Librarian, Activist, Wife of Congressman Clyburn Dies at 80](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • SEP 19, 2019

TWITTER: @CLYBURNWHIP

Dr. Emily England Clyburn, wife of Congressman James Clyburn, Thursday morning. Dr. Clyburn was 80-year-old.

Known as a driving force behind her husband's political rise, the Berkeley County native was also a community activist in her own rite. Dr. Clyburn was a former librarian, often establishing programs at the schools she was employed. She also raised money for students to attend college. When Congressman Clyburn hosted his annual charity golf weekend in Santee, Dr. Clyburn also hosted her annual luncheon.

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[30th Anniversary of Hurricane Hugo Prompts Re-examination of Storm Preparedness](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • SEP 18, 2019

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It's been 30 years since Hurricane Hugo made landfall in South Carolina, pounding the coast on Sept. 22, 1989 before coming inland and causing damage all the way to the North Carolina line and beyond. The storm remains fresh in the minds of many adults who were in the state at the time. In that sense, 30 years doesn't seem that long, but in terms of emergency response, it's a big gap.

[How Hurricane Hugo Shaped the Life of an Emergency Management Director](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • SEP 18, 2019

VICTORIA HANSEN/SC PUBLIC RADIO

There's a brief lull in the heavy rain that's hit Charleston as Hurricane Dorian lingers off the coast. The city's Emergency Management Director Shannon Scaff takes a deep breath.

He's about to interview live, nationally with The Weather Channel. He's also relieved. The storm isn't over yet and already he knows it could have been much worse.

"We got lucky with the tides," he tells the reporter. "The storm surge wasn't as bad as what was forecasted originally."

[Chester Residents Call Out Gun Violence, Culture of Silence](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • SEP 18, 2019

SCOTT MORGAN / SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC RADIO

The City of Chester is in crisis. Shootings are on the rise and so are shooting-related deaths. So far this year, police have taken more than 130 calls about shots being fired. That's 20 more than all last year.

Since April there have been almost a dozen confirmed shootings, including the recent deaths of 36-year-old Andrew Johnson and the drive-by killing of 14-year-old

Jada Jones. Thirty homes, vehicles, and people have been hit by gunfire in Chester so far in 2019. That number was 25 for all of 2018.

Those numbers might not sound like much, but in a city of less than 5,500 people, statistics like these get attention.

[At the Stump: Presidential Candidates Court Rural Pee Dee Voters](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • SEP 17, 2019

THELISHA EADDY/ SC PUBLIC RADIO

Democratic presidential candidates have consistently campaigned in South Carolina since the beginning of the year. They've visited the midlands, Upstate and the Lowcountry. Monday, four of these candidates returned to South Carolina, this time in the Pee Dee.

[SC Lede: The Abortion Debate Begins... Again](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • SEP 17, 2019

A.T. SHIRE/SC PUBLIC RADIO

On this edition of the *South Carolina Lede*, host Gavin Jackson is joined by The Post and Courier's Jamie Lovegrove and the Associated Press' Jeffrey Collins to look at the fetal heartbeat bill South Carolina state senators recently received testimony on, despite being out of session. They discuss this initial hearing for the House-approved bill that would ban virtually all abortions in the Palmetto State.

[Complacency Isn't the Only Reason People Don't Evacuate for Hurricanes](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • SEP 13, 2019

SCOTT MORGAN / SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC RADIO

Why don't people leave when a hurricane hits where they live? And how do news outlets and emergency officials and even governors make people understand that they should?

Those are two questions that vex all the above-mentioned groups during a storm. In the first week of September, Hurricane Dorian menaced the South Carolina coast for days and triggered evacuation orders for every beach community in the state. And yet, more people than not in some evacuation zones just didn't evacuate.

[Spartanburg Songwriter Made His Mark in Nashville with Country Music](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • SEP 13, 2019

COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

Country music has made and broken careers for close to a century now. David Ball of Spartanburg is one of the survivors, enjoying a long career in the field. In high

school he joined the legendary acoustic trio Uncle Walt's Band, playing a blend of bluegrass, blues, swing and folk, "and then that of course led me into Jimmie Rodgers, the Carter Family," he recalls of his introduction to country.

[Columbia Native's Country Music Dream Lasts a Lifetime](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • SEP 12, 2019

COURTESY OF THE ARTIST

Country music finds fans in a variety of ways, most often by either hearing the music on the radio or seeing country artists play live. That's the way Bemo Prince of Columbia became a country music fan. "My daddy took me to hear...Snuffy Jenkins and the Hired Hands, and I was hooked."

[Meet the 10-year Old Fighter Whose Name You Might Hear Again Soon](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • SEP 11, 2019

SCOTT MORGAN / SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC RADIO

If you're the type who likes to say you knew someone back in the day, you might want to remember the name Kamron Venable.

[Inside the Rock Hill Boxing Club's Quest for a Better Community](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • SEP 10, 2019

SCOTT MORGAN / SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC RADIO

The Rock Hill Boxing Club is the kind of old school gym real boxers come out of - Golden Glove contenders, burgeoning pros, Olympic hopefuls There's nothing corporate or pretentious about this place. It's decorated with spray paint and duct tape-wrapped bags; it's beastly hot; it's packed with young men looking to make a name in the ring.

But look past the trappings of a small-city boxing gym and you'll see what the Rock Hill Boxing Club really is for the people who train here - a community. Dare one say a family.

[SC Lede: Mark Sanford Is Running for President. Sort Of](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • SEP 10, 2019

A.T. SHIRE/SC PUBLIC RADIO

On this episode of the *South Carolina Lede*, host Gavin Jackson is joined by the Associated Press' Meg Kinnard to discuss two storms which recently affected the Palmetto State — one political, the other an actual hurricane. They talk about former South Carolina Congressman and Gov. Mark Sanford's announcement that he is

running as a Republican challenger against incumbent President Donald Trump in 2020, as well as look at South Carolina's response to Hurricane Dorian.

[SC Lede: Trail Bites — Five Minutes with Sen. Bernie Sanders](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • SEP 5, 2019

A.T. SHIRE/SC PUBLIC RADIO

Leading up to the 2020 election, South Carolina Lede is keeping you up to speed on what the candidates are saying on the campaign trail in the Palmetto State with these "Trail Bites" mini episodes.

On this edition for the week of September 5, 2019, host Gavin Jackson sits down for an interview with Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT). Sanders made several campaign stops around South Carolina this week.

[Charleston Prepares for Possible Record Flooding from Hurricane Dorian](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • SEP 4, 2019

VICTORIA HANSEN

Charleston city officials say they're ready for whatever Hurricane Dorian brings our way. But what about the people who decided to stay?

Many were still checking out the winds and waves along the historic city's battery wall late Wednesday, just hours before the storm's anticipated arrival. An evacuation order for the entire coast has been in place since Monday.

"I want Charleston to be a ghost town," said Mayor John Tecklenburg Wednesday afternoon, as he tried again to get people to leave.

[SC Lede: Pence, Haley, & Sanford — The Republican Party](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • SEP 3, 2019

On this edition of the *South Carolina Lede*, host Gavin Jackson is joined by the Associated Press' Meg Kinnard and The State's Maayan Schechter to discuss the shape of the Republican party in the Palmetto State. We look at a recent visit by Vice President Mike Pence to rally the GOP base, Pence's relationship with former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, and what could be in store for former Rep. Mark Sanford's political future.

[SC Lede: Trail Bites — Joe Biden, Beto O'Rourke](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • AUG 30, 2019

Leading up to the 2020 election, South Carolina Lede is keeping you up to speed on what the candidates are saying on the campaign trail in the Palmetto State with these "Trail Bites" mini episodes.

On this edition for the week of August 30, 2019, host Gavin Jackson takes us to recent campaign stops by Democratic presidential hopefuls Joe Biden and Beto O'Rourke.

[SC Lede Summer School: Domestic Violence](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • AUG 27, 2019

This summer we're dedicating several episodes of South Carolina Lede to in-depth topics we felt needed further exploration.

On this *South Carolina Lede* Summer School special, host Gavin Jackson turns a spotlight on the issue of criminal domestic violence in the Palmetto State. We look at how domestic violence can start, and help you identify and stop it before you or someone you love becomes a statistic.

[SC Lede: On Assignment — Finding Florida Man](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • AUG 20, 2019

On this special edition of the *South Carolina Lede*, we investigate the origins of one of the country's most famous folk figures: Florida Man. While attending a podcast conference in Orlando, FL, *Lede* host Gavin Jackson and producer A.T. Shire speak with Florida natives and transplants alike to find out how and why crazy news stories from the Sunshine State make headlines around the world.

[Aiken Native was the First African American Woman to Graduate from Annapolis](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • AUG 16, 2019

COURTESY OF JANIE L. MINES

Until the fall of 1976, only men were admitted to the U.S. Naval Academy. But that year, the Navy opened 80 spaces for women, who would be the first to graduate in, fittingly, the Class of 1980.

Among these women was Janie Mines, who grew up in Aiken and today lives in Fort Mill. She was also the only black woman at Annapolis her first year – a set of experiences she chronicles in her 2019 autobiography, [No Coincidences](#).

[Aug. 15 Marks the 50th Anniversary of Historic Woodstock Festival](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • AUG 15, 2019

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50 years ago, on Aug. 15, 1969, nearly half a million young people gathered on Max Yasgur's farm in Bethel, New York for "Three Days of Peace and Music" - the legendary Woodstock Music and Art Fair. Music from artists such as Richie Havens, Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Jefferson Airplane, the Who, John Sebastian and Santana mixed with drugs, rain and mud to produce a sometimes uncontrolled, but famously peaceful weekend.

[SC Lede: Tainted Water — South Carolina's \\$2 Billion Water Problem](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • AUG 13, 2019

A.T. SHIRE/SC PUBLIC RADIO

On this episode of the *South Carolina Lede*, host Gavin Jackson is joined by The State's Sammy Fretwell to discuss his recent series "Tainted Water" highlighting South Carolina's water problems. Water systems across the state, mainly in small, rural towns, need nearly \$2 billion in repairs, according to an estimate by the American Society of Civil Engineers. As a result, many of them have repeatedly violated drinking water laws and failed inspections.

[74 Years After WWII, France Says 'Merci' to a South Carolina Pilot](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • AUG 12, 2019

SCOTT MORGAN/SC PUBLIC RADIO

Tom Funderburk is 94 years old. He's one of the last surviving B-17 pilots who flew in World War II.

He goes by the nickname 'Pinky,' because of his once-red hair.

He lives in Rock Hill with his 8-year-old cockatiel, Pretty Boy.

He has more military medals than people have toes; and one of them is the Légion d'honneur -- the Legion of Honor, the highest order of merit bestowed by the government of France.

[Columbia's Cardinal Newman High School Announces Changes to Increase Security, Diversity](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • AUG 9, 2019

Law enforcement on campus, active shooter training for faculty and an increase in security during athletic events are some of the changes Columbia's Cardinal Newman high school promised during a town hall meeting Thursday evening. The school is dealing with the aftermath a 16-year-old former student's racist video and threats to "shoot up" the school.

In a statement, Principal Rob Loia called the videos "evil, disgusting and wrong," he also said that this is a "critical moment for the school."

[SC Lede: Trail Bites — Sen. Cory Booker](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • AUG 8, 2019

Leading up to the 2020 election, South Carolina Lede is keeping you up to speed on what the candidates are saying on the campaign trail in the Palmetto State with these "Trail Bites" mini episodes.

On this edition for the week of August 8, 2019, host Gavin Jackson takes us to a campaign stop this week by Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC.

[After 6 Months, Popular Civil Rights Exhibit Set to Close](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • AUG 8, 2019

THELISHA EADDY/ SC PUBLIC RADIO

On August 9, decades of South Carolina history will be removed from public display, repackaged and placed in climate control storage at various libraries at the University of South Carolina. The Justice for All: South Carolina and the American Civil Rights Movement exhibit has been open to the public since February. It uses oral history recordings, film clips, photographs, postcards, diaries and manuscripts to highlight largely overlooked chapters in the history of the movement.

[SC Lede: The Politics of Gun Violence](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • AUG 6, 2019

A.T. SHIRE/SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC RADIO

On this episode of *South Carolina Lede*, we look at the intersection of gun violence and politics following the recent mass shootings in Dayton, Ohio and El Paso, Texas. Host Gavin Jackson is joined by The Associated Press' Meg Kinnard and The Post and Courier's Jamie Lovegrove to discuss local reaction, responses by the 2020 presidential candidates, and the status of both state and national legislation concerning guns.

[Don't Be Too Tough on the Polls. It's Actually Not Their Fault](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • AUG 5, 2019

SCOTT MORGAN / SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC RADIO

The 2016 presidential election was, by any account, notable. It was also largely a surprise how it turned out. Regardless of ideology, most people assumed a Hillary Clinton victory, and that perspective was informed by poll after poll that showed her cruising to a comfortable win.

Post-election, a lot of people questioned the validity of polls that said one thing while actual results seemingly showed something entirely different. And, a lot of people *still* question polls, wondering how valid they are heading into a 2020 presidential election that promises to be, by any account, lively.

Under all this is the key question: Did election polls in 2016 actually get it all wrong?

[Rudy Mancke Celebrates Two Decades of "NatureNotes"](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • AUG 2, 2019

SCETV

Rudy Mancke is almost certainly South Carolina's most noted naturalist. He hosted the long-running and well-remembered (and nationally aired) ETV program "Nature Scene" and has now reached his 20th anniversary as host of South Carolina Public Radio's "NatureNotes."

[V.C. Summer Saga Continues Two Years After Collapse of the Project](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • AUG 1, 2019

DOMINION ENERGY

It was two years ago this week that the state saw the largest business failure in its' history, the collapse of the giant V.C. Summer nuclear project in Fairfield County. Despite years of delays and cost overruns, news of the decision by SCE&G and its' partner state owned utility Santee-Cooper to pull the plug on the \$9 Billion project left most people stunned.

The decision to abandon the project set in motion a series of events that are still playing out.

[The Benefits of Boredom](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • JUL 31, 2019

IANNCA VIA PIXABAY

It seems to be the plague of children, especially in the summer. But as adults, we rarely have the luxury of boredom. Yet research suggests it's beneficial for our minds.

[South Carolina Business Review Turns 20](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • JUL 30, 2019

TUT UNDERWOOD/SC PUBLIC RADIO

For 20 years now, the South Carolina Business Review has brought business leaders, entrepreneurs and commentators to listeners of South Carolina Public Radio. Mike

Switzer has hosted the program its entire run and takes satisfaction at its 20th anniversary.

[SC Lede: The Death of William Avant](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JUL 30, 2019

A.T. SHIRE/SC PUBLIC RADIO

On this episode of the *South Carolina Lede*, we look at the death of mental health patient William Avant, who was killed after South Carolina Department of Mental Health employees dogpiled on top of him in January to restrain him, a tactic that is explicitly outlawed by the department. Host Gavin Jackson is joined by The State's Avery Wilks to discuss the latest on the story.

[Nearly Half the Country's Most Eviction-Prone Rural/Small Cities Are in South Carolina](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • JUL 29, 2019

SCOTT MORGAN/SC PUBLIC RADIO

Of the 100 most eviction-prone rural and small cities in the United States, 47 are in South Carolina. Thirty South Carolina rural/small cities are in the top 50.

[Those numbers come from the Eviction Lab project](#) at Princeton University, which compiled eviction filings and formal eviction records from 2000 to 2016.

[Staying Safe in the South Carolina Sun](#)

By CONNOR BOULET & LEE WARDLAW • JUL 26, 2019

U.S. AIR FORCE, SENIOR AIRMAN SANDRA MARRERO

South Carolina ranked first in the United States for child vehicular heat strokes in 2018, and with Palmetto State temperatures reaching highs of 100 degrees during the summertime, heat exhaustion is a serious, life-threatening danger, and residents should know the signs of danger.

Those who are especially vulnerable to the summer heat include young children, the elderly, and individuals who take anxiety and depression medication.

[SC Lede: Trail Bites — John Delaney, Cory Booker, Tim Ryan, Elizabeth Warren, Wayne Messam](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JUL 25, 2019

Leading up to the 2020 election, South Carolina Lede is keeping you up to speed on what the candidates are saying on the campaign trail in the Palmetto State with these "Trail Bites" mini episodes.

On this edition for the week of July 25, 2019, host Gavin Jackson takes us to the recent South Carolina Democratic Party Convention to hear from presidential

hopefuls former Maryland Congressman John Delaney, Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ), Rep. Tim Ryan (D-Ohio), Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Miramar, FL Mayor Wayne Messam.

[SC Lede: USC — General Disarray?](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JUL 23, 2019

A.T. SHIRE/SC PUBLIC RADIO

On this episode of the *South Carolina Lede*, host Gavin Jackson is joined by the Post and Courier's Andy Shain and South Carolina Public Radio's Russ McKinney to discuss the recently elected new president of the University of South Carolina, Robert Caslen.

[USC's New President Shares Top Priorities: Academic Excellence, Research & Diversity](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • JUL 22, 2019

THELISHA EADDY/SC PUBLIC RADIO

Strides in academic excellence, research and diversity are near-term goals of Robert 'Bob' Caslen, the University of South Carolina's new president. Monday, the retired lieutenant general, who was elected into the role the previous Friday, held his first press conference at the University's law school. But before talking about these goals and mastering future obstacles, the 29th president first took time to address comments from his recent past that stirred controversy around his candidacy and ultimate election.

[The Physical and Mental Demands of Being in a Marching Band](#)

By CLINTON J. WASHINGTON III • JUL 22, 2019

COURTESY OF RHONDA RHODES

From band camp to the 14 hours of weekly practice, high schools across the state work constantly to prepare a show for football games and fall competitions. Between the practices leading up to their performances, bands across the state must do physical preparations in order to prepare for their upcoming seasons. Meredith Rhodes, drum major for the Lugoff-Elgin Marching Band, states that in order to prepare physically they "do a series of dancing warm-ups ... marching warm-ups to check technique and weightlifting for the low brass instruments."

[Sister Cities: The Connection between Charleston and Freetown, Sierra Leone](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • JUL 18, 2019

VICTORIA HANSEN/SC PUBLIC RADIO

Dressed in a brightly colored, patterned dress and wearing stylishly large, black rimmed glasses, 51-year-old Yvonne Aki-Sawyer flashes the most fantastic smile. The mayor of Freetown, Sierra Leone in West Africa has travelled more than 4,000 miles to visit Charleston and South Carolina's Sea Islands. She must be exhausted. Yet she glows with warmth and enthusiasm.

"We're family," she tells an audience gathered inside the Frissell Community House at the Penn Center on Saint Helena Island. "We should be a bit closer than we have been to date."

[Finding Young Farmers to Bear the Heat and Carry the Pitchfork](#)

By CONNOR BOULET & LEE WARDLAW • JUL 18, 2019

LEE WARDLAW/SC PUBLIC RADIO

South Carolina's farming industry remains a stalwart economic engine. With approximately 25,000 farms over 4.9 million acres of land, the Palmetto State's agricultural community maintains its relevance in South Carolinians' day-to-day lives. In a changing world, though, South Carolina's farming industry still continues to face the same old problems that it has for years.

[SC Lede: Trail Bites — Beto O'Rourke, Rep. Seth Moulton, Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, Sen. Michael Bennet](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JUL 18, 2019

Leading up to the 2020 election, South Carolina Lede is keeping you up to speed on what the candidates are saying on the campaign trail in the Palmetto State with these "Trail Bites" mini episodes.

On this edition for the week of July 18, 2019, host Gavin Jackson takes us to the recent South Carolina Democratic Party Convention to hear from presidential hopefuls former Texas Congressman Beto O'Rourke, Rep. Seth Moulton (D-Mass.), Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-Hawaii), and Sen. Michael Bennet (D-Colo.).

[SC Lede: Stranger \(Nuclear\) Things](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JUL 16, 2019

A.T. SHIRE/SC PUBLIC RADIO

On this episode of *South Carolina Lede*, host Gavin Jackson is joined by the Aiken Standard's Colin Demarest to discuss the recent special report "Lethal Legacy," written by Demarest and the Post and Courier's Thad Moore, detailing how South Carolina is expected to be home to tons of plutonium for decades, according to an

internal memo obtained by the papers. The excess plutonium is housed in a 65-year-old building at the Savannah River Site which federal regulators have rated as poor.

[Pretty Names and Eagle Killers: A Look at Invasive Plants in South Carolina's Freshwaters](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • JUL 15, 2019

SCOTT MORGAN/SC PUBLIC RADIO

South Carolina's freshwater lakes and ponds are as vibrant as they come, full of pretty plants with pretty names like water primrose and water hyacinth. The only trouble is, these plants shouldn't be here.

[SC Lede: Trail Bites — Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, John Hickenlooper, Joe Biden, Bill de Blasio](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JUL 11, 2019

Leading up to the 2020 election, South Carolina Lede is keeping you up to speed on what the candidates are saying on the campaign trail in the Palmetto State with these "Trail Bites" mini episodes.

On this edition for the week of July 11, 2019, host Gavin Jackson takes us to the recent South Carolina Democratic Party Convention to hear from presidential hopefuls Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, former Vice President Joe Biden, and New York City, NY Mayor Bill de Blasio. Over the next several Trail Bites episodes, we'll be brining you clips from all of the candidates who spoke at the convention.

[How the South Carolina Film Industry Stays Relevant Against Stiff Competition](#)

By CONNOR BOULET & LEE WARDLAW • JUL 10, 2019

S.C. FILM COMMISSION

The film industry provides much needed economic impact for South Carolina, netting \$61 million in revenue for the state in 2018. The revenue is generated through the South Carolina Film Commission, which provides a \$15 million-dollar annual subsidy to filmmakers. The subsidy is funneled to the state's film commission through the state's government.

[Over a Half Million in South Carolina Lack a HS Diploma, This Free Program Can Change That](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • JUL 10, 2019

THELISHA EADDY/ SC PUBLIC RADIO

When Columbia resident Kindra Tucker, walked into the main branch of the Richland County Library, a sign caught her attention; its words would soon change her life. "I was coming in to drop something off from work," the Columbia Housing Authority employee said. "When I came up here, that's when I saw the billboard up front."

[South Carolina Moonwalker Recalls Historic Apollo Missions](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • JUL 9, 2019

NASA

A half-century ago, as the world watched in awe as Neil Armstrong took that "one small step" into history on the surface of the moon, a voice from Houston was his constant connection to humanity back on Earth. Earlier, however, as the landing craft neared its destination, that voice had called "60 seconds," to warn the Apollo 11 astronauts - Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins - that they had only one minute's worth of fuel to land, or they would have to abort the mission. That voice belonged to future moonwalker Charles Duke of Lancaster, South Carolina.

[South Carolina Astronaut's Brother Recalls Dr. Ron McNair](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • JUL 9, 2019

NASA

The Palmetto State has produced numerous astronauts and scientists. A South Carolinian, Charles Townes of Greenville, invented the laser, and another native, Dr. Ron McNair, was the first person to operate a laser in space in his role as a NASA astronaut. A physicist, McNair was killed in the tragic explosion of the space shuttle *Challenger* in January 1986. It was his second excursion into space.

[How South Carolina Music Producers Make Songs Music to Our Ears](#)

By CONNOR BOULET & LEE WARDLAW • JUL 9, 2019

VANLEUVEN0 VIA PIXABAY

Many famous musical artists have been heavily influenced by their audio producers, but Joe Miller, a music producer who owns and operates the Sounds Like Joe recording studio in Rock Hill, South Carolina, describes his job in humble terms. "I like to consider my artistic domain, I move air and people hear it," he said. Producing music is defined by taking music written by an artist or composer and transforming it into a high quality, professional studio sound. It involves several tough decisions that producers must make when there are several options available.

[SC Lede Summer School: Hurricane Party](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JUL 9, 2019

NOAA

This summer we're dedicating several episodes of South Carolina Lede to in-depth topics we felt needed further exploration.

On this first *South Carolina Lede* Summer School special, host Gavin Jackson examines the history of hurricanes in South Carolina. From Hurricane Hugo in 1989 to Hurricane Florence in 2018, we look at the impact of these major storms with Jamie Arnold, chief meteorologist with WMBF News. Then Derrec Becker, public information officer with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, joins us to discuss what can be done both personally and on the statewide level to adapt to and safeguard against future storms.

[Journalist Recounts the Race to the Moon 50 Years Later](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • JUL 5, 2019

NASA

It was the late 1950s and the nation embraced a race to space fueled by the Cold War. Journalist Mark Bloom wasn't yet 30 years old. But he would chase the story long after Apollo 11 landed and men took their first steps on the moon.

"I was in the right place at the right time, actually throughout my career," says Bloom. "Of course you have to know what you're doing when you get there."

[SC Lede: Trail Bites — Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Jay Inslee, Pete Buttigieg, Sen. Bernie Sanders](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JUL 4, 2019

Leading up to the 2020 election, South Carolina Lede is keeping you up to speed on what the candidates are saying on the campaign trail in the Palmetto State with these "Trail Bites" mini episodes.

On this edition for the week of July 4, 2019, host Gavin Jackson takes us to the recent South Carolina Democratic Party Convention to hear from presidential hopefuls Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, South Bend, IN Mayor Pete Buttigieg, and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT). Over the next several Trail Bites episodes, we'll be bringing you clips from all of the candidates who spoke at the convention.

[Lowcountry Diver Remembers Recovering Apollo 8](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • JUL 3, 2019

PATRIOTS POINT NAVAL AND MARITIME MUSEUM

Bob Coggin was just back from serving in Vietnam as a diver in an underwater demolition team when he got his next assignment from the Navy: train to possibly

recover Apollo 8. The first manned spacecraft to leave the earth's atmosphere and orbit the moon would soon splash down in the Pacific Ocean.

Coggin understood the importance of the astronauts' mission. But he didn't think much of his own role.

"It was a big deal back then, but we couldn't understand why it was such a big deal," he says. "It was just another day kind of thing really."

[There's South Carolina Gold in Them Thar Rockets](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • JUL 2, 2019

SCOTT MORGAN/SC PUBLIC RADIO

Forgive yourself if you can't pronounce "polybenzimidazole," much less know what it's used for. But if you ever went to the moon, you were sure glad to have it on your skin.

Familiarly, polybenzimidazole goes by the much more vocally friendly name of PBI. It's a twill-like material made by, fittingly, [PBI Performance Products](#) in Rock Hill. The company makes polymers, solutions, and films for industrial purposes, but the Rock Hill plant is the only place in the world that manufactures the company's most visible product, PBI staple fiber.

[SC Lede: Lowcountry Roiled — The GOP's First Congressional Fight](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JUL 2, 2019

THE POST AND COURIER

On this edition of [South Carolina Lede](#), host Gavin Jackson is joined by the Post and Courier's Caitlin Byrd to examine the 2020 battle for South Carolina's First Congressional District. Four Republicans have announced their candidacy for the seat, a sign of how focused the state's GOP are on flipping that Lowcountry district after Democrat Joe Cunningham delivered a major upset in last fall's election.

[South Carolinian Recalls His Time as NASA Astronaut, Administrator](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • JUL 1, 2019

NASA

Columbia native Charles Bolden has had a remarkable career: Marine fighter pilot, commanding general in Operation Desert Thunder in Kuwait, deputy commandant of midshipmen at the U.S.

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[SC Business Update from Alan Cooper](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • SEP 30, 2019

MIKE SWITZER/SC PUBLIC RADIO

An update of the news, events and issues that are trending right now across South Carolina's business community.

Mike Switzer interviews Alan Cooper, founder and editor of three online business news websites in South Carolina: [MidlandsBiz](#), [UpstateBizSC](#), and [LowCountryBizSC](#).

[Parking Problems Spur New Tech Business](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • SEP 27, 2019

Parking in big cities, even those the size of Charleston or Columbia, can be challenging at times. Our next guest's company saw that challenge as a business opportunity and has developed a solution that connects drivers with underutilized parking spaces.

Mike Switzer interviews Rocky Vitali, co-founder and chief operating officer of [HAH Parking](#) in Charleston, SC.

[Small Business Support Organization Celebrates 40 Years](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • SEP 26, 2019

For the past four decades, our next guest's organization has been assisting our state's small business community. And over that time, as we have seen over just the past two decades doing this program, the small business landscape has changed dramatically.

Mike Switzer interviews Michele Abraham, state director of the [South Carolina Small Business Development Center](#) at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC.

[Myrtle Beach Prepping for SC's First Bowl Game](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • SEP 25, 2019

You may have heard that South Carolina finally has a college football bowl game. And while that game won't be played until next season, preparations are already underway to ensure that the event will succeed, bringing with it a successful economic impact.

Mike Switzer interviews Karen Riordan, president and CEO of the [Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce](#) in Myrtle Beach, SC, home of the [2020 Myrtle Beach Bowl](#).

[The Three Biggest Retirement Challenges Women Face](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • SEP 24, 2019

Historically, women have faced many challenges involving money, everything from inadequate wages to credit. Our next guest says these challenges extend to retirement planning, as well.

Mike Switzer interviews Joy Watkins, a certified financial planner and director of financial planning at [Anchor Investment Management](#) in Columbia, SC.

[SC Business Update from John "Swampfox" Warner](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • SEP 23, 2019

A weekly update of the entrepreneurial activity in South Carolina.

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner, co-founder of [Accessible Diagnostics](#) and the [Swampfox Facebook](#) page, based in Greenville, S.C.

[Local Artist Emigrates from Russia to Start Career](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • SEP 20, 2019

MIKE SWITZER/SC PUBLIC RADIO

The art business continues to grow across our state as more and more government entities, organizations, and businesses embrace the value that a vibrant arts environment creates for area communities. But it's still not an easy career choice.

Mike Switzer interviews Olga Yukhno, a visual artist living and creating in Columbia, SC with her business, [Five Peaks Studio](#).

[SC Cancer Screening Start-Up Attracts Grant Money](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • SEP 19, 2019

According to the World Health Organization, cervical cancer is the third most common cancer worldwide, with 80% of the cases occurring in the developing world. Our next guest's company recently received some grant money to address this problem through continued development of their low-cost screening technology. Mike Switzer interviews Joe Carson, chief technology officer and co-founder of [Pensievision](#) in Charleston, SC.

[Gentrification vs. Affordable Housing](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • SEP 18, 2019

As more and more cities and towns work to attract more and more affluent residents to their downtown neighborhoods, this process of gentrification is creating a huge demand for affordable housing from its displaced residents. In fact, our next guest says this situation is affecting one in five of his Upstate county citizens and why his organization stays very busy helping with solutions.

Mike Switzer interviews Monroe Free, president and CEO of [Habitat for Humanity of Greenville, SC](#).

[Managing Student Loan Debt](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • SEP 17, 2019

Student loan debt has been a hot-button topic on the political campaign trail this year. While some countries have made college free for everyone and even some states in this country are considering it, the reality of nationwide free college in America is probably many years off, if ever. Which is why our next guest says that managing student debt is going to continue to be very important for those who choose that path.

Mike Switzer interviews [Rick Van Der Noord, a certified financial planner in Greer, SC](#).

[SC Business Update from John "Swampfox" Warner](#)

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[Opportunity Zone Tax Breaks Ending Soon](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • SEP 13, 2019

Most business people and investors are aware of Opportunity Zones, which were created by the 2017 tax law to encourage investment into underserved areas in exchange for tax breaks. Much has been happening over the past year and our next guest says much more can still happen before the incentive period runs out at the end of this year.

Mike Switzer interviews Bob Nachman, a wealth manager with [Nachman, Norwood, and Parrott](#) in Greenville, SC.

[Preventing High School Graduation Attrition](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • SEP 12, 2019

MIKE SWITZER/SC PUBLIC RADIO

One of the biggest hindrances to finding a successful career is the lack of a high school diploma. One of the biggest causes for not receiving that diploma is when someone simply never finishes high school. They just drop out. Which is why our next guest's organization has been busy for over 30 years providing dropout prevention services to local area schools.

Mike Switzer interviews Latasha Taste-Walker, director of development for [Communities in Schools of the Midlands](#) in Columbia, SC.

[Physician Burnout is a Healthcare Crisis](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • SEP 11, 2019

Healthcare insurance continues to remain front and center in most political debates but there's another healthcare issue that our next guest says isn't receiving enough attention and yet is an acknowledged crisis. Physician burnout can lead to medical errors and high turnover and can occur anywhere from small practices to large hospital systems.

Mike Switzer interviews Stephanie Sargent with [SE Healthcare Solutions](#) in Charleston, SC.

[Divorcing with a Business](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • SEP 10, 2019

If you are a business owner and you're married, your spouse is your business partner, whether they are involved in the operations of that business or not. So when a divorce occurs, the business of the business gets a little more complicated. Mike Switzer interviews Stephanie Vokral, a certified financial planner, certified financial divorce analyst, and founder of [The Financial Knot](#) in Columbia, SC.

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[SC Hairstylist for Film Industry Promoting Safety After Tragic Accident](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • SEP 6, 2019

You may remember the tragic movie production accident in Georgia five years ago when Columbia, SC-native and camera assistant, Sarah Jones, was killed by a train that she had no idea was scheduled to be on the tracks at that time. Other crew members were severely injured, including our next guest, a hairstylist for the film industry from Charleston, SC, who went on to start up a nonprofit focused on promoting safety awareness on television and film production sets. Earlier this year, she was recognized for her achievements with the ["Behind the Scenes" award at the 13th Annual Beaufort International Film Festival](#).

[SC Newspaper Exploring New Revenue Streams](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • SEP 5, 2019

As the Internet grew and more choices became available to consumers of information, traditional media such as newspapers began to struggle with their old business model. The competition has only intensified which is why some newspaper companies, such as our next guest's, are diversifying into new products. Mike Switzer interviews Chris Zoeller, chief revenue and marketing officer for [The Post and Courier](#), our state's largest newspaper, based in Charleston, SC.

[Is a Recession at Hand?](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • SEP 4, 2019

The dreaded “R” word has been showing up in the news more, lately. Our economy has indeed been slowing down and some countries may actually have entered into a recession. So where are we and what is the latest forecast for our state’s economy? Mike Switzer interviews Joey Von Nessen, with the [Division of Research at the Moore School of Business](#) at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC.

[SC Business Update from John "Swampfox" Warner](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • SEP 3, 2019

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[Removing the "Blood" from Rare Minerals](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • SEP 2, 2019

By now, most of us have heard of blood diamonds and other rare gems and minerals that are mined in third world countries and result in death and mayhem that, at the same time, benefit warlords and corrupt corporations. Our next guest works for a South Carolina company, however, that has taken great pains to ensure that the rare minerals they need for their products are not involved in this type of sourcing. Mike Switzer interviews Joel Sherman, senior director for compliance and sustainability with [KEMET Electronics](#) in Simpsonville, SC.

[Makers Making Their Mark in SC](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • AUG 30, 2019

There’s no doubt that we have seen a resurgence in the maker economy over the last several years and our next guest’s event is a classic example. Mike Switzer interviews Jen Moreau, community director for the 10th annual [Indie Craft Parade](#) happening in Greenville, SC September 13-15.

[SC Research Creating New Companies](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • AUG 29, 2019

MIKE SWITZER/SC PUBLIC RADIO

South Carolina's research universities continue to generate research that continues to generate new companies. Our next guest represents one of the latest examples we've uncovered.

Mike Switzer interviews Dr. Laura Boccanfuso, CEO of [Vän Robotics](#) in Columbia, SC, creator of ABii, which she claims is the first artificial intelligence tutor.

[Local Media Start-Up Receives SC Launch Funding](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • AUG 28, 2019

With traditional newspapers struggling in the age of the Internet, many competitors have emerged in the local media market. Our next guest's company is one of those that also caught the eye of our state's start-up venture capital arm known as SC Launch.

Mike Switzer interviews Ryan Heafy, chief operating officer for [6AM City](#), based in Greenville, SC.

[The Pros and Cons of Apartment Investing](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • AUG 27, 2019

Besides the stock market, perhaps one of the best investments you could have made at the bottom of the Great Recession, would have been in apartment buildings, when rental demand skyrocketed as millions of people became frozen out of home ownership due to the upheaval in the home mortgage industry. Our next guest says that he believes there is still money to be made in apartment investing.

[SC Business Update from Ross Norton](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • AUG 26, 2019

An update of the news, events and issues that are trending right now across South Carolina's business community.

Mike Switzer interviews Ross Norton, editor of [GSA Business Report](#) part of the [SCBiz News](#) network.

[US Dept of Labor Assists Workers and Employers](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • AUG 23, 2019

It's probably safe to say that most companies view the US Department of Labor as an agency that advocates for employee rights. And while that is certainly true, our

next guest would like you to know that the USDOL also works hard to assist businesses, as well.

Mike Switzer interviews Colin Trimble, a community outreach and resource planning specialist with the [Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor in Columbia, SC](#).

[Contracting with Local Government](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • AUG 22, 2019

MIKE SWITZER/SC PUBLIC RADIO

You may have heard our recent interview with the US Small Business Administration about how they assist small businesses in procuring contracts with the federal government. Local government also offers this type of assistance, helping local companies find contracting opportunities at the city and county levels, and our next guest is hosting an information event on this topic very soon.

[Solar Tiles Made in South Carolina](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • AUG 21, 2019

MIKE SWITZER/SC PUBLIC RADIO

You may have noticed that solar panels are showing up on more and more homes in our state and that's mainly because costs continue to drop and because the state legislature recently passed laws loosening restrictions that have burdened the industry for many years. However, many people are still hesitant because they just might not like how the big bulky panels look on their roof or in their yard. Our next guest says that attitude represents a business opportunity to him.

[How Serious are Social Security Worries?](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • AUG 20, 2019

For decades, the media has been reporting that the social security system is in trouble. And here are just a few recent news headlines:

"Social Security is running out of money, with benefits on track to be reduced by 2035" ABC News - April 22, 2019

"How much longer will Social Security last?" AARP - April 23, 2019

"Will Social Security be around when I'm ready to retire?" The Washington Post - May 6, 2019

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["Displaying" Growth in the Upstate](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • AUG 16, 2019

Seven years ago, our next guest's company began operations in Upstate South Carolina selling interactive displays for the educational and business markets. Since then, they have won industry awards and last year made it into the Inc. 500 and recognized as one of our state's fastest growing companies.

Mike Switzer interviews Keone Trask, CEO of [Clear Touch Interactive](#) in Greenville, SC.

["Happy Hour" Makes for Happy Business](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • AUG 15, 2019

When we first interviewed our next guest several years ago, he and his wife were operating the Gin Joint, a bar in Charleston and after being frustrated with the time it took to make craft cocktails once they got home after a busy night, they began bottling their own mixtures that became so popular they sold the bar to focus solely on the cocktail mix business which has now grown into three separate lines.

[Contracting with the US Government is Big Business for Small Business](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • AUG 14, 2019

MIKE SWITZER/SC PUBLIC RADIO

The federal government awards approximately \$500 billion dollars in contracts each year. Of that, at least 23% or goes to small businesses. So if you're a small business owner, how do you get a piece of that \$125 billion pie?

Mike Switzer interviews Michael Corp, Deputy District Director for [South Carolina District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration](#) in Columbia, SC.

[SC SBA Resource Guide](#)

[Congress May Soon Change Retirement Rules](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • AUG 13, 2019

Planning for a financially secure retirement may require some changes if a new bill that recently passed the House of Representatives becomes law. The Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement or SECURE Act passed the House on May 23rd and our next guest says it would be the first meaningful change in retirement rules in over ten years if the House and Senate can reconcile the differences in their two bills.

Mike Switzer interviews [Jeff Wildes](#), a certified financial planner in Andrews, SC.

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[Need for Early Intervention Launched Business 20 Years Ago](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • AUG 9, 2019

In 1986, the United States Congress mandated federal funding for early intervention services for children with disabilities in an effort to boost their development and lessen their developmental delays. Our next guest and an associate were involved in assisting children with this program through state agencies, but they became frustrated and so decided to open the first private early intervention service company in South Carolina twenty years ago.

Mike Switzer interviews Beth Bunge, co-owner of [Bright Start](#) in Columbia, SC.

[Three Brothers Launch Upstate Textile Business](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • AUG 8, 2019

At one time, textiles dominated our state's manufacturing sector, but then during the 80's and 90's, local companies could no longer compete with the low-cost facilities around the world and began closing down. Inspired by their great-grandfather's textile business in Russia, our next guest and his brothers decided to purchase a local textile mill and now they are shipping their products all over the world.

Mike Switzer interviews Greg Cohen, co-founder of [All About Fabrics](#) in Williamston, SC.

[Marketing SC Goods](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • AUG 7, 2019

MIKE SWITZER/SC PUBLIC RADIO

Every state is naturally proud of its local companies, local products, artisans and crafts people. So why shouldn't each state have its own online store to feature them? When our next guests became frustrated in their efforts to shop local, they decided to create just such a business.

Mike Switzer interviews Andie and Ben Edwards, founders of [Grassroots General Store](#) in Charleston, SC.

[Are Stocks Peaking Again?](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • AUG 6, 2019

2019 began as a worrisome year for investors but by mid-year the stock market had turned around and even inched into record-high territory. The economy is showing signs of weakening though, so could this be a sucker's rally?

Mike Switzer interviews Doug English, a certified financial planner with [ACT Advisors](#) in Charleston, SC.

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[Employer Support for Guard and Reserve Recognized in SC](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • AUG 2, 2019

MIKE SWITZER/SC PUBLIC RADIO

A lot of employers' deal with employee scheduling challenges, some because they have employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserves. To encourage employer support of the Guard and Reserve, the Department of Defense recognizes such employers across the country each year. Our next guest's law firm recently

received the accolades for South Carolina and is among only 30 finalists for the national award.

Mike Switzer interviews Ian Duggan, an attorney with [Callison Tighe & Robinson](#) in Columbia, SC.

[Trends in Senior Healthcare Technology](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • AUG 1, 2019

Probably not surprising to know that the [South Carolina State Plan on Aging](#) shows our senior population is among the fastest growing in the nation and is projected to jump another 36% by the year 2030. With this growth comes more demand on our healthcare system which new trends in technology may be able to help alleviate.

[SC Arts School Celebrating 20 Years](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JUL 31, 2019

If you have been listening to our show for several years, you've probably heard our occasional interviews with our state's two state-run residential high schools, the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics in Hartsville and the other, headed up by our next guest, which is currently celebrating its 20th anniversary. Mike Switzer interviews Dr. Cedric Adderley, president of the [S.C. Governor's School for the Arts & Humanities](#) in Greenville, SC.

[Charleston Economic Engine Steaming Along](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JUL 30, 2019

If there's any area of our state that could be identified as an economic powerhouse, Charleston would certainly qualify. What can the business activity there tell us about our state as a whole?

Mike Switzer interviews Frank Hefner, the director of the [Office of Economic Analysis at the College of Charleston](#) in Charleston, SC.

[SC Business Update from Alan Cooper](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JUL 29, 2019

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Mike Switzer interviews Alan Cooper, founder and editor of three online business news websites in South Carolina: [MidlandsBiz](#), [UpstateBizSC](#), and [LowCountryBizSC](#).

[Biofuel Expands in SC](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JUL 26, 2019

MIKE SWITZER/SC PUBLIC RADIO

While battery power has been receiving the most press lately when it comes to moving vehicles around, another form of clean energy has been quietly becoming more popular. Over the past several years, our next guest's biofuel company has grown from a small facility in Winnsboro to another in Aiken County, SC and one in Tennessee.

Mike Switzer interviews Joe Renwick, founder and co-owner of [Green Energy BioFuel](#), now headquartered in Warrentonville, SC.

[Helping Youth Achieve Success](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JUL 25, 2019

100 years ago, our next guest's national organization began helping young people to be successfully prepared to one day enter the workforce. Since then, they have spawned chapters all across the nation, including several in our state, one of which is run by our next guest.

Mike Switzer interviews Connie Lanzi, president of [Junior Achievement of Upstate South Carolina](#).

[Investment Banking Activity Heats Up in SC](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JUL 24, 2019

Mergers and acquisitions, debt financing, and private placements are all investment banking activities, that according to our next guest, are increasing in frequency

enough in our state that he and his partners decided it was time to launch a new firm here.

Mike Switzer interviews Andy Brusman, executive chair at [Charles Towne Holdings](#) in Charleston, SC.

[Effective Charitable Giving](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JUL 23, 2019

Tax season for this year is over, we're now into the second half of the year and our next guest says that it's a great time to reflect on what worked well for you financially last year and whether you need to make any changes before this year is finished. And in particular, he says, if you haven't done so already, formulate a plan for your charitable giving.

Mike Switzer interviews [Rob DeHollander](#), a certified financial planner in Greenville, SC.

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[Global Trade Uncertainty in SC](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JUL 19, 2019

Over the past decade, our state's business community has become more and more connected to international trade. And in our new era of trade wars and rising tariffs, how are we coping? To help answer that question, the [Folks Center for International Business](#) at the [Moore School of Business at USC](#) in Columbia recently held a forum entitled "International Strategy in

[Professional Soccer Come to the Upstate](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JUL 18, 2019

The last time we interviewed our next guest he had just opened a large cowork center in Greenville, SC. Now that that is up and running and meeting his projections, he has a new project: bringing professional soccer to the Upstate. Mike Switzer interviews, Joe Erwin, president of [Erwin Creates](#) and the [Greenville Triumph professional soccer team](#) in Greenville, SC.

[Giving Back Opens Doors](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JUL 17, 2019

We have interviewed thousands of business owners on this show over the past 20 years and a common trait among many of them is their desire to give back to their communities. It's good for the heart and soul and it's good for business. And our next guest is one more example. Over the past 18 years, his company has donated over three and a half million dollars to preservation efforts in Charleston, SC and that has helped open the door to his latest business opportunity: the first commercial tours of one of the city's most significant cemeteries.

[Rebalancing Your Investments](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JUL 16, 2019

Do you know what percentage of your investments, whether in a 401k plan, IRA, or otherwise, are in domestic stocks, international stocks, corporate bonds, government bonds, growth stocks, small cap stocks, etc. at any given time? Our next guest says it's a good idea to check these percentages at least once a year. Mike Switzer interviews Chris Cabri, a certified financial planner with [Ameriprise Financial Advisors in Greenwood, SC](#).

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[Bicycle Commuting Growing in Popularity](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JUL 12, 2019

With the increasing demand and viability of bicycle-riding commuters, more cities and towns in our state are creating and supporting bicycle-friendly initiatives. Mike Switzer interviews Scott Nuelken, president and CEO of [Cola Town Bike Collective](#) in Columbia, SC.

[Upstate College Joins Ranks of Four-Year Schools](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JUL 11, 2019

Over 100 years ago, our next guest's institution of higher learning began as small two-year college helping Upstate textile mill workers obtain a general education. But recently, they have been approved to offer their first ever bachelor's degree program with a unique real-world business focus. Mike Switzer interviews Scott Cochran, president of [Spartanburg Methodist College](#) in Spartanburg, SC.

[Jazz Musicians in Demand](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JUL 10, 2019

MIKE SWITZER/SC PUBLIC RADIO

I don't know if you've noticed, but jazz is making a comeback in popularity not only across the country but here in our state, as well. Which means that jazz musicians are also becoming more in demand, which is leading to the necessity for training and instruction.

Mike Switzer interviews [Mark Rapp](#), founder of the [ColaJazz](#) organization which runs the [ColaJazz Festival](#) in Columbia, SC and the upcoming [USC ColaJazz Camp](#).

[Preparing for Retirement with a 5-Step Program](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JUL 9, 2019

It's probably safe to say that most everyone looks forward to retiring someday. But when that day comes, how will you know for sure that you are ready? Our next guest says the answer involves successfully accomplishing five critical steps first. Mike Switzer interviews Bryan Ballentine, a certified financial planner with [Ballentine Capital Management](#) in Greenville, SC.

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[Upstate Ad Agency Changes Ownership](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JUL 5, 2019

The last time we interviewed our next guest's company, they were a small advertising and marketing in the Upstate. Now they have an office in Los Angeles and new ownership. Mike Switzer interviews Brandy Amidon, co-president of [Brains On Fire](#) in Greenville, SC.

[Arts Upgrade Good for Business in Columbia, SC](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JUL 4, 2019

MIKE SWITZER/SC PUBLIC RADIO

As you would probably guess, the business community puts a lot of value on quality of life for their employees, especially when a new site location is being considered. Things like parks, recreation, theaters, and the arts. After more than a year and a half of intensive construction and transformation, one such institution in Columbia has become an even more integral part of that equation. Mike Switzer interviews Della Watkins, executive director of the [Columbia Museum of Art](#).

[Lowcountry Rug Dealer Believes in Afghanistan](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JUL 3, 2019

We continue to be amazed at the unlikely economic links we discover between our state and other countries around the world. The latest involves a Lowcountry rug dealer and his attempts to build the same industry in Afghanistan. Mike Switzer interviews Rob Leahy, owner of [Fine Rugs of Charleston](#) in Charleston, SC.

[Economic Uncertainty Abounds](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JUL 2, 2019

The national and state economies continue to forge ahead into positive territory; however our next guest says there is a tremendous amount of uncertainty when he looks ahead to the next 12 months.

[SC Business Update from Andy Owens](#)

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