

South Carolina Public Radio Community Issues List

Fourth Quarter (Oct. – Dec. 2017)

Health Focus

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[Research Related to In-Vivo Microscopy](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • DEC 26, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. David Lewin](#) about research related to In-Vivo Microscopy—a new technology that allows physicians and researchers to look at living tissue, at a microscopic level. Dr. David Lewin, is a Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and Director of Gastrointestinal Pathology at MUSC.

[Mental Health Issues and Primary Care](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • DEC 25, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. John Freedy](#) about including mental health and behavioral health issues during a primary care visit. Dr. Freedy is a Professor of Family Medicine and Director of the Behavioral Science Curriculum for the Family Medicine Residency Program at MUSC.

[The Amazing Liver](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • DEC 19, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Don Rockey about the essential functions of the liver, and the supporting role it plays for other organs in the body. [Dr. Don Rockey](#) is a Gastroenterologist & Hepatologist and Chairman of the Department of Medicine at MUSC.

[Night Terrors and Nightmares in Young Children](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • DEC 18, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Maria Riva about night terrors and nightmares in childhood and what parents can do to help. Dr. Maria Riva is a Pediatric Pulmonologist and [Sleep Specialist](#) at MUSC Children's Health.

[The Science of Sleep](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • DEC 12, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Andrea Rinn](#) about the latest understanding of sleep, and why it is so essential for good health. Dr. Rinn is a physician in the Department of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine and the Medical Director of the *Sleep Lab* at MUSC.

[Trauma-Focused Workshops in Puerto Rico](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • DEC 11, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Michael De Arellano](#) about training teachers and helping children in Puerto Rico, in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. Dr. De Arellano is a Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and he serves on the faculty at the National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center at MUSC.

[Children and Influenza](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • DEC 5, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. David Basco about children and influenza. [Dr. William Basco](#) is a Professor of Pediatrics and Director of the Division of General Pediatrics at MUSC Children's Health.

[Parkinson's Disease Update & Research](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • DEC 4, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Vanessa Hinson about new discoveries related to Parkinson's disease. Dr. Hinson is a Professor of Neurology and the Director of the [Movement Disorders Program](#) at MUSC.

[Vocal Health & Disorders](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • NOV 28, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Lucinda Halstead](#) about vocal health, and being alert to vocal changes that may need medical evaluation. Dr. Halstead is an Ear, Nose and Throat Physician and the Medical Director of the Evelyn Trammell Institute for Voice and Swallowing at MUSC.

[Prevention and Treatment of Frailty in Older Adults](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • NOV 27, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Russell Blackwelder](#) about the prevention and treatment of frailty in older adults. Dr. Blackwelder is an Assistant Professor and the Director of Geriatric Education for the Department of Family Medicine at MUSC.

[Ear Infections in Childhood](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • NOV 21, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. David White](#) about diagnosing and treating ear infections (and chronic ear infections) in children. Dr. White is a Professor in the College of Medicine and Director of the Pediatric Ear, Nose and Throat Program at MUSC Children's Health.

[Childhood Cancer Update](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • NOV 20, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Jackie Kraveka](#) about the latest developments in treating childhood cancer. Dr. Kraveka is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and a Pediatric Hematologist/Oncologist at MUSC Children's Health.

[Rotator Cuff Disorders](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • NOV 14, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Shane Woolf](#) about rotator cuff injuries—one of the most common types of shoulder injuries. Dr. Woolf is an Associate Professor and Chief of Sports Medicine in the Department of Orthopaedics at MUSC.

[Healthy Nutrition during Pregnancy](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • NOV 13, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Angela Choi](#) about healthy eating and essential nutrition during pregnancy. Dr. Choi is an Assistant Professor and Obstetrician and Gynecologist at MUSC Women's Health.

[Recognizing Concussion in Children & Teens](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • NOV 7, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Alec DeCastro](#) about the signs, symptoms and treatment of concussion in children and teens. Dr. DeCastro is an Assistant Professor and the Chief of Primary Care Sports Medicine in the Department of Family Medicine at MUSC.

[Cancer Immunotherapy Update](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • NOV 6, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. John Wrangle](#) about medical testing that helps identify which cancer patients are likely to benefit from current immunotherapy treatments. Dr. Wrangle is an Oncologist and Assistant Professor in the Department of Hematology/Oncology at MUSC.

[Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcome \(ECHO\) Research](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • OCT 31, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. John Vena about MUSC's participation in a large National Institutes of Health Initiative—called ECHO—which is studying environmental influences on the health of children. Dr. Vena is a Professor and the Founding Chairman of the Department of Public Health Sciences at MUSC.

[Sickle Cell Research](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • OCT 30, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Julie Kanter about several new therapies being developed to improve treatment for Sickle Cell Disease. Dr. Kanter is an Associate Professor of Hematology/Oncology and Director of [Sickle Cell Disease Research](#) at MUSC.

[Finding Cures for Rare Childhood Diseases](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • OCT 24, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Stephen Duncan about his research to find cures for rare childhood diseases. Dr. Duncan is a Professor and Chair in the [Department of Regenerative Medicine and Cell Biology](#) at MUSC.

[Strep Throat in Children & Teens](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • OCT 23, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Clarissa Clemmens](#) about the signs, symptoms and treatment of Strep Throat in children and teens. Dr. Clemmens is a Pediatric Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist at MUSC Children's Health.

[A Prescription for Exercise](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • OCT 17, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Christopher Bunt](#) about the health benefits of regular exercise and a *Prescription for Exercise* for patients from their primary care provider. Dr. Bunt

is an Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs in the College of Medicine at MUSC.

[Research about Complex Arrhythmias](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • OCT 16, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Jeffrey Winterfield about research related to Complex Arrhythmias or abnormal heart beats. Dr. Winterfield is a Cardiac Electrophysiologist and Director of the [Ventricular Arrhythmia Program](#) at MUSC.

[Research to Improve Organ Transplantation](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • OCT 10, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Satish Nadig](#) about research underway at MUSC to develop new treatments with less side effects for patients who receive organ transplantation. Dr. Nadig is an Adult and Pediatric, Multi-Organ Transplant Surgeon and Co-Director of the Lee Patterson Allen Transplant Immunobiology Lab at MUSC.

[Breast Cancer Screening](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • OCT 3, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Nancy DeMore](#) about breast cancer screening recommendations for women, including women at average risk and increased risk of developing breast cancer. Dr. DeMore is a Professor of Surgery and the Medical Director of the Breast Center at MUSC.

[Maintaining Weight Loss over Time](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • OCT 2, 2017

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Patrick O'Neil about the keys to success for maintaining weight loss over time. Dr. O'Neil is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Director of the [Weight Management Center at MUSC](#).

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[Excerpt #9 from USC's Economic Outlook Conference](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • DEC 29, 2017

Our program today features an excerpt from the University of South Carolina Moore School's recent [Economic Outlook Conference](#).

Today's excerpt comes from Cheryl Stanton, executive director of the [South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce](#) in Columbia, SC.

[Excerpt #8 from USC's Economic Outlook Conference](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • DEC 28, 2017

Our program today features an excerpt from the University of South Carolina Moore School's recent [Economic Outlook Conference](#).

Today's excerpt comes from Joan Robinson-Berry, vice president and general manager for [Boeing South Carolina](#) in North Charleston, SC.

[Excerpt #7 from USC's Economic Outlook Conference](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • DEC 27, 2017

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Today's excerpt comes from Joan Robinson-Berry, vice president and general manager for [Boeing South Carolina](#) in North Charleston, SC.

[Excerpt #5 from USC's Economic Outlook Conference](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • DEC 25, 2017

Our program today features an excerpt from the University of South Carolina Moore School's recent [Economic Outlook Conference](#).

Today's excerpt comes from [South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster](#).

[Excerpt #4 from USC's Economic Outlook Conference](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • DEC 22, 2017

Our program today features an excerpt from the University of South Carolina Moore School's recent [Economic Outlook Conference](#).

Today's excerpt comes from Joey von Nessen, a research economist with the University of South Carolina's Moore School of Business, and their [Division of Research](#).

[Excerpt #3 from USC's Economic Outlook Conference](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • DEC 21, 2017

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Today's excerpt comes from Joey von Nessen, a research economist with the University of South Carolina's Moore School of Business, and their [Division of Research](#).

[Excerpt #2 from USC's Economic Outlook Conference](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • DEC 20, 2017

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[Excerpt #1 from USC's Economic Outlook Conference](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • DEC 19, 2017

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[German Coatings Company Growing and Investing in Charleston](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • DEC 15, 2017

Our next guest's Germany-based company has been so successful with their only US manufacturing operations being located in our state, that they recently opened a brand new \$30 million R&D facility and production plant.

Mike Switzer interviews Fabian Grimm, the US managing director for [Mankiewicz Coatings](#) in Charleston, SC.

[Upstate Business Has Gone to the Dogs](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • DEC 14, 2017

Many of us around the country find ourselves on our sofas glued to the TV on Thanksgiving. OK maybe it's because we can't move after stuffing on stuffing, but let's face it, the National Dog Show is fascinating! (You probably thought I was going to mention the parade or football.) Our next guest is capitalizing on the need for well-behaved dogs, building a significant dog-training business not only in the Upstate where she is headquartered, but all over the country and now the globe.

[A Healthcare Year in Review](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • DEC 13, 2017

For the past year, we have been receiving monthly healthcare industry updates from our next guest who says today, she would like to share with us her year-end review.

Mike Switzer interviews [Lynn Bailey, a healthcare economist](#) in Columbia, SC.

[Evaluating Stock Market Returns](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • DEC 12, 2017

Most investment professionals will tell you that their clients spend too much time focusing on near term results and ignore the longer term averages. Why is that so important and how does that relate to the risk levels currently in the stock market?

Mike Switzer interviews Joe Giltner, a chartered financial analyst with [CCM Investment Advisors](#) in Columbia, SC and a member of the SC Chapter of the [CFA Society](#).

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

By ALFRED TURNER • DEC 11, 2017

CONCEPTS TO COMPANIES

A weekly update of the entrepreneurial activity in South Carolina.

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

[S.C. Rich in Small Business Resources](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • DEC 8, 2017

MIKE SWITZER/SC PUBLIC RADIO

Starting and running a small business takes a lot of work. And in many cases, a lot of assistance. Fortunately, there are several organizations in our state that can help a small business and our next guest runs one that also supports two more.

[Co-work Expanding in Greenville](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • DEC 7, 2017

Each month, our next guest's company brings in top marketers from national and international brands such as The Ritz Carlton, Southwest Airlines, and Chick-fil-A to speak to his customers in an intimate setting about the strategies they use to push their brands beyond their competition. That intimate setting is the fast-growing phenomenon known as a co-work space. Mike Switzer interviews Joe Erwin, president of [Endeavor](#) in Greenville, SC.

[Helping High School Students Succeed in the Real World](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • DEC 6, 2017

Despite the best efforts of parents and teachers, sometimes high school students need a little extra help to be best prepared to succeed in college and/or the workplace. Oftentimes, outside organizations can provide that guidance and assistance. Our next guest runs one of these that is part of an organization founded 45 years ago by former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Mike Switzer interviews Heather Love, state director for the [South Carolina chapter of the Jefferson Awards Foundation](#).

[Helping Your Employees Retire Ready](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • DEC 5, 2017

According to a recent national survey, 71% of Americans aren't saving enough for retirement, 58% feel the same or less secure than last year, and 46% have less savings today than they expected they would five years ago. Our next guest says that employers should be taking initiatives toward changing these numbers so he has some suggestions for the employers in our audience on how they can help their employees become retirement-ready.

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

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[Business Marketing Tips](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • DEC 1, 2017

Most businesses are constantly looking for the best way to get their message out and at the most effective cost. So we thought we'd invite an expert to share some tips. Our next guest has earned global recognition at Cannes, The One Show, in the Communications Arts Advertising Annual, and through multiple national ADDY® Awards.

Mike Switzer interviews Rick Bryson, global creative director for [ZWO Branding and Marketing](#) in Greenville, SC.

[Richland County Making Economic Development Easy](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • NOV 30, 2017

Of the 46 counties in our state, Richland has the youngest population with a median age under 33. And of the 3,142 counties in the United States, Richland is in the top 10% in not only that category, but also in level of education. Our next guest says that these statistics and the fact that Columbia is becoming a pretty cool place to live, are combining to make his job a little easier. Mike Switzer interviews Jeff Ruble, director of [economic development for Richland County, SC](#).

[SC Student Wins Top Entrepreneurship Prize](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • NOV 29, 2017

The Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship, a national nonprofit based in NY City, partners with the Citi Foundation each year to host the National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge. The \$10,000 top prize this year went to an 18-year-old [YesCarolina](#) student from our state's Lowcountry for her business plan for reusable fabric cloths that can remove makeup without the addition of water. Mike Switzer interviews Jasmine Adams, founder of [Smudgies](#) in Charleston, SC.

[USC's Economic Outlook Conference Coming to Columbia Dec. 8th](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • NOV 28, 2017

As is its custom near the end of each year, our state's flagship business school hosts an [economic outlook conference](#) in an effort to enlighten us on our prospects for financial prosperity for the coming year.

[SC Business Update from Alan Cooper](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • NOV 27, 2017

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](#).

[Does Your Business Have the Write Stuff?](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • NOV 24, 2017

It may surprise you to hear this, but our next guest says that it is not uncommon for a company to not have any written documentation describing how their business actually works: who does what, what does what, what connects to what, and on and on. That's not you, is it?

Mike Switzer interviews Kasie Whitener, president and founder of [Clemson Road Consulting](#) in Columbia, SC.

Active vs. Passive Investing

By Mike Switzer • Nov 23, 2017

The question of whether an actively-managed portfolio can outperform an index-based or passively-managed portfolio is an age-old debate. And while the use of passive investment strategies have grown significantly over the past 10 years, our next guest says that the death of active investment management is greatly exaggerated.

Mike Switzer interviews Robert Taylor, a chartered financial analyst with BB&T Wealth in Greenville, SC.

Award-Winning Businesses From Around the South Celebrating in SC

By Mike Switzer • Nov 22, 2017

Each year, a national magazine based in our state, hosts a "Made in the South" awards program that recognizes artisans, inventors, and entrepreneurs from around our region. And at the end of the year, the winners all come to our state to show off their wares and celebrate.

Mike Switzer interviews Jessica Derrick, with Garden and Gun magazine in Charleston, SC, hosts of their 2017 Jubilee, Dec. 1-3, 2017.

Aerospace Industry Expanding in Upstate

By Mike Switzer • Nov 21, 2017

Our next guest has appeared on our show a few times over the last decade because he continues to make his presence known in our state's aerospace industry, well before Boeing came to South Carolina. He has been busy buying, selling and growing companies since 1997 and his latest move is into the global air cargo industry.

Mike Switzer interviews Steve Townes, CEO and founder of Ranger Aerospace in Greenville, SC, and his newest job title: chair of the board at ACL Airshop.

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Midlands Company Celebrates \$300 Million Order

By Mike Switzer • Nov 17, 2017

Mike Switzer/SC Public Radio

As telecom companies continue to fight harder for more customers, they are aggressively upgrading their infrastructure. And this is benefiting not only the cell phone users in our state but our manufacturing industry, as well. Our next guest's company in the Midlands of South Carolina, for example, recently inked a \$300 million optical cable contract from Verizon.

Mike Switzer interviews Hakan Ozmen, president and CEO of Prysmian Group North America in Lexington, SC.

Telehealth Industry Marketing to Senior Citizens

By Mike Switzer • Nov 16, 2017

A few years ago, our next guest's company entered the fast-growing telehealth industry. They have now decided to add that same technology to the fast-growing senior citizen home health care market. How are new technologies and services like these faring in the face of today's many healthcare uncertainties?

Mike Switzer interviews Chris Cole, president of eDocHome in Greenville, SC.

Medicare Basics

By Mike Switzer • Nov 15, 2017

Approximately 10,000 Americans turn 65 years old everyday. Or as one of our listeners wrote us recently "65 years young"! This listener also pointed out that an important resource for those attaining that age is the National Medicare Handbook which, while providing over 130 pages of information, isn't easy to digest and remember all the benefits and rules. So we've invited our resident healthcare expert into the studio for some help.

Transitioning Out of Your Business

By Mike Switzer • Nov 14, 2017

Eventually, an owner of a small business will close the business, pass it on to an heir, or sell the business. Our next guest says that no matter the type of transition, there are many blind spots that need to be navigated.

Mike Switzer interviews John Barnes, a certified financial planner, and president and CEO of Pendleton Street Advisors in Columbia.

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Enhancing the Business-Nonprofit Relationship

By Mike Switzer • Nov 10, 2017

You would probably not be surprised to learn that most business leaders are also very active in the nonprofit community, volunteering and serving on boards. Our next guest says that business people interacting with nonprofit leadership is obviously a good thing but their level of success is going to be determined by the quality of the relationship.

Myrtle Beach Firm Wins National Mobile Web Design Award

By Mike Switzer • Nov 9, 2017

Most business owners know the importance of having a user-friendly mobile website these days. Our next guest certainly does because his company was recently honored for designing the best mobile website in the nation by the Web Marketing Association.

Mike Switzer interviews Pat Harris, creative director for LHWB Advertising in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Upstate SC Nurtures Euro-Centric Small Businesses

By Mike Switzer • Nov 8, 2017

About 14 years ago, our next guest took her love of interior design and plunged into small business ownership by opening a contemporary Euro-style furniture store. And she credits the European presence in the Upstate and her own heritage as contributing factors to the store's success.

Mike Switzer interviews Ivet Ivanova, co-owner of Bogari Furniture in Greenville, SC.

South Carolina's State Retirement System Revamped

By Mike Switzer • Nov 7, 2017

For many years, South Carolina's retirement system has been projected to be unable to meet the benefit payments promised to its retirees. In April of this year, Governor Henry McMaster signed a bill designed to fix that issue. Our next guest says that the impact of this will be felt by all South Carolinians.

Mike Switzer interviews Peter Pigeon, a certified financial planner with Hobbs Group Advisors in Columbia, SC.

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Coastal Carolina Students Launch Fish Oil Company

By Mike Switzer • Nov 3, 2017

Mike Switzer/SC Public Radio

More and more colleges these days are devoting significant resources to encourage student entrepreneurs. Our next guest and his partner, for example are senior business majors scheduled to graduate in 2018, who plan to devote their careers full time to expanding their fish oil sales and distribution company, that they started while students participating in a college initiative with the country of Iceland.

Mike Switzer interviews Sean Edwards, co-owner and CEO of LYSI, US based in Conway, SC.

Bike-Sharing Launches in Charleston

By Mike Switzer • Nov 2, 2017

When we interviewed our next guest three years ago, he had just launched an electric car ride-sharing service targeting college students. Since then, his company has grown from four employees to over 35 and has added an office in Los Angeles. Now he is expanding into bicycle-sharing.

Mike Switzer interviews Sean Flood, founder of the Gotcha Group and his newest venture is Gotcha Bike which recently launched Holy Spokes in Charleston, SC.

Turning Flowers into a Jewelry Business

By Mike Switzer • Nov 1, 2017

For more than 20 years, our next guest has been busy turning flower petals from gardens, memorial services, weddings, and other events into jewelry. She has grown the business from one employee into a full staff.

Mike Switzer interviews Cristina Segarra, CEO and founder of Flowers Forever and Bellabeads in Columbia, SC.

No Amazon HQ a Good Thing for South Carolina

By Mike Switzer • Oct 31, 2017

You probably won't be surprised to hear what our next guest has to say about our state's economy...yes, we're still just chugging along. However, it may surprise you to hear that he's glad South Carolina decided not to compete for Amazon's second national headquarters.

Mike Switzer interviews Frank Hefner, director of the Office of Economic Analysis at the College of Charleston.

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Building a Business with Connectors

By Mike Switzer • Oct 27, 2017

Mike Switzer/SC Public Radio

You may have heard about our next guests' company from a recent mention on this show during one of our regular interviews with John Warner, who is always talking up the entrepreneurial activity in our state. And this company certainly has one of the most unusual products we've come across in a while. Simple steel connectors that allow you to build just about anything using inexpensive conduit pipe.

Mike Switzer interviews Kelly and David Schlitter, founders of Maker Pipe based in Pendleton, SC.

Increasing Metallurgy Education in SC

By Mike Switzer • Oct 26, 2017

The last time we had our next guest on this show, he was running our state's pre-eminent public-private partnership known as SCRA. Last year, he left SCRA and took a position with an organization that is working to bring more materials-based education to South Carolina.

Mike Switzer interview Bill Mahoney, managing director of Ohio-based ASM International.

Charleston Gourmet Foodies Expand Company Out of State

By Mike Switzer • Oct 25, 2017

About 10 years ago our next guest and his wife, Margaret, decided to give up their lucrative careers and New York City living to return to the city where they married and start a small business centered around their favorite thing: gourmet food. Their cafe and market has since expanded to five locations including their most recent in Nashville, their first outside of South Carolina.

Mike Switzer interviews Kris Furniss, co-owner of Caviar and Bananas in Charleston, SC.

Making the Most of Your Charitable Giving

By Mike Switzer • Oct 24, 2017

It probably won't surprise you to know that Americans are among the most charitable people on the planet. According to a recent Gallup World Poll, the USA ranked #1 or #2 for each of the last four years (2013 – 2016). Our next guest says while South Carolinians are just as charitable, there are some ways you may not know about that can help you make the most of your charitable giving.

Mike Switzer interviews Jeff Wildes, a certified financial planner in Georgetown, SC.

SC Business Update from Andy Owens

By Mike Switzer • Oct 23, 2017

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Mike Switzer interviews Andy Owens, managing editor of SCBizNews, the company that publishes the Columbia Regional Business Report, Charleston Regional Business Journal, GSA Business and SCBizNews magazine.

Family Plantation Becomes Event Venue

By Mike Switzer • Oct 20, 2017

Event venues continue to be in high demand across South Carolina for corporate workshops, retreats, and of course, weddings. A few years ago, our next guest decided that their historic family plantation would fit well into this market, and since then, she says they have not regretted it.

Mike Switzer interviews Lisa Adams, executive creative director of Wavering Place near Eastover, SC.

Hotel Construction Strong But Challenged

By Mike Switzer • Oct 19, 2017

If you haven't noticed, there are a lot of new hotels under construction in our state. In fact, the number is at a high for the current growth cycle. But our next guest says that this growth is not without its challenges.

Mike Switzer interviews Bruce Collins with OTO Development, a hotel builder, owner, and operator in Spartanburg, SC that specializes in energy and environmentally-friendly hotel construction.

Year-end Healthcare Planning

By Mike Switzer • Oct 18, 2017

October is open enrollment time for many employer-based insurance plans, and on November 1st, the same begins for Obamacare plans. With all of the uncertainties that have hit these markets this year, our next guest believes there will be some suffering for enrollees.

Mike Switzer interviews Lynn Bailey, a healthcare economist practicing in Columbia, SC.

SC Financial Planner Cites Increased Stock Market Risks

By Mike Switzer • Oct 17, 2017

We are now many years into the second largest bull market in stock market history. Our next guest says he believes that the risks have begun to stack up and that it may be time to take some chips off the table.

Mike Switzer interviews Doug English, a certified financial planner with ACT Advisors in Charleston, SC.

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IT Services Industry Strong in SC

By Mike Switzer • Oct 13, 2017

With the business world almost completely reliant on computers, it should come as no surprise that the market for IT services is strong and growing. Which is why our next guest decided to launch his own business in this industry two years ago.

Mike Switzer interviews Tim Larson, owner and CEO of Aurora IT Services in Lexington, SC.

[The True Story of 3D Printing](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • OCT 12, 2017

By now, most people are aware of 3D printing. But what most people are apparently confused about is who actually invented it. While our next guest is mostly known as the father of modern kayaking, he is, in fact, also the owner of the first patent for 3D printing.

Mike Switzer interviews [Bill Masters](#), kayaker, inventor, and entrepreneur in Travelers Rest, SC.

[Divorce Shopping Made Easier](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • OCT 11, 2017

What happens when a divorce lawyer, financial planner, and real estate broker walk into a room? They form a new business that specializes in one-stop shopping for people going through divorce or separation. That's what happened recently to our next guest.

Mike Switzer interviews Jamie Minster with [Charleston Divorce Services](#) in Charleston, SC.

[Is the US Becoming the King of Energy?](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • OCT 10, 2017

When we last interviewed our next guest, about a year and a half ago, he was predicting that oil prices were bottoming and about to move higher. And he was right. The price moved from \$38 a barrel up into the \$50s. What does he think about the energy markets now?

Mike Switzer interviews Tyson Halsey, a chartered financial analyst with [Income Growth Advisors](#) in Charleston, SC.

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

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CONCEPTS TO COMPANIES

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[Serial Entrepreneur Invades Ridgeway](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • OCT 6, 2017

For the past couple years, our next guest has been busy restoring and operating [Magnolia Farm Lodge](#), a bed and breakfast, outdoor school and working farm in Ridgeway, SC. He is also a practicing attorney in Columbia, SC and the leader of the band the [Plowboys](#). But if that isn't enough, he has now added two new projects in Ridgeway: Honeysuckle Hill bed and breakfast and [Brice's Country](#)

[IT-ology Refocuses With New Leadership](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • OCT 5, 2017

It's been awhile since you've heard us mention IT-ology, the nonprofit organization in Columbia working to grow the information technology workforce in our state. And that's because, over the past several months, they have been re-tooling their focus and programs and have a new leader.

Mike Switzer interviews Tammy Mainwaring, president of [IT-ology](#) in Columbia, SC.

[More Venture Capital Available in SC](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • OCT 4, 2017

Entrepreneurs in our state now have a new opportunity to apply for start-up funding of up to \$50,000. But there is a catch. You will have to move to Charleston for a year. Which may not be all bad...

Mike Switzer interviews Jake Hare, co-founder and CEO of [Launchpeer](#) in Charleston, SC.

[Will the "Sleepwalking" Economy Ever Wake Up?](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • OCT 3, 2017

The economists we interview on this program each month have been reporting pretty much the same story for several years now: "same old-same old," "slow but steady growth", etc. But this lackluster economic environment must really be wearying to our next guest whose latest published prognosis includes terms like "sleepwalking" and "zombie-like."

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By MIKE SWITZER • OCT 2, 2017

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[Ukulele Band Brings Generations Together](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • DEC 27, 2017

Over the past decade or so, the ukulele has grown tremendously in popularity among a wide variety of people, helped by its use by popular artists such as Jason Mraz and Ingrid Michaelson. The trend hit the Midlands recently when University of South Carolina music student Tim Hall got a grant to start the Cola (not Columbia, though that's where it's located) Ukulele Band. Since its beginning, the band has attracted members of all ages, from elementary school children to grandparents.

[USC Press Showcases a Variety of Authors, Subjects](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • DEC 25, 2017

The Palmetto State has a prestigious name in the world of publishing: the University of South Carolina Press. Because it's a non-profit, it can publish scholarly books on important subjects that would not make a profit for commercial publishers, according to Suzanne Axland. But that doesn't mean the press doesn't publish for the general interest. It prints a wide variety of books on art, history, Southern culture, beautiful photography and more, even novels, says Axland.

[Columbia's Inclement Weather Center: Shelter from Cold, Flood and Gale](#)

By OLIVIA ALDRIDGE • DEC 22, 2017

Winter is an especially difficult time of year for unhoused South Carolinians. As temperatures dip below freezing throughout the season, the threat of hypothermia is ever-present. That's why several nonprofits in the Midlands have forged together each winter since 2014 to sponsor Columbia's Inclement Weather Center (IWC), open from November 1 to March 31 on nights when the temperature is 40 degrees or below.

[South Carolina Veteran Recalls Iwo Jima after 75 Years](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • DEC 20, 2017

In February and March 1945, one of the most significant battles of World War II took place: Iwo Jima, just 760 miles from Tokyo itself. Among the 70,000 marines assigned to the operation was 19-year-old Marvin Veronee of Charleston, a navy gunfire officer who went

ashore with the Marines to call in fire from warships stationed off the coast when he found good targets. 75 years later, a 93-year-old Veronee recalls his duties in the battle, his narrow scrape with a Japanese banzai charge (a suicide attack), and his sight of the first (not the second, world-famous) American flag raised on

[West Columbia Man Brings the Spirit of Christmas Alive as Santa Claus](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • DEC 18, 2017

Most men don't frequent beauty parlors, but Arthur "Cotton" Erskine of West Columbia visits his every day from Thanksgiving to Christmas to prepare his hair and long beard for a role he's portrayed for years: Santa Claus. "Santa Cotton," as he is known, becomes the Jolly Old Elf for events such as Christmas parades, private photo sessions and store appearances, sometimes with as many as six appointments a day. He is "Ho Ho" to his grandchildren, and here he discusses the fun of dealing with children, and the unusual requests they sometimes have of Santa. Erskine's hairdresser and the co

[Historic Marker Helps Uncover Military History Buried at Columbia Cemetery](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • DEC 18, 2017

For those who love military history, the date September 28, now carries an additional significance. It's the date Cpl. Freddie Stowers was killed in battle. Stowers was an Anderson County native and a member of the 371st Infantry Regiment, the first African-American unit to train at then Camp Jackson. The date now also represents the placing of the first historic marker in the country to honor and recognize this unit.

[South Carolina Looks Back on an Active Hurricane Season](#)

By OLIVIA ALDRIDGE • DEC 15, 2017

NOAA

Last month, the 2017 Atlantic Hurricane season finally came to a close. From June 1 to Nov. 30, South Carolinians were encouraged by SCEMD and other state agencies to be on high alert, especially after the severe storm impacts the state received during the 2015 and 2016 seasons. Now that hurricane season has wrapped up, we called on John Qualiariello, a Columbia-based meteorologist for the National Weather Service, to reflect.

[South Carolina's Population Passes the 5 Million Mark](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • DEC 15, 2017

MAP: SC REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS

Next week state officials expect the U.S. Census Bureau to officially estimate that the state's population has passed the five million mark. In fact, they believe the state reached that milestone back on June 8th. Officials estimate that the state is growing by 157 people a day making it one of the fastest growing states in the country. And it's growing really fast. It took

67 years for the state to grow by a million people, from one million to two million. It took just 17 years though to grow from four million to five million people.

[Holiday Shopping Season Looks to be best in a Decade](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • DEC 12, 2017

STOCKSNAP [CC0 1.0] VIA PIXABAY

USC Retail Department Chair Mark Rosenbaum is excited by this year's holiday shopping season. A decade after the great recession that started in 2008, he said retail sales in the state and nation are back to 2007 levels. The stock market's record highs are just in time for retail and for consumer confidence, he said.

[Clemson Partners with Other Universities to Preserve Wild Tiger Populations](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • DEC 12, 2017

CATLOVERS [CC BY-SA 2.0] VIA FLICKR

Tigers are rapidly disappearing in nature because of poaching and habitat destruction, according to Dr. Brett Wright, dean of Clemson University's College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences. In 2010 there were an estimated 3200 tigers still roaming India and other Asian countries. This alarming figure caused Clemson to contact the other major "tiger mascot" universities – Auburn, LSU and Missouri – and form the U.S. Tiger University Consortium to help increase the number of tigers in the wild.

[Can Chatbots Connect You to City Government?](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • DEC 8, 2017

Bratton Riley has a true appreciation of city workers, whether they're picking up our trash or keeping us safe. The 44 year-old has had a bird's eye view as the son of former Charleston City Mayor Joe Riley. But he knows not everyone shares that appreciation. Dealing with government can be difficult. So he's created a chatbot called Citibot in hopes of making it more accessible.

[Christmas Tree Farmers Work Throughout the Year to Make December Green](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • DEC 5, 2017

Mike McCartha and Bryan Price are two men who essentially make their entire year's livings in one month. They're Christmas tree farmers. It takes year-round to grow Christmas trees and successfully market them. Growers like McCartha and Price say they like seeing smiling faces returning year after year.

[Hall of Fame Auctioneer Has Caused "Fights," Seen Families Heal in 40-Year Career](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • DEC 5, 2017

COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL AUCTIONEERS ASSOCIATION

Nationally-known auctioneer Chris Pracht of Anderson has run auctions in more than 30 states and three countries over his four-decade career. His reputation among his peers is such that he was elected to the National Auctioneer's Association Hall of Fame, one of only four South Carolinians to achieve the honor in the Association's long history.

[Program Helps Service Members Transition Military Skills into Employment](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • DEC 4, 2017

Before a service member transitions out of the military, the Department of Defense requires they complete a pre-separation counseling session. Fort Jackson's Solider For Life Transition Assistance program manager says it's the beginning of 12-month period that prepares service members and their family for life outside the military.

[Interstate 73 Moves Closer to Reality](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • NOV 30, 2017

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

The five major interstate highways that crisscross South Carolina are part of its social and economic lifeblood. Since 1982, when Ronald Reagan was President, there have been plans for a sixth interstate, I-73 which would run from the North Carolina-South Carolina state line near Bennettsville through the Pee Dee to the tourist Mecca of Myrtle Beach. Over the years there have been a number of proposed routes for the new federal highway, questions about how best to pay for it, and concerns raised by environmental groups.

[MUSC Develops Hurricane Health App](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • NOV 30, 2017

The 2017 Atlantic Hurricane season comes to a close this week, officially ending November 30. It was one of the most active and costliest to hit the United States, with 17 named storms and 10 hurricanes, six of which were major with winds of 110 milers per hour or more. With such monster storms as Harvey, Irma and Maria, many are still struggling physically and mentally in the aftermath. The Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston is now researching the impact of those hurricanes on mental health as it develops a new smart phone app.

[Holiday Depression is real for Some South Carolinians](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • NOV 28, 2017

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Cries of "Merry Christmas," "Happy Hanukkah" or "Happy New Year" can ring hollow for those afflicted with the phenomenon known as holiday depression. Psychologist Fred Medway

says holidays are so charged with memories that if one experiences, for example, a loss or other unhappy event during the holiday season, it can trigger sad memories in future seasons. According to University of South Carolina nursing Professor Sue Heiney, symptoms of holiday depression can include sleeplessness, change in appetite, sadness and not being able to enjoy anything, even things a person once took pleasure

[Tattoos Are a Growing Trend in South Carolina](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • NOV 27, 2017

Since tattoo parlors became legal in South Carolina in 2006, they have ridden a growing wave of popularity. No longer the province of sailors or convicts, tattoos are being worn by doctors, ministers, even grandmothers. Tattoo artist Scot “Spyder” Kudo says the range of tattoo designs is as endless as the imaginations of his clients.

[USC Professor Has Second Life as Turkey Farmer](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • NOV 21, 2017

From 9 to 5, Joe Jones of Blythewood is a professor of marine science and environmental science at the University of South Carolina. After 5, he becomes a farmer, raising sheep, pigs, chickens, and especially Narragansett turkeys, which makes him popular around Thanksgiving. He and his wife keep their flock small, preferring quality over quantity. Jones and his wife Amanda talk in this story about the difference between homegrown birds and the corporate, mass-produced turkeys most people consume (hint: price and flavor have a lot to do with the difference).

[Columbia Resident Sees His Beatles Footage in Major Documentary](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • NOV 21, 2017

APPLE CORPS

The 2017 Ron Howard documentary film “The Beatles: Eight Days a Week - The Touring Years” highlights the cultural phenomenon of Beatlemania in the 1960s. The movie captures America’s excitement as John, Paul, George and Ringo stormed the country at the forefront of the most popular musical revolution of the century, the British Invasion.

[Bad Weather or Fewer Gators? A Look Back at the State Hunting Season](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • NOV 17, 2017

Ron Russell has been catching alligators in the Lowcountry for nearly 30 years. Each fall, people hire him as a guide for the state's public hunt. But this year, he says gators, especially the big ones, were harder to find.

"We've harvested the heck out of them with all three programs the last 12 years," said Russell. "I think it's going to start showing up we can't maintain this every year without it actually

hurting the population dramatically. I've already seen the decrease in population just in this area."

[S.C. Mayors Unite in Their Stance on Climate Change](#)

By OLIVIA ALDRIDGE • NOV 15, 2017

THELISHA EADDY/SC PUBLIC RADIO.

Since President Trump announced the U.S. would exit [the Paris Climate Agreement](#) back in June, redoubled support for the agreement has come from the local level, with mayors from around the nation pledging their cities' support for the Agreement.

[College of Charleston Professor Works to Save Coral Reefs](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • NOV 13, 2017

BRENT DEUEL [CC BY 2.0] VIA FLICKR

People picture coral reefs as bursting with color and teeming with a variety of undersea life, which many are. But their number is shrinking, says College of Charleston biologist Phil Dustan, because they are hyper-sensitive to temperature changes, and climate change is warming the ocean to intolerable levels for many reefs. In his 40-plus years of studying reefs, Dustan said, the Florida Keys, for example, have probably lost 90 to 95 percent of their living coral reefs.

[Former Presidential Advisor Steve Bannon Speaks at Citadel Republican Society Fundraiser](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • NOV 12, 2017

Streets were blocked for hours and police appeared ready, high atop Johnson Hagood Stadium as former presidential advisor Steve Bannon arrived in Charleston Friday to speak at a student fundraiser just off the Citadel campus. People with several civil rights groups peacefully gathered across the street from the Holliday Alumni Center where inside there was a party and the guest of honor relived the glory days of helping get Donald Trump elected president.

[Sumter Professor: Poetry Workshops Build Students' Confidence, Help Other Subjects](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • NOV 10, 2017

University of South Carolina – Sumter English Professor Ray McManus is a poet who can't sit still. He travels the state conducting workshops in poetry much as a missionary would: But the message he brings to the people – that is, students from elementary to high schools – is that poetry isn't the exclusive realm of artsy, smart people; it's accessible to everyone, and it's already in their lives if they take notice.

[Nation's First Mass Violence and Victimization Resource Center Opens in Charleston](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • NOV 9, 2017

MUSC

Dean Kilpatrick marks a milestone not by looking back, but by building for the future. He's the director of the National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. As the center celebrates 40 years, it is also opening the nation's first and only Mass Violence and Victimization Resource Center.

"We will definitely have our hands full as far as coordinating this," said Kilpatrick. "But we're just very happy to have the opportunity to serve.

["I've Never Been Beaten Like That Before, In My Life": Former POW Leads Columbia Veterans Day Parade](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • NOV 8, 2017

50 years ago, Columbia resident Jack Van Loan was a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. Recently, Van Loan spoke with South Carolina Public Radio about the six years he spent in captivity. Today, the retired Col. of the U.S. Air Force is preparing to serve once again, this time as Grand Marshal in the City of Columbia's 39th annual Veterans Day Parade.

[Chocolatiers Make South Carolina Life Sweeter](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • NOV 8, 2017

Chocolate is one of life's great treats for most folks. Traditional, mass-produced chocolate candies have been enjoyed for generations, but lately, specialists have been making chocolates in South Carolina. Columbia chocolatiers Christina Miles and Joseph Vernon have developed their own unique varieties of chocolates.

[Richland County's Meteorologist Unique in the State, Perhaps One of Few in Nation](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • NOV 8, 2017

Ken Aucoin is up before the sun each morning, preparing a weather forecast for Richland County emergency managers, looking for potential weather threats. As the county's meteorologist, he's the only one in the state in his job, which also includes emergency management and public relations duties. Aucoin has established a network of weather stations across the county, enabling him to pinpoint storm cells and wind problems to within three to four miles of any location in the county.

[SC Kids Donate Sweet Treats to Deployed Service Men, Women](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • NOV 2, 2017

KOOL SMILES

Children and families in South Carolina will have a chance to exchange Halloween candy for toys and send deployed U.S. troops a "sweet" reminder of home this holiday season during [Operation Troop Treats](#), an annual candy exchange hosted by the local Kool Smiles

dental offices in partnership with Operation Gratitude. Dr. Diane Earle is Managing Dental Director for Kool Smiles, she said Operation Troop Treat was created six years ago to promote healthy dental habits during Halloween.

[USC Professor: "Frankenstein" Inspired by Real Events in the Author's Life](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • OCT 30, 2017

RICHARD ROTHWELL, VIA WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Frankenstein is a classic of fiction, movies, and other media, and also a Halloween staple. The novel has not been out of print in the two centuries since it was published in 1818. USC English Professor Paula Feldman, an authority on the life of Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, the author of *Frankenstein*, talks about the real-life tragedies in Shelley's life that caused her to wish she could bring the dead to life again, and the dreams that inspired the writing of the classic book that is regarded as the first science fiction novel.

[South Carolina, Nation Share a Shortage of Nurses](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • OCT 30, 2017

Nursing has been described as a virtually recession-proof occupation, one that will always be in demand. Even so, the heads of nursing departments at both the University of South Carolina and Midlands Technical College decry the critical need for bedside nurses, in spite of the fact that their nursing programs are full. They cite bedside nursing is physically demanding, and added to 12-hour shifts, night and weekend work and new positions in other areas of nursing as reasons for the shortage.

[Edgar Allan Poe's Time in Charleston](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • OCT 30, 2017

Whether you're walking down Raven Avenue or biting into a Gold Bug Burger at Poe's Tavern, you are certain to find plenty of Edgar Allan Poe treasure on Sullivan's Island. The elusive 19th Century writer has direct ties to the island. But they weren't discovered until decades after his death, even though there are clues in his writings. "In his own time, Poe essentially covered up the fact that he had been an enlisted man in the Army," said College of Charleston American literature professor Scott Peeples. "That of course including his being stationed at Fort Moultrie."

[State House Corruption Probe and South Carolina Politics](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • OCT 29, 2017

The curtain surrounding the ongoing probe into alleged Statehouse corruption was raised some this week as special prosecutor David Pascoe alleged for the first time in open court that the powerful Republican political consultant, Richard Quinn, Sr. is at the center of what he called a

“sphere of unlawful influence over elected officials.” Quinn and four current and former legislators were indicted last week on criminal conspiracy charges.

[USC Students Put on a Wedding at Columbia Baseball Park](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • OCT 25, 2017

A recent wedding at the home of the Columbia Fireflies minor league baseball team would seem unusual to most people, but to a group of University of South Carolina students, it’s just part of a class. The wedding planning class is included in the curriculum of the Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management program, and for at least a decade has had the dual advantage of giving students experience in all the details that go into planning a wedding and providing the bride and groom with a free wedding and honeymoon. The catch? They must give the students total control over everything. But so far, say the students and the latest happy couple, everything has worked out.

[World War II Veterans A Vanishing Generation](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • OCT 25, 2017

95 year old Bill Watkinson and 97 year-old Arthur Leach have been coming to the USS Yorktown Reunions just outside of Charleston for decades. Both were fighter pilots aboard the ship during World War II. But each year, they find fewer of their own. "It's interesting to see those of us who are still standing and those of us missing," said Watkinson. "The missing list is getting pretty long.

["I Made It Here: I'm Back": The Midlands Flood Recovery Group Celebrates 200 Home Repairs](#)

By OLIVIA ALDRIDGE • OCT 25, 2017

Early this month, South Carolina reached the 2-year anniversary of the devastating October 2015 rain event, offering a natural opportunity to pause and observe the many tragedies that the widespread flooding wrought, and the many triumphs of recovery that have followed. [The Midlands Flood Recovery Group](#), for its part, celebrated a significant milestone in its flood recovery narrative this month: the 200th home repaired by the group and the gift of a restored home for one resilient flood survivor.

[Flood Recovery Stalls For Retired Veteran; Homeowner Warns About Contractor Fraud](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • OCT 18, 2017

Since 2005, the National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF) has received over 70,000 complaints from 50 states, 6 territories, and 4 countries involving over 50 natural and man-made disasters. Retired Army Major Miguel Santana says after the October 2015 flood, he became a victim of contractor fraud. His costly mistake is stalling recovery for what was to be his retirement home.

[Fort Jackson Remembers Trainees as Brave Aspiring Soldiers](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • OCT 17, 2017

This past September, Timothy Joseph Ashcraft of Cincinnati, Ohio and Ethan McKay Shrader of Prospect, Tennessee enlisted in the United States Army. The two were members of the 2nd Battalion 13th Infantry Regiment and were in their eighth week of training when they were killed during a training exercise on base. During a memorial service Tuesday, the two were remembered as brave aspiring soldiers who answered the call of duty.

[Glen Ward Has Made Impressions a Lifetime of Fun](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • OCT 16, 2017

COURTESY OF GLEN WARD

Humorist and inspirational speaker Glen Ward left a comfortable job at a bank 25 years ago and took a leap of faith into a venture he'd long been doing as a sideline – public speaking, including both inspirational messages and impressions of well-known personalities. It worked out, because a quarter century later, he travels the country bringing South Carolina humor to 36 states and counting. Whether he's imitating famous Palmetto State politicians such as former U.S.

[State Fair a S.C. Tradition for Nearly 150 Years](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • OCT 16, 2017

NATHAN HARPER [CC BY-NC-ND 2.0] VIA FLICKR

The South Carolina State Fair has rolled around every fall since 1869. Begun on Columbia's Elmwood Avenue as an agricultural exposition, historian Rodger Stroup and fair manager Gary Goodman say it has kept its agricultural and mechanical roots while expanding through the years at its present location on Rosewood Drive, where it moved in 1914.

[Nichols: One Year Later, Residents Continue to Recover, But Where Will Businesses Rebound?](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • OCT 13, 2017

About 75 families have returned to repaired homes in Nichols, South Carolina. The small town in Marion County was home to 260 homes before Hurricane Matthew brought strong winds and devastating floods in 2016. All but three sustained flood damage and most businesses were also impacted. South Carolina Public Radio spoke with Mayor Lawson Battle and Disaster Recovery Advisor Rita Pratte about progress in recovery, one year after Matthew.

[Border Collies Exhibit Herding Prowess on the Farm and at the Fair](#)

By LAURA HUNSBERGER • OCT 12, 2017

At Windy Knolls Farm in Laurens County, Bill Coburn raises ducks and sheep. He's retired from farming, but he still spends time on one of his favorite occupations: training border collies. The shaggy mid-sized dogs have a natural instinct to herd animals, and Coburn says he's been working with them for nearly 30 years. He still shows his border collies regularly at demonstrations throughout the southeast, and at the State Fair, he will show the dogs in action for a few select afternoons. South Carolina Public Radio's Laura Hunsberger has the story for this South Carolina Focus.

[State Fair Food Judges Find Pleasure, Responsibility in Volunteering](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • OCT 10, 2017

(Originally aired in 2016) - Eating cupcakes, pies, cakes, and cookies is a pleasure for most folks, but for judges at the South Carolina State Fair, it's also a responsibility. Judges Laurie Aker and Mae Wells say because baking contestants work hard to prepare their entries, they should also be diligent in evaluating each entry to get the fairest (no pun intended) and most accurate result in determining winners. Here they give their criteria for judging food, and for a judge's qualifications. Aker lists some common mistakes made by some cooks, and judge supervisor Brenda Turner tells what impresses her in a baked good.

[Walk Aims to Raise Awareness, Lower Suicide Rates](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • OCT 9, 2017

PIXABAY

In 2015, 753 people took their own lives in South Carolina. Reducing that number is the goal of the state's chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The Foundation holds six "Out of the Darkness" walks around the state each October, in Greenville, Myrtle Beach, Charleston, Columbia, Aiken, and Hilton Head-Bluffton. In this story we talk with two women who have suffered the suicides of loved ones and have found healing by participating in the walks, discovering that helping others cope with their losses helps them, as well.

[Two Years Later, Recovery from Flood Continues For Many](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • OCT 9, 2017

Two years ago, Mary Burch watched and prayed as heavy rains caused the underneath of her family home to flood and eventually rot. Months later, the 77-year-old Sellers resident was living in unsafe and unsanitary conditions as mold started to grow and the structure of her home was compromised from the flood. The week of the two-year anniversary of the October 2015 flood, Burch was able to walk through her near-finished new home.

[Legendary South Carolina Disc Jockey Woody Windham Still Going Strong](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • OCT 4, 2017

HUTCHROCK [CC0 1.0] VIA PIXABAY

From his beginnings in radio in Darlington in 1960 (which he lied his way into at the urging of his mother), Woody Windham has become a South Carolina radio icon. He has enjoyed a long career in Columbia and Charleston, both solo and with his brother Leo. It would not be too big a stretch to speculate that millions of South Carolinians may have grown up listening to "Woody with the Goodies" on a variety of stations in the Midlands and Lowcountry and beyond.

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[Theologies of Terrain: the Poetry of Tim Conroy](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • JAN 5, 2018

TIM CONROY

Ed Madden, editor of *Theologies of Terrain* (Muddy Ford Press, 2017), writes that poet Tim Conroy “is a theologian of the best kind, a theologian of the ordinary.” “He knows... [we] face crushing loss and daily difficulties. We have to learn to live the best we can here, now. ... [Conroy] points us to a ‘cathedral’ of trees where we are encouraged to find not truth or healing but perspective—to measure ourselves ‘by how a towering / moment passes.’” Tim Conroy and Ed Madden join Walter Edgar to talk about Conroy’s *Theologies of Terrain*.

[The Yankee Plague: Escaped Union Prisoners and the Collapse of the Confederacy](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • JAN 1, 2018

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(Originally broadcast 09/15/17) - During the winter of 1864, more than 3,000 Federal prisoners of war escaped from Confederate prison camps into South Carolina and North Carolina, often with the aid of local slaves. Their flight created, in the words of contemporary observers, a "Yankee plague," heralding a grim end to the Confederate cause. In *The Yankee Plague: Escaped Union Prisoners and the Collapse of the Confederacy* (2016, UNC Press)

[Frank Kearns and the "Impossible Assignment" for CBS News](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • DEC 25, 2017

WVU PRESS

(Originally broadcast 09/08/17) - Columbian Gerald Davis is co-producer of the 2012 Emmy-winning documentary *Frank Kearns: American Correspondent* first aired on West Virginia Public Television. Recently, Davis has published *Algerian Diary: Frank Kearns and the "Impossible Assignment" for CBS News* (2016, WVU Press). He talks with Walter Edgar about his deep dive into Kearns’ life and the assignment that changed the way the U.S. viewed Algeria’s fight for independence from France.

[Joseph Bernardin: Seeking Common Ground](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • DEC 18, 2017

DAILYTHEOLOGY.ORG

As a priest, archbishop, and president of the US bishops' conference, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, a native of Columbia, S.C., lived a ministry marked by thoughtfulness, compassion, and conviction. In his book, *Joseph Bernardin: Seeking Common Ground* (2016, Liturgical Press), Steven P.

[Good Boundaries Make Good Neighbors: the History of South Carolina's Northern Border](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • DEC 11, 2017

NORMAN B. LEVENTHAL MAP CENTER (NBL MAP CENTER) AT THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY (BPL) [CC BY 2.0]

A two-decade, joint effort between South Carolina and North Carolina has sought to correct errors made surveying the boundary line between the two states. The errors began with the first survey, made in 1735, and were compounded over the years. Alan-Jon Zupan, a former project manager for the South Carolina Geological Survey, and David Ballard, currently with SCGS, join Walter Edgar to talk about the history of South Carolina's northern line, and the modern-day efforts to get it right. *All Stations: Fri, Dec 15, 12 pm | News & Talk Stations: Sun, Dec 17, 4 pm*

[Newspaper Wars: Civil Rights and White Resistance in South Carolina, 1935-1965](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • DEC 7, 2017

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In spite of a growing movement for journalistic neutrality in reporting the news of the 20th century, journalists enlisted on both sides of the mid-century struggle for civil rights. Indeed, against all odds, the seeds of social change found purchase in South Carolina with newspaperman John McCray and his allies at the Lighthouse and Informer, who challenged readers to "rebel and fight"--to reject the "slavery of thought and action" and become "progressive fighters" for equality.

[Remembering Chief Justice Ernest Finney](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • DEC 5, 2017

SC HALL OF FAME

[Justice Ernest A. Finney, Jr.](#), South Carolina's first Africa-American chief justice, has died Sunday, December 3, 2017. He was 86. Finney was one of just a handful of black lawyers in the state when he graduated from the South Carolina State College School of Law in 1954. Finney was elected chief justice of South Carolina in 1994 and retired from the court in 2000.

[An Archaeology of Life in Charleston](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • NOV 27, 2017

HERITAGEDAILY [CC BY-SA 3.0], VIA WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

In *Charleston: An Archaeology of Life in a Coastal Community* (2016, University Press of Florida), Martha Zierden, Curator of Historical Archaeology at The Charleston Museum; and, Dr. Betsy Reitz, University of Georgia Athens, weave archaeology and history to illuminate this vibrant, densely packed Atlantic port city. They detail the residential, commercial, and public life of the city, the ruins of taverns, markets, and townhouses, including those of Thomas Heyward, shipping merchant Nathaniel Russell, and William Aiken.

[Yes, Lord, I Know the Road: A Documentary History of African Americans in South Carolina](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • NOV 20, 2017

USC BEAUFORT

(Originally broadcast 07/14/17) *Yes, Lord, I Know the Road: A Documentary History of African Americans in South Carolina, 1526 – 2008* (2017, USC Press) is the first comprehensive history of African Americans in the Palmetto State. From the first North American slave rebellion near the mouth of the Pee Dee River in the early sixteenth century to the 2008 state Democratic primary victory of Barack Obama, Dr. J.

[Over Here, Over There: the Upstate in the Great War](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • NOV 10, 2017

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND

Furman University's Dr. Courtney Tollison co-curated "Over Here, Over There: Greenville in the Great War," an exhibition on display in the spring of 2017 at Furman University's James B. Duke Library. The exhibit examined World War I's (1914-1918) impact on the Greenville community as well as the contributions of the area to the war effort, domestically and overseas; and it assessed the mixed legacy of progress emanating from the war years.

[Fade In, Crossroads: A History of the Southern Cinema](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • NOV 6, 2017

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

How did the American South contribute to the development of cinema? And how did film shape the modern South? In *Fade In, Crossroads: A History of the Southern Cinema* (2017, Oxford University Press), Robert Jackson tells the story of the relationships between southerners and motion pictures from the silent era through the golden age of Hollywood. Jackson talks with Walter Edgar about the profound consequences of the coincidence of the rise and fall of the American film industry with the rise and fall of the Jim Crow era.

[Andrew Pickens: Revolutionary War Hero, American Founder](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • OCT 30, 2017

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In his new book, *The Life and Times of General Andrew Pickens: Revolutionary War Hero, American Founder* (2017, UNC Press), Dr. Rod Andrew, Jr., of Clemson University, explores the life of the hard-fighting South Carolina militia commander of the American Revolution, was the hero of many victories against British and Loyalist forces. In this book, Andrew offers an authoritative and comprehensive biography of Pickens the man, the general, the planter, and the diplomat.

[The Legend and the Food of "Princess Pamela"](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • OCT 23, 2017

(Originally broadcast 05/19/17) South Carolina native "Princess" Pamela Strobel ruled a small realm, but her powers ranged far and wide. Her speakeasy-style restaurant in Manhattan was for three decades a hip salon, with regulars from Andy Warhol to Diana Ross. Her iconic Southern dishes influenced chefs nationwide, and her cookbook became a bible for a generation who yearned for the home cooking left behind in the Great Migration. One of the earliest books to coin soul food, this touchstone of African-American cuisine fell out of print more than forty years ago.

[Saving South Carolina's Constitutions](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • OCT 16, 2017

COOPER MCKIM/SC PUBLIC RADIO

Millions of historic documents in the U.S., from presidential papers to personal slave journals, are facing an issue apart from age: a preservation method that has backfired. The process of laminating documents between sheets of cellulose acetate film, widely practiced from the 1950s through the 1970s, has now been determined to actually contribute to the deterioration of acid-containing paper.

[The History of the South Carolina State Fair](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • OCT 12, 2017

SUSANNA BERGGREN

With October come two certainties: Trick-or-Treaters will be abroad on the 31st, and the South Carolina State Fair will attract thousands to Columbia. In this edition of *Walter Edgar's Journal*, from May 5, 2016, Dr.

[Southern Campaign of the American Revolution Parks Tell Unheard Stories of the American Revolution](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • OCT 9, 2017

SCETV/ORIGINAL SC

The Southern Campaign was critical in determining the outcome of the American Revolutionary War, yet the South's importance has been downplayed in most historical accounts to date.

[Preservation South Carolina](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • OCT 2, 2017

COURTESY OF PRESERVATION SC

The Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation is now [Preservation South Carolina](#). The non-profit, statewide organization is a partner of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and has been operating in South Carolina since 1990. Executive Director Michael Bedenbaugh talks about Preservation South Carolina's latest efforts to "protect and preserve the irreplaceable architectural heritage of South Carolina."

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STORYCORPS

This edition of Narrative features an interview from StoryCorps, an oral history project based on the idea that the stories of everyday people are the most important and interesting of all. When StoryCorps visited Columbia in 2016, Marcia Peters talked with facilitator Felix Lopez about her experience raising three children as a single mom.

[Narrative: A Freshcut Tree for Christmas](#)

By LAURA HUNSBERGER • DEC 19, 2017

STORYCORPS

This edition of Narrative features an interview from StoryCorps, an oral history project based on the idea that the stories of everyday people are the most important and interesting of all. At the StoryCorps mobile booth in Columbia in 2016, Jack and Patricia Stewart sat down to talk about their marriage of more than 60 years and their seven children. One year, the family had relocated to France for Jack's job. Here, Jack remembers how he tried to make Christmas special for their kids while living abroad.

[Narrative: A Mother Remembers the Holidays in Brooklyn and Columbia](#)

By LAURA HUNSBERGER • DEC 13, 2017

STORYCORPS

This edition of Narrative features an interview from StoryCorps, an oral history project where friends and loved ones interview each other. At the StoryCorps mobile booth in Columbia in 2016, Ilene Fins talked with her mother Caroline Fins about moving her family to South Carolina from a large Jewish community in Brooklyn, New York. Here's Ilene.

[Narrative: Growing Up as Preacher's Kids in Georgetown](#)

By LAURA HUNSBERGER • NOV 21, 2017

STORYCORPS

This edition of Narrative features an interview from StoryCorps, an oral history project that collects the voices of our times. At the StoryCorps mobile booth in Columbia in 2016, Margaret Clarkson interviewed her uncle and mother about growing up in Georgetown, South Carolina. Both in their late eighties at the time of taping, Henry Bull Jr., who goes by Harry, and Sarah Clarkson, are two remaining siblings of a family of seven children. Here's Sarah Clarkson with her recollections of their childhood.

[Narrative: His Mother Dreamed of Having Her Own Family](#)

By LAURA HUNSBERGER • NOV 15, 2017

STORYCORPS

This edition of Narrative features an interview from StoryCorps, an oral history project where friends and loved ones interview each other. At the StoryCorps mobile booth in Columbia in 2016, Scott Barnes sat down with his son Scotty and his grandson Richard, to tell them about his life and family history. Scott Barnes was celebrating his 92nd birthday at the time of the interview. Here's Scotty Barnes, speaking to his father.

[Narrative: A Fourteen-Year-Long Friendship in Letters... A Love Story](#)

By LAURA HUNSBERGER • OCT 31, 2017

STORYCORPS

This edition of Narrative features an interview from StoryCorps, an oral history project based on the idea that the stories of everyday people are the most important and interesting of all. When StoryCorps visited Columbia in 2016, Lori Risk talked with her husband James Risk about their family. Here, Lori and James tell the story of how they met and fell in love after being pen pals for 14 years.

[Narrative: A Father's Commitment to Value Each Day with His Sons](#)

By LAURA HUNSBERGER • OCT 23, 2017

STORYCORPS

This edition of Narrative features an interview from StoryCorps, an oral history project where friends and loved ones interview each other. At the StoryCorps mobile booth in Columbia in 2016, Scottie Dean talked with his son Jonathan about their family, and why he values every day with them. Here, seven-year-old Jonathan asks his dad how he likes his life now.

[Narrative: A Grandfather's Army Career](#)

By LAURA HUNSBERGER • OCT 17, 2017

STORYCORPS

This edition of *Narrative* features an interview from StoryCorps, a unique oral history project that collects the voices of our times. Here, eight-year-old Jack Paolucci asks his grandfather Colonel John Paolucci about his time in the army.

[Narrative: Gary Goodman on 33 Years with the State Fair](#)

By LAURA HUNSBERGER • OCT 10, 2017

LAURA HUNSBERGER

This edition of *Narrative* features an interview with Gary Goodman, General Manager of the [South Carolina State Fair](#). After more than three decades, Goodman is retiring this year. I spoke with him about his memories of his early years on the job and his first fair as general manager in 1986.

[Narrative: Remembering Ward One in Columbia](#)

By LAURA HUNSBERGER • OCT 3, 2017

STORYCORPS

This edition of *Narrative* features an interview from StoryCorps, an oral history project that collects the voices of our times. At the StoryCorps mobile booth in Columbia in 2016, friends Mattie Anderson-Roberson and Richard Caughman talked about their work to preserve the [Ward One community](#), a neighborhood in Columbia that was replaced, starting in the 1950s, with [urban renewal projects](#).