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Walter Edgar's Journal

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[Southern Women](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • MAR 27, 2020

The Southern woman has long been synonymous with the Southern belle, a “moonlight and magnolias” myth that gets nowhere close to describing the strong, richly diverse women who have thrived because of—and in some cases, despite—the South.

[The Quaker and the Gamecock: Nathanael Greene, Thomas Sumter, and the Revolutionary War in the South](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • MAR 20, 2020

Andrew Waters, author of *The Quaker and the Gamecock: Nathanael Greene, Thomas Sumter, and the Revolutionary War for the Soul of the South* (2018, Casemate), joins Walter Edgar to tell the story of two wildly divergent leaders against the backdrop of the American Revolution's last gasp, the effort to extricate a British occupation force from the wild and lawless South Carolina frontier.

[The Glories of Grits](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • MAR 14, 2020

Grits. If you grew up in the South, you have likely eaten them. If you buy yours from the grocery store, though, you may never have really tasted the goodness of stone ground grits.

[Horse Racing and Horse Culture in South Carolina and Beyond](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • MAR 7, 2020

According to the South Carolina Encyclopedia, “The Sport of Kings’ emerged in South Carolina as soon as colonists gained firm footing and began amassing property and wealth enough to emulate the lifestyles of England and the Caribbean.” Horse racing and horse culture became an important part of South Carolina’s economic life in the 20th century and continue to thrive. Dr. E. Gabrielle Kuenzli of the University of South Carolina joins Dr.

[The Charleston Church Massacre and the Journey to Forgiveness](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • FEB 28, 2020

On June 17, 2015, twelve members of the historically black Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina welcomed a young white man to their evening Bible study. He arrived with a pistol, 88 bullets, and hopes of starting a race war. Dylann Roof’s massacre of nine innocents during their closing prayer horrified the nation. Two days later, some relatives of the dead stood at Roof’s hearing and said, “I forgive you.” That grace offered the country a hopeful ending to an awful story. But for the survivors and victims’ families, the journey had just begun.

[First in the South: Why South Carolina's Presidential Primary Matters](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • FEB 21, 2020

Every four years presidential hopefuls and the national media travel the primary election circuit through Iowa and New Hampshire. Once the dust settles in these states, the nation's focus turns to South Carolina, the first primary in the delegate-rich South. Historically Iowa and New Hampshire have dominated the news because they are first, not because of their predictive ability or representativeness. In *First in the South: Why South Carolina's Presidential Primary Matters* (2020, USC Press), H. Gibbs Knotts and Jordan M.

[Matt and Ted Lee go Inside Catering, the Food World’s Riskiest Business](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • FEB 14, 2020

This week on *Walter Edgar's Journal*, Mat Lee and Ted Lee drop in to talk about their new book, *Hotbox: Inside Catering, the Food World’s Riskiest*

Business (2019, Henry Holt). In *Hotbox*, the Lee brothers take on the competitive, wild world of high-end catering, exposing the secrets of a food business few home cooks or restaurant chefs ever experience. Known for their modern take on Southern cooking, the Lee brothers steeped themselves in the catering business for four years, learning the culture from the inside-out.

[Living by Inches: Captivity in Civil War Prisons](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • FEB 7, 2020

From battlefields, boxcars, and forgotten warehouses to notorious prison camps like Andersonville and Elmira, prisoners seemed to be everywhere during the American Civil War. Yet there is much we do not know about the soldiers and civilians whose very lives were in the hands of their enemies. On this week's *Journal*, Dr. Edgar talks with Dr. Evan Kutzler about *Living by Inches* (2019, UNC Press), the first book to examine how imprisoned men in the Civil War perceived captivity through the basic building blocks of human experience--their five senses.

[South Carolina Between World Wars: The Beginnings of Black Activism](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • JAN 31, 2020

Black South Carolinians, despite poverty and discrimination, began to organize and lay the basis for the civil rights movement that would occur after World War II. Dr. Bobby Donaldson of the University of South Carolina talks about the efforts by black South Carolinians to obtain justice and civil rights during a time of economic collapse and political change.

[South Carolina Between World Wars: The Charleston Renaissance](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • JAN 24, 2020

In the years after WWI, art, poetry, historic preservation, and literature flourished in Charleston, SC, and the Lowcountry during what has been called the Charleston Renaissance. Angela Mack, Executive Director & Chief Curator of the Gibbes Museum of Art in Charleston, talks with Walter Edgar about the people and circumstances that came together to create this flowering of the beaux arts in the Holy City.

[South Carolina Between World Wars: Politics](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • JAN 17, 2020

This week on *Walter Edgar's Journal*, our third program on *South Carolina Between the World Wars*, features Dr. Vernon Burton of Clemson University, in conversation with Walter Edgar about the politics of the period. During this time, State politics remained a politics very much based on friends and neighbors – *white* friends and neighbors, at least.

[South Carolina Between World Wars: The Impact of the New Deal](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • JAN 10, 2020

When the stock market crashed in 1929, ushering in the Great Depression, South Carolina was already in dire financial straits. Cotton prices had plummeted, even before the boll weevil had decimated the crop. Years of non-sustainable practices in cotton farming had ruined thousands of acres of farmland. And, the textile industry had crashed.

[South Carolina Between World Wars: The Great Depression](#)

By WALTER EDGAR • JAN 3, 2020

Following World War I, South Carolina's economy collapsed. The post-World-War-I drop in demand for textiles, the subsequent collapse in cotton prices, the exhaustion of farmland through poor farming practices, and the decimation of cotton crops by the boll weevil hit South Carolinians hard. Then came the stock market crash on Black Thursday in 1929 and the nation's plunge into the Great Depression. People were starving, businesses were failing, farms were being repossessed, and sharecroppers were squeezed between the need to grow their own food and their landlords' demands.

Health Focus

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WHMC-FM, WLJK-FM) 2:30 p.m. (WEPR-FM, WSCI-FM,
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[Help for Adults Living Alone during Covid-19 Crisis](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • MAR 31, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Rochelle Hanson](#) about the important things adults living alone can do to protect their mental health, create positive routines and prevent isolation during the covid-19 crisis. Dr. Hanson is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist specializing in the treatment of trauma, and she's a Professor of Psychiatry at the National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center at MUSC.

[Covid-19 Global Summit](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • MAR 30, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Michael Schmidt](#) about his participation in the March 23rd (virtual) global Covid-19 summit for researchers in microbiology, virology, immunology and epidemiology. Dr. Schmidt is a professor of microbiology and immunology at MUSC and he is the Chair of the Council of Microbial Sciences at the American Society for Microbiology.

[Helping Families Cope & Family Routines During Covid-19 Pandemic](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • MAR 24, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Rochelle Hanson](#) about the things families can do to help children and parents get through their everyday routines during the coronavirus pandemic. Dr. Hanson is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist specializing in the treatment of trauma, and she's a Professor

of Psychiatry at the National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center at MUSC.

[MUSC.care](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • MAR 23, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Edward O'Bryan about [MUSC.care](#) - a virtual urgent care website (with free online access) for people in S.C. to access respiratory illness screenings and testing orders related to possible coronavirus symptoms. Dr. O'Bryan is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Telehealth Director at MUSC.

[Parents' Roles Encouraging Healthy Development for Children with Autism](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • MAR 17, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Laura Carpenter](#) about the important role that parents and families play in the therapy plan for children with autism. Dr. Carpenter is a Professor in the College of Medicine at MUSC.

[African American Men and Cancer](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • MAR 16, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Marvella Ford](#) about research related to African American in men in South Carolina and cancer. Dr. Ford is a Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences and she's the Associate Director of Population Sciences and Cancer Disparities at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

[How to Stay Active as You Get Older](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • MAR 10, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Alec DeCastro](#) about exercise and fitness during the older adult years. Dr. DeCastro is an Associate Professor and Chief of Primary Care Sports Medicine in the Department of Family Medicine at MUSC.

[Glaucoma](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • MAR 9, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Craig Crosson](#) about glaucoma. Dr. Crosson is a Professor of Ophthalmology and he is the Senior Associate Dean for Research in the College of Medicine at MUSC.

[Language Delays in Early Childhood](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • MAR 3, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Michelle Macias](#) about language delays that sometimes occur in early childhood. Dr. Macias is a Professor of Pediatrics and the Director of the Division of Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics at MUSC Children's Health.

[Colon Cancer Prevention](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • MAR 2, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Raymond Dubois](#) about colon cancer prevention. Dr. Dubois is a leading researcher in the field of colorectal cancer and he's the Dean of the College of Medicine at MUSC.

[Kidney Cancer](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • FEB 25, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Thomas Keane](#) about the diagnosis and new approaches to treatment for kidney cancer. Dr. Keane is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Urology, and he specializes in managing prostate, bladder and kidney cancer at MUSC and Hollings Cancer Center.

[ADHD in Children](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • FEB 24, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Claire MacGeorge](#) about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in children. Dr. MacGeorge is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Pediatrician at MUSC Children's Health.

[Neonatal Care for Premies](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • FEB 18, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Allison Chapman](#) about neonatal care for babies born prematurely or infants with medical problems. Dr. Chapman

is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Neonatology at MUSC Children's Hospital.

[Diagnosis & Treatment of Cardiac Amyloid](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • FEB 17, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Daniel Judge](#) about new developments in the early diagnosis and treatment of cardiac amyloid. Dr. Judge is a cardiologist specializing in inherited heart disease, and he's the Director of the Cardiovascular Genetics Program at MUSC.

[Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease \(COPD\)](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • FEB 11, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Charlie Strange](#) about chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Dr. Strange is a Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at MUSC.

[Identifying Autism Spectrum Disorder in Early Childhood](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • FEB 10, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Laura Carpenter](#) about the importance of early identification of autism spectrum disorder, and early interventions and therapy for children with this disorder. Dr. Carpenter is a Professor of Pediatrics in the College of Medicine at MUSC.

[Diabetes Disparities in South Carolina](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • FEB 4, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Aundrea Loftley](#) about diabetes and about health disparities in diabetes outcomes in S.C. Dr. Loftley is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and she's an Endocrinologist at MUSC.

[Tourette Syndrome in Children](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • FEB 3, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Thomas Koch](#) about Tourette syndrome in children, with information about therapy and treatment for children with this disorder. Dr. Koch is a Pediatric Neurologist and Director of Pediatric Neurology Education and Residency at MUSC.

[Drug Recalls](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JAN 28, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Jeffrey Brittain](#) about drug recalls in the U.S. Dr. Brittain is an Affiliate Assistant Professor in the College of Pharmacy and he's the Director of Pharmacy Support Services at MUSC.

[Reducing Sugar in Your Child's Diet](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JAN 27, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Rachel Zweigoron](#) about the health benefits, and practical tips of reducing added sugar in your child's diet. Dr. Zweigoron is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and a Pediatrician at MUSC Children's Health.

[Cervical Cancer Prevention](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JAN 21, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Jessica Tarleton](#) about cervical cancer prevention and screening. Dr. Tarleton is an OB/GYN and an Infectious Disease Specialist at MUSC.

[Tips for Getting a Good Night's Sleep](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JAN 20, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Andrea Rinn](#) about healthy sleep habits and routines for adults. Dr. Rinn is a physician in the Department of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at MUSC.

[Sepsis Research](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 14, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Andrew Goodwin](#) about severe sepsis, and research underway to develop new treatments for this condition. Dr. Goodwin is an Associate Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and he's the Medical Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit at MUSC.

[Keeping Kids Safe from Firearms in the Home](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JAN 13, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Annie Andrews](#) about keeping children safe from firearm injury in the home. Dr. Andrews is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and she's the Director of Advocacy, for the Department of Pediatrics at MUSC.

[Choosing Wisely: Treatment for Common Childhood Illnesses](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JAN 7, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Elizabeth Mack](#) about choosing wisely when it comes to medicine for several common childhood conditions. 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 at MUSC.

[Colon Cancer Screening](#)

By BOBBI CONNER • JAN 6, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Raymond Dubois](#) about screening for colon cancer and why it's important. Dr. Dubois is a leading researcher in the field of colorectal cancer and he's the Dean of the College of Medicine at MUSC.

My Telehealth

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[Researchers Discuss Telehealth's Role in Coronavirus Response](#)

By JOHN LEWIS & TABITHA SAFDI • MAR 23, 2020

In his downtown Charleston office, Dr. David McSwain is getting ready for a conference call with dozens of pediatric telehealth experts from across the country. As the co-founder and lead investigator on [SPROUT \(Supporting Pediatric Research on Outcomes and Utilization of Telehealth\)](#), Dr. McSwain is bringing the group together to discuss how each hospital system is using telehealth to address the coronavirus pandemic.

[Doctors Urge Common Sense, Caution in Response to Coronavirus](#)

By TABITHA SAFDI & JOHN LEWIS • MAR 9, 2020

As COVID-19 continues to spread around the world, doctors at the Medical University of South Carolina have spent much of the past few weeks reminding people to use common sense, and not to panic. "If you think you are sick, the best thing to do is to stay home," says Dr. Amanda Parks, an infectious disease specialist at MUSC. "For something like a respiratory virus, generally, what we're going to do in the office or the ER is the same thing you're going to do at home which is supportive care."

[Doctor Provides Opioid Addiction Counseling for Pregnant Mothers](#)

By TABITHA SAFDI & JULIA SHILLINGLAW • MAR 3, 2020

Dr. Constance Guille is fighting the opioid epidemic in her own way. She is a psychologist from the Medical University of South Carolina and was concerned with the effects that addiction has on both a mom's health and her infant's.

[Telepsychiatry Plays Critical Role in Residency Training](#)

By JOHN LEWIS & TABITHA SAFDI • FEB 17, 2020

Dr. Josh Jackson found his calling in medical school, after his first experience with psychiatry.

“I really felt like I could connect with the patients on a different level than I could on some other specialties,” said Jackson. He’s the chief resident in psychiatry at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, preparing for life after residency training when he’ll be a practicing psychiatrist. He says part of his training involved telehealth, using live video to conduct appointments with patients in remote parts of the state while he stayed in Columbia.

[Cardiology Connection Keeps Care Local for Hampton Family](#)

By JOHN LEWIS • FEB 10, 2020

Andrea Robinson is a self-described workaholic. He says he took a lot of pride in his job leading a construction crew. When his doctor told him that he needed to slow down for the sake of his health, he didn’t want to listen. “I was hard-headed and I kind of overdid it,” Robinson says. “My doctor was concerned for my health and he sent an email to my job and said I couldn’t do it no more.”

[Mental Health App Helps Firefighters Deal with Stress on the Job](#)

By JULIA SHILLINGLAW • FEB 3, 2020

Edwyn Barnett is a firefighter at the North Charleston Fire Department. He and his team encounter traumatic events on a weekly basis. They never know what to expect or who might have been severely injured or killed. Barnett knows the severity of his job especially after having to respond to the death of one of his own classmates.

[Innovation in Pharmacy School Transforms Rural Care](#)

By JOHN LEWIS & TABITHA SAFDI • JAN 28, 2020

Ryan Rosenblatt is working toward his Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the Medical University of South Carolina. As part of the four-year plan, he has to go to clinics to treat patients. This is done with the supervision and guidance of a preceptor: an experienced pharmacist who serves as a mentor and helps students make the right judgment calls for patients.

[Florence School Uses Telehealth for Concussion Follow-up Care](#)

By TABITHA SAFDI & JOHN LEWIS • JAN 20, 2020

Thomas Woods doesn’t remember exactly what happened during Labor Day football practice, but he’ll try to piece it together. “I remember being on the ground,” Woods says, “and my coach asking me what was wrong and trying

to explain that my head was hurting.” Woods is a starting linebacker for The King’s Academy, a private school in Florence. After the big hit, coach Keith Rogers had teammates drive Thomas home and drop off his truck at his house.

[Telehealth Helps Save Child's Life](#)

By JULIA SHILLINGLAW • JAN 17, 2020

Time is crucial for a traumatic brain injury especially for Annie Nichols who was four at the time of her accident. When she slipped and hit her head in the garage, her parents, Kelsey and Billy, didn’t think much of it. “It was a bad fall,” Billy said. “She cried, but it wasn’t the worst thing you’ve ever heard.” But later that day when Annie started screaming in pain, they immediately rushed her to Tideland’s Waccamaw Community Hospital in Murrells Inlet, where she had to be placed on a breathing machine to hold her airway open.

[Pediatric Telehealth Research Supported by Multimillion-Dollar Grant](#)

By JOHN LEWIS & TABITHA SAFDI • JAN 8, 2020

A group of health care providers including the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) received a \$3.6 million grant to support large-scale research for telehealth in pediatric care. The five-year grant will “support the development of telehealth research efforts, metric development, identification of best practices and the development of collaborative policy and advocacy materials across the country,” MUSC said in a news release.

SC Lede

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[SC Lede: COVID-19 — 28 Days Later](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • APR 4, 2020

The South Carolina Lede is here to keep you up to date on important news as the Palmetto State faces the COVID-19 virus. There is so much news out there right now it's overwhelming. This podcast is for you to get information that matters to you, your family and your fellow South Carolinians. No hype. No fear. Just COVID-19 news and resources to get us all through this.

On this episode for April 4, 2020, we speak with U.S. Rep. Joe Cunningham (D-SC) about his experience testing positive for COVID-19, see how food banks are faring during this crisis, and talk with State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman about the current challenges facing the education system. We also look back at actions taken by the governor's office in the month since the first reported case of COVID-19 in South Carolina.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — Homeward Bound](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • APR 2, 2020

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On this episode for April 2, 2020, we discuss Gov. Henry McMaster's executive order closing all non-essential businesses in South Carolina, the latest unemployment numbers, and more. We also speak with Brinton Fox, owner of Boone Fox Farms in Columbia, SC, about how the virus is affecting agricultural businesses like hers and ask her for tips for people beginning gardens while staying at home.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — Self-Isolation Discombobulation](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • MAR 31, 2020

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On this episode for March 31, 2020, we discuss legal questions surrounding the emergency powers of local governments which may conflict with South Carolina state orders, speak with local restaurant owners whose business is being affected by COVID-19, learn about efforts as the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) to develop 3D printed masks, and more.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — Hotel South Carolina](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • MAR 28, 2020

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On this episode for March 28, 2020, we look at efforts to help small businesses recover from losses due to COVID-19, the latest modeling from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), how health professionals in the Palmetto State are dealing with a shortage of ICU beds, and more.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — What To Project When You're Expecting](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • MAR 26, 2020

The South Carolina Lede is here to keep you up to date on important news as the Palmetto State faces the COVID-19 virus. There is so much news out there right now it's overwhelming. This podcast is for you to get information that matters to you, your family and your fellow South Carolinians. No hype. No fear. Just COVID-19 news and resources to get us all through this.

On this episode for March 26, 2020, we look at measures South Carolina's biggest cities are taking to prevent the spread of the virus, get the latest on

the \$2 trillion federal stimulus bill, speak with a boutique in Florence, SC, making fabric surgical masks, and more.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — The Acceleration Phase](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • MAR 24, 2020

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On this episode for March 24, 2020, we look at the latest updates concerning COVID-19 in South Carolina. According to Department of Health and Environmental Control officials, the virus has entered the acceleration phase in the state: There have been five deaths out of 298 cases reported in 34 counties (as of March 23 at 4:30 p.m.), with 103 new cases being reported between Sunday and Monday of this week.

We also discuss the \$45 million emergency funding bill just signed by Gov. Henry McMaster, the impact of COVID-19 on Charleston restaurants, and more.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — Our New Normal](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • MAR 18, 2020

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On this episode for March 18, 2020, we look at emergency funding measures passed by the state Senate, what a feeding operation for students in Kershaw County looks like and what the scene was like in Five Points on the last night bars were open in the state.

[SC Lede: Lede In The Time of Coronavirus](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • MAR 17, 2020

On this edition of the *South Carolina Lede*, host Gavin Jackson is joined by The Associated Press' Jeffrey Collins and The State's Maayan Schechter to

discuss recent news from the statehouse, including the \$10 billion budget passed by the House, the Senate's education bill, and more. Plus, South Carolina trivia, the week's news, and more!

[SC Lede: Super Tuesday Stupor — LIVE From North Charleston](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • MAR 10, 2020

On this 100th episode of the *South Carolina Lede*, recorded live at Holy City Brewing in North Charleston, SC, host Gavin Jackson is joined by The Post and Courier's Jamie Lovegrove and The Associated Press' Meg Kinnard to recap both the South Carolina Democratic primary and Super Tuesday. Plus, South Carolina trivia, the week's news, and more!

[SC Lede: Trail Bites — President Donald Trump](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • MAR 5, 2020

Leading up to the 2020 election, the 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 March 5, 2020, host Gavin Jackson takes us to a recent rally by President Donald Trump in North Charleston, SC.

[SC Lede: Biden Blowout, Bye Bye Buttigieg, Sayonara Steyer, & Ciao Klobuchar](#)

By SEAN BIRCH • MAR 3, 2020

The South Carolina Democratic primary came and went this weekend with former Vice President Joe Biden quickly being declared winner and several of his fellow candidates ending their campaigns soon after. 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 results, the importance of the South Carolina primary heading into Super Tuesday, and more. Plus, the week's top news, trivia, and more!

[SC Lede: Charleston Debate Crosstalk](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • FEB 26, 2020

On this special mini-episode of the *South Carolina Lede*, host Gavin Jackson recaps this week's Democratic debate in Charleston, SC, with The State's

Maayan Schechter, The Associated Press' Meg Kinnard, and The Post and Courier's Jamie Lovegrove.

[SC Lede: 2020 Primary Rose Ceremony](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • FEB 25, 2020

The week we've been talking about for more than a year is finally here: The South Carolina Democratic presidential primary is this Saturday. On this edition of the *South Carolina Lede*, host Gavin Jackson is joined by The Associated Press' Meg Kinnard, The Post and Courier's Jamie Lovegrove, and The State's Maayan Schechter to discuss where the candidates stand heading into this weekend's election.

[SC Lede: Trail Bites — Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Tom Steyer](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • FEB 20, 2020

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On this edition for the week of February 20, 2020, host Gavin Jackson takes us to recent campaign stops by former Vice President Joe Biden, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), and businessman Tom Steyer.

[SC Lede: The SC Dem-utante Primary Ball](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • FEB 18, 2020

The South Carolina Democratic presidential primary is fast approaching. Recent poll numbers show an ever-tightening race in a state where former Vice President Joe Biden used to enjoy double digit leads over his closest contenders. On this edition of the *South Carolina Lede*, host Gavin Jackson is joined by The Post and Courier's Jamie Lovegrove and The State's Maayan Schechter to discuss the latest.

[SC Lede: Trail Bites — Tom Steyer](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • FEB 13, 2020

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On this edition for the week of February 13, 2020, host Gavin Jackson sits down with Democratic presidential candidate Tom Steyer in Chester, South Carolina to talk about his campaign and the New Hampshire and South Carolina primaries.

[SC Lede: Fear and Loathing on the Trail in South Carolina](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • FEB 12, 2020

After the debacle in Iowa the Democratic playing field was incredibly murky and hard to read, BUT, thanks to New Hampshire, we finally have some real results to work with!

Host Gavin Jackson is joined by The Associated Press' Meg Kinnard and The Post and Courier's Jamie Lovegrove to discuss what the Primary's results mean and what it all means for South Carolina as cracks appear in Joe Biden's firewall.

[SC Lede: IoWHAT THE EFF? — The 2020 Iowa Caucus](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • FEB 4, 2020

With "coding issues" with the results reporting app used by Iowa caucus precinct managers preventing the release of any data, a winner has yet to be named for the 2020 Iowa Democratic caucuses. The *South Carolina Lede* was planning on drilling down into the results to try and surmise what they could mean for the South Carolina Democratic presidential primary later this month. Instead, host Gavin Jackson is joined by The Associated Press' Meg Kinnard and The Post and Courier's Jamie Lovegrove to discuss what went wrong in Iowa, what it could mean in an already busy news cycle, and how the candidates are faring in South Carolina polls.

[SC Lede: Trail Bites — Pete Buttigieg Has Breakfast With The Lede](#)

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On this edition for the week of January 29, 2020, host Gavin Jackson sits down with Democratic presidential candidate South Bend, IN Mayor Pete Buttigieg at Ms. B's Southern Soul Food restaurant in Columbia, SC, to

discuss what he's doing to engage black voters in South Carolina, his policy plans, and more.

[SC Lede: South Carolina A Month Until Primary Day](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JAN 28, 2020

The Iowa caucuses are next week, which means that we are just over a month away from the February 29 Democratic Presidential primary in South Carolina. On this episode of the *South Carolina Lede*, host Gavin Jackson is joined by The Associated Press' Meg Kinnard and The State's Maayan Schechter to discuss recent updates from the campaign trail here in the Palmetto State.

[SC Lede: Trail Bites — King Day At The Dome](#)

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On this edition for the week of January 22, 2020, host Gavin Jackson takes us to the recent King Day at the Dome event in Columbia, SC, to hear from Democratic presidential candidates Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), businessman Tom Steyer, former Vice President Joe Biden, Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-Hawaii), and former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick. South Bend, IN Mayor Pete Buttigieg also made an appearance at the event but did not give an address.

[SC Lede: The Importance Of King Day At The Dome](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JAN 21, 2020

On this edition of the *South Carolina Lede*, as we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. this week, we look at the importance of the King Day at the Dome event in Columbia, SC. Host Gavin Jackson is joined by the Free Times' [Chris Trainor](#), whose recent [cover story on the event at the statehouse](#), now it is 20th year, traces history of the event from the protests around the Confederate battle flag to becoming a must-stop for Democratic presidential hopefuls.

[SC Lede: 2020 Legislative Preview — LIVE From Irmo](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JAN 14, 2020

On this edition of the *South Carolina Lede*, recorded live at Craft and Draft in Irmo, SC, host Gavin Jackson is joined by The Associated Press' Jeffrey Collins and The State's Avery Wilks to preview this year's state legislative session. Plus, South Carolina trivia, campaign trail updates, and more!

[SC Lede: The Phone Call From Hell](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JAN 7, 2020

On this episode of the *South Carolina Lede*, we revisit the tragic story of veterans who were the target of a catfishing scam orchestrated by prisoners using contraband cellphones. Host Gavin Jackson is joined by Wired's Vince Beiser to discuss his [report](#) on the scam which involved inmates from Lee Correctional Institution and led to the death of Greenville vet.

[SC Lede: Decade In Review, Part II](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JAN 2, 2020

As 2020 kicks off, the *South Carolina Lede* continues its look back at the last 10 years. Host Gavin Jackson is once again joined by The Post and Courier's Andy Shain and The Associated Press' Jeffrey Collins to discuss more of the biggest South Carolina news stories from the past decade.

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[Santee Cooper's Future Continues to Be Debated](#)

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Next year's state spending plan is now advancing through the legislature. This week House budget writers approved a \$10 Billion budget package that includes major spending increases in education, roads, public safety, and corrections. The budget that's now on the way to the full House of Representatives incorporates almost all of Governor McMaster's proposals including for the second year in a row significant teacher pay raises.

[Santee Cooper's Future Back for Debate at the State House](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • FEB 14, 2020

For the past several years the issue that's dominated the state legislature has been the future of Santee Cooper, the state-owned public power utility. Santee Cooper in effect produces electricity for over two million customers in the state. State lawmakers have been pondering what to do with the utility since the failure of the giant VC Summer nuclear project in the summer of 2017. Many have concerns about Santee Cooper's Management, and the almost \$7 Billion debt it's now carrying following VC Summer.

[Lots of Debate But Little Movement on Several Education Bills](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • FEB 7, 2020

Four weeks into this year's session of the state legislature there has been lots of debate, but little movement on several education bills. The Senate is slowly working its way through the massive School Improvement Bill with no end of debate in sight. Senators have turned in several late nights debating the bill and it seems the longer its debated, the more complicated some of the issues become.

[S.C. Senate Continues Debate on School Improvement Bill](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • JAN 31, 2020

Teacher Bill of Rights Defeated

When the State Senate re-convenes next week it will begin its' third week of debate on an omnibus School Improvement Bill. For the past two years it's

been the General Assembly's first priority. It aims to update an array of state policies to produce better educated students, and perhaps most importantly shore-up the teaching profession by keeping good teachers in the classroom and to entice new teachers to the profession.

[S.C. Senate Begins Debating Massive School Improvement Bill](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • JAN 17, 2020

This year's session of the South Carolina General Assembly got underway this week with the Senate beginning debate on the Public School Improvement Bill. Despite some twenty sub-committee meetings where Senators heard from numerous educators and citizens, the massive bill is still drawing the ire of many teachers.

South Carolina Focus

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[Second Shipment of Medical Equipment Includes Thousands of N95 Respirators, Face Masks and Gloves](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • MAR 31, 2020

South Carolina received a second shipment of Personal protective Equipment, or PPEs, from the federal government, Saturday. The allotment included surgical gowns, face masks and gloves. The supplies are for healthcare providers responding to COVID-19 and were distributed to all 46 counties. SCDHEC said the distribution of materials was data driven, to ensure needs are fairly met, and was based on county populations.

[MUSC Creates 3D Printed Protective Mask Anyone Can Make](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • MAR 31, 2020

If building a personal protection mask that could be mass produced to fight the coronavirus pandemic was a puzzle, Joshua Kim was determined to figure it out. The 25 year-old is the Senior Designer and Program Coordinator with the Department of Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. "That moment was an epiphany moment," says Kim. "It was a great moment." It was the moment Kim realized he could use an air filter, like those commonly found in home improvement stores, to build a respirator for a mask mimicking the N95 now in demand.

[Coronavirus Changes How Delegates for National Democratic Convention Are Selected](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • MAR 31, 2020

Democratic presidential candidates are not exempt from the disruption the Coronavirus pandemic has caused to everyday life. Both Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders have shift town halls, press conferences and fundraising events online. In South Carolina, another noticeable shift impacting both local and national politics is changing the way delegates, who will pledge their vote for either candidate during the party's upcoming national

convention, are selected. “That’s the foundation of our nominating people to go to our national convention, Robertson said.”

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On this episode for March 31, 2020, we discuss legal questions surrounding the emergency powers of local governments which may conflict with South Carolina state orders, speak with local restaurant owners whose business is being affected by COVID-19, learn about efforts as the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) to develop 3D printed masks, and more.

[Indicted Sheriff Files for Re-Election in Chester County](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • MAR 30, 2020

Of the 39 county sheriff's races on tap statewide this November, the liveliest could be the one in Chester County, where two incumbents will vie to win the office.

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[Military In South Carolina Responds To COVID-19](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • MAR 26, 2020

The coronavirus outbreak has brought together many organizations to fight the spread of this highly contagious disease, and that includes the military. Gov. Henry McMaster has called on the South Carolina National Guard to be on the alert in case it's needed.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — What To Project When You're Expecting](#)

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On this episode for March 26, 2020, we look at measures South Carolina's biggest cities are taking to prevent the spread of the virus, get the latest on the \$2 trillion federal stimulus bill, speak with a boutique in Florence, SC, making fabric surgical masks, and more.

[Charleston Enacts Stay At Home Ordinance](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • MAR 25, 2020

The city of Charleston has become the first in the state of South Carolina to enact an ordinance requiring people to stay at home for the next 14 days, except for necessary trips like to the grocery store or pharmacy. The ordinance also closes all non-essential businesses. Mayor John Tecklenburg says he decided to put the ordinance before the city council Tuesday night for emergency action because the Department of Health and Environmental Control has announced the coronavirus pandemic is in an acceleration phase across the state.

[Blood Donations Are Critically Low In The Carolinas. Here's How You Can Help](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • MAR 25, 2020

Blood is in short supply, in large part because of the coronavirus outbreak, says Maya Franklin, a spokeswoman for the American Red Cross in Charlotte, NC. "That's resulted in dozens, if not hundreds, of blood drive cancellations by our sponsors," she says. That statement only refers to the Carolinas region between Rock Hill, SC, and Greensboro, NC. Nationally,

says Franklin's Rock Hill colleague, Ashley Collier, about 5,000 blood drives had been cancelled, through March 20.

[Fort Jackson Confirms Two COVID-19 Cases](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • MAR 24, 2020

Almost three weeks after the first two cases of Coronavirus in South Carolina were investigated, Fort Jackson announced it has two confirmed cases of the COVID-19 disease, caused by the virus.

In a release, the installation said one is a soldier in training with 3rd battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, and the other is an officer attending the Adjutant General Basic Officer Leader Course.

Fort Jackson confirmed both service members are in isolation and receiving necessary medical care and they will not return to duty until medically cleared.

[12 South Carolina Counties Have No ICU Beds](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • MAR 24, 2020

This story was expanded on March 26 to include a look at what the data cited in the Kaiser Family Foundation report could mean for South Carolina's rural communities.

Twelve of the state's 46 counties have no intensive care unit beds, [according to a report released by the Kaiser Family Foundation](#) (KFF) that looks at the ratio of Americans age 60 or older to ICU beds. (See below for a breakdown of South Carolina.)

So what does that mean in a pandemic? Dr. Jan Probst, professor emerita of the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina, says that counties immediately adjacent to an area where there is adequate hospital coverage – for example, Fairfield, which abuts Richland County and the City of Columbia's hospital network – should be able to handle an influx of patients in an emergency.

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On this episode for March 24, 2020, we look at the latest updates concerning COVID-19 in South Carolina. According to Department of Health and Environmental Control officials, the virus has entered the acceleration phase in the state: There have been five deaths out of 298 cases reported in 34 counties (as of March 23 at 4:30 p.m.), with 103 new cases being reported between Sunday and Monday of this week. We also discuss the \$45 million emergency funding bill just signed by Gov. Henry McMaster, the impact of COVID-19 on Charleston restaurants, and more.

[Charleston Restaurants and Bars Try to Survive Despite Coronavirus Closings](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • MAR 23, 2020

Vacant parking spaces stretch on, along empty sidewalks in downtown Charleston. A lone man drags his luggage as he easily crosses typically bustling King Street. It's quiet; too quiet.

This is Charleston post coronavirus. Down the street off upper King, the owner of Stella's Restaurant Steven Niketas breaks a sweat. He's anxious about the recent, emergency order from the governor closing restaurants and bars statewide.

[York County's Real Estate Industry Is Doing Well Despite \(Because of?\) the Coronavirus](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • MAR 23, 2020

Business is suffering some of the worst effects of the coronavirus pandemic. [Some, like restaurants, may not be able to make it back](#), even if our collective quarantine were to end today.

But a few industries are doing very well. In York County, at least, residential real estate is cruising along, thanks in part to historically low interest rates and an already healthy market in the ever-growing Charlotte metro region.

[First Shipment of Personal Protective Equipment Arrives in SC. More Expected, Over Next Three Weeks](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • MAR 23, 2020

The number of COVID19 Cases in South Carolina continued to rise over the weekend. As of Sunday, the state's Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) was investigating 195 cases and in a statement said it expected more cases to be documented. "We want people to be prepared for more cases to occur and to continue to listen to and follow recommendations from public health officials," said agency physician Dr. Brannon Traxler.

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[South Carolina's Mental Health Centers Remain Open](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • MAR 19, 2020

Update, March 23, 2020: The Spartanburg Area Mental Health Center is now conducting routine consultations only through phone and video. Director Roger Williams says serious cases, new patients, and patients exhibiting suicidal tendencies are still being seen in-person, after screening outside the building

[Coronavirus Pandemic Creates Stress for Small Business Owners and Self-Employed](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • MAR 18, 2020

You can hear it in her voice. Cacky Rivers who routinely eases the anxiety of brides on their big day is nervous. "My dad said recently, 'This too shall pass', and that's what's kept me going." Her voice trails off. There's a long pause on the other end of the phone. The "this" Rivers is referring to is the Coronavirus pandemic that has spread across the globe leaving a trail of death and economic uncertainty behind. "It's a very scary situation," Rivers says. She likens it to a hurricane, but worse.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — Our New Normal](#)

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[It's Census Time, South Carolina. But Can We Get Past the Hangups?](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • MAR 18, 2020

The Census. We've been doing it every 10 years since 1790 – in part because it's in the Constitution and in part because it's really, really important to know how many of us there are and where we live. That doesn't mean it's exactly easy to convince people to answer a bunch of personal questions. Jan Smiley, South Carolina partnership specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, says Census takers often have to contend with citizens who are worried about what the bureau wants and what it's going to do with the information it collects. The short answer, Smiley says, is nothing sinister.

[“Our Goal is to think Ahead.” McMaster Orders Extended Tax Deadline, Use of National Guard](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • MAR 17, 2020

Tuesday, Governor Henry McMaster announced a series of mandatory executive orders and also a series of requests to help the combat the coronavirus in South Carolina, including extending the tax deadline for all state taxes (to file and pay) to June 1. “The idea behind this is to allow these businesses to maintain their cash flow, during this crisis, in order that they may be able to pay their employees.”

[SC Lede: Lede In The Time of Coronavirus](#)

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[Rock Hill's Homeless Services \(Including the Free Bus\) Adjust for Covid-19](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • MAR 16, 2020

Rock Hill has two services the city's homeless population uses on a daily basis to get something to eat. One is the MyRide bus system, a free, citywide service for all; the other is the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen, MyRide drops off across the street from the soup kitchen Monday through Saturday at around 11:30 a.m. There, a usually packed No. 2 route bus mostly empty and riders make their way to a hot lunch at one of the soup kitchen's tables, amid plenty of chatty company.

On Monday, lunch was not hot, not chatty, and not served on a plate taken to a table. It was a ham and cheese sandwich, a ham biscuit, some snacks, and a diet Mountain Dew, placed inside a plastic shopping bag and given at the door. Guests took their lunches, thanking the women who give them, and strolling away to various places on a chilly, cloudy morning. It is a meal most certainly made on the fly, in reaction to a stunning and sudden outbreak of a pandemic that demands people all over the United States keep their distance from each other. Jan Stephenson, the director of Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen, says the sandwich-and-biscuit lunch is not ideal, but it is what could be done today.

[DHEC Announces First COVID-19 Related Death](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • MAR 16, 2020

LEXINGTON MEDICAL CENTER

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has reported the state's first death related to COVID-19 novel coronavirus. "We regret to report that South Carolina has suffered its first death in an elderly person recently reported to have been diagnosed with COVID-19 who was a resident of Lexington Medical Center Extended Care Skilled Nursing Facility," **said Dr. Brannon Traxler, DHEC Physician Consultant.** "Our state health officials continue to work with national and local partners to respond to this ongoing public health matter."

[S.C. Governor Henry McMaster Will Give an Update on the State's Response to Covid-19 at 4 p.m.](#)

By ALFRED TURNER • MAR 15, 2020

South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster will give an update on the state's response to Coronavirus (COVID-19). The media briefing is scheduled for 4:00 pm. Live video stream here...

[Charleston Braces for Coronavirus as Busy Tourism Season Begins with Cancellations](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • MAR 13, 2020

SARAH PACK/ MUSC

It's not the typical thick, green coating of pollen that has people scrambling indoors this spring in Charleston. Instead it's something much more serious; a highly contagious coronavirus with a spiky crown, prickling communities with fear and prompting the World Health Organization to declare a pandemic. But like the pesky pollen, the new and potentially deadly virus is striking at the start of Charleston's busy tourist season.

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[Pi Day Celebrates a Number We Couldn't Live Without](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • MAR 12, 2020

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Saturday, March 14 is Pi Day, a day to celebrate that unique number represented by the Greek letter pi. It's about 3.14 (hence its celebration on 3/14), but University of South Carolina mathematician Josh Cooper says it's an irrational number, meaning it goes on forever after the decimal point.

[How a Grassroots USC Project Could Build the State's First Database of Ticks](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • MAR 11, 2020

Back in January, I sat down with Dr. Melissa Nolan, an epidemiologist at the University of South Carolina, in her lab at the Arnold School of Public Health in Columbia. We talked about how well the state could handle an outbreak of an infectious disease like influenza.

Pretty well, it turns out. “Influenza is one that we’re probably the most prepared for,” Nolan said.

And that would have been the end of the conversation, had she, 34 seconds later, not said this: “What we’re not very well-prepared for, though, are vector-borne diseases.”

[A Look Back to SC’s Primary Can Offer Insights Into Future National, Local Races](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • MAR 11, 2020

With 352 delegates up for grabs, some have referred to the March 10 primaries as “Super Tuesday, part two.” Five states: Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Idaho, and Washington held primaries, while North Dakota held caucuses. [Former Vice President Joe Biden emerged with wins in four states \(Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri and Idaho\) while Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders leads in North Dakota and Washington.](#)

[Weather Events to Become More Extreme with Climate Change](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • MAR 10, 2020

A recent government report says that climate change is leading to extreme weather events that are becoming “more frequent, intense, widespread or of longer duration.” University of South Carolina geographer Kirsten Dow agrees, saying the historic 2015 rain and resulting flood caused by Hurricane Joaquin was a perfect example.

[SC Lede: Super Tuesday Stupor — LIVE From North Charleston](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • MAR 10, 2020

On this 100th episode of the *South Carolina Lede*, recorded live at Holy City Brewing in North Charleston, SC, host Gavin Jackson is joined by The Post and Courier's Jamie Lovegrove and The Associated Press' Meg Kinnard to recap both the South Carolina Democratic primary and Super Tuesday. Plus, South Carolina trivia, the week's news, and more!

[Winthrop Economist Is Not Panicking Over Covid-Inspired Market Woes](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • MAR 9, 2020

If you're getting nervous about the economy based on the coronavirus' effect on the stock market and on global oil prices, your worries might be premature.

[10 COVID19 Cases in South Carolina. 2 Confirmed, 8 Presumptive Positive](#)
By THELISHA EADDY • MAR 7, 2020

Updated, 3/12/2020

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is investigating one new possible case of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus in Lancaster County. This brings the total number of presumptive positive cases to eight, along with two confirmed cases. The new case is a woman from Lancaster County. DHEC said a contact investigation is underway, and at this time there is no known travel outside the state or known contact with another case. According to the agency, the woman's samples tested positive at DHEC's Public Health Laboratory and she is currently hospitalized and isolated. DHEC is working with the healthcare facility and taking routine measures to prevent possible spread. "Our top priorities remain preventing spread of the disease and protecting public health," said Dr. Linda Bell, State Epidemiologist. "Our systems for protecting public health are working. We're continuing to work with the CDC and our state and local partners, however, based on what's occurring in other states and countries, we expect community spread to grow." As of Wednesday, DHEC tested a total of 51 individuals for COVID-19, which includes the eight presumptive positive cases and two confirmed cases.

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7 Presumptive Positive COVID-19 Cases in S.C.- DHEC: Risk to Public Remains Low

Seven people in South Carolina have presumptively tested positive for coronavirus Monday afternoon DHEC announced an older man in Camden, in Kershaw County, is the latest case. The man is currently in self-isolation at his home. State epidemiologist Dr. Linda Bell said he had been in direct contact with a person who previously tested positive for the virus. This now brings the total cases in Kershaw County to five.

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On this edition for the week of March 5, 2020, host Gavin Jackson takes us to a recent rally by President Donald Trump in North Charleston, SC.

[SC Lede: Biden Blowout, Bye Bye Buttigieg, Sayonara Steyer, & Ciao Klobuchar](#)

By SEAN BIRCH • MAR 3, 2020

The South Carolina Democratic primary came and went this weekend with former Vice President Joe Biden quickly being declared winner and several of his fellow candidates ending their campaigns soon after. 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 results, the importance of the South Carolina primary heading into Super Tuesday, and more. Plus, the week's top news, trivia, and more!

[How South Carolinians Should be Preparing for COVID-19](#)

By LINDA NÚÑEZ • MAR 2, 2020

Now that the CDC has identified the first cases of non-travel-related COVID-19 coronavirus in the US, federal and state agencies have begun to step up their response plans to handle what are likely more cases to come. Here in South Carolina, state agencies are also being diligent in their preparations. But, in the meantime, what measures should we be taking on an individual

level for both prevention and the possibility of a self-quarantine? I checked in with Dr.

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By RUSS MCKINNEY • FEB 28, 2020

The S.C. State Senate this week voted to limit debate on the massive public school improvement bill. Senators have been considering the bill for seven weeks. Senate leaders hope to move to a final vote on the bill next week.

[Is South Carolina Braced for COVID-19? A USC Dr. Says Yes](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • FEB 27, 2020

As of Tuesday, [the World Health Organization\(WHO\) identified 59 cases of COVID-19 in the United States](#). None are in South Carolina; but the case that has U.S. health officials wary is one from California. It was reported earlier this week and is the first to show up on American soil without being directly traceable to the person affected having any contact with a country or person known to already have it. As of Thursday, health officials had no idea how the person contracted the illness. The spread of this particular strain of coronavirus has taken whole nations off-guard, and some health officials here in the United States as well. Dr. Melissa Nolan, an epidemiologist at the University of South Carolina, says she did not think COVID-19 would have turned into a global pandemic. But she remains confident that if South Carolina eventually reports cases of the illness (so far, there have been none reported here), the state will be able to handle it.

[It's Not Your Imagination, SC Has Been Getting More Rain than Usual](#)

By LINDA NÚÑEZ • FEB 27, 2020

Lately, South Carolinians have been talking about the weather. Not as a mere pleasantry, but because we seem to be experiencing several days in a row of rain. Even your Facebook friends have probably either posted or commented on some sort of meme involving epic deluges and flooding. But, all kidding aside, the flooding has been real. Several rivers throughout the state have reached flooding stages, causing road closures and even some parks that border rivers to restrict certain areas of access due to local flooding.

[Coronavirus, Campaign Policies & Securing the Black Vote; Takeaways from Tuesday's Debate](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • FEB 26, 2020

Amid typical debate topics: the economy, education, housing, rural healthcare and national security, Tuesday's breaking news of health officials warning Americans to plan for the spread of the Coronavirus in the U.S. gave seven of the eight remaining Democratic candidates the opportunity to show how they would lead during the growing international crisis and also the chance to attack what many of them called the President's lack of leadership on the issue.

[SC Lede: Charleston Debate Crosstalk](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • FEB 26, 2020

On this special mini-episode of the *South Carolina Lede*, host Gavin Jackson recaps this week's Democratic debate in Charleston, SC, with The State's Maayan Schechter, The Associated Press' Meg Kinnard, and The Post and Courier's Jamie Lovegrove.

[A Clemson Architect Weighs in on 'Making Federal Buildings Beautiful Again'](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • FEB 25, 2020

A potential Trump administration plan dubbed “Making Federal Buildings Beautiful Again” would demand that all federal building projects costing above \$50 million be designed in the neoclassical style. The aim is to unify the architectural style of major federal buildings. But the initiative has drawn the ire of architects around the country.

[South Carolina's Bats Are Dying. Here's Why You Should Care](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • FEB 25, 2020

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Somewhere at the middle-end of the 19th century, a railroad tunnel under construction in Walhalla partially collapsed and left behind a cave that tricolor bats really took to. There used to be hundreds of the small, furry bats hibernating through the winters by clinging to the rock. By February 10 of this year, there were seven.

[SC Lede: 2020 Primary Rose Ceremony](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • FEB 25, 2020

The week we've been talking about for more than a year is finally here: The South Carolina Democratic presidential primary is this Saturday. On this edition of the *South Carolina Lede*, host Gavin Jackson is joined by The Associated Press' Meg Kinnard, The Post and Courier's Jamie Lovegrove, and The State's Maayan Schechter to discuss where the candidates stand heading into this weekend's election.

[Leaning on His Backbone, Biden's Soul of the Nation Bus Tour Swings Through Palmetto State](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • FEB 24, 2020

About two weeks ago, when Democratic Presidential candidate Joe Biden realized his showing in the New Hampshire Primary was going to be low, the former Vice President made a trip to South Carolina for a launch party. Surrounded by a diverse crowd of energetic supporters, Biden said despite poor numbers in Iowa, and similar expectations in New Hampshire, their fight was just beginning. "We haven't heard from the most committed constituents of the Democratic party; the African-American community."

[Study Finds Engagement High Among South Carolina's African American Voters](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • FEB 24, 2020

A new [study from personal finance and economics website WalletHub](#) places South Carolina third overall in the level of engagement it sees from African-American voters, making the Palmetto State the most engaged among reliably red states. While the study found that African American voters were noticeably more engaged in states that went blue in the 2016 presidential election, black voter engagement here ranked higher than any traditionally blue state. But it also ranks the state low on how easy it is for black voters to get to the polls at all.

[Santee Cooper's Future Continues to Be Debated](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • FEB 21, 2020

Next year's state spending plan is now advancing through the legislature. This week House budget writers approved a \$10 Billion budget package that includes major spending increases in education, roads, public safety, and corrections. The budget that's now on the way to the full House of Representatives incorporates almost all of Governor McMaster's proposals including for the second year in a row significant teacher pay raises.

[Watergate's FBI Investigators Reunite for the First Time in Nearly 50 years](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • FEB 21, 2020

They are not household names like the reporters who broke the Watergate story for the Washington Post, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein. But five guys, former special agents who helped the FBI break the case, have quite a story to tell. They shared it as they reunited for the first time in nearly 50 years at the 2020 Intelligence and Ethics Conference at the Citadel in Charleston in February. "It was approximately 8 am Saturday, June 17th, 1972," recalled lead investigator Angelo Lano.

[75 Years Later, the Public Gets Access to Rare Images from Iwo Jima](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • FEB 20, 2020

Carrying the wounded to a make-shift hospital, taking communion, and traveling by sea are just some of the images revealed in never-before-seen films taken during the battle of Iwo Jima.

The start of this World War II battle began 75 years ago this week and lasted just over a month. After 36 days of fighting, more than 6,000 Americans were killed as well as almost all of the 21,000 Japanese who defended the island.

[SC Lede: Trail Bites — Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Tom Steyer](#)

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[Rock Hill Democrats Hope, Worry, and Hope \(In That Order\) As Primary Looms](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • FEB 19, 2020

Note: This story has been amended to remove a reference to Michael Bloomberg setting up operations in South Carolina. Bloomberg is not on the South Carolina ballot.

Democrats are united on one idea. They want to unseat President Donald Trump. But past that, and even with the South Carolina Democratic Primary right around the corner, likely progressive voters are in a street fight between their ideals and who they think stands the best chance of accomplishing their main objective.

[Endorsements a Historic Part of Political Process](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • FEB 18, 2020

Political endorsements have been around as long as campaigns have. But are they effective? That depends on a number of factors, according to Carol Fowler of Columbia, a member of the Democratic National Committee and a former chair of the South Carolina Democratic Party. One factor, she says, is how many endorsements a candidate has: "If you have a long list of endorsers, I might believe that you were winning the race, and I should be for you. And if you don't have anybody vouching for you, I might think you're not doing too well."

[SC Lede: The SC Dem-utante Primary Ball](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • FEB 18, 2020

The South Carolina Democratic presidential primary is fast approaching. Recent poll numbers show an ever-tightening race in a state where former Vice President Joe Biden used to enjoy double digit leads over his closest contenders. On this edition of the *South Carolina Lede*, host Gavin Jackson is joined by The Post and Courier's Jamie Lovegrove and The State's Maayan Schechter to discuss the latest.

[Santee Cooper's Future Back for Debate at the State House](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • FEB 14, 2020

For the past several years the issue that's dominated the state legislature has been the future of Santee Cooper, the state-owned public power utility. Santee Cooper in effect produces electricity for over two million customers in the state. State lawmakers have been pondering what to do with the utility since the failure of the giant VC Summer nuclear project in the summer of 2017. Many have concerns about Santee Cooper's Management, and the almost \$7 Billion debt it's now carrying following VC Summer.

[SC Lede: Trail Bites — Tom Steyer](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • FEB 13, 2020

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On this edition for the week of February 13, 2020, host Gavin Jackson sits down with Democratic presidential candidate Tom Steyer in Chester, South Carolina to talk about his campaign and the New Hampshire and South Carolina primaries.

[SC Lede: Fear and Loathing on the Trail in South Carolina](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • FEB 12, 2020

After the debacle in Iowa the Democratic playing field was incredibly murky and hard to read, BUT, thanks to New Hampshire, we finally have some real results to work with! Host Gavin Jackson is joined by The Associated Press' Meg Kinnard and The Post and Courier's Jamie Lovegrove to discuss what the Primary's results mean and what it all means for South Carolina as cracks appear in Joe Biden's firewall.

[For York County, Recycling Means Business](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • FEB 11, 2020

Besides bottles, cans, and paper, York County residents can recycle lots of things that might surprise them -- fluorescent bulbs, for instance; shoes; cooking oil. But while you can't put that stuff at the curb, you can take it to one of the county's 16 collection centers. Find out what you can take and where you can take it [by clicking here](#).

[Lots of Debate But Little Movement on Several Education Bills](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • FEB 7, 2020

Four weeks into this year's session of the state legislature there has been lots of debate, but little movement on several education bills. The Senate is slowly working its way through the massive School Improvement Bill with no end of debate in sight. Senators have turned in several late nights debating the bill and it seems the longer its debated, the more complicated some of the issues become.

[In Orangeburg, a Museum Spotlights People, Events Crucial to the Civil Rights Movement](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • FEB 6, 2020

A new museum in Orangeburg county celebrates South Carolina residents who fought racial injustice. The Cecil Williams Civil Rights Museum features over 500 photographs, most of which were taken by Williams. After years of trying to get local support for a civil rights museum in the area, Williams said he used thousands of dollars of his own money to create a place where the images and stories of those who helped shape American history can be displayed.

[College of Charleston Acknowledges its Past with the Center for the Study of Slavery](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • FEB 6, 2020

As the College of Charleston celebrates its 250th birthday, at its center is Randolph Hall. Built in 1820, students still gather here. Less prominent, an organization that tries to help the school comes to terms with its past, the Center for the Study of Slavery. "You are sitting in the office of the center right now," says Dr. Bernard Powers. He founded the center two years ago after retiring from the history department.

[Countdown to October 1, 2020: Obtaining Your SC Real ID](#)

By LINDA NÚÑEZ • FEB 5, 2020

Beginning October 1st of this year, anyone who wishes to fly on a commercial aircraft, access a federal facility, or enter a military installation will be required to present their passport, military ID, or their Real ID. Back in 2005, Congress passed the "Real ID Act" in response to the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the Federal Government set the standard for the issuance of IDs, like driver's licenses. To date, all 50 states and territories are fully compliant with the Real ID requirements.

[Coronavirus Scare You? Flu Should Scare You More](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • FEB 4, 2020

Health officials around the world are scrambling to stay ahead of the coronavirus outbreak plaguing parts of China. But Dr. Melissa Nolan, an infectious disease specialist at the University of South Carolina, says influenza is a far bigger cause for concern.

[SC Lede: IoWHAT THE EFF? — The 2020 Iowa Caucus](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • FEB 4, 2020

With "coding issues" with the results reporting app used by Iowa caucus precinct managers preventing the release of any data, a winner has yet to be named for the 2020 Iowa Democratic caucuses. The *South Carolina Lede* was planning on drilling down into the results to try and surmise what they could mean for the South Carolina Democratic presidential primary later this month. Instead, host Gavin Jackson is joined by The Associated Press' Meg Kinnard and The Post and Courier's Jamie Lovegrove to discuss what went wrong in Iowa, what it could mean in an already busy news cycle, and how the candidates are faring in South Carolina polls.

[Son of Holocaust Survivor Observes Anniversary of Auschwitz Liberation](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • FEB 4, 2020

Recently in South Carolina and around the world, events were held to observe International Holocaust Remembrance Day. January 27 marked the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the notorious Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II. The Holocaust killed an estimated six million European Jews as well as many other victims of the Nazis, including Soviet prisoners of war, Poles, gypsies, homosexuals, the infirm and more.

[S.C. Senate Continues Debate on School Improvement Bill](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • JAN 31, 2020

Teacher Bill of Rights Defeated

When the State Senate re-convenes next week, it will begin its' third week of debate on an omnibus School Improvement Bill. For the past two years it's been the General Assembly's first priority. It aims to update an array of state policies to produce better educated students, and perhaps most importantly shore-up the teaching profession by keeping good teachers in the classroom and to entice new teachers to the profession.

[Sleep Deprivation for Children Called a Major Health Crisis](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • JAN 30, 2020

Recent research has found that 75 percent of teens, and many younger children, don't get enough sleep. This phenomenon has been called a major health crisis, and a pair of University of South Carolina pediatricians agree.

[SC Lede: Trail Bites — Pete Buttigieg Has Breakfast With The Lede](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JAN 29, 2020

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On this edition for the week of January 29, 2020, host Gavin Jackson sits down with Democratic presidential candidate South Bend, IN Mayor Pete Buttigieg at Ms. B's Southern Soul Food restaurant in Columbia, SC, to discuss what he's doing to engage black voters in South Carolina, his policy plans, and more.

[Greenville Tech Initiative Takes On African-American Student Retention](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • JAN 28, 2020

Greenville Technical College has no problem attracting a diverse student body. What it does have -- and it's not alone in this by any stretch -- is a problem retaining African-American male students.

Dr. Alecia Watt, the college's director of educational opportunity programs, says that more than any other group, African American male students at Greenville Tech leave school before finishing their degree paths. Her certainty comes from an in-depth study to find out who was not coming back and why.

[SC Lede: South Carolina A Month Until Primary Day](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JAN 28, 2020

The Iowa caucuses are next week, which means that we are just over a month away from the February 29 Democratic Presidential primary in South Carolina. On this episode of the *South Carolina Lede*, host Gavin Jackson is joined by The Associated Press' Meg Kinnard and The State's Maayan Schechter to discuss recent updates from the campaign trail here in the Palmetto State.

[Gov. Henry McMaster Renews Calls for Ambitious Spending Plan Along With Tax Cuts And Rebates](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • JAN 24, 2020

For the second year in a row, state lawmakers have the luxury of putting together the state's budget with millions of additional dollars. The state's economy is booming. More people are working, and tax revenues are way ahead of projections. For the first time the state's annual operating budget for next year is expected to exceed \$10 Billion. In his annual State of the State address Wednesday night (Jan 22), Gov. Henry McMaster

recommended an ambitious spending plan along with returning a quarter of every new dollar back to taxpayers.

[Re-pack Causes Temporary Inconvenience for Long-term Benefits](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • JAN 23, 2020

The short interruptions that some listeners of both commercial and public radio stations have experienced to broadcasts in the past couple of months are actually the sound of progress, according to ETV Vice President of Technology and Facilities Mark Jahnke.

[South Carolina's Try At a Kinder, Gentler Prison System: A Tale In Two Parts](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • JAN 23, 2020

Manning Reentry/Work Release Center used to have another name. Until 2016, this nearly 60-year-old prison on the outskirts of Columbia was called Manning Correctional.

That might seem like a minor change. It's not. It was the South Carolina Department of Corrections' (SCDC) way of saying to the public and to Manning's inmates that the perception, treatment, and, ultimately, rehabilitation of the men who do time there was going to change.

[SC Lede: Trail Bites — King Day At The Dome](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JAN 22, 2020

Leading up to the 2020 election, the 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 January 22, 2020, host Gavin Jackson takes us to the recent King Day at the Dome event in Columbia, SC, to hear from Democratic presidential candidates Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), businessman Tom Steyer, former Vice President Joe Biden, Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-Hawaii), and former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick. South Bend, IN Mayor Pete Buttigieg also made an appearance at the event but did not give an address.

[DEW Jobs Report Highlights York/Mecklenburg County Ties](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • JAN 22, 2020

York County enjoys a unique position, geographically, in South Carolina. It borders a county (Mecklenburg) that houses a major U.S. city – Charlotte, N.C.

[Program Focused on New Farmers Now Accepting Applications](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • JAN 22, 2020

In 2019, Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers shared statistics to “point out the seriousness” of the need for the next generation of farmers. “If you’re talking fruits; there’s about a fifty, fifty chance that fruit was grown somewhere else in the world,” Weathers said. “Thirty percent of our vegetables are being imported into this country,” he added.

[Families Still Question Mother Emanuel Donations Despite State Inquiry](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • JAN 21, 2020

Felicia Sanders held her granddaughter so tight, she feared she might suffocate the child on the church floor, as a racist gunman they had welcomed to bible study executed nine fellow parishioners one by one. Bullet casings scorched her legs. She watched helplessly as her son Tywanza, just feet away in a pool of blood, took his final breath. Sanders and her granddaughter survived the massacrred that claimed nine lives that night by playing dead.

[SC Lede: The Importance Of King Day At The Dome](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JAN 21, 2020

On this edition of the *South Carolina Lede*, as we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. this week, we look at the importance of the King Day at the Dome event in Columbia, SC. Host Gavin Jackson is joined by the Free Times' [Chris Trainor](#), whose recent [cover story on the event at the statehouse](#), now it is 20th year, traces history of the event from the protests around the Confederate battle flag to becoming a must-stop for Democratic presidential hopefuls.

[King Day at the Dome](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • JAN 20, 2020

Many around the state will celebrate Civil Rights icon, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with marches, parades, rallies, and volunteering events. In Columbia, the NAACP hosted is 20th year of “King Day at the Dome.” The first march and rally

[Florence School Uses Telehealth for Concussion Follow-up Care](#)

By TABITHA SAFDI & JOHN LEWIS • JAN 20, 2020

Thomas Woods doesn't remember exactly what happened during Labor Day football practice, but he'll try to piece it together. "I remember being on the ground," Woods says, "and my coach asking me what was wrong and trying to explain that my head was hurting." Woods is a starting linebacker for The King's Academy, a private school in Florence. After the big hit, coach Keith Rogers had teammates drive Thomas home and drop off his truck at his house.

[Telehealth Helps Save Child's Life](#)

By JULIA SHILLINGLAW • JAN 17, 2020

Time is crucial for a traumatic brain injury especially for Annie Nichols who was four at the time of her accident. When she slipped and hit her head in the garage, her parents, Kelsey and Billy, didn't think much of it. "It was a bad fall," Billy said. "She cried, but it wasn't the worst thing you've ever heard." But later that day when Annie started screaming in pain, they immediately rushed her to Tideland's Waccamaw Community Hospital in Murrells Inlet, where she had to be placed on a breathing machine to hold her airway open.

[Some SC Public Libraries Begin to Drop Fines for Late Books](#)

By TUT UNDERWOOD • JAN 17, 2020

Patrons of the Richland Library have a reason to smile these days. A few months ago, the library stopped charging late fees for overdue books. The move is one more way the library tries to be accessible to people and remove barriers to using the facility, said Director Melanie Huggins, who cited a recent study that found more than 24,000 people could no longer check materials out of the library because they owed more than \$10 in fines.

[S.C. Senate Begins Debating Massive School Improvement Bill](#)

By RUSS MCKINNEY • JAN 17, 2020

This year's session of the South Carolina General Assembly got underway this week with the Senate beginning debate on the Public School Improvement Bill. Despite some twenty sub-committee meetings where

Senators heard from numerous educators and citizens, the massive bill is still drawing the ire of many teachers.

[A Peek at South Carolina's New Voting Machines](#)

By SCOTT MORGAN • JAN 14, 2020

The Feb. 29 Democratic presidential primary will be South Carolina's first major test for its new voting machines. Last year, the state invested \$51 million on new machines that election officials say are easier to use and more secure than what South Carolinians had been using for years.

[SC Lede: 2020 Legislative Preview — LIVE From Irmo](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JAN 14, 2020

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On this edition of the *South Carolina Lede*, recorded live at Craft and Draft in Irmo, SC, host Gavin Jackson is joined by The Associated Press' Jeffrey Collins and The State's Avery Wilks to preview this year's state legislative session. Plus, South Carolina trivia, campaign trail updates, and more!

[Horry, Greenville, Richland, Dorchester, & Chas. Counties Lead in Reported Human Trafficking Cases](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • JAN 10, 2020

A 360% increase in the total number of trafficking victims was recorded in South Carolina in 2019. There was also an increase in the number of human trafficking cases reported in the state. South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the release of the [2019 South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force's Annual Report](#) Friday.

[Innovative Recycling Facility Offers Promise and Raises Questions](#)

By VICTORIA HANSEN • JAN 9, 2020

Imagine a world without recycling bins where what can be repurposed is; and discarded items that are typically left at landfills become fuel. That's the world RePower South, a new recycling company, wants to build.

[Village In The Woods, 50-Year-Old Remains Could Shed Light On How Soldiers Trained For Vietnam War](#)

By THELISHA EADDY • JAN 7, 2020

Deep within Fort Jackson's 53,000 acres are the remains of what could be the Vietnamese mock training village Bau Bang. The remains include a structure that looks like a watch tower as well as wooden steps and posts to one of several once-standing huts. There is a tunnel inside almost every hut and its all surrounded by a rusted barbed wire perimeter.

[SC Lede: The Phone Call From Hell](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JAN 7, 2020

On this episode of the *South Carolina Lede*, we revisit the tragic story of veterans who were the target of a catfishing scam orchestrated by prisoners using contraband cellphones. Host Gavin Jackson is joined by Wired's Vince Beiser to discuss his [report](#) on the scam which involved inmates from Lee Correctional Institution and led to the death of Greenville vet.

[SC Lede: Decade In Review, Part II](#)

By GAVIN JACKSON • JAN 2, 2020

As 2020 kicks off, the *South Carolina Lede* continues its look back at the last 10 years. Host Gavin Jackson is once again joined by The Post and Courier's Andy Shain and The Associated Press' Jeffrey Collins to discuss more of the biggest South Carolina news stories from the past decade.

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Everybody is aware that the virus crisis is going to result in a serious economic contraction; locally, nationally, and globally. However, there doesn't seem to be a consensus yet on the numbers which vary widely. Mike Switzer interviews Dr. Joey Von Nessen, research economist in the [Division of Research at the Moore School of Business](#) at USC in Columbia, SC.

[SC Business Update from SCBizNews](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 30, 2020

An update of the news and issues that are trending right now across South Carolina's business community. Mike Switzer interviews Ross Norton, editor of [GSA Business](#) in Greenville, SC, part of the [SCBizNews](#) network.

[Coalition-Building in the Lowcountry](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 27, 2020

Many times, cities and counties in our state struggle to build the coalitions necessary to improve the quality of life and economic activity in their communities. Varying opinions among council members, mayors, and the public can unfortunately bring these efforts to a standstill. So we thought we'd check in with one city that seems to be enjoying success with collaboration.

Mike Switzer interviews Billy Keyserling, mayor of the city of [Beaufort, SC](#).

[Tricking Your Brain into Thinking Positively](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 26, 2020

Many stock market crashes have happened in the past and every time they do, investors are faced with the emotional toll of investing during a crisis. Our next guest says there are ways to trick your brain into thinking positive in order to prevent panic. Mike Switzer interviews Peter Pigeon, a certified financial planner with [Hobbs Group Advisors](#) in Columbia, SC.

[University Research Sparks Innovation in SC](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 26, 2020

A regular guest on this program, John “Swampfox” Warner, often talks about the importance of our state’s innovation and intellectual capital, particularly that which originates from our research universities. Our next guest is right in the middle of this scene.

[Small Business Community in Shock](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 25, 2020

We heard a few days ago from the US Small Business Administration about their plans to assist the small business community during the current crisis. Our next guest says these business owners are in a state of shock and are going to need this help. Mike Switzer interviews Frank Knapp, president and CEO of the [South Carolina Small Business Chamber of Commerce](#) in Columbia, SC.

[State Treasury Prepared](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 24, 2020

During the 2008-09 financial crises our state unemployment fund went bankrupt, forcing the state to borrow money from the federal government. We eventually paid it all back and increased our overall reserves in an effort to prevent that situation from happening again. So here we are again, facing a potentially large increase in the number of unemployed people. Mike Switzer interviews [Curtis Loftis, state treasurer of South Carolina](#).

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

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 23, 2020

An update of the news, issues, and events involving the entrepreneurial community in South Carolina. Mike Switzer interviews John Warner is co-founder of Accessible Diagnostics and the [Swampfox Facebook](#) page, based in Greenville, S.C.

[SC Life Sciences Industry and the Coronavirus](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 20, 2020

The concerns over the coronavirus pandemic continue to cause business events in our state to be cancelled or postponed. Including a Life Sciences Bootcamp that was to be held this week. That's an industry which generates a \$12 billion economic impact in South Carolina. Mike Switzer interviews Sam Konduros, president and CEO of [SCBIO](#) in Greenville, SC.

[SBA to the Rescue?](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 19, 2020

There is no doubt that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic will affect how we do business for weeks and maybe even months ahead. And as in any economic crisis, the government is expected to provide relief to the small business community because they normally suffer the most from this type of event. Mike Switzer interviews Gregg White, director of the [South Carolina district of the US Small Business Administration](#) in Columbia, SC.

[Coronavirus and the SC Business Community](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 18, 2020

Economic activity was looking like business as usual for 2020, meaning all signals pointing to more slow but steady growth. And then came the coronavirus. What is the reaction so far from our state's business community? Mike Switzer interviews Ted Pitts, president and CEO of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce in Columbia, SC.

[Trying to Catch Falling Stock Prices](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 17, 2020

The stock market has taken it on the chin with blame going to the coronavirus. Oil prices also collapsed due to a sudden price war between Russia and Saudi Arabia. How should an investor react to such immediate, sharp drops in asset prices? Does the adage still hold: "Don't try to catch a falling knife"? Mike Switzer interviews [Chris Cabri, a certified financial planner with Ameriprise Financial Services in Greenwood, SC](#).

[Entrepreneurs and the Coronavirus](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 16, 2020

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[Coronavirus and the SC Ports](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 13, 2020

The coronavirus has certainly affected the business community and in particular, the supply chain, in which our state is a big player with the port of Charleston. What are the expectations for this important part of South Carolina's economy? Mike Switzer interviews Jim Newsome, president and CEO of the [SC Ports Authority](#) in Charleston, SC.

[Midlands Film Festival Ignites Local Economy](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 12, 2020

If you are a regular listener to this program, you know that film festival season has started in our state. Next up is the annual event hosted by South Carolina's only independent art-house theater, the [Nickelodeon](#) in Columbia. Mike Switzer interviews Seth Gadsden, director of the [14th Annual Indie Grits Film Festival](#), coming to Columbia March 26-29.

[Using Technology for Safer Operations](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 11, 2020

Most manufacturing companies, especially larger ones, employ or contract with safety professionals to keep their operations safe for their employees and to comply with government safety regulations and inspections. It's an old-fashioned industry that we've learned recently is also employing the latest technology. Mike Switzer interviews Nathan Bennett, vice president of technology at [Life and Safety Consultants](#) in Greenville, SC.

[Where Might Stocks Go Next?](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 10, 2020

With the stock market acting crazy again, we thought it might be a good time to check in with our resident financial prognosticator to see what his thoughts are. Mike Switzer interviews Doug English, a certified financial planner with [ACT Advisors](#) with offices in Greenville and Charleston.

[SC Entrepreneurial Update from the Swampfox](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 9, 2020

An update of the news, issues, and events involving the entrepreneurial community in South Carolina. Mike Switzer interviews John Warner is co-founder of Accessible Diagnostics and the [Swampfox Facebook](#) page, based in Greenville, S.C.

[Growing Healthcare Trends that are Flying Under the Radar](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 6, 2020

With a lot of the election talk focused on the issue of healthcare, there are two trends in that area that haven't received much publicity but that we've reported on for several years and in fact, are trends that keep growing, albeit maybe more slowly than our next guest would prefer. Mike Switzer interviews Dr. Mary Brittain Blankenship, founder of [Spruce MD Integrative Medicine](#) in Greenville, SC.

[SC Cotton Farm Wins Award](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 5, 2020

While the textile industry in our state is not quite what it once was, there are still success stories out there. For example, our next guest decided to take cotton from their fields in Darlington County and create a blanket that was named the [Overall Winner in Garden & Gun Magazine's 2019 "Made in the South Awards"](#). Mike Switzer interviews Tracy Woodard, co-founder of [Covered in Cotton](#) in Florence, SC.

[Columbia Uses Internet Connectivity to Lure Companies](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 4, 2020

The BullStreet District in Columbia has recently attracted another high-profile technology company. Our next guest said the move was made easier by the fact that the district has gigabit Internet connectivity, something that is fast becoming a very useful economic development tool. Mike Switzer interviews Dean Schuster, co-founder of [truematter](#), in Columbia, SC.

[Not Much Demand for Middle-Aged Unemployed Professionals](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 3, 2020

By now most people are aware of the tight labor market resulting from the strong economy and its high demand for workers. However, it appears that many middle-aged unemployed professionals are not benefitting from this situation. What's going on?

[SC Business Update from Alan Cooper](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • MAR 2, 2020

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](#).

[Sustainable Manufacturing Moving Forward in SC](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 28, 2020

11 years ago, six federal agencies partnered together in a program to provide technical assistance to manufacturers across the country to help their operations become more economically and environmentally sustainable. Our state joined that effort through an industrial assessment program at Clemson University called [SC E3](#). Sustainable Manufacturing Forum Mar. 12, 2020

[SC Schools Highlighting Entrepreneurship](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 27, 2020

You hear us talk regularly on this program about the importance of entrepreneurial activity in our state. While we have a vibrant and growing start-up community here, we still lag significantly behind many other states. Our next guest is working hard to improve that statistic through her efforts at a local school district. Mike Switzer interviews Aimee Gray, director of technology at [Anderson School District 3](#) in Anderson, SC.

[SC Student Film Festival Growing Beyond Borders](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 26, 2020

Last year we introduced you to a high school film festival that made its debut in the Midlands of our state. It was their first year with a goal of attracting student entries from around the state. Instead they received entries from around the country and when they began accepting entries for this year's event, they are reporting submissions from around the world. Mike Switzer interviews Ray Smith, director of the [Doko Film Festival](#) in Blythewood, SC.

[How the SECURE Act Affects Employers](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 25, 2020

We've recently discussed on this program the effect on our retirement plans of the new Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act. That discussion was centered on the law's implications for individuals. Today, we've asked one of our resident financial experts to help us understand how employers will be affected. Mike Switzer interviews [Roy Janse, a certified financial planner in Greenville, SC](#).

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

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 24, 2020

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.

[Midlands Dining Innovation Turns 30](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 21, 2020

In 1989, our next guest saw an old vacant automobile parts store in downtown Columbia, SC and thought that it might be a good place to introduce a new trend in dining that was sweeping across the country by turning it into a farm-to-table bistro. Over 30 years later, he's still going strong.

Mike Switzer interviews Eddie Wales, owner of [Motor Supply in Columbia, SC](#).

[Franchising Building Maintenance](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 20, 2020

As the economy heated up and the labor market tightened, our next guest noticed an underserved sector in the building maintenance industry and decided to buy a franchise to serve it. Mike Switzer interviews Ben Mackey, owner of the [Columbia, SC location of City Wide Building Maintenance Solutions](#).

[SC Organization to Address Racial Equality](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 19, 2020

At the close of their annual summit last year, our next guest's organization asked its attendees what was the most important issue for them to address going forward. When over 30 percent replied, "racial equity", that became the focus of this year's event. Mike Switzer interviews Melanie Huggins is

executive director of the [Richland Library](#) and co-chair of [South Carolina's Nonprofit Summit coming to Columbia March 4-6](#).

[Winston Churchill: "Planning is Essential"](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 18, 2020

Winston Churchill is credited with saying that “Plans are of little importance, but planning is essential”. Our next guest says that this is particularly relevant to financial planning, but he also wants you to remember that the plans themselves comprise nothing more than guesswork.

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

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

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 17, 2020

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[Addressing the Homeless Situation in the Midlands](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 14, 2020

The homeless situation continues to be an issue for our state's cities, towns, and their businesses. Many communities across the nation are grappling with this with many different solutions being tried. Our next guests are working on this issue in Columbia, SC.

[Frustration Leads to Electronics Recycling Business](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 13, 2020

When you have an old, broken computer or other piece of electronics that doesn't work anymore, you're not supposed to throw it away. You are supposed to recycle it. But that means finding a drop-off place or waiting for a local electronics recycling event offered by your city or county. Our next guest thought there must be a better way, so he started his own electronics recycling company.

Mike Switzer interviews Allen Peltzman, founder of [Allen Recycling](#) in Columbia, SC.

[Making SC More Bicycle Friendly](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 12, 2020

As our state continues to look for ways to attract the best and brightest workforce, quality of life is certainly important. One aspect of that that is showing up on a lot of millennials' checklists is a bicycle-friendly environment. And our next guest's organization is right in the middle of that effort. Mike Switzer interviews Amy Johnson Ely, executive director of the [Palmetto Cycling Coalition](#) in Columbia, SC. Disclaimer: Mike Switzer is a member of the PCC.

[The Importance of Core Values in Investing](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 11, 2020

We talked recently on this show about the importance of your investment philosophy being similar to your financial advisors, but our next guest says it should maybe go a little deeper, that your actual core values should also align. Mike Switzer interviews Hans Blake, a CPA and a chartered financial analyst with [Intelligent Investing](#) in Greenville, SC. He is also a member of the [SC Chapter of the CFA Society](#).

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

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 10, 2020

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[Fast-Growing SC Company Merges with German Outfit](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 7, 2020

After growing their automation business for 30 years in our state, our next guest recently decided to sell his company to a German firm. What does this mean for one of South Carolina's fastest growing companies? Mike Switzer interviews Grant Phillips, president of [REI Automation](#) in Columbia, SC.

[Answering Your Own Business Phone?](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 6, 2020

Many businesses find it necessary and profitable to outsource some of their operations. One of the most common of these examples, especially for entrepreneurs, is an answering service. With today's technology, it can make a very small company look anything but. Mike Switzer interviews Mel

Carlen, vice president of operations for the North American headquarters of the British firm, [MoneyPenny](#), in Charleston, SC.

[Beaufort Film Festival Season Kicks Off Soon](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 5, 2020

Thousands of film lovers (and many filmmakers) from around the globe will soon be converging on Beaufort, South Carolina for an annual film festival that has been recognized as one of the fastest growing in the Southeast and one of the top 100 in the world. Mike Switzer interviews Ron Tucker, executive director of the 14th annual [Beaufort International Film Festival](#).

[Clemson Economist Sees Slow Growth Ahead](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 4, 2020

While our next guest expects 2019's final economic growth numbers to come in significantly lower than those we saw when the year began and that that limp-along trend will continue this year, he does not foresee a recession in 2020.

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

By MIKE SWITZER • FEB 3, 2020

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[Competing in the Midlands](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 31, 2020

Each year, our next guest's nonprofit organization releases its Midlands Regional Competitiveness Report, kind of a report card on how the central part of our state's economy is doing compared to other areas. Mike Switzer interviews Meghan Hickman, executive director of [EngenuitySC](#) in Columbia, SC.

[38th SE Wildlife Expo Coming Feb 14-16](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 30, 2020

Our state's tourism season is about to kick off with more than 40,000 people expected to attend an annual event in the Lowcountry celebrating the art and sport of wildlife. Mike Switzer interviews John Powell, executive director

of the [Southeastern Wildlife Exposition](#) coming to Charleston, SC in February.

[Upstate School Addressing Teacher Shortage](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 29, 2020

With the state and nation experiencing a serious teacher shortage, one Upstate college is working on new ways to alleviate that situation. Mike Switzer interviews Dr. Laura Reynolds, [USC Upstate's Dean of the School of Education, Human Performance, and Health](#) in Spartanburg, SC.

[Finding a Financial Advisor](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 28, 2020

As with any profession, there are those who excel, those who are average, and those who lag in their field. Financial planning is no different. To hold yourself out as a "Financial Advisor" you just need to pass a couple of exams that only require about a month's worth of studying; then you can be responsible for someone's life savings. How would you rate your financial advisor?

Mike Switzer interviews Ashton Lawrence, a certified financial planner with [Dehollander and Janse Financial Group](#) in Greenville, SC.

[SC Business Update from Andy Owens](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 27, 2020

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

[Burgers Lead to Success](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 24, 2020

Have you ever created a recipe that your friends and family thought was so tasty that that led you to think about turning it into a business? That happened to our next guests and now their products are on the shelves of many national retailers, they've won a "Customer Food Choice Award" from QVC, and they've been chosen to serve on Facebook's Small Business Council.

[German American Business Relations Grows in S.C.](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 23, 2020

Each year, our next guest's school hosts a [German American business summit](#) to facilitate the growth of our state's relationship with one of our most significant trading partners. This year's event is February 5th. Mike Switzer interviews Alan Shao, dean of the [School of Business at the College of Charleston](#), as well as their vice president of corporate affairs.

[Commercial Construction Booming in S.C.](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 22, 2020

If you traveled through our state over the holidays, you probably noticed a lot of commercial construction going on. It's been a busy industry for several years now, but will it continue into 2020? Mike Switzer interviews Chappy McKay, with [Trident Construction](#) in North Charleston, SC

["SECURE" Retirement Changes Coming this Year](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 21, 2020

Last year, we mentioned that a possible new retirement law could bring some significant changes to your retirement account. And just before Christmas, the [Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement \(SECURE\) Act](#), was signed by the president and is now law. Mike Switzer interviews Eddie Kramer, a certified financial planner with [Abacus Planning Group](#) in Columbia, SC.

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[Catching the "Subway" to Success](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 17, 2020

Nearly 40 years ago, our next guest, an Iranian immigrant, brought the Subway brand sandwich business to South Carolina with its first location in the Upstate. That success gave him the confidence to try bringing his Persian heritage to the local food scene with a new restaurant and 12 years later, it's still there and growing.

[Learning to Code Software in Kindergarten](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 16, 2020

You've heard us talk about code schools on this program many times over recent years, as the demand for software developers continues to rise. But you probably had no idea that there is now a code school for 5-year-olds, right here in South Carolina. Mike Switzer interviews Christina Lazar, franchise owner of [Code Ninjas in Tega Cay, SC](#).

[Beating the Odds at Starting a Business](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 15, 2020

By now, most people are probably aware that the odds are against entrepreneurs. Statistics show that more than half of new businesses fail in the first five years. Which is why our next guest says that if you want to succeed, you need to be prepared to make some critical investments into your enterprise. And she's not talking about land, buildings, or equipment. Mike Switzer interviews Hilary Johnson, founder and business coach with [Hatch Tribe](#) in Charleston, SC.

[Financial Tips for Millennials](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 14, 2020

The beginning of a new year is a great time to review your plan for your financial future. If you are a Millennial, you might want to pay particular attention since you are most likely still in the early years of your career. Mike Switzer interviews Joy Watkins, a certified financial planner with [Anchor Investment Management](#) in Columbia, SC.

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

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["Surprise Gift" e-Commerce Site Launches in SC](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 10, 2020

If you're from the South and you've ever bought a surprise, little gift for a friend or family member just because, then you probably also know the term

for that type of gift. Our next guest recently decided to turn that type of gift-giving into an e-commerce business. Mike Switzer interviews Allan Symonette, founder of [Surcee](#) in Greenville, SC.

[Charleston, SC Company Named Fastest Growing in State](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 9, 2020

With commercial construction activity in high gear right now, we were not surprised to learn that this year's [SCBizNews fastest growing small company](#) in our state hails from that industry and from one of our busiest areas, the Lowcountry. Mike Switzer interviews Scott McCormack, owner of [Quantum Coatings](#) in Charleston, SC.

[Audio Production Careers Find Roots in SC](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 8, 2020

While many of our listeners may know our next guest for his annual free music festival in downtown Columbia, SC, many may not know that his recording studio company also teaches an audio engineering certificate program that is launching a variety of careers in sound production. Mike Switzer interviews Jay Matheson, founder of the [Jam Room Recording Studio](#), the [Jam Room Music Festival](#), and the [Midlands Audio Institute](#) in Columbia, SC.

[Planning and Paying for Death](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 7, 2020

"Death and Taxes" are the two most often quoted items of inevitability. Taxes are certainly discussed frequently, whereas death, not so much. Our next guest says, when it comes to financial planning, that could be a big mistake. Mike Switzer interviews Laird Green, a certified financial planner with [Abacus Planning Group](#) in Greenville, SC.

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

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 6, 2020

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[Excerpt #10 from USC's Economic Outlook Conference](#)

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 3, 2020

Our program today features an excerpt from the University of South Carolina Moore School's recent Economic Outlook Conference. Today's excerpt comes from Doug Woodward, director, [Division of Research at the Moore School of Business](#) at USC in Columbia, SC.

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

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 2, 2020

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

By MIKE SWITZER • JAN 1, 2020

Our program today features an excerpt from the University of South Carolina Moore School's recent Economic Outlook Conference. Today's excerpt comes from Sarah House, director and research economist at [Wells Fargo Economics](#).