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Dr. Walter's Edgar's Journal

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Fri March 27, 2015

[The History and Future of Middleton Place](#)

By [Alfred Turner](#)

Charleston's Middleton Place was established early in the life of the Carolina colony and served as a base of operations for a great Low Country planter family and was home to a dynamic African-American slave community. Charles Duell, President of the Middleton Place Foundation, and Tracey Todd, Vice President of Museums for the Foundation, talk with Dr. Edgar about the history and future of Middleton Place.

History

Fri March 20, 2015

By [Alfred Turner](#)

In a remarkable reappraisal of Lincoln, the distinguished historian O. Vernon Burton shows how the president's authentic Southernness empowered him to conduct a civil war that redefined freedom as a personal right to be expanded to all Americans. In the violent decades to follow, the extent of that freedom would be contested but not its central place in what defined the country.

Fri March 13, 2015

[The Forgotten Methods of the 'Rice Kingdom'](#)

Dr. Richard Porche

By [Alfred Turner](#)

In *The Market Preparation of Carolina Rice: An Illustrated History of Innovations in the Lowcountry Rice Kingdom* (USC Press, 2014), Dr. Richard D. Porcher and co-author William Robert Judd have amassed a great body of previously unknown information on the history of South Carolina's rice culture.

Fri March 6, 2015

[Conversations on the Civil War, 1865: Jefferson Davis: American](#)

Dr. William J. Cooper, Jr.

By [Alfred Turner](#)

The University of South Carolina's College of Arts and Humanities and Institute for Southern Studies concludes its series *Conversations on the Civil War* with a look back to 1865, the end of the war, the beginning of freedom for thousands of slaves, and the period of Reconstruction in the South.

Fri February 27, 2015

[Conversations on the Civil War, 1865: the War in Fiction](#)

By [Alfred Turner](#)

(Note: this program was originally scheduled for 02/20/15)

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Fri February 20, 2015

[Deadly Censorship - James Lowell Underwood](#)

James Lowell Underwood

By [Alfred Turner](#)

Please Note: *Conversations on the Civil War* with guest Robert Brinkmeyer has been rescheduled for next week.

(Originally broadcast 05/30/14) - South Carolina's Lt. Governor shoots to death the Editor of the state's largest newspaper, in broad daylight, in downtown Columbia. Sounds like a plot point in a novel? Well, it actually happened, in the early 20th century, and James Lowell Underwood tells the story in his book, *Deadly Censorship: Murder, Honor, and Freedom of the Press* ([USC Press](#), 2013).

Fri February 13, 2015

[The New South - Dr. James C. Cobb](#)

James C. Cobb

By [Alfred Turner](#)

Walter Edgar's Journal listeners have a front row seat for a public "Conversation about the South," held in March of 2014 by the American History Book Club and Forum at the Upcountry History Museum – Furman University, in Greenville, SC. Long-time friends and colleagues, Professor James Cobb, who holds the B. Phinizy Spalding Professorship in History at the University of Georgia, and Dr.

Fri February 6, 2015

[Collecting Antiques and Art](#)

By [Alfred Turner](#)

The topic on this week's [Walter Edgar's Journal](#) is Collecting--antiques, fine art, and decorative art. Southern art—and South Carolina art in particular—has become increasingly desirable to collectors as well as average art collectors in the last ten years. There is even a market for 20th century furniture and decorative items.

Fri January 30, 2015

[Sustainable Seafood in South Carolina](#)

By [Alfred Turner](#)

Bryan Tayara and Dr. John Mark Dean share a passion for sustainable, locally caught seafood. Tayara is owner of [Our Local Catch](#), and Dr. Dean is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus in Science and Ocean Policy with the [University of South Carolina's Marine Science Program](#). They talk with Dr. Edgar about the state of South Carolina's crabbers, fishermen, shrimpers, and other suppliers.

Fri January 23, 2015

[The Smell of Battle, the Taste of Siege](#)

Dr. Mark M. Smith

By [Alfred Turner](#)

Dr. Mark M. Smith, of the University of South Carolina, returns to The Journal to talk about his book [The Smell of Battle, the Taste of Siege: A Sensory History of the Civil War](#) (Oxford University Press, 2014). No other book has looked at the Civil War through the prism of the five senses, or considered their impact on various groups of individuals.

[Read more](#)

Fri January 16, 2015

[Author Ron Rash on Walter Edgar's Journal](#)

Ron Rash

By [Alfred Turner](#)

Bestselling author Ron Rash returns to Walter Edgar's Journal to talk about his life and work. He'll also tell Dr. Edgar about [The Ron Rash Reader](#) (USC Press, 2014), the 20th anniversary edition of [The Night the New Jesus Fell to Earth](#) (USC Press, 2014) as well as his collection entitled [Something Rich and Strange](#) (Harper Collins, 2014).

[Read more](#)

[Preserving Our History for Our Future](#)

By [Alfred Turner](#)

The Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation is a non-profit organization operating in South Carolina since 1990, dedicated to preserving and protecting the historic structures of our state. Executive Director Michael Bedenbaugh drops by our studio to talk with Walter Edgar about some recent success stories—including the preservation of Greenville's Wilkins House, and the rehabilitation of the Frances Jones House as part of the Daufuskie Endangered Places Program.

Friday Jan. 2, 2015

[Remembering Gov. James B. Edwards](#)

By [Alfred Turner](#)

With the passing of former South Carolina Governor James B. Edwards, on December 26, 2014, [Walter Edgar's Journal](#) offers an encore of a conversation between Dr. Edgar and the Governor, which first aired in October of 2004.

Edwards was the first Republican Governor elected since Reconstruction. Walter talks with him about his time in office...both on the state and federal levels.

State House Week

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

Fridays at 6:45 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 1:33 p.m., 5:44 p.m.

All shows 4:00 in length

NOTE: Shows listed in reverse air order (Jan. 16, 2015 at the bottom, March 27, 2015 on top)

[Statehouse Week - Mar 27, 2015](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#)

This week saw its share of political discord at the Statehouse. Russ McKinney discusses plans in both the House and Senate to fix the state's crumbling roads.

[Statehouse Week - Mar 20, 2015](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#)

Today on Statehouse Week: the South Carolina House is poised to take-up road repairs and gas tax.

[Statehouse Week - Mar 13, 2015](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#)

This week, host Russ McKinney discusses roads and ethics reform, the two issues that are priorities for the annual legislative session.

[Statehouse Week - Mar 06, 2015](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#)

Host Russ McKinney discusses the General Assembly's ongoing plans to deal with the financial problems at S.C. State University.

[Statehouse Week - Feb 27, 2015](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#)

Host Russ McKinney discusses bills in both the House and Senate that would increase penalties for Criminal Domestic Violence.

[Statehouse Week - Feb 20, 2015](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#)

Host Russ McKinney discusses the progress of next year's state budget.

[Statehouse Week - Feb 13, 2015](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#)

Host Russ McKinney discusses this week in the South Carolina legislature.

[Statehouse Week - Feb 06, 2015](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#)

Host Russ McKinney looks back at this week in the South Carolina General Assembly.

[Statehouse Week - Jan 30, 2015](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#)

Host Russ McKinney discusses the legislature's plans to repair South Carolina's roads.

[Statehouse Week - Jan 23, 2015](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#)

Russ McKinney looks at the highlights of Governor Nikki Haley's fifth State of the State address.

[Statehouse Week - Jan 16, 2015](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#)

Russ McKinney discusses the highlight of the opening week of the SC general assembly: Governor Nikki Haley's Inaugural address.

South Carolina Business Review

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

@ 7:51 a.m., Monday thru Friday

All shows 5:50 in length

NOTE: Listings in reverse date order (Jan. 1, 2015 at the bottom, March 31, 2015 at the top)

[Tax Law Changes Possible for Retirement Plans](#)

Tues March 31, 2015

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Every year, tax law changes are proposed as part of the President's budget, and while they may or may not make it into Congress' official budget, financial planners still like to make their clients aware of the potential need to adjust their own budgets accordingly. This year, some of the proposals involve retirement plans.

[Weekly South Carolina Business Update](#)

Mon March 30, 2015

By [Mike Switzer](#)

A weekly update of the news, events and issues facing 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.

Fri March 27, 2015

[Clemson Professor Inspiring Future Engineers](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

As the nation's infrastructure ages and advanced manufacturing becomes a larger piece of the economic pie, our next guest says the need for engineers will only grow, especially in South Carolina. And that's why he is working with students in middle and high schools across the state involving them in activities like building air-powered cars and testing towers against earthquakes, to hopefully spur their interest in engineering.

Thu March 26, 2015

[Columbia Airport Celebrating Continued Growth](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

I don't know if you've heard, but for the first time in a decade one of South Carolina's under-recognized airports have achieved three consecutive years of growth, finally overcoming the effects of mergers, trends in aviation, and the Great Recession.

Mike Switzer interviews Kaela Harmon, public relations manager for the [Columbia Metropolitan Airport](#)

Wed March 25, 2015

[Engaged Workforce Helps Upstate Company Win National Award](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Our next guest's Upstate South Carolina Company has been singled out by IndustryWeek magazine as one of the best manufacturing plants in North America. The publication specifically mentioned the company's "engaged workforce" in its announcement of their 25th annual Best Plants competition.

Mike Switzer interviews Gary Cole, operations manager for [T&S Brass and Bronze Works](#) in Traveler's Rest, SC.

Tue March 24, 2015

[How to Get the Most Out of Your Financial Planner](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

After physical health, most people would rank financial health next on their list of overall life priorities. So our next guest says it only makes sense to work with a professional, especially if your situation is complicated.

Mike Switzer interviews Mason Hardy, a certified financial planner and Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor with [Creative Financial Strategies](#) in Columbia, South Carolina.

Mon March 23, 2015

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

By [Mike Switzer](#)

A regular update of the entrepreneurial activity in South Carolina.

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner founder and CEO of [SwampFox](#), an entrepreneur-centric business news service based in Greenville, S.C.

Fri March 20, 2015

[Antioxidants from Animal Blood May Soon Show Up on the Supplement Shelf](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

These days, most everybody knows the importance of antioxidants in your daily diet. Well, South Carolina's technology awards program known as [Innovision](#) handed out their 2014 awards late last year and one of the Small Enterprise Awards went to an Upstate company that has developed a proprietary method for extraction of antioxidants from animal blood. Right now these antioxidants are only being marketed to the pet food industry, but the company says humans are next.

Thu March 19, 2015

[Charleston Company Recognized for Internet-Connected Water Heater](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

By now, you've probably heard of the "Internet of Things", where we see so many everyday devices becoming connected to the Internet. For example, our next guest says that his technology will connect your water heater to the Internet so that you can more efficiently manage your use of hot water.

Wed March 18, 2015

[Upstate University Expanding Drone Industry?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

It seems like drones are in the news on a regular basis these days, but how many of you know that South Carolina is home to an award-winning drone team that has found some innovative uses for drone technology?

Mike Switzer interviews [John Conrad](#), a physics professor at [Furman University](#) in Greenville, SC whose drone team is winning awards from the Upstate ([Innovision](#)) to Virginia to Oregon.

Tue March 17, 2015

[What Happens to Your Business If You Retire or Die?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

As business owners approach retirement age, they start to think about what will happen to their business. Our next guest says it would be best if they started thinking about this long before retirement, but either way, he has six points for family business owners to consider when planning for succession.

Mike Switzer interviews Jon Robertson, a certified financial planner with [Abacus Planning Group](#) in Columbia, SC.

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Fri March 13, 2015

[IT Summit Returns to Columbia March 18th](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

More than 67,000 people across South Carolina are employed in technology-related occupations at an average salary of \$64,693, and of course, the numbers of these jobs and their economic impact will only increase in the future. That's why IT-ology, the non-profit technology training organization in Columbia, hosts an annual Summit on IT. And the next one is right around the corner on March 18th.

Thu March 12, 2015

[Lexington Teens Find Success as Serial Entrepreneurs](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Several years ago our next guest and his sister talked three sharks from ABC's TV show Shark Tank into investing into their company. They sold it a few years later and then last year, he won Warren Buffet's "Grow Your Own Business" competition, which then led to both of them launching their newest business on the Meredith Veira TV show. And during this entire time, they have been and still are kids.

Mike Switzer interviews Jake Johnson, 15 (his sister, Lachlan, who could not join us today, is 19), co-owner of Lexington, SC-based [Beaux Up](#).

Wed March 11, 2015

[SC's Water Professionals Work With Business Community](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Most businesses in South Carolina know the importance of our state's water resources. In fact, many have said that shortages of water are much more likely now this century than oil.

Tue March 10, 2015

[Can "Unretirement" be Good for Your Company?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Our next guest says that the adage "out with the old and in with the new" doesn't work anymore for American companies when it comes to their workforce. He says that experience and wisdom have more value now than ever before and has led to a new buzzword in the human resources field: "unretirement". Mike Switzer interviews Chris Farrell, senior economics contributor at Marketplace, American Public Media's nationally syndicated public radio business and personal finance program heard weekdays on this network.

Mon March 9, 2015

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By [Mike Switzer](#)

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Fri March 6, 2015

[College of Charleston Developing Cancer Imaging Technology](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

South Carolina's technology awards program known as [Innovision](#) handed out their 2014 awards late last year. The College of Charleston earned the Technology Application Award for 3-dimensional imaging technology that will allow a single snapshot from a digital camera to help doctors diagnose cancer growths in patients in severely under-served regions of the world.

[Stroke Victims Punch Their Way Back](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

According to published research, 75% of stroke survivors suffer from arm movement damage. Yet only 15% of patients fully recover, due to what our next guest says is the limited availability of therapy, lack of customization to individual needs, and low compliance to recommended home therapy exercises.

Wed March 4, 2015

[SC Festival Benefits Culinary and Hospitality Careers](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Most businesses in a community will tell you that local festivals are good for business. And it's that time of year when outdoor festivals are starting to pop up around South Carolina. One that's showing up on our radar this week is Charleston Wine + Food, which is celebrating its 10th year, and whose profits go to culinary and hospitality scholarships in Charleston. Mike Switzer interviews Gillian Zettler, executive director for this non-profit organization.

Tue March 3, 2015

[New Rules Proposed for Financial Advisors](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Our next guest says that many, if not most, of the titles behind the names of people in the financial advice industry are largely meaningless. Titles such as financial advisor, financial consultant, financial planner, wealth manager. Meaningless from a legal and regulatory perspective anyway. The Securities and Exchange Commission however, has recently proposed new rules that they hope will alleviate this situation. Mike Switzer interviews Dave Gerdt, a certified financial planner with the [Hultquist Firm Advisors](#) in Greenville, SC.

Mon March 2, 2015

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By [Mike Switzer](#)

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Imagine Upstate<http://www.imagineupstate.org/> Smart State<http://smartstategsc.org/index> Summit on IT<http://www.techjunto.com/events/834>

Fri February 27, 2015

[Medical Scribes in Demand](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Most people are aware that the government mandate for electronic health care records has spawned a burgeoning industry of software companies helping doctors meet this mandate. But many don't know that this law is also spurring the growth of medical scribes, trained employees who stand next to the doctor and write down everything he or she says. Our next guest says doctors are loving this new trend and it's why his company is thriving.

Mike Switzer interviews Sam Jones, founder of [eScribe](#), based in Charleston, SC.

Thu February 26, 2015

[Online Used Car Info Company 3rd Fastest Growing in SC](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

The Capital Corporation's list of South Carolina's 25 Fastest Growing Companies for 2014 was released recently. Coming in third was a LowCountry company that provides online information for used car buyers.

Mike Switzer interviews Jeremy Anspach, president and CEO of Charleston, SC-based PureCars.

Wed February 25, 2015

[Walking and Cycling Good for Local Economy](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Last month, the City of Columbia, SC held its final public meeting for [Walk Bike Columbia](#), a project that our next guest says will bring a lot of health, environmental and economic benefits to the city and its residents and businesses.

Mike Switzer interviews Lucinda Statler, the Urban Design Planner for the [Planning Department for the City of Columbia](#).

Tue February 24, 2015

[There's Still Time to Lower Your 2014 Tax Bill](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

As we are all only too much aware, this is tax season. And while most of your 2014 deductions are already done and maxed out, there are still a few opportunities for lowering that tax bill.

Mike Switzer interviews Bryan Ballentine is a certified financial planner with [Ballentine Capital Advisors](#) in Greenville, SC.

Mon February 23, 2015

[SC Business Update From Alan Cooper](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

A weekly update of the news, events and issues facing 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](#).

Fri February 20, 2015

[SC Automotive Summit Feb. 23-25](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

With cars and tires and numerous other automotive products manufactured here in our state, most of our citizens are aware of the importance of that cluster of companies to our economy.

But I would be willing to bet that the majority does not know that South Carolina is ranked second among all U.S. states in automotive exports. Mike Switzer interviews Catherine Hayes is executive director, of the South Carolina Automotive Council in Greenville.

Thu February 19, 2015

[SC Innovision Award Winner Advocates Learning Through Activity](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Our next guest says that if kids are hopping, jumping, and running while they are learning math, English and other school subjects, they will not only be fitter, but will learn better. Mike Switzer interviews Dr. Julian Reed, founder of ActivEd, which recently received the Innovation in Education Award from South Carolina's Innovision Awards program. He is also among the nation's leading researchers exploring the relationship between obesity, cognition and academic achievement.

Wed February 18, 2015

[Low Gas Prices Not Slowing Demand for Alternative Fuel Vehicles](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Even though gasoline prices have collapsed, they remain very unpredictable and that's why many public and corporate fleets are exploring alternatives to petroleum-based transportation. And that's why the South Carolina Energy Office has partnered with the US Dept. Of Energy in a new

initiative geared toward expanding the use of alternative fuel vehicles. Mike Switzer interviews Jennifer Satterthwaite, coordinator of the Palmetto State Clean Fuels Coalition, part of the nationwide Clean Cities program.

Tue February 17, 2015

[South Carolina's 2014 Economic Stats Released](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Although our state's economy has now entered the second month of 2015, our economy statistics for 2014's year-end have only recently become available. Mike Switzer interviews Joey von Nessen, a research economist with the University of South Carolina's Moore School of Business, and their Division of Research, which stays busy tracking and calculating our state's economic statistics.

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Fri February 13, 2015

[Cracking the B2SB Market](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Have you ever tried selling something to the owner of a local shop or franchise? Our next guest says that small business owners tend to be elusive and can often leave marketers scratching their heads trying to figure out how to get their message across. That's why he formed an agency that is focusing on the fast growing segment of marketing known as Business to Small Business or B2SB. Mike Switzer interviews Dan Gliatta, managing partner at Cargo, headquartered in Greenville, SC.

Thu February 12, 2015

[Recipe for Success: Textbooks, Add Chocolate](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

You could say that our next guest is a serial entrepreneur or you could say that he is a bi-polar entrepreneur. For over a decade, he has been producing custom textbooks for professors and instructors around the world.

Business & Finance

[SC Organization Helps Teachers Teach Real-World Economics](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

If it's one thing our business community agrees about, it's their desire to see everyone become active, successful, and prosperous members of our global economy. Which just happens to be our next guest's mission. Mike Switzer interviews Jim Morris, CEO of SC Economics, also known as the South Carolina Council on Economic Education.

Tue February 10, 2015

[What are the Tax Consequences of a Divorce?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Most of us have known someone who has gone through a divorce, in fact it might even be you. And in the case of a divorce, how often do you suppose each party takes into consideration things like taxes and insurance? Our next guest says these decisions can have long term consequences and need to be addressed. Mike Switzer interviews [Jamie Minster](#), a certified divorce financial analyst practicing in Charleston, SC.

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Fri February 6, 2015

[Local Guitarist Teaches His Way to Success](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Our next guest started playing guitar in bands in high school 23 years ago, eventually forming his own groups, and then 14 years ago started teaching guitar after reuniting with his high school instructor. Some of his students have gone on to become nationally signed acts, win awards, and

have songs in major movies and television shows. Recently, he has also begun teaching via Skype with students as far away as Japan.

Mike Switzer interviews Don Russo, founder and owner of [Freeway Music](#) in Columbia, SC.

Thu February 5, 2015

[Moore School Dean Taking Care of Business](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

It's been over a year now since the [Darla Moore School of Business](#) at the University of South Carolina hired a new leader. He says he's all settled in now and ready to discuss his plans for the school moving forward. Mike Switzer interviews Peter Brews is dean of the [Moore School](#).

Wed February 4, 2015

[Beaufort International Film Festival Brings Andie MacDowell Back to SC](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

According to MovieMaker magazine, our next guest's event is "one of the 25 coolest general film festivals in the world." Not bad for a small town in a small state. But not surprising when this same small town is connected to Forrest Gump, Pat Conroy, Tom Berringer, Demi Moore, Kevin Kline and many, many more big name movies and actors. And this year, attendees will see Gaffney, SC native and world-renowned actress Andie MacDowell on stage receiving the festival's inaugural Spirit and Pride of South Carolina award.

Tue February 3, 2015

[Local Prognosticator Sees More Gains for Financial Markets in 2015](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

The stock and bond markets have been on a multi-year run, with no sizable corrections since the rebound from the Great Recession in 2008. Will 2015 be the year the markets finally retrace some of their success? Mike Switzer interviews Doug English, with [ACT Advisors](#) in Charleston.

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Fri January 30, 2015

[Bright Outlook for Greenville Tourism in 2015](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

The news just keeps getting better for tourism in our state. Most of the good news you heard last year was about Charleston and Myrtle Beach, but recently Greenville, South Carolina was named the seventh best place to visit in the U.S. in 2015 by Lonely Planet, one of the world's leading travel media companies.

Mike Switzer interviews Chris Stone is president of [VisitGreenvilleSC](#), the official sales and marketing organization for the City and County of Greenville.

Thu January 29, 2015

[SC Tech School Teaches Gunsmithing](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Most people are probably aware that South Carolina has been seeing a big increase in its firearms business as a result of some other states' unfriendly environments for that industry. Our next guest says that is why his school developed a curriculum in gunsmithing that is bringing in students from as far away as Alaska and resulting in a 2 year waiting list to join the program.

Wed January 28, 2015

[Rock Hill Photographer Rescues Rare Illustrations](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

If you happened to visit Christmasville in Rock Hill, South Carolina over the holidays, you may have noticed an exhibit of magazine covers illustrated by Rice Krispies Snap, Crackle and Pop creator, Vernon Grant. Mr. Grant adopted Rock Hill as his home town and donated to the town most of his original magazine cover illustrations. Unfortunately they weren't in such great shape. The good news is that Rock Hill is also home to a world class digital restoration specialist and that's why those magazine covers displayed in Rock Hill look just like the originals.

Tue January 27, 2015

[What Do Lower Oil Prices Mean to My Investment Portfolio?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

By now everyone is aware of the new lower oil prices and the corresponding fall in gasoline prices and what it all means to our bank accounts. But what does it mean to our investment accounts? Do we sell our energy industry stocks and mutual funds, do we buy more, do we sit and watch?

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

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Fri January 23, 2015

[World's Hottest Pepper Grows in Rock Hill, SC](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Measuring over 1.5 million on the Scoville Heat Unit Scale, our next guest's creation, known as the Carolina Reaper, was awarded the Guinness World Record in November of 2013 as the hottest pepper in the world.

Mike Switzer interviews Ed Currie, founder, president, and mad-scientist AKA Smokin' Ed of the [Puckerbutt Pepper Company](#) (the name of the company will not be mentioned over the air), who grows these peppers and more in his Rock Hill, South Carolina greenhouse.

Thu January 22, 2015

[UX Web Design – What is it and Why is it so Popular?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

You may have heard an interview we did early last year with the Upstate software engineering school The Iron Yard about their initiative to train students in the art of computer code and design, all within 12 weeks. Our next guest is with a Columbia, SC-based web design company helping the Iron Yard teach something known as UX, and it's being mirrored in Austin, Texas.

Wed January 21, 2015

[At the End of the Hunt, Local Entrepreneur Finds Success](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Hunting has always been big business in South Carolina, and our next guest, an avid hunter himself, saw the need about five years ago to bring the business of hunting into the 21st century through technology. As an International MBA student, his idea won a business plan competition at the University of South Carolina in 2011 and since actual development, the company's mobile apps have become top sellers nationwide, which is allowing the company to expand into new markets.

Tue January 20, 2015

[Tracking Your Money Resolutions in 2015](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

January is more than half gone already which means that you should have a head start on your new year's resolutions by now, right? Our next guest says that if you made some financial resolutions, he has some tips that will help you stay on track.

Mike Switzer interviews [Chris Beard, a certified financial planner with Gateway Wealth Strategies](#) in Greenville, SC.

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[SC Public School Leading STEM Initiative](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

By now, most of us have heard of STEM, the initiative to teach science, technology and math in our public schools. Our next guest says her South Carolina public school has been at the forefront of this initiative since 1988.

Mike Switzer interviews Kim Bowman, the executive vice president for strategic direction at the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics in Hartsville, SC.

Thu January 15, 2015

[Michelin Dedicates New Plant in Upstate for “Tweel”](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Eight years ago, we interviewed our next guest's company about a revolutionary new tire design that combined the benefits of a radial tire, such as improved traction and longer wear, into one that requires no air. Since then, it has been tested on wheelchairs, Segways, passenger cars, and NASA moon rovers and for the past two years successfully sold for use on front-end loaders, proving the demand. Which has resulted in the recent announcement of a \$50 million plant in the Upstate to manufacture the tire.

Wed January 14, 2015

[Clemson Research Offers Financial Relief for Diabetics](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

If you are a diabetic, you know that blood sugar test-strips cost about a dollar each. Our next guest is a student at Clemson University who says her research team has developed a process to bring the retail price of these down to five cents. And she has attracted \$500,000 from local investors.

Mike Switzer interviews doctoral student Kayla Gainey, chief technology officer for [Accessible Diagnostics](#), currently based at Clemson University.

Tue January 13, 2015

[Four Areas that Should be a Part of Everyone’s Financial Plan](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

You’ve heard the old adage: “A failure to plan is a plan for failure”. Well, there's no better time to put together a written financial plan than the first part of the year. So where do you start? Our next guest says that there are four areas that should be a part of everyone’s financial plan.

Mike Switzer interviews [Rick Van Der Noord](#) one of the inaugural Certified Financial Planning professionals in America, who joins us by phone from his office in Greenville SC.

Mon January 12, 2015

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

By [Mike Switzer](#)

A weekly update of the news, events and issues facing South Carolina's business community.

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner founder and CEO of [Swampfox](#), a South Carolina business news service, based in Greenville, S.C. Events: <http://www.scautomotivecouncil.com>

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Fri January 9, 2015

[Telehealth Company Expanding in South Carolina](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Our next guest says the biggest change in health care over the next few years will not be the Affordable Care Act, but how people will access physicians and how telehealth will play a prominent role in this shift.

Mike Switzer interviews Chris Cole, senior managing partner with [eDocHome](#), based in Greenville, SC.

Thu January 8, 2015

[South Carolina Tourism Earns Accolades for BBQ Trail](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

As you traveled our state's highways this past summer, you may have seen billboards announcing [South Carolina's "barbecue trail"](#). They were part of a tourism campaign that was not only successful but award-winning.

Mike Switzer interviews Duane Parrish, director of the [South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism in Columbia](#).

[Read more](#)

Wed January 7, 2015

[Upstate Lender Finds Flipping Success](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

The [Capital Corporation's list of South Carolina's 25 Fastest Growing Companies for 2014](#) was released recently. Coming in at number one is an Upstate company, which provides financing to residential real estate investors, mainly "house flippers".

Mike Switzer interviews John Warren, president of [Lima One Capital](#) in Greenville.

Tue January 6, 2015

[How Are You Going to Pay for the Wedding?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#)

Our next guest says that, unlike retirement and education, most people rarely even think about socking away money to pay for a wedding. And she says that's a big mistake.

Mike Switzer interviews [Catherine Latto](#), a certified financial planner in Charleston, SC.

Mon January 5, 2015

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

By [Mike Switzer](#)

A weekly update of the news, events and issues facing South Carolina's business community.

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner founder and CEO of [Innoventure](#), and its [Swampfox business news service](#), based in Greenville, S.C.

Fri January 2, 2015

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

By [Mike Switzer](#)

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

Today's excerpt comes from [Robert Key](#), Senior Vice President, CCM Investment Advisors.

Thu January 1, 2015

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

By [Mike Switzer](#)

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

Today's excerpt comes from [Robert Key](#), Senior Vice President, CCM Investment Advisors.

Health Focus

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[Living Donor Kidney Transplantation in South Carolina](#)

Aired March 30 at 6:45 A.M. and 8:45 A.M., March 31 at 1:33 P.M.

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Baliga about medical advances in living donor kidney transplantation for patients with chronic kidney disease. Dr. Baliga is a Professor of Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina and Chief of the Division of Transplant Surgery at MUSC.

[Health Focus: Cystic Fibrosis Research & Treatment in SC](#)

Aired March 23 at 6:45 A.M. and 8:45 A.M., March 24 at 1:33 P.M., March 25 at 9:30 A.M. (WRJA, WNSC, WJWJ, WLJK, WHMC) and 2:30 P.M. (WSCI, WLTR, WEPR), March 26 at 5:44 P.M.

By [Bobbi Conner](#)

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Isabell Virella-Lowell about cystic fibrosis and recent MUSC research which has contributed to national efforts to improve treatment and outcomes for children with cystic fibrosis. Dr. Lowell, is the Director of the MUSC Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis Program.

[Autism Research in South Carolina](#)

Aired March 16 at 6:45 A.M. and 8:45 A.M., March 17 at 1:33 P.M., March 18 at 9:30 A.M. (WRJA, WNSC, WJWJ, WLJK, WHMC) and 2:30 P.M. (WSCI, WLTR, WEPR), March 19 at 5:44 P.M.

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Laura Carpenter about a South Carolina based research project to learn more about Autism. Dr. Carpenter is the Principle Investigator for the South Carolina Children's Educational Surveillance Study.

[Tele-Mental Health Services for S.C. Veterans](#)

Aired March 9 at 6:45 A.M. and 8:45 A.M., march 10 at 1:33 P.M., march 11 at 9:30 A.M. (WRJA, WNSC, WJWJ, WLJK, WHMC) and 2:30 P.M. (WSCI, WLTR, WEPR), march 12 at 5:44 P.M.

This week, Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Hugh Myrick about Tele-mental health services available to Veterans in S.C. –using video-teleconferencing. Dr. Myrick as an Associate Professor of Psychiatry in the Military Sciences Division at MUSC and Associate Chief of Staff, Mental Health Service Line at the VA Medical Center in Charleston.

[A Pediatric Tele-Health Program for Children in S.C.](#)

Aired March 2 at 6:45 A.M. and 8:45 A.M., march 3 at 1:33 P.M., march 4 at 9:30 A.M. (WRJA, WNSC, WJWJ, WLJK, WHMC) and 2:30 P.M. (WSCI, WLTR, WEPR), march 5 at 5:44 P.M.

By Bobbi Connor

This week, Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. James Mc Elligott about a school based-health program that provides pediatric care to South Carolina children. Dr. James Mc Elligott is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Medical Director for Tele-Health at MUSC.

[Improving Heart-Health for Women in S.C.](#)

Aired Feb. 23 at 6:45 A.M. and 8:45 A.M., Feb. 24 at 1:33 P.M., Feb. 25 at 9:30 A.M. (WRJA, WNSC, WJWJ, WLJK, WHMC) and 2:30 P.M. (WSCI, WLTR, WEPR), Feb. 26 at 5:44 P.M.

By Alfred Turner

Today Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Eric Powers about the risks of cardio vascular disease for South Carolina women and Dr. Powers offers a plan of positive lifestyle changes to improve heart-health. Dr. Eric Powers is Co- Medical Director of the Heart & Vascular Center at the Medical University of South Carolina.