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AROUND TOWN

Spartanburg Methodist College expanding Bachelor of Arts degree

Spartanburg Methodist College is expanding the recently established Bachelor of Arts degree.

Beginning in Fall 2020, SMC will offer six concentrations for Bachelor students to choose from - business, English, history, religion, as well as two new concentrations, criminal justice and psychology.

Provost Dr. Mark Gibbs, seen teaching in the photo above, says "Criminal justice has been a part of who we are for decades, and it was just a natural progression for us. Psychology pairs beautifully with criminal justice, in fact, I dare say that almost all the students who are going to be doing the criminal justice concentration are also going to be doing the psychology concentration."

City Council gets downtown parking report overview

On Monday, February 10, Spartanburg City Council heard an overview of a report on parking in Downtown Spartanburg. Created by renowned parking consultant, Todd Litman, the report takes a look at the current supply and utilization of downtown parking, engaging stakeholders throughout the process including downtown business owners, parking garage lessees, developers, and City officials. The report was paid for by the City and the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce

The report makes 15 short-term and seven long-term recommendations, and while it found that downtown has ample parking supply, the report makes mention of several ways in which that supply could be better managed.

Also at the February 10 meeting, Council also heard a briefing on a how the City plans to address challenges in recruiting and retaining police officers.

Nease & Higginbotham Orthodontics welcomes Dr. Gary Horvath to the team

Dr. Nease, Dr. Higginbotham, and Dr. Thomas of Nease & Higginbotham Orthodontics have officially merged with Dr. Horvath of Live Laugh Smile Orthodontics.

With this merger, patients will have access to four highly-accomplished orthodontists and five locations across the Upstate of South Carolina. Dr. Higginbotham has been practicing orthodontics in Spartanburg for 48 years; Dr. Nease for 21 years, and Dr. Thomas is a recent graduate from the University of Michigan, one of the top orthodontic residency programs in the country. Dr. Nease and Dr. Horvath have been colleagues and friends for over 20 years. Together with Dr. Higginbotham, they have been trusted orthodontic providers for almost 50 years!

The merger will also allow the practice to strengthen its philanthropic efforts. Through the Smile Upstate Program, the team gives the gift of reduced-fee orthodontic care and treatment to underserved children in Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union Counties of South Carolina. They encourage school and community leaders to nominate deserving children for these awards.

Nease & Higginbotham Orthodontics' philanthropy also extends to countless community programs and businesses, including school bands and cheerleading squads. You may have even seen their video adventures on the big screen at the local high school sports games. They also award eight \$1,000 academic scholarships annually to graduating high school students pursuing a degree in the health sciences. These Nease & Higginbotham Health Science Scholarships have been awarded for over 25 years and have assisted local students in achieving their goals of a college degree.

Although the Nease & Higginbotham family is growing, patients can expect the same exceptional results, superior customer service, and premier care from their doctors and trusted team members.

Female-owned and operated tax company opens in Spartanburg

March is Women's History Month, and Luiza Tax Solutions has opened in Spartanburg. The tax preparation firm is owned and staffed completely by women. The firm located at 365 East Saint John Street, in downtown Spartanburg. The doors opened in January.

Luiza Ymeri, the owner, is an immigrant from Albania. She has a bachelor degree in finance and an accounting background. She is licensed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), with an Enrollment Agent (EA) qualification. She has over 12 years of experience in taxes. She also worked with local SC tax expert and investment specialist, Beverly Russell. They specialize in all types of tax preparation. The firm helps clients with estate planning, business start-ups, IRS issues, and bookkeeping. When a need arises, the firm is ready and capable to handle it for its clients. Ymeri's primary goal for her firm is to be available and provide advice in a timely fashion for those who need it. Call 864-310-6023 for more information.



Gibbs Cancer Center at Pelham, a 191,000-square-foot facility in Greer, will begin treating patients later this month.

Gibbs Cancer Center at Pelham opens new 191,000-square-foot expansion

Greer - The expansion of Gibbs Cancer Center & Research Institute at Pelham will begin treating patients later this month.

Community members and Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System physicians, nurses and associates toured the new building for the first time on March 5th, immediately following a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Construction on the seven-story, 191,000-square-foot facility in Greer began in early 2018 as part of Spartanburg Regional's mission to provide excellence in health to the region and was supported by generous donors who participated in a \$16 million fundraising campaign by the Spartanburg Regional Foundation.

Since 1999, Gibbs Cancer Center has provided comprehensive, personalized cancer treatment to thousands of individuals in the Upstate and beyond. What began as one facility has now expanded to two Spartanburg locations, as well as facilities in Cherokee and Union counties.

The expansion of Gibbs Cancer Center at Pelham balances increasing demands for treatment across the Upstate by investing in the future, while also remaining committed to serving patients in their home communities.

The community surrounding Pelham Medical Center is one of the fastest-growing areas in the state. With easy access to the I-85 corridor and Green-ville-Spartanburg International Airport, this expansion puts Gibbs Cancer Center in an ideal location to meet the increased demands for cancer care locally and regionally.

"The expansion of Gibbs Cancer Center ensures that our unique focus on multidisciplinary care, the latest treatments, the newest equipment and the expertise of our professional caregivers will be available to more families in the Upstate," Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System CEO Bruce Holstien said. "All of us know somebody who has suffered from cancer, and

in those times, families are looking for something more than just treatments. You are looking for hope. You are looking for light, and an open space like this will do wonders for patients when they are receiving treatments."

Gibbs Cancer Center provides care to more than 3,000 patients every year, each with a unique cancer diagnosis. To ensure that each patient's treatment is specifically targeted to their individual needs, oncology specialists, along with cancer support teams and additional medical experts, participate in disease-specific multidisciplinary planning conferences. These conferences are integrated into the design of the new building to enhance treatment and patient satisfaction.

The new cancer center also helps patient stay local and not travel to another city or state for cancer care.

To learn more about Gibbs Cancer Center, visit GibbsCancerCenter.org. To schedule an appointment, call 1-855-DNA-GIBBS.

Inspiring the next generation of minorities in medicine

By Lily Knights

VCOM-Carolinas Student National Medical Association (SNMA) hosted a unique experience on Saturday, February 29, 2020, bringing together under-represented minority medical students and the physicians who have helped to pave their way.

The SNMA Minorities in Medicine event was designed to offer networking opportunities for current minority medical students while providing examples of the successes that they may achieve. In addition to VCOM students from the Virginia and Carolinas campuses, there were physicians and other advanced professionals from Spartanburg and the surrounding communities, as well as VCOM faculty, administration and allies in attendance.

SNMA is an organization committed to supporting current and future underrepresented minority medical students, addressing the needs of underserved communities, and increasing the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent and socially conscious physicians. SNMA

designed this event as the first of its kind within the VCOM community.

The highlight of the event was keynote speaker Ashley Denmark, DO. Class of 2015 VCOM-Carolinas alum, Dr. Denmark is a family medicine physician, but her community work extends far beyond her medical practice.

In addition to being a physician, Dr. Denmark is a mother and a wife, a mentor, diversity advocate, social media influencer and author. In her speech, she shared her experiences and gave advice on being successful in medicine while balancing many roles.

Dr. Denmark's husband and three young children attended the event.

Noting that only about 6% of physicians are Black and only about 2% are Black women, Dr. Denmark expressed her passion for making medical careers a viable path for minority children. Toward this end, Dr. Denmark has written a children's book, an idea sparked when her own daughter asked, "what does Mommy do at work all day?"

Olivia's Doctor Adventure illustrates a broad variety of

possible careers in medicine through the eyes of a young African American girl. Olivia and the reader learn about different types of doctors and other health professionals and are motivated to become part of the next generation of doctors.

In her speech, Dr. Denmark emphasized the importance of minority representation in medicine. She explained that when children never see representatives from their own community in a particular career or field, it can seem that navigating a path to that career is not normal or possible for people who look like them.

Working to "normalize success" Dr. Denmark founded Project Diversify Medicine to ensure more minority individuals follow her lead by earning medical degrees and practicing in their home communities. With over 32,000 followers on Instagram, Project Diversify Medicine showcases current and future doctors of color, demystifies the medical school application process and, in the words of Dr. Denmark, encourages students to "keep going and know you aren't alone."

Is the stress in your life affecting your waistline?

From the American Counseling Association

These days there are numerous things that can add stress to our daily lives. Maybe it's family or financial issues. Maybe it's pressures at work or even that daily commute. Perhaps you find yourself feeling stressed and upset over the latest news reports even though they're about things occurring far from you and beyond your control.

Most of us, when we face anxiety and stress, try to find ways to limit such feelings. One of the most used methods to minimize our stress and make ourselves feel better, if only for a short time, is by turning to food.

Not necessarily a conscious decision, stress eating is a common way to cope with uncomfortable thoughts and feelings. It's a natural reaction. Many foods affect our moods and feelings. They may remind us of better, simpler times (think "comfort foods"), or may actually bring reactions that make us feel better (yes, that "sugar high"), if only for a little while.

The problem with stress eating is that it can have a variety of negative effects, with the most common one being what we see when we step on that bathroom scale. So how can you avoid using food as a stress reliever?

A starting point is to focus on when and why you're eating. Experts advise keeping a food diary, just for a few days, in which you record what you eat, when you eat and what you're feeling at the time. What many people find is that, without realizing it, they've been snacking, often unhealthily, not because they're really hungry, but simply because they're feeling stressed.

It's important to realize that the food you're eating doesn't make the stress or your problems go away, and that it actually may be increasing your stress as you add on unwanted pounds.

You want to deal with this problem by analyzing the sources of stress in your life and trying to see if there might be ways to reduce or manage that stress. Consider looking to non-food related activities, like exercising, reading, gardening or other similar relaxing activities. Sometimes, simply being aware of what is triggering your stress-related eating is enough to help you avoid it.

Overcoming stress-related eating can be a challenge, but it is possible. If your eating issues are affecting your health, consider talking to your family doctor or a counseling professional specializing in this area.

"Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to ACACorner@counseling.org

Around the Upstate

Community Calendar

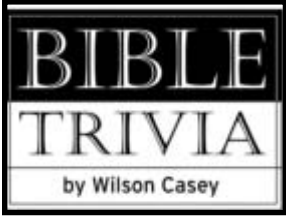
MARCH 15
Chapman Cultural Center is open every Sunday afternoon, 1 - 5 p.m., to provide casual and cultural experiences for those who want to "unplug." Some museums are open with free admission. In addition, one or more local musicians will perform a free mini-concert at no charge 2 - 4 p.m. (864) 542-ARTS.

MARCH 13
Mobile Meals Land Cruise will be held on Friday, March 13, 7 - 11 p.m. at Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium. Tickets are \$60/person, or reserved table for \$1000. Call 1-800-745-3000 for tickets.

MARCH 13 - 15
Spartanburg Little Theatre presents *Terms of Endearment*, at the Chapman Cultural Center in Downtown Spartanburg with performances March 13 and 14 at 8 p.m., and March 15 at 3 p.m. Please call (864) 542-2787 for tickets.

MARCH 16 - 18
The Hejaz Shrine Circus will be held March 16 - 18 beginning at 7 p.m. nightly at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium. Please call 1-800-745-3000 for ticket information to this event, which benefits the Hejaz Shrine and their charities in the Upstate!

MARCH 18
Music Sandwiched In, 12:15 - 1 p.m. at the Spartanburg Headquarters Library, 151 S. Church St., in the Barrett Community Room.



1. Is the book of Leviticus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. About whom did Jesus say, "For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men"? Physicians, Hypo-crites, Sadducees, Adamites
3. From Genesis 29, what childless woman was jealous of her sister's fertility? Candace, Abigail, Rachel, Herodias
4. In what book do we find the story of Samson and Delilah? Judges, Numbers, Exodus, 1 John
5. From Genesis 39, whose wife tried to seduce a handsome slave? Daniel, Shimei, Potiphar, Achan
6. In Ruth 3, which farmer winnowed his barley at night? Abner, Eleazar, Boaz, Joab

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Hypocrites; 3) Rachel; 4) Judges; 5) Potiphar; 6) Boaz

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Super Crossword
Answers

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USC Upstate will host 2020 Spartanburg Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 18

The University of South Carolina Upstate recently announced it will host the 2020 Spartanburg Earth Day Festival (SEDF) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 18. Participants of all ages will have an opportunity to enjoy free, family-friendly activities, exhibits and live entertainment, and sample some delicious fare while they learn about the environment and conservation.

The Spartanburg festival, now in its fifth year, is being held for the first time on USC Upstate's campus and in conjunction with the annual worldwide celebration of Earth Day, which began in 1970 as a campaign to raise awareness about environmental issues in the U.S.

"We are incredibly excited to host the Spartanburg Earth Day Festival," said Dr. Jeannie Chapman, dean of USC Upstate's College of Science and Technology



and director of SEDF. "It's kind of fitting in a way that Earth Day took root on college and university campuses across the country 50 years ago. It feels like a homecoming of sorts. And it's one more way that we can collaborate with and deepen our connection to the community."

Chapman said USC Upstate's lush 300-acre campus will be the perfect backdrop for Earth Day festivities.

The university was recently named a Tree Campus USA for the 11th consecutive year by the Arbor Day Foundation due to its dedication to campus forestry management and environmental stewardship. USC Upstate also boasts a community garden located near its Health Education Complex, a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Stewardship Silver certified facility, and its 12-acre Susan

Jacobs Arboretum. "It really fits into the larger picture of the initiatives we have on campus," she said.

Leading up to SEDF, the community will be able to participate in three "Countdown" events, including:

1. An information session about plastic pollution and sea turtles with Kelly Thorvalson, conservation programs manager at the S.C. Aquarium, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, at the Spartanburg Headquarters Library, 151 S. Church St., Spartanburg, S.C. 29306.

2. An information session with Dr. Jack Turner, director of USC Upstate's Watershed Ecology Center, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7 at the Spartanburg Headquarters Library. Turner will share details about our vital watershed, the value of aquatic environments and

the need to be caretakers of our resources.

3. The No Man's Land Film Festival from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, at the George Dean Johnson, Jr. College of Business and Economics, 160 E. St. John St., Spartanburg, S.C. 29306. The films will highlight action-oriented women who love adventure and "have a desire to experience their passions and environments through a uniquely feminine lens."

"We've been looking for opportunities to grow the festival's footprint in terms of venue space, publicity and attendance," said Joyce Harrison, former director of SEDF and current planning team member. "We believe this partnership with USC Upstate will accomplish all of those goals. Enthusiasm is high and new ideas are being formed. The possibilities are limitless."

Furman ranked among 'Top 25 Best Schools for Making an Impact'

By Clinton Colmenares, Director of News and Media Strategy

Once again, Furman University has been recognized as one of the top colleges in the country where students are making a difference in the world.

For the second straight year, Furman ranked ninth in The Princeton Review's list of "The Top 25 Best Schools for Making an Impact" in its "Best Value Colleges" guide, which includes the country's top 200 universities with the best return on investment.

The ranking is based on student ratings and responses to survey questions covering community service opportunities, student government, sustainability efforts and on-campus student engagement, according to The Princeton Review's website. The ranking also considered the percentage of alumni who have reported having meaningful jobs.

"Furman is about academic excellence through engaged learning," according to one student who replied to the publication's survey.

Students also said the university's faculty is "very willing to help their



students" and the administration is "really accessible" and "they work with students to solve problems and genuinely care about making Furman a better school and not just a higher-ranking institution."

"Our faculty and staff work diligently to make sure Furman students have opportunities to engage in meaningful work in and out of the classroom, and to help our students build skills necessary to be successful here and after they graduate," said Furman University President Elizabeth Davis. "This ranking is an acknowledgment that Furman does this as well as any university in the country."

Recently, the university received the 2020 Carnegie Community Engagement Classification for a commitment to, and activity toward, "finding ways to engage with community partners, building

on community assets and addressing a wide array of community challenges."

In the fall, U.S. News and World Report ranked Furman No. 5 for "Most Innovative Schools," No. 3

Students regularly engage in community activities in Greenville (left).

for "Best Colleges for Veterans" and No. 12 for "Best Undergraduate Teaching" among national liberal arts and sciences colleges.

The university also ranks among the top-10 baccalaureate universities for sustainability and is second among all universities for sustainability research, according to the Association for the Advancement

of Sustainability in Higher Education.

The Princeton Review's "Best Value Colleges" guide includes 200 schools "that share three exceptional features: stellar academics, affordable cost and strong career prospects for graduates." This year's rankings are based on institutional and student surveys collected from fall 2018 through fall 2019.

Super Crossword

"CAN'T YOU SEE I'M DIZZY?!"

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Home interior updates you can make to create a wow factor

(StatePoint) Whether you want to customize and enhance your living spaces for your own enjoyment or you need to prepare to stand out in a buyer's market, creating that wow factor is easy to achieve, if you know where to focus your attention. You're likely already familiar with the importance of exterior curb appeal. According to experienced realtors, it's just as important to continue that concept after walking through the front door.

"As the saying goes, 'you only have one opportunity to make a first impression,'" says realtor Vincent A. Stanson, a REALTOR associate with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services. "When that front door opens, homeowners have the chance to impress their guests with a stunning stairway system, stand-out mouldings and decorative interior accents."

To get you started, here are easy ideas to give your spaces that wow factor you see and admire in ads and architectural magazines:

Ceiling-to-Floor Transformation

Totally transform a room top to bottom with decorative mouldings and millwork, starting with the ceiling. Add warmth with wood beams in a horizontal or criss-cross pattern, or simply accent the ceiling with stand-out crown mouldings.

Working your way down, frame windows with straight trim and rosettes in the corners. Throughout the room, add chair mouldings, mantels and floating shelves.

Remember, mouldings don't need to be plain, especially if you want to make an impact. So, replace any humdrum casing, crown, chair and base



mouldings with elements that pop, such as those that feature leaves, grapes, vines or criss-cross ribbon patterns. Consider the decorative millwork accents

available from Ornamental Moulding & Millwork, which are easy to install. Their newest offerings dovetail nicely with the latest trends, and their commitment to craftsmanship mean high-quality products that last. The inspiration galleries available on its site can be a good tool for those seeking ideas for creatively enhancing their own rooms. To learn more, visit Ornamental.com.

Step Up Stairways

Often a focal point of a home interior, a stairway system is a crucial area where homeowners can step up their game, and doing so doesn't have to be overwhelming.

"There's a definite trend underway of people mixing metals and woods on stair systems and throughout the home," says Kelly Miller, director of market development for L.J. Smith Stair

Systems. "Rather than completely take down an existing wood stair system, many people are turning to the easy IronPro DIY project of replacing wood balusters with iron balusters. Then they're leaving the wood hand rails and newel posts for a stylish, upgraded look."

Defined by unique designs and durability, L.J. Smith products -- including wooden and ornamental iron balusters, stainless steel cable and tube infills, metal panels, newel posts, hand rails and accessories, can help you transform your stairs. Check out the "Stair Designer" tool to determine the best look for your home, as well as installation details and additional tips at ljsmith.com.

When taking your home interiors from ordinary to extraordinary, it's all in the details.

SCBIO CEO Sam Konduros named to South Carolina Chamber of Executive Commerce

The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce has named SCBIO President and CEO Sam Konduros to the Executive Committee of its Board of Directors. Leadership terms for the Chamber's officers and board of directors continue through September 2020.

The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce is a statewide organization that promotes pro-job and pro-business policies at the state and federal level. It brings together businesses across the state through coordinated strategies, training opportunities, and networking events to foster a unified voice, with a goal of creating the best business climate possible, and to strategically create and advance a thriving, free-market environment where South Carolina businesses can prosper.

"We are lucky to have a strong group of business leaders guiding the State Chamber for the upcoming year," said Steve Spinx, Board Chairman of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, in announcing Konduros and others to the Executive Committee. "With their leadership, we will continue the work to improve the state's business climate."

Mr. Konduros joined SCBIO in 2017 to build, advance and grow life sciences in South Carolina, expanding its efforts to address economic development, advocacy, integrated marketing, innovation/R&D, and attracting capital. In his career, he has served as Executive Director of the Greenville Health System Research Development Corp., Senior Project Manager for the SC Department of Commerce, EVP with Alfmeier Corporation in North America, and as President/CEO of Upstate SC Alliance. He is a member of boards including the SE Life Sciences Association and Palmetto Conservation Foundation. He has been designated as a Knowledge Economist by SCRA and was awarded The Order of the Palmetto in 2018 -- the state's highest civilian award. He holds a B.A. in English from Clemson University and earned his J.D. at the University of South Carolina School of Law.

SCBIO is South Carolina's investor-driven public/private economic development organization exclusively focused on building, advancing, and growing the life sciences industry in the state. The industry has an

\$11.4 billion annual economic impact in the Palmetto State, with more than 675 firms directly involved and 43,000 professionals employed directly or indirectly in the research, development and commercialization of innovative

healthcare, medical device, industrial, environmental and agricultural biotech and products. The state-wide nonprofit has offices in Greenville, Columbia, and Charleston, and represents companies in the advanced medicines, medical devices,


equipment, diagnostics, IT, and healthcare outcome industries.

As the official state affiliate of BIO, PhRMA and AdvaMed, SCBIO members include hundreds of academic institutions, biotech companies, medtech compa-

nies, entrepreneurial organizations, service providers, thought leaders, economic development organizations and related groups whose members are leading the research and development of innovative healthcare, agricultural, industrial and envi-


ronmental products that transform how we heal, fuel and feed the world.

For additional information on SCBIO, visit www.SCBIO.org



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Are your 'recyclable' products actually recyclable?

(StatePoint) If you're like many people, you feel good when you are able to toss items into the recycling bin instead of the trash. But a new report suggests that many of those "recyclable" labels on your products may be misleading, and that much of what you believe will be processed and used again is actually sent to a landfill or incinerator.

The survey, conducted by Greenpeace, is based on conditions from October 2019 to January 2020, however, experts warn that the economics of collecting, sorting and reprocessing plastic products is likely to only worsen in the coming years. Part of the problem is that due to global trade factors limiting the amount of plastic materials China imports from the U.S., America's municipal recycling collection systems have been significantly impacted and are recycling far less materials than they once did. The other problem? A lack of truth in advertising.

The full report, available at [greenpeace.org/usa/plastic_recycling](https://www.greenpeace.org/usa/plastic_recycling) revealed that despite labels stating otherwise, many recycling facil-



ities only accept two types of post-consumer plastic items -- PET #1 and HDPE #2 bottles and jugs, while plastics #3-7 are rarely recycled even if they are accepted in recycling programs due to their low value and the lack of a market for those materials.

Additionally, many full body shrink sleeves that are added to PET #1 and HDPE #2 bottles and jugs make those products non-recyclable as well. Unfortunately, when items end up at a facility that cannot process them, they can contaminate otherwise

recyclable batches of materials.

"Retailers and consumer goods companies across the country are misleading the public and harming America's recycling systems in the process," says John Hocevar, Greenpeace USA oceans campaign

director.

According to Hocevar, accurate recyclable claims and labels serve three valuable functions: truthful advertising to consumers, prevention of harmful contamination in America's recycling system, and identification of products for

elimination or redesign to reduce waste and plastic pollution.

While plans to increase the pressure are underway for companies that don't correct their labels, Greenpeace experts say the real solution is for companies to get serious about reducing plastic use, and for the public to do their part by urging consumer goods companies and retailers to end their reliance on single-use plastics.

"Instead of getting serious about moving away from single-use plastic, corporations are hiding behind the pretense that their throwaway packaging is recyclable. The jig is up," says Hocevar. "It's time to stop pretending that the trillions of throwaway plastic items produced each year will be recycled or composted and to stop producing so many of them in the first place by investing in reusable, refillable, and package-free approaches."

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