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Haley touts new anti-abortion law

S.C. governor laying groundwork for her political future, observer says

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TAYLORS — Gov. Nikki Haley traveled to a Christian school for children with disabilities to re-sign a new state law that bans abortions at 20 weeks of pregnancy, holding the ceremony in the heart of the conser-

vative Upstate. Haley said she did not bring this second and more symbolic bill signing to the Greenville area because abortion is so political. Instead, she said, it's because she's a mom.

"I'm not pro-life because the Republican Party tells me," Haley said. "I'm pro-life because all of us have

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had experiences of what it means to have one of these special little ones in our life."

Haley told an overflow crowd of more than 100 people at Hidden Treasure Christian School that signing the bill was personal, relating how she almost lost her daughter Rena, who turned 18 on Wednesday, during a tough pregnancy.

Haley was flanked by dozens of children during the ceremonial signing but did not stay for media questions, immediately leaving the school once the presentation was over.

Winthrop University professor

Scott Huffman said the pomp and circumstance of holding a ceremony for an anti-abortion bill that she originally signed last month was Haley's way of laying the groundwork for a political future when her term ends in two years.

"She's not going to suddenly leap into national news for having signed this — a Southern Republican governor signing a restrictive abortion bill isn't really news," Huffman said.

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Police crack down on thriving drug trade

Probe tied to slaying brings seizure of drugs, guns, \$214K



Charleston Police Chief Greg Mullen on Wednesday discussed a six-month long investigation that led to the arrest of nine people, the seizure of \$214,000 cash and the confiscation of more than \$150,000 worth of drugs and guns.

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Charleston police arrested nine people and confiscated more than \$150,000 worth of drugs, \$214,000 in cash and seven guns during a six-month probe that officials tied Wednesday to the shooting death of Patrick Moffly.

Among the haul were 43,000 Xanax and synthetic marijuana pills, 1.3 pounds of cocaine, 5 pounds of marijuana, ecstasy and LSD. Most of the drugs were packaged on a table at the Charleston Police Department next to two military-style rifles as the officials announced the fruits of their investigation Wednesday. They also seized four cars.

"We've certainly seen an increase in violence in our community, as well as other cities around the country," Police Chief Greg Mullen

said during the news conference. "One of the things that we wanted to do is to demonstrate ... the level of connection between narcotics, weapons and violence."

Moffly's death was one of five slayings reported this year in Charleston and 30 in the tri-county area, a pace that could make 2016 the Lowcountry's deadliest year in recent memory. Many of the killings can be tied to drugs, officials said.

The police chief would not say exactly how the investigation was linked to Moffly's shooting.

The 23-year-old son of former Charleston County School Board member Elizabeth Moffly was shot March 4 in his Smith Street home during what the police said was a drug deal. He was found on the floor, and hundreds of white pills were strewn about.

West Ashley resident Charles Edward Mungin III, 21, was jailed on a murder charge, but the police said more arrests were possible.

In the broader drug-trafficking probe, the nine suspects jailed were Michael Schmidt, 21, of Atlanta; Jonathan Reams, 19, of Easley; and Charleston residents Robert Liljeberg, 22; Zackery Kligman, 24; Benjamin Naus, 23; Daniel Katko, 25; Christopher Sliker, 22; Samantha Hincks, 26; and Jake Doeschek, 21. Altogether, they face 29 charges, including drug possession, distribution and trafficking.

The suspects worked in a network and knew each other, Mullen said, but they were not thought to be part of a gang. Many of the seized items were found downtown and in "club areas," he said.

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Drexel case now focusing on justice

FBI boosts reward to \$25K as family deals with reality of loss

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MCCLELLANVILLE — For seven years since Brittanee Drexel vanished, the teenager's loved ones held on to a slim hope that she was still alive, somewhere.

After hearing from the FBI this week, that hope slipped away. The authorities think the 17-year-old New York girl, who came to Myrtle Beach for spring break in 2009, was taken and held captive in McClellanville for days until she was slain.



Her parents and investigators on Drexel Wednesday gathered in the Charleston County town and appealed to the public for the final pieces they need to solve the mystery altogether and bring Drexel's killers to justice and her remains home to her family.

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Boat strike lands sea turtle back in hospital

Release of Briar, who had eye trouble, was triumph for aquarium

BY BO PETERSEN
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The turtle had a familiar flipper. That's what surprised veterinary assistant Whitney Daniel on Wednesday when she took her eye off the goggle in its shell left by a boat strike.

The flipper was crooked, an old healed injury — one Daniel had seen before. In 2013, the turtle arrived at the South Carolina Aquarium's sea turtle treatment center emaciated, weak, going blind and covered with barnacles — so far gone the staff couldn't tell at first if it was still alive.

The loggerhead was given the name Briar and became the facility's first sea turtle to receive surgery for cataracts — one of only a few turtles to undergo surgery at that time. The turtle's release to sea was a milestone triumph for the aquarium program.

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S.C. women, Dems: Clinton 'opens door'

Influential women express pride, joy in political milestone

BY EMMA DUMAIN
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WASHINGTON — When state Sen. Margie Bright Matthews was admitted to the South Carolina bar in 1989, she said there were fewer than 150 female attorneys practicing law. On Tuesday night, the Walterboro



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Democrat saw the first woman become the presidential nominee of a major political party. "This opens the door to a lot of women," said Matthews, who along

with her daughter will attend the Democratic National Convention in July as a delegate.

For Matthews and other South Carolina Democrats — particularly women — Hillary Clinton's ascent is a matter of personal pride. State Party Chairman Jaime Harrison credits Clinton's strong showing in the state's Feb. 27 primary — with 73 percent of the vote vs. Bernie Sanders — with providing her the leverage to win the other states necessary to clinch the nomination.

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DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY NEXT WEEK

Challenger aims to oust veteran Richland sheriff

Lott has led office 20 years; Flowers is a former SLED agent

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After a rough and tumble couple of years as Richland County sheriff, Leon Lott is seeking a sixth term, facing a challenger for the first time in eight years.

Lott has twice tangled publicly with the governor, been the focus of criticism for in-

vestigating his own deputies and withstood the glare of the national spotlight when one of his officers was filmed manhandling a disruptive high school student.

At the same time, the homicide rate has been climbing, and gun and gang violence, escalating - all as scrutiny of police mounts.

Former State Law Enforcement Division agent James Flowers is angling to knock Lott out Tuesday of the office

Lott has held for 20 years - and from the state's largest sheriff's department, where Lott has worked for 41 years.

Both men are Democrats and there is no Republican challenger in the fall.

At its core, Flowers' campaign is based on offering a fresh face on a candidate with little administrative experience instead of a tested and occasionally bruised veteran with a knack for grabbing headlines.

WHO THEY ARE

Flowers, 43, said he knew in high school that he wanted to



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'Very seasoned' senior pilots were flying jets that collided during night training



Brig. Gen. Van McCarty, Col. Nicholas Gentile and Adjutant General Robert Livingston hold a news conference at McEntire Joint National Guard Base on Wednesday to discuss the two S.C. Air National Guard jets that collided in Georgia.

Pilots unharmed after SC Air Guard F-16s collide over Georgia

FIXING OUR ROADS

Haley signs roads plan with Malfunction Junction fix

Plan also will pay to replace nearly 400 bridges

But Haley expresses disappointment with law's reforms to Transportation Department

BY CASSIE COPE
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Gov. Nikki Haley signed a \$4 billion road-and-bridge spending plan Thursday that includes repairing Malfunction Junction in Richland and Lexington counties.

But Haley said finding a long-term road-repair solution again will be the No. 1 priority when lawmakers return to Columbia for the 2017 legislative session. This year's spending proposal is "not of the magnitude or sustainability" to address the long-term needs of the state's highway system, she said.

Haley also said reforms to the state Transportation Department's structure, which are part of the new law, are inadequate.



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Gov. Haley reluctantly signs roads bill

SEANNA ADCOX
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gov. Nikki Haley reluctantly signed legislation Wednesday that will let the state borrow \$2.2 billion to jump-start improvements to South Carolina's deteriorating roads, saying she did so only because its so-called reforms are better than nothing.

The Republican governor said the law provides a step forward in highway funding and marginal improvements to

the Department of Transportation's governance.

"To claim this law as anything close to a victory, to represent it in any way as a true solution to our infrastructure problems" would be deceiving the public, she said in a letter to legislative leaders she sent along with the signed law.

The bill allows for \$2.2 billion in borrowing over 10 years for infrastructure and is funded with \$200 million annually in existing fees and vehicle sales taxes. Department of Transportation Secretary

Christy Hall has said that frees up other money the agency can use to replace bridges and pave roads, allowing more than \$4 billion worth of total work.

Haley criticized the behind-the-scenes negotiations of the compromise approved in the legislative session's final days.

Last week, House Speaker Jay Lucas called the compromise imperfect. And Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman has repeatedly called his borrowing proposal a step in addressing the state's

crumbling highways — not a fix.

The DOT has said it needs \$1.5 billion annually over several decades to bring the nation's fourth-largest highway system to good condition.

For nearly two years, senators have blocked proposals with any increase in the state's 16-cents-per-gallon gas tax, unchanged since 1987. Opponents of hiking that tax, including Haley, insisted on first restructuring the transportation

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TIM SMITH/STAFF

The FBI announced Wednesday it has determined the disappearance of 17-year-old Brittanee Drexel in 2009 was a homicide.

Case of sex offender chaperone not resolved

NATHANIEL CARY
STAFF WRITER

Finger-pointing continued Wednesday into who could be at fault for allowing a sex offender to chaperone an elementary school field trip to Charleston as both the State Law Enforcement Division and the company that provides the sex offender check system said they don't believe system errors could have caused the offender to be missed.

The man has been on the sex offender registry for years, first for a 1997 conviction as a juvenile for kidnapping and then for a conviction in 2003 of peeping, voyeurism or aggravated voyeurism, according to the state's sex offender registry. His 2003 conviction was for an October 2002 incident where he went to the premises of a woman as a peeping Tom, according to court records. His juvenile records aren't accessible.

The man, a 34-year-old Greer resident, went on a fifth-grade field trip with Woodland Elementary School to Charleston on May 17 and also on a day trip to Atlanta in 2015, said Beth Brotherton, school district spokeswoman.

School personnel failed to perform a district-required sex offender check on the day of the field trip, Brotherton said. The district has disciplined Woodland Elementary personnel responsible for clearing the man for the Charleston trip, she said.

The school had performed two previous checks — in March and September 2015 — and a school district investigation found that the system failed to flag the man as a sex offender, Brotherton said.

Brotherton said it "seems likely the state's process of transferring sex offender records from the existing 'Offender Watch' system to its newly implemented 'SORT' (Sex Offender Registry Tool) software may have interrupted accurate reporting on at least one of these occasions."

That can't be the case because

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FBI: Drexel held against her will, killed in SC

NY teen vanished after leaving Myrtle Beach hotel in 2009

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MCCLELLANVILLE — Brittanee Drexel, a New York teen missing since 2009, spent several days here in 2009, was held against her will and then killed, the FBI announced Wednesday.

No body has been found and no arrests have been made, David Thomas, special agent in charge of the FBI in South Carolina, said at a press conference outside a magistrate's office.

"What we've come to discover through the course of this investigation is that Brittanee Drexel did leave the Myrtle Beach area, we believe she traveled to this area around McClellanville



BRUCE SMITH/STAFF

Dawn Drexel, Brittanee's mother, speaks at a news conference Wednesday in McClellanville.



AP FILE

This image is from surveillance video provided by the Myrtle Beach Police.

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Haley signs road funding bill

Legislation authorizes more than \$2 billion in borrowing to jump-start repairs

The Associated Press

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Haley criticized the behind-the-scenes negotiations of the compromise approved in the legislative session's final days.

Senators passed their plan late May 31, hours after House Speaker Jay Lucas took the po-

diem to blast senators for their inaction and Haley for not demanding a vote. The House gave final approval a day later.

Lucas said Wednesday the governor may have gotten better reform if she'd engaged in the final negotiations as he requested.

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Florence homes possible targets for dogfighters

Police increase patrols in certain at-risk areas

BY JESSICA IMBIMBO
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FLORENCE — The Florence Police Department is increasing its patrols in certain areas of the city where pets might be targets for dogfighters.

Florence police received a call from a concerned resident regarding a post on social media about dogfighting in the area, according to Carlos Raines of the Florence Police Department.

Another city resident called Wednesday and said she had found a piece of tape stuck to her mailbox along with a number of neighbors' mailboxes, Raines said. These pieces of tape could be a way for those involved in dogfighting to mark houses where there are desirable dogs.

Raines said residents need to be aware of what is going on and keep a close eye on their pets.

"Be very careful of your animals," Raines said. "If they're out, someone might have the opportunity to take them if they tried."

As of Wednesday morning, there had been no reports of missing or stolen dogs in the city, Raines said.

Anyone with any information is asked to call the Florence Police Department at 843-676-8831.

Gov. Haley ceremoniously re-signs SC abortion bill

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley held a ceremony Wednesday to reenact the signing of a law that bans most abortions in South Carolina at 20 weeks beyond fertilization.

Supporters were celebrating the law at a Christian school in Greenville County that caters to children with disabilities. The law took effect with the governor's signature two

Phil Nofal's Fine Footwear to close



PHOTOS BY JOE PERRY/MORNING NEWS

Daphne Hearon visits on Wednesday with Pepper, a springer spaniel who's been a fixture at Phil Nofal's Fine Footwear for several years. Looking on are Joe Nofal (left, rear) and his cousin Ginger Sullivan, who are working to close the West Palmetto Street shoe store by month's end.



Joe Nofal and his mother, Pauline, of Phil Nofal's Fine Footwear are known to several generations of Florentines. Pauline's late husband started in the shoe business in the 1930s.

Florence shoe shop stepping into history

BY JOE PERRY
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FLORENCE — The Nofal name has long been associated with shoe shopping in Florence, but by month's end, another chapter in local retail history will come to a close.

Phil Nofal's Fine Footwear has been a West Palmetto Street fixture since 1994, but its namesake founder got his start in the shoe trade managing the Novelty Shoe

store on Dargan Street in the 1930s, said Joe Nofal, the 61-year-old son of the late founder.

Nofal, who was born and raised in Florence, said he's worn out.

"I'm tired. I'm 61 and I've done this my whole life," he said, smiling. "I started when I was 12, dusting boxes and whatever needed to be done to earn money; washing windows, sweeping out the lobby. I remember washing the fingerprints off the windows."

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Twelve volunteers attended the three-day training program starting on Friday.



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Volunteers learn about disaster response

BY JESSICA IMBIMBO

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DEVELOPMENT

Work halted for month at former Pineland Station

Sea Turtle Marketplace shopping center had been expected to open in the fall of this year

Stein Mart employees and customers at Starbucks have noticed no work being done at site for past month

Contractor says developer told him to hold off on building on May 10

BY MADISON HOGAN
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Construction of Sea Turtle Marketplace, the shopping center set to replace Pineland Station on Hilton Head Island, was halted on May 10 and is not expected to resume until mid-July because of changes in tenant requests and for financial reasons, according to the development's contractor.

Tommy Smith, president of

Sandcastle Constructors, said he was asked to stop work while the Virginia Beach, Va.-based developer, Wheeler Real Estate Co., restructured the "balance of their financing for the project."

"I'm not going to reschedule until I get a notice to proceed," he said. "Based on the original schedule, that's about 60 days' delay."

Changes to interior plans made by retailers PetSmart and Kitchen & Company, both

future anchors of Sea Turtle, have contributed to the delay, Smith said, but the project is ready to proceed from his end.

"All the subcontractors are waiting to roll," he said.

As of Wednesday afternoon, Wheeler Real Estate Co. had not answered a request for comment.

Regular customers at the Starbucks and employees at the newly renovated Stein Mart located in the same plaza first noticed the lack of progress in

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I'M EAGER TO HAVE IT DONE. AS A COMPANY WE WANT IT TO FLOURISH, BUT IT JUST KIND OF DWINDLED DOWN.

Morgan Waters, assistant manager at Stein Mart

the vacant lot next door during the past month.

Morgan Waters, an assistant manager at Stein Mart, said she had assumed construction stopped at the mid-island plaza because of the tourist season.

"I'm eager to have it done. As

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In this file photo from 2013, Bob Sutter, of Lowcountry Golf Cars, shows off an E-2-GO golf cart equipped with headlights at the Okatie dealership.

PARKING WOES

Bill signed: Driving golf carts at night soon legal

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley approves bill allowing properly equipped golf carts to be driven after dark

Bluffton town leaders have long supported measure, arguing it could help ease Old Town parking woes

Beaufort County and municipalities must now develop specific

tunities for golf cart drivers) is something that we have always wanted," Bluffton Mayor Lisa Sulka said Wednesday. "I'm just thrilled."

In Old Town, visitors "come by golf cart during the day, then be gone at night," she said. "It's

Tom Keaveny said Wednesday that he expects the County Council to take up the issue in the next month or two.

Local golf cart retailers aren't waiting; they're preparing for a rush of customers who want their carts tricked out with lights and other features.

"We have already ordered a lot of light kits just to keep in stock," Damian Gourlay, owner of Three D Golf Car in Bluffton said Wednesday.

He said he's heard other cart sellers are following suit.

Gourlay echoed Sulka's sentiment regarding cart usage as a potential solution for Old Town

PARRIS ISLAND

NCIS looks into death of Marine recruit

Naval Criminal Investigative Service agents met with family of Raheel Siddiqui on Wednesday in Detroit

Family lawyer: Agents asked family, former employer about Siddiqui's mental health

Agents shared information with family from multiple recruits' witness statements, lawyer says

BY WADE LIVINGSTON
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Two days after two of the top Parris Island recruit trainers were dismissed, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service met with the family of Raheel Siddiqui, according to the family's attorney.

Nabih Ayad, a Detroit-based lawyer who began working with the family after their son died in March at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, said two NCIS agents met with Siddiqui's mother and father and with one of Siddiqui's former employers Wednesday in Detroit.

The agents talked to the family and the former employer — a manager at Home Depot —



Siddiqui



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Anti-abortion law ceremoniously re-signed by Haley

COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley is ceremoniously signing a law that bans most abortions in South Carolina at 20 weeks beyond fertilization.

Supporters are celebrating the law Wednesday at a Christian school in Greenville County that caters to children with disabilities. The law took effect with the governor's signature two weeks ago.

The ban's only exceptions are if mother's life is in jeopardy or a doctor determines the fetus cannot survive outside the womb. Its definition of "fetal anomaly" makes it illegal to abort a fetus with a severe disability if the child could live. Such anomalies are generally detected around 20 weeks.

Supporters cite the disputed claim that a fetus can feel pain at 20 weeks. Opponents say later-term abortions usually happen with wanted pregnancies that go horribly wrong.

—The Associated Press

LOCAL/STATE



Housing solutions remain elusive

Two weeks after their apartments were condemned, some residents of the Park Place complex in Spartanburg are no closer to finding a permanent place to live. C1

Road bill becomes law

Gov. Nikki Haley reluctantly signed legislation Wednesday that will let the state borrow \$2.2 billion to jump-

ISRAEL TEL AVIV SHOOTING

Gunmen kill 4 Israelis, wound 5

By Ian Deitch
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Two Palestinians opened fire near a popular open-air market in central Tel Aviv on Wednesday night, killing four Israelis and wounding at least five others in one of the deadliest attacks in an eight-month wave of violence.

The shooting occurred at the Sarona market, a series of restored buildings that have been transformed into a popular tourist spot filled with crowded shops and restaurants. The complex is across the street from Israel's military headquarters and is often filled with tourists and young soldiers in

uniform.

"Two terrorists opened fire at civilians," Tel Aviv district police commander Moshe Edri said, adding that one of the detained attackers was being treated for a gunfire wound.

Police had initially said there might be a third attacker but later ruled that out after extensive searches and examining security camera footage.

Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital said the four slain Israelis had been brought to the facility in critical condition and later died of their wounds.



People console each other near the scene of a shooting attack Wednesday in Tel Aviv, Israel. SEBASTIAN SCHEINER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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EAST MAIN STREET

Driver shot in road rage incident in city



Police said a case of road rage near downtown Spartanburg led to a man being shot in the middle of East Main Street on Wednesday afternoon. The person who was shot has been hospitalized. ALEX HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@SHJ.COM

Pacolet man arrested, charged with attempted murder

By David L. Green



charged with attempted murder, according to a statement

noon after receiving multiple 911 calls about a vehicle crash and a shooting.

An argument between two drivers started on Cannons

CAMPAIGN 2016

Sanders under pressure to quit

By Erica Werner
and Josh Lederman
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Under mounting pressure from Democratic leaders to abandon his presidential campaign, Bernie Sanders returned home to Vermont on Wednesday following dispiriting losses to Hillary Clinton. He vowed to fight on for a political revolution but showed signs he would bow to the inevitable and bring his insurgent effort to a close.

For Sanders, as his remarkable White House bid runs out of next stops, the only question is when. Just as important for Sanders is how to keep his campaign alive in some form, by converting his newfound political currency into policies to change the Democratic Party, the Senate or even the country itself, on issues including income inequality and campaign finance reform.

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Metro to increase sewer fees

By ADAM BENSON
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Greenwood Metropolitan District's 15,000 sewer users will see their monthly bills jump by 60 cents a month starting July 1, after commissioners on Wednesday approved

a raft of rate changes officials said was necessary because of decreasing water consumption.

"It will almost be revenue neutral, because a lot of the water use is down. That's why we had to have the increase," said George Marlin, Metro District general manager. "We had to raise it to retain financial neutrality."

The base rate is set to increase from \$14.75 a month to \$15.35, or about 4.4 percent, for consumers with a 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch pipe, with additional surcharges for larger users.

Commissioners Michael Monaghan and Harry Watts voted against the changes, saying it would put a burden on fixed-income customers.

"I can't in good conscience vote for an increase for the customer and residential class," Watts said. "A lot of our customers are on Social Security, and that did not receive a raise this year. I can't vote to increase that bill."

"As I have for the last five years, I share Henry's concern," Monaghan

said. Commissioners, however, were unanimous in their decision to increase the district's capacity fee from \$1.150 a day for every 400 gallons discharged to \$1,200. The assessment, which affects only large users,

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THE HAUNTING OF UPTOWN



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

LEFT: The surveillance camera monitors the purse moments before it is moved from the shelf. **RIGHT:** Melissia Ford, owner of Allura Bella Boutique, took a photo of the purse lying on the floor where she found it when she reopened her store after the weekend. She said surveillance video shows the purse left the shelf with momentum, but with no one in the store who could have caused it to happen.

Misplaced objects, strange noises: Is Uptown full of ghosts?

Some things might just go bump in the night. Or even in the middle of the day. Many stores in Uptown Greenwood have experienced their own little bumps. Many people already know about Bill, the defective ghost (he can't walk through a door like other ghosts apparently can) that haunts the Fox and Hound bar at Inn on the Square, but there seem to be other ghosts coming forward in other Uptown locations.

Melissia Ford, owner of Allura Bella Boutique, potentially witnessed her own ghostly haunting shortly after opening the boutique.

"I don't feel any negative energy, but there was definitely something here," Ford said.

About two weeks after opening, Ford locked up for the weekend.

"When I reopened the next week, there was a mess here on the shelf."

"I looked back through the footage for Friday and the purse was up on the shelf like I thought," she said.

She was able to spot the exact time the purse managed to fly off the shelf she had left it on before closing.

"At 6:49, you can see the purse jump off the shelf," she said.

In the video, the purse was seen to have



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Ford stands next to the purse that

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