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RESEARCHERS DISCOVER A PIECE OF HISTORY

Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen's expedition team has released underwater footage of the sunken destroyer USS *Ward*. The vessel operating in Pearl Harbor's defensive sea area on Dec. 7, 1941, fired the first shot of World War II in the Pacific. The *Ward* was sunk on Dec. 7, 1944, after being attacked by several kamikazes. **Nation, 2A**

Lawsuit targets charter's captain

The family of a man who died after jumping from a boat into the Gulf of Mexico is filing suit in Pinellas County saying that inaction and inexperience caused the death of their son and a boat employee who tried to rescue him. **Local, 1B**

Bringing the galaxy to life

Artist Doug Chiang describes how he approached the task of re-creating C-3PO for *Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace*. You can see his work at the Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg. **Local, 1B**

Trump weighs in on Jerusalem

President Donald Trump delivers on a campaign promise by declaring that the holy city is Israel's capital. **Nation, 5A**

Taggart finally gets his wish

Willie Taggart lands his "dream job" coaching the Florida State Seminoles. **Sports, 1C**

Olaf's adventure gets cut short

A 21-minute animated "short" playing before Disney-Pixar's *Coco* in theaters won't be part of the show starting Friday. **Etc., 2B**

A SEASON FOR THEME PARKS

From Hogwarts to Legoland to Busch Gardens, theme parks are throwing big Christmas parties. We have your guide.

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Cuba noise shook brains

Doctors detect abnormalities after the suspected attacks.



Havana's Hotel Capri was one of the places where mysterious noises made Americans ill.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Doctors treating the U.S. Embassy victims of suspected attacks in Cuba have discovered brain abnormalities as they search for clues to explain hearing, vision, balance and memory damage, the Associated Press has learned.

It's the most specific finding to date about physical damage, showing that whatever it was that harmed the Americans, it led to perceptible changes in their brains. The finding is also one of

several factors fueling growing skepticism that some kind of sonic weapon was involved.

Medical testing has revealed the embassy workers developed changes to the white matter tracts that let different parts of the brain communicate, several U.S. officials said, describing a growing consensus held by university and government physicians researching the attacks. White matter acts like information highways between brain cells.

Loud, mysterious sounds followed by hearing loss and ear-ringing had led investigators to suspect "sonic attacks." But officials are now carefully avoiding that term. The sounds may have been the byproduct of something else that caused damage, three U.S. officials briefed on the investigation told the Associated Press. They weren't authorized to discuss it publicly and requested anonymity. Physicians, FBI investigators and

See CUBA, 6A

Driving through destruction



Associated Press

A truck drives along the 101 Freeway as a wildfire rages in Ventura, Calif. The 101 Freeway wasn't the only highway impacted by a blaze. The 405 Freeway, known for its traffic jams, was closed for more than eight hours Wednesday. The University of California at Los Angeles canceled classes and told faculty and staff to stay off campus. **Story, 3A**



Alessandra da Pira | Times

Rosita Donaldson and Howell Donaldson Jr. are scheduled to face a judge today.

Parents refuse order to talk

Investigators want to ask them about their son, the Seminole Heights suspect.

BY DAN SULLIVAN
Times Staff Writer

TAMPA — Investigators had questions for the parents of Howell Emanuel Donaldson III, the suspect in four Seminole Heights killings.

They wanted to ask Howell Jr. and Rosita Donaldson about their 24-year-old son's background, developmental history, gun possession and state of mind.

But both parents refused to answer Tuesday, defying an investigative subpoena, according to the Hillsborough State Attorney's Office. They revealed only the names, addresses and birth dates of family members before refusing to answer other questions.

"That is a rarity," State Attorney Andrew Warren said at a Wednesday news conference. "Because most people understand that they have a duty to answer questions. And when that duty is explained to them by a judge, they're willing to provide us answers."

Warren's office is asking a judge to consider whether the parents should be held in contempt of court. A hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. today before County Judge

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Cooling down

8 a.m. 67° Noon 74° 4 p.m. 76° 8 p.m. 72°

30% chance of rain
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New-look All Eyes

In our All Eyes photo gallery, you can find the day's top photo, the week's best images and collections of photos from news events at tampabay.com/photos.

Charity road race spans Skyway

Bridge lanes will close for six hours March 4 for the fundraiser for military families.

BY LANGSTON TAYLOR
Times Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — The northbound lanes of the Sunshine Skyway bridge will shut down on a Sunday morning in March for a running race that is expected to draw up to 7,000 participants.

The Armed Forces Families Foundation announced the event, dubbed the Skyway 10k Saluting Military Families, at a news conference Wednesday.



Times (2013)

The Skyway 10k Saluting Military Families, which will head north over the bridge, could draw up to 7,000 participants.

The lanes will close at 4 a.m. on March 4. The race will start at sunrise at the rest stop on the Manatee County side, and the bridge should reopen at 10 a.m. "The Skyway is one of a kind,"

said James Judge, an event spokesman. "And undoubtedly, it will become an iconic race. Hopefully, a race that will happen for years to come." About 4,000 vehicles use the

bridge's northbound lanes during those hours on a typical March Sunday, said Kris Carson, a spokeswoman for the Florida Department of Transportation, which has signed off on the event.

Florida Highway Patrol spokesman Sgt. Steve Gaskins said he understands the inconvenience of closing down part of Interstate 275, which for some drivers could mean detouring about 40 additional miles through Tampa to get to downtown St. Petersburg.

"We don't do it lightly," he said Wednesday. "We will try to get that bridge open as soon as we can."

Shortly before the new bridge

See SKYWAY, 6A

Time honors 'Silence Breakers' of 2017

The magazine says their voices unleashed a "velocity shift" against sexual harassment.

Washington Post

Time magazine has named "The Silence Breakers" as its 2017 Person of the Year, recognizing the women (and some men) who came forward with stories of sexual harassment and assault and helped force a nationwide reckoning. The magazine calls them "the

voices that launched a movement."

Actor Ashley Judd, who broke the silence by coming forward with accusations against Harvey Weinstein; singer Taylor Swift, who won \$1 in a sexual harassment trial against a Denver DJ accused of groping her; corporate lobbyist Adama Iwu, who

organized the We Said Enough campaign to bring attention to the issue of sexual harassment in politics; Isabel Pascual, a strawberry picker from California who took to the streets to march against abusive behavior; and former Uber engineer Susan Fowler, who posted a powerful blog entry in February about harassment she faced during her time at the company, are featured on the cover of *Time's* 2017 Person of the Year issue.

Tarana Burke, founder of the #MeToo movement, and actors Judd and Rose McGowan, who also spoke against Weinstein, are among some of the other people featured in the cover story.

"The galvanizing actions of the women on our cover ... along with those of hundreds of others, and of many men as well, have unleashed one of the highest-velocity shifts in our culture since the 1960s," *Time's* editor

See TIME, 8A



The *Time* magazine cover features, from left, strawberry picker Isabel Pascual, corporate lobbyist Adama Iwu, actor Ashley Judd, former Uber engineer Susan Fowler, singer Taylor Swift and the arm of an unidentified hospital worker from Texas.

'Enough is enough'

More than half of the Senate's Democrats call for Sen. Al Franken to resign amid multiple allegations of sexual harassment. **8A**

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