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RUNNING AFOUL



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Miami Heat forward LeBron James, who scored 7 points in the game, sits after picking up his third foul. James played only 24 minutes in Miami's 93-90 loss against the Indiana Pacers at Bankers Life Fieldhouse on Wednesday. The Heat still leads the best-of-7 series 3-2 with Game 6 coming back to Miami on Friday.

CHILD WELFARE

Mother who left tot in hot car sent to rehab

■ A year after Bryan Osceola's death sent shock waves through DCF, his mother pleaded guilty, ending an ugly chapter for Florida.

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Catalina Marista Bruno, whose 11-month-old son broiled to death in a sealed car while Bruno slept in her Miami home last year, pleaded guilty Wednesday to manslaughter and child neglect. She will leave a Miami jail a little more than a year after her toddler died.



BRUNO

But Bruno will not be entirely free: An acknowledged alcoholic whose abuse of alcohol was tied to her son's death, Bruno will be admitted immediately into a residential treatment center.

Bruno's guilty plea before Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Samantha Ruiz-Cohen is the sad epilogue to a saga that essentially claimed an entire family: Bryan; his father, Amos Glen Osceola, who plunged his car into a canal and died two days before the anniversary of Bryan's death; and Bruno, who remains overwhelmed by grief, her attorney said.

Bruno, 28, was charged with aggravat-

• TURN TO DCF, 2A

STATE COURT

Appeal panel overturns mob murder conviction

■ A former FBI agent who tipped off notorious Boston mob boss James 'Whitey' Bulger in a Miami murder will remain in jail for now after the courts found an error committed by prosecutors.

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Disgraced ex-FBI agent John Connolly — convicted and jailed in a decades-old Miami murder tied to notorious Boston mobster James "Whitey" Bulger — has a sudden and shocking shot at freedom.



CONNOLLY

The reason: A technical error committed by Miami-Dade prosecutors who won his second-degree murder conviction in 2008, a Florida appeals court has ruled.

In a divided decision, the state Third District Court of Appeal panel on Wednesday threw out his conviction and

• TURN TO CONVICTION, 4A

PEMBROKE PINES

Girlfriend of slain Miami officer charged in death

■ Tiniko Thompson turned herself in to Pembroke Pines police, U.S. Marshals and Miami police near her Opa-locka home.

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Tiniko Thompson, the girlfriend of slain Miami police officer Carl Patrick, turned herself in to police Wednesday night and was charged with second-degree murder.

Thompson was taken into custody by Pembroke Pines police, the U.S. Marshals and Miami police at 7 p.m., a block from her mother's Opa-locka home and away from the media swarm. Her attorney Rod Vereen was at her side.

The arrest of Thompson, 45, ended a three-week cat-and-mouse game between Pembroke Pines police and the Miami police public service aide, who refused to

• TURN TO ARREST, 4A

MAYA ANGELOU | 1928-2014

Remembering towering figure, icon

IN MY OPINION
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Her most famous work took its title from *Sympathy*, a poem by Paul Laurence Dunbar. And it seems fitting, here on the day after Maya Angelou's death at age 86, to recall some of what the poet said:

*"I know why the caged bird sings, ah me,
When his wing is bruised and his bosom sore —*

*When he beats his bars and he would be free;
It is not a carol of joy or glee,
But a prayer that he sends from his heart's deep*



OLIVIER DOULIERY/MCT

A LEGEND: Poet Maya Angelou was a civil rights advocate and educator. Now the nation mourns the loss of the literary treasure. **Story, 2A**

*core,
But a plea, that upward to Heaven he flings —
I know why the caged bird sings!"*

It is not difficult to imagine why Maya Ange-

lou saw herself in those words, and she chose *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings* as the title of the celebrated 1969 mem-

• TURN TO PITTS JR., 2A

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