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Miller wants VA chief to resign

Congressman also wants attorney general to probe charges of changing waiting lists

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WASHINGTON — The chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee said Wednesday that VA Secretary Eric Shinseki should step down in response to an independent finding of "significant delays" in treatment at a VA facility in Phoenix.

U.S. Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Pensacola, also is asking that Attorney General Eric Holder launch a criminal probe into allegations that waiting lists may have been manipulated to make it appear that some veterans were getting access to care much faster than they really were.

Those allegations were confirmed by the same inspector general's report, released



Miller



Shinseki

Wednesday, that uncovered the treatment delays at the VA facility in Phoenix. The facility is at the center of the latest investigation into veterans health care.

Miller's call for Shinseki to

"resign immediately" deals a symbolic blow to the embattled secretary, who has vowed to stay and fix his agency's problems. Miller's comments came the same day GOP Sen. John McCain of Arizona said Shinseki should resign.

Miller described Shinseki as a "good man who has served his country honorably." But he said the secretary failed to reform the VA health care system despite repeated warnings from Congress, the Government Accountability Office and the VA

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inspector general. In a statement issued by his committee, Miller said Shinseki seems "completely oblivious" to the problem.

Miller had said as recently as Friday that Shinseki should stay

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Recyclables may be sent to Montgomery

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The future of recycling in Escambia County might not be in Escambia County at all — at least not in the near term.

The Emerald Coast Utilities Authority board will decide today whether to approve a two-year contract with Infinitus Energy — based in Plantation — to take the county's recyclables to the company's state-of-the-art processing facility in Montgomery, Ala.

Officials say the move would save ECUA money and — perhaps more importantly — keep residents' recyclables out of the county landfill.

ECUA has been hauling recyclables out of state since April 14, when torrential rainfall crippled West Florida Recycling's North Palafox Street facility. The company, which recently filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, also had processed recyclables for the City of Pensacola, the Escambia County School District and Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.

Since the historic flooding of April 29-30, the company's other clients have been forced to take their recyclables to the

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MISSING SWIMMER



The Navarre Beach Fire Department helped search for a missing man Wednesday night at Navarre Beach. BEN TWINGLEY/BTWINGLEY@PNJ.COM

Search to resume today for swimmer

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The search for a 21-year-old man who disappeared off Navarre Beach on Wednesday afternoon in heavy surf was expected to resume at dawn today, authorities said.

The man, who was not identified pending notification of his family, was seen floating in the surf after lifeguards rescued his sister, Sheriff's Office spokesman Deputy Rich Aloy said.

The Sheriff's Office and the Navarre Beach Fire Department were notified at about 3:30 p.m. that two swimmers were in

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Phenomenal woman, phenomenally

Poet and author Maya Angelou smiles during a Nov. 15, 2005, interview in Santa Monica, Calif. Angelou, who rose from poverty, segregation and the harshest of childhoods to become a force on stage, screen and the printed page, died Wednesday morning at her home in Winston-Salem, N.C. She was 86. Tall and regal, with a deep, majestic voice, Angelou defied all probability and category, becoming one of the first black women to enjoy mainstream success as an author and thriving in virtually every artistic medium. Go inside to Pages 1-2B for a full obituary, notable reactions to her passing and an essential Maya Angelou reading list.

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