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By MICHAEL D. SHEAR, SO-NA TAVERNISE

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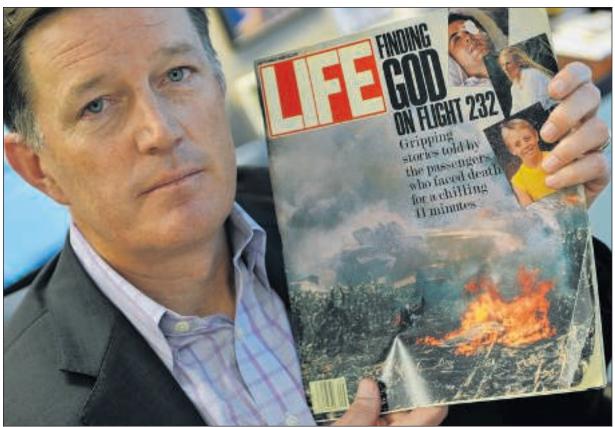
WASHINGTON - President Malaysia Airlines jetliner felled down by a surface-to-air missile from an area inside Ukraine con-SEE JUMP TO, ??A



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Russian President Vladmir Putin (C) attends a celebration of the 700th anniversary of St. Sergius of Radonezh in the Trinity St. Sergius monastery

SIOUX CITY CRASH: 25 YEARS LATER



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Bob Ryan was a survivor from the tragic crash of United Airlines Flight 232 from Denver to Chicago in 1989 that killed 111. A Charlotte bank executive now, he tells his story for the first time publicly - what he

A time to remember

Charlotte man recalls surviving plane tragedy through keepsakes

By Curry Shoff cshoff@charlotteobserver.com

n the attic of his south Charlotte home, Bob Ryan keeps his crash box. It's a dusty blue 18-gallon plastic container filled with keepsakes from the 1989 airliner crash that nearly took

Ryan, a Charlotte bank executive, has only looked through it two or three times in the 25 years since the accident. He doesn't talk much about what happened that day unless someone asks. "He's never the first one to bring it

up," said his oldest daughter Maddie, 21. Saturday is the 25th anniversary of the crash of United Airlines Flight 232. Ryan was a 28-year-old passenger returning home to Chicago from Denver when the plane crashed in Sioux City, Iowa, killing 111 of the 296 people aboard.

The plane split into five parts upon SEE JUMP_TO, 6A



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOB RYAN

Bob Ryan keeps a "crash box" - a dusty blue 18-gallon plastic container filled with keepsakes from the 1989 airliner crash that nearly took his life.

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By Bruce Henderson bhenderson@charlotteobserver.com

Most of the Duke Energy coal ash that spilled into the Dan River in February will stay there, creating a rift between regulators and river advocates over the cleanup.

Duke said this week that contractors have finished dredging the largest of the deposits, 2,500 tons of ash and sediment behind a dam ment and ash. in Danville, Va. About 500

the spill site in Eden to Kerr Lake on the North Carolina-Virginia line. Ash contains do more damage trying to metals that can be toxic.

"This stuff is not just go-

ing to go to the bottom and stay there and not harm the environment," said Brian Williams of the Dan River Basin Association, which promotes the region's natural assets. "It will be an issue for many, many years to come."

Federal and state agencies say the cleanup might not be finished. Duke and regulators, aided by computer models, will continue to patrol the river to find and test deposits of sedi-

Nearly six months after tons have been removed the Feb. 2 spill, most of the from four smaller deposits. ash is now covered by sedi-That leaves up to 36,000 ment. The upper layer of tons of ash spread along 70 sediment is also where fish miles of river bottom from lay eggs and aquatic insects grow.

"Ecologically, you could remove all the ash than

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By Michael Gordon

mgordon@charlotteobserver.com Given a second trial in Charlotte, former Beazer executive Michael Rand heard the same verdict:

Guilty.

A federal jury on Friday convicted Rand of securities fraud and other charges stemming from what prosecutors describe as a sevenyear accounting conspiracy at Beazer.

Rand was also accused of

attempting to block a grand jury investigation into his questionable company's home-mortgage practices that led to hundreds of foreclosures around Charlotte.

Rand, 52, and the former chief accounting officer of the Atlanta-based construction giant, faces a maximum penalty of 85 years in prison and a \$1.25 million fine. Sentencing will occur at a later

He was convicted of many of the same charges in 2011. But U.S. District Judge Robert Conrad ordered a SEE JUMP_TO, ??A

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