

Publisher Terry Horne leaving the Pensacola News Journal

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On Thursday, Pensacola News Journal Publisher Terry Horne announced he will be leaving Pensacola to become West Group Regional President for Gannett.

Horne, who has been with the News Journal since January, will oversee media outlets in Montana, Utah and Northern California.

"I fell in love with Pensacola and made some wonderful friends in a short time," Horne said. "Personal circumstances changed, however, and living on the West Coast is what is best for my family. And it's a great opportunity to take on a larger role."

Since January, Horne has handled not one but two "once in a lifetime" weather crises as well as orchestrated the News Journal's move to 2 Palafox Street. Also during his tenure, Horne worked to build the News Journal's advertising revenue as well as bring in new leadership for the newsroom with the hiring of Lisa Nellessen-Lara as executive editor.

"Today is bittersweet for the Pensacola News Journal with the announcement of Terry's departure, but it's great news for the future of the industry as Terry steps in to lend his expertise on a grander scale," says Nellessen-Lara. "He has created a great leadership team with a strong vision and clear mission for the News Journal and the positive changes the PNJ has embraced won't change after today.

"PNJ's mission of serving the greater good in the Pensacola area is in excellent hands with the leadership that is now in place," Horne said.

Horne's last day in Pensacola will be Sept. 12.

"We will miss Terry's keen focus and leadership with our customers and our employees," East Group President Michael Kane said. "He has set a good direction for The News-Journal in their new home. We wish Terry and his family the very best."

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