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**DOLPHINS QUARTERBACK WILL BE TRADED OR RELEASED BEFORE UPCOMING SEASON BEGINS, SOURCES SAY**



BUSINESS MONDAY

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**ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIES ARE JUST STARTING TO TAKE ROOT AT SOME SOUTH FLORIDA COMPANIES**

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**SUNNY, BREEZY AND COOL HIGH 75 | LOW 56**

• Bryan Norcross' forecast, back of Section B  
• Online: [MiamiHerald.com](http://MiamiHerald.com)

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# Wet, windy storm pummels East

■ A violent storm brought flooding and high winds to the East, tying up transportation and trapping some people in their homes.

BY KAREN MATTHEWS  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A powerful nor'easter pounded the East with wind and pouring

rain Sunday, grounding airlines and threatening to create some of the worst coastal flooding some areas had seen in more than a decade.

The storm flooded people out of their homes in the middle of the night in West Virginia and trapped others. Other inland states faced a threat of heavy snow.

Heavy rain and thunderstorms extended from Florida up the coast to New England

on Sunday. Wind gusted to 71 mph in Charleston, S.C., the weather service said.

In Central Florida, a tornado damaged mobile homes in Dundee but no injuries were reported, police said.

The storm forced the cancellation of five major league

baseball games Sunday and gave runners in today's Boston Marathon something to worry about besides Heartbreak Hill. The race-day forecast called for three to five inches of rain, start-time tem-

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WHAT'S THE IDEAL TAX SYSTEM FOR FLORIDA?

# TAXOPOLY

**Expansion of the sales tax may provide the best future for Florida, many experts said, because an income tax isn't politically feasible and property tax proposals have too many problems.**

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By default, the lowly, oft-criticized sales tax may be the best future for Florida. It has the ability to bring in billions — perhaps tens of billions — more in revenue without raising the basic tax rate.

That's a quick summation of the views of tax experts, veteran politicians and members of a newly formed tax commission when asked what's the best tax structure for Florida for the decades ahead.

As many people toil away on federal tax forms on this last day before the deadline, others are looking at the tax disaster looming at the state and local level, particularly with skyrocketing property taxes.

Everyone agrees something must be done.

"We need to modernize our tax system for the 21st century," said Dominic Calabro, chief executive of the advocacy reform group Florida TaxWatch and a leader in supporting a carefully expanded sales tax. "But we need to do it in a way that does not kill the goose that laid the egg of our superb economy."

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## Payoffs to terrorists scrutinized

■ Chiquita Brands International is just one of several U.S.-based companies facing allegations of wrongdoing in Colombia.

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BOGOTA — Chiquita Brands International's recent admission that it paid off a Colombian group on the U.S. terrorist list has spotlighted a practice once hush-hush in Colombia, Washington's closest ally in Latin America.

Several other U.S.-based corporations, including Atlanta-based Coca-Cola and the Alabama-based coal company Drummond Co., face civil lawsuits alleging their Colombian operations worked with the same group to kill several trade unionists.

But the guilty plea by Chiquita, a company with a long and infamous history in Latin

•TURN TO PAYOFFS, 2A

RUSSIA



YEVGENY ASMOLOV/AFP-GETTY IMAGES

## ARRESTS AT PUTIN PROTEST

Riot police in St. Petersburg, Russia, subdue Eduard Limonov during a protest Sunday against Russian President Vladimir Putin. Limonov is one of the leaders of a group called The Other Russia opposed to the authoritarian regime of the Russian president. Police clubbed and arrested several demonstrators during the march. **Story, 14A**

STREETWISE  
BY LARRY LEBOWITZ

## MAKEOVER MAY EASE TOLL LANES

The way you pay to use Florida's Turnpike and the Sawgrass Expressway is going to look and feel a lot different in the near future when Open Road Tolling is introduced to South Florida.

Old-fashioned toll booths and plazas are being demolished and the lanes dramatically reconfigured to allow for higher-tech, electronic toll collection and free-flowing roadways.

Construction recently started on the first two conversions — on the Sawgrass near Sunrise Boulevard in West Broward and at the Okeechobee Plaza on the turnpike in Northwest Miami-Dade. Both are scheduled to open in their new configurations by the middle of next year.

The state plans to entirely convert the Sawgrass and most of the turnpike in South Florida to ORT over the next five years.

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