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TROPICAL LIFE

DAVE BARRY'S YEAR IN REVIEW



YOU CAN'T GO FORWARD INTO 2006 UNTIL YOU'VE RECALLED THE WEIRDNESS OF THE LAST 12 MONTHS AS REPORTED BY DAVE BARRY, SOME OF IT TRUE

ISSUES & IDEAS, 1L

TOP STORIES OF 2005

BOWLS EXTRA, 1D

EARNING RESPECT AT FSU

AS TEAM HEADS INTO ORANGE BOWL, FRESHMAN QB DREW WEATHERFORD HAS WON OVER DOUBTERS



INSIDE

SPORTS, 3D

ANOTHER FRUSTRATING LOSS FOR HURRICANES

UM MISSES ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR AN UPSET, FALLING TO NO. 10 LOUISVILLE AND A RECORD OF 7-6

MONEY, 1E

THINKING OVER STOCKS

SOUTH FLORIDA STOCKS WEREN'T QUITE AT 2004 LEVELS, BUT THEY STILL BEAT THE OVERALL MARKET



TRAVEL, 1J

PLAN NOW FOR MONTHLY ESCAPES

MAKE THE NEW YEAR MORE BEARABLE WITH THESE IDEAS FOR A GETAWAY PER MONTH — SOME MIGHT EVEN SAVE YOU MONEY

HOME & DESIGN, 1H

A GOOD TIME TO GET ORGANIZED

A NATION OF HOARDERS AND GATHERERS IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR HELP IN GETTING RID OF CLUTTER

WEATHER

SUNNY AND WARM WITH A FEW CLOUDS
HIGH: 81 LOW: 69

• Bryan Norcross' forecast, back of section B
• Online: weather.herald.com



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PAYING THEIR RESPECTS



STEVE HELBER/AP

A New Year's Eve jazz funeral in New Orleans pays tribute to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Revelers, residents and a group of performers called "The Pussyfooters" joined the procession in memory of those who lost their lives during the storm.

KATRINA DEATH TOLL

Failed canal walls led to hundreds of deaths

■ An analysis after Hurricane Katrina indicated hundreds of deaths might have been averted if New Orleans' canal floodwalls had not collapsed.

BY JOHN SIMERMAN, DWIGHT OTT AND TED MELLNIK
Knight Ridder News Service

NEW ORLEANS — Nearly 600 deaths from Hurricane Katrina might have been averted had floodwalls on two New Orleans canals not collapsed, a Knight Ridder analysis of where bodies were found

after the storm indicates.

The bodies of at least 588 people were recovered in neighborhoods that engineers say would have remained largely dry had the walls of the 17th Street and London Avenue canals not given way — probably because of poor design, shoddy construction or

improper maintenance — after the height of the storm.

In contrast, 286 bodies were recovered in the Lower Ninth Ward, New Orleans East and

•TURN TO FLOODWALLS, 17A

■ FAULTY ASSUMPTIONS MADE ABOUT STORM VICTIMS, 17A

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COLD CASE FILES

OLD MURDER, NEW RESOLVE

For 29 years, the murder of a Cuban exile leader has gone unsolved. But his daughter, a Miami-Dade detective, won't stop trying to solve the most important case of her life.

BY AMY DRISCOLL
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The eyes of the dead stare at detective Nelda Fonticiella as she searches for her father's face on the wall of photos at the Bay of Pigs museum in Little Havana.

She finds his picture down on the left, near the display case of tarnished bullets and worn Cuban flags. All around her are snapshots of other veterans: baby-faced youths, Elvis types in glamour shots, steely-eyed men who gave their lives in the failed 1961 attempt to overthrow Fidel Castro.

She studies the photo for a minute — the man with the mustache regards the camera gravely — but it reveals nothing new.

For 29 years it has been this way. A father frozen in time. A daughter frustrated by unanswered questions. A detective who cannot solve the one murder mystery that matters most: the assassination of her father, Cuban exile leader Juan Jose Peruyero, on the streets of Little Havana in 1977.

•TURN TO PERUYERO, 12A



RONNA GRADUS/MIAMI HERALD STAFF

MEMORABILIA: Miami-Dade Detective Nelda Fonticiella looks through items that belonged to her father.

UNITED NATIONS

U.N.'s goal: Reform rights panel

■ Seeking to renew its credibility, the United Nations decided it will soon replace its Human Rights Commission, which, with members like Cuba, has been an embarrassment.

BY WARREN HOGE
New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS — Officials of the United Nations have decided they must act within weeks to produce an alternative to the organization's widely discredited Human Rights Commission to maintain hope of redeeming the United Nations' credibility this year.

The commission, which is based in Geneva, has been a persistent embarrassment to the United Nations because participation has been open to such countries as Cuba, Sudan and Zimbabwe, members accused of gross rights abuses. Libya held the chairmanship in 2003.

"The reason highly abusive governments flock to the commission is to prevent condemnation of themselves and their kind, and most of the time they succeed," said Kenneth Roth, executive director of Human Rights Watch.

•TURN TO UNITED NATIONS, 2A

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ORANGE BOWL FSU VS. PENN STATE 8 P.M. TUESDAY



GAME WIVES: Sue Paterno, left, and Ann Bowden married college football coaches.

Coaches' wives work off the field

■ The wives of football coaching legends Joe Paterno and Bobby Bowden have spent their married lives supporting their husbands' careers.

BY MICHELLE KAUFMAN
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Between them, Sue Paterno and Ann Bowden have spent exactly 100 years married to two of the nation's legendary college football coaches, which certainly entitles them to perks — a table at Joe's Stone Crab and great seats for Tuesday's Orange Bowl game — but it also means nearly a lifetime of tense Saturdays, lonely nights, lack of privacy, the wrath of fans, scrutiny of the media and the bulk of the domestic responsibilities.

Paterno, who met Coach Joe Paterno in the Penn State library in 1958, has five children and 14 grand-

•TURN TO WIVES, 2A