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By PATRICK E. TYLER with FELICITY BARRINGER

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By ERIC SCHMITT

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By KENNETH CHANG and RICHARD A. OPPEL Jr.

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By EDMUND L. ANDREWS

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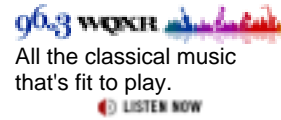
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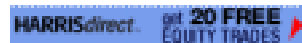
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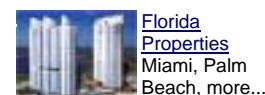
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