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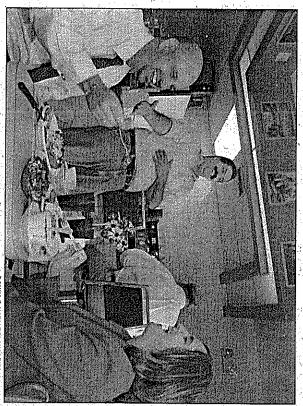
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Price categories: \$ entrees mostly \$10 or lower | \$\$ entrees \$10 to \$15 | \$\$\$ entrees \$15 to \$20 | \$\$\$\$ entrees \$20 and higher H indicates restaurant is fully equipped for wheelchairs. R indicates reservations are strongly recommended. For full reviews, go to www.herald.com/entertainment, then click on Dining.

Restaurant ratings: Satisfactory | Good | Very Good | Exceptional.

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(oxtails in spicy sauce); temal en cezuela; "and of course the homemade flan (made from scratch) with caramel topping" at his "favorite Cuban-style family restaurant." While it's been open more than 15 years, the restaurant can be hard to find, says Carbonell." I would like more people to know about this little gem." Our Place is at 7434 SW 48th St., South Mlami; 305-661-0883. customers that way, referring to us by nicknames like *mi niño or mi niña."*Carbonell, a licensed addictions specialist, especially enjoys the crispy *vaca frita* with black beans, white rice and fried sweet plantains; rabo encendido sister Vilma) treat me as if I were their son — by the way, they treat all the • Our Place: "You can come in having a bad day, and leave with a smile on your face," says Marino Carbonell, left, joking with his wife, Karelia Martinez-Carbonell, and Rick Gonzalez, co-owner of the small, homey South Miami restaurant. "I eat lunch there almost every day and the owners (Rick and

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