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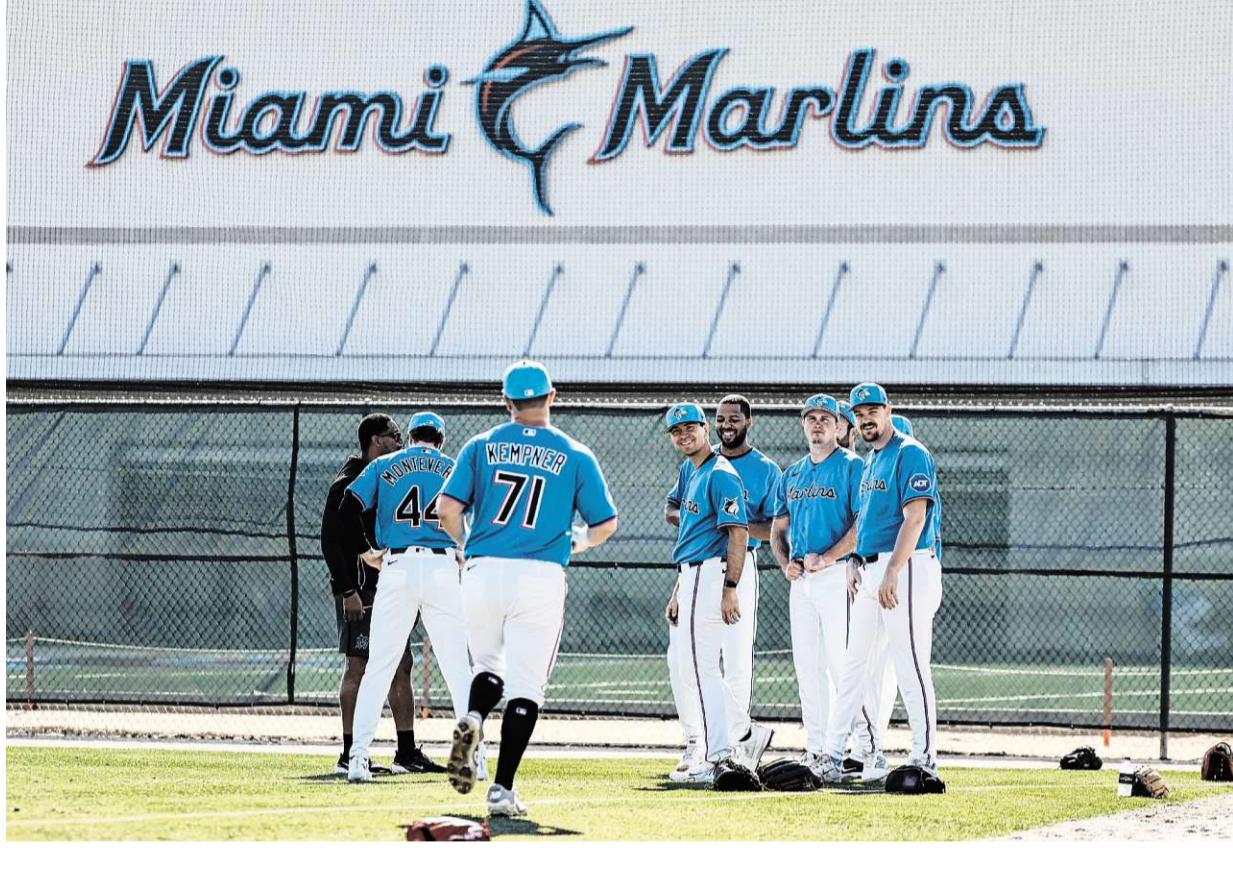
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Spirits were high as Miami Marlins pitchers and catchers reported to Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium in Jupiter on Wednesday, kicking off this season's spring training. Above, Miami Marlins pitcher William Kempner (71) joins fellow players. At right, Miami Marlins President of Baseball Operations Peter Bendix greets pitcher Andrew Nardi.

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Do recent megamillion Miami real estate buys signal a coming billionaire wave?

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Several of the world's wealthiest people have been shopping for and buying South Florida real estate in recent weeks, fueling speculation that a

billionaire wave may be hitting the region.

A few tech billionaires, reportedly enticed by Florida's business-friendly policies and spooked by a possible new tax in California, have been house hunting, and even making some big purchases. They're checking out multimillion-dollar



Mark Zuckerberg
On Monday, the Wall Street Journal reported that Meta

properties in Miami Beach, Coral Gables, Coconut Grove and other desirable locales.

On Monday, the Wall Street Journal reported that Meta

founder Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, had purchased a home in Indian Creek, a secluded island community off of Miami Beach.

And Zuckerberg isn't the only Silicon Valley mogul interested in making South Florida home.

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Who gives the most political money to Miami-Dade's mayor and county commissioners?



In Miami-Dade County, the mayor and commissioners rely on lobbyists, donors and county vendors to raise money for their political committees. This photo from December 2022 shows the board and Mayor Daniella Levine Cava shortly after that year's election cycle.

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To raise more than \$6 million for their political committees last year, the elected officials running Miami-Dade's government relied on developers and county vendors for most of their largest contributions.

A Miami Herald analysis

of more than 1,500 cam-

paign-finance entries found that the top donors last year include the Miami real estate mogul planning a marina complex on the county-owned Seaport site, companies hired to manage Miami-Dade streetlights and traffic signals, and an affordable housing developer building a massive mixed-use project that includes county housing complexes.

Even though no county

politician was on the ballot in 2025, the 13 commissioners and Miami-Dade's mayor kept up a steady fundraising pace, with \$6.7 million coming into the political committees linked to them in mandatory disclosure forms. Of the 10 top donors on the Herald's list, seven gave to at least six of those committees.

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