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A sneak peek at new home for Messi and Inter Miami

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Lionel Messi and his Inter Miami teammates trained at their new \$350 million home, Nu Stadium, for the first time Thursday morning as season-ticket holders got a sneak peek of the long-awaited, 26,700-seat venue adjacent to Miami International Airport.

The stadium gates officially open on Saturday for the 7:30 p.m. game against Austin FC. Despite the dust and ongoing construction inside and outside the building, it will be game-ready and fan-friendly, assured managing owner Jorge Mas, who addressed the fans from the field.

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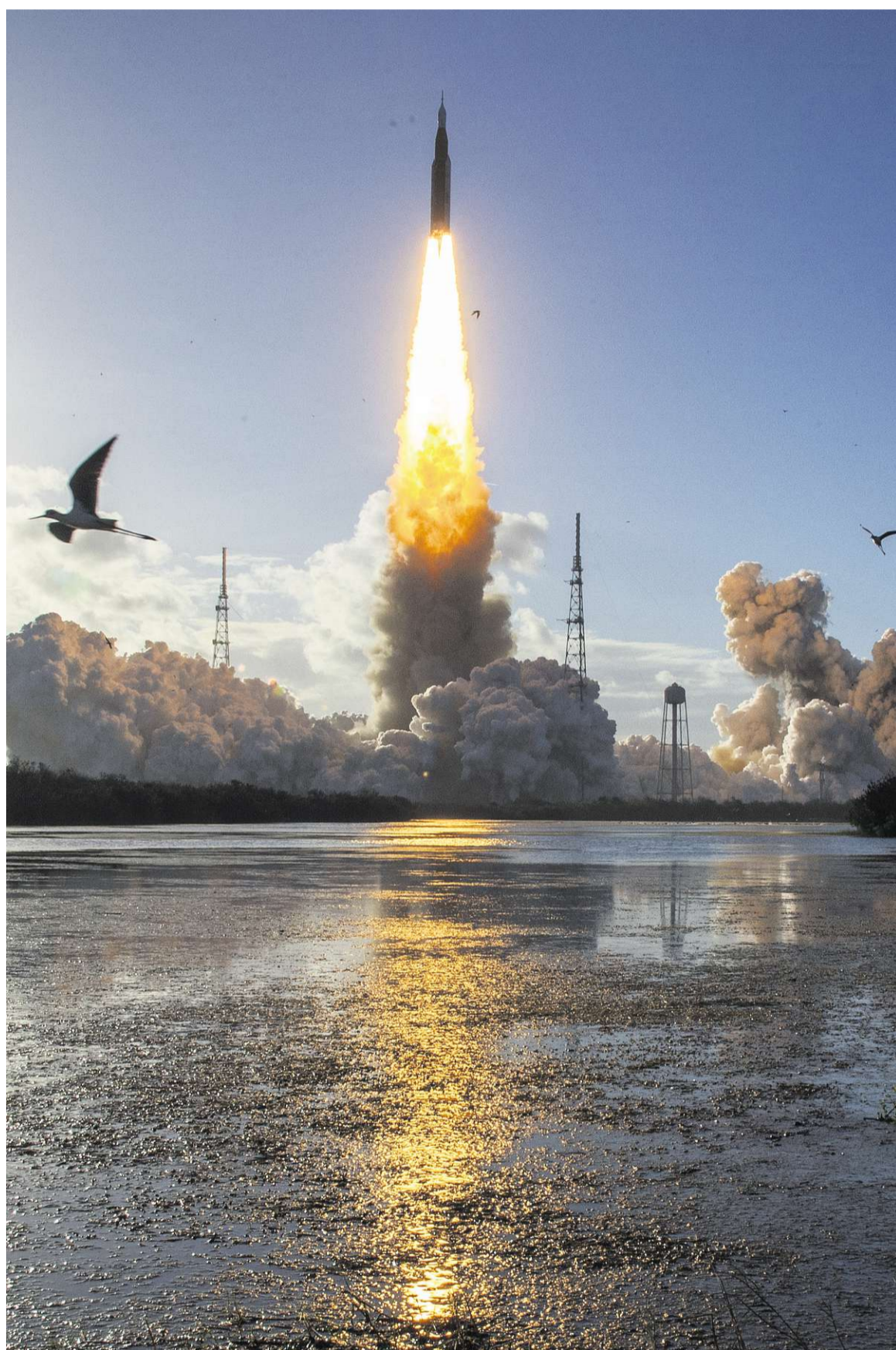
"Welcome to your new home; this is our gift to your city," he said, proudly surveying the seats, alternating in pink, black, gray and white with some black seats used to spell out "Inter Miami" and form the shape of a heron, the team's mascot.

Co-owner David Beckham, the British soccer icon who for 12 years dreamed of a Miami MLS stadium in the heart of the city, was among the first to kick a ball on the newly laid field before the players showed up.

The Bermuda grass pitch and locker room drew praise from coach Javier Mascherano and the players. The luxury lounges are ready. The two-story team store, the

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A ROARING SENDOFF Humans head to the moon



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The Artemis II crewed lunar mission lifts off from Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral on Wednesday. Four astronauts (three Americans and one Canadian) are on a journey to go around the moon, the first crewed lunar flyby in more than 50 years.

BY KENNETH CHANG
NYT News Service

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER
A towering orange-and-white NASA rocket blasted off from Florida, lifting four astronauts toward space and transporting spectators' imaginations to a future in which Americans might again set foot on the moon.

As they did during the heyday of the Apollo program, which first put men on the lunar surface, spectators squeezed onto the beaches along Central Florida's Space Coast on Wednesday. The crowds cheered when the powerful rocket launched into the clear sky at 6:35 p.m. It traveled eastward, over the Atlantic Ocean, on a journey that will take astronauts around the moon but not land there.

"We have a beautiful moonrise and we're headed right at it," said Reid Wiseman, the NASA astronaut who is the commander of the mission, as the crew headed into space.

Tens of thousands of excited spectators exclaimed and hugged along Cocoa Beach and surrounding communities as the rocket shot into the sky on a column of fire and a long white vapor trail.

"The contrast against the blue sky was absolutely remarkable," said Anthony Rodriguez, 35, of Orlando. "It's just an unforgettable sight."

The flight aboard a spacecraft named Integrity is taking Wiseman, Victor Glover, Christina Koch and Jeremy Hansen on what is expected to be a round trip of more than 695,000 miles to clear a path for more exploration, a new lunar landing, eventually a sustained human presence on the moon and journeys farther out into the solar system.

The last time astronauts traveled that far was Apollo 17, in December 1972.

"After a brief 54-year in-

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Trump fires Bondi, whose time as attorney general was defined by her handling of Epstein files

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NYT News Service

President Donald Trump fired Attorney General Pam Bondi on Thursday, removing the nation's top law-enforcement officer after privately venting his frustrations for months over her handling of the Jeffrey Epstein files and her failed efforts to prosecute his political enemies.

In a social-media post, Trump said he was replacing Bondi with Todd Blanche, her deputy, on an interim basis.

Bondi is the second Cabinet member in recent weeks to lose her job.



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Trump ousted Kristi Noem, the secretary of homeland security, last month.

But unlike Noem, Bondi isn't being placed in an-

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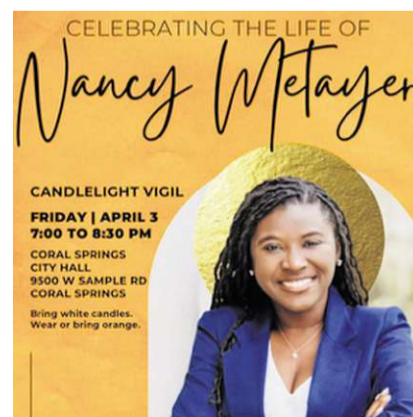
Attorney General Pam Bondi arrives at the White House in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday to hear President Donald Trump deliver a prime-time address to the nation.

Coral Springs vice mayor was shot three times with shotgun by her husband, report says

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When Coral Springs Vice Mayor Nancy Metayer Bowen failed to appear at a commission meeting Wednesday, her colleagues immediately sensed something was wrong. They texted her husband, Stephen Bowen, asking if he had heard from her — not yet knowing that, hours later, he would be arrested and accused of shooting her to death.

Metayer Bowen, 38, had been scheduled to attend two meetings that morning, one at 8:30 a.m.



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She is remembered as a champion for Haitians. **4A**

and another at 9 a.m., police said. Instead, she

A candlelight vigil celebrating the life of Coral Springs Vice Mayor Nancy Metayer Bowen will take place from 7-8:30 p.m. today at Coral Springs City Hall.

was found dead later that day in the second-floor primary bedroom of the home that she shared with her husband.

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