

# Tight end preview

Who left. Who returned. Who arrived at UM for 2026 season



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Exhibit features historic founding documents. **Local, Page 3**

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## Israel, Hezbollah OK halt to fighting

Conflict in Lebanon hinders negotiations between US, Iran

By Erin Cunningham, Jon Gambrell and Aamer Madhani  
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JERUSALEM — Israel and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah militant group agreed Friday to halt the heavy fighting in southern Lebanon that had threatened to unravel an interim agreement between the United States and Iran to end their war, officials said. Neither Israel nor Hezbollah immediately confirmed the truce.

It came after a heavy exchange of fire killed 47 people in Lebanon and four Israeli soldiers.

Hezbollah and Israel went to war shortly after the outbreak of the wider conflict, with Hezbollah firing rockets and drones at civilian communities in northern Israel and Israel seizing large swaths of southern Lebanon.

The interim agreement to end the Iran war has already reopened the Strait of Hormuz, which Iran effectively closed, cutting the global economy off from significant supplies of oil and natural gas. The deal would also relaunch talks on Iran's nuclear program, the core issue over which Israel and the U.S. began the war on Feb. 28.

But the accord already faces threats, chiefly from Lebanon, with the fighting

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## Five seats are up for grabs in Broward School Board election

By Scott Travis  
SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

Anywhere from two to five new people will join the Broward School Board this year.

Two north county School Board members, Lori Alhadeff of District 4 and Nora Rupert of District 7, are not seeking reelection, and two candidates have qualified for each seat to try to replace them.

At-large member Allen Zeman and District 1 member Maura McCarthy Bulman each face one opponent, while District 6 incumbent Adam Cervera is competing with four opponents.

School Board elections will be held Aug. 18, with a runoff, if needed, planned for Nov. 3 in the District 6 race. The School Board has nine members, with five up in 2026 and four up in 2028.

Here's a closer look at each race.

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## WORLD CUP WATCH

World Cup fan Henry Charles, of Miramar, reacts during the United States vs. Australia World Cup watch party at the Miramar Regional Park Amphitheater in Miramar on Friday. American Heritage graduate Alex Freeman, who grew up in Plantation, scored one of the goals in the U.S. team's 2-0 victory against Australia.

For more on the U.S. victory and other World Cup news, see Sports, and go to [SunSentinel.com/WorldCup](https://SunSentinel.com/WorldCup).



A young sloth at Larry Wallach's Long Island Sloth Encounters business in 2022.  
NICOLE RICE/INSIDE CLIMATE NEWS

## Florida grants license to a sloth exhibitor shut down in New York

Commercial exotic animal business owner is pitching an attraction in Margate

By Katie Surma  
INSIDE CLIMATE NEWS

An exotic animal exhibitor whose sloth-encounters business was shuttered by New York courts is attempting to relaunch his operations in Florida, right as the state grapples with the fallout from sloth deaths at a different tourist attraction.

Government inspectors repeatedly found problems at Larry Wallach's earlier

businesses, including unsafe and unsanitary conditions for his sloths, kangaroos, tigers and capybaras, according to federal and state government records obtained by Inside Climate News. He continued operating his Long Island sloth business for more than a year after a 2023 court order to immediately close the location because of zoning violations, and the federal government declined to issue him a new wildlife-exhibition license in 2024.

Now, Wallach has filed paperwork in Florida to run a new pet store and encounter business in Margate called

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## \$75M mansion in Boca was priciest sold in U.S. in May

By Ruth Abramovitz  
SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

A sprawling waterfront mansion recently sold for \$75 million in Boca Raton, becoming the most expensive home sold in the United States in May.

The purchase reportedly broke the record for most expensive home sale in Boca Raton, which experts say reflects growing interest in the city alongside other ultra-luxury enclaves in the region.

South Florida continues to dominate the ultra-luxury market, with four other regional properties among the Top 10 most expensive home sales in May, according to Redfin News.

The \$75 million locale sits within the lavish Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, on East Maya Palm Drive. It boasts eight bedrooms, 10 bathrooms, a "wellness wing" and a "high-tech golf simulator" among its 18,000 square feet.

The residence was built in 2026 as a "spec mansion" by the SRD Building Corp., a luxury home construction company based in Boca. The Real Deal reported that the sale shattered Boca's earlier record, which was SRD's initial

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