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FAU, UM make up half of Final Four

Incredible story continues with first NCAA semifinal berths for both schools after upset wins



Dave Hyde

One of the most incredible stories in South Florida sports history just happened. I just can't decide which one it is. Was it Florida Atlantic University's men's basketball team coming out of nowhere the past

two weekends, surprising the basketball world and snipping the nets in Madison Square Garden on Saturday night after beating Kansas State to advance to the Final Four for the first time in school history? Or was it the University of Miami, down 10 points late in the second half against Texas on Sunday, the curtain falling on its season, everyone feeling the end

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coming ... when suddenly the Hurricanes found their footing, made some shots, stole the game and now are off to the Final Four for the first time in their school's history. It's us in the Final Four. And us. We're two of the four. Somehow,

some way in this crazy NCAA Tournament, a sports market that pays casual attention to college basketball walks into Houston next weekend already as the big winners. Who's got it better than us? Florida Atlantic plays San Diego State in one side of the bracket. **Turn to Hyde, Page 2**



A woman walks Thursday by the park being built along Las Olas Boulevard on top of the Henry E. Kinney Tunnel in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Work on the park is expected to be finished in late May. CARLINE JEAN/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

Bigoted incidents surge in Florida

Antisemitic vandalism, propaganda growing faster than US rate

By Anthony Man
South Florida Sun Sentinel

The ugly incidents started early in the year, then metastasized. In Parkland, a school bus seat was vandalized with a swastika and an expletive directed at "the Jews." In Davie, bricks were arranged to form a swastika on a school campus. In Hallandale Beach, an individual altered an image of a neighbor to look like Adolf Hitler, added swastikas and emailed it to the condo association. In Boca Raton, a student told members of a competing team during a high school basketball game that "Hitler should have finished the job," antisemitic comments were posted in the chat during a synagogue's weekly livestream, and a lifeguard stand on a public beach was vandalized with a swastika.

And in Fort Lauderdale, Miami Beach and Surfside, hundreds of zip-close bags were tossed on lawns and driveways containing an antisemitic message that, among other things, blamed Jews for "the Covid agenda."

Those South Florida incidents, from the early weeks of 2022, were at the beginning of a surge that produced the highest annual number of antisemitic incidents ever recorded in Florida and nationwide in the Anti-Defamation League's annual Audit of Antisemitic Incidents. ADL has compiled and verified assaults, harassment and vandalism since 1979.

It was worse in Florida than in the U.S. overall, the third year in a row that the state's increase outpaced the national increase, Sarah Emmons, ADL's Florida regional director, said in a video presentation on the report.

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'End is near' for US 1 makeover

Huge Fort Lauderdale tunnel project expected to be done by year-end

By Susannah Bryan
South Florida Sun Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE — Understatement of the year: Tunnel makeovers take time. Those of you who drive through

downtown Fort Lauderdale might be wondering just how much longer the massive \$28 million makeover of the U.S. 1 tunnel will take.

The end is near, as one Fort Lauderdale commissioner put it.

A primary route, the tunnel has been at the heart of traffic snarls since work began nearly two years ago. On occasion, the entire tunnel has been closed, triggering nightmarish traffic detours.

All the construction at U.S. 1 and Las Olas meant Fort Lauderdale had to move its annual St. Patrick's Day parade and festival from downtown to the beach this year.

But work on the tunnel should be over and done with by the end of this year, state transportation officials say.

The long-awaited transformation, first talked about more than 20 years ago, calls for major

improvements to the Henry E. Kinney Tunnel, a state-owned tunnel that opened in 1960.

At the same time, the top of the tunnel is being extended more than 100 feet to the north to make way for Tunnel Top Park, a spacious new pedestrian plaza with fountains, landscaping and brick pavers.

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Father and son realize dream with Medi Terra

By Rod Stafford Hagwood
South Florida Sun Sentinel

Chef Michael Velicu and his son, Daniel, have built careers on opposite sides of the food and beverage biz.

Michael — who trained with the likes of Jacques Pépin, André Soltner and Alain Sialhac at The

French Culinary Institute in New York City — was the chef/owner of the popular Mediterraneo restaurant in Ridgewood, N.J.

Daniel held management positions at New York City's Waldorf-Astoria and the Conrad Midtown as well as with Hilton Hotels, where he was the director of catering and events.

But now, the dad-and-son duo have combined their talents in Medi Terra, a restaurant in Boca Raton that features dishes from the coastal areas of the Western Mediterranean — Italy, France, Spain, Portugal and Morocco. Having replaced the former Ristorante Sapori, at the dining/shopping/entertainment enclave Royal

Palm Place, it quietly debuted under the new moniker on Nov. 1 and has 54 seats inside, 30 outside and a small bar.

"We took over the restaurant that was here in June," recalls Daniel. "Then we had a couple of very interesting months running

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