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Weekend Update – Here Are the Headline Stories You Missed: Israel's Hostage Rescue, Man Who Transformed Miami's Skyline Dies at 96, New Nutritional Labels Coming, and World Cup Cricket

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"Weekend Update – Here Are the Headlines You Missed" is a weekly feature that offers brief overviews of important news that might have been overlooked during the weekend lull.

Real Estate Developer Tibor Hollo, a Holocaust Survivor Who Transformed Miami's Skyline, Dies at 96

The death of Tibor Hollo, a Holocaust survivor who transformed Miami's skyline, was made public. Hollo was born into a Jewish family in Budapest in 1927. His family fled the Hungarian capital in 1933 shortly after Adolf Hitler's appointment as Reichskanzler and moved to Paris. After Germany occupied much of France, he and his family were sent to the Drancy internment camp and later to Auschwitz.

Hollo, who died on May 1 of this year, arrived in New York in 1948 and took a job at a curtain factory for \$0.45 per hour, letting a small flat for \$2 per week. He soon became a building contractor and, later on, a major realestate developer who went on to transform the Miami skyline with luxury hotels and apartment buildings.

Over the course of his career, he built numerous notable buildings including the 85-story Panorama residential tower and the Eden Roc hotel in the Miami area. His work encompassed a wide swath of the United States, including other parts of Florida, New York State, Nevada, North Carolina, and Michigan.

In 1984, the New York Times, in a feature story about Hollo, said that "[building] a condominium, according to Tibor Hollo, is like flying an airplane: 'Check your instruments, check your gas and check the weather before you take off,'" before Hollo added that, at the time, he was "roaring down the runway" with what was the largest condominium ever built in Miami, the Venetia.