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## AC/DC

### PWR UP TOUR



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Joanne Durann is very passionate about sports and entertainment. She is a former actress and singer and has always loved being in the center of the action. She also loves supporting others and showcasing the entertainers and players coming to the Tampa Bay area.

She has written for the Examiner, Yahoo.com, Axs, Out on The Town Magazine, as well as a writing instructor. She has authored multiple books, news articles, and entertainment pieces. She has interviewed the likes of Geoff Tate, Mark Daly, and Rudy Sarzo, among others.

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# MOTHER'S DAY 2025

Trish Stoecker

Mother's Day is the perfect time to show your appreciation, and Tampa Bay has a lineup of unforgettable experiences ready to make Mom feel like a queen. Whether you're looking for oceanfront elegance, family fun, or musical magic, there's something special waiting for every mom this year.

Start the day at the Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach, where SHOR American Seafood Grill hosts a lavish Mother's Day brunch. This seaside feast promises to impress, from farm-fresh omelets to snow crab claws and a decadent dessert selection. Brunch runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reservations are highly recommended.

Prefer a celebration on the water? Yacht Starship offers brunch and dinner cruises departing from Tampa and Clearwater. Enjoy a delicious buffet, a live DJ, and breathtaking top-deck views that Mom will never forget. Book early—these cruises fill up fast!

In South Tampa, Élevage SoHo Kitchen Bar offers a gourmet brunch buffet with stations for Benedicts, pancakes, Huevos Rancheros, and more. At the same time, Melting Pot Social downtown tempts with bottomless mimosas, fondue feasts, and brunch favorites like Chicken + Waffles.

If you're looking for hands-on family fun, kids can treat Mom to a homemade meal at AJ's Kitchen Drawer's special Mother's Day kids cooking class, or get creative together at Color Me Mine's Muffins with Mom pottery painting event.

Animal lovers can head to ZooTampa for a Wild Weekend Mother's Day Brunch featuring a full buffet, endless mimosas, and unique animal encounters — a brunch like no other!

Finally, cap off the day with one of Tampa Bay's most beloved traditions: the Florida Orchestra's free Mother's Day concert. Pack a picnic and enjoy a night of classical and pop favorites under the stars while supporting a great cause through a food drive for Tampa Bay Harvest.

For even more delicious options around St. Pete and Clearwater, Visit St. Pete/Clearwater's brunch guide online. This Mother's Day, Tampa Bay makes it easy to give the most important woman in your life a day she'll never forget.



# Holidays

## International Harry Potter Day / National Bike Month

May 01	May Day, World Password Day, National Day of Prayer
May 03	Kentucky Derby
May 04	Star Wars Day
May 05	Cinco de Mayo
May 09	Native American Day
May 11	Mother's Day
May 16	International Day of Living Together in Peace
May 17	Armed Forces Day
May 20	National Rescue a Dog Day
May 23	World Turtle Day
May 26	Memorial Day
May 28	National Burger Day





# Sun, Sea, and Smiles: Finding Pure Fun in the Florida Keys

Welcome to the Florida Keys, where the sun is brighter, the drinks are colder, and the only real rule is *having fun*. This slice of tropical heaven, draped across the southern tip of Florida, isn't just a getaway; it's a *state of mind*.

First things first: the water is your playground. Whether you're a snorkeling newbie or a certified scuba pro, the coral reefs here are *next level*. Picture yourself floating over technicolor gardens, dodging curious sea turtles, and even waving hello to a stingray or two. John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park in Key Largo is the OG spot, but trust every Key has its underwater treasures.

Not into getting your hair wet? (We get it, the vacation blowout matters.) Hop on a glass-bottom boat or a sunset catamaran cruise. Bonus points if there's a mojito involved.

Each island along the Overseas Highway has its own flavor. Think of it as a tropical tasting menu:

- **Key Largo:** Your gateway to underwater wonder.
- **Islamorada:** Fishing fanatics, this is your mecca.
- **Marathon:** Family-friendly fun and turtle rehab cuteness overload.
- **Big Pine Key:** Say hi to the tiny Key deer—they're basically island mascots.
- **Key West:** The grand finale, where everything goes, and every night feels like Saturday.



Rent a convertible, blast some Jimmy Buffett, and let the sea breeze work its magic.

Food in the Keys isn't fancy, it's *fun*. We're talking juicy fish tacos, conch fritters crispier than your last vacation sunburn, and Key lime pie so good it might make you cry happy tears. (Pro tip: *real* Key lime pie is yellow, not green. If it's neon, run.)

As for drinks, anything with rum, coconut, or pineapple is a requirement. Dive bars with dollar bills on the walls. Yes, please. Rooftop bars with ocean views? Even better. In Key West, the party never stops—and neither should you.

Sure, you could chill on a beach chair all day (no judgment), but the Keys are built for *doing*. Book a fishing charter and reel in the catch of your life. Kayak through quiet mangrove trails. Try paddleboarding at sunrise. Or go complete pirate and set sail for a secluded island picnic.

Every evening, the Keys put on a show. Locals and visitors flock to Mallory Square in Key West for the nightly *Sunset Celebration*—a full-on street party with jugglers, musicians, acrobats, and fire-eaters. The sun sinks into the sea, the sky catches fire, and for a few minutes, everything feels *perfect*.

In the Florida Keys, time slows down, strangers smile at you for no reason, and even the worries you *thought* you brought with you somehow stay in your suitcase. It's sunshine in your drink, sand between your toes, and laughter that echoes long after the trip ends.

You will leave the keys planning your next trip back!





May 01	7:00 pm	Tom Jones
May 16	7:00 pm	Brit Floyd
May 17	8:00 pm	Tom Papa
May 18	7:30 pm	TFO: Simply The Best
May 22	8:00 pm	Howie Mandel
May 24	2:00 pm	Suncoast Academy of Dance Recital
May 28	7:00 pm	I Want My 80's Tour
May 30	7:00 pm	Happy Together
June 20	8:00 pm	Jon Anderson & The Band Geeks
June 21	2:00 pm	Hidden Brain: "Perceptions" with Shankar Vedantam



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30 COL	31 PIT	1 PIT	2 PIT	3	4 TEX	5 TEX
6 TEX	7	8 LAA	9 LAA	10 LAA	11 ATL	12 ATL
13 ATL	14 BOS	15 BOS	16 BOS	17 NYY	18 NYY	19 NYY
20 NYY	21	22 ARI	23 ARI	24 ARI	25 SD	26 SD
27 SD	28	29 KC	30 KC			

#### MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 NYY	5	6 PHI	7 PHI	8 PHI	9 MIL	10 MIL
11 MIL	12	13 TOR	14 TOR	15 TOR	16 MIA	17 MIA
18 MIA	19 HOU	20 HOU	21 HOU	22	23 TOR	24 TOR
25 TOR	26 MIN	27 MIN	28 MIN	29 HOU	30 HOU	31 HOU

#### JUNE

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1 HOU	2	3 TEX	4 TEX	5 TEX	6 MIA	7 MIA
8 MIA	9 BOS	10 BOS	11 BOS	12	13 NYM	14 NYM
15 NYM	16 BAL	17 BAL	18 BAL	19 BAL	20 DET	21 DET
22 DET	23	24 KC	25 KC	26 KC	27 BAL	28 BAL
29 BAL	30 ATH					

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20 BAL	21 CWS	22 CWS	23 CWS	24	25 CIN	26 CIN
27 CIN	28 NYY	29 NYY	30 NYY	31 NYY		

#### AUGUST

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3 LAD	4 LAA	5 LAA	6 LAA	7	8 SEA	9 SEA
10 SEA	11 ATH	12 ATH	13 ATH	14	15 SF	16 SF
17 SF	18	19 NYY	20 NYY	21	22 STL	23 STL
24 STL	25 CLE	26 CLE	27 CLE	28	29 WSH	30 WSH
31 WSH						

#### SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 SEA	2 SEA	3 SEA	4 CLE	5 CLE	6 CLE
7 CLE	8	9 CWS	10 CWS	11 CWS	12 CHC	13 CHC
14 CHC	15 TOR	16 TOR	17 TOR	18 TOR	19 BOS	20 BOS
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# Rays Weather the Early Waves, Set Sights on Smooth Sailing

Trish Stoecker

Despite key injuries and slow starts from veteran hitters, the Rays are confident that better days are ahead. The Tampa Bay Rays know a thing or two about weathering storms, and this season is no exception.

Through April 26, the Rays find themselves sitting at 12-14, a record that doesn't tell the whole story. Injuries have taken a heavy toll early, sidelining some of the team's most important players and forcing the rest of the roster to step up.

At the top of that list is ace pitcher Shane McClanahan, whose return from a nerve-related triceps injury remains uncertain. Though officially on the 15-day Injured List, McClanahan hasn't resumed throwing yet, and manager Kevin Cash has made it clear the club is focused on a full, patient recovery rather than rushing him back.

The outfield has also been hit hard. Josh Lowe, a key piece of the Rays' offense, strained his right oblique during his second at-bat on Opening Day. After weeks of rest and rehab, Lowe is inching closer to swinging a bat again, with a target return sometime in June. Meanwhile, rookie Jake Mangum, impressed with his fast start, strained his left groin hustling down the line in Arizona. His timeline looks a little more promising, with hopes he'll rejoin the lineup by mid-to-late May.

Even the healthy veterans are still warming up. Sluggers Yandy Díaz and Brandon Lowe haven't found their usual rhythm at the plate. But advanced metrics tell a different story—their expected batting averages and slugging percentages suggest a turnaround is coming. The Rays aren't pressing the panic button; they've seen this before and believe it's just a matter of time.

Off the field, the Rays are making moves to connect with more fans across the Bay Area. Through a new partnership with FanDuel Sports Network and Tampa Bay 44, 15 games this season will be broadcast free over the air, complete with pregame and postgame shows. It's a welcome expansion for Rays fans looking to stay close to the action. Choppy waters are nothing new for Tampa Bay. As they get key players healthy and hitters back on track, the Rays believe smoother sailing lies just ahead.



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Get ready, Tampa — the thunder is about to roll in! The Country Thunder Music Festival is making its highly anticipated debut at Raymond James Stadium from May 2–4, 2025, bringing three full days of electrifying country music to the Tampa Bay area.

This year's headliners are a who's who of country royalty: Blake Shelton, Riley Green, and the ever-unforgettable Jelly Roll will take center stage. They'll be joined by a stacked lineup that includes legendary acts like Clint Black and The Kentucky Headhunters, with plenty of rising stars and local talent filling out the weekend roster.

Originally launched in Wisconsin and Arizona, Country Thunder has been a mainstay of the North American music scene since 1996, earning "Festival of the Year" honors from the Academy of Country Music along the way. After successful runs in Kissimmee, Country Thunder Florida is turning the volume up with its new home right here in Tampa.

Fans can choose from a variety of ticket options, from general admission to VIP Platinum Experiences, packed with exclusive perks. Tickets are available now at [CountryThunder.com](https://CountryThunder.com) — and savvy festivalgoers can save up to \$51.32 by purchasing at Walgreens.

Dust off your boots, grab your hats, and get ready to make some memories. If you are a Country Music fan, this is one festival you won't want to miss!

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# WWE's Memorial Day Weekend Takeover: Tampa Set for Four Nights of Wrestling Action

This Memorial Day weekend, Tampa, Florida, is poised to become the epicenter of professional wrestling as WWE launches a four-night "takeover" at the Yuengling Center. From Saturday, May 24, through Tuesday, May 27, fans will experience high-octane events featuring WWE's top talent and rising stars. The action kicks off on Saturday, May 24, with Saturday Night's Main Event, airing live at 8 PM ET on NBC and streaming on Peacock. This special will feature the return of WWE legend John Cena, marking his first appearance in Tampa since December 2022.

On Sunday, May 25, WWE's NXT brand presents Battleground, a premium live event highlighting emerging talent. This edition of Battleground will be the first to stream internationally on Netflix, reflecting WWE's expanding global reach.

The excitement continues Monday, May 26, with Monday Night Raw, WWE's flagship program known for its dynamic matches and storylines. The weekend concludes on Tuesday, May 27, with a live taping of NXT, offering fans a glimpse into the future of WWE.



Fans can purchase **three and four-day combo ticket packages** via Ticketmaster. These packages offer an opportunity to experience multiple events throughout the weekend. For those seeking a premium experience, Saturday Night's Main Event Priority Passes are available through On Location. These passes include ringside seating, pre-show hospitality, and exclusive WWE Superstar appearances. Tampa's Ongoing WWE Legacy

Tampa's relationship with WWE is longstanding. It has hosted major events like WrestleMania 37 in 2021 and the Royal Rumble in 2024. This Memorial Day weekend takeover continues that tradition, solidifying Tampa's status as a premier destination for wrestling fans. Whether you're a lifelong WWE enthusiast or new to professional wrestling, Tampa's Memorial Day weekend events promise unforgettable moments and nonstop action.





# Coffee Time

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*Local Coffee Spots*



Do you have a great local coffee place, not a chain?  
This issue we are looking at South Shore

Armetta's Gelato & Caffè	6146 N U.S. Hwy 41, Apollo Beach
Chill Cawfee Riverview	10526 Lake St Charles Blvd, Riverview
Cali Café	10010 US-301, Riverview
The Healthy Spot FL	118 Flamingo Dr Unit E, Apollo Beach
Moon Mountain	210 S Kings Ave # J, Brandon
The Daily Spot	13206 Boyette Rd, Riverview
Just Love Coffee Café	2020 W Brandon Blvd Suite 105, Brandon
Banh Mi Factory	7130 Big Bend Rd Suite 106, Gibsonton



AC/DC is back and louder than ever with their highly anticipated 2025 "Power Up" Tour, marking their first North American stadium run in nine years. The legendary rock band kicked off the tour on April 10 in Minneapolis, delivering a thunderous 21-song set that ignited the crowd and set the tone for the rest of the tour.

The "Power Up" Tour spans thirteen cities across North America, bringing AC/DC's electrifying performance to fans old and new. The tour includes stops in major cities such as Las Vegas, Detroit, Pittsburgh, and Chicago, with the final North American show scheduled for May 28 in Cleveland.

Fans in Tampa, Florida, can look forward to experiencing the band's high-voltage performance on May 16 at Raymond James Stadium.

The current lineup features iconic members Angus Young and Brian Johnson, joined by Stevie Young, Matt Laug, and Chris Chaney. Fans can expect a setlist filled with classic hits like "Back in Black," "Highway to Hell," and "Thunderstruck," along with tracks from their latest album, "Power Up."

AC/DC was formed in November 1973 by Scottish-born brothers Malcolm Young and Angus Young in Sydney, Australia. The band's name came from a label on a sewing machine that stood for "alternating current/direct current," symbolizing the band's raw, electric energy. The original lineup included vocalist Dave Evans, but after a year of mixed success, he was replaced in 1974 by the charismatic and raspy-voiced Bon Scott — a crucial turning point for the band's identity.

AC/DC's early albums, *High Voltage* (1975, Australia only) and *T.N.T.* (1975), built a strong reputation for hard-hitting rock. Their international debut, a compilation also called *High Voltage* (1976), introduced their sound globally. They followed with powerhouse albums like *Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap* (1976) and *Let There Be Rock* (1977), building a fierce fan base with their relentless touring and wild live shows. Their 1979 album, *Highway to Hell*, produced by Mutt Lange, became their breakthrough in the U.S. and UK. Tragically, just as AC/DC was becoming a global force, Bon Scott died of acute alcohol poisoning in February 1980.

After Bon Scott's death, the band considered disbanding, but they continued with encouragement from Scott's family. They recruited Brian Johnson as the new vocalist.

Later in 1980, AC/DC released *Back in Black*, a tribute to Bon Scott. It became one of the best-selling albums of all time, featuring anthems like "You Shook Me All Night Long" and "Hell's Bells." Their next album, *For Those About to Rock (We Salute You)* (1981), also topped charts. Though the mid-'80s saw a slight decline with albums like *Flick of the Switch* (1983) and *Fly on the Wall* (1985), their reputation as a top live act never faltered.

The "Power Up" Tour tickets are available through official platforms such as Ticketmaster and Live Nation. Fans can also purchase exclusive tour merchandise, including limited-edition posters and apparel, to commemorate the experience.

Do not miss the chance to witness AC/DC's electrifying return to the stage. Secure your tickets and prepare for a night of unforgettable rock 'n' roll.







## Busch Gardens Tampa Bay Launches Nearly \$40 Million Park Transformation Under New Leadership

Busch Gardens Tampa Bay is entering an exciting new chapter with a bold almost \$40 million investment and a new park president at the helm. Under the leadership of Jeff Davis, the park is unveiling sweeping additions and upgrades—including the debut of ***Wild Oasis at Jungala*** in May, new animal encounters, elevated dining, enhanced guest experiences, and a **major transformation of Adventure Island**. These improvements aim to make Busch Gardens the best it's ever been and solidify the park as **Florida's ultimate family adventure destination**.

"The extensive nearly \$40 million in investments will further solidify the park's status as a premier destination, ensuring guests of all ages will make unforgettable memories to last a lifetime," said Jeff Davis, Park President of Busch Gardens Tampa Bay and Adventure Island. "The additions and improvements will be made across our infrastructure, operations, staff recruiting, equipment, as well as adding to our aesthetics with more beautiful gardens and plant life. New animal arrivals are also in the plans, such as the reimaged Meerkat habitat, set to open this summer to inspire awe and wonder for all who visit. This is an exciting time for the park and these investments will make it better than ever before."

•**Explore Wild Oasis: A New World of Kid-Friendly Adventure:** Inspired by lush rainforests and teeming with animal encounters, thrilling rides and interactive play zones, Wild Oasis promises unforgettable experiences for the whole family. Within Wild Oasis guests will embark on an incredible adventure. From encountering fascinating new animals to soaring down the all-new Tree Top Drop, families can explore interactive climbing structures, cool off at an immersive splash pad, and take on a thrilling self-guided scavenger hunt. Designed to ignite curiosity and excitement, Wild Oasis promises an action-packed experience for explorers of all ages.

•**New Animal Experiences & Habitat Enhancements:** Busch Gardens is an AZA accredited zoo providing world-class care to over **16,000 animals representing more than 200 species** – and the animal population at the park is growing! From new animal births to new animal species coming to the park – including capybaras, giant anteaters, squirrel monkeys and meerkats arriving this spring, there's more to explore than ever. Plus, guests will see many recent investments to the animal habitats throughout the park, such as the new climbing structure for the new troop of chimpanzees, accessibility features to accommodate the geriatric, all-female Asian Elephant herd and a beautiful new Giraffe Barn.

•**Bold New Culinary Experiences Led by Executive Chef Lavon Smith:** New Executive Chef, Lavon Smith, brings an exciting new culinary vision to the park with newly opened full-service venues like Treetop Kitchen, offering guests a vibrant culinary adventure inspired by global cuisine spanning the regions of Africa and South America. Plus, don't miss the **Food & Wine Festival and Concert Series**. This year's festival features bold new flavors from the Caribbean and India, alongside returning favorites from South America and Europe. There's also an electrifying lineup of new and fan-favorite headlining artists, and—for the first time—concerts on Fridays. Festival access and concerts are FREE with park admission.

•**Year-Round Entertainment, New Shows, and Summer Nights Spectacular:** Summer Nights at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay returns on select dates from May 23–August 10, lighting up the park with extended hours and unforgettable thrills. This year's event features an all-new nighttime spectacular, high-energy live shows and exciting ways to enjoy fan-favorite entertainment like *Rhythm of Nature*—the only year-round ice-skating show at a theme park in North America. From riding world-class coasters under the stars to indulging in limited-time summer eats and treats, it's the ultimate way to celebrate summer.

•**Big Splash at Adventure Island — New Rides, New Energy:** Adventure Island, Tampa Bay's #1 water park, continues to expand its thrills with exciting attractions designed for guests of all ages. As part of the recent investments, families can embark on an aquatic adventure at the brand-new interactive splash and play area **Castaway Falls** – a multi-level play area featuring exciting water elements and cascading slides. Additionally, the summer will bring new thrills, and interactive events guests won't want to miss. More exciting announcements to come later this spring!





# Funny Bone

COMEDY CLUB RESTAURANT

May 02	Martin Amini
May 03	Ashley Hesseltine : Sex Before Marriage Tour
May 08	My Cousin Tiera
May 09	Jason Mewes
May 10	Christopher Titus
May 11	Mamma Mia Tribute Sing-Along Drag Show
May 14	Sammy Obeid
May 15	Elizabeth Brunot: You Had Better Be There Tour
May 16-17	Tip "T.I." Harris Featuring The Haha Mafia
May 18	Christian Johnson
May 22	Success JR.
May 23-24	Dominique
May 25	Led Varela : Noches En Tampa (En Espanol)
May 28	Lavelle Dontae
May 29	Dead Serious: An Evening with Travis Holp
May 30/June 1	Desi Banks: The Elevation Tour

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## Vet's Corner May 2025

Preventing a crisis before it occurs for my Veteran spouse. My spouse retired from military service in 2024. His active-duty career had seen him through years of combat deployments, duty assignments worldwide, physical strains on his body, and distance from his family. But the mental toll of military life and transition is what deeply concerns me.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among Veterans under the age of 45, and more than 40% of Veterans say they experience high levels of difficulty when transitioning. I wanted to prepare us for the challenges of his PTSD and adjustment to civilian life. I turned to Blue Star Families for guidance.

[https://news.va.gov/139462/preventing-crisis-before-occurs-veteran-spouse-2/?utm\\_source=middle&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=VetResources&utm\\_id=16APR2025](https://news.va.gov/139462/preventing-crisis-before-occurs-veteran-spouse-2/?utm_source=middle&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=VetResources&utm_id=16APR2025)

Retirees Say They Were Denied Extended GI Bill Benefits Despite Supreme Court Ruling. Two military retirees have sued the Department of Veterans Affairs for allegedly denying them GI Bill benefits under a Supreme Court decision last year that extended eligibility for an estimated 1.7 million veterans. The VA argues that, under the ruling, only veterans with a break in service, as was the case with plaintiff James Rudisill, are eligible for the extra 12 months of benefits under both programs. It is a clear error for the secretary to deny petitioners their full suite of educational benefits; the attorneys wrote in a petition for relief to the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

[https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2025-news-articles/health-care-and-earned-benefits/retirees-say-they-were-denied-extended-gi-bill-benefits-despite-supreme-court-ruling/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_c](https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2025-news-articles/health-care-and-earned-benefits/retirees-say-they-were-denied-extended-gi-bill-benefits-despite-supreme-court-ruling/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_c)



## Social Security ‘Do-Over’: 2 Ways You Can Change Your Benefit Claim

About 63% of retirees claim Social Security before their full retirement age (FRA), even though this reduces their monthly benefit as well as their survivor benefit. Perhaps they feel they might not live long enough to make the wait “worth it.” Or perhaps they need extra income, and some claim Social Security but are returning to work. If they earn more than a certain amount, they are penalized by Social Security until they reach full retirement age.

These retirees might later regret their claiming strategy. But once you have made the decision to claim Social Security, can you go back? There are two separate ways you can ask Social Security for a “do-over” if you claim benefits and later change your mind.

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**Some Exchanges to Offer Amazon Services** The Army & Air Force Exchange will partner with Amazon to offer package return and pickup services at more than 90 Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps exchanges. Force and Space Force locations in the U.S., the retail giant announced March 20.

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## Tampa Bay Buccaneers 2025 Draft

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers made several strategic selections during the 2025 NFL Draft, focusing on enhancing their offensive and defensive units. Here's a breakdown of their picks:

- **Round 1, Pick 19: Emeka Egbuka, WR, Ohio State**  
Egbuka is a dynamic receiver known for his route-running precision and ability to create separation.
- **Round 2, Pick 53: Benjamin Morrison, CB, Notre Dame**  
Morrison brings agility and strong coverage skills to the secondary.
- **Round 3, Pick 84: Jacob Parrish, CB, Kansas State**  
Parrish adds depth to the cornerback position with his versatility and ball-hawking abilities.
- **Round 4, Pick 121: David Walker, OLB, Central Arkansas**  
Walker is a formidable pass rusher, having recorded 39 career sacks and 82.5 tackles for loss.
- **Round 5, Pick 157: Elijah Roberts, DL, SMU**  
Roberts led the FBS in quarterback pressures over two seasons, tallying 67 tackles and 9.5 sacks in 2024.
- **Round 7, Pick 235: Tez Johnson, WR, Oregon**  
Johnson is known for his elite speed and special-teams contributions. With 3,889 receiving yards and 28 touchdowns in his college career.



Additionally, the Buccaneers signed safety Shilo Sanders as an undrafted free agent. Sanders, the son of NFL Hall of Famer Deion Sanders, brings experience from South Carolina, Jackson State, and Colorado, adding depth to the secondary.

Overall, the Buccaneers' 2025 draft class reflects a balanced approach, addressing key areas on both sides of the ball with a mix of immediate impact players and developmental prospects.





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**Saturday, May 10th**

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**Saturday, May 24th**

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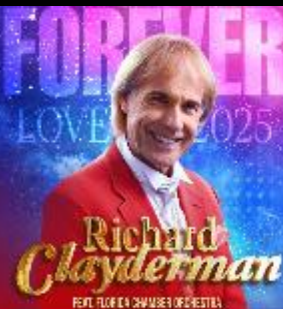
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🕒 Thursday, May 1 | 8:00PM  
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🕒 Sunday, May 11 | 8:00PM  
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🕒 Wednesday, May 14 | 8:00PM  
📍 Hard Rock Event Center



J Álvarez

🕒 Sunday, May 18 | 11:00AM +1 Event  
📍 Pool Party



Ron White

🕒 Wednesday, May 21 | 6:30PM +1 Event  
📍 Hard Rock Event Center

SAM HUNT



Sam Hunt

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May 01 – 03	Phil Hanley
May 03	Chris Franjola
May 04	Drew Hernandez
May 07	Max Manticof
May 08 – 10	Dave Keochner
May 11	Helen Keaney
May 15 – 18	April Macie
May 22 – 24	Jordan Jensen
May 24 & 25	Mike Recine
May 30 & 31	Annie Lederman



Sunday  
11 May 2025

9:00 pm

Sunday  
18 May 2025

9:00 pm

Sunday  
8 June 2025

9:00 pm



# Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa to Host Epic Metallica Takeover with Three Special Events Saturday, June 7



Metallica's M72 tour is coming to Tampa for two nights at Raymond James Stadium on June 6 and June 8. Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa will host an epic "Metallica Takeover" on the day between shows, Saturday, June 7, featuring three exciting events honoring the legendary band at both Hard Rock Event Center and Hard Rock Cafe.

All event tickets start at \$20 and will be available Friday, May 2, at 10 a.m. via [casino.hardrock.com](http://casino.hardrock.com).

The festivities kick off at 3:30 p.m. at Hard Rock Event Center with ***The Art of Squindo***, a conversation with artist Tony Squindo discussing his prolific work with Metallica and various other artists and projects. Squindo is known for his prolific work designing Metallica's graphics, merchandise, and more. Squindo has also collaborated with notable artists including The Ramones, The Misfits, and Paul McCartney. Doors open at 2 p.m.

Kirk Hammett, legendary guitarist of the multi-platinum-selling and 9X GRAMMY® Award-winning band Metallica, will join Gibson's Mark Agnesi for ***Kirk Hammett / The Collection: Live*** at 7 p.m.

The live discussion, taking place at Hard Rock Event Center, will offer guests an intimate look into Hammett's storied music career and celebrate the launch of his new coffee table book, ***The Collection: Kirk Hammett*** from Gibson Publishing. Available worldwide on [Gibson.com](https://www.gibson.com), *The Collection: Kirk Hammett* takes the deepest-ever dive into the iconic guitars Hammett has rocked on stages with Metallica for over 40 years.

Following the evening's conversations, Hard Rock Cafe will keep the momentum going at 10 p.m. with ***Hardwired – The Tribute to Metallica*** live performance. Hardwired is a premier Metallica Tribute band based in Tampa. The band has become a household name in the Tribute World. In November of 2022, Hardwired had the honor of being invited by none other than Metallica themselves to perform the night before the iconic Zazula Tribute show. The band has also developed and maintained a working relationship with and is fueled by Metallica's Blackened Whiskey. Hardwired does their best to make you feel like you are at a Metallica show. Performing songs from all eras of Metallica's iconic Hall of Fame career. With custom Metallica instruments in tow, Stage props and a goal to get everyone out of their seats. It's always a celebration of life and a love for live music and of course, Metallica.





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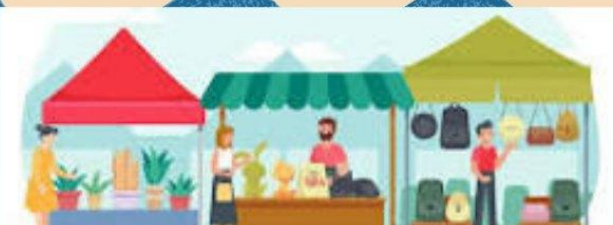
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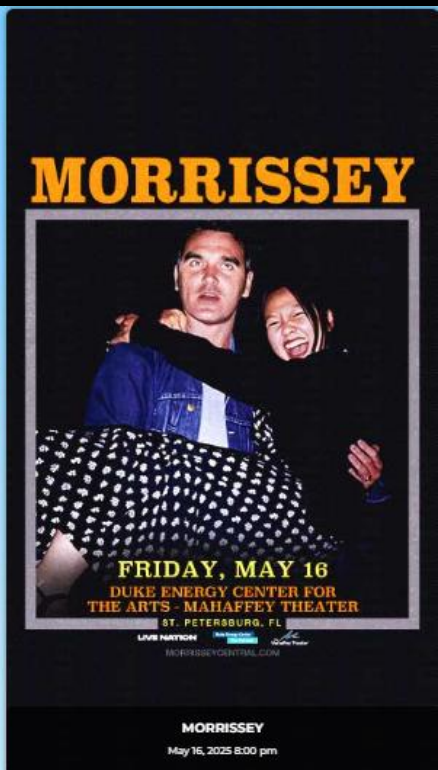
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May 07	7:00 pm	Grentperez
May 9/10	7:00 pm	Tape B – Day 1 & 2
May 14	7:00 pm	The Damned w/ The BellRays
May 15	7:00 pm	Joywave: Here to Perform... Spring 2025
May 16	7:00 pm	BoyWithUke
May 18	7:00 pm	Smino: Kountry Kousins Tour w/ Samara Cyn
May 21	7:00 pm	Face to Face w/Down by Law & The Attack
May 22	7:30 pm	Wicked Serenity(Godsmack Tribute) & Nookie (Limp Biscuit Tribute)
May 28	7:00 pm	Ninja Sex Party “Pure Elegance Tour” w/TWRP
May 29	7:00 pm	Dylan Gossett – The Back 40 Tour 2025
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Matt Stell

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SATURDAY  
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