



Florida Atlantic fans gather in the Mizner Park Amphitheater seating area on April 19 in Boca Raton to celebrate the FAU men's basketball team's accomplishments, including an appearance in the NCAA Tournament Final Four. This summer, you can catch free concerts at the amphitheater on most Fridays.

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## Summer

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Cinemark Boynton Beach 14. For more information, visit cinemark.com.

Regal is offering even more opportunities to catch a movie for just \$2 a ticket on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m., now through Sept. 6. The lineup includes "How to Train Your Dragon," "Shrek Forever After," "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie," "Kung Fu Panda," "Curious George" and "Paw Patrol."

The movie showings vary by location, so contact your local Regal theater for more information about the Summer Movie Express promotion.

If those options don't work, AMC Theatres' Summer Movie Camp is offering tickets for \$3 on Wednesdays and \$5 on Saturdays from May 27 to Aug. 30. The lineup includes "Boss Baby," "The Secret Life of Pets" and "Trolls World Tour."

For tickets and a full schedule of showings, visit amctheatres.com.

### Visit Lion Country Safari, Cox Science Center and Aquarium, and more with just one ticket

A deal known as the Summer Savings Pass offers entry to four attractions, including two in Palm Beach County, for the entire summer.

The pass offers unlimited access to Lion Country Safari, the Cox Science Center and Aquarium in West Palm Beach, the Everglades Alligator Farm in Homestead, and Zoo Miami.

The Summer Savings Pass is good through Aug. 31 and costs \$65.99 for adults and \$55.99 for children between the ages of 3 and 12. That's compared with the regular price of \$45 for just one adult admission to Lion Country Safari.

More information about the attractions and passes is available at summersavingspass.com.

### Boca's Summer in the City offers Mizner Park Amphitheater music

Summer in the City is bringing free entertainment to Boca Raton almost every Friday through early August.

All shows start at 8 p.m. (except for the Movie Soundtracks performance) at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real in Boca Raton.

The lineup includes:

- The Elvis Presley Experience with Matt Stone on June 2.
- The Beach Buoys, a tribute to the Beach Boys on June 16.
- Movie Soundtracks performed by The Symphonia Boca Raton and the FAU Summer Concert Band, with Kyle Prescott conducting, on June 30. The show starts at 7 p.m.
- Best of Both Worlds, a tribute to Van Halen, on July 7.
- Purple Madness, a tribute to Prince on July 14.
- We Are Yacht Rock, soft rock hits from the late 1970s through early 1980s, on July 21.
- Neil Diamond tribute featuring Rob Garrett on July 28.

"Attendees are encouraged to walk, bike, carpool and use free parking at City Hall and the Boca Raton Library," the city announced. "Food and beverages will be available to purchase inside the venue. All shows are rain or shine."

For additional information, visit myboca.us.

### Free bowling for kids twice a day, every day

Kids Bowl Free partners with more than 1,500 bowling centers around the



Aziza, a rare baby white rhinoceros, hangs close to her mom, Anna, at Lion Country Safari in Loxahatchee in September 2021.

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globe, including at least one in Palm Beach County.

As part of the summer program, Greenacres Bowl, 6126 Lake Worth Road, is offering two free games every day to kids between the ages of 2 to 15.

To learn more and sign up, visit kidsbowlfree.com and gatorbowling.com.

"This program is designed by bowling centers to give back to the community and provide a safe, secure, and fun way for kids to spend time this summer," Kids Bowl Free said on its website.

### West Palm Beach museum offers \$10 art workshops for families

The Norton Museum of Art, 1450 S. Dixie Highway, is the home of "Family Studio," a gallery experience and art workshop that costs only \$10 for the whole family.

The program is for children between the ages of 5 to 12 and the grown-ups joining them. Each session is different, and the museum has programs scheduled for May 27, June 3, June 10 and June 24.

A description for the session in late June says families will "create your own book of memories using Polaroids, magazines, photocopies, text, and mixed media."

For more information, visit norton.org, and send an email to familyprograms@norton.org to check availability.

### Something for everyone at Mounts Botanical Garden

Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail in West Palm Beach, has dozens of classes and events scheduled throughout the summer.

In June, visitors can try their hand at watercolor painting, tai chi, photography, gardening, yoga and nature therapy, among other offerings.

Check out mounts.org for the full calendar of events and prices.

### See a cougar or a capybara at the Palm Beach Zoo

The Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd. in West Palm Beach, is home to hundreds of animals — many of them endangered.

Visitors can see alligators, capuchin monkeys, giant anteaters, jaguars, otters and ring-tailed lemurs at a cost of \$27.75 for adults, \$25.75 for seniors and \$21.75 for children ages 3 to 12.

Guests can get even closer to a handful of animals by purchasing a separate experience on top of the general admission ticket.

The zoo offers a meet-and-greet with its koalas, Ellin and Sydney, or with its otters, tigers, tortoises, capybaras, flamingos and sloths.

Learn more and buy tickets at palmbeachzoo.org.

## Amis

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a white corner cottage-like house.

He lived so quietly here that although you can find 10 of his novels, and 27 works to which he contributed at the Palm Beach County Library, and three at the Lake Worth Beach City library, for the decade he owned a home here, he went unnoticed by local media. He didn't interact with the British expat charitable St. George's Society of Palm Beach.

And if he did book events — he published at least two of his novels and, in 2020, an essay collection — since buying a home in Palm Beach County, he hadn't in recent years; the Palm Beach Book Store, which over the years has carried dozens of titles by him, as well as by his father, now carries none.

But even though we didn't see him, he saw us. Early in his career, when he was about 30, he visited the island of Palm Beach and wrote about it for the

British Tatler, in an essay later published in the 1986 collection "The Moronic Inferno: And Other Visits to America."

With an eye for details that would change only slightly in the decades to come, he observed: "There is no sign of any work going on here. There is no sign of anyone who hasn't got lots of money." He noted that "the only monikers with an aristocratic tang are brand names — perfumes, cars, domestic appliances." And that: "People talk obsessively about real estate — partly, I suppose, because it is an informal way of talking obsessively about money."

While many outsiders forget to differentiate between the island and the mainland, he wrote that on crossing the bridge "you are immediately confronted by ... booming chaos."

But when it came time to retreat from the London literary scene where he felt over-scrutinized, as the son of an author who had summed up the absurdity of his own generation, Amis chose a small city over the bridge, where, if he liked, he could go unnoticed.

## Civil rights

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ess."

Rev. Dr. R.B. Holmes Jr., pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Tallahassee, said, "My beloved governor has not, since 2019, [picked] through the Human Relations Commission names to be on the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame.

"Men and women who bleed and die for diversity, equity and inclusion," he continued. "So we want to ask him, 'Why not?'"

An answer came via email a little while after the leaders left the Capitol.

"Our agency takes great pride in honoring Floridians who have made significant contributions to this state as leaders in equality," wrote Tenzisha Matthews Collins, the commission's legislation specialist. "Due to the coronavirus pandemic, our agency was not able to put on a Civil Rights Hall of Fame Ceremony to prevent the spread of COVID-19."

Collins said the commission is currently awaiting the governor's selection of nominees.

"With the COVID public health emergency coming to an end, we look forward to continuing the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame Ceremony in the near future," Collins said.

Holmes said he can appreciate that reason and was glad they're bringing it back, but questions why he and others weren't informed of it — even after he sent a letter to the governor last month — and why it couldn't have happened over a virtual format, like Zoom. He also pointed out how a DeSantis-led Florida had combatted restrictions.

"Why cherry pick?" he said. "I don't want COVID-19 to be an excuse, especially since we had an administration penalizing our schools for mask and safety precautions."

Holmes would know all about that. Once a long-time Republican, he did the closing prayer at DeSantis' first inauguration. But, after taking issue with the governor's handling of COVID-19 — such as penalizing mask mandates — he switched to independent and has become a vocal critic of other DeSantis policies.

And those other policies got significant attention during the Capitol gathering, which came a couple days before May 20, the 158th anniversary of

the Emancipation Proclamation being read in Tallahassee.

It also came a couple weeks after the conclusion of Florida's highly-divisive 2023 legislative session.

A sampling of its sweeping policy changes: This week alone, DeSantis signed into law four bills that directly or indirectly target transgender people and the broader LGBTQ community, and he signed a ban on state funding for DEI programs at Florida's public universities.

Last week, he signed controversial anti-illegal immigration legislation. DeSantis say it's needed to address a border crisis he blames on President Joe Biden, but Latin American and immigrant advocacy organizations say it will lead to unsafe conditions for immigrants, whether they're in the United States legally or not.

Framing the session with what is a likely theme of his anticipated presidential campaign, DeSantis said a during press conference after it ended, "A lot of other states can learn a thing or two about how we do it in Florida."

The governor, who rose to prominence due to his COVID-19 policies and has elevated his name brand further with a polarizing but attention-grabbing agenda, is preparing to make a formal campaign announcement in the coming days.

And, over the months leading up to that announcement, the governor has invoked biblical passages as he promotes the same policies that the religious leaders condemned on Thursday.

"Put on the full armor of God," DeSantis recently told Republicans in Iowa. "Take your stand. Stand firm for truth. We must fight the good fight. We must finish the race. We must keep the faith. I can tell you this: I am proud of what we've done in Florida... But I've only begun to fight."

Holmes counters that DeSantis, whose office didn't respond to media requests, might want to read "just a little more" of the Bible, which he said was progressive about diversity, equity and inclusion.

"Is this your model for president?" Holmes said. "Is this your ticket for getting there? By walking over people, disenfranchising people, eliminating people's rights?"

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