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## Writer Amis found a quiet life in LWB

Few knew the late literary icon had a Florida home

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LAKE WORTH BEACH – For many modern literature lovers around the world, the news that the British writer Martin Amis died here May 19 may have been the first mention they ever saw of Lake Worth Beach, the small city by the sea where he chose to make one of his homes.

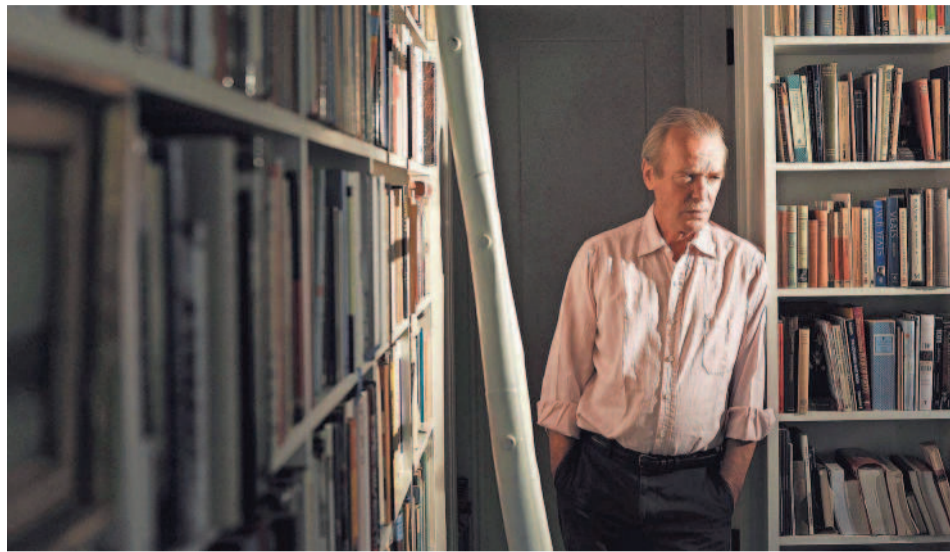
For many here, the news brought the first mention that the author and journalist, renowned for sardonically summing up the angst and absurdity of his generation, lived among us.

Amis was 73, and died of esophageal cancer at his Lake Worth Beach home,

according to his wife, writer Isabel Fonseca. The author of 15 novels as well as essays, articles, and literary criticism collected in eight volumes, he was perhaps best known for his 1973 breakout novel “The Rachel Papers,” and a trilogy of London novels: The 1985 “Money: A Suicide Note,” the 1990 “London Fields” and the 1995 “The Information.” He also was the son of author Kingsley Amis, one of the “angry young men” — novelists and playwrights who changed the course of British literature in the 1950s.

His Florida home was on the north end of Lake Worth Beach, where real estate prices are high, but homes are modest, behind head-height ficus hedges in

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Author Martin Amis at his house in Brooklyn 2012. Amis died at his home in Lake Worth Beach on May 19. He was 73. JENNIFER S. ALTMAN/NYT



Youngsters tube down the Lazy River at the Rapids Water Park in Riviera Beach. The Lazy River circles the park and is one of its most popular attractions. PHOTOS BY ALLEN EYESTONE/PALM BEACH POST FILE

## Summer fun in PBC just got more budget friendly

Off-season deals, passes await the adventurous

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In Palm Beach County, the days are getting hotter, students are out of school and tourists are staking out the perfect spot on local beaches.

Yes, summer is officially days away, and so are the summer deals and events. For the adventurous, a single summer pass offers access to a safari, a zoo, a science museum and an alligator farm.

For film enthusiasts, all of the major theaters are offering family-friendly movies for as little as \$1.50.

And for those who want relief from the heat, a local water park is hosting weekly events, while a Greenacres bowling alley and a West Palm Beach museum are offering affordable fun.

Here are eight ways to get out and about this summer:

### Rapids Water Park announces parties, movies, ticket discounts

Rapids Water Park in Riviera Beach — voted one of the best outdoor water parks in the country two years ago — is hosting weekly events, along with a special offer on season passes that ends this month.

The water park, 6566 N. Military Trail, is throwing a foam party at the wave pool every Friday in June and July. The parties are from noon to 3 p.m. and include a live DJ.

The park is also planning “dive-in movies” every Monday in June and July, when families can enjoy a feature film

while floating in the Big Surf Wave Pool or lounging on a beach chair. Keep an eye on the Rapids Water Park social media accounts as well as its website, rapidswaterpark.com, for movie announcements and show times.

Both the foam parties and the movies are included with a general admission ticket, which range from about \$50 to \$60, or with a season pass that usually costs \$129.95.

Season passes are on sale for \$109.95 — or two monthly payments of \$54.97.

Season passes also include unlimited visits, free parking in the regular lot, a 10% discount on food and merchandise, a 20% discount on cabana rentals and free admission to other parks throughout the country.



Regal Royal Palm Beach & RPX is offering Regal Unlimited passes that start at \$18.99 a month.

### Cinemark, AMC and Regal theaters offer deep discounts

Anyone can enjoy blockbuster movies in Palm Beach County for just \$1.50 to \$5 a ticket for both children and adults.

Cinemark is offering the \$1.50 deal from June 19 through Aug. 10, during its Summer Movie Clubhouse promotion. The discounted movies — a lineup that includes “Sonic the Hedgehog,” “Puss in Boots,” and “Minions: The Rise of Gru” — will play on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Participating theaters include Cinemark Palace 20 in Boca Raton and

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## DeSantis criticized over civil rights hall

Despite state law, hasn’t added honorees since ’19

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TALLAHASSEE – Every year for nearly a decade, three names were added to the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame, to honor those who’ve made significant contributions in the fight for equality and justice for all.

It’s in state law: the Commission on Human Relations shall recommend up to 10 people for selection, and the governor shall select up to three of them. Their names and portraits are put up in a corner beside the Capitol entrance.

But that hasn’t happened since 2019, Gov. Ron DeSantis’ first year in office. Some Florida religious leaders, joined by local government and non-profit officials, gathered on Thursday afternoon in front of the Civil Rights Hall of Fame, which is located near the entrance of the Capitol building, and demanded to know why.

“This is Florida law; this is Florida statute,” said Rev. Dr. Joseph Wright of the Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church in Tallahassee, who played a critical role in the 2010 legislation creating the Civil Rights Hall of Fame. “If we standing here would violate any Florida statute, we’d probably be locked up. So we’re asking our governor to reconsider and restore the proc-

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## IRCSO says 78-year-old allegedly plotted escape

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY – After attempts to leave jail on claims of ill-health failed, sheriff’s officials said a 78-year-old businessman facing 49 child pornography charges devised a plan to escape by drafting a team to “take out” corrections officers during a doctor’s visit.

John Manchec, of the 4500 block of Kodiak Drive, west of Vero Beach, now faces 51 charges including attempted escape following a two-month investigation, according to Indian River County Sheriff’s Office officials.

Manchec was first arrested in December 2014 on charges stemming

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