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Working Memory in Aging Adults **Increasingly Affected by Alcohol**

Working memory can be thought of as short-term memory, temporarily holding ideas and recent events in the mind for quick recall. Working memory often declines with age; it may also be susceptible to interactions between age and alcohol use. In a small study of younger and older adults, participants were given either a placebo or an active dose



designed to produce a breath alcohol concentration of 0.04 or 0.065 g/dL. Following absorption, participants completed a visual working-memory task in which they were required to remember briefly-shown images during a nine-second delay period. The results support a small but growing body of evidence that older adults are more sensitive than younger adults to the neurobehavioral effects of moderate alcohol use.

Piping Hot Drinks May Lead to Cancer of the Esophagus

Drinking piping hot coffee, tea and the caffeine-infused beverage yerba mate probably causes cancer, the World Health Organization recently announced. Beverages surpassing 149 degrees Fahrenheit (65 degrees Celsius) may increase the risk of tumors in the esophagus, which resides in the

> chest area below the throat, according to USC's Mariana Stern, an associate professor of preventive medicine and urology at the Keck School of Medicine of USC, and 22 other scientists from 10 countries. Researchers noted there is physical evidence that

very hot beverages can contribute to cell injury in the esophagus and thus contribute to cancer formation. Their results were published in the journal *Lancet*.



Global Study Shows Stroke Largely Preventable

Ten risk factors that can be modified are responsible for nine of 10 strokes worldwide, but the ranking of those factors vary regionally. The two major



types of stroke include ischaemic stroke caused by blood clots, which accounts for 85% of strokes, and haemorrhagic stroke or bleeding into the brain, which accounts for 15% of strokes. The study, published in the journal *Lancet*, was led by Dr. Martin O'Donnell and Dr. Salim Yusuf of the Population Health Research Institute at McMaster and collaborators from 32 countries. The study confirmed the ten modifiable risk factors associated with 90% of stroke cases in all regions, young and older and in men and women.

The study also confirms that hypertension is the most important modifiable risk factor in all regions, and the key target in reducing the burden of stroke globally. The investigators looked at the different risk factors, and determined the proportion of strokes which would be cut if the risk factor disappeared. The number of strokes would be practically cut in half (48%) if hypertension was eliminated; trimmed by more than a third (36%) if people were physically active; and shaved by almost one fifth (19%) if they had better diets. In addition, this proportion was cut back by 12% if smoking was eliminated; 9% for cardiac (heart) causes, 4% for diabetes, 6% for alcohol intake, 6% for stress, and 27% for lipids (the study used apolipoproteins, which was found to be a better predictor of stroke than total cholesterol). Many of these risk factors are known to also be associated with each other (such as obesity and diabetes), and when were combined together, the total for all 10 risk factors was 91%, which was similar in all regions, age groups and in men and women.

Vitamin D May Play Key Role in Preventing Macular Degeneration

Vitamin D has been studied extensively in relation to bone health as well as cancer. Research has discovered that vitamin D may play a significant role in eye health. In a paper published online in *JAMA Ophthalmology* online, Amy Millen, associate professor of epidemiology and environmental health in UB's School of Public Health and Health Professions, and her team found that women who are deficient in vitamin D and have a specific high-risk genotype are 6.7 times more likely to develop AMD than women with sufficient vitamin D status and no high risk genotype.



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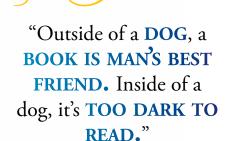


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- Groucho Marx

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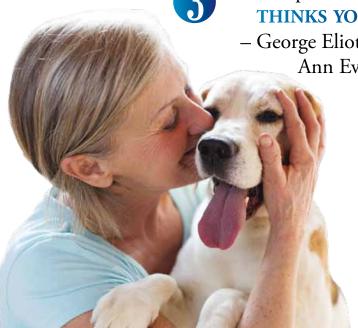


I think DOGS ARE THE MOST AMAZING CREATURES, they give unconditional love. For me, they are the role model for being alive." - Gilda Radner

> "Be the person **YOUR DOG** THINKS YOU ARE."

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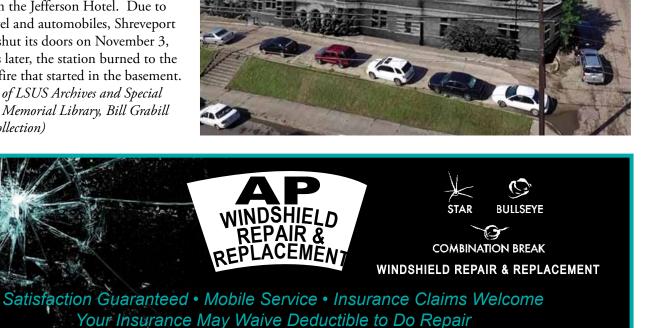


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-Terri Miller and family



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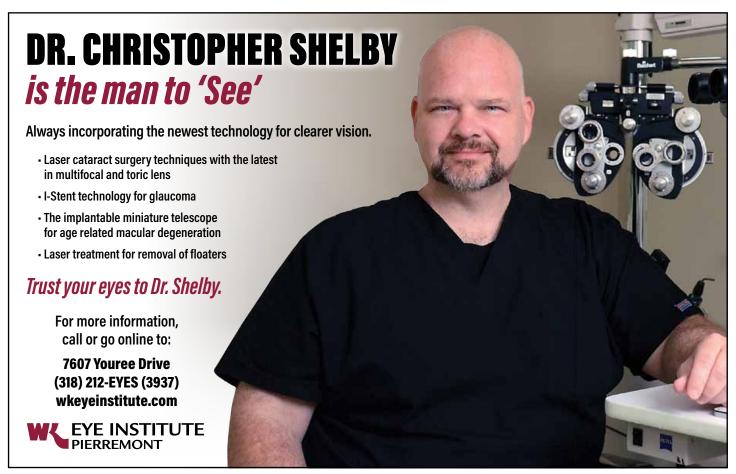




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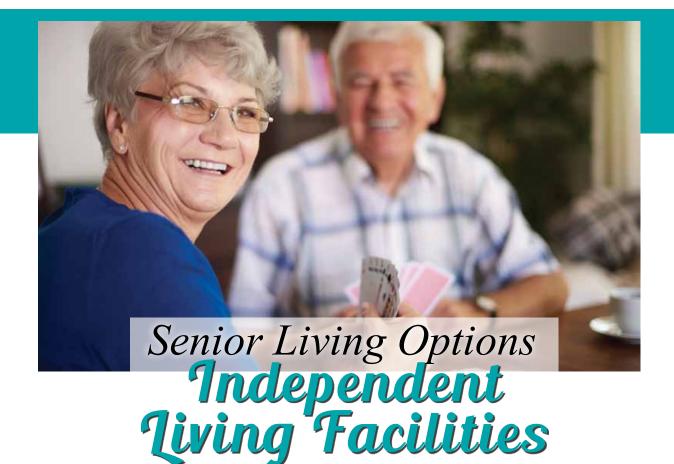
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by Gary L. Calligas

Many seniors remain in their own homes, active and healthy, for many years beyond retirement. But for many in their golden years, owning and caring for a home may not make as much sense as it did before. Some want to downsize because they feel burdened with too much house and yard, which includes all of the required maintenance, upkeep, insurance, utilities, property taxes, and other expected and unexpected tasks and costs. Others consider downsizing or moving due to negative changes in their neighborhood. Some move for the fellowship and feeling of safety from living in a community with others their own age or to be closer to family. For some, complications due to the aging process such as illness, injury, disabilities, safety concerns, transportation issues, and other needs make it impossible to live independently in their existing home.

Whatever the reason for moving later in life, the decision can be complex, confusing, emotional, and stressful. It can be equally upsetting for family members as they struggle to accept the declining abilities of their loved ones. Making any move can be difficult, but trying to make the right decision when faced with a multitude of senior living options offering different amenities and levels of care can be overwhelming and challenging for the entire family. Planning your future housing needs is an important part of ensuring that you continue to thrive as you get older.

Because senior living options range from staying in the family home to moving to a facility that provides total care, it is important to be aware and understand all of the available options to ensure the right fit. The earlier the family assesses current and future needs, the easier the transition becomes. Key components of this decision should include physical limitations, medical needs, safety concerns, financial issues, home maintenance requirements, and social opportunities. Seek the guidance and recommendations from local transition care specialists or health care professionals to offer their independent and un-biased opinion.

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An independent living facility is designed for active older adults who are relatively physically and socially independent and who want an enjoyable lifestyle free of the trouble and costs associated with home ownership. These communities are designed for those who are relatively physically healthy and require little or no assistan ce with the activities of daily living. The major benefits are maintenance free secure living, socialization opportunities and the availability of numerous activities. In fact, studies have shown that moving into a facility which provides for a host of activities and socialization can be a key to healthy aging.

Often described by residents as a "cruise ship on land", most feature a wide variety of amenities, activities, and services. Many offer recreational centers or community rooms to give residents the opportunity for companionship and to participate in activities, such as arts and crafts, games, classes, lectures, entertainment, religious services, or movie nights. Some even offer a swimming pool and fitness center. Other amenities may include basic housekeeping and laundry services, pest control, most utilities, cable television, computer access, libraries, outings to area attractions and restaurants, scheduled transportation, and one or more meals served in a common dining area. Most are staffed 24/7 with safety and security measures in place to reduce the worry that comes from living alone and to respond in case of an emergency. Those who still drive may keep their car and many are pet friendly.

These communities do not provide custodial or medical care, however residents are permitted to bring in outside services of their choice. Neither long term care insurance nor

federal / state assistance living programs will cover the costs of living in an independent living center, but some senior apartment complexes offer rental assistance via federal and state programs. Some facilities offer a continuum of care to assisted or skilled nursing to meet the changing health needs of residents.

Most independent living communities offer their residents a month-to-month contract outlining the benefits and services of the community, as well as the resident's financial obligation. Carefully, review the contract before signing.

Your first step is to visit several independent living communities to receive an overview of the facility and its services. Consider the size and layout of the apartments, location, cleanliness, staff attitude and cost. If possible visit with some of the residents and note whether they appear happy and engaged. Ask for a current calendar of events and references. Select your finalists, then ask to be invited to join them for a meal where you can note the quality of the food and the availability of options.

If the resident or family is concerned about the cost, you should perform a cost analysis. If your home is mortgage free, you will still need to take into account the cost of yard and home upkeep and maintenance, utilities, taxes, insurance, meals, needed renovations, and the cost of a personal emergency response system. Because the monthly cost of living in an independent living facility is all inclusive, it can be surprisingly affordable and a more cost effective option to a person living at home alone.

The important thing is to be open to exploring the



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Independent Living Facility Basics

- Designed for active older adults who are relatively physically and socially independent and want an enjoyable lifestyle free of the trouble and costs associated with home ownership.
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many alternatives. My own mother resisted when I first broached the possibility of her moving from her beautiful home of forty (40) years to an independent living facility. Her initial anxiety subsided when my wife suggested that mom give it a two month trial run and to think of it as an extended vacation. It gave my mom the opportunity to assess her new environment, including determining if she could accept the smaller living space, to evaluate the quality of the food, to determine if she liked some of the many scheduled community activities and outings, and of course, to check out being around the other residents compared to her friends in the neighborhood who were like family. Although reluctant to leave her neighbors, as well as her home filled with memories, mom agreed to move on a trial basis. Knowing that she could return home at any time, gave mom a sense of control and peace about the entire situation. Within a few weeks, mom had made a host of new friends and was busily enjoying all the activities. At the end of the first month in her new surroundings, mom told us she was happy in her new home. She asked that we bring the rest of her clothes and some of the items that held a strong sentimental value. She decided to sell the rest and rent the house. She loved her new environment and we had peace of mind knowing she was safe and engaged. This is the first of a 3 part series on senior housing options. In September we will highlight assisted living facilities. August will feature nursing homes.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

Proactively Prepare for Emergencies By Alan Stein



he potential for an unanticipated emergency to wreak havoc on our lives is a constant threat. Floods, fires, hurricanes, earthquakes and a host of disasters can strike suddenly, putting your home, yourself and your family in danger. However, by planning now and creating an emergency preparedness kit, you can be equipped to respond to and recover from a disaster.

PREPARING FOR A THREAT

Recognizing which threats pose the most danger is the first step in strengthening your preparedness plans. Our geographic locations often force us to prepare for certain natural disasters. For example, if you live near the coast, hurricanes should be a major concern, while forest fires may be a fear if you live in a wooded region that experiences dry spells. Accounting for a palpable threat will greatly increase the odds of successfully protecting your family.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT

No matter what type of emergencies are common in your area, it's essential to maintain an emergency preparedness kit with resources that will adequately support your family through a shelter in place situation or an evacuation. Here are some tips for effectively safeguarding yourself during an emergency:

WATER - Water is perhaps the most basic necessity for survival. Depending on the challenges you're facing, drinkable water may be restricted in a disaster. It is recommended that you store at least one gallon of water per person for three days. However, depending on age, health, physical condition, activity, diet and climate, individual needs may vary.

FOOD - When a disaster occurs, access to food can be limited. Having an adequate supply will help alleviate those concerns, and you'll appreciate knowing you can keep your family nourished until services and supplies can be restored. No matter what you stockpile, make sure it's nonperishable. Canned foods, salt-free crackers and whole grain cereals are some of the best emergency food supplies that don't require any preparation material. In addition, a can

opener and pocket knife are essential.

FIRST AID KIT - In a situation where professional medical attention is not available, a first aid kit becomes invaluable. Some basic over-the-counter items will allow you to manage common injuries or ailments. In addition to bandages, sterile dressings, pain-relievers, antibiotic ointment and cleansing agents, make sure you have a supply of any

OTHER SUPPLIES - Each family must recognize their unique needs and challenges. If you have children, their age will often dictate the supplies needed.

necessary prescription

medications.



Climate also plays a major factor in your emergency preparations. If you live in an area where cold weather is frequent, keep warm clothes, jackets and blankets at your disposal. You should also plan for power outages - have a transistor or all-weather radio and flashlights with extra batteries. Also, in the event of an evacuation, you should have cash as you may not be able to get to an ATM.

COMMUNICATION

One of the most important aspects of an emergency preparedness planning involves communication. As a family, discuss potential emergency situations, review how you've prepared and what should occur. Resources such as Ready.gov can help you prepare. Every family should establish a meeting point. Our constant reliance on technology - including cell phones - creates daily conveniences but in an emergency, power and cellular outages are common. It is important to plan for where to go if your family can't access your home; as well as where to meet if your primary meeting spot isn't available. In addition, keep a written list of phone numbers in your wallet or purse so that the information is available. These contingency plans provide peace of mind now and a firm plan for action if the unthinkable occurs.

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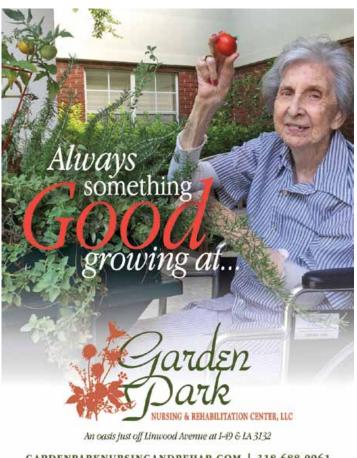




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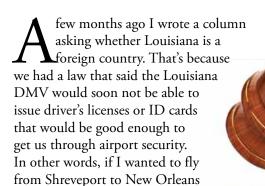
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But not anymore. The Louisiana legislature has just changed this law. Starting soon, probably in September 2016, when I go to the DMV, I will have a choice. I'll be able to get a driver's license or ID card that will get me through airport security: it's called a "REAL ID compliant" license or ID card. If I don't want my license or ID card to be "REAL ID compliant," then I still have the option of getting

one that is not "REAL ID complaint." It won't get me thorough airport security, but if I'm fearful of an "Orwellian national ID system" or "the biblical mark of the beast," (two actual objections made to REAL ID compliance,) then the non-compliant REAL

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license or ID card is still available to

While I'm on the subject of new Louisiana laws, I've got news about our schools. For the past few years, people have been telling me that cursive handwriting is no longer being taught in our schools, but our legislature has now put an end to that. There is a new Louisiana law that says, "Cursive writing instruction" must be "introduced by third grade and incorporated into the curriculum in grades four through twelve."

Here are some more new Louisiana laws:

Using a handheld cell phone in a school zone is now illegal; but only if there is a sign warning you of such. No sign? No ticket. (We already have a law that says no texting while driving. That law applies everywhere, not just school zones. It doesn't matter if there is a sign warning you not to text and drive. Sign or not, if you are "using a wireless telecommunications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication," then you can get a ticket.)

It is also now illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to use a tanning bed in the state of Louisiana.

Need a new inspection sticker for your car? Vehicle Inspection Stations can now conduct inspections in the rain.

Finally, there's bad news for pethuman burials. What's a pet-human burial? Well, a lot of people love their pets. Some people love their pets so much that they want to be buried with them or next to them. But that's illegal in Louisiana. The legislature had been considering a law that would have allowed for "cemeteries to designate a garden or special section for pets to be laid to rest with their owners", but the bill did not pass.

And that's what our legislature, while facing a gigantic financial crisis, has been up to.

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From the Bench by Judge Jeff Cox

Keep Seniors Safe From Abuse



n the last few years, I have seen more and more cases which involve abuse of the elderly. These cases range from financial exploitation, physical abuse, to mental abuse. In most instances, the abuser is a caregiver that can range from a child, relative, to a complete stranger. Most persons that are abused feel afraid and ashamed, especially because they feel they should be able to control their personal affairs and feel like they are losing control of their lives. For every person that comes forward, many suffer in silence. No matter the person involved, abuse against the elderly members of our society is very serious and must be dealt with in a serious manner.

As baby boomers advance in age, they will become more susceptible to criminal activity. Aging baby boomers may be easy targets for persons wishing to exploit their resources. Baby boomers have typically done fairly well in financial matters. They tend to be wealthier than their parents before them. As such, they can be targeted by the criminal element in society.

If you have an elderly parent or relative, you will want to check on them regularly. If someone you do not know starts to be in regular contact with the elderly relative and the elderly relative starts to give out money or gifts, then you may need to take action. This may include seeking advice from an attorney or reporting any activity to the police. You, as a caregiver, should also be aware if the elderly person has unexplained bruises or marks on their body. If you feel abuse is happening, you may need to consult a doctor.

In addition, do not discount other relatives. Financial exploitation or abuse occurs by close relatives in numerous



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instances. This type of situation is especially prevalent when the close relative is an aunt or uncle or cousin and the relative does not have any children of their own. Be aware if a relative who has never had contact with the elderly person suddenly is staying in close contact with them and never leaving their side. Also be aware if this person takes over the elderly person's affairs, gets a Power of Attorney, or starts taking them to an attorney. Abusers typically do not want anyone to question or get close to the person they are abusing.

Financial exploitation is difficult to prove in a court of law. The standard for proof of undue influence by a relative in a civil case is by clear and convincing evidence. This is a higher standard than normally required in a regular civil case. In addition, if the person being exploited lacks capacity, a doctor will be needed to verify the lack of mental capacity and the reason the person is incapacitated. If you notice bruises, make sure to have these documented and have pictures taken for further evidence. Of course, if you notice physical abuse, the police should be contacted and measures should be taken to protect the injured party.

The best advice for taking care of elderly relatives or friends and preventing any type of exploitation is to be aware. Laws are in place to help protect the person, but the law comes into effect after the crime or abuse occurred. Awareness may prevent exploitation or abuse from ever happening. Judge Jeff Cox is the 26th Judicial Court Judge for Bossier/Webster Parishes, Division C.





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Money Matters by Nathaniel Sillin

Anyone Can Make Mistakes With Estate Matters





dulthood brings certain financial responsibilities like the building of budgets, bank accounts and proper insurance. It's surprising how few consider a proper estate plan part of that essential mix.

In fact, a recent ABCNews poll found that only about 50 percent of Americans have created a will and significantly fewer have created the supporting estate documents like a living will or a power of attorney.

Preparing now for the end of your life or for illness may not sound like fun, but it is necessary. Having a plan for the future can help bring you peace and even put you on the road to stronger financial security. It can also help those you care most about. We've all heard cautionary tales about relatives or friends who did not have a will, and family members who were left with difficult but avoidable situations.

So, how do you start an estate plan? It has a lot to do with carefully drawn documents, but it's the planning behind them that really counts. I would encourage you to work with a qualified financial, estate and/or tax professional in your home state

at the earliest opportunity to make sure your plans fit your needs and the needs of your loved ones. Here's a bit more detail on each.

A will, also called a testament, is the starting point. Wills are generally seen as the umbrella document that drives the rest of an individual's estate process. A will generally accomplishes the following:

- It details how you want to leave your property to specific people or institutions after you die.
- If you have minor children, it allows you to name a guardian to care for them after you die or become incapacitated. It also indicates who will manage your kids' assets, including what you leave them.
- It lets you name your executor, the trusted person who will carry out all your wishes in the will.

If you die without a valid will, your state's court system may get involved in distributing your assets depending on intestacy laws on the books.

A living will – also known as an advance directive – al-



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lows you to define how you want to be medically treated under specific situations, including irreversible injury or terminal illness. Depending on your state laws, living wills allow you to express your exact wishes about feeding, breathing assistance and other life-sustaining procedures in addition to how you want them carried out at certain decision points in your care. A living will may also provide information on pain or infection medications you either want or don't want administered as well as specific instructions about your remains, including release to your family or donation for medical research.

Powers of attorney are

legal documents that allow you to name a specific person to take care of your money or healthcare wishes if you are incapacitated. It is particularly wise to seek professional counsel from a qualified trusts and estates attorney in writing these documents. The person you designate as healthcare power of

attorney will be speaking with doctors and executing your wishes on various forms of treatment; your financial power of attorney will be in charge of paying your bills and depending on the range of responsibilities you outline for that person, handling your investment and business affairs. Both are extremely important jobs that should be carried out by people you trust, and that's why they need to be people in the know. Make their preparation part of your estate planning so they know how to step

in and carry out the assignments you've given them efficiently.

Bottom line: Estate planning is the final, responsible step in all good financial planning. While it may be unpleasant to do, it is essential in taking care of family, loved ones and causes you support after you're gone.

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Dear Pharmacist by Suzy Cohen, R.Ph.

7 Cool Things To Do With Cucumbers



n the winter in Colorado you can't get me to buy these, but come summer, there's always one or two in my fridge. Cucumbers have a lot of health benefits, they are known botanically as Cucumis sativus and they're actually a fruit, not a vegetable. They're in the same family as melons, zucchini and pumpkin.

Cucumbers have many active constituents among them, an anti-inflammatory flavonol called "fisetin" which supports brain health. Cucumbers offer compounds that are antioxidants, so they help prevent systemic rusting. Here's some fresh ideas:

1. Soothe itchy eyes.

Cut 2 slices off and lav upon your eyes. This feels especially comfy if you have red, itchy eyes from whatever's blooming. You can also cut slices and put in a jar of water and infuse the water for an hour (refrigerate), then make a compress out of the cucumber water. Squeeze it and lay that upon your eyes.

> **2. Juice them.** They contain lariciresinol, pinoresinol, and secoisolariciresinol which are 3 important compounds when it comes to reducing risk of reproductive cancers (ovarian, breast, uterine, prostate).

Secoisolariciresinol is also found in flax.

3. Heal burns. Cut the slices lengthwise and apply to areas of sunburn, or use my compress idea from above.





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4. Drink them. Cut cucumbers into 1/2 slices along with 1/4 slices of lemon and put into a beautiful glass decanter or carafe with some ice. Let it marinate for an hour and then drink all day. Among the many health benefits, you may see a mild diuretic effect which could help with blood pressure and weight loss.

5. Eat them. The profound medicinal benefits of cucumbers are not apparent to you. I bet you walk right past them in the produce section all the time. These guys can block COX2 enzymes (similar to Celebrex, a popular medication) dampening down paincausing cytokines. While cukes are not as strong as drugs, I'd still chop some into your salad along with fresh tomatoes and basil leaves. Finish with Finish with cilantro-lime vinaigrette. This salad adds fiber which in turn helps you manage weight.

6. Treat acne with them. Cu-

cumbers have the ability to remove dirt, dead skin cells, bacteria, and left over make-up residue. It naturally calms and cools a red or inflamed area. Put a quarter of an unpeeled cucumber in your food grinder along with a tablespoon of witch hazel and 2 drops of tea tree oil and 5 drops lavender. Grind to a smooth consistency and apply as a 'mask' or dab on an area.

7. Make a toner for your face.

Slice cucumbers into a 2 cups pure distilled water. Strain out the cucumbers so you are left with cucumber water, add 1 tablespoon of organic aloe vera leaf juice, 10 drops essential oil of lavender and 5 drops jasmine. For oily skin add to this, 5 drops helichrysum. If you have dry skin, use rose oil.

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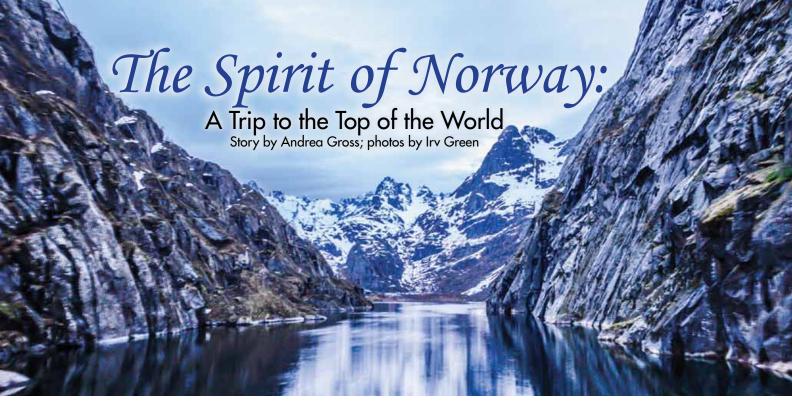
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The sun still brightens the sky during a midnight ride into one of Norway's famous fjords. (Trollfjord)

stay up all night to babysit the sun. At midnight its glow is faint, but the sky is still bright enough that I can read a newspaper without a flashlight and see the shore without squinting. By 2:00 a.m. the darkest part of the night has passed, and the light of the sky matches the white of the snow-covered mountains. The day that never ended has become the morning that has just begun.

I'm traveling up the coast of Norway on a mid-sized cruise ship, the MS Polarlys, and early this morning, as we cruised past a stylized globe that sits atop a small isle of rock, we officially entered the Arctic Circle. I am now in a place where winter days are

Hurtigruten ships are small enough to reach ports that are off limits to larger vessels.





The globe on Viking Island marks the southern edge of the Arctic Circle, which encompasses less than four percent of the Earth's surface. (approximately 5.5 million square miles)

cloaked with a Polar Night during which the sun never rises above the horizon, and summer nights glow with a Midnight Sun during which the sun never drops below it. In other words, I'm headed to the top of the world.

Hurtigruten ships have been delivering goods to small villages since 1893.





Folks in "The World's Northernmost Fishing Village" want to attract tourists.

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To call the MS Polarlys, one of the recently refurbished ships owned by Hurtigruten Cruise Line, a cruise ship is to miss the point. It's a lovely vessel, awash with sleek handsome wood that has a distinctly Nordic sensibility, and it spoils its cruise passengers — at least those who like fish fresh from the sea and locally-grown vegetables — with insanely good meals. But its real mission is to deliver goods ranging from food to furniture to remote villages and at the same time to help the local residents travel to other coastal towns. (Think FedEx blended with Greyhound Bus.) Although the company was founded in 1893, cruise passengers weren't welcomed aboard until the 1980s, when the company saw tourism as a way to make full use of its ships.

Between never-ending hours of daylight and the slow speed of the ship, — Hurtigruten ships can be outpaced by an average dog or reasonably fit cyclist — we have plenty of time to ogle the scenery. On our first night after entering the Arctic Circle our captain takes us for a midnight ride into Trollfjord, a channel of water so narrow that it's off limits to larger ships. I forget to be tired as I gaze at the snow-capped cliffs that tower above us, outlined by the dusky light of the midnight sun.

As we relax in the ship's Panorama Lounge, we become hypnotized by the passing scenes of small villages. Some are perched on rocky outcroppings, others are tucked into the hills, all are dotted with small houses, most of which are painted in tones of red and gold. The traditional colors date back to

The Sami people explain their culture to cruise passengers.



Passengers celebrate with King Neptune as the ship crosses into the Arctic Circle.





Norwegian homes are specifically designed for harsh winters. Peaked roofs and wood exteriors help winterize houses and cheery paint helps brighten moods.

the time when red was made from the blood and oil of codfish and ochre was produced from iron oxide found in the soil.

On a typical seven-day cruise a Hurtigruten vessel visits 34 ports, most for only a few minutes, but several for three or four hours. We disembark on the longer stops and, on occasion, treat ourselves to a ship-sponsored excursion.

Thus we hear a concert of Nordic music, visit a cathedral honoring Viking King Olav Tryggvason, and ride in a rubber boat to the edge of the world's most powerful whirlpool.

But mostly we explore the villages on our own — engaging people in conversation and absorbing the rhythms of their life. In Skarsvåg, a gathering of 40 people that may well be one of the smallest communities north of the Arctic Circle, economic conditions caused fish processing plants to close and young people to search for jobs in larger towns. As the town dwindled to one third its former size, the women began knitting thick scarves and socks that they hoped to sell to tourists if they could entice some to come their way. It will take a lot of scarves to save the village, but when you live in what they dubbed the "world's northernmost fishing village," resilience is bred in the bones — or, pardon the pun, knit into the fabric of your existence.

As we leave Skarsvåg clutching our bag of warm mittens, we see our first reindeer. There are 100,000 reindeer in Norway, some that roam free but most of which belong to the Sami, an indigenous people who have traditionally worked as reindeer herders. We spend more than an hour with the Utsi family, who tell us about Sami traditions and offer us a cup of homemade reindeer broth.

On our way back to the ship we see North Cape, the northernmost outpost in Europe. This obviously deserves a toast. That night, with the sun still high in the sky, we go to the Panorama Lounge and, with our fellow passengers, cheer the fact that we've truly reached the top of the world.

Skål! (Cheers)

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Tinseltown Talks by Nick Thomas

Lindsay Wagner's One (Bionic) Woman Show





ne of the hottest actresses to emerge from the 1970s has been appearing around the country in recent years presenting her stage show, "More than a Bionic Woman: An Evening with Lindsay Wagner." In August, Lindsay will be in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. (See www.lindsaywagnerinternational.com for details.)

"I'll be sharing anecdotes and stories from behind the scenes in my career, and showing clips and photos from my personal collection," said Wagner from her California home. "So it should be a lot of fun and, hopefully, fond memories."

Wagner began appearing in primetime network television

series in the early 1970s, with her breakout film role coming in 1973's "The Paper Chase."

But it was her Emmy award-winning role as TV's favorite female semi-cyborg in "The Bionic Woman" that brought her great acclaim, although her Jaime Sommers character was only planned as a two-part guest-starring role when introduced as a love interest for Lee Majors in "The Six Million Dollar Man."

"The story ended by killing Jaime off and the response from the audience was huge," explained Wagner. "They were so appalled that the studio had killed off a character that had resonated so deeply with them and especially their children. Even a children's hospital in Boston wrote a letter of protest. So the studio had to bring me back for another two-parter to bring Jaime back to life and the network decided to do the spin-off series."

Wagner retired her bionic implants after three seasons and three reunion movies to tackle dozens of TV movies throughout the '80s and '90s. Those roles often focused on social is-

sues such as domestic violence, adoption, mental health, terrorism, and capital punishment.

"I have always felt that TV could be used not only to entertain, but also to highlight important issues and help people embrace their higher potential," she explained.

But Lindsay almost never got to enjoy her post-Bionic Woman success. In May, 1979, almost exactly a year after the last



episode aired, she was scheduled to fly on the ill-fated American Airlines Flight 191 from Chicago to Los Angeles which crashed after takeoff, and today remains the deadliest singleaircraft aviation disaster in the U.S.

"I took a flight to Portland instead to meet up with my sister and didn't hear about the crash until after I had landed and called my secretary to tell her of my change of plans. Everybody thought I had been on the flight so there was a lot of relief, and of course I was shocked and saddened to hear what had happened."

Wagner went on to become an author, acting teacher, motivational speaker, and continues to act. She also actively promotes a holistic approach to health - a lifestyle she adopted after suffering gallbladder issues and stomach ulcers in her teens when she was able to avoid surgery after receiving counseling from a doctor and minister who shared a common philosophy to healing.

And while her famous TV character from the past relied on artificial physical strength to survive, Wagner continues to advocate the potential of one's inner strength.

"We all have the ability to grow through our difficult circumstances in life rather than just survive them," she says. "You have much more potential than you realize."

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Review of Big Magic



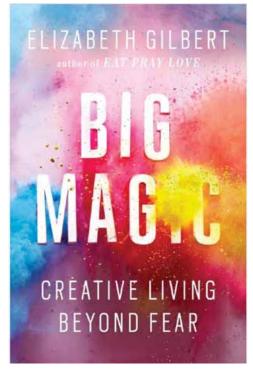
₹ lizabeth Gilbert, well known for her book *Eat*, *Pray*, *Love*, Living Beyond Fear about being brave and working with your fear to live creatively. And while it's easy to think of living creatively as being an artist, or writer, etc., Gilbert extends that to include things we are intimidated to do that make our life more enjoyable.

The first chapter deals with fear in all its many forms - the crippling limitations we put on ourselves that are easier to take comfort in than the strength it would take to get out and do the deepest desires of our creative hearts. She looks at fear in all its many facets, pairing them with funny stories from her own life. She urges you not to be "fearless" (which she compares to the mindset of an overenthusiastic threeyear-old), but to take that fear, recognize it and have the courage to work alongside it.

She talks about inspiration as a partner in your creative process, anthropomorphizing its role in our creative lives. Throughout Big Magic, Gilbert emphasizes over and over again that living a happy creative life means giving yourself permission to do things you enjoy because you enjoy them, not because it's helping someone else, or because it will ultimately be your source of income, fame and fortune.

The first half of Gilbert's book soars on inspiration, anecdotes and humor. Her story of a magical idea sharing experience with author Ann Patchett is simultaneously enjoyable and somewhat awe-inspiring.

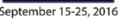
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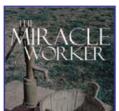


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the momentum she's created with these stories and inspiration and switches to somewhat of a critique for the need of higher education to be a creator. She considers whether people should go into educational debt to create, when creating can be done regardless of education: a point many people might argue against. I found myself kind of glazing through this section, eager to get on to the "good stuff."

Fortunately, Gilbert does finally step off this platform and move into other, more interesting topics. She takes aim at the idea that creators have to be tormented or martyrs to their art, and instead argues for joyful vocations.

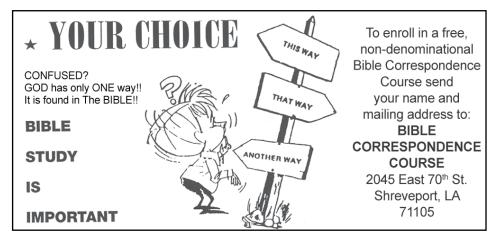
"My work loves me as much as I love it. That it wants to play with me as much as I want to play with it. And that this source of love and play is boundless. I have chosen to believe that a desire to be creative was encoded into my DNA for reasons I will never know, and that creativity will not go away from me unless I forcibly kick it away or poison it dead."

She talks about "creativity" and "curiosity" as beings that walk alongside us, willing us to be human partners with them. She closes with asking creators to be persistent, even in the light of failure and shame. She invites you to use other creative outlets to heal and help you move on and exercise "fierce trust" to keep creating regardless of the outcome. "Why?" she asks, because it's fun.

Gilbert's book is ultimately inspiring, despite her tendency to wander off on tangents. And while she predominantly uses her experiences as a writer to illustrate her points, she explains how these ideals can apply across a variety of creative outlets (even ice skating). A good read, especially if you've ever been too afraid to do something creative. Even experienced professional creators can take away encouragement from this and perhaps be brave enough to move forward.

Grade: B

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Family Features

A lthough brisket is generally regarded as a cool weather dish, you may be surprised how this ultimate comfort food works in delicious recipes that help you hang on to the fading days of summer. Find more recipes featuring your favorite grilled meats at www.kingsford.com.

Barbecue Beef Brisket (Makes: 8-10 servings)

- 1 5 6 pound beef brisket
- 1 tablespoon beef bouillon base

Dry Rub

1 cup beef broth

Dry Rub:

½ tablespoon salt

½ tablespoon paprika

½ tablespoon black pepper

½ tablespoon sugar

3/4 teaspoon garlic powder

½ teaspoon onion powder

1/4 teaspoon oregano

1/8 teaspoon ground coriander

Build a charcoal fire for indirect cooking by situating coals on only one side of grill, leaving other side void.

Cover entire brisket with beef bouillon base. In small bowl, mix dry rub ingredients and coat brisket with rub. When cooker reaches 225°F, place brisket on void side of grill and close lid. Cook for 4 hours, until internal temperature reaches 160-170°F.

Remove brisket from grill and place in shallow baking dish or disposable aluminum pan. Pour beef broth over brisket and cover pan with aluminum foil. Place baking dish in cooker for an additional 1-2 hours, until internal temperature reaches 185°F.

Remove baking dish from grill and let meat rest undisturbed for 20-30 minutes. Slice brisket across grain and serve.

Grilled Greek Salad Pita with Beef Brisket (Makes: 8 stuffed pitas)

Greek Dressing:

2 tablespoons olive oil 1½ tablespoons Kalamata olives, minced 4½ tsps. lemon juice ½ tsp. dried oregano ½ tsp. black pepper

- 4 pita bread rounds, cut in half forming 8 pockets
- 1 cucumber, cut into ½-inch slices
- 1 tomato
- ½ red onion, cut into ½-inch slices
- 2 cups romaine lettuce, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/4 cup feta cheese
 1 pound leftover beef

brisket

In small bowl combine all Greek dressing ingredients. Set aside.

Build charcoal fire for direct grilling. Place pita bread directly over hot coals (approximately 450°F) and cook for 1 minute on each side or until grill marks are visible. Place cucumbers, whole tomato and onion directly over hot coals (approximately 450°F) and cook, turning once, for 4 minutes or until they brown and start to soften.

Remove vegetables from grill and dice. Place vegetables into medium bowl and stir in dressing. Let mixture stand for 5 minutes before adding romaine lettuce and feta cheese.

Fill each pita pocket with leftover beef brisket and grilled Greek salad.

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Barbecue Benedict (Makes: 6 servings)

1 white onion cut into ½-inch-thick strips Onion Marinade Barbecue Benedict Sauce

3 English muffins cut in half

1 pound leftover beef brisket

6 poached eggs

Onion Marinade:

9 Tbs. soy sauce

3 Tbs. lemon juice

6 Tbs. extra virgin olive oil

6 Tbs. water

6 tsps. dark brown sugar 34 tsps. garlic powder

34 tsps. black pepper

Barbecue Benedict Sauce:

3 egg yolks

1 teaspoon vinegar

1 teaspoon water

1 cup butter, melted

¼ teaspoon salt

Pinch of cayenne pepper

3 Tbs. of your favorite barbecue sauce

In small bowl, mix onion marinade ingredients. Pour marinade into resealable plastic bag and add onion strips. Let marinate for 30 minutes.

For sauce, place egg yolks, vinegar and water into stainless steel bowl and vigorously whip until mixture is thickened and doubled in volume. Place bowl over sauce pan containing barely simmering water (just below boil), making sure bottom of bowl does not touch water. Whisk continuously, making sure eggs don't get too hot or they will scramble. Very slowly drizzle melted butter into mixture while whisking rapidly until mixture thickens and doubles in volume. Remove from heat and stir in remaining sauce ingredients.

Build charcoal fire for direct grilling. Place onion strips in grill basket and cook directly over hot coals (approximately 450°F), stirring often for 5 minutes or until onions brown and start to soften. Remove onions from grill and set aside.



Place English muffin halves directly over hot coals for 2 minutes or until toasted. Remove each from grill and top with leftover beef brisket, grilled onions and a poached egg. Drizzle with Barbecue Benedict Sauce.



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- Thursday August 4 - 10:00 a.m. "All Things Norton Art Gallery" Ashley Newberry-Mills
- Thursday August 11
 10:00 a.m. "Seniors: The Non-Traditional Students" by Jay Williams
- Thursday August 18 -10:00 a.m. "How Chimpanzees Age" by Andrea Falcetto
- Thursday August 25 -10:00 a.m. "Old Shreveport: Do You Remember" By Ernie Roberson
- Friday August 5, 12, 19, & 26- 10:00 a.m. Senior

Tech Talk. Introduction to Laptops, tablets and smart phones and other tech tips

EVENTS

"Train Days in the Gardens" - Every other Thursday, families are invited to come out and let their children ride the replica steam engine unlimited times for \$5. American Rose Center, 8877 Jefferson Paige Road in Shreveport. The train will run from 10 a.m. to noon on August 11 & 25. Stroll the gardens and enjoy the picnic area and a playground. Rose Center open Mon. through Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is by donation.

Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association Annual Seminar and Book Fair - Saturday, August 13 from 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m. at the Broadmoor United Methodist Church, 3715 Youree Drive, Shreve-port. Featured speaker will be Diane L. Giannini, professional genealogist and lecturer. Advance registration recommended. Registration fee is \$40 and includes lunch if pre-registered. For info and registration visit: www.roots-web.ancestry.com/~laaltga/ or call Jim Johnson at 746-1851 or email jjohnson747@sud-denlink.net.

Dance Fest 2016 - Square and Round Dance Open House on Tuesday, August 30 from 6 to 9:30 pm at Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City. Hosted by Southern Swingers Square Dance Club and Red River Rounders Dance Club. Open to the public with **FREE** admission and refreshments. Casual dress with comfortable shoes and no high heels. Dance partner recommended but not required. Weekly classes begin Tuesday, September 6. For more information call (318) 469-2929 or email jmingles@bellsouth. net.

Mini Medical School - An inside look at the learning that takes place at LSU Health. No science back-

ground is necessary. Classes will take place from 5:30 to 7 pm each Tuesday in August, starting August 9 at LSU Health Shreveport. \$40 for first-time participants (includes a white coat) and \$20 for Mini Med alums. The fee includes all classes in the session. Register at www. lsuhsfoundation.org/minimed or call 318-861-0855. Topics include:

- August 9: Diabetes Mellitus: About Sugar, Fat and Muscle.
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- August 30: Anesthesia and Pain Medicine in the News.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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ness. Every person over the age of 40 should be checked, if they have never had a glaucoma check, and then every 2 - 3 years after that. Glaucoma is more prominent in the elderly, so persons over the age of 65 should be checked yearly, especially if you have a family member with the disease. Glaucoma can be successfully treated with medicine and/or surgery to help prevent the loss of sight.

I broke a bone last year. Do I have osteoporosis?

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have a 24% increased risk of dying within one year following the fracture. This is not only a disease of aging white women. Osteoporosis occurs in all racial groups and men have a 1:8 chance of having an osteoporotic fracture. Although there is no specific cure, you can: Get enough Vitamin D and Calcium. Get regular exercise (weight bearing and low impact). Do balance exercises to avoid falls (Tai chi decrease falls in older individuals) and if you have a broken bone talk to your doctor about a bone density test.

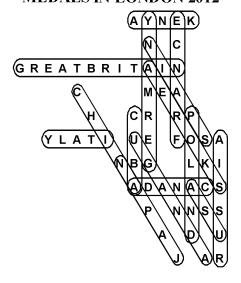
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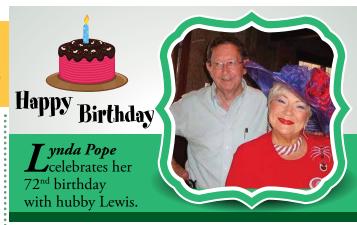
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Fair Bourg, is pictured with the new TV she won
at Azalea Estates 4th of July program. She is pictured
with Lt. Colonel George Finck who drew the winning
ticket, Fan Drive Co-chair Darlene Sandidge, and Azalea
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Titness Lady held their Senior Day event on May 25. Member Nancy Strauss receives valuable information on "How to Avoid Falling" from an NSU student.

NSU Upper Level student providing eye sight screening for member Gale Pearce.



The new Asian Bamboo Cafe at Margaritaville Resort Casino in Bossier City held a soft opening on Friday, July 15.

Left: Margaritaville General Manager Barry Regula congratulates Chef Ngo on a successful opening.

Right: Executive Chef Frederick Ngo with Peggy and Rodney Herring







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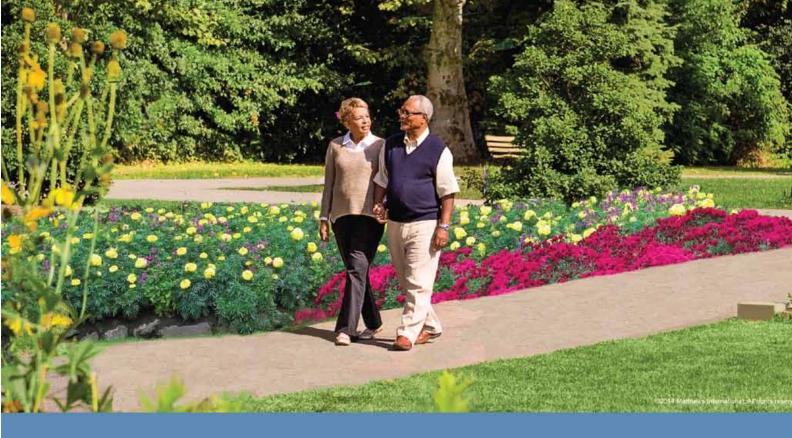






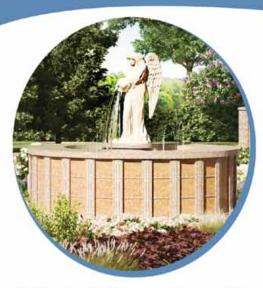


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