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> T'S COMING, AND IT'S PROBABLY COMING sooner rather than later: The Collapse, whether economic, political or martial,

> following an act of war or an immense natural disaster. The moment when

> China calls in its debts, or a unity of

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currencies from there and Brazil, Russia and

India ends the supremacy of the mighty dollar, making printed money worthless and bank savings inconsequential. "It's coming - I've never dealt with more cash buyers," says Neil Wiseman, an east coast Realtor based in Fort Lauder-

Some folks think the end is near. Preppers are ready for it.



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Lifelong learners race to sign up for classes at FAU in Jupiter

BY AMY WOODS

Special to Florida Weekly

Fall classes at Florida Atlantic University's Lifelong Learning Society in Jupiter are selling out as swiftly as spring-training games at nearby Roger Dean Stadium.

Signups for the semester that begins Oct. 12 are well underway, and several four-, eight- and 10-week courses already have BATCHELDER



reached capacity and closed.

"We have a couple of instructors who sell out even before their classes begin," said Kami Barrett-Batchelder, the society's associate director. Like Professor Jeffrey Morton, who draws 600 students to every 11/2-hour "American Foreign Policy" class on the schedule. And Middle East expert Robert Rabil, whose "U.S. National Security, Islamism and Globalized Conflicts" class attracts just as many. Political analyst and author Robert Watson's "Your Guide to the 2016 Presidential Election" class also fills up fast.

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COMMENTARY

Hurricane warning



Erika wore me out. As a native Floridian, I have seen enough and experienced enough to know that neglecting preparation in advance of a hurricane is a serious mistake. I was home alone, my regime untested for severe weather, and my preparation incomplete to prepare for a multi-day siege of inoperable systems.

So four days out, when the "cone of uncertainty" put South Florida in the crosshairs, I began to get ready.

I had lead-time to get started, the antidote for waiting too late to start. A vision motivated me of myself in a rain slicker, struggling in high winds and torrential rain to secure would-be projectiles while dodging lightning bolts. I wanted to be safely indoors, snug with my pugs, basking in the soft glow of a battery-operated lantern when the expected storm arrived.

Alternatively, many of my neighbors took the "wait and see" approach. This was at the point in time when the direction and strength of Erika was still much in doubt, its course disrupted by encounters with land and opposing winds.

It was a gamble. The exceptionally warm water between the weather sys-

Erika refueling its punch before making landfall in the state. Gov. Scott issued a statewide emergency but many residents did nothing, took the risk, and won the bet — this time.

The National Hurricane Center downgraded Erika to a tropical depression. The storm dissipated into a shadow of its former, Category 1 self, dumping heavy rain on Florida's Gulf Coast, mostly sparing us of even that on the Atlantic side of the state.

Preparing for a hurricane when you do not get one is tricky. Complacency occupies some of the space created by the experience. We become less inclined to heed future warnings. If a long time passes without a major hurricane, we think we live a charmed life. If you have never experienced a hurricane, you have no reason to think otherwise.

We congratulated ourselves for escaping Erika while residents in New Orleans were marking the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, its devastation still present in the city. New Orleans survived the hurricane only to drown in the hubris of the Army Corps of Engineers. The agency was in majority responsible for the catastrophic failure of the dikes and levees it designed and constructed as flood protection for the city and surrounding parishes.

Floodwaters filled the city up like milk streaming into a bowl of cereal. It was a man-made disaster just waiting on a major hurricane to overfill the bowl.

then South Florida is the poster child for hurricane mayhem waiting to happen. Look at the map that tracks the paths of Atlantic hurricanes since data were first collected. Florida is cocooned so thoroughly in a web of tracks that it is state's elected leadership cut investhard to see anywhere in the state that has not taken a hit or been affected by these seasonal storms.

It has been nearly 10 years since South Florida has had a major scrape with a hurricane.

In the meantime, a massive amount of coastal and western development has proliferated in places we did not know we had places. What a hurricane-force wind does not succeed in leveling, massive flooding from hurricane rain and storm surges will devastate.

South Florida's takeaway from Katrina? A hurricane can turn a landscape into a swamp. South Florida is a swamp turned into a landscape. It can all turn on a dime.

The Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) are the two principle agencies managing South Florida's flood-control system. The Corps' record of accomplishment in Louisiana should put fear in our hearts, and because political conservatives took a cleaver to SFWMD's mandate and budget, the agency's capacity to do its job is emasculated.

South Florida's flood control system depends on 60-year-old infrastructure If Southern Louisiana is the poster known to be woefully inadequate by

tem and Florida held the possibility of child for the worst that can happen, today's engineering standards, and no funding is forthcoming to address the issue. The cost estimate runs from \$4 billion to \$5 billion to do a complete overhaul.

> The state's Plan B is really Plan Z. The ment in SFWMD despite the increase in and need for maintenance expenses for canals, levees and other flood-control structures. The state's present system cannot deliver effective flood protection along hundreds of miles of coastline nor across the vast checkerboard of canals that create islands of dense development surrounded by flood zones.

> Twenty-three years ago, Hurricane Andrew was the first tropical depression to form during the Atlantic storm season. It turned into a Category 5 with 138 mph winds before you could say "Bahamas," and barreled into South Florida.

> People, who - after a long spell without storms - didn't prepare, lived to regret it.

> The storm devastated the region and left 5,000 people homeless.

We have been warned.

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Could it be true?

The greater one's comfort and ease, the less prepared one becomes for the inevitable catastrophe all of us must someday face together.

For so-called preppers or survivalists, especially the serious ones who appear in this week's front-page story, the answer is, yes. Unequivocally, yes.

To them, the rest of us are potential "zombies," wandering cow-like to and from supermarkets groaning with food untraceable in its origins or even seasons, or shopping malls laden with goods we don't need and won't have when society breaks down.

All of which leads to a dangerous forgetting, on our parts.

Perhaps, like the lotus-eaters in the fated crew of Odysseus, the wily adventurer in Homer's now 3,000-year-old tale, "The Odyssey," the comfortable consumers among us will simply forget.

We'll forget in particular everything we need to know to remain alive after the crash, or at least to behave civilly toward each other as we re-learn how to remain alive.

We'll forget where we came from or where we're going in a proud nation of many histories but only one traditional ambition: to achieve both peace and harmony for all Americans, and others.

As the preppers see it, they are Odysseus, and we are their crew — some of us.

Some of them, as it turns out, would prefer to leave some of us behind, the ones who don't view things quite like they do.

"If you have any substance abuse, alcohol, mental conditions, or serious health condition, do not apply... No liberals, atheist, socialist or progressives need apply," reads one post on a prepper-group website.

OPINION

One equal temper

either. Maybe no blackies, or brownies. Maybe not Audie Murphy who was a Democrat, or Abe Lincoln who was a Republican, or Martin Luther King Jr. who was a preacher.

Odysseus, arguably the ultimate survivalist, saw it differently. This translation comes from the great epic about him, describing how he saved members of his crew with substance abuse problems, apparently: "(The Lotus-eaters) gave them to eat of the lotus, which was so delicious that those who ate of it left off caring about home, and did not even want to go back and say what had happened to them, but were for staying and munching lotus with the Lotus-eaters without thinking further of their return; nevertheless, though they wept bitterly I forced them back to the ships and made them fast under the benches. Then I told the rest to go on board at once, lest any of them should taste of the lotus and leave off wanting to get home. So they took their places and smote the grey sea with their oars."

But perhaps the original notion — that comfort is the enemy — is not entirely correct. Not yet, anyway, and maybe not ever in this sprawling, merry country, where the Boy Scout motto by Robert Baden-Powell, echoed by the Girl Scout motto, goes like this: "BE PREPARED, which means you are always in a state of readiness in mind or body to do your DUTY."

As it turns out, preppers and survivalists can be includers, too, people who may live perfectly comfortable lives until circumstances require that they don't.

They take no pages from the book of those who exclude – who prepare for a catastrophic event by retreating, withdrawing, and arming themselves against the hungry and poor, for example. Against the least among us.

Includers like Dan Powers would heroic hearts, probably help anybody in need or trouble (Mr. Powers was an Eagle Scout).

Mr. Powers has a month's supply of canned goods, water and animal feed, a yield."

Sure. Maybe no Jews or gypsies, year-around vegetable garden, an outdoor shower he made after Hurricane Charley, and many rain barrels to help water plants and flush toilets (he makes and sells them) at his Alva home. He has rocket stoves, and ample supplies of wood and kindling, and solar-powered Mason-jar lights, and a hand-cranked radio and portable generator. He also has a rifle — a .22 with a 10-round magazine. The weapon is not for people, he says, but for small game.

Other includers like John Comito, born and raised in Ohio, and Cesar Peralta, born and raised in Venezuela, will share what they know with anyone.

Mr. Comito, for example, has a prolific garden, raises rabbits and fish, and will teach anybody who wants to know how to do it, at the weekly GreenMarket at Lee County's Alliance for the Arts.

Mr. Peralta, meanwhile, is preparing to open a several-acre produce and farm stand in Olga – all comers welcome, and he will talk passionately not just about how to grow food, but about how to preserve it, a key skill in prepping or surviving.

All of them live in this extraordinarily comfortable society, and none of them appears to be addicted to the lotus-fruit of comfort — not to me.

What they know at bottom, however the wisdom behind the skill — strikes me as the most powerful of all their knowledge, more important than their craft. It's a single epiphany I wish on all preppers, anywhere, a truth expressed by the English poet, Alfred Lord Tennyson, at the end of his poem, "Ulysses:" I say memorize it. And never forget it,

come hell or high water.

"Tho' much is taken, much abides; and tho'

We are not now that strength which in old davs

Moved earth and heaven, that which we are, we are;/One equal temper of

Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will

To strive, to seek, to find, and not to

The GOP field that failed



The rise of Donald Trump is, in part, a function of a vacuum.

that Bush is trailing Trump badly in the been the least reactive to Trump. His polls; he has acceded to the terms of the debate being set by the mogul.

In the argument with Trump over mass deportation, clearly Bush is right. But the split screen with Trump doesn't necessarily do him any favors. Trump is such a forceful communicator that positioning. He has a cogent theory of he comes off as some sort of throw- the case, which is that if he is nice to back alpha male, whereas Bush is such an earnest wonk, he looks and sounds like a sensitive dad from a contemporary sitcom. It's like watching a WWE wrestler get a stern talking to from Ned Flanders. Scott Walker, in contrast, had a surge early in the campaign. It dissipated over time when his limited preparation on national issues didn't match his outsized early press exposure. A so-so debate performance and the rise of Trump have continued his long fade to middle of the pack in the latest early state polling. Who could have predicted that the Midwestern candidate who tells stories about buying shirts for \$1 at Kohl's would have to play populist catch-up with the New York billionaire who travels by eponymous helicopter? As for Marco Rubio, for whom expectations have been so high, he has

campaign is still betting on the long game. It believes his talent will tell over time, but he doesn't have a natural geographic or ideological base.

Ted Cruz may be benefiting most from the Trump surge in his strategic



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He is thriving in a Republican field that is large, talented and, so far, underwhelming. To paraphrase Bruce Springsteen, there's 17 candidates and nothing on. Except Donald Trump.

Now, this has much to do with the media, and with Trump's unique qualities as a showman. He has the advantage of not caring about anything, apparently — the facts, his reputation or, ultimately, winning the presidency. In consequence, he is a free man.

Yet no speech, no policy proposal, no argument, nothing from the other candidates has come close to capturing the imagination of voters, giving Trump the space to loom all the larger.

The weakness starts at the top, or what was supposed to be the top. Jeb Bush's "shock and awe" has turned into getting sand kicked on him at the beach by a loudmouth and bully. It's not just

Trump — and the other outsider can-didates — he eventually can inherit his supporters. This makes intuitive sense, although Cruz — exceedingly careful in crafting his words and in calculating his interest — is hardly a natural antipolitician.

It is still early, of course. The rules of gravity say Trump will come back down to earth. The media interest that is so intense now could burn out. His lack of seriousness should be a drag over time.

Even if he fades, though, someone else will have to fill the screen. To this point, no one else has been big or vivid enough to do it.

- Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

One Jupiter sponsors art, event to honor Onesimo Marcelino Lopez-Ramos

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One Jupiter, a collaborative, community initiative formed to honor the memory of Onesimo Marcelino Lopez-Ramos, is sponsoring an exhibition of Guatemalan art and local history on display at the Jupiter Community Center beginning Sept. 10.

On April 18, Lopez Ramos, 18, was attacked and killed in front of his home by a group of young men.

In celebration of the Guatemalan legacy in Jupiter, the public is invited for an evening of Mayan art and culture.

On Friday, Sept. 18, this free event for all ages will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Jupiter Community Center, 200 Military Trail. At 6 p.m., there will be a showing of the documentary film, "Brother Towns." The film is the story of two towns linked by immigration, family and work: Jaca-Itenango, a highland Maya town in Guatemala; and Jupiter, the coastal town where many Jacaltecos have settled.

Following the film will be a discussion led by Jamie Stuve, president and CEO of the Loxahatchee River Historical Society, Dr. Timothy Steigenga, professor of political sciences and chair of humanities and social sciences at Florida Atlantic University, and Jeronimo Camposeco, advocate and expert in social and anthropological research including consulting on farm worker labor practices and Maya culture for various universities.

After the discussion, enjoy the Mayan art exhibition, Guatemalan pastries, coffee, and live music by Mayaland marimba band until 9 p.m.

This ongoing effort to spread awareness, show respect and spark conversation is coordinated by the Town of Jupiter Art Committee, El Sol Neighborhood Resource Center, Lighthouse ArtCenter, Loxahatchee River Historical Society, Guatemalan Tomorrow Fund and Oceana Coffee. The Guatemalan art exhibit will continue to be shown throughout public venues in Jupiter in 2015-16.

To help Onesimo's family with expenses, please visit youcaring.com/ inmemoryofonesimo.

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PET TALES

Take the bite out Do you know how to prevent dog bites? Here's some expert advice

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON Universal Uclick

It's easy to find information on the signals dogs give before they bite and ways to prevent dog bites. But a recent study published in the Journal of Veterinary Behaviour found that educating people about canine body language and highrisk situations isn't enough. All too often, people believe dog bites won't happen to them or that their dog won't bite, and they ignore a dog's warning signs.

"Nobody wants to believe that their beloved dog would cause harm, but all dogs have the potential to bite, whether it be in aggression or in play," says Carri Westgarth, Ph.D., a dog behavior expert at the University of Liverpool's Institute of Infection and Global Health. She and other researchers suggest that raising awareness of that reality is an important part of successful dog bite prevention.

What are the situations in which bites are most likely to occur, either to people or other animals? Trainer and expert witness in dog bite cases Jill Kessler-Miller of Palos Verdes, California, notes the following:

• When dogs are off their leash and off their property.

• When people carelessly permit dogs on extendible leashes to roam.

• When children and dogs are left unsupervised.

Dog bite attorney Kenneth M. Phillips of Beverly Hills, Calif., says other common situations that invite bites involve unsupervised children entering a yard with a reactive or get him out of harm's way if



An estimated 4.5 million dog bites occur each year in the United States. Children and men are most likely to be bitten, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

dog or dogs in it; dogs who are tethered; unneutered male dogs; and multiple dogs.

Mistakes people make include reaching in to break up a dogfight, getting too close to a dog's face and letting dogs approach other dogs or people without first asking permission.

Even the nicest dog can bite if he feels threatened, but most bites are preventable with 10 reasonable precautions.

1. Teach dogs to wait for permission before approaching other animals or people. 2. Use a 4- to 6-foot leash instead of

an extendible leash. It's too easy to let a dog get out of control, and the leashes can injure people as well.

"People get tangled in them, thrown off their feet and have had fingers torn off," Miller says.

3. Be alert to your surroundings so you know if other people or animals are approaching. You need to always be ready to either control your dog if he's an aggressive dog approaches.

4. Teach children to ask permission before approaching any dog.

5. Take your dog to puppy kindergarten followed by obedience class. They are opportunities to work on training and socialization. Consider taking the class again so your dog gets more practice, especially if he is a large or active breed or mix.

6. Stay out of dog parks. They can be breeding grounds for canine bad behavior, such as bullying and aggression.

7. Pay attention to your own actions. Don't put your face close to a dog's face, especially if you don't know him or if he has been injured. That's just asking for a bite. The dog doesn't know you're trying to be friendly or to console him.

8. To separate fighting dogs, avoid the head, where the teeth are. Each owner should grab his dog's hind legs and pull the dogs away from each other.

"Don't let go," Mr. Miller says. "They will re-engage."

9. If you or your pet are bitten, clean the wound thoroughly and seek medical or veterinary attention. Report the bite to animal control.

10. Don't ignore or downplay aggressive behavior from your dog or someone else's dog, such as lunging, pulling on the leash or growling when he sees other people or animals. Nipping is a red flag, too. Dogs who get away with it become more ambitious and may graduate to more serious bites. Get help from a certified applied animal behaviorist or veterinary behaviorist.

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>>Frankie is neutered male tabby, grey and white, with beautiful blue eyes. He's approximately 3 years old. He's quiet, but enjoys the company of people - he loves getting attention!

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Retirement bash for Bob Weisman to benefit local Homeless Coaltion

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One of Bob Weisman's last acts as Palm Beach County Administrator will help the least fortunate in the area.

On Oct. 2, the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County will be the beneficiary of a retirement party in recognition of Mr. Weisman's service.

"As a public servant, Mr. Weisman has been dedicated to helping others," said Homeless Coalition Executive Director Marilyn Munoz, in a prepared statement. "So it's fitting that his fare-



well bash will benefit housing programs for those who are experiencing homelessness."

Mr. Weisman retired Aug. 31 as Palm Beach County administrator after 23 years of service.

"I will not stop car-

ing about the people of Palm Beach County just because I am

no longer in office," Mr. Weisman said in the statement. "This event will raise money to get people who are homeless into housing. That is something I will always care about. I can't think of a better community cause."

The event, #FlashbackFriday, will be a send-off sock hop at the Cars of Dreams Museum in North Palm Beach.

Owners John and Jeanette Staluppi have donated the unique venue for the event.

Cars of Dreams is a virtual time capsule of 1950s and '60s Americana. For \$125, guests will enjoy dinner, drinks and music while touring the classic car collection.

All proceeds will benefit the Homeless Coalition's Creating Housing Opportunities Program.

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She studied a variety of techniques while completing her education, and received her full body certification in Active Release Technique. Shanele enjoys spending time outdoors, reading, playing with her dog and most of all being with family





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Jessica Teece after a recent night hunt, with her boyfriend near Arcadia, and displaying her small arms shooting skills.

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dale who found himself in the news three years ago as the owner of Dixie Guns & Ammo on U.S. 1 in Pompano Beach. The Mayan prophesy of doom for mankind was said to be close and business was hopping in those days.

But nothing came of that prophesy and Mr. Wiseman fell on hard times. His wife divorced him, and he had to close his shop but not his eyes, he says. He knew real estate well and fell back on it.

"People are taking money out of their 401Ks and their stocks and spending cash. And I question the integrity of the stock market. I don't even know if it's real. Forget about China by itself. China might topple the U.S. dollar but it could do it with the help of Brazilian, Russian and Indian currencies, the new currencies."

Or the moment might not be economic, those preparing for disaster say. The "preppers," they're called, in a term they revile and cherish simultaneously the way Colonists once loved and hated their derisive British tag, "Yankee Doodle Dandies."

Yellowstone might finally erupt, or a narrowly focused but well-planned assault of biological or nuclear origin could dismantle both the communications and electric-power grids, offering most of us a moment of deep self-realization: We are vulnerable and unprepared.

"History is cyclical, and it shows us that it could be one or a combination of



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all those things," suggests Darin Smith, a sometimes resident of Southwest Florida.

"If you suppose that it will happen, then you have to think ahead," he adds. He, too, appeared in 2012 news stories.

Like some other people in the region, Mr. Smith had gotten his first real taste of desperation and need — the need to be prepared for cataclysm — years earlier, several days after Hurricane Charley, when he returned to a home on Fort Myers Beach by boat (the bridge was closed), and found National Guard troops carrying automatic rifles patrolling the neighborhoods.

Now, his bug-out location is Belize, where he lives self sufficiently on a farm with his family, selling similar properties and occasionally traveling back to Southwest Florida to manage his interests here.

His voice, carrying the faintly nuanced accent of a Southerner, drifts in and out over a phone connection from Belize. He's reasonable, articulate and certain that it will happen again.

So he offers advice to the vulnerable.

"Have something held back for that eventual rainy day. It doesn't have to be thousands and thousands of dollars. It can be a hundred pounds of rice and a hundred pounds of beans, and salt, to get your family through."

Preppers and zombies

Especially vulnerable in the eyes of serious preppers will be us "zombies," as they refer to any who aren't prepared for a SHTF moment — the moment when the Shit Hits The Fan.

That acronym is commonly used in the world of hardcore preppers, along with this one: BOL. If you don't have a bug-out location, you're probably not a hardcore prepper, unless you live in your BOL.

Those in South Florida who believe that disaster is coming probably number a lot

more than the tally of preppers shows, they say — almost 1,000 in the Sustainable Survivalists Network, Florida Region Six, based in Fort Lauderdale, almost 400 in Fort Myers area groups and roughly an equal number in Charlotte County and immediate points north.

Many are reclusive, guarded and unwilling to discuss any of what they do in public — except with each other in conversations that begin with social media.

"If people can't go to Walmart and grab what they need that moment, what will they do?" asks one well-prepared resident of the Charlotte-Desoto County area, who calls herself Jane.

"Nothing at first. They'll walk away disappointed. But don't underestimate human beings' will to survive. Eventually they'll start looking for a way to get what they need. So what then? Well, it's best if you aren't surrounded by hungry people. A gun? Yes. Multiple guns? Yes.

"But better than having to shoot your hungry neighbors, your best defense is nobody knowing where you are or what you have."

Jane's preparation, which has evolved since the Y2K fright in which many Americans prepared for a collapse of information and communication technologies, includes a sizeable "cold room" in a wilderness home with "shelves stocked from floor to ceiling with every conceivable food product. We also keep medical supplies in there and anything that won't keep well when exposed to heat, which includes cans... We use a rotation system so that older stuff comes home and is consumed."

She quit worrying a bit after Y2K — until the 2007 economic meltdown.

Then she started preparing again in small ways "in case the dollar went the way of the peso and toilet paper was worth a small car," she reports. "Each preparation led to another. If I need toilet paper, will



COURTESY PHOTO

John and Sara Fitzpatrick Comito have spent years becoming self-sustaining on a half-acre urban lot, raising and preserving vegetables, fish and fowl. John, at right, with his bees.

I need medications? Food? Deodorant? Jeans? Water? Could it get that bad?"

Yes, it could get that bad. Now she and her family are completely self-sufficient, with a deep-water well that includes a hand pump, running water for sinks, shower, toilet, a solar system feeding eight marine batteries to power refrigerator, lights and radio, and a generator converted to run on propane gas since gasoline is unstable in storage. That can run the air conditioning, refrigerator, lights and all the rest for about 18 months, she says.

Social media

But secrecy is one thing — Jane will reveal neither her full or real name, or her exact location — and social media in the world of those prepared, is another.

"Social media in particular has given rise in part to this phenomenon of preppers which seems to be growing, because it enables people to find others of like beliefs, and to find some affirmation in what they think and do," says Peter Behrens, a recently retired professor of psychology at Pennsylvania State University. He continues to study the phenomenon of preppers, including those dating from the Cold War and fears of nuclear disaster in the 1950s and '60s, to the Y2K preppers and the Mayan prophesy preppers of more recent years.

For Professor Behrens, preppers can be broken into three categories: those who prepare as a pastime; those who spend significant money and time preparing until it becomes a preoccupation; and those for whom preparation is a pathology, and



of catastrophe like the rest of the federal government, leaving behind just us and our world.

Then society would become post-apocalyptic, and its citizens would likely mirror the characters in Cormac McCarthy's dark novel, "The Road."

"If trouble comes when you least expect it, then maybe the thing to do is always expect it," one of them suggests.

In a nutshell, that is the philosophy of preppers and survivalists across Florida who form a mostly invisible community of people preparing for catastrophe, and expecting it.

They may be reclusive, but they rely on social media to communicate.

"We are a family of four (who) have been hardcore prepping for seven going on almost eight years...," says Ricky J., a survivalist who invites others, but not "freeloaders," to join him and his family at a BOL near the Alabama-Florida line.

"We have an extended stockpile of food, over 100 chickens, 40 turkeys, 14 hogs with water run to all animal pens... 50 55-gallon food-grade drums of grain corn for human and animal consumption. We have 50 55-gallon drums of animal feed for our animals. We have a solar-powered well free from the grid for water. We also have a complete solar system to power our entire house free from the grid..." His tone is decidedly more relaxed than Tripp's, who posted this unedited note last week: "My name is Tripp I'm 21 years old. I'm an active duty soldier my job is scout I'm extremely good at what I do. I've been deployed twice and fixing to go on my last before I get out of the army. I'm looking for a group or colony. I have my own weapons and also plenty of ammo. I believe my skills can be extremely helpful on account that my deployments have included combat, operations, also training foreign forces to fight future wars. Please let me know if anybody is interested." Or this unedited one, which excludes significant parts of the population: "Looking for serious survivalist/prepper minded individuals interested in joining a retreat

(bol) in Florida Region #3. For individuals that already have bov's like small campers that will be a plus because I do not have to provide you with sleeping quarters. You must have needed skills such as Medical professional, ex-military, mechanically inclined, farmer/gardener, etc. If you're seriously concerned about your immediate family's security during certain possible events then read on.

"(But) if you have any substance abuse, alcohol, mental conditions, or serious health condition do not apply. You must have no felony convictions. You must be trustworthy, must be loyal to the constitution of the USA. No liberals, atheist, socialist or progressives need apply."

The nonworry preppers

But there are many others, too, preppers who by nature or from experience prefer independence from the comfortable technologies and the complex, extended foodsupply systems contemporary society has evolved — men and women also prepared for some level of hardship and self-sufficiency. Certainly more than the threeday standard recommended by FEMA and other government agencies.

"One must look to the future and not count on the supermarket," advises Julie Gray, who owns goats, gardens and open space near the Lee-Charlotte county line.

"It struck me the most after Hurricane Charley. There were 40 trees down, we lost a whole bunch of trees, and we went down to Walmart, a scary place. The National Guard was patrolling with rifles. I didn't know why. I thought, 'Oh, this could get really serious.'

That and her entire history changed her attitude about living here.

"Another reason I'm prepared is my Jewish heritage," she explains. "I know people who, if they hadn't secreted stuff or used their wits, would have gone down with the rest of the gang.

"So I got beans, flour. I have rice, brown and white. I do canning. I have a freezer always full. We have a whole-house generator. If I can find a way of making it solar that I can afford, that will be lovely."

Whatever it takes is her attitude.

"In Charley, we were without electricity for more than three weeks. The guys were out working on Nalle Grade Road on the electric pole one day. I had my housecoat on, so I marched out and I said, 'Tell you what: If you give me electric, I'll give you my body.' That scared them so much we had electric a half-hour later."

Mrs. Gray is 78 years old.

"I'm not worried, either," says Jessica Teece, a mid-20s single woman who just bought more than five acres in the woods outside of Arcadia, where she's stocked many pounds of hog she's killed and butchered with her boyfriend and others, and where she can grow a garden, fish, gig for frogs, and use the hunting skills she began to acquire at age 14.

"It's like, 2 percent of Americans feed all



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the rest, and other people too — and that doesn't seem right," she says.

"I love it so much out here, and there's nothing I would need if a disaster happened. I don't need AC — I could just open the windows. I have water everywhere. I can build fires to cook. The hogs are everywhere, and if I have to shoot them or cut their throats, I don't mind, they're such a nuisance. If I wanted some turkeys or deer, all I have to do is get a license — they're in my yard. So if something does happen, I don't have to go anyplace."

Such preppers sometimes have sophisticated skills that many Americans once had in the course of routine: the ability to grow and preserve food without refrigeration, the ability to build shelters, the capacity for confidence in community, and the trust of neighbors.

For Cesar Peralta, a teacher and Olga farmer who remembers the mountain people of his Venezuelan boyhood making do with very little and preserving huge quantities of food, food preservation is one of the most important skills anyone can learn — and all middle school children should be taught those skills, with others, he says.

"The way I learned was through a course at the three-county extension for the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Canned tomatoes, for example. Okra. Strawberries are surprisingly easy to can. What is the theory behind it? And there is so much to learn. Basically, in order to preserve tomatoes you put lemon juice or vinegar in them and you keep a PH of about three."

Unfortunately, cutbacks in funding closed that course.

For John Comito, owner of Elemental Stone and Waterworks based in Fort Myers, mistrust of his fellow citizens is not an option — which makes him a different kind of prepper; prepared, but not prepped, he suggests.

An urban farmer who grows food for his family on a scant half-acre Fort Myers city lot, he's developed aquaponic gardening projects that far outpace the harvest-yields of his family's soil-based plantings, he says. "We're trying to gradually get off the grid, and it's hard to do, being in an urban environment. But living on your own, not being dependent — that's at the core of what we want."

nearly all consuming.

"They've broken it into a full-blown thing that consumes their resources and income," he says. "They withdraw from ordinary relationships. They're preoccupied with reading and corresponding with other preppers. There is little self-analysis or critical thinking about what they're doing, and a lot of paranoia. And the tipping point, I believe, involves firearms. Then we have a problem. There is no serious reason to include firearms. They store thousands of rounds of ammunition, lots of guns, booby traps."

Such criticisms are merely naive, say committed preppers. For them, the moment is coming, no doubt. And whatever its cause, it could bring a complete government breakdown.

FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, would be so far out of its league, they insist, that the acronym would disappear into the smoky aftermath

COURTESY PHOTO Julie Gray is preparing with goats. She won't eat them unless she has to, she says.

That doesn't mean alone, however.

"It's ourselves and our community. You gotta rely on people, and on other resources. Knowing you have a community is big. So finding a community would be a big thing. I fell into it at GreenMarket. We captured some good people and honest, hard-working people. So if a disaster does come down, those people are going to be prepared. They're prepped. And we're ready to stand with them."

That lies at the heart of true preparation, in the minds of many. \blacksquare

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Friday, September 25th, 6pm

Paddle board to Harbourside Place from Blueline with your pup. A portion of the sales at Pucci & Catana Luxury Pet Boutique will be donated to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and \$5.00 of the paddle boarding cost, will also be donated. Paddlers and pups are encouraged to dress in pink to join the fun! Cost is \$25. 561-744-7474



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PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMERCE

Salt Suite expands to Palm Beach Gardens

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The Salt Suite, with locations in Lake Worth and Delray Beach, was to open a third location, in Palm Beach Gardens, on Sept. 10.

Featuring adult and children's therapy rooms, The Salt Suite offers clients a natural way to find relief from respiratory ailments, skin conditions and more. Inside the therapy room, an environment is created to mimic the salt mines of Eastern Europe, where in the mid-1800s, it was discovered that mine workers rarely suffered from any respiratory disorders. Unrefined rock salt, which is primarily sodium chloride (NACL) and other mineral salts, coat the walls and cover the floor in a thick sandy layer. Behind the scenes, a special machine, called a Halogenerator, circulates dry salt aerosol into the air. In microscopic form, the salt particles are almost undetectably absorbed and inhaled by clients as they doze and



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romp and play.

When the dry sodium chloride enters the body, its anti-inflammatory and anti-bacterial properties do a

sleep or, in the children's room, as they number of healing maneuvers. Lung functions improve; nasal passages and lung tracts clear of toxins and pollutants; bronchial inflammation reduces; and later, clients may find their endur-

ance has improved and their snoring has diminished.

"The benefits and effectives of halotherapy, also known as salt therapy, continue to be researched," said Jamie Gonzalez, owner of the Salt Suite Palm Beach Gardens, in a prepared statement. "So much information exists to support our belief that this is a great treatment choice for those who suffer from allergy and respiratory problems. We encourage guests to visit us and experience a session at no cost. We are confident you will feel the results."

Individual sessions are \$35. Individual and family memberships start at \$79 per month. First visits are complimentary.

The Salt Suite Palm Beach Gardens, located at 5510 PGA Boulevard, Suite #105, will be open seven days a week: Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 316-3105 or see thesaltsuite.com.

Worth Avenue Yachts to represent superyacht builder DYNAMIQ in U.S.

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Worth Avenue Yachts is to be the official sales representative in the U.S. for DYNAMIQ, the new name in world superyacht builders. Worth Avenue Yachts is also appointed as the central agent for "Jetsetter," the first Dynamiq yacht under construction, the company announced.

Worth Avenue Yachts and Dynamiq will exhibit together at the Monaco Yacht Show next month. This will be the pioneering yacht builder's inaugural appearance at a yacht show.

Clients can select every aspect of

the design of their yacht, from the exterior paint scheme to the interior finish, on the company's site at bedynamiq.com. The configurator features full pricing and delivery date for every element; the transparency of which will revolutionize the way superyachts are specified and delivered. Dynamiq was launched in June at the exclusive Yacht Club de Monaco, where they presented their innovative category of superyacht grand touring vessels for long-distance journeys in top comfort and style.

The reasoning behind Dynamiq's choice of Worth Avenue Yachts as the

official sales representative is Worth's reputation for selling clients' yachts of more than 120 feet in length and almost three times faster than the market average. Dynamiq's American Representative at Worth Avenue Yachts' Palm Beach office is Connor Cogan. Hein Velema, sales broker at Worth Avenue Yachts' Monaco office, will be Central Agent for "Jetsetter," the first yacht under construction at Dynamiq. Dynamiq's new series "GTT, Gran Turismo Transatlantic" is a category of superyacht based on the GT car philosophy. It combines the comfort and

range of displacement vessels, with the performance and style of sport cruisers.

Dynamiq yachts offer top speeds up to 25 knots, so they can travel from Monaco to Saint Tropez in 2 hours, or can make the trip from Miami to the Galapagos on one tank of fuel. A shallow draft of less than 6 feet (1.75 meters) also makes Dynamiq yachts 'Bahamas friendly' and gives much more cruising freedom.

Since its launch in 2011, Worth Avenue Yachts has emerged as a leading luxury yacht brokerage, specializing in yacht sales, yacht charters and new yacht construction.

Palm Beach Chamber series features wide range of industry experts

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The Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce has announced its schedule for the coming season, which features industry experts focusing on events and activities that directly impact the Palm Beach business community.

From journalism to philanthropy, the marine industry and customer preferences, each month will present a new perspective on business trends, the



Journal editor, Mary Kissel. A Palm Beach County local with a world perspective on events occurring nearby and around the world.

Wednesday, October 7: "Who's

got the money and how do they share?" A panel of local philanthropists representing private, community, corporate and socialimpact givers will share their best practices. Join Dani Moore, Brad Hurlburt, Cressman Bronson, and Bridget Baratta to learn more about the ask and good stewards.

al Town Employee of the Year Awards presentation, introduction of the chamber's 2016 Guide and a program featuring Wayne Huizenga, Jr. talking about the role of the marine industry, a major contributor to the local economy.

Tuesday, December 15: What does the resident customer really want? Carey O'Donnell will report on her company's survey to locals to determine how the business community can

cussed by West Point graduate and former FBI Special Agent for the South Florida Joint Terrorism Task Force Chad Jenkins.

Friday, March 4: ESPN's general manager, Steve Politziner, will share key demographics that show how ripe this local market is for growth and prosperity.

Thursday, April 7: The chamber's annual awards breakfast recognizing that 'quintessentially Palm Beach' enterprise and the local business that has distinguished itself in leadership. The monthly breakfasts are free to members; guests are welcomed at \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door. Registration is completed on-line through Constant Contact.

chamber said in a prepared statement.

There will be a break from the traditional second Thursday scheduling. All breakfast meetings will take place at The Breakers Palm Beach, beginning with a meet and greet at 7:45 a.m. The programs will begin at 8:15.

Monday, September 14: Wall Street

Thursday, November 12: The annu-

grow its customer base.

Friday, January 15: Nationallyknown retail urban planner Robert Gibbs will talk about the latest trends in retail development, customer care and top-rated communities.

Wednesday, February 10: Security issues at home and abroad will be dis-



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MONEY & INVESTING Figuring out your mutual fund fees



The federal government takes its fair share of blame for many, many things. But the one thing it does exceedingly well is collect taxes. In fact, I think one of the most ingenious things the feds ever did was to enact payroll withholding during World War II. It is so brilliant because people never miss money they never had to begin with. Could you imagine a typical employee getting her full paycheck each week, depositing it, and then having to write a check to the government? I think people would be a lot more angry about paying taxes even though they are sending the government the exact same amounts that they are today.

The financial sector has adopted some of these "best" government tax collection practices when it sells mutual funds and exchange traded funds, or ETFs, to the public. So just like paying taxes, when investing in these funds, it is imperative to understand both the obvious and not-so-obvious moneys that you are paying to these fund companies. After all, every dollar that goes to your fund manager is one dollar that you could be getting as a return or dividend but are not. So let's start with the upfront, transparent fees that a typical

fund. The first is the transaction fee that your broker (whether it be an online broker like E-Trade or a traditional broker like Morgan Stanley) will charge you to buy the fund. Typically, this fee is a nominal amount between \$10 and \$30. Some brokers have relationships with fund companies where this fee is waived. In actuality, the brokerage is collecting a fee but it is being paid by the fund company as an incentive for you to choose their fund compared to a similar one run by a competitor.

The next upfront fee you may pay is called a "load." This is a fee, typically around 5 percent of the value of your investment, that is collected upfront by the fund company in order to pay the broker or salesperson that sold you the fund. Most loads are paid upfront but also be careful of "backload" funds, where you have to pay a fee when you sell the fund. As a generality, I stay away from loaded funds and stick with "no-load" funds. Why should you have to pay 5 percent of your investment to someone to sell you an investment? There are a few exceptions to this rule but as a whole I would be cautious of funds with a large upfront or backend load. With the thousands of funds and ETFs out there, I bet you will be able to find a very similar one without the large upfront fee.

The final fee that all ETFs and funds charge is the "hidden" fee called an expense ratio or management fee. This is the cost you will never see but is

investor pays when buying a mutual money taken out of your investment every year. This fee covers the funds' expenses including hiring the fund manager, administrative costs like record keeping and mailings and advertising expenses. The expense ratio for a fund can be as low as 0.2 percent for a general index fund up to 3 percent or more for specialized funds. And this fee is a yearly fee that is collected regardless of the performance of the investment. So if you have an ETF that has a bad year and loses 5 percent and has a 2 percent expense ratio, you actually lost 7 percent that year.

> Some investors may think that it is worthwhile to invest in a fund with a high expense ratio. They figure they're buying a better management team, which will generate higher returns in the long run. After all, I would rather have a fund that will generate 8 percent returns in perpetuity with a 3 percent expense ratio than a fund that will generate 5 percent returns with a 1 percent ratio. However, there have been hundreds of studies that have found absolutely no correlation between higher expense ratios and higher returns. Typically, the higher expense ratios pay for more advertising to attract more money to the funds, which doesn't help an investor's return one bit.

So there are two takeaways with regard to fund fees that I hope you will remember. First, it is important to look at all fees when researching a fund or ETF. For example, it is nice not to pay a transaction fee when buying a fund

but if that means the expense ratio is .5 percent higher than a nearly identical fund, is that worth it? Or some larger fund companies have different classes of a fund (i.e., class A, B, C and I) where the investments are the same but the fees are different. Class A funds may have a load where you pay something upfront but a lower management fee while class C will have no load but a higher fee. Depending on how long you plan on holding on to that investment, it may be beneficial to buy one class versus another.

The final takeaway is that fees, while important, are not the only thing to look at when selecting a fund. For example, if all an investor looked at were fees, she would probably only buy index S&P ETFs and funds. International funds, sector funds and specialty funds all will have higher expense ratios than an S&P index fund but are still important to own in a well-balanced portfolio. In addition, things like a fund manager's track record, a fund's turnover ratio and the types of investments selected by the fund are sometimes as important as the expense ratio. So pay attention to fund fees but don't let that be the only deciding factor when selecting your investments.

- Eric Bretan, the co-owner of Rick's Estate & Jewelry Buyers in Punta Gorda. was a senior derivatives marketer and investment banker for more than 15 years at several global banks.



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New treatment for atrial fibrillation offered at Gardens Medical Center



Approximately 2.6 million Americans experience atrial fibrillation, or AFib. This common heart disorder occurs when electrical signals in the heart become irregular, causing the heart's upper chamber to beat out of rhythm. Atrial fibrillation requires immediate medical attention because it could lead to a life-threatening stroke.

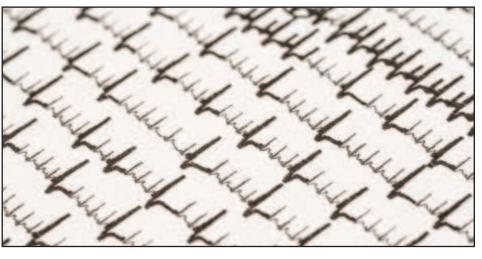
AFib may or may not cause symptoms. Some people with the disorder can have palpitations, chest pain, fatigue, shortness of breath, dizziness and/or confusion. The condition is diagnosed through an electrocardiogram, which measures the heart's electrical impulses. In some cases, AFib resolves on its own. Other times, an underlying condition such as an overactive thyroid, hypertension, diabetes, chronic lung disease or heart valve disease must be treated. Medications may be prescribed to prevent blood clots or control heart rate.

Cardioversion is a treatment option that may be recommended to shock the heart back to a normal rhythm by delivering a jolt of electricity to the heart.

fibrillation ablation, which involves threading a long, thin, flexible catheter into the heart through a blood vessel in the arm, upper thigh or neck. Energy is applied to destroy targeted tissue that has been identified as causing the irregular heartbeat.

A new treatment option, the convergent approach, is now available for the first time in Palm Beach County at the Heart & Vascular Institute at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center. The minimally invasive procedure, designed to reduce recovery times and improve patients' overall quality of life, combines electrophysiology and cardiac surgery treatments to help restore normal heart rhythm for longtime sufferers of AFib. Early clinical experience has shown that the convergent approach, conducted in a single operating room setting, may improve early outcomes for the most challenging patients and can reduce procedure times when compared to approaches where the two disciplines work separately.

Utilizing the convergent approach, the cardiac surgeon and the electrophysiologist (EP) work together to perform cardiac ablation on a beating heart using radiofrequency (focused heat) to produce scar tissue on the heart to block abnormal electrical signals. The surgeon is able to create comprehensive,



beating heart through a small, one-inch compared to five days or more for more incision made in the patient's abdomen. There are no chest incisions and/or ports, as in other surgical ablation procedures. The EP then threads a catheter through the patient's femoral vein, in award-winning Heart & Vascular Instithe groin, to reach the heart and fill in any gaps in the ablation. The EP utilizes diagnostic techniques to confirm that all abnormal electrical signals have been interrupted. The entire procedure lasts roughly half the time of a single-discipline catheter ablation procedure.

Following the convergent approach procedure, it is possible that the patient's daily rhythm medications may be reduced or even eliminated. Typical Doctors may also recommend atrial linear lesions on the outside surface of a hospital stays last two to three days,

invasive heart surgery, and patients can get back to their normal activities quicklv.

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Trial: Cutting calories can affect risk factors for age-related diseases

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Results from a two-year clinical trial show calorie restriction in normalweight and moderately overweight people failed to have some of the metabolic effects that have been found in laboratory animal studies. However, researchers found calorie restriction modifies risk factors for age-related diseases and influences indicators associated with longer life span, such as blood pressure, cholesterol and insulin resistance.

The study is reported in the latest issue of the Journal of Gerontology: Medical Sciences.

Calorie restriction - a reduction in calorie intake without deprivation of essential nutrients - has been shown to increase longevity and delay the progression of a number of age-related diseases in multiple animal studies. Called Comprehensive Assessment of Longterm Effects of Reducing Intake of Ener- tion's favorable effects on life span have Though weight loss fell short of the Aging and the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases, both part of the National Institutes of Health. It was coordinated at Duke University and conducted at Washington University in St. Louis, Louisiana State University's Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge, and Tufts University in Boston. "It is encouraging to find positive effects when we test interventions that might affect diseases and declines associated with advancing age," notes NIA Director Richard Hodes, M.D. "However, we need to learn much more about the health consequences of this type of intervention in healthy people before considering dietary recommendations. In the meantime, we do know that exercise and maintaining a healthy weight and diet can contribute to healthy aging."



lent trial in people would take decades. However, shorter trials can determine feasibility, safety and effects on quality of life, disease risk factors, predictors of life span and effects on mechanisms influenced by calorie restriction in laboratory animal studies. CALERIE was a two-year randomized controlled trial in 218 young and middle-aged healthy normal-weight and moderately overweight men and women. The calorie restriction participants were given weight targets of 15.5 percent weight loss in the first year, followed by weight stability over the second year. This target was the weight loss to be expected by reducing calorie intake by 25 percent below one's regular intake at the start of the study.

gy, or CALERIE, the randomized trial generally been found when it is begun target, it is the largest sustained weight of clinical monitoring during calorie was funded by the National Institute on in youth or early middle age. An equiva- loss reported in any dietary trial in restriction. non-obese people. The control group's weight and calorie intake were stable over the period.

increased. Calorie restriction caused a 47-percent reduction in levels of C-reactive protein, an inflammatory factor linked to cardiovascular disease. It also markedly decreased insulin resistance. which is an indicator of diabetes risk.

T3, a marker of thyroid hormone activity, decreased in the calorie restriction group by more than 20 percent, while remaining within the normal range. This is of interest since some studies suggest that lower thyroid activity may be associated with longer life span.

The study also assessed calorie restriction's effects on mood (particularly hunger-related symptoms) and found no adverse effects. No increased risk of serious adverse clinical events was reported. However, a few participants developed transient anemia and greater-than-expected decreases in bone density given their degree of weight loss, reinforcing the importance

The CALERIE results are quite intriguing," says Dr. Evan Hadley, director of NIA's Division of Geriatrics and Clinical Gerontology and an author of the study paper. "They show that this degree of sustained calorie restriction can influence disease risk factors and possible predictors of longevity in healthy, non-obese people. It will be important to learn how calorie restriction at this level affects these factors despite the lack of the predicted metabolic effects." He adds it would also be useful to discover if calorie restriction over longer periods has additional effects on predictors of health in old age, and to compare the effects of calorie-restriction weight loss with exercise-induced weight loss. For more information about NIA's nih.gov. 🔳

In laboratory animals, calorie restric-

The calorie restriction group lost an average of 10 percent of their body weight in the first year and maintained this weight over the second year.

The study was designed to test the effects of calorie restriction on resting metabolic rate (after adjusting for weight loss) and body temperature, which are diminished in many laboratory animal studies and have been proposed to contribute to the effects of calorie restriction on longevity. The study found a temporary effect on resting metabolic rate, which was not significant at the end of the study, and no effect on body temperature.

Although the expected metabolic effects were not found, calorie restriction significantly lowered several predictors of cardiovascular disease compared to the control group. Average blood pressure decreased by 4 percent research on aging and health, visit nia. and total cholesterol by 6 percent. Levels of HDL ("good") cholesterol were



The Lifelong Learning Society is the largest program of its size in the U.S., with 7,800 students.

CLASSES

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"We're talking nontraditional students — mostly 55 and older — who are coming back to school just for the enjoyment of it," Ms. Barrett-Batchelder said.

Delving into diplomacy, terrorism and politics on a weekday morning might not sound as appealing as watching the Miami Marlins or Saint Louis Cardinals on a weekday afternoon, but for thousands of Palm Beach County residents, it provides erudite entertainment.

"These students are very well-read, they're educated, and they come from all different backgrounds," Ms. Barrett-Batchelder said.

Many have retired from corporate life, law firms and practicing medicine. They often live in country clubs and gated communities. As adults with an affinity for academics, most want to stay abreast of current events and now have the time to do so.

"We're providing a service for people who don't pay golf, don't play tennis, don't play cards but want to keep their minds active," Ms. Barrett-Batchelder said.

The Lifelong Learning Society not only enriches the intellectual lives of its members, it also engages them socially. Several of the sessions feature discussion groups and question-and-answer formats to engage students and broaden their understanding of diverse issues.

"We know a lot of our members will go out to lunch before a class or after a class, and what you learned in school that day really becomes a hot topic at cock-

"I believe in continuing to learn throughout one's life ... We

tail hour," Ms. Barrett-Batchelder said. "I don't know how many members I've talked with who said, 'This really gave me an outlet to meet other people.' "

There is no homework, there are no tests, and students don't receive credit. Courses cost between \$50 and \$100 and take place in an auxiliary building on campus that last year saw 27,000 enrollments. A series of one-time lectures is offered for \$35 each. The society's curriculum encompasses everything from anthropology and the arts to history and philosophy in addition to the more popular political topics.

"There are all different kinds of subjects we cover," Ms. Barrett-Batchelder said. "These are not how-to classes. They are university-level classes taught by university-level professors who prepare way in advance and put a lot of time into their lectures."

Those who join the society for an annual fee of \$45 can register earlier than nonmembers, receive course discounts and avail themselves of FAU's library. They also get first dibs on lectures that feature special guest speakers. On Dec. 3, Alan Gross is on the bill in "An Evening with Alan Gross: U.S. Humanitarian Aid Worker Wrongfully Imprisoned in Cuba for 5 Years."

Previous speakers have included former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough and legendary journalists Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein.

The Lifelong Learning Society was established in 1997 with 125 students and has grown to become the largest program of its kind in the United States with 7,800 students. They initially gathered in churches and synagogues around town before relocating to the old movie theater in Abacoa Town Center. In 2005, the Elinor Bernon Rosenthal Lifelong Learning Complex was constructed. The facility has a 500-seat auditorium, a 60- and 100-seat classroom, a courtyard and student lounge and administrative offices. Ms. Rosenthal, a lifelong learner and member of the society's advisory board, spearheaded the \$6 million fundraising effort that succeeded with the help of two major donors: Milton and Tamar Maltz and the late Pearl Perloff. "I believe in continuing to learn throughout one's life," Executive Director René Friedman said. "We offer wonderful courses with quality faculty. This community of learners wants to continue to go to school without having to study or worry about grades...without having to get a degree or pass an exam. It was just for the pure desire to continue to learn, and that is exactly what these students wanted in a lifelong-learning program."

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AN ALTERNATIVE TO MONEY MARKET FUNDS

August is behind us and both the Dow Jones Industrial Average and S&P 500 continued their retreat from their all time highs during the second quarter. China's economy continues to struggle, along with the economies of other emerging market countries. During August, China devalued its currency while its central bank cut interest rates for the 5th time since November.

Interest rates in the US and Europe remain low as the Federal Reserve has kept rates at zero in 2015. The Fed will meet September 16-17 and is not expected to raise rates at this meeting with the global economy weak. In fact, Barclays, the highly regarded international investment bank, now forecasts the Fed will not begin raising rates until early next year. The Fed's final two meetings of 2015 are set for October 27-28 and December 15-16.

Several retailers reported disappointing results last month. Walmart, Tiffany's and Whole Foods hit their 52 week lows after providing weak results and guidance in August. Meanwhile, Williams Sonoma shares plunged after it provided weak guidance going forward. These retailers reinforced the view that consumers from the upper middle class down to the lower income bracket have curbed their spending.

Tumbling crude oil prices drilled the shares of the oil majors leading several analysts to predict the oil majors will cut their dividends to conserve cash. These concerns seem overdone as these firms have exceptionally strong balance sheets and cash flow. Exxon raised its dividend in April for the 33rd straight year. Chevron has raised its dividend 27 straight years and Occidental has increased its dividend 13 straight years. Conoco has paid a dividend 37 consecutive years, raised its dividend again in July, and has never once cut its dividend.

Schlumberger has agreed to acquire Cameron International for nearly \$15 billion in cash and stock as the energy sector continues to consolidate due to low oil prices. Back in November of 2014, Halliburton agreed to acquire Baker Hughes for nearly \$35 billion in cash and stock in another oil services combination and should close by year's end. Southern Co. agreed to acquire AGL Resources last month for about \$8 billion in cash or \$66 per share. Upon completion, Southern Co. will be the 2nd largest utility in the US based on revenue.

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--- René Friedman, Executive Director at Lifelong Learning Society

gains over the next year.

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Pope Mania

Muslim clerics complain of the commercialization of the holy city of Mecca during the annual hajj pilgrimages, but for Pope Francis' visits to New York, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia in mid-September, shameless street vendors and entrepreneurs already appear to be eclipsing Mecca's experience. Merchants said they'd be selling, among other tacky items, mozzarella cheese statuettes of the pope (\$20), a "pope toaster" to burnish Francis' image on bread, a Phillythemed bobblehead associating the pope with the movie boxer Rocky, local beers Papal Pleasure and YOPO (You Only Pope Once) and T-shirts ("Yo Pontiff!" and "The Pope Is My Homeboy"). The Wall Street Journal quoted a Philadelphia archdiocese spokesman admitting that "you kind of have to take it in stride."

Florida's best courtroom

In May, suspect David Riffle, charged with trespassing (after shouting "religious proverbs" at patrons of the Hard Rock Casino in Hollywood), greeted Broward County judge John "Jay" Hurley at his bail hearing by inquiring, "How you doin', a—hole?" Unfazed, Judge Hurley responded, "I'm doing fine. How are you, sir?" After listening to Mr. Riffle on religion a bit longer, Judge Hurley set bond at \$100. In August, talking to Judge Hurley from jail via closed circuit TV, arrestee Susan Surrette, 54, "flashed" him as she tried to prove an alleged recent assault. The self-described "escort" and "porn star" ("Kayla Kupcakes") had lifted her shirt to reveal bruises. (Her bond, also, was \$100.)

Bright ideas

■ A Chinese woman identified only as Zeng was detained and stabilized at Beijing Capital International Airport in August after being found dazed on the floor at a boarding gate. She had attempted to fly with a bottle of expensive cognac (Remy Martin XO Excellence) in her carry-on — a violation of Chinese regulations barring liquids over 100 ml (the cognac was 700 ml, selling for about \$200 in the United States) and was presented with the ultimatum to give up the bottle or miss the flight. She decided to drink the contents on the spot (but was subsequently declared too drunk to board).

■ "And Another Thing, Dad": Michael May, 44, was arrested in Lincoln County, Ky., in August after the Pilot Baptist Cemetery near Stanford reported that he had tried to dig up the grave of his dead father "in order to argue with him," according to Lexington's WLEX-TV. May told officers his dad had died about 30 years ago. (Alcohol was involved in the decision to dig.)

More things to worry about

■ Under a 1981 treaty, at least 50 countries, including the United States, have banned their militaries from employing flamethrowers (as "inhumane"), but entrepreneurs have begun to market the devices domestically for \$900 to \$1,600 each (based on the distance of the flame, at 25 feet or 50 feet). Federal regulators appear uninterested (as the contraptions are technically neither firearms nor explosives), and only two states prohibit them outright, though a few jurisdictions believe flamethrowers are illegal under fire codes. The Ohio startup Throwflame has sensed the need for marketing savvy and describes flamethrowers as primarily for "entertainment." (Recent news reports indicate a slight run on sales under the suspicion that authorities will soon realize the danger and outlaw them.)

■ After two women accused Sheffield Village, Ohio, attorney Michael Fine of "hypnotizing" and sex-talking to them during office consultations, police and the county bar association opened an investigation in November 2014. Though Mr. Fine was being consulted on a custody matter, he was secretly audio-recorded (according to one woman's lawsuit) touting "powerful whole body orgasms" and suggesting that he was "the world's greatest lover" — among details the client recalls only vaguely if at all. The bar association later said as many as 25 women may have been victimized. Though no criminal charges have been filed, Mr. Fine's lawyer said in August that his client had voluntarily given up his law license and was seeking "medical" help.

Great art

■ Former Massachusetts Institute of Technology lecturer Joseph Gibbons was sentenced in July to a year in prison for robbing a New York City Capital One bank in December (while operating a video camera) in a heist that he had insisted all along was merely "performance art." (He had been suspected in a similar robbery in Rhode Island in November.) His biography on the MIT website described him as "blurring the boundaries between fact and fiction, self and persona ... with a contradictory impulse to confabulate and dissimulate." The Queens Museum in New York City has offered to screen the footage of the robbery as an art piece.

■ Artist Anish Kapoor initially denied that his 400 to 500 tons of stones, called "Dirty Corner," were "problematic," but later conceded that they might have "multiple interpretive possibilities." The installation, which ran through the summer at France's Palace of Versailles with five other large sculptures, was arranged in the form of a huge vulva, and represented, he said, "the vagina of a queen who is taking power." ■





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BEHIND THE WHEEL

Acura RLX aims for the top shelf



This is a car that always provides a snappy response when driving with friends. They'll comment on the quick acceleration, and you'll tell them it's an efficient hybrid. They'll ask if it's a Honda in disguise, and you'll show them ultramodern features. They'll like the luxurious interior, and you might even volunteer how little you actually paid compared to their European luxury sedan.

The 2016 Acura RLX is the company's flagship that shows off all of the automaker's best features in one vehicle. Checking off every option box on this sedan results in a 377 horsepower, 30 mpg hybrid that doesn't completely raid the trust fund. Even at a value price, the pinnacle of Acura's lineup helps the company pierce into the top level of premium automobiles known as Tier One.

There is no official defining line for Tier One, but qualifying automakers typically offer eight cylinder (or more) engines, rear-wheel drive, and price tags above \$100,000 — none of which Acura currently has. Instead, the RLX Sport Hybrid charms its way onto the top shelf with some thoughtful interior design features. For instance, there are two display screens — an 8-inch display



embedded in the dashboard and a 7-inch touchscreen within the driver's reach. The dual readouts make this one of the few cars that doesn't have to choose between showing radio information or GPS navigation.

Because we are looking at the top end of Acura's highest-level sedan, it also comes with active safety features such as front and rear parking sensors, 360-degree-view cameras, blind-spot monitoring system, a collision prevention system, adaptive cruise control and a lane-keeping assist system. Combine the last few features, and the RLX can nearly drive without input on the interstate. This is not at all recommended, but it is nice to know the car is being as attentive as the driver.

This luxury car comes with some of the perfect Florida features such as a sunroof, rear window sunshades and cooled leather front seats (they're heated, too). Premium comfort that will be appealing to the whole country includes features like noise-reducing acoustic glass, head-up display and fourteenspeaker AM/FM/CD/XM/HD stereo.

The base RLX comes with a 3.5-liter V6 engine that makes 310 horsepower. That's good power, but the front-wheel drive layout leaves some sports sedan drivers wanting. Upgrading to the frugal hybrid model surprisingly helps this transform into a more complete performance car.

The improvement includes Acura's Super Handling All-Wheel Drive system. This adds an electric motor for each back wheel, and a 21 percent increase in power over the standard RLX. Also, because each rear wheel is independently powered, it features torque vectoring — a process that spins the inner wheel faster than the outer wheel when turning. Under hard cornering, the back end doesn't swing around as in other large sedans. Instead, the independent rear motors automatically kick in with opposing power to make the tail end snap to attention like a surprise inspection from a drill sergeant.

All of these are Tier One kinds of features, but the car seen here with its Advance Package costs \$65,950. That might seem expensive, but the same money for a completely loaded RLX will also buy the base model Mercedes E400 all-wheel drive sedan. So in many ways the RLX Sport Hybrid is like ordering the complete dinner at a Chinese restaurant, for the same price as the boutique bistro starts its à la carte menu.

If this seems so appealing, why doesn't every budget-minded luxury and technology enthusiast own an RLX? Penetrating into Tier One territory also means entering the most discriminating market of buyers.

Design is often a main component to luxury car attraction, but this one remains more incognito. In the last three years, the company has revamped its entire lineup. All of its four-door cars now carry similar profiles with tapering door lines and extended rear c-pillars for a sporty rear overhang. The RLX is distinct compared to other cars on the market, but you might mistake it for its half-priced ILX sibling in a crowded parking lot.

The top-of-the-line Acura RLX Sport Hybrid brings value to the ultra-luxury sedan. Tier One is not often about being frugal, but those who choose this sedan care more about technology than trophies.

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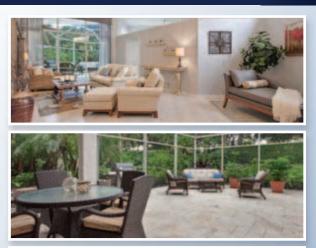






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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Vintage baby products unlikely to pass current safety standards

BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL

Many of the clever toys and accessories for children are just updated versions of very old things. The pacifier, now made of soft plastic, is an inexpensive idea that came from the silver and coral pacifier and teether of the 18th century. Dolls date back to the cavemen. Highchairs were in use in the 19th century, but they would have failed the safety tests given today. And antique cribs usually have bars that are too far apart and paint that contains lead, making them so unsafe you can't sell them to be used by children. But some antique cradles are bought to hold dolls, and sharp tin toys are kept high on shelves as decorations. In February 2015, an early wooden baby tender was sold by Cowan's Auctions in Cincinnati. The 15 spindles are shaped like those used on Windsor chairs. It was originally painted red, then later painted with a grain finish. There is a built-in seat and a tray so the child could walk, sit or play in the baby tender. The unusual piece sold for \$780 and will be displayed but not used by a 21st-century baby.

Q: I own a matching set of chest of drawers and vanity with an adjustable mirror made by the Keystone Furniture Co. of Williamsport, Pa. They are Queen Ann style and are made of oak, black walnut and maple. Both need refinishing but are in nice condition otherwise. The chest was painted in the past, and I removed most of the finish from all but three drawers. How much is this set worth "as is," as compared to being refinished?

A: George Luppert (1835-1914) emigrated from Germany in 1853 and established Keystone Furniture Co. in Williamsport in 1887. It closed in 1906. Furniture made around the turn of the 20th century sells for used furniture prices. Refinishing it won't lower the price. Since you've already started restoring the finish on the chest, you should finish the job. It will look better and may be sold for a higher price. There is much discussion about refinishing museum-quality pieces. American 18th-century furniture can lose as much as 80 percent of its value if it has been refinished, but European furniture that has been refinished or even restored does not lose much value as long as the work is well done.

Q: I inherited a set of Bavarian china from my aunt. It's white with gold trim and is marked "Hutschenreuther, Selb," "Pasco" and "The Brighton." My favorite piece is a 13-inch round platter. Can you tell me its worth and age?

A: Your platter was made by Hutschenreuther, a company founded in Hohenburg, Bavaria, in

1814. A factory in Selb, Germany, was established in 1857. "Pasco" is the mark of Paul A. Straub & Co. of New York City, an importer in business from 1915 to 1970. "The Brighton" is the name of the

pattern, which was made from 1965 to \$15; and water pitcher, \$65. 1987. Hutschenreuther became part of the Rosenthal division of the Waterford Wedgwood Group in 2000. Rosenthal was bought by Sambonet Paderno Industries, headquartered in Orfengo, Navara, Italy, in 2009. Your platter is a chop plate made 50 years ago. It sells for \$140 today.

Q: I'd like to know what my set of Depression-glass dishes is worth. The pattern is Normandie, the color amber. My mother took me to the movies in the 1930s, and they gave dishes away. She got three pieces each week. I have continued collecting them. I have 18 seven-piece place settings, plus serving pieces. Can you help?

A: Normandie was made by the Federal Glass Co. from 1933 to 1940. It was available in amber, crystal (clear), pink and spring green. It also was made in an iridescent marigold color, collected as carnival glass and called "Bouquet and Lattice." Sets of dinnerware aren't selling well, and Depression-glass prices are down. Retail prices for amber Normandie pieces are:

dinner plate, \$27 to \$33; luncheon plate, \$10 to \$12; salad plate, \$10; bread and butter plate, \$4; small berry bowl, \$5; master berry bowl, \$10 to \$18; footed sherbet, \$7; oval vegetable bowl, \$15 to \$20; platter,

This 19th-century baby tender is 20 inches high. It sold in 2015 at a Cowan's Auction in Cincinnati for \$780.

Q: My bookcases have a stencil printed on the back that reads "The Wernicke Co., Minneapolis, Minn." Are they valuable?

A: Wernicke bookcases were patented in the 1890s by Otto Wernicke, who started the Wernicke Co. in 1893 in Minneapolis and moved it to Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1897. His company was bought by the Globe Co. of Cincinnati in 1899, and the company name became Globe-Wernicke, but that lasted only a few years. In 1904, Otto Wernicke left Globe-Wernicke and acquired Fred Macey Co. of Grand Rapids. The company name became Macey-Wernicke, and in 1908, Macey Co. The glass front stacking bookcases, advertised as "Elastic Book Cases" and known as "barrister" bookcases, made by all of these companies sell for about \$100 to \$125 each.

Tip: To clean pewter, rub it with fresh cabbage leaves.

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Kelly Clarkson goes on a journey in her latest album

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She was the original "American Idol." But Kelly Clarkson has gone on from that initial fame in 2002 to release seven solo albums that have spun No. 1 hits.

It's on the strength of those albums that she's playing major venues, like Perfect Vodka Amphitheatre, where she will perform Sept. 17, with opening acts Pentatonix, Eric Hutchinson and Abi Ann.

Her debut, "A Moment Like This," became the best-selling single of 2002.

Her latest, "Piece by Piece," released in February, was her third to debut at the top of the charts. It reunited Ms. Clarkson with frequent collaborators Greg Kurstin, Jesse Shatkin, Jason Halbert, Eric Olson and Chris DeStefano.

It's a concept album that tells a single story, using themes of heartbreak, personal struggles, peace and empowerment.

Or the makings of a music career.

MEET OPENING ACT ERIC HUTCHINSON, B12

HAPPENINGS

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COURTESY PHOTO William Inge's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Picnic" runs through Nov. 8.

Single tickets on sale now at Dramaworks

BY JANIS FONTAINE

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Palm Beach Dramaworks 2015-16 season is just around the corner, and single tickets just went on sale. On Oct. 9, the theater offers William Inge's Pulitzer Prize-winning story of a handsome stranger who drifts into a town full of lonely women, upsetting its balance. "**Picnic**" runs through Nov. 8. Also on tap:

- The History Boys Dec. 4-Jan. 3. Alan Bennett wrote this funny, touching story about the effect an unconventional teacher has on eight of his students.
- Long Day's Journey Into Night — Jan. 29-Feb. 28. The Tyrone family's secrets and demons are revealed in Eugene O'Niell's semi-autobiographical, Pulitzer Prize-winning play.
- **Outside Mullingar** March 25-April 24. A romantic comedy set in the verdant Irish country-side, part Romeo and Juliet and part Hatfields and McCoys.
- Satchmo at the Waldorf May 13-June 12. Terry Teachout captures the essence of Louis Armstrong as he waxes poetic about his life just a few months before his death in 1971.

The execs at Palm Beach Dramaworks work hard to offer something extra for the people who feel as passionately about the live theater as they do.

Drinking this beer is your civet duty

BY CAROLYN SUSMAN

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Drop into Dixie Grill in West Palm Beach, known for its wide variety of craft brews, and you will find a stout that is unbelievable and unique.

Beer Geek Brunch Weasel.

You read that right.

According to its Danish producer, Mikkeller, this is an "imperial Oatmeal stout (that) is brewed with one of the world's most expensive coffees, made from droppings of weasel-like civet cats."

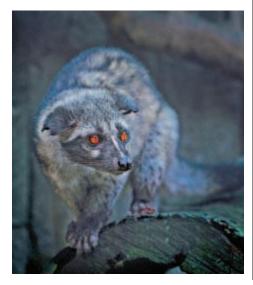
Its Web page also states that these "fussy Southeast Asian animals are picky and will eat nothing but the best and ripest coffee berries. Enzymes in their digestive systems aid the process of breaking down the beans which brews a strong, fist-inthe-air flavored coffee."

The coffee flavor ends up in this extremely rich and dark-colored stout.

"It's definitely odd," says Dixie Grill coowner Jason Matta, who first discovered this line of brunch and breakfast stouts while in New York. He ended up at a bar where the bartender recommended the Beer Geek Brunch and he loved it.

He followed up a few years later by tasting the Weasel variety at an Orlando restaurant, Redlight Redlight. He's a 2007 graduate of the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

SEE BEER, B12 ►



Its two main programs — **Knowl-edge & Nibbles** and **Dramalogue** — will be offered again this year.

Knowledge & Nibbles is a lunchand-learn event that takes place before each production. First you enjoy lunch at a local eatery, then you return to the theater where you meet the director and the actors and get an up-close-and-personal look at bringing a production to life. (You can skip lunch, but why would you?) The first event is at 11:45 a.m. Oct. 7, with lunch at **Grease** followed by a meeting with the director and actors of "**Picnic.**" Members: \$25 lunch and

SEE HAPPENINGS, B10 ►

SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

For men, marriage equals winning



I recently had a conversation with a friend my age, a man who was married out of college but divorced early and who now lives the life of a bachelor. It is, by all accounts, a very good life. So it surprised me when he confessed that he considers himself a failure.

"A failure?" I asked. "Why?"

He shook his head sadly. "Because I'm not married."

This from the man who pokes fun at his married friends?

Who tells me that none of the couples he knows are happy?

Who always seems relieved to have escaped so early?

My friend is handsome and charismatic, professionally successful and financially well off, liked and respected. There's no reason why he should feel like a failure.

But when I thought about it, I realized that this is the same language I've heard from other unmarried male friends. They often speak in terms of failure. Brilliant, ambitious men will lapse into remorse and self-pity when the topic of marriage comes up. I see them weighed down by the enormous pressure of matrimony. If only they could get married,



they confide to me, then their sense of at all. Marriage equals success. Period. personal success would rocket.

perplexing matches out there.

Every week I hear about some illsuited couple. "Why did he marry her?" someone (usually a woman) will ask. Now I think the answer is simple: Because, for men, being in a bad marriage is better than being in no marriage

The problem, I believe, is that women Which might explain many of the don't automatically equate marriage and success. A marriage where a woman feels cherished and loved? Definitely a success. A marriage built on respect and trust? Absolutely. A marriage where communication is encouraged? Of course. But these conditions are not issued with the marriage certificate. Simon and Schuster.

They take work. From both spouses.

Yet unhappily married women are always asking me, "Why are men so good at wooing but so bad at everything that comes after?" They want to know why the foot rubs and flowers stop as soon as they walk down the aisle. What about all the sweet gestures that vanished as soon as they said "I do"? What happened to the romance, the candlelight, the passionate kisses?

For a long time, I had trouble answering these women. It didn't seem right to claim that men simply lost interest. It didn't seem fair to say that the magic had worn off. It must be something else, I reasoned, something we weren't seeing.

Now I wonder if these recent conversations with my unmarried male friends haven't provided the explanation.

Perhaps, for a man, marriage itself is the prize. Placid, rocky, tumultuous, vibrant — it doesn't matter. All marriages score equally on the man scale of success. Which would explain why some men don't feel the need to invest in a relationship once the marriage certificate is signed. So what if their wives feel unappreciated? What if resentment is building in every crack and crevice of the union? What if they're the only ones who don't seem to notice? As far as they're concerned, they're winning.

Artis Henderson is the author of "Unremarried Widow" published by





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CALENDAR

Please send calendar listings to calendar editor Janis Fontaine at pbnews@ floridaweekly.com.

THURSDAY09.10

The Unity World Day of Prayer -7p.m. Sept. 10, Temple Israel, 1901 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach. Caps a daylong prayer vigil that begins with a 9 a.m. convocation and a prayer event at 11:15 a.m. Info: 833-6483.

Shalom Story Time – 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, 17 and 24. A free one-hour storytelling session on Thursdays in September at the Society of the Four Arts Children's Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Sponsored by the Friedman Commission for Jewish Education's PJ Library. Each week the stories will focus on a different holiday: Sept. 10 - Rosh Hashanah. Sept. 17 -Yom Kippur. Sept. 24 - Sukkot and Simchat Torah. Register for Shalom Story Time at palmbeachjewish.com/youth or call Hindel Levitin at 659-3884.

An Exhibition of Guatemalan Art - 5:30 p.m. Sept. 10, Jupiter Community Center, 200 Military Trail, Jupiter. Learn about the history and artistic contributions of your Guatemalan neighbors and spend the evening discovering Mayan art and culture. At 6 p.m., a screening of the documentary "Brother Towns" is planned, which tells the story of two towns linked by immigration, family and work: Jacaltenango, Guatemala, and Jupiter, where many Jacaltecos have settled. A discussion and a reception with refreshments and live music by Mayaland marimba band follow. Hosted by One Jupiter, a collaborative community initiative that honors the memory of Onesimo Marcelino Lopez-Ramos. Info: 745-9860.

Clematis by Night — 6-9 p.m. Sept. 10, The Palm Stage at the Watefront, Clematis Street, West Palm Beach. Info: clematisbynight.net

Sept. 10: Pocket Change performs your Motown and R&B favorites. pocketchangephasetwo.webs.com

Sept. 17: Army Gideon gets fans up on their feet with Reggae beats flavored with Blues, Rock and Funk. Info: armygideon.com

Sept. 24: Adam Jason Band, features this dazzling singer/songwriter/musician artist with rock 'n' roll roots. Info: adamjason.com

FRIDAY09.11

Screen On The Green — 8-11 p.m. Sept. 11, West Palm Beach Waterfront, 101 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach. Screening "Tangled." Rated PG. BYO blankets and lawn chairs to this theater under the stars. Info: Wpb.org/events.

LOOKING AHEAD

Le Cercle Francais de Jupiter — Sept. 17. A discussion of the French system of education is planned. Call Yvonne Jeck at 744-0018.

Exhibition: Exposure — Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Sept. 18, Artisans On The Ave. Gallery, 630 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. A photographic show featuring artists E.J. Morales, Susan Oakes and Lorayne Vitrone. Gallery hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m-6 p.m. Sunday. Free. Refreshments. Info: 762-8162 or 582-3300.

Harmony Without Borders — 7 p.m. Sept. 19. A concert featuring more than 60 young musicians from three countries, ages 8-18, including 30 children with the Imagina Symphonic Orchestra in Leon, Mexico, 10 children from the Pequeñas Huellas cultural project in Torino, Italy, and 24 children from the Miami-based Siman Orchestral Foundation. Tickets for the 7 p.m. performance are \$25, \$48 and \$65 for VIP. but the public, especially children, is invited to attend a free rehearsal at 2 p.m. on Sept. 19. Info: 243-7922, Ext. 1. Delrayarts.org

Music@FPC/WPB - 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, First Presbyterian Church of West Palm Beach, 301 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Features a performance of sacred piano music by composer Gail Smith. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 for seniors and students. Info: kathywillow@comcast.net or call 655-1707.

AT MOUNTS

Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Info: 233-1737; mounts.org

Mounts Botanical Garden Book Discussion Series — 7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 8, Clayton Hutcheson Complex Conference Room. Free. Talk books with other garden enthusiasts. Fiction and nonfiction, in partnership with the Palm Beach County Library System. September's book: "Mister Owita's Guide to Gardening," by Carol Wall.

Everything Orchids: A Shady Affair Plant Sale — 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 12 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 13. A plant sale featuring all things orchids, plus begonias, bromeliads, orchids, ferns, hoyas, aroids. Free for members; \$10 nonmembers.

Rawsome Eats: Live Cooking Demonstration & Class — 9-11 a.m. Sept. 20, Mounts Auditorium. Learn to prepare a raw feast with Thanksgiving flavors. Instructor: Raw food chef Nina Kauder. \$30 members; \$40 nonmembers.

their four goslings on July 15. The mortality rate is very high for these geese.

Wings Over Water Bird Show: 11 a.m. weekdays; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekends.

The Wild Things Show: Noon daily.



The Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Info: 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

At the Stonzek Theatre — Screening indie and foreign films daily. \$9 gen eral, \$7 Monday matinee.



Jupiter Lighthouse and Museum, Lighthouse Park, 500 Captain Armour's Way, AMPHITHEATRE Jupiter. Admission: \$10 adults, \$5 children ages 6-18; free for younger than 6. Perfect Vodka Amphitheatre, formerly Jupiter Lighthouse participates in the Blue Star Museums program. Children must be at least 4 feet tall to climb. Tours are weather permitting; call for tour times. RSVP required for most events at 747-8380, Ext. 101; jupiterlighthouse.org.

Twilight Yoga at the Light — 7-8 p.m. Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Led by Mary Veal, Kula Yoga Shala. On the Lighthouse Deck at sunset! For all levels. Bring a yoga mat and a flashlight. Time varies by sunset and is weather dependent. Check the website for weather updates and exact start times.

Lighthouse Sunset Tour - Sept. 9, 16 and 23. Time varies by sunset. Spectacular sunset views and an inside look at the nuts and bolts of a working lighthouse watchroom. Tour lasts approximately 75 minutes. \$15 members, \$20 nonmembers. RSVP required at 747-8380, Ext. 101.

Lighthouse Moonrise Tour – 6:15 p.m. Sept. 27. Tour lasts approximately 75 minutes. \$15 members, \$20 nonmembers. RSVP required at 747-8380, Ext.

AT MACARTHUR

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park and Nature Center, 10900 Jack Nicklaus Drive, North Palm Beach. Info: 624-6952 or 776-7449; macarthurbeach.org.

Ongoing:

Daily nature walks — 10 a.m. daily. A staff naturalist leads a one-mile nature walk. Free with park admission.

Fish Tank Interpretation — 11 a.m. Sundays. A lesson in fish. Free with park admission.

Sept 16: Canasta 101 class; ladies of literature; mah-jongg & canasta play session; duplicate bridge

Sept. 17: Soulmates: Jewish secrets to a meaningful relationship for women; duplicate bridge games; bereavement support group; bridge intermediate class; learn to play duplicate bridge



Palm Beach Improv, CityPlace, 550 S. Rosemary Ave., Suite 250, West Palm Beach. Info: 833-1812; palmbeachimprov.com.

Michael Ian Black — Sept. 10-12. \$22.

Christopher Titus — Sept. 13. \$25.

Jeff Dye — Sept. 17-20. \$20.



Coral Sky, 601-7 Sansbury's Way, West Palm Beach. Info: 795-8883; 800-745-3000; ticketmaster.com

5 Seconds of Summer - 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13.

Van Halen — 7:30 p.m. Sept. 15

Kelly Clarkson and Pentatonix - 7 p.m. Sept. 17



The South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Trail N., West Palm Beach. Admission: During Eww! What's Eating You? through Oct. 18, admission is \$15 adults, \$11 ages 3-12, and \$13 seniors older than 60. Free for younger than 3 and members. Info: 832-1988; sfsciencecenter.org

Eww! What's Eating You? — Through Oct. 18. A 5,000-square-foot carnival sideshow of parasites, from bloodthirsty lice and leeches to opportunistic consumers like hookworms and tapeworms. You'll see live and preserved specimens of human-loving organisms and insects, as well as video of infestations, and exhibits that let you get up-close to these organisms.

Discovery Center - Specifically targeted for kids age 5 and younger, the newly opened area features a giant 16-foot long water table, a "Lite Brite" art wall with big pegs for little hands, a lounge area, a story time area and dress-up area.



South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 South-

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Hillsboro Lighthouse Tour - Sept. 12. The light beam from the Hillsboro Lighthouse can be seen 28 nautical miles out to sea, making it the most powerful lighthouse beam in the world. Park in the public parking lot across from the Sands Harbor Resort, 125 N. Riverside Drive, Pompano Beach. Look for the HLPS Lighthouse tour table at the dock. Lighthouse tour transportation is by one of four shuttle boats from the Sands Harbor Resort, sailing hourly from 8:30-11:30 a.m. \$25. Free for HLPS members (annual dues are \$25 individual, \$50 families, \$100 corporate. Flat shoes with rubber soles and closed toes required. Children must be 48 inches tall. Info: hillsborolighthouse. org/tours.



The Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society — 1301 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day, except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Tickets: \$18.95 adults; \$16.95 seniors, \$12.95 age 3-12, free for younger than 3. Info: 533-0887; palmbeachzoo.org.

Ongoing:

Story Time at the Zoo: 10:30 a.m. Saturday

Meet Hati, the new tiger: The zoo's new tiger is a 12-year-old male Malayan who came from the Fort Worth Zoo. Visit him in the Kimelman Tiger River habitat.

Visit new parents Dhati and Madhu: These Indian pygmy geese welcomed **Snake Talk** — 2 p.m. Sundays.

AT THE JCC

The Mandel JCC, 5221 Hood Road, Palm Beach Gardens. Info: 689-7700; jcconline.com/pbg

In the Lyons Art Gallery:

Sept. 10: Soulmates: Jewish secrets to a meaningful relationship; duplicate bridge games; bridge intermediate class; learn to play duplicate bridge

Sept 11: Bridge: advanced beginner's supervised play; duplicate bridge; beginner's bridge ii class

Sept 13: Closed at 1 p.m. for Rosh Hashanah

Sept 14: Closed for Rosh Hashanah

Sept 15: Closed For Rosh Hashanah

ern Blvd., West Palm Beach. Info: 793-0333; southfloridafair.com

The 2015 Palm Beach Auto Swap **Meet** — 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 12-13. Everything automotive. Info: PalmBeach-AutoSwapMeet.com or 954-205-7813.

South Florida Fall Boat Show - 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 12-13. Marine mart, seafood festival, island music and more than 100 boats and watercraft. \$10: free for age 12 and younger. southfloridafallboatshow.com

LIVE MUSIC

The Colony Hotel – 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach. Info: 659-8100 or 655-5430; the colony palmbeach.com

Motown Friday Nights with Memory Lane - 9:30 p.m. to close Fridays in Polo.

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The Norm Kubrin Trio — Saturday evenings in Polo. Call for time.

Live Entertainment on the Plaza – 7

to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights on the plaza stage at CityPlace, 700 S. Rosemary Ave., West Palm Beach. Info: cityplace.com

Live Music on the Garden Terrace -Thursday, Friday and Saturday night at Farmer's Table, 1901 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Info: 417-5836; farmerstableboca.com.

O-Bo Restaurant Wine Bar - 7 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, 422 Northwood Road, West Palm Beach. Live jazz and blues by Michael Boone. Info: 366-1185.

E.R. Bradley's - 104 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Info: 833-3520; erbradleys.com

Jazz After Dark -7 p.m. the third Friday of the month, Dan Calloway Amphitheater, 1420 West 10th St., Riviera Beach. Featuring food, drinks and live music Pocket Change. Tickets: \$10 in advance and \$15 at the gate, plus \$5 for parking. Child care is available for children ages 5-15. Info: 845-4070.

Jazz and BBQ at the Blue - 7:30-10 p.m. Tuesdays, The Blue Front, 1132 N. Dixie Highway, Lake Worth. Info: 833-6651.

The Lounge at Cafe Boulud — 9 p.m. Fridays, in the Brazilian Court Hotel, 301 Australian Ave., Palm Beach. Vocalist Raquel Williams performs an eclectic mix of American, Latin and Caribbean songs. Info: 655-6060; cafeboulud. com/palmbeach

Sunday on the Waterfront Concert Series — Free concerts the third Sunday of each month from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Meyer Amphitheatre, downtown West Palm Beach. Info: 822-1515; wpb.org/sow/.

The Tin Fish – 118 S. Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Info: 223-2497

ONGOING

A Unique Art Gallery — 226 Center St. A-8, Jupiter. Info: 529-2748; artistsassociationofjupiter.com

The Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens – 2051 S. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach. Admission: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and \$5 students. Free for members. Info: 832-5328; ansg.org.

APBC Art on Park Gallery - 800 Park Ave., Lake Park. APBC Members Abstract Only Exhibit 2015: This exhibit showcases 2D and 3D work by the members of Artists of Palm Beach County through Sept. 19. Info: 345-2842; art is ts of palm be ach county. com

in sculpture; and Lesa Goltz and Mark Rupprecht in youth education.

Art & Wine Promenade — 6-9 p.m. the last Friday of the month. Stroll the streets of West Palm Beach's Northwood Village, visit galleries, go shopping, enjoy a glass of wine, then have dinner at one of the neighborhood's restaurants. The CRA Information booth at Northwood Road and Spruce has village maps and a wine-tasting card. Info: northwoodvillage.org.

Artisans on the Ave – 630 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Hours: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Info: 582-3300; ArtisansOnTheAve.com

The Atala Chapter of North American Butterfly Association meets - 7 to 9 p.m. the third Thursday at Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, 6301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Free. Guests welcome. Info: nabapalmbeach. org

The Benzaiten Center for Creative Arts - 1105 Second Ave. S., Lake Worth. Located in the Historic FEC Train Depot, you'll find a glassworks studio, a gallery and gift shop, and a metal works studio. To schedule a private tour, call Anita at 315-1446. Info: 508-7315; benzaitencenter.org

The Boca Raton Museum of Art -501 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Free for members, students with ID, and age 12 and younger; adults \$12; seniors (65+) \$10; students (with ID) \$5. Info: 392-2500; bocamuseum.org.

"Izhar Patkin: You Tell Us What to Do" — Through Jan. 10. The Israeli-born, New York based artist exhibits mural-size paintings on tulle fabric.

The Brewhouse Gallery — 720 Park Ave., Lake Park. Exhibits works by local artists. Trivia night from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. Live music, local food trucks on site from 8-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Comedy from 8-10 p.m. Sunday. Hours: 9 a.m.-11 p.m. daily. Info: 469-8930.

Burns Road Recreation Center -4404 Burns Road, Palm Beach Gardens. Info: pbgfl.com; 630-1100.

The Adult/Senior Club - hosts bingo and games. Free for members, \$3 residents and \$5 nonresidents guests (first guest visit is free). Join the club for \$25 per year residents, \$50 nonresidents Coffee and snacks. Info: 630-1100 or email recinfo@pbgfl.com.

- Bingo 1-4 p.m. Mondays starting Sept. 14. Arrive by 12:45 p.m. to purchase your Bingo cards.
- Social Bridge and other games - 12:30 p.m. Mondays, Lakeside Center, 10410 N. Military Trail.



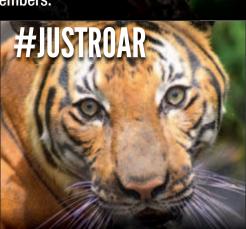
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Free Saturday Tai Chi Classes Agape Healing Arts leads this ancient



The Armory Art Center - 1700 Parker Ave., West Palm Beach. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday. Info: 832-1776; armoryart.org.

NEW & NOW: New Faculty Exhibition — Through Sept. 26. A multimedia exhibition features the work of new faculty members. Artists include Judith Olney, Ying Zhou, Nolan Baumgartner and Chad Steve in ceramics; Isabel Gouvia and Izel Vargas in 2D; Robert Barra and Anita Lovitt in drawing; John Cutrone, Cindy Bartosek, and Melanie Ottenstein in printmaking and fibers; Barbara Winkel for glass; Ingrid Webster in jewelry; Tina Kraft in painting; Leigha Foy in photography and digital media; Tristyn Bustamante

The Burt Reynolds Institute for Film & Theatre — The BRIFT recently announced its fall/winter schedule. Classes meet in Lake Park Town Hall. 535 Park Ave., Lake Park. Advance registration required. Call Donna at 561 743-9955.

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- Acting in Commercials 7-9 p.m. Sept. 18 and 25. This course is taught by television and radio personality Jo Ann Pflug who has appeared in 250 television shows. \$99. Bring a memory card for recording your performance.
- Fundamentals of Acting (FOA) - 1-4:30 p.m. Sundays. Novice and intermediate performers learn and perfect the finer points of act-

Chinese exercise pattern. 9-10 a.m. Sept. 12, 19 and 26 at Harbourside Place; Info: harboursideplace.com.

- ing for film and theater. Advanced actors hone their skills. Led by instructor/actor/director Sherman Roberts. Ongoing. \$25 per class.
- **Teleprompter Proficiency** -1-3p.m. Sundays. A six-week course in one of the most requested skills for actors by South Florida casting directors and talent agents. Also beneficial for business executives who need strong presentation skills. An intensive two-hour oneon-one workshop is also offered. Patty Serrano, owner of Little Panther Prompter, leads. \$150. Register in advance.

Meet Hati, the new tiger at The Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society. Info: 533-0887; palmbeachzoo.org.

- Scene Study and Character Analysis – 7 p.m. Mondays. For beginning, intermediate and advanced actors to become comfortable in their own skin. Led by actor/producer/director Todd Vittum. Ongoing. \$25 per class.
- **Creative Writing** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For the serious writer. This instructor asks for a commitment to attend on a regular basis. Moderated by author/playwright/ journalist Donna Carbone. Ongoing. \$25 per class.
- Art of Improvisation This class is for age 16 and older inter-

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ested in improv. Taught by Todd sofpalmbeach.com Vittum from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursday. \$25 per class.

Side by Side — 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays. Learn monologue delivery, scene study and improvisation. For ages of 10-15. Taught by actor/producer/director Todd Vittum. \$20 per week.

Busch Wildlife Sanctuary & Refuge 2500 Jupiter Park Drive, Jupiter. A nature center and wildlife hospital. Nature trails through pine flatwoods, oak hammocks, and cypress wetlands, a wide variety of native animals from American eagles to panthers. Donations welcomed. Info: 575-3399; buschwildlife.org.

The Choral Society of the Palm Beaches — Rehearsals are held at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at The First Presbyte- • rian Church, 4677 Hood Road, Palm Beach Gardens, for the holiday performance. Arrive at 6:30 p.m. to register. New singers can audition at any Tuesday rehearsal in Sept. Info: choralsocietypalmbeaches.org

Clay Glass Metal Stone Cooperative Gallery — 15 S. J St., Lake Worth. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday; and 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. Gallery openings are the first and third Friday of each month from 6-9 p.m. Info: 588-8344; email: Joyce@flamingoclaystudio.org

The Cultural Council of Palm Beach **County** — 601 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Info: 471-2901.

MilaGROWTEENS: The Future - Through Oct. 3. Teens from the Milagro Center exhibit their work.

The Flagler Museum — One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Tour Henry Flagler's 1902 Beaux Arts mansion, Whitehall, which he built as a wedding present for his wife. Tickets: free for members; \$18 adults, \$10 youth (13-17) with adult; \$3 child (6-12) with adult; younger than 6 free. 655-2833; flaglermuseum.us.

The Florida Trail Association Loxahatchee Chapter - Leads nature walks. New adventurers are welcomed. Get info and register at loxfltrail.org

- John Prince Park Walk 7:30 a.m. Sept. 5. A 2 to 4 mile walk, leisurely pace. Info: 963-9906.
- Hike In Jonathan Dickinson State Park — 8 a.m. Sept. 6. Meet at the front gate. A 7-12 mile hike, moderate pace. Info: 391-7942.
- Monthly Chapter Meeting Sept. 7. Meet members. Guests welcome at the annual Labor Day fam-

Harbourside Place — 200 U.S. 1, Jupiter. Info: harboursideplace.com.

- Friday Nights on the Waterfront - 6-10 p.m. Sept. 11 (Tom Jackson Band) and Sept. 18 (Making Faces).
- Free Saturday Tai Chi Classes -9-10 a.m. Sept. 12, 19 and 26. Agape Healing Arts leads this ancient Chinese exercise pattern.
- Saturday Live Music 6-10 p.m. Sept. 12 (Groove Merchant), Sept. 19 (Wonderama) and Sept. 26 (The Helmsmen).
- Island Sundaze 3-7 p.m. Sept. 13 (Karlos Marz Band), Sept. 20 (Bryce Allyn, formerly of Boxelder) and Sept. 27 (High Tide).
- Exotic Car Show 5-7 p.m. Sept. 12. Stroll through Harbourside Place and view some of the most rare and exotic automobiles, live music, kid's zone. Register your car via email at carshow@harbourside.
- **Book Signing at Native Visions** - 5-9 p.m. Sept. 19. Meet Daniel Myburg, a Zimbabwa-born wildlife photographer, who will sign his new book, "Circle of Life."
- Free Yoga by Luna 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. A free evening yoga class at the waterfront amphitheater.

The Historical Society of Palm Beach County — Johnson History Museum, 300 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach. Info: 832-4164; historicalsocietypbc.org

Holden Luntz Gallery – 332 Worth Ave., Palm Beach. Exhibition: "Let the Good Times Roll, through Sept. 26. A group exhibition featuring photographs that capture the "pleasures in life from youthful games and leisure time activities, to moments of celebration and scenes of romance." Photographers include Harry Benson, Brassai, Robert Doisneau, Jacques-Henri Lartigue, and Sabine Weiss. Info: 805-9550; holdenluntz.com

Jonathan Dickinson State Park – Kimbell Education Center, 16450 S.E. Federal Highway, Hobe Sound. Info: 745-5551; friendsofjdsp.org; email libby. reinert@dep.state.fl.us

- Wild about reading 10 a.m. Sept. 12 and 10-11:30 a.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sept. 8. Relax in the shade with lemonade and cookies and read with a Ranger, then go on a nature walk. Reservations required.
- **Discover Reading Scavenger** Hunt — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 5, 12. Explore the river area on this self-guided walking tour and learn about the park's wildlife and natural and cultural history.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornto all men 55 and older. Info: 748-5573 or visit leaugelineup.com/

The Lake Park Public Library - 529 Park Ave., Lake Park. Info: 881-3330; lakepark-fl.gov.

The Lighthouse ArtCenter - Gallery Square North, 373 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday (\$5, free for members and exhibiting artists) and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday (free admission). Info: 746-3101; LighthouseArts.org.

Third Thursday — 5:30-7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. Wine and passed hors d'oeuvres reception and exhibits, concerts, lectures, art demonstrations, live performances and gallery talks. \$10; free for younger than 12. Free admission on Saturday.

Loggerhead Marinelife Center -14200 U.S. 1, Juno Beach. Info: 627-8280; marinelife.org.

Loxahatchee River Environmental Center - Burt Reynolds Park, 805 N. U.S. 1, Jupiter. Story time: 9:30 a.m. Thursdays. Info: 743-7123; loxahatcheeriver.org/rivercenter.

The Mandel Public Library of West Palm Beach — 411 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Info: 868-7701; mylibrary. org

increMental-U — More than 60 personal enrichment programs between Sept. 8 and Dec. 16, blending of traditional library resources with arts and lifelong learning for adults. Classes include voice lessons, acting, comedy improv, printmaking, perfume and soap making, art classes, beekeeping courses, professor-led lectures, technology, personal finance and more. All are free. Get a catalog of classes at the library or at wpbcitylibrary.org

McMow Art Glass - 701 N. Dixie Highway, Lake Worth. Classes and retail sales, plus private tours available (call Anita at 315-1446.) Info: 585-9011; mcmow.org

The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens — 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Info: 495-2223; morikami.org.

Sushi & Stroll Summer Walk **Series** — 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 11. A cold drink, a breathtaking sunset, walking paths through the tranquil garden and over bridges, food museum store, a drumming performance by Fushu Daiko. If you're feeling ambitious, there's a smart phone tour. Tickets: \$8 adults, \$6 age 4-10, free for members and age 3 and younger.

The Jupiter Senior Softball Associa- The Multilingual Society -210 S. tion— Games are played at 8:30 a.m. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Films, special events, language classes in ings at Jupiter Community Park. Open French, Spanish and Italian. Drop-in Language classes and private classes are available. Info: 228-1688; multilingualsociety.org

> Intensive language courses for beginners are registering now. For details, registration and RSVP: 228-1688 or nk@multilingualsociety.org

> The North County Art Association (NCAA) — meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of the month at the Lighthouse ArtCenter in Tequesta. Visit the NCAA Connection Blog at northcountyartassociationnews.blogspot.com

> The North Palm Beach Library -303 Anchorage Drive, North Palm Beach. Info: 841-3383, npblibrary.org. Ongoing: Knit & Crochet — 1-4 p.m. Mondays. The Sand Dollar Quilters Group – 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays. Chess Club — 9 a.m.-4 p.m. the third Saturday.

> The Norton Museum of Art - 1451S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. The Norton will be closed from Sept. 7-25 to prepare for its new season and its upcoming renovation and construction. The Norton will re-open on Sept. 26 with its annual Moon Festival celebration. Info: 832-5196 or norton.org.

> The Palm Beach Gardens Historical **Society meets** - 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month Christ Fellowship Main Building, Room 212, 5343 Northlake Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens. Info: 622-8538.

> The Palm Beach Photographic Centre - City Center, 415 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Info: 253-2600 or visit workshop.org or fotofusion.org.

2015 Members' Exhibit Through Nov. 7. Six of the 81 members whose work is on display are from Palm Beach County. Free.

The Society of the Four Arts -2Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Gallery and box office: 655-7226; fourarts.org.

Sunday Sunrise Meditation - 6:15 a.m. Sunday, 1/2 mile north of the Juno Beach Pier at Boardwalk 29, in Juno Beach. For all ages and abilities. Free. Info: 307-2600; helpingtraveler@ gmail.com

Sunset Celebration on the Intra**coastal** – 6-9 p.m. the last Friday of the Month, Lake Park Harbor Marina, 105 Lake Shore Drive, Lake Park, between Northlake and Blue Heron boulevards. Tolliver & Cash perform a blend of rock, pop, country and blues. Cash bar. Artisan vendors. Free parkfrom Cornell Café, shopping at the ing. Info: 881-3311; lakeparkflorida.gov

> Taste History Culinary Tour — Learn the flavor, culture and history of local cities with these guided tasting tours. The four-hour tour visits 3 or 4 restaurants, eateries and cultural sites and is a combination bus tour and walking tour. Tours board at Macy's (East Entrance), 801 N. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach. Reservations required. Tickets: \$50 adults, seniors. Free for children younger than 14. Benefits the non-profit Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History. Info: 243-2662; tastehistoryculinarytours.org

ily ice cream social at Okeeheelee Park's screen room behind the nature center, 7715 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach. Watch for the sign. Info: 324-3543.

- **Trail Maintenance** 8 a.m. Sept. 12. Join FTA members for a little trail clean-up work trimming trails. Info: 317-3631.
- Okeeheelee Park Walk 7:30 a.m. Sept. 19. Leisurely pace. Info: 439-5780.

Ghosts of Palm Beach – 8 p.m. Saturdays. These 1 hour, 45 minute, tours led by Karen Chandler walk about a mile at a leisurely pace. Tours start at Living Wall Park. Tickets are \$26.50 available online at ghostsofpalmbeach. com. Info: 646-493-7092; info@ghost-

Celebrate International Literacy Day! — Sept. 8. Free entry with your library card or if you donate a gently used family-friendly book at the gate.

Jupiter Community Center - 200 Military Trail, Jupiter. Info: 741-2310.

Fall Thursday Movie Matinees -1:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Jupiter Community Center Auditorium. Free pop- • corn and lemonade. Info: 741-2400.

"The Good Lie" — Sept. 24. Rated PG-13. Starring Reese Witherspoon.

Exhibitions:

- The Morikami Menagerie: Creatures in Japanese Art — Through Sept. 13. The Japanese people have a deep love of the natural world and its wild creatures, so they are frequently represented in Japanese art, and in works from traditional folk art to modern forms like • anime.
- Japan's Robot Kingdom Through Sept. 13. "This exhibition explores Japan's vast robot kingdom through a collection of vintage toys, figurines and comics."
- Northwood Village/West Palm Beach/Lake Worth — Sept. 12.
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disagreements to reignite. Deal with the situation before it leads to some really serious problems.

■ LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A clash of work-linked viewpoints needs to be discussed openly, honestly and calmly by all concerned before it can impede progress on an ongoing project.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The Scorpion's pragmatic side helps you accept the possibility that a change of plans might be the wise thing to do. Be sure to weigh all your considerations carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to **December 21)** Some people might not take no for an answer. Never mind. Keep your resolve if you're sure you don't want to be involved in a potentially sticky situation.

■ CAPRICORN (December 22 to **January 19)** All other facts and figures aside, it's what you learn about potential colleagues that can be most helpful in assessing any decisions you're likely to make regarding a new project.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might want to reconsider some of your outside commitments if they continue to demand more time than you can spare. Be honest with yourself when making a decision.

20) Pay attention to that inner voice career.

■ VIRGO (August 23 to Septem- of Piscean wisdom counseling you to ber 22) An unexpected development remove those rose-colored glasses and could cause some supposedly resolved take an honest look at any decisions you might face this week.

> ■ ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Personal matters claim a good deal of the Lamb's time in the early part of the week. But by midweek, pragmatic considerations (work, school, job-seeking, etc.) begin to take priority.

> ■ TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The seasonal shift ignites the Bovine's creative aspects. You could do well if you try to combine your penchant for innovation with the more pragmatic demands of the week.

> ■ GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Ideas come easily to you this week. And never mind that some might suggest they're unworkable and/or impractical. It's your vision that counts. Work them out and see what turns up.

> ■ CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Personal matters continue to dominate the early part of the week. By midweek, more workaday issues once again begin to emerge. Balance your time to give both the attention they need.

> ■ LEO (July 23 to August 22) A new contact could provide an expanded opportunity. But be sure you get all the facts before you consider signing on. Ask questions, and be wary if you don't get the right answers.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a penchant for persuasion that would **PISCES (February 19 to March** make you a fine candidate for a political

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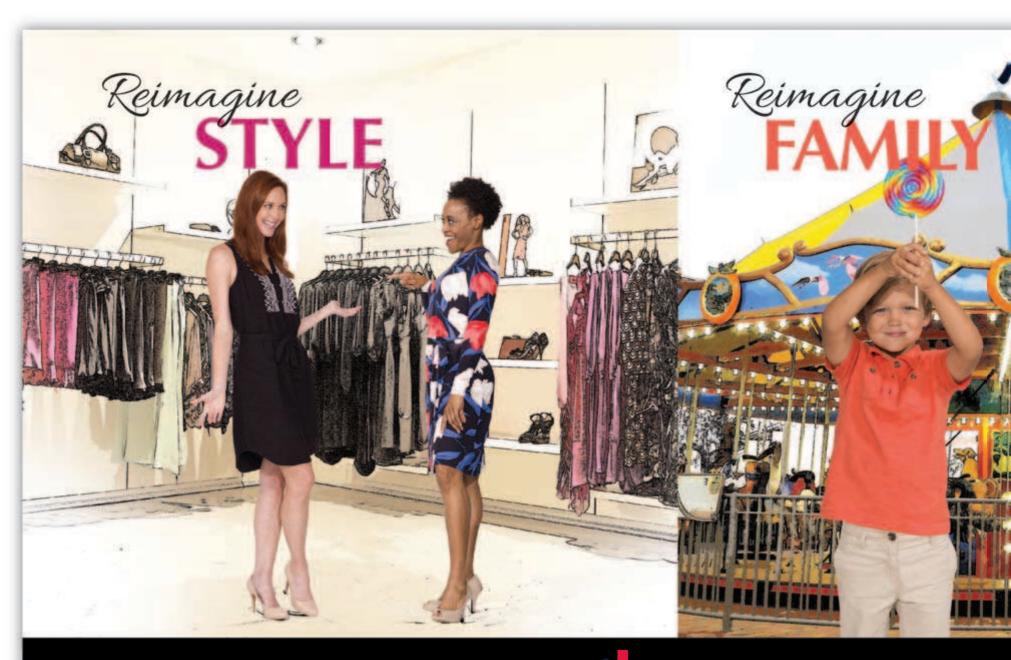


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program by Oct. 2, \$30 after Oct. 2, \$15 program only. Nonmembers: \$40 lunch and program, \$20 program only. For tickets, contact the box office by phone 514-4042, Ext. 2.

Dramalogue: Talking Theatre is a series that explores all aspects of theater through live conversations with theater professionals and artists. Beginning Dec. 8 with Paul Gemignani: Theatre's Master Maestro, Sheryl Flatow will host a live interview with Gemignani followed by a Q&A with the artist. Gemignani is the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Tony Award (in 2001). His work with Stephen Sondheim drew his biggest accolades. As the musical director, he's brought the work of Broadway's great composers, including Cy Coleman, George Gershwin, and Cole Porter, to the stage.

Palm Beach Dramaworks performances take place in the Don and Ann Brown Theatre, 201 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. For more information, visit palmbeachdramaworks.org

More. Live. Music. CityPlace.

Finally! News of Lafayette's Music **Room** opening in **CityPlace** have been teasing our live music taste buds for months and we're finally getting a taste of what the venue has to offer. On Sept. 3, they opened their doors. The Mantras, a six-piece jam band from Greensboro, N.C., was the first band to play.

This club has big shoes to fill. The original Lafayette's Music Room in . **Memphis** recently raised itself from the ashes. The once popular club flamed out after a short career in the early 1970s and

had lain dormant for nearly 40 years until Beale Street Blues Co. breathed new life into it. The club reopened in 2014, and, just a year later, was just named "the No. 1 music venue in Memphis by The Memphis Commercial Appeal."

Tommy Peters, president of Beale Street Blues Co. which owns Lafayette's, is optimistic about the CityPlace club's chances. The plan is to host a wide range of musical acts, from classic rock to blues, jazz to alternative, and drawing from the tremendous talent touring Florida as well as national acts.

You'll see bands you already know and love, like The Kinnected, and fresh offerings like **The Lee Boys**, three brothers who have been called "the finest of African-American sacred steel ensembles." They played here when the club was still BB King's Blues, which closed about a year ago.

The club, on the second floor near Muvico, has been remodeled with cozy booths and dark woods. They host happy hour from 5 to 7 p.m. and serve dinner, when they say the music will be played at lower volumes more conducive to dining.

The menu is Southern-inspired with po'boys and shrimp and grits, and a few surprises: Consider chicken wings tossed with a molasses-lime sauce.

But when 9 p.m. arrives, it's not about food anymore; that's when the party really starts.

Bands on tap:

- Jeff **Harding Duo** 7 p.m. Sept. 11
- The Kinnected 10 p.m. Sept. 11
- Jeff Harding Band 10 p.m. Sept. 12
- Radio Birds 9 p.m. Sept. 17
- **The Lee Boys** 10 p.m. Sept. 18 and 19



"Encounters," by Joan Keinstead, one of the many works to be displayed at the "2 + 3 The Artists' Organization: The Human Image" exhibit at The Armory Art Center opening Sept. 25 from 6 to 8 pm.

- **Dead 27's** 9 p.m. Sept. 24 •
 - The Steppin' Stones 10 p.m. Sept. 25
 - **The Moska Project** 10 p.m. Sept. 26
 - The Boss Project 7 p.m. Sept. 27 Info is at 420-8600 or lafayettes.com/

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How do you see it?

The Armory Art Center will open a new exhibition focusing on the ways artists of different cultural traditions have represented the human form.

The exhibition "2 + 3 The Artists' **Organization: The Human Image**"

will exhibit a wide array of art, with an interconnecting theme of the human body, ranging from abstract expressionism to realism.

It may seek to prove Cezanne's theory that all forms of nature, including human forms, can be expressed in three shapes: the cube, the ball and the cone. Artistic practices and cultural traditions will be compared and contrasted.

A free opening reception with food and wine will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 25.

The exhibition will be on display in the Montgomery Hall Gallery until Oct. 24. The Armory Art Center is at 1700 Parker Ave., West Palm Beach. Info: armoryart.org or 832-1776.

GREEN MARKETS



An assortment of orchids offered by Zen Orchids at The Green Market at Palm Beach Outlets.

■ Lake Worth High School Flea Market — 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays and to 1 p.m. every Sunday through Sept. Sundays, year-round, under the Inter- 27, in the shaded outdoor breezeway at

Summer GreenMarket — 9 a.m.

FILM CAPSULES

Best of Enemies $\star \star \star 1/2$

(Gore Vidal, William F. Buckley, Sam Donaldson) In 1968, ABC News hired intellectuals Gore Vidal (a Democrat) and William F. Buckley (a Republican) to debate during the Democratic and Republican national conventions. The results changed TV news punditry forever. It's a wonderfully entertaining documentary about two people who positively loathed one another and the lengths (depths) they went to in order to win. Rated R.

The Man From U.N.C.L.E. $\star \star 1/2$

(Henry Cavill, Armie Hammer, Alicia Vikander) In 1963, a CIA agent (Mr. Cavill) and KGB agent (Mr. Hammer) reluctantly work together to stop the construction and sale of a nuclear warhead. It has some whimsical, breezy charm and decent

here. Rated PG-13.

Fantastic Four $\star \star$

(Jamie Bell, Kate Mara, Michael B. Jordan) Young scientists teleport to an alternate dimension, only to return with superpowers. You can see the potential, but poor story structure undoes anything the movie has going for it. Rated PG-13.

Ricki and the Flash $\star \star$

(Meryl Streep, Kevin Kline, Mamie Gummer) With her daughter's (Ms. Gummer) marriage in shambles, distant Ricki (Ms. Streep) comes back to town to offer support. Too bad she's not wanted. For a cast of this caliber, from a script by Diablo Cody and directed by Jonathan Demme, we have a right to expect much more than this standard and predictable dramedy. Rated PG-13.

state 95 overpass on Lake Worth Road. STORE Self Storage & Wine Storage, Info: 439-1539.

Fern Street Summer Green Market - 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at Eat-Scene, 501 Fern St., West Palm Beach. Through Sept. 26. Info: 386-0756.

■ Delray Beach Summer Green-Market — 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays through Sept. 26, along Southwest Fifth Avenue at West Atlantic Avenue. A smaller summer green market in the Libby Wesley Plaza. Info: 561-276-7511; delraycra.org/greenmarket

■ Acreage Green Market — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, year-round, Acreage Community Park, 6701 140th Ave N., Loxahatchee. Produce, vendors, live entertainment. 723-3898; acreagegreenmarket.com.

11010 N. Military Trail, just north of PGA Boulevard, in Palm Beach Gardens. Find more than 50 vendors of locally grown produce, eggs, cheese, seafood, baked goods, grass-fed beef and lamb and pasture-raised pork and chicken, and flowers and orchids. Info: 630-1100, or email recinfo@pbgfl.com.

■ Jupiter Green & Artisan Market at Riverwalk Event Plaza — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, year-round, 150 S. U.S. 1, under Indiantown Bridge, Jupiter. Info: 203-222-3574; harrysmarkets.com. jupitergreenmarket.com.

■ The Green Market at Palm Beach Outlets — 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sundays, 1751 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., West Palm Beach. Arts and crafts, fresh flowers, homemade foods, organic produce. Info: 515-4400; palmbeachoutlets.com.

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# COLLECTOR'S CORNER

# **Off-season is the time to shop for antiques**





This is a quiet time for the antiques business in South Florida.

Many winter residents have no thought of being here right now — it's too darned hot! And many permanent residents are busy getting kids in the rhythm of school or have retreated to cooler places before the rush of season.

That means real values for collectors and decorators.

I just spent the weekend at the West Palm Beach Antiques Festival (wpbaf. com), where vendors were only too happy to make deals with shoppers. Next show is Oct. 2-4, and that serves as a prelude of sorts to season, which officially gets underway in November, when the show expands to two expo halls at the South Florida Fairgrounds.

Elsewhere, I have seen bargains at such traditional antiques malls (and there aren't many malls left in the area) as BKG Antique Mall (32 S. Dixie Highway, Lake Worth; 533-7707), where one dealer had a whole room of objects at half-price, and All Good Things (328 N. Dixie Highway, Lake Worth; 547-7606).

Another favorite venue, Kofski Antiques, has its Marketplace (5500 Georgia Ave., West Palm Beach; kofski. com) open on weekends during the summer. High-end items there were priced at



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These ceramic dishes were used to serve broiled grapefruit at Chalet Suzanne in Lake Wales. They were available at the West Palm Beach Antiques Festival.

up to 40 percent off.

Northern Palm Beach County powerhouse True Treasures (truetreasuresinc.com) has signs up encouraging shoppers to make an offer.

Here are a few tips:

**1.** Be pleasant.

2. If you make an offer, make it reasonable. Don't insult dealers by offering less than half of the marked price.

3. Ask dealers if they might be willing to reduce the price. Let them name

a number; it may be much less than you were prepared to offer.

4. Do not criticize the merchandise; negativity sets a bad tone.

5. If you are unable to make a deal, politely thank the sellers and move on. They may counter with an offer that's acceptable to you.

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# **Reality of CD release stranger than "Fiction"**

#### **BY ALAN SCULLEY**

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Eric Hutchinson was well aware going into his third album, "Pure Fiction," that he was reaching what for many artists is a critical point in their careers.

"Some of my favorite artists, their third album ends up being where I feel like they really started to nail their sound and really break through," Mr. Hutchinson said in a phone interview. "I had that in the back of my mind when I was making this album. I feel like there was some learning curve on the first album and then refining that some on the second, and being able to sort of take what I'd learned, I feel like everything was leading up to making this record."

Time will tell what the "Pure Fiction" CD does to further (or dampen) Mr. Hutchinson's career. But Mr. Hutchinson said he feels like he's at a good place in his career and clearly believes he made a third album he can stand behind.

Audiences can hear for themselves when he opens Sept. 17 for Kelly Clarkson at Perfect Vodka Amphitheatre. He's also sprinkled in some headlining shows.

His enthusiasm for passing the third album test began to build early in the writing process for "Pure Fiction."

'This album was a little different because some of the songs started coming so fast in a way I wasn't used to," Mr. Hutchinson said. "I immediately booked some studio time in L.A., jumped on a plane and went on out there and was recording some of this stuff like almost instantly because it just felt so good and it felt like I knew exactly what to do with it. And I had some great producers, Jerrod Bettis and Aben Eubanks, that I think really took the songs to another level."

The music that emerged for "Pure Fiction" will sound familiar enough to Hutchinson fans. Always an artist who has written cheerful pop songs, Mr. Hutchinson on "Pure Fiction" leans even further toward peppy, bursting-at-theseams-with melody pop. If smiles made noise, they'd probably sound a lot like "Tell The World," "A Little More" or "A Love Like You." That said, there are a couple of acoustic-oriented tracks that have a bit of melancholy ("Goodnight Goodbye" and "Sun Goes Down"), but they're pleasant and don't deflect the upbeat (and often danceable) tone of the album.

The mood of "Pure Fiction" matched Hutchinson's outlook. He didn't get too specific, but Mr. Hutchinson sounds



#### Eric Hutchinson releases third studio album "Pure Fiction."

content these days.

"I live in New York City. I have a nice life," Mr. Hutchinson said. "I can do what I love for a living and I try to remember that every day when I'm out there traveling around and I get to meet all of these people that come out and support what I do. Not everyone has a job where they get to have people come and applaud them at the end of the day. So I've just tried to appreciate that."

Mr. Hutchinson, in fact, had a few setbacks, especially early in his career.

He recorded his full-fledged debut album, "Sounds Like This," for Maverick Records, the label owned by Madonna that was a subsidiary of Warner Brothers Records. But when Maverick was rolled into Warner Brothers in 2006, the parent label dropped Hutchinson.

Undaunted, he put out "Sounds Like This" on his own Let's Break Records label in August 2007. It became a success almost overnight.

One of Mr. Hutchinson's high school friends e-mailed celebrity blogger Perez Hilton a link to Mr. Hutchinson's MySpace page. Hilton listened, recom- Mr. Hutchinson feels he can craft a

mended "Sounds Like This" on his blogs stronger set list than ever. and Mr. Hutchinson's album shot into the iTunes Top 10 alongside the likes of Kanye West and Dave Matthews. It eventually reached No. 5 on the iTunes album chart, the highest-charting record by an unsigned artist in iTunes history.

That caught the attention of the press, as well as three major record labels that came around to court Mr. Hutchinson.

He signed with Warner Brothers, which re-released "Sounds Like This" in exactly the same form as Mr. Hutchinson had put it out on his label.

Then he hit the road — and stayed there for three years as a pair of singles "Rock & Roll" and "OK, It's Alright With Me" — made an impact at pop radio.

Finally, 4¹/₂ years after "Sounds Like This" first surfaced, Hutchinson returned with his second album, "Moving Up Living Down." A single from that album, "Watching You Watch Him," was featured on the television show "Grey's Anatomy" and gained some attention

With three albums to his credit now,

"We have more material to choose from and we can sort of trim the fat and be nothing but the hits, as they say," he said. "That's exciting to me, to be able to play a show where people can come out and hear a bunch of songs and sing along. I'm excited to see which of these new songs people really gravitate toward."

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#### In the know

What: Kelly Clarkson, with opening acts Pentatonix, Eric Hutchinson and Abi Ann

When: 7 p.m. Sept. 17

Where: Perfect Vodka Amphitheatre, formerly Coral Sky, 601-7 Sansbury's Way, West Palm Beach.

**Tickets:** \$15-\$59.50

Info: 795-8883; 800-745-3000; ticketmaster.com

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hand for others to savor. A glass of this incomparable stout is \$5.50.

"It's a very fresh product," he adds.

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- incessantly pacing and gnawing on nice. Some had a sweeter chocolate coffee

He said he brought back a bag and may

"I've always been a fan," Mr. Matta said. So when he and his wife, Rachel Preefer Matta, took over Dixie Grill (her father owned the Grill before the couple began operating it) Jason decided to put his restaurant on the map.

He nixed the idea of mostly carrying common brands that could be found anywhere and decided to concentrate on unique pours that would draw and keep customers coming back.

"We wanted items very different for us. We try to carry some of the stock everyone looks for, but we strive for a selection not found anywhere else."

Beer Geek Brunch Weasel fills that bill. It's expensive, Mr. Matta explained, and difficult to get. As of this writing they have one keg and "it goes relatively quickly."

The pub adjusts the pour to both save

His distributor delivers once a month, but with sufficient demand, he said, he expects to be able to fill the need if the Weasel takes off beyond its current customer base.

However, civet coffee is not without its detractors.

A few years back, a controversy developed over the way the civets apparently were being treated because of the demand overseas for the coffee made from its droppings.

An article in Time magazine said, "While there are some ethical suppliers of hand-gathered civet coffee, recent investigations, both by journalists and animalrights activists, have revealed a cruel and avaricious industry.

"To satisfy global demand, many suppliers keep captured civets in cages and feed them almost exclusively on coffee cherries. Enduring appalling living conditions and an unhealthy diet, these noc-

In 2013, Mikkeller posted about this controversy, assuring those who drink its products that the civets used for their products are treated well.

"Because of talk about cruel treatment of Kopi Luwak producing civets, it is important for us to say this: We do not use Kopi Luwak from Indonesia in Beer Geek Brunch Weasel. We use the Vietnamese variety cà phê Chồn.

"We have been aware since we started using cà phê Chồn in 2008 that not all civet coffee worldwide is produced with the best care and respect of the cats. Therefore, we searched for and found one supplier of cà phê Chồn that treats the animals with respect and dignity."

Adds Mr. Matta, "Our coffee is made cruelty-free."

He and his wife recently visited Vietnam, more to see a friend than for business. But Mr. Matta said he "tested quite different samples of the coffee, itself.

play around to see what kind of drink he can develop now that Dixie Grill will have its own brewery on site.

"We are licensed and ready to go. Nothing will be off-limits as to what we brew: stouts, ales, lagers."

He expects the brewery to be open by Nov. 1. He hasn't yet picked out a name for the products he will be producing. "It's a work in progress."

And while the Beer Geek Brunch Weasel is available on draught at Dixie Grill, Total Wines in Palm Beach Gardens and at least two of its other locations feature bottles of Beer Geek Breakfast for \$6.99.

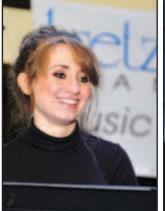
The Weasel is part of the breakfast series. Beer Geek Breakfast is an oatmeal stout with coffee that apparently does not contain any civet dropping flavors.

- The Dixie Grill and Bar is at 5101 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach; 586-3189 or dixiegrillandbar.com/

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## Kretzer Piano Music Foundation Physicians' Talent Show, The Harriet Himmel Theater









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Performers — physicians, medical professionals and others, and Kathi Kretzer-Sayler, organizer — gather before the stage.



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# FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE

## South County dining news

#### SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

• Max's Grille has added new menu items.

At Saturday and Sunday brunch, look for Huevos Tostadas, with crispy corn tortillas in a tomatillo sauce, layered with peppers and onions, black beans and cotija cheese topped with two fried eggs, pico de gallo, crema and cilantro.

For lunch, Max's has added a meatloaf sandwich, bacon-wrapped and grilled over hardwood. It's served open-faced.

At dinner, there are a couple of sharable appetizers - Blistered Shishito Peppers and Meatballs Tinga.

Also new: A Heritage Pork Chop in a chipotle honey glaze and Max's Mojito.

Max's Grille is at Mizner Park, 404 Plaza Real, Boca Raton; maxsgrille. com.

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COURTESTY PHOTO Huevos Tostadas at Max's

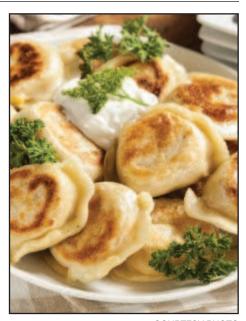
Eat, drink and help Place of Hope

 The Morikami Museum's Sushi & Stroll Summer Walk Series comes to an end Sept. 11. Cool down on a hot night by having a cold drink, viewing the sunset. Later, dine on cuisine from the museum's Cornell Café and enjoy a drumming performance by Fushu Daiko.

The event is 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Sept. 11.

Admission at the gate is \$8 for adults; \$6 for children 4-10; free for museum members and children 3 and under. Food and drink sold separately; \$2 for taiko performance.

Tickets can be purchased online. Advanced tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children and will only be available until 11:59 p.m. the Thursday before each event. The Morikami is at 400 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach; 495-0233 or morikami.org.



COURTESY PHOTO Polish pierogis with sour cream and parsley.

# Pierogi Food Fest

Whet your appetite for Eastern European fare at the Pierogi Food Fest, set for noon-2 p.m. Sept. 12-13 at St. Herman of Alaska Russian Orthodox Church west of Lake Worth.

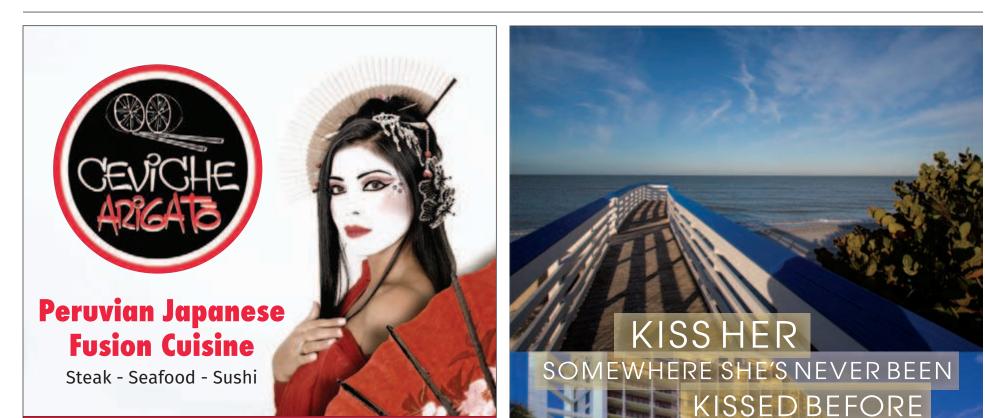
There will be homemade borscht, pierogi, kielbasi, golubsti, piroshki and other homemade goods. There will be a menu available for cafeteria-style dining at the church, 7099 S. Military Trail (at Hypoluxo Road), Lake Worth. Food is available for take-out noon-1 p.m. every Sunday and 2 p.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays. Phone: 968-5343 or 967-4183.



The next "Cellar & Chef" event is 4560 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens; will include a four-course meal cre-

In October, din- ated by Chef Joe Ferro and paired with selections from Flowers and Quintessa Wineries, along with live entertainment, a raffle, silent auction and danc-

Cost: \$180 plus gratuity and tax. of Hope. Dive Bar, All proceeds benefit Place of Hope. 318 U.S. 1, Jupiter; Table 26 is at 1700 S. Dixie Highway, divebarrestaurant. West Palm Beach; table26palmbeach. com. For tickets, visit placeofhope. com/portal/cellarandchef or contact 6:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at Table 26. Evening Jamie Bond at 775-7195; jamieb@placeofhope.com. Tickets are limited.



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# In the kitchen with... **KELLEY** RANDALL, The Office, Delray Beach

#### **BY STEVEN J. SMITH**

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Executive Chef Kelley Randall of The Office in Delray Beach says his goal is to put a new spin on classic dishes.

"Things like meatloaf or burgers dishes you grew up with — we take them and make them more foodie-friendly and more forward thinking," he said. "We're a 'gastropub.' We try to combine local ingredients — farm-to-table kind of stuff - and take what you thought you knew about a dish and help you enjoy it the way you did as a kid."

Chef Randall started out at age 13 at the bottom, working as a dishwasher in small cafes and sports bars around his native Chicago. He paid close attention to the line cooks.

"I enjoyed the adrenaline that was in the kitchen," he said. "Then when I finally got on a line and I felt like I was finally contributing something, making food with my hands and manipulating recipes, that was when I started to feel I was good at this and I had something going for me."

He approached his father — who was a chef himself - to hire him into his own kitchen so he could learn Dad's refined way of cooking.

"He said, 'Absolutely not, I won't do it, I don't want you in the restaurant industry,' " Chef Randall said. "He said, 'I don't want you to have the same life that I have. I want you to do something different.' He wanted me to be a doctor or a lawyer, but I kept after him and he eventually relented."

His father's training was invaluable, he added, but he eventually struck out on his own. When his parents separated, he initially came to Florida with his mother. Inspired by mentors such as Thomas Keller of The French Laundry in California and Grant Achatz of Alinea in Chicago, he started working for Chef Francy Deskin at 3800 Ocean on Singer Island, then bounced back to Chicago and worked under David Morton of Morton's the Steakhouse.

"David had three different concepts," Chef Randall said. "One was Ada Street, which was an American bistro, mostly seafood. Another was DMK Burger Bar, which I was originally hired for. We also had County Barbeque. I floated between all three of them and learned a lot of dif-



COURTESY PHOTO/LIBBYVISION Kelley Randall worked everywhere from Chicago to Jupiter before joining The Office.

how to smoke different dishes."

Back in Florida, he worked at Square Grouper in Jupiter, then moved to The Office as executive chef in June 2014.

"People come to The Office for the variety," he said. "They come for a different sort of cuisine they may not have experienced before. I like to have a story behind my dishes. I'm a writer on the side, so a lot of the things I put on the menu spring from placing myself in the setting of where I might eat that food."

An example of that is the Icelandic Arctic Char (\$26), which Chef Randall said is the centerpiece of a dish that transports his diners to the Great North.

"It comes from the colder waters up near Canada," Chef Randall said. "I flew it down special, because it's very hard to get. This dish is inspired by an iconic picture I saw of a salmon jumping into a bear's mouth. I want the diner to feel like they're sitting in a cabin in Iceland, watching this happen and enjoying the fish in a natural way, similar to how the bear does. The char comes seared and flavored with smoked hay — with a pickle, cucumber and tomato salad. Very simple, light, fresh, with acidity. Now for some sweetness: fresh blueberries and mint, rustically placed throughout the plate, with a lemon crème fresh that ties it all together."

Name: Kelley Randall **Age:** 28

Original hometown: Chicago

Restaurant: The Office, 201 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach; 276-3600 or theofficedelray.com

Mission: "Prime burgers, craft beers." **Cuisine:** New American

Training: No formal training, but has been in the industry most of his life.

What's your footwear of choice in the kitchen? Mario Batali Crocs

What advice would you give someone who wants to be a restaurateur or chef? "You have to have an idol; someone who, no matter how hard or stressful it gets, you can look up to them and how they've succeeded - and aspire



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#### SCOTT'S $\mathbf{n}$ **Places** with staying power A trio worth noting

#### **CAFÉ CHARDONNAY**

4533 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens; 627-2662 or cafechardonnay.com We first visited Café Chardonnay around 1987 and found it to be one of the nicest restaurants in which we had ever dined. It has been a consistent favorite over those 28 years. For those on a budget, it's a special-occasion dining spot; for those with deeper pockets, it's a regular go-to spot for beautifully prepared continental fare — the duck a l'orange always was a thing of beauty. Lunch there is a real value.

#### PRONTI'S ITALIAN KITCHEN 1440 10th St., Lake Park; 842-3457

There are folks in Lake Park who have been going to Pronti's ever since it opened in 1972. Why? There is a certain amount of nostalgia — the place looks the same as it did 30 years ago. But maybe it has something to do with those classic red-sauce recipes done right. We also love the house-made



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Thousand Island salad dressing, and the pizza - make ours New York Crunchy Style, please!

#### • OKEECHOBEE STEAKHOUSE

2854 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach; 683-5151 or okeesteakhouse.com This restaurant has its roots in The Okeechobee Drive-In, which Ralph and Norma Lewis opened in 1947. Their descendants run the place much as they did, carefully aging steaks and serving such classic dishes as stuffed shrimp, escargot, French onion soup and a Gorgonzola salad that is one of life's finer things to savor. But it's all about the beef, with everything from savory prime rib, to a bone-in ribeye that will fill you up.

# **THE DISH:** Highlights from local menus

#### The Dish: Pollo Loco

The Place: Calaveras Cantina, Harbourside Place, 125 Dockside Circle, Jupiter; 320-9661 or calaverascantinas.com

#### The Price: \$16

The Details: Calaveras Cantina bills itself as a Mexican restaurant.

But we enjoyed a dish that was decidedly less South of the Border than the tacos and moles one typically associates with Mexico.

This dish had two perfectly grilled chicken breast halves that had been marinated in mojo — a sauce made of garlic, citrus and oil — and topped with chimichurri sauce.

The chicken was tender, but could have used less salt.

The veggies served on the side - summer squash — were crisp and tasty, and we enjoyed the red rice and the plantains.

The guacamole made tableside (\$12) was smooth and spicy, as ordered, and paired well with the mojitos we ordered.

One nit: We felt like we got a bum's rush on the way - our waiter never offered us dessert, then staff proceeded to clear the table for the next party while we were standing at it preparing to leave.

That, friends, is a no-no.

— Scott Simmons

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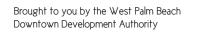
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Florida Weekly's monthly guide to Looking, Feeling and Living Better



#### BY ANTONELLA LEARY, M.D.

Board-Certified Gynecologic Oncologist Medical Director, Gynecologic Oncology Jupiter Medical Center

We all have that one song that moves us — maybe to dance, maybe to tears.

For many women, it makes them want to shout from the rooftops.



what's happening in venues across the country as a band of six gynecologic oncology surgeons inspire women to chant, "NED! NED! NED!" as they rock out to power-

That's exactly

ful lyrics that tell a story that's all too familiar. These fans are women who have been affected by gynecologic cancer.

What is NED? It stands for 'no evidence of disease,' a medical term that



# SINGING FOR CHANGE

board-certified, world-renowned oncologists who are using their musi- logic cancer, you'll be able to connect cal talents to create noise around a with real women who have docutopic that some still whisper about mented their journey to share with because it's uncomfortable to men- others. tion issues 'below the belt.'

their colleagues at a medical conference has turned into a movement care needs as we are treating them. sweeping the nation.

almost as prevalent as breast cancer, they are not as widely talked about, often not diagnosed early enough, and research is not as heavily funded. NED is singing for change.

NED's songs are original, and they are written to empower women, give them hope and raise awareness about the different types of gynecologic cancer: cervical, ovarian, uterine, vaginal and vulvar. If more women are educated about the prevalence of these types of cancers and their risk level, it will help them start the dialogue with their doctor, which makes it possible to catch gynecologic cancer earlier.

If you've been affected by gyneco-

Calmness, consistency help those with Alzheimer's **I C2** 

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At Jupiter Medical Center, we are What started as a way to entertain just as committed to spreading the word about women's critical health

We will host a free screening of the While gynecologic cancers are documentary on Tuesday, Sept. 22, from 5:30-8 p.m. at Jupiter Medical Center, Raso Education Center, 1226 S. Old Dixie Hwy, Jupiter.

Dr. Donna Pinelli, Medical Director of Robotic Surgery, and I will host a discussion following the film. Seating is limited and registration is required. To RSVP, visit jupitermed. com/events or call 561-263-2628.

If you've been diagnosed with gynecologic cancer, you can be treated right here in Palm Beach County. Our team of expert physicians who specialize in women's reproductive health will customize a treatment plan of innovative procedures using



# Calmness, consistency help loved ones with Alzheimer's disease

early everyone has been touched by Alzheimer's disease. Whether it's a parent, a

spouse, another family member or a friend, most of us have been affected. That's especially true here in Palm Beach County, which is home to more people with Alzheimer's disease than anywhere else in the United States.

Here are some tips to making it easier for loved ones suffering with dementia. After nearly 30 years of working with families, I've learned that calmness and consistency are two



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key concepts. Calmness is important in personal interactions. If you are communicating with a person who has Alzheimer's, calmness is conveyed primarily through tone of voice and body language. Use a friendly, gentle tone that does not excite or create anxiety. Raising your voice

or speaking in a high pitch can create anxiety. Be patient in awaiting the person's response and do not rush them. It takes a person with dementia longer to process information.

Communicate calmness through body language. Relax your own body. Try to position yourself so that your eyes are more or less at the same height as the other person's eyes. For example, if the person is sitting, do not activities. Departures from a routine iar caregiver. There is nothing more ing unnecessary upset.

remain standing and tower over them: mean that new information needs to upsetting to a person with dementia kneel down to be at their level. Sense the distance from the person that seems most comfortable to him or her, and adjust your position accordingly

The consistency and predictability of a routine is calming and reassuring to a person suffering from dementia. Try to establish a predictable daily routine based on meal times, medication times, bathing times and other

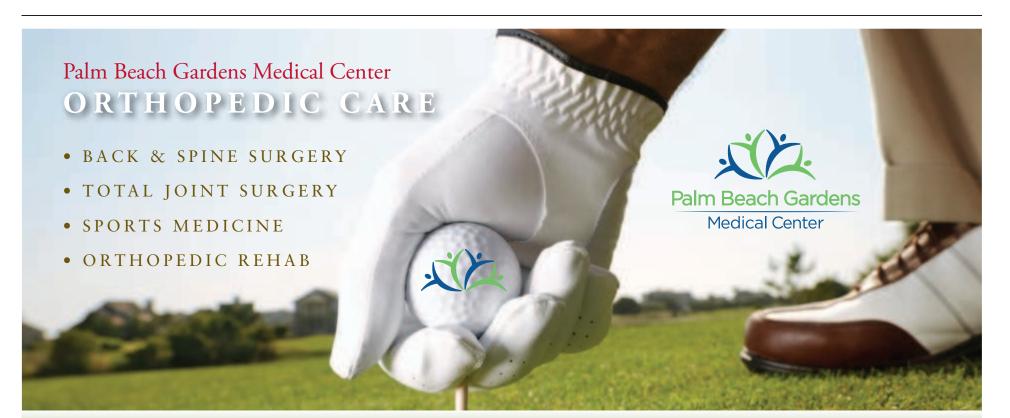
be processed and this can be a chal- than a parade of strangers appearing lenge that creates anxiety and suspicion.

Because consistency and familiarity are so important to a person with Alzheimer's disease, do not expose the person to many new or unfamiliar people. For example, if a loved one is receiving home care, make sure that the provider schedules the same famil-

in their home.

The same is true in an assisted living community or nursing home: insist on continuity of the staff directly caring for mom or dad.

Calmness and consistency won't solve all the problems of a family affected by Alzheimer's disease; but they can go a long way toward avoid-





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# Healthy snacks for kids

Tips from Palm Beach Children's Hospital at St. Mary's Medical Center

hen children eat healthy food, it can stabilize their energy, sharpen their minds and even out their moods. That's why it's important to make sure your child eats healthy snacks as part of a nutritious diet.

Encouraging your child to make the right choices can be a challenge, but the key is to make snacks tasty and readily available. Palm Beach Children's Hospital at St. Mary's Medical Center is here to give parents some ideas on how to make healthy eating fun for kids.

Fruits and raw vegetables are ideal snacks because they are both healthy and easy to eat. Sliced kiwi, berries, apples, bananas and grapes make for easy finger food and can be served on their own or with honey, caramel or peanut butter.

You can also sneak in fruits and veggies in other forms, such as applesauce, yogurt, frozen fruit bars and smoothies. For vegetables, cut up carrot sticks, broccoli, cucumber, celery or bell peppers and serve with low-fat dip or salad dressing. Alternatively, set out cut veggies like a salad bar and let kids make their own salad.

It's also important to incorporate whole grains and low-fat dairy into your child's diet. Pita pockets, whole-wheat English muffins, cereal, granola and cereal bars, baked chips, and crackers are sensible choices, as are low-fat cheese, frozen yogurt and pudding.

Nuts are another good snack, used sparingly. Before you share nuts with other children, be sure none of them are allergic. Trail mix, which can include a variety of nuts, seeds, raisins and other dried fruit, is





a simple and fun treat.

Beverages are just as important as the food that children consume. Skip the sugary sodas and serve your child a different option such as water, low-fat milk or 100-percent fruit juice. Other ways to encourage your child to snack smart are to serve snacks on fun plates with colorful cups and napkins or cut their sandwiches into fun shapes with cookie cutters.

Another tip is to give kids choices, but make them all healthy. Everyone wins: Your child gets to choose their snack, and you get the satisfaction of knowing it's nutritious.

Lastly, remember that even if snacks are healthy, they should be eaten in moderation. Don't serve snacks too close to mealtimes, and limit them to about 150 calories per serving.

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September is National Childhood Obesity Month, and the Adolescent Weight Loss Program at Palm Beach Children's Hospital specializes in the treatment of severe obesity. Both nonsurgical and surgical options are available, and the program is designed to treat your child with personalized, compassionate care. To learn more about the Adolescent Weight Loss program or for more information about healthy snacks for children, please visit palmbeachchildrenshospital. com or call 561-844-6300.



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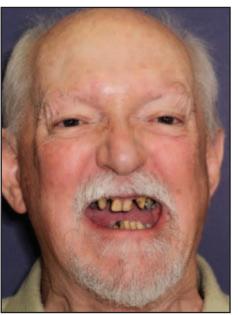
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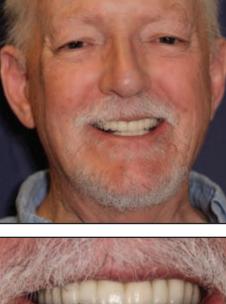


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# How does this grab you? Grip strength might indicate whether you have diabetes, high blood pressure

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Whether you grasp it right away or not, your grip strength might indicate whether you have undetected diabetes and high blood pressure, University of Florida researchers say.

The findings appear online ahead of print in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

Grip strength measures could be especially useful for identifying diabetes and high blood pressure in adults who have healthy weight obesity, also known as normal weight obesity or "skinny fat." The condition is characterized as having a body mass index within cal examinations. The the normal range, but a high proportion team assessed grip of fat to lean muscle, typically more than 25 percent body fat in males and 35 percent in females. These individuals could be less likely to get regular screenings for diabetes and hypertension because they aren't considered overweight or obese by BMI measures alone, according to Arch Mainous III, Ph.D., the study's lead investigator and chairman of the department of health services research, management and policy in the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions, part of UF Health. "We've had a significant amount of interest and focus on obesity, and rightfully so," says Mr. Mainous, the Florida Blue endowed chair of health administration. "But there is a concern that health problems in people who have decreased muscle mass but who don't fit the criteria of being overweight are being missed because these people aren't targeted by screening programs."

A study by Mayo Clinic researchers has showed that people with healthy weight obesity are four times more likely than people with lower body fat to develop metabolic syndrome, which includes increased blood pressure, high blood sugar and abnormal cholesterol levels. As many as 30 million Americans have healthy weight obesity and many don't know it.

For the UF study, researchers analyzed data from the 2011-12 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, a nationally representative study that uses a combination of interviews and physistrength measurediabetes relatively easily, even after we adjusted the analyses for age, sex and whether or not they had a family history of disease,"

Mr. Mainous says.

The reason for decreased muscle strength in healthy weight

> individuals with high blood pressure and diabetes isn't well understood, but it could be caused by lower muscle quality or a condition

called "diabetic hand syndrome," which limits finger movement.

Because most patients visiting the doctor have their blood pressure tested, grip strength may be most valuable as a non-invasive, low-cost tool for identifying people who could possibly have diabetes. But more research is needed before it can be put into practice as a screening tool, including investigating how variables such as gender, age and height might affect grip strength levels.

"We still have a ways to go before we can actually implement grip strength testing and make it clinically useful to a primary care physician," Mr. Mainous says. He adds the findings are a good first step toward determining who might need further testing, particularly

ments, blood pressure readings and blood sugar levels for nearly 1,500 adults age 20 and older who had a BMI within the healthy weight range — 18.5 to 24.9. People with undiagnosed and diagnosed high blood pressure

and diabetes had weaker grip strength than other healthy weight individuals who did not have those conditions.

"In our study, grip strength was able to identify people with undiagnosed hypertension and among a group of people who would otherwise not be recommended for screening.

# Gluten avoiders often don't know what gluten is

onsumers are not well informed around the topic of gluten, according to a new survey from NSF International, a global public health and safety organization. The survey found that despite having heard of gluten, most Americans cannot correctly define it or identify products that could contain the protein.

The survey of 1,012 Americans found that although 90 percent have heard of gluten, only 35 percent correctly identify it as a protein found in wheat and related grains, such as barley and rye. Common misconceptions among those who have heard of gluten are that wheat-free products are also

onsumers are not well gluten-free (26 percent) and gluten is informed around the topic of wheat (15 percent).

The confusion becomes more apparent when consumers who have heard of gluten are asked to identify products that contain gluten. Respondents incorrectly identified rice (47 percent) and potatoes (34 percent) as containing gluten. Conversely, processed foods that often contain gluten, such as beer and salad dressings were not identified by 41 percent and 58 percent of Americans, respectively.

This knowledge gap on where gluten is found can become problematic for those consumers relying on their knowledge of gluten-free to make purchasing decisions. According to the



survey, nearly half (46 percent) of Americans aware of gluten say their first step in determining if a product is

gluten-free is to view the list of ingredients on product packaging. Another 31 percent look first for a gluten-free seal or mark on the packaging.

According to the survey, of those who said they avoid gluten, nearly one-fifth (19 percent) say they avoid it because they have a have a gluten allergy or sensitivity that causes stomach pain, such as bloating, vomiting or intestinal issues. Also, 9 percent self-report having Celiac disease and 8 percent say they have a gluten allergy or sensitivity that causes skin issues, such as rashes or acne.

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# Listen up: When it comes to hearing, healthy diet might trump noise exposure

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

lthough the old wives' tale about carrots being good for your eyesight has been debunked, University of Florida researchers have found a link between healthy eating and another of the five senses: hearing.

UF Health researcher Christopher Spankovich examined the eating habits of participants in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. In previous work, Mr. Spankovich found that the higher a person scored on the Healthy Eating Index part of the survey, the better his or her auditory function.

Mr. Spankovich examined data from 2,366 people. In addition to answering questionnaires about their health during the original survey, participants were given a four-part hearing test. Analysis of the date revealed a strong connection among diet, hearing and noise exposure.

The hearing of people who ate well but had higher noise exposure was comparable to the hearing of people with lower noise exposure who ate poorer diets, according to results published recently in the International Journal of Audiology. While eating healthfully might not reverse hearing damage, a good diet may play a part in prevention. "Our hearing health is linked to our general health," Mr. Spankovich says. "Our auditory system is dependent on our cardiovascular, neural and metabolic health, and if we are not healthy in general, it makes sense that we could increase our susceptibility to hearing loss." The study's lead author, he is a research assistant professor in the department of speech, language and hearing sciences in UF's College of Public Health and Health Professions. In the study, a healthy diet meant that the person who scored well on the Healthy Eating Index ate as close to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's diet recommendations as possible. This





fruit and fiber while keeping salt, cholesterol, fat and saturated fat beneath the recommended limits.

Hearing can be affected in multiple ways, some of which are avoidable and some of which aren't, Mr. Spankovich says. Some unchangeable factors include sex, genetics, race, ethnicity and age; changeable factors include cardiovascular health issues, diet, ototoxic medications and exposure to loud noise.

The study only found the relationship between a better diet and better hearing in higher frequencies, not in lower frequencies.

The National Health and Nutrition

and nutritional status of adults and children in the United States. As part of the survey, the Healthy Eating Index assigns points to participants based on how well they eat.

For example, a person might be awarded a full score of 10 points if he eats the full number of servings of vegetables recommended by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A person the link between diet, auditory funcmay lose points if he consumes too much of certain nutrients, such as sodium. Most people who completed the survey, which assigns a score of zero to 100, scored between 58 to 61.

In the population Mr. Spankovich studied, the participants' average score

means they ate plenty of vegetables, Examination Survey assesses the health was 63.11 percent; 73 percent of the sample had intermediate scores, ranging from 51 to 80 percent, which were classified as "needs improvement," while 14.6 percent had poor scores and 12 percent had good scores.

Mr. Spankovich emphasizes that the study identified a relationship between hearing and diet — not a causal link.

"These initial studies are showing tion and noise exposure," he says, adding, "We can't show cause-and-effect because it's a cross-sectional study."

Next will be to examine the link in a longitudinal study in which the researchers will study the hearing and diet of a larger cohort over time.

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igraines are one of the your doctor can work closely together to figure out how to avoid the triggers and become headache free.

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Go ahead and get started, you may never heal your headache unless you phones include keep track.

> — Dr. Jennifer Buczyner is a board-certified neurologist, specializing in neurophysiology and neuromuscular disorders. Her areas of interest include headache, neuropathy, nerve entrapment, myasthenia gravis, ALS and Botox for migraines. Dr. Buczyner's offices are located in West Palm Beach and Palm Beach Gardens.

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## Elbow pain common during middle age

#### **BY JL WATSON**

ing the elbow.' Patients who develop elbow pain usually have a history of overuse, regardless of the activity. Men have a higher incidence than women. Treatment includes:





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For tennis players and nonplayers, the cause is tendonitis of one of the muscles responsible for extending the wrist. "Wrist extension is more obvious with certain functions but also occurs in a surprising number of activities," says orthopedic surgeon P. Jeffrey Richards, M.D. "Patients will complain of pain shaking hands or picking up a coffee cup. I tell patients that a general rule of thumb is that if you can see the back of your hand when you are lifting something, there's a good chance that you're putting yourself at risk for aggravat-

Avoiding the aggravating factors and activities.

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"We commonly place patients in elbow straps, called 'counter force braces,' to take some of the tension off the tendon origin," Dr. Richards says. "Icing, stretching and light strengthening exercises can definitely help, as can proper warm up and cool down." Lateral epicondylitis is not an inflammatory disease, but anti-inflammatory medications can help with the pain. Medications can include over-the-counter products (such as ibuprofen or naproxen); prescription-strength medications or topical medications.

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