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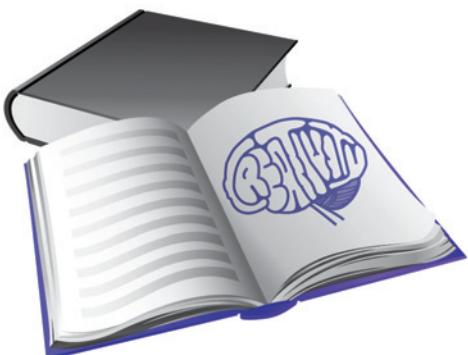
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**In This Issue**



In this issue of *The Residents' Journal*, we address recent findings in the neurobiological mechanisms behind creativity. Dr. Gabriela lagaru discusses the neurobiology of creativity and its association with mental illness. Then, Dr. Joanna Vaz MacLean presents the results of an original research study of psychiatric inpatients randomly assigned to a spontaneous creative expression activity. Dr. George C. Gettys takes us on a tour of computer-based creative software and outlines its use in the therapeutic treatment of psychiatrically ill patients. Finally, Dr. Mirjana Jojic presents a case report of a schizophrenia patient who developed catatonia and attributed the success of her treatment to her poetry. We hope, with this section, to instill curiosity for a deeper understanding into psychiatric illness.

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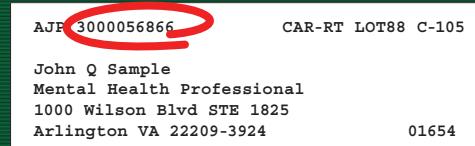
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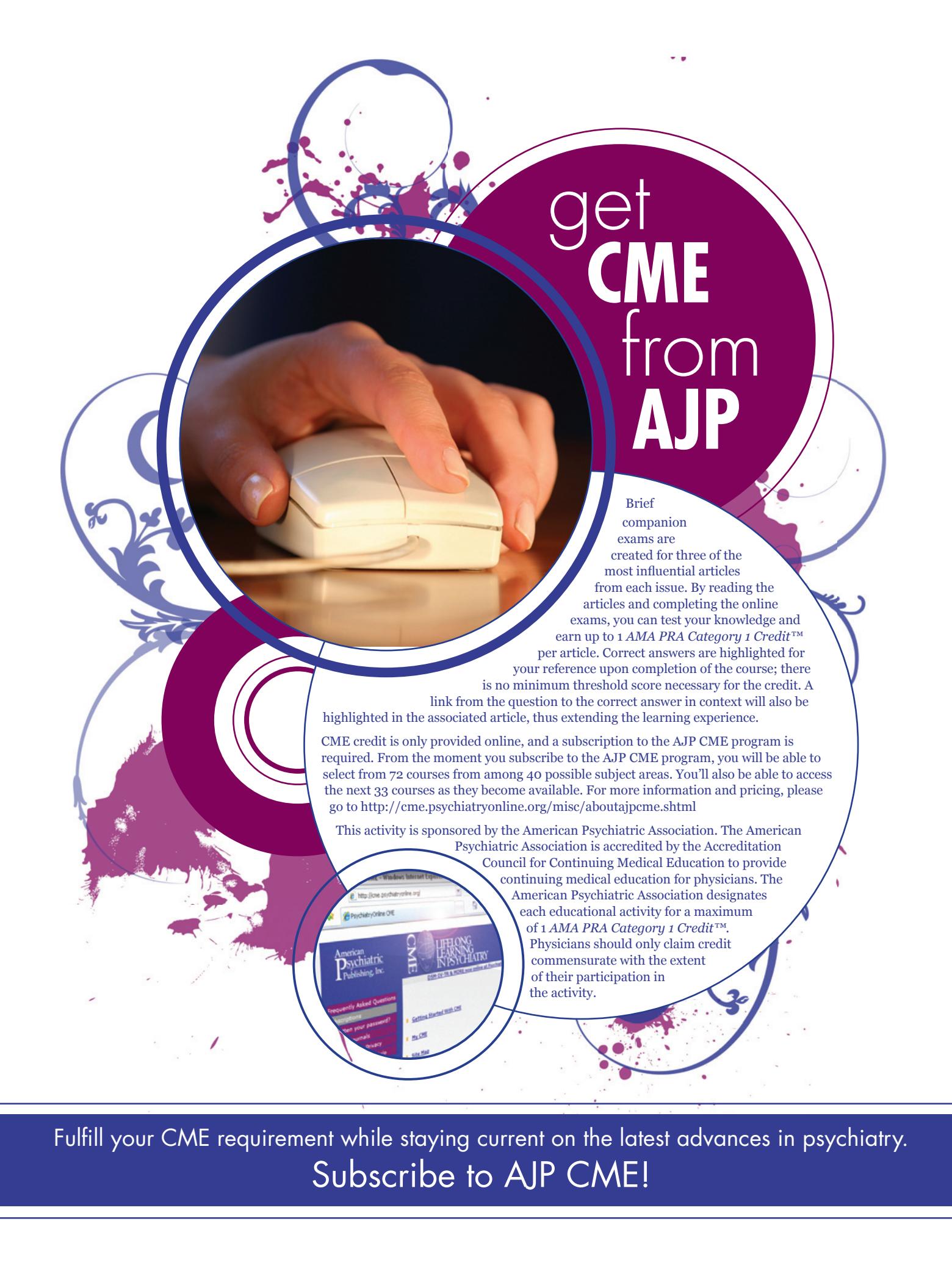
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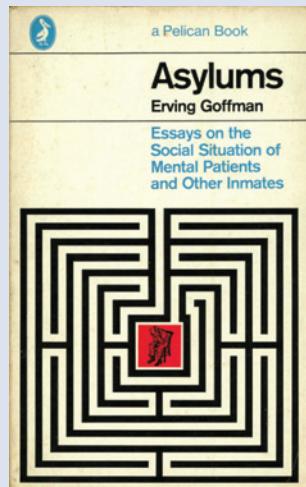
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