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EDITOR'S PEN

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The Couch Conversations

My dad had his own special place on the couch in our living room as I was growing up. Nothing too “Archie Bunker’s chair” about this situation. Just anytime the family was sitting on the couch, that was where he sat. And if you were sitting in that space at any other time, it was still known as “Dad’s space.” [...more](#)

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By Suzette Levy

There are millions of caregivers in the United States and they all have common needs: recognition, counseling, support, information, problem sharing and, in many cases, peer socializing. [...more](#)

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Prairie Girl

By Arthur N. Gottlieb, LCSW, CSA

She was “Midwest born” and raised, and never felt quite at home in this upscale town, saturated with sleek German cars and Botox. For her, sturdy self-reliance and honesty were the criteria for all matters and, as always, enduring faith would guide her through whatever daunting challenges lay ahead. [...more](#)

CARETIPS

10 Tips to Protect a Wandering Loved One

By John Paul Marosy

PROVIDE INFORMATION TO HELP WITH SEARCH AND RESCUE:

Advise Local Responders First – Fill out a 911 disability indicator form and submit it to your local law enforcement agency. The information on the form alerts law enforcement that a person residing at that address may require special assistance during an emergency. Also, fill out a more detailed handout with this information that you can provide to first responders and search and rescue personnel in the event of a wandering incident [...more](#)

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A Prayer for the Caregiver

By Bruce McIntyre

Unknown and often unnoticed, you are a hero nonetheless.

For your love, sacrificial, is God at his best.

You walk by faith in the darkness of the great unknown,
And your courage, even in weakness, gives life to your beloved.

You hold shaking hands and provide the ultimate care:

Your presence, the knowing, that you are simply there.

You rise to face the giant of disease and despair,
It is your finest hour, though you may be unaware.

You are resilient, amazing, and beauty unexcelled,

You are the caregiver and you have done well!

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