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EDITOR'S PEN

Gary Barg, Editor-in-Chief

Malinformation Tango

Regular readers of this column have heard me talk of the concept of "malinformation." This is when what you think you know about a subject is not only wrong but also greatly distorted in a negative way. Some examples we have spoken about over the years include hospice, long term care, and clinical trials. Which brings me to the point of today's missive. [...more](#)

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Occupational Therapy Intervention is a Family Affair

By Janie L. Rosman, Staff Writer

Illness progression that includes loss of independence, initiative and participation in social and daily activities affects quality of life for those living with it, their loved ones, and their caregivers. [...more](#)

GUEST ARTICLE

Understanding Challenging Behavior

By Sharon Roth Maguire MS, APRN-BC, GNP, APNP

While being a caregiver to unusual or so-called “difficult” behaviors, it is quite common for persons with dementia to display these types of behaviors and while many of these behaviors are predictable, like repetitive questioning, pacing, forgetting how to use common objects, etc., there are others that are more upsetting to both the caregiver and the individual with dementia. [...more](#)

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Alert Systems 101

Choosing a medical alert system has become more complicated as the available options on the market have increased and the technology has changed and improved. However, through the myriad of options, there is a common sense baseline of safety and security these systems provide to a loved one and their caregiver. Knowing that someone is available at all times in case of emergency helps everyone sleep better at night. [...more](#)

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Alzheimer's Melody

By Diane Sellers

You fade in and out
like a plaintive song on the radio
while driving through the mountains.
The melody there
clear and gentle one moment
gone the next
leaving us singing in between
clinging to the fading sound
humming along until all that's left are
the broken parts
of a few fragile notes
lingering in the air
recognizable
only to our
hearts.

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