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EDITOR'S PEN

Gary Barg, Editor-in-Chief

The Valerie Harper Interview

Gary Barg: I have to tell you, Valerie, I read the book, *I, Rhoda*, and couldn't put it down. Some of my favorite interviews that I've done for the magazine were mentioned in your book – Ed Asner, Betty White, Gerald McRaney, and Delta Burke – they were fun.

Valerie Harper: Oh, my God, what a couple. They're wonderful. And I had a front row seat for that romance; it was lovely. Mac and I would take Delta up to Vancouver on a Sunday night to shoot the movie. We'd meet on the set the next day and then, Friday night, we'd rush to the plane to get me back to my newly adopted daughter, my brother and my mom, who was dealing with lung cancer. And he was rushing back to see his darling – inamorata, is it? The person you're engaged to, in Italian [laugh]. ...[more](#)

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When Stroke Happens

By Jennifer Bradley, Staff Writer

Strokes, or “brain attacks,” disable Americans more than any other disease. With an interruption of blood to the brain, a stroke may have similar symptoms; but as everyone’s brain is different, so are the effects of each person’s stroke. ..
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GUEST ARTICLE

Depression in The Elderly

By Estee Bienstock, R.N.

Depression affects more than 20 percent of our elderly population, aged 65 and older (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2009). For many, depression presents initially late in life. Depression in older persons is closely associated with illness or injury and can cause great suffering for the individual and the family. ...[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. ...[more](#)
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My wife and I are trying to take care of my mother-in-law and find the best place for her. She's 80 and suffered a broken hip (we have proof of this) within the past two months. (The hospital discharged her with a fractured hip and within four hours, she fell again and broke it.) She is not doing well in the place she is in and was recently kicked out of her ALF because she required too much assistance. We are unable to care for her in our home because I work a lot and my wife has a bad back. We live in Northwest Florida and my wife doesn't have any other siblings in the area that can help us. Any recommendations/ideas? Please?! Thanks for all your feedback. ...[more](#)

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